

BAD AXE AREA PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

2017-2021



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Bad Axe Area Parks and Recreation Plan 2017 – 2021

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Introduction

The City of Bad Axe, in collaboration with the Bad Axe Public School District, and Huron County Fairgrounds, has developed this Parks and Recreation Plan to serve as a guideline in improving recreation facilities and developing new recreational opportunities. To that end, this document forms the basis to guide policy for implementation of improvements and new initiatives that will meet the recreational goals and interests of the Bad Axe community. The development of this plan was guided by the Bad Axe Parks and Recreation Committee, City Council, and City Manager. This plan was developed in conjunction with the Bad Axe Public School District.

Before any recreation plan is adopted and enacted, it is first important to understand what the needs of the residents are, what recreational opportunities already exist, and what sort of projects and programs are relevant for residents based on age, ability, population, density, and the availability of recreational opportunities in neighboring communities. This plan has carefully considered input and suggestions via an online survey with area residents, officials, and other community stakeholders. This input is a critical component to this plan, and together, the voices of the Bad Axe Community have united to develop a recreation plan to enhance the quality of life for everyone.

The foundation for the development of the Bad Axe Area Recreation Plan was based on the following goals:

- Involve the community in the process to develop a five-year Recreation Plan,
- Inventory and map existing Bad Axe recreational facilities,
- Build common ground among Bad Axe area stakeholders in addressing the future recreational needs and priorities of the Community,
- Enable the City to be eligible for financial assistance based upon the Recreation Plan,
- Facilitate interagency collaboration in establishing recreation goals, objectives, and actions,
- Consistency with and expansion upon goals and objectives set forth in existing planning documents that deal partially or wholly with recreation.

Broadly speaking, Bad Axe officials intend to use this plan to guide their work on all future recreation and parks projects within the City. Specifically, this plan is developed in accordance with *The Guidelines for Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans* published by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). A five-year MDNR-approved Recreation Plan is necessary for the Bad Axe area to pursue MDNR-administered grants. This Recreation Plan is written for the City of Bad Axe and the School District, and it covers all aspects of recreation from January 2017 to December 31, 2021.

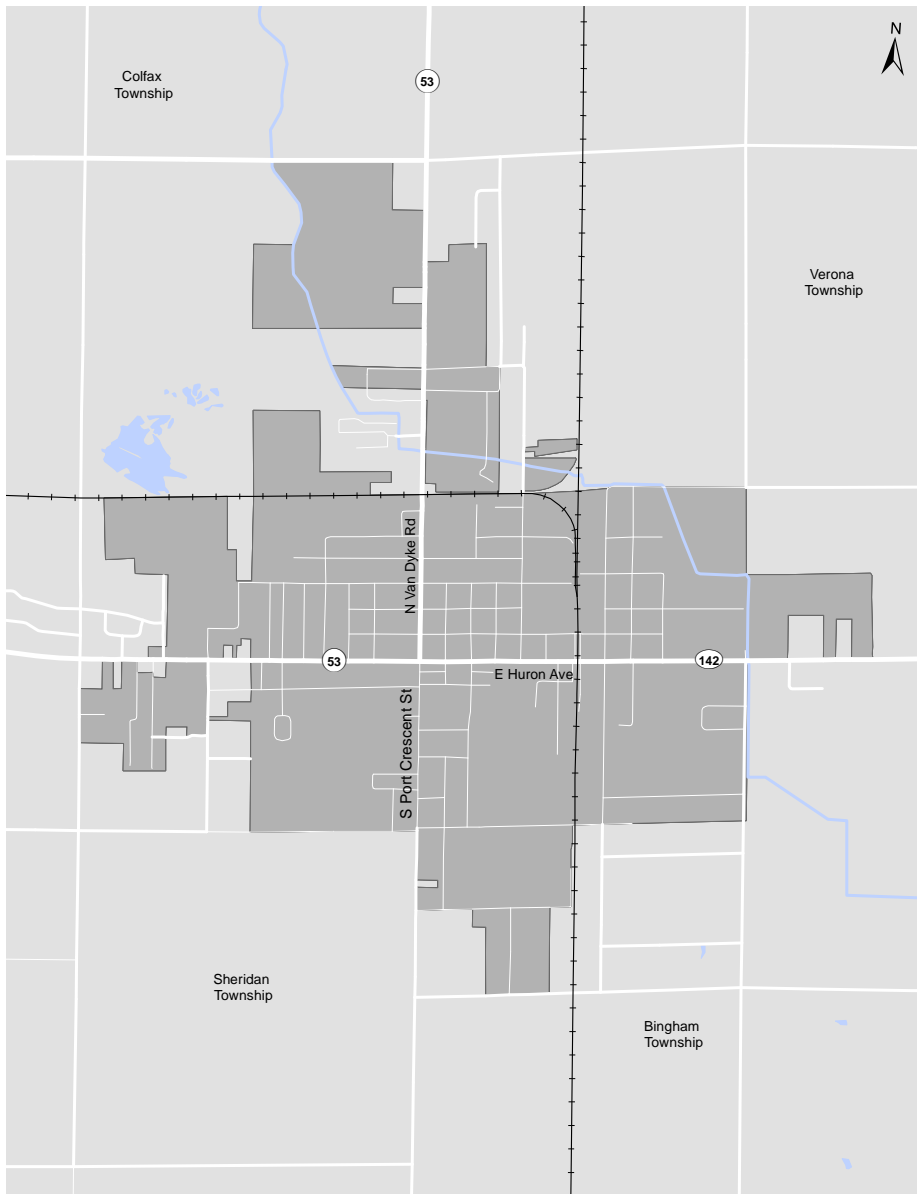


Community Description

About Bad Axe

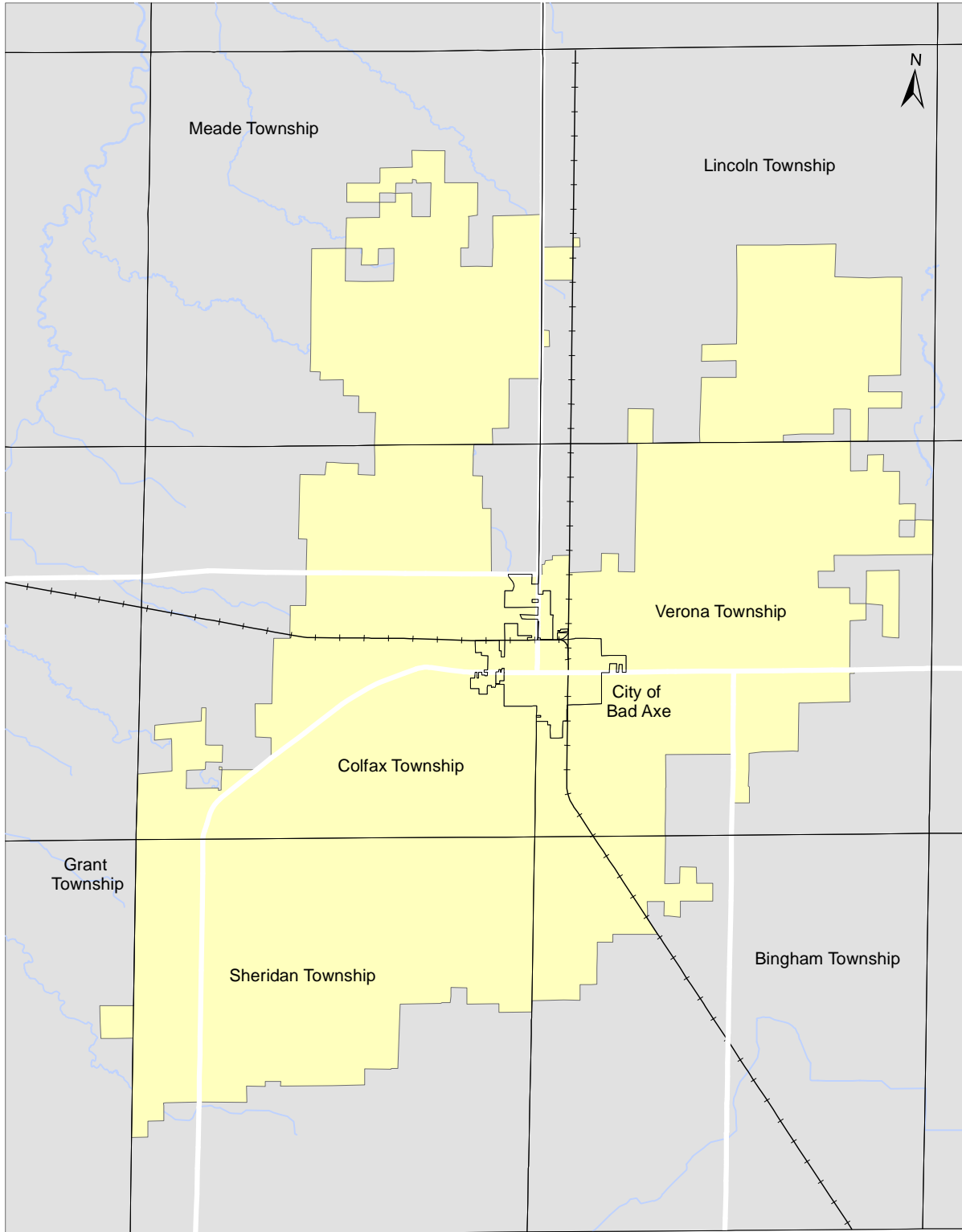
The City of Bad Axe is a central city in the Thumb Region of Michigan that serves as the County seat for Huron County. The City encompasses 2.2 square miles and it serves as a commercial, employment, and medical hub for the region, which is rural and agricultural in nature. Because the area outside of Bad Axe is sparsely populated, the parks in Bad Axe also serve residents of the surrounding municipalities. Colfax Township is located directly west of Bad Axe and Verona Township is located to the east. State highways M-142, M-19, and M-53 carry traffic to Bad Axe from across the Thumb region.

Map 1 - Bad Axe Location



In addition to the location map above, the following is a map of the area within the Bad Axe Public School District.

Map 2 – Bad Axe Public School District



Demographics

According to the 2010 U.S. Census, the population of Bad Axe is 3,129. The 2000 Census estimate for the City shows a population of 3,462, which is a decrease of approximately 300 people. The total population for the Bad Axe Public School District is 6,621. Table 1 below, highlights other significant 2010 Census and 2014 American Community Survey Data for Bad Axe, Huron County, and Michigan. The following paragraphs highlight the key data from Table 1 below.

Table 1 - Demographics

Selected Data for Comparison in Bad Axe, Huron County, and Michigan			
	Bad Axe	Huron County	Michigan
2010 Population	3,129	33,118	9,883,640
2000 Population	3,462	36,079	9,938,444
% Change in Population	-9.6%	-8.2%	-0.6%
% of Population 65 and older	18.3%	21.7%	13.8%
% of Population under 19	27%	23%	20.80%
Median Age	45.1	46.8	38.9
% of Civilian non-institutionalized population with a disability	22%	17.2%	13.9%
% Bachelor's degree or higher	13.7%	14.1%	26.4%
Median Household Income	\$30,675	\$41,290	\$ 49,087
Per Capita Income	\$19,000	\$22,793	\$26,143
Average Household Size	2.1	2.27	2.49
Median Housing Value	\$80,300	\$92,100	\$120,200
Renter-occupied housing as a % of total occupied units	40.40%	18.7%	28.5%

Of note is the percent of the population that is under the age of 19, of the three geographies Bad Axe has the largest percentage at 27%. Meaning there is a larger percent of younger individuals in the community who have special recreation needs. In comparison to the younger population, it is also important to consider the median age of the City. The median age is 45.1, which is 6 years older than that of the State, while there is a significant younger population, the community also has 18.3% of the population over the age of 65. Which is almost 5% more than the rest of the population of the State. Another important factor to consider, which pertains to the whole population of the City, is that of the three jurisdictions Bad Axe has the lowest median household income, at \$30,675.

Specific population groups are also important to consider in recreation planning, because some have a lack of resources to pursue a variety of recreation options, and therefore benefit most from parks and recreation programs. Of the three geographies, the City has the largest civilian non-

institutionalized population with a disability (22%), and the largest percentage of renter-occupied housing (40.4%).

Based upon the analysis of demographic and social characteristics above, there are 4 specific population groups who have distinct needs for recreational facilities and programs. However, before each specific population is explained, it is important to consider the median household income in Bad Axe. Individuals and families with smaller incomes have less discretionary and disposable spending money, meaning they have an even smaller percent of money to spend on recreation. Therefore, it is important that the residents have good quality public recreation options close to home, because there is a smaller chance that these individuals will be able to seek out more expensive options further from home.

The four populations to consider are as follows:

Youth – The younger population makes up just over a quarter of the population in the City of Bad Axe. Youth populations benefit from recreational options and organized or unorganized athletic activities, providing them with opportunities for exercise, community engagement, and education.



Senior Citizens – The senior citizen population in Bad Axe represents almost 20% of the population. Seniors have different needs in recreation facilities than other age groups, (for example, pathways vs playgrounds) and additionally those on fixed incomes may need low-cost recreational opportunities.

Population with a disability – The population with a disability makes up 22% of the population in the City. Disabled populations are in need of park facilities that are accessible to their needs.



Residents in multi-family housing, apartments, and renters in general - Residents in high-density housing have a greater need for open space and recreational facilities compared to those in single-family households because they often do not have large yards or open areas of their own.

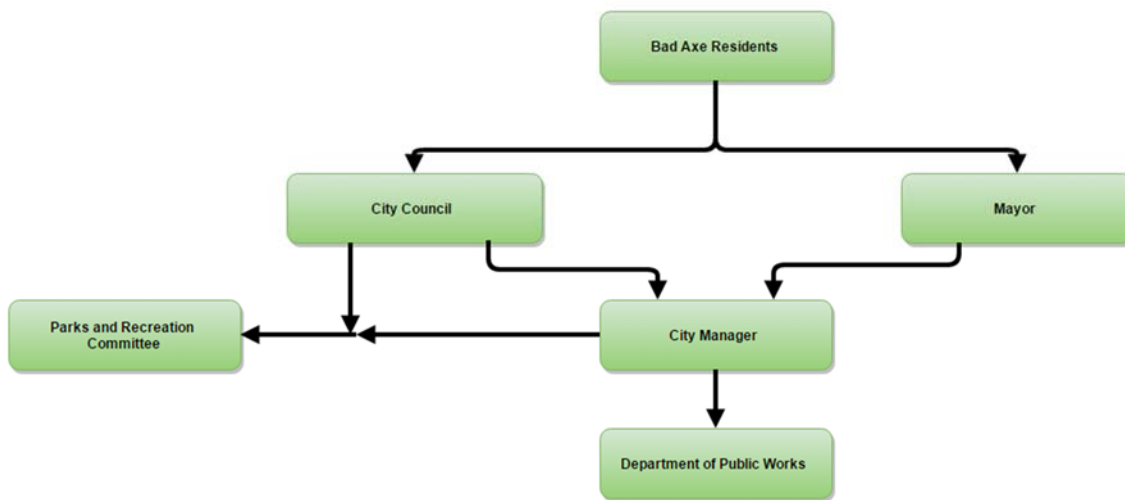
Parks have the ability to create a multigenerational link between individuals in these four groups, and across all demographic groups. They provide gathering places, make exercise opportunities available, promote civic participation, and improve the quality of life in an area.

Administrative Structure

How Parks and Recreation Works in Bad Axe

Bad Axe parks and recreation functions are handled by the Bad Axe Parks and Recreation Committee. The Parks and Recreation Committee serves as an advisory Committee to the Bad Axe City Council. The Parks and Recreation Committee consists of 3 people who are appointed from the City Council. They serve 2-year terms. Day to day administrative functions of the Parks and Recreation Department are handled by the City Manager.

A seasonal DPW employee is the only full time position in the Parks Department in Bad Axe. A seasonal maintenance person is hired for the summertime. Many other positions are filled with seasonal and temporary staff, such as a director and several seasonal staff for the summer day camp. The chart below graphically depicts the parks and recreation administrative structure.



Budgets

Sources of funding for parks and recreation functions in Bad Axe are from the City general fund, user fees, facility rentals, and local donations. Budgets for 2015 and 2016 are shown in Table 2.

Table 2 – Parks and Recreation Budget

2015/2016 Parks and Recreation Budget		
	2015	2016
Operations and Maintenance	\$132,584	\$103,110
Programming	\$29,591	\$30,700
Capital Expenditures	\$10,000	\$7,000

Collaboration

The City of Bad Axe has exceptional collaboration with both governmental and non-governmental entities in the community. These organizations include:

- School District
- County Fairgrounds
- Bad Axe Historical Society
- Rotary Club
- Lions Club
- Bad Axe Little League
- Huron County

Relationships with School Districts and Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations

The Bad Axe Public School District has adopted this recreation plan, in addition the Committee works closely with the Bad Axe School District to share facilities for programming. The City uses the school football fields for its youth tackle football program and it uses the Junior High Gymnasium for its men's basketball league. The Parks and Recreation Department also works with the Bad Axe Historical Society to coordinate usage of the Log Cabin Village. Lastly, the City works with a group of volunteer parents that organize and run the summer youth baseball program. The City provides the fields for this league.

Volunteers

The Parks and Recreation Department uses approximately 75 - 100 volunteers each year to assist with all events and programs. Many volunteers work at the Bad Axe Hatchet Festival, which is organized by the Bad Axe Chamber. Other volunteers serve as coaches and referees. Still others assist with maintenance, card nights, trips, community center activities, day camps, fund-raisers, and park clean-up.

Past Grant History

The City of Bad Axe has not received any grant funding from the MDNR, however in the past the City has applied for two Trust Fund grants, but have subsequently withdrawn both applications. The grants were for the years of 1992 and 1996. The 1992 acquisition grant was withdrawn because the landowner donated the property to the City. The 1996 grant was withdrawn because of turnover on the City Council.

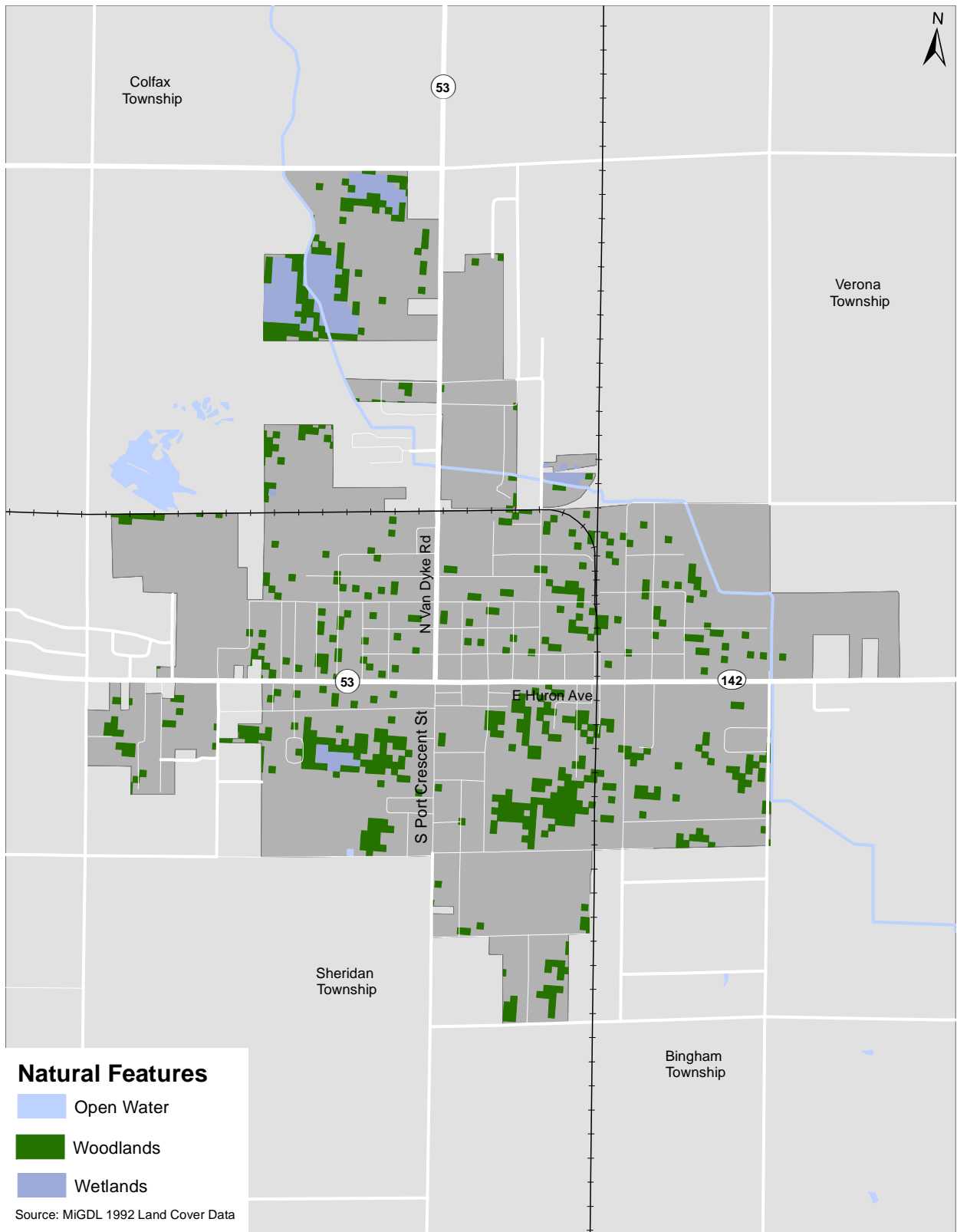
Natural Resource Inventory

When studying parks and recreation resources in a community, it can be worthwhile to examine significant natural resources that may be in need of conservation or protection. Map 3, on the following page, illustrates the woodlands, wetlands, and waterways in the City of Bad Axe. The most significant natural resources in Bad Axe are the pockets of woodlands and wetlands scattered across the City. In addition, small portions of the Bad Axe Drain run across the northern portion of the City, providing a water feature for the community.

These natural areas are dispersed throughout Bad Axe, however the largest stands are located in the southern half and the northernmost section of the City. Several of these areas are a mixture of both wetlands and woodlands. These are areas that may provide recreational opportunities in the future. An example of woodlands that are worthy of conservation is the stand located in Wilcox Park. This provides park visitors with more recreation opportunities, wildlife viewing, and walking areas.



Map 3 - Natural Features: Woods, Wetlands, and Waterways



Parks and Recreation Inventory

Parks in Bad Axe

In order to plan for the future of parks and recreation, it is important to examine the types of existing facilities in Bad Axe. The following section is an in-depth description of each City owned park. Map 4, on page 11, is a representation of the current and proposed parks and pathways in the City.

It is also beneficial to compare existing facilities to various standards to measure the adequacy of parks and recreation facilities in Bad Axe. The planning consultant worked with the City Manager to update or revise the following section.

CITY PARKS

Bad Axe has two major parks and a small special use facility, represented in Map 4 on page 11.

City Park

12 Acres

Accessibility Rating: 2

Community Park: Serving City and Surrounding Townships

City Park is the oldest park in Bad Axe. It is centrally located near the downtown area. Its features include:

- 4 softball diamonds
- 2 baseball diamonds
- 10 basketball hoops
- 2 tennis courts
- Concession/Storage building
- Walking Path
- Pioneer Log Village that includes a blacksmith shop, general store, country school, chapel, family home, and barn. The facility is owned and operated by the Bad Axe Historical Society.

City Park is a community gathering point for various events including the annual Bad Axe Hatchet Festival and the summer farmer's market.



Wilcox Park

10 Acres

Accessibility Rating: 3

Community Park: Serving City and Surrounding Townships

Wilcox Park is a newer park in Bad Axe that is located on the northern edge of the City. It is a more passive recreation opportunity, and includes a wooded area. Features of the park include:

- Nature trail through the woods
- Picnic pavilion
- Horseshoes
- Playground
- Sand volleyball
- Community Center/Multi-purpose building



Bad Axe Skate Rink

8 Acres

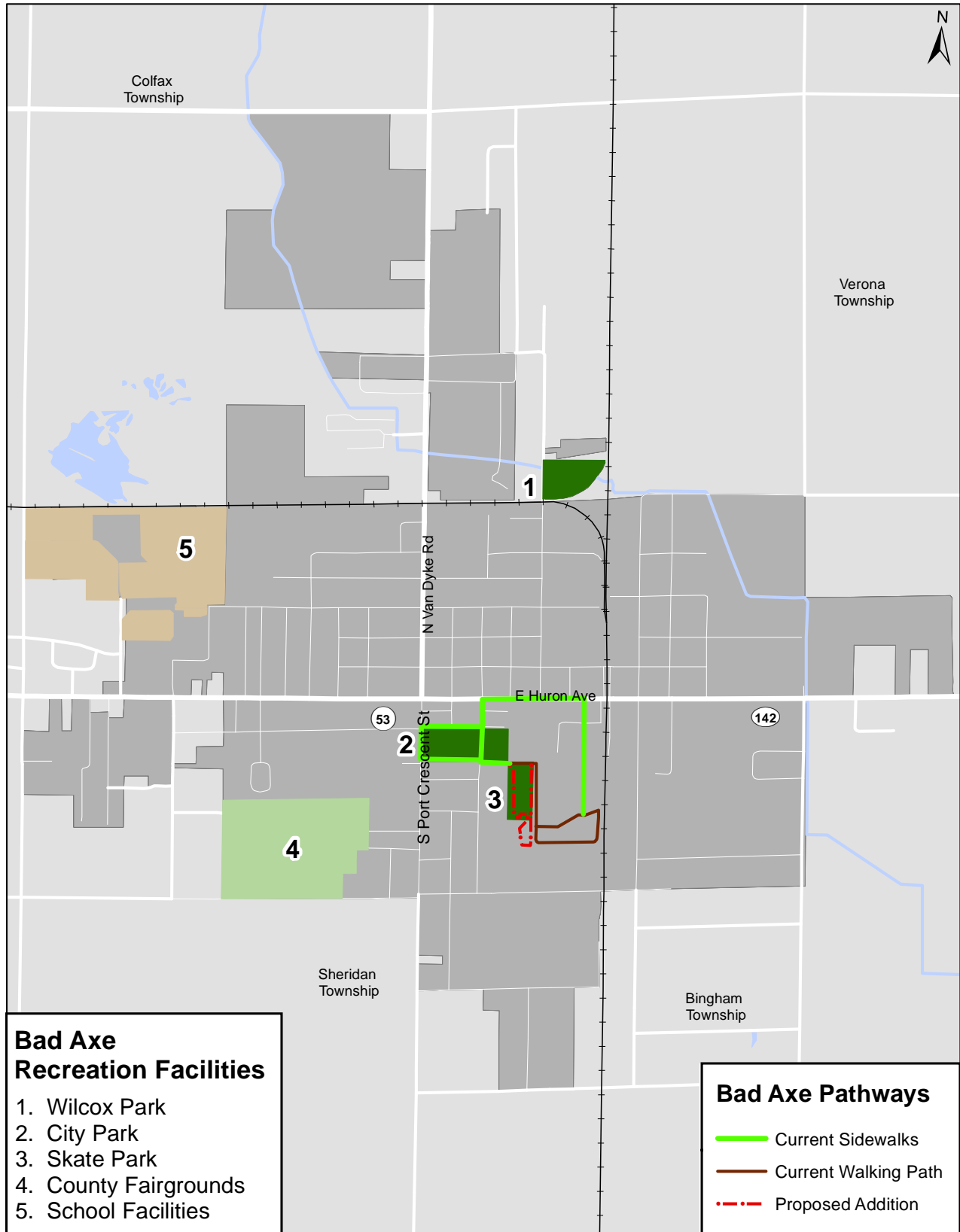
Accessibility Rating: 2

Special Use Park: Serving City and Surrounding Townships

The Bad Axe Skate Rink is an in-line outdoor skating rink that is located to the southeast of the City Park. This park contains undeveloped open space, a storage shed, and the skating rink. The rink is used for in-line skating during warm months and it can be flooded as an ice rink during winter. In the future, the City would like to redevelop this park into a use which is more desirable for the community.



Map 4 – Parks and Recreation Facilities



Other significant recreational facilities in Bad Axe

There are two other significant recreation facilities in Bad Axe. The first is the Bad Axe public school district's recreational facilities which include playgrounds, sports fields, gymnasiums, and a recreational soccer complex. The other facility is the Huron County Fairgrounds which is a characteristic component for City recreation in Bad Axe. The fairgrounds contain a racetrack and grandstand, several display and multipurpose buildings, and large areas of open space.

Recreation programs in Bad Axe

The Bad Axe Recreation department offers 1 major recreational program each year:

- Summer day camp – a seven-week program

The City Park ball diamonds are used by the youth baseball league that is run by a group of volunteer parents. Other special events are held in the park such as Bad Axe Hatchet Festival.



Accessibility

Creating a park system that is safe, accessible and usable to all individuals within the community, including those with disabilities, is essential. A grading system has been developed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to easily identify those parks and facilities which are most and least handicap accessible and usable, based on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines. The accessibility grading system uses a five-point system ranging from one, none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines, to five, the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design.

Table 3 – MDNR Accessibility Grading System

MDNR Accessibility Grading System for Parks and Recreational Facilities	
Accessibility Grade	Definition
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

Included in the Recreation Inventory is the accessibility rating for each park. The City recognizes the importance of equal access for all citizens. When improvements are made, the City is dedicated to continuing its efforts towards improving accessibility at each of its parks. This includes, but is not limited to, accessible parking, paths, restrooms, activity areas, amenities, and signage.



Comparison to Standards

General industry standards suggest a minimum of 5 to 10 acres of park land per 1,000 citizens. According to the 2010 Census, Bad Axe has approximately 3,129 residents, therefore the recommended park acreage for the City is 15 - 30 acres. The three City parks total 30 acres, therefore it would appear that Bad Axe has adequate park land for its citizens. However, there are additional population groups to consider when calculating park acreage. The City parks draw in other residents from both Verona and Colfax Townships, because those Townships do not have any public park land. As a result, the recommended park acreage is actually between 30 and 60 acres. A third population group to consider is the total population of the City and the School District which is 6,621. This population calls for a total of 30 to 60 acres. Considering all the population groups it appears that the City meets the minimum acreage requirements for park land for all three populations. However, this is a very general standard that simply considers acreage, but doesn't consider other important factors discussed below.

More recent park guidelines indicate that one must also consider the "Level of Service" desired by the community. If Bad Axe residents' needs are met with the existing amount of park land and facilities, then that amount is sufficient. However, there may be additional needs based upon the unique recreational demands of this community. For example, a community may have an abundance of acres of wooded park land but it may not have many sports fields or pavilions or playgrounds. Or, a particular area of a community may be deficient in park land or a specific kind of park.

In Bad Axe, there are no neighborhood or mini parks that serve as close to home spaces for informal recreation. While it is recommended that urban communities have mini parks, it is unclear if they are needed in Bad Axe. The community is small and most residents can walk or bike to the existing parks. However, some citizens may wish to have park space within a block or two from home.

This is why the community input portion of a recreation plan is so important. The Parks and Recreation Committee needs to understand the wishes of the community it serves in order to provide the Level of Service desired by the residents. Further, if the community is growing or if there are other significant demographic changes, it may need to plan for additional park land or changes in existing facilities. As the population ages and the baby boomer generation reaches retirement age, many communities are seeing a need for recreational facilities and programs for senior citizens.

As a supplement to the recommended standards for park acreage, data from the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association (SGMA) is another way to help understand recreation trends. It is important to be aware of national recreation trends to be able to anticipate activities which will incorporate a large number of participants and those which show the greatest growth in popularity. The SGMA conducts an annual survey that analyzes the size of sports product markets in order to determine sports participation trends. Results of the 2015 Sports and Fitness Participation Report are given in the Appendix A.



Community Input

In order to have a more comprehensive update of this Recreation Plan, the City circulated a community input survey. The survey was used to garner public opinion on the condition and future of parks and recreation in the City of Bad Axe. The description below highlights some of the responses, while a full report of the survey results can be found in Appendix B.

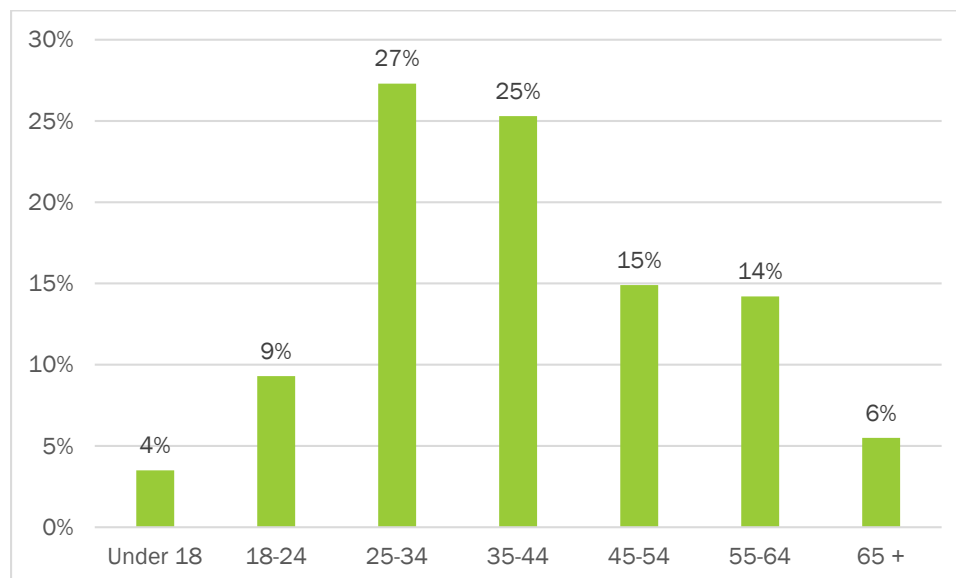
Overall, the survey had 12 questions, there were a total of 292 responses, and the survey had a 100% completion rate. The City advertised the community input survey on the City website, the City Facebook page, over the radio, and put out a targeted advertisement on Facebook. The online survey was available from July 2016 to September 11, 2016, at www.badaxeparks.com.

A second means of input was provided during the required public review period of the draft from December 6, 2016 to January 17, 2016, and a third opportunity at the public hearing on January 17, 2016.

Respondents

In order to have an understanding of the demographics and geographic of the respondents, the survey asked respondents several general questions about themselves. Overall 54% of respondents were residents of the City of Bad Axe and 53% and 27% of the respondents either lived in Colfax or Verona Townships, respectively. Overall, 50% of the respondents indicated that they had lived in their community for more than 20 years. The ages of respondents who took the survey are illustrated in Figure 1 below. The majority of the respondents were between the ages of 25 - 34 and 35 - 44. Finally, respondents were asked how many people live in their household. The majority of the responses were two (29%), five or more (25%), and 4 (23%).

Figure 1 - Age of Survey Respondents

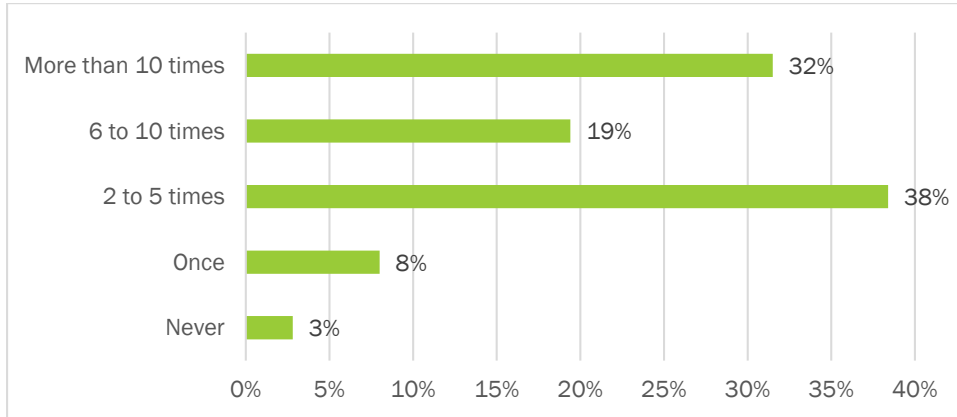


Visits to parks in the past year

The first question strove to create a better understanding of how often residents took advantage of recreation opportunities in Bad Axe. Respondents were asked how many times in the past year they had visited a City park. Overall, 38% of respondents visited the parks 2 to 5 times, and 32% visited

the parks 10 or more times. Only 3% of respondents, or 8 people who took the survey, said they did not visit a City Park in the past year. Figure 2 below illustrates the complete answers in greater detail.

Figure 2 - Visits to City parks



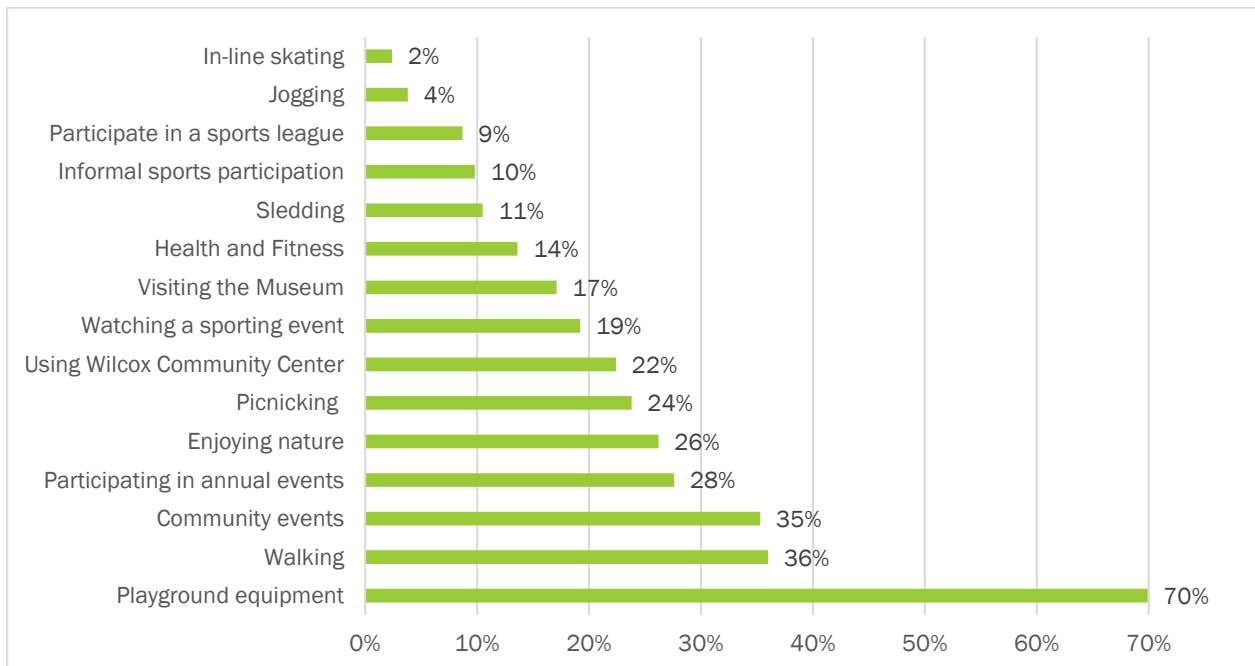
Why do you visit the parks?

The second question asked respondents why they visited City parks. Respondents were given 15 choices, the following are the top five responses and the corresponding percentages:

1. Playground equipment (70%)
2. Walking (36%)
3. Community events (35%)
4. Participating in annual events (28%)
5. Enjoying nature (26%)

Figure 3 below illustrates the complete results of why respondents visited City parks.

Figure 3 - Why Respondents visit city parks



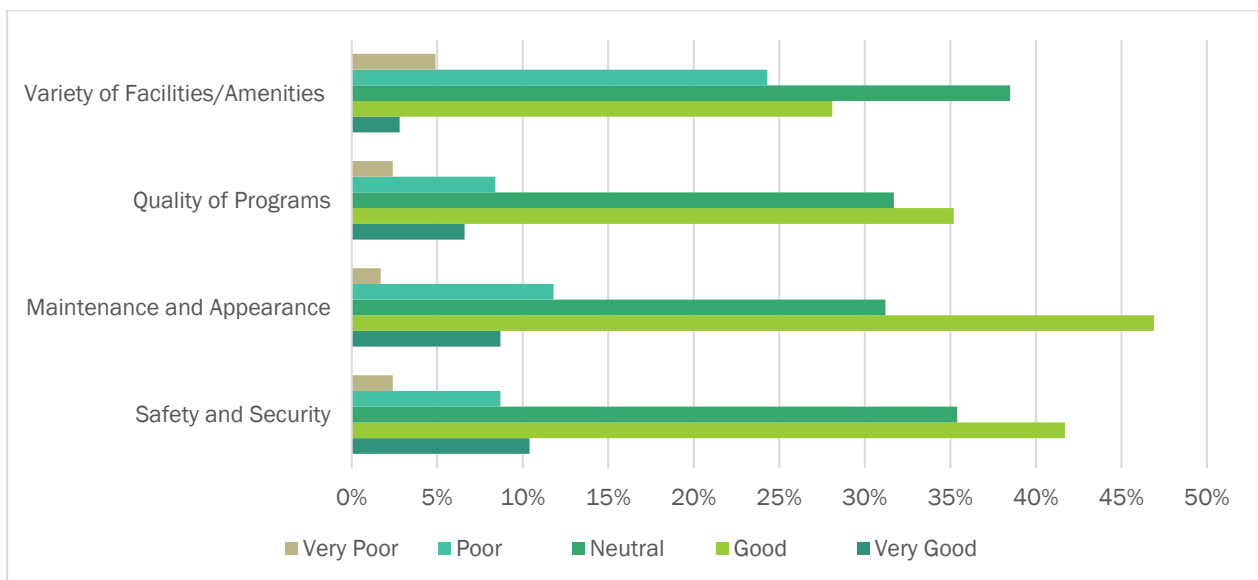
Opinion regarding parks and recreation

The next question aimed to get an overall opinion on specific factors about the parks and recreation in the City. The question asked respondents to evaluate the following categories in relation to the City parks:

- Safety and security
- Maintenance and appearance
- Quality of programs
- Variety of facilities/amenities

Overall the responses to each were very positive. The majority of the respondents thought the safety and security (52%) and maintenance and appearance (56%) of the parks were either good or very good, and 42% of respondents thought the quality of programs were good or very good, however only 31% of respondents thought that the variety of facilities and amenities were good or very good. Therefore, adding variety to the current services and amenities may be a very good way for Bad Axe to plan to enhance their park and recreation experience. Figure 4 below illustrates the results for this question in greater detail.

Figure 4 - Evaluation of specific aspects of parks and recreation in Bad Axe

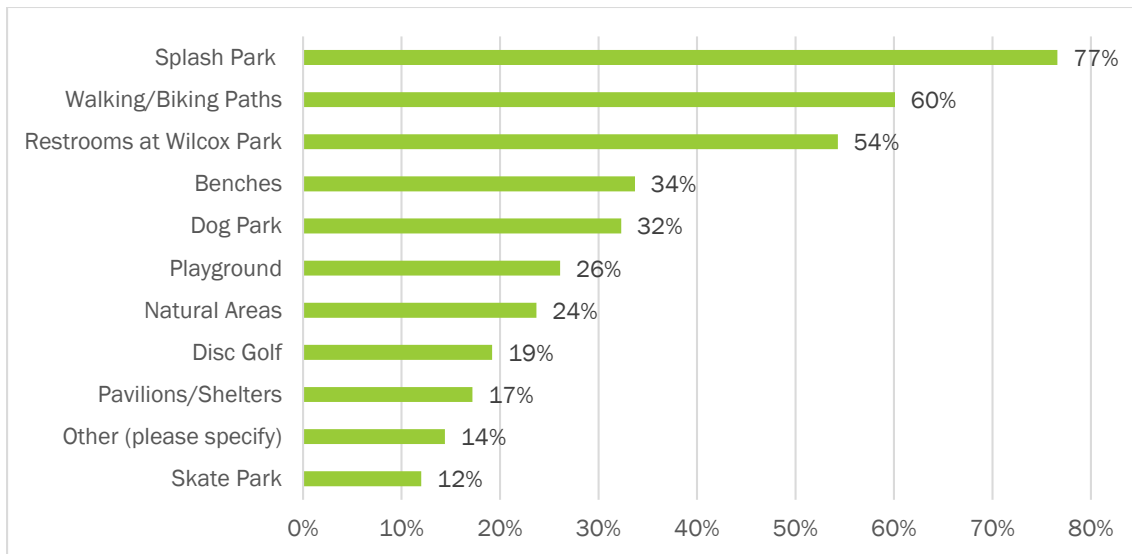


Additional facilities and programs

Next, respondents were asked what additional facilities/amenities they would like to see added to parks and recreation in Bad Axe. Respondents were encouraged to check all answers that applied, and were given a final choice of “other” with the option to type in a unique answer. Figure 5 below represents all of the combined responses, and the following are the top 5 choices indicated by the respondents:

1. Splash Park (77%)
2. Walking/Biking Paths (60%)
3. Restrooms at Wilcox Park (54%)
4. Benches (34%)
5. Dog Park (32%)

Figure 5 - Additional facilities/amenities



In addition to the responses above, there were 42 “other” responses. The top three included: a pool, play equipment for all ages, and an outdoor concert space and splash pad tied for the third ranking. Table 4, on the following page, summarizes all of the responses.



Table 4 - Other additional facilities/amenities

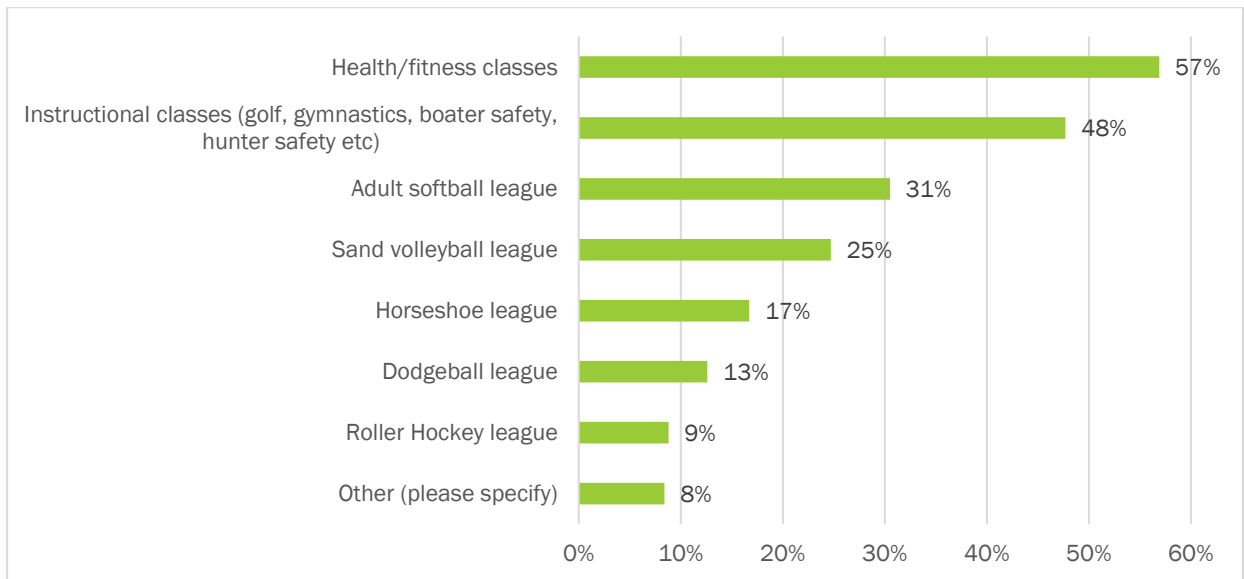
Responses	Number
Pool	10
Play Equipment for all ages	7
Outdoor Concert Space	3
Splash Pad	3
More Natural Environment	2
Restrooms	2
Security	2
Walking/Biking Trails connecting parks and existing infrastructure	2
Art, Statues	1
Bigger Sand Box	1
Concession	1
Exercise Equipment	1
Fence around perimeter	1
Grills	1
Indoor Play Equipment	1
Maintenance	1
Miniature Golf	1
Mud Volleyball	1
Pet-Friendly	1
RC Cars and Trucks at Skate Park	1

In the same form as the previous question, respondents were asked what additional recreation programs they would like to see in the City of Bad Axe. Figure 5 below, represents all of the responses, the top five responses are as follows:

1. Health/Fitness Classes (57%)
2. Instructional Classes (48%)
3. Adult Softball League (31%)
4. Sand Volleyball League (25%)
5. Horseshoe League (17%)



Figure 5 - Additional recreation programs



Similar to the previous question, there was also an option for respondents to write in their own ideas for recreation programs. There were a total of 20 responses, and the top three responses were: swimming, disc golf leagues, and swimming lessons and bocce ball tied for the third most popular answer. Table 5 below, is a complete list of those responses.

Table 5 - Other recreation program ideas

Responses	Number
Swimming	5
Disc Golf Leagues	3
Monthly Bocce Ball	2
Swimming Lessons	2
Activities for all ages	1
Extended Summer Camp Hours	1
Movies in the Park	1
Scuba Diving	1
Self-Defense/Karate	1
Splash Pad	1
Trails	1



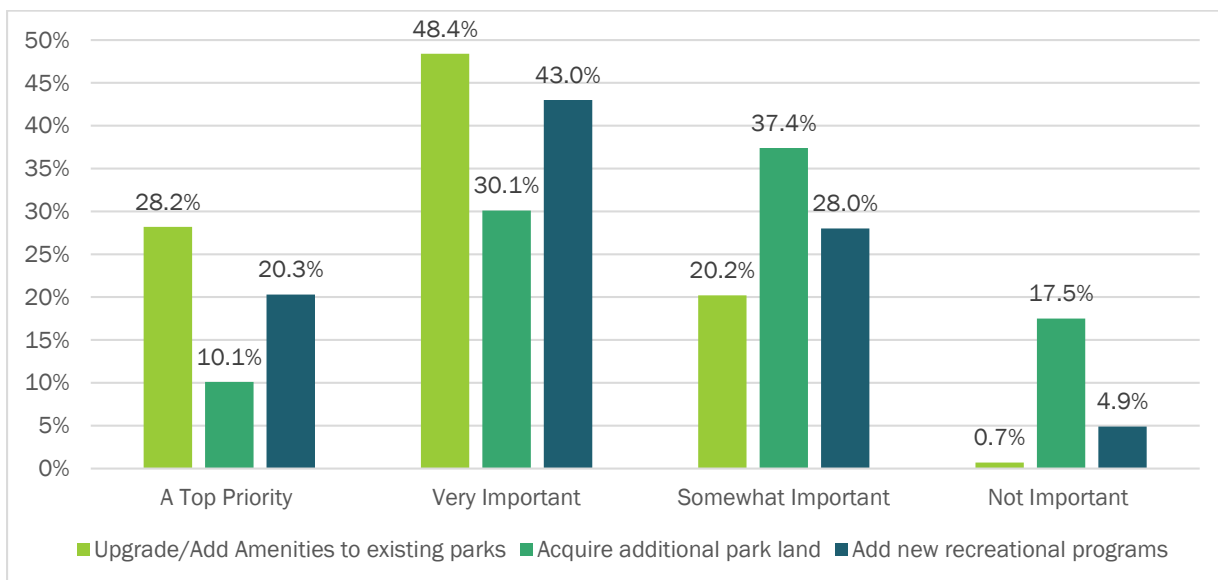
Future strategies for parks and recreation

Thinking to the future of Bad Axe parks, respondents were asked their opinions on what should be a top priority for the next 5 years. The question was specific to:

- Upgrading/adding amenities to existing parks
- Acquiring additional parkland
- Adding new recreational programs

Each respondent was asked to individually rank these choices on a scale from a top priority to not important. As illustrated in Figure 6 below, top priorities in the upcoming 5 years ranked as follows: upgrade/add amenities to existing parks (28%), add new recreational programs (20%), and acquire additional park land (10%). To have a broader understanding of what is a top priority and also very important to the park users the following is the ranking of priorities for the two categories combined: upgrade/add amenities to existing parks (68%), add new recreational programs (63%), and acquire additional park land (40%). As you can see the order of priorities between the comparisons did not change, therefore it is clear that public inputs indicates the City should focus on enhancing current amenities and programs.

Figure 6 - Priorities for parks and recreation



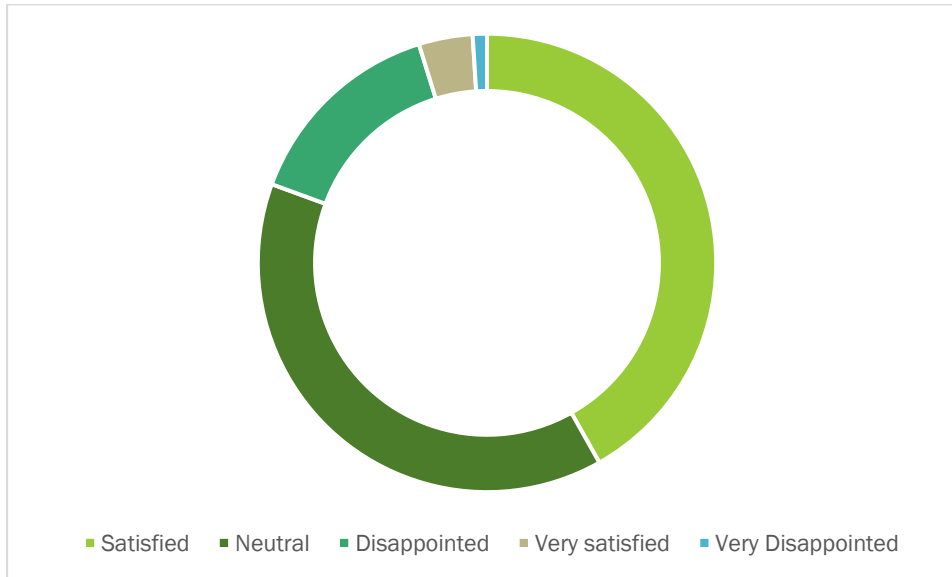
Pioneer Log Cabin

Another important feature of the City's parks and recreation system is the Pioneer Log Cabin Village. In regards to the future of this historic property, respondents were asked if they believed it was an important part of the community and should continue to be preserved. Overall 76% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this statement. Then, respondents were asked if the facilities should be open more during the week. The majority of the respondents (35%), were neutral to this statement, however 29% of respondents agreed that it should be open more.

Overall opinion

Overall respondents were asked to rank their opinion of the City parks. Forty-one percent of respondents were satisfied and 38% were neutral. Figure 6 below illustrates the complete results for this question.

Figure 6 - Overall opinion of City parks



Accessibility

Ensuring that the City’s parks and facilities are accessible to individuals of all abilities is a top priority for City officials. Therefore, if respondents had a family member with a disability the City wanted to know what would make the parks more user-friendly. Respondents were asked to rank the following five characteristics on a scale from strongly agree to strongly disagree. The following are the 5 characteristics: flatter, easier grades, accessible playgrounds, accessible parking, accessible restrooms, paved trails, and accessible spectator viewing areas. Table 6 below, illustrates the responses to this question.

Table 6 - Aspects to make parks and recreation more accessible

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Flatter, easier grades	28.20%	36.50%	34.10%	1.20%	0.60%
Accessible playgrounds	31.40%	38.30%	28.60%	2.30%	0.00%
Accessible parking	30.30%	42.90%	25.70%	2.30%	0.00%
Accessible restrooms	47.80%	27.20%	21.70%	2.80%	1.10%
Paved trails	38.70%	34.90%	22.60%	2.70%	2.20%
Accessible spectator viewing areas	26.00%	38.40%	32.20%	3.40%	0.60%

Open-ended questions

The last two questions were open ended and asked respondents what they liked best about parks and recreation in Bad Axe, and one thing they would change to improve parks and recreation in the City. Table 7 summarizes all of the responses to what respondents like best about parks and recreation in the City. The following are the top five answers:

1. Location and Availability
2. Maintenance and Cleanliness of parks and facilities
3. Play equipment
4. Kid-friendly
5. Natural and shady place to relax

Table 7 - What do you like best?

Responses	Number
[Location and Availability] Great Location Two recreation options with good variety	30
[Maintenance/Cleanliness]	24
[Play Equipment] Good for all ages Good Condition	14
[Kid-friendly] Good spaces for children to play Activities for the kids to do Fun	13
[Natural Spaces] Nice outdoor spaces Plenty of shade Good places to relax	12
[Programming] Summer programs for kids Cost	7
[Variety/events] Variety of activities in parks Events in parks Parks are a great place to have get together	7
[Family-friendly]	6
[Relaxing]	4
[Sporting facilities] Baseball fields Basketball Courts Tennis Courts	4
[Sledding]	3
[Trails at Wilcox]	3
[Safety/Security]	2
[Picnic]	1
[Pioneer Log Cabin]	1

The final question, asked respondents what was one thing they would change to improve parks and recreation in the City. Table 8 is a compilation of the complete responses, it highlights the overall themes from all the responses, and then gives examples of the most common improvements mentioned by the respondents. The following are the top five answers:

1. Addition of a splash pad
2. More trails and bike paths which connect to local and regional infrastructure
3. Upgrade/add play equipment
4. Increase park security
5. Improve maintenance and cleanliness of parks and facilities

Table 8 - One thing to improve parks and recreation

Responses	Number
[Splash Pad]	28
[Additional Programming/Activities] Classes for all ages Activities for: Kids, Teens, and Adults Evening Activities More community events in the park	27
[Trails] More non-motorized trails More bike paths Connect trails to existing local and regional sidewalk/trail network	23
[Play Equipment] Upgrade existing equipment Add more play equipment Remove wood chips	21
[Security] Increase security at parks Increase sense of safety Monitor behavior of unsupervised children and teens	14
[Maintenance/Cleanliness]	12
[Additional Amenities] Benches, Shelters, Tables, and Umbrellas	11
[All Ages Play Equipment] Equipment for young children	11
[Dog Park]	11
[Variety] Additional activities, equipment, and programming	11
[Restrooms]	9
[Pool]	8
[Advertisement/Marketing] Advertise parks, amenities, and programs available	6
[Acquisition] Expand existing parks or acquire new parks	5
[Disc Golf]	4
[Better Parking]	3
[More Natural Areas]	3
[Reduce Fees]	3
[Location]	1

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 City of Bad Axe Parks and Recreation Committee formulated the following goals and objectives.

Goal 1: Continue to provide and improve recreational and support facilities that inspire community pride and are functional for a variety of uses and ages.

The citizens are proud of their existing park facilities. The City wishes to continue to maintain and improve these facilities so as to improve the quality of life for residents.

Objectives

- Explore partnerships, grants, foundations and other funding opportunities.
- Continue to add amenities to Bad Axe park facilities based upon community input and need.
- Provide recreational opportunities for people with disabilities.
- Ensure that improvements and upgrades to park facilities are handicapped-accessible, where feasible.
- Look at new amenities to satisfy various age groups.
- Identify best location for future splash park.
- Ensure public parks are safe.



Goal 2: Provide quality leisure time activities with special consideration given to activities improving health and fitness.

Health and well-being are an important component of one’s quality of life. Bad Axe can use its parks and recreation facilities and staff resources to offer activities and programs that will improve the health and fitness of its citizens.

Objectives

- Provide both passive and active programming for a variety of ages and abilities of the population.
- Continue to work with existing recreation partners in the community to provide programs, leagues, and special events. Explore options for new and expanded partnerships to provide additional recreational opportunities.

Goal 3: Provide non-motorized pathways and bicycle routes for recreational and transportation use.

Pathways and bike routes are important for the residents of the City of Bad Axe. They were mentioned frequently by survey respondents as an improvement they would like added to the City. This is a component of a parks system that can be used by people of all ages and abilities. The City plans to look into ways to extend the existing walkway and path system.

Objectives

- Develop a biking trail network across the City.
- Add walking and multi-use paths within existing parks.
- Improve path surfaces when appropriate.



Goal 4: Retain public land and conserve natural resources for future generations.

The citizens of Bad Axe wish to see their current parks maintained and kept for the future. Additional parkland may be needed in the future to accommodate the recreational needs of the community.

Objectives

- Retain existing parkland and acquire new public lands to meet the recreational needs of the community.
- Preserve and protect open space and other important natural features in Bad Axe.

Goal 5: Create community awareness of Bad Axe recreational opportunities and promote them to citizens and visitors.

Communicating with the public is an important component of any municipal parks and recreation organization. As our population increasingly relies on the Internet for information, the City needs to take advantage of online opportunities to communicate and interact with citizens.

Objectives

- Work with local arts and culture organizations to provide unique programming opportunities at the City's recreational sites and other venues.
- Work on Facebook, Snapchat, web site, and develop other online opportunities to communicate with the public about Bad Axe park facilities and events.



Action Plan

With goals and objectives in place, the City of Bad Axe has developed an accompanying 5-year Action Plan. This is a tool that will enable the City 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 the following chart. 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 7. The potential capital improvements that are listed in Table 9 have been established to provide a framework for decision makers, and to enable the City 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.

Table 9 - Action Plan

BAD AXE AREA RECREATION PLAN			
ACTION PLAN			
Improvement	Park	Relates to Goal	Priority
Add walking/running trail	Unknown	1, 2, 3	1
Add restroom facility	City Park	1	4
Add handicap accessible playground equipment	City Park	1, 2	3
Disc golf course	Wilcox Park	1, 2	5
Add spray park	City Park	1,2	2
Add dog park	Wilcox	1	7
Consider adding additional park land to meet demand	N/A	4	6
Install lighting & security cameras	All parks	1	7

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 required criteria. See Appendix C for potential sources of recreation funding.



Planning Process

In an effort to provide quality recreational opportunities for its citizens, the City of Bad Axe, the Bad Axe Public School District, and the Huron County Fairgrounds has developed this Parks and Recreation Plan as a tool to guide the development of recreation facilities over the next five years. This plan represents an ongoing commitment by the City to establish recreational goals and objectives for the community. The plan will also provide Bad Axe eligibility for grants from the Department of Natural Resources to assist the City in reaching its recreational goals.

The City of Bad Axe contracted with Spicer Group of Saginaw to assist the Parks and Recreation Committee with the completion of this plan. Spicer Group consultants met with the Parks and Recreation Committee 4 times during 2016 while working on the plan.

Data was collected about the City of Bad Axe, including demographics, natural features inventory, and an inventory of the parks and facilities owned and operated by the City. This data was gathered from a number of resources including City staff, the 2011 Bad Axe Parks and Recreation Plan, the Parks and Recreation Committee, and research of aerial images provided by Google Earth.

Three opportunities for input and participation were provided during the development of this plan, the results of which were described in an earlier section of this plan. Based upon the existing information and the public input, City staff and the Parks and Recreation Committee developed goals for parks and recreation in the City of Bad Axe. The Parks and Recreation Committee also created an action program to accomplish the goals of the plan.

Spicer Group completed a draft recreation plan which was subsequently available for review at the City Clerk's Office and on the City's website. The 30-day Notice of Review was published in the Huron Daily Tribune on December 7, 2016. The final opportunity for community input occurred at the advertised public hearing held prior to adoption of the plan, which was held on January 17, 2017. After this public hearing, the Parks and Recreation Committee passed a resolution recommending adoption of the Parks and Recreation Plan to the City Council. The City of Bad Axe approved a resolution to adopt the recreation plan at the City Council meeting on January 17, 2017. The Bad Axe School Board approved a resolution to adopt the recreation plan on January 23, 2017. Copies of the recreation plan were transmitted to Huron County Planning Commission, the East Michigan Council of Governments, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources on February 9, 2016. Copies of the notification advertisements, the public hearing minutes, and the resolution, are included in Appendix D.



Appendix A

2015 Sports, Fitness, and Leisure Activities Topline Participation Report

2015

*Sports, Fitness and Leisure
Activities Topline Participation
Report*



**Sports & Fitness
Industry Association**

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METHODOLOGY

Method for the Participation Report

This Overview Report from the Physical Activity Council (PAC) is produced by a partnership of six of the major trade associations in US sports, fitness and leisure industries. Each partner produces more detailed reports on their specific areas of interest but this Overview Report summarizes data about levels of activity in the US. The overall aim of this report is to establish levels of activity and identify key trends in sports, fitness and recreation participation in the US. For more detailed results, please contact the relevant partner listed below.

During January and February of 2015, a total of 10,778 online interviews were carried out with a nationwide sample of individuals and households from the US Online Panel of over one million people operated by Synovate/IPSOS. A total of 5,067 individual and 5,711 household surveys were completed. The total panel is maintained to be representative of the US population for people ages 6 and older. Over sampling of ethnic groups took place to boost response from typically under responding groups.

The 2015 participation survey sample size of 10,778 completed interviews provides a high degree of statistical accuracy. All surveys are subject to some level of standard error — that is, the degree to which the results might differ from those obtained by a complete census of every person in the US. A sport with a participation rate of five percent has a confidence interval of plus or minus 0.42 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level.

A weighting technique was used to balance the data to reflect the total US population ages six and above. The following variables were used: gender, age, income, household size, region, population density and panel join date. The total population figure used was 292,064,000 people ages six and older.

“Inactivity” is defined to include those participants who report no physical activity in 2014 and 16 sports/fitness activities that require minimal to no physical exertion.

If you have specific questions, please get in touch with Sports Marketing Surveys USA at usa@sportsmarketingsurveysusa.com or (561) 427-0647.

For more information on the following activities please contact:

- ▶ CLUB/INSTITUTIONAL FITNESS: International Health, Racquet and Sportsclub Association (IHRSA) www.ihrsa.org P: (617) 951-0055
- ▶ GOLF: The National Golf Foundation (NGF) www.ngf.org P: (561) 744-6006
- ▶ OUTDOOR: The Outdoor Foundation (OF) www.outdoorfoundation.org P: (202) 271-3252
- ▶ SNOWSPORTS: The Snowsports Industries America (SIA) www.snowsports.org P: (703) 556-9020
- ▶ TEAM SPORTS / INDIVIDUAL SPORTS / GENERAL FITNESS / WATERSPORTS: The Sports and Fitness Industry Association (SFIA) www.sfia.org P: (301) 495:6321
- ▶ TENNIS: The Tennis Industry Association (TIA) and United States Tennis Association (USTA) www.tennisindustry.org P: (843) 686-3036

INTRODUCTION

Inactivity takes a sharp turn upwards.

The Physical Activity Council's annual study continues to track participation in over 120 sports. This report gives a broad overview to the study. For more details on specific sports please contact the relevant PAC Partner (see Methodology).

Participation in sports seems to be fluctuating over the last few years, with increases in racquet, team, and water sports. Outdoor sports declined slightly in 2014 while fitness sports remain flat.

The overall levels of inactivity increased marginally in the last 12 months from 27.6% of Americans age six and older to 28.3%. Although inactivity increased in 2014, those who are active seems to be participating more often and in multiple activities.

Inactivity for the younger age groups flattened out in 2014 while there was a sharp increases of inactivity for those 65 and older. Ages 18 to 24 show the most decrease, dropping 0.2% from 2013. Overall, inactivity seemed to increase among most ages.

On the positive side with 292 million Americans age 6 and older, 83 million inactives leaves 209 million "actives" taking part in a wide range of activities.

"Gen Z," or those born this millennium, continue to dominate team sports category. While the Millennials and "Gen X" groups maintain the fitness sports. All three generations are actively involved in outdoor sports and individual sports.

In terms of interest, all age groups continue to look at swimming as a means for future fitness. Followed heavily by outdoor activities. Fitness activities are featured high on the list for most adult age groups while team sports are important for the younger age groups.

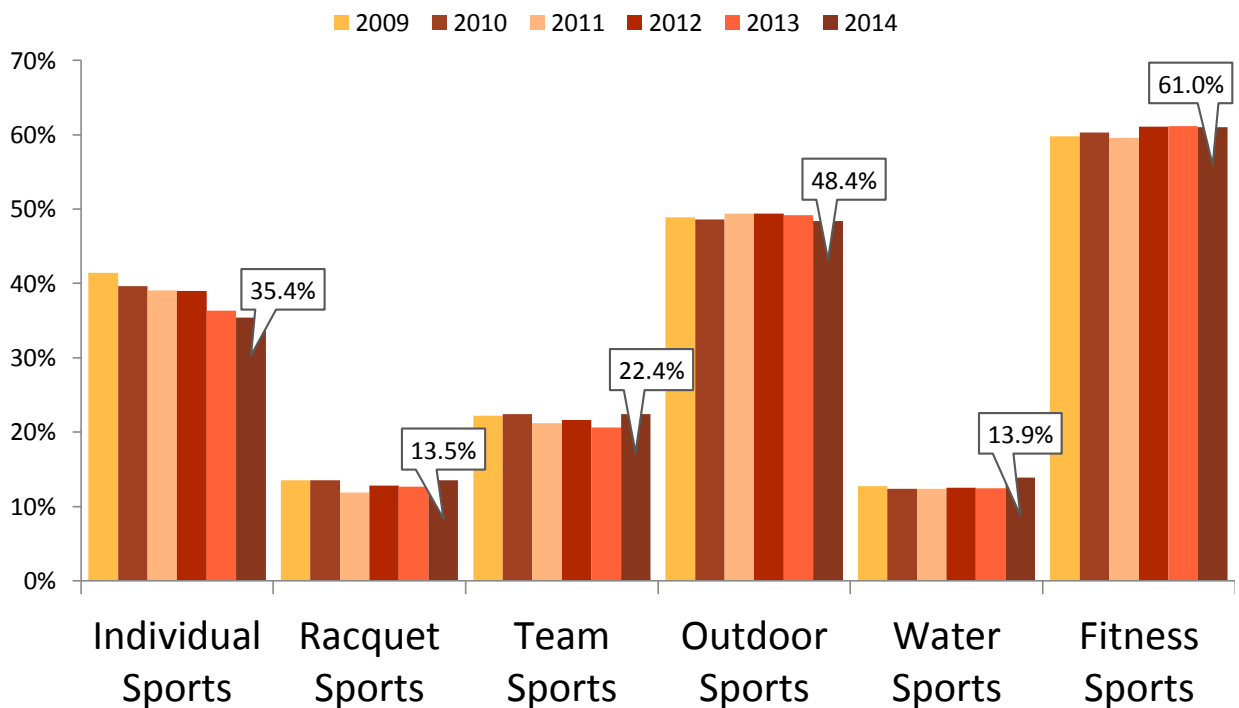
2009 – 2014 PARTICIPATION TRENDS

US Participants, Ages 6+

Total Participation Rate by Sport

While we saw an decrease in activity for 2014, racquet, team, and water sports all had participation increases. This may be attributed to those who were active in 2014 are adding to their activities. While outdoor and fitness sports remain flat over the past few years, individual sports continue it's decline, dropping almost 1% over the last year.

Participation Rates: % of Individuals Ages 6+

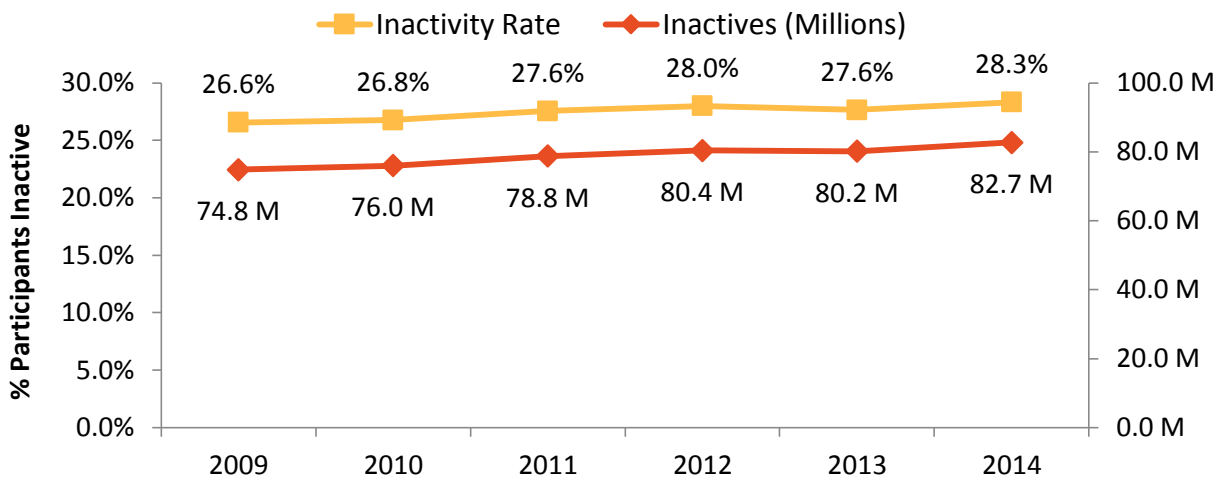


INACTIVITY RATES

US Participants, Ages 6+

Inactivity Levels in the US

In 2014, we are seeing the a highest percentage of inactivity over the last six years. Americans continue to struggle with physical activity commitment. With the economy bouncing back and having more extreme weather conditions in 2014, more people choose other commitments than physical activity.

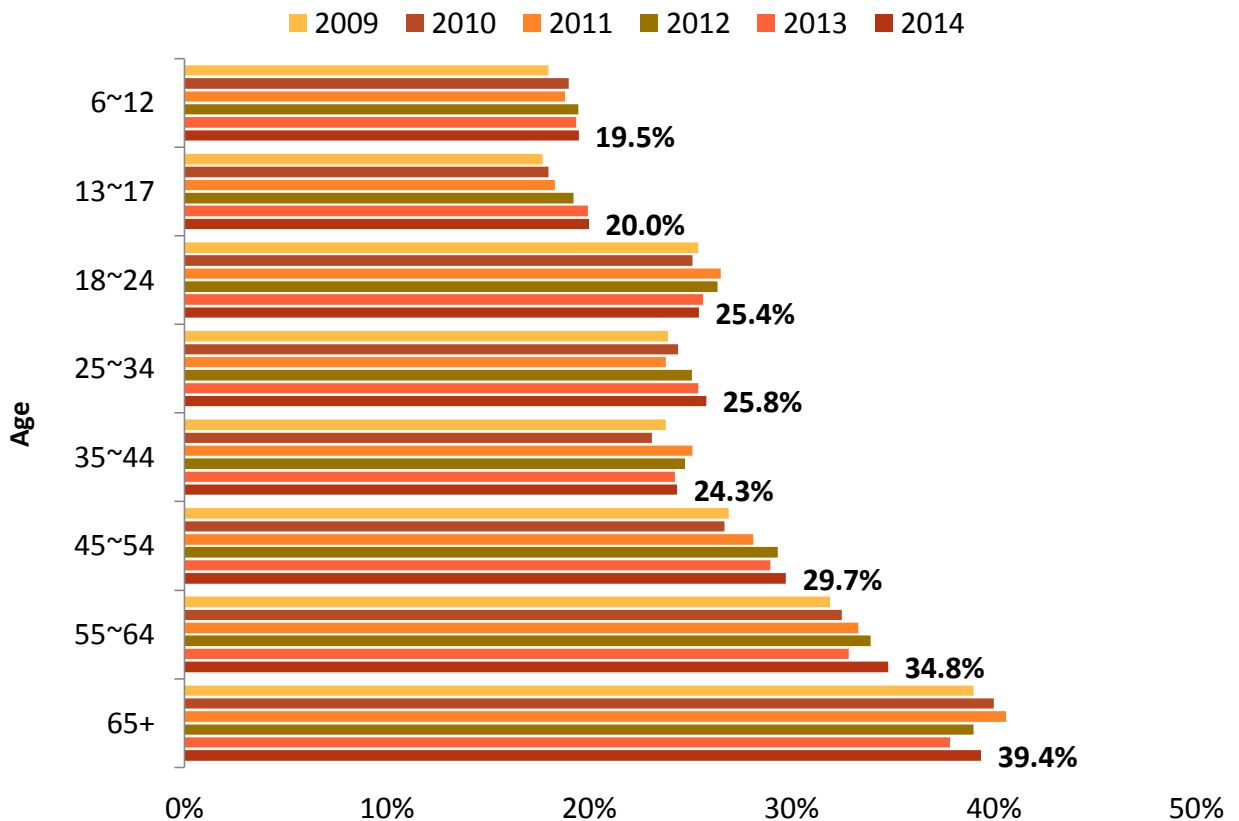


INACTIVITY BY AGE

US Participants, Ages 6+

Inactivity Levels in the US

As the overall inactivity rate continues to increase, the rates among most are now higher than they were in 2009. In 2013, we saw a decrease in inactivity from ages 45+, however, these age groups were the more inactive in 2014. This fluctuation points to possible issues with health in relation to commitment to fitness. For the younger age groups, we find that 18 to 24 year olds continue to trend downward. Children ages 6 to 12 remained flat while we saw a decrease in activity from 13 to 17 year olds.

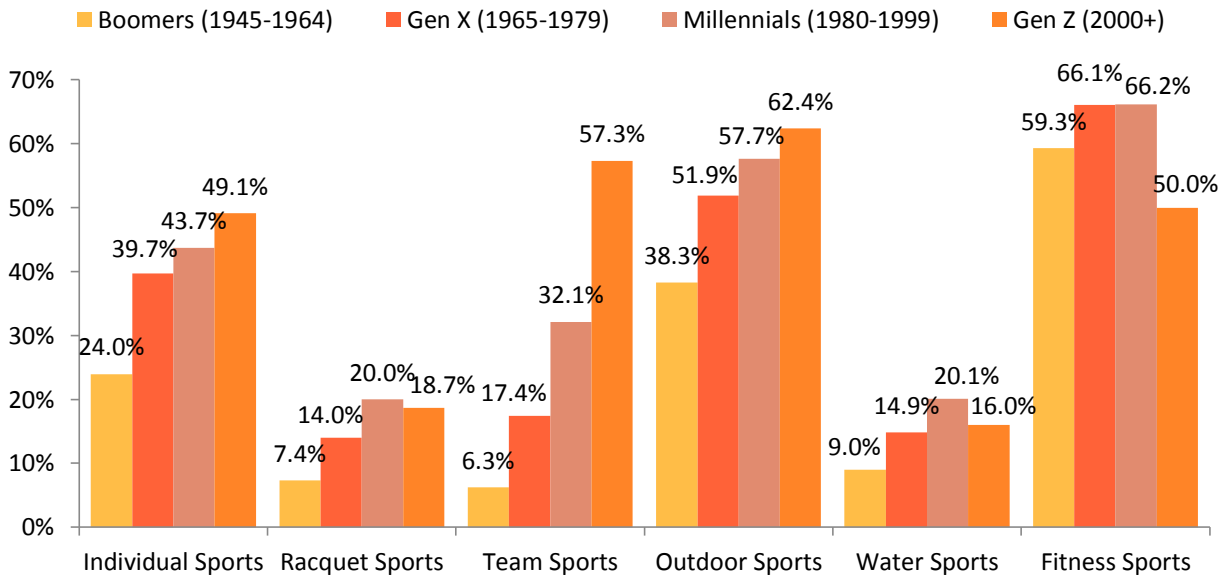


PARTICIPATION BY GENERATION

US Participants, Ages 6+

A Breakdown of Participation Rates by Generation

Regardless of age, over half of each generation participate in fitness sports. This is possibly due to these activities being the easiest to perform and commit to. Team sports are more of a Gen Z activity, while water and racquet sports are dominated by the Millennials. Outdoor and individual sports tend to have younger participants as participation decreases with age

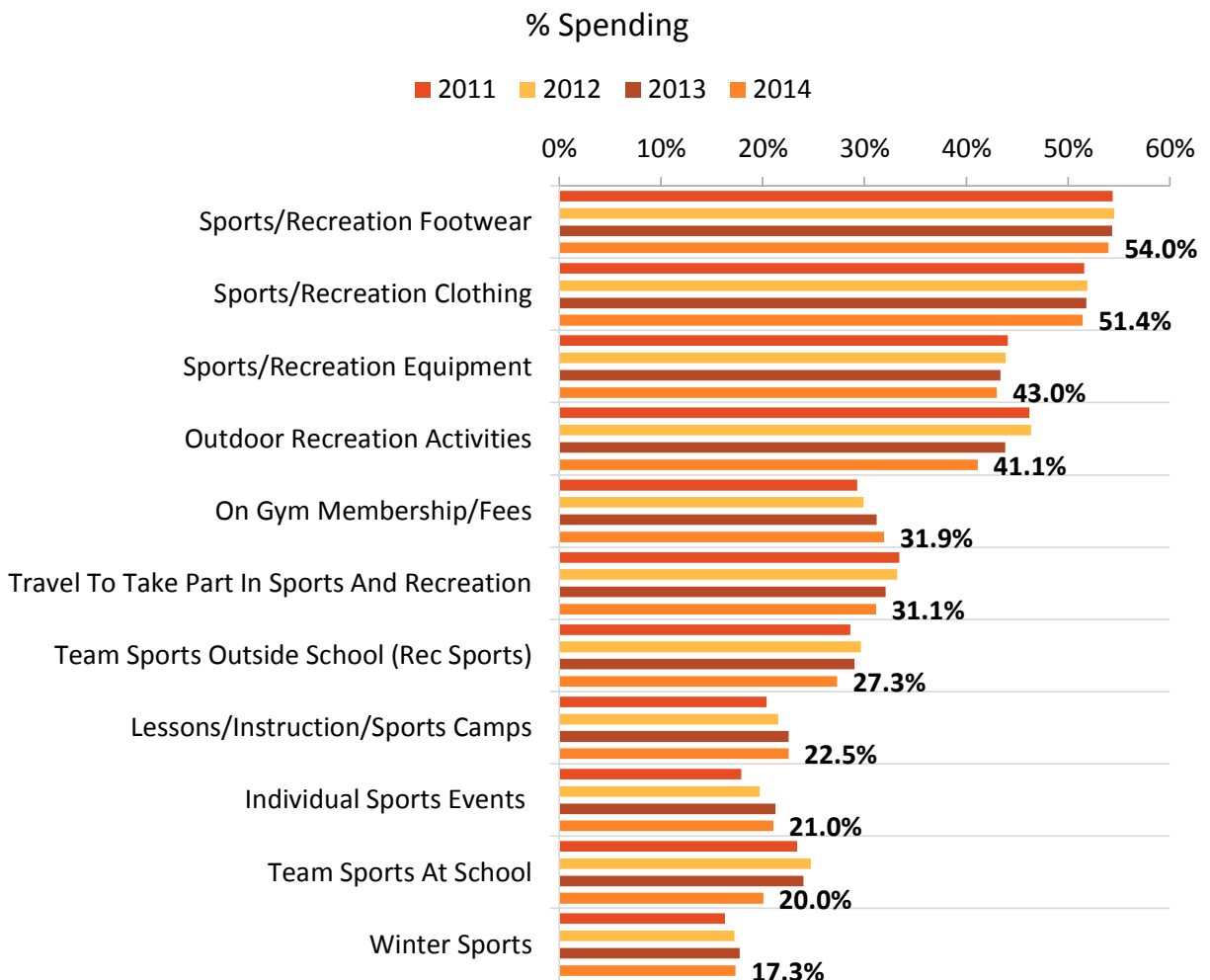


SPENDING TRENDS

US Participants, Ages 6+

Trends in Spending

Spending on gym membership/fees continued to increase in 2014, keeping the incline stable over the last four years. Overall, spending decreased or flattened out in 2014. Less money was spent on team sports, in and outside of school. Although decreased from 2013, spending on footwear, clothing, and equipment all remain high.

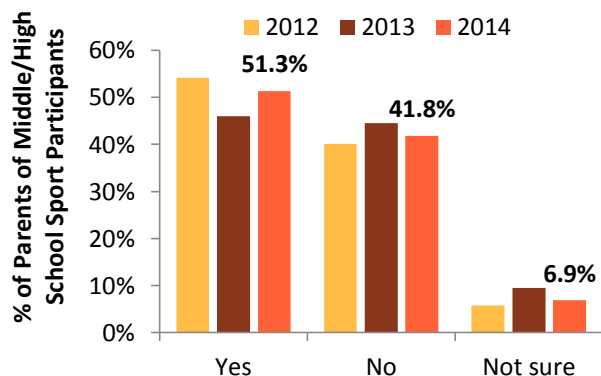


PAY-TO-PLAY

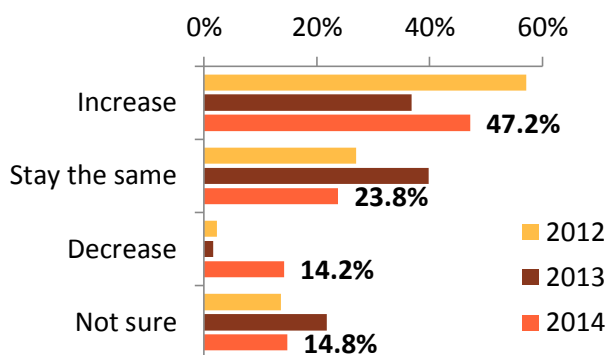
Trends in Pay-to-Play School Program

Pay-to-Play programs charge parents a flat rate fee for their child to participate in school sports. Most parents who have children playing a sport in middle or high school, paid a fee so their child can participate 2014. Of these parents, almost half paid more this year than last year. Most parents pay under \$150, but a significant 28% pay over \$200 to the school.

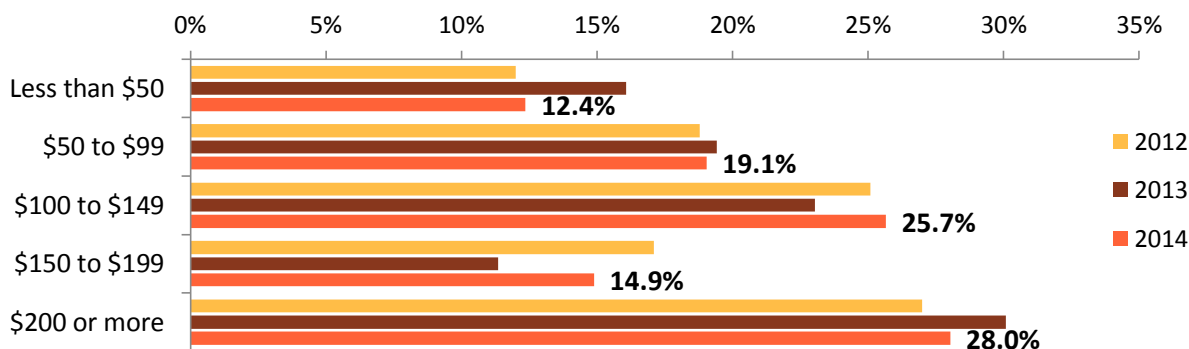
Do you pay an extra fee for you child's school sports?



Has your child's sports fee changed this school year compared to last school year?



Approximately how much do you spend for your child(ren) to play sports at school?





ASPIRATIONAL INTEREST

US Participants, Ages 6+

Which Sports Interest Non-Participants

Most people want to try swimming for fitness, which makes sense since it's the most gentle exercise on muscles and bones while getting a full body workout. Almost all age groups are interested in outdoor activities, such as camping, biking and hiking. For the older group, bird/wildlife watching is always a top interest.

Ages 6-12	Ages 13-17	Ages 18-24	Ages 25-34
Swimming For Fitness	Camping	Camping	Swimming For Fitness
Camping	Swimming For Fitness	Swimming For Fitness	Bicycling
Bicycling	Bicycling	Bicycling	Camping
Running/Jogging	Working Out With Weights	Hiking	Hiking
Basketball	Working Out Using Machines	Working Out With Weights	Working Out With Weights
Fishing	Hiking	Running/Jogging	Running/Jogging
Hiking	Running/Jogging	Backpacking	Working Out With Weights
Soccer	Shooting	Working Out Using Machines	Backpacking
Swimming on a team	Trail Running	Climbing	Canoeing
Working Out With Weights	Fishing	Trail Running	Trail Running

Ages 35-44	Ages 45-54	Ages 55-64	Ages 65+
Hiking	Swimming For Fitness	Bicycling	Swimming For Fitness
Swimming For Fitness	Camping	Swimming For Fitness	Birdwatching/Wildlife Viewing
Camping	Bicycling	Camping	Working Out Using Machines
Bicycling	Hiking	Hiking	Hiking
Working Out With Weights	Working Out Using Machines	Working Out With Weights	Fishing
Working Out Using Machines	Birdwatching/Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Bicycling
Running/Jogging	Working Out With Weights	Working Out Using Machines	Working Out With Weights
Canoeing	Canoeing	Birdwatching/Wildlife Viewing	Fitness classes
Backpacking	Fishing	Canoeing	Camping
Rafting	Backpacking	Fitness classes	Golf

Ranked by top ten most popular interested sport and activity

SPORTS PARTICIPATION DATA

US Participants, Ages 6+

A Breakdown of Participation in All Measured Sports

Aerobic Activities

All participation figures are in 000s

	Definition	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Change 2013/2014	2 year AAG	5 year AAG
Aerobics (High Impact/Intensity & Training)**										
Total participation	1+ times	12,771	14,567	15,755	16,178	17,323	19,746	14.0%	10.5%	9.2%
Casual	1-49 times	5,850	6,699	7,283	7,819	8,986	10,242	14.0%	14.5%	11.9%
CORE	50+ times	6,921	7,868	8,473	8,359	8,337	9,504	14.0%	6.9%	6.8%
Aquatic Exercise										
Total participation	1+ times	8,965	8,947	9,042	9,177	8,483	9,122	7.5%	0.0%	0.5%
Casual	1-49 times	5,411	5,345	5,598	5,785	5,281	5,901	11.7%	1.5%	2.0%
CORE	50+ times	3,554	3,602	3,444	3,392	3,202	3,221	0.6%	-2.5%	-1.9%
Boot Camp Style Cross-Training										
Total participation	1+ times			7,706	7,496	6,911	6,774	-2.0%	-4.9%	
Casual	1-49 times			4,818	4,787	4,490	4,430	-1.3%	-3.8%	
CORE	50+ times			2,888	2,709	2,421	2,344	-3.2%	-6.9%	
Cardio Cross Trainer										
Total participation	1+ times					5,430	7,484	37.8%		
Casual	1-49 times					2,744	4,292	56.4%		
CORE	50+ times					2,686	3,192	18.9%		
Cardio Kickboxing										
Total participation	1+ times	5,500	6,287	6,488	6,725	6,311	6,747	6.9%	0.4%	4.4%
Casual	1-49 times	3,422	4,020	4,411	4,455	4,088	4,558	11.5%	1.6%	6.3%
CORE	50+ times	2,078	2,267	2,077	2,271	2,223	2,189	-1.5%	-1.8%	1.3%
Cross-Training Style Workouts*										
Total participation	1+ times						11,265			
Casual	1-49 times						5,686			
CORE	50+ times						5,579			
Dance, Step, and Other Choreographed Exercise to Music*										
Total participation	1+ times						21,455			
Casual	1-49 times						13,993			
CORE	50+ times						7,462			
Elliptical Motion Trainer										
Total participation	1+ times	25,903	27,319	29,734	28,560	27,119	28,025	3.3%	-0.9%	1.7%
Casual	1-49 times	11,907	12,724	13,999	13,638	13,447	13,712	2.0%	0.3%	3.0%
CORE	50+ times	13,996	14,595	15,736	14,922	13,673	14,313	4.7%	-1.8%	0.6%
Running/Jogging										
Total participation	1+ times	42,511	46,650	50,061	51,450	54,188	51,127	-5.6%	-0.2%	3.9%
Casual	1-49 times	18,031	20,039	21,409	21,973	24,345	23,083	-5.2%	2.8%	5.2%
CORE	50+ times	24,481	26,612	28,651	29,478	29,843	28,044	-6.0%	-2.4%	2.9%
Stair Climbing Machine										
Total participation	1+ times	13,653	13,269	13,409	12,979	12,642	13,216	4.5%	1.0%	-0.6%
Casual	1-49 times	7,511	7,233	7,559	7,303	7,365	7,679	4.3%	2.6%	0.5%
CORE	50+ times	6,143	6,035	5,850	5,676	5,277	5,537	4.9%	-1.1%	-2.0%

AAG- Average Annual Growth

SPORTS PARTICIPATION DATA

US Participants, Ages 6+

Aerobic Activities cont.

All participation figures are in 000s

	Definition	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Change 2013/2014	2 year AAG	5 year AAG
Stationary Cycling (Group)										
Total participation	1+ times	6,762	7,854	8,738	8,477	8,309	8,449	1.7%	-0.1%	4.8%
Casual	1-49 times	3,844	4,536	5,088	5,053	5,253	5,353	1.9%	2.9%	7.1%
CORE	50+ times	2,918	3,318	3,650	3,424	3,056	3,097	1.3%	-4.7%	1.6%
Stationary Cycling (Recumbent/Upright)										
Total participation	1+ times	36,215	36,036	36,341	35,987	35,247	35,693	1.3%	-0.4%	-0.3%
Casual	1-49 times	18,009	18,031	18,363	18,265	18,311	18,255	-0.3%	0.0%	0.3%
CORE	50+ times	18,206	18,005	17,978	17,722	16,936	17,439	3.0%	-0.7%	-0.8%
Swimming for Fitness										
Total participation	1+ times			21,517	23,216	26,354	25,304	-4.0%	4.8%	
Casual	1-49 times			14,065	15,139	16,912	16,459	-2.7%	4.5%	
CORE	50+ times			7,453	8,077	9,442	8,845	-6.3%	5.3%	
Treadmill										
Total participation	1+ times	50,395	52,275	53,260	50,839	48,166	50,241	4.3%	-0.5%	0.0%
Casual	1-49 times	21,161	21,896	22,642	22,248	21,747	22,525	3.6%	0.7%	1.3%
CORE	50+ times	29,234	30,378	30,617	28,591	26,419	27,716	4.9%	-1.3%	-0.9%
Walking for Fitness										
Total participation	1+ times	110,882	112,082	112,715	114,029	117,351	112,583	-4.1%	-0.6%	0.3%
Casual	1-49 times	34,520	34,538	34,569	35,267	37,538	35,694	-4.9%	0.8%	0.7%
CORE	50+ times	76,362	77,544	78,146	78,762	79,813	76,889	-3.7%	-1.2%	0.2%

Conditioning Activities

All participation figures are in 000s

	Definition	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Change 2013/2014	2 year AAG	5 year AAG
Abdominal Machine/Device										
Total participation	1+ times	19,691	18,978	18,721	18,907	18,439	19,066	3.4%	0.5%	-0.6%
Casual	1-49 times	7,448	7,383	7,549	7,640	7,919	8,219	3.8%	3.7%	2.0%
CORE	50+ times	12,243	11,596	11,172	11,267	10,520	10,847	3.1%	-1.8%	-2.3%
Barre										
Total participation	1+ times					2,901	3,200	10.3%		
Casual	1-49 times					2,276	2,562	12.6%		
CORE	50+ times					625	638	2.0%		
Calisthenics/Bodyweight Exercise & Bodyweight Accessory**										
Total participation	1+ times						22,390			
Casual	1-49 times						8,970			
CORE	50+ times						13,420			
Pilates Training										
Total participation	1+ times	8,770	8,404	8,507	8,519	8,069	8,504	5.4%	0.1%	-0.5%
Casual	1-49 times	5,077	4,863	5,191	5,212	4,782	5,131	7.3%	-0.5%	0.4%
CORE	50+ times	3,694	3,541	3,316	3,307	3,287	3,373	2.6%	1.0%	-1.7%

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	Definition	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Change 2013/2014	2 year AAG	5 year AAG
Rowing Machine										
Total participation	1+ times	9,098	9,469	9,765	9,975	10,183	9,813	-3.6%	-0.8%	1.6%
Casual	1-49 times	4,751	5,023	5,359	5,521	5,743	5,581	-2.8%	0.6%	3.3%
CORE	50+ times	4,347	4,446	4,406	4,454	4,440	4,232	-4.7%	-2.5%	-0.5%
Stretching										
Total participation	1+ times	36,299	35,720	34,687	35,873	36,202	35,624	-1.6%	-0.3%	-0.3%
Casual	1-49 times	8,727	8,578	8,165	8,996	9,718	9,579	-1.4%	3.3%	2.1%
CORE	50+ times	27,573	27,142	26,522	26,877	26,484	26,044	-1.7%	-1.6%	-1.1%
Tai Chi										
Total participation	1+ times	3,315	3,193	2,975	3,203	3,469	3,446	-0.7%	3.8%	1.0%
Casual	1-49 times	1,835	1,819	1,641	1,835	2,019	2,053	1.7%	5.9%	2.6%
CORE	50+ times	1,480	1,374	1,334	1,369	1,450	1,393	-3.9%	1.0%	-1.1%
Yoga										
Total participation	1+ times	18,934	20,998	22,107	23,253	24,310	25,262	3.9%	4.2%	6.0%
Casual	1-49 times	11,143	12,045	12,548	13,305	14,129	14,802	4.8%	5.5%	5.9%
CORE	50+ times	7,791	8,953	9,559	9,949	10,182	10,460	2.7%	2.5%	6.2%

Strength Activities

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	Definition	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Change 2013/2014	2 year AAG	5 year AAG
Free Weights (Barbells)										
Total participation	1+ times	26,595	27,194	27,056	26,688	25,641	25,623	-0.1%	-2.0%	-0.7%
Casual	1-49 times	8,528	9,072	9,345	9,435	9,613	9,641	0.3%	1.1%	2.5%
CORE	50+ times	18,067	18,122	17,711	17,253	16,028	15,981	-0.3%	-3.7%	-2.4%
Free Weights (Dumbbells) over 15 lbs										
Total participation	1+ times					32,209	30,767	-4.5%		
Casual	1-49 times					11,645	11,692	0.4%		
CORE	50+ times					20,564	19,075	-7.2%		
Free Weights (Hand Weights) under 15 lbs										
Total participation	1+ times					43,164	41,670	-3.5%		
Casual	1-49 times					17,475	16,832	-3.7%		
CORE	50+ times					25,689	24,838	-3.3%		
Kettlebells*										
Total participation	1+ times						10,240			
Casual	1-49 times						5,888			
CORE	50+ times						4,351			
Weight/Resistance Machines										
Total participation	1+ times	39,075	39,185	39,548	38,999	36,267	35,841	-1.2%	-4.1%	-1.7%
Casual	1-49 times	14,411	14,484	15,287	15,383	14,857	14,590	-1.8%	-2.6%	0.3%
CORE	50+ times	24,665	24,701	24,261	23,617	21,410	21,250	-0.7%	-5.0%	-2.9%

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Adventure Racing										
Total participation	1+ times	1,005	1,214	1,202	1,618	2,095	2,368	13.0%	21.3%	19.4%
Casual	1 time	343	434	337	672	901	1,004	11.4%	22.7%	29.9%
CORE	2+ times	662	780	866	945	1,194	1,365	14.3%	20.3%	15.7%
Archery										
Total participation	1+ times	6,368	6,323	6,471	7,173	7,647	8,435	10.3%	8.5%	5.9%
Casual	1-25 times	5,336	5,387	5,546	5,967	6,337	7,021	10.8%	8.5%	5.7%
CORE	26+ times	1,032	936	926	1,205	1,310	1,414	8.0%	8.3%	7.3%
Bowling										
Total participation	1+ times	57,972	56,585	53,906	48,614	46,209	46,642	0.9%	-2.0%	-4.2%
Casual	1-12 times	44,582	43,732	42,423	37,939	35,681	36,061	1.1%	-2.4%	-4.1%
CORE	13+ times	13,389	12,853	11,483	10,674	10,528	10,581	0.5%	-0.4%	-4.5%
Boxing for Fitness										
Total participation	1+ times		4,788	4,631	4,831	5,251	5,113	-2.6%	3.0%	
Casual	1-12 times		2,495	2,228	2,075	2,538	2,438	-3.9%	9.2%	
CORE	13+ times		2,293	2,404	2,756	2,713	2,675	-1.4%	-1.5%	
Boxing for Competition										
Total participation	1+ times		855	747	959	1,134	1,278	12.7%	15.5%	
Casual	1-12 times		598	516	769	982	1,074	9.4%	18.6%	
CORE	13+ times		257	232	190	152	204	34.2%	7.1%	
Golf (on a Golf Course)										
Total participation	1+ times	27,103	26,122	25,682	25,280	24,720	24,700	-0.1%	-1.3%	-1.8%
Ice Skating										
Total participation	1+ times	10,964	11,477	11,626	11,214	10,679	10,649	-0.3%	-2.5%	-0.5%
Casual	1-12 times	9,480	9,817	9,898	9,375	9,023	8,904	-1.3%	-2.5%	-1.2%
CORE	13+ times	1,485	1,660	1,728	1,838	1,656	1,745	5.3%	-2.3%	3.6%
Martial Arts										
Total participation	1+ times	6,643	6,002	5,037	5,075	5,314	5,364	0.9%	2.8%	-3.9%
Casual	1-12 times	1,435	1,424	1,171	1,207	1,533	1,599	4.3%	15.7%	3.2%
CORE	13+ times	5,209	4,579	3,866	3,869	3,781	3,765	-0.4%	-1.3%	-6.1%
Mixed Martial Arts for Competition										
Total participation	1+ times		910	713	749	977	1,235	26.4%	28.5%	
Casual	1-12 times		528	419	638	783	979	25.0%	23.8%	
CORE	13+ times		382	294	182	194	257	32.1%	19.5%	
Mixed Martial Arts for Fitness										
Total participation	1+ times		1,745	1,697	1,977	2,255	2,455	8.8%	11.5%	
Casual	1-12 times		577	536	816	1,203	1,265	5.2%	26.3%	
CORE	13+ times		1,168	1,162	1,161	1,052	1,190	13.0%	1.8%	
Roller Skating (2x2 Wheels)										
Total participation	1+ times	8,001	8,137	7,851	7,274	6,599	6,914	4.8%	-2.3%	-2.7%
Casual	1-12 times	6,324	6,289	6,311	5,928	5,188	5,545	6.9%	-2.8%	-2.4%
CORE	13+ times	1,677	1,848	1,540	1,347	1,412	1,370	-3.0%	0.9%	-3.4%

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Roller Skating (Inline Wheels)										
Total participation	1+ times	8,942	8,128	7,451	6,647	6,129	6,061	-1.1%	-4.5%	-7.4%
Casual	1-12 times	5,572	5,257	5,055	4,548	4,249	4,194	-1.3%	-3.9%	-5.5%
CORE	13+ times	3,371	2,871	2,397	2,100	1,880	1,867	-0.7%	-5.6%	-11.0%
Skateboarding										
Total participation	1+ times	7,580	7,080	6,318	6,227	6,350	6,582	3.7%	2.8%	-2.6%
Casual	1-25 times	4,006	3,832	3,420	3,527	3,702	3,882	4.9%	4.9%	-0.4%
CORE	26+ times	3,574	3,248	2,897	2,700	2,648	2,700	2.0%	0.0%	-5.3%
Trail Running										
Total participation	1+ times	4,845	4,985	5,373	5,806	6,792	7,531	10.9%	13.9%	9.3%
Triathlon (Non-Traditional/Off Road)										
Total participation	1+ times	634	798	819	1,075	1,390	1,411	1.5%	15.4%	18.1%
Casual	1 time	254	206	167	341	418	490	17.3%	19.9%	21.4%
CORE	2+ times	380	592	653	734	972	921	-5.3%	13.5%	21.1%
Triathlon (Traditional/Road)										
Total participation	1+ times	1,148	1,593	1,686	1,789	2,262	2,203	-2.6%	11.9%	14.9%
Casual	1 time	374	496	519	616	741	764	3.1%	11.7%	15.8%
CORE	2+ times	774	1,097	1,167	1,173	1,521	1,439	-5.4%	12.2%	14.6%

Racquet Sports

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	Definition	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Change 2013/2014	2 year AAG	5 year AAG
Badminton										
Total participation	1+ times	7,469	7,645	7,135	7,278	7,150	7,176	0.4%	-0.7%	-0.7%
Casual	1-12 times	5,123	4,973	4,687	5,092	4,834	5,049	4.4%	-0.3%	-0.1%
CORE	13+ times	2,346	2,672	2,448	2,185	2,316	2,127	-8.2%	-1.1%	-1.5%
Cardio Tennis										
Total participation	1+ times	1,004	1,340	1,293	1,442	1,539	1,617	5.0%	5.9%	10.7%
Pickleball*										
Total participation	1+ times						2,462			
Racquetball										
Total participation	1+ times	4,784	4,603	4,357	4,070	3,824	3,594	-6.0%	-6.0%	-5.6%
Casual	1-12 times	2,807	2,754	2,587	2,572	2,568	2,435	-5.2%	-2.7%	-2.8%
CORE	13+ times	1,978	1,849	1,772	1,498	1,255	1,159	-7.6%	-11.9%	-10.0%
Squash										
Total participation	1+ times	796	1,031	1,112	1,290	1,414	1,596	12.9%	11.3%	15.2%
Casual	1-7 times	512	689	725	928	1,082	1,209	11.7%	14.1%	19.2%
CORE	8+ times	284	342	387	361	332	388	16.7%	4.3%	7.1%

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	Definition	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Change 2013/2014	2 year AAG	5 year AAG
Table Tennis										
Total participation	1+ times	18,251	19,374	18,561	16,823	17,079	16,385	-4.1%	-1.3%	-2.0%
Casual	1-12 times	12,773	13,245	12,963	12,041	12,364	11,832	-4.3%	-0.8%	-1.4%
CORE	13+ times	5,478	6,129	5,598	4,782	4,716	4,553	-3.4%	-2.4%	-3.2%
Tennis										
Total participation	1+ times	18,546	18,719	17,772	17,020	17,678	17,904	1.3%	2.6%	-0.6%

Team Sports

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	Definition	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Change 2013/2014	2 year AAG	5 year AAG
Baseball										
Total participation	1+ times	14,429	14,198	13,561	12,976	13,284	13,152	-1.0%	0.7%	-1.8%
Casual	1-12 times	4,639	4,640	4,212	3,931	4,201	4,295	2.2%	4.6%	-1.4%
CORE	13+ times	9,790	9,558	9,350	9,046	9,083	8,857	-2.5%	-1.0%	-2.0%
Basketball										
Total participation	1+ times	25,131	25,156	24,790	23,708	23,669	23,067	-2.5%	-1.4%	-1.7%
Casual	1-12 times	8,070	8,094	8,118	7,389	6,998	7,321	4.6%	-0.3%	-1.8%
CORE	13+ times	17,061	17,062	16,672	16,319	16,671	15,746	-5.5%	-1.7%	-1.6%
Cheerleading										
Total participation	1+ times	3,070	3,134	3,049	3,244	3,235	3,456	6.8%	3.3%	2.5%
Casual	1-25 times	1,309	1,462	1,487	1,514	1,669	1,841	10.3%	10.3%	7.2%
CORE	26+ times	1,761	1,672	1,562	1,730	1,566	1,615	3.1%	-3.2%	-1.4%
Field Hockey										
Total participation	1+ times	1,092	1,182	1,147	1,237	1,474	1,557	5.6%	12.4%	7.6%
Casual	1-7 times	493	539	536	578	727	792	9.0%	17.4%	10.3%
CORE	8+ times	600	644	611	659	747	764	2.3%	7.9%	5.2%
Football (Flag)										
Total participation	1+ times	6,932	6,660	6,325	5,865	5,610	5,508	-1.8%	-3.1%	-4.5%
Casual	1-12 times	3,776	3,623	3,501	2,963	2,813	2,838	0.9%	-2.1%	-5.4%
CORE	13+ times	3,156	3,037	2,825	2,902	2,797	2,669	-4.6%	-4.1%	-3.2%
Football (Touch)										
Total participation	1+ times	9,726	8,663	7,684	7,295	7,140	6,586	-7.8%	-4.9%	-7.4%
Casual	1-12 times	5,650	5,024	4,614	4,015	3,952	3,727	-5.7%	-3.6%	-7.9%
CORE	13+ times	4,077	3,639	3,069	3,280	3,188	2,859	-10.3%	-6.6%	-6.5%
Football (Tackle)										
Total participation	1+ times	7,243	6,850	6,448	6,220	6,165	5,978	-3.0%	-2.0%	-3.7%
Casual	1-25 times	3,291	3,060	2,691	2,566	2,601	2,588	-0.5%	0.4%	-4.6%
CORE	26+ times	3,952	3,790	3,757	3,655	3,564	3,390	-4.9%	-3.7%	-3.0%

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Gymnastics										
Total participation	1+ times	3,952	4,418	4,824	5,115	4,972	4,621	-7.1%	-4.9%	3.4%
Casual	1-49 times	2,461	2,734	2,991	3,252	3,209	2,932	-8.6%	-5.0%	3.9%
CORE	50+ times	1,492	1,684	1,832	1,863	1,763	1,689	-4.2%	-4.8%	2.8%
Ice Hockey										
Total participation	1+ times	2,018	2,140	2,131	2,363	2,393	2,421	1.2%	1.2%	3.8%
Casual	1-12 times	918	1,006	957	1,082	1,093	1,129	3.3%	2.2%	4.4%
CORE	13+ times	1,101	1,134	1,174	1,281	1,300	1,292	-0.6%	0.4%	3.3%
Lacrosse										
Total participation	1+ times	1,162	1,423	1,501	1,607	1,813	2,011	10.9%	11.9%	11.7%
Casual	1-12 times	543	637	701	788	914	978	7.1%	11.5%	12.6%
CORE	13+ times	619	786	800	819	899	1,032	14.8%	12.3%	11.1%
Paintball										
Total participation	1+ times	4,705	4,104	3,606	3,528	3,595	3,443	-4.2%	-1.2%	-5.9%
Casual	1-7 times	2,886	2,739	2,579	2,456	2,546	2,447	-3.9%	-0.1%	-3.2%
CORE	8+ times	1,820	1,365	1,028	1,072	1,049	996	-5.0%	-3.6%	-10.5%
Roller Hockey										
Total participation	1+ times	1,427	1,374	1,237	1,367	1,298	1,736	33.7%	14.3%	5.1%
Casual	1-12 times	902	926	834	875	841	1,181	40.5%	18.3%	6.8%
CORE	13+ times	524	448	404	493	457	555	21.3%	7.1%	2.3%
Rugby										
Total participation	1+ times	720	940	850	887	1,183	1,276	7.9%	20.6%	13.3%
Casual	1-7 times	420	599	544	526	756	836	10.6%	27.1%	16.8%
CORE	8+ times	300	342	306	361	427	440	3.0%	10.7%	8.6%
Soccer (Indoor)										
Total participation	1+ times	4,825	4,920	4,631	4,617	4,803	4,530	-5.7%	-0.8%	-1.2%
Casual	1-12 times	2,051	2,156	2,120	2,006	1,967	1,917	-2.6%	-2.3%	-1.3%
CORE	13+ times	2,775	2,765	2,511	2,611	2,836	2,614	-7.8%	0.4%	-1.0%
Soccer (Outdoor)										
Total participation	1+ times	13,957	13,883	13,667	12,944	12,726	12,592	-1.1%	-1.4%	-2.0%
Casual	1-25 times	7,545	7,418	7,314	6,740	6,532	6,622	1.4%	-0.9%	-2.5%
CORE	26+ times	6,413	6,466	6,353	6,205	6,194	5,971	-3.6%	-1.9%	-1.4%
Softball (Fast-Pitch)										
Total participation	1+ times	2,476	2,513	2,400	2,624	2,498	2,424	-3.0%	-3.9%	-0.3%
Casual	1-25 times	1,166	1,317	1,235	1,245	1,117	1,158	3.6%	-3.3%	0.2%
CORE	26+ times	1,310	1,197	1,166	1,379	1,381	1,266	-8.3%	-4.1%	-0.2%
Softball (Slow-Pitch)										
Total participation	1+ times	9,180	8,477	7,809	7,411	6,868	7,077	3.0%	-2.1%	-5.0%
Casual	1-12 times	3,659	3,493	3,281	2,825	2,685	2,825	5.2%	0.1%	-4.8%
CORE	13+ times	5,522	4,985	4,528	4,586	4,183	4,252	1.7%	-3.6%	-4.9%
Swimming on a Team										
Total participation	1+ times			2,363	2,502	2,638	2,710	2.7%	4.1%	
Casual	1-49 times			840	1,065	1,153	1,246	8.0%	8.2%	
CORE	50+ times			1,523	1,437	1,485	1,464	-1.4%	1.0%	

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Track and Field										
Total participation	1+ times	4,480	4,383	4,341	4,257	4,071	4,105	0.8%	-1.8%	-1.7%
Casual	1-25 times	2,175	2,007	1,830	1,820	1,808	1,797	-0.6%	-0.6%	-3.7%
CORE	26+ times	2,305	2,376	2,511	2,437	2,263	2,308	2.0%	-2.6%	0.1%
Ultimate Frisbee										
Total participation	1+ times	4,636	4,571	4,868	5,131	5,077	4,530	-10.8%	-5.9%	-0.3%
Casual	1-12 times	3,320	3,175	3,391	3,647	3,715	3,448	-7.2%	-2.7%	0.9%
CORE	13+ times	1,316	1,396	1,476	1,484	1,363	1,082	-20.6%	-14.4%	-3.3%
Volleyball (Beach/Sand)										
Total participation	1+ times	4,324	4,752	4,451	4,505	4,769	4,651	-2.5%	1.7%	1.6%
Casual	1-12 times	3,153	3,372	3,163	3,040	3,261	3,174	-2.7%	2.3%	0.3%
CORE	13+ times	1,171	1,381	1,289	1,465	1,509	1,477	-2.1%	0.4%	5.2%
Volleyball (Court)										
Total participation	1+ times	7,737	7,315	6,662	6,384	6,433	6,304	-2.0%	-0.6%	-4.0%
Casual	1-12 times	3,394	3,261	2,754	2,553	2,715	2,759	1.6%	4.0%	-3.8%
CORE	13+ times	4,343	4,055	3,909	3,831	3,718	3,545	-4.7%	-3.8%	-4.0%
Volleyball (Grass)										
Total participation	1+ times	4,970	4,714	4,211	4,088	4,098	3,911	-4.6%	-2.2%	-4.6%
Casual	1-12 times	3,699	3,359	2,958	2,955	3,026	2,869	-5.2%	-1.4%	-4.8%
CORE	13+ times	1,271	1,355	1,253	1,133	1,072	1,041	-2.9%	-4.1%	-3.7%
Wrestling										
Total participation	1+ times	3,170	2,536	1,971	1,922	1,829	1,891	3.4%	-0.7%	-9.2%
Casual	1-25 times	1,817	1,362	915	965	948	941	-0.8%	-1.2%	-11.0%
CORE	26+ times	1,354	1,174	1,056	957	881	950	7.8%	0.0%	-6.6%

Outdoor Sports

All participation figures are in 000s

	Definition	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Change 2013/2014	2 year AAG	5 year AAG
Backpacking Overnight - More Than 1/4 Mile From Vehicle/Home										
Total participation	1+ times	7,757	7,998	7,722	7,933	9,069	10,101	11.4%	12.8%	5.6%
Bicycling (BMX)										
Total participation	1+ times	1,858	2,090	1,958	1,861	2,168	2,350	8.4%	12.4%	5.2%
Casual	1-12 times	743	865	807	856	1,129	1,205	6.7%	19.3%	10.9%
CORE	13+ times	1,115	1,226	1,152	1,005	1,039	1,145	10.2%	6.8%	0.9%
Bicycling (Mountain/Non-Paved Surface)										
Total participation	1+ times	7,367	7,152	6,989	7,265	8,542	8,044	-5.8%	5.9%	2.1%
Casual	1-12 times	3,393	3,386	3,218	3,270	3,751	3,707	-1.2%	6.8%	2.0%
CORE	13+ times	3,974	3,766	3,771	3,995	4,791	4,336	-9.5%	5.2%	2.3%
Bicycling (Road/Paved Surface)										
Total participation	1+ times	39,127	39,730	39,834	39,790	40,888	39,725	-2.8%	0.0%	0.3%
Casual	1-25 times	18,535	18,965	19,127	18,966	19,470	19,269	-1.0%	0.8%	0.8%
CORE	26+ times	20,592	20,765	20,708	20,824	21,417	20,456	-4.5%	-0.8%	-0.1%

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Outdoor Sports cont.

All participation figures are in 000s

	Definition	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Change 2013/2014	2 year AAG	5 year AAG
Birdwatching More Than 1/4 Mile From Home/Vehicle										
Total participation	1+ times	13,847	13,317	13,067	13,535	14,152	13,179	-6.9%	-1.2%	-0.9%
Camping (Recreational vehicle)										
Total participation	1+ times	16,977	16,651	16,282	15,903	14,556	14,633	0.5%	-4.0%	-2.9%
Casual	1-7 times	8,401	8,464	8,250	8,316	7,895	7,074	-10.4%	-7.7%	-3.3%
CORE	8+ times	8,576	8,187	8,033	7,587	6,661	7,559	13.5%	0.6%	-2.1%
Camping Within 1/4 Mile of Vehicle/Home										
Total participation	1+ times	34,012	32,667	31,961	31,454	29,269	28,660	-2.1%	-4.5%	-3.3%
Climbing (Sport/Indoor/Boulder)										
Total participation	1+ times	4,541	4,542	4,445	4,355	4,745	4,536	-4.4%	2.3%	0.1%
Climbing (Traditional/Ice/Mountaineering)										
Total participation	1+ times	2,062	2,017	1,904	2,189	2,319	2,457	5.9%	5.9%	3.8%
Fishing (Fly)										
Total participation	1+ times	5,755	5,523	5,581	5,848	5,878	5,842	-0.6%	0.0%	0.3%
Casual	1-7 times	3,099	3,022	3,123	3,598	3,761	3,638	-3.3%	0.6%	3.5%
CORE	8+ times	2,656	2,501	2,457	2,250	2,117	2,204	4.1%	-0.9%	-3.6%
Fishing (Freshwater/Other)										
Total participation	1+ times	40,646	39,911	38,864	39,002	37,796	37,821	0.1%	-1.5%	-1.4%
Casual	1-7 times	19,499	19,577	19,363	20,341	20,067	19,847	-1.1%	-1.2%	0.4%
CORE	8+ times	21,147	20,334	19,501	18,660	17,729	17,973	1.4%	-1.8%	-3.2%
Fishing (Saltwater)										
Total participation	1+ times	13,054	12,056	11,896	12,000	11,790	11,817	0.2%	-0.8%	-1.9%
Casual	1-7 times	7,866	7,138	7,119	7,251	7,060	6,999	-0.9%	-1.8%	-2.2%
CORE	8+ times	5,188	4,918	4,777	4,749	4,730	4,819	1.9%	0.7%	-1.4%
Hiking (Day)										
Total participation	1+ times	32,542	32,534	33,494	34,519	34,378	36,222	5.4%	2.5%	2.2%
Hunting (Bow)										
Total participation	1+ times	3,974	4,067	4,271	4,354	4,079	4,411	8.2%	0.9%	2.2%
Casual	1-7 times	1,937	1,972	1,883	2,066	2,201	2,305	4.7%	5.6%	3.6%
CORE	8+ times	2,037	2,096	2,388	2,288	1,877	2,107	12.2%	-2.9%	1.4%
Hunting (Handgun)										
Total participation	1+ times	2,575	2,493	2,690	3,112	3,198	3,091	-3.4%	-0.3%	4.0%
Casual	1-7 times	1,614	1,581	1,613	1,923	2,084	1,984	-4.8%	1.8%	4.6%
CORE	8+ times	961	912	1,078	1,189	1,114	1,106	-0.7%	-3.5%	3.3%
Hunting (Rifle)										
Total participation	1+ times	10,729	10,632	10,479	10,485	9,792	10,081	2.9%	-1.8%	-1.2%
Casual	1-12 times	7,507	7,676	7,338	7,337	7,076	7,305	3.2%	-0.2%	-0.5%
CORE	13+ times	3,222	2,956	3,140	3,149	2,716	2,776	2.2%	-5.8%	-2.7%
Hunting (Shotgun)										
Total participation	1+ times	8,611	8,276	8,370	8,426	7,894	8,220	4.1%	-1.1%	-0.9%
Casual	1-7 times	4,620	4,489	4,244	4,516	4,816	4,801	-0.3%	3.2%	0.9%
CORE	8+ times	3,991	3,788	4,126	3,910	3,079	3,419	11.1%	-5.1%	-2.3%

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Outdoor Sports cont.

All participation figures are in 000s

	Definition	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Change 2013/2014	2 year AAG	5 year AAG
Shooting (Sport Clays)										
Total participation	1+ times	4,232	4,291	4,296	4,544	4,479	4,645	3.7%	1.1%	1.9%
Casual	1-7 times	2,724	2,808	2,866	3,061	3,064	3,173	3.6%	1.8%	3.1%
CORE	8+ times	1,509	1,484	1,431	1,484	1,415	1,472	4.0%	-0.3%	-0.4%
Shooting (Trap/Skeet)										
Total participation	1+ times	3,519	3,489	3,453	3,591	3,784	3,837	1.4%	3.4%	1.8%
Casual	1-7 times	2,192	2,293	2,208	2,222	2,497	2,477	-0.8%	5.8%	2.6%
CORE	8+ times	1,327	1,197	1,245	1,369	1,286	1,360	5.7%	-0.2%	0.8%
Target Shooting (Handgun)										
Total participation	1+ times	12,919	12,485	13,638	15,418	14,370	14,426	0.4%	-3.2%	2.5%
Casual	1-7 times	7,279	7,345	8,135	8,990	8,381	8,448	0.8%	-3.0%	3.2%
CORE	8+ times	5,640	5,140	5,504	6,428	5,989	5,978	-0.2%	-3.5%	1.6%
Target Shooting (Rifle)										
Total participation	1+ times	12,916	12,637	13,032	13,853	13,023	13,029	0.1%	-3.0%	0.3%
Casual	1-7 times	7,465	7,604	7,823	7,912	7,649	7,627	-0.3%	-1.8%	0.5%
CORE	8+ times	5,452	5,033	5,209	5,941	5,374	5,403	0.5%	-4.5%	0.2%
Wildlife Viewing More Than 1/4 Mile From Home/Vehicle										
Total participation	1+ times	22,702	21,158	21,495	22,482	21,359	21,110	-1.2%	-3.1%	-1.4%

Water Sports

All participation figures are in 000s

	Definition	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Change 2013/2014	2 year AAG	5 year AAG
Boardsailing/Windsurfing										
Total participation	1+ times	1,218	1,373	1,384	1,372	1,324	1,562	18.0%	7.2%	5.4%
Casual	1-7 times	917	946	941	1,108	1,090	1,277	17.2%	7.8%	7.2%
CORE	8+ times	302	428	444	264	234	285	21.6%	5.2%	3.1%
Canoeing										
Total participation	1+ times	9,997	10,306	10,170	9,813	10,153	10,044	-1.1%	1.2%	0.1%
Jet Skiing										
Total participation	1+ times	7,770	7,739	7,574	6,996	6,413	6,355	-0.9%	-4.6%	-3.9%
Casual	1-7 times	5,138	5,203	5,400	5,125	4,407	4,545	3.1%	-5.4%	-2.2%
CORE	8+ times	2,632	2,536	2,174	1,870	2,006	1,810	-9.8%	-1.3%	-6.9%
Kayaking (Recreational)										
Total participation	1+ times	6,226	6,339	7,347	8,187	8,716	8,855	1.6%	4.0%	7.4%
Kayaking (Sea/Touring)										
Total participation	1+ times	1,776	1,958	2,087	2,446	2,694	2,912	8.1%	9.1%	10.5%
Kayaking (White Water)										
Total participation	1+ times	1,306	1,606	1,694	1,878	2,146	2,351	9.6%	11.9%	12.6%
Rafting										
Total participation	1+ times	4,485	4,389	4,141	3,756	3,836	3,781	-1.4%	0.3%	-3.3%

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Water Sports cont.

All participation figures are in 000s

	Definition	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Change 2013/2014	2 year AAG	5 year AAG
Sailing										
Total participation	1+ times	4,284	4,106	3,797	3,841	3,915	3,924	0.2%	1.1%	-1.7%
Casual	1-7 times	2,687	2,604	2,470	2,565	2,682	2,699	0.6%	2.6%	0.2%
CORE	8+ times	1,598	1,502	1,328	1,276	1,233	1,225	-0.6%	-2.0%	-5.1%
Scuba Diving										
Total participation	1+ times	2,970	2,938	2,866	2,781	3,174	3,145	-0.9%	6.6%	1.3%
Casual	1-7 times	2,015	2,014	2,027	1,932	2,351	2,252	-4.2%	8.7%	2.7%
CORE	8+ times	955	925	840	849	823	893	8.5%	2.8%	-1.1%
Snorkeling										
Total participation	1+ times	9,827	9,332	9,312	8,664	8,700	8,752	0.6%	0.5%	-2.2%
Casual	1-7 times	7,716	7,329	7,272	6,904	6,893	6,935	0.6%	0.2%	-2.1%
CORE	8+ times	2,111	2,003	2,041	1,760	1,807	1,818	0.6%	1.6%	-2.7%
Stand Up Paddling										
Total participation	1+ times		1,050	1,146	1,392	1,993	2,751	38.1%	40.6%	
Surfing										
Total participation	1+ times	2,505	2,585	2,481	2,545	2,658	2,721	2.4%	3.4%	1.7%
Casual	1-7 times	1,429	1,423	1,462	1,544	1,629	1,645	1.0%	3.2%	2.9%
CORE	8+ times	1,077	1,162	1,019	1,001	1,029	1,076	4.5%	3.6%	0.2%
Wakeboarding										
Total participation	1+ times	3,561	3,611	3,517	3,368	3,316	3,125	-5.8%	-3.7%	-2.5%
Casual	1-7 times	2,418	2,462	2,378	2,237	2,306	2,199	-4.6%	-0.8%	-1.8%
CORE	8+ times	1,143	1,150	1,141	1,132	1,010	926	-8.4%	-9.6%	-4.0%
Water Skiing										
Total participation	1+ times	5,228	4,849	4,626	4,434	4,202	4,007	-4.7%	-4.9%	-5.2%
Casual	1-7 times	3,545	3,278	3,094	3,122	3,069	2,911	-5.1%	-3.4%	-3.8%
CORE	8+ times	1,683	1,571	1,532	1,312	1,133	1,095	-3.3%	-8.5%	-8.1%

*New category to 2015 PAC survey

**Category definition changed in 2015 PAC survey



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Appendix B

Complete Community Survey Results Report

Bad Axe Recreation Plan Survey Results

Total Responses: 292 | Completion Rate: 100%

Where do you live?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
City of Bad Axe		53.6%	155
Colfax Township		15.2%	44
Verona Township		12.1%	35
Elsewhere in Huron County		15.6%	45
Other		3.5%	10
		Total Responses	289






For how many years have you lived in the community that you selected above in Question #13?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Less than 1 year		2.4%	7
1 to 4 years		13.1%	38
5 to 10 years		13.4%	39
11 to 19 years		21.0%	61
Over 20 years		50.0%	145
		Total Responses	290






What is your age?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Under 18		3.5%	10
18-24		9.3%	27
25-34		27.3%	79
35-44		25.3%	73
45-54		14.9%	43
55-64		14.2%	41
65 +		5.5%	16
		Total Responses	289

How many people live in your household?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
1		5.8%	17
2		28.9%	84
3		17.2%	50
4		23.0%	67
5 or more		25.1%	73
		Total Responses	291

1. How many times did you visit a City of Bad Axe park in the past year?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Never		2.8%	8
Once		8.0%	23
2 to 5 times		38.4%	111
6 to 10 times		19.4%	56
More than 10 times		31.5%	91
		Total Responses	289












2. Why do you visit parks in the City of Bad Axe? (please check all that apply)

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Playground equipment		69.9%	200
Picnicking		23.8%	68
Informal sports participation		9.8%	28
Walking		36.0%	103
Participate in a sports league		8.7%	25
Jogging		3.8%	11
Sledding		10.5%	30
Enjoying nature		26.2%	75
In-line skating		2.4%	7
Using Wilcox Community Center		22.4%	64
Visiting the Museum		17.1%	49
Community events		35.3%	101
Watching a sporting event		19.2%	55
Health and Fitness		13.6%	39
Participating in annual events		27.6%	79
		Total Responses	286

3. Please evaluate the following general aspects of parks and recreation in the City of Bad Axe.

	Very Good	Good	Neutral	Poor	Very Poor	Don't Know	Total Responses
Safety and Security	30 10.4%	120 41.7%	102 35.4%	25 8.7%	7 2.4%	6 2.1%	288
Maintenance and Appearance	25 8.7%	135 46.9%	90 31.2%	34 11.8%	5 1.7%	1 0.3%	288
Quality of Programs	19 6.6%	101 35.2%	91 31.7%	24 8.4%	7 2.4%	48 16.7%	287
Variety of Facilities/Amenities	8 2.8%	81 28.1%	111 38.5%	70 24.3%	14 4.9%	8 2.8%	288

**4. What additional facilities/amenities would you like to see added to the parks in Bad Axe?
(Check all that apply.)**









Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Benches		33.7%	98
Disc Golf		19.2%	56
Dog Park		32.3%	94
Natural Areas		23.7%	69
Walking/Biking Paths		60.1%	175
Pavilions/Shelters		17.2%	50
Playground		26.1%	76
Restrooms at Wilcox Park		54.3%	158
Skate Park		12.0%	35
Splash Park		76.6%	223
Other (please specify)		14.4%	42
Total Responses			291

“Other Responses” on the following page.

4. What additional facilities/amenities would you like to see added to the parks in Bad Axe? (Check all that apply.) (Other (please specify))

#	Response
1.	Pool
2.	More equipment for ALL age groups. there isn't much for young children (toddlers & preschool aged).
3.	Outdoor concert space
4.	No wood chips in the play area
5.	Fountain park but cost of maintenance may deter the park.
6.	Swings for seniors
7.	Better play equipment for children, and a play area for younger children 0-4 yr olds
8.	Mini golf with low fee
9.	Art, statues, grills, security, pet friendly
10.	Mud Volleyball
11.	Music venues at the fairgrounds
12.	
13.	Pool
14.	Accessible playground for all and toddler safe equipment
15.	Accessible playground for all and toddler safe equipment
16.	Swimming pool!
17.	Walking trails, pool
18.	Fence around perimeter (especially Wilcox)
19.	with skate park let people with RC cars / truck in
20.	Community pool
21.	Need a bigger sand box. Plus, all the bolts heads need to be hit down or someone is going to get hurt.
22.	Band stand
23.	A splash park would be an awesome addition if a small town like crosse well can maintain one we should be able as well
24.	Better restrooms at the ball fields
25.	Concession stand
26.	Safer equipment for younger children
27.	more playground equipment. definitely a splsh park.
28.	I would rather have tall grass around trees than round-up sprayed there.
29.	Swimming Pool
30.	Indoor playscape for winter use.
31.	Restrooms and a splash park
32.	More nature-oriented places
33.	pool
34.	Safer running/sledding hill at Wilcox Park
35.	A designate loop of sidewalks and trails connecting the two parks. Wide enough for bike and walking
36.	Pool
37.	Workout equipment for adults like they have in the city
38.	Pay to maintain (mow/water) the CITY prouperty that the little league fields are on instead of making the league pay.
39.	Age appropriate equipment for all ages
40.	Public pool
41.	Community pool
42.	Community pool

5. What additional recreation programs would you like to see added in Bad Axe?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Adult softball league		30.5%	73
Dodgeball league		12.6%	30
Health/fitness classes		56.9%	136
Horseshoe league		16.7%	40
Instructional classes (golf, gymnastics, boater safety, hunter safety etc)		47.7%	114
Roller Hockey league		8.8%	21
Sand volleyball league		24.7%	59
Other (please specify)		8.4%	20
		Total Responses	239

5. What additional recreation programs would you like to see added in Bad Axe? (Other (please specify))

#	Response
1.	anything aimed at school aged children and not just teens.
2.	Disc golf
3.	Swimming pool
4.	Swimming
5.	Swimming pool
6.	Swimming lessons
7.	Kids self defense/karate classes
8.	
9.	Disc golf leagues, monthly Boche ball
10.	Bocce ball
11.	
12.	Swimming pool
13.	Bike trail, running trails to local businesses
14.	Extended summer camp hours
15.	Splash pad
16.	Movies in the park
17.	Swimming pool
18.	Disc golf league or tournaments
19.	Swimming classes
20.	It's a stretch but maybe scuba diving or just something cool like that


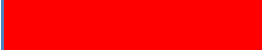
6. How would you prioritize the following activities for the City of Bad Axe Parks and Recreation Department over the next five years?

	A Top Priority	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	No Opinion	Total Responses
Upgrade/Add Amenities to existing parks	81 28.2%	139 48.4%	58 20.2%	2 0.7%	7 2.4%	287
Acquire additional park land	29 10.1%	86 30.1%	107 37.4%	50 17.5%	14 4.9%	286
Add new recreational programs	58 20.3%	123 43.0%	80 28.0%	14 4.9%	11 3.8%	286





7. What is your opinion regarding the following statement about the Pioneer Log Cabin Village?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	No Opinion	Total Responses
It is an important part of our community and it should be preserved.	133 46.0%	87 30.1%	42 14.5%	10 3.5%	17 5.9%	289
I would like to see the Pioneer Log Cabin Facilities open more days of the week.	54 18.8%	83 28.9%	100 34.8%	13 4.5%	37 12.9%	287

8. What is your opinion regarding the skate park?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
It is an important part of the City's recreation		19.7%	56
I do not use the Skate Park		80.3%	228
		Total Responses	284

9. Overall, what is your opinion of the City of Bad Axe parks system?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Very satisfied		3.8%	11
Satisfied		41.8%	120
Neutral		38.7%	111
Disappointed		14.6%	42
Very Disappointed		1.0%	3
		Total Responses	287

10. If there is a person with a disability in your family, please indicate which of the following would make Bad Axe parks more user-friendly for you and your family member?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total Responses
Flatter, easier grades	48 28.2%	62 36.5%	58 34.1%	2 1.2%	1 0.6%	170
Accessible playgrounds	55 31.4%	67 38.3%	50 28.6%	4 2.3%	0 0.0%	175
Accessible parking	53 30.3%	75 42.9%	45 25.7%	4 2.3%	0 0.0%	175
Accessible restrooms	86 47.8%	49 27.2%	39 21.7%	5 2.8%	2 1.1%	180
Paved trails	72 38.7%	65 34.9%	42 22.6%	5 2.7%	4 2.2%	186
Accessible spectator viewing areas	46 26.0%	68 38.4%	57 32.2%	6 3.4%	1 0.6%	177

11. What do you like best about parks and recreation in the City of Bad Axe?

#	Response
1.	The equipment is good for kids of all ages
2.	I like that it is a place for families to spend time together.
3.	We like that the city park is shaded with beautiful trees, Wilcox has a nice trail, like that the library is close to ball parks & library.
4.	Baseball fields
5.	Generally well maintained. Clean
6.	Location to town
7.	The locations.
8.	Fun, something or kids to do
9.	Location and play equipment that is available!
10.	The nice shady areas and atmosphere
11.	Clean and easy to get to.
12.	It's kid friendly
13.	The play sets
14.	My daughter loves the swings and slides
15.	Both parks are set up and maintained nicely.
16.	The available of the parks
17.	The city park is nice and has many things to do.
18.	That we have them! Thanks! Love the trees for shade, cleanliness, nice surroundings
19.	Clean
20.	The parks are well maintained and clean
21.	Location are in a good spot.
22.	The summer parks & rec program for kids. It would be nice to see something for young teens to keep them active and give them something productive to do.
23.	How easily accessible they are in general.
24.	Playground
25.	Both allow for big groups to gather.
26.	Cleanliness

27.	The playground equipment is in good shape.
28.	Where they are located at.
29.	Clean & safe
30.	There needs to be more outlets for kids in the area. You have Wilcox park that sits empty. Why not have dances! Or outdoors movies for kids at the parks. Anything. Right now there is nothing.
31.	Close to town
32.	To take the kids to play well u sit and watch them
33.	Wish that the summer park recreation program wasn't so much money. I remember going when I was a kid and my parents were able to send 5 kids but now hard to afford to send one
34.	Location and variety of free events
35.	Large spaces available with shade and location of city park. Awesome summer park rec program for children! My kids enjoy the nature trail at Wilcox.
36.	It's a shady play area for children who may not have that available. (Because of Apartment living, visiting grandparents, etc.)
37.	The Log Cabin Village is a beautiful Park of our little town.
38.	Large spaces available with shade and location of city park. Awesome summer park rec program for children! My kids enjoy the nature trail at Wilcox.
39.	that you can go to relay for life and the Huron County festivals there and be with all your friends
40.	Location
41.	Close to where we live, but not our favorite to go... we usually travel out of town to parks I feel are safer for younger ages since bad axe is 5+ equipment
42.	clean and easy to get to.
43.	Centrally located, decent variety for a small city, well maintained.
44.	Location
45.	Location
46.	They are always clean.
47.	It gets the kids to play outside instead of playing indoors
48.	Kept clean
49.	The newer equipment at the city park is great. Both city park and Wilcox are well maintained.
50.	The upkeep of the park is good. People of the community need to follow rules as well as respect the parks to keep them cleaner and use them as they are intended.
51.	Summer program
52.	A great set up for family events
53.	Nice view
54.	Location Baseball and softball fields
55.	I like that it is a place for young and old to access. The playground equipment at both parks seem inviting and well-kept and the basketball and tennis courts at the Downtown park seem to get a fair amount of use.
56.	The parks are clean.
57.	It is quiet and we feel safe.
58.	Fun
59.	It keeps young people busy.
60.	I think that the city has done a great job of keeping the parks clean and the upkeep is very good.
61.	It has potential to be great. The city needs paved walking/biking paths.
62.	Nothing. They kinda suck.
63.	Variety for diff ages
64.	The shade.
65.	They are in a good spot with lots of space available

66.	Playground equipment
67.	Convenient location and usability.
68.	They are fun and easy to get to. Also serve as good things to do when little kids are ready to play.
69.	Very clean and well maintained!
70.	Centrally located ...shaded areas.... Excited about new concession stand. Really enjoy the park and recreation program available to our grandchildren are there programs available to children of lower income!?!
71.	The log cabin village is a secret gem doe The city. Should be manned and open more. But understand the problems getting staffed.
72.	I like the playground equipment and Bad Axe park, and I like the nature walk over the bridge and through the woods at Wilcox park.
73.	How clean they are.
74.	My three-year daughter loves everything about both parks
75.	Shade due to mature trees :)
76.	I used to like bathrooms, now I like a place with trees.
77.	It's a fun place to take my son
78.	Peaceful most the time shade
79.	Location
80.	The play gym in city park
81.	Nothing they are subpar and out of date.
82.	We use the sledding hill at Wilcox this is the only time we go to Wilcox park. The rest of the year we attend the other city park. We picnic, use the playground, and visit the library often.
83.	Location
84.	As long as people keep them clean I think it's an important part of a community to have places where people can come together.
85.	It gives the kids a nice place to play
86.	My kids enjoy the activities
87.	The parks are very well maintained, and there are wonderful programs.
88.	I like that they are easy to get to and are open all times of day, and they are really fun for the kids to play on
89.	It has some potential. Especially Wilcox Park.
90.	Our city park is well kept up and has a very nice playground for children. Its location is perfect too.
91.	A variety of equipment and various sport courts/ fields
92.	Our kids like the playground at the city park.
93.	Well maintained, seem to be interested in doing more.
94.	Wilcox Park is great for events and parties, and sledding is a popular attraction during the winter. The Bad Axe City Park is close walking distance in town.
95.	The sense of community.
96.	I like the location by the library best cause it has something for kids of all ages. A restroom would be a great update and so would a walking trail.
97.	You have two choices of public parks.
98.	We need to upgrade out walk/run paths. we are such a big city and have nothing to offer to those of us that run on the streets. We need more for youth to do.
99.	Kept clean
100.	good place to take the kids to play
101.	I love the beautiful grounds that both parks. They are peaceful and yet great place to take children. Wish there would be more restrooms available.
102.	Nice location.
103.	The parks and rec summer program is great
104.	Overall good variety: sports, log cabins, park.

12. What is one thing you would do to improve parks and recreation in the City of Bad Axe?

#	Response
1.	Better security and have a splash pad to have a place to take kids on hot days that won't cost you an arm and a leg
2.	Wish there was a splash pad or pool
3.	After dinner time, I do not feel safe at the park. Maybe more lighting is needed?
4.	bike trails, classes for all ages such as gymnastics, exercise classes, martial arts, playground equipment for young children.
5.	More options for people to enjoy the park
6.	Bathrooms
7.	Splash pads
8.	Offer evening activities
9.	Add security personnel
10.	No wood chips and put in sponge rubber mats for more safety for children! Look at the playground in Port Austin!
11.	More Benches and more adult kid friendly activities
12.	Need bike / walking path from Barrie road into town.
13.	More area for kids to enjoy nature. Creating walking trails
14.	Get better playground equipment for the kids
15.	Tables with umbrellas
16.	Add more things to do for kids in the community.
17.	Stronger drug surveillance in parks
18.	Clean it up
19.	Fix all the chipping pain on equipment! Have a structure similar to Sebewaing, their playground is amazing!
20.	Have things closer together
21.	Add more, interesting equipment.
22.	Parks are not just for kids as young seniors my husband and I love to go to other cities and bike their bike trails. Just a nice safe place to take walks and our grandchildren
23.	I believe updates are extremely important for the community
24.	More variety. A splash pad would be great since there isn't a community pool.
25.	Bike/walking trails
26.	Playground equipment
27.	Wilcox Park does not have enough equipment. I live right down the street and never take my children there. For some reason I feel more unsafe there. The city park is nice, but the playscape is very hard for my 3-year-old to play on. We usually end up going to the playground by the school because the equipment is more "young child" friendly.
28.	Have a park monitor
29.	add more playground equipment
30.	Add a dog park/suggested extracurricular activities to help keep youth and adults active. Also, consider having activities (i.e.: disc golf or sand volleyball) available for all ages whether adults and youth play together or separately
31.	The city park is severely underutilized. The addition of new programs or facilities would be a waste of the taxpayer's money without a solid marketing plan that will make citizens aware of them and motivate them to improve their health and wellness.
32.	More shelter and bench's
33.	Better variety of facilities (summer activities for smaller kids - splash pad)
34.	Maintain what you have, and project adequately for that maintenance before adding additional upgrades or facilities. We have a great park system in Bad Axe if it is properly maintained.

35.	Expansion. More natural areas and walking paths. A dog park is a great idea.
36.	Splash park
37.	Better play equipment.
38.	Having a paved bike/walking path that interconnects with the city sidewalks (similar to the one in Harbor Beach). My boys are now older, but when they were younger we felt like the city park play equipment was geared towards older kids, i.e. Not toddlers.
39.	I think the splash park would bring people from all over the county; we need to make the parks safer. There are a lot of questionable things happening and I've seen some individuals come to the park that have made me leave. Plus, I think walking trails would be amazing
40.	Better parking at the City park.
41.	Dog park
42.	More aware of locations.
43.	Larger area with mud Volleyball and dog park
44.	At Wilcox Park: I would add more shade trees, off possible. It's rather large park, and there is relatively little shade. Also, bathrooms. At the City Park: a splash pad, even just a small one, would be amazing.
45.	Better walking trail and a bike trail.
46.	Same as above.
47.	More bike/running paths tied together throughout the city to keep us out of traffic as much as possible. Marlette has a great set up back by the ball fields for example.
48.	Remove siren throughout the 4x during the week.
49.	Get a splash pad and pool
50.	put in a splash pad
51.	Rubber surface
52.	Up keep with things that could break, like a swing. I had a swing chain snap while I was on it.
53.	Splash pad
54.	Kinda expensive
55.	Restrooms! And please, please, please clean the drinking fountain. We have taken wipes and washed it down some but it is covered in disgusting black mold and needs a thorough cleaning. It's unsanitary and unsafe! There are many rumors (and I hope that's all they are) of teenagers peeing in the lions mouth.
56.	Would be nice to have more benches for people that can't sit at picnic tables.
57.	Splash pad
58.	Make it free or extremely reduced in price
59.	Cleaner facilities and equipment
60.	build a splash park for the public
61.	An indoor swimming pool. We live on a peninsula surrounded by water. Bad Axe is the County Seat for Huron County. And we don't have a public swimming pool. Anywhere. WE NEED an indoor public swimming pool to offer swimming lessons year round to everyone at any age. We also need a pool to offer water aerobics classes, etc. to the public year round. This is where focus should be.
62.	Utilize them!
63.	Water park, dog park
64.	Upgrade equipment, spruce up property
65.	I would add a pool or splashing pad to the park system. I agree that if Cass City can provide one so can Bad Axe!!!
66.	Make more age appropriate. Attempt to recreate the Cass City park on the Wilcox location and add restrooms
67.	I'd love a dog park. Make sure you provide plastic bags and many waste cans (and empty them often).

68.	Update equipment at Wilcox park, add more trails, not limit the skate park to only certain types of skates (allow boards, etc.), add ramps for skating and biking. Get rid of wood chips.
69.	More organized recreational activities, better security of the parks. I won't even go to Wilcox park because I don't feel safe there even in the middle of the day. And the city park is usually filled with groups of teenagers yelling, cussing, smoking, or fighting and I have to leave with my kids. The basketball courts don't get used much and they take up a lot of space. Maybe if you left half of the basketball court and improved the parking situation for the little league fields that would be better.
70.	The playgrounds are not safe and/or engaging for children of all ages, especially pre-k kids. I would love to see a community pool like Cass city. Ameriway pool is expensive and always freezing cold, it is not adequate. A splash pad would be a great investment for my community although I do feel that it and/or a pool would not be properly cleaned and maintained like in other areas.
71.	Updated playground
72.	More FUN Activities
73.	More activities
74.	Add hiking trails and dog park
75.	Safe small child area. For under 4 years
76.	NEW equipment at Wilcox! It is outdated and rather shabby looking, I always prefer to go to the city park even though Wilcox is closer, because of this reason. More places to sit and watch comfortably since we are there for extended periods of time. Nicer restrooms at both places.
77.	More scheduled events for all ages in the parks would be great to see. Therefore, keeping the community more involved in the parks.
78.	Splash pad, water park, etc.
79.	Need some more equipment for kids to do different stuff and more picnic tables and benches for people to sit too.
80.	More space with dog park and involve teens more with outdoors
81.	Playground equipment Activities offered
82.	City Park: When I walk past, or to the park, the number one determining factor in whether I stop or not is who is there. Sometimes I don't feel safe stopping by myself because of the people in cars and sitting in the park. Wilcox: would love to see a disc golf setup out there!
83.	Move variety of things to do.
84.	Better restrooms closer to the park! Not in the library or across the street. Also the slides often smell of urine.
85.	Add a skate park
86.	Better parking, more places for more than one cooking station for family picnics,
87.	I think that the quality of the summer park program has gone down over the last few years.
88.	Walking and biking paths. This would make it safer for families to get out and spend quality time together exercising.
89.	Make them user friendly.
90.	A walking/bike path throughout Huron county would be excellent.
91.	Updating equipment, better bathroom ... Porter johns are not the best
92.	More seating for seniors.
93.	They aren't used enough
94.	Nature walking/biking trails
95.	Nature trails
96.	Nice parks and they are clean would like to see more bike and running trails. I drive in to run with our running group especially in the winter and fall. It would be nice not to do it on the city streets.
97.	Create a smoother lawn condition.
98.	Do not allow unsupervised kids to take over the park. I don't feel too safe.

99.	It needs a splash pad closest beach is half hour drive
100.	Add hard surfaced biking and walking trails.
101.	Splash pad.
102.	Bike path - walking trail
103.	Splash pad. More playground equipment
104.	Bike trails and or walking trails that are paved would be Great. I am 63 and would really like a paved Bike path in the city. Harbor Beach had a lovely walking and Biking trails that attracts visitors and would like to see that as a priority.
105.	If the parks were bigger, it would be wonderful to have a longer nature walk/jogging experience. My kids are too little at this time to participate in an organized program, but hopefully they can do that in a few years. Thank you for allowing input!
106.	Add a walking trail, & a separate biking trail.
107.	Have programs that are affordable to everyone. The only focus seems to be hockey and not all families can afford that.
108.	get some vacant lots for gardening and or flowering parks with places to sit... like we have downtown by the courthouse. People are going to be moving out of city and the lots need to be used to beautify.
109.	Have a dog park to bring my dog while I take my son to play at the park. Also wild like a biking area for our family to go to
110.	More things for the children something to do with a water park nothing real big just so the little ones can cool down in the heat of the summer
111.	Add a swimming pool. When the skate park was added, my family was very disappointed in the city's choice, use of park space and large amount of money allotted for it. Unfortunately, for the little amount of use it receives, it also appears rundown.
112.	Get Wilcox a better play gym and incorporate a splash pad
113.	Create another park and fix the existing.
114.	Get rid of the skate park, and the cabins. They don't draw people. You want to draw families you do a splash park, restrooms vs. porta johns, movies in the park, update benches. And keep the druggie teens from dealing under the pavilion. Every time you go there with the kids the teens move in and it's uncomfortable with young kids. If u have nice facilities and activities for young kids the teens will find a new hang out. Good luck and our family looks forward to seeing some improvement.
115.	Add a splash park, a teen center, pool, fix the skating part, add more age appropriate playground for all ages.
116.	Add a splash pad the beaches are such a drive it would be nice on hot days to be able to go somewhere close to home
117.	playground equipment just not safe for young children
118.	Let people know that kindergarten hill is a city park. Give people better bicycling and walking options.
119.	More variety of programs, maybe some more for adults. Also, dog park.
120.	Even though it's not really a park item, I would like to see a public pool (like Cass City)
121.	Paved trails and lighting in them for safety and keep people from sleeping in there and drugs out of parks
122.	Vastly improve Wilcox Park. This would include making a safe running/sledding hill, instead of the current hill, which has cinder blocks sticking out of it and massive sink holes all over the place. Maybe eventually put an embankment on the north side for safety, and possibly steps to help people get up the hill easier. Also, a 9-hole disc golf course is a MUST. Utilize the hill area, the grassy plains below, wind it through the woods and a few holes could even be on the other side of the creek. Cass City would be a great example to follow for this project.
123.	I would really like to see a disc golf course set up. This would be another option for physical activity for ALL ages. My 5-year-old and 3-year-old sons love to play and it is such a pain having to travel to Cass City every time. I would also like to see more trails for running. We have so many runners now in our city, it would be nice to have a place to get a trail run in.
124.	Just improve on what you already have.

125.	Walking and biking trails
126.	Improve the current walking/ biking trails in addition to adding new ones
127.	I'd like more running trail options in Bad Axe rather than always having to run on streets.
128.	Advertisement! I would like maybe suggestions of fun things do in the parks, trail maps and stuff to be out there. Would be cool to take ideas from bigger cities too and have those in our small area.
129.	I would like to see the safety improved in the City Park, and Wilcox Park. I am aware that they have installed cameras I believe? However, I still feel uneasy as an adult in the City Park. I would love to see a dog park built, and I think that would create more traffic of people, thus making a safer environment. There is currently nowhere to unleash a dog to run in the city.
130.	Something more to attract the middle aged group of Bad Axe. I've also lived here my entire life and never knew Bad Axe even had a walking trail.
131.	build splash pad.
132.	Quality of playground equipment needs to improve as well as variety of equipment.
133.	The lighting at night is very poor and both parks need restrooms. I walking trail would be a wonderful addition!
134.	Pave the walking trail.
135.	Cleanliness, dropping my kids off to park and rec used condoms/wrappers laying on the ground near the pavilion. New equipment at Wilcox park.
136.	see number 11
137.	Cleanliness, dropping my kids off to park and rec used condoms/wrappers laying on the ground near the pavilion. New equipment at Wilcox park.
138.	Build a splash pad
139.	Skate park for the kids
140.	We were there for a softball tournament and there was a hand full of young children that were interested in seeing the log cabins and they were closed.
141.	splash pad, biking trail
142.	splash pad
143.	make more kid friendly like more things to do.
144.	More programs like the classes mentioned above (health and fitness, tennis, golf). Also walking paths would be nice.
145.	A walking/biking path that goes throughout the city and maybe connect to other walking/biking paths throughout Huron county. A rock wall.
146.	Wilcox park playground equipment needs a major overhaul. I'd like to see playground equipment that caters to all ages, you maybe 2 sets, older/younger kids
147.	Regarding the walking path. It is described as beginning at Buffalo St. There is no/little parking there. I would say it starts at the park (where there is parking) and have signage so people know where it is. I haven't looked real close but I do not see signs or know where it is near the park.

Appendix C

Potential Funding Sources

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)

- Match requirement – minimum of 25%
- Development grants
 - Minimum Grant Request \$15,000
 - Maximum Grant Request \$300,000
- Acquisition grants
 - No minimum or maximum
- Goals of MNRTF Board
 - Resource Protection – very important
 - Water Access
 - Community Recreation
 - Urban Recreation
 - Economic Development
- Due annually on April 1
- www.michigan.gov/dnr

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

- Administered by MNRTF
- 50% match required
- Minimum grant request \$30,000 (\$60,000 project total)
- Maximum grant request \$100,000 (\$200,000 project total)
- Funds a wide variety of outdoor recreation projects
- Applications due annually on April 1
- www.michigan.gov/dnr

Michigan Recreation Passport Grant

- Administered by MNRTF
- Minimum 25% match
- Focus is on improving and renovating existing parks
- Minimum Grant Request - \$7,500, Maximum \$45,000
- Applications due on April 1
- For outdoor *and indoor* recreation projects
- www.michigan.gov/dnr

Michigan Department of Transportation - Transportation Alternatives Program

- For non-motorized transportation (paths) and rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities (bridges, railroad depot, etc.)
- 20% minimum match required, 40% recommended
- Eligible applicants include county road commissions, cities, and villages. Other organizations may *sponsor* applications (i.e. County Road Commission or local MDOT office sponsors a township application)
- Rolling on-line application process
- www.michigan.gov/mdot Go to “Projects and Programs”.

Great Lakes Fisheries Trust (GLFT)

- Objective – improve or create shore-based Great Lakes recreational access.
- Must be located on the Great lakes or lower portions of major tributaries
- Matching funds not required but projects with local funding will be favored.
- Due in August/September
- www.glft.org

Michigan Coastal Management Grants

Objectives

- Protect, manage and restore coastal communities and habitats
- Restore historic structures
- Revitalize urban waterfronts
- Increase recreational opportunities along Michigan's Great Lakes coast
- Applicant must be a coastal unit of government
- Maximum grant request - \$50,000
- Match requirements – 50% (some flexibility in match for non-construction projects that result in changes to local master plans or zoning ordinances, regional greenways, or include conservation planning)
- Eligible projects
 - Studies, Designs and Land Use Plans – must have a direct connection to coastal planning and/or resource protection.
 - Construction – boardwalks, trails, lighthouse preservation, habitat restoration, scenic overlook, etc.
- Due annually on May 1
- www.michigan.gov/deqcoastal

Other grant programs to consider:

Coastal Program – Great Lakes – US Fish and Wildlife Service

- Grants to conserve fish and wildlife and their habitats and to support healthy coastal ecosystems
- Rolling application process
- www.fws.gov/coastal/coastalgrants/index.html

Specific sports and sports foundations

- United States Tennis Association (USTA)
 - funding for tennis courts and programs
 - www.usta.com
- Major League Baseball
 - Baseball Tomorrow Fund
 - www.baseballtomorrow.com
- United States Soccer
 - www.ussoccerfoundation.org

Safe Routes to School

- For projects near elementary and middle schools:
 - Sidewalks
 - Traffic calming and speed reduction
 - Pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements
 - On-street and off-street bicycle facilities
 - Off-street pedestrian facilities
 - Traffic diversion improvements in the vicinity of schools
- Need to complete the safe routes planning process to apply
- www.saferoutesmichigan.org

Trust for Public Land (TPL)

- Conservation Transactions
TPL helps structure, negotiate, and complete land transactions that create parks, playgrounds, and protected natural areas. TPL serves as an independent agent, buying land from willing landowners and then transferring it to public agencies, land trusts, or other groups for protection. In some instances, TPL will protect land through conservation easements, which restrict development but permit traditional uses such as farming and ranching.
- www.tpl.org

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Grants

- Must be part of a watershed management plan
- Projects aimed at reducing nonpoint source pollution (streambank and shoreline stabilization, rain gardens, erosion control, conservation easements)
- 25% match required
- www.michigan.gov/deq - Go to "Water", then "Surface Water" and then to "Non-point Source Pollution".

Community Foundations

Private Foundations and Endowments

KEEP IN MIND...

- Match requirements can usually be in-kind services, donations, or cash,
- Most grants are provided on a reimbursable basis.
- Barrier free accessibility is usually required for improvement projects,
- Multiple partners, multiple jurisdictions can be viewed favorably – think “regional” projects.

Appendix D

Adoption Information

Affidavit of Publication - Notice of Draft Review

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

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COUNTY OF HURON

Renee Golder, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is the Assistant Advertising Manager, of the Huron Daily Tribune, a newspaper printed in the County of Huron, State of Michigan, that the Bad Axe City, Notice of Review of which the attached is a true copy, was published in the Huron Daily Tribune December 7, 2016.



Renee Golder, Assistant Advertising Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

7 day of December, 2016 A.D.



Delphine C. Baiski
Notary Public, for Huron County, Michigan,
Acting in Huron County

My Commission Expires 12/26/2020

Notice for Review
The City of Bad Axe Recreation Committee has developed a draft Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan. The plan is based on the Guidelines for Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans as published by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. It evaluates existing recreation opportunities, reviews public opinion regarding recreation, sets goals and objectives, and proposes a five-year schedule of improvements. Copies of the Draft Plan will be available for review at the Bad Axe City Hall, Office of the City Manager, 300 E. Huron Ave., Bad Axe, MI 48413 and the City of Bad Axe Facebook Page and the City of Bad Axe website at www.city-ofbadaxe.com until January 17, 2017. If you are interested in submitting comments regarding the Draft Plan, please send written comments to the following address: 300 E. Huron Ave., Bad Axe, MI 48413. Comments must be in writing to the Clerk by January 16, 2017. For more information, please contact: Dale VanDeVusse, City Manager, 989-269-7681. A public meeting to take input on the draft plan will be held January 17, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at Bad Axe City Hall, 300 E. Huron Ave., Bad Axe, MI 48413.

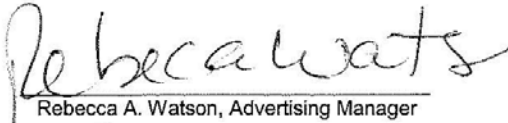
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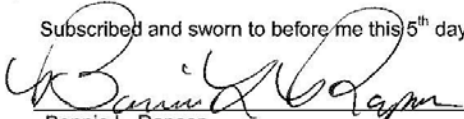
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Rebecca A. Watson, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is the Advertising Manager, of the Huron Daily Tribune, a newspaper printed in the County of Huron, State of Michigan, that the Bad Axe City Notice for Hearing, of which the attached is a true copy, was published in the Huron Daily Tribune on January 5, 2017.


Rebecca A. Watson, Advertising Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of January, 2017.


Bonnie L. Rapson
Notary Public, for Huron County, Michigan,
Acting in Huron County

My Commission Expires 09/14/2020

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All interested persons may attend and participate. Persons with disabilities needing assistance may call the Kay M. Goebel, Clerk at 989-269-7681. A 48-hour advance notice is necessary for accommodation.

Recreation Committee Minutes

Recommending the adoption of the 2017 Recreation Plan

CITY OF BAD AXE

Community Events/Recreation Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

The Community Events/Recreation Committee was called to order at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 by Chairman Nick Rochefort.

Present: Rochefort and Particka.
Absent: Bridson.
Staff: City Manager Dale VanDeVusse, Clerk Goebel, DPW Director Boshart and Chief Rothe.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Particka second by Rochefort to approve the minutes of January 3, 2017. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

Order of Business

1. Resolution to recommend to council adoption of the Bad Axe Area Parks and Recreation Plan.

Motion by Rochefort second by Particka to approve the attached resolution recommending adoption of the Bad Axe Area Recreation Plan. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Particka second by Rochefort to adjourn at 6:53 p.m. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.


Kay M. Goebel, Clerk

Minutes of Public Hearing

A public hearing of the Bad Axe City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 by Mayor Pro tem Kathleen Particka for the purpose of hearing comments regarding the Five Year Bad Axe Area Recreation Plan as developed by the Community Events/Recreation Committee.

ROLL CALL

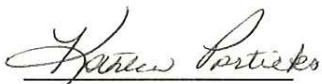
Present: Mayor Pro tem Particka; Council members: Hall, Perez, Peterson and Rochefort.
Absent: Mayor Hicks and Bridson.
Staff Present: City Manager, Dale VanDeVusse, Kay Goebel, Clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Councilman Peterson inquired about the city's liability regarding the Skate Park or possible splash pad and whether there would be supervision. City Manager VanDeVusse stated that no supervision would be provided by city staff and that the city's insurance company would be contacted to discuss liability prior to any construction of a splash pad.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Particka second by Rochefort to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.



Kathleen Particka, Mayor Pro tem



Kay M. Goebel, Clerk

Minutes City Council Meeting

A regular meeting of the Bad Axe City Council was called to order at 7:35 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 by Mayor Pro tem Kathleen Particka.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro tem Particka; Council Members: Hall, Perez, Peterson and Rochefort.
Absent: Mayor Hicks and Bridson.
Staff: City Manager, Dale VanDeVusse, Clerk Goebel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Rochefort second by Perez to approve the January 3, 2017 Regular meeting minutes. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS.

None.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Certificate of recognitions – Bridget Glasgow. The council recognized Bridget Glasgow for her 13 years of service to the City of Bad Axe upon her recent retirement.

2. Resolution 2017-2; Redevelopment Ready Communities Initiative.

Motion by Particka second by Rochefort to approve Resolution 2017-2; request funding assistance from Michigan Economic Development Corporation to achieve the Redevelopment Ready Communities initiative. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

3. Approve Relay for life, Saturday, June 24, 2017 at the Bad Axe City Park.

Motion by Particka second by Perez to approve use of the City Park on June 24, 2017 for the annual Relay for Life Event. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

4. Resolution 2017-1; adopting the Bad Axe Area Recreation Plan.

Motion by Rochefort second by Particka to approve Resolution 2017-1 as recommended by the Community Events/Recreation Committee, adopting the Bad Axe Area Recreation Five Year Plan. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.

5. Approve the contribution to the Huron County Road Commission for the resurfacing of Nugent Road.

Motion by Hall second by Peterson to approve the contribution to the Huron County Road Commission for approximately \$43,000 for the resurfacing of Nugent Road.

AYES: Rochefort, Hall, Particka, Peterson, Perez.
NO: None.

6. Approval to seek bids for the Irwin Street Reconstruction Project.

Motion by Hall second by Perez to seek bids for the Irwin Street Reconstruction Project; North Port Crescent to Whitelam Street and to use the County Road Millage Funds first. The opinion of costs for the base project is \$1,247,000.

AYES: Peterson, Perez, Rochefort, Hall, Particka.
NO: None.

7. Payment of Bills: \$ 5,900.68.

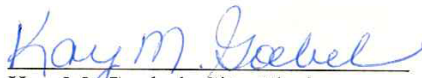
Motion by Hall second by Perez to recommend payment of bills in the amount of \$ 5,900.68.

AYES: Rochefort, Hall, Perez, Peterson, Particka.
NO: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Particka second by Rochefort to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Voice vote: all voting aye, motion carried.


Kathleen Particka, Mayor Pro tem


Kay M. Goebel, City Clerk

Resolution Recommending Adoption of the Recreation Plan

Parks and Recreation Committee

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF BAD AXE AREA RECREATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Bad Axe, the Bad Axe Public School District, and the Bad Axe Fairgrounds operate cooperatively to provide recreation in the Bad Axe area; and

WHEREAS, the Bad Axe Parks & Recreation Committee, with representatives from the Bad Axe City Council, and Bad Axe Public School Board, has undertaken a multi-jurisdictional five-year Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2017 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, the plan has been developed in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements for a Community Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, public input was received via a community input survey that was available from July of 2016 to September of 2016, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas and express opinions regarding the future of parks and recreation in the Bad Axe area; and

WHEREAS, the draft plan was made available for review from December 6, 2016 through January 17, 2017 at the Bad Axe City Hall, 300 E. Huron Ave., Bad Axe, MI 48413 and online at www.cityofbadaxe.com; and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on January 17, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bad Axe City Hall, 300 E. Huron Ave., Bad Axe, MI 48413 to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Bad Axe Parks & Recreation Committee has developed the Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and plans to use the document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this day that the Bad Axe Parks and Recreation Committee recommends that the City of Bad Axe, and the Bad Axe Public School District adopt the Bad Axe Area Recreation Plan.

Resolution offered by: Rochefort

Resolution supported by: Particka

Voice vote: all voting aye

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Bridson

RESOLUTION DECLARED: ADOPTED

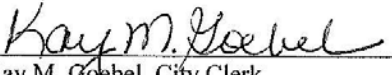
CERTIFICATION

STATE OF MICHIGAN}

COUNTY OF HURON}

I, Kay M. Goebel, the duly appointed and qualified Clerk of the City of Bad Axe, Huron County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Community Events/Recreation Committee of the City Council of the City of Bad Axe held on the 17th day of January, 2017.

Date: 1-18-17



Kay M. Goebel, City Clerk

Resolution of Adoption of the Recreation Plan

Bad Axe City Council

RESOLUTION 2017-1

BAD AXE AREA RECREATION PLAN RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION BY THE BAD AXE CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 17, 2017

WHEREAS, the City of Bad Axe, the Bad Axe Public School District, and the Bad Axe Fairgrounds operate cooperatively to provide recreation in the Bad Axe area; and

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WHEREAS, the Bad Axe Parks & Recreation Committee has developed the Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and plans to use the document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAD AXE, that: The Bad Axe Area Recreation Plan is hereby accepted and adopted as a guideline for recreation improvements for the Bad Axe Area.

Resolution offered by: Rochefort

Resolution supported by: Particka

Voice vote: all voting aye. Present: Mayor Pro-tem Particka, Hall, Perez, Peterson and Rochefort.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Bridson and Mayor Hicks

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Kay M. Goebel
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Resolution of Adoption of the Recreation Plan

Bad Axe Public School Board

BAD AXE AREA RECREATION PLAN RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION BY THE BAD AXE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD

WHEREAS, the City of Bad Axe, the Bad Axe Public School District, and the Bad Axe Fairgrounds operate cooperatively to provide recreation in the Bad Axe area; and

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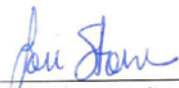
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this day that the Bad Axe Public Schools Board of Education, hereby adopts the Bad Axe Area Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the Bad Axe area.

Motion by: Mike Anderson

Motion supported: Lori Stone

(Ayes: #, Nays: #, Absent: #) Action: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0.
All board members were present.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true resolution adopted by the Bad Axe Public Schools Board of Education at a regular meeting thereof held on the 23rd day of January, 2017.



Board of Education Secretary