



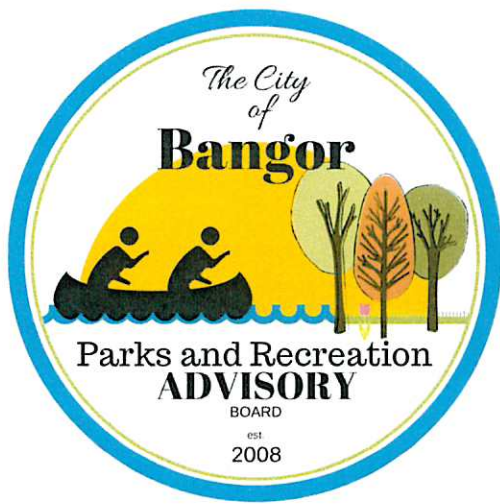
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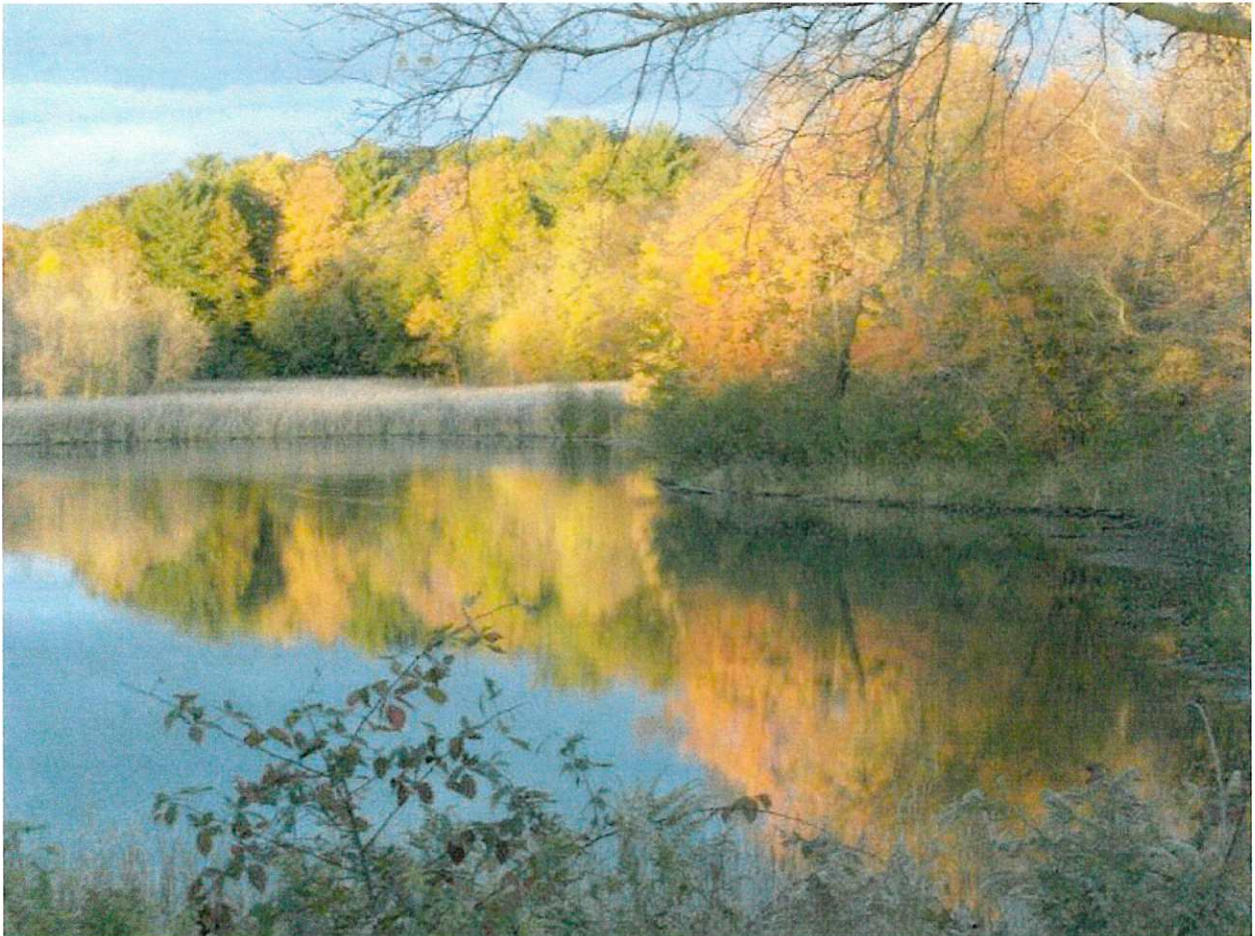
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PURPOSE OF PLAN

The Community Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plan serves a number of purposes; it establishes the wants and needs of the community for public use of, and access to the open spaces, parks and greenways; it guides the local decision making regarding investments in the parks, green spaces and recreational opportunities. A committed recreational plan establishes investments in the vitality of the overall health and well-being of the Community. A completed and comprehensive Community Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan also establishes five-year eligibility to obtain recreational, parks and greenway grants that are administrated through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

The City of Bangor Parks and Recreational Advisory Board has been privileged to re-assess, develop and write the Community Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plan in an effort to:

- Update the City of Bangor's Community Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plan of 2008-2013.
- Assess the recreation facilities and programs of the City and surrounding area including barrier-free compliance.
- Determine a course of action for the continuing development and re-development of the Black River and Maple Creek corridors within the City with the MDNR, MDEQ and the Black River Watershed Group.
- Work with other Community Boards and Action Groups to develop a comprehensive "Trail Town" plan to create, build upon and promote green spaces, parks, pathways and watersheds to our Community and to "in" and "out" of State Tourists.
- Establish a course of action for the City Council for the next five years in regards to the community's parks, recreation, open space and greenways that will promote civic engagement and recreational tourism.
- Explore the possibility of attracting and establishing a "Friends of the Parks" group that would become a non-profit that could work with our Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. Together they could engage public interaction. The "Friends" group would work to acquire grants that could be used to enhance our Parks millage dollars.
- Solicit input from the public and Bangor Public Schools regarding the recreation in the City of Bangor and the use of our community parks, recreation, open space, and greenways and recreational tourism.
- Prioritize the community parks, recreation, open space and greenways improvements and acquisitions that will promote civic engagement and recreational tourism and identify potential funding resources.

After a year long series of public meetings, the Bangor Parks and Recreation Advisory Board completed the 2018 -2023 Community Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan. The result is a five-year plan that reflects the desires of the Community at large.

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Physical Characteristics

Regional Location

The City of Bangor (“Train City USA”) is located in the heart of apple country in north central Van Buren County in Southwest Michigan and is surrounded by Bangor, Arlington, Geneva, and Columbia townships. Although Bangor is a rural agricultural community, it is transected by highway M-43 which provides transportation connections with South Haven (and Lake Michigan) to the west and Kalamazoo to the east. Interstate 94, a major east-west highway, can be accessed approximately eight miles south of the City. This highway provides the principle route to and from Chicago, Illinois and Detroit, Michigan with an approximate two hour drive to either metropolitan area. Other mid-size cities such as Grand Rapids, Michigan, Kalamazoo, Michigan, and South Bend, Indiana can be reached in approximately one hour or less via other easily accessible roadways.

Topography

Van Buren County is characterized by relatively flat terrain with some gently rolling hills. The City of Bangor is primarily flat with some slightly sloping areas, particularly near bodies of water.

Soils

As glaciers advanced southward from Canada and covered Van Buren County, they had a major impact on the terrain creating soil types varying widely in texture, permeability, stability, composition and other characteristics. The United States Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service identifies the soils in Bangor as part of the Capac-Riddles-Selfridge association. This association is described as nearly level to hilly, somewhat poorly drained and well drained, loamy and sandy soils on till plains, moraines and lake plains.

The five predominant soil types found in the City are described in the following table (It should be noted that these descriptions are generalizations of the soil in Bangor to provide a broad understanding of the soil conditions; site specific soil surveys are recommended for individual project needs.)

Name	General Characteristics
Thetford Loamy Sand	Nearly level with moderately rapid permeability. Available water capacity is low. Well suited for woodlands.
Selfridge Loamy Sand	Somewhat poorly drained with a moderate water capacity. Sub layer of loamy sand is intermixed with heavy clay.
Metea Loamy Fine Sand	Moderately undulating, well-drained soil. This soil is very susceptible to drought.
Riddles Sandy Loam	Slightly undulating soil with a moderate permeability and high water capacity. Subsoil is intermixed with clay.
Brems Complex	Soil has rapid permeability with a low water capacity. Soil covered heavily by streets parking lots and buildings.

Table #1 Soil Types

Water Resources

The City of Bangor has access to a number of different water resources. Van Buren County has 133 inland lakes (43 are within ten miles of Bangor City) and approximately 256 miles of rivers and streams. These water resources are not only havens for wildlife but provide valuable recreational resources as well. Some of the water resources in or near Bangor include:

- **Maple Creek** Maple Creek, located on the western edge of the City, joins the Black River in northwest corner of the city.
- **The Black River and Mill Pond** South Branch of the Black River runs through the northern edge of the City where it was formerly impounded; resulting in the formation of a Mill Pond. As a popular fishing spot, especially when salmon and steelhead are spawning, and an area of natural beauty, this valuable water resource could be an important focal point for recreation in Bangor.
- **Van Aucken Lake** This large inland lake, approximately five miles southwest of Bangor, provides public access and is another popular spot for boating and fishing.
- **Saddle Lake** Located northeast of Bangor, this lake is a popular spot to view wildlife.
- **Wetlands** There are several wetland areas in and around Bangor playing a key role in the environmental quality and water protection by aiding flood prevention and supplying key habitat areas for wildlife.

Vegetation, Wildlife and Fish

In addition to the water resources, there are a number of beautiful natural resources in and around the city. Forested areas have a large variety of hardwood and softwood trees including Beech, Ash, Maple, Oak, Hickory, Red and White Pines. Vegetation along the stream banks of

the Black River in Lion's Park includes: Common buttonbush, *Viburnum trilobum*, Cardinal flower and Blue flag iris.

Wildlife and fish in the region are as equally diverse as the vegetation. White-tailed deer and wild turkeys are frequently seen near Bangor and are popular game for hunters. The area is also a major migratory route for a large variety of songbirds and waterfowl making it a popular destination for bird watchers. The Black River is a popular area for sport fisherman catching the steelhead and salmon coming up the river from Lake Michigan to spawn. Other lakes in the area are also excellent fishing spots for bass, bluegill and northern pike. The lakes and rivers are stocked by the Wolf Lake fish hatchery part of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The fish hatchery is located 18 miles east of the City.

Potential Conservation Areas

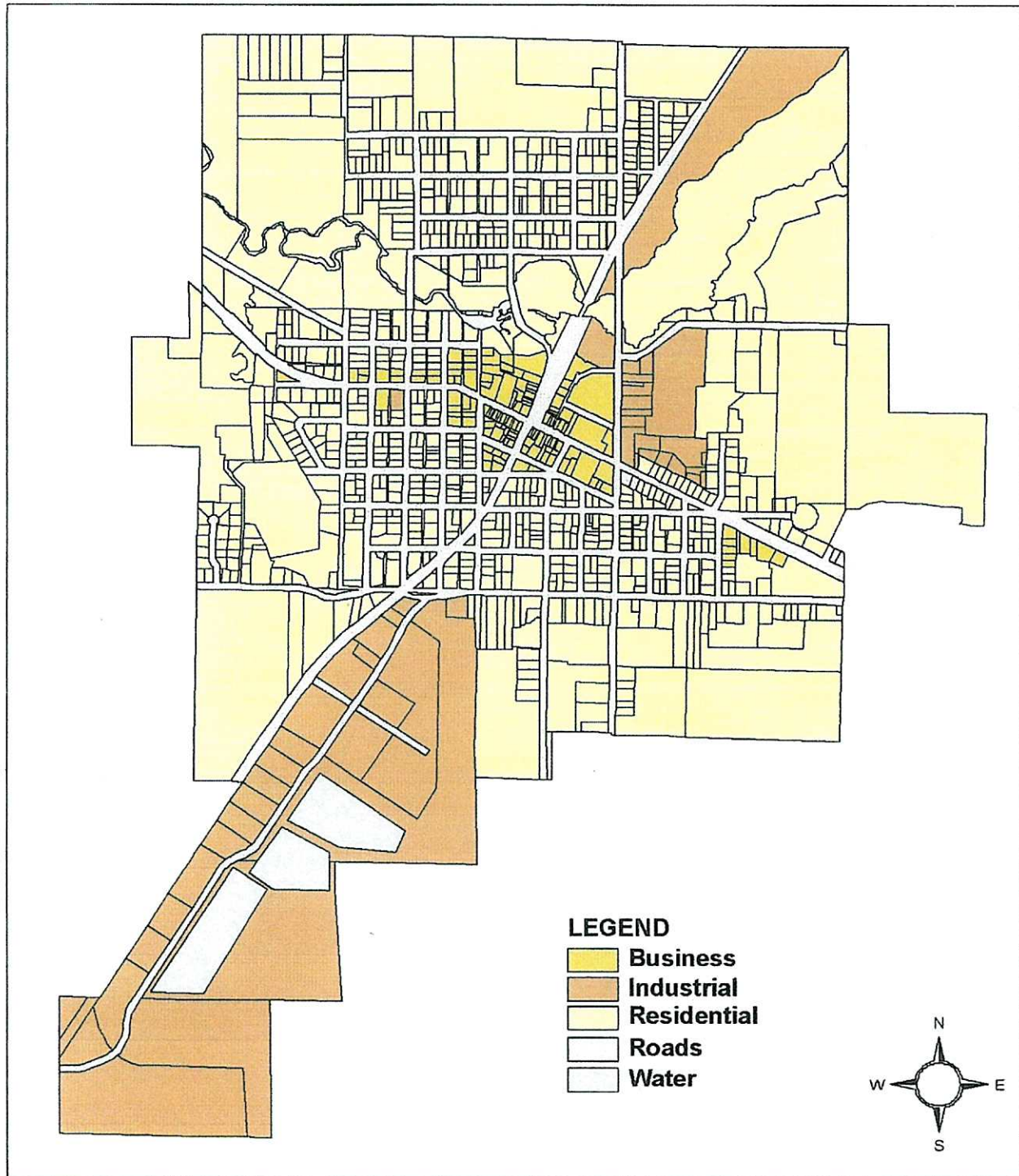
Natural resource conservation is a fundamental component of a community's long-term environmental and economic health. Natural resource areas perform important natural functions such as water filtration and they provide recreational opportunities and wildlife habitat that enhance the overall vitality of a community. Potential Conservation Areas are defined as places on the landscape dominated by native vegetation that have various levels of potential for harboring high quality natural areas and unique natural features. In addition, these areas may provide critical ecological services such as maintaining water quality and quantity, soil development and stabilization, pollination of cropland, wildlife travel corridors, stopover sites for migratory birds, sources of genetic diversity and floodwater retention. Potential Conservation Areas could provide the necessary connectivity to create a viable green infrastructure. A study completed in 2007 by Michigan Natural Features Inventory for the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission (which included Van Buren County), identified Potential Conservation Areas in the City of Bangor. The South Branch of the Black River winds through the City of Bangor. The city owns significant frontage on the river which is a Conservation Area. The river is spawning grounds for several commercial fish such as lake trout and salmon.

Zoning/Land Use

The City of Bangor's location as well as its natural features have contributed greatly to the way in which it has evolved and been developed. The residential sections of town are located in areas that can take advantage of the natural beauty of rivers and streams in the area while the business districts and industrial zones are more strategically positioned on or near the major transportation routes in the City. (See map on page 7)

Generalized Zoning Map

City of Bangor



Base Map Source: Van Buren County Planning and Land Management

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Residential

The main residential districts are located in two areas of the City; the area surrounding former Mill Pond and the area adjacent to, and South of, M-43. The homes in these neighborhoods are generally older than the homes in other parts of the City. Although there are several single-family homes, this area is zoned multi-family residential. The areas zoned single-family residential are located in many areas throughout the community and are generally positioned on the outer portions of the City to accommodate future growth.

Industrial

The industrial sections are located along the Black River to the north, near the intersection of M-43 and Center Street, and along the railroad to the south. These areas were developed because of their convenient access to the main transportation features in the City such as the railroad and M-43, and the proximity to water which is used in many industrial processes.

Business

The business district is located in the center of the City along M-43. This area is comprised of a large variety of shops and service centers to meet the needs of the Bangor community. Business owners developed this area along the main road through town for ease of both the patrons visiting the shops and delivery of goods.

Floodplains

Low-lying areas near the Black River or Maple Creek may be at the risk of flooding.

Climate

Lake Michigan (located approximately 10 miles to the west) has a moderating effect on the prevailing westerly winds that influence Bangor's climate. The average temperature is 26 degrees Fahrenheit in the winter with an average daily minimum temperature of 18 degrees Fahrenheit. In the summer, the average temperature is 69 degrees Fahrenheit and the average daily maximum temperature is 81 degrees Fahrenheit. The annual precipitation is 38 inches with 56 percent falling between April and September. The average seasonal snowfall is 91 inches, with an average of 64 days that have at least 1 inch or more of snow above ground. The growing season is approximately 180 days long.

Transportation

Understanding available transportation options is important to recreation planning as it impacts the ability of a community to attract visitors to local venues and the ability of area residents to access recreational opportunities in other areas. Bangor is within close proximity to major transportation routes providing access to large urban areas. M-43 is the primary road transecting Bangor providing a route east to Kalamazoo and west to South Haven. In 2000, M-43 had a 24-hour annual average traffic count of 7,200 vehicles (Michigan Department of Transportation).

Similar to many roads in the area, there is a noticeable increase in traffic on M-43 during the summer months. Interstate 94, which connects the major metropolitan centers, Detroit (150 east) and Chicago (125 miles southwest) can be accessed eight miles south of Bangor. Interstate 196 is accessible ten miles west of Bangor providing access north to Holland and Grand Rapids and south to St. Joseph and Benton Harbor.

Rail service is a major mode of travel for people and products to and from the Bangor area. Amtrak stops at the Bangor Depot twice daily providing passenger service either north along the Lake Michigan shoreline and then east to Grand Rapids or southwest to Chicago.

Air travel is most easily accessed at the Kalamazoo International Airport. Other options include airports in South Bend, Grand Rapids, Lansing, Chicago, and Detroit, all within 150 miles of Bangor. Benton Harbor and South Haven have airports for non-commercial use.

Social Characteristics

Population

From 1960 to 1990 the City of Bangor experienced over 30 years of steady population decline before leveling off and showing a slight increase in the 2000 census (+0.6%). In 2010 census the population of Bangor has decreased slightly again.

Although the city has seen very little growth, the areas surrounding Bangor have grown substantially. This “ex-urbanization” (meaning the primary growth has been occurring outside the city limits) has become common not only in Michigan but in the nation as well. As the City considers recreation facilities and programs, it will be important to think about the residents of the surrounding areas in terms of their interest, use and support of the parks and other recreation programs.

The 2016 American Fact Finder (U S Census Bureau) sets the population numbers at approximately 2027. If this number is accurate, the city will have experienced a slight growth in population. The 2010 census produced a population number of 1885. Results of the upcoming census will provide more accurate figures.

Age

Providing recreational opportunities for all segments of the population is an important aspect of a well-designed plan. The 35-59 year old age cohort represents the largest segment of the population in Bangor (30%) according to the 2010 census. The population of the surrounding communities is distributed similarly indicating that the area is likely to follow the national forecast of increased number of “Baby Boomers” over the next decade. It is notable that the 5-19 year old cohort is a sizable group (21%) in Bangor and comprises a similar percentage in the surrounding communities as well. Bangor has seen a larger increase (12%) in retirees that live in the City.

The population of the surrounding communities are distributed in similar manners (see chart below) indicating that the area is likely to follow National forecasts of an increased number of retired “Baby Boomers” over the next decade. These youths play an important role in demographic consideration of the use of the public park system. The youngest cohort (under 5 years of age) is only represented by a five year span and thus appears as the smallest segment of the population. This cohort however, is also important because it’s indicative of the number of families who use the public parks and who indicated, through surveys and public participation, their interest in family-oriented activities.

Age Cohort	City of Bangor	Arlington Township	Columbia Township	Geneva Township	Bangor Township
< 5 yrs	190	118	168	207	113
5-19 yrs	417	508	506	761	392
20-34 yrs	471	267	331	582	333
35-59 yrs	590	699	979	1176	891
>60 yrs	359	502	562	772	449

Table #2 Age Comparisons

Persons with Disabilities

The city of Bangor has historically shown its commitment to creating barrier-free environments in its parks and recreational facilities through previously completed projects as well as current and future plans. One of the activities the Steering Committee has done is a barrier free assessment of the City’s Parks. The majority of the parks have at least some barrier-free areas and most of the parks have current projects in the Action Plan that involve improving accessibility.

Age	Percent of Total Michigan Population
Ages 4 and Under	.9
5-15 yrs	6
16-20 yrs	7.8
21-64 yrs	13.1
65-74 yrs	24.7
> 75 yrs	49.1

Table #3 Disability Status of the Civilian Non-Institutional Population

Race and Ethnicity

A majority of the population in the City of Bangor as well as in the surrounding townships identified themselves as White alone (72.5%) or in combination with one or more races. Those that identify as Hispanic or Latino make up the second largest percentage (22.1%). The African-American Community make up the third largest segment of the population in the City and surrounding area (12.8%).

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(Note: American Indian and Other race alone make up less than 0.2% of the population identified in the City of Bangor).

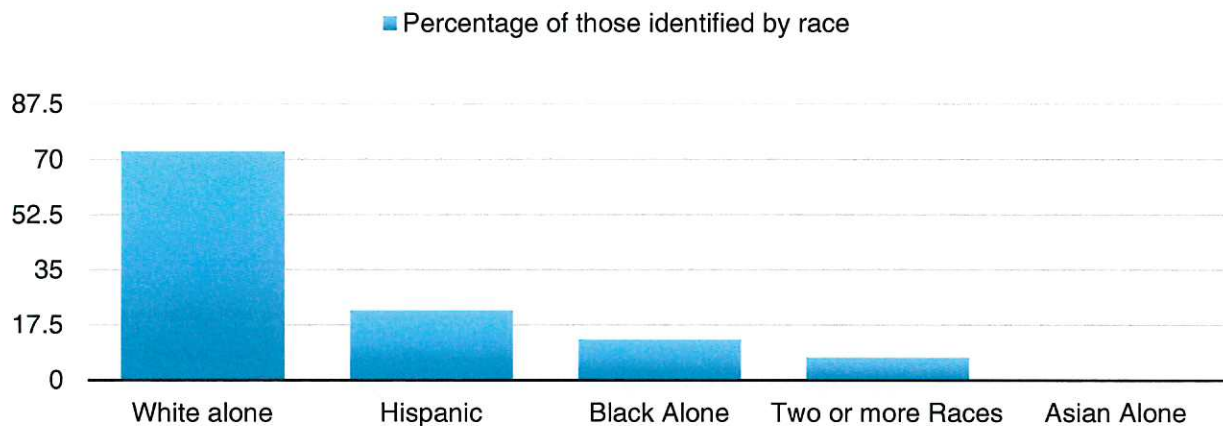


Table #4 Race and Ethnicity

Education

71.8% of the children enrolled in the Bangor Public School System are currently considered economically disadvantaged by the State of Michigan.

The population of residents age 25 or over that have identified as having an education:

High School or Higher – 60.2%

Associate or Bachelor's Degree – 7.2%

Master's Degree – 1.8%

Less than High School-21.5% (Michigan average is 9.6%)

(Note: 2016 Education Percentages obtained from city-data.com)

Economic Characteristics

Income and Poverty Status

Although the City of Bangor had an increase in Median Household income per capita from 1999 to 2010 (according to the 2010 census facts), The residents still have lower income levels than most residents in that area. In 2016 Van Buren had a per capita income of \$47,141 average. City of Bangor Per Capita income was \$36,302. (Source: American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates) The state average at that time was \$52,492 which provides an awareness of the economic position of the residents.

In 1990, the poverty status was determined for 1,881 people living in the City of Bangor, that 71% of this group was determined to be above the poverty level, while almost one-third of the population was determined to be poverty level. In 2016, the population of the City of Bangor is 2,027 and 71.8% of the children enrolled in the Bangor Public School System are currently considered economically disadvantaged by the State of Michigan. According to the American Survey 5 year estimates for 2012-2016 for the City of Bangor, the number below poverty level is 36.7%. The estimate for those at or above poverty level is 73.5%.

Employment

Employment in City of Bangor continues to be diverse and the dominant sector falls to Manufacturing which employs 30% of the population.

Unemployment

The City of Bangor is a unique and comfortable place to live and raise a family. However, there has not always been a large number of job opportunities nearby which is one reason that Bangor has traditionally had a slightly higher average unemployment rate than the State of Michigan unemployment median. Bangor recognizes the importance of a Community Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan as a tool that will assist in designing amenities that will increase the quality of life for its residents and provide resources for tourism revenue. The data provided from the 2000 Census placed the unemployment in Bangor at 5.6%. The data provided at City-Data.com places 2015 numbers at 4.6% suggesting the trend is improving. City-Data.com 2015 statistics for the State of Michigan set 4.9% as the state average unemployment. This would mean that for the first time in quite a while, we are a little more employed than the state average.

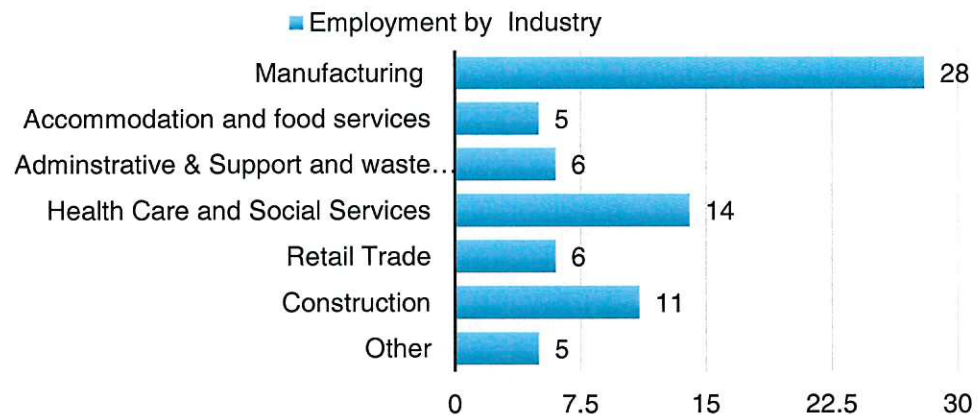


Table #5 Employment by Industry

Housing

In the 2000 census there was 804 housing units available in the City of Bangor, with an occupancy rate of 89.8 percent.

In 2016 the number of housing units has remained at 804. Of those, 722 are occupied and 82 are vacant. Of the occupied houses 465 (58%) are owner occupied and 257(32%) are rentals. These are numbers provided by the American Fact Finder)

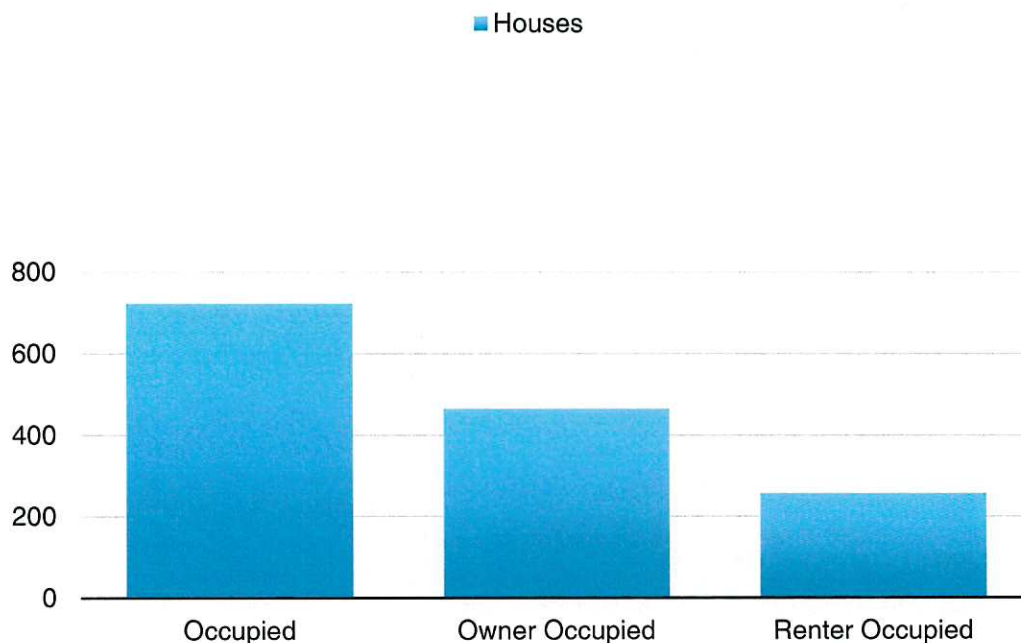


Table #6 Occupancy of Housing

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

City Management

The City of Bangor is organized under a Council-Manager form of government and provides a full range of services including general government activities. Public safety, public works and recreation are some of the activities. The City Council sets policy and directs the staff to take action in support of those policies. The City Council consists of a Mayor, a Mayor Pro-tem, and five council members. The City Manager is the direct link between the Council and the City's operations and is responsible for the day to day administration of the City. In addition to the manager, the City employs a Clerk and Treasurer.

The City parks are maintained by the City's Department of Public Works (DPW). The DPW has three full-time and three part-time employees. Park maintenance and recreation received approximately \$30,000.00 of the City's \$1,000,000.00 general fund budget in the fiscal year of 2016-2017. Of this about \$2,000.00 was for capital improvement projects/equipment. The major expense is mowing, utilities, general maintenance and labor. The residents voted in favor of a .35 mil additional levy to fund future park improvements. The levy will bring in approximately \$9,000.00 a year. The city's first collection of this revenue was with the 2017 Winter tax bill.

Currently, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (with no power to take action on its own authority) advises the City Council on the parks portion of the budget and makes recommendation on infrastructure improvements to the parks, as well as recreational activities.

Park Support – Volunteers and Affiliates

The Bangor Downtown Development Authority (DDA), created in 1979 is a committee that exists in conjunction with the city government. The purpose of the DDA is to correct and prevent deterioration in the business districts, to encourage historic preservation, to authorize the acquisition and disposal of interest in real and personal property and to authorize the creation and implementation of development plans in the district. It is the opinion of the DDA that recreation activities have the potential to make Bangor a 'drive to' instead of a 'drive through' community. The DDA has an annual budget of about \$110,000 of which a portion may be used to support recreation in the downtown area.

The Bangor Arts Council was founded by the City Charter. The mission of the Bangor Arts Council is to promote mutual understanding and respect among all citizens for the arts. Arts Council activities are not funded by the city's general fund budget. The Bangor Arts Council's \$5,000 budget is supported entirely by fundraisers and donations. An example of a past activity funded by the Bangor Arts Council was 'Water Color in Park.' This was a basic water color class, which was open to any and all ages of the public. A general class on how to paint with watercolors was taught and a small project was accomplished. This program was held in a public park. The Bangor Arts Council also partially funded a "Movies in the Park after Dark," program. This program was collaboratively created by the Bangor Parks and Recreational Advisory Board and the Bangor Arts Council. The "Movies in the Park after Dark," program was designed to encourage the public to come out to support the arts and utilize and explore the public green

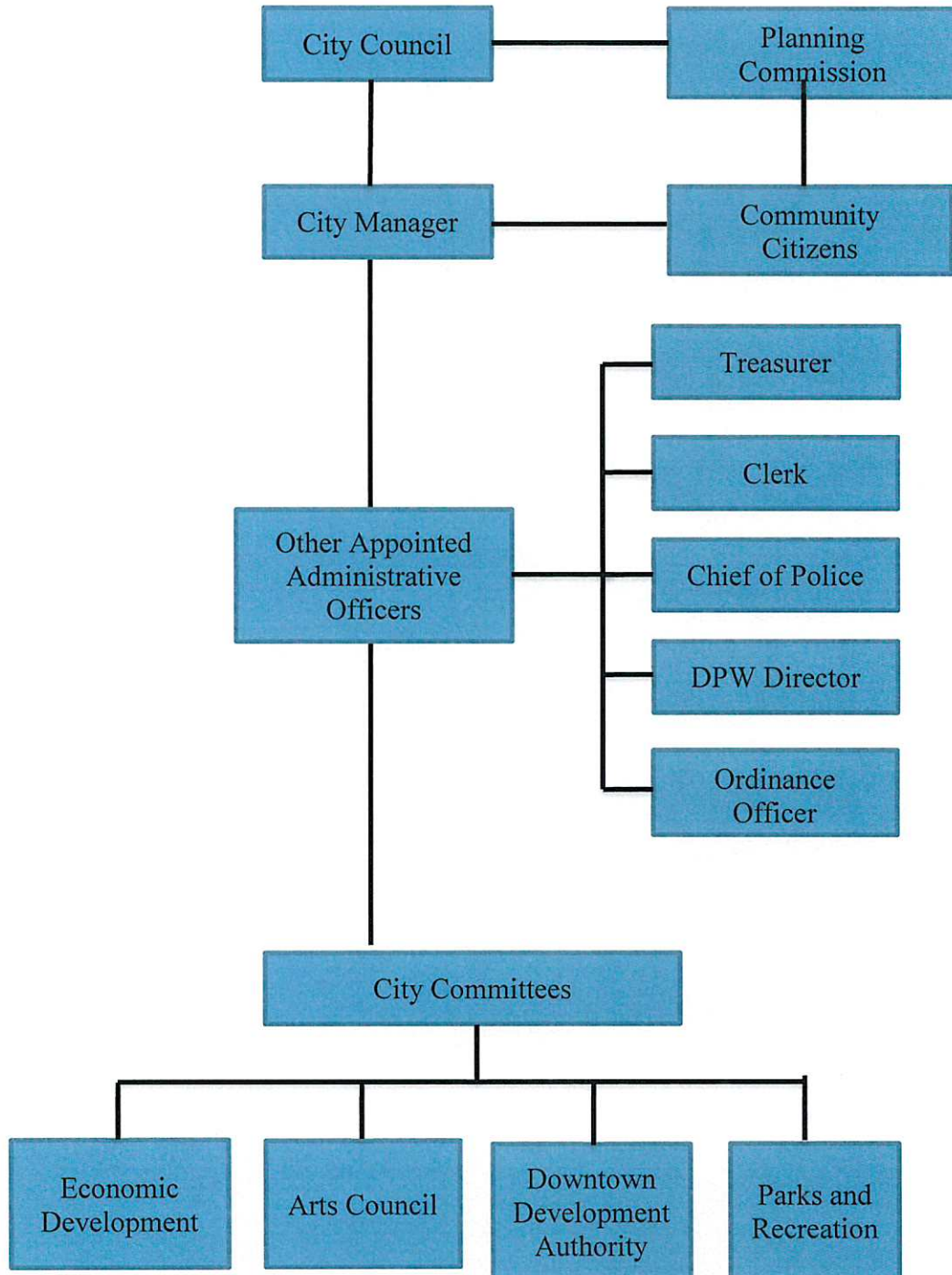
spaces by watching movies endorsed by the BAC in various public park locations around the City of Bangor. This program is designed to run all year, but is a seasonal project for promoting the Public Park system from April to October (weather permitting). The rest of the year the Community Education Center hosts the event.

The Bangor Public Schools offers various recreational opportunities in the form of organized sports, for example, Boys and Girls Basketball, Soccer, Softball, Baseball, etc. Funding for these programs in the Athletic Program is included in the school district's operational budget.

The Lions International - Lions Club of Bangor Michigan, has sponsored and provided financial support to fund cosmetic initiatives and repairs of Lions Park. Lions Park is a 5 acre park located along the banks of the Black River. This park is the trailhead for the South Haven Heritage Water Trail, a 20.9-mile paddling route to Lake Michigan. The Lions Club of Bangor assisted with the cost of repairs for the damaged Community Shelter after the tornado that occurred on August 20, 2016. Lions Club of Bangor Michigan has also provided volunteer support for festivals that take place within Lions Park.



City of Bangor Organizational Chart



RECREATION INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT

Members of the Parks and Recreation Committee volunteered to complete a standardized form assessing the barrier free accessibility and the overall condition of each of the parks. The assessment results show that most the park facilities meet at least some of the accessibility standards. Members also made notes regarding the current amenities and possible future improvements or additions.

The Barrier-Free status of the parks is ranked as follows:

- 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 principals of universal design

City Parks

1. Bangor/South Haven Heritage Trail

The Bangor/South Haven Heritage Trail is a canoe and kayak trail encompassing 20.9 miles of the south branch of the Black River. The Black River unites both cities in historic nature as well as commerce; the Black River is also host to trout and salmon that bring sportsman and anglers of all types into the area.

The Bangor South Haven Heritage Water Trail Association, a volunteer group, has been tasked by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to maintain a 21 mile canoe and kayak trail.

Barrier Free Assessment Rating: 2

2. Charles Park

This mini-park, located on the corner of C.R. 681 and East Monroe (M43), is best known for its historic 1925 C&O Caboose. The City's logo is displayed on one side and a "Thank you for Visiting" message is on the other side. Painted by a local artist, this is a focal point for traffic headed east or west on M43. This location has hosted the Bangor Farmers Market, a seasonal event, in the past. Future of the market is not certain as attendance and vendors have decreased in recent years. Possible new locations for the market have been discussed. Charles Park contains a memorial to honor the Lincoln Post No. 19 Department of Michigan's Grand Army of the Republic, whose 200 members fought for the Union and to the Lincoln Woman's Relief Corp No. 89 for 40 years of dedicated service "to keep burning the fires of Patriotism and loyalty in the Community."

Barrier Free Assessment Rating: 2



Charles Park

 City of Bangor Park



3. Don Mora Ball Park

This 4.5 open acre neighborhood park, at the corner of Pine and Center Street, contains a Community Concession Stand with handicapped accessible bathrooms for both genders, picnic tables, stadium lighting, bleachers, soccer goals, and a baseball diamond - complete with fenced in area equipped with benches for team participants. Limited Public Parking is available with direct access to other public parking areas.

Bleachers need to be replaced and Concession Stand needs to be upgraded.

Barrier Free Assessment Rating: 2

4. Kids' Place Park

Kids' Place Park is a mini-park located at the corner of Charles Street and Maple Street. This park has playground equipment and a wheelchair accessible swing. This park is in need of major updating for safety and accessibility. There are no public parking areas; forcing parents to park on the side of the grass to access the park with their children. There is no barrier fence to contain younger children.

Barrier Free Assessment Rating: 3

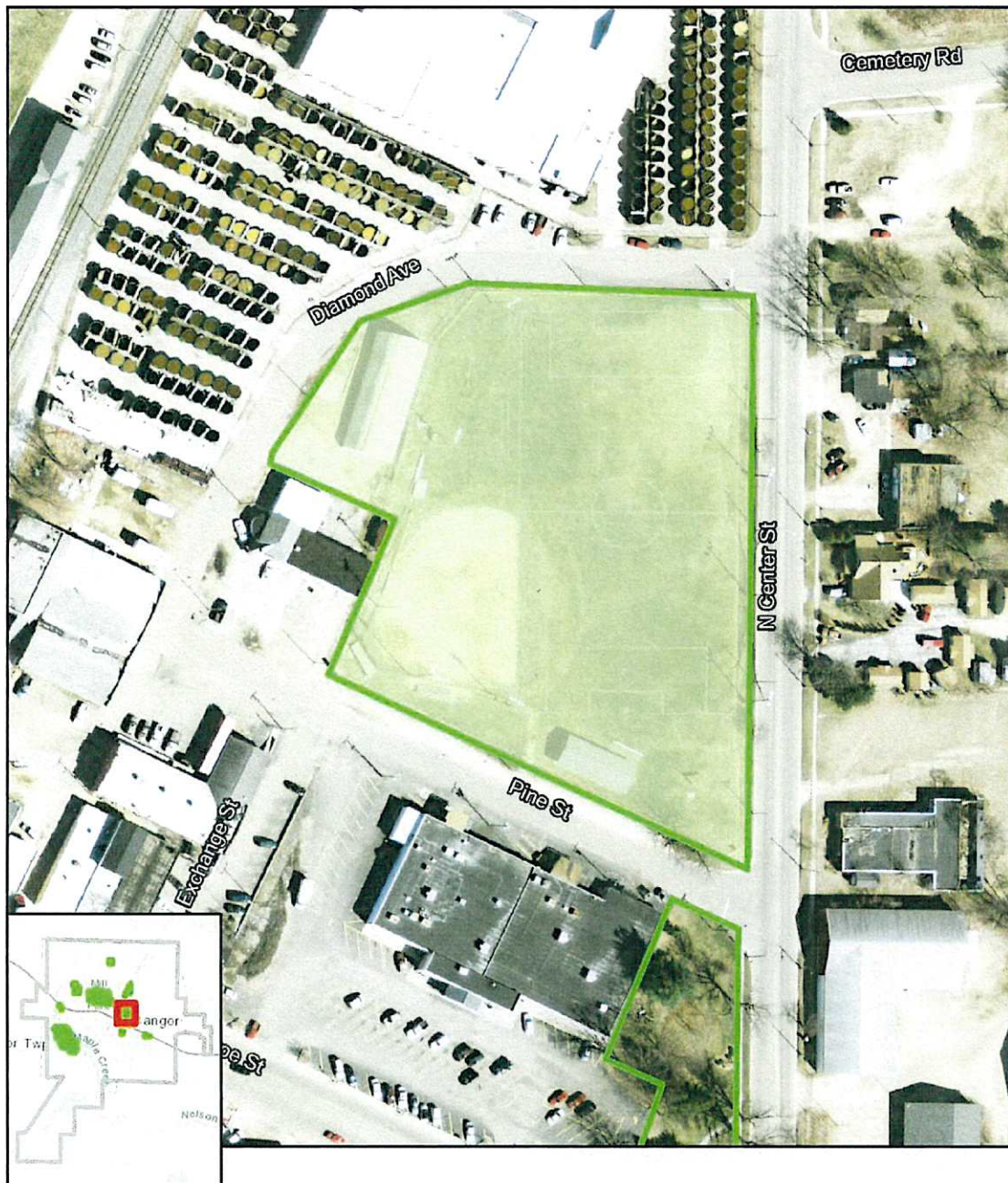
5. Kiwanis Park

A 5.5 acre neighborhood park, located in the southwest portion of the City. Maple Creek, which runs into the Black River, winds through this park. Salmon and Trout can be viewed making their spring and fall spawns. A nature trail along Maple Creek connects Kiwanis to the Veterans Park to the north along M43.

There is access to the park from the east and west side; the public has to ask to have the west side opened.

Amenities, are worn and are in need of updating or replacing, this includes; the swings, and dated toddler climbing equipment. There is a need for new picnic tables and central grill which is in disrepair. There is a sheltered picnic area that needs minor repairs to the structural supports. The east side entrance bridge for pedestrian traffic is in need of structural repair; wood rot has deteriorated the plank supports.

Barrier Free Assessment Rating: 2




Don Mora Ball Park

 City of Bangor Park





Kids' Place

 City of Bangor Park





Kiwanis Park

 City of Bangor Park



6. Lincoln Street Overlook

This 4 acre mini-park is located on the south bank of the Black River, at the corner of Black River Road and Lincoln Avenue. A nature trail connects the park to Lions Park. This mini-park is in need of redevelopment; at one time this park offered overnight camping stations. The park currently has returned to meadows, with beautiful trees, some over 100 years old.

Barrier Free Assessment Rating: 1

7. Lions Park

This 5 acre neighborhood park is located along the banks of the Black River, north west of the heart of the City. This park is the trailhead for Bangor to the South Haven Heritage Water Trail, a 20.9 mile paddling route on the South Branch of the Black River. This park is a very popular fishing site, especially during the salmon and steelhead runs. A walking bridge spans the river and nature trail traverses the north bank.

Amenities include 4 basketball hoops, a picnic shelter and tables, modern restrooms that are handicapped accessible, a slide and swings.

Some amenities are worn and are in need of repair or replacement - the picnic tables are in need of repair, the “day tripper” kiosk is in need of minor repair to the public announcement and information boards. The pedestrian bridge over the Black River adjacent to the public road on the west side of the park (the Hamilton Avenue entrance), is closed to the public; the pedestrian bridge is inoperable at this time and is in need of major repair or complete reconstruction.

Barrier Free Assessment Rating: 3



7. Monroe Park

This mini-park is located on the eastern edge of the City, and is the formal “Gateway to the Lake” park that greets all the visitors westbound on M43. There are a couple of Public Service Announcement Boards that are in need of repair, replacing or updating; one sign “Welcomes” visitors and is weathered and dated and the other is a Smokey the Bear PSA that is also visibly weathered and damaged. The park’s landscaping could use attention as well.

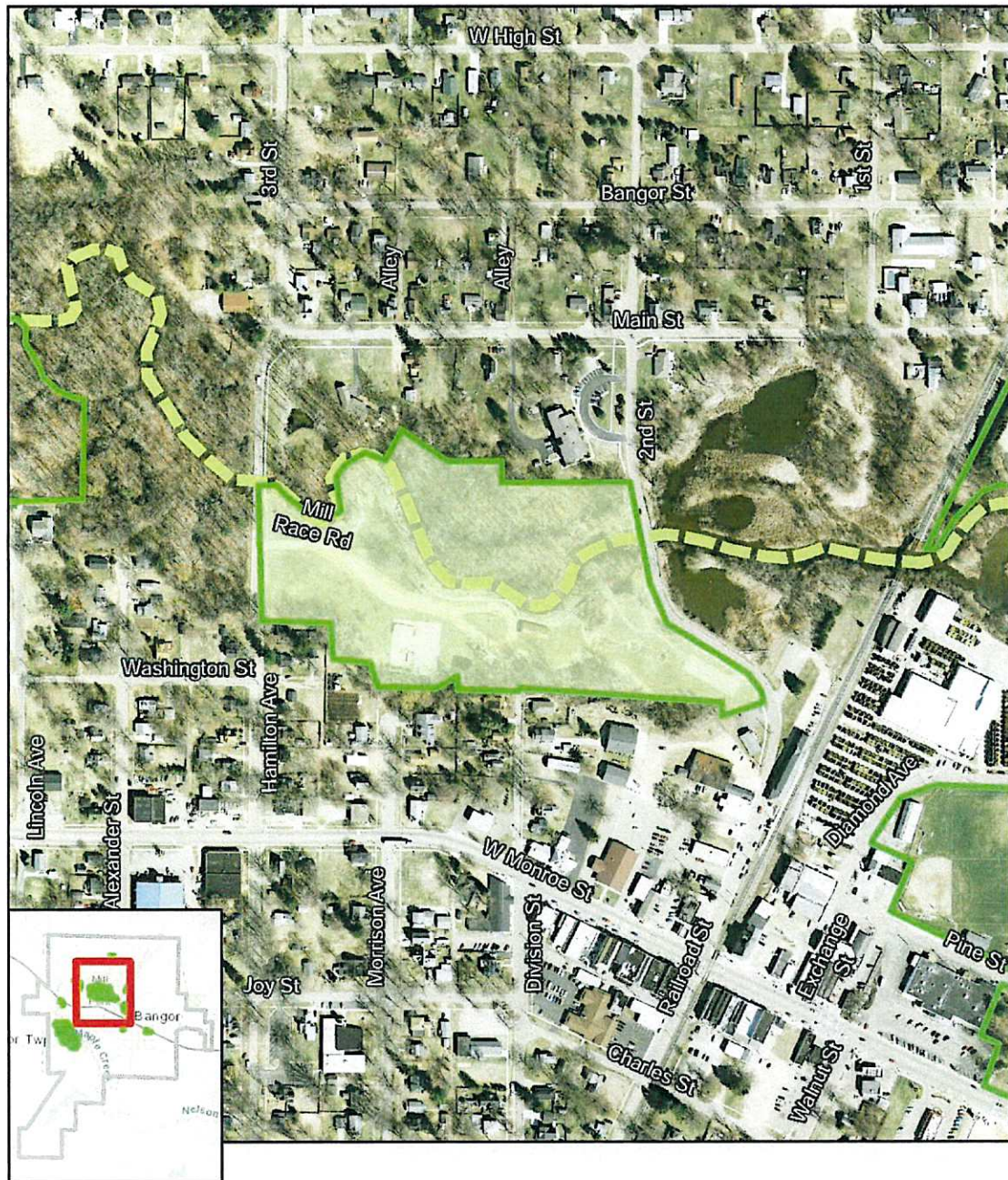
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Lincoln Street Overlook

-  City of Bangor Park
-  Black River Heritage Trail

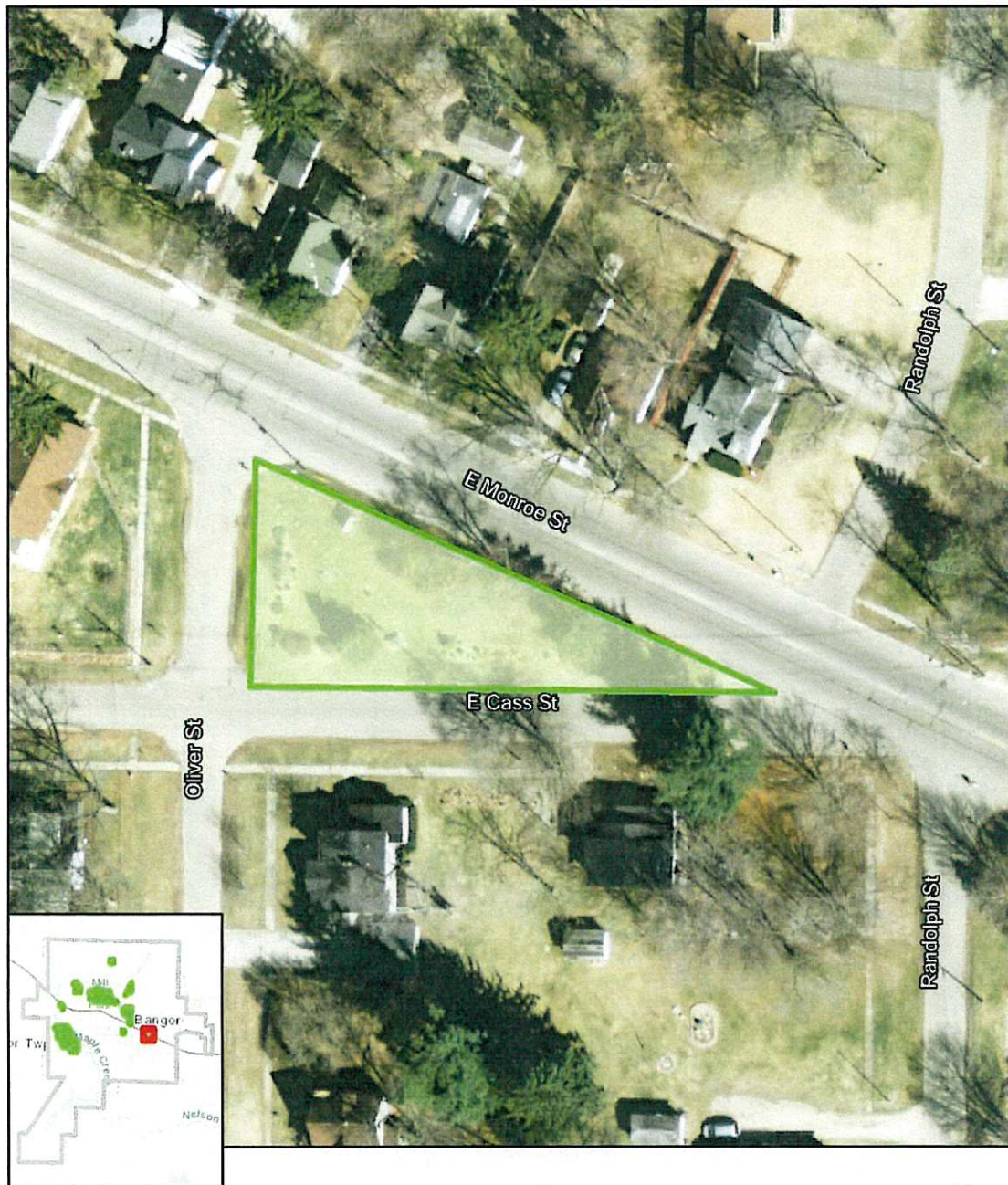





Lions Park

-  City of Bangor Park
-  Black River Heritage Trail





Monroe Park

 City of Bangor Park



8. North Street Playground (North Side Playground)

This mini-park, is located on the corner of Second Street and North Street. This park offers a swing set and a slide for children and a Community Garden plot. The Community Garden plot is open for public use. This park could use development to encourage more Community activity.

Barrier Free Assessment Rating: 2

9. Veteran's Memorial Park

This tribute to our local and to our Nation's Veterans is located on Lafler Street and M43; highly visible to traffic from the east or west. There is a nature trail that connects to Kiwanis Park that follows Maple Creek. Viewing Trout and Salmon runs during the spring and fall are a highlight of this park's nature trail. There are two cement benches and a Veterans Memorial dedicated to those that served this Nation. There is an old slaughter house on this site as well that the City will seek to obtain "historic" titled for. The Slaughter house is in need of repairs if it is to be made open and accessible to the public at this time. The nature trail is also in need of grooming to cut back seasonal growth. There is a limited number of public parking sites available at this time. Development of the old Waite slaughter house area could vastly improve and create public parking and access to this beautiful park.

Barrier Free Assessment Rating: 4


10 & 11. Roadside Park/Boat Launch (Mill Pond Park & North Bud Park)

This park facilitated by a 1987 DNR grant contains a nature trail, steps, landscaping, ramps, parking lot, driveway and boat ramp. It is located on the west and east side of Center Street south of the tracks. It is used for walking, viewing nature and fishing. Thanks to a small grant from Modern Woodmen Insurance Company and labor from several volunteers, two benches were installed on the Mill Pond Park side in the fall of 2017.

Barrier Free Assessment Rating 3



Northside Playground

 City of Bangor Park







Veteran's Memorial Park

 City of Bangor Park







Roadside Park/Boat Launch

-  City of Bangor Park
-  Black River Heritage Trail





Label	Park Name
A	Kiwanis Park
B	Lions Park
C	Don Mora Ball Park
D	Monroe Park
E	Charles Park
F	Veteran's Memorial Park
G	Lincoln Street Overlook
H	Northside Playground
I	Kids' Place
J	Roadside Park/Boat Launch

 Bangor Parks
 Black River Heritage Trail



Open Space and Greenways

A green infrastructure plan provides a comprehensive method to connect open spaces, parks, waterways, neighborhoods, and business districts in ways that protect and preserve habitats and features while providing the greatest enjoyment possible for residents. Green infrastructure planning can be coordinated with other planning efforts for roads, bike trails, water, electricity and other essential community support systems. Integrated planning and design can connect the City and surrounding areas in an effective, economic and sustainable network.

There are several undeveloped and natural areas of varying sizes throughout the City. These areas can provide natural habitats for wildlife and provide enjoyable scenic views for humans. Some of these areas are owned by the City, the school district, or private residents. In addition to the parks, and other developed recreational venues, these open spaces provide valuable links to the green infrastructure. It is desirable to protect and preserve these green spaces.

The City is also adding to the attractive natural landscape features recognized as an important element of tourism by considering methods of incorporating green infrastructure and proactive green space planning and development throughout the community. The City of Bangor is developing and applying existing “Trail Town” tourist methodologies, that are being embraced by the State of Michigan, as a part of this planning.



STATUS REPORT ON PREVIOUS DNR GRANT ASSISTED PROJECTS

The City of Bangor has received several DNR Grants in the past. They are listed below. These grants came from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (TF) and the Land and Water Conservation Fund (26).

Project #	Park	Year	Type	Status
TF86-146	Bangor Park	1986	Acquisition	Closed
26-01465	Mill Pond	1987	Development	Closed
TF04-170	Lions	2004	Development	Closed
TF08-102	Veteran's/Kiwanis	2008	Acquisition	Closed

RESOURCE INVENTORY

Cultural/Historic Buildings and Property

The following buildings and properties are possible cultural and/or historic sites to be considered as recreational resources.

- Bangor City Hall
- Bangor Train Depot and Railroad Station
- Bangor Elevator
- Bangor Dam/Mill Pond
- Sturgis Bank & Trust (West Michigan Savings Bank)
- Bangor Library and Police Station
- Freestone Pickle Company
- Ed Cable House
- Slaughter House
- Historic and Centennial Homes

School-Owned Facilities

The Bangor schools provide approximately thirty acres of recreational space and facilities. School facilities include an athletic complex at the junior and senior high school consisting of softball diamonds, one large baseball diamond, several large playing fields, several tennis courts, a football stadium and a rubberized track. South Walnut school's facilities include play equipment and a large playing field, while Bangor Community Education (former primary school) has various pieces of playground equipment that need to be updated, replaced or repaired. All these are open to the public for community recreation when not in use by the schools.

Private Properties/Facilities

A local church in the city partners with the Senior Services of Van Buren County in order to host luncheons and activities all year long.

Alley Kats Dance Studio offers children and adults a chance to learn choreographed dance moves.

All Aboard Daycare learning facility is a new addition to the Bangor Community Education Center.

Great Mead Hall, a Mead Brewing Company is renovating a locally significant building in the downtown district.

Odd Fellows Hall, a beautiful rental hall is located on the second floor in the newly renovated Historic Society Building.

Cognito Brewing, has purchased the historic Bangor Elevator located on M43. The Bangor Elevator is on the National Historic Registry.

Railroad Depot is a Tourist attraction located in the heart of the City. Amtrak from Chicago to Grand Rapids runs twice daily, opening access to downtown Bangor and the surrounding area to tourism. The Railroad Depot is home to the Railroad Cafe and has several murals throughout the building that bring in local “art” tourists to view.

Regional Opportunities

City of South Haven – The City of South Haven is approximately 10 miles to the west of Bangor. The City possesses 3,600 lineal feet of public shoreline and 20 acres of beach on Lake Michigan as well as a four-acre park with a boat launch and public access to Lake Michigan. With more than 60 docks, 2 piers, play equipment, volleyball, and fishing access, South Haven is a destination for many people living in southwest Michigan, Illinois and Indiana, as well as other tourists.

City of St. Joseph – The City of St. Joseph is also on the coast of Lake Michigan. Tiscornia Park, Silver Beach, and Lions beach are popular beaches for swimmers, joggers, sunbathers, and boaters. Numerous festivals are held here including the Blossomtime Festival.

Kal Haven Trail- The Kal-Haven Trail links Kalamazoo and South Haven. This state park was built along an old railroad grade that runs just north of Bangor. The trail is utilized year-round by bikers, hikers, snowmobilers and cross country skiers.

Van Buren State Park – Van Buren State Park on Lake Michigan is just south of the beaches in South Haven. With more than 325 acres and 220 modern campsites this is a popular camping location.

Van Buren State Park Trail - 15-mile Van Buren Trail State Park runs from South Haven to Hartford on the former Toledo & South Haven Railroad. Biking, Equestrian and snowmobile use is permitted.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

Purpose of the Plan

The presence of parks, open spaces, greenways, recreations programs and cultural events has a strong positive impact on a community's vitality and quality of life. In addition to providing opportunities that can educate, improve health (both mental and physical) and increase social connections, there are a number of economic and environmental benefits as well. Maximizing these benefits is the primary purpose for developing a plan. This recreation plan will serve as a guide for local decision-making, outline projects with specific action steps and outcomes, and establish eligibility for funding opportunities offered through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

This plan is to reflect the City of Bangor's commitment to responsive and interactive government, a systems approach to planning was used. Interaction with the public was sought throughout. During every phase in our future planning process, Bangor residents, business leaders and municipal representatives have provided input and pledged continued support of the parks and recreation goals and action plans. This five-year plan reflects the desires of the community.

Description of Meetings and Input Sessions

The City's first two five year plans (2002-2007 & 2008-2013) both mentioned the need for a Parks and Recreation group. Since then, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee has been formed. Because there is now a board that focuses on the parks, it was fitting that they should complete the next plan for the future of the parks. The panel worked on developing the Five Year Plan by reviewing previous plans and concentrating on updating the new plan for the 2018-2023 projects. The members have been instrumental in compiling, organizing and creating the text in Word format so it can be easily amended in the future. This project has been accomplished during the members' spare time. All meetings of the committee are open to the public and there has been much discussion regarding the task with the community. After designing a logo, discussing the progress and editing the results it was decided that the last hurdle to overcome was to finalize the remaining steps required to obtain DNR approval for their hard work. The group went on to release the draft plan to the public for a 30 day review period and went live with an

online survey (also crafted by the membership). The survey was posted on Bangor City's Facebook site. The site is accessible and viewed by hundreds of people. The survey has garnered response from the neighboring townships which is very satisfying to the group as we find the input of the surrounding area beneficial. We are aware that people come in from other communities to visit our city and our desire is to accommodate them. The entire process has taken the Parks and Recreation group approximately a year. The group's last workshop to review their progress and evaluate the entire document, especially the projects, was held on February 12, 2018. This was open to the public. The Committee adopted a resolution recommending the City Council approve and adopt the 2018-2022 Five Year Plan that they had labored so hard on completing. On February 15, 2018 the Planning Commission met to discuss the plan along with other regular business. They also adopted a resolution supporting adoption of the plan by the Council. The City Council held a Public Hearing at the conclusion of the 30 day comment period to garner comments from the citizens. Copies of the ad, minutes and resolutions are included in the Appendix. The Public Hearing was streamed live on YouTube and is accessible to anyone who would like to watch. The YouTube broadcast is able to be viewed by considerably more people than typically attend, which is usually minor compared to the population of the city. Every effort has been made to reach as many citizens as possible and to share the plan with them.

Goals

The following goals were developed with thoughtful consideration that was received from the varied sources of public opinion gathered from the above. These goals were then used to guide the process of measuring and evaluating projects for inclusion in this plan and provide structure for decision-making in the future.

Goal #1 Seek comprehensive recreation planning that includes parks, open space, greenways and cultural and artistic components.

Goal #2 Develop and support policies that will preserve and protect valuable water and land resources and properties with historic and/or cultural value.

Goal #3 Respond to community characteristics by seeking to provide recreational opportunities for all with consideration of age and abilities.

Goal #4 Enhance partnerships with surrounding units of government for the purpose of collaborative planning.

Goal #5 Seek and establish connections between existing and future trails and pathways including greenways and waterways.

Goal #6 Establish a revitalization plan with the Trail Town Development Board and the Bangor Arts Council, and other units of government for the purpose of collaborative planning to attract visitors to the great city of Bangor utilizing the trail town methodology.

The projects that follow are a mix of unfinished and new ventures. We will strive to complete as many as possible in the next five years.

<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Funding Source Possibilities</u>
Feasibility of an Public Ice Rink	Year 2	\$0	3	None needed
Friends of the Park recruitment	Year 1-5	\$0	1	None needed
Develop Signage Plan	Year 1-2	\$0	1	None needed
Acquire Signs for Parks	Year 1-2	\$5,000	1	DDA/Park Millage Dollars/Donations
Develop a Concert Series	Year 5	\$10,000	5	Park Millage Dollars/Donations
Security Cameras for all parks	Year 3	\$30,000	2	DNR Grant/Park Millage Dollars/Donations
Kiwanis Park				
Add ADA compliant restrooms	Year 5	\$20,000	5	DNR Grant/Park Millage/Gen Fund/Donations
Develop Winter Activities	Year 1-5	\$0	2	None needed
Covered Benches	Year 3	\$8,000	4	Donations/General Fund
Upgrade Trail to Veterans Park	Year 1-5	\$8,000	2	DNR Grant/Park Millage/Gen Fund/Donations
Improve West Entrance	Year 4	\$20,000	4	DNR Grant/Park Millage/Gen Fund/Donations
Accessible Walkway to Pavilion	Year 3	\$6,000	4	Donations/General Fund
New Playground Equipment	Year 3	\$20,000	3	DNR Grant/Millage /General Fund/Donations
Disc Golf Trail	Year 5	\$12,000	5	DNR Grant/Millage /General Fund/Donations
Short zipline	Year 5	\$9,000	5	Donations/General Fund/Millage
Don Mora Field				
New Bleachers	Year 1-3	\$25,000	1	DNR Grant/ Millage/Gen Fund/Donations/Rental
Upgrade/Repairs-Concession Stand	Year 1-3	\$10,000	1	DNR / Millage/Gen Fund/Donations/Rental
Netting to protect houses/cars	Year 1-3	\$10,000	1	DNR /Park Millage/Gen Fund/Donations/Rental
Energy Efficient lights	Year 1-3	\$15,000	1	DNR / Millage /Energy Efficiency Grant/Rental
Field Upgrade-Ball & Soccer	Year 1-3	\$8,000	1	DNR/Donations/Gen Fund/ Millage/Field Rental
Security Cameras	Year 1-2	\$5,000	1	DNR/Donations/Gen Fund/ Millage /Field Rental
Door Replacements-2 Doors	Year 1-2	\$10,000	1	DNR/ Millage/Gen Fund/Donations/Field Rental
Lions Park				
Install BBQ Grills	Year 4	\$5,000	5	Park Rental/Gen Fund/Park Millage/Donations
Improve Access Roads	Year 1-3	\$15,000	1	Road Millage/General Fund/Park Rental
Skate Park	Year 4	\$150,000	3	DNR Grant/Park Millage /Gen Fund/Donations
Upgrade/Replace Playgrnd Equipment	Year 1-3	\$10,000	3	DNR Grant/Park Millage/Gen Fund /Donations

<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Priority</u>	<u>Funding Source Possibilities</u>
Monroe Park	-	-	-	
Install a Bench or Picnic Table	Year 4	\$1,500	3	General Fund/Donations
Improve Landscaping	Year 1-4	\$2,500	3	General Fund/Donations
Remove Water Fountain	Year 1-3	\$1,000	2	General Fund/Donations
Charles Park				
Restoration of Caboose	Year 2	\$5,000	2	Park Millage Dollars/General Fund/Donations
Add Parking Spaces	Year 1-5	\$5,000	3	Road Millage/Park Millage
Enhance Walkway	Year 3-5	\$9,000	2	Park Millage/Donations
Northside Playground				
Maintenance of the park	Year 1-5	\$2,500	1	Donations/Volunteers/General Fund
New Equipment	Year 5	\$5,000	5	Donations/Volunteers/General Fund
Lincoln Street Overlook				
Camping Area	Year 1-5	\$5,000	5	Park Millage Dollars/Donations/Gen Fund/DNR Grant
Maintain Trail to Lions Park	Year 1-5	\$10,000	1	Park Millage Dollars/Donations/Gen Fund/DNR Grant
Veterans Park				
Research Slaughterhouse Possibilities	Year 1-3	\$500	1	General Fund
Demo or Restore Slaughterhouse	Year 3-5	\$15,000	2	Park Millage Dollars/Donations/Gen Fund/DNR Grant
Continue Trail to Kiwanis	Year 1-5	\$15,000	1	Park Millage Dollars/Donations/Gen Fund/DNR Grant
Kids Place				
Update/Repair Equipment & Grounds	Year 1	\$60,000	1	Patronicity-Summer 2018
Mill Pond Park				
Investigate Dam Re-installation	Year1-5	\$0	4	Volunteer Time

APPENDIX

Public Notices/Ads

Meeting Materials

Resolutions of Support

Survey Summary

Submittal Letters

Certification Checklist

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF MICHIGAN }
COUNTY OF BERRIEN } SS

Public Meeting Notice
5 Year Parks and
Recreation Plan
City of Bangor

Samantha Smith, being duly sworn, says:

That she is Accounting Clerk of the Herald Palladium, a Daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in St Joseph, Berrien County, Michigan; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on the following dates:

January 26, 2018

Publisher's Fee: \$ 241.45

That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

SIGNED:

Samantha Smith

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 26th day of January 2018.

The City of Bangor will hold a public meeting on February 26, 2018. The purpose of the public meeting is to take comment on a proposed Five Year Recreation Plan for the City of Bangor. Persons interested in commenting on the proposed plan as drafted or providing other thoughts for inclusion in the plan may attend the public meeting, provide written comment in advance of the meeting or supply comments via email. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers located at 257 W Monroe St in the City of Bangor. Written comments may be dropped off or mailed to Bangor City Hall at above address (Zip 49013). Emailed comments may be sent to manager@bangormi.org. A copy of the plan is available at Bangor City Hall. The public meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. The draft plan was developed by members of the City's Parks and Recreation Committee.

The public may also comment on the plan during the next 30 days. This public comment period is between January 26 and February 24. During this 30 day comment period, persons are invited to review the proposed plan and provide written comments as they deem appropriate.

The city will provide necessary and reasonable services to individuals with disabilities upon 7 days notice by contacting the Bangor City clerk at (269) 427-5831

Ashley Banks

Ashley Banks, Notary Public 01/23/2024

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CITY OF BANGOR
257 W MONROE STREET
BANGOR, MI 49013



MEETING NOTICE

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will be meeting **February 12, 2018 at 6:00pm**. This meeting will be utilized as a workshop and discussion time regarding the draft **2018-2023 Five Year Recreation Plan** for the City of Bangor. The plan will permit us to apply for DNR grants to improve our parks. Ideas on the project list will be studied. Survey results to date will be considered as the draft moves to its final form. Anyone from the city or surrounding areas that have an interest, is encouraged to attend. The meeting is to be held in the council chambers located in the city hall at 257 W Monroe St in the heart of the downtown area.



CITY OF BANGOR

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

June 12, 2017– 6:00 PM

Bangor City Hall
257 W Monroe St
Bangor, Michigan 49013

- 1) **Call to Order**
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3) **Roll Call:** Two Cam McLaren, Lisa Perry, George Hein, Jennie Repotski, Helene Rivers, Dan Fry,
Richard Greene, Steve Lowder and Ron McCrumb
- 4) **Approval of Agenda**
- 5) **Approval of Prior Minutes:** Regular Meeting 5/8/2017
- 6) **Old Business**
 - a. By-laws
 - b. Rain Garden
 - c. Community Garden
 - d. Black River Clean Up
- 7) **Opportunity for Public Comment** (Please keep comments to within 3 minutes)
- 8) **New Business**
 - a. Officers & Member Terms
 - b. Graffiti-Lions Park
 - c. Projects for 5 Year Plan
 - d. Veterans Park Donations
- 9) **Opportunity for Public Comment** (Please keep comments to within 3 minutes)
- 10) **Board Member Comments** (Please keep comments to within 3 minutes)
- 11) **Adjourn**

Next Meeting: July 10, 2017



BANGOR CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

January 22, 2018 – 7:00 PM

City Hall

257 W. Monroe St.

Bangor, Michigan 49013

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Approval of Agenda**
5. **Approval of City Council Minutes** (Regular Meeting 1/08/18)
6. **Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll** (Reviewed by Councilmembers Hicks & Fry)
7. **Other Regular Business** (Resolutions, Proclamations, Reports and Presentations)
 - a. Student Report
 - b. Department of Public Works Report- Monthly Bacteria Sampling Results by Request (25 pages)
 - c. Bangor Police Department Report
 - d. Fire Department Report
 - e. DDA Report
 - f. Parks & Recreation Report
 - g. Manager's Report-2017 Progress Report
 - h. DPW Liaison Report
8. **Opportunity for Public Comment** (Please keep comments to within 3 minutes)
9. **Public Hearing-Proposed Amendment to Ordinance #284 City of Bangor Medical Marijuana Ordinance**
 - a. Ordinance #285 an Ordinance to Amend Ordinance #284
10. **Regular Session**
11. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. Ordinance #284 Amendment (Ordinance #285)
 - b. Millage Resolutions-SSVBC Renewal and New with Annual Report
12. **New Business**
 - a. Golf Cart-1st Reading
 - b. P&R 5 Year Plan-30 Review Period/ Questionnaire & Public Hearing
 - c. 2nd Quarter Amendments Meeting Date
 - d. Planning Commission Recommendations
13. **Opportunity for Public Comment** (Please keep comments to within 3 minutes)
14. **Board/Commission Appointments and Correspondence**
 - a.
15. **Council member Comments**
16. **Adjournment**



CITY OF BANGOR

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board 5 Year Plan & Public Survey Workshop

February 12, 2018– 6:00 PM

Bangor City Hall
257 W Monroe St
Bangor, Michigan 49013

- 1) **Call to Order**
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3) **Roll Call:** Two Cam McLaren, Lisa Perry, Jennie Repotski, Helene Rivers, Dan Fry, Richard Greene, Steve Lowder and Ron McCrumb
- 4) **Approval of Agenda**
- 5) **Approval of Prior Minutes:** November 13, 2107
- 6) **Workshop-P&R Plan and On-line Survey Review**
- 7) **Resolution Advising Acceptance of Plan**
- 8) **Adjourn**
- 9) **Next Meeting** March 12, 2018



BANGOR CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETING AGENDA

February 15, 2018 – 7:00 PM

City Hall

257 W. Monroe St.

Bangor, Michigan 49013

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Prior Minutes (Meeting January 18, 2018)
6. Unfinished Business
 - a.
 - b.
7. Opportunity for Public Comment (Please keep comments to within 3 minutes)
8. New Business
 - a. Parks & Recreation Plan Resolution
 - b. Name Change for Medi-Can
 - c. Building Change-MJA LLC
 - d.
 - e.
9. Opportunity for Public Comment (Please keep comments to within 3 minutes)
10. Adjournment



BANGOR CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

February 26, 2018 – 7:00 PM

City Hall

257 W. Monroe St.

Bangor, Michigan 49013

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of City Council Minutes (Regular Meeting held on 2/5/18)
6. Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll (Reviewed by Council members Farmer & Aleman)

7. **Other Regular Business** (Resolutions, Proclamations, Reports and Presentations)

- a. BPS Report
- b. Dan Hutchins-New Library Director for Van Buren District Library
- c. Department of Public Works Report
- d. Bangor Police Department Report
- e. Fire Department Report- Chief Derek Babcock with Annual Report
- f. DDA Report
- g. Parks & Recreation Report
- h. Manager's Report
- i. DPW Liaison Report

8. **Opportunity for Public Comment** (Please keep comments to within 3 minutes)

9. **Public Hearing-5 Year Parks & Recreation Plan**

10. **Regular Session**

11. **Unfinished Business**

- a. DPW Trucks-Sealed Bids
- b. Server Replacement Update

12. **New Business**

- a. P&R 5 Year Plan Adoption Resolution #2018-04
- b. 2nd Quarter Budget Amendments
- c. Resolution to Waive PTA Fine #2018-05
- d. Passport Grant Proposal

13. **Opportunity for Public Comment** (Please keep comments to within 3 minutes)

14. **Board/Commission Appointments and Correspondence**

- a. Pride Care January Times
- b. Regional Airport

14. **Council member Comments**

15. **Adjournment**

City of Bangor
City Council Regular Meeting
Monday, February 26, 2018
Bangor City Hall
257 West Monroe
Bangor, MI 49013

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all

Roll Call: Present: Council Members Bator, Hicks, Fry, Aleman, Lowder, Mayor Pro Tem Farmer, Mayor Householder. Absent: None

Approval of Agenda: Lowder made a motion, supported by Aleman, to approve the amended agenda with the addition of line 11c: Council Room Cameras. Motion approved.

Approval of City Council Minutes: Farmer made a motion, supported by Hicks, to approve the 02/15/2018 City Council minutes. Motion approved.

Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll:

Farmer made a motion, supported by Aleman, to pay accounts payable from the general checking account for \$8,328.04. Roll call vote: Yeas: Bator, Hicks, Fry, Aleman, Lowder, Farmer, Householder. Motion approved.

Farmer made a motion, supported by Aleman, to pay accounts payable from the general checking account for \$2,000.00. Roll call vote: Yeas: Bator, Hicks, Fry, Aleman, Lowder, Householder. Abstain: Farmer. Motion approved.

Farmer made a motion, supported by Aleman, to pay accounts payable from the roads account for \$2,426.51. Yeas: Bator, Hicks, Fry, Aleman, Lowder, Farmer, Householder. Motion approved.

Farmer made a motion, supported by Aleman, to pay accounts payable and payroll from the general checking account for \$220,863.23. Roll call vote: Yeas: Bator, Hicks, Fry, Aleman, Lowder, Farmer, Householder. Motion approved.

Other Regular Business:

- a. BPS Report: Derek Babcock reported. Several new hires: High School principal, curriculum coordinator, maintenance director, food service director, elementary school dean of students. Mission statement is being redeveloped. Getting everything put into place before a new superintendent is hired and will be done before August. The Viking Club is separate from the school now; they support all athletic programs. Discussed security concerns.
- b. Dan Hutchins-New Van Buren District Library Director: Introduced himself. Briefly discussed some of the new programs he is bringing to the library.
- c. Department of Public Works Report: In packet. Jim Taylor explained the lift station alarms were due to snow melt.
- d. Bangor Police Department Report: None
- e. Fire Department Report: Have been working on the budget. The budget meeting with the City, Bangor Township and Arlington Township will be on March 28 at 7:00 pm. The budget is going up 2% for cost of living. The City's portion will remain the same. New ice rescue equipment has been purchased and two department members received training. Lowder asked why the City did not have representation at the last meeting and why the alternate was not contacted.
- f. DDA Report: Hicks reported. Train greeter position is being handled by the police department now.
- g. Parks and Recreation Report: The 5-year plan was reviewed at the last meeting
- h. Manager's Report: Hoover reported. The Hamilton St. bridge has washed out and the road is closed. Hoover is working on getting this fixed. Our bridge inspector, Jon Moxey will come out and inspect the bridge after the water has gone down.
- i. DPW Liaison Report: Bator reported. Talked about the good communication between Regina, Randy and Jim. Discussed with Jim what needed to be done to prepare for spring; mowers need to be replaced. Lowder agreed with replacing the mowers and hoped to find money in the budget for this.

Opportunity for Public Comment:

Thad Earl: Asked if there was any damage to the public works building from the flooding. Hoover stated there was not, but there was some erosion by the sidewalk on Arlington and some chunks of pavement washed out on Industrial Park Rd that will need to be patched.

Lu Robertson: Asked about fixing Walnut St. Hoover stated she has been in contact with Kyle Brenner, who has worked on other road projects in the City, and he is working on getting some bids on repaving the south end of Walnut. Hoover would like to have that project done for the next fiscal year and then North Walnut done the following year.

Public Hearing: 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan:

Lowder made a motion, supported by Farmer, to close the regular session meeting. Motion approved.

Regular session ended at 7:48 pm.

Farmer made a motion, supported by Hicks, to start the 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan Public Hearing. Motion approved.

Public Hearing began at 7:49 pm.

Householder stated he would like to add a millpond dam to the plan as a potential future project. Discussion.

Hicks stated he wants the City to develop a mission statement to guide the other plans (DDA, Master, etc.). What is our focus/identity? Hoover stated that would be good to put in the Master Plan.

Farmer said that whoever put the Parks and Recreation Plan together did an excellent job.

Two-Cam McLaren asked a few questions about the disc golf and zip line projects. He also mentioned taking the skate park project out of the plan. Hicks did not want to take it out. Discussed demolition of the slaughter house and establishing where the City's property lines are.

Lowder made a motion, supported by Aleman, to end the public hearing. Motion approved.

Public Hearing ended at 8:04 pm.

Farmer made a motion, supported by Aleman, to go back into the regular session meeting. Roll call vote: Yeas: Bator, Hicks, Fry, Aleman, Lowder, Farmer, Householder. Motion approved. **Regular**

session began at 8:05 pm.

Unfinished Business:

- a. DPW Trucks-Sealed Bids: The City Clerk opened the one sealed bid that was received. The bid was for the 2000 Chevrolet truck for \$600.00 from Dan Empson. Fry made a motion, supported by Hicks, to sell the 2000 Chevrolet truck for \$600.00 to Dan Empson. Roll call vote: Yeas: Bator, Hicks, Fry, Aleman, Lowder, Farmer, Householder. Motion approved. City Manager Hoover suggested continuing to advertise the 2003 Dodge. The council agreed.
- b. Server Replacement Update: City Manager Hoover informed the council that the new server has been installed. She asked permission to have Van Buren County IT to destroy/dispose of the old server. The council agreed to have IT dispose of it.
- c. Camera Discussion: Fry brought up the discussion that we don't have access to the council room cameras. He also stated he felt the council should have voted as a whole to decide whether there should be cameras in the council room. He talked about the pros and cons. Fry made a motion, supported to Hicks, to NOT have cameras in the council room. Discussion continued. City Attorney Mesadieu stated there were pros and cons, but ultimately it was up to the council to decide whether they wanted them. He said there is no requirement to live stream the meetings. He also stated there may be a privacy issue with audience members and to err on the side of caution. He said it needs to be disclosed before entering the room that there are cameras. The public has the option to not be on camera. Bator wants to keep the cameras so people with physical hardships can watch and also because our council room is small. Fry amended his motion to turn off the cameras for now until proper policies and procedures have been put into place. Supported by Hicks. Roll call vote: Bator, Hicks, Fry, Aleman, Lowder, Farmer, Householder. Motion approved. Farmer made sure everyone knew we weren't turning off the cameras forever but just until policy and procedure was in place. Wants to be transparent but public needs to be protected.

New Business:

- a. Parks and Recreation 5-Year Plan Adoption Resolution 2018-04: Hicks made a motion, supported by Farmer, to accept Resolution 2018-04: Adoption of the 2018-2023 Bangor Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Community Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan. Roll call vote: Yeas: Bator, Hicks, Fry, Lowder, Farmer, Householder. Motion approved.
- b. Second Quarter Budget Amendments: Discussion about Community Promotion line, Airport Authority and Apple Festival. Bator made a motion, supported by Farmer, to accept the second quarter budget amendments. Roll call vote: Bator, Hicks, Fry, Aleman, Lowder, Farmer, Householder. Motion approved.
- c. Resolution to Waive PTA Fine 2018-05: Farmer made a motion, supported by Bator, to adopt Resolution 2018-05: Waiving Penalty Fees and Interest for Failure to File a Property Transfer Affidavit. Roll call vote: Yeas: Bator, Hicks, Fry, Aleman, Lowder, Farmer, Householder.
- d. Passport Grant Proposal: City Manager Hoover presented a proposal from Johnson and Anderson to assist in writing a grant in the amount of \$73,000 for upgrades to Mora Park which would include improvements to the concession stand, new bleachers, ball field repairs, energy efficient lighting, security cameras, and netting. Hoover stated the cost would not exceed \$5,500.00 and we would gain more points if we do at least a 26% match. Hicks made a motion, supported by Fry, to accept the Johnson and Anderson Proposal for Professional Consulting Engineering Services for a 2018 MDNR Recreation Passport Grant Application Submittal for Don Mora Ball Park. Roll call vote: Yeas: Bator, Hicks, Fry, Aleman, Lowder, Farmer, Householder. Motion approved.

Opportunity for Public Comment:

Lu Robertson: Asked when the public hearing is for the golf cart ordinance. March 5th.

Board/Commission Appointments and Correspondence:

- a. Pride Care January Times: In packet/no questions/comments
- b. Regional Airport: In packet/no questions/comments

Council Member Comments:

Dan Fry: Suggested City Hall staff drive, rather than walk, when making deposits at the bank. Thinks the council is doing well with discussion. Has been speaking with council member Hicks about Apple Festival Improvements. Grants are a learning experience and we need to do something with Mora Park, it produces some revenue. New businesses want to be good neighbors.

Fred Hicks: Gave a South Haven Bronson Hospital update

Steve Lowder: Thanked Jim, DPW, Regina, Tommy, Derek and everyone who helped with the flooding issues. Appreciates all of them. Unified command works well. Mark Stickles retired recently and was a city employee for a number of years. Asked about our social media policy. Discussed the burned out house at 515 Hamilton.

Lynne Farmer: Went to the Cognito Brewing opening and the Mead Hall Mixer. Nice to support our businesses. Thanked Jimmy and said the hot patch from last year was holding up well. Thankful there wasn't more damage from the flooding.

Geno Aleman: Looking forward to working with the new library director

Nick Householder: The DDA survey is going on now. Parks and Recreation plan is finally done and hopefully the master plan will be next. The plans help us with grants. It's always a gamble with grants but if we don't try, then nothing will happen. Kudos to those who did the plans. Thanked the Council, City Hall staff, and DPW. New businesses and growth are happening.

Adjournment:

Lowder made a motion, supported by Farmer, to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

RESOLUTION FOR OF SUPPORT FOR ADOPTION OF THE 2018-2023 BANGOR PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD COMMUNITY PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND GREENWAY PLAN

2018-01

WHEREAS, the Bangor City Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five year period covering the years 2018 through 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee began the process of developing a community recreation and natural resource conservation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

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

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing is to be held on February 26, 2018 at City Hall (257 W Monroe St) to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions and discuss all aspects of the Bangor Parks and Recreation Community Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the City of Bangor, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Bangor City Council will vote to adopt or reject the Bangor Parks and Recreation Community Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee hereby recommends adoption of the Bangor Parks and Recreation Community Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan by the Bangor City Council.

Motion by Fry, second by Perry to approve the resolution.

Ayes: McClaren, Perry, Repotski, Fry McCrumb Absent: Rivers, Greene, Lowder

Nays: None Abstain: None

Resolution declared adopted/~~rejected~~.

Date: February 12, 2018


Two-Cam McLaren, Chair

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR ADOPTION OF THE 2018-2023 BANGOR PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD COMMUNITY PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND GREENWAY PLAN

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WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Bangor City Council will vote to adopt or reject the Bangor Parks and Recreation Community Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Planning Commission after reviewing the proposed plan, hereby recommends adoption of the Bangor Parks and Recreation Community Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan by the Bangor City Council.

Motion by Bator second by France to approve the resolution.

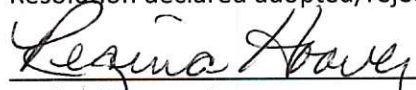
Ayes: Gruetzmacher, Beasley, Bator, Johnson, France

Absent: Watkins, Householder, Balfour

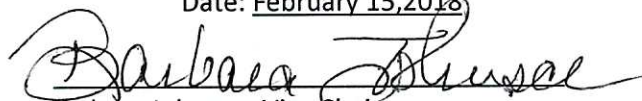
Nays: None

Abstain: None

Resolution declared adopted/~~rejected~~.


Regina Hoover, Secretary

Date: February 15, 2018


Barbara Johnson, Vice Chair

RESOLUTION ADOPTION OF THE 2018-2023 BANGOR PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
COMMUNITY PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND GREENWAY PLAN

Resolution #2018-04

WHEREAS, the Bangor City Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five year period covering the years 2018 through 2023, and

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WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on February 26, 2018 at City Hall (257 W Monroe St) to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions and discuss all aspects of the Bangor Parks and Recreation Community Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the City of Bangor, and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Planning Commission have passed resolutions in support of the Five Year Plan,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bangor City Council hereby adopts and approves the Community Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan.

Motion by Hicks, second by Farmer to approve the resolution.

Ayes: Bator, Hicks, Fry, Aleman,
Lowder, Farmer, Householder Absent: none

Nays: none Abstain: none

Nick Householder
Nick Householder, Mayor

Laura Roe
Laura Roe, Clerk

I, Laura Roe, the duly appointed Clerk of **City of Bangor, Van Buren County**, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the city after a public hearing of said board held on February 26, 2018, at which meeting a quorum was present by a roll call vote of said council members as hereinbefore set forth; that said resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

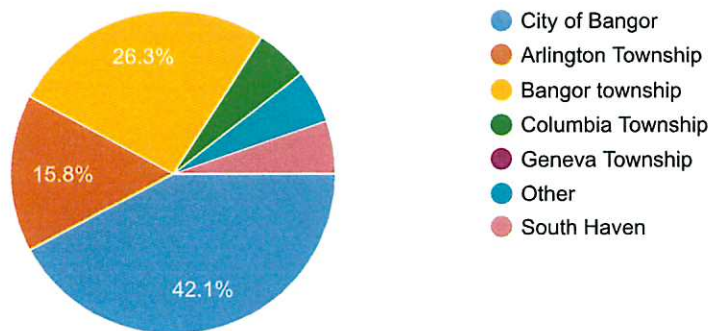
Laura Roe
Laura Roe, Clerk

City of Bangor: Parks and Recreation Survey 2018

19 responses

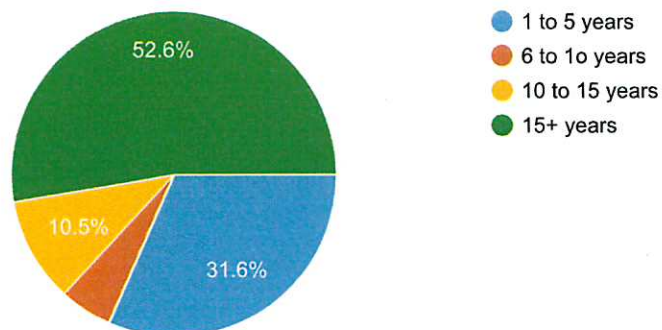
1. Please indicate your principle residence (for this purpose, principle residence, is the home you physically occupy most of the time).

19 responses



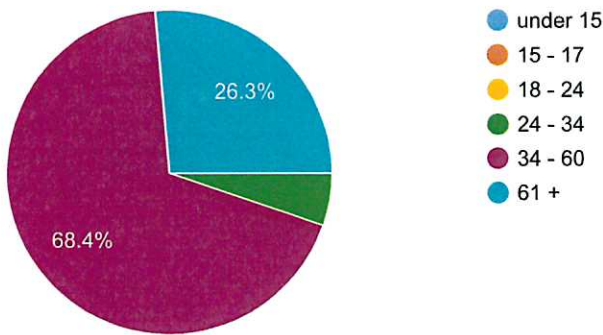
2. How long have you lived at your principle residence?

19 responses



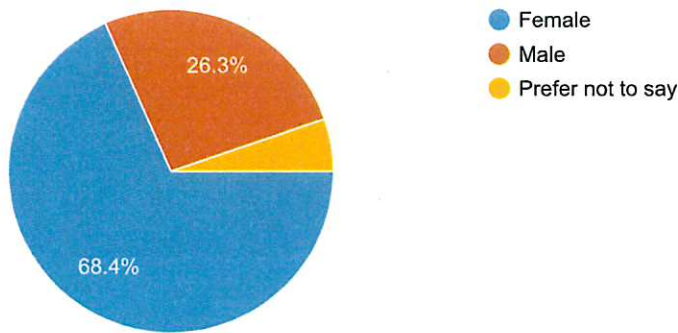
3. How old are you?

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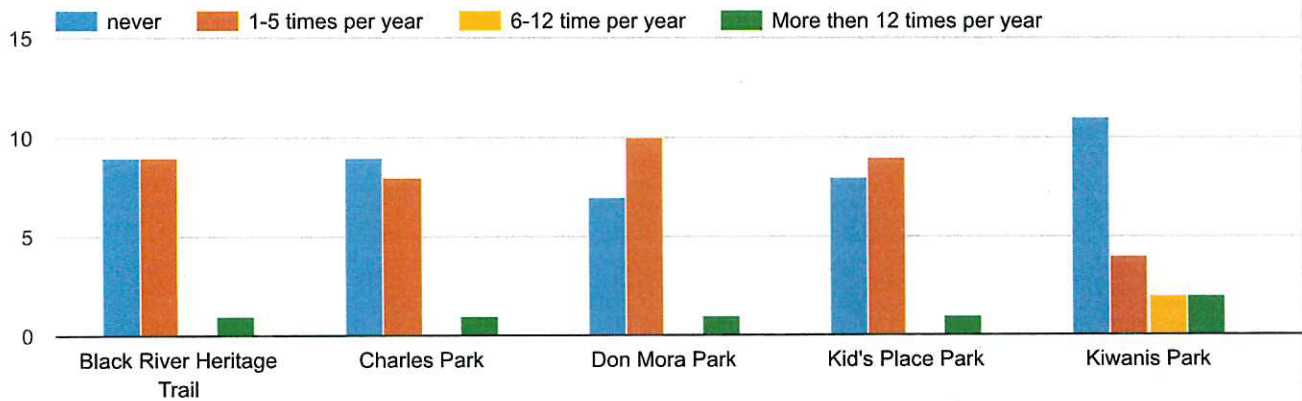


4. Are you?

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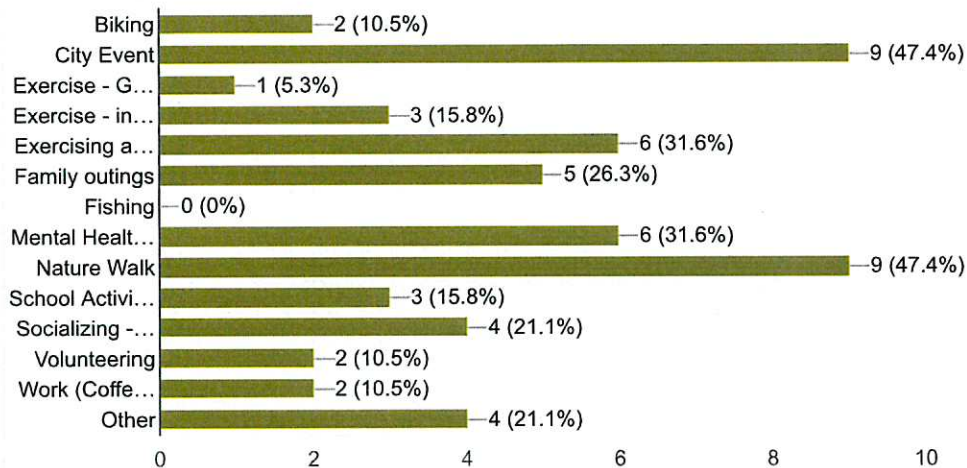


5. How often do you use the following parks:



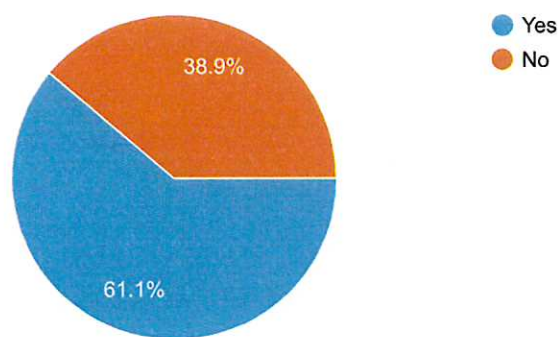
6. What is your primary activity when visiting the parks?

19 responses



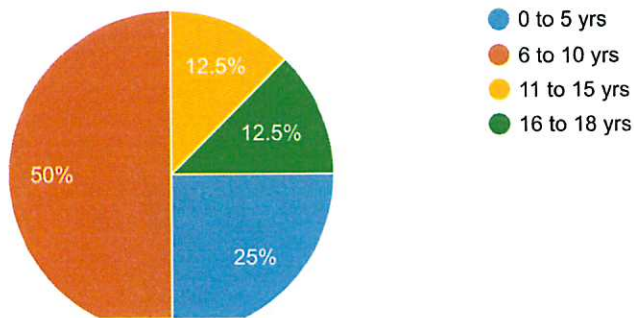
7. Do you have children?

18 responses



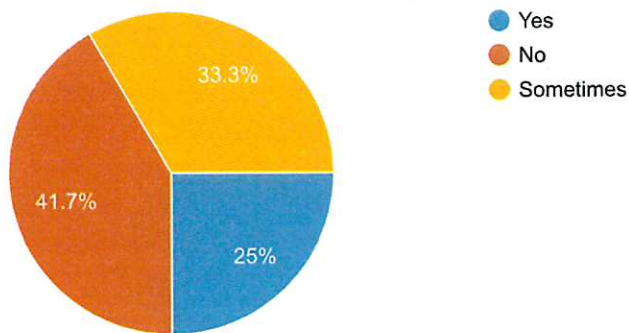
8. If so, what are their ages?

8 responses



9. Do they participate in events or organized programs in the parks?

12 responses



10. What programs or events would you like to see at the parks?

9 responses

Painting in the park

Music/art/nature/educational

Outdoor Kids Clubs, Natural Art installations and the development of more hiking trails!

hiking

Organized sports - Art and Craft Fairs

Classes and organized activities for kids

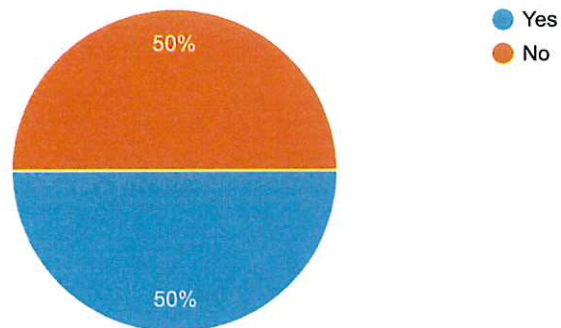
craft days, especially for those with disabilities, maybe a sporting event for those with disabilities

Mountain biking / maintained hiking trails

Concerts; movies; the painting classes (in Lions' Park) a summer or two ago were a nice idea

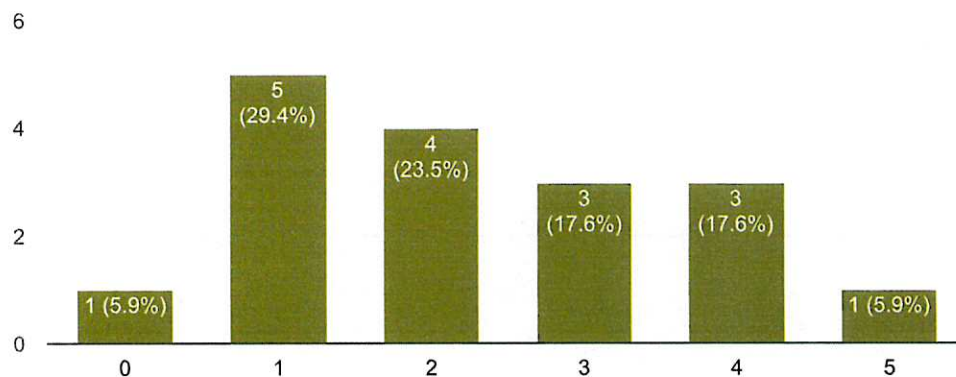
11. Do your children ever use the playground equipment or basketball court?

12 responses



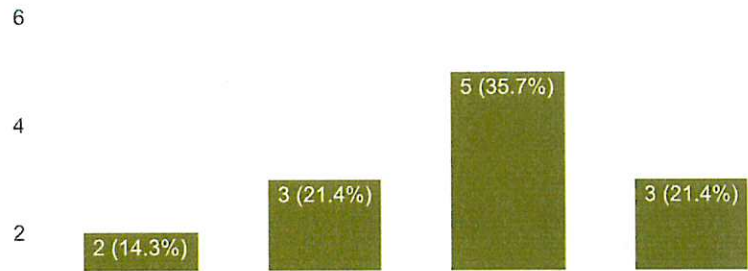
12. Please rate the condition of Kid's Place Park?

17 responses



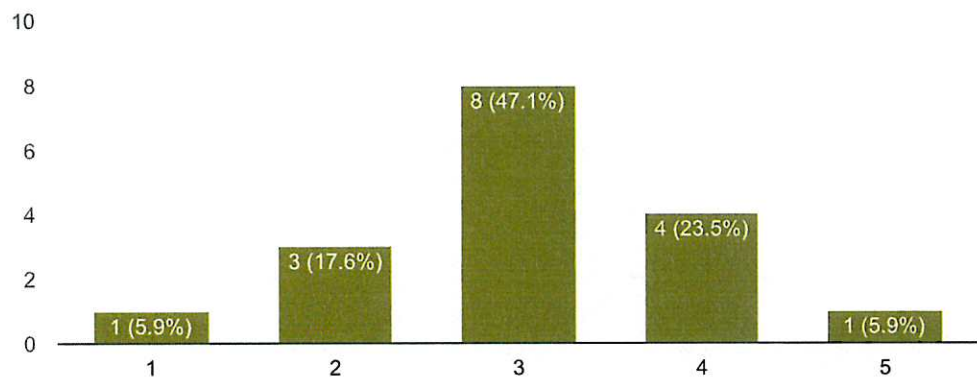
13. Please rate the condition of Kiwanis Park?

14 responses



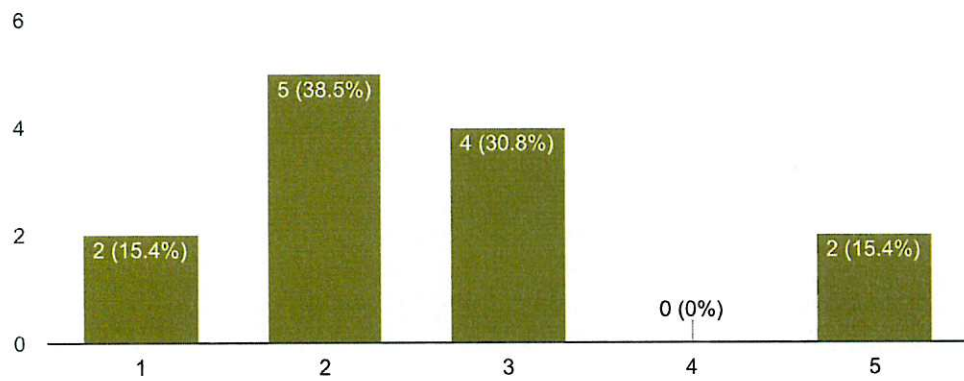
14. Please rate the condition of Lion's Park?

17 responses



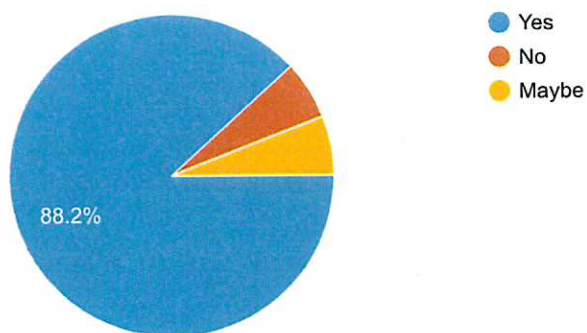
15. Please rate the condition of North Street Park?

13 responses



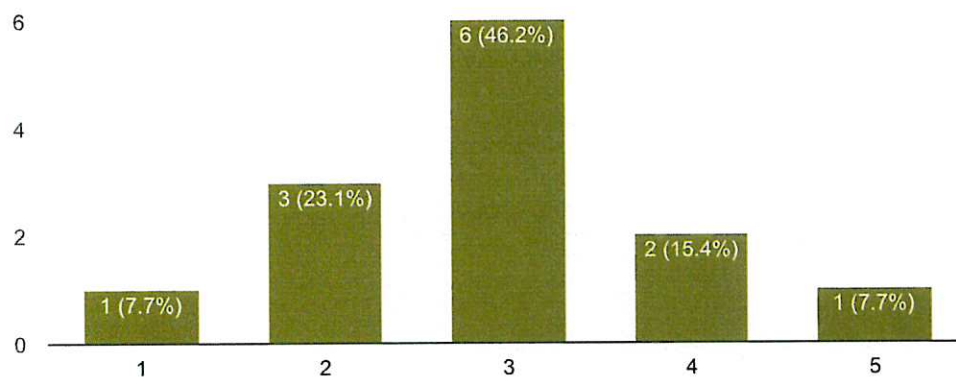
16. Is there enough space in the parks for your activities?

17 responses



17. How would you rate the condition of the Black River Heritage Trail?

13 responses



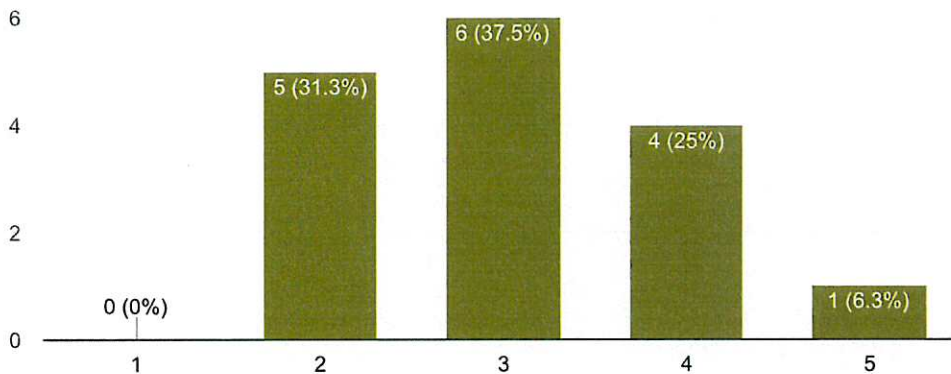
18. How would you rate the condition of Charles Park?

16 responses



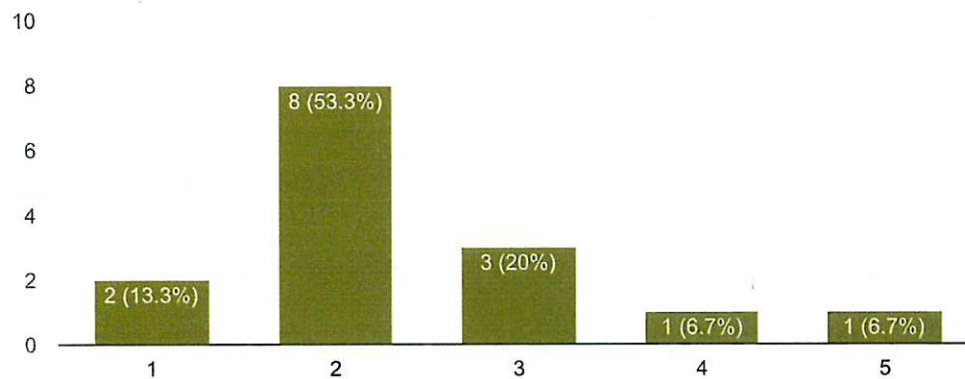
19. How would you rate the condition of Don Mora Ball Park?

16 responses



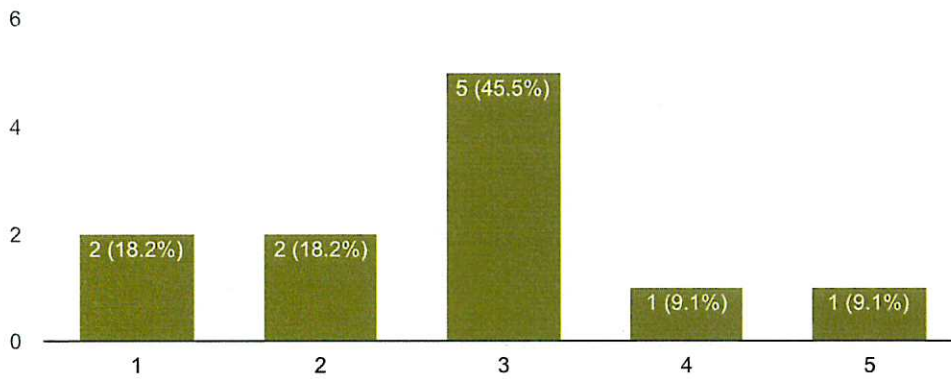
20. How would you rate the condition of Kid's Place?

15 responses



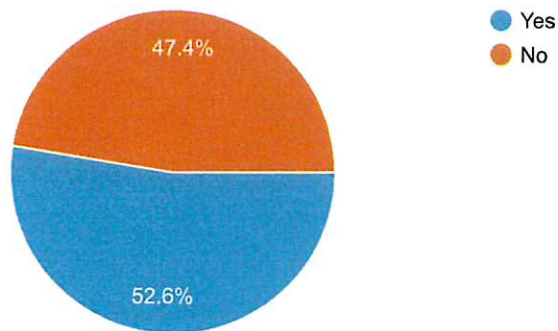
21. How would you rate the condition of Lincoln Street Overlook?

11 responses



22. Did you know there were surveillance cameras in Lion's Park?

19 responses



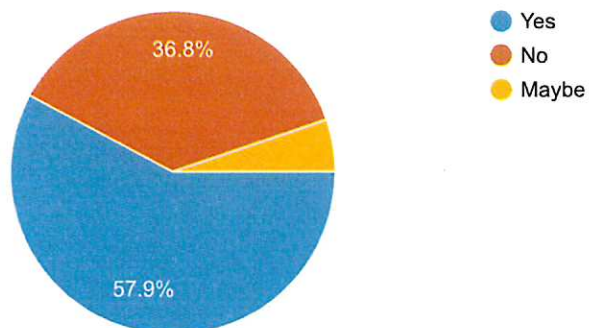
23. How would you rate the condition of Monroe Park?

14 responses

5 (35.7%)

24. Do you feel safe in our Parks?

19 responses



25. If you DO NOT feel safe in our Parks could you tell us why?

6 responses

They are not very visible from main roads. Shady looking people hanging out in them.

I guess it depends on time of day, evenings I don't feel comfortable.

Loitering of people with questionable character... they somewhat seem like "ghost towns".

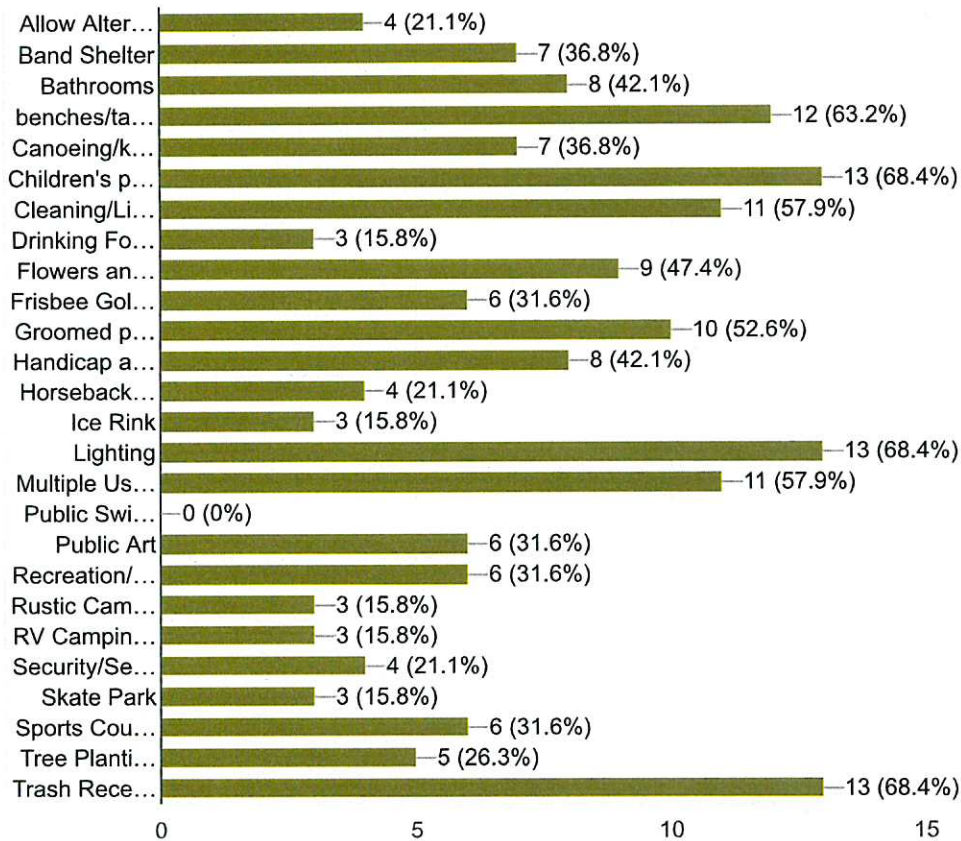
I'm aware of drug activity at several of the parks. I would not let my kids go their without myself.

Not enough patrols. Drug dealers are still utilizing the parks. Vandals are still damaging public property. Existing equipment is old and worn. Boards are missing on bridges or nonexistent; or in a state of severe decay. The bridges in Lions park are in very bad shape; one is even closed to the public. One should be.

just sometimes, not very populated

26. What are your priorities for the Public Parks?

19 responses



27. If you could only pick three areas to focus on from the list above for the next year, which three would you try to accomplish?

14 responses

Skate park, sports courts and public art

Cameras in all of the parks, better signage advertising the parks, groomed hiking trails

Trail improvement, benches, cameras

Benches/picnic tables—children's playground equipment—frisbee golf

Multiple use trails, Trash Receptacles, Public Art

New playground equipment for sure.

Hiking trails

security, bath rooms, lighting

Lightening, Security and develop multiple use trail system.

New bleachers at Mora Park

Gardens, children's playground, and boat launch

Art, handicap accesable,

Groomed trails, public art multiple use

some benches, picnic tables, trash cans in Kiwanis park, work on improving quality of other parks.

28. What three areas would you focus on to be priorities after the first list is completed?

10 responses

New picnic tables & benches in all parks, new bleachers for Mora Park, update/remodel Mora park bathroom and concession stand.

skatepark, frisbee golf, playground equipment

Cleaning/litter removal—lighting—groomed pathways

Campgrounds, Playground Equipment, NEW BLEACHERS.

Beautification

Hiking trails

recreation, sports(could include permanent corn hole, horse shoe pits, and the like, frisbee golf course) trash cans

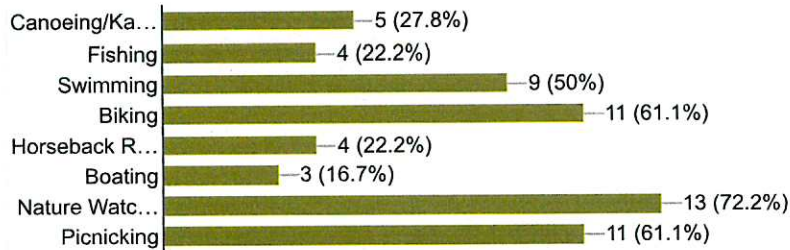
canoe launch, camp grounds, horticulture

Lighting, multiple use trails, and tree/landscaping maintenance

improve quality of all the parks in general, maybe add so playground equipment lions park

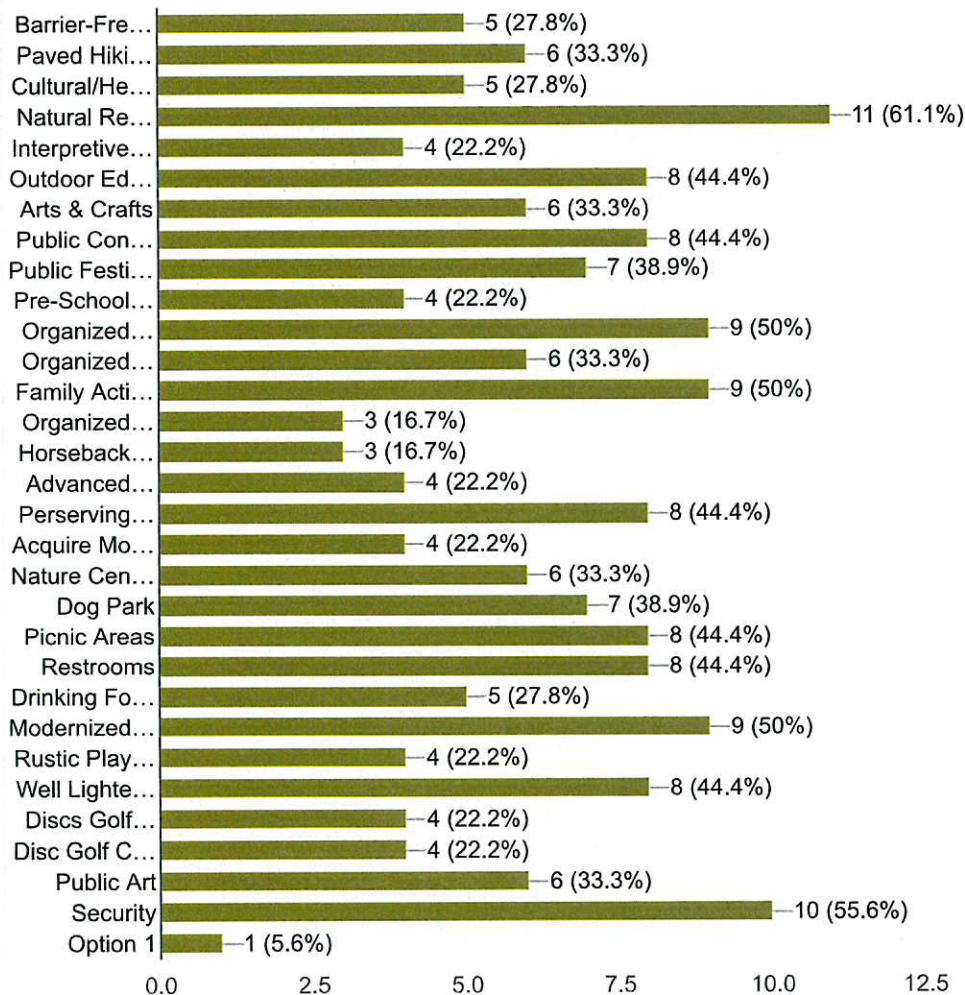
29. What are your favorite activities to do outdoors? Please check all that apply:

18 responses



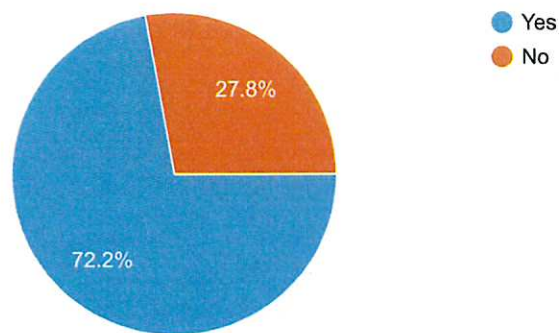
30. Which of the following amenities/activities are important to you? (check all that apply).

18 responses



31. Would you be interested in volunteering with the City of Bangor?

18 responses



32. Are there any other improvements to our parks that were not listed here that you would like the City of Bangor to consider?

6 responses

Community Gardens

Safety and a upkeep program once an investment is made. Look at the park behind hardings Prime example. A ton of money was put into the grounds and the city can't even spray the weeds. Do they turn the sprinklers on? I know for a fact that company would have donated much more to other parks however the city has shown no effort . It's sad.

Mora Park needs the softball infield weeded and bleachers fixed

Being so close to South Haven, I think camping and bike trails would bring in a lot of outside money to Bangor

having river cleaned in lions park, fix lions park driveway.

I'll note that when I was growing up in Bangor in the 1970s, there were several years when the City seemed to have a solid youth-focused summer activity program. I think there was a Recreation Department. I remember going to craft days at Kiwanis park, and I think the summer softball program was also under the same auspices. I don't remember when that changed.

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Train City USA in the Heart of Apple Country

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Bangor, Michigan 49013

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Facsimile: 269.427.7919

February 27, 2018

K. John Egelhaaf, Executive Director
Southwest Michigan Planning Commission
376 W Main St, Suite 130
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Dear Mr. Egelhaaf,

Bangor City has completed and approved a Community Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan. A copy of the plan is enclosed for your review. The plan was completed to establish the goals of the community in regards to the parks and to guide local decision making concerning future investments in the city's recreation system. This is a copy for your files.

Sincerely,

Regina Hoover, Manager
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February 27, 2018

Ted Thar, Director of Land Management

Van Buren County Planning Commission

219 Paw Paw St, Suite 302

Paw Paw, MI 49079

Dear Mr. Thar,

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Sincerely,

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City of Bangor

**COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND
GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST**

By Authority of Parts 19, 703 and 716 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended, submission of this
information is required for eligibility to apply for grants

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete, obtain certification signatures and submit this checklist with a locally adopted recreation plan.

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Plans must be submitted to the DNR **with** a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan. Plans may be submitted at any time of the year, but no later than March 1 of the year the local unit of government is applying for grants.

PLAN INFORMATION

Name of Plan:

COMMUNITY PARKS, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND GREENWAY PLAN 2018-2023

List the community names (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan.	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body
CITY OF BANGOR	VAN BUREN	FEBRUARY 2018

PLAN CONTENT

INSTRUCTIONS: Please check each box to certify that the listed information is included in the final plan.

☒ **1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION**☒ **2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE**

- ☒ Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)
- ☒ Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart
- ☒ Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming
- ☒ Current Funding Sources
- ☒ Role of Volunteers
- ☒ Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations

Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only:

- ☐ Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities
- ☐ Articles of Incorporation

☒ **3. RECREATION INVENTORY**

- ☒ Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory
- ☒ Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities
- ☒ Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)
- ☒ Accessibility Assessment
- ☒ Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities
- ☒ Waterways Inventory (if applicable)

☒ **4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)**☒ **5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS**

☒ **6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS**

☒ Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, Including a Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received

☒ Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment

Date of the Notice 1/26/18

Type of Notice NEWSPAPER

Plan Location CITY HALL 257 W MONROE ST BANGOR

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 30 DAYS

☒ Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)

Date of Notice 1/26/18

Name of Newspaper HERALD PALLADIUM

Date of Meeting 2/26/18

☒ Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

☒ **7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

☒ **8. ACTION PROGRAM**

☒ **9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT(S)**

PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION

APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION: For multi-jurisdictional plans, **each** local unit of government must pass a resolution adopting the plan. Prepare and attach a separate page for each unit of government included in the plan.

☒ 1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: 2/26/18

☒ 2. Official resolution of the PARKS & REC/PLANNING COMMISSION Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: 2/12/18 1/15/18

☒ 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: 2/27/18

☒ 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: 2/27/18

OVERALL CERTIFICATION

NOTE: For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government. Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.

I hereby certify that the recreation plan for

City of Bangor
(Local Unit of Government)
above and as set forth by the DNR.

includes the required content, as indicated

Regina Hoyer 2/28/18
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government Date

This completed checklist must be uploaded in MiRecGrants.