

ST. CHARLES AREA PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN



Village of ST. CHARLES

2018- 2022

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Preface

Recreation and open space are important to the residents of the St. Charles area. Recognizing this concern, community officials have led an effort to develop a Parks and Recreation Plan aimed at improving and developing recreational resources in the St. Charles area.

In accordance with the State recommended five-year cycle for recreation planning, this plan covers the five-year period 2018-2022. The content and process follow requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for a community recreation plan.

This document is intended to serve as a guide in the planning for future park and recreation opportunities, services, and implementation. Population shifts, new development, and changing attitudes towards leisure have added additional pressures to the community's existing parks and recreation system, thus increasing the need for both short and long range planning. Recommendations such as land acquisition, facility expansion and construction, and even the design of a neighborhood park improvement, will require additional study or involvement of residents in order to address the site-specific details. This plan lays the foundation for these activities.

Implementation strategies are identified over the next five years, at which time the plan will again be updated. The delineation of these improvements will aid St. Charles in grant solicitation from the DNR and other sources and long-range capital improvement budgeting. Additionally, during the next five years, it is important for the community to reference the plan and make appropriate priority adjustments as conditions change and funding opportunities arise.



Gazebo in Coal Miners' Area Park

I. Community Setting

This plan covers all aspects of recreation for the greater St. Charles area. This includes the communities of the Village of St. Charles, St. Charles Township, Fremont Township, Brant Township, Swan Creek Township and the St. Charles Community School District. These communities are largely rural, and they serve as bedroom communities for residents who work in the Saginaw, Midland, and Flint metropolitan area. This plan is an update of the 2013 Village of St. Charles Area Recreation Plan. In the previous update to this plan, the service area was expanded to include and describe a more accurate service area which includes the municipalities referenced here. The St. Charles Area Park System remains center for recreation to the thousands living in the rural townships surrounding the Village of St. Charles.

The Village of St. Charles serves as the local recreation provider for the surrounding townships and the residents of the St. Charles Community Schools, because those areas are rural in nature and do not have any park facilities of their own. Seats are allowed for representatives from St. Charles Township, Brant Township, Swan Creek Township, and the St. Charles Community School District on the St. Charles Area Park Committee. St. Charles Township, Brant Township, Fremont Township, and Swan Creek Township all regularly contribute to the parks and recreation budget of the Village of St. Charles.

St. Charles is located in central Saginaw County. Fremont Township is northwest of St. Charles. Brant Township is west of St. Charles, and St. Charles Township is south of St. Charles. Most of the Village lies within St. Charles Township. Some of the northern portion of the Village lies within Swan Creek Township and a small portion of the western side of the village lies within Brant Township. The populations in 2010 of the various jurisdictions that are included in this Area Recreation Plan are listed below.

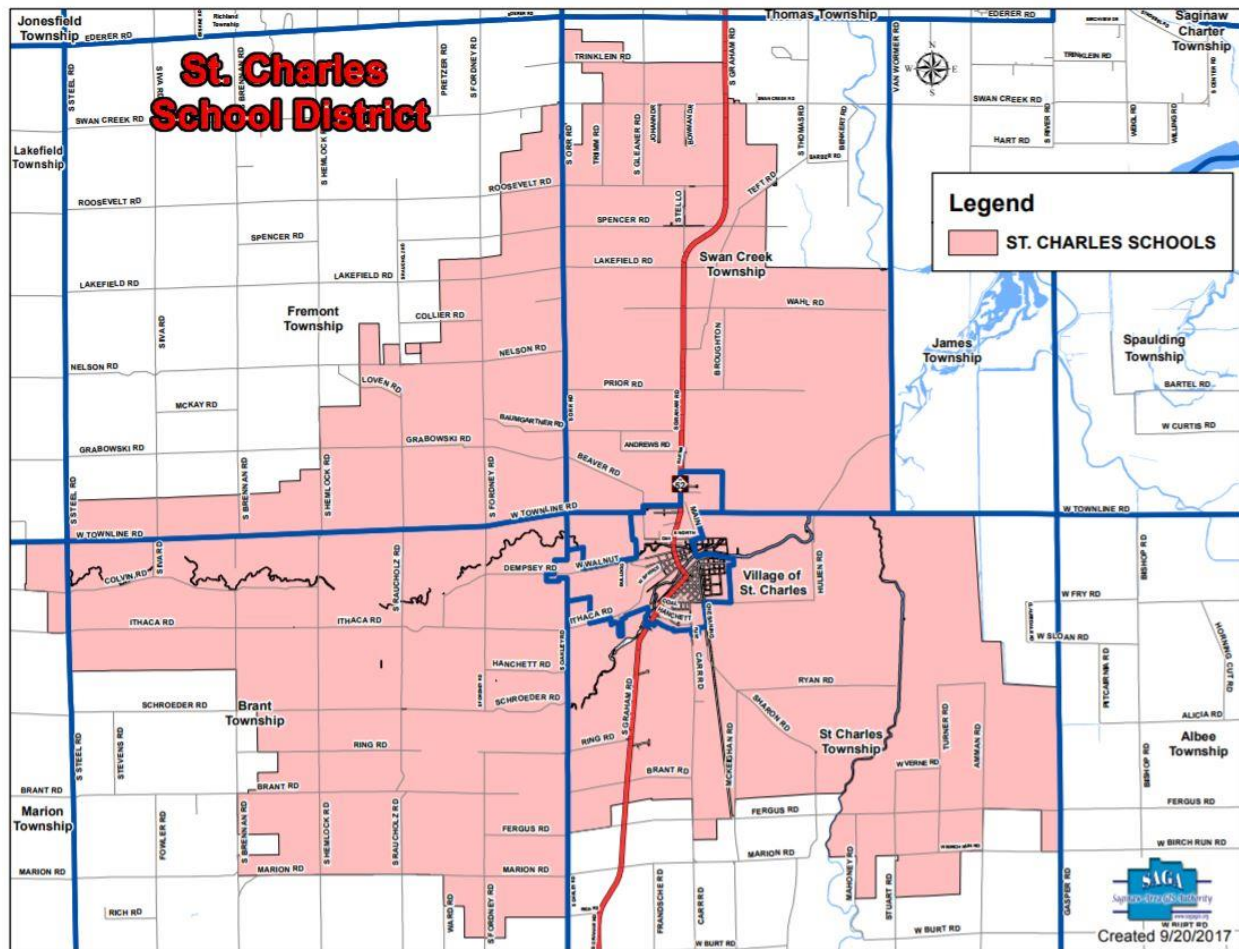
Village of St. Charles	2,054
Brant Township	2,026
Fremont Township	2,057
St. Charles Township	3,154
Swan Creek Township	2,357
St. Charles Community School District	6,657

To arrive at the population served by the plan, one must understand how the U.S. Census counts people who reside in a Village and further examine the School District Population. Persons who reside in a village are also counted within the township or townships where they are located. Of the 2,054 residents of the Village of St. Charles, 31 are residents of Brant Township, 1,894 are residents of St. Charles Township, and 129 are residents of Swan Creek Township. The St. Charles School District encompasses all of the Village of St. Charles and portions of Brant, St. Charles, Swan Creek, Fremont, and Marion Townships.

The population served by this plan is the sum of the entire populations of Fremont Township (2,057), Brant Township (2,026), and St. Charles Township (3,154) as well as the portions of Swan Creek Township and Marion Townships that are in the St. Charles Community School District. School district populations are not broken down by governmental units, but estimates can be made. Geographically, approximately 75% of the land in Swan Creek Township is within the St. Charles School District. There were 2,357 people in Swan Creek Township in 2010. Seventy-five percent of that number is approximately 1,768. Marion Township has a population of 938 people and approximately 5% of the land in Marion Township is in the St. Charles School District. Five percent of 938 is approximately 47 people. Thus, the population served by the plan is and estimated at 9,052 which is the sum of 2,057 and 2,026 and 3,154 and 1,768 and 47.



Location of the participating communities



Location of School District Boundaries

II. Administrative Structure

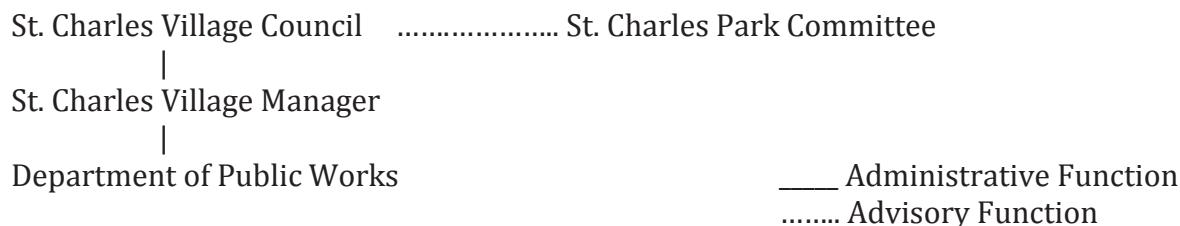
St. Charles is organized as a General Law Village in the State of Michigan. The Village Council is comprised of a Village President and six council members. Day-to-day operations of the Village are handled by the Village Manager. The Village Council is ultimately responsible for the policy and financial decisions relating to parks and recreation in the Village.

An Ad Hoc Area Park Committee meets regularly to provide guidance and policy advisement for the St. Charles Parks. Several communities can be represented on the Park Committee. These include the Village of St. Charles, St. Charles Township, Swan Creek Township, Brant Township, Fremont Township, and the St. Charles School District. Traditionally, the Townships have made annual contributions to the St. Charles Parks. St. Charles Township, Brant Township, and Fremont Township do not have any parks in their

communities, so they rely upon the Village of St. Charles to be the provider of parks and recreation facilities for their residents.

The day-to-day operation of the parks in St. Charles is handled by the Village Manager. The Department of Public Works is responsible for maintenance of the facilities and grounds.

VILLAGE OF ST. CHARLES PARKS DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION CHART



Budgets

Parks and recreation functions in St. Charles are funded from the general fund of the Village of St. Charles and contributions from the general funds of St. Charles, Brant, Fremont, and Swan Creek Townships. Revenue is also generated from pavilion rentals and donations.

Budgets for the past two years, current year, and upcoming year are listed below.

St. Charles Parks & Recreation Budget

	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>
Operation & Maintenance	\$57,315	\$63,935	\$57,914	\$51,381
Capital Expenditure	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 0	\$ 5,000

Programming & Volunteers

The Village of St. Charles currently offers no recreational programming. Other recreational programs in the community include youth baseball, softball, Farmers' Marketplace and Movies in the Park. A wide variety of community volunteers run these programs. Community volunteers also help with an annual beautification day in May. Many high school students help clean up the public spaces and plant flowers across town, including in the park area.



Waterfall at Lumberjack Park



Landscaping at Lumberjack Park

III. Recreation Inventory

To plan for parks and recreation in the future, one needs to examine the types of facilities that currently exist in St. Charles. It is also helpful to compare these existing facilities to various standards as one measure of the adequacy of the parks and recreation facilities in the community. The inventory below was prepared using previous inventories and a 2012 survey that included complete walk-overs of each park by the Village Manager. In addition, two meetings of the Area Park Committee were held at Coal Miners' Area Park and Depot Park in the fall of 2012 to review facilities. This inventory includes changes since the 2008 plan update.

Parks and Recreation Facilities

The Village of St. Charles owns and operates three parks. The largest park is known as Coal Miners' Area Park, and the smaller ones are called Waterfowl Park, Lumberjack Park and Depot Park. Each park is described below.

Coal Miners' Area Park (formerly called St. Charles Area Park)

Type: Community

Size: 34.29 acres

Service Area: Greater St. Charles Area

Purpose/Use: All-purpose park that meets community based recreational needs.

Recreational Facilities:

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| ▪ Playground | ▪ Gazebo |
| ▪ Walking Trails | ▪ Volleyball Court |
| ▪ 3 Ball Diamonds | ▪ 2 Picnic Pavilions |
| ▪ In-line Skating Surface | ▪ Sledding Hill |
| ▪ Horseshoe Pits | ▪ Ice Skating Rink |
| ▪ 2 Basketball Courts | ▪ Dog Park |
| ▪ Art Kiosks | ▪ Disc Golf Course |
| ▪ Little Free Library | |

Support Facilities:

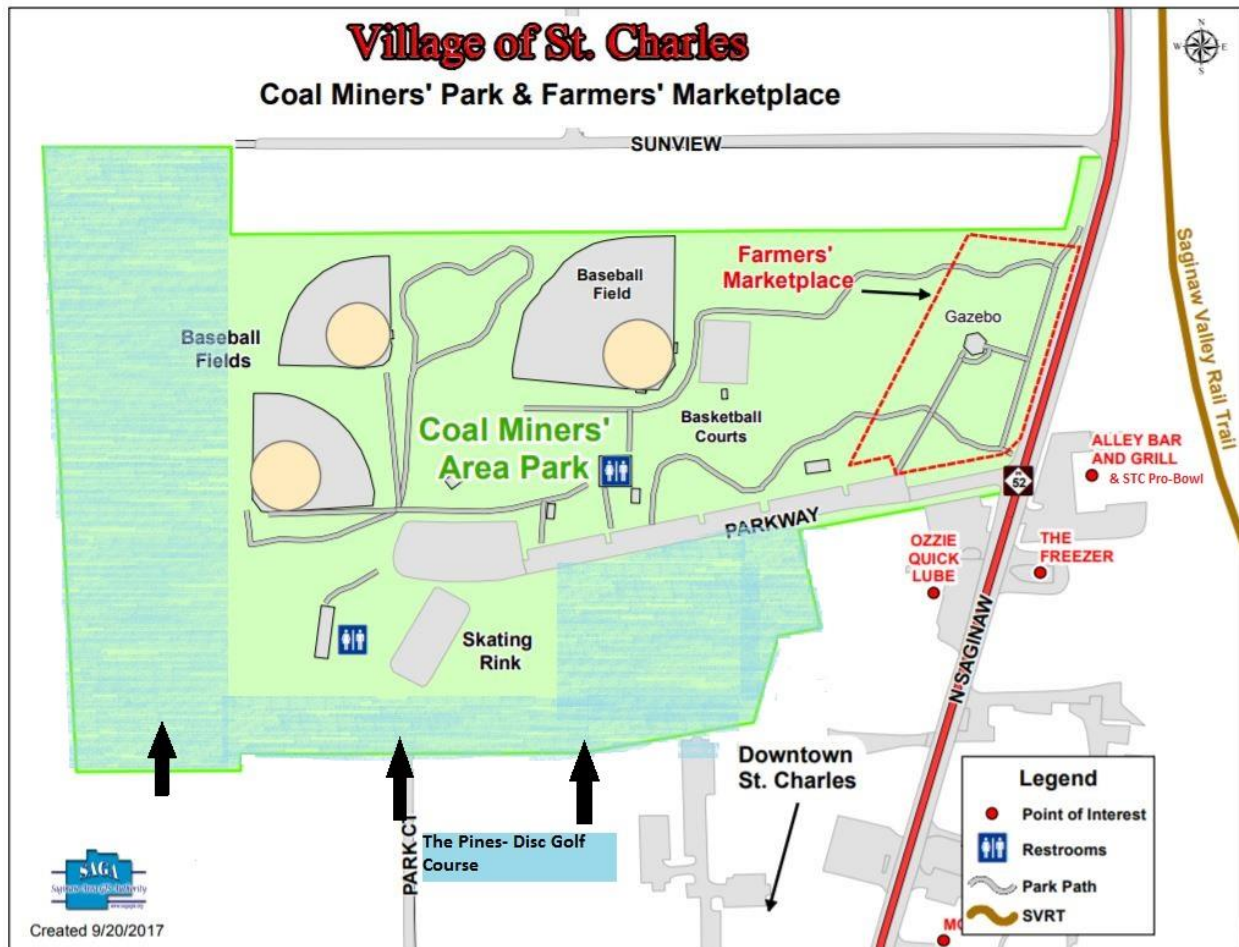
- Paved & Gravel Parking
- Restroom Building
- Water fountain
- Other park amenities: benches, trash receptacles, bike racks

Accessibility: 3 - most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines (see accessibility discussion on page 14)

Grants Received:

- 26-01236, 1981
- BF90-232, 1990, Pool Renovation, Paved Walking/Parking
- BF93-193, 1993; Emergency Pool Repairs - Replace underground pipes, rehabilitate gutters, etc.
- 26-01571, 2001; Park Pathway and Restroom Renovation – The pathway is still in place and is a popular feature in the park. The restrooms are open and operational.
- TF05-010, 2005; Coal Miners' Park, previously referred to as St. Charles Area Park, Land Acquisition, \$45,700

For the acquisition of two separate parcels that are contiguous to Coal Miners' Park. The purchase was completed in September of 2007. The parcels added in 2007 are included in the total footprint of Coal Miners' Park.



Coal Miners' Area Park: Area identified by red dotted outline is the current location of the recently-implemented St. Charles Farmers' Marketplace.

Lumberjack Park

Type: Neighborhood

Size: 8 acres

Service Area: Greater St. Charles Area

Purpose/Use: All-purpose park that also serves as the southern trailhead for the Saginaw Valley Rail Trail which is a linear park owned and operated by the Saginaw County Parks Department. Lumberjack Park is actually two parcels that surround the entrance to the Rail Trail.

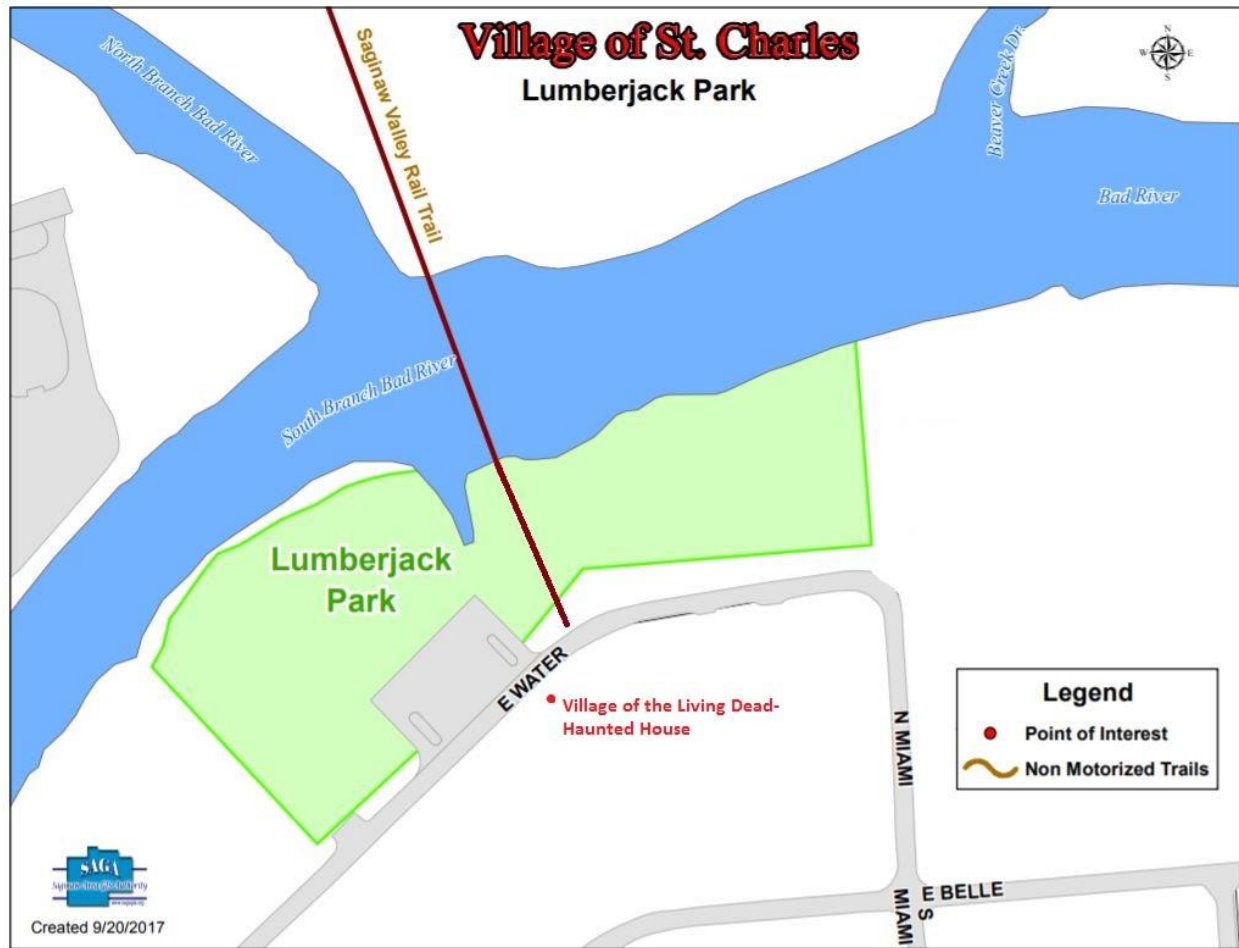
Recreational Facilities:

- Playground
- Picnic Area
- River Frontage
- Pavilion
- Waterfall feature
- Horseshoe Pits
- Volleyball
- Gazebo

Support Facilities:

- Paved parking
- Portable Restrooms
- Other park amenities: benches, trash receptacles, bike racks, picnic tables

Accessibility: 2 - some of the park meets accessibility guidelines (see accessibility discussion on page 14)



Lumberjack Park: Includes parcels on both sides of the former railroad tracks which cross E. Water Street near the Haunted House. Lumberjack Park is also the home of the trailhead for the Saginaw Valley Rail Trail system operated and maintained by the Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission.

Grants Received: TF-87-164, 1987; Bad River Acquisition

Waterfowl Park

Type: Neighborhood

Size: 12

Service Area: Greater St. Charles Area

Purpose/Use: Neighborhood parkland with no play equipment which formerly held a waterfowl wildlife observatory. Was previously owned by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and includes water features, picnic areas, gazebos, fruit trees and is the proposed location of a new botanical garden.

Recreational Facilities:

- Picnic Area
- 2 Gazebos
- River Access
- Wildlife Education Kiosks
- Flower Gardens and Open Grassy Area

Support Facilities:

- On-Street Parking
- Benches
- Water Availability
- Sewer Availability

Accessibility: 2 – some of the park meets accessibility guidelines (see accessibility discussion on page 14)



Waterfowl Park: Previously owned by the DNR and is the future site of a proposed community botanical garden and part of a proposed riverfront development project.

Depot Park

Type: Mini-Park

Size: Less than one acre

Service Area: Greater St. Charles Area

Purpose/Use: Passive recreation adjacent to former railroad and Depot area and the current site of the St. Charles Area Museum.

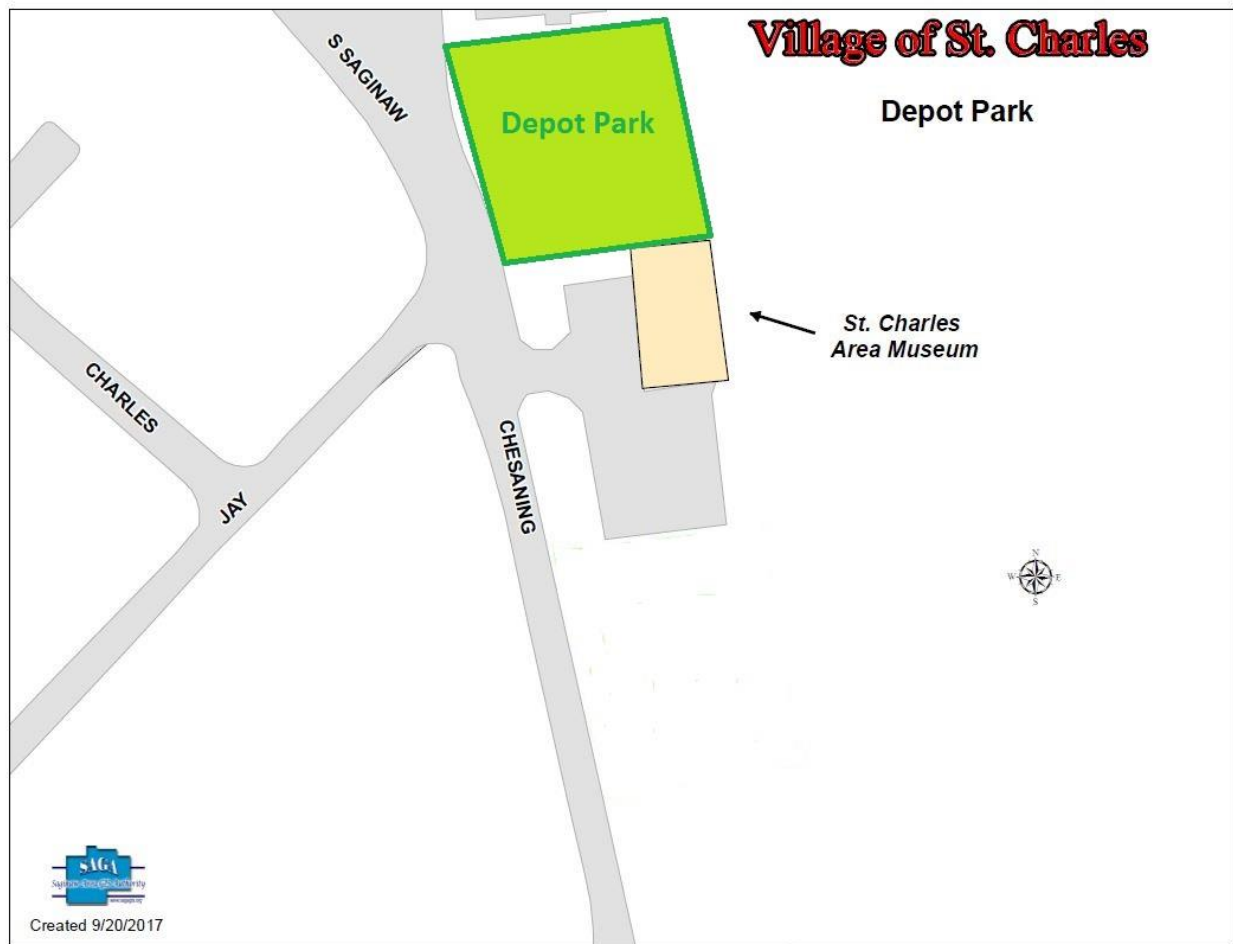
Recreational Facilities:

- Benches
- Flower Gardens and Mowed Area

Support Facilities:

- Paved parking
- Benches

Accessibility: 2 – some of the park meets accessibility guidelines (see accessibility discussion on page 14)



Depot Park: A pocket park nestled between the St. Charles Area Museum to the South and the St. Charles Animal Hospital to the North. This area is in the undeveloped right-of-way of Jay Street to the east of Chesaning Street.

Other Recreational Facilities

Several other recreational facilities are located within St. Charles or in the nearby area. They provide additional recreational facilities and services to area residents. The Saginaw Valley Rail Trail runs through St. Charles. Its southern trailhead is located in Lumberjack Park, and the trail runs approximately 10 miles north and east out of St. Charles through Swan Creek Township.

Another County Park, Ringwood Forest, is located two miles west of St. Charles in Brant Township. It is a 160-acre wooded parcel with three miles of trails, a picnic pavilion, and a canoe launch on the Bad River.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) owns a five-acre parcel of land in St. Charles on the north side of the South Branch of the Bad River. A boat launch and local DNR field office are also located there. This field office serves as the headquarters for the Shiawassee River State Game Area, which is located east of St. Charles. The Shiawassee River State Game Area abuts the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge. These two wildlife areas encompass more than 16,000 acres and are havens for migratory birds and other wildlife. Controlled goose hunts and deer hunts are held each year at the National Wildlife Refuge. Visitors use the trail system for bird-watching, cross country skiing, and hiking.

The Hartley Outdoor Education Center is a 320-acre facility owned and operated by the Saginaw County Intermediate School District. The facility contains an education center, one-room schoolhouse, log cabins, Coal Mine Museum, Farm education facility, an extensive trail network, and sledding hills. It includes overnight facilities and is used primarily as an outdoor education center for Saginaw County school children.

Private recreational facilities in the St. Charles area include Kimberley Oaks golf course, an 18-hole facility near the west Village limits. The STC Pro Bowling Center is also located in St. Charles.

St. Charles Community Schools owns several recreational facilities that are used by the community. These include ball diamonds, playground, track, gymnasium and football fields. These facilities are located at the complex located south of Walnut Street. Three separate school buildings are housed within this complex: St. Charles High School, Thurston Middle School, and St. Charles Elementary School. The district complex also includes a large stand of woodlands on the western and southern side on the property.



Bad River Boat Launch



Elementary School Playground

Accessibility

Creating a park system that is safe, accessible, and usable to all individuals within the community, including those with disabilities, is essential. An Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance assessment of the St. Charles parks was conducted during 2012. The assessment consisted of a visual inspection of each park in regards to access, circulation in relation to the park facilities.

A grading system has been developed by the Michigan Department of Natural

Resources to easily identify those parks and facilities which are most, and least, handicap accessible and usable, based on the ADA guidelines. The accessibility grading system uses a five-point system ranging from one to five as shown below. As noted in the inventory listing, the Coal Miners' Area Park was rated a "3", most of the park meets accessibility guidelines, and Lumberjack Park and Depot Park were rated "2", some of the park meets accessibility guidelines. At Coal Miners Area Park, the handicap parking spots do not have signs. At Lumberjack Park, the parking lot is fully accessible. However, there is no access to the playground area or the portable restroom. Handicap access is provided to the pavilion, drinking fountain and waterfalls.

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.

The Village's intent is that future improvements at the parks in St. Charles will meet accessibility guidelines. The village may wish to develop future improvements using the principles of universal design. Universal access to outdoor recreation has been defined as creating environments that are usable by all people of all abilities, to the greatest extent possible, by enabling independent use and ensuring full, inclusive participation in all aspects of the outdoor recreation experience. In other words, providing universal access means going beyond the minimal legal requirements of existing state laws and regulations to create environments in which there is not separation or stigmatization of people with differing abilities.

Natural Resources

The most significant natural resource in St. Charles is the Bad River. The North and South branches of the Bad River flow into the village from the west and join in downtown St. Charles. The river and its branches have many scenic views, and they are popular spots for fishing, boating, canoeing, kayaking, and snowmobiling. They also provide access into the Shiawassee State Game Area and the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge. Other natural resources in the area include various stands of woodlands, some of which are located within the St. Charles Village limits. The State Game area and the National Wildlife refuge discussed earlier in this section are also important natural resource areas that are already protected from development.



The Bad River is a significant natural resource in the St. Charles Area.

Comparison to Standards

The Recommended Classification System for Local and Regional Open Space from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources defines five types of parks that may be applicable to St. Charles.

- Mini-Park
- Neighborhood Park
- School-Park
- Community Park
- Large Urban Park

A mini-park is less than one acre in size and is less than 1/4 mile from a residential setting. It is used to address limited, isolated, or unique recreational needs. Neighborhood Parks are generally five to ten acres in size and they serve as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood in more densely populated urban settings. Their service area is generally 1/4 to 1/2 mile. School-Parks can combine parks with school sites to help meet the recreational space needs for the community. Community Parks serve a broader purpose than Neighborhood Parks. They have more amenities and usually serve two or more neighborhoods within 1/2 to 3 miles and are generally 30 - 50 acres in size. Large Urban Parks are generally 50 acres or more in size, and they serve a broader purpose than a community parks. They focus on meeting community based recreational needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.

St. Charles has approximately 42 acres of park land for its 2,054 citizens. General industry standards would suggest five to ten acres of regional park land per 1000 citizens, or approximately 11 - 22 acres of regional park land for St. Charles. This would imply that St. Charles has adequate regional park land for its citizens.

More recent park guidelines indicate that one must also consider the “Level of Service” desired by the community. If St. Charles residents’ recreational needs are met with the existing amount of park land and facilities, then that amount may be considered sufficient. However, if their needs are greater, the Village may need more park land. This is why the community input portion of a recreation plan is so important. The Village needs to understand the wishes of the community it serves in order to provide the level of service desired by the residents.

As a supplement to the recommended standards for park acreage, data from the National Sporting Goods Association (NSGA) can help in understanding recreation trends. Knowledge of national recreation trends helps in anticipating 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. The table on the following page shows the results of the 2011 SGA survey, providing information on the top 30 sports or activities. The definition of *participation* includes persons seven years and older who have participated in the activity at least once during the year of the survey. Sports activities that are growing in popularity may warrant a facility expansion. Various types of exercising including walking, running/jogging, use of treadmills, and weightlifting have become much more popular over the past 12 years.

2011 Sports Participation Ranked By Total Participation

Numbers are persons (in millions) participating more than once. Percent changes are from 2010.

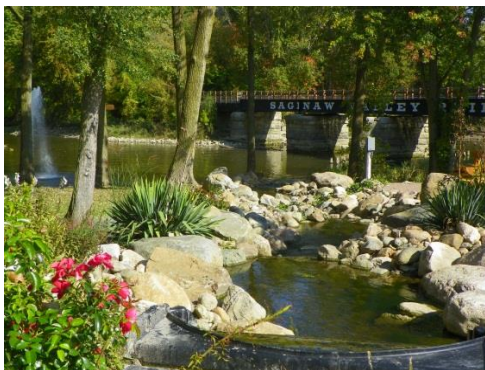
Sport	Total	Percent Change	Sport	Total	Percent Change
Exercise Walking	97.1	1.3	Target Shooting	19.6	-1.2
Exercising with Equipment	55.5	0.3	Boating (Motor)	16.7	-17.0
Swimming	46.0	-11.4	Hunting With Firearms	16.4	0.6
Camping	42.8	-4.3	Soccer	13.9	3.0
Aerobic Exercising	42.0	8.9	Tennis	13.1	7.0
Bicycle Riding	39.1	-1.6	Baseball	12.3	-1.9

Hiking	39.1	3.8	Backpacking	11.6	3.7
Bowling	34.9	-10.6	Table Tennis	10.9	-15.2
Work-Out At Club	34.5	-4.8	Softball	10.4	-4.2
Weightlifting	29.1	-7.4	Volleyball	10.1	-5.1
Fishing (freshwater)	28.0	-6.4	Fishing (saltwater)	9.7	0.7
Basketball	26.1	-2.9	Dart Throwing	9.3	-11.2
Yoga	21.6	6.9	Football (Tackle)	9.0	-3.0
Golf	20.9	-4.3	Kayaking	7.1	26.6
Billiards/Pool	20.0	-16.9	Skiing (Alpine)	6.9	-7.1

Source: nsga.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm.pageid=3346



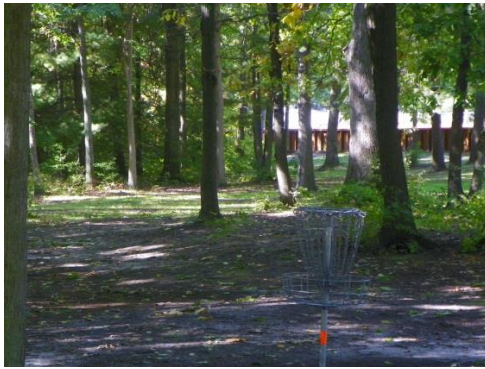
Walking trails in Coal Miners' Area Park



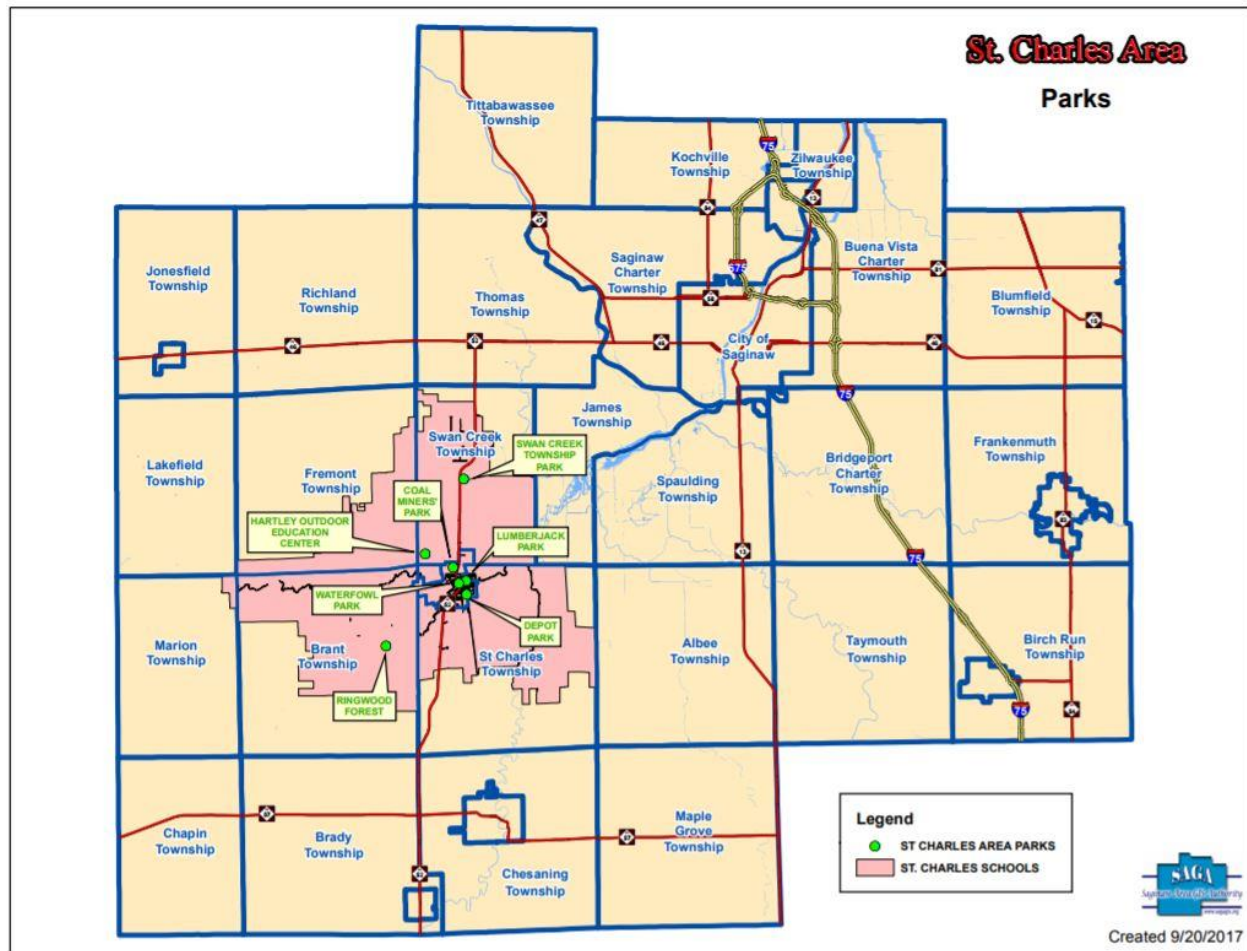
Waterfall, Landscaping at Lumberjack Park



Pavilion at Lumberjack Park



Disc Golf Course at Coal Miners' Area Park



Parks in the St. Charles Area, including County and Township Parks

IV. Community Input

To comply with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation Open Space and Greenway Plans, the St. Charles Area Park Committee solicited community input via online survey accessible on the Village website and Facebook page and other social media, garnering responses from 200 community members and users of the St. Charles area parks, the 2017 survey and its responses are attached to this plan as an appendix.

The input from the 2011 Survey is still valid and remains a corner stone of this plan. The online survey conducted in 2017 reflects many of the same responses and attitudes regarding the park system in the St. Charles area.

Drafts of the plan were submitted to the various townships and school district for their review and feedback. Village Manager Lane and a representative from the Parks and Recreation Committee attended public meetings of the townships and school board to answer questions and address concerns. All of the governing boards reviewing the plan have adopted Resolutions of support and acceptance. Copies are also attached as an appendix to this plan.

A public hearing requesting community feedback was also held at a special meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee on December 13, 2017(online survey results are attached to this document).

Recreation Plan Community Input

November 11, 2007

St. Charles Elementary School

PARK IMPROVEMENT SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS (RECREATIONAL FACILITIES)

- Area park has a lot to offer.
- We play ball at the park.
- We use the baseball diamonds.
- Need lights at the ball fields.
- Would like “soft surface” for play equipment.
- More playground equipment / improve playscape. (+4)
- Would like a larger playscape – with different levels for different age kids.
- Like new playscape equipment. (+3)
- Kids love big boat.
- Replace teeter totter at Lumberjack Park.
- Fix light near Lumberjack Park.
- Like swings / tire swing – Like Boat & Merry-Go-Round.
- Would like a bigger slide.
- Play equipment at Lumberjack Park.
- Would like a “BIG” Jungle Jim
- Upgrade tennis courts. (+2)
- Would like a sledding hill, more winter activities (i.e. ice skating, snowboarding, etc.). (+8)
- Like ice skating rink.
- Increase size of ice skating rink.
- Warming house for skating area.
- Need a real skate park for kids.
- More equipment / improvements at Skate Park. (+2)
- Do not use the pool much.
- Please improve pool – use for lessons.
- Pool is pretty good.
- Need nets for basketball courts, like to use them.
- Would like volleyball area. (+1)
- The paved paths to all park amenities are very important, it helps my

wife, who's in an Amigo, get close to kids.

PARK IMPROVEMENT SUGGESTIONS & COMMENTS (SUPPORT FACILITIES)

- Need more picnic tables/grills at the main park.
- Would like restrooms to be more available. (+1)
- Would like flushable bathrooms.
- Need good drinking fountains, fountain near ball park has bad water. (+2)
- Much less dirt and dust at parks.
- Need to control vandalism done to the parks.
- Possibly put in bags for dogs.

OTHER GENERAL COMMENTS

- Love the concerts in the Park.
- Improve the bank area on the Bad River.
- Fishing opportunities (i.e. dock, boat launch). (+2)
- Extend rail trail.
- Rail trail is a safe place for children to ride.
- Love the rail trail. (+12)
- Would like more landscaping, especially at school.
- Interested in basketball league for kids.
- Need more activities for older kids.
- There's a lack of things to do in this area.
- Overall, everything is very good in St. Charles.

V. Goals & Objectives

Developing goals and objectives is an important part of the recreation planning process. The overall goal of a parks and recreation department is, obviously, to provide recreation opportunities for the community and/or region it serves and possibly for tourists/visitors. More specific goals must be based on the demographic characteristics of the population served and the physical and environmental characteristics of the area.

Goals are the broadest level. They are overreaching and general. Objectives carry out the purpose of the goal. The Action Program is the last level and the most specific. It identifies specific projects. The action plan can also include organizational, staffing, programming, public information, and operation and maintenance actions.

The St. Charles Area Park Committee formulated the following goals and objectives based upon the various methods of community input and the demographic and physical characteristics in the area.

GOAL 1

Provide safe broad community-based recreation opportunities that improve the overall quality of life for all residents of the St. Charles area.

There are very few other public or private recreational opportunities outside of the public parks in St. Charles. The Park Committee wishes to provide facilities that appeal to the largest proportion of potential recreational participants so as to improve the quality of life for those in the St. Charles area.

Objective – Continue to add amenities to the St. Charles park facilities based upon community input.

Community input is a solid indicator of what residents in the community want in terms of recreational facilities and programming. The Park Committee will continue to plan its improvements based upon the needs expressed in formal and informal input sessions.

Objective – Acquire more park land to meet the needs of the St. Charles area residents.

Objective – Expand riverfront recreational opportunities in St. Charles. The Bad River is a wonderful natural resource in the St. Charles area. The Village's existing park on the river, Lumberjack Park, could offer more in terms of taking advantage of the riverfront. If other riverfront property becomes available, the Village may want to consider acquiring it.



Lumberjack Park

GOAL 2

Provide recreational facilities and programming that allows for social interaction for all age groups.

The St. Charles parks serve as community gathering points and social centers for the Area. Formal and informal programs and facilities allow for social interaction of participants (i.e. picnic-goers) and also for spectators (i.e., Little League fans and concert-goers). These help to provide a sense of togetherness and connectivity to the area.

Objective – Investigate options for providing more recreational programs for St. Charles area residents.

Objective – Add recreational facilities that appeal to an aging population. Most of the current programming in the area is focused on youth. As the population in the area ages, the Park Committee and other groups in the community may want to consider adding more programs and facilities for other age groups. Many residents who are of the “Baby Boom” generation are retiring and are looking for leisure time activities. Consider the addition of resting spots in the parks for those who wish to take a more casual pace.

GOAL 3

Continue to improve and upgrade St. Charles recreational and support facilities so as to offer the community parks that it can be proud of.

Park facilities are among the most visible indicators of a community’s identity and pride as well as local tax dollars at work. The Park Committee wishes to provide quality facilities that show that St. Charles is an active community that takes pride in its public facilities.

Objective – Keep park facilities safe and well maintained.

Objective – Add support facilities so as to improve the ease of use in the parks.

GOAL 4

Provide recreational opportunities for people with disabilities.

The Park Committee wishes to provide recreational opportunities for all area residents, including those with disabilities. The aging population will have increased needs for accessible facilities. Over the years, the Park Committee has improved the accessibility of the facilities in the park and wishes to continue to do so.

Objective – Make sure that all improvements and upgrades to park facilities are handicap accessible.

GOAL 5

Improve the health and fitness of St. Charles area residents.

Because there are limited opportunities for fitness and recreation in the St. Charles area, the Park Committee wants to continue to provide and expand its programs and facilities so that residents of the community can enjoy the health benefits of physical fitness.

Objective – Continue to add multi-use paths to encourage non-motorized transportation in St. Charles.

Objective – Evaluate existing facilities and programming in terms of fitness opportunities for the community.

Objective – Look for partnering opportunities among local communities, the School District, and other organizations who wish to provide recreational programming.



Coal Miners' Area Park

VI. Action Program

With goals and objectives in place, the St. Charles Park Committee was able to develop a 5-year action program to work toward accomplishing the goals and objectives. The Action Program details the direction the community wishes to take over the next five years in order to maintain and improve the quality and diversity of area park and recreation opportunities.

Projects were assigned a priority of 1 through 5 with 1 being most important and 5 being least important. Each action item relates to one or more of the numbered goals from Section V. Potential capital improvements described in this Plan have been established not only to provide a framework for decision makers but also to enable the Village to apply for grant funding for these proposed projects. The project list is not a fixed element and is neither all inclusive or exclusive. The schedule reflects the results of the input received from Village Staff, participating communities, board members, and input from the community and the online survey.

1. ACTION ITEM – Splash Pad

Priority – 3

Relates to Goal – 1, 4

Rationale/Discussion

A splash park can be constructed and operated at relatively low cost and provide a prime summertime recreation facility for families with young children. Other communities in Mid-Michigan have found splash parks less expensive to operate and more popular than conventional swimming pools.



Roller Rink at Coal Miners' Area Park

2. ACTION ITEM – Construct a series of ponds and waterfall in Coal Miners' Area Park near the old well house.

Priority – 4

Relates to Goal – 1, 3, 4

Rationale/Discussion

Ponds and waterfalls would be an interesting and aesthetically pleasing feature to add to Coal Miners' Area Park. An existing vein well provides a continual source of water in the park.

3. ACTION ITEM – Construct a Fishing Platform on the existing Rail Trail Bridge.

Priority – 2

Relates to Goal – All

Rationale/Discussion

The need for additional fishing opportunities was mentioned at the 2007 community input open house.

4. ACTION ITEM - Create a multi-use path loop that runs from the Rail Trail to Waterfowl Park along the north bank of the South Branch connecting to a new bridge that crosses the North Branch to meet back at the Rail Trail. Include handicap-accessible fishing platforms along the path that extend from the shore to the river to provide more and better access to the river for anglers. The path would begin near M-52/E. Spruce with a pedestrian entrance to the park could greet patrons of the area as they enter.

Priority – 2

Relates to Goal – All

Rationale/Discussion

Construction of a bridge over the North Branch of the Bad River would provide an important piece of a route that would take Rail Trail Users into downtown St. Charles. The path described above would provide a safe loop through downtown so that Rail Trail users could detour through this area to stop at local restaurants and other businesses.



Pavilion in Coal Miners' Park



Walking Trail in Coal Miners' Park

5. ACTION ITEM - Improve ball diamonds at Coal Miners' Area Park.

Priority – 1

Relates to Goal – 1, 2, 3, 5

Rationale/Discussion

Several people at the 2007 Open House expressed a need for improving and upgrading the ball diamonds at Coal Miners' Area Park. Some suggested watering the diamonds using the water source in the Park. Another suggestion was to add lights to allow night use of the ball diamonds.

6. ACTION ITEM - Pave gravel parking areas in the Parks.

Priority – 3

Relates to Goal – 3, 4

Rationale/Discussion

A large lot in the Coal Miners' Area Park and a portion of the lot in Lumberjack Park are unpaved. Paving these lots would improve the aesthetics in the park and would improve accessibility.

7. ACTION ITEM - Refurbish basketball courts in Coal Miners' Area Park.

Priority – 2

Relates to Goal – All

Rationale/Discussion

The existing basketball courts are old and outdated. People who attended the open house noticed this and mentioned a need to update these facilities.

8. ACTION ITEM - Construct Skate Park in Coal Miners Area Park.

Priority – 5

Relates to Goal – 1,2,3,5

Rationale/Discussion

Community members have expressed interest in having a skate park. It would provide the youth of the activity with opportunity for physical activity.

9. Action Item - Add playground equipment to Coal Miners' Area Park and Lumberjack Park.

Priority – 3

Relates to Goal – 1,2,3

Rationale/Discussion

The need for playground improvements has been mentioned many times over the years. Some of the existing equipment is old and outdated. Users have expressed a general need to add, replace or refurbish the existing equipment at both parks.

10. Action Item – Encourage and support extension of the County's Rail Trail from Lumberjack Park south to Hulien Road.

Priority – 2

Relates to Goal - 1,2 3,5

Rationale/Discussion

Extending the Rail Trail south would provide a link between Lumberjack Park, Depot Park and the new St. Charles Area Museum located just north of Hulien Road. The Museum has paved parking areas which could be used as staging areas for bicyclists to return to Lumberjack Park via the sidewalks through the downtown area. Use of this loop by bicyclists and hikers could provide a boost for downtown businesses. The cost of trail construction would be low in comparison to other Rail Trail segments because of the flat terrain. Few street crossings and no stream crossings would be involved.

11. Action Item – Transfer ownership of Depot Park to the St. Charles Area Museum and otherwise encourage and support expansion and improvements at the Museum.

Priority – 1

Relates to Goal – 1,2,3,5

Rationale/Discussion

The St. Charles Area Museum's leaders are seeking support to expand the Museum building to the north to allow building access for large items. The existing building has doors only 36 inches wide so the Museum cannot presently accept large items of historic value. The most cost-effective expansion would be to build on part of Depot Park. Since that mini-park has a theme related to the Museum and the Museum's leaders have a vested interest in maintaining and improving the park, there would be minimal loss of parkland.

12. Action Item – Improve riverbank areas on Village properties along West Water Street, at Lumberjack Park, and near the waterfowl observatory.

Priority – 3

Relates to Goal – 1,2,3

Rationale/Discussion

The area along Water Street on the south bank of the Bad River has no benches or other amenities to encourage even passive recreation. Minimal landscape improvements would also encourage more use of the riverbank area in Lumberjack Park.

VII. Summary & Adoption

In its continuing effort to provide quality recreational opportunities for its citizens, St. Charles has developed an updated Community Parks and Recreation Master Plan as a tool to guide the development of the community's park and recreational facilities and locations over the next five years. This updated plan is the latest effort by the St. Charles area to establish recreational goals and objectives for the community. The plan will also provide St. Charles and the participating communities' eligibility for grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and other sources to assist the community in reaching its recreational goals.

Community input was formally solicited through an online survey during a 30 day period preceding the drafting of the updated plan in July of 2017. A second opportunity for public feedback occurred at the public hearing held at a special meeting of the St. Charles Area Parks and Recreation Committee on December 13, 2017. There was no public comment. Based upon the existing information and the community input, the St. Charles Area Parks and Recreation Committee refined the goals and objectives for parks and recreation, and outlined an action program to accomplish those goals and objectives and submitted its final plan to the Village Council. The St. Charles Village Council approved the plan at their regular meeting of February 14, 2018 via resolution 18-_____ (attached).



Playground Area at Coal Miners' Area Park

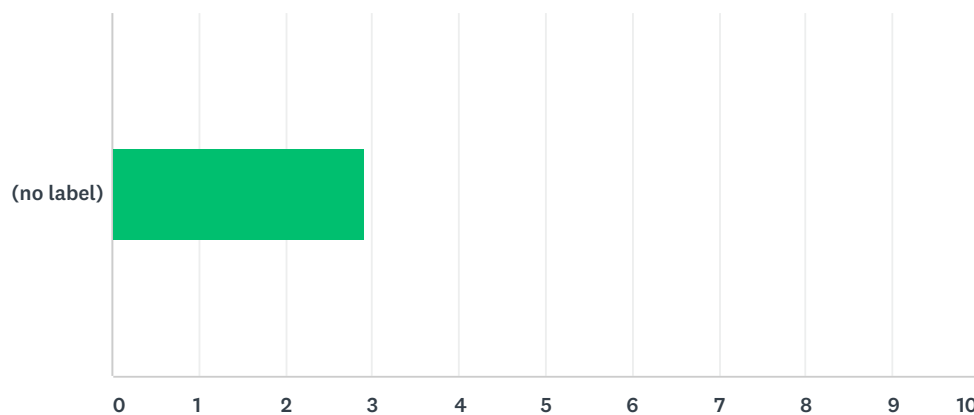
Appendix

#1 Parks and Recreation Online Survey Results

#2 Resolutions of Support and Adoption

Q1 One a scale from 1 (Poor) - 5 (Excellent), how would you rate the park system in St. Charles, Michigan?

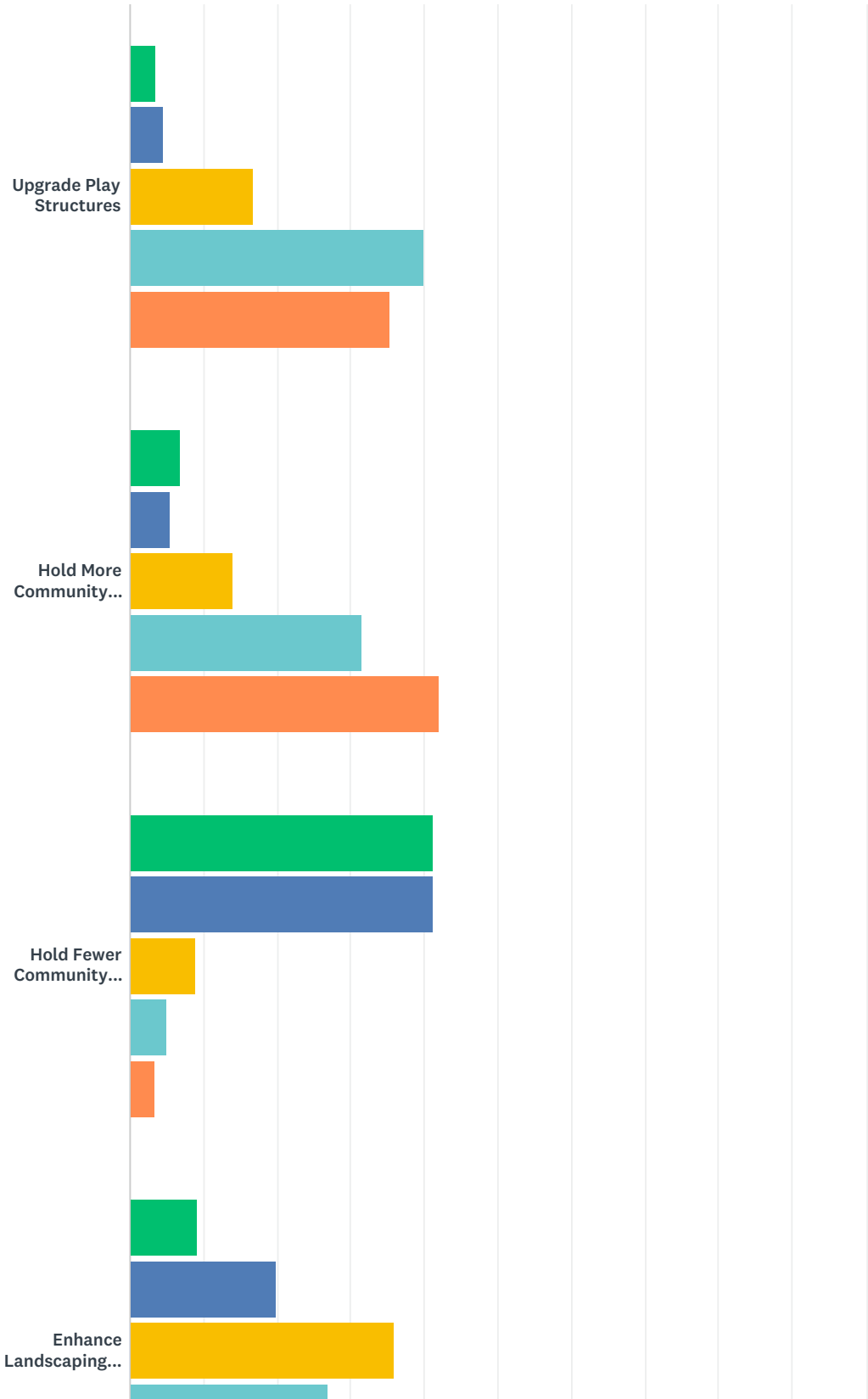
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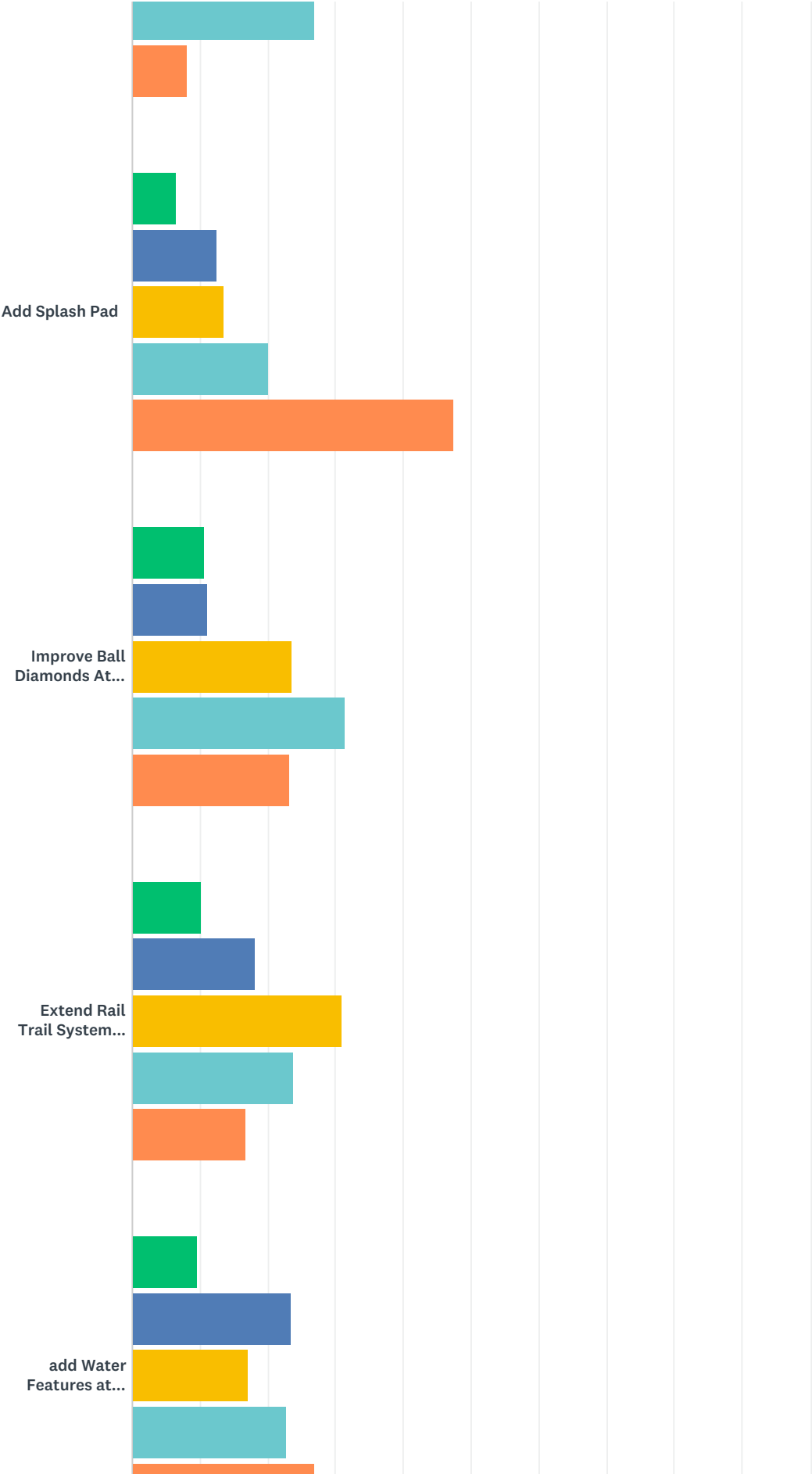


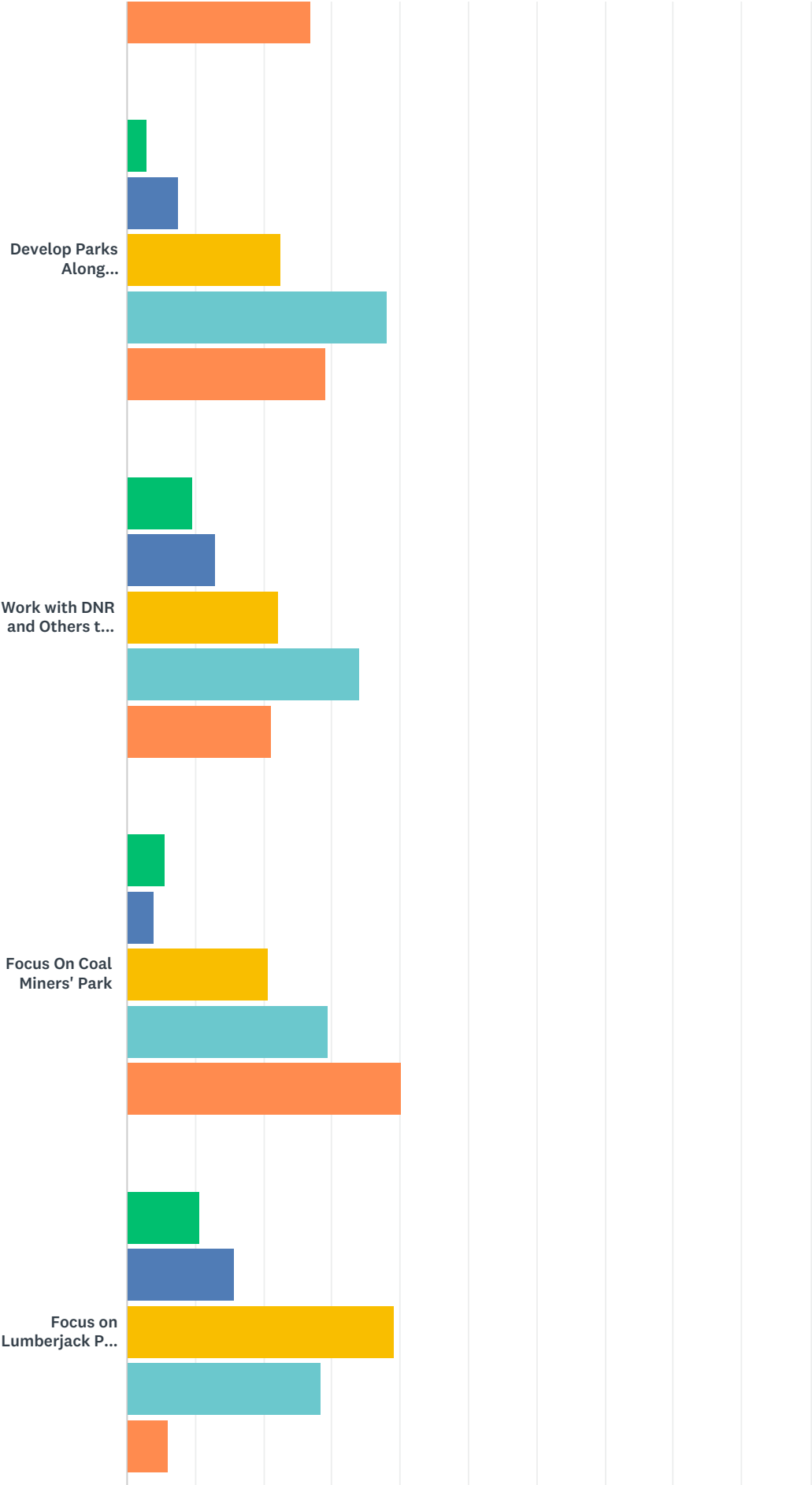
	1 POOR	2 OKAY	3 AVERAGE	4 GOOD	5 EXCELLENT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	8.08%	26.26%	36.87%	24.75%	4.04%	198	2.90
	16	52	73	49	8		

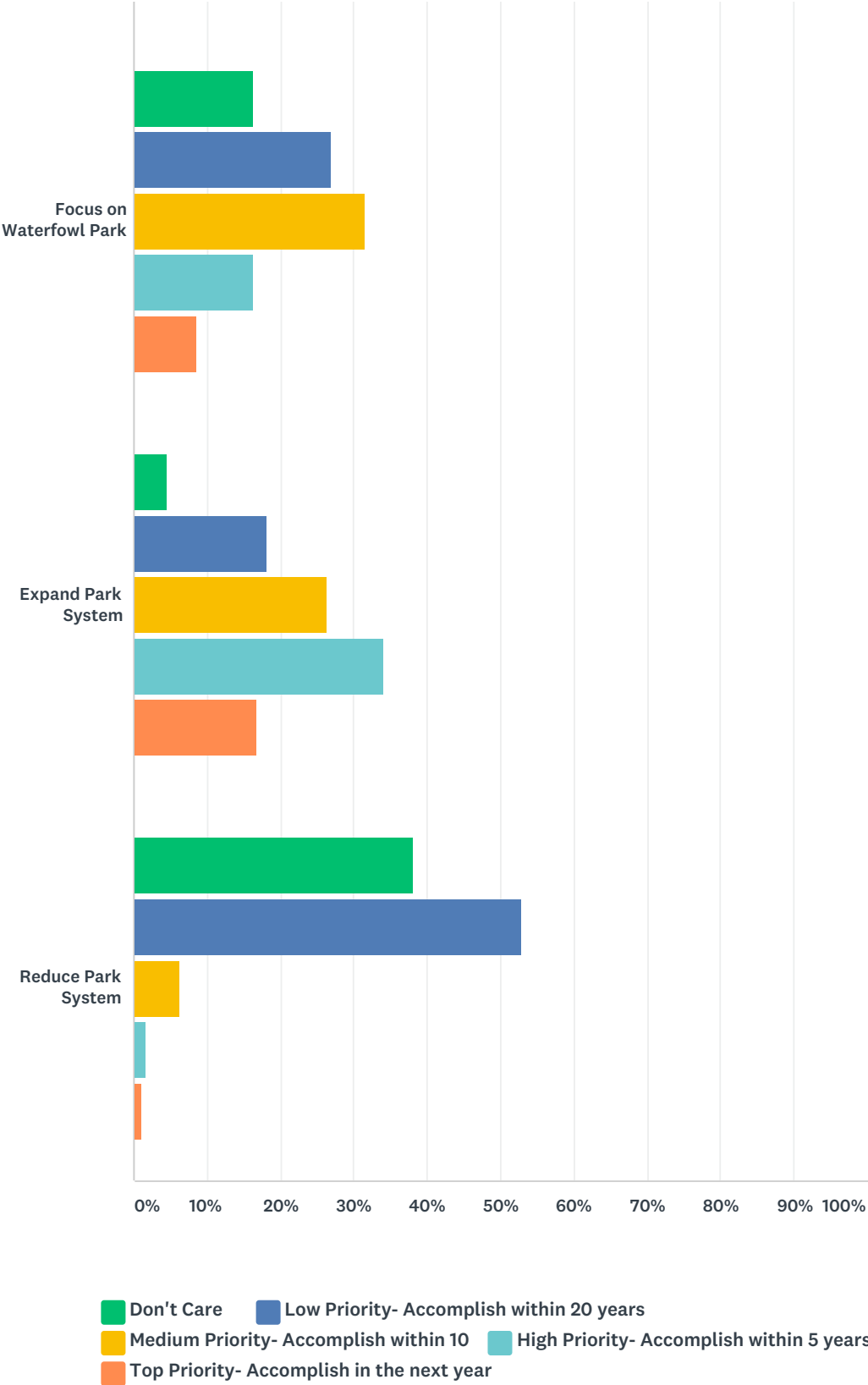
Q2 Please rank the following list by priorities for the park system over time:

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	DON'T CARE	LOW PRIORITY- ACCOMPLISH WITHIN 20 YEARS	MEDIUM PRIORITY- ACCOMPLISH WITHIN 10	HIGH PRIORITY- ACCOMPLISH WITHIN 5 YEARS	TOP PRIORITY- ACCOMPLISH IN THE NEXT YEAR	TOTAL
Upgrade Play Structures	3.54% 7	4.55% 9	16.67% 33	39.90% 79	35.35% 70	198

Village of St. Charles Parks and Recreation Plan Survey

SurveyMonkey

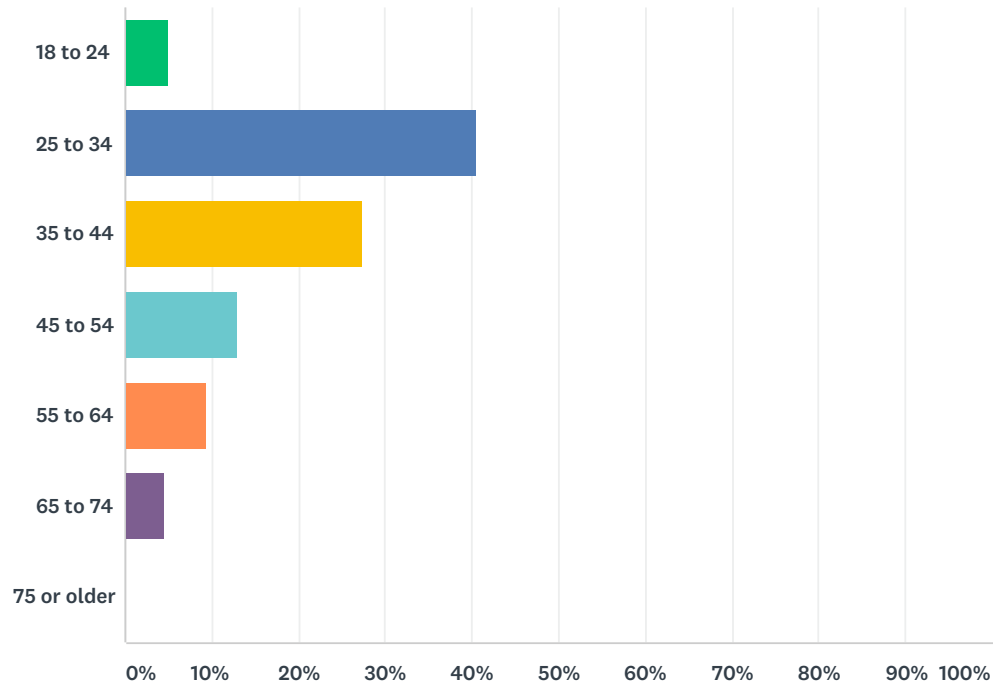
Hold More Community Events	7.00% 14	5.50% 11	14.00% 28	31.50% 63	42.00% 84	200
Hold Fewer Community Events	41.24% 73	41.24% 73	9.04% 16	5.08% 9	3.39% 6	177
Enhance Landscaping (trees, flowers, water features)	9.14% 18	19.80% 39	36.04% 71	26.90% 53	8.12% 16	197
Add Splash Pad	6.50% 13	12.50% 25	13.50% 27	20.00% 40	47.50% 95	200
Improve Ball Diamonds At Coal Miners' Park	10.61% 21	11.11% 22	23.74% 47	31.31% 62	23.23% 46	198
Extend Rail Trail System Into Village Parks	10.15% 20	18.27% 36	30.96% 61	23.86% 47	16.75% 33	197
add Water Features at Coal Miners' Park	9.64% 19	23.35% 46	17.26% 34	22.84% 45	26.90% 53	197
Develop Parks Along Riverfront (Fishing Piers, Walking Paths, Canoe/Kayak/Boat Launch)	3.00% 6	7.50% 15	22.50% 45	38.00% 76	29.00% 58	200
Work with DNR and Others to Improve Access to River	9.55% 19	13.07% 26	22.11% 44	34.17% 68	21.11% 42	199
Focus On Coal Miners' Park	5.58% 11	4.06% 8	20.81% 41	29.44% 58	40.10% 79	197
Focus on Lumberjack Park	10.66% 21	15.74% 31	39.09% 77	28.43% 56	6.09% 12	197
Focus on Waterfowl Park	16.33% 32	27.04% 53	31.63% 62	16.33% 32	8.67% 17	196
Expand Park System	4.57% 9	18.27% 36	26.40% 52	34.01% 67	16.75% 33	197
Reduce Park System	38.07% 67	52.84% 93	6.25% 11	1.70% 3	1.14% 2	176

#	COMMENTS	DATE
1	Dead trees and branches need to be removed	7/7/2017 9:44 AM
2	The plexi glass on the kids playground by the ball fields needs to be replaced before a child gets hurt.	7/6/2017 2:54 PM
3	More events,better advertised,get more people & buis. pulling together & involved	7/2/2017 1:20 AM
4	bring the pool back at any cost. forget the splash pad!	6/30/2017 7:27 AM
5	Raise goats to mow the grass in the parks. Saves gas and labor. Turn the waterfowl enclosure into a community poultry pen for eggs and to teach the benefits of raising urban chickens.	6/29/2017 2:27 PM
6	We frequent the park often. A great job is being done their with the upkeep and maintaining of it. A splash pad would be a great idea and my family would love it!	6/27/2017 10:04 PM
7	Ball diamonds must be a top priority to bring tournaments into the park. There were 20 teams in Coal Miners park this year and they loved our park....just can't play on the horrible field that we call a baseball diamond. Tournament baseball brings \$\$\$\$ to town!	6/27/2017 9:09 PM
8	My toddler can't even play at the parks because they are too dangerous.	6/27/2017 4:39 PM

9	A splash pad would be a great addition. Also suggest more monitoring of the parks to help weed out All of the unruly and disrespectful people that dont contribute to making the park a safe and beautiful place for families to spend the day	6/27/2017 6:52 AM
10	Lets get soccer fields for our kids	6/27/2017 12:53 AM
11	Bring adult Softball leagues back	6/26/2017 10:56 PM
12	Add more parks & rec youth sports!!!!Q	6/26/2017 8:49 PM
13	Baseball fields should be a top priority. The tournament held there a few weeks ago was great for the whole community but kids get hurt sliding on the two fields in the back. They need major upgrades, new confession stand and bathrooms!	6/26/2017 8:47 PM
14	Re-arrange ball diamonds to create a system that has a building for consessions and bathrooms in the middle surrounded by the bleachers and diamonds. (Cloverleaf) add more parking, refinish or move basketball courts and get adjustable hoops so parents can bring younger kids to the park to play basketball. Get rid of cannon it's a waste of space, move playground equipment, upgrade the big pavilion create a small concert venue.	6/26/2017 8:29 PM
15	Bike trails and adding more waterfront access for Canoes will bring more people into St. CHARLES and the businesses inside St. Charles.	6/26/2017 8:23 PM
16	I live across the road from waterfowl park, there are at least 3-5 cars a week stoping to look at the waterfowl but there is nothing there.	6/26/2017 8:13 PM
17	Maintain the cleanliness of the parks we have and add some new playscapes	6/26/2017 8:09 PM
18	The ball diamonds are in desperate need of work	6/26/2017 7:53 PM
19	I clicked "Don't Care" because there wasn't a NA option.	6/26/2017 7:46 PM
20	These are amazing ideas, adding a splash pad, updating the play structures, making fishing more accessible, updating the ball diamonds, and holding more community ecents!	6/26/2017 6:28 PM
21	Splash pad is a great idea! My family was so disappointed when the pool closed as that was the only summer activity in the town over summer.	6/26/2017 6:22 PM
22	Village needs more things for kids!	6/26/2017 6:05 PM
23	Clear rivers for kayakers	6/26/2017 5:54 PM
24	Updated water fountains would be great for coal miners park especially by the ball field's. Another small play structure would be nice by field number 2 or in between field 1 and 2. A splash park would be a wonderful addition to coal miners park.	6/26/2017 5:53 PM
25	Nice work keeping the system is good safe working order	6/26/2017 5:50 PM
26	It's all we have in this town is the park	6/26/2017 5:44 PM
27	.	6/26/2017 5:28 PM
28	a splash pad is a great idea for c m p. walking everyday I see alot, dogs need to be leached, thank you for keeping the bath rooms as clean as you can,it is tough when the brats are around	6/26/2017 5:20 PM
29	Need to make sure any improvements won't be vandalized	6/26/2017 4:52 PM
30	You have been blessed to have the opportunity to care for and expand on a park system that is and has been very instrumental for families living in St. Charles and the surrounding areas.	6/26/2017 4:49 PM
31	Love the walking trail and the fact that it is maintained year round.	6/26/2017 3:30 PM
32	Park security	6/26/2017 2:54 PM
33	I'm worried mosquitoes would be too bad during summer months to enjoy any waterfront development.	6/26/2017 2:26 PM
34	Monitor the little shits that ruin everything there	6/26/2017 2:24 PM
35	Adding a splash pad would be amazing! Could use the cement area where the pool used to be . Updating some of the play equipment would be nice as well	6/26/2017 2:13 PM
36	Splash pad and upgraded play structures would be great for children.	6/26/2017 2:05 PM

Q3 What is your age?

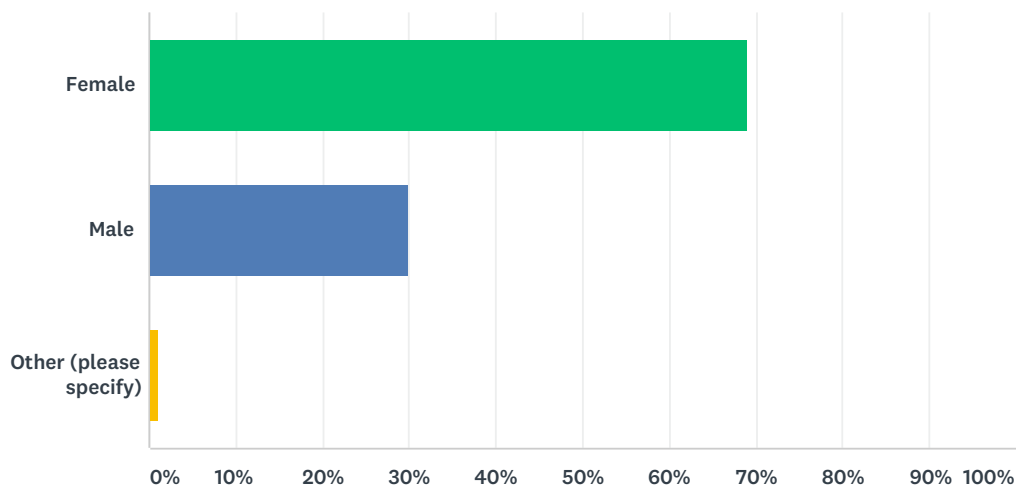
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
18 to 24	5.00%	10
25 to 34	40.50%	81
35 to 44	27.50%	55
45 to 54	13.00%	26
55 to 64	9.50%	19
65 to 74	4.50%	9
75 or older	0.00%	0
TOTAL		200

Q4 What is your gender?

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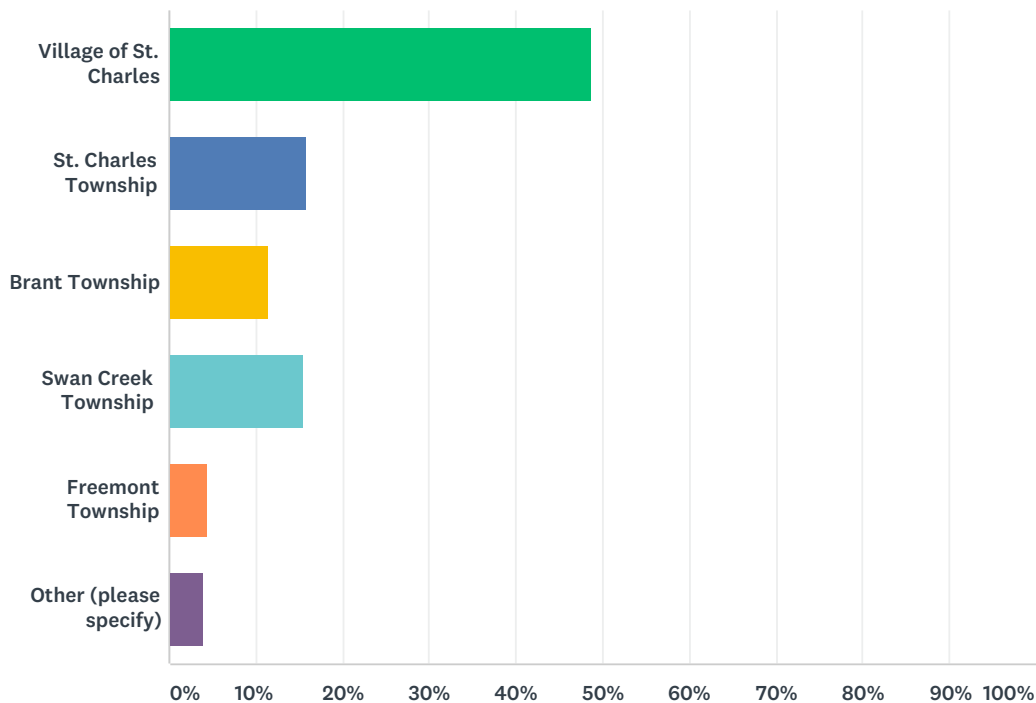


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Female	69.00%	138
Male	30.00%	60
Other (please specify)	1.00%	2
TOTAL		200

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	both	7/3/2017 3:42 PM
2	Male and female both answered survey	6/29/2017 10:15 PM

Q5 Where do you live?

Answered: 201 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Village of St. Charles	48.76%	98
St. Charles Township	15.92%	32
Brant Township	11.44%	23
Swan Creek Township	15.42%	31
Freemont Township	4.48%	9
Other (please specify)	3.98%	8
TOTAL		201

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Saginaw Township (former resident)	6/27/2017 1:08 PM
2	The	6/26/2017 10:05 PM
3	Chesaning	6/26/2017 9:12 PM
4	Trenton, MI	6/26/2017 8:23 PM
5	St Charles township	6/26/2017 7:14 PM
6	James township but from Saint Charles	6/26/2017 6:31 PM
7	Born and Raised in St. Charles, moved on with life.	6/26/2017 4:49 PM
8	Shields but grew up in stc and take my kids there all the time	6/26/2017 1:47 PM

Q6 What do you think we are doing well as it relates to the Park System?

Answered: 90 Skipped: 111

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Pleased with improvements to disc golf course.	7/13/2017 11:32 AM
2	Well kept	7/7/2017 9:44 AM
3	I am loving all the new family oriented things going on in the park in the last year.	7/6/2017 2:54 PM
4	clean and flowers are really nice	7/3/2017 3:42 PM
5	keeping the parks in good overall condition. security seems to be good	7/3/2017 2:39 PM
6	Looking pretty good, clean	7/2/2017 1:20 AM
7	Cruising around in your municipal cars and trucks looking busy...	6/30/2017 7:27 AM
8	A lot of options in the park.	6/29/2017 10:31 PM
9	yes, but these young kids smoke pot and drink	6/29/2017 10:28 PM
10	Keeping it mowed...	6/29/2017 7:47 PM
11	I think the parks are great and we can always improve.	6/29/2017 2:27 PM
12	Park is well maintained. Graffiti on structures is taken care of in a timely manner unlike the past. Thank you!	6/28/2017 5:57 PM
13	Flowers	6/28/2017 8:40 AM
14	There is definitely more of a presence than there has been in past years. We need to hold more events and grow the farmers market. Have you considered holding a Waterfowl/Hunting festival? (Similar to the Bay City Waterfowl Fest). Feel free to contact me if you would like more info on this idea ewicke04@gmail.com	6/28/2017 8:14 AM
15	Up keep any appearance	6/27/2017 10:04 PM
16	The park is well maintained and very beautiful.	6/27/2017 9:09 PM
17	For me and my child there is nothing in the park in town she can play on besides the slide.	6/27/2017 4:39 PM
18	Walking trails, pavilions for gatherings	6/27/2017 9:56 AM
19	They're kept clean, maintained well.	6/27/2017 9:37 AM
20	Like the addition of Disk Golf	6/27/2017 9:34 AM
21	I love the kids art projects in cole miners park. It gives them a feeling of accomplishment	6/27/2017 7:28 AM
22	Farmers market, keeping the waterfall at lumber jack park. Keeping the paved trail thru coal miners park.	6/27/2017 6:52 AM
23	Focusing on the kids updating equipment	6/27/2017 5:51 AM
24	Having the farmers market	6/27/2017 12:22 AM
25	Upkeep seems pretty good for the most part.	6/26/2017 11:34 PM
26	Keep the park pretty clean and landscaped.	6/26/2017 11:21 PM
27	Still a good place for the kids	6/26/2017 10:56 PM
28	Coal Mines Miners Park is beautiful and is maintained very well	6/26/2017 10:40 PM
29	Keeping everything sturdy for kids to play on	6/26/2017 10:35 PM
30	They do a pretty good job maintaining it as far as lawn care and such.	6/26/2017 10:18 PM
31	The walking path is a great. The front of the park looks beautiful with all the flowers.	6/26/2017 10:13 PM
32	Nothing	6/26/2017 10:11 PM

33	The rail trail system is awesome	6/26/2017 10:09 PM
34	I love that there are plenty of things for adults and children to do in St Charles that's outdoors. My favorite as an adult is the farmer's market.	6/26/2017 10:09 PM
35	Well maintained.	6/26/2017 10:08 PM
36	Constantly improving the disc golf course, The refurbishing of the baseball fields, the flowers and landscaping for clean up day are great.	6/26/2017 10:08 PM
37	The movie nights are great. Gets people out at no cost if want buy most will spend on snacks and drinks at local businesses.	6/26/2017 10:03 PM
38	Maintenance cutting grass safe for the community	6/26/2017 9:20 PM
39	Expand rail to trails to Chesaning!	6/26/2017 9:12 PM
40	The park is looking good. I can't see how adding a splash pad or water feature would work since the village closed the community pool years ago, seems like asking for a repeat!	6/26/2017 8:49 PM
41	I think overall they are pretty nice. I like the disc golf course. I just want to see major upgrades on the baseball fields. The basketball courts are getting rough and the backboards are cheap. It was unfortunate to see the pool go but a slash pad could be nice.	6/26/2017 8:47 PM
42	Yes. We frequent both Coal Miner's park and the Chesaning Playscape and my children tend to prefer to go to Coal Miner's park. Any attention there would be awesome!	6/26/2017 8:41 PM
43	No comment	6/26/2017 8:41 PM
44	Farmers market	6/26/2017 8:40 PM
45	Keeping it maintained.	6/26/2017 8:37 PM
46	If your goal was to ignore the parks or make stupid changes, you're doing that well.	6/26/2017 8:29 PM
47	Lived there all my life. Miss the fishing and trail. Loved the park as a kid. Really nice job.	6/26/2017 8:23 PM
48	Farmer's market, events in the park	6/26/2017 8:17 PM
49	Nothing we need more ball diamonds and a better. Basketball system maybe a gus macker in the near future	6/26/2017 8:16 PM
50	Including the community more, rather than making decisions without informing the community!	6/26/2017 8:13 PM
51	General improvements, flowers trees lawn care.	6/26/2017 8:13 PM
52	Wide variety of park activities	6/26/2017 8:06 PM
53	Always looks nice! Well maintained.	6/26/2017 8:06 PM
54	While maintained as the grass is never long and trash cans along disc golf course getting cleaned	6/26/2017 8:02 PM
55	I think Parks and Rec is doing a good job of having a variety of parks, allowing people from different areas of town to attend either the closest one to them or having a choice among many. You are also doing a good job of keeping the parks clean and presentable.	6/26/2017 8:01 PM
56	Nice landscaping. Clean. Good parking. Used for farmers market. Beautiful and safe entry to rail trail. Good sizes of parks.	6/26/2017 7:57 PM
57	No	6/26/2017 7:53 PM
58	Our parks are nice and tidy! A good mix of features to suit all age levels.	6/26/2017 7:46 PM
59	Keeping people from writing on stuff in the park	6/26/2017 7:39 PM
60	Adding new events	6/26/2017 7:14 PM
61	Farmer's Market, movies in the park, disc golf course, dog park	6/26/2017 7:09 PM
62	Nothing	6/26/2017 6:35 PM
63	Love the farmers market bringing people to the park	6/26/2017 6:31 PM
64	I think St. Charles has done well over the past few years with starting a Christmas party in the park, holding movie nights, the farmers market the land scaling is always looking better and better!	6/26/2017 6:28 PM
65	Coal miners park is beautiful and well maintained	6/26/2017 6:22 PM

66	Keeping up grounds	6/26/2017 6:05 PM
67	Park grounds, village parks look good.	6/26/2017 5:54 PM
68	Village does a great job of up keep, always see them working hard.	6/26/2017 5:53 PM
69	Landscaping and grounds keeping are ok	6/26/2017 5:44 PM
70	Keeping it clean	6/26/2017 5:28 PM
71	Short and Long Term Planning Goals	6/26/2017 4:49 PM
72	The added farmers market is nice for the community. Love the rail trail system	6/26/2017 4:29 PM
73	Lawn care and standard maintenance.	6/26/2017 4:13 PM
74	Cleanliness	6/26/2017 4:02 PM
75	No complaints here. It's a nice park and my kids enjoy it.	6/26/2017 3:54 PM
76	Maintenance. Parks are always clean.	6/26/2017 3:48 PM
77	Everything.. keep it up...	6/26/2017 3:44 PM
78	Landscaping is nice	6/26/2017 2:59 PM
79	Beautiful parks!!	6/26/2017 2:54 PM
80	Staying focused on existing amenities while looking to the future and seeking local input for future expansion. Realizing future growth for the community means to create an attractive atmosphere for family and industrial growth.	6/26/2017 2:49 PM
81	The DPW takes care of it very well. It is very pretty, that is all i can say good about it.	6/26/2017 2:35 PM
82	It's always clean	6/26/2017 2:28 PM
83	Maintaining what we have and keeping the landscaping looking nice.	6/26/2017 2:26 PM
84	Ball diamonds	6/26/2017 2:24 PM
85	The path through coal miners park was a great addition many years ago.	6/26/2017 2:24 PM
86	Events	6/26/2017 2:14 PM
87	Farmers market	6/26/2017 2:13 PM
88	Farmers market - hopefully it continues to grow	6/26/2017 2:10 PM
89	Love the rail trail	6/26/2017 2:04 PM
90	Beautification. Keep down graffiti.	6/26/2017 1:48 PM

Q7 What do you think we can do to improve the Park System in St. Charles?

Answered: 102 Skipped: 99

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	There needs to be new playscapes (we drive out of town for our kids to play at a park). Any cement in the sand area that is not used to keep something in place needs to go for safety.	7/6/2017 2:54 PM
2	more of the same	7/3/2017 3:42 PM
3	Could DEFFINENTLY offer more. When things are updated they get used more, when they get advertised they get used more. Basketball, tennis courts, volleyball, horseshoe pits, water park, dog walk, farmers market, more than 3 summer movies, walking trail, car show plus other activities with live musc. So much more, just look around at other cities in the U.S., Try to help bring in tax dollars for the village. Are you affraid of the change, the money it wil bring in, or the little bit of hassle a few will have to put up with that our great qualified police force can handle. Everyone needs a place to plug their phone in at, otherwise they don't want to stay there to long. Gus Macker would fit in there just no parking close by.	7/2/2017 1:20 AM
4	The park where the toys and pirate ship is needs to be taken care of better, it is dirty and run down a bit	7/1/2017 1:01 PM
5	More fishing spots along the river and better kayak access	7/1/2017 12:05 PM
6	Manage the restrooms better. Bring a pool back and quit wasting our tax dollars on stupid shit.	6/30/2017 7:27 AM
7	Keep trouble makers out.	6/29/2017 10:31 PM
8	Need more activities for Seniors and Handicap	6/29/2017 10:28 PM
9	More river access, usage.	6/29/2017 10:15 PM
10	Splash pad	6/29/2017 2:52 PM
11	Take your chicken to the park day? Expand and light the sled hill? Farm to table dinner in the park? Plant more non oak trees?	6/29/2017 2:27 PM
12	Lower the price of reserving the Pavillions!	6/29/2017 10:04 AM
13	Upgrade park structures, make park more accessible to kids age 5 and under, and the play equipment is spread so far apart its hard with people who have kids of different ages to play on everything.	6/28/2017 5:57 PM
14	Security	6/28/2017 8:40 AM
15	A splash pad would be great! My wife and I were both sad to see the community pool go. I know many others feel the same.	6/28/2017 8:14 AM
16	More events to draw the community to it. Kids bike events, maybe 5k or some kind of race they seem to draw people in	6/27/2017 10:04 PM
17	Spend some more money and get some more community events there	6/27/2017 9:09 PM
18	Needs more play structures and a splash pad!	6/27/2017 6:57 PM
19	Update the parks with smaller children also in mind.	6/27/2017 4:39 PM
20	Add pool or splash area for the children new playground and play equipment have more events for young and old	6/27/2017 9:56 AM
21	Add more play equipment, hold more events, add splash pad/water equipment.	6/27/2017 9:37 AM
22	Ball fields make park look run down	6/27/2017 9:34 AM
23	More monitoring and surveillance of the parks to help eliminate drugs and vandalism. Add a splash pad in coal miners park. Update the play equipment. Add a couple more pavillions. Keep the bathrooms clean and fully stocked at all times.	6/27/2017 6:52 AM

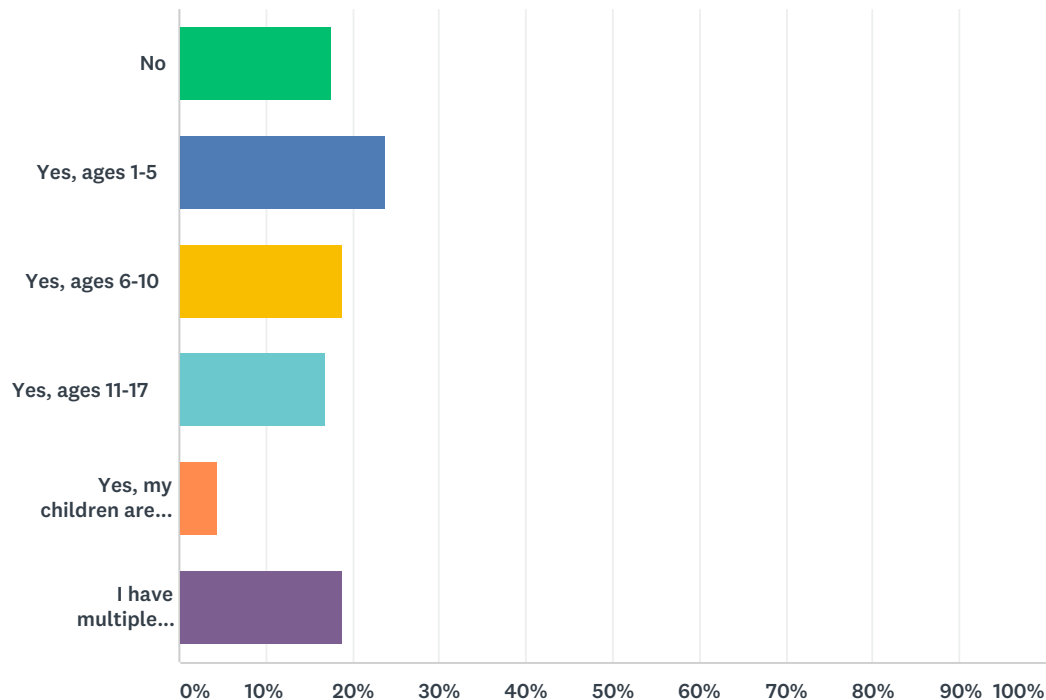
24	Better tools to stop the young kids buying and smoking marijuana in the parks	6/27/2017 5:51 AM
25	Maybe add a soccer field. Add a splash pad. Bring back a festival or hold concerts in the park.	6/27/2017 12:22 AM
26	Clear the river from Ringwood forest to lumberjack park.	6/26/2017 11:34 PM
27	Bring the pool back.	6/26/2017 11:21 PM
28	Improve the park in general. I think by upgrading the equipment and by adding features like a splash pad would bring in more people to the community.	6/26/2017 11:20 PM
29	Pool or water park. Lumberjack park isn't that great. Add to it or get rid of it.	6/26/2017 11:18 PM
30	Keep the play ground and ball diamonds up to date	6/26/2017 10:56 PM
31	Clean/rake sand areas in Coal Miner Park (Pirate Ship, swings, all play areas, clean up pine needles around concession stand (fire hazard) clean horse shoe pits, trim trees and cut out dead stuff, add additional water fountains, clean current water fountains so you don't have to stand in the mud and water to get a drink, repair gazebo, add additional power to the gazebo for concerts etc.	6/26/2017 10:40 PM
32	I was so sad to see the pool go. Would be nice to come up with some type of replacement.	6/26/2017 10:40 PM
33	Have more along the river that can be used for fishing pictures and picnics	6/26/2017 10:35 PM
34	Make some updates to the equipment at Coal Miners Park.	6/26/2017 10:18 PM
35	More lighting on walking path for night time walkers. New bleachers. Trim large trees by back ball diamond. More local law enforcement on local ordinances of use of marijuana at disc golf course. Watching kids play ball and all you can smell is marijuana coming from the disc golf course. Have more activities at the back pavilion.	6/26/2017 10:13 PM
36	Everything	6/26/2017 10:11 PM
37	Expand dog park area at coal miners	6/26/2017 10:09 PM
38	Fix the playground equipment faster. I would say check it a little more often. Like when a piece of equipment is missing a plexy glass piece and a child could fall out of the hole.	6/26/2017 10:09 PM
39	Add cameras for destructive bored teens.	6/26/2017 10:08 PM
40	More public events. Music in the park or a fair. A beer tent type of festival would benefit the town. Please do not bring back the sports festival. May I suggest Coal Miner's Folk and Arts Festival. Multiple generations would love it. We shouldn't cater to our elders unjustified anger just because we were taught to respect them. The whole "keep this a quite town" is why business' that aren't hair salons or haven't been here for 30+ years usually fail.	6/26/2017 10:08 PM
41	Permanent bathrooms are a must upgrade.	6/26/2017 10:03 PM
42	Bathrooms.	6/26/2017 9:20 PM
43	Add more youth sports and activities	6/26/2017 8:49 PM
44	I answered this in the last one.	6/26/2017 8:47 PM
45	Upgrading the playgrounds & adding a splash pad would be amazing since we no longer have the pool...	6/26/2017 8:41 PM
46	Upgrade and keep clean	6/26/2017 8:41 PM
47	Newer play sets, more activities for younger kids.	6/26/2017 8:37 PM
48	See my comments above	6/26/2017 8:29 PM
49	Add a splash park/pad	6/26/2017 8:24 PM
50	Keep on (maintain) what you have (bike trail, park, etc.)	6/26/2017 8:23 PM
51	Involve the community more!	6/26/2017 8:17 PM
52	Update fencing basketball court update concession and bathrooms (more) bring back sportsmens fest	6/26/2017 8:16 PM
53	I believe a slash pad or water activities would be a great asset! We don't have to many water recreations close to St. Charles.	6/26/2017 8:13 PM

54	Have more of a police presence to keep the jerk teens in check, coal miners park is bad sometimes, they make people not want to go there.	6/26/2017 8:13 PM
55	Currently maintaining the parks.... Not gaining any improvements. Only staying steady	6/26/2017 8:09 PM
56	Update some of the equipment	6/26/2017 8:06 PM
57	Bleachers at ball diamonds	6/26/2017 8:06 PM
58	lighting in pavilions	6/26/2017 8:05 PM
59	Update some of the play areas for the kids and for adults cleaning some of the weeds and leaves from disc golf course would be nice but not super high priority kids always should come first so update play areas and keep old ones in good shape	6/26/2017 8:02 PM
60	Since you already have a good structure laid out before you with having several well run parks, maybe it is time for you to work on upgrading. New playscapes with new and improved features would probably make the attendance rate increase a lot. Sometimes kids tend to get a little bored at the parks due to the lack of variety or just plainly the lack of options. Try to focus on what fun things kids like to do.	6/26/2017 8:01 PM
61	More community events - 5ks, educational events/guest speakers, music, scavenger hunt/geocaching challenges. Seating and play area near boat launch.	6/26/2017 7:57 PM
62	Make it more younger kid friendly and just more playing equipment. More seating around playing equipment to watch kids closer	6/26/2017 7:54 PM
63	Basic care	6/26/2017 7:53 PM
64	Update play area	6/26/2017 7:46 PM
65	More benches in the shade. Also, before spending taxpayer money on projects (example, the dog park) these issues should be brought to the taxpayers to have a vote. We use the dog park sometimes and we hardly ever see anyone else there. It seems like renovating that space was not worth the time, effort, and cost it took to complete the project. So thank you for the survey and I hope that you use the information. Thank you.	6/26/2017 7:46 PM
66	Need more then a splash pad need to update the skating ring and stuff in the rink bring the park in the to technical age and get some cameras and punish anyone that vandalizes the park	6/26/2017 7:39 PM
67	Create a parks and rec team- bring back the sportsmans fest- add a splash pad	6/26/2017 7:14 PM
68	Add a place to play soccer. Add obstacles/structures/exercises along the paths.	6/26/2017 7:09 PM
69	Should have left the pool open!!!!	6/26/2017 6:52 PM
70	Improve basketball courts	6/26/2017 6:35 PM
71	A lot	6/26/2017 6:35 PM
72	Family activities	6/26/2017 6:31 PM
73	I love the ideas posted above! I think the money would be well spent upgrading for function over landscaping. We want to be able to use it over it looking pretty. One thing that has bothered me over the years is the bees that seem to be never taken care of by the ship play structure summer after summer.	6/26/2017 6:28 PM
74	Improve play structures, splash pad would be wonderful as we really miss the pool. I realize it's to late now but I really wish there would have been a year notice regarding closing the pool to work on soliciting donations to keep it open and even see about donors for upgrades.	6/26/2017 6:11 PM
75	Better play equipment, summer activity	6/26/2017 6:05 PM
76	Create areas for kayaks to stop in town near downtown area. Clear river branches for access	6/26/2017 5:54 PM
77	Add updated water fountains like the one at the beginning of rail trail. A splash pad would be nice, since there is no longer a pool. Another small play structure in between field 1 and 2 would be nice. Better bleachers!!	6/26/2017 5:53 PM
78	The bathrooms are always disgusting! The water in the water fountains looks dangerous. The ball fields are horrible. The pool should have NEVER EVER been closed.	6/26/2017 5:44 PM
79	Add more things for kids	6/26/2017 5:28 PM
80	Bring back the pool.	6/26/2017 5:18 PM

81	Improve the baseball fields, create more things for kids ages 8 to 15. The kids get bored in the summers. Also, the basketball courts need a lot of improvements. My 13 yr old likes to play basketball with his friends but the ball gets stuck in the net all the time and the asphalt is just awful. They don't have anything to do in this town.	6/26/2017 5:14 PM
82	Do something extraordinary to bring people to St. Charles from all over MI and beyond.	6/26/2017 4:49 PM
83	Coal miners park could use an upgrade. A small splash pad would be nice to have. Maybe the play areas updated and not so spread out. Or add connected paved path so moms can jog while kids play and keep an eye on them. Offer outdoor classes such as yoga, or childrens events	6/26/2017 4:29 PM
84	Overall appearance, more welcoming.	6/26/2017 4:13 PM
85	Having the main bathrooms available through the season	6/26/2017 4:02 PM
86	More frequent visits from mosquito control would be great. I love the idea of putting in a splash pad.	6/26/2017 3:54 PM
87	Always room for improvement.	6/26/2017 3:48 PM
88	Better mosquito control, splash pad, more for smaller children.	6/26/2017 3:06 PM
89	Improve and upgrade playground equipment and especially bathrooms. Adding a splash pad would be wonderful, it was a shame the pool was filled in was a great community gathering place for the kids.	6/26/2017 2:59 PM
90	Security	6/26/2017 2:54 PM
91	It will not be cheap, but seek to acquire more property to expand opportunities for growth.	6/26/2017 2:49 PM
92	Have more things going on. Have more activities for kids to do, like more up to date play scape. Maybe just a start to a splash park & then add on. A fund raiser?	6/26/2017 2:35 PM
93	Turn the old pool house into a venue to rent for events	6/26/2017 2:31 PM
94	More events, more features available to the younger crowds - the splash pad would be awesome. We need the community to use the park besides the rail trail	6/26/2017 2:28 PM
95	Update play equipment.	6/26/2017 2:26 PM
96	Stop driving in it everyday	6/26/2017 2:24 PM
97	As a parent of young children the playground equipment is a disgrace. I take my children to other parks to play.	6/26/2017 2:24 PM
98	Utilizing bad river for canoe launch, fishing access, etc.	6/26/2017 2:14 PM
99	Update equipment and add splash pad where the pool used to be.	6/26/2017 2:13 PM
100	Teenagers "hanging out" and vandalizing equipment, using inappropriate language, making fun of kids, etc. is why I stopped taking my two year old to the park last year. I don't know if there's a solution to this.	6/26/2017 2:10 PM
101	Remove/prevent graffiti in the park	6/26/2017 2:04 PM
102	Same as above	6/26/2017 1:48 PM

Q8 Do you have children who use the park? If yes, what is the age group?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	17.50%	28
Yes, ages 1-5	23.75%	38
Yes, ages 6-10	18.75%	30
Yes, ages 11-17	16.88%	27
Yes, my children are 18+	4.38%	7
I have multiple children who use the park	18.75%	30
TOTAL		160

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	4 and 6 year old	7/6/2017 2:54 PM
2	disc golf disc golf tournaments	7/2/2017 1:20 AM
3	7	7/1/2017 10:11 AM
4	Grandkids	6/29/2017 10:04 AM
5	Grandkids	6/27/2017 1:03 PM
6	Also 6-10 age grouo	6/27/2017 6:52 AM
7	I have grandkids that I like taking to the park to play	6/27/2017 12:22 AM
8	Grand children ages 4-6	6/26/2017 10:40 PM

9	And 8 &12	6/26/2017 10:08 PM
10	Grandchildren	6/26/2017 9:34 PM
11	And 6-10	6/26/2017 8:49 PM
12	and 12	6/26/2017 8:47 PM
13	Ages 4 & 6	6/26/2017 8:41 PM
14	Grandson age 5	6/26/2017 8:17 PM
15	I have a 2,4,7,8,and 13 year old that uses the parks	6/26/2017 8:16 PM
16	I don't have children but I have a younger sister in the 6-10 age group	6/26/2017 8:01 PM
17	2, 8, 10 yrs old	6/26/2017 7:54 PM
18	5, 10, 11, and 13	6/26/2017 6:31 PM
19	4 year old, 7 year old, and 10 year old	6/26/2017 6:28 PM
20	I wish have a 14 year old	6/26/2017 6:22 PM
21	And next category older.	6/26/2017 6:11 PM
22	Ages 8, 5, 5, and 1.	6/26/2017 5:53 PM
23	I have a 10 year old and a 12 year old	6/26/2017 5:44 PM
24	I have a child this is 8 and one that is 13. They both use it.	6/26/2017 5:14 PM
25	Used to	6/26/2017 4:49 PM
26	As well as an 8, 14 & 16.	6/26/2017 3:06 PM
27	These are my grandchildren	6/26/2017 2:49 PM
28	I did have kids, grown know, so many others do.	6/26/2017 2:35 PM

Q9 The rollerskating rink in Coal Miners' Park is outdated and underutilized. What should we do with that space moving forward?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Unknown	7/13/2017 11:32 AM
2	shuffleboard or pickle ball courts	7/7/2017 9:44 AM
3	Would be a cool ice rink in the winter if it gets cold enough.	7/6/2017 2:54 PM
4	plant flowers	7/3/2017 3:42 PM
5	tennis court in summer, ice skating rink in winter	7/3/2017 2:39 PM
6	With the pool gone & maybe the rollerskating rink going out,maybe it;s time to rerenovate a few things in the park & move them around {like a store does}to get peoples attention,bring things up to par or replaced that need it,or simply look around & change a few things & where they might be better or what might be better not only for the people but to bring in buisness.	7/2/2017 1:20 AM
7	Skateboard park or ice rink	7/1/2017 1:01 PM
8	Repurpose it into something that will be useful.	7/1/2017 12:05 PM
9	Put a pool there???	6/30/2017 7:27 AM
10	Ice skating rink Splash park Another pavilion	6/29/2017 10:31 PM
11	need more parking, when watching games	6/29/2017 10:28 PM
12	Put on a remote control race car event in this area	6/29/2017 10:15 PM
13	Wave pool	6/29/2017 7:47 PM
14	Splashpad	6/29/2017 2:52 PM
15	Tear it down and go from there.	6/29/2017 2:27 PM
16	?	6/29/2017 10:04 AM
17	Anything but that. You could demo it and put grass there and it would be better.	6/28/2017 5:57 PM
18	I think it's nice to have. Have you thought about forming roller hockey leagues? Is it possible to turn it into and ice rink in the winter?	6/28/2017 8:14 AM
19	Anything	6/27/2017 10:04 PM
20	Volleyball court	6/27/2017 9:09 PM
21	Good area for a splash pad, including the pool area	6/27/2017 6:57 PM
22	Adding a splash park would be Nice.	6/27/2017 1:03 PM
23	I'm not sure what we would put there but I think it should be kid related we need more things for the kids	6/27/2017 9:56 AM
24	Splash pad, water toys.	6/27/2017 9:37 AM
25	Make that like a water park with splash pads and buckets that dump on the kids	6/27/2017 7:28 AM
26	Turn it into another pavillion. Perfect location for shade next to the splash pad	6/27/2017 6:52 AM
27	Maybe turn it into a skate board area	6/27/2017 12:22 AM
28	I think a legit bike friendly skate park (more than a ramp and a rail) would be well used, if done right.	6/26/2017 11:34 PM
29	Splash pad or batting cage	6/26/2017 11:21 PM
30	Pool or water park type of thing.	6/26/2017 11:18 PM

31	RC car track	6/26/2017 11:01 PM
32	Make a splash park	6/26/2017 10:56 PM
33	See if it can be turned into a Splash Park.	6/26/2017 10:40 PM
34	Outdoor theater? Splash pad? Duck pond? Butterfly garden? Community vegetable garden? New pool?	6/26/2017 10:40 PM
35	Don't know. I don't use it	6/26/2017 10:35 PM
36	I think you should add a splash pad where the skate rink currently is located.	6/26/2017 10:27 PM
37	Splash pad	6/26/2017 10:18 PM
38	Pool	6/26/2017 10:11 PM
39	I'm not sure	6/26/2017 10:09 PM
40	Indoor pool? Splash pad?	6/26/2017 10:09 PM
41	Something for older kids (teens).	6/26/2017 10:08 PM
42	Some kids do skate there so if you destroy it; I hope you look forward to them ruining other public spaces. If you do move forward with demolition I would hope you would fence in a small area at Lumberjack Park with the remaining skating equipment or something similar.	6/26/2017 10:08 PM
43	Try utilizing it. By hosting 3 on 3 roller hockey or something.	6/26/2017 10:03 PM
44	Splash pad	6/26/2017 9:56 PM
45	Some type of water playground	6/26/2017 9:53 PM
46	Not sure. Not really a priority as at as spending money that could be spent elsewhere	6/26/2017 9:20 PM
47	maybe ice hockey rink in the winter	6/26/2017 9:07 PM
48	Tear down, add soccer field	6/26/2017 8:49 PM
49	That could be a good spot for a splash pad, horseshoe pit, with pavilion, grills.	6/26/2017 8:47 PM
50	Nobody uses it	6/26/2017 8:45 PM
51	If that is the intended splash pad area, awesome! I thought the pool's location being at the back of the park with the rink was optimal for younger kids being able to use it.	6/26/2017 8:41 PM
52	Tear it down and turn into splash pad.	6/26/2017 8:41 PM
53	No comment	6/26/2017 8:37 PM
54	Basketball or parking or have the road connect to Park Ct. or maybe a better pavilion or the concert area I mentioned above, use the old pool building as well.	6/26/2017 8:29 PM
55	Splash pad	6/26/2017 8:24 PM
56	Not sure.	6/26/2017 8:23 PM
57	Have a tennis court	6/26/2017 8:17 PM
58	I really dont know maybe a village rec office with a updated bathroom somewhere to get info on upcoming events and sports in the town	6/26/2017 8:16 PM
59	I'm not sure what the area should be made into but I do believe it is outdated.	6/26/2017 8:13 PM
60	Splash tad for the younger kids, plumbing from the pool could possibly be used.	6/26/2017 8:13 PM
61	I currently can't think of anything to do with it..... If a decision is made it should definitely be thought out for a long time. Don't throw money into it right away as soon as an idea pops up.... Make sure the money invested will be of benefit and get lots of intended use	6/26/2017 8:09 PM
62	Make a tball diamond in the grass so we can hold baseball at Stc park and not have to travel to swan creek. Just a thought but baseball can use current tball field that is in the corner by the pool area.	6/26/2017 8:06 PM
63	Could honestly go in my opinion just don't feel like I ever see anyone in there	6/26/2017 8:02 PM
64	Maybe try to update the system and make it look more fun looking. Hold special events there. Maybe a teen day where you can roller skate with a DJ.	6/26/2017 8:01 PM

65	Toddler area of some kind	6/26/2017 7:54 PM
66	Batting cages	6/26/2017 7:53 PM
67	I think it is underused because of the debris that falls into it. My husband used it once and it was really hard to skate because of the acorns, leaves, and sticks that had fallen into it. If it was cleaned up more often I think it would be used more. I am unsure of what to do with the space.	6/26/2017 7:46 PM
68	Update it or make a new space and use that as part of the splash pad	6/26/2017 7:39 PM
69	Splash pad	6/26/2017 7:35 PM
70	Update it-	6/26/2017 7:14 PM
71	Turn it into a splash pad along with the area where the pool used to be.	6/26/2017 6:58 PM
72	Make a skateboard park/area there	6/26/2017 6:52 PM
73	Waterpark	6/26/2017 6:35 PM
74	Bring back the cole miners fair/beer tent/softball tournament	6/26/2017 6:35 PM
75	Hmmm??? Bring back the pool or splash pad	6/26/2017 6:31 PM
76	A splash pad would be amazing!	6/26/2017 6:28 PM
77	Splash pad or some kind of summer activity for local kids to partake in	6/26/2017 6:22 PM
78	Not sure....	6/26/2017 6:11 PM
79	Splash park	6/26/2017 6:05 PM
80	Make it an ice rink in the winter. Fire pit near the old pool area. Concessions.	6/26/2017 5:54 PM
81	Turn into a toddler park for safe and gated in toddler play. I have heard many women complain that the park structures are to far apart making it non toddler friendly. Add some mommy and me swings.	6/26/2017 5:53 PM
82	Playground for kids with disabilities	6/26/2017 5:50 PM
83	Demolish it	6/26/2017 5:44 PM
84	Make it ice rink	6/26/2017 5:33 PM
85	Fix it up that would be cool and different for the kids	6/26/2017 5:28 PM
86	Remove or move jumps/ramps. Add hockey nets so rink can be utilized for roller hockey.	6/26/2017 5:28 PM
87	Make it a splash pad	6/26/2017 5:23 PM
88	SPLASH PAD, we lost the pool lets give the kids something to keep cool	6/26/2017 5:20 PM
89	A splash pad would be great	6/26/2017 5:14 PM
90	repurpose it, trends and hobbies change over time, the same reason the pool is gone.	6/26/2017 4:49 PM
91	Area for splash pad	6/26/2017 4:29 PM
92	Put the water/ splash park there	6/26/2017 4:16 PM
93	Additional parking area	6/26/2017 4:13 PM
94	Splash pad	6/26/2017 4:13 PM
95	Splash pad would be amazing (:	6/26/2017 4:02 PM
96	Splash pad!!!	6/26/2017 3:54 PM
97	Remove and go in a different direction for the area.	6/26/2017 3:48 PM
98	Splash pad	6/26/2017 3:06 PM
99	Tear it down and put up a large area for a screen and seating to do outdoor movies a few times a month during nice weather, or make sandbox area, or handicapped accessible playground equipment	6/26/2017 2:59 PM
100	Pickleball court	6/26/2017 2:54 PM
101	Splash pad, horseshoe pits, corn hole pits, volleyball	6/26/2017 2:53 PM

102	Maybe keep it but modernize it, and use it as a "draw" to other communities through completion events.would any	6/26/2017 2:49 PM
103	Put a wooden cover over it with syngales, so the people that play dice golf & other people can picnic under there, someday farmers market,in all that area there.	6/26/2017 2:35 PM
104	Nothing. Get rid of the skate park and just put grass	6/26/2017 2:28 PM
105	No comment.	6/26/2017 2:26 PM
106	Plant trees	6/26/2017 2:24 PM
107	Splash pad or another play area	6/26/2017 2:14 PM
108	Pool and Splash Pad. I really miss having the pool or add batting cages.	6/26/2017 2:14 PM
109	Another splash pad area	6/26/2017 2:13 PM
110	Splash pad	6/26/2017 2:10 PM
111	That area could possibly be used for the splash pad.	6/26/2017 2:05 PM
112	Gaga ball pit and tether ball	6/26/2017 2:04 PM
113	Put in splash pad.	6/26/2017 1:48 PM
114	Splash pad would be great	6/26/2017 1:47 PM
115	Rip it out and do the splash pad!	6/26/2017 1:43 PM

Q10 Is there anything else we should know as it relates to the Park System in St. Charles that we did not ask you about?

Answered: 61 Skipped: 140

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No	7/13/2017 11:32 AM
2	things need to be fixed and or replaced there is just not much to do in the same areas for multiple ages.	7/6/2017 2:54 PM
3	How about developing a park in the empty space by Tony's and in the dilapidated buildings adjacent to it. In other words tear down the empty eyesores and make an attractive green space enhancing the park system. The blight in downtown is terrible.	7/3/2017 3:42 PM
4	Church groups usually have god ideas,Anything to do with Hunting & Fishing brings people in around here.I guess you just have to take all these Ideas your going to get & put two & two together!	7/2/2017 1:20 AM
5	If we should add a swimming pool???	6/30/2017 7:27 AM
6	Make it a place I would want to host a family event .	6/29/2017 7:47 PM
7	I still think the community pool was worth maintaining or improving. It was very well used by all of the community.	6/29/2017 10:04 AM
8	I appreciate everything the village does to make our town better and keep it clean and an overall better place to raise our children. Whatever changes come I am sure will be great. Thank you for doing this survey and listening to the opinions of everyone.	6/28/2017 5:57 PM
9	New basketball hoops	6/28/2017 8:40 AM
10	N/A	6/28/2017 8:14 AM
11	Need to improve the basketball courts and add some lights around the park. Clean up some of the dead trees, put in security cameras or guards to prosecute the vandalizers.	6/27/2017 9:09 PM
12	Would love to see life brought back to the water fowl park little kids love seeing the birds. Just hope these suggestions are flowed through with	6/27/2017 6:52 AM
13	Replace the window on small play structure near the old pool building.	6/26/2017 11:34 PM
14	Update basketball area and cleaner bathrooms.	6/26/2017 11:21 PM
15	Clean out the woods a little better. Where they disk golf there is trash found and some trash isn't appropriate for little kids if you know what I'm talking about! Also there needs to be something done about the ship in the park with perverted words inside the ship like call for sex!! Which isn't appropriate!! Clean up the park!!	6/26/2017 11:20 PM
16	Park Committee should get physically involved in the parks. Visit other Parks in the Saginaw ,Bay City area Durrand, Owosso, etc to see what they have. Set up a Clean the Parks Day to help DPW.	6/26/2017 10:40 PM
17	Nope	6/26/2017 10:35 PM
18	The park has really become a nice place for family fun, it will just get better in time and I look forward to the new additions.	6/26/2017 10:13 PM
19	Pirate ship needs to be taken care of, too much profanity	6/26/2017 10:11 PM
20	No	6/26/2017 10:09 PM
21	No.	6/26/2017 10:08 PM
22	I love the parks dearly as they are but improvements would be nice.	6/26/2017 10:08 PM

23	With bathroom upgrades Coal minors park would be a great place for hosting baseball and softball tournament. Maybe with help from athletic association or high school baseball and softball teams as a fundraiser for them.	6/26/2017 10:03 PM
24	Cameras	6/26/2017 9:20 PM
25	I would love to see the baseball fields redone and possibly fit another one if possible. With a nice concession stand and bathrooms. I think it could bring people out and make money!	6/26/2017 8:47 PM
26	I think the dog park was an excellent addition!!	6/26/2017 8:41 PM
27	Kill bees around ship play area at coal miners park. They are there every year. Should have kept the public pool open.	6/26/2017 8:41 PM
28	The frisbee golf course is a great place for people to walk in the woods and smoke weed while around my kids.. great thinking.	6/26/2017 8:29 PM
29	Splash pad	6/26/2017 8:24 PM
30	Better than a lot of places in MI with a lot more people.	6/26/2017 8:23 PM
31	I miss having events like festivals	6/26/2017 8:17 PM
32	We need to bring in more ppl disk golf tourny mens softball is huge alot of ppl play in saginaw from st.c i hope to really swe a change to clean up thus town more	6/26/2017 8:16 PM
33	I believe that the restrooms could be updated or maintained better	6/26/2017 8:13 PM
34	More routine cleaning. Especially in the ship area nearthe front of the park. Everytime I take my son there there is trash inside.	6/26/2017 8:09 PM
35	toddler play space	6/26/2017 8:05 PM
36	Maybe just try to make the parks seem more exciting and cool to be in. If you have fun, peppy, upbeat events, it'll attract more attention.	6/26/2017 8:01 PM
37	increase police, not very safe.	6/26/2017 7:39 PM
38	More bathrooms in the park the out house / Porta potties just look bad	6/26/2017 7:39 PM
39	2 of my children suggested cameras to catch vandals.	6/26/2017 7:09 PM
40	Need more activities. Bring back the carnival and the car show!!!!	6/26/2017 6:52 PM
41	Bring back the pool or splash pad	6/26/2017 6:31 PM
42	The bees by the ship play structure are there every year!	6/26/2017 6:28 PM
43	A real skate park???	6/26/2017 5:54 PM
44	Put more focus into concessions and use money to help maintain park and or fields. That could be open every day during summer months.	6/26/2017 5:44 PM
45	check some of the trees, lot of dead needs to be cut,,dont want it on my head	6/26/2017 5:20 PM
46	To what extremes have you spread the message encouraging people to utilize the park system?	6/26/2017 4:49 PM
47	D	6/26/2017 4:16 PM
48	Increased Police presence on foot or bicycle. Not sitting in back or drive thru.	6/26/2017 4:13 PM
49	Restroom updates at coal miners	6/26/2017 4:13 PM
50	No	6/26/2017 4:02 PM
51	N.A.	6/26/2017 3:48 PM
52	Would like to see more comm unity events.	6/26/2017 3:19 PM
53	Basketball courts could use updating	6/26/2017 2:59 PM
54	Would any people who answered this questionnaire have an interest in contributing to brain storming sessions, or volunteer for certain weeks of maintainence	6/26/2017 2:49 PM
55	Boat show, RV show, Gun & knife show, concerts,comedy shows, snowmobile shows, people that can teach things to people, the DNR, kyaking, fly casting, fishing, fly tying.	6/26/2017 2:35 PM

56	We just need to use it more. There used to be men's and women's softball leagues that used the fields and for whatever reason they don't anymore. We need to make it more user friendly and get the community back in there	6/26/2017 2:28 PM
57	Concentrate on mosquito abatement in Lumberjack and Waterfowl park, since they're near the river.	6/26/2017 2:26 PM
58	You screwed up removing pool!	6/26/2017 2:24 PM
59	Fix the ball fields, buy new playground equipment, keep teenagers from destroying the parks by monitoring the park more often rather than having our officers sit in random driveways trying to catch speeders.	6/26/2017 2:24 PM
60	Maybe updating the dog parks. I love taking my dogs there but one tire is not much for them to play with.	6/26/2017 2:05 PM
61	Family run/walk/ride nights would be fun	6/26/2017 2:04 PM

RESOLUTION # 2017-03
TO SUPPORT THE 2018-2022 ST. CHARLES AREA PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

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WHEREAS, community input was received via online survey accessible via the Village website and Facebook page, garnering responses from 200 community members and users of the St. Charles area parks and a public hearing will be held by the Park Committee before final approval by the Village Council; and

WHEREAS, the St. Charles Area Parks and Recreation Committee approved a draft Plan on September 20, 2017 and submitted it to the jurisdictions involved for review; and

WHEREAS, the St. Charles Township Board of Trustees has reviewed the proposed Parks and Recreation Plan and has had the opportunity to provide feedback to the Parks and Recreation Committee and;

WHEREAS, the St. Charles Township Board of Trustees concurs that the Plan will benefit the entire community, including the children and families within St. Charles Township.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Charles Township Board of Trustees hereby recommends the final adoption of the St. Charles Area Parks and Recreation plan to the St. Charles Village Council.

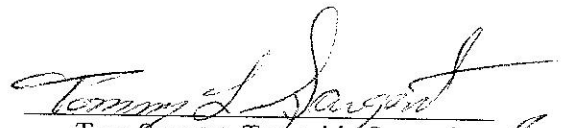
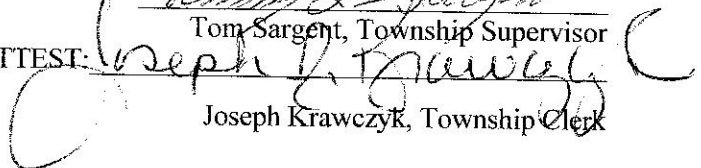
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon final adoption by the St. Charles Village Council, following a public hearing regarding the matter, the St. Charles Township Board of Trustees, hereby accepts the St. Charles Area Parks and Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the greater St. Charles Community.

Resolution adopted on this, the 2nd day of October 2017.

Ayes: Supervisor Tommy Sargent, Clerk Joseph Krawczyk, Treasurer Kathy Klein
Trustee Louis Butko.

Nays:

Absent: Trustee Charles Levens


Tom Sargent, Township Supervisor
ATTEST: 
Joseph Krawczyk, Township Clerk

**ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
RESOLUTION**
TO SUPPORT THE 2018-2022 ST. CHARLES AREA PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

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WHEREAS, the St. Charles Area Parks and Recreation Committee approved a draft Plan on September 20, 2017 and submitted it to the jurisdictions involved for review; and

WHEREAS, the St. Charles Community Schools Board of Education has reviewed the proposed Parks and Recreation Plan and has had the opportunity to provide feedback to the Parks and Recreation Committee and;

WHEREAS, the St. Charles Community Schools Board of Education concurs that the Plan will benefit the entire community, including the children and families within the School District.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Charles Community Schools Board of Education hereby recommends the final adoption of the St. Charles Area Parks and Recreation plan to the St. Charles Village Council.

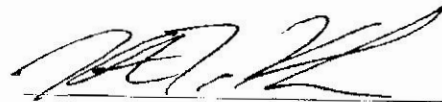
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon final adoption by the St. Charles Village Council, following a public hearing regarding the matter, the St. Charles Community Schools Board of Education, hereby accepts the St. Charles Area Parks and Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the greater St. Charles Community.

Resolution adopted on this, the 13th day of November 2017.

Ayes:

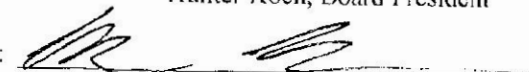
Nays:

Absent:



Hunter Koch, Board President

ATTEST:



Michael Roth, Secretary

RESOLUTION # 2017-8
TO SUPPORT THE 2018-2022 ST. CHARLES AREA PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

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WHEREAS, community input was received via online survey accessible via the Village website and Facebook page, garnering responses from 200 community members and users of the St. Charles area parks and a public hearing will be held by the Park Committee before final approval by the Village Council; and

WHEREAS, the St. Charles Area Parks and Recreation Committee approved a draft Plan on September 20, 2017 and submitted it to the jurisdictions involved for review; and

WHEREAS, the Brant Township Board of Trustees has reviewed the proposed Parks and Recreation Plan and has had the opportunity to provide feedback to the Parks and Recreation Committee and;

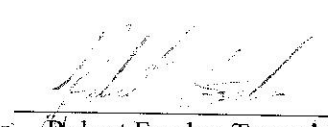
WHEREAS, the Brant Township Board of Trustees concurs that the Plan will benefit the entire community, including the children and families within Brant Township.

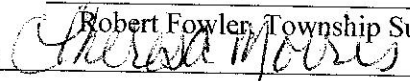
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Brant Township Board of Trustees hereby recommends the final adoption of the St. Charles Area Parks and Recreation plan to the St. Charles Village Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon final adoption by the St. Charles Village Council, following a public hearing regarding the matter, the Brant Township Board of Trustees, hereby accepts the St. Charles Area Parks and Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the greater St. Charles Community.

Resolution adopted on this, the 16 day of October 2017.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 0



Robert Fowler, Township Supervisor
ATTEST: 

Theresa Morris, Township Clerk

RESOLUTION # 2017-4
TO SUPPORT THE 2018-2022 ST. CHARLES AREA PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the St. Charles Parks and Recreation Committee has undertaken a multi-jurisdictional 5-year Parks and Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, outlines goals and objectives, and lists the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2018 and 2022 for its service area which includes the Village of St. Charles, Brant Township, Fremont Township, St. Charles Township, Swan Creek Township and the St. Charles Community School District; and

WHEREAS, community input was received via online survey accessible via the Village website and Facebook page, garnering responses from 200 community members and users of the St. Charles area parks and a public hearing will be held by the Park Committee before final approval by the Village Council; and

WHEREAS, the St. Charles Area Parks and Recreation Committee approved a draft Plan on September 20, 2017 and submitted it to the jurisdictions involved for review; and

WHEREAS, the Fremont Township Board of Trustees has reviewed the proposed Parks and Recreation Plan and has had the opportunity to provide feedback to the Parks and Recreation Committee and;

WHEREAS, the Fremont Township Board of Trustees concurs that the Plan will benefit the entire community, including the children and families within Fremont Township.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fremont Township Board of Trustees hereby recommends the final adoption of the St. Charles Area Parks and Recreation plan to the St. Charles Village Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon final adoption by the St. Charles Village Council, following a public hearing regarding the matter, the Fremont Township Board of Trustees, hereby accepts the St. Charles Area Parks and Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the greater St. Charles Community.

Resolution adopted on this, the 19th day of October 2017.

Ayes: LaClair, T. Kushion, M. Dwyer, R. Houston, M. Schmitt

Nays: None

Absent: None



Donald La Clair, Township Supervisor

ATTEST: Tracy Kushion

Tracy Kushion, Township Clerk

RESOLUTION # 01-2017
TO SUPPORT THE 2018-2022 ST. CHARLES AREA PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

- WHEREAS,** the St. Charles Parks and Recreation Committee has undertaken a multi-jurisdictional 5-year Parks and Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, outlines goals and objectives, and lists the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2018 and 2022 for its service area which includes the Village of St. Charles, Brant Township, Fremont Township, St. Charles Township, Swan Creek Township and the St. Charles Community School District; and
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- WHEREAS,** the St. Charles Area Parks and Recreation Committee approved a draft Plan on September 20, 2017 and submitted it to the jurisdictions involved for review; and
- WHEREAS,** the Swan Creek Township Board of Trustees has reviewed the proposed Parks and Recreation Plan and has had the opportunity to provide feedback to the Parks and Recreation Committee and;
- WHEREAS,** the Swan Creek Township Board of Trustees concurs that the Plan will benefit the entire community, including the children and families within Swan Creek Township.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Swan Creek Board of Trustees hereby recommends the final adoption of the St. Charles Area Parks and Recreation plan to the St. Charles Village Council.

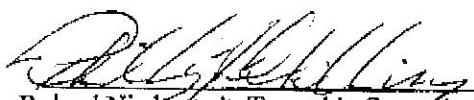
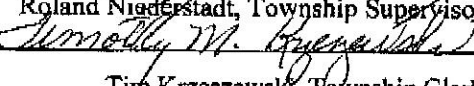
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon final adoption by the St. Charles Village Council, following a public hearing regarding the matter, the Swan Creek Township Board of Trustees, hereby accepts the St. Charles Area Parks and Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the greater St. Charles Community.

Resolution adopted on this, the 13 day of November 2017.

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:


Roland Niederstadt, Township Supervisor
ATTEST 
Tim Krzeszewski, Township Clerk

RESOLUTION # 01-2017
TO SUPPORT THE 2018-2022 ST. CHARLES AREA PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

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WHEREAS, community input was received via online survey accessible via the Village website and Facebook page, garnering responses from 200 community members and users of the St. Charles area parks and a public hearing will be held by the Park Committee before final approval by the Village Council; and

WHEREAS, the St. Charles Area Parks and Recreation Committee approved a draft Plan on September 20, 2017 and submitted it to the jurisdictions involved for review; and

WHEREAS, the Swan Creek Township Board of Trustees has reviewed the proposed Parks and Recreation Plan and has had the opportunity to provide feedback to the Parks and Recreation Committee and;

WHEREAS, the Swan Creek Township Board of Trustees concurs that the Plan will benefit the entire community, including the children and families within Swan Creek Township.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Swan Creek Board of Trustees hereby recommends the final adoption of the St. Charles Area Parks and Recreation plan to the St. Charles Village Council.

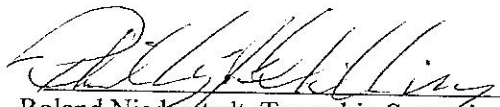
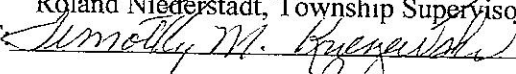
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon final adoption by the St. Charles Village Council, following a public hearing regarding the matter, the Swan Creek Township Board of Trustees, hereby accepts the St. Charles Area Parks and Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the greater St. Charles Community.

Resolution adopted on this, the 13 day of November 2017.

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:


Roland Niederstadt, Township Supervisor
ATTEST: 
Tim Krzeszewski, Township Clerk

RESOLUTION #18-3

TO ADOPT THE 2018-2022 ST. CHARLES AREA PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, the St. Charles Parks and Recreation Committee has undertaken a multi-jurisdictional 5-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, outlines goals and objectives, and lists the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2018 and 2022 for its service area which includes the Village of St. Charles, Brant Township, Fremont Township, St. Charles Township, Swan Creek Township and the St. Charles Community School District; and

WHEREAS, community input was received via online survey accessible via the Village website and Facebook page, garnering responses from 200 community members and users of the St. Charles area parks, and a public hearing was held by the Park Committee; and

WHEREAS, the St. Charles Area Parks and Recreation Committee approved a draft Plan on September 20, 2017 and submitted it to the jurisdictions involved for review; and

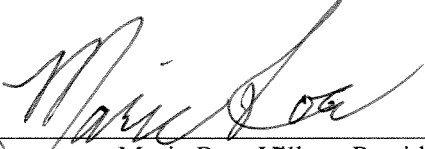
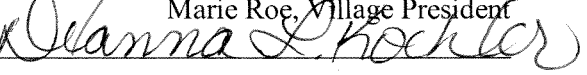
WHEREAS, all jurisdictions involved have reviewed the proposed Parks and Recreation Master Plan and have adopted resolutions in support of the St. Charles Area Parks and Recreation Master Plan, as presented;

WHEREAS, the St. Charles Village Council concurs that the Plan will benefit the entire community, including making the Village eligible for grant funding from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Charles Village Council hereby adopts the St. Charles Area Parks and Recreation Master Plan as presented by the St. Charles Area Parks and Recreation Committee.

Resolution adopted on this, the 14th day of February 2018.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Absent: 0


Marie Roe, Village President
ATTEST: 
Deanna Koehler, Village Clerk