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Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan

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INTRODUCTION



In partnership, Bloomer Township and the City of Carson City have created this Parks and Recreation Plan to guide the enhancement of existing facilities and the development of new recreational opportunities. This plan serves as a framework for shaping policy decisions and implementing initiatives that align with the recreational needs and goals of the Carson City community. Its development was led by the Carson City Parks and Recreation Committee, with members from Bloomer Township.

Before adopting and implementing any recreation plan, it is essential to first understand the needs of residents, assess existing recreational opportunities, and identify relevant programs and projects based on factors such as age, ability, population density, and the availability of amenities in neighboring communities. This plan reflects careful consideration of feedback gathered through an online survey involving residents, community leaders, and other stakeholders. That input has been a vital component of the planning process. Through this collaboration, the voices of Carson City and Bloomer Township, have come together to shape a recreation plan aimed at enhancing the overall quality of life for all community members.

The development of the Carson City and Bloomer Township Joint Parks and Recreation Plan was guided by the following key goals:

- Engage the community in creating a comprehensive five-year Recreation Plan,
- Identify, inventory, and map existing recreational facilities within the Carson City area,
- Foster collaboration and build consensus among local stakeholders to address future recreational needs and priorities,
- Position the City and Township to qualify for financial assistance linked to the Recreation Plan,
- Promote coordination among agencies in setting shared recreation goals, objectives, and action steps,
- Ensure alignment with, and build upon, existing planning documents that address recreation either in part or in full.

In general, city, township, and local officials plan to use this document as a guiding framework for all future parks and recreation projects. More specifically, the plan has been developed in alignment with the Guidelines for Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans published by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). Maintaining an MDNR-approved five-year Recreation Plan is a requirement for the Carson City and Bloomer Township to remain eligible for MDNR-administered grant funding. This plan is designed to serve the entire Carson City area—including the City, and Bloomer Township —and covers all aspects of recreation from January 2026 through December 31, 2030.



COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

History and Regional Context

Carson City

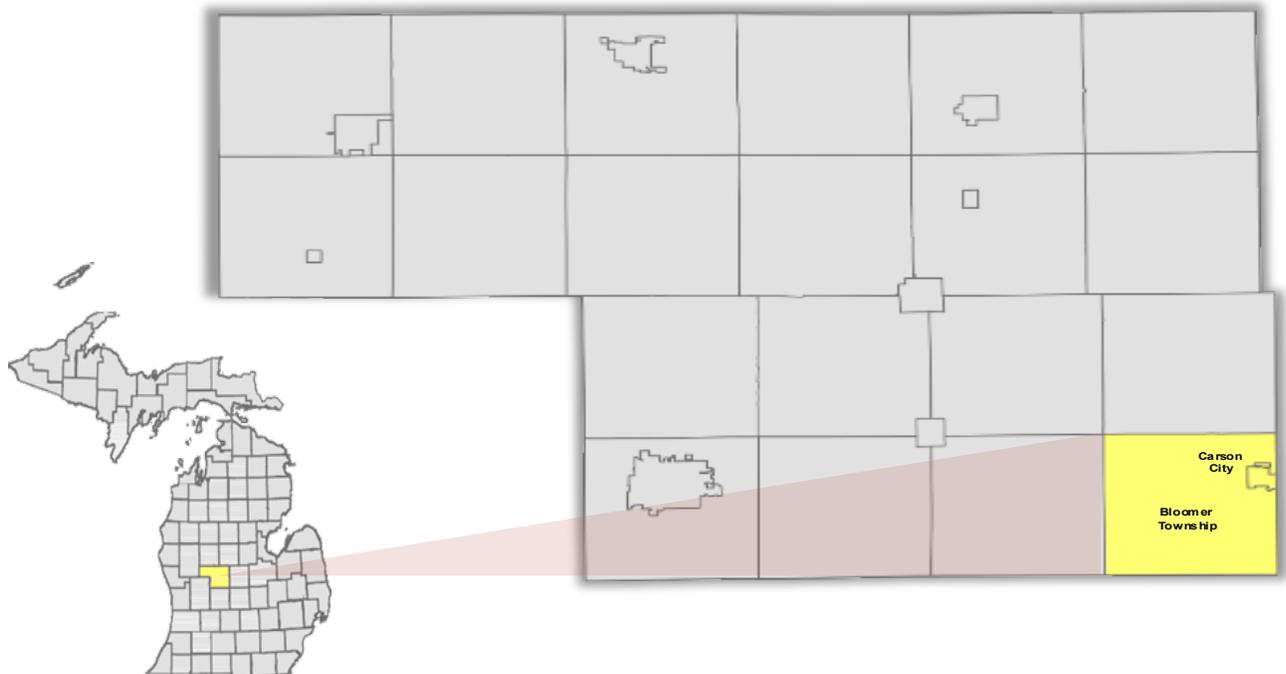
Carson City was first platted in 1866 on land owned by R.M. Abbott, Delia Miner, and Hiram T. Sherman, and officially recorded in 1871. The first lot was sold in 1867 to Thomas Scott and John and Thomas LaDue, who went on to build a sawmill in 1868 and a grist mill in 1870. On August 3, 1868, the post office was relocated from North Shade in Gratiot County and renamed Carson City by Scott, inspired by his time in Carson City, Nevada during the gold and silver boom. Hiram T. Sherman was appointed the first postmaster. Carson City was incorporated as a village in 1887 and became a city in 1960.

Carson City is located along M-57 approximately 14 miles west of US 127 and 12 miles east of M-66 in southeastern Montcalm County. M-57 is a primary east-west route connecting US 127 with US 131 approximately 15 miles west of Greenville. The 0.71 square mile rural community occupies Sections 11 and 12 in the northeast corner of Bloomer Township.

Bloomer Township

The Township was first settled in 1851 by Jonathan Cole and Sylvester Pennington, marking the beginning of its agricultural activity that same year. Today, it is home to the Carson City Correctional Institutions.

Bloomer Township is situated in the southeast corner of Montcalm County, bordered by Gratiot, Clinton, and Ionia Counties. The northern part of the Township is traversed by M-57, a major east-west highway that connects US-127 to US-131, approximately 15 miles west of Greenville. Just west of the Township lies M-66, a key north-south route.



Montcalm County

Map 1 – City & Township Location

Physical Characteristics

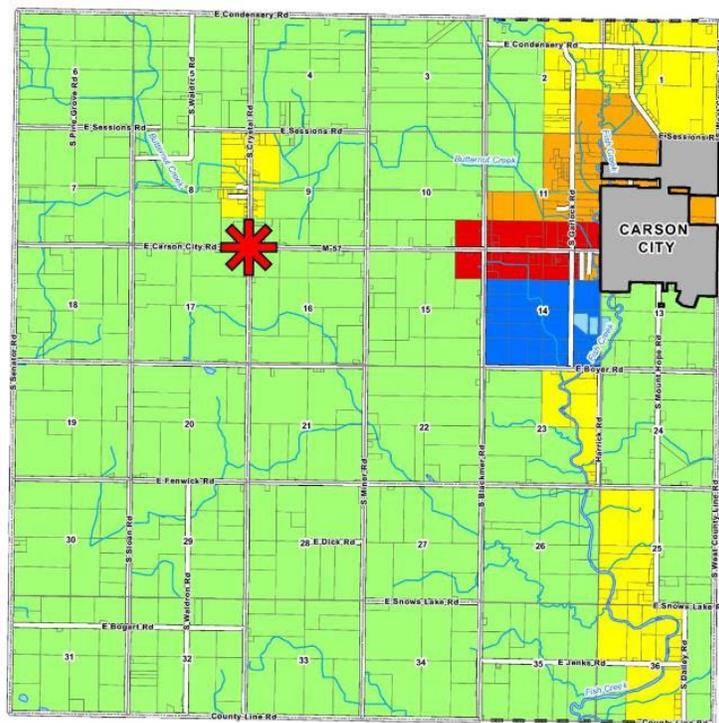
Climate

The City of Carson City's weather, like all of West Michigan's, influences the recreational opportunities available throughout the year. The area can support a variety of activities throughout the year from swimming to skiing. Generally, January is the coldest month (23°F average daily temperature) and has the highest snowfall (5.8 inches). July is generally the warmest month in the County (71°F average daily temperature). October usually has the highest average precipitation (3.24 inches) and January generally has the lowest average (0.65 inches). Prevailing winds are from the west.

Land Use

Land use and zoning in Carson City is primarily residential, complemented by a Main Street commercial corridor and an industrial zone located on the north side of the city. Recreational land use is also significant, with the City's Park system (including West Park, Haradine Park, Grove Park, and Legacy Park) providing key community amenities. Major employers in the area include Carson City Hospital and the Carson City Correctional Facilities (both permanent and temporary), located southwest of the city in Bloomer Township. The Carson City-Crystal Area School District serves local students with one elementary school (K–3) and a combined upper elementary, middle, and high school campus in Carson City.

The following maps illustrate land use patterns in both the City and Township as outlined in the 2018 Master Plan. In the Township, land use is predominantly agricultural. A commercial corridor runs along M-57 east of the City, with suburban and rural residential areas located to the north and south of this corridor. In the City, the central area is primarily made up of residential neighborhoods, commercial development, and public or semi-public spaces, while the northern section is largely industrial.



BLOOMER TOWNSHIP MONTCALM COUNTY, MICHIGAN

May 18, 2018

MASTER PLAN FUTURE LAND USE

Legend

- Agricultural Area
- Rural Residential Area
- Suburban Residential Area
- M-57 Commercial Corridor
- * M-57/Crystal Road Commercial-Industrial Area
- Garlock Industrial Area



LANDPLAN

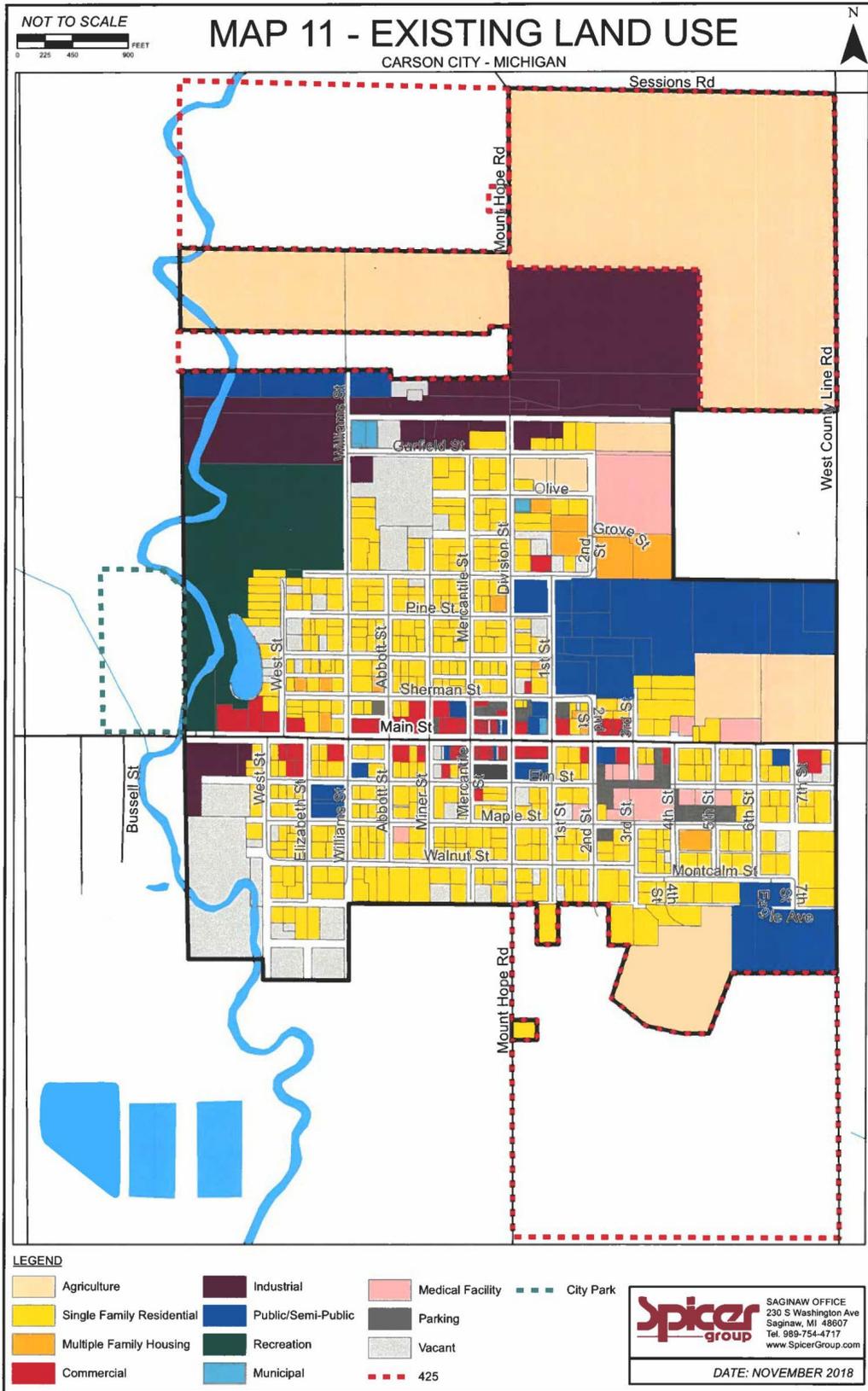
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Coordinate System: NAD 1983 StatePlane Michigan South FIPS 2113 Feet Intl

Map 2 – Bloomer Township Land Use



Demographics

Understanding the characteristics of the population served is essential when assessing parks, recreation facilities, and community needs. Table 1 presents a comparison of key demographic data for Carson City and Bloomer Township, alongside figures for Montcalm County and the state of Michigan. Additionally, the Carson City–Crystal Area School District serves a population of 7,358.

	Carson City	Bloomer Township	Montcalm County	State of Michigan
Population ¹	1,140	6,548	69,314	10,140,459
Median Age ²	49.2	38.0	41.4	40.4
Median Household Income ³	\$42,750	\$79,375	\$66,224	\$72,389
Average Family Size ⁴	3.01	3.68	3.22	3.04
Employment Rate ⁵	47.7%	31.9%	53.1%	58.8%
Poverty Rate ⁶	14.2%	11.4%	13.4%	13.4%

Table 1 – City, Township, County, and State Demographics Comparison

¹ 2024 Michigan-demographics.com; ²⁻⁶ 2023 American Community Survey – 5-year Estimates

Carson City

Based on the demographic comparison, Carson City residents are generally older, have a higher level of education, earn lower incomes, and are more likely to rent their homes than residents in neighboring communities. The city also has a larger elderly population, many of whom are likely to live on fixed incomes—contributing to the area's lower median household income. These demographic characteristics point to a community that stands to benefit significantly from accessible and affordable recreational opportunities.

Older individuals and renters, especially those living in higher-density housing such as apartment buildings, often lack access to private outdoor space or nearby exercise options. Limited disposable income further reduces access to private or distant recreation facilities. In this context, local public recreation programs become especially important, as they are often the most practical—and sometimes the only—means for residents to engage in physical activity, connect socially, and improve their overall quality of life.

Bloomer Township

Based on the demographic comparison, Bloomer Township residents have the highest household incomes, and the largest average household sizes. The Township also has relatively small elderly and youth populations. The larger average family size suggests that families with children make up a significant portion of the community. Since families are among the most frequent users of parks and recreational spaces, it would be especially beneficial to ensure that appropriate amenities and facilities are available to meet their needs.

It is important to note that the Carson City Correctional Facility is located within Bloomer Township. For census purposes, the U.S. Census Bureau counts incarcerated individuals as residents of the Township, which significantly impacts population statistics—accounting for approximately 64% of the Township's total population. This has a notable effect on various data categories used in this plan and should be considered when interpreting demographic information.

The three populations to consider are as follows:

Youth – The youth population in Carson City represents just over one-quarter of the total residents. Access to recreational opportunities (both structured and unstructured) offers valuable benefits for young people, including physical activity, social interaction, and educational development.

Senior Citizens – Senior citizens make up approximately 24% of Carson City's population. This age group has unique recreational needs compared to younger residents, for example, preferring walking paths over playgrounds. Additionally, many seniors live on fixed incomes, making access to affordable or low-cost recreational opportunities especially important.

Residents in multi-family housing, apartments, and renters in general - Residents living in high-density housing have a heightened need for open spaces and recreational facilities, as they typically lack private yards or personal outdoor areas compared to those in single-family homes.

Average Household Size – Bloomer Township has the largest average family size at 3.68, indicating that families there tend to have more children. Since residents of the Township often rely on City parks for recreation, their needs align closely with those of the youth population in Carson City. Additionally, families are likely to seek recreational activities that they can enjoy together.

Parks have the power to foster connections across multiple generations and diverse demographic groups. They serve as gathering spaces, offer opportunities for physical activity, encourage community involvement, and enhance the overall quality of life in a community.



Disabilities

The disability status of a population may be especially significant when considering recreational needs for a community. With 11.4% - 15.5% of the total Carson City/Bloomer Township area population affected by some form of disability, these individuals may have difficulty participating in recreational programs, accessing facilities or even getting to designated public areas. This compares to 16.5% for Montcalm County. Understanding the disability status of the city’s population may assist decision-makers in determining adequate programs and appropriate locations for recreational activities. With the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), all areas of public service and accommodation became subject to barrier-free requirements, including parks and recreation facilities and programs.

Carson City						
Subject	Total		With a Disability		% With Disability	
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	1,088	±210	169	±60	15.5%	±5.5
Age						
Under 5 Years	20	±14	3	±4	15.0%	±20.9
5 To 17 Years	203	±81	13	±13	6.4%	±6.4
18 To 34 Years	209	±105	6	±7	2.9%	±3.7
35 To 64 Years	395	±98	95	±48	24.1%	±10.4
65 To 74 Years	158	±78	17	±13	10.8%	±9.5
75 Years and Over	103	±34	35	±14	34.0%	±14.4
Disability Type						
Hearing difficulty			41	±20	3.8%	±1.9
Vision difficulty			23	±14	2.1%	±1.3
Cognitive difficulty			85	±39	8.0%	±3.8
Ambulatory difficulty			75	±34	7.0%	±3.0
Self-care difficulty			24	±15	2.2%	±1.5
Independent living difficulty			52	±24	6.0%	±2.5

Table 2 – Carson City Disability Demographics
Source: 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Bloomer Township						
Subject	Total		With a Disability		% With Disability	
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	4,093	±80	465	±138	11.4%	±3.4
Age						
Under 5 Years	231	±94	0	±15	0.0%	±11.2
5 To 17 Years	999	±258	17	±17	1.7%	±1.8
18 To 34 Years	803	±172	67	±70	8.3%	±8.7
35 To 64 Years	1,559	±160	212	±86	13.6%	±5.5
65 To 74 Years	307	±104	89	±49	29.0%	±11.3
75 Years and Over	194	±76	80	±40	41.2%	±12.0
Disability Type						
Hearing difficulty			186	±87	4.5%	±2.1
Vision difficulty			68	±33	1.7%	±0.8
Cognitive difficulty			185	±88	4.8%	±2.3
Ambulatory difficulty			179	±67	4.6%	±1.8
Self-care difficulty			50	±31	1.3%	±0.8
Independent living difficulty			186	±91	6.5%	±3.1

Table 3 – Bloomer Township Disability Demographics
Source: 2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Carson City

Administration

The City of Carson City was incorporated in 1960. Per its Charter, the City has a Mayor – Council form of government with an elected mayor, and a six-member council, which serves as the City's legislative body. The Council has the authority to formulate and adopt City policies, while the Mayor is responsible for carrying them out. The Mayor attends and presides over monthly Council meetings but does not vote, except in the case of a tie. Additionally, a Council appointed City Administrator serves as chief and assists with administrative and policy-related duties.

On February 2, 1960, the City established the Parks and Recreation Committee, in accordance with Act 156 of Public Act 1917, Recreation and Playgrounds, which allows communities to provide public recreation and parks. Generally, the roles/responsibilities of the Parks and Recreation Committee, which consists of residents appointed by the Mayor and approved by City Council, include advising the City Council/Administrator regarding parks and recreation. The Parks and Recreation Committee is responsible for developing, amending and administering the Five-Year Recreation Plan, recommending park improvements to City Council and applying for Parks and Recreation grants. City Council is responsible for the approval of all policies and ordinances which affect parks and recreation. The committee has members from Bloomer Township for their input.

The Carson City Department of Public Works, including the Director, Supervisor and two full-time general maintenance workers, are responsible for park operation and maintenance. The organization chart below illustrates the City's administrative structure as it relates to parks and recreation. The administrative structure is as follows:

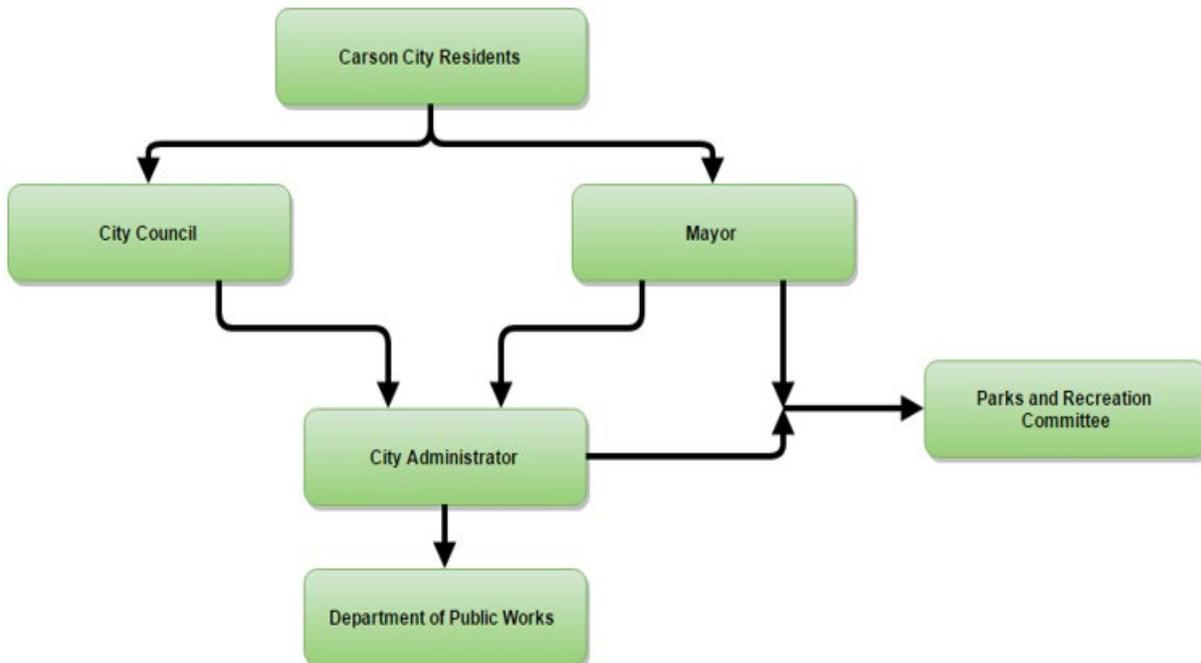


Figure 1 – Carson City Administrative Structure Chart

Funding and Budgets

Funding for annual park operation and maintenance and limited capital improvement projects is from the City's General Fund; the City Administrator is responsible for preparing the annual budget for review/approval by the City Council. Typical annual expenditures have included grounds upkeep and repairs to play equipment, picnic tables, fencing, and underground utility and electrical systems. Pavilion rental fees are included in the General Fund and are used to supplement the parks budget. The following Table is representative of the current budget information.

Parks and Recreation Budget				
	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Operation & Maintenance	\$206,950	\$156,475	\$245,527	\$293,810*

All maintenance and improvements are budgeted for from General Fund Revenue.

* This includes \$75,000 set for future capital projects for an estimated balance of \$139,000.

Table 4 – Parks and Recreation Budget

Capital improvements are funded via the general fund with additional funds provided by grants and private donations. The budget for capital improvements is developed annually based upon available/anticipated funding. The City will continue to pursue grant funds and donations for park system improvements.

Collaboration

The Carson City Public Library, which is located in downtown Carson City, offers programs and meeting facilities. Community organizations, including the American Legion and area churches, host various events throughout the year and volunteers conduct fund raising activities for special projects.



Bloomer Township

Administration

Bloomer Township is governed by a Township Board. The supervisor serves as the Chairperson of the Board, and all members are elected officials. The Supervisor carries out functions and duties prescribed by the Board necessary for the governing of the Township. The representative on the Carson City Parks and Recreation Committee from Bloomer Township coordinates with the City and School District for future recreation opportunities. The organizational chart below depicts the hierarchy of the Township.

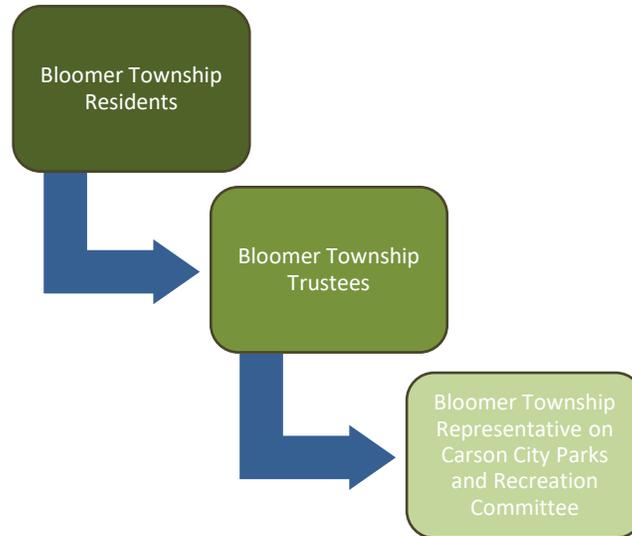


Figure 2 – Bloomer Township Administrative Structure Chart

Funding and Budgets

The Bloomer Township board has the authority to commit funds to a recreation project. Currently Bloomer Township does not have any parks, however if the Township ever decided to pursue a grant, they would budget money in the General Fund for Parks and Recreation.

Collaboration

Bloomer does not have a Parks and Recreation committee either. However, they do have collaborative relationships with Carson City. Bloomer Township recognizes the value in creating effective partnerships and understands that these relationships could have many potential benefits. As the planning process continues, the Township will work toward sustaining these partnerships and developing new partnerships with groups in the community.



RECREATIONAL INVENTORY

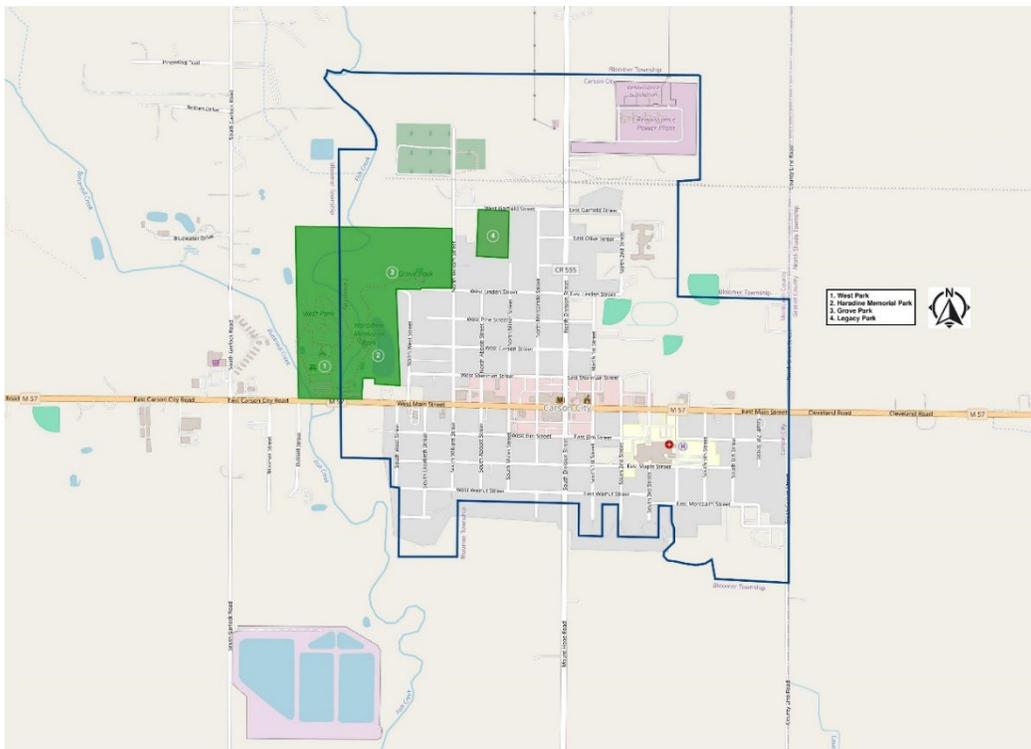
An essential element of a recreation plan is the inventory of local and regional, public and private recreation facilities that are available to a community's resident. Such an inventory provides a basis from which a comparison can be made of existing recreation opportunities with the community's identified recreation needs. This inventory process also identifies barrier-free facilities. This will ensure that citizens with disabilities will fully enjoy these facilities. Involving advocate organizations and utilizing the knowledge of the City and Township staff will help facilitate this element of the inventory process. Further, this facility inventory establishes the foundation from which a recreational improvement program can be developed and implemented. The included map below shows the location of City owned recreational facilities.

City Recreational Facilities

The Carson City Park system features four parks: West Park, Haradine Park, Grove Park, and Legacy Park. West Park, Haradine Park, and Grove Park are connected by a network of trails, boardwalks, and two pedestrian bridges, forming an expansive, interconnected park system that offers a variety of amenities and recreational opportunities. Collectively, these parks cover approximately 82 acres on the city's west side, within the corporate limits, and provide both active and passive recreation for all ages. Legacy Park, completed in 2025, adds approximately 5 acres to the system with two baseball fields, each equipped with dugouts and bleacher seating.

Development of Haradine Park and West Park was supported by MDNR grants secured by the City in 1981 and 1988, respectively. The park system has also benefited from the generosity of local businesses, residents, and dedicated volunteers. Notable improvements—such as the playground and basketball court at Grove Park and the skate park at Haradine Park—were made possible through a \$150,000 donation from Dynegy, Inc. in 1998. Additionally, Fort Frontier was built thanks to the fundraising efforts of parents and community volunteers.

The following is a map of the City and Township's Park facilities:



Carson City/Bloomer Township Recreational Facilities				
	West Park	Haradine Park	Grove Park	Legacy Park
Park Type*	CP	CP	CP	SU
Service Area**	EA	EA	EA	EA
Accessibility***	2	2	2	2
Acres	48	12	22	4.6
Baseball				X
Basketball	X		X	
Benches	X	X	X	
Canoe Access				
Drinking Fountains	X	X	X	
Fishing Access		X		
Fish Ladder				
Gazebo		X		
Grills				
Ice Skating/Hockey			X	
Lighting	X	X	X	
Multi-Purpose Field				
Parking Lot	X	X	X	
Pavilion			X	
Pedestrian Bridge	X	X		
Pickleball Net (removable)			X	
Picnic Area	X	X	X	
Playground	X	X	X	
Pond/River	X	X		
Restroom	X	X		
Sand Volleyball	X			
Sign	X	X	X	
Skate Park		X		
Sledding Hill			X	
Splash Pad	X			
Trash Receptacles	X	X	X	
Trails/Paths	X	X	½ mile	
Waterfront Access				

Park Type*

MP = Mini Park
 NP = Neighborhood Park
 CP = Community Park
 LP = Large Urban Park
 SU = Special Use Park
 TRA = Trailway
 NA = Not Applicable (undeveloped)

Service Area**

NB = Neighborhood (approx. ½ mile)
 EA = Entire Area
 NA = Not Applicable (undeveloped)

Accessibility**

1 = None of the facilities/park areas 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
 5 = The entire park was developed/renovated using the principles of universal design

School Recreational Facilities

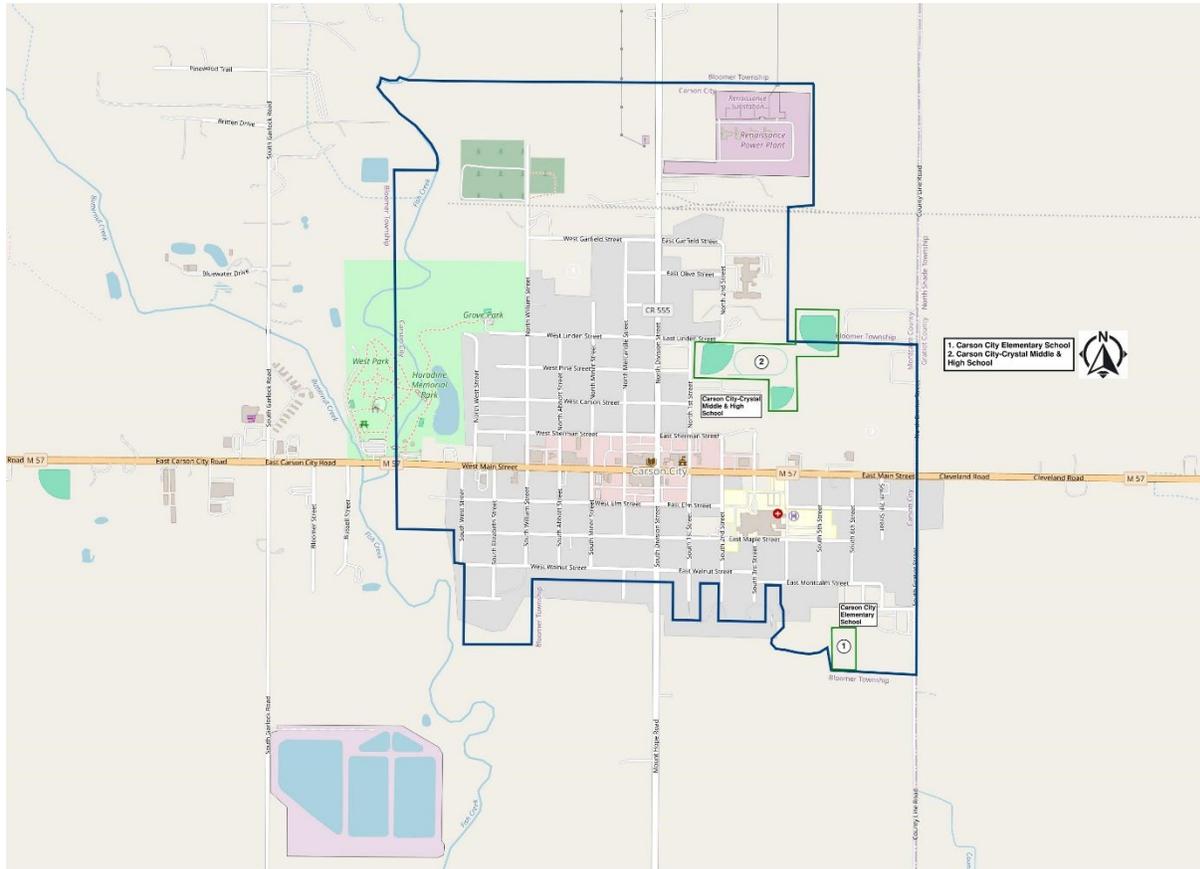
In addition to the City recreation facilities, there are some public-school facilities. They are briefly described below.

Public Schools

The Carson City-Crystal Area Public School District provides public education to the residents of the City of Carson City. The school system's enrollment in 2025 was just over 850 students. The District has three schools, all of which are located in the City, and offers an online Virtual Academy.

School	Address	Grades	Enrollment	Facilities
Carson City-Crystal Elementary School	338 Eagle Ave Carson City, MI 48811	Pre-K through 4	278	basketball courts, (2) playground areas
Carson City-Crystal Upper Elementary / Middle School	213 E Sherman St Carson City, MI 48811	5 through 8	279	Playground
Carson City-Crystal High School	213 E Sherman St Carson City, MI 48811	9 through 12	203	Softball field, baseball field, football field/track
Carson City-Crystal Virtual Academy Alternative Education	Online program	6 through 12	41	N/A

The following is a map of the school recreational facilities:



Private Schools

In addition to the public school system, there is one private school in Bloomer Township.

School	Address	Grades	Enrollment	Facilities
Fellowship Baptist Academy	8070 Bloomer St Carson City, MI 49631	Pre-K through 12	167	None

Regional Recreational Facilities

In addition to the city parks, Montcalm County offers a variety of outdoor recreation options, including six county parks, five state game areas, fourteen privately operated campgrounds, and 25 public lake access sites. Red Pines Campground (a 30-site facility) is the closest to Carson City, located about two miles north on East Condensery Road, just west of Mt. Hope Road. The remaining facilities are spread throughout the county and typically require dedicated trip planning for Carson City residents to access. Currently, there are no bike or hiking trails that connect the city to any of these regional recreational sites.

Area Churches and Libraries

Several local churches host vacation Bible schools during the year. In addition, the First Baptist Church, located just outside Carson City, offers recreational facilities including a softball field and a soccer field. Educational programs are also organized by the Carson City Library, providing further opportunities for community engagement.

Fred Meijer Heartland Trail

The Fred Meijer Heartland Trail currently spans 46 miles, following the former CSX railroad corridor. It runs west from Alma through Elwell, Riverdale, Vestaburg, Cedar Lake, and Edmore, then turns south through McBride, Stanton, and Sidney, ending in Greenville, where it connects with the Fred Meijer Flat River Trail. Additionally, the Friends of the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail are developing a 37.5-mile extension along another abandoned rail line, which will link the communities of Lowell, Ionia, Belding, and Greenville. Once complete, this extension will connect with both the existing Heartland Trail and the Flat River Trail in Greenville, forming a continuous 120-mile regional trail network.

Montcalm Community College

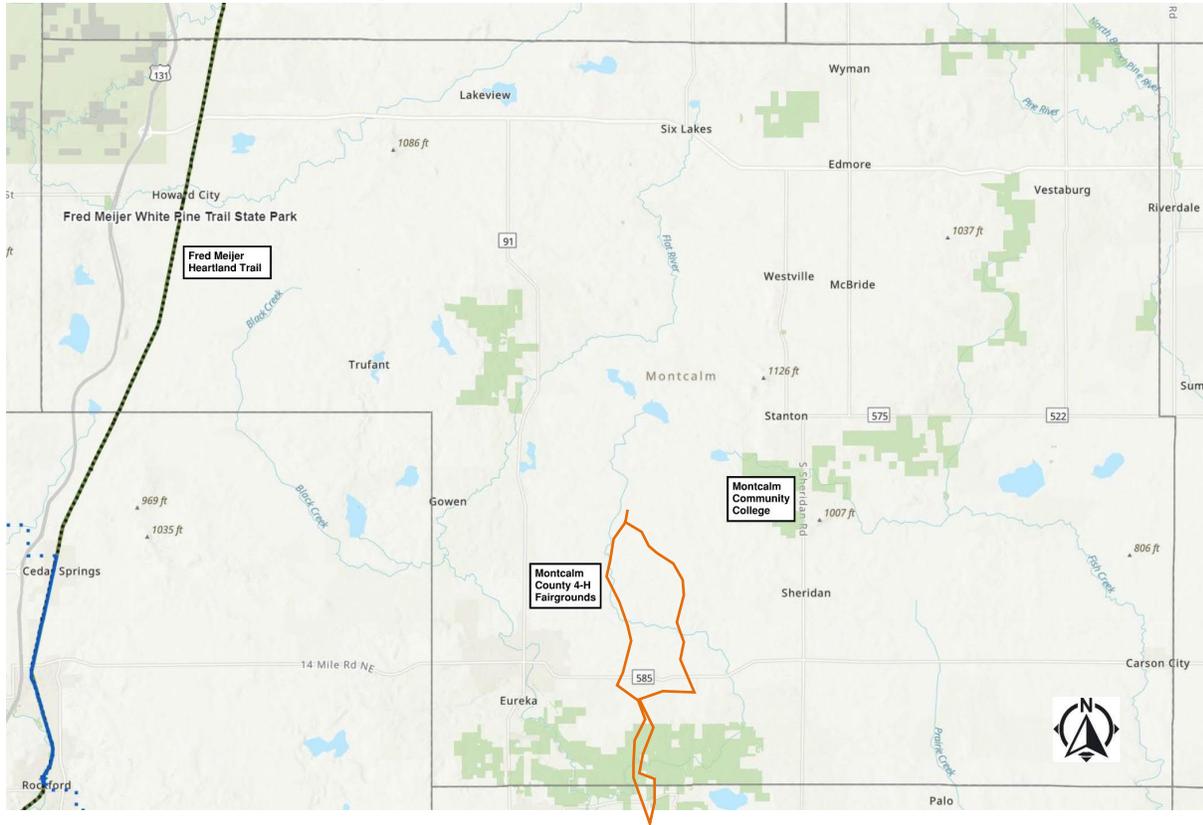
The college, located in Sidney approximately 18 miles northwest of Carson City, offers a variety of recreational programs and facilities open to the community. These include a gymnasium, an Olympic-sized indoor pool, youth sports programs, fine arts camps, and activities for senior citizens.

Montcalm County 4-H Fairgrounds

The fairgrounds are owned and managed by the Fair Board, which organizes the annual 4-H Fair each July. The Fair Board recently acquired a new fairground site located just outside the Greenville city limits and is planning to sell the former fairground property.



The following is a map of the regional recreational facilities:



Barrier Free Evaluation & Universal Design

The overarching goal is to facilitate recreational opportunities that are inclusive and accessible to all individuals. Following the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in 1990, all public services and facilities (including parks and recreation programs) must meet barrier-free accessibility standards. As part of this commitment, the planning process should incorporate strategies to ensure that the City's park and recreation system is fully accessible to individuals with disabilities. In 2010, the City conducted an evaluation of its existing facilities to assess compliance with barrier-free requirements.

When looking at areas to determine their accessibility to all people, we started by asking these simple questions:

Can a person who has a sight or hearing disability, uses a wheelchair, uses a walking aid such as crutches or braces, has a mental disability that affects learning and understanding, safely and independently:

- *Get from the arrival place to the activity area?*
- *Do what others do in the area?*
- *Move around the area?*
- *How can this barrier be removed?*
- *If not, what is getting in the way?*

Universal Access

Another important yet often overlooked aspect of accessibility is Universal Access. This approach goes beyond the basic requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), aiming to create *common and equal experiences for all*. The goal of Universal Access is to integrate inclusive design principles (such as the use of appropriate technologies, materials, and planning considerations) early in the concept and design phases to ensure equal opportunities for individuals of all abilities. These principles should remain a central focus in the development of the 5-Year Master Plan, as well as in the planning and implementation of individual park projects.

Type of Recreation	Universal Access Design Considerations
Archery range	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All stations ▪ Route to retrieval area for each target ▪ Targets also usable with cross bows ▪ Arrow back stop to limit retrieval distance ▪ Larger maneuvering spaces to accommodate archers with shooting assistants
Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Routes over the beach and into the water, can be portable/temporary matting if it needs to be taken in and out for beach cleaning/dragging or in the off season ▪ Wide enough for side-by-side walking/passing ▪ At beach route end have an accessible area at the water's edge large enough to park multiple chairs while the owners are in the water ▪ With a transfer system at the water's edge so people can get down to the ground level and into the water
Boardwalk wetland and water access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 6-foot minimum width so two people can walk side by side or people can pass ▪ Edge treatment to prevent roll/step off ▪ If side rails are used, more than 25% must lowered for easy viewing in various places along the boardwalk ▪ Interpretive information in a variety of alternative formats such as auditory, large print, Braille, pictures, etc.
Campgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All sites and amenities ▪ Accessible surface on all sites, including rustic sites ▪ Larger spaces to accommodate side lifts on campers and vehicles ▪ Accessible tables, grills (15" minimum, 34" maximum height), and fire rings on all sites ▪ Centrally located restrooms on easy routes from each site
Camping Cabins and Yurts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Larger clear space and maneuvering spaces in between all furnishings, including when all are in use (beds, tables/chairs with people seated at the table, shelves within lowered reach ranges, lowered wall hooks, etc.) ▪ Larger clear space thoughtfully located for typical portable items such as coolers, luggage, equipment/food bins/tubs, etc.
Canoe/kayak/boat launch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wider pathway to allow individuals using wheelchairs to hand-wheel a boat on a dolly alongside them, or to accommodate two people carrying a boat to the launch area ▪ Accessible surface to water's edge and into water at launch ▪ More gentle slopes for easier entry and exit when hand wheeling a boat ▪ Some type of "rack" to stabilize boat at a transferable height then some type of mechanism/roller system to move, while seated in the boat, into the water Some means of transfer assistance such as overhead bars ▪ Some type of wench system to help pull boat out of water back into the rack to exit/transfer out.

Type of Recreation	Universal Access Design Considerations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If there is a dock provide a transfer system on the dock so a person can be seated on the dock to transfer over to a boat in the water that is in some type of a stabilizer rack ▪ Adaptive kayaks available for use ▪ Shore station with a platform (instead of “V” rack) with a transfer system on the deck of the shore station, located next to a dock so someone could roll/get on the platform and lower it to the right level to transfer into a boat
Fishing dock/pier and observation/viewing decks:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More than 25% of the rails are lowered in various locations or no rails at all with only an edge treatment to prevent roll off ▪ Sitting benches (all with backs and arm rests) scattered about so anglers can choose to sit or stand to fish ▪ Tackle box stands next to one bench end (not both) leaving one end clear space for sitting side by side with someone in a wheelchair ▪ A variety of fish landing cutaways strategically placed ▪ Variety of accessible opportunities—over-water fishing, shore fishing, in-water fishing, etc. ▪ Transition plates between access route and deck/pier
Nature center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All interpretive information in a variety of alternative formats such as auditory, large print, Braille, pictures, etc. ▪ Creative use of technology such as mp3 players for auditory descriptions (this gives the info. directly to the individual) closed loop assistive listening devices and closed-circuit captioning of all interpretive presentations ▪ All displays at lowered heights for sitting or standing viewing ▪ All operating mechanisms that are operable with one hand and do not require tight/pinch/grasp/wrist twist to operate
Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More than minimum number of accessible spots ▪ Each connected directly to an accessible route to the park elements and NOT into the traffic flow ▪ Thoughtfully located nearest the activity entrance, which might require multiple lots (some near the beach, some near the playground, some near the bathhouse, etc.)
Picnic areas and elements: Pavilions, picnic tables, grills, fire rings, water pumps, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All located on accessible routes ▪ all tables, grills, fire rings, water pumps, etc. accessible ▪ Level routes onto pavilions with no changes of level from path to pavilion surface ▪ Wider routes and clear space with firm surface around all elements so someone with mobility limits can easily move around the element (table, grill, etc.) ▪ A variety of table styles, some with clear sitting space on the side, some with extended tabletops on the end ▪ Some fixed tables to ensure they remain accessible (not moved off into a grassy or sandy area, etc.) ▪ Clear space all around each element so people can approach and use the grill, fire ring, etc. from the front, back and either side ▪ Grills you can lower/raise the cooking surface with one hand

Type of Recreation	Universal Access Design Considerations
Playgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Raised fire building surfaces so you can place wood without learning too far over from a standing or seated position ▪ Ramps and transfers ▪ Has both ramp and transfer access to all play components ▪ Ramps to every “getting on spot” or “sit/stand & do it spot” of every play component ▪ Transfer system from the ground up to the main deck located near the exits of slides and climbers furthest from the ramp onto the structure ▪ Only unitary safety surfaces such as poured-in-place or rubber tiles NOT any loose fill materials like shredded rubber, wood chips, engineered wood fiber, or any other non-unitary surface material ▪ On deck transfer platform at the entry point of every slide ▪ On deck transfer platform with one open transfer side and one side with transfer steps to every entry/exit point of every climber, so kids climbing up can get down to the deck to move to another component, as they may have left an assistive device at the ground ▪ A good variety of things to manipulate that make noise or music, have high contrast/bright colors, games that two kids can play (to foster social interaction), Braille and sign language panels to teach awareness, easy to operate with just one hand with a whole fist (does not require tight/pinch/grasp/wrist twist to operate) ▪ Different high contrast colors for decks versus transfers so kids with low vision can perceive a change in level ▪ Play panels are located at heights so they can be used from a seated position or standing
Restrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More than the minimum number of accessible units ▪ Multiple unisex/single user toilet rooms/units so opposite sex care givers can assist; also good for parents of young children of the opposite sex so kids aren’t sent alone into the multi-user restroom ▪ Thoughtfully located near areas of activity such as play areas, beaches, fishing piers, etc. ▪ Accessible door pulls and water faucet handles - all accessible port-a-johns, again big enough for individual use or care giver/parental assistance.
Skiing/sledding hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Accessible route to top (no steps), possibly using a “magic carpet” lift ▪ Level surface for sled mounting at hilltop ▪ If staffed, provide ATV transport or have policy that allows personal ATV use ▪ Transfer at hill bottom to help transfer
Sports fields/courts Fields: soccer, football, baseball, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Routes to both sides of all fields and courts, not just end zones ▪ Accessible seating spaces both ground level and elevated if risers/bleachers are provided

Type of Recreation	Universal Access Design Considerations
<p>Courts: tennis, basketball, bocce, horseshoes, etc. Other: skate parks, frisbee golf</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Accessible seating spaces scattered throughout all viewing areas and levels with companion seating on both sides of the space ▪ All lowered service windows at all concession areas ▪ Wider gate openings into court areas (tennis, bocce, basketball) and skate parks to accommodate wider sports wheelchairs ▪ Routes to both horseshoe pits and along both sides of the route between pits ▪ Level routes onto bocce courts with sitting benches at both ends
<p>Trail: nature trail, walkway, pathway, etc</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Multi-use trail - 8 feet, with slopes under 2%, wider width so two people can walk side by side or people can pass ▪ Walkways within a site – at least 6 feet wide and have slopes under 2% ▪ Regional trail system - at least 10 feet wide, with 1 foot buffers on either side, with slopes under 2% ▪ Unitary surface like concrete, boardwalk or asphalt, crushed aggregate/screenings that have been “stabilized” or natural soils enhanced with soil stabilizers ▪ Transition plates between trail and pedestrian bridges, decks, etc. ▪ Contrasting color treatment of the surface and textured surface treatments such as brushed concrete at intersections or interpretive stations to cue people who have vision impairments that there is something to pay attention to at that spot ▪ Close to level cross slopes (side to side) and very gentle running slopes, no steep sections, larger (greater than 60” X 60”) level areas at all turns and intersections ▪ Thoughtfully laid out on the site to maximize the experience with minimal difficulty ▪ Accessible amenities such as benches, restrooms, drinking fountains, etc.

Key components that should be evaluated to address these basic accessibility questions include the following: parking; routes of travel from parking areas, streets, or sidewalks to activity zones; the activity areas themselves; signage; support facilities such as restrooms; surface materials; and communication tools needed for both recreational programs and general facility use. Existing parks were assessed based on these criteria and given a score from 1 to 5.

- 5 – Facility is fully accessible. Features and facilities meet and exceed the Uniform Building Code and take into consideration Universal Design principles. Main elements such as the washrooms, entrances, parking, and amenities are barrier free.
- 4 – Majority of the facility is accessible; however, there are some accessibility barriers. Some improvements are needed to make the facility fully accessible.
- 3 – Facility is partially accessible. Barriers exist to fully accessing the facility and an alternate facility may be necessary.

2 – Facility has limited accessibility. Multiple barriers exist to fully accessing the facility and an alternate facility may be necessary.

1 – Facility has poor accessibility. Accessibility barriers may exist at entranceway, recreation area

The accessibility ratings for each park are provided on the Recreational Facilities chart on page 12.

Recreational Programs

Youth Programs

- Youth for Christ
- A variety of youth sports leagues

Past Grant Status

In the past, Carson City has received a total of 3 grants from the MDNR since 1981 and has withdrawn one application. Bloomer Township has not received any grants.

Haradine Park	
Project No.	26-01233 Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant
Project Year	1981
Cost	\$12,068.00
Status	Closed
The project developed a picnic shelter, picnic tables, landscaping, and a LWCF sign in Haradine Park.	

Carson City West Park	
Project No.	TF88-086 Trust Fund Grant
Project Year	1988
Cost	\$375,000.00
Status	Closed
The project was to construct a pond, remove a dam, paved walking trails, water cascade, picnic area, and parking lot in park.	

Trout Stream South - Land Acquisition	
Project No.	TF88-140 Trust Fund Grant
Project Year	1988
Cost	\$68,250.00
Status	Withdrawn
The project aimed to acquire 84 acres of land with approximately ¾ mile of frontage along Fish and Butternut Creeks. However, it was withdrawn due to several unforeseen circumstances. A dam on Fish Creek failed, significantly altering the downstream water flow. This change affected the course of Fish Creek through West Park and impacted Mill Pond in Haradine Park. As a result of the altered waterway, the landowner (who had originally intended to donate 84 acres along the creek) found that they now owned over 120 acres. Due to these changes, the landowner chose not to proceed with the donation.	

Grove, Haradine, and West Park Non-Motorized Trail Development	
Project No.	TF10-042 Trust Fund Grant
Project Year	2010
Cost	\$90,000.00
Status	Closed
The project was to develop non-motorized trails connecting Grove, Haradine, and West Parks via a paved spur to an existing bridge over Fish Creek. The project also included a boardwalk.	

West Park Splash Pad and Restroom	
Project No.	26-01787 Land and Water Conservation Fund
Project Year	2017
Cost	\$150,000.00
Status	Closed
The project included the development of a new splash pad and restroom building with changing rooms at Carson City's West Park. Also, an access pathway 6' wide or more, along with signage.	

The required MDNR Self-Completion Post Inspection Reports and the MDNR grant history information for these parks are included in Appendix A.

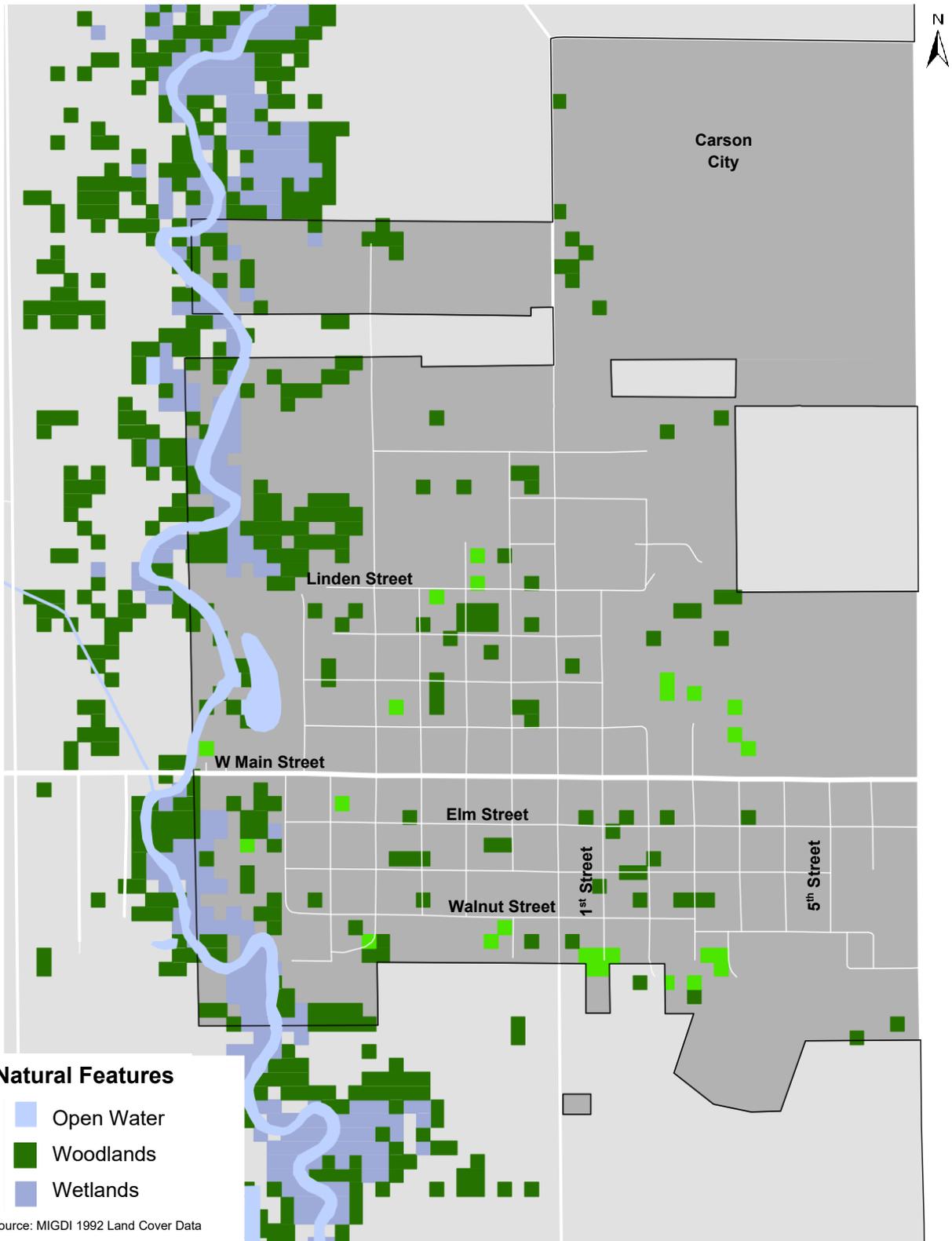
NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY

A natural resource inventory can be used to identify open areas that may be desirable for protection and/or public access. Carson City and Bloomer Township are relatively flat, drainage patterns are determined by the rivers, streams, and drains.



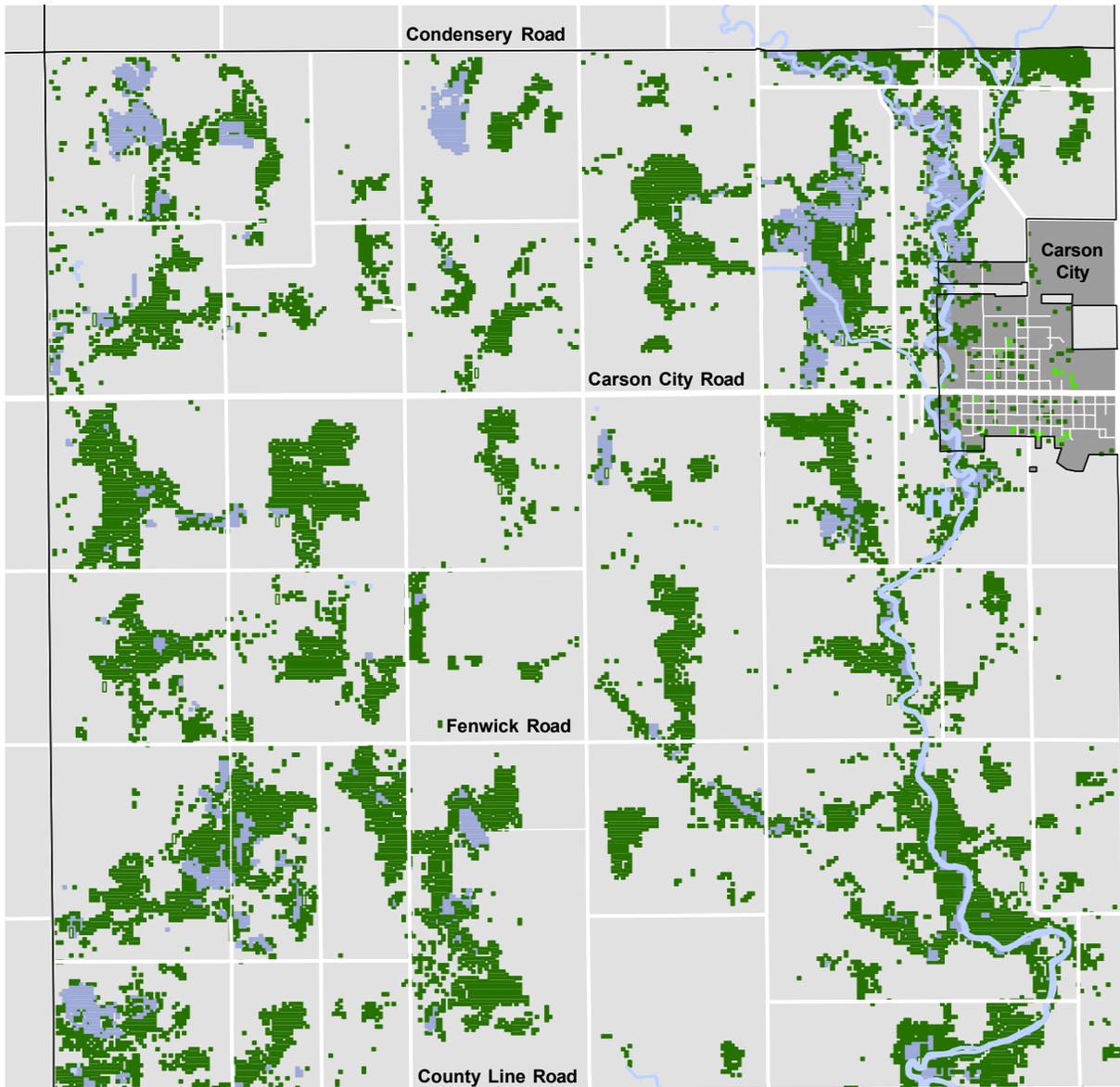
Carson City

Carson City and the surrounding area have several key natural resources, which the City has taken advantage of in their park system. These resources are highlighted in Map 5, on the following page. Fish Creek, which is a designated trout stream, flows from north to south along the west side of Carson City; it separates Haradine Park and West Park and borders Grove Park. Butternut Creek flows south through West Park and discharges into Fish Creek south of M-57. The mill dam/pond, which was integral to the development of Carson City, is located in Fish Creek. There are large swatches of wooded land to the west of the City following Fish creek. Generally, the Carson City area topography is flat to gently sloping with primarily poorly drained loamy soils. The land surrounding Fish Creek is primarily wetlands, according to the National Wetland Inventory, and is made up of poorly drained muck soils.



Bloomer Township

Bloomer Township is predominantly agricultural, with natural features that include pockets of wetlands along the river and within large, wooded areas. These wetlands play a vital ecological role by providing wildlife habitat, controlling erosion, storing floodwater, recharging groundwater, and purifying water. The Township’s wooded areas generally follow the river corridor and are scattered in large patches throughout the landscape. Both the wetlands and wooded lands offer valuable opportunities for recreational activities such as hiking, bird watching, photography, and hunting. The soils in the Township are similar to those found in Carson City—primarily poorly drained, loamy or mucky soils. These natural characteristics are illustrated previously in Map 5 and Map 6 following.



Natural Features

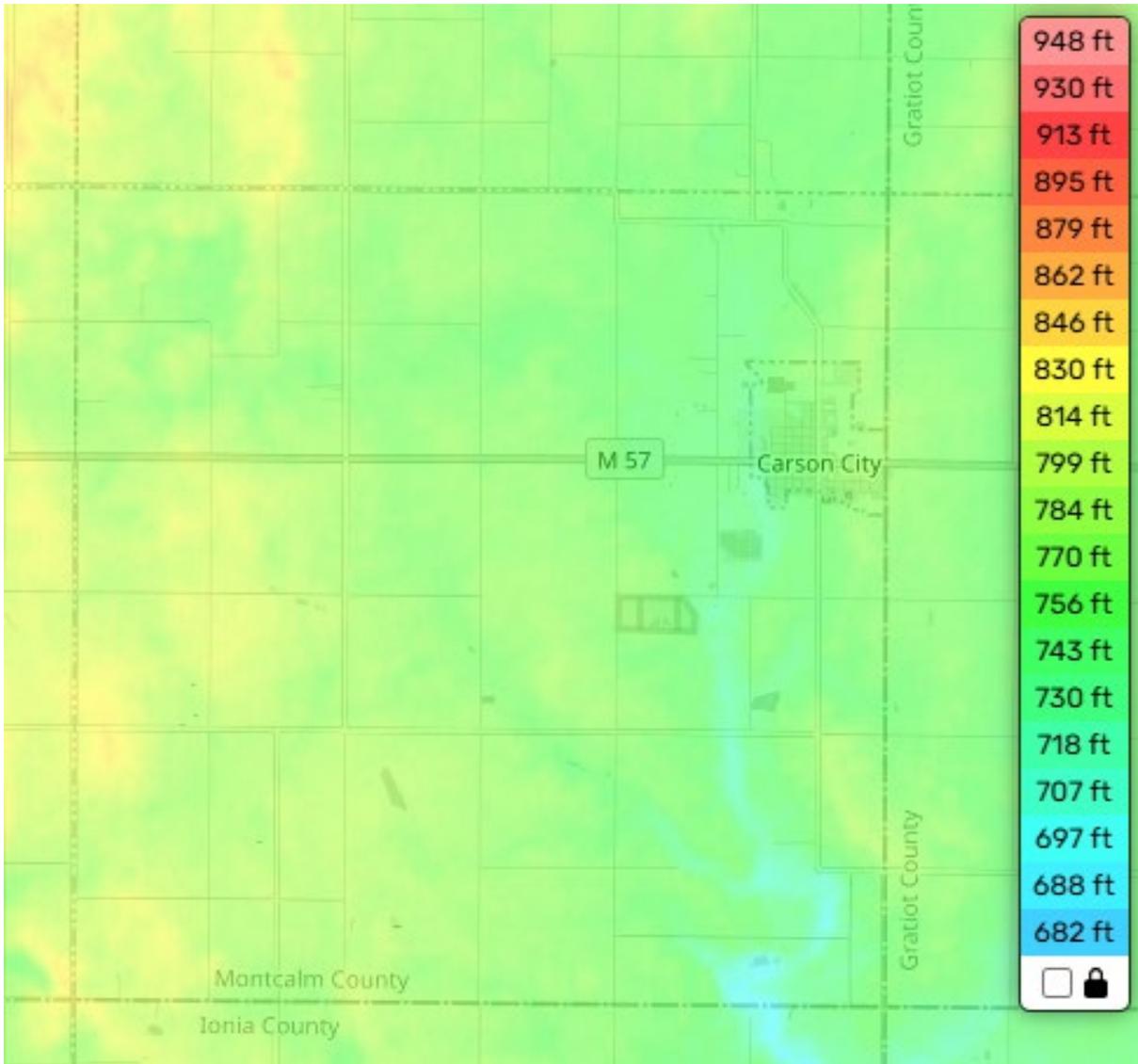
- Open Water
- Woodlands
- Wetlands

Source: MiGDL 1992 Land Cover Data

Map 6 – Bloomer Township Natural Features

Topography & Landforms

The slope of land plays an important role in determining the suitable use and development of property. Moderate slopes (10% - 25%) and areas of extreme slope (25% or more) may limit higher density developments from occurring. These limitations include a heightened risk of erosion and the difficulty in installing private septic systems. However, areas consisting of moderate and extreme slopes are sparse within the area. They are generally limited to Fish Creek. The large majority of the region consists of fairly level terrain which presents little to no restrictions for future development.

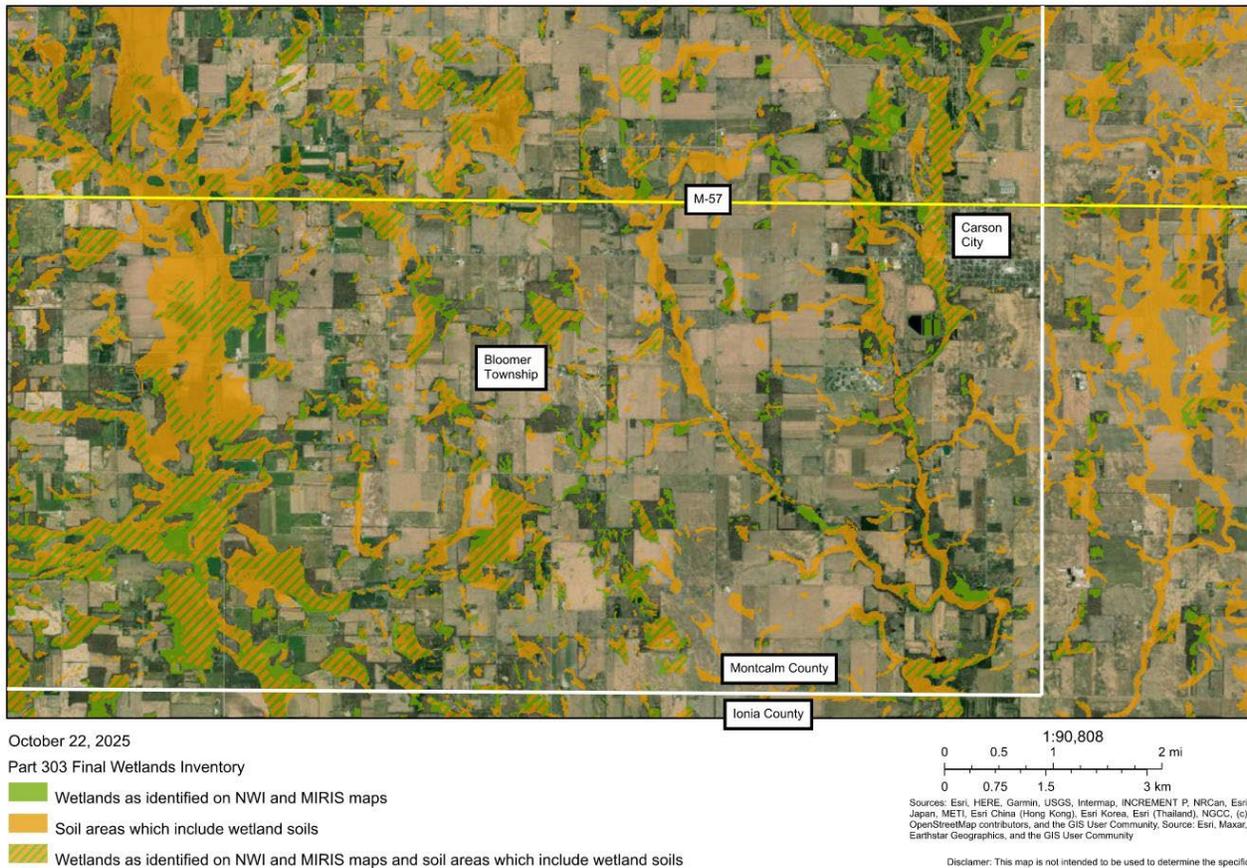


Source: topographic-map.com

Wetlands

The Wetlands Map highlights areas that contribute important ecological functions, including wildlife habitat, stormwater retention, water quality enhancement, and natural scenic value. These areas typically present significant limitations for the use of individual waste disposal systems. Most wetlands are located along rivers, creeks, streams, drainage ditches, and other water bodies throughout the area.

Wetlands Map Viewer



Source: EGLE Wetlands Map Viewer at www.mcgi.state.mi.us

Wetland (Hydric) soils are also identified. These are soils that have formed in the presence of water for sustained periods. They can be used to help locate wetlands, especially those that have been disturbed or altered by fill or excavation. Hydric soils may be unsuitable for certain types of development and can be an indicator of high groundwater levels.

Because they occur where the dry land meets the water, wetlands play a critical role in the management of our water-based resources. Acre for acre, wetlands produce more wildlife and plants than any other Michigan habitat type. Wetland species also comprise a critically important segment of these species.

Benefits of wetlands are many. Wetlands help:

- Reduce flooding by absorbing runoff from rain and melting snow and slowly releasing excess water into rivers and lakes - a one-acre swamp when flooded to a depth of one foot contains 330,000 gallons of water.
- Filter pollutants from surface runoff, trapping fertilizers, pesticides, sediments, and other contaminants and helping to break some of them down into less harmful substances, improving water clarity and quality.
- Recharge groundwater supplies when connected to underground aquifers.
- Contribute to natural nutrient and water cycles, and produce vital atmospheric gases, including oxygen.

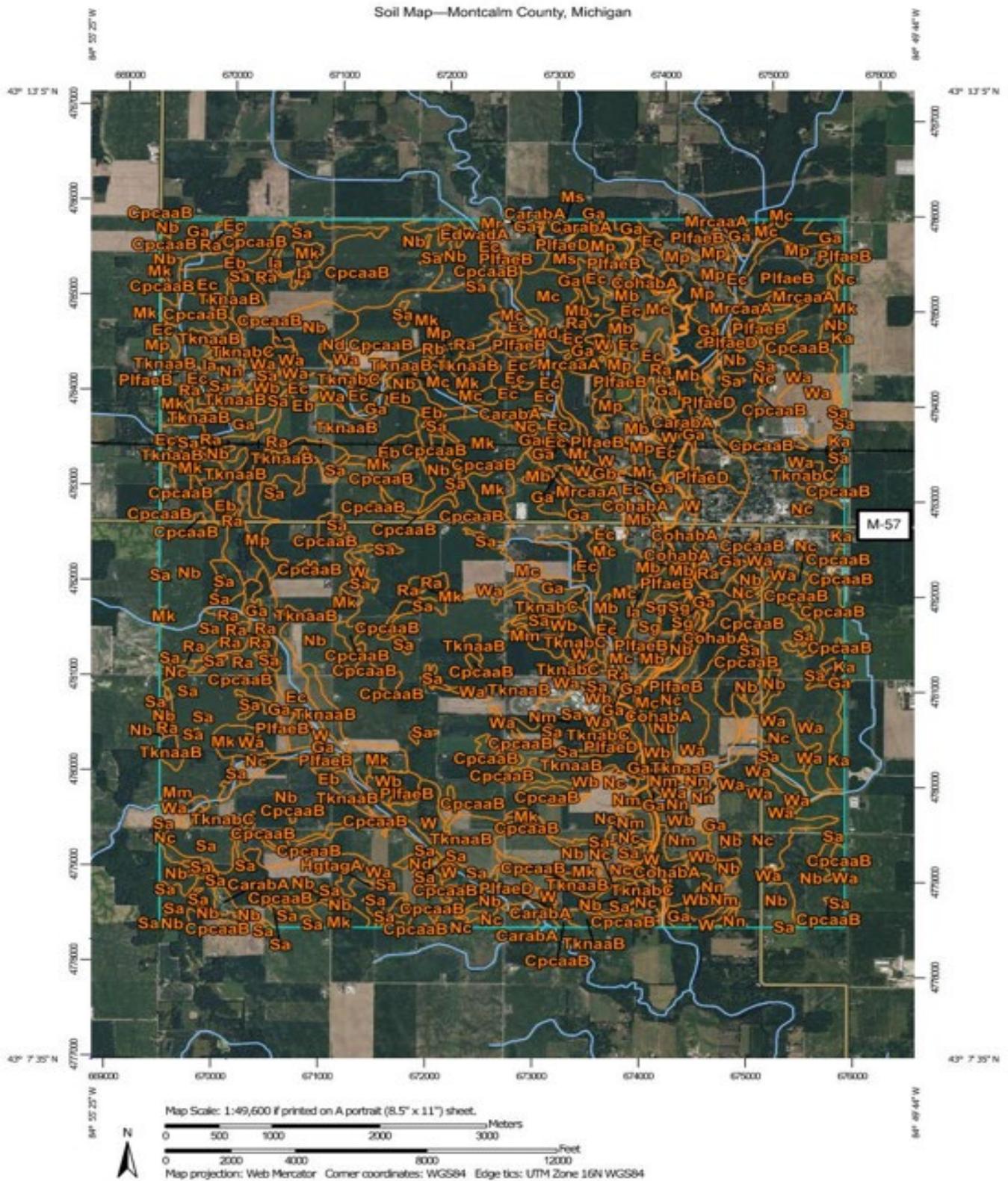
- Provide commercial or recreational value to our human economy, by producing plants, game birds (ducks, geese) and fur bearing mammals - many fish are directly connected to wetlands, requiring shallow water areas for breeding, feeding and escaping from predators.
- Serve as nutrient traps that then enrich the larger body of water of which they are part when wetlands occur adjacent to inland lakes or streams.

The last century has seen a greatly increased rate of wetland loss due to filling and drainage by man. Prior to World War II, drainage to expand agricultural lands accounted for most of this loss. Recently, much wetland destruction has been caused by commercial, industrial, and residential expansion. The estimated 11 million acres of Michigan wetlands existing in pre settlement times has now been reduced to less than 3 million acres. Recent legislation has slowed the loss rate somewhat but threats to these habitats, particularly the smaller wetlands, continue in many areas.

Prior to park & recreation development, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) should be consulted to review the results of a wetlands determination. The impacts of development within wetland areas should be carefully considered, and a permit from the MDNR should always be obtained if regulated wetlands are to be impacted.

Soils

The predominant soils in the Township are loam to sandy loam, consisting mainly of sand and silt with smaller amounts of clay. Clayey soils are also present and are characterized by fine particles and high-water retention. In general, well-drained, coarse-textured soils offer the most stable foundations for development. In contrast, soils with high organic content—such as muck, silt, and clay—tend to have poor stability. These less stable soils are typically found in low-lying, poorly drained areas near rivers and creeks. In such locations, the presence of surface and near-surface water can lead to issues like frost heave, compression, shrinkage, and swelling. On the following page is a Bloomer Township soil map zoomed in from a Montcalm County soils map. It shows the location of the different types of soil. Following that is a legend of the map with more detail on the soil categories.



Map Unit Legend

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
CarabA	Carlisle muck, 0 to 2 percent slopes	91.2	0.8%
CohabA	Cohoctah-Ceresco-Palms complex, 0 to 2 percent slopes, frequently flooded	310.2	2.6%
CpcaaB	Capac loam, 0 to 4 percent slopes	1,179.0	10.0%
Eb	Ensley loam and Edmore loamy fine sand, 0 to 2 percent slopes	161.4	1.4%
Ec	Epoufette loamy sand and Ronald sandy loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	512.8	4.3%
EdwadA	Edwards muck, 0 to 1 percent slopes	5.5	0.0%
Ga	Gladwin loamy sand and Palo sandy loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	1,009.5	8.5%
Gb	Gladwin loamy sand and Palo sandy loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes	3.0	0.0%
HgtagA	Houghton-Adrian mucks, 0 to 1 percent slopes	0.6	0.0%
Ia	Iosco loamy sand, 0 to 2 percent slopes	21.9	0.2%
Ka	Kawkawlin loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	44.1	0.4%
Mb	Mancelona loamy sand, 0 to 2 percent slopes	147.0	1.2%
Mc	Mancelona loamy sand, 2 to 6 percent slopes	304.4	2.6%
Md	Mancelona loamy sand, 6 to 10 percent slopes	37.0	0.3%
Me	Mancelona loamy sand, 10 to 18 percent slopes	1.0	0.0%
Mk	McBride and Isabella sandy loams, 2 to 6 percent slopes	644.4	5.5%
Mm	McBride and Isabella sandy loams, 6 to 10 percent slopes	29.1	0.2%
Mp	Melita loamy sand, 0 to 2 percent slopes	160.4	1.4%
Mr	Melita loamy sand, 2 to 6 percent slopes	31.5	0.3%
MrcaaA	Morocco-Brems sands, 0 to 3 percent slopes	42.9	0.4%

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
Ms	Melita-Iosco-Kawkawlin complex, 0 to 2 percent slopes	24.3	0.2%
Nb	Onekama loam, Saginaw Lobe, 2 to 6 percent slopes	3,866.6	32.7%
Nc	Onekama loam, Saginaw Lobe, 6 to 12 percent slopes	885.7	7.5%
Nd	Nester loam, 10 to 18 percent slopes	7.3	0.1%
Nm	Newaygo sandy loam, 2 to 6 percent slopes	210.2	1.8%
Nn	Newaygo sandy loam, 6 to 10 percent slopes	50.4	0.4%
P1faeB	Plainfield-Spinks sands, 0 to 6 percent slopes	655.0	5.5%
P1faeD	Plainfield-Spinks sands, 6 to 18 percent slopes	38.3	0.3%
Ra	Rifle and Tawas peats, 0 to 2 percent slopes	88.6	0.8%
Rb	Roscommon sand, 0 to 2 percent slopes	1.3	0.0%
Sa	Sims loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	503.9	4.3%
Sg	Sewage lagoons	27.2	0.2%
TknaaB	Tekenink-Elmdale loamy sands, 2 to 6 percent slopes	501.3	4.2%
TknabC	Tekenink-Spinks loamy sands, 6 to 12 percent slopes	43.4	0.4%
W	Water	68.5	0.6%
Wa	Washtenaw loam and silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	75.8	0.6%
Wb	Washtenaw sandy loam and loamy sand, 0 to 2 percent slopes	23.9	0.2%
Totals for Area of Interest		11,809.4	100.0%

Bloomer Township area - Source: United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service Web Soil Survey, <https://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov>

Water Resources & Drainage

The most significant water resources in Bloomer Township are Fish Creek and Butternut Creek. Fish Creek originates near Stanton and flows through Sidney, Evergreen, and Crystal Townships before entering the northeast corner of Bloomer Township (Section 2). It then continues south along the eastern edge of the Township, exiting in Section 35. Butternut Creek begins in the southwest corner of Crystal Township and flows through the northern half of Bloomer Township, eventually joining Fish Creek on the west side of Carson City. Numerous smaller tributaries collect runoff throughout the area. Together, Fish Creek, Butternut Creek, and their tributaries provide drainage for nearly the entire Bloomer Township.

Fish Creek flows south through Bloomer Township and eventually empties into the Maple River just south of Hubbardston in Ionia County. The Maple River continues southwest, joining the Grand River near Muir, which ultimately discharges into Lake Michigan near Grand Haven.

Bloomer Township does not contain any natural lakes or ponds over ten acres in size. Surface water drainage is supported by a network of wetlands and smaller tributaries that help collect and store runoff. These wetlands were described previously under the wetlands heading.

Although the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has not conducted a flood hazard study for the Township, flooding has not been a significant concern. This is largely due to limited development, a well-functioning system of wetlands and drainage courses, and loamy soils that support rainfall absorption. However, improper land development could still increase flood risks locally and in downstream areas.

Floodplains

Although Fish Creek runs through both the township and the city, the 100-year floodplains cover only a small portion of the city. These areas primarily overlap with public and industrial properties, which face increased risk of flood damage during severe storms.

The Township's Zoning Code governs development within the Floodplain Overlay District. Preserving the natural function of the floodplain is essential to managing floodwaters. When areas of the floodplain are filled or developed, it reduces the land's capacity to absorb overflow, potentially redirecting floodwaters onto neighboring properties.

Fish and Wildlife

The area's wildlife is typical of that found in most of Lower Michigan. Common wildlife includes deer, raccoons, opossums, rabbits, muskrats, beavers, squirrels, rodents and other small mammals. The area is home to a variety of birds including owls, wild turkeys, pheasants and many others. The area is also a seasonal home to many migratory birds including ducks and Canada Geese.

With Carson City being located on the Fish Creek, the wetlands here provide habitats for a variety of animals such as salamanders, raccoons, shrews, and frogs.

DESCRIPTION OF PLANNING PROCESS

To enhance the quality of recreational opportunities for residents, the City of Carson City (working in partnership with Bloomer Township, and the local hospital) has prepared this Parks and Recreation Plan to guide the development of recreational facilities over the next five years. This plan reflects a continued commitment by these organizations to set and achieve recreational goals and objectives for the community. In addition, it enables Carson City and Bloomer Township to qualify for Department of Natural Resources grants that can support the community in meeting its recreational objectives.

Carson City and Bloomer Township engaged Fleis & VandenBrink to assist the Parks and Recreation Committee in developing this plan. Throughout 2025, Fleis & VandenBrink met with the committee multiple times and maintained regular communication to ensure the successful completion of the plan.

Census data was collected for each community, including information on demographics, natural features, and an inventory of parks and facilities owned and operated by the City. This information was compiled from multiple sources, including City staff, the 2010 Carson City Parks and Recreation Plan, the Parks and Recreation Committee, and analysis of aerial imagery from Google Earth.

Three opportunities for public input and participation were offered during the development of this plan, with the results summarized in the following section. Based on the existing data and community feedback, the City, Township, and Parks and Recreation Committee established a series of goals for parks and recreation. The Committee also developed an action program to guide the implementation of these goals.

Fleis & VandenBrink completed a draft recreation plan which was subsequently available for review at the Carson City Hall, Carson City Public Library, Carson City website and Bloomer Township website. The 30-day Notice of Review was published in the Daily News on December 8, 2025, and on both the City and Township websites. The final opportunity for community input occurred at the advertised public hearing held prior to adoption of the plan, on January 13, 2026. Next, the City Council, and the Township Board both approved a resolution to adopt the recreation plan at separate meetings. The City Council meeting was on January 20, 2026 and the Township Board meeting was on January 19, 2026.



Copies of the recreation plan were transmitted to Montcalm County Planning Commission, the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources by February 1, 2026. Copies of the postings, the public hearing minutes, meeting minutes, and the resolutions, are included in Appendix C, D, and E.

The purpose of the strategic planning process was to receive direct input from key individuals within the community relative to the identification and ranking of the community's current recreation needs. The issues and needs were identified and discussed at the January 13, 2026, input session and are incorporated into this document.

DESCRIPTION OF PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

Receiving public input was an important step in assessing the recreational needs and desires of local residents. Several methods were used in order to obtain public input.

The first method was a written survey. The objective was to obtain input from a large number of individuals, typically those that would not normally attend a community meeting. One hundred and seven individuals completed the 24-question survey - both through completing the online survey as well as mail-in surveys. The survey, results, and comments from the survey are included in *Appendix A, Survey* and *Appendix B, Survey Results*. Highlights from the survey include:

General:

- Just above 60% of individuals said the overall condition of the parks is “good”, while almost 24% consider them “excellent”.
- In terms of safety, respondents rank the parks on average as 3.9 on a scale of zero to five, with five being the safest.
- Approximately 70% of individuals think the City and Township should focus on developing a non-motorized path system, with 63 votes separate non-motorized paths as the safest option, additional sidewalks following with 42 votes, sharrows with 8 votes, and dedicated bike lanes with 39 votes.

West Park:

- 47% of respondents voted that West Park was seen as the park that is being utilized to its fullest potential while just under 19% believed that it is being underutilized.
- 25% of individuals believe improvements can be made.
- Comments related to this park are included in the “Comments” section of the survey in *Appendix B, Survey Results*.



Haradine Park:

- Sixty-Two (63%) individuals ranked this park as their most visited park and, when asked to estimate the number of times individuals used each park per year, 36% said they visit Haradine park at least 11 times per year.
- 33% of respondents believe that improvements could be made, however only 13 individuals thought that this park is being underutilized.

- Comments related to this park are included in the “Comments” section of the survey in *Appendix B, Survey Results*.

Grove Park:

- Grove Park scored the highest (3.19) as the park that respondents most want to see improved. This aligns with the result of question eleven, where almost 43% of individuals believe this park is being underutilized and not reaching its full potential.
- Comments related to this park are included in the “Comments” section of the survey in *Appendix B, Survey Results*.



Legacy Park:

- This park tends to be the least visited park of Carson City and Bloomer Township. 85% of respondents have visited this park only 1-5 times within the last year.
- 25 (34.25%) of individuals ranked this park as a ten, ten being the highest, in terms of its condition.
- This park received the lowest number of individuals believing it was being utilized to its fullest potential, with only 6% of responses.
- Comments related to this park are included in the “Comments” section of the survey in *Appendix B, Survey Results*.

Public Review Period and Input Session

A draft plan was developed and posted online for residents in Carson City and Bloomer Township on their respective websites, to comment on for over 30 days. Notices were also provided in the Daily News and on the Carson City Hall door. In addition to the electronic copies for review, printed copies were also available at Carson City Hall and Carson City Public Library, which was also publicized. Written comments prior to the public hearing could be emailed to adm@carsoncitymi.com, or mailed to the attention of Nan Hagerman at PO Box 340, Carson City, MI 48811.

The last opportunity to voice their opinion was during the Public Hearing held by the Carson City Council on January 13, 2026. The Public Hearing was advertised with the posting of the draft for the 30-day review. Documentation supporting the public hearing can be found in *Appendix C Public Notices, and E Meeting Minutes*.

It is highly recommended that additional effort be put forth to solicit comments from residents in close vicinity to or who may be negatively impacted by future projects. Public review and comment was done when this plan was in its draft stage.



GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Developing effective and achievable goals and objectives is an important part of the parks and recreation planning process. Overall, the Parks and Recreation Committee would like to provide high quality recreation opportunities for the community. More specific goals and objectives are based on the demographic characteristics of the population, the physical and environmental characteristics, and the input of the community.

Goals are the broadest level of ideas. By necessity, they are overreaching and general. However, objectives carry out the purpose of each goal. Action Plan items are the most specific level, they identify specific projects and programs to be pursued over the next five years. Action Plan items can include organizational, staffing, programming, public information, and operation and maintenance actions. The Parks and Recreation Committee formulated the following goals and objectives.

Goal 1: Enhance Park Identity and Visitor Experience.

Grove Park

- Preserve the peaceful, off-the-beaten-path character with its mature trees and natural trail setting.
- Add handicapped-accessible restrooms to improve comfort and inclusivity for all visitors.
- Maintain and promote the rental pavilion as a gathering space for small events.

Haradine Park

- Continue supporting community gatherings with its popular pavilion for family reunions and birthday parties.
- Maintain and enhance the skate park, small playground, and creekside benches.
- Protect and improve access to Fish Creek for fishing and nature viewing.

- Strengthen the park's role as a recreation hub connected to West Park via the two pedestrian bridges.

West Park

- Maintain and upgrade the large wooden playground activity center to ensure safety and enjoyment.
- Continue seasonal operation of the splash pad (Memorial Weekend – Labor Day).
- Preserve open green spaces to support reading, picnicking, and relaxed outdoor experiences.

Legacy Park (Newest Park)

- Support athletic programming with the two full-size baseball fields, full dugouts, and seating.
- Develop amenities that enhance spectator comfort and athlete experience.
- Strengthen the park's identity as the community's flagship sports complex.

Goal 2: Improve Accessibility, Safety, and Connectivity

Objectives

- Develop a safe pedestrian crosswalk and pathway connection between the City and Bloomer Township to ensure that residents on both sides can travel safely on foot or by bike.
- Upgrade existing trails and paths to meet accessibility standards where feasible.
- Add wayfinding signage between Haradine and West Parks to emphasize the connected park network.

Goal 3: Support Community Health, Recreation, and Engagement.

Objectives

- Offer a diverse range of recreation opportunities — from passive nature walks at Grove Park to active play and skateboarding at Haradine and West Parks, to organized sports at Legacy Park.
- Promote community events using pavilion rentals and open spaces.
- Continue building a park system that encourages healthy lifestyles for all ages and abilities.

Goal 4: Stewardship, Sustainability & Maintenance

Objectives

- Preserve natural features, especially the wooded environment at Grove Park and the creekside habitat at Haradine Park.
- Maintain all pavilions, playgrounds, and sports facilities to ensure safety and longevity.
- Explore environmentally friendly approaches to landscaping, stormwater management, and facility upgrades.

Goal 5: Long-Term Growth & Vision

Objectives

- Strengthen the city's identity as a community connected by vibrant, well-kept parks.
- Invest in infrastructure that improves safety, accessibility, and recreation in each of the four parks.
- Continue evaluating community needs to guide future improvements, programming, and amenities.



ACTION PROGRAM

With goals and objectives in place, the Carson City Recreation Committee has developed an accompanying 5-year Action Plan. This is a tool that will enable the Carson City Community to move toward accomplishing their goals and objectives. The action plan is used to highlight specific projects which will maintain and improve the quality and diversity of parks and recreation opportunities.

Potential projects are shown on Table 5. Each of these action items relates to one or more of the goals from the previous goals and objectives section. They have each been assigned a priority level of 1 through 5. The potential capital improvements that are listed in Table 6 have been established to provide a framework for decision makers, and to enable the City or Township to apply for grant funding for those proposed projects.

The project list is not a fixed element, nor is it exhaustive. It reflects the results of the input received from the City staff, the public hearing, and the online survey. Future circumstances, especially availability of funding, may influence the order in which the projects are completed.

Financing Potential Improvements

Funding for parks and recreation capital improvements can come from a range of local, state, and federal programs. Grant funding is available for parks and recreation projects. However, applicants need to target potential funding agencies and programs very carefully so as to meet the specific criteria required. See page 39 for potential sources of recreational funding.

Carson City Area Parks and Recreation Plan 2026 - 2030 Action Plan		
Action Item	Priority	Relates to Goal
Grove Park		
Construct a restroom facility	1	1 & 2
Add electrical hook-up in pavilion	1	2
Add lights for sledding hill	1	2
Pave portions of the walking trail that are currently unpaved	2	1, 2, & 3
Add sidewalks to connect the apartment complex area to Grove Park.	3	1, 2, 3, & 5
Haradine Park		
Pond improvements – Boardwalk, Pagoda with swings	1	1, 3, 4 & 5
Repair cracked concrete in pavilion	2	2, 4, & 5
Remodel the existing restroom facility	3	1, 2, & 5
West Park		
Construct a trail to Bloomer Township/Garlock Road area	1	2 & 5
Add adult fitness equipment and signage along trails	2	1, 2, & 3
Add fishing platform on Fish Creek	3	1
Add portable trailer/stage/amphitheater	4	1 & 3

Table 5 – 5-Year Action Plan

Capital Improvement Schedule

Table 6 - Capital Improvement Schedule				
Year	Project	Est. Cost	Justification	Possible Funding Sources
2026	Grove Park - Electrical hook-up at Pavilion	\$5,000 - \$10,000	Goal 2	MNRTF Local Match DDA Patronicity Donations/Foundations
2026	Haradine Park – Restroom Building Remodel finish	\$20,000-\$50,000	Goals 1, 2, & 5	MNRTF Local Match Patronicity Donations/Foundations
2028	West Park – Adult Fitness Equipment	\$15,000 - \$50,000	Goals 1, 2, & 3	MNRTF Local Match Donations/Foundations
2028	West Park – Parking Lot	\$80,000 - \$100,000	Goals 1, 2, & 5	MNRTF Local Match Donations/Foundations
2029	Recreation Plan Update	\$10,000 - \$19,000	Goal 5	\$8,000 Local

Abbreviations

MDNR - Michigan Department of Natural Resources
LWCF - Land and Water Conservation Fund
TAP -Transportation Alternatives Program

MDOT – Michigan Department of Transportation
MNRTF- Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

Financing Mechanisms

The following paragraphs briefly outline existing sources of funds for financing the future recreational improvements in the City and Township.

1. General Funds

The City's general fund has been the primary source of funds for operating and maintaining its current facilities. Future site improvements, acquisition, and development will remain dependent on these tax-supported funds, as will the continued operation and maintenance of these facilities. Consequently, recreation planning has to be coordinated with the yearly budgeting process for the City's general funds.

2. Donations and Gifts

The availability of donated land, labor, equipment, and funds from individuals and organizations is an attractive and effective way to improve recreational opportunities in The City. Over the past few years, several groups and individuals have contributed significantly. Such support should be encouraged to continue.

3. Multi-jurisdictional Funding

One of the primary goals of establishing a trail authority comprised of adjacent townships would be to establish a joint source of funding for acquisition, development and maintenance of multi-jurisdictional trail projects. It is too premature to discuss levels or formulas for financial participation/contribution, but by forming such a coalition, the individual townships will collectively be in a stronger position in seeking future matching grants than if pursuing projects individually.

4. Non-Local Financial Assistance

Many communities seek outside sources of funds to supplement their local sources when providing recreational improvements. There are several programs administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) that can provide some financial assistance to local recreation projects. Funding amounts available to communities vary from year to year depending on Federal support and State legislative agendas.

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is a competitive grant program administered by the Michigan Department of Transportation that funds projects such as nonmotorized paths, streetscapes, and historic preservation of transportation facilities that enhance Michigan's intermodal transportation system and provide safe alternative transportation options. These investments support place-based economic development by offering transportation choices, promoting walkability and improving the quality of life. The program uses Federal Transportation Funds designated by Congress for these types of activities. Some key information on the TA program is as follows:

- Funding will be reduced from the current \$23 million a year to \$14-16 million a year. Project funding will be more competitive than previously with the average per capita award in the \$44-50 per person range.
- Minimum match is still 20% however historic average is 34% and the 2011 average was 44% local match to grant. Any project request for over \$2,000,000 total project cost must be 50%-50%. The most favorable grant request will likely be in the \$500,000 range.
- Regional Trails will still be a priority, as will urban area streetscapes. Museums and historic preservation projects will be phased out for funding consideration.
- Preliminary grant application review with regional staff is encouraged to determine competitive nature of project and gather suggestions from TE staff. Project narratives should focus on intermodal transportation opportunities as they relate to the larger picture in the community, traffic calming, improving safety and improving water quality through best management practices.

The **Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)** is administered by the MDNR. The MNRTF program utilizes the royalties from oil, gas, and other mineral developments on state-owned lands to help finance the acquisition and the development of outdoor recreation facilities. The CMI program is the result of the passage of Proposal C of 1998.

Any unit of government, including school districts, may apply for grants to develop or acquire land(s) for public recreation or resource protection purposes. Application forms are available on February 1 of each year. The application deadlines are April 1 and September 1, of each year. The MDNR submits a list of recommended projects to the legislature the following January and funds are available after legislative appropriation, usually the following fall.

All local units of government must provide a local match of at least 25 percent of total project costs. For **MNRTF** development projects, the minimum funding request is \$15,000, and the maximum is \$300,000. Proposals must be for outdoor recreation or resource protection purposes. Outdoor recreation support buildings and other facilities are eligible for development funding, as is the renovation of existing recreation facilities.

All applicants must have a current DNR-approved community recreation plan, documenting the need for project proposal.

In addition, any private individual may nominate land for public acquisition under this program. All nominations are reviewed by the MDNR for possible acquisition and the landowner is not required to be the person nominating a parcel of land for public acquisition. Nomination forms are available at any time from the DNR Recreation Division and may be submitted to the Department year-round.

The Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (**LWCF**) program makes money available to the States for land acquisition and development of outdoor recreation facilities. From 1965 to 1996, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) received over \$100 million in LWCF assistance for more than 1,500 projects, over 1,100 of which have been grants to local governments. The objective is to provide grants to local units of government and to the State to acquire and develop land for outdoor recreation.

Applications are evaluated on established criteria including project need, capability of applicant, and site and project quality. At least 50 percent match on either acquisition or development projects is required from local government applicants with a \$30,000 minimum and \$100,000 maximum funding limit. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) makes recommendations to the National Park Service (NPS), which grants final approval. Criteria are spelled out in the "Recreation Grants Selection Process" booklet given to all applicants.

PA 32 of 2010 created the Local Public Recreation Facilities Fund to be used for the development of public recreation facilities for local units of government. Money for this fund is derived from the sale of the **Recreation Passport** which replaces the resident Motor Vehicle Permit (MVP) — or window sticker — for state park entrance. The passport will be required for entry to state parks, recreation areas and boating access sites. Ten percent of remaining revenue will be used to fund the **Recreation Passport local grant program**. A 25% minimum local match is required for the Passport grant program with a maximum grant amount of \$150,000 and a minimum of \$7,500.

The grant program may only be used for local development projects. The program is focused on renovating and improving existing parks, but the development of new parks is eligible. In addition, projects must fulfill the following requirements in order to be eligible:

- Current annual capital improvement plan (CIP) – plan must include the proposed project. If your community does not have a CIP, you must have a current approved recreation plan on file with the DNR.

Organizations with an interest in developing fishing conditions in their areas may be able to get financial assistance from a program established through the ***State Game and Fish Protection Fund***.

This fishing development grant is offered through the MDNR and can be as much as \$200,000 annually, in cash or in-kind services. Projects eligible for funding include culvert modifications for improved stream flow; livestock or sheet erosion control projects; the development of spawning riffles, fish cover structures, or spawning reefs; and the construction of fishing piers and rough fish barriers.

The MDNR accepts grant proposals from organized fishing groups and local units of government. In all cases, projects are able to approach other sources such as the federal government for additional matching funds.

The ***Historic Preservation Grant Program*** is administered by the Department of State with funds made available through the National Park Service of the Department of Interior. The intent of the program is to conduct surveys of architectural, engineering, archaeological, and historic resources, to identify and nominate eligible properties to the National Register of Historic Places, and to plan for the protection of those cultural/recreational resources.

The funds for this program are apportioned by the National Park Service directly to the State, which, in turn, allocates funds on a project-by-project basis to local governments, organizations, and individuals.

In Michigan the Historic Preservation Grant program is administered by the Michigan Department of State. The amount of assistance is up to 50% of the project expenses. Grantees are reimbursed at the completion of the project for work done within the days of a contract between the Department of State and the grantee. EXPENSES INCURRED PRIOR TO THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT ARE NOT ALLOWABLE PROJECT COSTS AND WILL NOT BE REIMBURSED.

The ***Inland Fisheries Grant Program*** offers grants up to \$30,000 for projects that enhance the state's aquatic resources. This program may be applicable to the scenic overlook fishing platforms and educational kiosks.

The City and Township are committed to review all available funding sources and prepare the necessary plans, reports, cost estimates, and funding applications, to achieve the goals of this recreation plan.

Waterways Program Grants are funded through the Michigan State Waterways Fund from state marine fuel tax and watercraft registrations. By law, administration of the Waterways Program is through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and overseen by the Department's Parks and Recreation Division.

Grants provide funding assistance for design/engineering and construction of public recreational harbor/marina and boating access site/launch facilities throughout the state. Only local units of government (city, City, township, or county) and public universities are eligible. Applicants may cooperate with community/sports organizations in the implementation of projects. On-site investigation by DNR, Parks and Recreation Division staff may be required to determine suitability of proposed work. Applicant may also be required to document area boating demand. Greater priority may be given to projects for which a local

applicant documents match capabilities equal to or greater than the percentage of project cost they are required to provide. The local match can include in-kind expenses as long as they are well-documented.

Applications, and all required information, must be received by 5:00 p.m, **April 1st**. If April 1st falls on a weekend, the deadline would be the last State working day prior to April 1st. The application review and funding process for projects is from April 1st until an appropriation is approved by the Legislature. This can take up to 18 to 24 months. Notification of approval for engineering and smaller sized construction projects may occur within six months after completed application form and proper documentation are received. Funding for construction is not released until permits are secured.

Communities, non-profits, and municipalities can submit projects by applying for a **Patronicity crowdgranting campaign**. Crowdgranting is the effort of leveraging broad based crowdfunding against a sponsor's matching grant to improve communities.

Public Spaces Community Places projects include:

- Public Plaza & Green Space Development
- Access to Public Amenities
- Farmer's Markets, Community Kitchens, Pop-Up Retail/Incubator Space
- Alley Rehabilitation
- Any other place based (or public space improvement) project

The Public Spaces, Community Places program is a public placemaking initiative created by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. Projects that meet the program's parameters and successfully crowdfund their goal will receive a matching grant from the MEDC of up to \$50,000

5. Millage

In an effort to raise matching funds or fund projects with local money, many community leaders have placed ballot proposals before their residents for a dedicated increase in their existing mill property tax to fund park maintenance and repair, including care for new parks and newly acquired parks, compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as well as safety and security improvements.

Establishment of a Park Improvement/Development, Maintenance and Repair Millage will assure that parks and facilities will be maintained at the level of quality expected by park users and that new parkland will have adequate amenities.

Appendix A

Survey

Carson City and Bloomer Township 5-Year Park & Recreation Master Plan Community Input Survey

As part of a joint 5-Year Park & Recreation Master Plan between Carson City and Bloomer Township, we would like to gather your input on the City's and Township's parks and recreational facilities through the following survey. Your participation by November 7, 2025 is greatly appreciated and will help guide this planning effort.

Please complete one survey per user.

1. Please identify your age group and residency:

Under 15

15-25

26-35

36-50

51-65

66+

Please identify if you are a permanent resident or seasonal.

2. How many children, if any, currently live in your household?

Number of
children

What are the ages of the children within the household?

3. Are your primary recreational activities active or passive?

Active (e.g., running, cycling, swimming, tennis)

Passive (e.g., walking, picnicking, nature/bird watching)

4. Generally, when do you use recreational facilities?

Weekdays

Weekends

Summer

Spring / Fall / Winter

5. How would you rate the overall condition of the parks and recreational facilities in the City or Township?

Poor



Fair



Good



Excellent



6. In the past 12 months, how often have you used the parks and recreational facilities in the City or Township?

1-5 visits

6-10 visits

11-19 visits

20-35 visits

35+ visits

7. Please rank the following parks/facilities from most used to least used:

☰ Grove Park



☰ Haradine Park



☰ Legacy Park



☰ West Park



8. In the past 12 months, how many times did you visit the following parks and recreational facilities?

	1-5	6-10	11-19	20-35	36+
Grove Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Haradine Park	<input type="radio"/>				
Legacy Park	<input type="radio"/>				
West Park	<input type="radio"/>				

9. On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the best), please rate the condition of the following parks and recreational facilities:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Grove Park	<input type="radio"/>									
Haradine Park	<input type="radio"/>									
Legacy Park	<input type="radio"/>									
West Park	<input type="radio"/>									

10. Based on your observations, which park or facility do you feel is utilized to its fullest potential?

11. Based on your observations, which park or facility do you feel is the most under-utilized and not reaching its full potential?

12. Please rank the following parks in order of which you would most like to see improved:

 Grove Park

 Haradine Park

☰ Legacy Park



☰ West Park



13. How would you rate the overall security and safety of the parks, with 5 being very safe and 0 being not safe?

0 5

14. Do you feel there are adequate park facilities within walking or biking distance, without needing to drive?

- Yes
- No, needs improvement

15. Please indicate whether you believe each of the parks and recreational facilities or activities listed below currently meets the community's needs.

	Yes	No
Youth soccer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Yes	No
Baseball/softball	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Basketball	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tennis	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pickleball	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Playgrounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Splash pad	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking/biking trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cross-country skiing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rollerblading	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Kayak facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nature centers/trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Frisbee golf	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fitness groups (yoga, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor fitness stations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Music in the park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Yes	No
Movies in the park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Festivals & special events	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dog park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Picnic facilities/shelters	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Seating areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public art	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fishing areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Concessions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Modern restrooms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

16. How well do you feel Carson City and Bloomer Township communicate with you about parks and recreational **facilities**?

Excellent

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- No Comment

17. How well do you feel Carson City and Bloomer Township communicate with you about parks and recreational **programs**?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- No Comment

18. What forms of communication would help you stay better informed about programs and facilities offered by the City and Township? (Check all that apply)

- Website

- Newsletter
- Email
- Social media
- Direct mail/flyers
- TV/Radio ads
- Other (please specify)

19. Do you believe the City and Township have adequate park acreage to meet the community's needs?

- Yes
- No

20. What is your overall opinion of the barrier-free accessibility at the parks?

- Excellent
- Good

- Fair
- Poor
- No comment

21. Do the City and Township need to focus on the development and expansion of a non-motorized path system?

- Yes
- No

22. What do you think would be the best and safest path options? (Check all that apply)

- Dedicated bike lanes
- Sharrows (cars and bikes share the road)
- Additional sidewalks
- Separate non-motorized paths

23. As we plan future park improvements, please rank the activities, programs, and events that would be most valuable to you, from most to least desired.

- Music in the park
- Movies in the park
- Family gatherings
- Festivals & special events
- Visiting downtown
- Splash pad / water feature
- ADA-accessible picnic areas
- Walking
- Ice skating in the winter

24. Do you have any additional suggestions for activities, events, or general improvements?

Done

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May drop of the paper survey at the Bloomer Township Hall or mail to:

Fleis & VandenBrink
Attn: Marlena O'Connell or Kayla Palmer
2960 Lucerne Dr SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

or

Bloomer Township Treasurer
PO Box 261
Carson City, MI 48811

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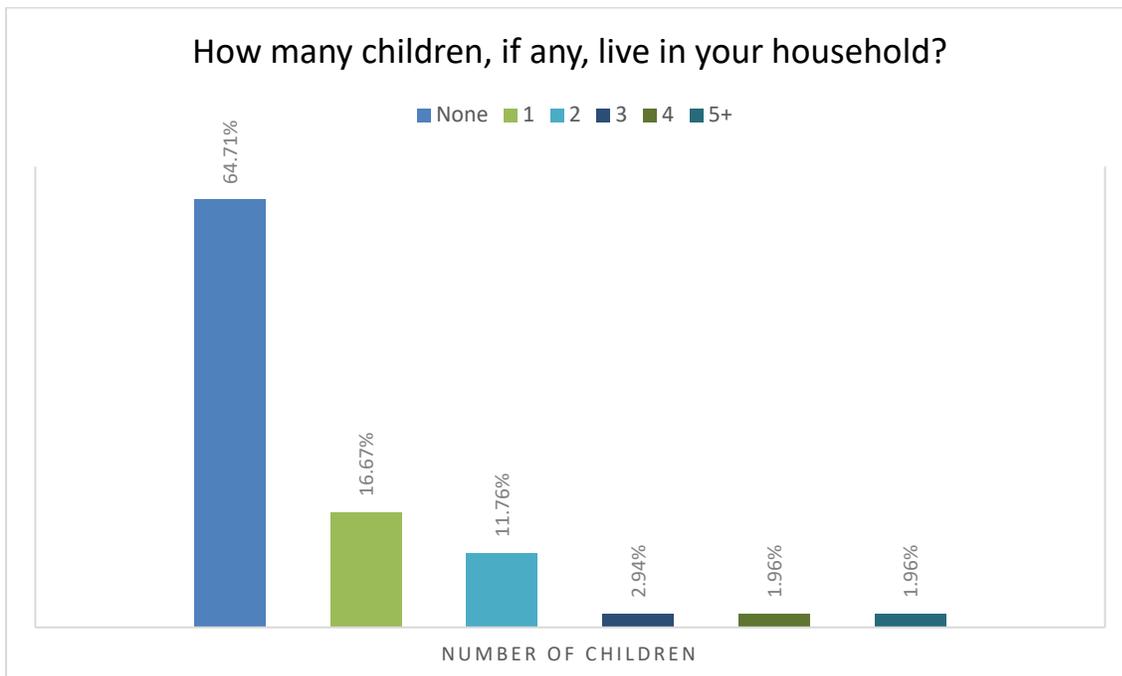
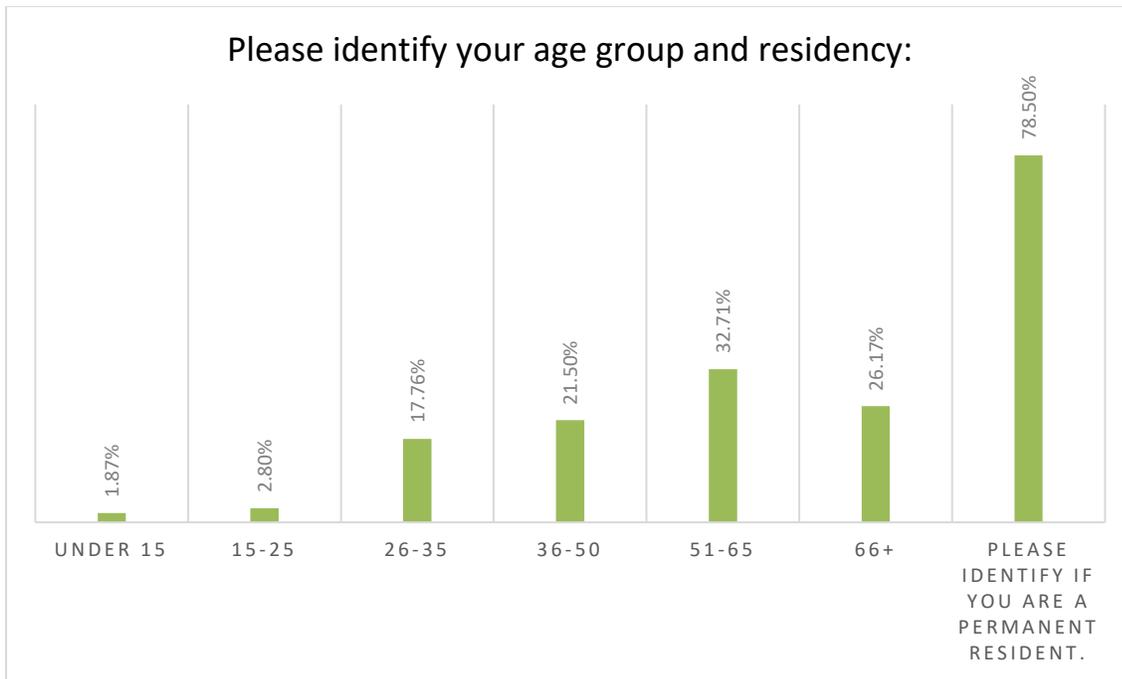
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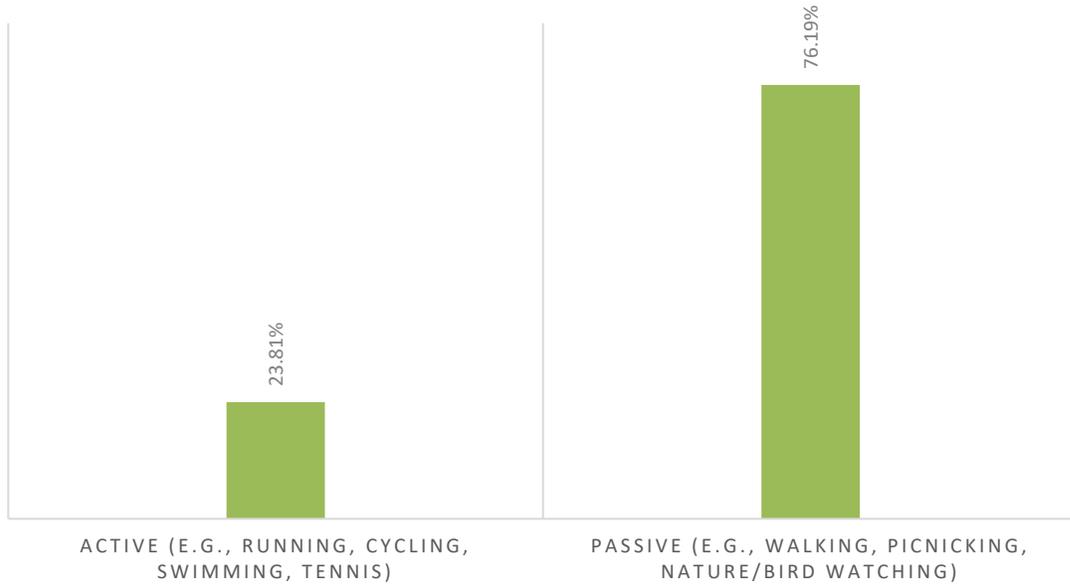
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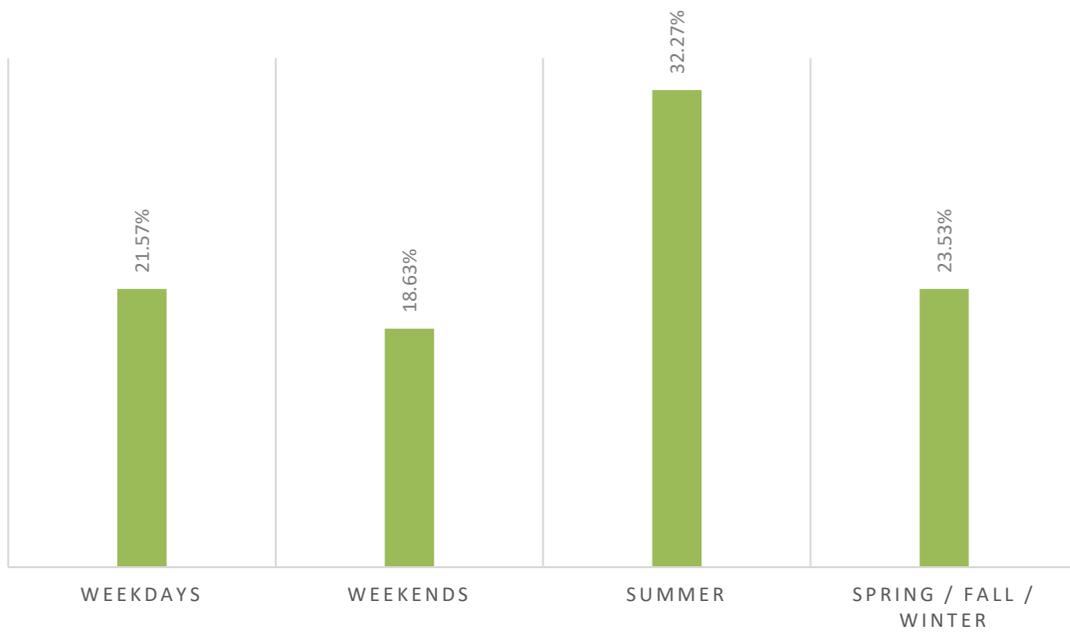
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Are your primary recreational activities active or passive?



Generally, when do you use recreational facilities?



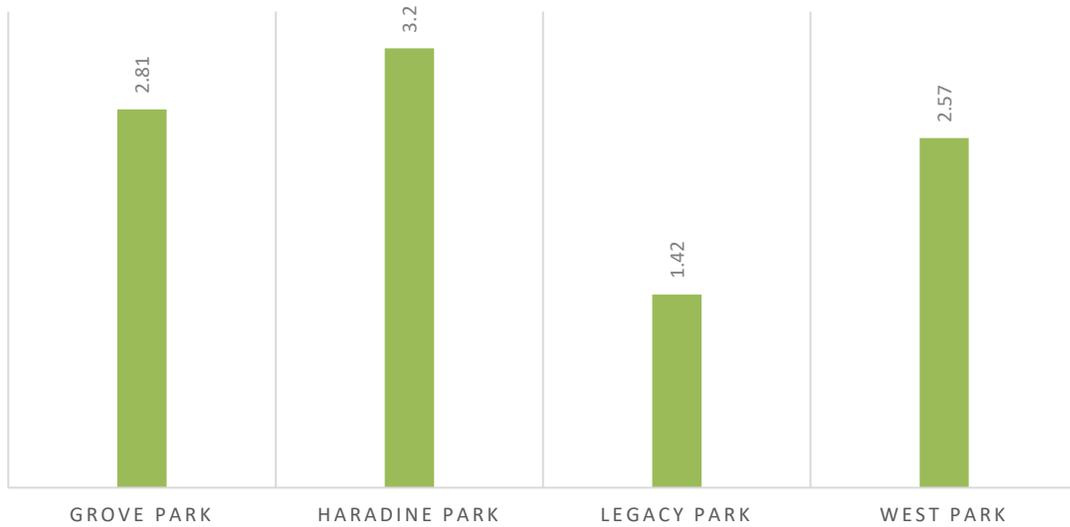
How would you rate the overall condition of the parks and recreational facilities in the City or Township?



In the past 12 months, how often have you used the parks and recreational facilities in the City or Township?

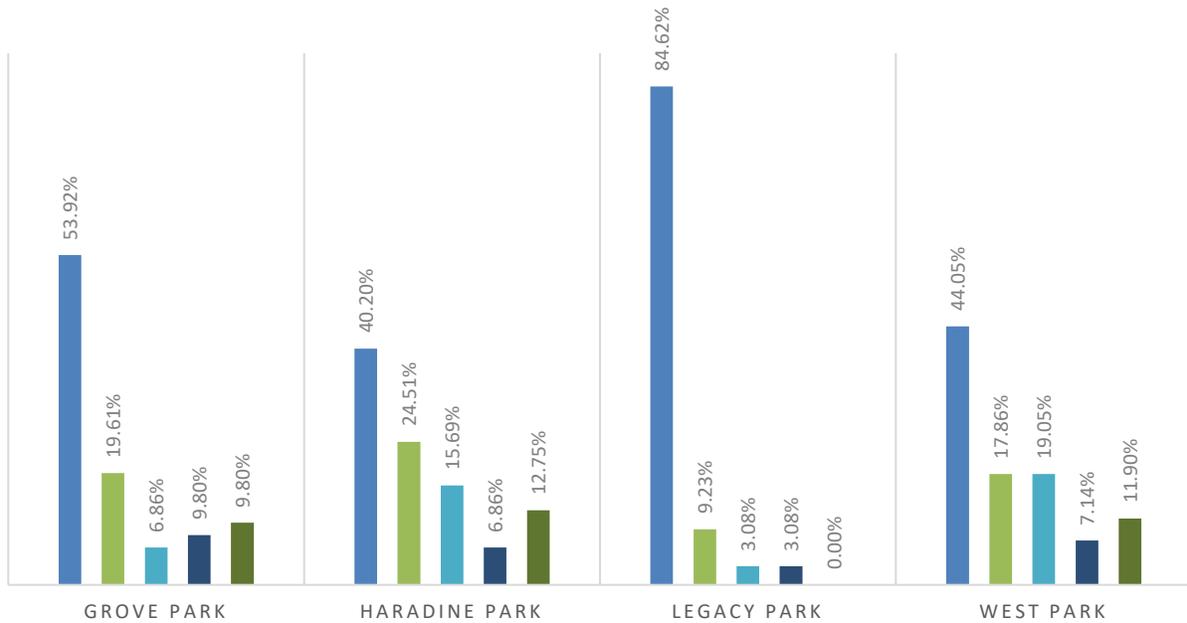


Please rank the following parks/facilities from most used to least used:



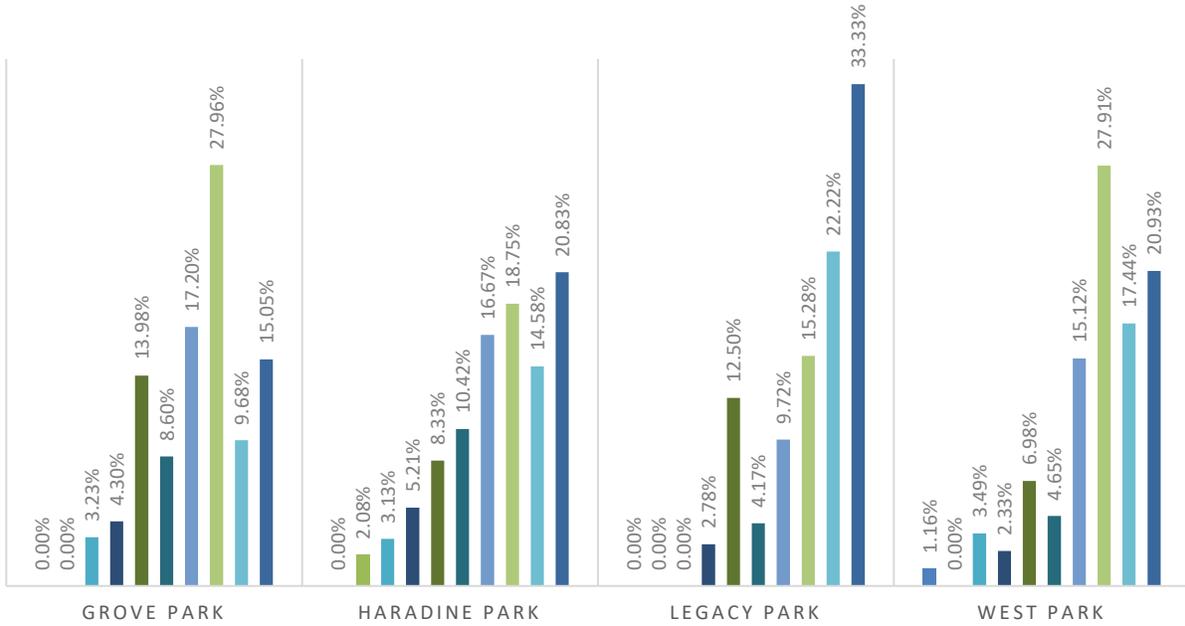
In the past 12 months, how many times did you visit the following parks and recreational facilities?

■ 1-5 ■ 6-10 ■ 11-19 ■ 20-35 ■ 36+

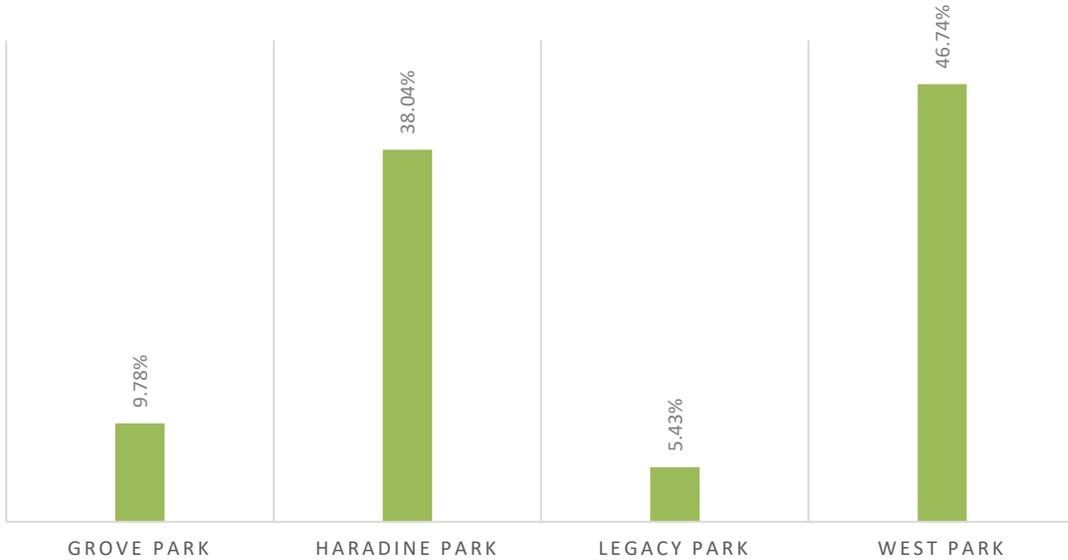


On a scale of 1 to 10 (with 10 being the best), please rate the condition of the following parks and recreational facilities:

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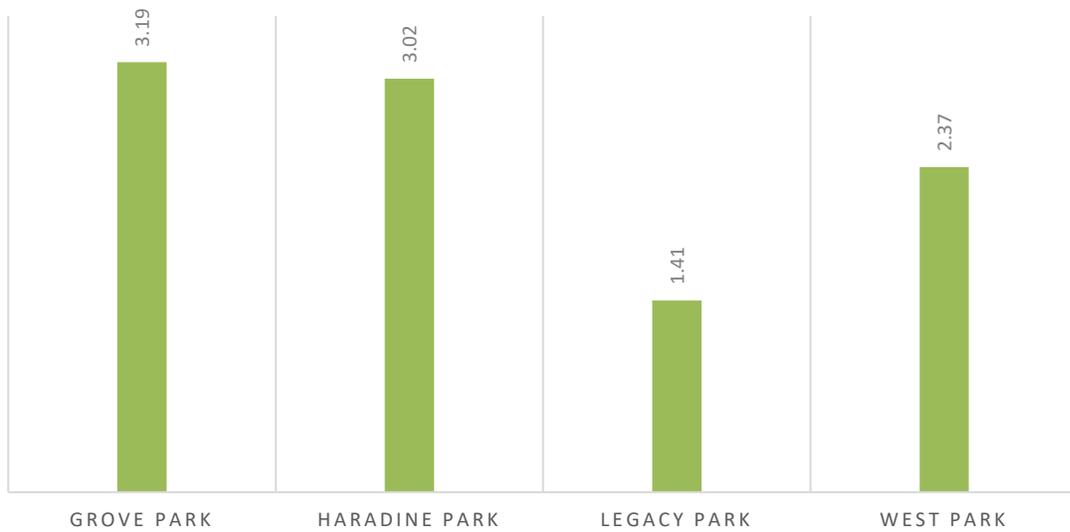
Based on your observations, which park or facility do you feel is utilized to its fullest potential?



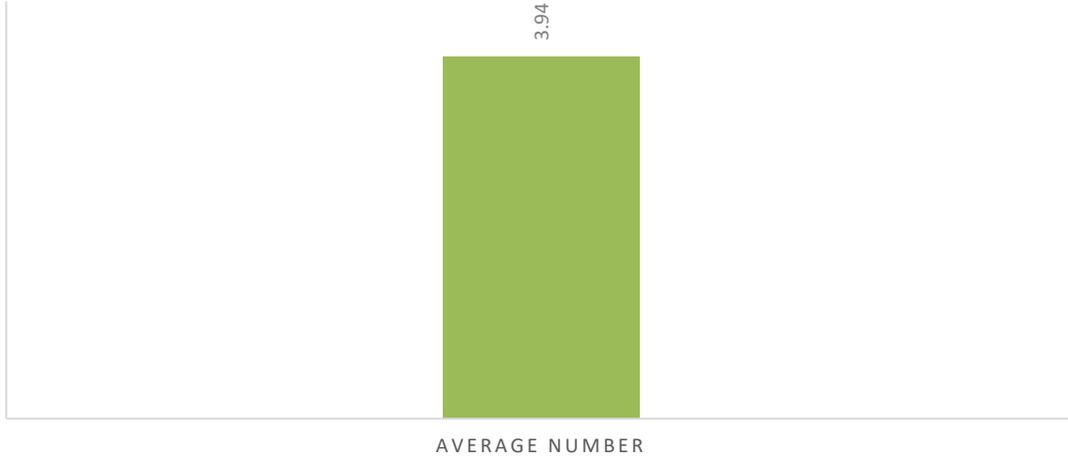
Based on your observations, which park or facility do you feel is the most under-utilized and not reaching its full potential?



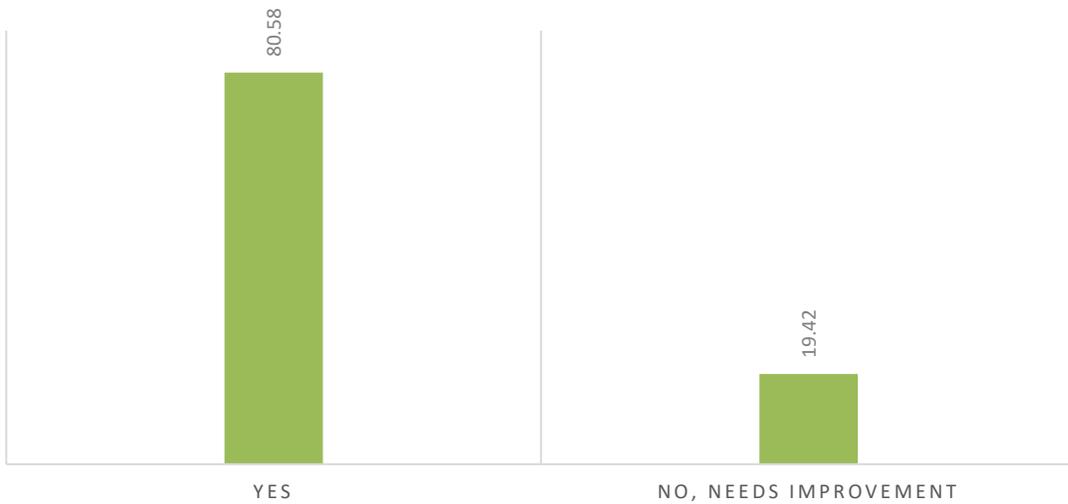
Please rank the following parks in order of which you would most like to see improved:



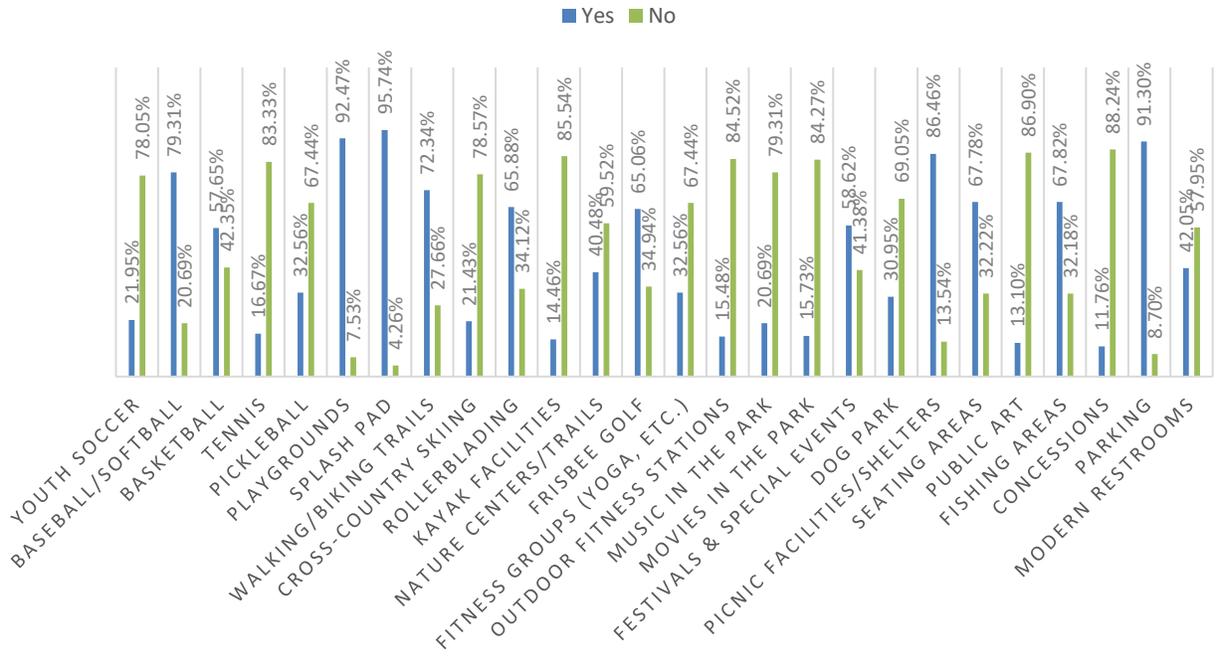
How would you rate the overall security and safety of the parks, with 5 being very safe and 0 being not safe?



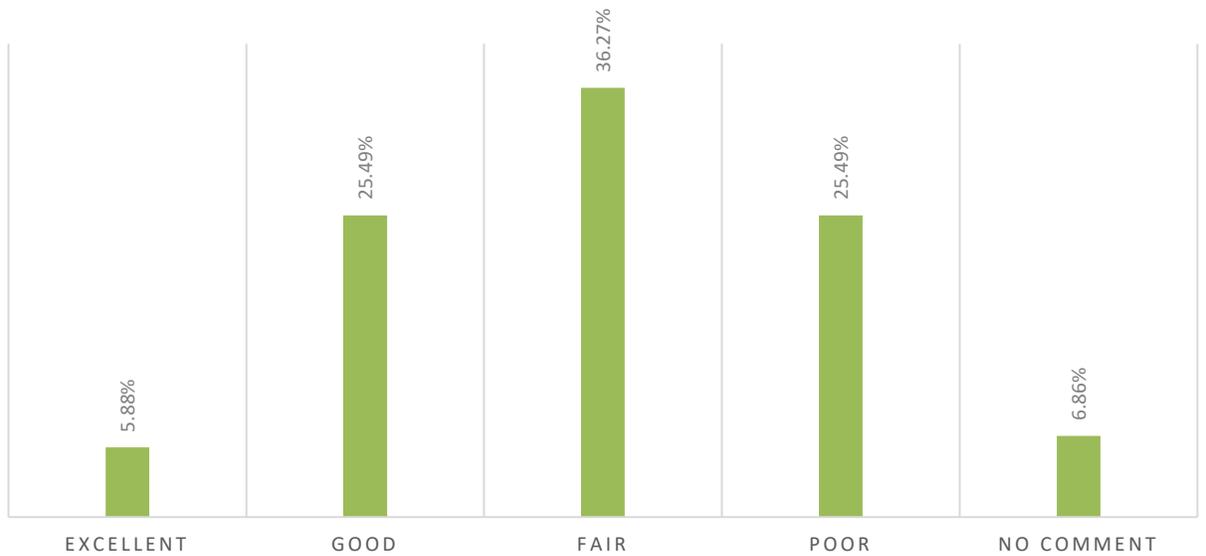
Do you feel there are adequate park facilities within walking or biking distance, without needing to drive?



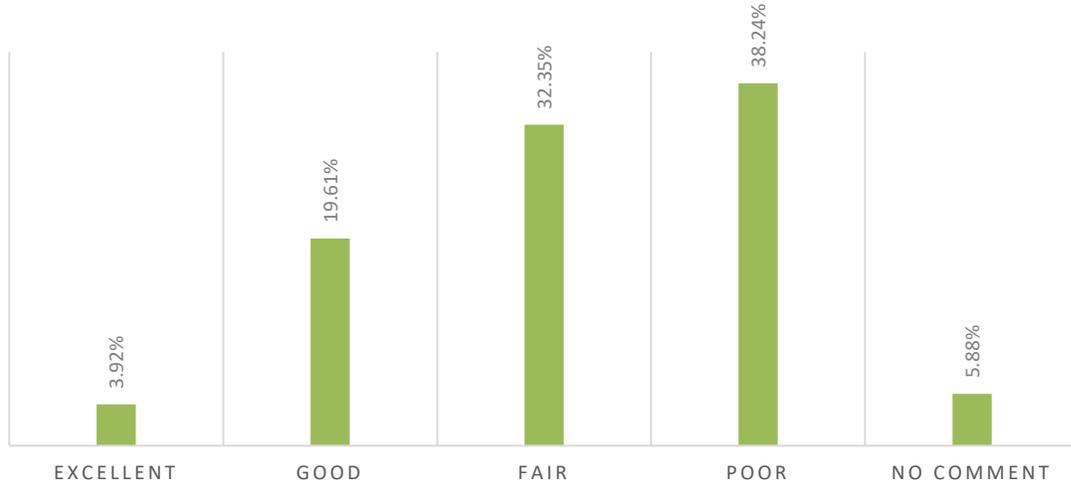
Please indicate whether you believe each of the parks and recreational facilities or activities listed below currently meets the community's needs.



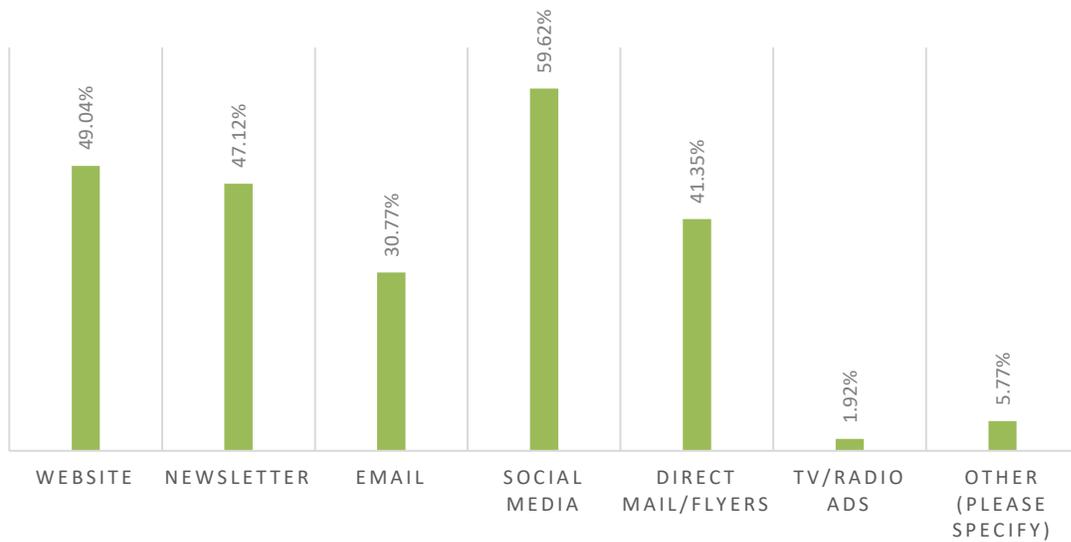
How well do you feel Carson City and Bloomer Township communicate with you about parks and recreational facilities?



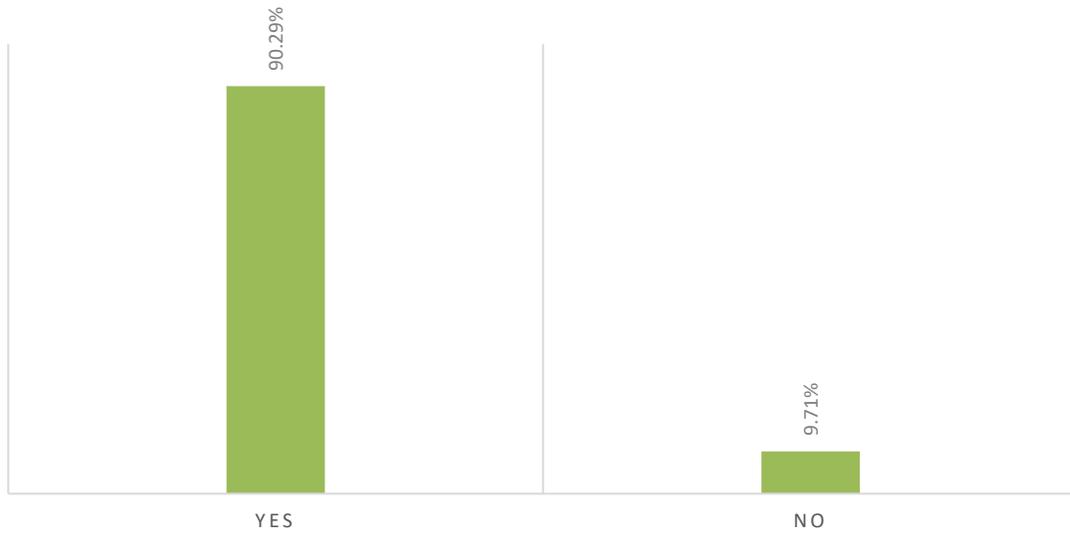
How well do you feel Carson City and Bloomer Township communicate with you about parks and recreational programs?



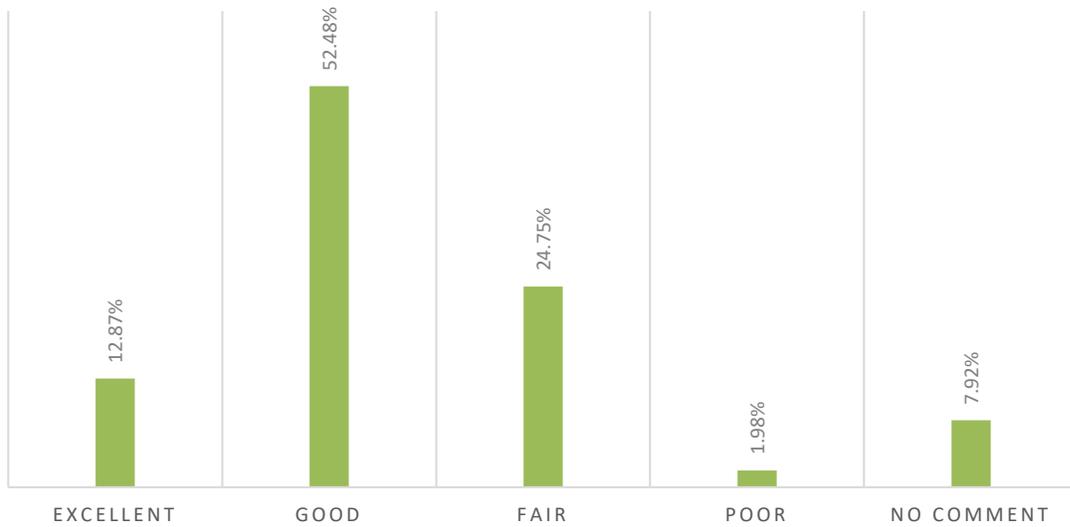
What forms of communication would help you stay better informed about programs and facilities offered by the City and Township? (Check all that apply)



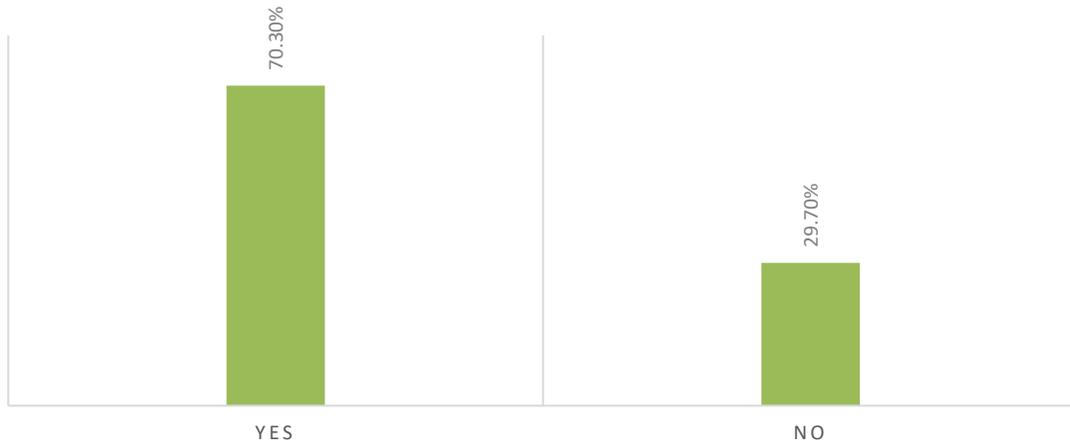
Do you believe the City and Township have adequate park acreage to meet the community's needs?



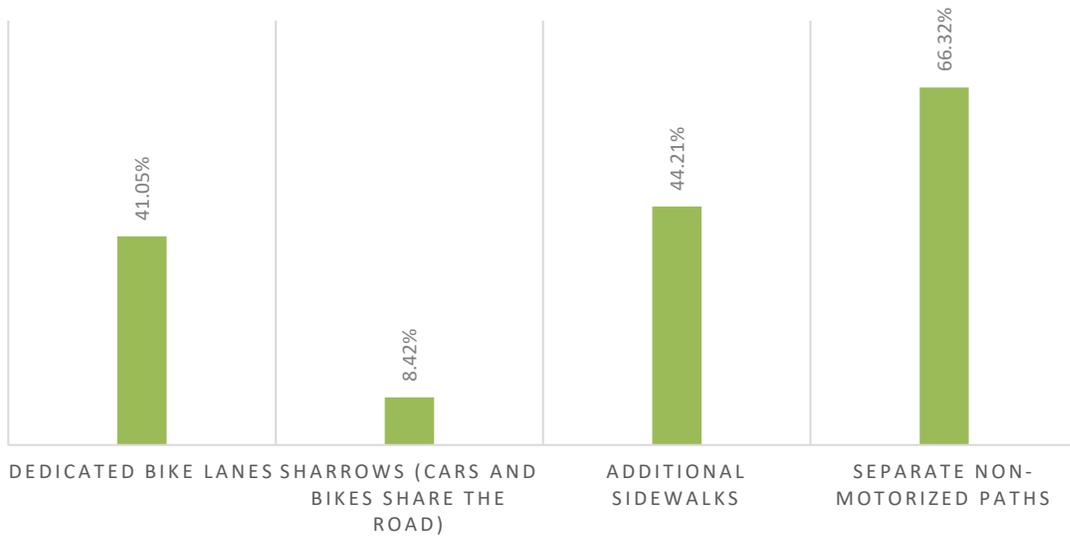
What is your overall opinion of the barrier-free accessibility at the parks?



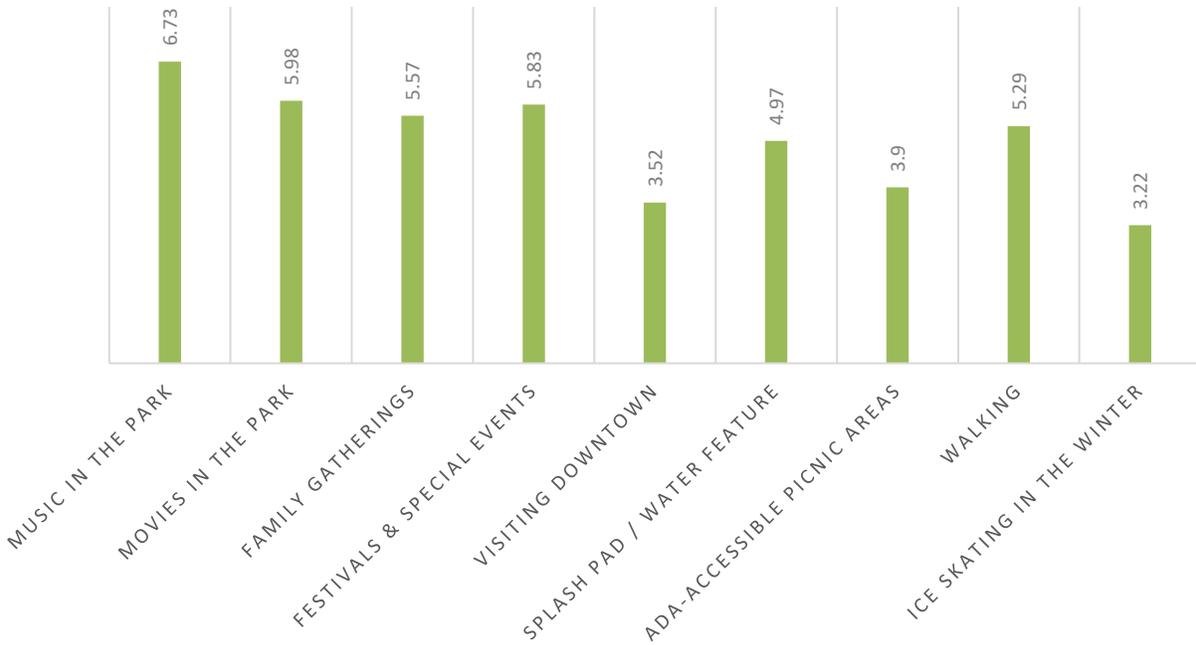
Do the City and Township need to focus on the development and expansion of a non-motorized path system?



What do you think would be the best and safest path options? (Check all that apply)



As we plan future park improvements, please rank the activities, programs, and events that would be most valuable to you, from most to least desired.



Open ended: do you have any additional suggestions for activities, events, or general improvements?

Q19 - City yes and Township no Where is the Township parks?
More rail trail, walking path from park to Garlock Rd, Grove park needs modern restrooms, need more seating areas
Make sure the wooden structures are safe and up to par. There was one spot I called about numerous times with a sharp, broken wooden piece, which wasn't fixed.
Outside art shows and crafts
Improvements in restrooms would be nice
Thanks for the survey
Q19 - specifically the lack of pickleball and tennis courts Q20 - needs repair
Nice to have pickleball and fun events/activities such as music, art, dog park, disc golf
We do have great parks. Ice skating at West and Grove Park would be great!
Everything is great with the parks
Path to Village Market, not on 57 over bridges
I'm not 100% sure which park is which. Hair dine, and Legacy are the only two I seen Billboard sign for. Although one of my favorite is the one just south of cemetery.
1. Safe pedestrian walkway from Harvey's to Taco Bell / Village Market area (along M57 & Garlock Rd). 2. Red Yellow Green Traffic Lights at the intersection of M57 & Garlock Rd and intersection of Main Street & Division Street. 3. Bathrooms at Grove Park - handicap accessible. 4. More Trees at West Park. 5. More picnic tables and benches at all of the parks.
possible to look into grant for fitness facility?
None
Adding bike-walk path to connect with Garlock Rd and Village Market to avoid M57. It would be really nice to have a trail for walking and biking.
A safe pathway for pedestrians that are walking from Harveys along the roadway to the Taco Bell or to get to the Village Market or Doctor's office. I feel there should be a new yellow and green traffic light on the Taco Bell corner. We need more Music in the Parks and outdoor movies. Weekly dances in pavilion, exercise workouts for older people that isn't as fast as yoga. An ice skating rink would be grand! But also a warm-up shed to warm yourself up when it gets too cold, with benches to sit on or to rest yourself up from skating. Also a porta potty to go to the bathroom when needed from sating. And a warm-up heater for the shed.
If there are activities around the park I would like to know about them. Also, I have no idea what Legacy park is and I have lived in town for a while. Maybe that's my fault for not being more active in the community. The wooden play area is nice, but I wish it was kept up a little more. I worry about bees with the wood in the warm months too. Especially if you have little ones.
More tennis courts and pickle ball courts please.
There is a serious need for a path that does not endanger wheelchair bound and walkers from Haradine park to Village Market.
The existing condition of the parks is marginal at the best. A LOT of maintenance and upgrades needed before spending new dollars on expanding amenities. Pathways are falling apart; playground surface is not ADA compliant; many ADA issues at all parks; outdated equipment and safety needs.
My only real concern is the path around frontier park. It is very uneven and cracked making it dangerous to Jog or roller blade. That entire pathway from grove to Frontier is Great and I think would get utilized more if improved!
No

Intern from college to Organize activities, sidewalk from school to family dollar for safety at no charge, improve current sidewalk on North side of line street from reeder day care to Williams and sidewalk on west Williams to grove park for safety at no charge to home owners, clean and mow north grove park, blacktop walking trail at grove, need park on sw side of town, walking trail from second street to and around baseball field to m57, repair and improve current sidewalks and add new for walking, sidewalk from grove pm to second street, music in downtown area, path from west pk to village market/Taco Bell-blacktopped, improve frisbee golf area, outside eating area at muffin top and pizza place, seasonal decorations in downtown area displayed by staff or hired by Lola's or Harvey's, new flags on street posts,

The walking path at West park is a great option but the condition of the path is horrible. Pot holes and uneven surfaces.

The bathrooms at Haradine Park are in need of update and repair.

The Frisbee Golf is just baskets. Make it a real course with tees and actual holes. Would attract attention more.

If park is used for special events and activities additional bathrooms need to be added.

There shouldn't need to be basketball or pickle ball. Make room for both.

Hire a parks and recreation director/supervisor to coordinate activities for the community to be involved in. For example: walking clubs, yoga in the park, pickleball leagues, summer activities for kids, day camps for kids in the park during the summer, etc. I believe internships through local colleges (CMU) would be a good option.

Sidewalks should be a top priority leading to and from parks and school. Kids shouldn't have to walk in the roads or through someone's yard!

We need a chamber or downtown development to get activities organized to draw people to town and parks.

Install Frisbee golf permanently with signage.

I think a golf cart trail from over by the city hall to the west park through the woods would be something that would get used as in the summer a lot of residents now have golf carts for a mode of transportation

Update the restrooms at Hardine Park. A safe path from West to the bank and grocery store.

We appreciate the city's efforts to maintain and improve our community. Overall, the parks are very well cared for, and we especially enjoy the community events and new downtown planters.

A few areas for potential improvement

We often walk from Grove to West, but the high vehicle traffic on M57 makes this route feel unsafe. Better pedestrian traffic routes would be appreciated.

Sidewalks throughout the city can be rough in spots, and the wooden path between Grove and West could use some maintenance.

While we don't personally use the new recreational facilities such as the ballfield and skate park, we value having them available for the community.

The downtown strip is charming, but some areas could benefit from attention, such as broken windows or general upkeep.

We would love to see a grand Christmas tree downtown, as the current one feels small and overlooked.

Thank you for considering our input. We love living in such an engaged and welcoming community
Stop light at the corner of 57 & Garlock Rd., safe passage from Haradine Park to Village Market for biking/walking, nice toilets at Grove Park

A community swimming pool would be awesome! It would help with both the elderly and younger kids and family exercise/ fun.

Also some of the glider exercise things they have Japan for the community to use

Would love to see groves walking path fixed up a bit, and maybe a bathroom. West park has potential for a stage/bandshell for events. Also a sidewalk or path from west park to village market/Taco Bell area would helpful to keep the bridge area of the road safer.

A path between the parks and Village Market/Taco Bell area would be ideal

Art in the Park lessons for all ages, youth soccer,

We need a walkway/boardwalk off M-57 to get pedestrians and bicyclists from the park to Huntington bank, Village Market, and Taco Bell. A dog park, pickleball courts, youth soccer fields, music/movies in the park would all be welcome additions.

repave all trails

We would like to see a motorized trail from the city to the outside the city limits. To the Taco Bell, Lumber Yard, Village Market, Surplus Store, etc.

Tennis courts would be nice

With the Baptist school taco bell and Carson all being separated by fish creek and M57 I have noticed a large increase in foot traffic along the stretch of M57 between McDonald's and Village Market. Many being young kids on foot or bike having a safe bike/footpath away from 57 would be a great addition as well as a safe crossing between the north and south sides of M57. I commute to work by foot and have to travel that section every day and often see drivers staring at phones and drifting onto the shoulder and have personally been nearly hit by people trying to pass a vehicle slowing or stopping to turn on bloomer st. Having a safe pathway back off the road and shoulder would do wonders for making the area much safer and walkable. Snow and slush in the winter are also a problem for those trying to traverse the narrow bridges and shoulders.

We need a dog park. More walking trails

As mentioned above. A safe walk way, that won't take long loop from the parks to Taco Bell. So many young kids and people are walking up and down 57 now with the addition of Taco Bell. A boardwalk right along the road would be a great addition. Along with an updated bathroom at Haradine park. The ladies bathroom doesn't even have stall door, so if you use the facilities when someone walks in they just see you on the toilet.

We need sidewalks west of town. I see so many people walking along 57.

Hire a parks and rec person to get residents more involved. Also have the ability to offer more activities

There needs to be a permanent frisbee golf course added. It would help stimulate the local economy. Between Grove and West Park there is ample space to make a permanent 18 hole course. 9 tees at

each to offer a separate 9 hole experience or as close as both parks adjoin a short walk to play all 18 holes. I would also gladly volunteer and can gather others as well to support this idea and coordinate if it became a reality

Is the safety of playground equipment checked regularly? Some of the equipment at Haradine seems pretty old.

would love to see some pickleball courts and a better volleyball court !

Appendix C

Public Notices/Articles, Public Review of Draft Recreation Plan

Carson City website Postings



Welcome to Carson City
A Great Place To Live, Work, And Play

Forms Zoning Online Bill Pay Online Tax Pay Ordinances Parks

The banner features a background image of a park with a gazebo and trees. Below the image is a row of six circular icons: a clipboard for Forms, a house with a location pin for Zoning, a bill with a dollar sign for Online Bill Pay, a credit card for Online Tax Pay, a book for Ordinances, and two trees for Parks.

News & Announcements

<p>Public Meeting for Parks & Rec – Tuesday, January 13th at 6:00pm</p> <p>07 January 2026</p> <p>Read More</p>	<p>City Council Meeting Dates for 2026</p> <p>Meeting Dates for 2026</p> <p>08 December 2025</p> <p>Read More</p>	<p>Notice - Five Year Park and Recreation Plan Draft Comment Period</p> <p>Comment Period Notice Five Year Plant Draft</p> <p>08 December 2025</p> <p>Read More</p>
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Bloomer Township of Michigan

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Carson City, MI 48811

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* Meetings held 3rd Monday of each month at 9890 E. Carson City Rd, Carson City MI 48811



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Public Notices

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DRAFT: [NOVEMBER 21, 2025 FOR PUBLIC REVIEW](#)

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PUBLICATION NOTICE OF ADOPTION FOR BLOOMER TOWNSHIP

- [Publication 17-01 Civil Infraction Ordinance](#)
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Township Hall front door

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Bloomer Township postings of 30-day review and Hearing

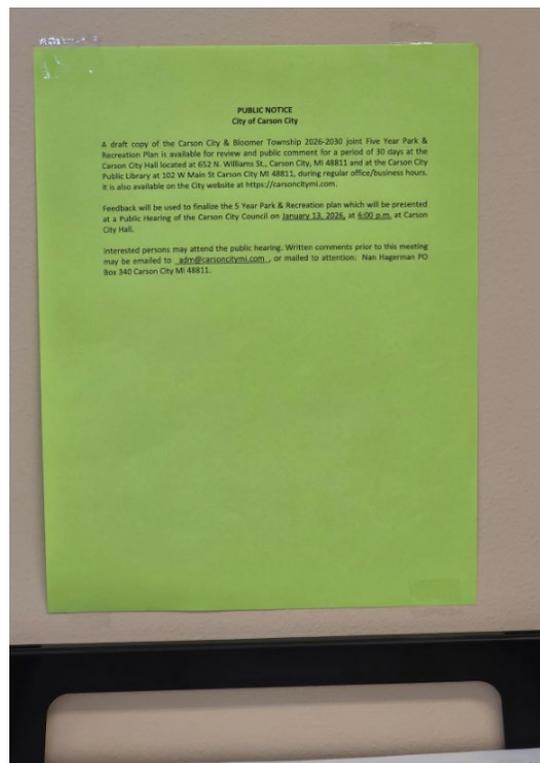
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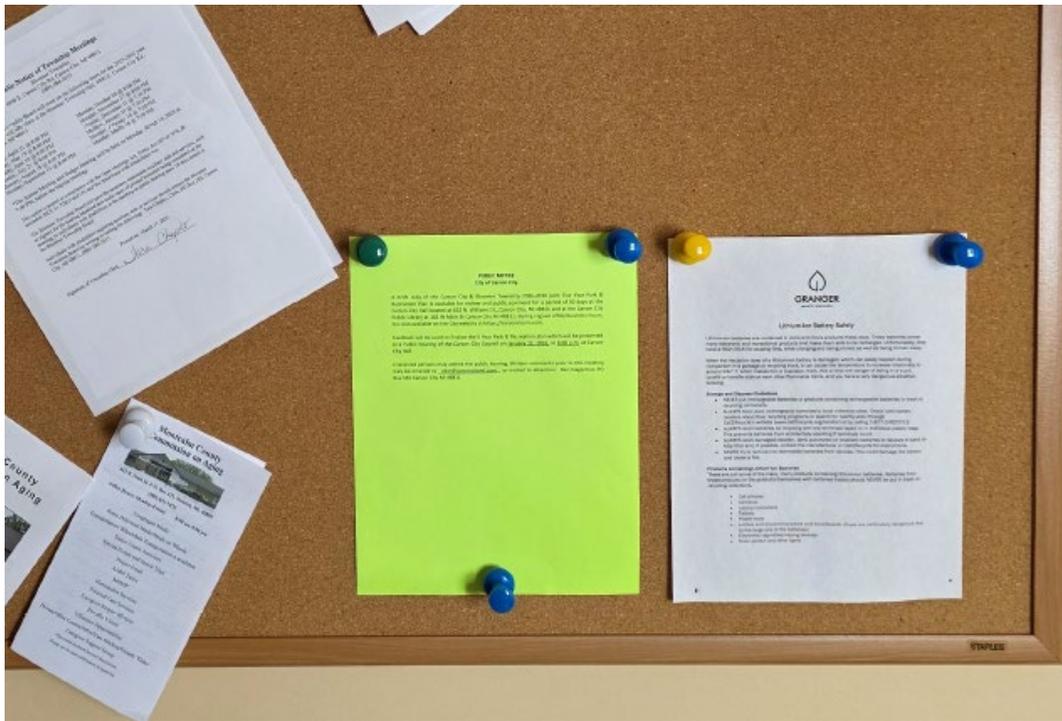
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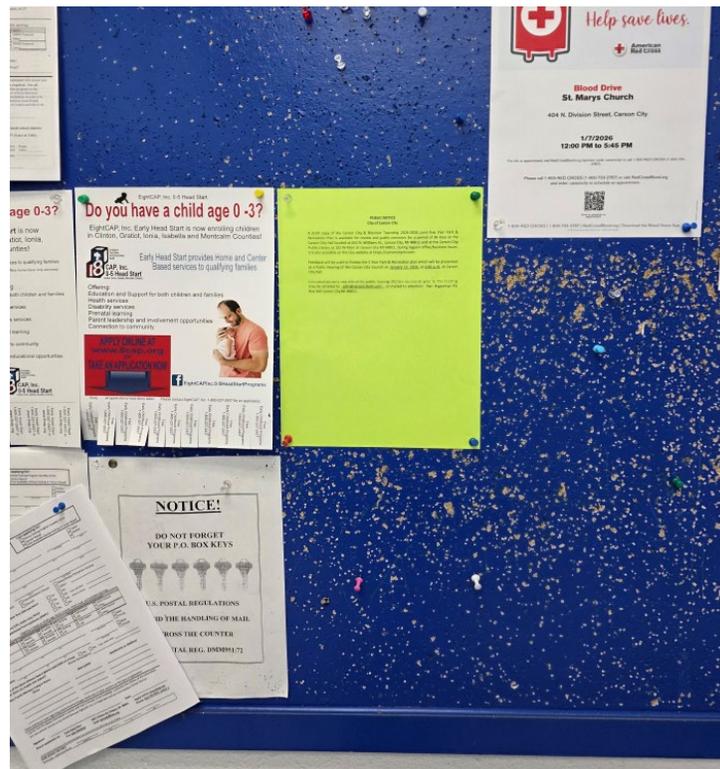
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Appendix D
Resolutions of Plan Adoption

RESOLUTION 5-2026

CITY OF CARSON CITY 5 YEAR PARK & RECREATION PLAN 2026-2030
For the City of Carson City, Montcalm County

WHEREAS, the City of Carson City has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2026 through 2030, and

WHEREAS, the City of Carson City began the process of developing a community recreation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of the City of Carson City were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days for plan and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, January 13th at the Carson City, City Hall to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the City of Carson City 5 Year Park & Recreation Plan 2026-2030 and

WHEREAS, the City of Carson City has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the City of Carson City and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the City of Carson City Council voted to adopt said City of Carson City's 5 Year Park & Recreation Plan 2026-2030

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City of Carson City Council hereby adopts the City of Carson City's 5 Year Park & Recreation Plan 2026-2030.

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

I, Joni Jegla, Comptroller, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Carson City Council at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the (20th day of January, 2026).

 ss//Joni Jegla
Joni Jegla, Comptroller

Bloomer Township Resolution

CARSON CITY & BLOOMER TOWNSHIP FIVE-YEAR PARK AND RECREATION PLAN 2026-2030
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION
BY THE BLOOMER TOWNSHIP BOARD

WHEREAS, Bloomer Township and Carson City have undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2026 through 2030, and

WHEREAS, Bloomer Township and Carson City began the process of developing a community recreation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

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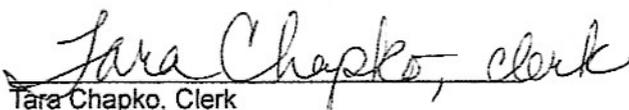
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF BLOOMER TOWNSHIP hereby adopts the Carson City & Bloomer Township Five-Year Park & Recreation Plan 2026.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

I, Tara Chapko, Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of Bloomer Township at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 19th day of January 2026).


Tara Chapko, Clerk

Appendix E
Meeting Minutes

City of Carson City
Public Meeting Minutes
Carson City-Bloomer Twp Parks & Rec Plan
January 13, 2026
652 Williams Street
Carson City, Michigan 48811

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

Committee members present: Chad Parmenter, Joni Jegla, Becky Proctor, Colleen Schneider, Deb McCrackin, Kayla Palmer

Committee members absent: None.

Others in attendance: No public attended.

Chad Parmenter, Chairperson opened the public meeting for questions.

Kayla with Fleis & Vandenbrink stated that she was there for support and to answer any questions the public or the committee may have.

A few corrections were asked to be made to the Parks & Rec draft plan.

The Teen Center has been disbanded; Sparrow Health Systems is now University of Michigan Health-Sparrow.

Chad will get updated student counts for Carson City-Crystal Schools as the draft had the student counts from 2022.

Sparrow Health System is not in partnership with Bloomer Township and Carson City for the creation of the Parks and Recreation Plan, which needs to be removed from the draft.

The committee went through the Parks and Recreation Plan draft.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38pm.

City of Carson City
Council Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2026
652 Williams Street
Carson City, Michigan 48811

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present at roll call: Gage, Hauck, Keiffer, McCrackin, Miller, Parmenter, Kapustka

Members Absent: None

Others in attendance: Nan Hagerman, Joni Jegla, Mark Crawfis, Nate Plath, Larry Sparkes, Becky Proctor, Chris Johnston, Amy Tasker, Tami Tasker, Sue Riker, Sue Lowe, Josh Halfman, Colleen Schneider (came in at 6:04pm)

Moved by Hauck, supported by Gage to approve the Agenda as Presented. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Department Reports:

Chief Sparkes: CCPD took 12 complaints for the month of December. 7 citations and 28 warnings were given. They also completed 40 business checks. Kevin Germain has been hired as a part-time patrol officer. CCPD adopted a family for the Holiday Season and participated in the Christmas parade. It has been a quiet month overall.

Chief Crawfis: The CCFD responded to 4 reported and 2 unreported calls for the month of December. This brings their total up to 77 calls for the end of the year. Starting January 1st, 2026, all reports must be submitted through the NERIS reporting system. The Chief attended many meetings during the month. The new fire truck has been delivered. Fire training has been conducted and maintenance completed.

DPW Director Plath: The weather has been keeping the department busy with snow removal and salting the streets. They have been working on the new building as time permits. Also continuing to work on installing the new water meters. DPW has 17 trees left of the 20 that need to come down. Will be starting the new bathrooms for Grove Park soon. The surveys for the water and sewer came back from EGLE. Both went well – no major issues with either system. The annual discharge has been completed with no issues.

City Administrator Hagerman: Hagerman has started working on the 26-27 budget, so she is asking for wish lists from the council and department heads. We haven't heard back from the state yet regarding the Category B grant approval to proceed. Fleis & Vandenbrink did some core samples for the Category B grant requests.

Parks & Rec Committee – Chairperson Parmenter reported on the status of the Parks & Rec 5-year Plan. Carson City is partnering up with Bloomer Township on the Parks & Rec 5-year plan. The draft sat for 30 days, and a public meeting was held Tuesday, January 13th for public input. A survey went out previously to the residents of Carson City and Bloomer Township to get their input on what improvements they would like to see. We received 100+ surveys back. The main goal of the plan is to build a walkway from Carson City to Bloomer Township to get foot traffic off M-57.

Moved by Miller, supported by Gage to approve Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Resolution #1-2026

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT TAXPAYERS & NON-RESIDENT TAXPAYERS TO PROTEST IN WRITING BY LETTER OR EMAIL FOR BOARD OF REVIEW.

MOTION BY: Keiffer SUPPORTED BY: Hauck TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

TO ADOPT THE GOVERNING BODY OF CARSON CITY TO PERMIT RESIDENT TAXPAYERS & NON-RESIDENT TAXPAYERS TO FILE A PROTEST TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW IN WRITING BY LETTER OR EMAIL WITHOUT PERSONAL APPEARANCE.

THE VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION BEING AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: 6

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

DATED: January 20, 2026

CERTIFICATION

AS THE CITY COMPTROLLER FOR, CARSON CITY MONTCALM COUNTY, MICHIGAN I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND COMPLETE COPY OF RESOLUTION # 1-2025 ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CARSON CITY AT ITS REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2026.

ss//Joni Jegla, COMPTROLLER

RESOLUTION # 2-2026

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT ALTERNATE START DATES FOR MARCH 2026, JULY 2026, AND DECEMBER 2026 BOARD OF REVIEW

MOTION BY: Hauck SUPPORTED BY: Keiffer TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

TO ADOPT THE ALTERNATE, START DATES AS FOLLOWS:

FOR THE MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW, SECOND MEETING IN MARCH WHICH CAN BE EITHER TUESDAY OR THE WEDNESDAY FOLLOWING THE SECOND MONDAY IN MARCH

FOR THE JULY BOARD OF REVIEW, AN ALTERNATE DATE DURING THE WEEK OF THE 3RD MONDAY IN JULY

FOR THE DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW, AN ALTERNATE DATE DURING THE WEEK OF THE 2ND MONDAY IN DECEMBER

THE VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION BEING AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: 6

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

DATED: January 20, 2026

CERTIFICATION

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ss//Joni Jegla, COMPTROLLER

RESOLUTION # 3-2026

CARSON CITY HOUSEHOLD INCOME & ASSET STANDARDS TO ELIGIBLE FOR A
POVERTY EXEMPTION

MOTION BY: Hauck SUPPORTED BY: Keiffer TO ADOPT THE
FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

THE TOWNSHIP/CITY HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS FOR THE **2026** YEAR:

SIZE OF FAMILY	POVERTY GUIDELINES
1	\$ 15,650
2	\$ 21,150
3	\$ 26,650
4	\$ 32,150
5	\$ 37,650
6	\$ 43,150
7	\$ 48,650
8	\$ 54,150

FOR EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON \$ 5,500

THE ASSET THRESHOLD FOR THE TOWNSHIP/CITY IS \$28,000 FOR ONE PERSON LIVING IN THE HOUSEHOLD AND \$38,000 FOR TWO OR MORE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE HOUSEHOLD.

EXAMPLES OF ASSETS ARE: (THIS IS NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST):

- * A SECOND HOME, LAND, VEHICLES (LARGER THAN THE "FOOTPRINT" FOR THE HOME)
- * RECREATIONAL VEHICLES SUCH AS CAMPERS, BOATS AND ATV'S
- * BUILDINGS OTHER THEN RESIDENCE
- * JEWELRY, ARTWORK, ANTIQUES
- * BANK ACCOUNTS (OVER \$5,000) OR STOCKS
- * MONEY RECEIVED FROM THE SALE OF PROPERTY, STOCKS, BONDS, CAR, OR HOME
- * GIFTS, LOANS, LUMP-SUM INHERITANCES
- * FEDERAL NON-CASH BENEFITS PROGRAM SUCH AS MEDICAID OR FOOD STAMPS

THE VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION BEING AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED DATED: January 20, 2026

AS THE COMPTROLLER FOR CARSON CITY, MONTCALM COUNTY, MICHIGAN I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE & COMPLETE COPY OF RESOLUTION #3-2026 ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CARSON CITY AT ITS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2026.

ss//Joni Jegla COMPTROLLER

RESOLUTION #4-2026

PARTIAL POVERTY EXEMPTION GUIDELINES:

MOTION BY: Hauck SUPPORTED BY: Miller TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

STATE TAX COMMISSON POLICY REGARDING REQUESTS FOR PERCENTAGE REDUCTIONS IN TAXABLE VALUE FOR POVERTY EXEMPTIONS UNDER MCL 211.7U PUBLIC ACT 253 OF 2020 AMENDED MCL 211.7U RELATED TO POVERTY EXEMPTIONS:

PA 253 of 2020 lists the specific percentage reductions in taxable value that may be used by the board of review granting a poverty exemption.

MCL 211 7U(5) states that if a person claiming the poverty exemption meets all eligibility requirements, the board of review shall grant the poverty exemption, in whole or in part, as follows:

1. A full exemption equals a 100% reduction in taxable value for the year in which the exemption is granted: or
2. A partial exemption equal to a 75% reduction in taxable value for the year in which the exemption is granted if between \$1.00 to \$2,600 over Income/Asset Test: or
3. A partial exemption equals a 50% reduction in taxable value for the year in which the exemption is granted if between \$2,601 to \$3,300 over Income/Asset Test: or
4. A partial exemption equals a 25% reduction in taxable value for the year in which the exemption is granted if between \$3,301 to \$4,600 over Income/Asset Test: or

No other method of calculating taxable value may be utilized, except for those percentage reductions specifically authorized in statute, or any other percentage reduction approved by the State Tax Commission. The Commission shall use the following process for the filing, review, and approval of the local assessing unit requests to utilize a percentage reduction in taxable value when approving poverty exemptions under MCL 211.7u:

1. A local assessing unit that wants to use any other percentage reduction(s) in taxable value other than the reductions specifically authorized in statute must obtain permission for use of such percentage reduction(s) by filing Form 5738, Request for Approval of Percentage Reduction in Taxable Value for Poverty Exemptions Under MCL 211.7u with the State Tax Commission.
2. The local assessing unit must indicate in the Form the Specific percentage reduction(s) in taxable value requested and an explanation of how the requested percentage reduction(s) will be calculated and applied when granted a poverty exemption. Based on case law, calculations that utilized any of the following are not permitted:
 - a: A limitation on the maximum value of the principal residence eligible to receive an exemption
 - b: A requirement that the principal residence must be owned for a certain number of years before a claim for exemption can be made
 - c: A limitation on the number of years an exemption can be claimed and received

THE VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION BEING AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: 6

NAYS: 0

Carson City's 5 Year Park & Recreation Plan 2026-2030.

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

I, Joni Jegla, Comptroller, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Carson City Council at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the (20th day of January, 2026).

ss//Joni Jegla
Joni Jegla, Comptroller

Motion by Gage, supported by Miller to approve the Legacy Ag Consent Judgement.

The City's Vehicle Use Policy was reviewed, no motion needed as it is the same policy as the previous year.

Motion by Parmenter, supported by Miller to approve giving the Carson City Frontier Day committee a donation of \$3000.00.

Motion by Gage, supported by Hauck to approve appointing Josh Halfman to the Board of Review.

Old Business:

Chris Johnston updated council on the January 2026 meetings. Adam Petersen was reappointed as the Vice Chair. The different departments in the county presented their department updates. Approved the police contract for Reynolds Township, the park rental rates were set for the year.

Public Comments: Public comments were given.

Motion by Miller, supported by Hauck. to adjourn meeting at 6:43pm. Motion carried.

Bloomer Township Regular Meeting January 19, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Supervisor Dan Ryan at Bloomer Township Hall, 9890 E. Carson City Rd, Carson City, MI. Present for roll call were Colleen Schneider, Tara Chapko, Dana Gonzales, Larry Hummel, and Dan Ryan. **Addition to agenda:** none

Motion by Hummel, 2nd by Gonzales to accept the minutes of the December 15, 2025 regular meeting as presented. Carried.

Fire Department: Mark Crawfis reported. 77 reported calls for the year, busiest year on record. Chief attended meetings, handled maintenance issues conducted fire training on December 10th and 17th. New fire truck is here in Michigan. Fire department adopted a family for Christmas. Ross Tabor will be retiring at the end of the month. 14 personnel on the roster.

County Commissioner: Chris Johnston reported. Organizational meeting, re-elected Adam Peterson as vice chair, will continue with 2th and 4th Monday meetings with the exception May and December. May's 4th meeting will be on Tuesday and December only 1 meeting. Heard annual update from Tom Ginster and Doug Gietzen on building and grounds for animal control, vet grant update, set new park rental rates, renewed Reynolds police contract, amended contract for jail meals **Citizens Comments:** none

Clerks Report: Tara Chapko reported. Journey assisted with getting lawyers comparison chart, took them an hour then 2 hours for copies to be made. Sent out paperwork to neighbors for Glacier attachments special use and got it listed in the paper for public hearing on February 10th, received paperwork on ins renewal, more election training completed, received paperwork from Gratiot, St. Louis and Alma on masterplan info and contact information also received info from Drain commission on drain work section 1 intercounty drain. Motion by Hummel, 2nd by Schneider to accept as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Hummel, 2nd by Schneider to pay bills totaling \$18,169.90. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Colleen Schneider reported. After all known bills and utilities clear available funds will be \$1,199,366.61. Motion by Chapko, 2nd by Gonzales to accept report as presented. Motion carried. Motion by Schneider, 2nd by Hummel to adopt resolution for no wage increase. All Ayes resolution approved. Motion by Hummel, 2nd by Chapko to open an account with Commercial Bank, Middleton. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator: no report

Planning Commission: Doug reported. Lawyer was at the meeting with presentation on wind/solar/ battery. We have 3 options we can turn over to state, adopt compatible ordinance(same as the state currently has) or continue with ours with no set back changes our current ordinance is reasonable. Next regular meeting is March 10th.

Sexton and Maintenance: Issac Torres reported. 12-17 reset sign, 12-26/12-29/12-31/1-5 snow removal and sidewalks town hall, 1-13 changed furnace filter, batteries in thermostat and clocks, installed ceiling hooks, 1-18/1-19 snow removal and sidewalks, reset sign

Unfinished business: Motion by Ryan, 2nd by Chapko to adopt the Resolution of the Carson City/Bloomer Township 5 year parks and rec plan. All Ayes Resolution approved. Thanks to Becky Proctor and Colleen Schneider for their work on the committee.

New Business: Motion by Ryan, 2nd by Hummel to adopt resolutions for partial poverty exemptions, household income and asset standards to be eligible for a poverty exemption, taxpayers and nonresident taxpayers to protest in writing by letter or email for Board of Review and alternate start dates. Roll call vote all yeas, 0 nays and 0 absent. Looking for budget suggestions for 2026-2027.

Announcements: February meetings at 7:30pm.

Motion by Chapko, 2nd by Ryan for adjournment at 8:10pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Tara Chapko, clerk

Appendix F
Post Grant Completion Reports



PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
Post-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended;
the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964); and Part 715, of PA 451 of 1994, as amended.

GRANT TYPE: [] MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND [] CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE
(Please select one) [x] LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND [] RECREATION PASSPORT [] BOND FUND

GRANTEE: City of Carson City

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01233

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Haradine Park

PROJECT SCOPE: Picnic Shelter, Picnic Tables; Landscaping and LWCF sign

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Table with 3 columns: Name of Agency (Grantee), Contact Person, Title, Address, Telephone, City, State, ZIP, Email. Row 1: City of Carson City, Nan Hagerman, City Administrator, 652 N. Williams St P O Box 340, 989-584-3515, Carson City, MI 48811, adm@carsoncitymi.com

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s). [x]Yes []No

A new walking trail has been added (Project TF10-042) The trail connects Haradine Park skate Board park 90'x60'

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) []Yes [x]No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. [x]Yes []No

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain. [x]Yes []No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. [x]Yes []No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. []Yes [x]No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

Yes No

Mowing done weekly, staining of structures, restroom maintenance as needed

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

Yes No N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

Yes No

\$40 rental fee of pavilion to residents 2nd pavilion is first come first serve no charge

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

5.00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. 365 days per year

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

Nan Hagerman City Administrator

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Grantee Authorized Signature

10/22/2025

Date

Joni Jegla Comptroller

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Witness Signature

10/22/2025

Date

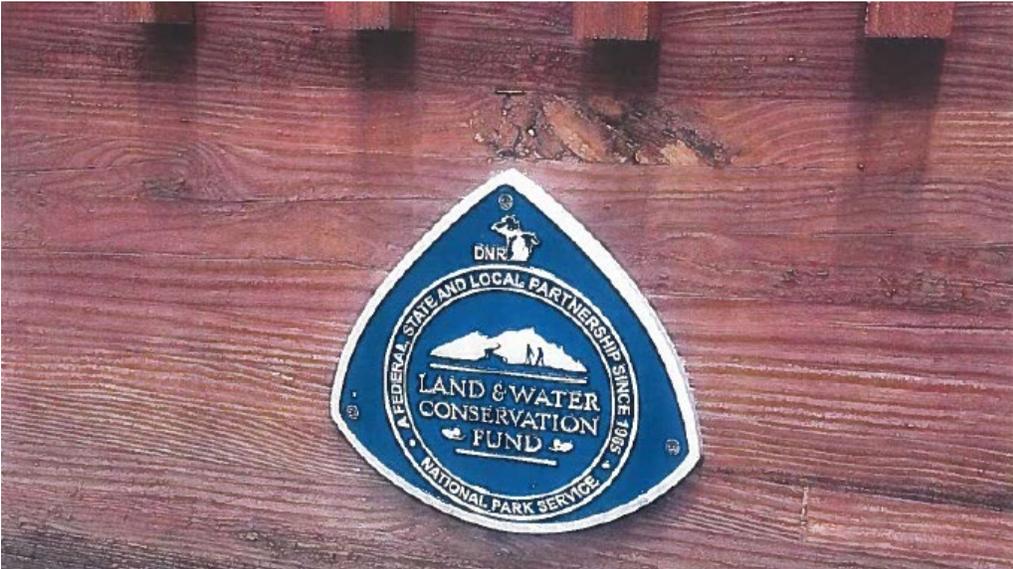
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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PO BOX 30425
LANSING MI 48909-7925**

Haradine Park Sign:



LWCF Plaque on bridge from Haradine Park to West Park:





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[] LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND [] RECREATION PASSPORT [] BOND FUND

GRANTEE: City of Carson City

PROJECT NUMBER: TF88-086

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: West Park

PROJECT SCOPE: Pond, Removal of Dam, Bridges, Picnic areas, parking lot, paved trails

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Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s). [] Yes [] No

Some items were not completed as planned (see comments section)

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) [] Yes [X] No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. [] Yes [] No

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. [] Yes [X] No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

Yes No

Mowing done weekly, staining of structures and repairs as needed

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

Yes No N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

Yes No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

5:00 am to 11:00 pm 365 days per year

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

original plans were revised due in part to DNR wouldn't approve rebuilding of the dam that had been destroyed in flood so instead a cascade was created, pond made smaller because of this and two bridges were put in, trails paved and expanded, picnic site, parking lot completed. Unable to purchase property on the south side of M-57 due to sellers price was exorbitant.

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

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Grantee Authorized Signature

10/22/2025

Date

Joni Jegla Comptroller

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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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LANSING MI 48909-7925**

Carson City Community Park

Please

Place Trash in Barrels

NO Alcoholic Beverages

No Pets

No Foul Language

Walk On Pavement

Enjoy Have Fun

Your Cooperation Is

Appreciated



West Park Trust Fund Sign:





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[] LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND [] RECREATION PASSPORT [] BOND FUND

GRANTEE: City of Carson City

PROJECT NUMBER: TF10-042

PROJECT TYPE: development

PROJECT TITLE: West Park, Haradine Park and Grove Park non-motorized trail

PROJECT SCOPE: connecting walking trail between three parks and board walk

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Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) [] Yes [X] No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. [] Yes [X] No

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. [] Yes [X] No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No
Mowing done weekly, staining of structures and repairs as needed, resealed trails in 2016

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants) Yes No N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain. Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No
Pavillions at Haradine and Grove can be rented and reserved by residents \$40

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?
5:00 am to 11:00 pm 365 days per year

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

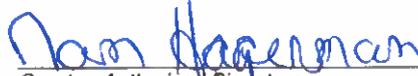
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West Park, Haradine Park and Grove Park Signs:







Revenue derived from oil, gas and mineral production from state-owned lands provides funding for this public recreation site.

Funding is made possible through a grant provided to the citizens of the State of Michigan by the:

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund
Michigan Department of Natural Resources





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[] LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND [] RECREATION PASSPORT [] BOND FUND

GRANTEE: City of Carson City

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01787

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: West Park Splash Pad and Restroom

PROJECT SCOPE: Restroom Bldg w/ changing rooms, Access Pathway 6' wide or more, Splash Pad, & Signage.

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

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SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s). [] Yes [x] No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) [] Yes [x] No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. [] Yes [x] No

SITE QUALITY

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Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. [x] Yes [] No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. [] Yes [x] No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No
The park is visited everyday to empty trash cans and assess the nature of the area for any needed attention.

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants) Yes No N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain. Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

5:00 am to 11:00 pm 365 days per year

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

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Nan Hagerman, City Administrator


Grantee Authorized Signature

1/21/2026

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Date

Autum Sorrell, Asst Comptroller


Witness Signature

1/21/2026

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Date

Please be sure to upload the completed Post Completion Report and plaque photographs to the 5-Year Recreation Plan in MiGrants.

West Park Sign and LWCF Plaque on restroom:





GRANT HISTORY

Grantee

City of Carson City - Montcalm County

Project No. 26-01233 **Project County:** Montcalm **Project Year:** 1981

Project title: Haradine Park

Project Status: Grant Closed

Grant Amount:
\$12,068.00

Scope Item

Project Description: Develop: picnic shelter, picnic tables, landscaping, and LWCFsign

Project No. TF88-086 **Project County:** Montcalm **Project Year:** 1988

Project title: Carson City West Park

Project Status: Grant Closed

Grant Amount:
\$375,000.00

Scope Item

Project Description: To construct a pond, removal of dam, paved trails, water cascade, 6 bridges, picnic areas, parking lot, botanical garden, 25-site rustic campground, park office/restroom building.

Project No. TF88-140 **Project County:** Montcalm **Project Year:** 1988

Project title: Trout Stream South

Project Status: Withdrawn

Grant Amount:
\$68,250.00

Scope Item

Project Description: To acquire 84 acres with 3/4 miles frontage on Fish and Butternut Creeks.

Project No. TF10-042 **Project County:** Montcalm **Project Year:** 2010

Project title: Grove/Haradine/West Parks Non-Motorized Trail Dev.

Project Status: Grant Closed

Grant Amount:
\$90,000.00

Scope Item

Boardwalk

MNRTF sign

Paved non-motorized trail

Permit fees

Project Description: Development to include a non-motorized trail to connect Grove, Haradine and West Parks via a paved spur to existing bridge over Fish Creek.



GRANT HISTORY

Grantee

City of Carson City - Montcalm County

Project No. 5 Year-City of Carson City-01520
Project County:

Project Year: 2014

Project title:

Project Status: Plan Expired

Grant Amount:

Scope Item

Project Description:

Project No. 26-01787

Project County: Montcalm

Project Year: 2017

Project title: West Park Splash Pad and Restroom

Project Status: Grant Closed

Grant Amount:
\$150,000.00

Scope Item

Access Pathway 6' wide or more

Restroom Building

Signage

Splash Park

Project Description: Development of a new splash pad and restroom building with changing rooms at Carson City's West Park.

Total number of projects: 6

Total Amount of Grant Given \$695,318.00

Appendix G

Transmittal of Plan to County and Regional Planning Agencies

