



NOTICE OF MEETING

WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Date: January 13, 2026

Time: 2:00 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of the Minutes

- a. December 4, 2025 Working Session (attached, pp. 1-2/action item)
- b. December 9, 2025 Meeting (attached, pp. 3-6/action item)

4. Public Comment

5. Communications, Activities and Recreation Reports

(attached, pp. 7-16/action item)

- a. Employee/Partnership Awards

6. Finance

- a. Claims Report (attached, p. 17/action item)
- b. Financial Reports (attached, pp. 18-25/action item)

7. Old Business

- a. B2B – Esch Property Additional Contribution Request (attached, pp. 26-28/action item)
- b. Other Old Business

8. New Business

- a. Director's Comments & Project Updates (attached, pp. 29-31/action item)
- b. Pierce Lake Golf Course Greens Fees Adjustment (attached, pp. 32-34/action item)
- c. Bids for Dexter Huron Boardwalk/HCMA Partnership (attached, pp. 35-36/action item)
- d. NAPP – Davenport Partnership Request (attached, pp. 37-40/action item)
- e. Election of Officers (action at meeting)
- f. Other New Business

9. Commissioners Comments

10. Adjournment

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MINUTES OF MEETING

WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Date: December 4, 2025

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Learning Resource Center – Huron Room, 4135 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Members Present

Patricia Tupacz Scribner, WCPARC President; Janis Bobrin, WCPARC Vice President; Dan Ezekiel, WCPARC Secretary; Gretchen Driskell, Robert Marans.

Members Absent

Yousef Rabhi, Katie Scott, JoAnn McCollum, Robert Joerg, and Brenda McKinney

Staff Present

Meghan Bonfiglio, Director; Greg Hohenberger, Chief Deputy Director; Rhonda Bouma, Deputy Director of Operations; Ginny Leikam, Superintendent of Park Planning and Natural Areas; Ann Ziolkowski, Communications Manager; Peter Sanderson, Project Manager; Roy Townsend, Park Planner.

1. Call to Order

Ms. Tupacz Scribner called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment

None

4. Communications, Projects & Activities

Ms. Bonfiglio outlined the existing partnerships and goals for completing the final segments of the Border to Border (B2B) Trail. Ms. Bonfiglio highlighted project history and 80% completion, as of 2025.

Peter Sanderson provided an overview of the trail development strategy, as well as short, medium, and long-range plans that included challenges and opportunities for the 4 remaining connections. Mr. Sanderson provided details on capital maintenance needed on the B2B Trail at Dexter Huron Metropark, Parker Mill County Park, and Riverside Park (Ypsilanti).

Janis Bobrin questioned the funding gap noted on the projects. Mr. Sanderson noted the funding gap had been closed due to funding from SEMCOG, HWPI, Wilson, and State Representatives.

Mr. Sanderson continued with presenting details on remaining trail corridors, potential environmental impact, alternatives and impact. Mr. Sanderson highlighted options that have been constructed in other cities across the country.

Mr. Sanderson concluded noting next steps to include community feedback, hiring a consultant, applying for grant funding, initiating construction (12-24 months), with hopeful trail completion in early 2030s.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.



MINUTES OF MEETING

WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Date: December 9, 2025

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Pierce Lake Golf Course Clubhouse, 1175 S. Main St., Chelsea, MI 48118

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Robert Joerg

Staff Present

Meghan Bonfiglio, Director; Greg Hohenberger, Chief 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 Administration Analyst, Ann Ziolkowski, Communications Manager; Kira Macyda, Park Planner; Matthew Bertrand, Park Planner; Allison Krueger, Stewardship Planner; Kyle Jasper, Communications Specialist; Thomas Power, Parks Maintenance Superintendent; Michael Kettler, Golf Course General Manager

1. Call to Order

Ms. Tupacz Scribner called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of the Minutes

A. November 12, 2025 Minutes

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

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

4. Public Comment

Kevin Butler noted that he is attending in two capacities: as a representative of the Chelsea community and as a union employee of the Parks and Recreation Commission. He stated that he is seeking programming opportunities and support for recreational programming in the City of Chelsea. He also encouraged the Commission to engage with and speak to volunteers during their spare time. He is also seeking support from the Commissioners to meet with Labor relations and seeing how it is supporting Parks staff and trying to continue their role in building employee work ethic and morale.

5. Communications, Projects & Activities

Ms. Bonfiglio introduced Mr. Kettler, Golf Course General Manager for Pierce Lake Golf Course, and thanked Ms. Bouma for providing refreshments for the meeting. She then shared recent media coverage and the communications included in the December meeting packet. Additionally, she announced that Peter Sanderson was named Washtenaw County Employee of the Year.

Ms. McKinney requested a follow-up regarding the Michigan Folk School water system and an update on arsenic levels. Ms. Bonfiglio responded that a full system update will be required and that the project is currently under state-level permit review. She noted the process may take up to six months.

It was moved by Ms. Driskell, seconded by Ms. McCollum, to receive and file the Communications, Projects & Activities for the months of November 2025, as submitted. All ayes, the motion was approved.

6. Financial Reports – November 2025

A. Claims Reports

Mr. Brooks reported on the November 2025 claims which totaled \$1,164,360.38.

It was moved by Ms. Driskell, seconded by Ms. McCollum, to approve the claims for the month of November 2025 as submitted. Roll call vote: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Joerg); the motion was approved.

B. Financial Reports

Mr. Brooks summarized the fund balance reports along with the revenue reports presented in the December packet.

It was moved by Mr. Ezekiel, seconded by Ms. McCollum to receive and file the financial reports for the month of November 2025 as submitted. All ayes, the motion was approved.

7. Old Business

A. EWCRC Construction Manager at Risk Contract Award

Ms. Bonfiglio reported that ten responses were received for the award and were reviewed by a collaborative team of project managers from Parks and Facilities. Three finalists—Clark Construction, Spence Brothers, and Granger—were selected. Each finalist provided a detailed presentation addressing specific evaluation criteria. Following a review of scores and references, the committee unanimously selected Clark Construction.

It was moved by Mr. Rabhi seconded by Ms. Driskell, to approve the award of RFP #8852 to Clark Construction for Phase 1 pre-construction services in an amount not to exceed \$52,585 and Phase 2 constructions services on a cost-plus-fee basis with estimated costs of \$955,054 plus a 2.25% overhead and profit fee with the final Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) to be presented to the Commission for approval at a future meeting. Roll call vote: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Joerg); the motion was approved.

B. Other Old Business

None.

8. New Business

A. Director's Comments and Project Updates

Ms. Macyda provided an update on the Master Plan, noting the continued emphasis on a community-driven process. Of approximately 2,500 surveys distributed, more than 600 responses were received. The Master Plan is anticipated to be presented for adoption in February 2026.

Ms. Macyda also reported on artwork proposals for the Natatorium being facilitated through the Ann Arbor Art School. The field has been narrowed to five candidates. A survey will be distributed to collect rankings of the artwork options, with a two-day response window.

It was moved by Ms. McKinney, seconded by Mr. Ezekiel, to receive and file the Commission Report as part of Director's Comments for November 2025, as submitted. All ayes, the motion was approved.

B. EWCRC Traffic Study Engineering Services

Ms. Bonfiglio reported meeting with the engineer and project team to review traffic patterns and potential impacts related to the proposed recreation center at the corner of Clark Road and Dave Avenue. She noted that the traffic study work will need to be initiated prior to winter break school closures.

It was moved by Ms. McKinney, seconded by Mr. Ezekiel, to award a contract to Hubbell, Roth and Clark, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$19,000 for Traffic Study Engineering Services related to the Eastern Washtenaw Community Recreation Center. Roll call vote: 8 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent (Joerg and Rabhi); the motion was approved.

C. Round 25 NATAC Priorities

Mr. Krueger reviewed properties under consideration for Round 25 NATAC priorities, including the Peters property in Webster Township, which contains wetlands and floodplain forest; the Davenport property within the Blue Belt and Sloan Preserve; and the adjacent Tolliver and Keiser properties, which include a conservation easement. The Keiser property consists of forested land and wetlands with significant natural resources.

Ms. Krueger also reviewed the McCalla property, which is being considered by both ALPAC and NATAC and is noted for its salamander population; the Poe property in Linden Township, a nearly 150-acre parcel primarily consisting of natural areas; and the Shayna property, which was previously nominated in 2015 and is being reconsidered.

It was moved by Ms. McCollum, seconded by Ms. McKinney, to adopt the Round 25 NATAC Priorities. All ayes, the motion was approved.

D. 2026 Annual Calendar

Ms. Bonfiglio presented the draft 2026 annual calendar presented in the December meeting packet.

It was moved by Ms. Bobrin, seconded by Mr. Marans, to adopt the 2026 Annual Calendar. All ayes, the motion was approved.

E. Other New Business

None.

9. Commissioners Comments

Mr. Ezekiel stated that commissioners that had not viewed the B2B Tunnel video should take a few minutes to do so as it was very impressive.

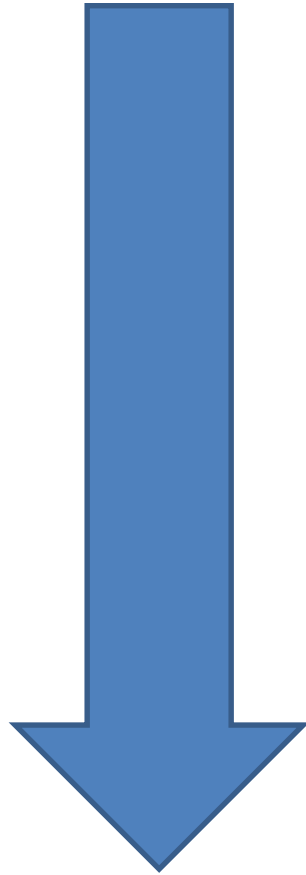
Ms. Scott thanked staff for the accelerated progress on the Eastern Washtenaw Community and Recreation Center project.

10. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

Communications, Projects & Activities



MEDIA COVERAGE – December 2025

mLive – Great Lakes groups get \$315K to fight invasive weed phragmites, 12/4/2025 -
<https://www.mlive.com/environment/2025/12/great-lakes-groups-get-315k-to-fight-invasive-phragmites.html>

Awesome Mitten – The Best Lantern Lit Hikes in Michigan this Winter, 12/18/2025 -
<https://www.awesomemitten.com/winter-lantern-hikes/>



December 12, 2025

Parks & Recreation Commission
2230 Platt Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Dear Director Bonfiglio and Members of the Board of Commissioners,

On behalf of the Main Street Park Alliance, I sincerely thank you for your unwavering support of the Main Street Park Project. Your generous financial contribution of \$150,000, along with the Letters of Support and public endorsements, has been crucial in advancing this transformative initiative. We are deeply grateful for this partnership and the enthusiasm you have fostered within the broader community.

This investment in western Washtenaw County will make a significant impact in Chelsea and the surrounding areas. Together, we are revitalizing a long-neglected site and creating a vibrant, intergenerational public space that will benefit residents for generations to come.

We are pleased to report that the project is now approximately 70% complete and is on track for a transition to the City of Chelsea in June 2026. With major construction set to resume in the spring, we would be delighted to invite you for a site tour to see the progress firsthand and to preview the amenities taking shape.

Thank you once again for your commitment to this project and for your dedication to enhancing the quality of life across Washtenaw County. We look forward to continuing our partnership and working together to finish the project on schedule and on budget!

Sincerely,

Joe Ziolkowski



RE: Meri Lou Murray Recreation Center & Pickleball Fall Classic 2025

From Rhonda Bouma <boumar@washtenaw.org>

Date Mon 12/1/2025 1:50 PM

To jon strite <jon.strite@gmail.com>; Meghan Bonfiglio <bonfigliom@washtenaw.org>; Greg Hohenberger <hohenbergerg@washtenaw.org>

Cc Suzanne Kessler <kessler@washtenaw.org>; Jan Strite <janetstrite@gmail.com>; Gregory Dill <dillg@washtenaw.org>

Hi Jon,

Thank you so much for taking the time to share your appreciation. It's always great to hear our staff's dedication is making a positive impact on your experience. I know the team will value your feedback and truly appreciate you taking a moment to reach out. Thank you again for your support of Washtenaw Parks and the Meri Lou Rec Center.



Rhonda Bouma

Deputy Director of Operations | WCPARC

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Parks, preserves, trails, and community. Adventure on!

From: jon strite <jon.strite@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, December 1, 2025 11:31 AM

To: Meghan Bonfiglio <bonfigliom@washtenaw.org>; Greg Hohenberger <hohenbergerg@washtenaw.org>; Rhonda Bouma <boumar@washtenaw.org>

Cc: Suzanne Kessler <kessler@washtenaw.org>; Jan Strite <janetstrite@gmail.com>; Gregory Dill <dillg@washtenaw.org>

Subject: Meri Lou Murray Recreation Center & Pickleball Fall Classic 2025

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Good morning Meghan, Greg, Rhonda

The purpose of this email is to let you know about the wonderful staff at the Meri Lou Murray Recreation Center (MLMRC).

First, on Sunday, November 23, 2025 MLMRC hosted its first (or first in a long time) Pickleball Fall Classic. Suzanne Kessler and her staff put together a fun event for the Pickleball Community at MLM. There were 64 plus PBers in 4 divisions. All had a great time. The staff was spot on regarding the planning. There are a lot of moving pieces to pull off an event like this. There were few, if any glitches, and for a first time event, that is impressive! The MLM Pickleball liaison, Gerald Caddell and MLM staff, did a fantastic job!

Second, regarding the MLM Pickleball Community. This is a gem for Washtenaw County! Several hundred community members participate weekly in Open Play at MLM. This is a diverse group; age, ethnicity, economic, level of play. The friendships formed from this group are impressive. It is not uncommon (actually happens frequently) that you can have four players on a court from 4 different countries.

The Pickleball community at MLM has transformed lives and developed friendships.

Thank you to Suzanne (and former Director, Diane Carr) and the staff at MLM for supporting the Pickleball Community at MLM.

Jon Strite



Digital Report - December 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.

Followers

Accounts that have chosen to see your content on their newsfeed, without needing to visit your social media page.

Followers vs Non-Followers and Why It Matters

With followers being accounts that have chosen to keep up with our social media accounts, non-followers are simply accounts that have not yet chosen to do so. Breaking post views down by followers and non-followers is indicative on how wide of a reach a post has had. Some factors to reaching more accounts include: who has 'shared' the content and their following, type of hashtags that are used in the post, and content type.

Link Clicks (Facebook only)

The number of clicks on links within posts that led to destinations or experiences, on or off Facebook.

Interactions (Instagram only)

The number of post likes or reactions, saves, comments and shares minus the number of deleted or removed interactions.

Photo Ambassadors

2025 Favorites



credit - Elena Cacchillo. 2025 Ice Carving Fest, rabbit at unknown location



credit - Ben Douma.
Sharon Mills in June, stars at
Park Lyndon



credit - Reed Bednekoff. 2025 Rolling Hills Campout, airplane at Swift Run



Social Media Report

WCPARC FACEBOOK

WCPARC Followers
Growth

+30

Total Followers

7.79K

Views This Month

26.9K

Views Last
Month

57.4K

Views YTD

464K

Link Clicks This Month

27

Total

Link Clicks YTD

Up 41% 

Post Highlight

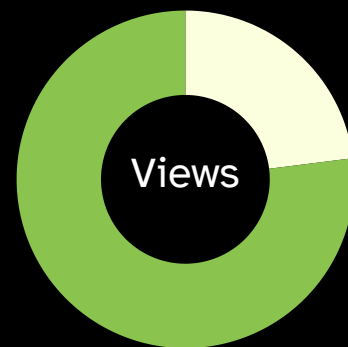
Invasive honeysuckle removal



Post Highlight Views

6.7K

Post Highlight Views



From
Followers

23%

From Non-
followers

77%

Social Media Report

WCPARC INSTAGRAM

WCPARC Followers
Growth

+44

Total Followers

4.2K

Views This Month

6.2K

Views Last
Month

14.1K

Views YTD

87.4K

Content Interactions
This Month

+147

Content Interactions YTD

1.9K

Post Highlight

Where in Washtenaw County Farm Park (Medford entrance)

*YTD views and content interactions appear as a smaller number from last month, and were apparently adjusted by Meta

Post Highlight Views

827

Post Highlight
Views

From
Followers

98

Non
Followers

2

Views



E-News

December Newsletter

Open Rate

39%

Open Rate Last Month

41%

Link Click Rate

1.9%

Link Click Rate
Last Month

1.5%

Top Links Clicked

1. Winter Program Guide
2. MI Folk School
3. WCPARC News
4. WCPARC Main Page
5. Registration

Website

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		1,147 31.2%	980 40.7%
Special Events Washtenaw County, MI - Official Website	https://www.washtenaw.org/873/Special-Events		325 8.8%	276 11.5%
Parks & Facilities Washtenaw County, MI - Official Website	https://www.washtenaw.org/418/Parks-Facilities		310 8.4%	207 8.6%
Parks, Preserves, Trails Washtenaw County, MI - Official Website	https://www.washtenaw.org/289/Parks-Preserves-Trails		244 6.6%	215 8.9%
Parks and Recreation Events Washtenaw County, MI - Official Website	https://www.washtenaw.org/4267/Parks-and-Recreation-Events		244 6.6%	204 8.5%

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Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

December 2025 - Claims Report

PARK / FACILITY / FUNCTION	UTILITIES	DIRECT PURCHASES	OTHER	TOTAL
Administration	\$ 1,060.01	\$ 10,627.78	\$ 41,910.36	\$ 53,598.15
Recreation Center	22,674.42	3,459.49	16,523.00	42,656.91
Park Maintenance	2,117.47	8,954.30	6,574.31	17,646.08
Pierce Lake Golf Course	2,356.27	1,139.56	2,893.43	6,389.26
Independence Lake	2,784.01	1,922.23	4,201.98	8,908.22
Rolling Hills	5,155.08	9,138.48	2,126.68	16,420.24
Parker Mill	41.40	-	17,433.56	17,474.96
Sharon Mills	345.19	3,909.72	8,870.99	13,125.90
Staebler Farm	1,243.90	80.00	16,235.62	17,559.52
Swift Run Dog Park	-	-	-	-
Capital Improvement	-	-	1,132,277.47	1,132,277.47
Committed Funding Partnerships	-	-	-	-
Commission	-	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	\$ 37,777.75	\$ 39,231.56	\$ 1,249,047.40	\$ 1,326,056.71
 Road Millage Fund	 -	 -	 3,062,871.41	 3,062,871.41
SUBTOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,062,871.41	\$ 3,062,871.41
 Natural Areas Preservation Program				
Acquisition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 781.60	\$ 781.60
Preserve Management	-	5,650.90	22,278.11	\$ 27,929.01
NATAC	-	-	-	\$ -
Acquisition	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,775.00	\$ 20,775.00
Annual Monitoring	-	-	-	\$ -
ALPAC	-	-	-	-
SUBTOTAL	\$ -	\$ 5,650.90	\$ 43,834.71	\$ 49,485.61
	37,777.75	39,231.56	4,311,918.81	4,388,928.12
TOTAL	\$ 37,777.75	\$ 44,882.46	\$ 4,355,753.52	\$ 4,438,413.73

It was moved by _____ and supported by _____
to approve payment of claims in the amount of..... **\$ 4,438,413.73**

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

Beginning Fund Balance (1/1/25)	14,781,564	92%	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	4,861,098	111%	473,098
Interest Earnings	300,000	671,637	224%	371,637
Other Revenue & Reimb.	<u>99,000</u>	<u>123,179</u>	124%	<u>24,179</u>
Total Revenue	15,287,149	16,309,812	107%	1,022,663
Expense (Budget)		Expense (Actual)		Variance
Personnel Services	(8,562,262)	(8,163,108)	95%	399,154
Supplies & Other Services	(2,990,100)	(2,964,406)	99%	25,694
Internal Service Charges	(1,055,612)	(992,783)	94%	62,829
Capital				
Land Acquisition	-	-	-	-
CIP/Development	(3,100,000)	(1,710,722)	55%	1,389,278
Contingency	(400,000)	(208,491)	52%	191,509
Machinery & Equipment	<u>(90,000)</u>	<u>(73,753)</u>	82%	<u>16,247</u>
Capital Subtotal	(3,590,000)	(1,992,965)	56%	1,597,035
Transfers Out	(2,038,000)	(138,000)		
Total Expense	<u>(18,235,974)</u>	<u>(14,251,262)</u>	78%	2,084,712
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,948,825)	2,058,549		
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>16,840,113</u>		

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

Beginning Fund Balance (1/1/25)	14,781,564		100%	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	5,080,415		116%	692,415
Interest Earnings	300,000	809,164		270%	509,164
Other Revenue & Reimb.	<u>99,000</u>	<u>123,354</u>		125%	<u>24,354</u>
Total Revenue	15,287,149	16,666,831	109%		1,379,682
Expense (Budget)		Expense (Actual)			Variance
Personnel Services	(8,562,262)	(8,739,942)	102%		(177,680)
Supplies & Other Services	(2,990,100)	(3,217,600)	108%		(227,500)
Internal Service Charges	(1,055,612)	(1,073,640)	102%		(18,028)
Capital					
Land Acquisition	-	(195,577)	-		(195,577)
CIP/Development	(3,100,000)	(2,492,178)	80%		607,822
Contingency	(400,000)	(212,877)	53%		187,123
Machinery & Equipment	<u>(90,000)</u>	<u>(73,753)</u>	82%		<u>16,247</u>
Capital Subtotal	(3,590,000)	(2,974,386)	83%		615,614
Transfers Out	(2,038,000)	(138,000)			
Total Expense	<u>(18,235,974)</u>	<u>(16,143,569)</u>	89%		192,405
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,948,825)	523,262			
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>15,304,826</u>			

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

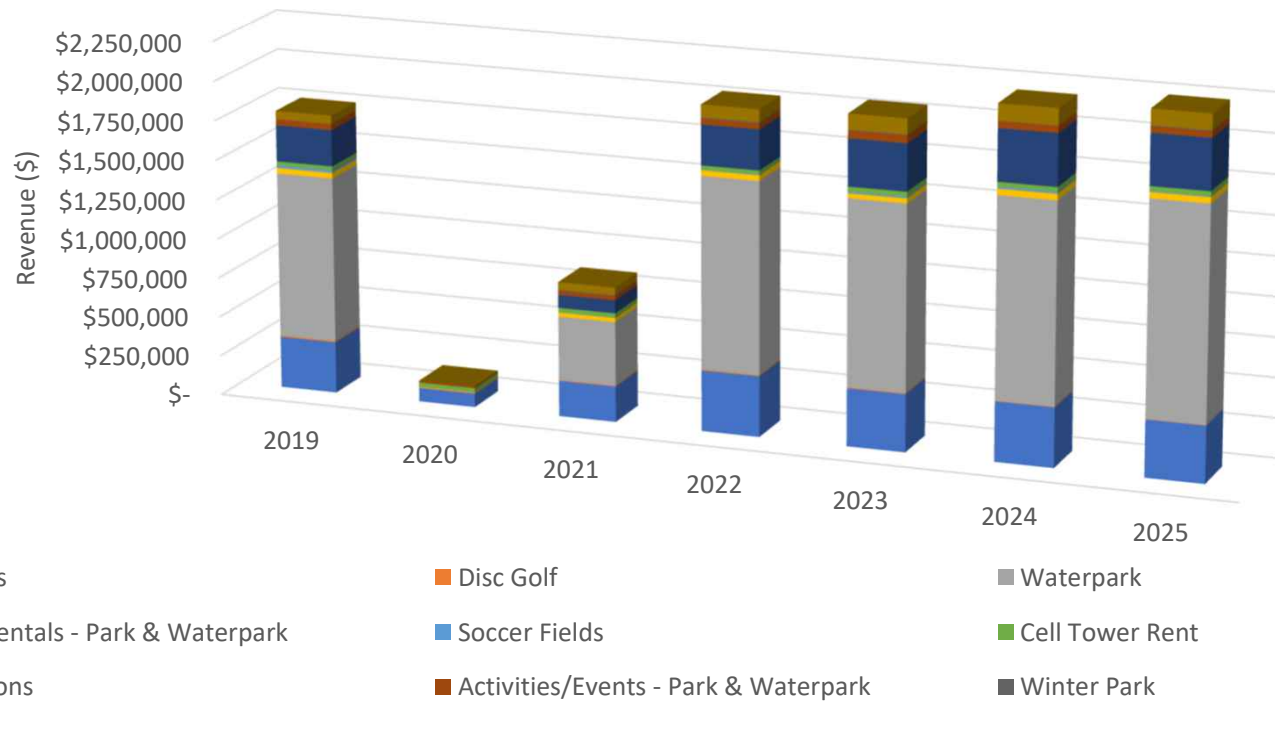
Beginning Fund Balance (1/1/25)	10,037,013	92%	YTD % Budget	
Revenue (Budget)		Revenue (Actual)		Variance
Property Tax	5,563,519	5,665,595	102%	102,076
State Revenue	-	749,751		749,751
Interest Earnings	100,000	501,280	501%	401,280
Other Revenue & Reimb.	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>	0%	<u>(5,000)</u>
Total Revenue	5,668,519	6,916,626	122%	1,248,107
Expense (Budget)		Expense (Actual)		Variance
Personnel Services	(674,205)	(707,327)	105%	(33,122)
Supplies & Other Services	(654,200)	(312,373)	48%	341,827
Internal Service Charges	(37,719)	(22,274)	59%	15,445
Capital				
Land Acquisition	(2,900,000)	(1,535,580)	53%	1,364,420
Land Development	-	-		-
Machinery & Equipment	<u>(20,000)</u>	<u>(3,397)</u>	17%	<u>16,603</u>
Capital Subtotal	(2,920,000)	(1,538,977)	53%	1,381,023
Total Expense	<u>(4,286,124)</u>	<u>(2,580,950)</u>	60%	1,705,174
Surplus/(Deficit)	1,382,395	4,335,675		
Projected Fund Balance (12/31/25)	<u>11,419,408</u>	<u>14,372,688</u>		

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

Beginning Fund Balance (1/1/25)	10,037,013	100%	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	624,525	625%	524,525
Other Revenue & Reimb.	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>	0%	<u>(5,000)</u>
Total Revenue	5,668,519	7,039,871	124%	1,371,352
Expense (Budget)		Expense (Actual)		Variance
Personnel Services	(674,205)	(767,799)	114%	(93,594)
Supplies & Other Services	(654,200)	(343,160)	52%	311,040
Internal Service Charges	(37,719)	(24,633)	65%	13,086
Capital				
Land Acquisition	(2,900,000)	(1,535,580)	53%	1,364,420
Land Development	-	-		-
Machinery & Equipment	<u>(20,000)</u>	<u>(20,017)</u>	100%	<u>(17)</u>
Capital Subtotal	(2,920,000)	(1,555,597)	53%	1,364,403
Total Expense	<u>(4,286,124)</u>	<u>(2,691,187)</u>	63%	1,594,937
Surplus/(Deficit)	1,382,395	4,348,684		
Projected Fund Balance (12/31/25)	<u>11,419,408</u>	<u>14,385,697</u>		

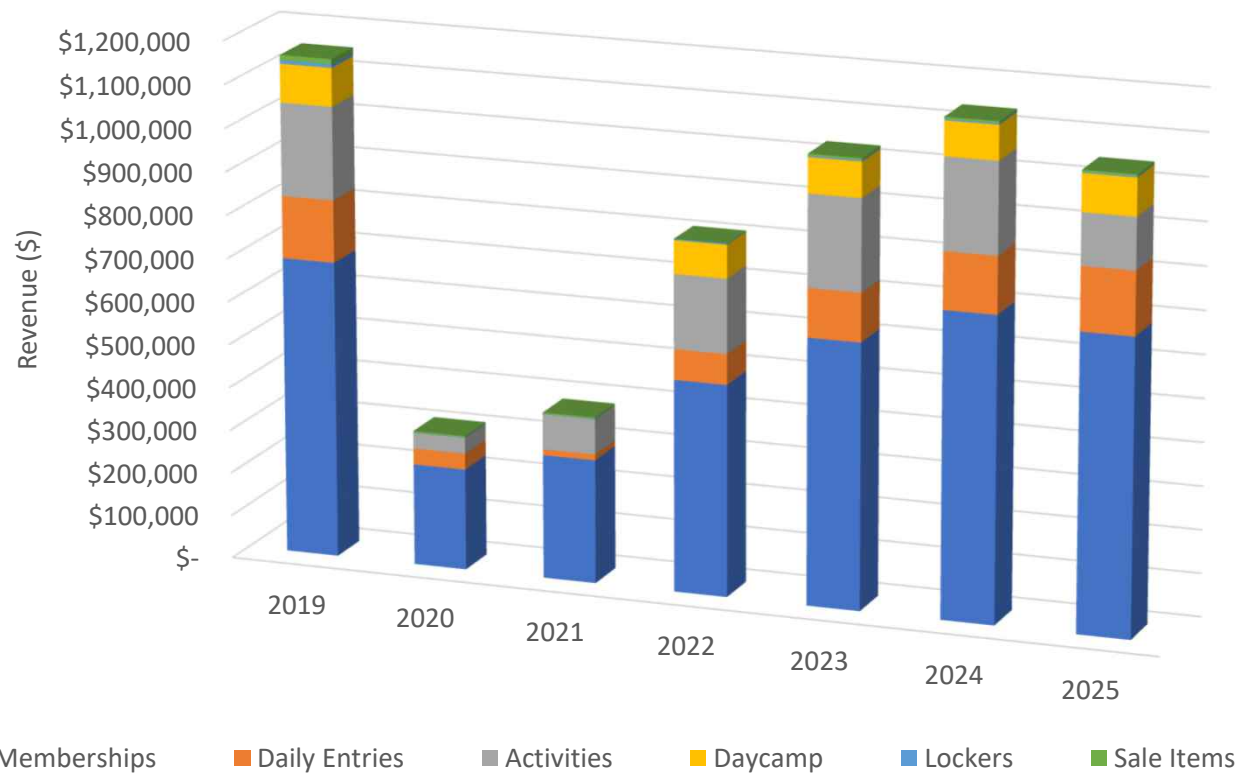
Rolling Hills County Park Revenue Report - December

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Gate Fees	\$ 324,178	\$ 84,971	\$ 224,763	\$ 383,283	\$ 364,478	\$ 377,062	\$ 359,420
Disc Golf	\$ 8,976	\$ 6,184	\$ 6,360	\$ 6,582	\$ 5,987	\$ 3,865	\$ 2,898
Waterpark	\$ 1,039,974	\$ 48	\$ 402,006	\$ 1,211,024	\$ 1,173,657	\$ 1,265,106	\$ 1,346,688
Facility Rentals - Park & Waterpark	\$ 35,558	\$ 1,600	\$ 25,960	\$ 35,579	\$ 31,061	\$ 39,446	\$ 38,186
Soccer Fields	\$ 15,200	\$ 550	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 8,890	\$ 10,800	\$ 4,423
Cell Tower Rent	\$ 26,513	\$ 27,308	\$ 28,128	\$ 26,551	\$ 32,261	\$ 30,736	\$ 31,658
Concessions	\$ 229,584	\$ -	\$ 81,954	\$ 253,314	\$ 296,183	\$ 326,894	\$ 320,502
Activities/Events - Park & Waterpark	\$ 38,588	\$ 11,430	\$ 27,770	\$ 38,785	\$ 49,494	\$ 43,461	\$ 40,291
Winter Park	\$ 1,218	\$ -	\$ 5,088	\$ 6,020	\$ 4,600	\$ 2,180	\$ 5,630
Daycamp	\$ 52,405	\$ -	\$ 47,485	\$ 79,393	\$ 98,497	\$ 105,112	\$ 103,420
Totals:	\$ 1,772,194	\$ 132,091	\$ 851,014	\$ 2,043,531	\$ 2,065,108	\$ 2,204,662	\$ 2,253,115



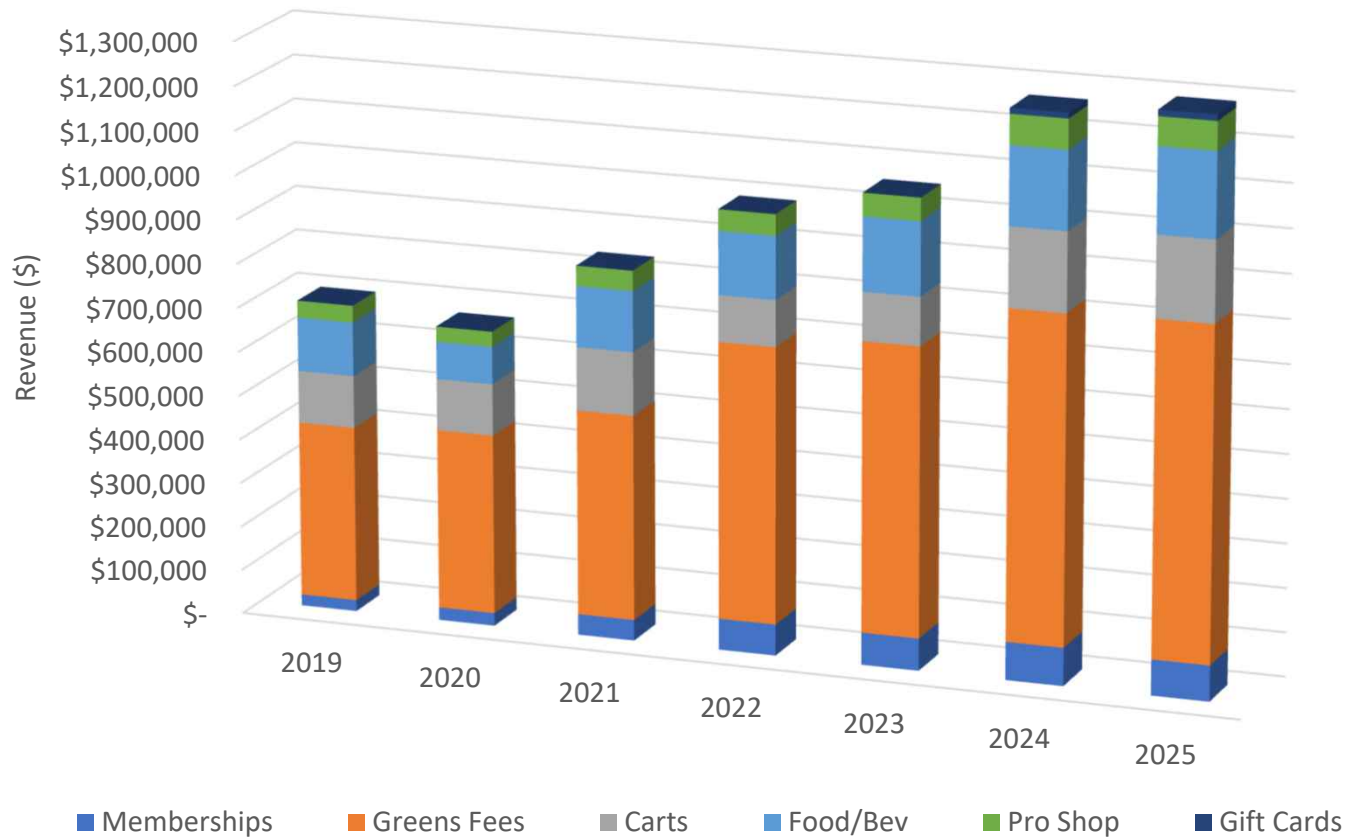
Meri Lou Murray Recreation Center Revenue Report - December

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Memberships	\$ 685,750	\$ 233,864	\$ 286,102	\$ 490,103	\$ 615,780	\$ 706,993	\$ 687,030
Daily Entries	\$ 144,155	\$ 37,275	\$ 13,844	\$ 70,728	\$ 112,766	\$ 132,654	\$ 147,080
Activities	\$ 215,084	\$ 35,060	\$ 80,239	\$ 171,690	\$ 213,376	\$ 211,873	\$ 119,604
Daycamp	\$ 89,077	\$ 630	\$ 360	\$ 76,980	\$ 82,011	\$ 80,236	\$ 87,260
Rentals	\$ 6,712	\$ 2,554	\$ 2,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Lockers	\$ 8,276	\$ 2,267	\$ 1,400	\$ 2,748	\$ 3,191	\$ 3,082	\$ 2,308
Vending	\$ 1,809	\$ 1,208	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Sale Items	\$ 11,892	\$ 2,838	\$ 3,230	\$ 101	\$ 4,534	\$ 4,972	\$ 4,532
Totals:	\$ 1,162,755	\$ 315,696	\$ 387,575	\$ 812,350	\$ 1,031,658	\$ 1,139,810	\$ 1,047,814



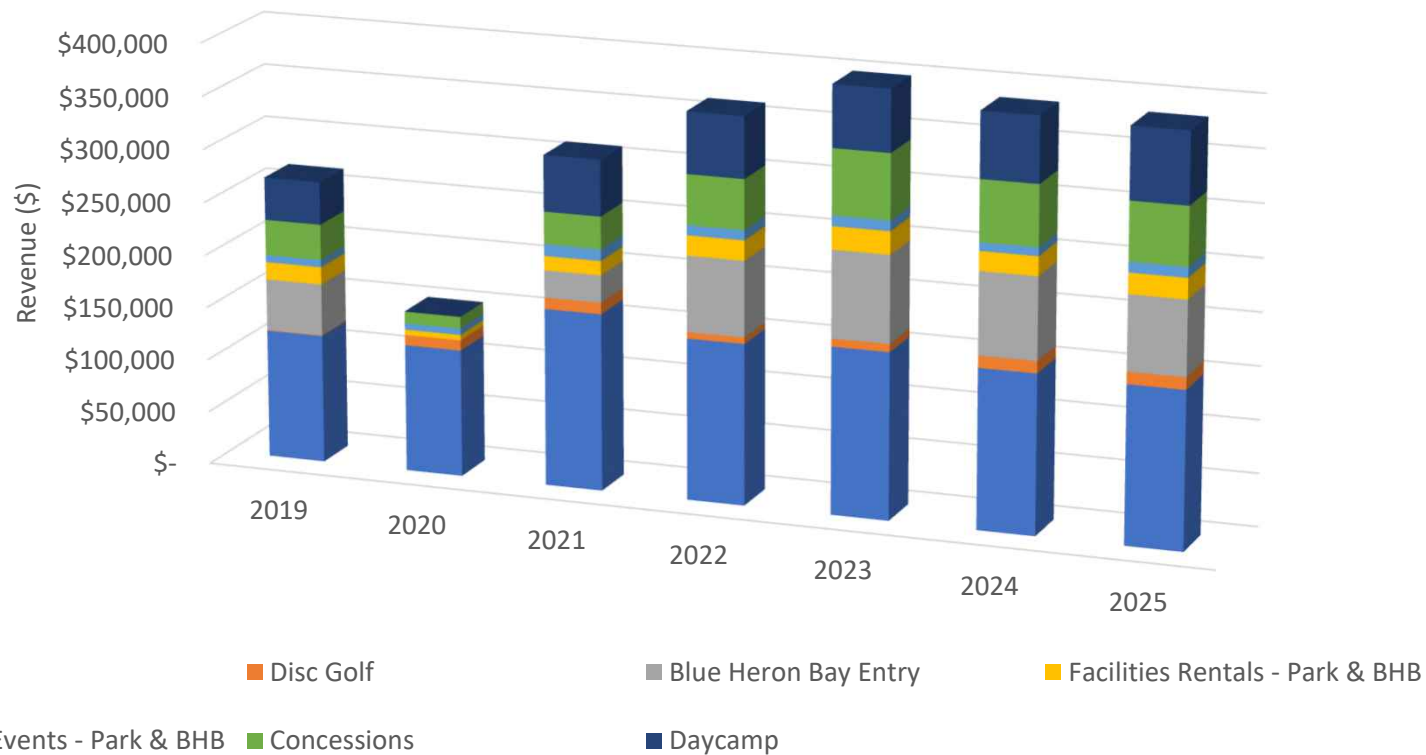
Pierce Lake Golf Course Revenue Report - December

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Memberships	\$ 25,175	\$ 28,883	\$ 46,894	\$ 70,530	\$ 72,908	\$ 86,230	\$ 81,066
Greens Fees	\$ 396,773	\$ 406,690	\$ 464,495	\$ 625,715	\$ 654,937	\$ 744,267	\$ 755,663
Carts	\$ 118,507	\$ 116,564	\$ 143,451	\$ 105,067	\$ 109,991	\$ 180,661	\$ 184,408
Food/Bev	\$ 121,702	\$ 84,781	\$ 137,338	\$ 142,981	\$ 167,150	\$ 177,671	\$ 192,550
Pro Shop	\$ 38,556	\$ 34,385	\$ 45,771	\$ 48,111	\$ 51,939	\$ 68,351	\$ 64,930
Gift Cards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,977	\$ 14,232
Totals:	\$ 700,713	\$ 671,303	\$ 837,949	\$ 992,404	\$ 1,056,925	\$ 1,270,157	\$ 1,292,848



Independence Lake County Park Revenue Report - December

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Gate Fees	\$ 120,837	\$ 119,989	\$ 167,370	\$ 152,412	\$ 157,891	\$ 151,350	\$ 149,638
Disc Golf	\$ 666	\$ 9,742	\$ 10,816	\$ 6,114	\$ 7,630	\$ 11,542	\$ 11,648
Blue Heron Bay Entry	\$ 48,563	\$ -	\$ 25,676	\$ 71,479	\$ 82,464	\$ 77,865	\$ 70,879
Facilities Rentals - Park & BHB	\$ 16,557	\$ 5,100	\$ 13,435	\$ 18,983	\$ 21,700	\$ 18,400	\$ 19,749
Activities/Events - Park & BHB	\$ 6,852	\$ 6,104	\$ 11,072	\$ 9,532	\$ 9,833	\$ 8,078	\$ 9,875
Concessions	\$ 33,469	\$ 11,026	\$ 30,548	\$ 47,244	\$ 61,881	\$ 57,626	\$ 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:	\$ 271,664	\$ 152,111	\$ 317,410	\$ 367,287	\$ 406,422	\$ 391,659	\$ 389,511





MEMORANDUM

To: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

From: Meghan Bonfiglio, Director

Date: January 13, 2026

Subject: Esch Property Acquisition – Additional Contribution

BACKGROUND

Trail planning for the B2B has been active along the “Northwest Passage” for several years, evaluating route alternatives, potential barriers, and developing a preferred trail alignment to eventually connect Hudson Mills to Silver Lake Day Use Area in the Pinckney Recreation Area. For the first phase of the project, directly north of the main part of Hudson Mills Metropark, this planning work was completed in 2022. The planned route is proposed to follow Metropark’s property, part of the undeveloped portion of Hudson Mills, along the Huron River. One of the key items identified in the planning effort was an approximately 600-foot-long section of wetland that would require boardwalk to traverse with an estimated cost of approximately \$1.2 million. The plan suggested pursuing an approximately 1-acre easement from the adjacent farmland, owned by the Esch Family, to go around the wetland using traditional trail construction and avoiding the boardwalk entirely.

On June 10, 2025, Parks Commission approved a \$250,000 contribution toward the Esch Conservation Easement with funding from Dexter Township, State of Michigan and USDA. Part of this included purchasing approximately 1 acre from the Esch family in order to avoid the construction of a boardwalk on this section of the “Northwest Passage.”

DISCUSSION

Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission (WCPARC) and Metroparks staff entered discussions with the township and Esch family about performing a boundary adjustment to the Hudson Mills property to incorporate the 1-acre portion of land needed for the B2B Trail to bypass the wetland and avoid the boardwalk – a significant savings to the trail project. During this process, it was discovered that there was a cloud on the title for the wetland area with claims being held by both Metroparks and Esch Family. Through additional research and negotiations between counselors to each of the parties, it was agreed that the Esch family would sell the +/- 5 acres of disputed land, plus the +/- 1 acre needed for the trail, to the Metroparks for \$110,000. This will resolve the title issue for good, alleviate the time and expense of litigation, and allow the conservation easement and trail projects to proceed in a timely manner to meet the conservation easement grant deadlines. The breakdown of the additional \$110,000 purchase price is as follows:

Metroparks = \$60,000
 Dexter Township = \$16,500
 HWPI = \$16,500
 WCPARC requested = \$17,000

It is anticipated that closing would occur this year, in escrow, concurrently with the conservation easement transaction.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on review of staff and partnership requests, I recommend that the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission partner with Huron Clinton Metroparks, Dexter Township and Huron Waterloo Pathways

Initiative on the purchase of the additional acres of the Esch property as outlined in the memo and contribute the remaining \$17,000 to complete the negotiated pool of funds, contingent upon attorney final review and approval of documents.

Esch Family Trust Property: Aerial & Soils

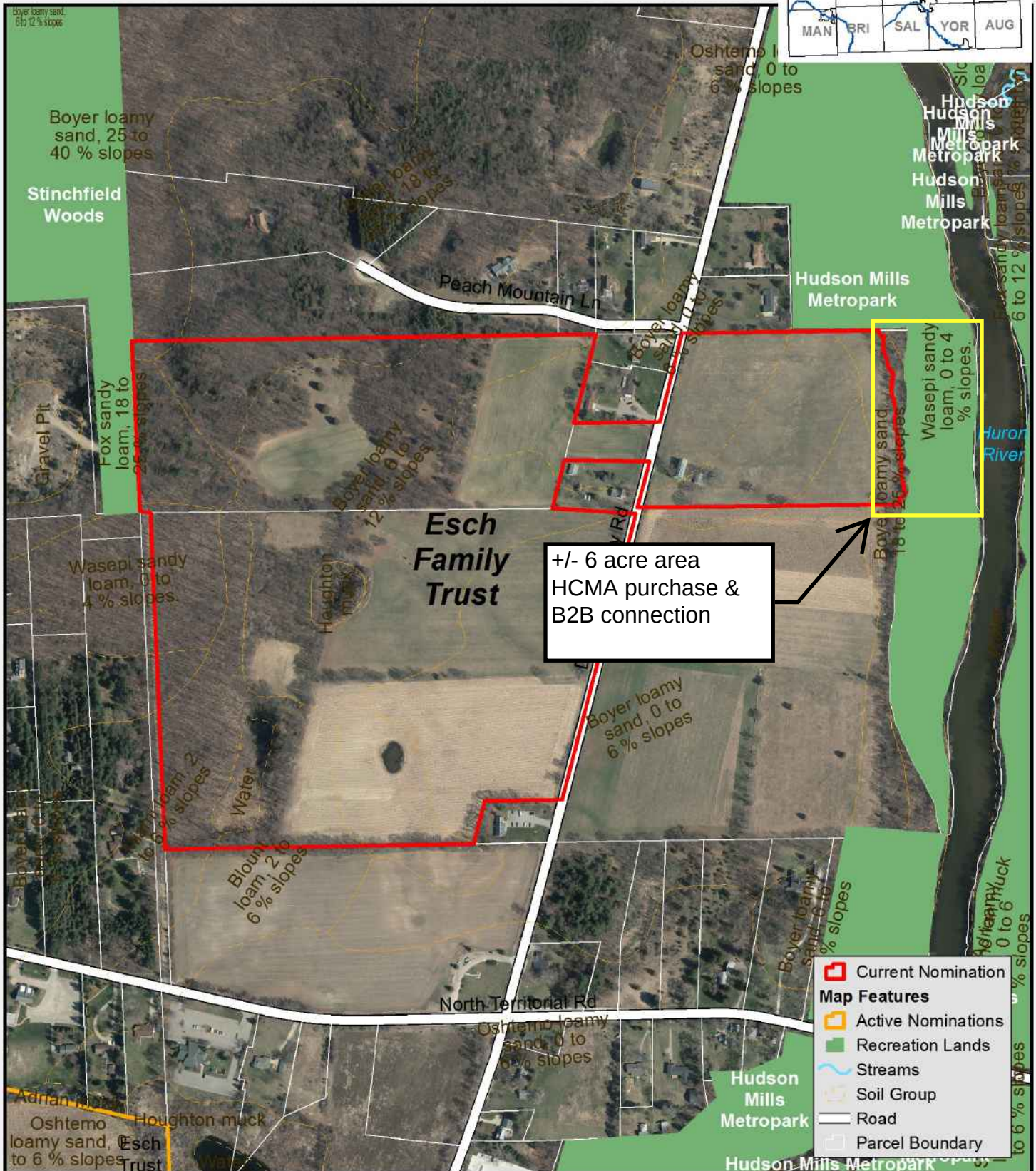
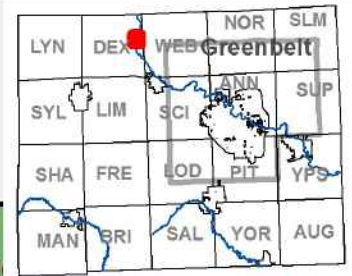
Natural Areas Preservation Program

Nomination ID: 20.326

Dexter Township

+/-93 Acres

Washtenaw County
Locator Map



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Meghan Bonfiglio, Director
DATE: January 13, 2026
RE: Project and Activities Update – December 2025

Park Facility Events and Projects

Independence Lake

- Yule Log Making event was held on December 12, with 22 people participating. Several families have made it a yearly tradition coming since the program began in 2020.
- Solstice Celebration Night Hike was held on December 21. Nearly 200 guests walked the lantern-lit path and enjoyed a visit from Santa.
- Operations staff have begun plans for hiring seasonal staff including contacting former staff members to gauge interest and interview for leadership roles.

Meri Lou Murray Recreation Center

- Construction on the Natatorium renovation continues. Interior masonry walls are nearly complete and above ceiling inspection is scheduled for the first of the year. Finishes to start soon after. 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.
- Natatorium project staff, along with Parks Commissioners, reviewed and ranked proposals for artwork. Staff interviewed the top three finalists and selected muralist Thomas Mosberg to design and execute a mural.

Rolling Hills Park

- Held its lifeguard course at Lincoln High school where 12 staff were recertified
- 2026 Vehicle and Disc Golf Annals went on sale December 1st.
- Winter park rental room training took place
- Bri Taylor won laser tag at the employee staff party.

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.
- Engineering plans for the northside restoration are nearing completion. An RFP is expected to be released by early February. Funded largely by a grant from Ducks Unlimited, the designed scope of work includes wetland creation and restoration, shoreline debris removal and stabilization, and a crossing over the breach between Peaceful Pond and Fleming Creek.



Special Initiatives

Border to Border Trail (B2B)

- Segment DAA7 (Barton-Bandemer Tunnel and Trail, in partnership with the City of Ann Arbor):
 - Tunnel: Lights were installed and powered, which improves visibility and safety while also illuminating the artwork. Additional plantings and punch list items will be completed in the spring.
- Engineering and permitting are in various stages for the following trail segments:
 - Segment DAA4 (Delhi Metropark to Wagner Rd): Amtrak permit review still in process.
 - 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 anticipated to solicit construction bids this winter upon receipt of the final permit from EGLE.

Nelson Meade County Farm Park Master Plan

- Staff continues to develop the Site Master Plan draft recommendations.

Natural Areas Preservation Program (NAPP)

Stewardship

- NAPP crew, along with Preserve Steward volunteers, led invasive removal work in forested habitats at Park Lyndon, which staff have coined “Camp Lyndon” for this annual effort.
- MNFI and partners continue to be pleased with the success of Mitchell’s satyr butterfly at Park Lyndon. A second release site is planned in 2026 to increase populations and improve genetics.
- Mowing occurred across grasslands, berms, and wetlands at Watkins Lake Preserve and Sharon Mills County Park.
- Invasive tree and shrub removal occurred at Leonard Preserve.
- The Highland Preserve Stewardship Plan was completed.

Acquisitions

- Staff are preparing grant applications, due January 15, for funding for conservation easements through the USDA NRCS’s ACEP-ALE grant program for up to four properties that were previously prioritized by the Parks Commission.

Programming, Events, and Volunteers

Educational & Interpretive Programming

- Seventy-seven patrons attend nature programs, which include Into to Archery, Walk with Friends Hike at Rolling Hills, Women’s Nature Camp Meet-up, Winter Solstice Birding at West Lake, Winter Solstice Campfire at Fox Science Preserve, and Meri Lou Murray Winter Day Camp Nature Programming.

Michigan Folk School

- December Classes (through 12/20): 69 students attended 13 classes, which included food science, blacksmithing, fiber, basketry, ornament making, and spoon carving.

Volunteer Programs

- Volunteers logged more than 168 working hours.
- Organized volunteer activities included:



- o Two "Stewardship Workdays" held at County Farm Park
- o Three "Stewardship Workdays" held at Independence Lake Park
- o "Preserve Stewardship Rotation" at Park Lyndon
- o Four "Seeds to Community Workshops"
- Two Workdays were canceled due to inclement weather.
- More than 3,800 volunteer hours were logged in 2025.



MEMORANDUM

To: Washtenaw County Park and Recreation Commission

From: Meghan Bonfiglio, Director

Date: January 13, 2026

Subject: Pierce Lake Golf Course Fee Increase

BACKGROUND

WCPARC takes great pride in our history of providing quality recreation opportunities to County residents at the most affordable rates possible. Periodically, the Commission adjusts fees at WCPARC facilities to stay in keeping with operational costs, industry trends, personnel expenditures, and changes in the local market. Since 1996, Pierce Lake Golf Course has maintained affordable greens fees with consideration of its operational budget. The last fee modifications were done in 2022.

DISCUSSION

In addition to rising inflation and increased costs for operating supplies, both minimum wage and department pay rates for our 70+ employees at PLGC have seen significant increases over the past several years. However, since 2023, our budget allocation for seasonal wages has remained unchanged, while actual expenditures continue to climb. This growing disparity is putting additional strain on other areas of our operations. Since the last fee increase in 2022, part time wages have increased by 41% and overall operating expenses have increased by 16%. Table 1 below outlines the golf course's seasonal wage budget history from 2022-2025 and includes anticipated numbers for 2026 and 2027.

Table 1: Seasonal Wage History

Year	Base Seasonal Position Hourly Pay*	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount	Surplus/Shortage	Surplus/Shortage Including Fringe
2022	\$11.00	\$264,000.00	\$266,416.26	(\$2,416.26)	(\$2,657.87)
2023	\$11.25	\$300,000.00	\$324,253.97	(\$24,253.97)	(\$26,679.37)
2024	\$11.50	\$300,000.00	\$313,969.27	(\$2,281.61)	(\$2,509.77)
2025	\$13.00	\$300,000.00	\$374,992.16	(\$74,992.16)	(\$82,491.38)
2026	\$14.00	\$300,000.00	\$400,992.16	(\$100,992.16)	(\$111,091.38)
2027	\$15.00	\$300,000.00	\$426,992.16	(\$126,992.16)	(\$139,691.38)

*The base pay rate only encompasses 25% of PLGC's 70+ employees. All other staff are in positions of higher pay or returning staff at a higher pay step.

Table 2 below shows proposed fee modifications and comparisons. Calderone, Leslie Park, Timber Trace, Pheasant Run, and Moose Ridge Golf Courses are shown for comparison purposes. Most rates reflect 2025 rates as courses do not have 2026 rates shared.

Table 2: 2026 Fee Proposal – Pierce Lake Golf Course (all pricing includes cart) & Comparable Fee Analysis

	Pierce Lake Golf Course		Survey of Comparable Facilities				
	Proposed 2026 Fees	Current Fees	Calderone (Grass Lake)	Leslie Park (Ann Arbor)	Timber Trace (Pinckney)	Pheasant Run (Canton) *2026	Moose Ridge (South Lyon)
18 Holes Weekday	\$55	\$50	\$49	\$50	\$55	\$70	\$65
18 Holes Weekend	\$65	\$57	\$65	\$65	\$69	\$89	\$89
18 Holes Senior	\$42	\$40	\$40	\$39	\$39	\$48	\$42
9 Holes Weekday	\$40	\$34	\$29	\$35	\$35	\$48	\$45
9 Holes Weekend	\$45	\$40	\$40	\$50	\$45	\$60	\$55
Twilight Weekday	\$45	\$37	\$40	\$45	\$45	\$48	\$45
Twilight Weekend	\$50	\$42	\$45	\$55	\$45	\$56	\$50

*Many comparable courses use dynamic pricing and are not listed in this table.

To offset the increasing personnel and operating costs and be more in line with other golf course's green fees, staff is recommending an increase to Pierce Lake Golf Course's greens fees. Staff is proposing an increase to \$55 on weekdays and \$65 on weekends for 18 holes of play, with Senior Rate of \$42. The 9-hole fee for weekdays would increase to \$39, and \$45 on weekends. Twilight rates would increase to \$42 on weekdays and \$47 on weekends.

Additionally, a \$2 Veteran's discount will continue to be offered on all greens fees. PLGC has also become a participating partner with Youth on Course, a nonprofit organization that works to reduce cost barriers for youth ages 6-18. Through this partnership, youth will be able to play for \$5 on Monday-Thursday after 12pm, and Friday-Sunday after 2pm.

Cost recovery for direct and indirect costs at PLGC is currently 71.2%. As operating costs increase, fee recovery for this function is projected to decline to approximately 68.2% by 2026 if no fee adjustments are made. With the proposed fee increase, cost recovery at PLGC would remain relatively stable - estimated at 73.2% in 2026 and 71.2% in 2027. Our cost recovery goal for value-added programs with high individual benefit is 85% or greater, ensuring both direct and indirect costs are covered. While PLGC currently recovers 99% of its direct costs, an estimated \$500,000 in indirect costs that are not covered by existing fee revenue.

Table 3: User Fee Cost Recovery

	User Fee Cost Recovery <i>Using Current Pricing</i>	User Fee Cost Recovery <i>Using Proposed Pricing</i>
2025	71.2%	
2026	68.2%	73.2%
2027	65.4%	71.2%

RECOMMENDATION

It is my recommendation to increase golf course green fees as outlined above beginning at the start of the 2026 season, and to authorize a budget adjustment as follows:

Fund	Account	Type	Title	Amounts
PLGC	20807590.605000	Revenue	Fees and Services	150,000
PLGC	20807590.703000	Expense	Part Time Temporary	150,000



MEMORANDUM

To: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission

From: Meghan Bonfiglio, Director

Date: January 13, 2026

Subject: Award of Construction Contract: B2B Trail Boardwalk Redecking, Dexter-Huron Metropark

BACKGROUND

In 2011, the Commission partnered with the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) to build a 1.4-mile section of the Border-to-Border Trail (B2B) from Central St. in Dexter east into Dexter-Huron Metropark, including seven boardwalks totaling approximately 1,360 feet. Through an easement and maintenance agreement, both agencies share maintenance and repairs equally.

DISCUSSION

Per the agreement, HCMA has handled routine boardwalk repairs since construction. Several years ago, they alerted engineering and planning staff from both agencies to more closely monitor conditions based on what they were observing during routine work. Recent assessments show significant deterioration of deck boards, requiring full redecking by a contractor. Some substructure work and ADA-compliance pavement repairs are also anticipated.

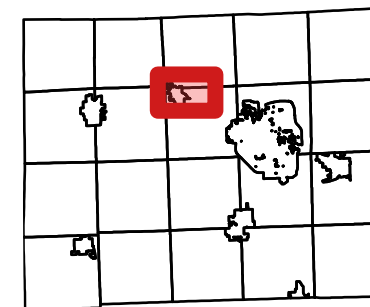
Originally constructed from Southern Yellow Pine, the redecking project includes a pilot study of three decking materials—Douglas Fir, Southern Yellow Pine, and a fiberglass product—to evaluate installation, cost, durability, slip resistance, and public feedback. This will inform future boardwalk design and material standards.

It was decided that Commission staff would bid and manage the project in coordination with HCMA's team. County RFP 8858 received eight competitive bids, with Laux Construction providing the most competitive, responsible, and qualified bid.

Bidder	Total Bid	Location
Laux Construction	\$ 426,201.05	Mason, MI
KAB, Enterprises	\$ 453,577.68	Lincoln Park, MI
Greenway Bridge	\$ 499,549.00	St. Augustine, FL
Huron Pointe Excavating	\$ 642,531.12	Mt. Clemens, MI
Erie Construction	\$ 697,482.00	Woodhaven, MI
Schepke Consulting	\$ 720,294.00	Roscommon, MI
J. Ranck Electric	\$ 875,300.00	Mt. Pleasant, MI
LJ Construction	\$ 898,669.00	Clifford, MI

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the review of bids and discussions with WCPARC and HCMA staff, I recommend that the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission award a contract to Laux Construction for \$426,201.05 for RFP 8858. I further recommend authorizing a 10% construction contingency in the amount of \$42,620 for this project. This award is contingent upon authorization of funds and reimbursement by HCMA for 50% of the contract value in accordance with the executed repair and maintenance agreement.



Legend

⌘ Railroad

Shared-Use Trails

■ ■ ■ B2B Trail: Under Construction

WCPARC Recreation Lands

Other Recreation Lands

 All Other Recreation Lands

Streams

Notes



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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
From: Meghan Bonfiglio, Director
Date: January 13, 2026
Subject: Davenport Property Acquisition – Partnership Request

BACKGROUND

In 2025, the 80- acre Davenport property was nominated to the Scio Township Land Preservation program for consideration of fee simple purchase. The nomination was subsequently forwarded to NATAC for review as part of the Round 25. NATAC visited the site in the summer and identified as a Tier 1 priority in Round 25.

DISCUSSION

The property is adjacent to the Sloan Preserve, along Baker Road in Dexter, owned and managed by Scio Township. The fee simple purchase would expand Sloan Preserve and could be used to expand the trail and public access. During their visit, NATAC members were delighted to note a diverse wet meadow with fen indicator species present. The MI native species *Carex lacustris* dominated the wettest areas which were also host to numerous groundwater seeps. The stream water was clear and cold, causing Catherine Riseng to speculate the habitat could support the rare Redside Dace. The site was ranked as a Tier 1 priority for protection in 2025 due to the quality of the natural areas and connectivity to existing Preserve.

An appraisal was completed in 2025 and the fee simple value was determined to be \$770,000. Scio Township is requesting up to 50% of the purchase price, or \$385,000, from NAPP through NATAC. Scio Township has also requested a contribution from the City of Ann Arbor, and it is working through the approval process. If the City contributes funds, NAPP's contribution would be reduced to \$231,000 (30%). Scio Township will contribute the remaining funds up to \$385,000. Scio Township will also pay for the due diligence and own and manage the property.

RECOMMENDATION

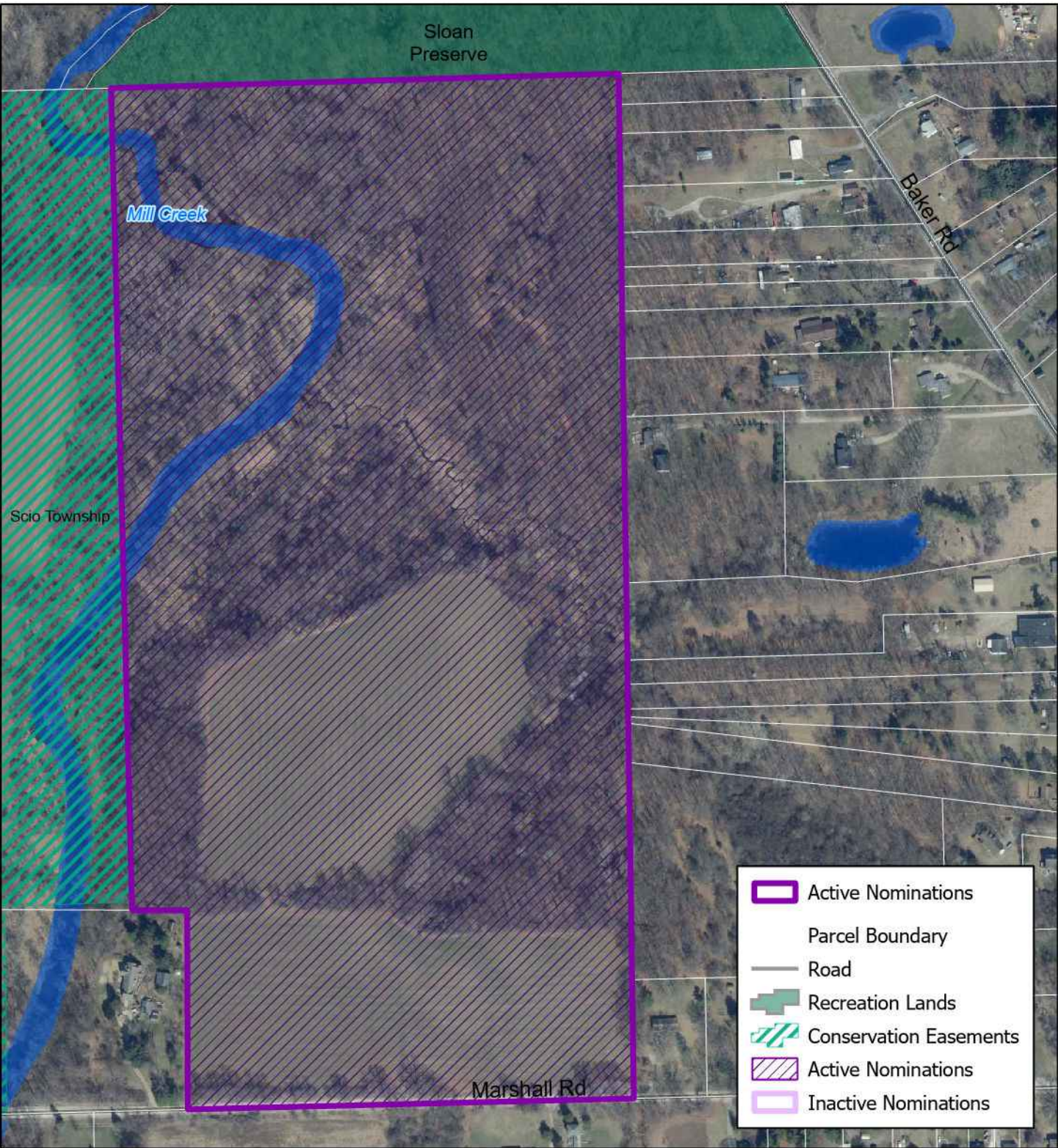
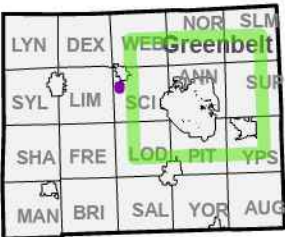
Based on review of the Natural Area Technical Advisory Committee and staff, I recommend that the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission authorize a partnership agreement with Scio Township and contribute up to \$385,000 toward the fee simple purchase of the Davenport property as outlined in the memo.

NAPP 2025

Davenport 2024 Aerial

80 acres

Washtenaw County
Locator Map



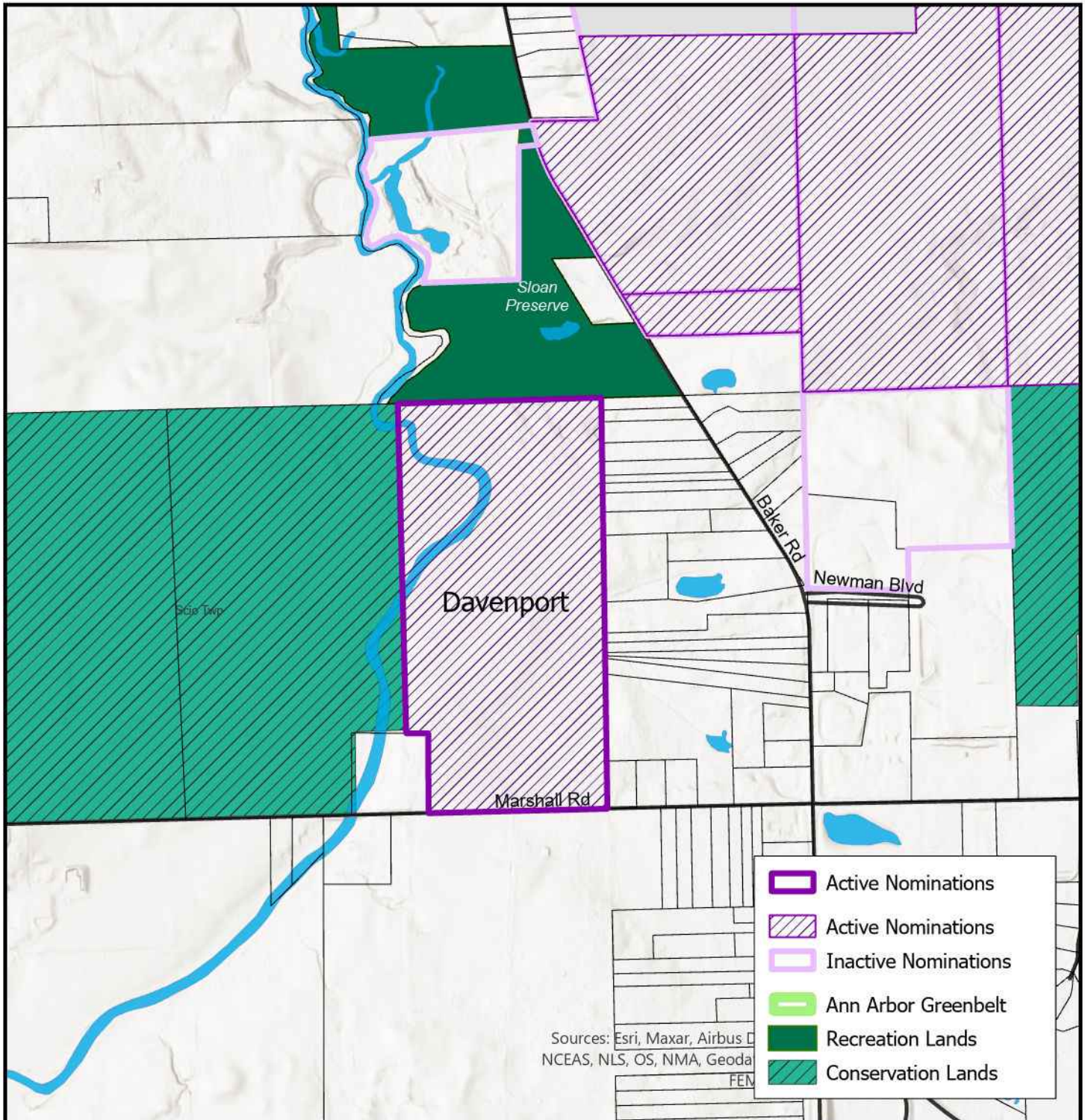
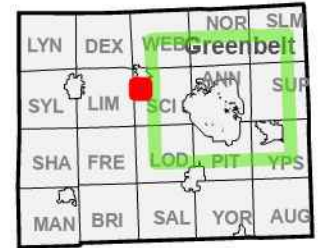
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Property Local Area

Davenport Property

80.00 +/- acres

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Locator Map



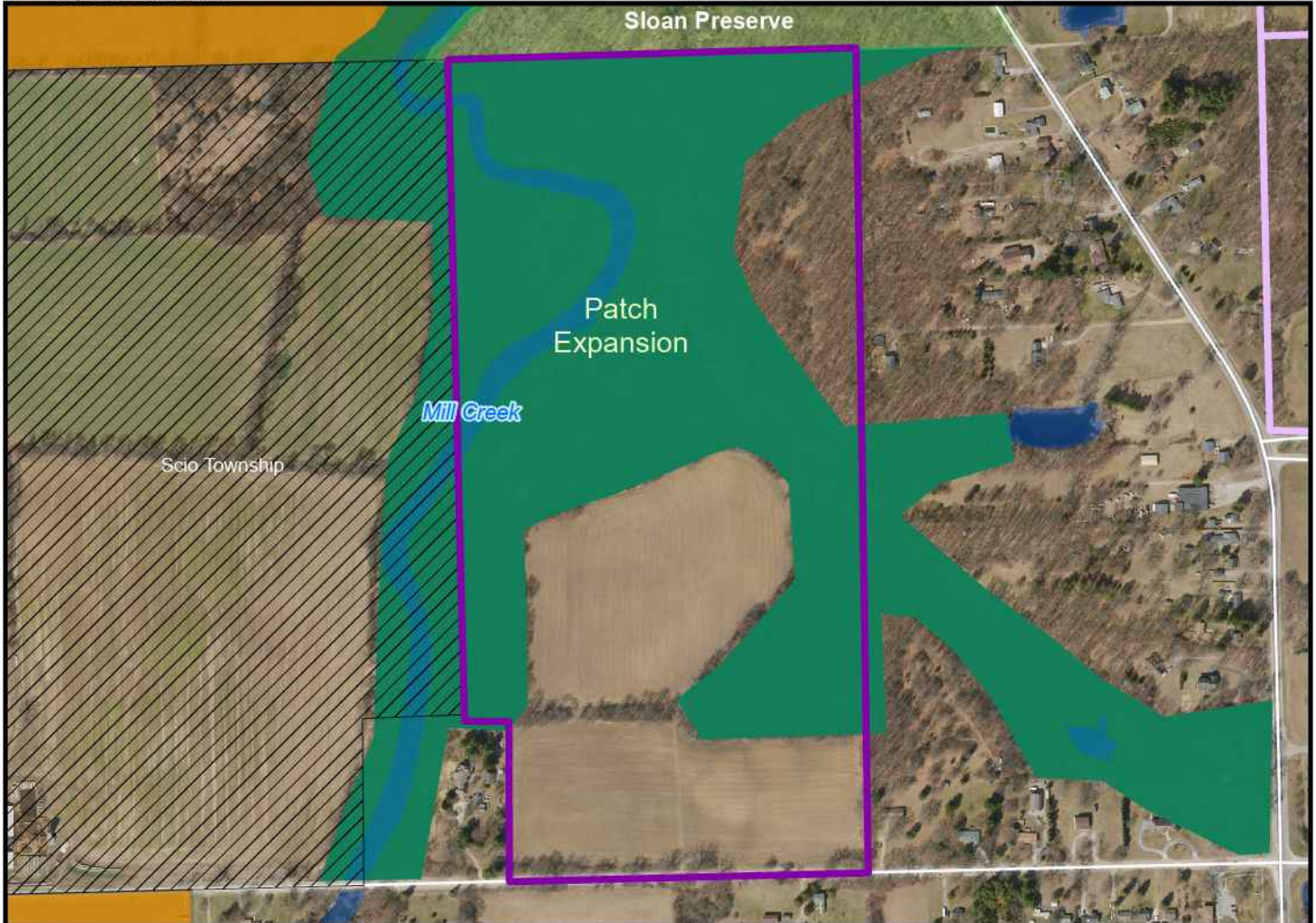
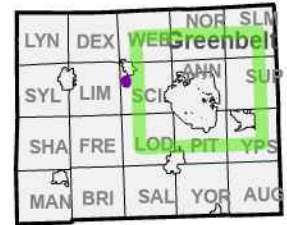
NAPP 2025

Davenport NATAC Assessment & Prioritization

80 acres

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- Recreation Lands
- Conservation Lands
- NATAC Prioritized
- ALPAC Priorities

Bioreserve Quality Ranking

- Low Quality
- Medium-Low Quality
- Medium-High Quality
- High Quality
- Streams
- Water Bodies

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

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