



# VILLAGE OF DUNDEE

## PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN



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# INTRODUCTION

Parks and recreation in Dundee provides a wide range of community benefits. Recreation contributes to the mental and physical health of Village residents, providing a place for exercise, physical activity, relaxation, play, and sports. Parks provide valuable open space and help to protect environmental resources.

The purpose of the Village of Dundee Parks and Recreation Master Plan is to guide recreation planning and development efforts of the Village over the next five-year period, through 2024. The Plan identifies existing parks and recreational opportunities, assesses the need for future recreational needs, provides direction for the future development of parks, and presents strategies to meet the growing recreational demands of a growing population.

Past parks and recreation plans for the Village of Dundee were adopted in 1994, 2000, 2009, and 2014. These plans guided the development of Ford Park along the River Raisin, the redevelopment of Wolverine Park as well as many other park improvements. The purpose of this new updated Plan is to guide recreation planning and development efforts of the Village over the next five years. The current Master Plan is intended to meet state standards for community recreation planning that are necessary to gain eligibility for grant programs.

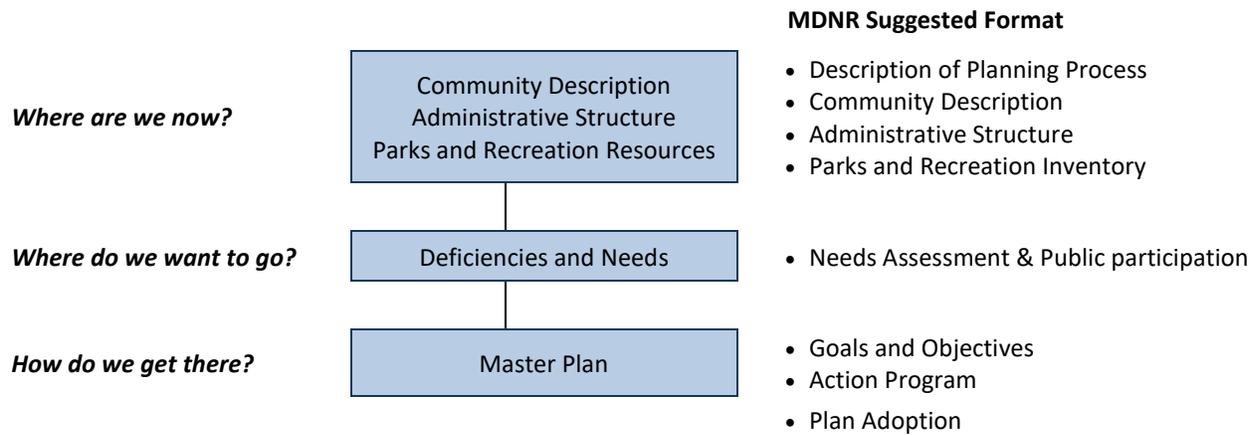
## PLANNING PROCESS

The process used to generate the Plan consisted of three phases which are described below.

1. **Where are we now?** In this phase, the community's demographics and the administration of parks were reviewed and updated. The Village parks were examined and mapped to document the existing resources. The information is organized into three main categories: community description, administrative structure, and parks and recreation resources.
2. **Where do we want to be?** The second phase in the planning process consisted of an analysis of the community's parks to determine deficiencies and needs. Public input was sought to solicit ideas and suggestions about recreation preferences through an online questionnaire and at a public open house meeting. Input was also solicited from Village officials, community stakeholders, and staff.
3. **How do we get there?** Once needs were identified, the final phase involved the development of an action plan to support the community's vision for the parks and recreation system and provide for park development projects. Recommended projects were summarized in a capital improvement schedule, along with strategies for implementation. This phase also included preparation of a full draft of the Plan, which was presented to the Village Parks and Recreation Commission as well as the public for review and comment prior to adoption.

The following diagram illustrates the planning process and how it corresponds to the MDNR suggested format described earlier.

**Figure 1. Planning Process**

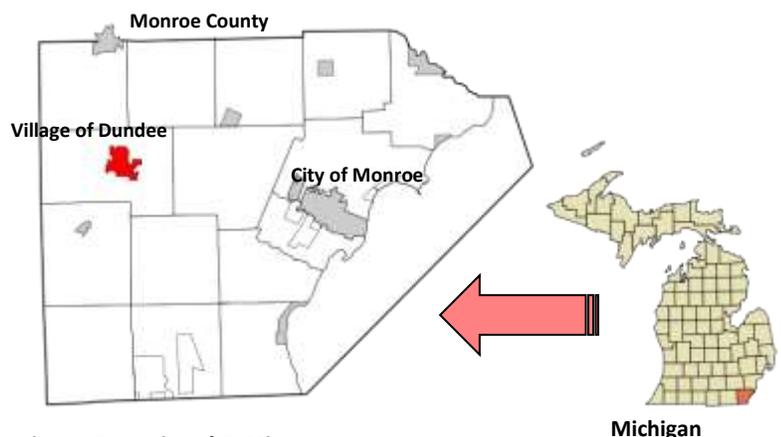


## WHAT THIS PLAN CONTAINS

The Village of Dundee Parks and Recreation Master Plan follows the format suggested by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park and Recreation Plans* (2018). The first chapter, **Community Description**, includes a summary on both the social and physical characteristics of the Village. The **Administrative Structure** chapter includes a description of how parks and recreation services are managed in the Village including budget and funding information. The next chapter, **Parks and Recreation Resources**, describes the existing Village parks as well as those of the County and other parks located nearby. This chapter also includes an accessibility assessment and a description of the grant-assisted park projects. The **Needs Assessment** portion of the Plan presents the input received from local officials, staff, and residents, which helped in formulating the **Goals and Objectives** and **Action Program** chapters. The Action Program chapter outlines an action plan with strategies for implementation. The final chapter, **Supporting Documents**, includes some of the detailed information gathered through the planning process as well as the official resolutions and notices documenting the plan's adoption by the Dundee Village Council.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING AREA

The Village of Dundee is located in the northwest area of Monroe County about 15 miles west of the City of Monroe in Southeast Michigan. Known for its location at the intersection of M-50 and US-23 as the *hub of the highways*, Dundee is located approximately 17 miles north of the Ohio border and 17 miles south of Ann Arbor. Dundee has seen tremendous growth since 1990 due in part, to the situation of Cabela’s, a major outdoor retail outfitter, which draws shoppers from across the region and the nation.



**Figure 2. Regional Setting**

# COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

The Village of Dundee includes a historic downtown, older neighborhoods, new residential developments, successful industrial and research parks, a centralized school system, and fairly new community infrastructures and facilities. The Village includes older, renovated parks and newer public spaces along the River Raisin which connect community facilities to the downtown.

In planning for the future parks and recreation needs of the Village, it is essential to understand the community being planned for, both the community of people to be served and the parks and recreation resources which the community has to offer. The first chapters of the Master Plan provides an overview of Dundee's demographics and recreation resources with the goal of understanding the unique features and opportunities the Village offers.

## POPULATION TRENDS

Village residents consist of a diverse population base with diverse recreational needs. Anticipated changes in the size, distribution, and age composition of the population will affect the need for current and future recreational facilities.

According to the most recent census information (2010), Dundee is home to 3,957 people, an increase of 12.4 percent (435 people) from the 2000 figure of 3,522. The most recent population estimate for the Village is 4,056 (July 2018, SEMCOG), indicating a growing population base. Compared with the other villages and cities in the County, Dundee is the second most important population center in Monroe County after the City of Monroe.

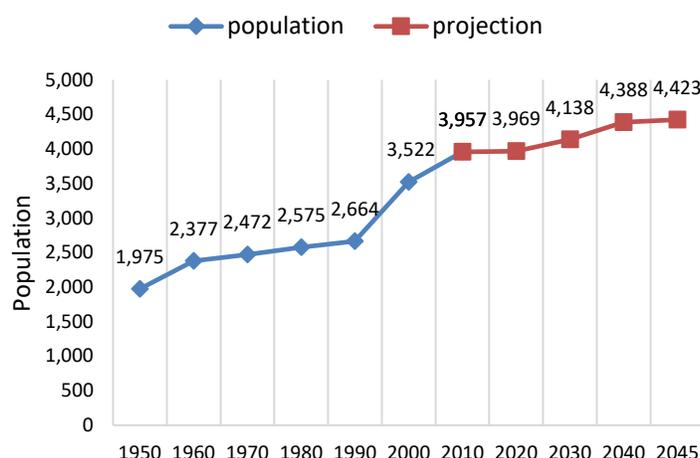
**Figure 3. Monroe County Population, 2010**



Source: Census 2010

Population projections for Dundee predict continued growth in population, with the number of persons increasing 11.8 percent to 4,423 between 2010 and 2045 and the number of households increasing by 24.9 percent from 1,539 to 1,822. These projections, which were developed by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG, 2018), indicate that the Village’s population and household will continue to grow. As shown in Table 1, Dundee is predicted to be the second fastest growing area in Monroe County. The recreational needs of Village residents will most likely continue to grow in the future.

Figure 4. Dundee Population, 1950-2045



Source: US Decennial Census & SEMCOG 2045 Regional Development Forecast

Table 1. Population Projections, 2010 and 2045

| Community                | 2010           | 2020           | 2030           | 2040           | 2045           | Change 2010-2045 |              |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|
| <b>Monroe County</b>     | <b>152,021</b> | <b>149,123</b> | <b>152,790</b> | <b>156,166</b> | <b>156,274</b> | <b>4,253</b>     | <b>2.8%</b>  |
| Ash Township             | 5,438          | 5,527          | 5,326          | 5,337          | 5,239          | -199             | -3.7%        |
| Bedford Township         | 31,085         | 31,911         | 32,974         | 34,006         | 34,237         | 3,152            | 10.1%        |
| Berlin Township          | 7,206          | 7,278          | 7,756          | 7,707          | 7,729          | 523              | 7.3%         |
| Village of Carleton      | 2,345          | 2,075          | 2,121          | 2,117          | 2,148          | -197             | -8.4%        |
| <b>Village of Dundee</b> | <b>3,957</b>   | <b>3,969</b>   | <b>4,138</b>   | <b>4,388</b>   | <b>4,423</b>   | <b>466</b>       | <b>11.8%</b> |
| Dundee Township          | 2,802          | 2,495          | 2,680          | 2,986          | 2,991          | 189              | 6.7%         |
| Erie Township            | 4,517          | 4,398          | 4,431          | 4,355          | 4,285          | -232             | -5.1%        |
| Estral Beach             | 418            | 441            | 424            | 447            | 444            | 26               | 6.2%         |
| Exeter Township          | 3,406          | 3,552          | 3,424          | 3,326          | 3,240          | -166             | -4.9%        |
| Frenchtown Township      | 20,428         | 20,209         | 21,440         | 22,240         | 22,156         | 1,728            | 8.5%         |
| Ida Township             | 4,964          | 4,049          | 4,144          | 4,045          | 3,970          | -994             | -20.0%       |
| LaSalle Township         | 4,894          | 4,462          | 4,527          | 4,446          | 4,438          | -456             | -9.3%        |
| London Township          | 3,048          | 2,630          | 2,645          | 2,654          | 2,653          | -395             | -13.0%       |
| City of Luna Pier        | 1,436          | 1,470          | 1,484          | 1,534          | 1,505          | 69               | 4.8%         |
| Village of Maybee        | 562            | 435            | 422            | 412            | 390            | -172             | -30.6%       |
| City of Milan            | 2,066          | 2,036          | 2,102          | 2,063          | 2,077          | 11               | 0.5%         |
| Milan Township           | 1,601          | 1,437          | 1,479          | 2,116          | 2,137          | 536              | 33.5%        |
| City of Monroe           | 20,733         | 20,688         | 20,719         | 20,628         | 20,834         | 101              | 0.5%         |
| Monroe Township          | 14,568         | 14,038         | 14,223         | 14,735         | 14,816         | 248              | 1.7%         |
| City of Petersburg       | 1,146          | 1,037          | 1,021          | 1,001          | 1,017          | -129             | -11.3%       |
| Raisinville Township     | 5,816          | 6,015          | 6,179          | 6,279          | 6,254          | 438              | 7.5%         |
| Village of S. Rockwood   | 1,675          | 1,627          | 1,622          | 1,668          | 1,639          | -36              | -2.1%        |
| Summerfield Township     | 3,308          | 2,861          | 2,841          | 2,877          | 2,851          | -457             | -13.8        |
| Whiteford Township       | 4,602          | 4,483          | 4,668          | 4,799          | 4,801          | 199              | 4.3%         |

Source: Census 2010 and SEMCOG 2045 Regional Development Forecast

## POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

In addition to examining the number and distribution of people, it is important to understand something of the population characteristics of the community. Table 2 presents information on race, age, education, employment, income, disability status, and housing characteristics of the Village.

**Table 2. Census Profile, 2010-2015**

|   | number | %      |                              | number       | %      |
|---|--------|--------|------------------------------|--------------|--------|
| <b>TOTAL 2010 POPULATION</b>              | 3,957  | 100.0% | <b>TOTAL 2015 POPULATION</b> | 3,950        | 100.0% |
|   |        |        |                              |              |        |
| <b>SEX - 2010</b>                         |        |        |                              |              |        |
| Male                                      | 1,903  | 48.1%  | Female                       | 2,054        | 51.9%  |
|   |        |        |                              |              |        |
| <b>AGE - 2015</b>                         |        |        |                              |              |        |
| Under 5 years                             | 321    | 8.1%   | 45 to 49 years               | 207          | 5.2%   |
| 5 to 9 years                              | 123    | 3.1%   | 50 to 54 years               | 244          | 6.2%   |
| 10 to 14 years                            | 281    | 7.1%   | 55 to 59 years               | 269          | 6.8%   |
| 15 to 19 years                            | 286    | 7.2%   | 60 to 64 years               | 294          | 7.4%   |
| 20 to 24 years                            | 139    | 3.5%   | 65 to 69 years               | 97           | 2.5%   |
| 25 to 29 years                            | 280    | 7.1%   | 70 to 74 years               | 126          | 3.2%   |
| 30 to 34 years                            | 390    | 9.9%   | 75 to 79 years               | 115          | 2.9%   |
| 35 to 39 years                            | 304    | 7.7%   | 80 to 84 years               | 118          | 3.0%   |
| 40 to 44 years                            | 271    | 6.9%   | 85+ years                    | 88           | 2.2%   |
|   |        |        |                              |              |        |
| <b>MEDIAN AGE (years) - 2010</b>          | 34.3   |        |                              |              |        |
|   |        |        |                              |              |        |
| <b>OLDER ADULTS AND YOUTH - 2015</b>      |        |        |                              |              |        |
| 60 and over                               | 838    | 22.3%  | Under 18                     | 920          | 24.4%  |
| 65 and over                               | 544    | 14.4%  | 5 to 17                      | 599          | 15.9%  |
| 65 to 84                                  | 456    | 12.1%  | Under 5                      | 321          | 8.5%   |
| 85 and Over                               | 88     | 2.3%   |                              |              |        |
|   |        |        |                              |              |        |
| <b>POPULATION &amp; HOUSEHOLDS - 2010</b> |        |        |                              |              |        |
| Group Quarters Population                 | 26     |        | Households (Occupied Units)  | 1,539        |        |
| Household Population                      | 3,931  |        | Residential Vacancy Rate     | 11.7%        |        |
| Housing Units                             | 1,742  |        | Average Household Size       | 2.55         |        |
|   |        |        |                              |              |        |
| <b>HOUSEHOLD TYPES – 2015</b>             |        |        |                              |              |        |
| With Seniors 65+                          | 433    |        | Live Alone, <65              | 251          |        |
| Without Seniors                           | 1,292  |        | Live Alone, 65+              | 370          |        |
| Total                                     | 1,725  |        | 2+ Persons, With children    | 519          |        |
|   |        |        | 2+ Persons, Without children | 585          |        |
|   |        |        | <b>Total</b>                 | <b>1,725</b> |        |
|   |        |        |                              |              |        |

|  | number   | %     |                                | number       | %             |
|--|----------|-------|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| <b>RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN - 2015</b>     |          |       |                                |              |               |
| Non-Hispanic                               | 3,933    | 99.6% | Hispanic                       | 17           | 0.004%        |
| White                                      | 3,844    | 97.3% | <b>Total</b>                   | <b>3,950</b> | <b>100%</b>   |
| Black                                      | 0        | 0%    |                                |              |               |
| Asian                                      | 47       | 0.01% |                                |              |               |
| Multi-Racial                               | 42       | 0.01% |                                |              |               |
| Other                                      | 0        | 0.4%  |                                |              |               |
|  |          |       |                                |              |               |
| <b>HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATIONAL - 2015</b> |          |       |                                |              |               |
| Graduate / Professional Degree             |          | 6.0%  | Some College, No Degree        |              | 23.9%         |
| Bachelor's Degree                          |          | 13.2% | High School Graduate           |              | 37.6%         |
| Associate Degree                           |          | 9.2%  | Not High School Graduate       |              | 10.2%         |
|  |          |       |                                |              |               |
| <b>JOBS BY INDUSTRY - 2015</b>             |          |       |                                |              |               |
| Natural Resources, Mining & Construction   | 138      | 3.8%  | Admin, Support, Waste Services | 112          | 3.1%          |
| Manufacturing                              | 915      | 25.4% | Education Services             | 261          | 7.3%          |
| Wholesale Trade                            | 219      | 6.1%  | Healthcare Services            | 176          | 4.9%          |
| Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities    | 68       | 1.9%  | Leisure & Hospitality          | 740          | 20.6%         |
| Retail Trade                               | 603      | 16.8% | Other Services                 | 93           | 2.6%          |
| Information & Financial Activities         | 115      | 3.2%  | Public Administration          | 66           | 1.8%          |
| Prof & Tech. Services                      | 91       | 2.5%  |                                |              |               |
|  |          |       | <b>Total</b>                   | <b>3,597</b> | <b>100%</b>   |
|  |          |       |                                |              |               |
| <b>POVERTY - 2015</b>                      |          |       |                                |              |               |
| Persons in Poverty                         | 483      | 12.2% | Households in Poverty          | 226          | 13.1%         |
|  |          |       |                                |              |               |
| <b>INCOME - 2015</b>                       |          |       |                                |              |               |
| Median Household Income (in 2015 \$)       | \$44,212 |       | Per Capita Income (in 2015 \$) | \$23,604     |               |
|  |          |       |                                |              |               |
| <b>ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME - 2015</b>      |          |       |                                |              |               |
| \$200,000 or more                          | 10       | 0.6%  | \$40,000 to \$44,999           | 220          | 12.8%         |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999                     | 0        | 0%    | \$35,000 to \$39,999           | 74           | 4.3%          |
| \$125,000 to \$149,999                     | 66       | 3.8%  | \$30,000 to \$34,999           | 99           | 5.7%          |
| \$100,000 to \$124,999                     | 161      | 9.3%  | \$25,000 to \$29,999           | 84           | 4.9%          |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999                       | 164      | 9.5%  | \$20,000 to \$24,999           | 89           | 5.2%          |
| \$60,000 to \$74,999                       | 125      | 7.2%  | \$15,000 to \$19,999           | 75           | 4.3%          |
| \$50,000 to \$59,999                       | 251      | 14.6% | \$10,000 to \$14,999           | 139          | 8.1%          |
| \$45,000 to \$49,999                       | 65       | 3.8%  | Less than \$10,000             | 103          | 6.0%          |
|  |          |       | <b>Total</b>                   | <b>1,725</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |
|  |          |       |                                |              |               |
|  |          |       |                                |              |               |
|  |          |       |                                |              |               |

|  | number    | %     |                      | number | %      |
|--|-----------|-------|----------------------|--------|--------|
| <b>HOUSING TYPE - 2015</b>             |           |       |                      |        |        |
| Single Family Detached                 | 1,134     | 72.2% | Mobile Home          | 177    | 11.3%  |
| Duplex                                 | 80        | 5.1%  | Multi-Unit Apartment | 418    | 26.6%  |
| Townhouse / Attached Condo             | 55        | 3.5%  | Total                | 1,864  | 100.0% |
| <b>HOUSING TENURE - 2015</b>           |           |       |                      |        |        |
| Owner occupied                         | 1,132     | 60.7% | Vacant               | 139    | 7.5%   |
| Renter occupied                        | 593       | 31.8% | Total Housing Units  | 1,864  | 100.0% |
| <b>HOUSING VALUE – 2015</b>            |           |       |                      |        |        |
| Median Housing Value – in 2015 dollars | \$118,400 |       | Median gross rent    | \$771  |        |
| <b>HOUSING VALUE - 2015</b>            |           |       |                      |        |        |
| \$1,000,000 or more                    | 11        | 1.1%  | \$80,000 to \$99,999 | 268    | 27.7%  |
| \$500,000 to \$999,999                 | 0         | 0%    | \$60,000 to \$79,999 | 39     | 4.0%   |
| \$300,000 to \$499,999                 | 0         | 0%    | \$40,000 to \$59,999 | 13     | 1.3%   |
| \$250,000 to \$299,999                 | 40        | 4.1%  | \$30,000 to \$39,999 | 13     | 1.3%   |
| \$200,000 to \$249,999                 | 26        | 2.7%  | \$20,000 to \$29,999 | 0      | 0%     |
| \$175,000 to \$199,999                 | 122       | 12.6% | \$10,000 to \$19,999 | 40     | 4.1%   |
| \$150,000 to \$174,999                 | 211       | 21.8% | Less than \$10,000   | 72     | 7.4%   |
| \$100,000 to \$124,999                 | 113       | 11.7% |                      |        |        |

Source: Census 2010 (SF1) & 2015 American Community Survey



## NATURAL FEATURES

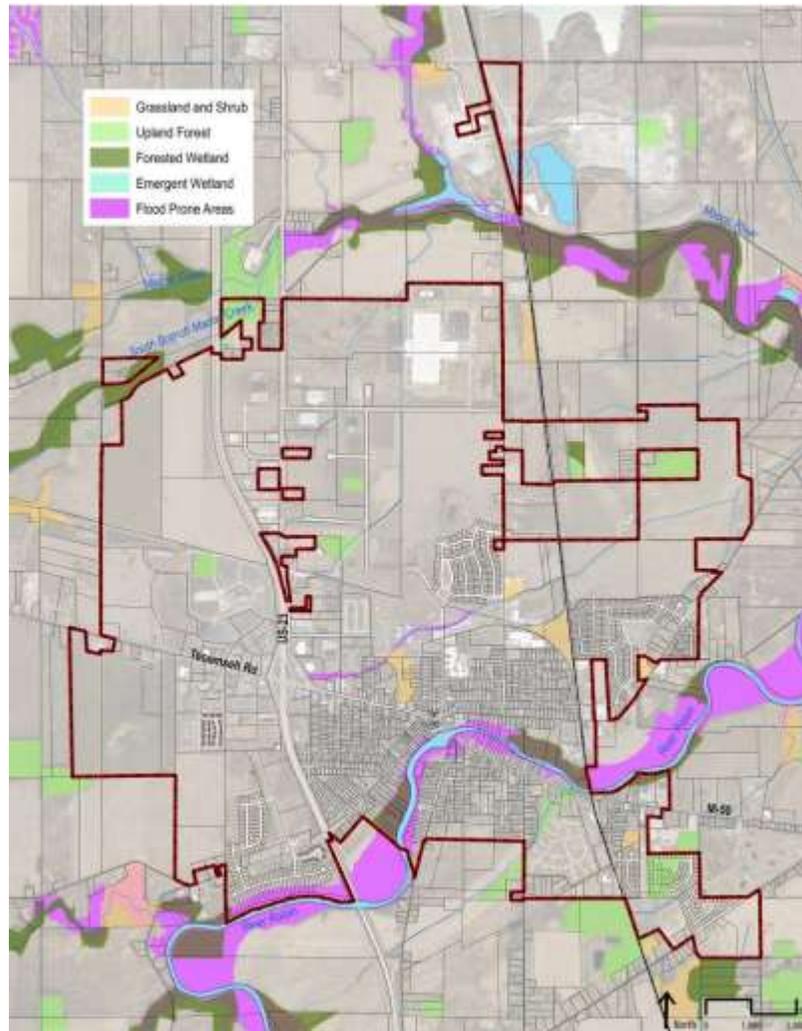
Like much of Michigan’s southern Lower Peninsula, the landscape of the Dundee area was formed through glacial action. The glacier’s movement shaped the topography and created the different types of soils. The glacial geology of the area has resulted in topography that ranges from nearly level to gently rolling with the exception of the River Raisin corridor and land along Stowell Road, which are flanked by steep slopes in several areas. Fertile agricultural soils are found across much of the outlying township. Land elevations range from a height of 650 feet along the river to a height of 670 feet in the northern and eastern segments of the Village. The soils of the region are generally silt loams and clay loams which are well suited for agricultural use, but often present challenges for development due to wetness and poor drainage.

Woodland areas are found along the entire edge of the River Raisin within the Village and extending east and west into Dundee Township. Many of the larger woodland areas are located in the Township along the River Raisin and other drains. They provide protective buffers for the waterways and protect the watershed from siltation and soil erosion damage caused by stormwater runoff. The woodland areas also serve as a valuable wildlife corridor.

Surface waters in the Village of Dundee consist of the River Raisin, the South Branch of Macon Creek, as well as the Macon Drain/River located in the north side of the Village. The presence of these waterways in conjunction with their location determines the type and extent of floodplain within the community. In general, wetlands occur in association with these waterways at many locations.

While the soil’s poor drainage and wetness present some limitations for the development of recreation facilities, the River Raisin provides great opportunities for outdoor recreation, particularly fishing and canoeing.

**Figure 5. Natural Features**



## LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS

The Village of Dundee’s history dates back to 1823 when William Remington made a land entry which included both sides of the River Raisin. A rope ferry to cross the river was at the site of the present bridge to bring the early settlers across. A bridge was built in 1833. On June 5, 1832, Sybrant Van Nest founded the village and platted the land on the north side of the river with his friend Ebenezer Dustin. Mr. Dustin is given credit for naming the Village of Dundee, remembering his native Scotland. The Village was incorporated in 1855.

The commercial section of the downtown is located just above the north bank of the river. The layout was largely determined by the informal pattern of the five roads that met there. Dundee’s form evolved like a New England town, defined by the existing Indian trails, early roads, and natural features. The roads came together in a randomly angled intersection made up of Tecumseh, Monroe, Riley, Main and Ypsilanti Streets which formed Dundee’s distinctive downtown layout. The randomly angled intersection in the downtown commercial district resulted in a triangular open space. This central triangle was given to the Village in 1865 by its early owners, Israel Drew, as a public space, with the stipulation that there was to be no place of business on the site and that it remained a site of beauty and a gathering place for the community. The present memorial bandstand was built in 1913. The commercial section of Dundee has slowly progressed down Tecumseh Street towards US 23.

Since 1990, Dundee’s successful economic development strategy has resulted in the development of industrial and research parks attracting international attention, the establishment of Cabela’s, and many other new businesses. Development also included the revitalization of the river and downtown areas, streetscapes, parks, the expansion of the Village municipal boundaries, and the development of new residential developments. The Village has more than doubled its municipal limits since the 1990s.

Figure 6, on page 11, illustrates the 2001 Village land use. The historic downtown, located at the center of the Village, includes many historic two and three-story buildings and a small number of newer buildings. The central business district is surrounded by mature stable neighborhoods with sidewalks and tree lined streets. Other business areas include the industrial development on the northern segment of the Village, the commercial development located along M-50 in proximity to US-23, and the older commercial area along M-50 at the east end of the Village. This development pattern differs from the downtown because of larger lot sizes, individual parking lots, and newer buildings.

Despite the general slow down in residential construction in the southeast Michigan region since 2000, the Village of Dundee has seen healthy growth since 2010. The number of new residential permits for the period between 2010 and 2018 is 526 compared with 95 between 2000 and 2010.

**Table 3. Housing Units**

| Housing Type                     | Census<br>1990 | Census<br>2000 | Change<br>1990-<br>2000 | 2010 | Change<br>2000-<br>2010 | 2018  | Change<br>2010-<br>2018 |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|------|-------------------------|-------|-------------------------|
| Single Family Detached           | 672            | 822            | 150                     | 849  | 27                      | 1,279 | 430                     |
| Duplex                           | 106            | 35             | -71                     | 137  | 102                     | 80    | -57                     |
| Townhouse/Attached Condo         | 18             | 23             | 5                       | 30   | 7                       | 55    | 25                      |
| Multi-Unit Apartment             | 306            | 371            | 65                      | 390  | 19                      | 506   | 116                     |
| Mobile Home/Manufactured Housing | 1              | 225            | 224                     | 165  | -60                     | 177   | 12                      |

| Housing Type                   | Census 1990  | Census 2000  | Change 1990-2000 | 2010         | Change 2000-2010 | 2018         | Change 2010-2018 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Other                          | 14           | 0            | -14              | 0            | 0                | 0            | 0                |
| <b>Total Housing Units</b>     | <b>1,117</b> | <b>1,476</b> | <b>359</b>       | <b>1,571</b> | <b>95</b>        | <b>2,097</b> | <b>526</b>       |
| Units Demolished               | -11          | 0            | 11               | 0            | 0                | -2           | -2               |
| <b>Total Net Housing Units</b> | <b>1,106</b> | <b>1,476</b> | <b>370</b>       | <b>1,571</b> | <b>95</b>        | <b>2,095</b> | <b>524</b>       |

Source: SEMCOG Community Profile

Public utilities, extractive operations, disposal sites, industrial parks, and transportation facilities occupy large areas of the Village. The pattern of land uses in Dundee is predominantly made up of residential, industrial, and agricultural land uses. A large portion of the Village is vacant and ready for new development.

**Table 4. 2015 Land Use Acreage**

|   | Acres          | Percent     |
|---|----------------|-------------|
| Single-Family Residential                   | 574.4          | 17.1%       |
| Multi-Family Residential                    | 141.2          | 4.2%        |
| Retail                                      | 132.5          | 4.0%        |
| Office                                      | 63.1           | 1.9%        |
| Hospitality                                 | 35.5           | 1.1%        |
| Medical                                     | 7.4            | 0.3%        |
| Institutional                               | 75.4           | 2.2%        |
| Industrial                                  | 458.8          | 13.7%       |
| Agricultural                                | 576.9          | 17.2%       |
| Park, Recreation & Open Space               | 20.1           | 0.6%        |
| Parking                                     | 6.6            | 0.2%        |
| Extractive                                  | 38.4           | 1.1%        |
| Transportation, Communications, & Utilities | 265.7          | 7.9%        |
| Vacant                                      | 917.4          | 27.4%       |
| Water                                       | 40.1           | 1.2%        |
| <b>Total</b>                                | <b>3,353.6</b> | <b>100%</b> |

Source: SEMCOG Community Profile

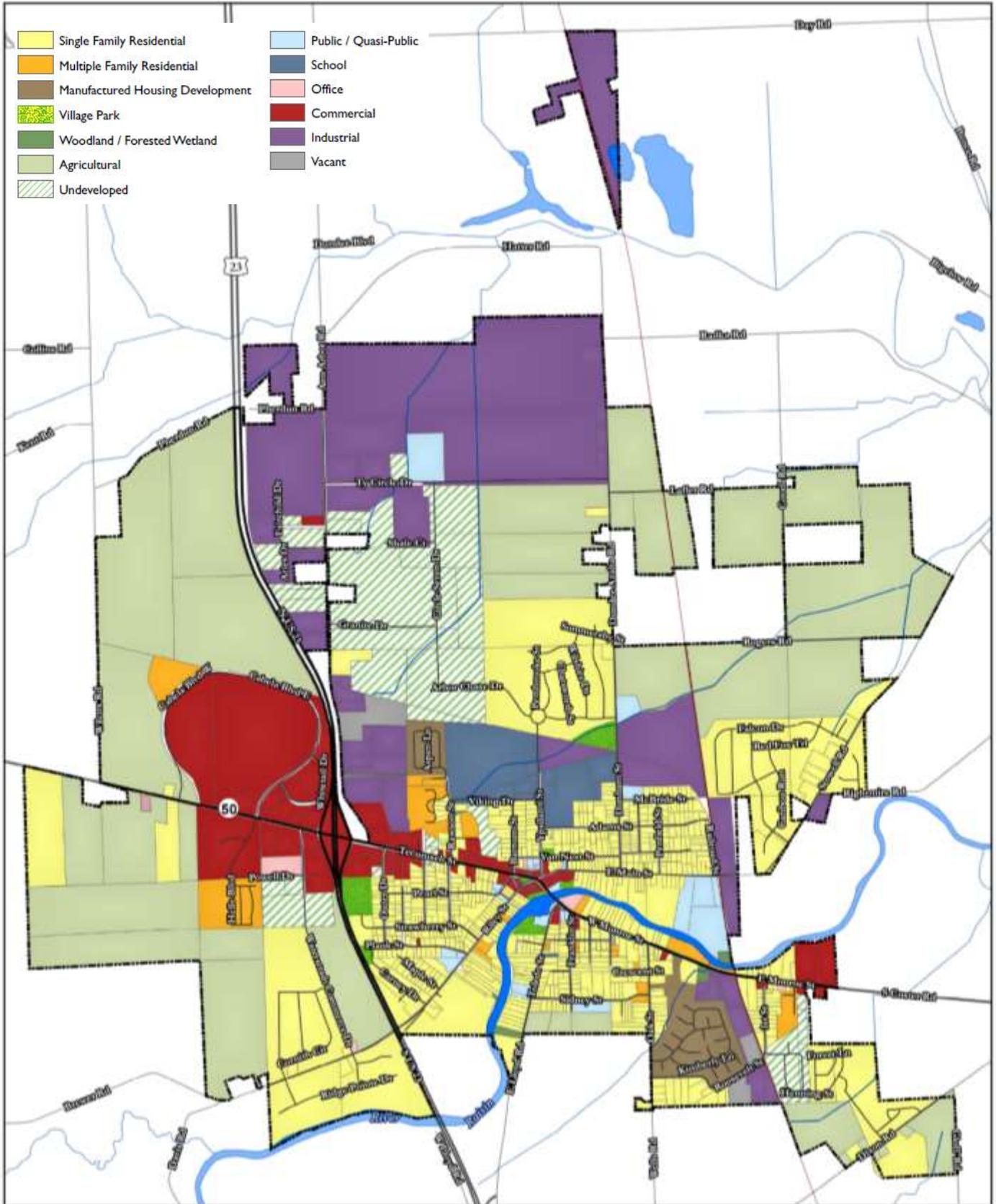
**Table 5. 2010 Land Cover**

|  | Acres          | Percent     |
|--|----------------|-------------|
| Impervious (buildings, roads, driveways, parking lots)   | 647.9          | 19.3%       |
| Trees (woody vegetation, trees)                          | 225.9          | 6.7%        |
| Open Space (agricultural fields, grasslands, turf grass) | 2,406.6        | 71.8%       |
| Bare (soil, aggregate piles, unplanted fields)           | 33             | 1.0%        |
| Water (Rivers, lakes, drains, ponds)                     | 40.1           | 1.2%        |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>3,353.6</b> | <b>100%</b> |

Source: SEMCOG Community Profile

Note: SEMCOG Land Cover data was derived from SEMCOG's 2010 imagery. Acreages are approximate and have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

Figure 6. Existing Land Use



Source: 2014 Village Master Plan

## **PLANNING INITIATIVES**

While change is inevitable and growth in both population and housing will occur, the Village of Dundee is committed to managing that growth to enhance economic benefit, recreational activities, and overall quality of life for Village residents.

Various local planning work and projects having relevance to the current plan have taken place in the Village of Dundee. They include:

- The 2014 Master Plan for the Village of Dundee;
- Numerous projects led by the Downtown Development Authority;
- Efforts led by the Downtown Area Business Association; and
- Dundee Old Mill Museum.

### **2014 Village of Dundee Master Plan**

Adopted in 2014, the Village Master Plan is the foundation for future land use and planning decisions in the Village. The plan includes several goals and actions that relate to parks and open spaces in the Village. The following actions have relevance to the current plan:

- Provide safe and accessible areas for recreation and social interaction within each neighborhood;
- Maintain and enhance Downtown public areas for community events and gatherings;
- Pursue fishing area and pier improvements Downtown along the River Raisin;
- Improve the City sidewalk network and pedestrian / bicycle opportunities;
- Adopt a complete streets policy that promotes walkable developments, non-motorized use and natural areas preservation, and increases safe and accessible transportation opportunities for all motorized and non-motorized users;
- Look at ways to improve the safe interaction of bicyclists, pedestrians, and cars on city sidewalks and streets and fill in the gaps of the sidewalk system;
- Explore the potential to study feasible locations for an additional river crossing for pedestrian and vehicular traffic;
- Install new bike racks and facilitate new paving improvements;
- Maintain and upgrade existing parks based on the recommendations of the Village recreation plan;
- Add new recreational opportunities on the west side of US-23 to compliment new residential growth in this area; and
- Seek grants from the DNR to help implement the Village recreation plan.

### **Downtown Development Authority**

The Dundee Downtown Development Authority (DDA) District incorporates commercial properties along both sides of Tecumseh St., Main Street, Riley Street, Park Place, and Monroe Street. The Downtown Development Authority provides the legal mechanism for local officials to address the need for economic development in the business district. Originally adopted in 1988, the DDA Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan were amended in 1992 and 2006.

The mission of the Dundee Downtown Development Authority is to undertake public improvements and

other activities that have the greatest impact to strengthen the downtown area, attract new investments and encourage residents to visit downtown. The DDA functions to assist businesses and homeowners in the district. To serve this mission, the Dundee DDA is dedicated to combining public and private resources for the physical and economic development of properties located within the district borders.

Improvements to the Riverwalk and parks and open spaces located within the district as well as the lights, flower baskets, banners, Village entrance, signs, and other beautification projects are funded in part with DDA funds.

### **Dundee Area Business Association**

The Dundee Area Business Association was organized in 1999 to bring together business and the community through events, publications, fund-raisers and projects to enhance the vitality and growth of the area and promote a quality business environment for the greater Dundee area. DABA goes beyond the Village of Dundee and Dundee Township to include surrounding communities.

The Dundee Area Business Association produces and presents the Annual Mayfly Music Festival in Wolverine Park, the Annual Downtown Halloween Bash co-sponsored with The Independent Newspaper, sponsors and organizes the Annual Home for the Holidays Craft and Vendor Show, Parade and Community Tree Lighting ceremony. In 2011 the first Annual DABA 5K Scholarship Fun Run/Walk was conducted with proceeds going to DABA's scholarship programs, DABA provides two scholarships each year, the Dundee Area Business Association and the Mayfly Music Festival Scholarship, DABA also contributes to various community organizations and their activities to ensure community growth and a high quality of life for our residents.

### **Dundee Old Mill Museum**

Dundee's Old Mill, the most prominent landmark in the Village, was restored during the 1980's by a group of volunteers known as the Old Mill Restoration Committee. The building, owned by the Village of Dundee, houses a museum and banquet hall/community center. The museum includes permanent and changing exhibits on fashion, furniture, farm life, Native Americans, and the legacy of Henry Ford. The Old Mill, now part of the Ford Heritage Trails, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1990. The Historical Preservation Society of Dundee has been very successful in attracting successful programs to the museum such as the Smithsonian exhibit in 2008 and 2019. Many community events take place at the Old Mill including the River Raisin Antique Tractor Show, the annual Fishing Derby, the Easter Egg Hunt, the Haunted Old Mill, Paranormal, Santa's Workshop, and others.





# ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

The Village of Dundee is chartered as a Home Rule Village and is governed by an elected Village President and Council. The Village President and Council appoint a Village Manager who is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Village. The Village President and Council also appoint the Planning Commission and a Parks and Recreation Commission, as described under local ordinance No. 5-72.

Dundee's Parks and Recreation Commission is composed of seven to nine members who are Village residents and serve three-year terms. The Commission's goal is to increase recreational activities within the Village through increased programming or facilities. They meet monthly and their responsibilities include:

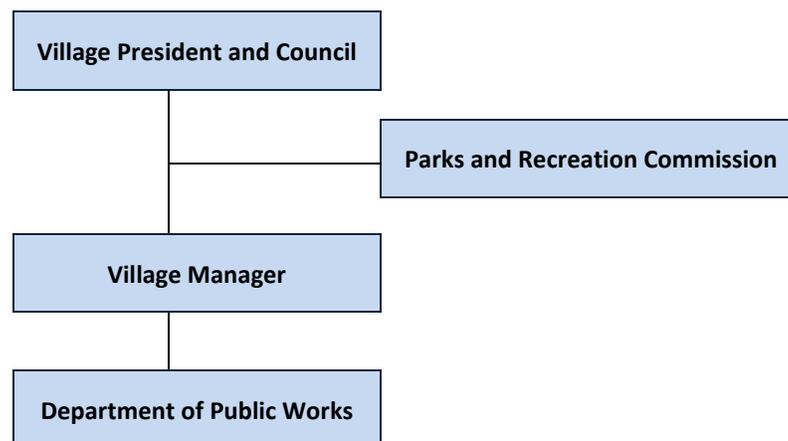
- Operate a system of public recreation and playgrounds;
- Acquire, equip, and maintain buildings or other recreation facilities;
- Prepare an estimate of the funds needed for support and maintenance of recreation areas;
- Submit an annual budget to the governing body;
- Make and adopt bylaws and rules and regulations for the use of recreation facilities; and
- Supervise, care, and serve as custodian of the grounds and buildings.

## ADMINISTRATION

There is no Parks and Recreation Department or staff designated to deliver parks and recreation services in Dundee. The Village Manager currently manages the administration of parks with guidance from the Parks and Recreation Commission.

As shown on the organizational chart below, while parks are administered and operated by the Village Council, maintenance is the responsibility of the Department of Public Works (DPW).

**Figure 7. Organizational Chart**



## FUNDING AND BUDGET

Funding for parks and recreation is appropriated from the Village general fund. Park improvement projects are also supported by the DDA and DPW funds.

Expenditures for equipment replacement and capital improvements are financed through the Village capital improvement fund and not part of the parks and recreation budget shown in Table 6. The Old Mill, Ford Park, and Wolverine Park are located in the DDA district. Improvement of these facilities is included in the DDA Development Plan. Other funds are designated for street tree planting and maintenance. Additional revenues also come from gifts, sponsorships, and donations.

**Table 6. Parks and Recreation Budget Summary**

|                           | 2016-2017<br>BUDGET | 2017-2018<br>BUDGET | 2018-2019<br>BUDGET |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Expenses</b>           |                     |                     |                     |
| Audit Fees                | 500.00              | 500.00              | 500.00              |
| Contractual               | 5,344.08            | 2,586.12            | 2,900.00            |
| Park Maintenance          | 7,300.26            | 2,996.21            | 3,543.07            |
| Programs                  | 9,155.86            | 8,793.65            | 4,917.21            |
| Programs/Soccer           | 11,566.64           | 8,500.79            | 8,709.01            |
| Utilities                 | 2,203.35            | 1,736.75            | 2,195.32            |
| Building Maintenance      | 401.52              | 407.30              | 626.44              |
| Sanitation                | 1,335.00            | 1,938.50            | 1,896.00            |
| Miscellaneous Expenses    | 1,645.10            | 441.80              | 78.00               |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b> | <b>39,451.81</b>    | <b>27,901.12</b>    | <b>25,365.05</b>    |
| <b>Appropriations</b>     | <b>39,451.81</b>    | <b>27,901.12</b>    | <b>25,365.05</b>    |
| <b>Fund Balance</b>       | <b>3,468.66</b>     | <b>7,040.52</b>     | <b>-17.63</b>       |



## VOLUNTEERS & PARTNERSHIPS

Volunteers, service clubs, community groups, government agencies, and private businesses play an active role in supporting parks and recreation in the Village of Dundee.

Dundee Community Schools include a number of sports fields and recreation facilities that are used by the schools' athletic programs. The Village runs a youth soccer program and uses the soccer fields at Reggie's Park. The Dundee Recreation Ball League (DRBL) runs a baseball/softball program and uses the fields at Rod Park.

Service clubs and community groups also play a significant role in providing volunteer labor and financial support for park and recreational facilities and programs. They include:

|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Civic and Other Organizations:</b> | Dundee Area Business Association (DABA)<br>Old Mill Museum Association<br>Village of Dundee DDA<br>Village of Dundee LDFA |
| <b>Recreational Organizations:</b>    | Dundee Junior Vikings<br>Dundee Recreation Ball League  |
| <b>School Service Organizations:</b>  | Interact Club<br>Future Farmers of America, Dundee Chapter  |
| <b>Local Service Clubs:</b>           | Dundee Jaycees<br>Dundee Kiwanis<br>Dundee Veterans Memorial<br>Dundee Rotary Club<br>Senior Citizens<br>Lions Club       |
| <b>Fraternal Organizations:</b>       | American Legion Post #72<br>Oddfellows  |
| <b>Scouting Groups:</b>               | Boy Scouts of America #511  |
| <b>Recreation Use Groups:</b>         | Monroe County Cycling<br>Sportsman Club and Auxiliary   |





# PARK AND RECREATION INVENTORY

The residents of the Village of Dundee have a variety of available parks and recreational resources. These facilities vary in terms of ownership (Federal, State, County, local, schools, and private), size (small neighborhood playgrounds of less than one acre to large nature preserves and State Game Areas with thousands of acres), and type (playgrounds, sports facilities, community parks, nature preserve, etc.). The purpose of this chapter of the plan is to describe the full range of recreational facilities in and around Dundee.

## PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES WITHIN DUNDEE

The Village owns and operates seven parks and open spaces totaling about 15 acres of land. In addition, many private parks are located within residential subdivisions to serve the needs of their residents. There are also public schools, churches, and privately owned recreational facilities both within Dundee and in surrounding areas.

### Village Parks

The Village of Dundee currently includes community and neighborhood parks with play equipment, picnic facilities, sports fields, and landscape areas. The community parks include: Memorial (Triangle) Park, the Riverwalk and Ford Park, Wolverine Park, and Reggie's Park. In addition, there are three neighborhood parks in the Village serving the needs of the residential areas located near them: Arbor Chase Subdivision Park, Waterworks Park, and Westside Park. Viking Park, located in front of the High School, is an undeveloped park property which is planned for future improvement to provide access from Tecumseh Street (M-50) to the High School. The Village of Dundee also owns and maintains more than 20 acres of land which includes the Village Hall, open spaces in the downtown and around the Village, the Department of Public Works building, and the wastewater and water treatment facilities.

**Figure 8. Dundee Village Parks**



### Memorial (Triangle) Park

Memorial Park is the historic triangular-shaped Village town square comprising 0.2 acre of land. Facilities include:

- The historic memorial bandstand;
- Historic marker, flagpole, and cannon; and
- Walkways, benches, and landscaping.



The Village also owns and maintains two small open spaces downtown including Village Hub North, the vacated end of Ypsilanti Street at Main Street, and Village Hub South, the land at the corner of Main and Tecumseh streets. These spaces are used as passive public open spaces for community gatherings with seating and landscaped areas.



**Riverwalk and East/West Ford Park**

Located along the River Raisin, this park was established as part of the streetscape improvement and downtown renovation project which took place in the late 1990s. The park extends on both sides of the River and M-50 and comprises a total of about one acre. Facilities include:

- Two small picnic shelters with picnic areas and tables;
- Fishing access to river;
- Canoe/boat launch; and
- Walkways, benches, picnic tables, River viewing areas, and landscaping.



### **Wolverine Park**

Wolverine Park is a community park located in the center of the Village along the River Raisin. The park includes about 3.2 acres of land and has been renovated in the late 1990s. It incorporates the site of the Historic Old Ford Mill and Museum and includes the following facilities:

- 98-space parking lot;
- Two picnic shelters;
- Two play structures (toddler and 5-10 year olds) and a swing set;
- A paved area where a tennis court previously existed;
- Picnic tables, grills, benches, and trash receptacles;
- Walkways and landscaping;
- A canoe/kayak boat launch;
- 2 portable toilets;
- A Community Center with banquet hall and kitchen facilities; and
- Old Ford Mill Museum.



**Reggie's Park**

Located in the west part of town at the end of Strawberry Street, this park was established in the early 2000s and comprises about 6 acres of land. Facilities include:

- 80-space parking lot;
- 3 soccer fields;
- Bleachers, benches, and trash receptacles;
- 2 portable toilets; and
- A small storage/concession building.



### **Arbor Chase Subdivision Park**

Located in the north part of the Village, Arbor Chase Subdivision includes a central park of 1.75 acres, and an open space of about 2.4 acres. It was transferred to the Village in 2009 and includes:

- A picnic shelter,
- Play structure and swing set; and
- A large undeveloped open space.



## Waterworks Park

Waterworks Park is a 1.5-acre property located at the corner of Ypsilanti and Van Nest streets in the center of the Village. It used to include the Village water tower. When the tower was demolished, the park was re-developed with the following facilities:

- Play structure and swing set;
- 2 basketball courts;
- A drinking water fountain;
- Picnic tables and trash receptacles;
- 1 portable toilet; and
- The Scout Troop building.



### **Westside Park**

This neighborhood park contains 0.3 acre of land and is located on the west part of the Village at the intersection of Plank Street and Carney Drive. Facilities include:

- Play structure and swing set; and
- Picnic shelter with picnic tables, trash receptacle, and grill.



**Viking Park**

This undeveloped park contains about 5 acres of land which was formerly owned by the Ann Arbor Railroad. It is located along Viking Drive and is planned to provide access from Tecumseh Street through an easement along the Huntington Bank property.



## Private Subdivision Parks and Open Spaces

### Dundee Ridge Subdivision

Located on the northeast part of the Village, this subdivision incorporates a 9.2-acre park including the subdivision detention area. Future phases of this subdivision are planned to have other parks and open spaces. The 9.2-acre park includes a half basketball court with two hoops, a tennis court, a volleyball court, a play structure, and walkways.



### River Ridge Subdivision

Located on the southwest part of the Village along the River Raisin, this subdivision incorporates several open space areas, one of which is located along the River and includes 7.67 acres of land with a walking path.



### Stonebrook Subdivision

Located in the southwest part of the Village, includes a 6.85-acre open space with a picnic shelter, walkway, and a retention pond.



## Rod Park

The Dundee Recreation Commission, a non-profit 501 c3 organization, owns and maintains the 19.1-acre property located immediately east of the Village boundaries. The park includes a wooded area and the following facilities:

- Large gravel parking lot;
- Six ball fields;
- Two volleyball courts;
- Two tennis courts;
- Playground; and
- Picnic shelter and concession.



## Schools, Churches, and Other Parks and Open Spaces

In addition to the Village parks and other parks described previously, there are school, church, and private properties and open spaces offering recreation opportunities to the residents of Dundee. The following is a brief overview of these facilities.

### Public School Facilities

The Dundee Community Schools complex includes the High School, Middle School, and Elementary School located on Viking Drive and Adams Street on the north part of the Village. The school complex contains about 52 acres of land with the following recreation facilities:

- 1 softball field;
- 1 baseball field;
- 1 football field;
- 1 soccer field;
- Track;
- Practice fields;
- 1 tennis court;
- Playground areas; and
- Two indoor pools, two gymnasiums, and a track and weight room.



### Dundee Area Churches

The Dundee area includes eight churches, some of which incorporate recreation facilities such as playgrounds, picnic areas, and open grass areas. Dundee Methodist Church, located on the south part of the Village, houses a preschool and childcare facility. Area churches include:

- Calvary Baptist Church;
- Dundee Baptist Church;
- Dundee Assembly of God;
- Dundee Community Church of the Nazarene;
- River of Life;
- United Methodist Church;
- St. Irene Catholic Church; and
- St. John's Lutheran Church .



**Other Private Recreation Facilities**

Cabela’s grounds incorporate a pond with fishing access and walkways.



Splash Universe Water Park, an indoor water park located in the Village of Dundee includes a zero entry pool, lazy river, water slides, and a family spa.

## Recreation Programs

A variety of recreation programs and community events are sponsored by the different civic and community groups. They include:

**Dundee Parks and Recreation:  
Village of Dundee:**

Music & Movie in the Park  
Mayor Exchange Day  
Christmas parade  
4th of July Celebration  
Soccer Program

**Dundee Recreation Commission:  
Old Mill Museum:**

Dundee Recreation Ball League  
German Festival  
Old Mill Craft Fair & Brunch  
Candle Light Home Tour  
Herbal Lunch

**Dundee Area Business Association:**

Mayfly Festival  
5 K & Fun Run  
Pumpkin Palooza  
Small Business Saturday  
Other Events



## PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES AROUND DUNDEE

### Monroe County Parks

Located east of Dundee, West County Park is the closest county park to Dundee. It contains 60 acres of land on Rightmire Road in Dundee Township. Much of the park, which fronts the River Raisin and was formerly farmed, was enrolled in the USDA Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) in 2002 and was planted with a mixture of native trees, shrubs, grasses, and wildflowers. The addition of nature trails, small shelters, parking areas, and benches have made this site an attractive nature preserve. A Native American memorial was developed and consists of a small gathering space and tribute



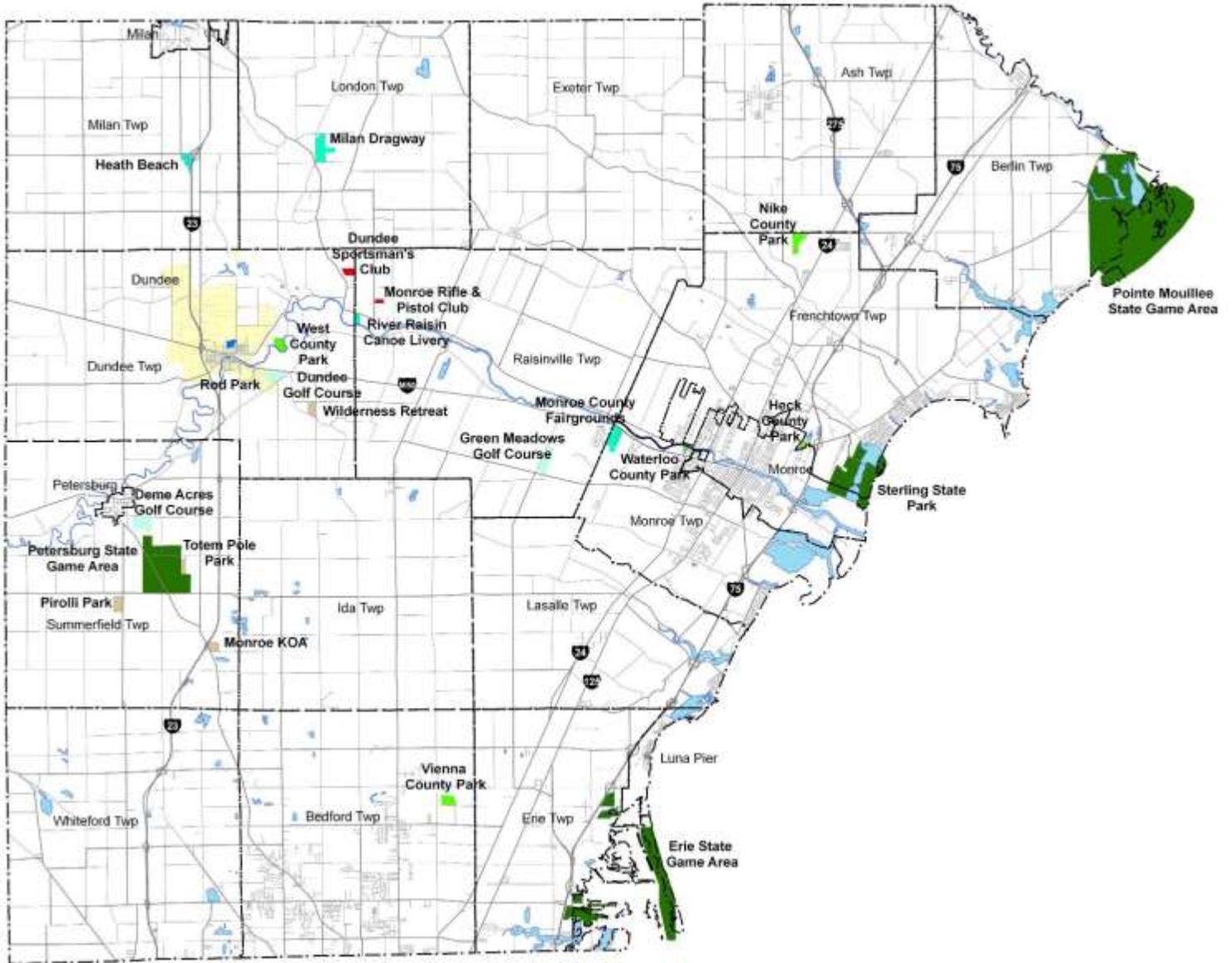
area. The River Raisin National Battlefield Park has also added exhibits and signs providing information on the Macon Reserve. Additional trails and river viewing areas were recently constructed.

Figure 9 depicts the location of the West County Park and other parks and recreation facilities located around Dundee. Table 7 lists the facilities the Monroe County parks offer.

**Table 7. Monroe County Parks and Recreation Facilities**

| Park   | Location              | Facilities   | Acres        |
|--|-----------------------|--|--------------|
| Heck Park  | City of Monroe        | Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Museum, parking, restrooms, pavilion (seating approximately 30 adults), paved trails, playground, basketball court, parking, sled hill, grills, playground, exercise court         | 15           |
| Nike Park  | Frenchtown Twp.       | Picnic area, soccer fields, playground, model aircraft area, dog training area, soccer fields, grills, horseshoe pits, parking, portable toilets, 2 picnic pavilions (13 total picnic tables)                    | 80           |
| Vienna Park                                      | Bedford Township      | 5 ball diamonds, soccer fields, natural area, picnic areas, playground, 18-hole disc golf course, grills, horseshoes, parking, portable toilets, 5 picnic pavilions (38 picnic tables)                           | 57           |
| Waterloo Park                                    | Monroe Township       | Paved walking path, accessible fishing pier, river access, canoe landing, exercise court, picnic shelter, grills, playground, horseshoes, parking, portable toilets, 2 picnic pavilions (21 total picnic tables) | 9            |
| West County Park                                 | Dundee Township.      | Natural habitat, trails, river access, benches, shelters, parking area   | 60           |
| Loranger Square                                  | City of Monroe        | Downtown plaza with a large pavilion, a fountain, picnic tables, seating and open space  | 1.5          |
| River Raisin Access Site                         | Raisinville Township. | Canoe/kayak launch   | 2            |
| St Antoine Cemetery                              | City of Monroe        | Monument and walking path  | 1.2          |
| Navarre-Anderson Trading Post & Territorial Park | Frenchtown Township.  | Restored and re-created historic structures, school house repurposed as a country store, interpretive information, parking and canoe/kayak landing   | 5.6          |
| <b>Total</b>                                     |                       |  | <b>231.3</b> |

Figure 9. Regional Parks and Recreation Facilities around Dundee



## Federal and State Parks and Recreation Areas

The United States government owns and operates two important outdoor recreational facilities in Monroe County. In 2010, the US Department of Interior's National Park Service took over land formerly owned by Monroe County, as well as other property, to form the River Raisin National Battlefield Park. This site commemorates the 1813 battle, which took place on this location. Recreational facilities include an interpretive museum and outdoor displays and open space. In 2013, a Master Plan for the area around the National Battlefield Site was prepared through a partnership between the Monroe



County Historical Society and the City of Monroe with input from the National Park Service and the River Raisin National Battlefield Park Foundation. The goal of the project was to tie together and emphasize the recreational, cultural, ecological, and historic assets of the community. The plan, once established, would incorporate a larger, National Battlefield Site, with distinct activity zones including a visitor center, a recreated French Town settlement, a reenactment zone, an entertainment zone with a 10,000-person capacity amphitheater, and other features tied to Downtown Monroe and the greater Monroe County region through Elm Avenue, Front Street, and the River Raisin.

Another federal site, the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge was established in 2001 by the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). It consists of nearly 6,000 acres of unique habitat, including islands, coastal wetlands, marshes, shoals, and waterfront lands within an authorized boundary extending along 48 miles of shoreline, including all of Monroe County's Lake Erie coastal areas. Units within Monroe County include the Brancheau, Strong, Fix, Lagoon Beach, Ford Marsh, Plum Creek Bay, Lady of the Lake, Holloway, Erie Marsh Preserve, and Gard Island. Not all units are open to the public.



State of Michigan facilities around Dundee in Monroe County include Sterling State Park, State Game Areas (Erie, Petersburg, and Pointe Mouillee), and public access sites. Sterling State Park is one of Michigan’s most heavily used State Parks, with a campground, swimming beach, hiking trails, fishing, boating, and nature study opportunities. The three State Game Areas (Erie, Petersburg, and Pointe Mouillee) offer hunting and fishing, as well as opportunities for hiking and nature study. Other State-owned properties, which are used for recreation, include the rest areas on US-23, I-75, and I-275, as well as public access sites on Bolles Harbor and Swan Creek. The MDOT rest area at Otter Creek contains a playground, which was designed to meet universal accessibility standards.



**Table 8. Federal and State-Owned Sites in Monroe County**

| Park  | Location   | Facilities  | Acres         |
|---|--|---|---------------|
| Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge | Erie, Berlin, & Frenchtown Township + City of Monroe | Visitor center, picnic pavilions, boat dock and pier, trails, hunting, fishing, nature interpretation, wildlife viewing | 6,000         |
| River Raisin National Battlefield Park      | City of Monroe                                       | Visitor center, picnic shelter, memorials, interpretative signs, open space   | 40            |
| Sterling State Park                         | City of Monroe & Frenchtown Township                 | Lake Erie beach, boat launch, campground, playground, nature trails   | 1,300         |
| Petersburg State Game Area                  | Summerfield Township                                 | Hunting   | 935           |
| Pointe Mouillee State Game Area             | Berlin Township                                      | Hunting, fishing, shooting range, boat ramp   | 3,466         |
| Erie State Game Area                        | Erie Township  | Hunting, boat launch  | 1,519         |
| I-75 Rest Area                              | Monroe Township                                      | Rest rooms, picnic area, tourist information  | 25            |
| US-23 Rest Area                             | Summerfield Township                                 | Restrooms, picnic area, tourist information   | 28            |
| I-275 Rest Area                             | Ash Township   | Restrooms, picnic area, tourist information   | 35            |
| Bolles Harbor Access Site                   | Monroe Township                                      | Boat launch, fishing, restrooms, parking  | 77            |
| Otter Creek Access Site                     | LaSalle Township                                     | Lake Erie access, fishing pier, restrooms   | 26            |
| Swan Creek Access Site                      | Berlin Township                                      | Boat ramp, fishing, restrooms   | 2             |
| <b>Total</b>                                |  |   | <b>13,453</b> |

## Other Private Recreation Facilities in the Dundee Area

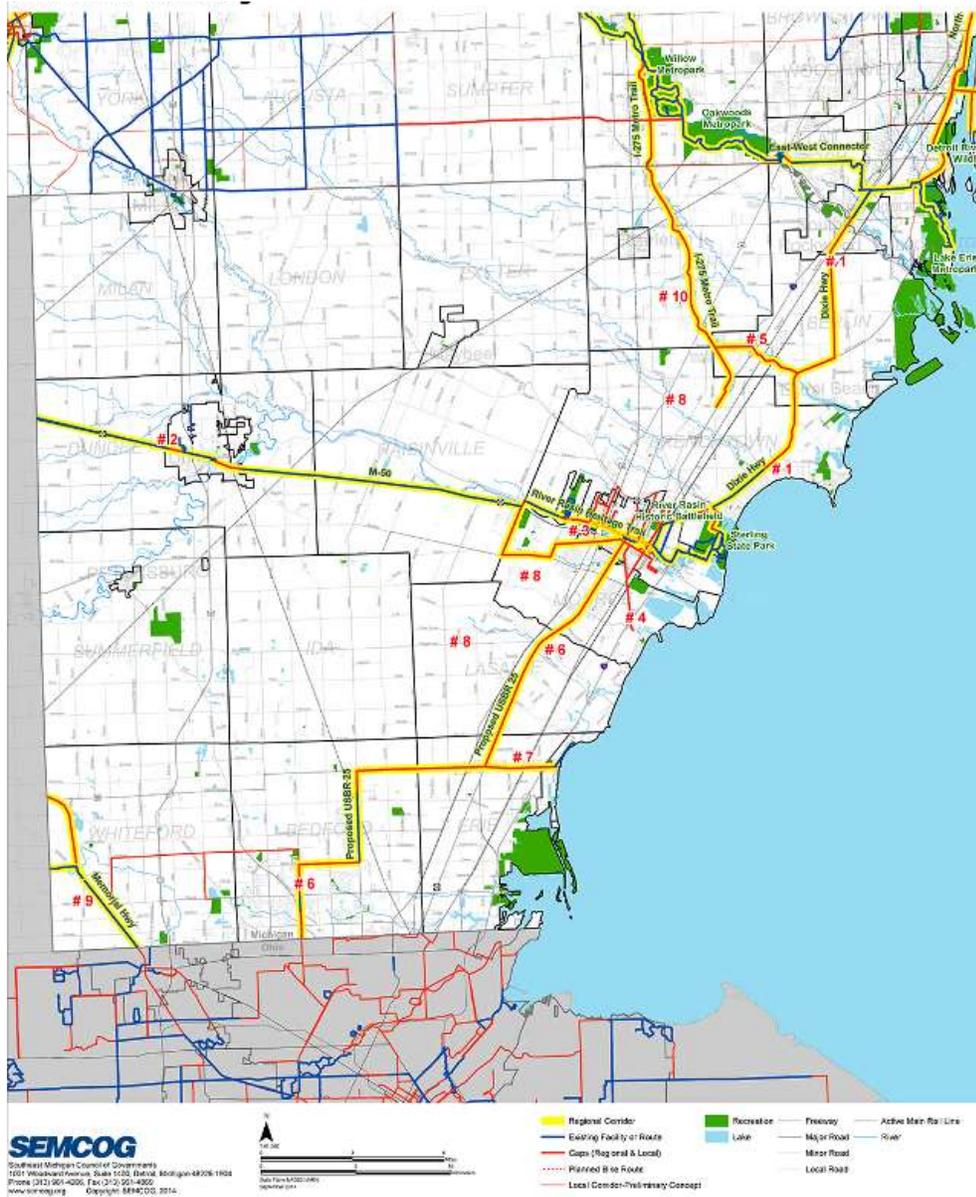
- Covered Wagon Camp Resort, a 19-acre campground in Whiteford Township;
- Deme Acres, a 160-acre 18-hole golf course located in Summerfield Township;
- Dundee Golf Club, a 70-acre 9-hole golf course located east of the Village limits;
- Dundee Pheasant Farm and Dog Training Preserve, including over 900 acres of land with tower hunts, grass hunts, and dog training in Dundee Township;
- Dundee Sportsman’s Club, a 48-acre property including a shooting range in Dundee Township;
- Farmer J’s Corn Maze, a 15-acre property with mazes in Dundee Township;
- Heath Beach, a 53-acre old quarry in Milan Township with a pond popular for swimming;
- KC Campground, a 20-acre campground on Sherman Road in London Township;
- London Sportsmen Rod and Gun Club, a 20-acre property in London Township;
- Milan Dragway, a 136-acre property located on Plank Road in London Township;
- Monroe County KOA, a 42-acre campground located in Summerfield Township on US-23 with swimming facilities;
- Monroe Rifle and Pistol Club, a 15-acre property located in Raisinville Township;
- Pirolli Park, a 69-acre campground in Summerfield Township;
- River Raisin Canoe Livery, a canoe, kayak, and paddleboat rental and launch site including 25 acres of land in Raisinville Township;
- Sexy Pheasant Hunting Preserve, a 40-acre property located Milan Township;
- Totem Pole Park, a 35-acre campground in Summerfield Township; and
- Wilderness Retreat, a 51-acre campground in Dundee Township.



## LAND AND WATER TRAILS

Non-motorized trail systems in Monroe County are limited to the River Raisin Heritage Trail and pathways within existing parks. The vision for trails and non-motorized transportation corridors in Monroe County has evolved to include a system of on and off-the-road facilities. In addition to walk/bike routes along roadways, many of the corridors identified follow river and stream corridors. Figure 10 illustrates the corridors and gaps for Monroe County as identified in SEMCOG’s 2014 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for Southeast Michigan. Monroe County’s existing River Raisin Heritage Trail connects west to Dundee through the bicycle paved shoulders marked along M-50. The gap identified as #2 on Figure 10 points to the desired potential upgrade of the paved shoulders to bike lanes within the Village of Dundee limits.

**Figure 10. Monroe County Regional Nonmotorized Corridors and Gaps**



Source: SEMCOG Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for Southeast Michigan – Monroe County, 2014

Water trails have become an important recreation resource in Michigan. Water trails are designated routes along a river, lake, canal, or bay specifically designed for people using small boats like kayaks, canoes, single sailboats or rowboats.

Monroe County developed a comprehensive master plan for water trails along the River Raisin and Lake Erie in 2014. The Plan identifies specific recommendations for possible launch sites and other improvements. The existing landing areas at the Village-owned properties along the River Raisin are identified. Figure 11 depicts the overall water trails planned for Monroe County and shows where dams are located as they impede the water trail routes.

**Figure 11. Monroe County Water Trails**



Source: Monroe County Water Trail Master Plan, 2014

## ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT AND GRANT-ASSISTED PROJECTS

The Village park system is intended for use by all persons, regardless of their disability status. It is the intent of the Village to comply with the appropriate accessibility standards and guidelines for play areas, outdoor developed areas, parking areas, and other facilities, which fall under the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). All recent improvements to the Village parks have been designed to comply with or exceed accessibility guidelines and standards, and to retrofit, when appropriate, those facilities which pre-date ADA standards.

A critical component in planning for recreation facilities is providing access to accommodate the needs of all people, including those with disabilities. The ranking system suggested by the MDNR Guidelines was used to evaluate the accessibility of the Village parks. The ranking system ranges from 1 to 5 as follows:

1. None of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines;
2. Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines;
3. Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines;
4. The entire park meets accessibility guidelines; and
5. The entire park was developed/renovated using the principles of universal design.

Each of the parks was evaluated using the MDNR ranking system noted. The elements evaluated include parking areas, paths of travel from parking to activity areas, the activity areas themselves, and support facilities such as restrooms and surfacing. Table 9 presents the results of this evaluation.

**Table 9. Accessibility Assessment**

| Park                                | Rating | Description  |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--|
| <b>Memorial (Triangle) Park</b>     | 3      | Most of the park facilities meet accessibility guidelines (the historic bandshell is not accessible)   |
| <b>Riverwalk and Ford Park</b>      | 2      | Some of the facilities or park areas meet accessibility guidelines (steps along the Riverwalk limits accessibility)  |
| <b>Wolverine Park</b>               | 4      | The entire park was renovated to meet accessibility guidelines   |
| <b>Reggie's Park</b>                | 2      | Some of the park facilities meet accessibility guidelines (accessible pathways are needed to the park elements including the parking, bleachers, fields, and concession stand) |
| <b>Arbor Chase Subdivision Park</b> | 2      | Some of the facilities meets accessibility guidelines (an accessible route is needed to the play structure and swing set)  |
| <b>Waterworks Park</b>              | 3      | Most of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines (an accessible route is needed to the play structure)   |
| <b>Westside Park</b>                | 2      | Some of the facilities meets accessibility guidelines (an accessible route from the street sidewalk is needed to the play structure, swing set, and shelter)                   |

It is the intent of the Village of Dundee that current and future park projects comply with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations. Deficiencies will be corrected with park renovation and improvements.



The Village of Dundee has received two grants that have been used to develop and improve the Village parks. Table 10 lists the grants which have been awarded to Dundee. Post-completion self-certification reports are being submitted as part of the recreation plan submittal.

**Table 10. Grant Assisted Projects**

| Park                                    | Year/<br>Grant # | Amount and<br>Type of Grant                       | Project elements  | Condition      |
|---|------------------|---|---|----------------|
| <b>Riverwalk by Old Mill/ Ford Park</b> | 1992<br>TF92-257 | \$72,750<br>Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund | Bank stabilization and development of river access site and fishing pier along the River Raisin | Good condition |
| <b>Wolverine Park</b>                   | 1999<br>CM99-192 | \$75,000<br>Clean Michigan Initiative             | New playground equipment, pavilion shelter, and pathway along the River Raisin                  | Good condition |





# NEEDS ASSESSMENT

A critical component in the recreation planning process is determining the needs and desires of the community as a basis for an action plan to improve the parks and recreation system. Needs and preferences provide the rationale for the formulation of goals and objectives that lead to an action plan. To assess needs and desires, consideration was given to current recreation trends and input from community stakeholders, public officials, and residents of Dundee.

## PARK ACREAGE COMPARISON

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) recommends a minimum amount of parkland to adequately serve a given population size. The NRPA guidelines provide minimum recommended parkland and facility development standards that are applicable nationwide for recreation planning purposes. While the standards are useful benchmarks addressing minimum park acreage, a parks and recreation system should be tailored to meet the needs of the community it pertains to.

According to the NRPA, parks are categorized as mini-parks, neighborhood parks, community parks, and regional parks. The mini, neighborhood, and community parks are the *close-to-home* parks, designed to satisfy the recreational needs of local communities as described on the right. Close-to-home parks would include all the Village parks. According to NRPA standards, the suggested amount of *close-to-home* parkland is 6.25 to 10.5 acres for every 1,000 residents.

### NRPA Close-to-home Parkland:

**Mini-Park:** Addresses limited recreational needs; serves an area less than ¼-mile distance.

**Neighborhood Park:** Is the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreation and social focus of a neighborhood; focus is on informal active and passive recreation; serves an area ¼ to ½ mile distance and is uninterrupted by non-residential roads or other physical barriers.

**Community Park:** Serves a broader purpose than neighborhood parks; focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs and preserving unique landscapes and open spaces; usually serves two or more neighborhoods at ½ to 3-mile distance.

Regional parks serve a broader area (40-mile distance) and focus on meeting the recreation needs of the region as well as preserving unique areas. Regional parks would include the County parks as well as the federal and state-owned recreation areas described in the preceding chapter. The NRPA also recognizes other types of parks such as school properties that can contribute to the parks and recreation system.

Table 11 presents a comparison of the NRPA suggested parkland standards with existing parks based on a Village population of 3,957 in 2010 and 4,423 in 2045. According to these standards, local parks do not meet the recommended acreage for total *close-to-home* parkland. This deficiency will be alleviated somewhat with the development of the Viking park (5 acres). Dundee residents, on the other hand, are well-served by the regional park facilities provided by Monroe County, federal, and state governments that are located nearby.

**Table 11. Comparison to Suggested Parkland Acreage Standards**

| Type of Park               | NRPA standard Acres/ 1000 Pop. | Suggested 2010 Pop. 3,957 | Suggested 2045 Pop. 4,423 | Existing     |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Close to Home Parkland     | 6.25 - 10.5 Acres              | 25 – 42 Acres             | 28 – 47 Acres             | 15 Acres     |
| Regional Parks             | 15 - 20 Acres                  | 60 – 80 Acres             | 67 – 89 Acres             | 13,684 Acres |
| Public Schools             | -                              | -                         | -                         | 52 Acres     |
| Private & Other Facilities | -                              | -                         | -                         | 60 Acres     |

## STATE AND NATIONAL RECREATION TRENDS

Recreation trends on a national level and in Michigan provide insight into activities that show the greatest growth in popularity and therefore may affect the future direction of parks and recreation. The Outdoor Foundation regularly conducts national surveys to measure participation in physical activities and track changes from previous years. According to the Outdoor Foundation, nearly 50 percent of Americans ages six and older (142 million) participated in outdoor recreation in 2015. Table 12 lists the top five outdoor activities.

**Table 12. National Sports Participation, 2015**

| Activity                               | Participation Percent | Participation Number |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Running, Jogging & Trail Running    | 18%                   | 51.5 million         |
| 2. Freshwater, Saltwater & Fly Fishing | 16%                   | 45.7 million         |
| 3. Road Biking, Mountain Biking & BMX  | 15%                   | 43.1 million         |
| 4. Car, Backyard & RV Camping          | 14%                   | 40.0 million         |
| 5. Hiking                              | 13%                   | 37.2 million         |

Source: Outdoor Participation Report, 2016, the Outdoor Foundation

These trends are consistent with trends observed in Michigan. According to a telephone survey of Michigan residents conducted as part of the 2018-2022 Michigan Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, the top ten outdoor recreation activities are:

1. Relaxing outdoors;
2. Walking;
3. Visiting parks or playgrounds;
4. Sightseeing and/or driving for pleasure;
5. Visiting nature centers or historic sites;
6. Swimming outdoors;
7. Picnicking;
8. Fishing;
9. Team or individual sports; and
10. Wildlife viewing and/or photography.

Monitoring parks and recreation trends is important in determining how parks and recreation services should evolve. The implication of the trends noted above along with the demographic and physical characteristics of the Dundee area can be summarized as follows:

- **Recreation facilities and programs should respond to the high number of young families with children currently living in Dundee as well as the expected increase of seniors in the future.**
- **There is a need for more parks as well as additional pathways and trails to accommodate both bicycle and pedestrian use and to contribute to a healthy and walkable community.**
- **The River Raisin is the greatest natural asset of the Village. Encouraging its use for recreation while maintaining its ecological functions should be a priority.**



## PUBLIC INPUT

A critical component in the recreation planning process is to determine the needs and desires of the community as a basis for an action plan to improve the parks and recreation system. Needs and preferences provide the rationale for the formulation of goals and objectives that lead to an action plan. To assess needs and desires, consideration was given to current recreation trends and input from community stakeholders, public officials, staff, and residents of Dundee. This was combined with an analysis of the parks and recreation system and input received in 2017 and 2018.

### 2017 and 2018 Input

Public input has been received in 2017 to seek residents' preferences for park facilities in Viking Park. In addition, Dundee participated in a MSU Extension program to assess the Village as a tourism destination. This evaluation resulted in several suggestions for improvements that have relevance to the current plan.

#### New Park Survey

A survey was conducted in August 2017 to find out what facilities residents would like to see in Viking Park. The following amenities were suggested and ranked as follows:

1. Splash Pad;
2. Pavilion with restrooms and drinking fountain;
3. Walking/biking paths;
4. Gaga ball pit;
5. RC park; and
6. Tennis courts.

Other suggestions offered by respondents included: walking paths, skate park, dog park, pavilion/picnic area, improved visibility for safety, ice rink, sledding hill, and more.

#### First Impressions Tourism Assessment

In November 2018, a First Impressions Tourism (FIT) assessment was performed. FIT is a program available statewide through MSU Extension to guide decision making around tourism development and implementation. The visitors or assessors recorded their experiences conducting visitor research, maneuvering through and around Dundee, and visiting stores, restaurants, outdoor spaces, and additional tourism-related sites. They further evaluated community characteristics by completing a multi-page assessment focused on initial and lasting impressions, community information, visitor motives, the destination and its downtown, the residential area, and tourism assets.

Assessors agreed that Dundee exhibits several strengths as a destination, which include:

- The vibrant downtown with a unique town square layout and a variety of business;
- Proximity of U.S. 23 and Cabela's;
- The River Raisin and the Old Mill; and
- Walkability of the downtown and close location of the town's residential areas and schools.



Challenges include:

- Downtown infrastructure: façade issues and sidewalk maintenance;
- Need for activities and opportunities for youth and young visitors;
- Hard to bring people from Cabela's to the downtown;
- Need to promote the River Raisin as a place for more recreation and an asset to the downtown by placing the river as a focal point for future downtown development;
- Need to improve a web presence to attract tourists interested in heritage/cultural and nature-based tourism.

Suggestions for improving Dundee as a tourism destination were offered under several topic areas including art, business, community, recreation, and others. Some of the most relevant opportunities identified include:

1. Install public art in underutilized areas that are highly visible and paint murals;
2. Attract pop-up retail options along the riverfront or expanded farmers' market;
3. Promote regional and river activities such as walking paths, kayaking/canoeing, fishing, and relaxing;
4. Make the riverfront the face of downtown;
5. Work to make Dundee more bike friendly;
6. Improve Dundee's complete street infrastructure;
7. Develop more outdoor recreation experiences by:
  - Improving the River Raisin access for kayaking and canoeing both above and below the dam, with better signage for portaging around the dam;
  - Provide pathways along the River that welcome visitors to the River in a more intimate way, and
  - Connect with other communities along the River Raisin to provide more collaborative promotion of the river water trail and specific access points.
8. Connect both sides of the river through thematic signage, banners, coordinated design elements, and more.



## 2019 Online Survey

Residents were invited to provide ideas and suggestions for the Village parks and recreation system through an online survey available on the Village's website during the month of April and May 2019. The survey was advertised by an article in the Dundee Independent, on the Village's website and through social media. The online questionnaire was designed to solicit feedback on improvements to the Village park system. More than 180 surveys and comments were received and compiled. Key findings from the surveys are outlined below.

### Park Visitation

The most visited Village parks are:

1. Wolverine Park;
2. Reggie's Park;
3. Riverwalk and Ford Park;
4. Memorial (Triangle) Park; and
5. Waterworks Park.

The most visited nearby parks are:

1. Rod Park;
2. Munson Park;
3. Splash Universe;
4. Sterling State Park; and
5. Dundee Golf Course.

### Park Improvements

A summary of the primary reasons for visiting each of the Village Parks and suggestions for specific improvements are noted below.

#### Memorial (Triangle) Park

Primary reasons for visit: visiting downtown, Village events, parades, farmers' market, and walking.  
Suggestions for improvements: public restrooms, live music, and street crosswalk improvements.

#### Riverwalk and Ford Park

Primary reasons for visit: walking, fishing, river viewing, taking pictures, and pleasure/relaxing.  
Suggestions for improvements: additional seating areas, riverwalk expansion, and improved landscaping/maintenance.

#### Wolverine Park

Primary reasons for visit: walking, playground, picnic, and community events.  
Suggestions for improvements: extend riverwalk, additional play equipment, splash pad, skate park, permanent restrooms, additional benches and seating areas, additional shade, and provision of tennis, basketball, and/or volleyball courts.

#### Reggie's Park:

Primary reasons for visit: soccer games and practices.  
Suggestions for improvements: additional seating and bleachers, bathroom facilities, better field grading

and drainage, and more shade.

### **Arbor Chase Subdivision Park**

Primary reasons for visit: visiting friends/family living in that neighborhood, close-to-home, playground, and walking/bicycling in the area.

Suggestions for improvements: additional playground equipment (equipment for bigger kids, more spinning play equipment), new park facilities (basketball court, tennis court, skateboard area, splash pad), additional benches, and increased maintenance.

### **Waterworks Park**

Primary reasons for visit: playground, proximity to home and school, and basketball courts.

Suggestion for improvements: better swing set, water refill station for pets, and permanent restrooms.

### **Westside Park**

Primary reasons for visit: close to home, walking, and playground.

Suggestion for improvements: additional play equipment, restroom or portable toilets.

### **Viking Park**

Suggestion for improvements: walk/bike path to school, splash pad, skate park, exercise stations, dog park, lighting, benches, and signage.

### **Park Facility Preference**

In general, respondents top five choices for preferred recreation facilities/activities in order of importance are:

1. Walking/running/bicycling paths or trails;
2. Playground structures;
3. Nature areas with nature trails;
4. Ball fields (soccer, baseball, softball, etc.); and
5. Splash pad.

### **Park Priorities**

Ranking of priorities for park improvements include:

1. Maintain/renovate existing Village parks;
2. Develop a Village-wide pathway system;
3. Develop more walking/bicycle paths within Village parks;
4. Develop new facilities at existing parks;
5. Develop more access sites on the River Raisin for canoeing/kayaking; and
6. Acquire land for future park development.

## Support

When asked whether they would support the development of a community recreation center for Dundee, 78 percent of respondents indicated yes, 14 percent indicated no, and 7 percent had no opinion.

When asked whether they would support a future millage for the operation, maintenance, and development of Village parks and recreation facilities, 70 percent of respondents indicated yes, 17 percent indicated no, and 13 percent had no opinion.

## Demographics

Most respondents are within 35 to 44 years old. The age distribution of respondents was as follows:

- Under 25: 2 percent
- 25 to 34: 26 percent
- 35 to 44: 50 percent
- 45 to 54: 15 percent
- 55 to 64: 6 percent
- 65 and over: 1 percent

Most respondents have two or three children under 18 living in their households. The distribution of how many children live in respondents' households was as follows:

- 0 children: 20 percent
- 1 child: 21 percent
- 2 children: 29 percent
- 3 children: 28 percent
- 4 children: 2 percent
- 5 or more children: 1 percent



## Public Open House

A public open house took place on June 10, 2019. It considered the results of the survey, previous input, park conditions, and other potential needs for each of the Village parks. Table 13 lists these suggestions for improvements and priorities voted by at the meeting.

**Table 13. Park Improvement Suggestions and Priorities**

| Suggestions for Improvements                          | Survey | Open House Vote |
|---|--------|-----------------|
| <b>Memorial (Triangle) Park</b>                       |        |                 |
| <b>Support Facilities:</b>                            |        |                 |
| • Public Restrooms                                    | 3      |                 |
| • Add seating areas                                   | 1      |                 |
| <b>Increased Maintenance:</b>                         |        |                 |
| • Clean up gazebo and paint                           | 1      |                 |
| • More trash cans                                     | 1      |                 |
| • Improve landscaping                                 | 1      |                 |
| • Improve crosswalks                                  | 1      | 1               |
| • Education displays                                  | 1      |                 |
| • Live music  | 3      | 3               |
|   |        |                 |
| <b>Riverwalk and East/West Ford Park</b>              |        |                 |
| • Expand walk along river (to Wolverine Park)         | 3      | 4               |
| <b>New Facilities:</b>                                |        |                 |
| • Fishing dock  | 1      | 4               |
| • Exercise stations                                   | 1      |                 |
| <b>Support Facilities:</b>                            |        |                 |
| • More seating areas and benches (anchored)           | 4      |                 |
| • Picnic areas  | 1      |                 |
| • Restrooms   | 3      |                 |
| • Water fountain                                      | 1      |                 |
| <b>General Beautification:</b>                        |        |                 |
| • Improved landscaping                                | 11     |                 |
| • Enhance “under the bridge” look (remove graffiti)   | 1      |                 |
| • Get rid of lights                                   | 1      |                 |
| • Improve crosswalks                                  | 1      |                 |
| <b>Increased Maintenance:</b>                         |        |                 |
| • Clean up trash/litter                               | 4      |                 |
| • Light display event                                 | 1      |                 |
| • Fish Ladder   |        | 1               |
|   |        |                 |
| <b>Wolverine Park</b>                                 |        |                 |
| • Extended riverwalk                                  | 1      |                 |
| <b>Playground:</b>                                    |        |                 |
| • New playstructure, more equipment, better equipment | 10     | 2               |

| Suggestions for Improvements                    | Survey | Open House Vote |
|---|--------|-----------------|
| • Bigger slide                                  | 2      |                 |
| • More swings                                   | 1      |                 |
| • Add core speech board                         |        | 1               |
| <b>New Facilities:</b>                          |        |                 |
| • Skate park                                    | 3      |                 |
| • Splash pad                                    | 7      | 3               |
| • Ice skating                                   | 1      |                 |
| • Horseshoe pits and/or cornhole                | 1      | 1               |
| • Basketball, volleyball courts                 | 2      | 1               |
| • Dog park                                      | 1      | 1               |
| • Tennis court                                  | 2      |                 |
| • Fishing dock                                  | 1      | 2               |
| • Bigger pavilion                               | 1      |                 |
| • Adult working out area                        | 1      |                 |
| • Disc golf                                     |        | 1               |
| <b>Support Facilities:</b>                      |        |                 |
| • Please make sure portable restroom is open    | 1      |                 |
| • Permanent bathrooms                           | 15     | 1               |
| • Water fountain                                | 2      |                 |
| • Parking for vehicle with trailer              | 1      |                 |
| • More benches and seating                      | 3      |                 |
| <b>Increased Maintenance:</b>                   |        |                 |
| • Clean up                                      | 1      |                 |
| • No dogs allowed                               | 1      |                 |
| • Recycling bins                                | 1      |                 |
| • Riverbank plantings                           | 1      |                 |
| • Better screening to adjacent homes            | 1      |                 |
| • Shade   | 2      |                 |
| • Remove bumper barrier-trip hazard in parking  | 1      |                 |
|   |        |                 |
| <b>Reggie's Park</b>                            |        |                 |
| <b>Improve Sports Fields:</b>                   |        |                 |
| • Labeling of fields                            | 2      |                 |
| • Better field drainage                         | 7      |                 |
| • More seating/bleachers                        | 11     | 5               |
| • New soccer board                              | 1      |                 |
| • Field Leveling                                | 2      | 1               |
| <b>New Facilities:</b>                          |        |                 |
| • Walking path around the perimeter of the park | 1      |                 |
| • More parking                                  | 8      |                 |
| • Playground equipment                          | 1      | 2               |
| • Other sports                                  | 1      |                 |

| Suggestions for Improvements  | Survey | Open House Vote |
|---|--------|-----------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fenced in are for dog or other activity</li> </ul>   | 1      | 1               |
| <b>Support Facilities:</b>  |        |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bathrooms</li> </ul>                                 | 12     |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve ADA accessibility</li> </ul>                 | 1      | 1               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add a Children Crossing sign</li> </ul>              |        | 1               |
| <b>Increased Maintenance:</b>   |        |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More grass mowing</li> </ul>                         | 1      |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More tree trimming</li> </ul>                        | 1      |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More shade</li> </ul>                                | 3      | 1               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More maintenance of portable restrooms</li> </ul>    | 1      |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greater screen of highway</li> </ul>                 | 1      |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add recycling bins</li> </ul>                        | 1      |                 |
|   |        |                 |
| <b>Arbor Chase Subdivision Park</b>   |        |                 |
| <b>Playground equipment:</b>  |        |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More equipment</li> </ul>                            | 6      | 2               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equipment for older kids</li> </ul>                  | 11     |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More spinning play equipment</li> </ul>              | 2      | 1               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swings</li> </ul>                                    | 1      |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Toddler area</li> </ul>                              | 1      |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add a bigger play structure</li> </ul>               | 1      | 1               |
| <b>New Facilities:</b>  |        |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basketball court</li> </ul>                          | 3      | 2               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tennis court</li> </ul>                              | 2      |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skateboard area</li> </ul>                           | 1      |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Splash pad</li> </ul>                                | 3      |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inground community pool</li> </ul>                   | 2      | 2               |
| <b>Support Facilities:</b>  |        |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restrooms</li> </ul>                                 | 1      |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Benches</li> </ul>                                   | 2      |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water fountain</li> </ul>                            | 1      |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased maintenance</li> </ul>                     | 2      |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No dogs allowed</li> </ul>                           | 1      |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neighborhood outdoor parties for holidays</li> </ul> | 2      |                 |
|   |        |                 |
| <b>Waterworks Park</b>  |        |                 |
| <b>Playground:</b>  |        |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add better swings</li> </ul>                         | 5      | 1               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bigger structure</li> </ul>                          | 1      | 4               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Toddler area</li> </ul>                              | 1      | 1               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New equipment</li> </ul>                             | 1      |                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New toddler swing</li> </ul>                         | 1      |                 |

| Suggestions for Improvements                         | Survey | Open House Vote |
|--|--------|-----------------|
| <b>New Facilities:</b>                               |        |                 |
| • Tennis courts                                      | 1      |                 |
| • Volleyball court                                   | 1      | 1               |
| • <b>Support Facilities:</b>                         |        |                 |
| • Bike rack  | 1      |                 |
| • Restrooms  | 3      | 1               |
| • Picnic tables                                      | 1      |                 |
| <b>Increased Maintenance:</b>                        |        |                 |
| • Improve drainage on courts                         | 1      |                 |
| • Water fountain, water refill stations, for pets    | 4      |                 |
| • Recycling bins                                     | 1      |                 |
| • Add communication Board                            |        |                 |
|  |        |                 |
| <b>Westside Park</b>                                 |        |                 |
| <b>Playground:</b>                                   |        |                 |
| • More play equipment                                | 3      | 1               |
| • Swings/ tire swing                                 | 1      | 1               |
| <b>New Facilities:</b>                               |        |                 |
| • Basketball Court                                   | 1      | 2               |
| <b>Support Facilities:</b>                           |        |                 |
| • Water fountain                                     | 1      |                 |
| • Restroom/portable toilet                           | 3      | 1               |
| • Increased maintenance                              | 1      |                 |
| • Better barrier from Highway; paint the border wall | 1      | 1               |
|  |        |                 |
| <b>Viking Park</b>                                   |        |                 |
| • Walking path bike path                             | 11     | 4               |
| <b>Playground:</b>                                   |        |                 |
| • Toddler area                                       | 1      |                 |
| • Climbing wall                                      | 1      |                 |
| • No play equipment                                  | 1      |                 |
| <b>New Facilities:</b>                               |        |                 |
| • Splash pad   | 10     | 2               |
| • Exercise stations with workout equipment           | 4      |                 |
| • Dog park   | 3      | 1               |
| • Skate park   | 3      |                 |
| • Community pool                                     | 2      | 2               |
| • Tennis court                                       | 1      |                 |
| • Basketball hoops                                   | 1      |                 |
| <b>Support Facilities:</b>                           |        |                 |
| • Picnic tables                                      | 1      | 1               |
| • Trash cans   | 1      |                 |

| Suggestions for Improvements | Survey | Open House Vote |
|------------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| • Water fountain             | 1      |                 |
| • Restrooms                  | 1      |                 |
| • Benches                    | 2      |                 |
| • Signage                    | 2      |                 |
| <b>Safety:</b>               |        |                 |
| • Lighting                   | 2      | 1               |
| • Emergency phone            | 1      |                 |
|                              |        |                 |

## PUBLIC REVIEW AND PUBLIC HEARING

Once a draft Parks and Recreation Plan was completed, it was made available for a 30-day public review from October 12, 2019 to November 14, 2019. The availability of the draft plan for public review was advertised in the Monroe News and posted on the Village website. A copy of the draft plan was available for consultation at the Village Hall and the draft was also posted on the Village website.

After the Parks and Recreation Commission considered the comments received from the public at their regular meeting of November 14, 2019, minor changes were made to the document and the plan was recommended for adoption by Village Council. The public input into the plan culminated in an advertised public hearing held on November 19, 2019 at a meeting of the Village Council. The Village Council subsequently adopted the Plan.

Copies of the Parks and Recreation Commission and Village Council resolutions, as well as the public notices regarding plan availability and public hearing, the minutes of the public hearing, and letters of transmittal are included in the Supporting Documents section of this report.



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# GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goals and objectives were formulated to provide direction and a long-term vision for the Village of Dundee's park system. They are broad enough to encompass the suggestions expressed from the public, Village officials, staff, as well as to meet the observed deficiencies in the recreation resources of the area. They also consider demographic changes, current and anticipated growth and development, the area's existing conditions, and recreation trends.

## GOAL 1. PARK MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT

**Maintain and improve the Village parks to ensure clean, safe, attractive, and high quality recreational experiences.**

It is important to maintain and improve existing park facilities to ensure public safety and continued enjoyment. This includes upgrading aging equipment, removing barriers, and general park upkeep. This also includes developing new recreation facilities to meet the changing recreational needs of Village residents.

- 1.1 Upgrade or repair aging play equipment, paved surfaces, park structures, and furnishings as needed;
- 1.2 Improve the parks' accessibility by removing barriers to universal access;
- 1.3 Implement the improvements envisioned for existing parks and Village park properties; and
- 1.4 Recommend an annual capital improvement budget and maintenance program for the Village Council's budgeting process.

## GOAL 2. RIVER RAISIN CORRIDOR

**Capitalize on the River Raisin for land and water recreation.**

The River Raisin corridor serves as the primary natural asset and recreation corridor for the Village. It connects several parks and the downtown and is the community's focal point. It provides a framework for developing land and water trails to connect parks and community facilities thereby serving to promote active lifestyles and enhancing the health and well-being of Village residents.

- 2.1 Plan and implement an extended riverwalk along both sides of the River Raisin;
- 2.2 Continue to develop and promote water recreation with new canoe/kayak landings, creation of a dam bypass for both fish and small boat passage, and additional opportunities for fishing; and
- 2.3 Work with the River Raisin Watershed Council, Monroe County, other state and regional agencies to protect the water quality of the River Raisin, remove invasive species, and restore natural habitat.

### **GOAL 3. PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE NETWORK**

#### **Make it safer and easier for more residents to walk and bike in the Village.**

There is an opportunity to plan for and continue to develop an interconnected network of pedestrian and bicycle facilities that provide safe and efficient travel between key places within Dundee including parks, neighborhoods, schools, downtown, and neighboring communities.

- 3.1 Ensure parks are bicycle friendly with pathways that are sufficiently wide, available bicycle parking, and appropriate amenities such as drinking fountains, fix-it stations, and rest areas;
- 3.2 Implement the pedestrian and bicycle improvement recommended in the 2019 Road Safety and Operation Study;
- 3.3 Develop a Village-wide non-motorized plan containing a mix of on-street and off-street bicycle accommodations to connect the Village parks, neighborhoods, and community facilities; and
- 3.4 Support the adoption of a “complete streets” policy for the Village and implement complete streets infrastructure with street construction and improvement projects.

### **GOAL 4. PARK LAND ACQUISITION**

#### **Plan for the long-term development of both neighborhood and community parks to meet the recreational needs of Village residents.**

Fundamental to a community-based parks and recreation system is the provision of neighborhood and community parks. The Village is deficient in both these types of parks. Land acquisition should focus on satisfying the Village park deficiencies to meet the needs of residents.

- 4.1 Seek opportunities for parkland acquisition particularly properties that would present opportunities for neighborhood and community park development as well as land that would serve for pathway development; and
- 4.2 Encourage the preservation of open space and natural areas associated with the River Raisin.

### **GOAL 5. COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIPS**

#### **Seek opportunities to collaborate with a variety of partners to ensure the efficient development, operation, maintenance, and stewardship of Village parks.**

Improve coordination between the Dundee Community Schools, the Downtown Development Authority, the Dundee Area Business Association, the Historical Preservation Society of Dundee (Old Mill Museum and Banquet Hall), the Dundee Recreation Commission, Dundee Township, civic groups, and other area recreation providers to maximize the community recreation resources.

- 5.1 Continue to provide opportunities for recreational programs within Village parks and partner with community groups that have common recreational goals supported by the Village;
- 5.2 Increase volunteer partnership efforts to use and improve the Village parks; and
- 5.3 Participate in statewide (Michigan Recreation and Park Association) and regional parks and recreation groups (SEMCOG Parks and Recreation Task Force) for advocacy, resources, and professional development opportunities.

# ACTION PROGRAM

The action program details the manner in which the goals and objectives will be met. It includes a list of specific projects, as well as an improvement schedule with suggested capital improvement projects, a sequence of tasks, and strategies for implementation.

## ACTION PLAN

The following describes the specific projects and actions which are recommended to be accomplished during the planning period. Illustrations and plans showing the proposed park improvements and actions are also included to depict the proposed actions.

### 1. Maintain and upgrade existing Village parks (all parks)

This action includes replacing old equipment which is in a state of disrepair, outdated, or is dangerous, as well as improving the appearance of the parks and properties through appropriate landscaping and upkeep. All upgrades must be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and efforts should be taken to remove all existing barriers to universal access. Proposed projects include:

- A. Replace or upgrade aging play equipment as needed;
- B. Remove barriers to universal access;
- C. Ensure safety surfaces under playground equipment meet regulated depth and fall zones;
- D. Refurbish parking, walkways, sports courts, and other concrete and paved surfaces as needed;
- E. Replace and add park furnishings such as benches, trash receptacles, pet waste dispensers and signs;
- F. Maintain buildings, structures, and picnic shelters in good condition with roof repair, exterior painting, and other renovations; and
- G. Manage and improve existing tree canopy and vegetation.



## 2. Maintain and improve Memorial (Triangle) Park

Suggested improvements include:

- A. Add to the memorial theme with interpretive signage;
- B. Improve park maintenance and landscaping;
- C. Support the enhancement of Tecumseh Street (M-50), Park Place, and Riley Street crosswalks for safety;
- D. Coordinate with the DDA about the Farmers' Market program; and
- E. Increase community events such as live music/concerts and other events with family fun activities taking place at the same times.

Figure 12. Memorial (Triangle) Park Improvements



### 3. Maintain and improve Riverwalk and East/West Ford Park

Suggested improvements include:

- A. Extend Riverwalk along the River Raisin both east and west of the Village;
- B. Add a fishing dock;
- C. Add more seating areas;
- D. Improve park maintenance and landscaping; and
- E. Construct a fish ladder to facilitate fish and small boat passage at the dam.

Figure 13. Riverwalk and Ford Park Improvements



#### 4. Maintain and improve Wolverine Park

Suggested improvements include:

- A. Install additional play equipment such as a sensory board, permanent corn holes, ping pong tables, and/or chess tables;
- B. Provide a loop walkway system connected to the street sidewalk;
- C. Add a fishing dock;
- D. Add seating areas and a water drinking fountain;
- E. Replace bumper barrier along parking lot with a safer alternative;
- F. Install permanent restrooms;
- G. Repurpose the tennis court area for possible basketball, volleyball, and/or pickleball courts;
- H. Consider adding a splash pad; and
- I. Improve the tree canopy for shade and add native vegetation along the riverbank.

Figure 14. Wolverine Park Improvements



## 5. Maintain and improve Reggie's Park

Suggested improvements include:

- A. Improve the fields (leveling and drainage);
- B. Add more seating and bleachers;
- C. Install a play structure;
- D. Add a peripheral walkway and connector to Outer Drive;
- E. Provide a picnic shelter (Dundee's signature shelter) and permanent restrooms;
- F. Enhance the sound and visual barrier from the highway; and
- G. Improve the tree canopy for shade.

**Figure 15. Reggie's Park Improvements**



## 6. Maintain and improve Arbor Chase Subdivision Park

Suggested improvements include:

- A. Add more play equipment including equipment for older kids;
- B. Add court games such as basketball courts, tennis courts, and/or pickleball courts;
- C. Provide walkways to activity areas and add more seating;
- D. Install other park features; and
- E. Improve tree canopy for shade.

Figure 16. Arbor Chase Subdivision Park Improvements



## 7. Maintain and improve Waterworks Park

Suggested improvements include:

- A. Add better swings;
- B. Provide a pathway connecting the park elements;
- C. Add seating and a picnic shelter (Dundee's signature shelter);
- D. Add a water refill station for pets;
- E. Develop other park facilities such as a skate park and/or other park amenities; and
- F. Upgrade the Scout Building for community meeting use.

**Figure 17. Waterworks Park Improvements**



## 8. Maintain and improve Westside Park

Suggested improvements include:

- A. Add walkways to activity areas along with a few benches; and
- B. Enhance the sound and visual barrier from the highway.

Figure 18. Westside Park Improvements

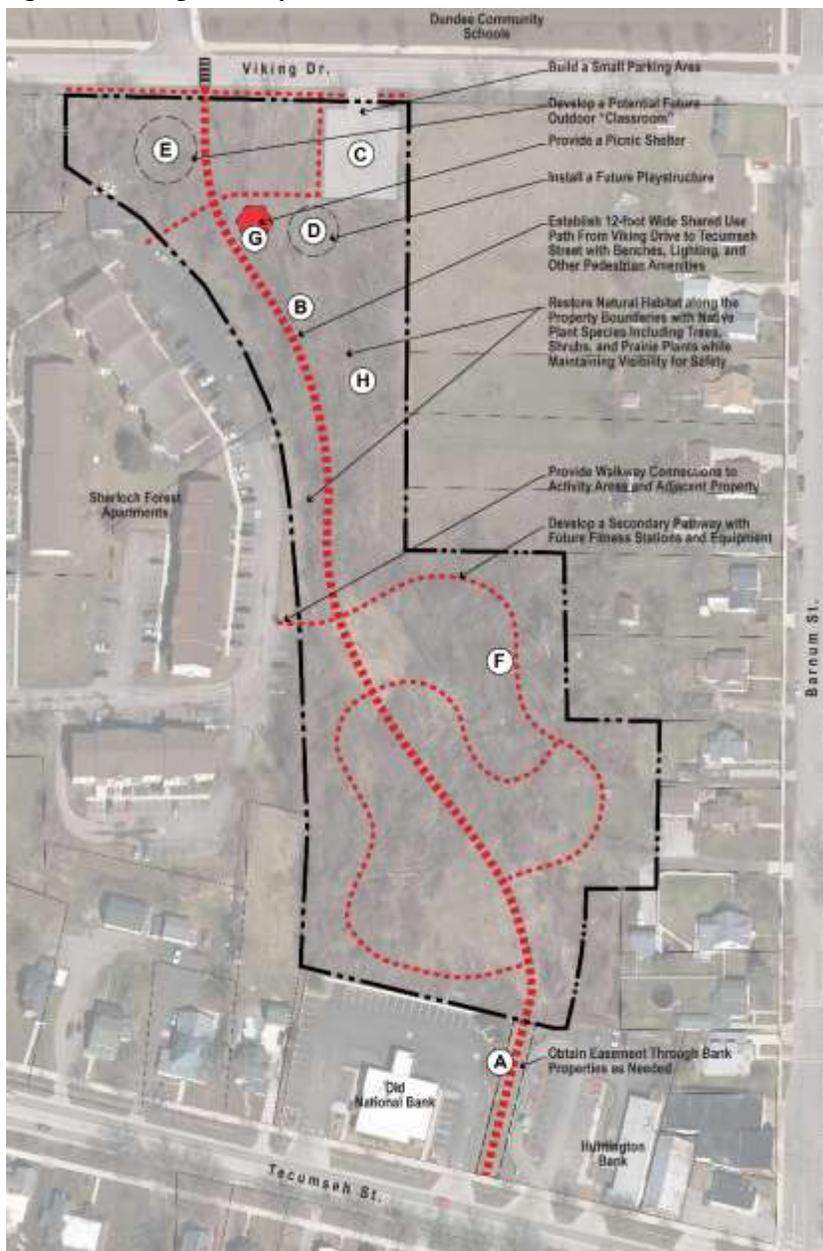


## 9. Develop Viking Park

Suggested improvements include:

- A. Obtain an easement from Huntington Bank to gain access from Tecumseh Street;
- B. Add a multi-use pathway through the park to Viking Drive providing access to the High School with secondary pathways through the park and connecting to adjacent properties;
- C. Add a small parking area with a park sign from Viking Drive;
- D. Provide a future play structure and play equipment;
- E. Develop an outdoor classroom in a natural setting;
- F. Install fitness stations and equipment;
- G. Install park support facilities including a picnic shelter, picnic tables, and benches; and
- H. Enhance and restore natural habitat with native plantings.

Figure 19. Viking Park Improvements



**10. Continue to develop an interconnected system of pedestrian pathways and water trails**

This action includes:

- A. Plan and implement an extended Riverwalk along both sides of the River Raisin;
- B. Continue to develop and promote water trails with new canoe/kayak landings, creation of a dam bypass for both fish and small boat passage, and additional opportunities for fishing;
- C. Ensure parks are bicycle friendly with pathways that are sufficiently wide, available bicycle parking, and appropriate amenities such as drinking fountains, fix-it stations, and rest areas;
- D. Develop a Village-wide non-motorized plan containing a mix of on-street and off-street bicycle accommodations to connect the Village parks, neighborhoods, and community facilities; and
- E. Support the adoption of a “complete streets” policy for the Village and implement complete streets infrastructure with street construction and improvement projects.

**11. Acquire and develop future parkland for the long-term development of both neighborhood and community parks to meet the recreational needs of Village residents**

- A. Seek opportunities for parkland acquisition particularly properties that would present opportunities for neighborhood and community park development as well as land that would serve for pathway development; and
- B. Encourage the preservation of open space and natural areas associated with the River Raisin.

**12. Seek opportunities to collaborate with a variety of partners to ensure the efficient development, operation, maintenance, and stewardship of Village parks**

- A. Continue to provide opportunities for recreational programs within Village parks and partner with community groups including the Dundee Area Business Association, the Downtown Development Authority, the Historical Preservation Society of Dundee (Dundee Old Mill Museum and Banquet Hall), the Dundee Area Senior citizen Center, the Dundee Recreation Commission (Rod Park), as well as the Dundee Community Schools, area churches, and others that have common recreational goals supported by the Village;
- B. Increase volunteer partnership efforts to use and improve the Village parks;
- C. Work with the River Raisin Watershed Council, Monroe County, other state and regional agencies to protect the water quality of the River Raisin, remove invasive species, and restore natural habitat; and
- D. Participate in statewide (Michigan Recreation and Park Association) and regional parks and recreation groups (SEMCOG Parks and Recreation Task Force) for advocacy, resources, and professional development opportunities.

## PROJECT SCHEDULE

Table 14 lists the individual projects along with the specific tasks to be accomplished, the project objective reference, a cost estimate, and potential funding sources. In addition, the projects are listed in a sequential order and a time frame for completion has been assigned. Short-term (ST) projects are recommended for completion within one to two years while long-term (LT) projects may take longer to be completed, within five to six years. Mid-term is between the two (MT). On-going projects (OG) include activities occurring on a regular basis.

**Table 14. Capital Improvement Schedule**

| Project/Tasks   | Goal  | Cost Estimate          | Funding Source          | Time Frame |
|---|-------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------|
| <b>Memorial (Triangle) Park</b>   |       |                        |                         |            |
| Add interpretive signage  | 1     | \$1,000                | Gen. Fund               | ST         |
| <b>Riverwalk and East/West Ford Park</b>  |       |                        |                         |            |
| Extend Riverwalk east and west of the River Raisin  | 1 + 2 | Tbd                    | Gen. Fund, Grant & Don. | MT         |
| Add fishing dock  | 1 + 2 | \$50,000               | Gen. Fund, Grant & Don. | ST         |
| Add more seating areas  | 1     | \$5,000                | Gen. Fund               | ST         |
| Construct a fish ladder for fish and small boat passage at the dam  | 1 + 2 | \$170,000              | Gen. Fund & Grant       | MT         |
| <b>Wolverine Park</b>   |       |                        |                         |            |
| Install additional play equipment such as a sensory board, permanent corn holes, ping pong tables, and chess tables | 1     | Tbd                    | Gen. Fund, Grant & Don. | ST         |
| Provide a loop walkway system connected to the street sidewalk  | 1     | Tbd                    | Gen. Fund, Grant & Don. | ST         |
| Add an accessible fishing dock  | 1 + 2 | \$75,000               | Gen. Fund, Grant & Don. | LT         |
| Add seating areas and a water drinking fountain   | 1     | \$5,000                | Gen. Fund, Grant & Don. | ST         |
| Replace bumper barrier along parking lot with a safer alternative   | 1     | \$175,000              | Gen. Fund & Grant       | ST         |
| Install permanent restrooms (with possible changing rooms)  | 1     | \$250,000              | Gen. Fund, Grant & Don. | MT         |
| Repurpose the paved tennis court area for possible basketball and/or volleyball courts                              | 1     | Tbd                    | Gen. Fund, Grant & Don. | LT         |
| Consider adding a splash pad  | 1     | \$150,000 to \$350,000 | Gen. Fund, Grant & Don. | MT         |
| Plant trees for shade and restore native vegetation buffer along the riverbank                                      | 1 + 2 | Tbd                    | Gen. Fund & Grant       | OG         |
| <b>Reggie's Park</b>  |       |                        |                         |            |
| Improve the fields (leveling and drainage)  | 1     | Tbd                    | Gen. Fund               | MT         |
| Add more seating and bleachers  | 1     | \$25,000               | Gen. Fund, Grant & Don. | ST         |
| Install a play structure  | 1     | \$100,000 to \$200,000 | Gen. Fund, Grant & Don. | ST         |
| Add a loop peripheral walkway, walkways to activity areas, and walkway connector to Outer Drive                     | 1     | \$150,000              | Gen. Fund, Grant & Don. | ST         |

| Project/Tasks   | Goal | Cost Estimate | Funding Source          | Time Frame |
|---|------|---------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Install permanent restrooms   | 1    | \$120,000     | Gen. Fund & Don.        | MT         |
| Enhance the sound and visual barrier from the highway   | 1    | \$10,000      | Gen. Fund & Don.        | OG         |
| Plant trees for shade   | 1    | \$15,000      | Gen. Fund & Grant       | OG         |
| <b>Arbor Chase Subdivision Park</b>   |      |               |                         |            |
| Add more play equipment including equipment for older kids  | 1    | \$150,000     | Gen. Fund, Grant & Don. | ST         |
| Add court games such as basketball courts, tennis courts, and/or pickleball courts                          | 1    | \$100,000     | Gen. Fund, Grant & Don. | MT         |
| Provide walkways to activity areas and add more seating   | 1    | Tbd           | Gen. Fund & Grant       | ST         |
| Install other park features   | 1    | Tbd           | Gen. Fund, Grant & Don. | LT         |
| Plant trees for shade   | 1    | \$15,000      | Gen. Fund & Grant       | OG         |
| <b>Waterworks Park</b>  |      |               |                         |            |
| Add better swings   | 1    | \$50,000      | Gen. Fund, Grant & Don. | ST         |
| Provide peripheral walkway and accessible walkways to the park activity areas                               | 1    | \$150,000     | Gen. Fund, Grant & Don. | MT         |
| Add seating and a trademark Dundee gazebo/picnic shelter  | 1    | \$100,000     | Gen. Fund, Grant & Don. | ST         |
| Add a water refill station for pets   | 1    | \$10,000      | Gen. Fund, Grant & Don. | ST         |
| Develop other park facilities such as a skate park and/or other park amenities                              | 1    | Tbd           | Gen. Fund, Grant & Don. | LT         |
| Upgrade the Scout Building for community meeting use  | 1    | Tbd           | Gen. Fund, Grant & Don. | LT         |
| <b>Westside Park</b>  |      |               |                         |            |
| Add walkways to activity areas along with a few benches   | 1    | \$25,000      | Gen. Fund               | ST         |
| Enhance the sound and visual barrier from the highway   | 1    | \$5,000       | Gen. Fund               | MT         |
| <b>Viking Park</b>  |      |               |                         |            |
| Obtain an easement from Huntington Bank to gain access from Tecumseh Street                                 | 1    | -             | Donation                | ST         |
| Add a main multi-use pathway and secondary walkways connecting to activity areas and to adjacent properties | 1    | \$250,000     | Gen. Fund, Grant & Don. | ST         |
| Add access and a small parking area with a park sign from Viking Drive                                      | 1    | \$100,000     | Gen. Fund, Grant & Don. | ST         |
| Provide a future play structure and play equipment  | 1    | \$100,000     | Gen. Fund, Grant & Don. | LT         |
| Develop an outdoor classroom in a natural setting   | 1    | \$25,000      | Gen. Fund, Grant & Don. | LT         |
| Install fitness stations along walkways   | 1    | \$150,000     | Gen. Fund, Grant & Don. |            |
| Install park support facilities including a picnic shelter, picnic tables, and benches                      | 1    | \$125,000     | Gen. Fund, Grant & Don. | ST         |
| Restore natural habitat with native plantings   | 1    | Tbd           | Gen. Fund, Grant & Don. | OG         |

| Project/Tasks   | Goal  | Cost Estimate | Funding Source          | Time Frame |
|---|-------|---------------|-------------------------|------------|
| <b>Pedestrian/Bike Network and Water Trails</b>   |       |               |                         |            |
| Ensure parks are bicycle friendly with bicycle parking, drinking fountains, fix-it stations, and rest areas   | 3     | Tbd           | Gen. Fund, Grant & Don. | OG         |
| Develop a Village-wide non-motorized plan   | 3     | \$15,000      | Gen. Fund, Grant & Don. | ST         |
| Support the adoption of a “complete streets” policy for the Village and the implementation of complete streets infrastructure with street construction and improvement projects   | 3     | -             | Gen. Fund, Grant & Don. | ST         |
| <b>Park Land Acquisition</b>  |       |               |                         |            |
| Acquire land which offer a location, setting, and size appropriate for neighborhood and community parks and for the Riverwalk extension   | 4     | Tbd           | Gen Fund, Grants & Don  | OG         |
| Encourage the preservation of open space and natural areas associated with the River Raisin   | 2 + 4 | -             | Gen Fund, Grant & Don   | OG         |
| <b>Collaboration, Partnerships, and Administration</b>  |       |               |                         |            |
| Continue to provide opportunities for recreational programs within Village parks and partner with community groups  | 5     | -             | -                       | OG         |
| Increase volunteer partnerships   | 5     | -             | -                       | OG         |
| Work with the River Raisin Watershed Council, Monroe County, other state and regional agencies to protect the water quality of the River Raisin, remove invasive species, and restore natural habitat                     | 5     | -             | -                       | OG         |
| Participate in statewide (Michigan Recreation and Park Association) and regional parks and recreation groups (SEMCOG Parks and Recreation Task Force) for advocacy, resources, and professional development opportunities | 5     | -             | -                       | OG         |
| Develop an annual capital improvement budget and matenance program for Village Council’s budget process   | 1     | -             | -                       | OG         |

Tbd: To be determined, Gen. Fund: General Fund, Don.: Donations  
 Cost estimates are for budgetary purposes only.

## IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

To accomplish the recommended actions during the next five years, it will be necessary to secure adequate funding. The current budget provides a limited amount of money for parks and recreation facilities. Therefore, the following strategies are recommended in order to proceed as planned.

### Apply for Federal Funding

At the federal level, MDOT, in conjunction with SEMCOG, funds Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). A minimum 20 percent local match is required for proposed projects and applications are accepted online on an on-going basis. Activities may include:

- Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles including new or reconstructed sidewalks, walkways, curb ramps, bike lane striping, wide paved shoulders, bike parking, off-road trails, bike and pedestrian bridges, and underpasses;
- Provision of safety and educational programs for pedestrians and bicyclists designed to encourage walking and bicycling; and
- Acquisition, planning, designing and constructing abandoned railway corridors.

### Apply for State Funding

At the state level, the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) and the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) continue to be the primary funding sources for park land acquisition and development. The Recreation Passport grant also offers some state funding to local units of government.

The MNRTF provides funding for the purchase and development of parkland for natural resource-based preservation and recreation. Grant proposals must include a local match of at least 25 percent of the total project cost. There is no minimum or maximum for acquisition projects. For development projects, the minimum funding request was \$15,000 and the maximum was \$300,000 in 2019. Applications are typically due April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The LWCF is a federal appropriation to the National Park Service, which distributes funds to the MDNR for development of outdoor recreation facilities. The focus of the program has recently been on meeting community recreation needs such as playgrounds, picnic areas, skate parks, ball fields, soccer fields, and walking paths. Minimum grant requests were \$30,000 and maximum grant requests were \$300,000 in 2019. The match percentage is 50 percent of the total project cost. Applications are typically due April 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Recreation Passport grant program offers funding for the development of outdoor public recreation facilities for local units of government. Minimum grant requests were \$7,500 and maximum requests were \$150,000 in 2019. The local match obligation was 25 percent of the total project cost. Applications are typically due April 1<sup>st</sup> as well.

Other funding programs conducted in partnership with the MDNR is available through other state government divisions, such as the Fisheries Division (Fisheries Habitat Grant Program) and the Forest Resources Division (Community Forestry Grant Programs).

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The Fisheries Habitat Grant program considers projects that enhance habitat and fisheries, dam removal, riparian property for public fishing use, water quality, and ecology. Minimum grant requests vary for the types of projects. The match percentage is 10 percent of the total project cost. Pre-applications are typically due in late Summer.

Municipalities may use Community Forestry grants to develop a management plan for a municipal forest which would include a component targeting outreach to private landowners. Grant requests may be up to \$20,000 depending on the project type and applications are usually due in the middle of the summer. DTE Energy also offer tree planting grants for up to \$3,000 to local municipalities in its service areas.

### **Apply for Other Grant Funding**

There are also a variety of smaller grant programs available for the establishment of greenways/ pathways or greenway-related facilities such as Bikes Belong Coalition. The Bikes Belong Coalition is sponsored by members of the American Bicycle Industry. Their mission is to put more people on bikes more often. The program funds projects in three categories: facility, education, and capacity building. Requests for funding can be up to \$10,000 for projects such as bike paths, trails, lanes, parking, and safe routes to school. Applications are reviewed on a quarterly basis.

The DALMAC Fund also contributes grants to expand bicycling in Michigan. 2019 granted projects amounted to \$45,000 for 2019 and applications were due on March 1, 2019 with final decisions made by May 15, 2019.

### **Seek Other Sources of Funding**

The Village of Dundee should investigate additional sources of funding. Seeking donations, attracting sponsors, and seeking out other revenue sources are methods that should continue to be pursued aggressively to raise funding for park acquisition and development.



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## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**





# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

All Times: November 3, 2019 The Monroe News

## POT

From Page 10

Michigan Regulatory and Taxation of Marijuana Act of the stage for a budding cannabis industry.

Though municipalities don't have the power to legalize marijuana within their districts, the bill gave them the ability to decide if commercial recreational facilities could operate in their communities.

The Michigan Marijuana Regulatory Agency, the bureau of the state that will regulate marijuana within the state, began processing recreational business licenses Friday morning.

Townships said their data "hasn't passed our criteria" and are waiting for the MMA to approve details of a license, according to David Sims, a spokeswoman for the agency.

"The state will have all ordinances that are presented to us," Sims said. "We'll issue licenses based on the ordinance that the township application was based on."

He said the agency will grant licenses to townships that are compliant with state standards and a municipality's ordinance. The time an application is submitted, meaning subsequent ordinances have little impact on licensing applications.

## GROWTH POTENTIAL

Using data compiled by the Monroe County clerk and secretary of state offices, Governor Rick Warren's administration said the state's cannabis market is expected to reach more than \$1 billion in business within its early stages.

Although the state's first license specific to Monroe County, the township is expected to be issued by the end of the year.

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Six municipalities in Monroe County had more people opposed to recreational marijuana than supporters. Those districts — Bedford, Mt. La Salle, Jackson, Sumnerfield and Whitford townships — passed opt-out resolutions.

The five districts where recreational businesses can't pop up — Monroe and Lodi townships and the City of Peterborough — had wider margins that favored support.

That, in part, is why following is the only entity weighing an ordinance that would effectively opt the city into the recreational marijuana facility system, according to Mayor James Holman.

The city would join a small group of communities in the state to allow an official opt-out status. According to LAH, there are laws that are municipalities that have taken such steps.

For Holman, the reality is that Peterborough needs money and such facilities help address that need.

"The cannabis industry is a potential part of the township's economic future," he said. "We need the revenue that can be generated from this industry."

The state will be the second largest cannabis market in the country, he said, and he is expected to conduct more than a billion in business within its early stages.

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David Sims, a spokeswoman for the Michigan Marijuana Regulatory Agency

townships not to participate in taxation on revenue and economic and job growth," Schneider said.

Though it was a narrow potential in the industry, Peterborough still wants to limit such businesses' impact on the community.

The city will allow such businesses only on property that is zoned for light industrial. That applies to only a few small parcels in the city's boundaries, Holman said.

Officials want to keep recreational marijuana facilities away from its downtown district.

"Our downtown area needs growth, but recreational marijuana is not what we need," he said. "We need to see how the industry can be regulated to appropriate venues."

Overall, the municipality is watching the early stages of the industry's rollout to see how things progress, Holman added.

The issue has split the officials in Lodi Township, but there is no ordinance in place to prevent recreational facilities, said Supervisor Gary Dapelo.

He also saw an opportunity to draw revenue for the township.

"We'll be a lot of revenue," he said. "Probably not a lot of jobs, but it will be a lot of revenue."

Like the other municipalities, Peterborough is a key factor in the state's rollout to ensure policies are in place that protect residents, especially when it comes to the question of where marijuana facilities can be established.

## MOGA (MARIJUANA)

There are many factors that go into a municipality's decision to pass a restrictive ordinance, it doesn't mean it's permanent. Officials can opt in or opt out of their ordinance, so long as the ordinance is passed legally.

For some local leaders, opting out isn't about inclusivity, learning recreational marijuana businesses from their towns. It's simply a way to make the young industry grow.

The City of Milan, which addresses Monroe and Westland counties, residents (opt-out municipalities).

Officials in the city filed several work orders on the matter and reportedly would to identify the best course of action ahead of the City Council, said Mayor Dan Binkley.

After weighing the potential revenue stream and possible concerns related to such facilities, officials decided to wait for more clarity regarding the state's regulations.

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"I don't think you can just pass a restrictive ordinance, regardless of your opt-in status."

The decision to opt out also runs deeper than observing developing industry trends.

Berlin Township might resist the issue, should the federal government declassify the drug, but the state declassifying factor in its decision was who would be responsible for policing the industry in the township's boundaries, said Supervisor David Soan.

"Berlin Township is a great place to raise a family," Soan said. "I would not like to see our hometown atmosphere disappear."

Westford Township doesn't have a police or a paid fire department, which is one of the several reasons why it opted out.

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## MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING

**DUNDEE VILLAGE COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING  
PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN  
NOVEMBER 19, 2019 MINUTES**

A Public Hearing of the Dundee Village Council was held November 19, 2019 at the Village Office Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Bordine. Present were President Bordine, Clerk Massingill, Tr. Polito, Hickey, McClendon, Reeves, Horkey, and Tr. Schroeder. Also, present Village Manager David Uhl, Village Attorney Fred Lucas, Village Police Chief Tim Garbo, and forty-five interested citizens.

The Public Hearing was held to hear citizen comments on the Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

The Master Plan was highlighted by Lucie Fortin. Tr. Hickey made additional comments regarding the Master Plan.

There being no further discussion the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Hearing was adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Village Clerk  
Shirley D. Massingill

**DUNDEE VILLAGE COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING 7:00 PM  
NOVEMBER 19, 2019  
MINUTES**

A Regular Meeting of Dundee Village Council was held on November 19, 2019 at the Village Office Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by President Bordine. Present were Village Clerk Massingill, Trustee Hickey, Polito, McClendon, Reeves, Horkey, and Tr. Schroeder. Also present were Village Manager David Uhl, Village Police Chief Tim Garbo, Village Attorney Fred Lucas, and forty-eight interested citizens.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

It was moved by Tr. Schroeder and supported by Tr. Horkey to approve the Agenda as printed. Roll Call: Tr. Hickey, Polito, McClendon, Reeves, Horkey, Schroeder, and President Bordine – yea. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tr. McClendon and supported by Tr. Hickey to approve the Minutes of the November 5, 2019 Regular Council Meeting as printed. Roll Call: Tr. Hickey, Polito, McClendon, Reeves, Horkey, Schroeder, and President Bordine – yea. Motion carried.

**PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS**

- (a) The Dundee High School Girls Soccer Team thanked the Council and Parks Board for their support of the program. Appreciation plaques were presented to the Park Board.
- (b) Citizen Comments on Agenda items
  - Howard Cilley spoke on possible improvements to Roosevelt Street. He also requested that a water taps for a business outside the Village on M50 be investigated.

It was moved by Tr. Schroeder and supported by Tr. Horkey to accept the Petitions & Communications and place on file. Roll Call: Tr. Hickey, Polito, McClendon, Reeves, Horkey, Schroeder, and President Bordine- yea. Motion carried.

**LEGAL UPDATE**

Village Attorney Fred Lucas explained the legal process of stopping traffic offenders outside the Village limits when it occurs within the Village limits. He also explained that water taps for business outside the Village is not covered under the agreement with the Township.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- (a) Payment of Bills in the amount of \$365,833.83

It was moved by Tr. Hickey and supported by Tr. McClendon to approve the Consent Agenda and place on file. Roll Call: Tr. Polito, McClendon, Reeves, Horkey, Schroeder, Hickey, and President Bordine – yea. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

It was moved by Tr. Horkey and supported by Tr. Hickey to adopt Resolution #2019-24: A Resolution to comply with the provisions of Public Act 152 of 2011 by exercising the Village's right to exempt itself from the requirements of the act for the next succeeding year. Roll Call: Tr. McClendon, Reeves, Horkey, Schroeder, Hickey, Polito, and President Bordine- yea. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tr. Polito and supported by Tr. Schroeder to adopt Resolution # 2019-25: A Resolution to establish fees for rental inspections. Roll Call: Tr. Reeves, Horkey, Schroeder, Hickey, Polito, McClendon, and President Bordine – yea. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tr. Hickey and supported by Tr. McClendon to adopt Resolution #2019-26: A Resolution to adopt the Village of Dundee Park & Recreation Master Plan between the years 2020 and 2024. Roll Call: Tr. Horkey, Schroeder, Hickey, Polito, McClendon, Reeves, and President Bordine – yea. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tr. Hickey and supported by Tr. Schroeder to adopt Resolution #2019-27: A Resolution to authorize the Village Manager to begin investigating the process and gather figures from engineering for Roosevelt Street special assessment # 1. Roll Call: Tr. Schroeder, Hickey, Polito, McClendon, Reeves, Horkey, and President Bordine – yea. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tr. Hickey and supported by Tr. Schroeder to approve Change Order #3-2019 for the McBride Street improvements not to exceed \$27,069.93. Roll Call: Tr. Hickey, Polito, McClendon, Reeves, Horkey, and President Bordine – yea. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tr. Hickey and supported by Tr. McClendon to adopt Ordinance #05-2019: An Ordinance to amend sections 78-301, 78-603 & 79-64 of the water system fees, and waste water system fees to allow Council to set rates by resolution, and to clarify definitions. Roll Call: Tr. Polito, McClendon, Reeves, Horkey, Schroeder, Hickey, and President Bordine – yea. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

(a) SEMCOG University: Crash Diagnosis December 18, 2019 8 am-4 pm. Detroit, MI

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Terry Potts read a letter from Jennifer Rice thanking the DDA and the Village Council for the downtown area art work project.

Howard Cilley spoke in regards to the sign issue at Tom's Auto Body.

Commissioner Dave Hoffman thanked the police department for all their good work. He spoke briefly in regard to the two officers in Monroe who were shot this week.

Larry Brossia spoke on Clean Tech and the tax abatement.

**VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT**

None

**STAFF REPORT**

None

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Tr. Schroeder thanked Manager Uhl on the Annual Business Summit. It was very informative and well attended

Tr. Polito thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Tr. McClendon stated that the Council was looking out for the public interest.

President Bordine thanked the DPW for making the Village look great for the Christmas season.

It was moved by Tr. Hickey and supported by Tr. Horkey to go onto closed session to discuss employee evaluation and contract. Roll Call: Tr. Hickey, Polito, McClendon, Reeves, Horkey, Schroeder, and President Bordine – yea. Motion carried. Time 8:10 pm.

**REGULAR SESSION**

It was moved by Tr. Polito and supported by Tr. Schroeder to approve the Village Manager contract subject to negotiation of over time and comp time. Roll Call: Tr. Polito, McClendon, Reeves, Horkey, Schroeder, Hickey-yea: President Bordine- nay. Motion carried.

Village Attorney Fred Lucas requested a work shop regarding over time and comp time. Time and date will be set before the December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

There being no further business before the Council the meeting adjourned at 10:15pm.

Shirley D. Massingill  
Village Clerk

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## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION

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### **Resolution In Support of the Adoption of the Village of Dundee Parks and Recreation Master Plan**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Dundee has undertaken the update of its five-year *Parks and Recreation Master Plan* which describes the Village physical and social characteristics, existing parks and recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve parks and recreation facilities during the period between 2020 and 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Village of Dundee Parks and Recreation Master Plan*'s goals and objectives were developed in response to needs and deficiencies identified by a survey of residents conducted in April and May 2019 as well as input from Village officials, community stakeholders, and staff at a public open house held on June 10, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the proposed *Village of Dundee Parks and Recreation Master Plan* during meetings held on September 12, October 10, and November 14, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Village of Dundee draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan* has been made available for public review in the manner required by law and all comments from the public have been considered by the Parks and Recreation Commission;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village of Dundee Parks and Recreation Commission hereby approves the *Village of Dundee Parks and Recreation Master Plan* and recommends that the Plan be forwarded to the Dundee Village Council for their adoption.

Date: November 14, 2019

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 4

  
Shirley Massengill  
Village of Dundee Clerk

# VILLAGE COUNCIL RESOLUTION

## Resolution #2019-26

### Adoption of the Village of Dundee Parks and Recreation Master Plan

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WHEREAS, the Village Parks and Recreation Commission approved the *Village of Dundee Parks and Recreation Master Plan* and recommended that the Plan be forwarded to the Dundee Village Council for their adoption at a meeting held on November 19, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the *Village of Dundee Parks and Recreation Master Plan* was developed for the benefit of the entire community and a public hearing was held on November 19, 2019 by the Dundee Village Council to provide another opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Master Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dundee Village Council hereby adopts the *Village of Dundee Parks and Recreation Master Plan* and recommends that the Plan be forwarded to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for their approval.

AYES: Tr. Herkey, Schroeder, Hickey, Folito, McClendon, Reeves and President  
Bardine

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED:

DATE 11-20-19



Tim Bardine  
Village President



Shirley Masingill  
Village Clerk

CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Dundee, Monroe County, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 19th day of November, 2019 and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that minutes of the meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



Shirley Masingill  
Village Clerk

## LETTERS OF TRANSMITTAL TO REGIONAL AGENCIES



December 11, 2019

Jeff McBee  
**Director**  
**Monroe County Planning Department**  
125 East Second Street  
Monroe, MI 48161

Re: Village of Dundee Parks and Recreation Master Plan

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Thank you for your consideration,

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**Planner**  
**Southeast Michigan Council of Governments**  
1001 Woodward Avenue, Suite 1400  
Detroit, MI 48226

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