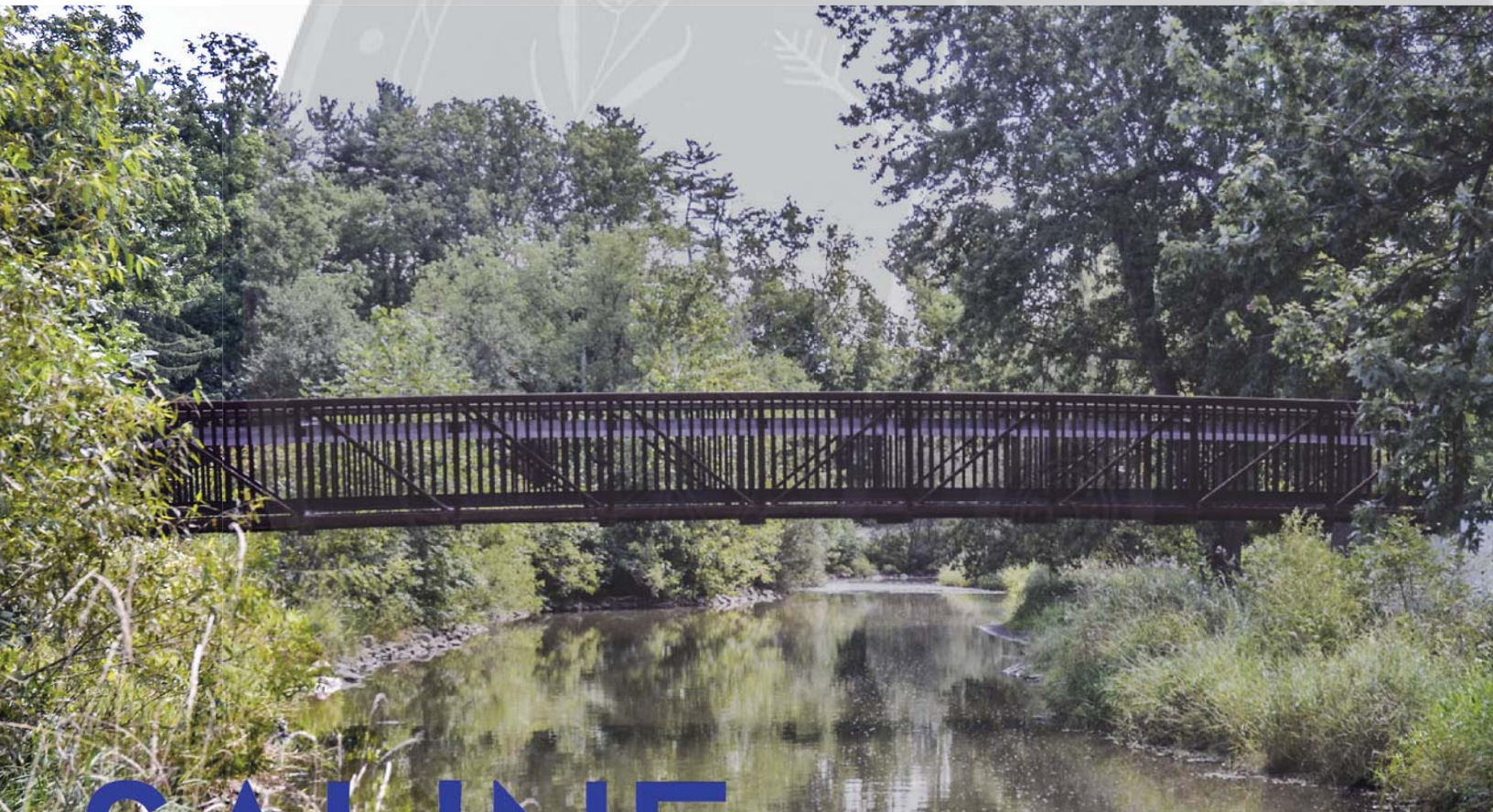


The City of Saline
Parks & Recreation Department
**Recreation Master Plan
2016**



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INTRODUCTION

Recreation plays a major role in the lives of the residents of Saline. As evidenced by the 2010 Cobalt Citizen Satisfaction Survey, Saline citizens are highly satisfied with the City's parks and recreation services. Since 1991, when the Parks and Recreation Department was formed, concerted efforts have been made to ensure that the recreational needs of the community are being met.

PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

The City of Saline Parks and Recreation Master Plan articulates a vision for parks and recreation in the community. The most recent Parks and Recreation Master Plan was adopted in 2010. It included both short and long-term goals, some of which were accomplished in the following years. Accomplishments achieved in the last five years have included:

- Addition of Salt Springs Park
- Support of multiple Scout projects throughout parks
- Worked with Arts & Culture Committee to install "Little Libraries" in five community parks
- Resurfaced parking lot and fixed sidewalks at Tefft Park
- Continuation of Green Thumb Award program
- Worked with Saline Main Street to hold Mastodon Challenge in Mill Pond Park

The purpose of the current Parks and Recreation Master Plan is to guide recreation planning and development efforts of the Parks and Recreation Department over the next five years. Once adopted, the Plan is the official document to be used by the community to guide decisions regarding parks and recreation. The revised and updated Plan is intended to meet State standards for community recreation planning that are necessary to gain eligibility for grant programs.

PLANNING PROCESS

The process used to generate the Master Plan consists of three phases: background studies, evaluation, and plan development.

The first phase, background studies, involves gathering and updating information from existing documents and plans such as the 2010 U.S. Census Bureau data and preparing site inventory and assessments of existing facilities. The information is organized into three main categories: community description, administrative structure of the Parks and Recreation Department, and recreation inventory.



The second phase in the planning process involves evaluation and analysis of the gathered data and includes community input to determine recreation facilities and program needs. Community input was sought through a planning fair held early in the process.



The third and final phase in the process entails plan development and adoption. Goals, objectives, and an action program were formulated based on the input gathered. The following diagram illustrates the process and the corresponding requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment.

The Saline Parks and Recreation Master Plan was developed with input from members of the Parks Commission, Parks and Recreation Department staff, City officials, and the residents of Saline. All meetings were open to the public and input was sought during all phases of the planning process. A planning fair held on October 27, 2015 and data compiled from Saline’s MiCommunityRemarks page provided a substantial amount of input regarding the needs and opinions of community residents.

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Saline is located in south-central Washtenaw County. Its main thoroughfare is US-12, the historic Chicago-to-Detroit road. It is supported by a wide variety of business and industry, a large automobile plant, and its proximity to the Ann Arbor area.

Saline was first settled in 1824 by Orange Risdon, a military surveyor who purchased a 160-acre parcel. It was officially platted in 1832 and named for the salt springs found in the area. The town was incorporated as a village in 1866 and later as a city in 1931.

Saline offers a unique mix of land uses, including the following:

- Historic and newer residential neighborhoods,
- A traditional downtown centered at the junction of Ann Arbor Street and Michigan Avenue, and
- Four large industrial districts located on the east side.

The City's transportation network provides direct connections to outlying communities. The east-west US-12 provides access to Ypsilanti and Detroit, while the north-south Ann Arbor Road connects the City to Ann Arbor and Milan. These routes also link to Michigan's major highways such as I-94 and US-23, which provide access to Jackson, Flint, Detroit, Toledo, and places beyond.

Washtenaw County is located in the western area of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) region. SEMCOG is the regional planning agency that conducts planning studies and maintains a comprehensive database of information about each community it serves. It is a source for some of the population and land use related data included in this report.

The first part of the Master Plan provides an overview of Saline's population and physical and recreational resources with the goal of understanding the unique features and opportunities the community offers.



Figure 1: SEMCOG Region

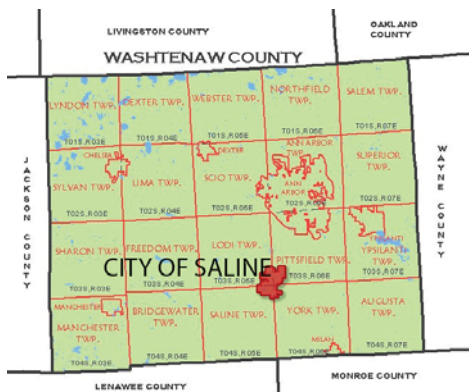


Figure 2: Washtenaw County



POPULATION

From 2000 – 2010, Saline grew at a rate of 10 percent, with the 2010 Census showing a population of 8,810 persons. Saline's growth rate percentage was comparable to nearby communities, with the exception of Saline Township which grew at a significantly higher rate. In terms of actual numbers of individuals, Saline lags well behind the growth rate of Pittsfield Township, but is comparable to the rest of her neighbors. From a regional context, Saline's growth rate percentage was very similar to that of Washtenaw County. Southeast Michigan as a whole continues to lose population, driven primarily by the exodus experienced in Detroit.

Table 1: Historical Population Data: Saline & Environs

	1990	2000	% 1990 - 2000	2010	% 2000 - 2010	# 2000 - 2010
Saline	6,660	8,034	21%	8,810	10%	776
Lodi Township	3,902	5,710	46%	6,058	6%	348
Pittsfield Township	17,668	30,167	71%	34,663	15%	4,496
Saline Township	1,276	1,302	2%	1,896	46%	594
York Township	6,225	7,392	19%	8,708	18%	1,316
Washtenaw County	282,937	322,895	14%	344,791	7%	21,896
Region	4,521,177	4,833,493	7%	4,704,809	-3%	(128,684)

Source: 2010 U. S. Census Bureau / SEMCOG

Table 2: Population Projections: Saline & Environs

	2000	2010	2040	% 2000 - 2010	# people
Saline	8,034	8,810	9,066	13%	256
Lodi Township	5,710	6,058	6,174	8%	116
Pittsfield Township	30,167	34,663	39,376	31%	4,713
Saline Township	1,302	1,896	2,676	106%	780
York Township	7,392	8,708	10,105	37%	1,397
Washtenaw County	322,895	344,791	386,235	20%	41,444
Region	4,833,493	4,704,809	4,742,083	-2%	37,274*

* = Note: Population decline for region is forecast to bottom out by 2020 and rebound to the number shown in 2040.

Source: 2010 U. S. Census Bureau / SEMCOG

Population projections from SEMCOG indicate a similar pattern. Growth is expected to occur at a respectable 13% rate for the City, which is comparable to Lodi Township but is well below Saline, York and Pittsfield townships. Southeast Michigan is expected to continue to lose population for the near future, but a rebound is predicted around 2020 and modest growth is projected through 2040.

According to the 2010 Census, the general profile of Saline residents can be described as follows:

- Children (under the age of 18) make up 24% of the total population of Saline with 2,363 persons, a decrease of 6% from 2000, and
- People 65 years and over make up 15% of the total population with 1,289 persons, an increase of 42% since 2000.

Projections by SEMCOG indicate that by 2040 the proportion of children and seniors will change as follows:

- The number of children will decrease significantly from 2,157 to 1,400, which will represent 15% of the population;
- The number of people 65 years and older will nearly double from 1,289 to 2,514, which will represent 28% of the total projected population; and
- SEMCOG does not provide a 2040 forecast for the number of households with children. However, extrapolating from the projected population decrease for that age group and the projected household size decrease for 2040 (down from 2.27 individuals per household in 2014 to 2.07 individuals in 2040), it can be interpreted that the number of households with children will also decrease. A similar assumption can be made regarding households with seniors; the significant increase in population for that age group from 2010 to 2040 indicates that the numbers of households with seniors should increase.



According to the 2010 Census, there are 4,014 housing units in the City, an increase of 799 units (25%) from 2000. Saline's housing units include primarily single-family detached units (60%) with some multi-family residential units (22%). Attached units, duplex, and mobile homes account for the remaining residential units.

Ninety-four percent (94%) of Saline's housing units are occupied, with 68% owner-occupied and 27% renter-occupied. There has been an increase of vacant units from 2% in 2010 to 6% in 2015. Residential property values have declined from 2000 to 2010, reflecting the housing declines experienced across the nation during the recent recession. The median housing value in 2010 is \$206,500, a 6.2% drop from 2000.

Building permits for the city peaked in 2003 and have been stagnant since that time. Permits since 2010 have generally been in the single digits, with a slight increase in 2010 and 2011. These declines mirror the housing construction trends in southeast Michigan.

LAND USE PATTERNS

The City of Saline's total land area has more than tripled since the 1950s. Annexations have occurred primarily with the eastern portion of the City where there is an agreement between the City of Saline and Pittsfield Township. As Table 3 illustrates, Saline consists primarily of residential land uses, with a commercial area located along US-12 and centered on the Michigan Avenue and Ann Arbor Street intersection.

Single-family land uses occupy over a third of the City's land acreage (36.8%). Historic homes are concentrated in the central area while newer homes are located in the outlying areas of town. Duplexes are primarily located on the south side of the City center in close proximity to Michigan Avenue. Multi-family residential uses include a small amount of apartment complexes. There is one mobile home park in the City, which is located on North Maple Road.

Commercial land uses occupy less 10 percent (8.6%) of the City's land area, with the greatest concentration located along Michigan Avenue. Many of the avenue's historic buildings and homes have been converted to office, commercial, and related uses. Commercial strips are found at the eastern and western edges of the City. Mixed uses can also be found in the southern portion of town as well as within the industrial parks located in the northeast and southeast quadrants.

Table 3: Residential Building Permits












Year	Single Family	Attach. Condos	Total Units	Total Demos	Net Total
2000	77	0	77	3	74
2001	84	29	113	0	113
2002	118	0	118	1	117
2003	138	0	138	0	138
2004	38	0	38	0	38
2005	16	0	16	0	16
2006	2	0	2	0	2
2007	2	0	2	0	2
2008	2	0	2	1	1
2009	0	4	4	1	3
2010	10	0	10	0	10
2011	14	0	14	0	14
2012	7	0	7	0	7
2013	2	0	2	0	2
2014	4	0	4	0	4
2015	8	0	0	0	8
2000 to 2015 totals	524	33	547	6	549

Source: 2010 U. S. Census Bureau / SEMCOG

City of Saline, Washtenaw County



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	Single Family Residential		Industrial
	Single Family Attached Residential		Public/Semi-Public
	Multiple Family Residential		Schools
	Mobile Home Park		Parks, Recreation, and Open Space
	Mixed Use		Vacant
	Commercial/Office		

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Public/quasi-public land uses include churches, cemeteries, utilities, union halls, and other similar uses. Schools and their associated grounds and playing fields cover a relatively large portion of the City's land area (14%). There are four public elementary schools and a middle school located within City limits. Saline High School and Harvest Elementary School are located east, just outside the City limits in Pittsfield Township.

Industrial land uses occupy about 16% of the City's land area and include light and heavy industrial uses in four industrial parks located north, east, and southeast of the Faurecia plant.

Open space and recreation land uses account for only 7.3% of the City's total land area, totaling approximately 210 acres. The largest parks are Curtiss and Mill Pond parks along the Saline River, and several community and neighborhood parks are scattered throughout the City. Tefft Park, a 40 acre site in the northeast corner of the City, includes the Saline Rec Center and outdoor recreation facilities.

NATURAL FEATURES

Geology & Topography

The existing terrain in and around the City of Saline was shaped by the Wisconsin ice sheet, which retreated from the region about 13,000 years ago. Saline is characterized by gently rolling topography in the southeast and by nearly level land in the north.

The Saline River has carved out a steep sided valley which meanders along the southern portions of the City. Figure 4 depicts the City's general natural features.

Soils

Two soil associations are identified in the Washtenaw County Soil Survey for the City of Saline. The well drained to poorly drained Boyer-Fox-Sebewa Association is found in the northwest corner of the City. The Morley-Blount Association, sometimes high in clay content, occupies the remainder of Saline.

Vegetation

The pattern of vegetation is influenced by topography, soils, and human impact. The representative vegetation communities include forests, streamside, meadows, abandoned fields, and roadside.

The City's streets and parks include a large number of planted trees, while areas along the Saline River and on the north part of Saline include some wooded areas left relatively undisturbed because they remain undeveloped.

Water Resources

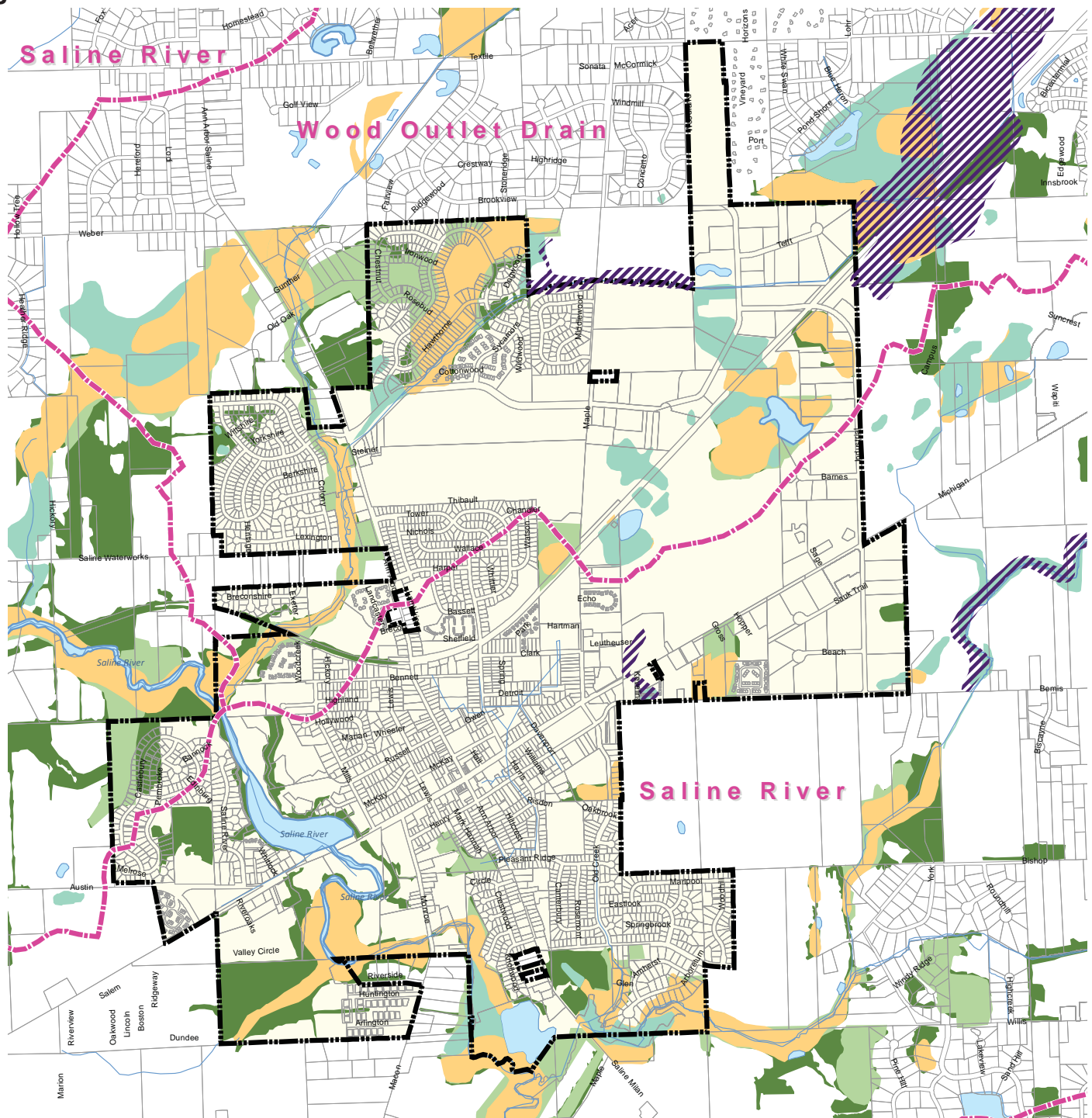
The Saline River is the City's largest waterway. Primary drains include the Wood Outlet Drain in the north, and the Pittsfield No. 4 and Koch Warner drains in the south. The three tributaries flow in a southwesterly direction toward the River. In a broader context, the Saline area is part of the River Raisin watershed, the second largest watershed in Washtenaw County draining into Lake Erie.









Small, seasonal wetlands are scattered throughout the City and are most often found in association with the River and its tributaries.

The Saline River is used for recreational fishing. A number of public access points have been provided at Mill Pond and Curtiss parks. Canoeing and kayaking along the River are also possible.



Figure 4: Natural Features



-  Floodplain
-  Major Watershed Subbasins
-  Rivers, Streams, and Drains
-  Open Water
-  Freshwater Emergent Wetland
-  Scrub-Shrub Wetland
-  Forested Lowland
-  Forested Upland

NATURAL FEATURES

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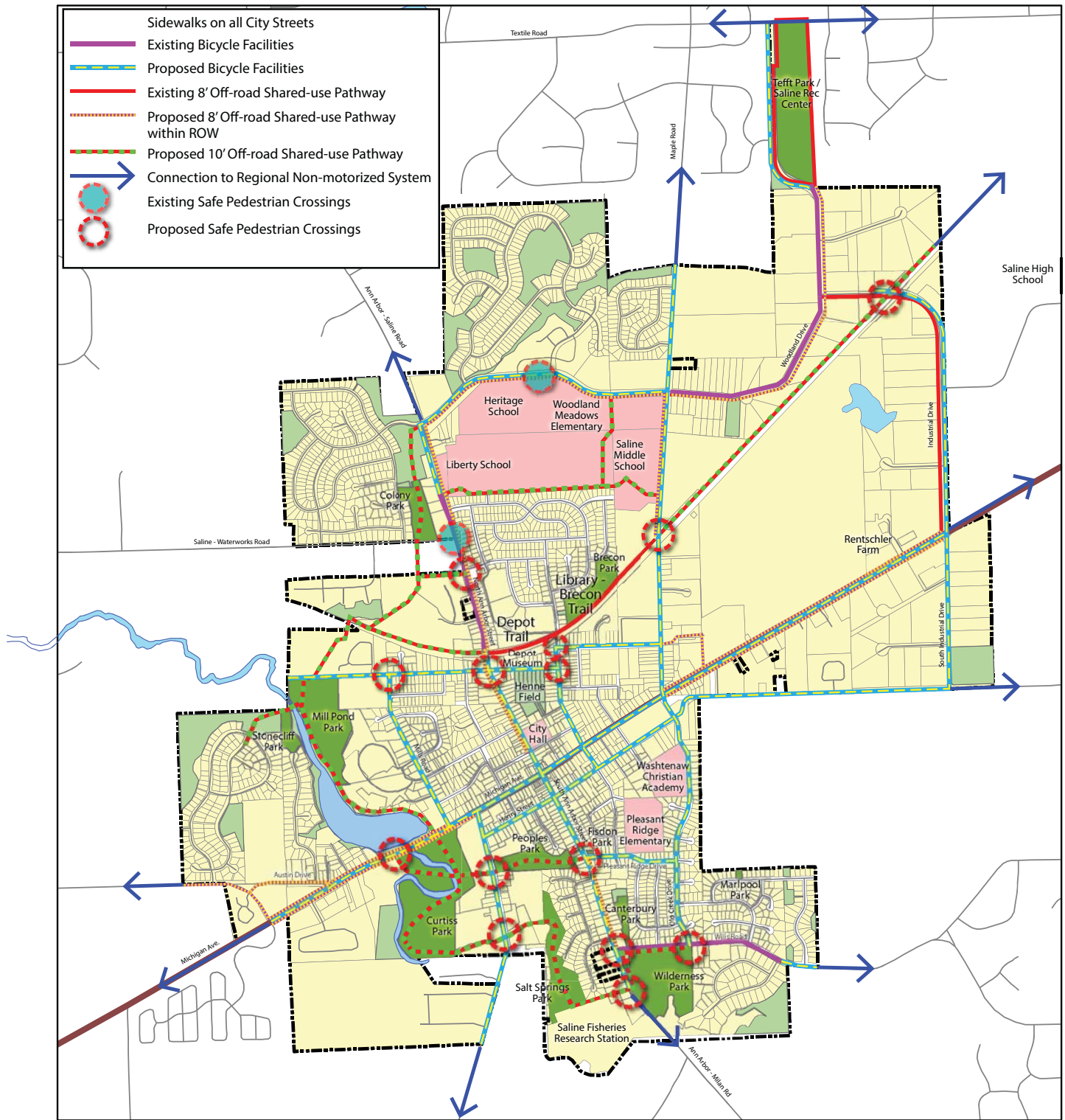
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Source: Washtenaw County GIS

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Figure 5: Saline's Non-motorized Transportation Plan



**City of Saline
Non-Motorized Transportation System**

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Washtenaw County

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RELATED PLANNING INITIATIVES

Saline is committed to managing its future to enhance economic benefit, recreational activities, and overall quality of life for its residents. Several significant planning and development efforts have taken place at local levels which have relevance to parks and recreation in Saline.

Saline Non-Motorized Transportation

The City of Saline first prepared a Non-motorized Transportation plan in November 2009 to provide a clear direction for the implementation of pedestrian and bicycle facilities in the City. In conjunction with the 2015 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the City updated the Non-motorized Transportation plan in 2015. The updated plan, shown in Figure 5, renews the call for establishment of bicycle lanes on major roadways, on- and off-road shared-use pathways, and pedestrian improvements at identified crosswalks.

The concept of a pedestrian and non-motorized transportation network has been an adopted goal for Saline since the early 1990s. The development of a linear park network was originally addressed as a priority in the 2004 Recreation Master Plan and re-emphasized in the 2010 plan. A number of possible segments were identified, including:

- Mill Pond Park to Stonecliff Park
- Maple Road to Ann Arbor Street on the abandoned railroad
- Ann Arbor Street to Mill Pond Park
- Mill Pond Park to Curtiss Park crossing Michigan Avenue
- Curtiss Park to Peoples Park
- Maple Road to City limits on railroad ROW
- Woodland Drive to Colony Park on City sewer easement,
- Peoples, Salt Springs, and Wilderness Park connector system, and
- Connection to proposed nature preserve at Saline-Milan Road and South Maple

Saline Area Sustainability Circle

The Saline Area Sustainability Circle consists of community leaders concerned about issues and growth in the Saline area. It includes representatives from the City of Saline and the townships of Lodi, Pittsfield, York, and Saline as well as Saline Area Schools, the Saline Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Coalition for a Quality Community. The group discusses land use and community issues from a regional perspective and has developed the 2004 Regional Planning Guidelines which addresses transportation, growth management, natural features protection, and quality of life issues. Parks, recreation, and non-motorized transportation alternatives are important issues the group has identified for the communities. The Plan is available for download here:

http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/planning_environment/planning/ssc_rpg.pdf



Figure 6: Depot Trail
(Source: upnorthmichigan.com)

Pick Up the Pace, Saline! (PUPS)

A group including members of the Coalition for a Quality Community and staff from the City of Saline Parks and Recreation Department organized in 2002 to initiate and promote community health events and programs. PUPS initiated a free pedometer program, developed a monthly community walk program and prepared a community Walking Map which is posted on the Key Bank building on North Ann Arbor Street. The map, shown on Figure 6, includes a series of walking loops that are named and color coded with their mileage length identified.

While the group is no longer operational, their impact is still felt in the City. PUPS was instrumental in developing the ¼ mile long Depot Trail from North Ann Arbor to Harris streets in 2008, as well as development of the Saline Community Garden on Woodland Drive in 2007.



Figure 7: PUPS Walking Map for Saline
(Source: City of Saline)



Urban Design Plan - Envisioning the Next 20 Years

The Saline Downtown Blueprint Study, prepared in 2005, provided a critique of the strengths and challenges of Saline's downtown and made recommendations regarding the identified issues. The recommendations were further addressed in the Saline Urban Design Plan prepared in 2007. The Urban Design Plan included proposals for the development of a new downtown public gathering space, identified potential sites for public art and provided suggestions for streetscape, parking, and other public improvements. Specific recommendations included:

- Create a downtown gathering place for a farmers' market or other events
- Develop new public green space or plaza
- Create medians in the downtown section of Michigan Avenue between Monroe and Harris streets
- Create dedicated left turn lanes on Michigan Avenue at Lewis and Harris streets
- Expand streetscape improvements from Harris to Monroe streets
- Encourage infill/new development within downtown
- Support mixed use redevelopment
- Preserve residential character at the downtown's edges
- Improve bicycle parking in the downtown area

Michigan Avenue Reconstruction

In April 2016, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will begin reconstruction of Michigan Avenue/US-12 between North Maple Road/Old Creek Drive to the Saline River bridge. Scheduled projects to be addressed include:

- Widening US-12 to five lanes between Lewis Street and Harris Street to add a center turn lane
- storm sewer and water main upgrades,
- sidewalk improvements, and
- traffic signal upgrades.

An enhancement grant will allow upgrades to downtown amenities including enhanced crosswalks at major intersections, the addition of mid-block islands, and enhanced lighting along the corridor.

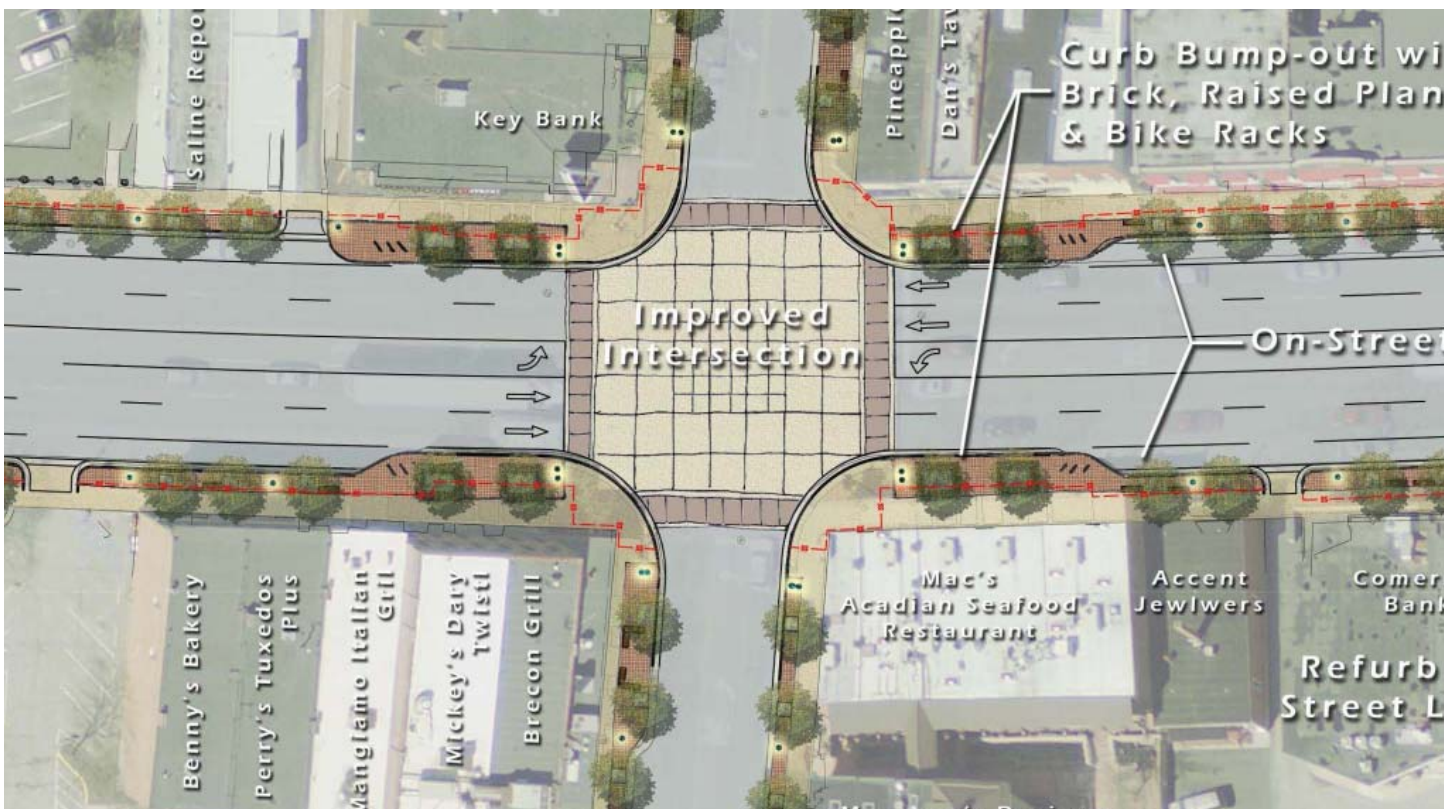


Figure 8: Proposed Improvements for Michigan Avenue
(Source: Saline Main Street)

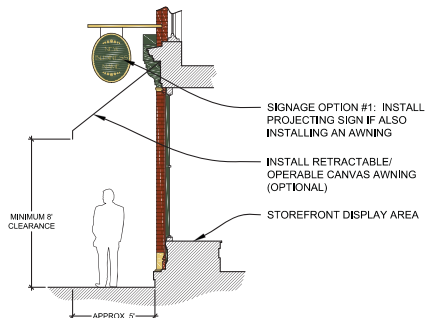


Michigan Main Street Program

Feeding off of the success of the Urban Design Plan, Saline applied for and was granted Associate Level status in the Michigan Main Street Program in 2011. The Michigan Main Street program, a component of the Michigan State Housing development Authority, offers suggestions and strategies for downtown and neighborhood district revitalization. The program emphasizes a four-part approach to community revitalization developed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. These techniques include Design, Economic Restructuring, Promotion and Organization, all working together with community collaborations and partnerships. The City achieved "Selected" level status in 2012, providing new opportunities for volunteers to obtain training in area such as streetscape visioning, graphic design training, and more. A complete list of services available can be found at: <http://www.michiganmainstreetcenter.com/AboutTheProgram/WhatWeProvide.aspx>

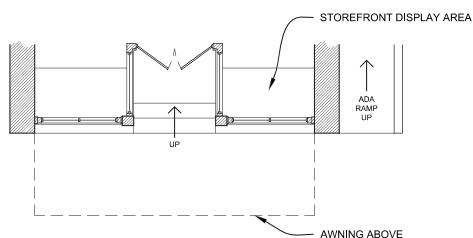
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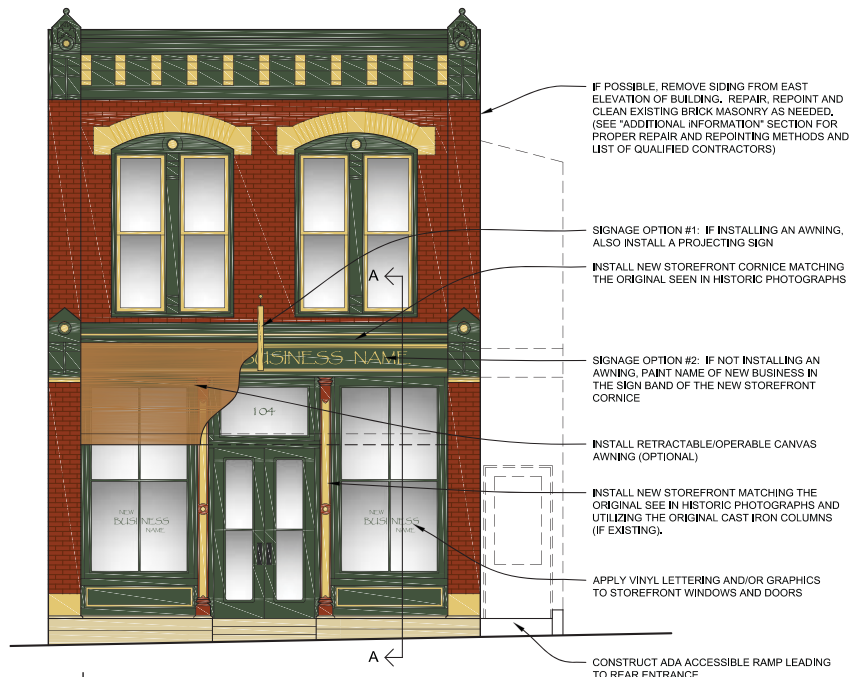


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02 HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS

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05 PROPOSED FACADE - SOUTH ELEVATION

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Figure 9: Sample Design Solution
(Source: Michigan Main Street Center)

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

The administration of parks and recreation services in Saline is the responsibility of the City of Saline Parks and Recreation Department.

The Saline Parks and Recreation Department strives to be considered an essential and valued service for the community by sustaining and developing quality programs. This is demonstrated by the staff's commitment to excellence and ability to grow and change with the community. The mission statement of the Saline Parks and Recreation Department is:

"To provide a variety of recreational opportunities to meet the needs and desires of our community. We promote health & wellness through creative collaborations and we bring value to Saline by creating a sense of community."

ADMINISTRATION

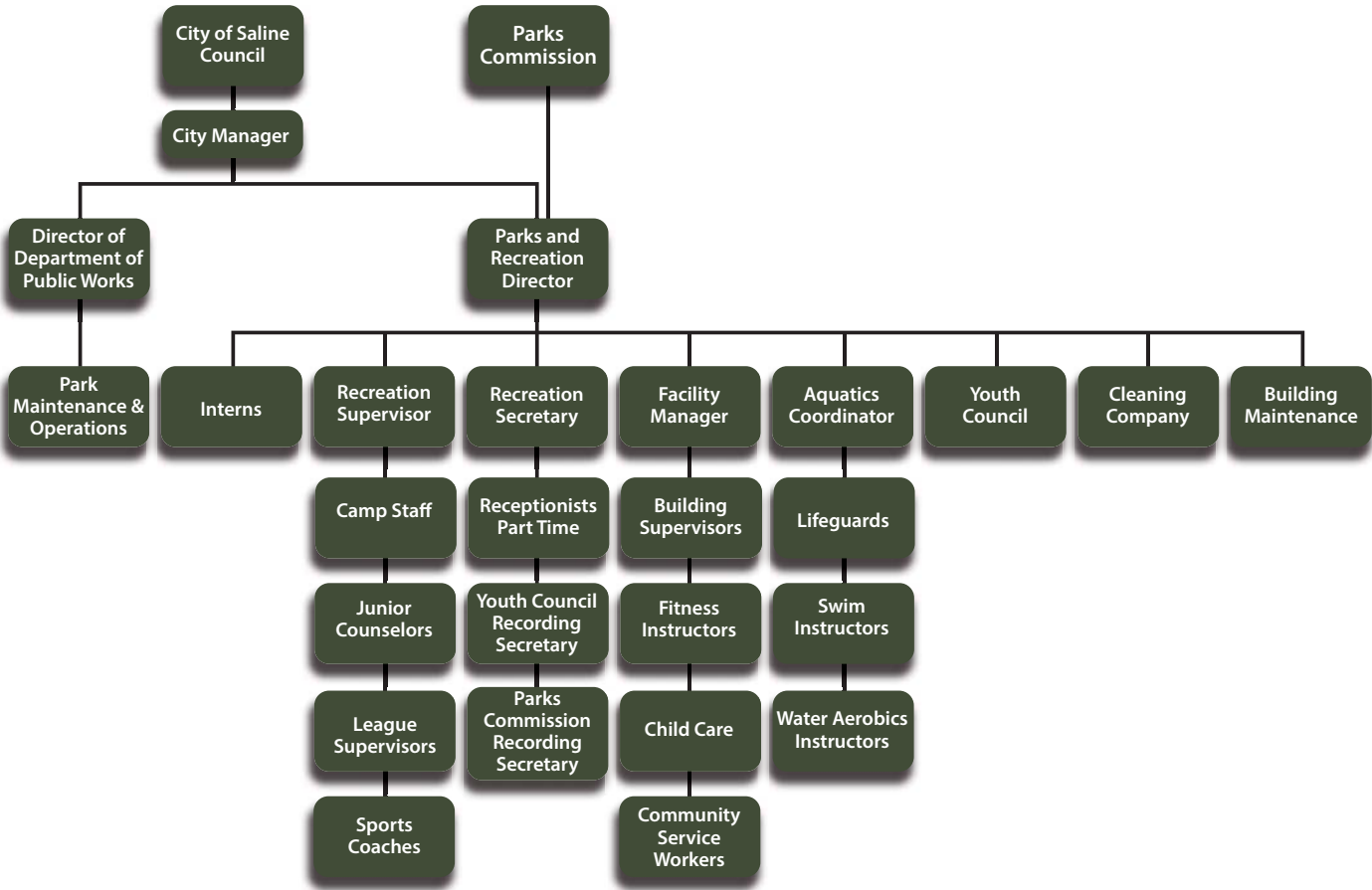
The Parks and Recreation Director is responsible for all City park activities and programs and the administration of the Saline Rec Center. The Department of Public Works Director is responsible for all park maintenance and operations. The Parks and Recreation Director and the Department of Public Works Director report to the City Manager who, in turn, reports to the City Council.

The Parks Commission is a nine person volunteer board appointed by the Mayor with consent of the City Council. It is an advisory body to the City Council regarding park planning, construction, and maintenance.

The Parks and Recreation Director supervises several full-time personnel, including an Aquatics Coordinator, Recreation Supervisor, Facility Manager, and Recreation Secretary. Each full-time position is responsible for various programs and/or activities and for the supervision of a number of part-time employees. Including the Parks and Recreation Director, there are six full-time staff and 60 part-time employees associated with the Parks and Recreation Department. Figure 10 on the next page illustrates the organizational structure of Saline with regards to Parks and Recreation.



Figure 10: Administrative Structure



FUNDING & BUDGET

The Parks and Recreation Department administers over 50 year-round programs and over 32 seasonal activities.

Parks and recreation facilities and services are supported by the Saline general fund, user fees, and charges. Parks and Recreation and Public Works are responsible for the park improvements, maintenance, programs, equipment, and staff. A variety of sources are also utilized for funding capital improvement projects. Grants are aggressively pursued and donations or contributions are also solicited.

The current 2015-2016 budget related to Parks and Recreation is summarized in Table 4.

Table 4: Parks and Recreation Budget Summary

Recreation Center	
Revenues	
Administration	\$ 808,000
Leagues	\$ 91,000
Classes	\$ 276,000
Programs	\$ 182,500
Miscellaneous	\$ 200
Transfers	\$ 150,000
Total Revenues	\$ 1,507,700
Expenditures	
General	\$ 15,000
Administration	\$ 415,200
Building and Outside	\$ 424,500
Leagues	\$ 31,000
Pool	\$ 205,500
Classes	\$ 169,500
Weight Room	\$ 15,000
Programs	\$ 183,400
Total Expenditures for Operation	\$ 1,459,100
Fund Balance	\$ 191,987
Capital Outlay	\$ 282,600
Debt Service	\$ 103,072.50

General Fund - Parks Expenditures	
Park & Tree Maintenance	\$ 272,000
Parks Commission	\$ 14,350
Capital Improvement Projects for Parks	
Brecon Park	\$ 22,000
Canterbury Park	\$ 0
Colony Park	\$ 0
Curtiss Park	\$ 0
Marlpool Park	\$ 0
Mill Pond Park	\$ 0
Peoples Park	\$ 7,500
Salt Springs Park	\$ 0
Stonecliff Park	\$ 0
Tefft Park	\$ 40,000
Wilderness Park	\$ 0
Total Capital Improvement Projects	\$ 69,500



VOLUNTEERS & PARTNERSHIPS

Saline Parks and Recreation works cooperatively with the Saline Community Schools and the area’s volunteer sports organizations to offer recreation services to area residents.

While the Saline Parks and Recreation Department runs successful athletic programs for pre-schoolers, the Saline Area Youth Baseball and Softball (SAYB&S), Saline Area Soccer Association (SASA), and Saline Community Education run recreational and competitive sports leagues for school age children. They use and maintain the fields at the schools, parks, and other locations. They are responsible for all expenses related to field maintenance and the programs.

Service clubs and community groups play an important role in providing volunteer labor and financial support for park facilities and programs. There are many service clubs and organizations that actively support Saline Parks and Recreation. They include:

Local service clubs:	Kiwanis Club Lions Club Rotary Club Saline American Legion Saline Main Street Saline Newcomers Club
Scouting Groups:	Boy Scouts of America, Great Sauk Trail Council Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan
Recreation Use Groups:	Saline Area Soccer Association Saline Area Youth Baseball & Softball
Land Conservancies:	Washtenaw Land Conservancy
Other Organizations:	Friends of Saline District Library Friends of Henne Field Saline Area Chamber of Commerce Saline Area Historical Society Saline Main Street CARES (Saline Area Schools - Cultural Arts, Recreation, Enrichment, Seniors)

RECREATION INVENTORY

The residents of the City of Saline are able to take advantage of a variety of local recreational resources. Saline includes over 210 acres of public parkland and an indoor family recreation center which accommodate a wide variety of recreation opportunities. In addition, the community school facilities play a key role in providing both outdoor and indoor recreation. There are also about 1,300 acres of county-owned parkland and over 35,000 acres of parkland owned by the State located in Washtenaw County. These recreation facilities are considered regional recreation resources.

This chapter details the recreation inventory of the City, schools, private, and regional recreation facilities using information compiled from previous recreation plans, a field survey, and City staff.

LOCAL RECREATION FACILITIES

City Parks and Recreation Facilities

The 12 City parks vary in size and activities from a neighborhood or mini-park including a landscape area with a bench to a community park offering a wide range of recreational facilities including playgrounds, picnic areas, athletic fields, and natural areas.

Traditional NRPA guidelines categorize neighborhood parks as parks which range in size from 5 to 15 acres and which have a service area of 1/4 to 1/2 mile. Community parks are generally larger (25+ acres), service a larger area (up to 2 miles), and often offer facilities suited for more intense recreation (e.g. swimming pools or soccer fields). Neighborhood parks serve as a social and recreational focal points for neighborhoods and are the basic units of a park system.

Saline maintains 6 community parks and 6 neighborhood parks providing open space and playground equipment. They are depicted on Figure 9 and described in the following pages.



Figure 11: City of Saline Parks

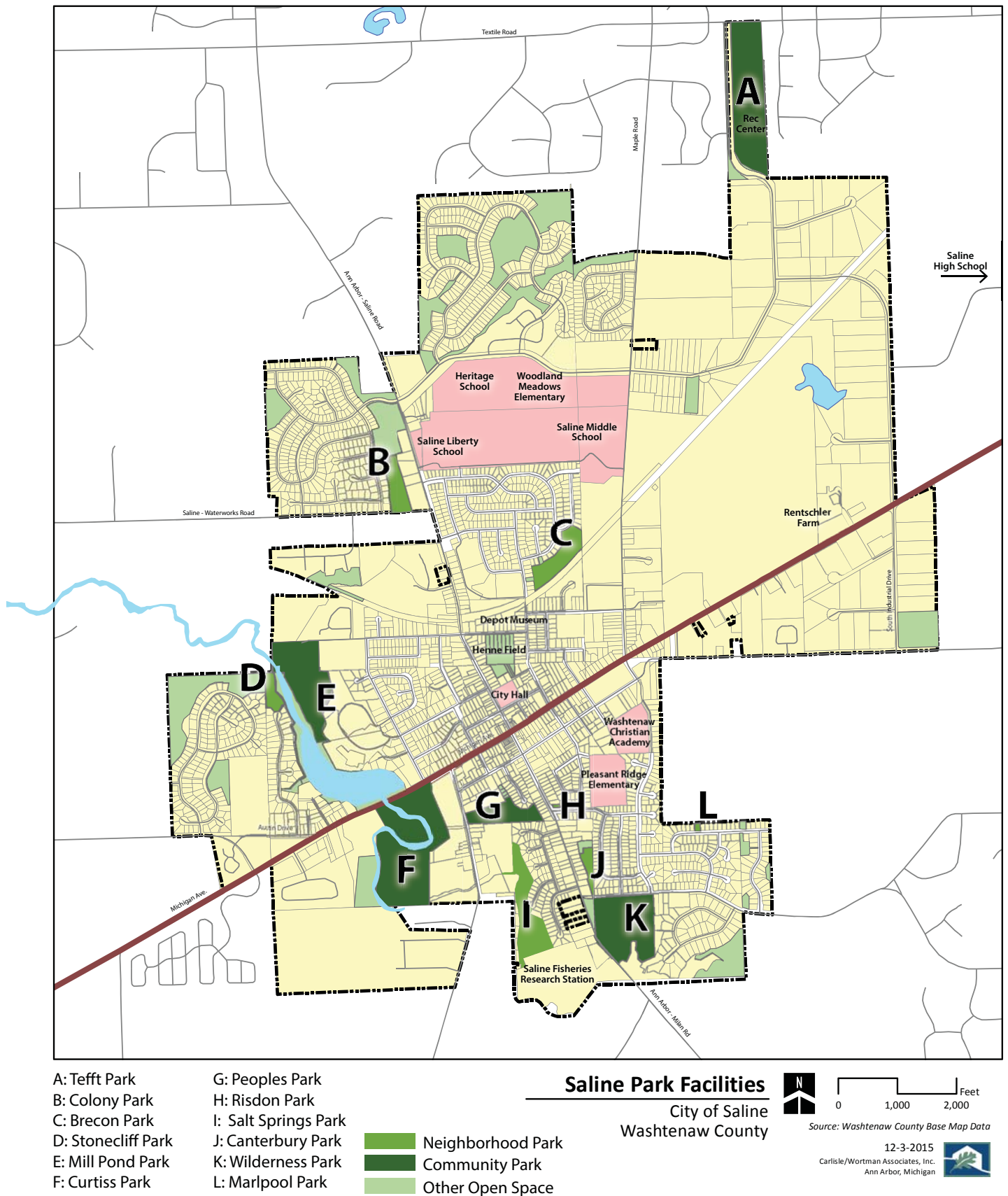




Table 5: Saline Park Facilities

		Neighborhood / Mini Park						Community Park					
		Canterbury Park - 4 acres	Colony Park - 6 acres	Marlpool Park - 0.3 acres	Risdon Park - 0.2	Salt Springs Park - 4 acres	Stonecliff Park - 4 acres	Brecon Park - 6 acres	Curtiss Park - 50 acres	Mill Pond Park - 54 acres	Peoples Park - 10 acres	Tefft Park - 40 acres	Wilderness Park - 22 acres
Access	Parking Area	•	street	street	street	•	street	•	•	•	•	•	
	Handicap Access							•	•	•		•	
Passive Use	Play Equipment	•	•	•				•	•	•		•	
	Picnic Tables	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Pavilion								•	•		•	
	Grills	•							•	•		•	•
	Restrooms	P						P	P	•	P	P	P
Court / Turf Games	Baseball/Softball							•	•		•	•	
	Tennis Courts								•		•	•	
	Sand Volleyball Courts											•	
	Basketball Courts							•			•	•	
	Soccer Fields									•		•	
	Disc Golf											•	
	Stadium / Track											•	
	Ropes Course												
	Gaga Ball Pit									•		•	
	Tetherball Court											•	
Misc	Rec Center											•	
	Dog Park									•			
	Little Library				•			•		•		•	
Interpretive Facilities	Historic Site					•							
Water Activities	Fishing					•			•	•			
Trails	Walk/Hike Trail					•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

P = Portable toilets
street = On-street parking

Table 6: Local Recreational Facilities

		City Properties			School Properties							Adjacent Community Parks (Pittsfield)								
		Rentschler Farm Museum	City Hall	Railroad Depot Museum	Harvest Elementary	Woodland Meadows	Heritage Elementary	Pleasant Ridge Elementary	Saline Middle School	Saline High School	Henne Field	Hickory Woods Park	Lillie Park	Marsh View Meadows Park	Montibeller Park	Pittsfield Preserve	Pittsfield Township Park	Prairie Park	Wooley Park	Sandra Richardson Park (York)
Access	Parking Area	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Handicap Access	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•					
Passive Use	Play Equipment				•	•	•	•				•	•	•	•		•	•	•	
	Picnic Tables		•									•	•	•	•		•		•	•
	Pavilion												•	•	•		•		•	
	Grills												•							
	Restrooms		•						•				•	•	•		•			
Court / Turf Games	Baseball/Softball				•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•		•			
	Tennis Courts								•	•					•					
	Sand Volleyball Courts																			
	Basketball Courts				•	•	•	•	•	•									•	
	Soccer Fields				•	•	•	•	•	•			•						•	•
	Disc Golf																		•	
	Stadium / Track								•	•										
	Ropes Course									•										
	Gaga Ball Pit																			
	Tetherball Court																			
Misc	Rec Center																			
	Dog Park																			
	Little Library		•			•					•									
Interpretive Facilities	Historic Site	•		•																
Water Activities	Fishing												•							
Trails	Walk/Hike Trail									•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•



Neighborhood Parks



Canterbury Park is located in the south part of Saline within a residential block. It is accessible from Willis Road and includes 4 acres of land with picnic areas, grills, benches, a stegosaurus and caterpillar climbing structures, swings, slides, other play equipment, and portable restrooms. Canterbury Park also shares a dirt parking lot with Wilderness Park on the southeastern corner of Willis and Saline-Milan Roads.



Colony Park is located in a residential subdivision in the northwest part of Saline. It consists of a tot lot including 6 acres and adjacent to the subdivision's detention area. Facilities include benches, play structure, swing set, climbing equipment, and a 3.5-acre natural area along the Wood Outlet Drain with informal footpaths.



Marlpool Park is located in a residential subdivision in the southeast part of Saline. It consists of a tot lot on 0.3 acres of land within a subdivision. Facilities include a play structure, swing set, balance beam, picnic table, and benches.



Risdon Park is a small open space of .24 acres located at the intersection of Pleasant Ridge and South Ann Arbor Street. It includes a bench, picnic table, and a grass area. The park was upgraded by volunteers in 2014 to incorporate a boxwood hedge along the park's northern and western boundaries.





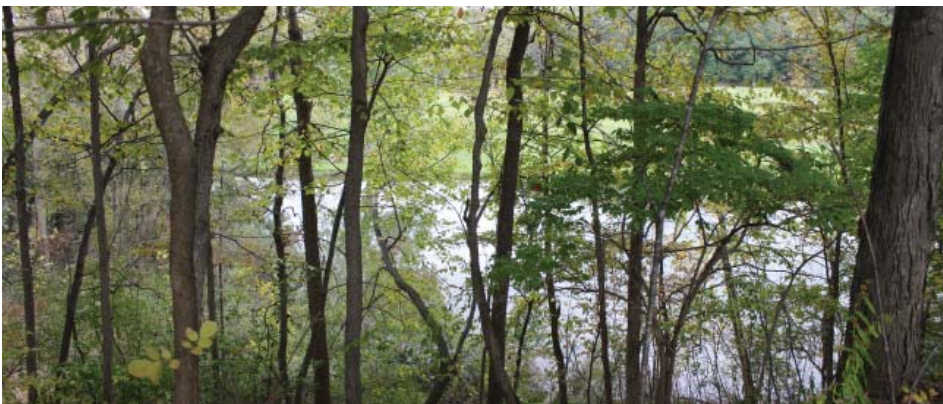
Image source: Saline Post

Salt Springs Park is Saline's newest park property, established in 2013. The 15-acre community park, located between South Ann Arbor Street and the Saline River, will offer a nature/history walking trail. Grant funds are being sought to develop an educational program with a strong emphasis on the natural history of the area. Planned future amenities include:

- Walking trail
- Boardwalk
- Educational signage



Stonecliff Park is an open space located in Stonecliff Subdivision in the southwest part of Saline. It includes a paved pathway connecting to the Torchwood Subdivision to the west, picnic tables, and 4 acres of sloping terrain to the Saline River overlooking Mill Pond Park.



Community Parks

Brecon Park is a 6-acre community park located between North Harris, Nichols, and Watson streets, west of Maple Road. It is also contiguous to the abandoned Ann Arbor Railroad corridor. The park includes the following facilities and activities:

- 26-space parking lot from North Harris Street,
- 23-space parking lot from Nichols Street,
- Baseball field,
- A fenced basketball court,
- Swing sets, slides, merry-go-round,
- Portable restrooms,
- Open areas with mature trees and picnic tables, and
- Connection to the paved Library - Brecon Trail, which was installed in 2014.





Curtiss Park is a 50-acre community park located in the southwest part of Saline across from Mill Pond Park and bordering Oakwood Cemetery. It includes the Saline River and the following facilities and activities:

- 50 parking spaces along the drive,
- 100-space dirt parking lot in the back,
- 2 tennis courts,
- Baseball field,
- Picnic pavilion,
- Portable restrooms,
- 2 play structures,
- Swing sets, slide, and climbing equipment,
- Fishing/observation deck,
- Footbridge over the river, and
- Walking trails, including the Max Adler Trail.



Mill Pond Park is a 54-acre community park located in the southwest part of Saline along the Saline River spillway and dam. The park is host for the Saline Celtic Festival and the Movies-in-the-Park series in the summer. The park includes the following facilities and activities:

- 68-space parking lot,
- 2 picnic pavilions with restroom facilities,
- Wood play structure (Recreate Our Mill Pond Park, ROMP),
- Open fields,
- Dog park with agility equipment,
- Picnic areas,
- Gaga ball
- Orienteering course,
- Bowley bridge with ADA access,
- Boat launch, and
- Shore fishing.





Peoples Park is a 10-acre community park located on Monroe Street with a pedestrian connection to South Ann Arbor Street. The park includes a variety of recreation facilities and activities:

- Small grass parking area and on-street parking from Monroe Street,
- 2 tennis courts,
- Basketball court,
- Baseball field, and
- Grass pathway from parking area to South Ann Arbor Street through a 4-acre nature area.



Tefft Park is a 40-acre community park located on Woodland Drive in the northeast part of Saline which incorporates the Saline Rec Center and a 5.5-acre nature area. Outdoor park facilities and activities include:

- 90 parking spaces in north parking lot,
- 230-space parking lot by building,
- 4 softball fields (2 lighted),
- 4 lighted tennis courts,
- Soccer field,
- 2 sand volleyball courts,
- Gaga ball court,
- Tetherball,
- 5-hole disc golf course,
- Picnic pavilion,
- Picnic area with tables,
- 2 portable restrooms,
- 2 play structures, and
- Walking paths and nature area.





Wilderness Park is a 22-acre community park located on Willis Road south of Saline. It includes the following facilities and activities:

- On-street parking area and dirt parking lot on the southeast corner of Willis and Saline-Milan Roads,
- Picnic area,
- Portable restroom,
- Nature area,
- Walking trails with scenic view benches,
- Drinking fountain with dog faucet.



Other Recreation Facilities

The **Saline Rec Center** includes an indoor 6-lane lap pool and a leisure pool, an indoor track, gym, racquetball court, hot tub, nautilus room, cardio room, aerobic studio, family locker rooms, free weight room and multi-purpose rooms for residents of Saline and neighboring communities.



Image source: Saline Post

Although not a City facility, the **Senior Center**, located in the Saline Middle School on Maple Road, provides activities and programs for persons 55 and over. It is operated by the non-profit Saline Area Senior Council. The activities include day trips, dances, meals, meals-on-wheels, craft classes, pot luck parties, outreach programs, and more.



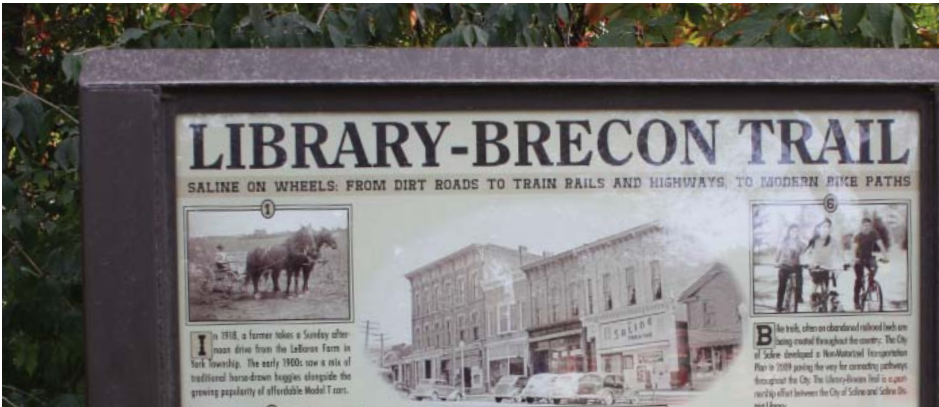
The City owns the **Rentschler Farm Museum**, a historic farm house and barns with working exhibits depicting an American farm family life during the first half of the 20th century. The Saline Historical Society operates the museum.



Image source (above): Saline Post

Image source (below): US12heritagetrail.org





The City leases the Railroad Depot to the Saline Area Historical Society to operate as a museum. The museum contains exhibits about the railroad and history of Saline. Although all the original surrounding buildings have been removed, the Depot still stands on its original site. During its heyday, the complex consisted of a depot building, storage barn, wool barn, livestock pens, loading facilities, water storage tank, and outdoor bathroom.



The Railroad Depot is also the starting point for the ¼ mile Depot Trail leading to Harris Street, which in turn connects to the roughly ½ mile Library-Brecon Trail.



School Facilities



Image source: Saline Post



Image source: Hennefield.org



Image source: heritage.com



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The public school grounds in the City of Saline provide valuable recreation opportunities for residents. While the City uses the school facilities and grounds for some programs and events, public access to these facilities is dependent on the schools' policies. Saline Community Schools include five elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school. The Weber-Blaess one-room schoolhouse is an historic resource owned by the schools which was moved from Lodi Township to Woodland Drive. Figure 11 (page 23) depicts the location of the schools and the following describes the recreation facilities and activities they offer.

Harvest Elementary School (K - 3rd grade) is located on Campus Parkway in Pittsfield Township and includes about 18 acres of land with:

- Ball field,
- 2 small soccer fields,
- 3 basketball courts,
- Play structure, swings, and other play equipment, and
- Indoor gymnasium.

Henne Field, formerly part of Union School, was renovated in 2009 with the completion of construction phases 1 and 2. Later phases of construction are planned for the coming years. Existing amenities include:

- 58-space parking lot,
- Portable toilets,
- 2 little league ball fields,
- Paved trail, and
- Open field for outdoor events.

Planned future amenities include:

- a performance shelter,
- playground
- lighting
- landscaping



Image source: Saline Post

Heritage (4th - 5th grade) and **Woodland Meadows** (K - 3rd grade) Elementary Schools are located on Woodland Drive and include 40 acres of land with:

- 2 baseball fields,
- 2 softball fields,
- 2 four square courts
- 2 basketball courts,
- play structure and equipment, and
- 2 indoor gymnasiums.



Image source: Saline Post

Liberty School, located on Ann Arbor Street, houses the Saline Area School District administrative offices. The building hosts community education, adult education, young adult programming, daycare, and the Liberty Club, and is the winter home for the Saline Farmers Market. The building is periodically used by a variety of other groups, clubs, and organizations.

Pleasant Ridge Elementary School (K - 3rd grade) is located on Pleasant Ridge Drive in the southeast part of Saline and includes 12 acres of land with:

- 2 basketball courts,
- 1 soccer field,
- 3 four square courts,
- play structures and equipment, and
- indoor gymnasium.



Image source: SalineHornets.com

Saline Middle School is located on Maple Road in the north part of the City. It is adjacent to Heritage and Woodland Meadow schools and includes a total of 96 acres of land with:

- 1 baseball field,
- 2 softball fields,
- 1 soccer field,
- 2 basketball courts,
- football stadium with track and field,
- football practice field,
- 8 tennis courts, and
- Indoor gymnasium.

Saline High School is located in Pittsfield Township on Campus Parkway on more than 200 acres of land and includes a number of recreational facilities:

- 5 baseball fields,
- 3 softball fields,
- 8 soccer fields,
- football stadium and football field with track,
- practice fields for soccer, football, and baseball,
- 10 tennis courts,
- ropes course,
- cross country trails, and
- 4-court gym with second floor running track, auxiliary 2-court gym, wrestling/aerobics room, a gymnastics/multi-use room, weight lifting rooms, a training room, and a swimming pool with 8 competition lanes and diving area.



Image source: Saline Post



Image source: Saline Post



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ADJACENT COMMUNITIES RECREATION FACILITIES

Pittsfield Township has well over 800 acres of parkland and a Parks and Recreation Department offering a variety of recreational services and amenities. York Township has two parks with both passive and active recreation, while Lodi and Saline townships do not offer any public local parks or recreational facilities. Table 5 summarizes the facilities available in Saline's surrounding communities and Figure 11 depicts their location.

Table 7: Adjacent Community Parks

Name	Acres	Facilities & Activities
Pittsfield Township Parks		
Hickory Woods Park	47	Recently updated with parking, picnic areas/pavilions, play structures, and trails. ADA accessible.
Lillie Park	124	Nature trails, fishing docks, picnic areas, observation areas, picnic pavilions, parking lot, restrooms, 2 soccer fields, benches, wildlife observation, 2 lakes, a bog, and woodland areas. ADA accessible.
Marsh View Meadows Park	54	Picnic pavilion, restroom, play structures, playfield, nature trails, interpretive signs, boardwalk, observation deck, bike trail, and t-ball field. ADA accessible.
Montibeller Park	52	Baseball field, softball field, 4 tennis courts, picnic pavilion, play structures, swings, slides, whirl, jungle bars, sledding area, wooded area with nature trails, open space, and 2 parking lots.
Pittsfield Preserve	535	Parking lot, trails, wetlands, connection to greenway. Recently incorporated former P. G. Palmer Park.
Pittsfield Township Park and Community Center	7	Pavilion, restroom, parking lot, 3 t-ball fields, playground structures, and open space
Prairie Park	10	2 play structures, walking trail, parking
Wall Park	28	Part of the Stony Creek Watershed Conservation Easement; 8 soccer fields, parking
Wooley Park	50	Soon to include new parking and upgraded boardwalk facilities. Currently includes basketball court, soccer field, pavilion, disc golf course, two play structures, walking/fitness trail, plus significant wetland areas.
Lohr-Textile Greenway		4.2 mile trail connecting West Ellsworth and Textile Roads via Lohr Road.
Platt Road Greenway		2.5 mile trail connecting Lillie Park with Rolling Hills Park in Ypsilanti Township.
York Township Parks		
Saline River Preserve	16	Proposed nature preserve at the intersection of Saline-Milan Road and South Maple Road in York Township. The preserve will include walking trails and nature areas.
Sandra Richardson Park	115	Nature area, picnic area, 5 soccer fields, and trails
Mary McCann Park	38	Walking trail and nature areas

PRIVATE RECREATION FACILITIES

A number of private recreation facilities can also be found in the Saline area including a bowling alley, golf courses, movie theaters, a roller rink, a golf/driving range, and indoor fitness centers. Table 6 summarizes the private facilities available in the Saline area, which are listed below:

Archery & Shooting Ranges

- Adams Archery
- Arbor Arms
- Tri-County Sportsmen's League

Basketball

- Common Bond Basketball
- Wide World Sports Center

Bowling

- Bellmark Lanes
- Revel & Roll Bowling Alley
- Maplewood Lanes Bowling Alley

Dance

- Ann Arbor Dance Classics
- Come Dancing
- Dance Alliance Studio
- Dance Steps Studio Inc.
- Dance Xplosion
- Dancesport & Fitness
- Randazzo Dance Studio
- Rhythm Dance Crew
- Swing City Dance Studio
- The Dance Pavilion

Golf

- Ann Arbor Golf & Outing Club
- Augusta Pines Golf Learning Center
- Brookside Golf Course
- Eagle Crest Conference Center & Golf Club
- Georgetown Country Club
- Lake Forest Golf Club
- Miles of Golf
- Pine View Golf Course
- The Polo Fields Golf & Country Club
- Stonebridge Golf Club
- Travis Pointe Country Club
- University of Michigan Golf Course
- Washtenaw Country Club
- Yorktown Golf
- Zeeb Golf Driving Range



PRIVATE RECREATION FACILITIES, CONT.

Gymnasiums & Fitness

- Applied Fitness Solutions
- Arbor Fit Club
- Curves
- Hyperfit USA
- Joust Strength & Fitness
- LA Fitness
- One on One Athletic Club
- Planet Fitness
- Powerhouse Gym
- Snap Fitness
- Wolverine Strength and Conditioning
- Workout1

Swimming & Tennis

- Chippewa Tennis & Swim Club
- Forest Hills Country Club
- Georgetown Country Club
- Huron Valley Swim Club
- Liberty Athletic Club
- Travis Pointe Country Club

Yoga

- Evolve Yoga Studio
- SmartBodies!
- Yogacentric

Martial Arts

- Ann Arbor Brazilian Jujitsu
- Final Round Training Center
- Hensel Kenpo Karate
- Japanese Martial Arts Center
- PKSA Karate Ann Arbor
- Quest Martial Arts
- Saline ATA Martial Arts

Skating & Hockey Facilities

- Ann Arbor Ice Cube
- Buhr Park Ice Arena

RECREATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The City of Saline offers outstanding youth and adult team and individual sports opportunities and special events to City residents and non-residents. The programs listed below are offered by the City of Saline Parks and Recreation Department.

Special Events:

- Tree Climbing Clinic
- Park Clean Ups
- Punt, Pass, & Kick
- Movie in the Park
- Family Campout
- Movie Nights
- Daddy-Daughter Dances
- Mom 2 Mom Sales
- Halloween Events
- Princesses & Superheros
- Mermaids & Mateys Pirate Night
- Spring Fest

Tot and Preschool Programs:

- Pee Wee Soccer
- Tiny Tot Tennis
- Little Ballers Basketball
- Mighty Mite T-Ball
- Gym Open Play Day
- Pee Wee Sports Clinic
- Drop-in Play Groups
- Tumbling Tots

Youth and Teen Programs:

- Kids' Night Out
- Kid's Camps
- Dodgeball Leagues
- Fun Days
- Jujitsu
- Rec on the Go
- Tennis Lessons
- Swim Lessons
- Homeschool Gym Class
- SNAG Golf

Camps:

- Winter Kids' Camp
- Mid-winter Break Kids' Camp
- Spring Break Kids' Camp
- Summer Kids' Camp
- Fun Day Mini-Camps
- Soccer



Adult Programs:

- Softball Leagues
- Tennis Lessons
- Tennis Leagues
- Soccer Leagues
- Basketball Leagues
- Co-ed Volleyball Leagues
- Racquetball Leagues
- Sand Volleyball Leagues
- Dodgeball Leagues
- Swimming Lessons
- Aqua Zumba
- Drop-in Swimming
- Drop-in Volleyball
- Drop-in Wallyball

Teen and Adult Fitness:

- Body Composition tests
- Body Conditioning
- Boot Camp
- Brains & Balance
- Get Fit Stay Fit
- Interval Training
- Jujitsu
- Personal Training
- Spin Classes
- Total Fitness
- TRX
- Weightlifting, Flexibility & Conditioning
- Womens Self Defense
- Work Out With Weights
- Yoga
- Zumba

Aquatics:

- Parent & Infant Swimming
- Parent & Toddler Swimming
- Parent & Preschooler Swimming
- Young Swimmer or Parent & Preschooler
- Young Swimmer - Level 1 through 3
- American Red Cross Swimming - Level 1 through 6
- Home Schooler Swimming
- Pre-Competitive Swimming
- Private Swim Lessons
- Teen/Adult Beginning Swimming
- Teen/Adult Stroke Development
- Aquatic Play Day
- Lifeguard Training
- Junior Swim Instructors
- Low Stress Water Aerobics
- Deep Water Aerobics
- Scout Group Aquatic Badges
- Beginning Scuba Diving
- Snorkeling Fun

SALINE AREA SENIOR CENTER

The Saline Area Senior Center (SASC) is a separate group which offers a wide selections of programs which vary from season to season. SASC's mission is to enrich the lives of Senior Citizens through programs and activities that will be beneficial in promoting good health, education, referral services, community outreach and social programs.

Programs available to area seniors include:

- Billiards
- Walking & Exercise
- Acupuncture
- Bounce Volleyball
- Omnikin Volleyball
- Computer Classes
- Line Dancing
- Clogging
- Floral Arrangement
- Crafts
- Massage Therapy
- Landscape Painting
- Bridge, Euchre, Pinochle, & other card games
- Scrabble
- Zumba
- Yoga
- Pickleball
- Bingo
- Painting & Crafts
- Ping Pong
- Tai Chi
- Consulting by Appointment
- Wii Bowling League
- Organ Lessons
- Personal History Writing
- Community Events
- Old Fashion Ice Cream Social
- Digital Camera Q & A
- Meal on Wheels
- Day Trips
- Overnight Trips
- Cards, Cards, Cards
- Norwegian Facial & Scalp Massages
- Summer Golf League
- Transportation Services
- Open Recreation

OTHER RECREATION PROVIDERS

There are also other organizations providing recreation programs in Saline. They include Saline Community Education, the Saline Area Soccer Association, the Saline Area Youth Baseball and Softball, and Saline Twirlettes.



REGIONAL PARK FACILITIES

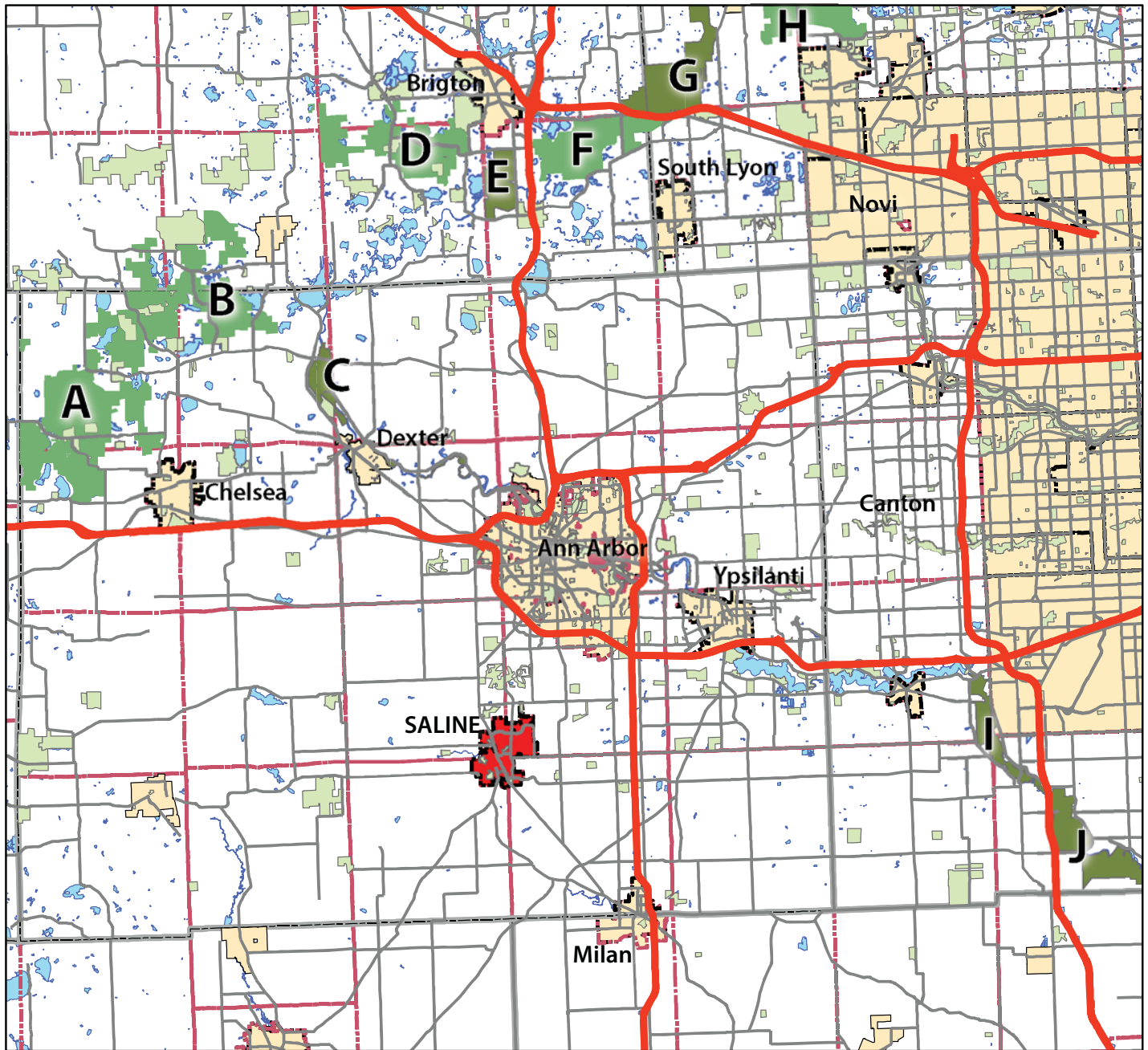
In addition to the local recreation facilities, there are a variety of regional recreation facilities and opportunities available to Saline residents. There are over 35,000 acres of state-owned parks and recreation areas, 1,700 acres of Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) metroparks, and over 1,300 acres of Washtenaw County parks and preserves around the City of Saline. These regional facilities incorporate large areas and provide opportunities such as swimming, boating, hiking, hunting, camping, and golfing, which are typically beyond the ability of a local municipality to provide. Figure 12 depicts the location of the regional parks and Table 8 lists the recreational activities they offer.

Table 8:
Regional Park Facilities

		State Recreation & Game Areas				HCMA Metroparks			Washtenaw County Parks											
		Chelsea Game Area - 654 acres	Pinckney Rec Area - 1,000 ac	Sharonville Game Area - 3,105 ac	Waterloo Rec Area - 20,500 acres	Hudson Mills Metropark - 1,549 ac	Dexter Huron Metropark - 122 ac	Delhi Metropark - 53 ac	Cavanaugh Lake Park - 3 ac	County Farm & Rec Center - 127 ac	Independence Lake Park - 312 ac	Osborne Mill Preserve Park - 39 ac	Park Lyndon - 225 acres	Park Northfield - < 1 acre	Parker Mill Park - 26 acres	Pierce Lake Golf Course - 232 acres	Rolling Hills & Water Park - 363 ac	Sharon Mills Park - 26 acres	Superior Center - 1 acre	Swift Run Dog Park - 10 acres
Access	Parking Area	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Passive	Picnicking		•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•		•	•	•	•	
	Playground		•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•			•			
Trails	Paved/Crush Stone Trail		•		•	•				•	•				•		•			
	Nature/Hiking Trail	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
	Mountain Biking Trail		•		•															
	Equestrian Trail		•		•															
	Fitness Trail									•										
	Cross-country Skiing		•		•	•					•						•			
	Snowmobiling		•		•															
Water Activities	Swimming Beach		•		•						•									
	Water/Splash Park										•						•			
	Boat Launch		•		•		•	•			•									
	Boat Rental		•			•		•			•									
	Canoeing		•			•	•	•			•				•			•		
	Fishing	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•						•	•		
	Boardwalks/Decks		•		•						•					•	•			
Winter & Seasonal Activities	Ice Fishing		•		•						•									
	Ice Skating				•						•									
	Hunting	•	•	•	•															
Interpretive Facilities	Historic Site				•										•			•		
	Nature Center				•															
	Nature Area		•		•	•					•	•	•	•	•	•		•		
Court & Turf Games	Ball/Play Fields		•			•	•	•						•			•			
	Soccer Fields					•														
	Court Games		•		•			•									•			
	Disk Golf					•											•			
	Golf Course					•										•				
Misc.	Banquet/Event Facility				•	•					•						•	•		
	Recreation Center									•										
	Dog Park			•																•
Camping	Rustic Campsite		•		•															
	Modern Campsite		•		•															
	Canoe Camping					•														
	Cabin Rental				•															
	Group Camping				•	•														






Figure 12: Regional Park Facilities



A: Waterloo State Recreation Area
 B: Pinckney State Recreation Area
 C: Hudson Mills Metropark
 D: Brighton State Recreation Area
 E: Huron Meadows Metropark

F: Island State Recreation Area
 G: Kensington Metropark
 H: Proud Lake State Recreation Area
 I: Lower Huron Metropark
 J: Oakwoods Metropark

 State Recreation Facilities
 Huron-Clinton Metroparks
 Other Recreation Facilities

Regional Park Facilities

City of Saline
 Washtenaw County



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Source: Washtenaw County Base Map Data

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COMPARISON TO RECREATION STANDARDS

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) has classified parks and recommended a minimum amount of desired parkland for a given population size. Although these guidelines are useful in pointing out minimum requirements, a community's recreation system should be tailored to meet the needs of the community and not based on national guidelines.

According to the NRPA, parks and open spaces are categorized as mini-parks, neighborhood parks, community parks, and regional parks. The mini, neighborhood, and community parks are the close-to-home parks, designed to satisfy the recreational needs of local communities within a service radius of up to two miles. All the City parks are considered close-to-home parks. According to NRPA standards, the amount of close-to-home parkland recommended is 6.25 to 10.5 acres for every 1,000 residents.

Regional parks and preserves are parks that serve a broader area (a service radius of about 40 miles) than community parks and focus on meeting the recreation needs of the region as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. This would include the state-owned, HCMA, and County parks and recreation areas described in the preceding pages. Other types of parks including school sites, greenways, and private recreation facilities, which can also contribute to the local park and recreation system.

Table 9: Suggested Parkland Acreage

Type of Park	NRPA Standard (Per 1000 pop.)	Required (Based on 8,810 pop)	Existing
Close-to-home Parkland	6.25 - 10.5 acres	59-96 acres	210 acres
Regional Parks	15 - 20 acres	137-182 acres	38,257 ac.
Saline Community Schools	-		378 acres
Non-Motorized Trails	-		2.85 miles
Adjacent Township Parks	-		967 acres
Private Recreation Facilities	-		261+ acres

According to these suggested parkland acreage standards, Saline's parks meet the required minimum acreage for total close-to-home parkland. In addition, the residents of the area are well-served by the regional park facilities provided by the state, HCMA, and Washtenaw County. Adjacent township parks, private, and school recreational facilities are also available.



ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT & GRANT-ASSISTED PROJECTS

A critical component in planning for recreation facilities is providing barrier-free access in order to accommodate the needs of all people, including those with disabilities. The ranking system suggested by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment Guidelines (2006) was used to evaluate the parks. The ranking system ranges from 1 to 5 and is described as follows:

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

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

Table 10: Accessibility Assessment

Park	Rank	Comments
Neighborhood Parks		
Canterbury Park	1	No accessible routes from sidewalk to benches, picnic tables, or play equipment.
Colony Park	2	Play structure includes an accessible component, but there are no accessible routes from sidewalk to benches, play structure, or other play equipment
Marlpool Park	2	Play structure includes an accessible component, but there are no accessible routes from sidewalk to benches, play structure, or other play equipment
Risdon Park	n/a	No park facilities or play equipment
Salt Springs Park	n/a	No park facilities or play equipment
Stonecliff Park	3	Accessible walkway provided from sidewalks

Table 10: Accessibility Assessment, cont.

Park	Rank	Comments
Community Parks		
Brecon Park	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessible walkway provided from sidewalks and barrier-free parking available. • No accessible routes to play equipment and park activity areas.
Curtiss Park	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessible parking and paved pathway provided from parking area to picnic shelter. • No accessible routes to play structure and other park activity areas.
Mill Pond Park	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessible pathway provided from parking to picnic shelter and play structure, and barrier-free parking available. • No accessible routes to other park activity areas.
Peoples Park	1	No accessible parking or routes to park activity areas
Tefft Park	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessible limestone pathway provided from City sidewalk and barrier-free parking available. • No accessible routes to some play equipment and park activity areas.
Wilderness Park	1	No accessible routes to park activity areas.

Current and future park projects are designed to comply with or exceed accessibility guidelines and standards of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). Current deficiencies regarding accessibility are mainly the result of older equipment or facilities which pre-dates ADA standards. It is the intent of the City of Saline to retrofit these facilities with park upgrade and renovation projects.



MDNR GRANT FUND STATUS

The City of Saline received five Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) grants for parkland acquisition and development since 1973. Table 11 presents a description of the MDNR grants received including the current use and condition of the grant-assisted parks and facilities.

Table 11: MDNR Grants

Grant Number	Year & Source	Description	Grant Amount	Current Use/Condition
26-00413	1973 LWCF	Saline Community Center: Acquire 3.4 acres, develop 5 acres with ball field, 2 tennis courts, 2 shuffleboard, 5 horseshoe pits, and add hard surfaced area with backstops	\$32,540	Park was split and a portion sold, ball field and game courts have since been renovated and are in good condition
26-01104 Q2	1980 LWCF	Mill Pond Park: Site preparation, shelter/restroom facility with sewer and electrical, walkway, landscape, LWCF sign	\$35,513	Still in use and good condition
26-01386	1985 LWCF	Ice skating facility (outdoor), childrens' sledding hill, & improvements to drives and parking areas	\$44,000	Still in use and good condition
BF89-289	1989 RBF	Tefft Park: 4 tennis courts, 2 softball diamonds, miniature golf, exercise trails, picnic area, 2 soccer fields, restrooms, parking, bleachers, landscaping	\$200,500	Still in use and good condition
BF91-070	1991 RBF	Tefft Park: Construct restrooms, irrigation system, landscaping, and playground equipment	\$70,125	Still in use and good condition
TF99-016	1999 MNRTF	Curtiss Park Improvements: Paving of the drive, parking areas and pathways, fishing and observation decks, shoreline stabilization and pointing rocks in spillway along the Saline River, play area and landscaping	\$99,470	Still in use and good condition

LCWF: Land and Water Conservation Fund

MNRTF: Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund

RBF: Recreation Bond Fund

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & NEEDS ASSESSMENT

An essential task in the recreation planning process is to determine the needs of the community as a basis for an action plan to improve the parks and recreation system. The needs provide the rationale for the goals and objectives and identify areas for future improvement. To assess needs, consideration was given to current recreation trends, park talks, a public meeting with public officials, staff, and residents, and other identified needs.

NATIONAL RECREATION TRENDS

Recreation trends on a national level provide insight into activities that show the greatest growth in popularity and may affect the future direction of parks and recreation. According to the 2013 Sports and Fitness Industry Association Survey, overall participation in sports remained steady; Fitness and outdoor sports had the highest participation rates across age groups with median scores of 62.95 and 56.45 percent. Michigan is comparatively active with 33.4 - 35.4 percent of its population individuals shown to be active to a healthy level. According to the National Sporting Goods Association, Michigan residents are more than twice as likely as the average American to participate in water skiing, in-line roller skating, snowboarding, play softball, or hunt with a bow and arrow.

Table 12: National Sports Participation, 2013

Activity	Participation (in thousands)	5 year growth rate
Walking for fitness	114,029	1.0%
Running/jogging	51,450	4.7%
Treadmill	50,839	0.3%
Bowling	48,614	-4.1%
Free weights (hand weights)	46,564	1.2%
Bicycling (road)	39,790	0.1%
Fishing (freshwater)	39,002	-2.3%
Weight/resistance machines	38,999	-0.1%
Free weights (dumbbells)	36,604	2.5%
Stretching	35,873	-0.1%

Source: 2013 Sports, Fitness and Leisure Activities Topline Participation Report



Swimming for fitness was the most commonly listed “aspirational” sports, or sport which most interest non-participants. Camping and bicycling were highly rated across all age groups.

Outdoor, individually oriented sports tended to be among the fastest growing activities. Telemarking, a form of skiing which mixes Nordic and Alpine methods was the fastest growing sport over the past five years. Adventure racing and triathlons rounded out the top three. One of the common themes of these activities is the relative lack of equipment and facilities required. Traditional outdoor team sports, such as baseball, football, and soccer, conversely demonstrated negative growth. It should be noted, however, that total participation in the fastest growing sport groups is still comparatively low, and the combined number of participants in these activities do not begin to approach the total participants in the traditional team sports.

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration have published a list of future trends compiled from different sources that will influence the direction of recreation planning and programming. These trends include an increase in:

- Environmentally sensitive lifestyles, natural areas management and water quality protection,
- Concerns for personal and family security, in the importance for wellness activities and a desire to preserve and maintain cultural heritage,
- Public costs, in the provision of leisure services through the public and private sectors and partnerships, a greater recognition of the economic value of parks, open space, and green infrastructure, and
- Senior citizens, fewer traditional family households, greater number of smaller households and an increase in cultural diversity of residents.

Monitoring parks and recreation trends is important in determining how parks and recreation services should evolve. Conclusions regarding the implication of the trends noted combined with the demographic and physical characteristics of the City of Saline are summarized below:

- As population increases, demand for recreation will likely increase;
- Recreation facilities and programs should respond to the expected increase of seniors;
- There is and will continue to be a need for more linear parks along corridors to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian pathways for recreation and non-motorized transportation;

- With the increased popularity of exercise walking and fitness related activities, there will continue to be an increased importance on recreation contributing to walkable, livable, and sustainable communities; and
- The continued collaboration and partnerships between public, private, and non-profit agencies as well as with adjacent local municipalities for the provision of parks and recreation programs and facilities will continue to be critical to the future success of Saline Parks and Recreation.



PLANNING FAIR

The public was invited to attend a planning fair held at Liberty School on October 27, 2015. The fair was an opportunity for the community to discuss topics related to the City's Master Plan, Non-Motorized Transportation Plan, and Parks & Recreation Plan. A notice was published in the Saline Reporter, the City's website, and the Saline Recreation Facebook page, and flyers were posted at City Hall and the Saline Library.

The planning fair was conducted as an open house with information stations situated around a room for attendees to study and comment. There were 3 stations representing broad topics of discussion relevant to the City including:

- Redevelopment Opportunities
- Traffic
- Community Assets
- Non-motorized Facilities
- Parks
- Sustainability

Each station displayed maps, pictures, and information related to each sub-area. City staff, Planning Commission, and Parks Commission members were present at each station to provide specific information on each topic, answer questions, and record comments. Participants were asked to provide comments on open-ended questions related to each sub-area. At the end of the evening, participants "voted" on topics they felt were most important to the City. Over 30 people attended and provided valuable thoughts for improvements. While no single concept received an overwhelming percentage of votes, several of the concepts still managed to stand out from the others:

- **Water Park / Splash Pad / Outdoor Pool:** The top vote getter of the evening with 9% of the total votes, participants were interested in the development of outdoor water amenities at their parks. The Recreation Center was commonly mentioned as the ideal location.
- **Connection between Mill Pond and Curtiss Parks:** Attendees displayed their frustration with the lack of connectivity between Curtiss and Mill Pond Park. The lack of a sidewalk along the Mill Pond side of Michigan Avenue was frequently mentioned as part of this issue. Construction of a tunnel beneath Michigan Avenue was discussed as an option at both input fair and later in more detail at the Parks Commission meeting on December 8, 2015.

- **Removal of Mill Pond Dam:** Slightly more than 5% of the votes were cast for the removal of Mill Pond dam. Attendees mentioned the ecological and community benefits and pointed to nearby Dexter as an example.
- **Saline to Milan Water Trail:** Participants were intrigued by the concept of a water trail system between Saline and downriver Milan. Most participants mentioned Curtiss Parks as the launching point, although some felt the new Salt Springs Park would be a more logical point.
- **Expansion of Trailways System:** Connectivity between City amenities, nearby communities, and regional trail systems were key to this concept.
- **Increased use of Rentschler Farm and Depot Museum:** Widely viewed as community assets, participants felt that these two institutions could play a larger role in the community for both educational and entertainment purposes.

Other ideas receiving votes included creating a permanent location for the City's farmers market, holding outdoor concerts and events in City parks, improvements to the Rec Center including exterior improvements, improved lighting at the various City parks, and further development of Salt Springs Park.

MiCommunityRemarks

In addition to the planning fair, the public input website www.micommunityremarks.com/saline was developed and published beginning on October 23, 2015. The website allows users to click on locations on a map of the City and leave comments regarding improvements or deficiencies of that particular site.

The site allowed users to choose from six different tags which were organized to mirror the categories used at the planning fair, i.e. redevelopment opportunities, traffic, community assets, non-motorized facilities, parks, and sustainability. Users were able to either leave comments, or could vote for and respond to concepts already in place.

Similar to the planning fair, several topics stood out:

- **Trail Systems and Connectivity:** Over half of the respondents discussed ideas directly related to connectivity within the City and the City parks. Three specific points came out of that general idea:



- **Development of a sidewalk or trail system from the Huntington Woods subdivision:** Residents expressed frustration at the lack of connection to area parks and downtown Saline. Respondents were especially interested in connecting through Curtiss Park to Michigan Avenue as part of a larger trail system.
- **Construction of a walking path at Mill Pond Park:** As discussed in the planning fair, respondents expressed a desire to see a sidewalk along the north side of Michigan Avenue at Mill Pond Park. Survey respondents were less likely to express an interest in connection between Curtiss and Mill Pond Parks than were the participants at the planning fair.
- **Connection between parks and out to regional trail systems:** Respondents were especially interested in seeing connections developed between the City's parks and neighborhoods and neighboring communities.
- **Sustainability:** Over 10% of respondents discussed concepts related to sustainable practices; removal of the Mill Pond dam and addition of filtering planters along Michigan Avenue were the primary items mentioned.

Respondents were also interested in the Saline to Milan water trail (8%) the creation of a permanent farmers market (7%), and the addition of a spray park at the Rec Center (5%).

While some of the concepts expressed in the planning fair and on MiCommunityRemarks fall outside of the purview of the Parks and Recreation Department, it will be important to coordinate with the City Planning Commission and City Council to ensure that any further development on those matters are consistent with the goals of the Parks Department.

PUBLIC REVIEW & PUBLIC HEARING

After the Parks Commission considered the input received, reviewed the recreation trends, needs, and other background information, they established the master plan goals, objectives, and an action program for implementation.

A draft plan was then prepared which was made available for public review for one month beginning on December 18, 2015. Copies were placed at the Rec Center, Library, and City Hall. The Plan's availability for public review was posted in the Saline Post and MLive.com, and on the City's website (Appendix A). Following the review period, the Parks Commission recommended adoption of the Plan by City Council at a meeting held on January 19, 2016 (Appendix B). The public input into the Plan culminated in an advertised public hearing held at the City Council meeting of February 1, 2016 (Appendix A & C). After the hearing, the Council adopted the plan (Appendix D).

The central parks and recreation issues considered by the Parks Commission focus on non-motorized trail system development, existing park maintenance and upgrades, recreation programs and services, and administration and communication. These issues helped to formulate the goals and objectives of the Saline Parks and Recreation Master Plan.



GOALS & OBJECTIVES

The City of Saline Parks and Recreation Master Plan identifies goals and objectives for the next five years. They are broad enough to encompass the needs expressed from the public, City officials and staff, as well as to address the observed deficiencies in the recreation resources. They also consider demographics, current and anticipated growth and development, the area's physical resources, and parks and recreation trends.

The overall goal for the City of Saline Parks and Recreation Department is to provide a variety of recreational opportunities for people of all ages and abilities that meet the needs and desires of the community.

While the goal of the City of Saline Parks and Recreation Department expresses intent and purpose, the objectives that follow are more specific and address the manner in which the goal may be achieved. Five principal objectives are identified for achieving this goal:

1. Park maintenance
2. Park development
3. Shared-use pathway establishment
4. Recreation programming
5. Administration and communication

1. Park Maintenance: Maintain and upgrade parks

Park maintenance and upgrade should continue to be a priority to sustain high quality parks and recreation in Saline.

- Ensure park facilities and equipment are safe, functional, and clean;
- Replace/upgrade park equipment and facilities as needed;
- Ensure safety surfaces under playground equipment meet regulated depth and fall zones;
- Remove barriers to accessibility;
- Refurbish parking and pathway pavement and surfaces;
- Refurbish athletic fields and game courts as needed;
- Provide appropriate directional signs, lighting, and park furnishings;
- Establish a tree management program for the parks prescribing appropriate pruning, pest and disease control, and tree removal/replacement;



- Develop stewardship management plans for the parks including natural areas with the goal of protecting environmentally sensitive areas, restoring natural ecosystems, and providing recreational opportunities for wildlife observation and environmental education; and
- Continue general park upkeep.

2. Park Development: Continue to develop and expand park facilities

There is a desire to continue developing and expanding park facilities that respond to the changing needs of community residents. The establishment of design guidelines for park features would streamline both the design and maintenance of the parks and can create a unique identity for Saline. This would pertain to the design of architectural structures such as picnic pavilions, portable restroom enclosures, as well as site furnishings such as benches, signs, and other.

- Improve parks with enclosures for portable toilets, walkway/ trail improvements, interpretive signs, seating areas, picnic pavilions, and other support facilities;
- Renovate Mill Pond and Curtiss parks focusing on river related improvements such as the removal of the dam, shoreline stabilization, fishing/observation deck installation, and more;
- Improve recreation opportunities in the parks with additional park facilities such as fitness trail, and spray park; and
- Acquire land that may be available adjacent to existing parks, or land providing access to the planned non-motorized trail system, or providing a downtown community public space.

3. Shared-use Pathway Establishment: Support and participate in the implementation of the City-wide Non-motorized Transportation Plan

The implementation of shared-use pathways and bike lanes that connect the parks and form a continuous non-motorized trail system linking community facilities, schools, parks, and neighborhoods is recognized as a priority for the community. Saline Parks and Recreation should continue to support and participate in the effort to implement the Non-motorized Transportation Plan, focusing on the park connections.

- Place special emphasis on internal connections to parks and other City amenities;
- Place special emphasis on connections to regional trail systems;
- Coordinate with City Council, Planning Commission, and others to establish the non-motorized trail system; and
- Provide access sites and pedestrian/bicycle amenities such as parking, bike racks, benches, picnic facilities, and a wayfinding and interpretive sign system.

4. Recreation Programming: Continue to improve recreation programs and services

The Saline Parks and Recreation Department strives to provide a variety of recreation programs which respond to residents' desires. The Parks and Recreation Department should continue to maintain a high level of services.

- Encourage health and wellness;
- Develop programs that build community;
- Continue to increase recreation program participation;
- Continue to collaborate with the schools and other recreation providers to share facilities, avoid duplication, and provide recreation opportunities; and
- Expand and develop new programs to respond to residents' interests.

5. Administration and Communication: Continue to enhance communications and financial sustainability

Improved communications in Saline can yield more effective recreation services that maximize the area's recreation potential. A means of generating revenues through grants, sponsorships, and donations where possible should continue to be a priority to provide park projects.

- Continue to update the park brochures and pamphlets for promotional purposes;
- Seek grant funding and donations;
- Continue to expand the use of web-based communication tools such as Facebook and Twitter for marketing purposes;
- Provide opportunities for volunteers and community stewardship projects;



- Evaluate fees and charge policies for programs and services and work to increase program cost recovery;
- Continue to participate in state and regional recreation planning organizations;
- Re-institute park talks to seek input on desired park improvements; and
- Communicate the goals, objectives, and action plan outlined in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

ACTION PROGRAM

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

ACTION PLAN

The following outlines a list of specific actions and projects which are recommended to be accomplished during the planning period. Plans showing the parks improvements are also included to illustrate the proposed projects.

1. Maintain and improve Tefft Park

- Refurbish south parking area;
- Ensure safety surfaces under play structures meet regulated depth and fall zones;
- Maintain/upgrade play structures and park furnishings/facilities;
- Add splash park and outdoor pool facilities;
- Install permanent enclosures for portable toilets;
- Refurbish ball fields, soccer field, volleyball, and tennis courts as needed;
- Add appropriate wayfinding signs and park furnishings;
- Maintain and expand indoor recreation center;
- Develop a forest stewardship plan with the goal of restoring the natural ecosystems and providing recreational opportunities for wildlife observation and environmental education; and
- Establish a tree management program based on the stewardship plan prescribing appropriate pruning, pest and disease control, and tree removal/replacement.

Justification: These actions respond to park maintenance and facility needs and planning fair input. They also respond to future parks and recreation trends, in particular environmental and economic trends.



2. Maintain and improve Brecon Park

- Ensure safety surfaces under play equipment meet regulated depth and fall zones;
- Maintain/upgrade play equipment and park furnishings;
- Install a permanent enclosure for portable toilets;
- Refurbish ball field and basketball court as needed;
- Add a picnic shelter at that location;
- Close loop path to allow connection between north and south trails;
- Add wayfinding signs, lighting, and park furnishings; and
- Establish a tree management program prescribing appropriate pruning, pest and disease control, and tree removal/replacement.

Justification: These actions respond to park maintenance and facility needs, residents' opinions, and planning fair input. They also respond to future parks and recreation trends, in particular environmental, social, economic, and demographic trends.

3. Maintain and improve Stonecliff Park

- Add non-motorized trail connecting to northern edge of park;
- Add bridge connecting to Mill Pond Park;
- Add park signage;
- Add small parking area;
- Add ADA accessible play structure; and
- Establish a tree management program prescribing appropriate pruning, pest and disease control, and tree removal/replacement.

Justification: These actions respond to park maintenance and facility needs, residents' opinions, and planning fair input. They also respond to future parks and recreation trends, in particular environmental, social, economic, and demographic trends.

4. Maintain and improve Mill Pond Park

- Refurbish parking, walkway, and nature trail surfaces;
- Ensure safety surface under play structure meets regulated depth and fall zones;
- Maintain/upgrade play structure, picnic shelter/restroom building, and other park furnishings/facilities;
- Improve boat launch;
- Add fishing/observation deck along the river;
- Improve dog park with landscaping;
- Add enclosure for small dogs to dog park;
- Add park sign at south end of park near Michigan Avenue;
- Build a 10' shared-use pathway along the river from the parking lot to Michigan Avenue with pedestrian connections to the park's activity areas;
- Provide connections to the proposed rail-trail through a northbound shared-use pathway along Wood Outlet Drain;
- Investigate feasibility of construction of a pedestrian tunnel under Michigan Avenue to connect Mill Pond Park and Curtiss Park.
- Develop a forest stewardship plan for both parks with the goal of restoring the natural ecosystems, stabilizing the shoreline and steep slopes, and providing recreational opportunities for wildlife observation and environmental education; and
- Establish a tree management program for both parks based on the stewardship plan prescribing appropriate pruning, pest and disease control, and tree removal/replacement.

Justification: These actions respond to park maintenance and facility needs, residents' opinions, and planning fair input. They also respond to future parks and recreation trends, in particular environmental and economic trends.



5. Maintain and improve Curtiss Park

- Refurbish parking, walkway, and trail surfaces;
- Ensure safety surface under play structure and equipment meet regulated depth and fall zones;
- Refurbish ball field and tennis courts as needed;
- Maintain/upgrade picnic shelter, observation deck, and other park furnishings/facilities;
- Install a permanent enclosure for portable toilets;
- Add appropriate wayfinding signs and park furnishings;
- Add new play structure/equipment by observation deck or other suitable area;
- Pave rear parking lot and add bumper blocks or split rail fence along the parking lot edge;
- Establish locations for canoe/kayak livery at Curtiss Park as part of Saline to Milan Water Trail and develop plans for location;
- Build a 10' shared-use pathway from Michigan Avenue along the park's eastern boundary connecting to Monroe Street south of the cemetery;
- Investigate feasibility of construction of a pedestrian tunnel under Michigan Avenue to connect Mill Pond Park and Curtiss Park.
- Continue to improve the Max Adler Trail, add a trail head area from rear parking lot with trail map and pedestrian amenities along with interpretive signs along the trail;
- Develop a forest stewardship plan for the property with the goal of restoring the natural ecosystems and providing recreational opportunities for wildlife observation and environmental education; and
- Establish a tree management program based on the stewardship plan prescribing appropriate pruning, pest and disease control, and tree removal/replacement.

Justification: These actions respond to park maintenance and facility needs, residents' opinions, and planning fair input. They also respond to future parks and recreation trends, in particular environmental trends.

6. Maintain and improve Peoples Park

- Refurbish ball field, tennis courts, and basketball court as needed;
- Add a small parking lot off of Monroe Street;
- Add appropriate wayfinding signs and park furnishings;
- Add a picnic shelter with a play structure;
- Install a permanent enclosure for portable toilet by ball field;
- Refurbish northern trail surface with limestone material;
- Add walkways around the park connecting to activity areas;
- Build a 10' shared-use pathway from Monroe Street along the park's southern boundary to South Ann Arbor Street;
- Provide a gateway area at the South Ann Arbor Street entrance with benches and pedestrian amenities;
- Develop a forest stewardship plan with the goal of restoring the natural ecosystems, stabilizing the steep slopes, and providing recreational opportunities for wildlife observation and environmental education; and
- Establish a tree management program based on the stewardship plan prescribing appropriate pruning, pest and disease control, and tree removal/replacement.

Justification: These actions respond to park maintenance and facility needs, residents' opinions, and planning fair input. They also respond to future parks and recreation trends, in particular environmental, social, economic, and demographic trends.



7. Maintain and improve Risdon and Canterbury parks

- Ensure safety surfaces under playground equipment meet regulated depth and fall zones;
- Maintain/upgrade playground equipment and park furnishings;
- Add walkways around the park and connecting to the activity areas;
- Add small picnic shelters around the park;
- Add park sign to Risdon Park;
- Add wayfinding signs and park furnishings; and
- Establish a tree management program prescribing appropriate pruning, pest and disease control, and tree removal/replacement.

Justification: These actions respond to park maintenance and facility needs, residents' opinions, and planning fair input. They also respond to future parks and recreation trends, in particular environmental and economic trends.

8. Maintain and improve Wilderness Park

- Add a parking area at the southeast corner of South Ann Arbor Street and Willis Road;
- Provide a trail head area in proximity to the parking with a permanent enclosure for portable toilet, benches, wayfinding signs, and a trail map;
- Maintain grass area for informal picnic;
- Maintain/upgrade existing park furnishings;
- Refurbish nature trails with limestone fines material and add boardwalks in wet areas;
- Make a portion of the trails ADA compliant;
- Add rustic interpretive/wayfinding signs and benches along the trails;
- Build a 10' shared-use pathway from the parking area to the center of park and along a southwest-northeast pathway connecting Ann Arbor Street to Willis Road;
- Add a picnic shelter/pavilion off of Willis Road and connect to parking lot;
- Add signage for parking lot at southeast corner of Willis and Saline-Milan Road;
- Add new bird houses and bat homes in forest area;

- Develop a forest stewardship plan with the goal of restoring the natural ecosystems and providing recreational opportunities for wildlife observation and environmental education; and
- Establish a tree management program based on the stewardship plan prescribing appropriate pruning, pest and disease control, and tree removal/replacement.

Justification: These actions respond to park maintenance and facility needs, residents' opinions, and planning fair input. They also respond to future parks and recreation trends, in particular environmental trends.

9. Maintain and improve Colony Park

- Ensure safety surfaces under play structure and equipment meet regulated depth and fall zones;
- Maintain/upgrade play structure, equipment, and park furnishings;
- Add walkways around the park connecting the sidewalk to the park's activity areas;
- Add trails in the wooded area with interpretive/wayfinding signs and benches;
- Build a 10' shared-use pathway to continue past the park through to Woodland Drive;
- Develop a forest stewardship plan for the wooded area along the drain with the goal of restoring the natural ecosystems and providing recreational opportunities for wildlife observation and environmental education; and
- Establish a tree management program based on the stewardship plan prescribing appropriate pruning, pest and disease control, and tree removal/replacement.

Justification: These actions respond to park maintenance and facility needs, residents' opinions, and planning fair input. They also respond to future parks and recreation trends, in particular environmental trends.



10. Maintain and improve Marlpool Park

- Ensure safety surfaces under play structure and equipment meet regulated depth and fall zones;
- Maintain/upgrade play structure, equipment, and park furnishings;
- Plant shrubs along the north boundary of the park maintaining views to the agricultural field;
- Add walkways around the park connecting the sidewalk to the activity areas; and
- Add a sign interpreting the agricultural heritage of the area.

Justification: These actions respond to park maintenance and facility needs, residents' opinions, and planning fair input.

11. Develop and Maintain Salt Springs Park

- Develop and maintain internal trail system following old maintenance road alignments;
- Add parking area and develop non-motorized access point near the Saline Wastewater Treatment Plant entrance;
- Add interpretive signs depicting the historical uses of the springs area;
- Coordinate with Michigan DNR to develop path through fish pond property;
- Develop a forest stewardship plan for the wooded area with the goal of restoring the natural ecosystems and providing recreational opportunities for wildlife observation and environmental education; and
- Establish a tree management program based on the stewardship plan prescribing appropriate pruning, pest and disease control, and tree removal/replacement.

Justification: These actions respond to park maintenance and facility needs, residents' opinions, and planning fair input.

12. Participate in the development of the City-wide pathway system

- Coordinate with City Council, Planning Commission, and others to establish the linear park system;
- Develop trail connecting Huntington Woods subdivision to Curtiss Park;
- Develop trail system connecting from proposed nature preserve through MDNR fish farm, Salt Springs Park, and Peoples, Curtiss, and Wilderness Parks; and
- Provide access sites and pedestrian/bicycle amenities such as parking, bike racks, benches, picnic facilities, and a wayfinding and interpretive sign system.

Justification: This action was identified through resident's opinions and planning fair input. It also responds to national, regional, and economic trends.

13. Participate in the establishment of Saline to Milan water trail system

- Coordinate with City Council, Planning Commission, City of Milan officials, Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation, and other stakeholders to establish the water trail system;
- Establish locations for canoe/kayak livery at Curtiss Park and develop plans for location; and
- Develop access site and pedestrian/bicycle amenities such as parking, bike racks, benches, picnic facilities, and a wayfinding and interpretive sign system.

Justification: This action was identified through resident's opinions and planning fair input. It also responds to national, regional, and economic trends.



14. Future parkland acquisition

- Acquire land that may be available adjacent to existing parks, land providing access to the planned non-motorized transportation system, or land for a community gathering place in the downtown area; and
- Work with City Council and Planning Commission to ensure parkland and open space needs are considered in the review of new developments and to encourage developers to set aside land appropriate for community outdoor space, parks, and trails.

Justification: This action responds to planning fair input, to the physical characteristics of the area, and to land development patterns and trends.

15. Improve recreation programs

- Upgrade the “Promoting Active Communities” assessment from the State Department of Community Health, the Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness, Sports, and Health, MSU, and the Prevention Research Center of Michigan;
- Continue to evaluate and monitor programs and work to broaden the variety of activities offered and participation; and
- Strive to maintain core recreation programs including special events, youth and teen programs, teen and adult fitness, and aquatics.

Justification: This action was identified at the planning fair and responds to national, regional, and economic trends.

16. Administration and communication

- Continue to update park brochures and pamphlets;
- Continue to seek grant funding, sponsors, and donations;
- Continue to expand the use of web-based communication tools such as the City's website, Facebook, and Twitter;
- Continue to provide opportunities for volunteers and community stewardship projects;
- Continue to evaluate fees and charges for programs and services and work to increase program cost recovery;
- Continue to participate in state and regional recreation planning organizations;
- Continue to hold park talks to seek input on resident desires for park improvements; and
- Communicate the goals, objectives, and action plan outlined in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Justification: This action is recommended to implement the current master plan.



PROJECT SCHEDULE

Table 15 lists individual projects along with specific tasks to be accomplished, the objective the task refers to, a rough cost estimate, and potential funding sources. In addition, the projects are listed with a time frame for completion. Short-term (ST) projects are recommended for completion within one to two years while long-term (LT) projects may take longer to be completed, within five to six years. Mid term (MT) projects fall in between, from two to four years.

Table 13: Project Tasks

PROJECT	COST ESTIMATE	FUNDING SOURCE	TIME FRAME
BRECON PARK			
Refurbish walkway pavement surfaces	\$6,000.00	Local Funds	ST
Complete loop walkway to connect east to west	\$4,000.00	Local Funds, Grants	ST
Add safety surfaces under play equipment as needed	\$650.00	Local Funds	OG
Maintain/upgrade play equipment and park furnishings	\$31,000.00	Local Funds	OG
Install a permanent enclosure for portable toilets	\$1,500.00	Local Funds	ST
Refurbish ball field and basketball court as needed	\$8,000.00	Local Funds	ST
Add a picnic shelter	\$25,000.00	Local Funds, Grants, Donations	ST
Add lighting in parking lots	To be determined	Local Funds, Donations	MT
Play Structure - Donovan Gillow project	\$100,000.00	Local Funds, Grants, Donations	MT
Add wayfinding signage for pathways	\$1,500.00	Local Funds	ST
Install benches along pathway	\$4,500.00	Local Funds	ST
Install dugout coverings	\$1,000.00	Local Funds	ST
Replace existing drinking fountains with human/pet fountains	\$6,000.00	Local Funds	ST
Install bike rack	\$600.00	Local Funds	ST
Install park rules signs	\$1,500.00	Local Funds	ST

Table 13: Project Tasks, cont.

PROJECT	COST ESTIMATE	FUNDING SOURCE	TIME FRAME
CANTERBURY PARK			
Add safety surfaces under play equipment as needed	\$500.00	Local Funds	OG
Maintain/upgrade playground equipment and park furnishings	\$10,000.00	Local Funds	OG
Add walkways around the park and connecting to Willis Road	To be determined	Local Funds	ST
Add picnic shelter and site furnishings	\$20,000.00	Local Funds, Donations	MT
Install park rules sign	\$425.00	Local Funds	ST
Install a permanent enclosure for portable toilets	\$1,500.00	Local Funds	ST
COLONY PARK			
Add safety surfaces under play structure as needed	\$650.00	Local Funds	OG
Maintain/upgrade play structure, equipment, and park furnishings;	\$3,000.00	Local Funds	OG
Add walkways around the park connecting the sidewalk to the park's activity areas;	\$2,000.00	Local Funds	ST
Add trails in the wooded area with interpretive/directional signs and benches	\$10,000.00	Local Funds	ST
Construct a small picnic shelter	\$20,000.00	Local Funds, Donations	MT
Install a grill and picnic table	\$1,800.00	Local Funds	ST
Install a park sign	\$500.00	Local Funds	ST
Install park rules sign	\$500.00	Local Funds	ST
CURTISS PARK			
Refurbish parking, walkway, and trail surfaces	\$20,000.00	Local Funds	ST
Add safety surface under play structures as needed	\$1,300.00	Local Funds	OG
Refurbish ball field and tennis courts as needed	\$10,000.00	Local Funds	MT
Maintain/upgrade picnic shelter, observation deck, and other park furnishings/facilities	\$25,000.00	Local Funds	ST
Install a permanent enclosure for portable toilets	\$1,500.00	Local Funds	ST
Add appropriate directional signs and park furnishings;	\$2,000.00	Local Funds, Donations	ST
Add new play equipment such as swings and other individual components	\$100,000.00	Local Funds, Donations	ST
Pave rear parking lot and add bumper blocks or split rail fence along the parking lot edge	\$300,000.00	Local Funds, Grants	ST
Build a 10' shared-use pathway from Michigan Avenue along the park's eastern boundary connecting to Monroe Street south of the cemetery;	\$60,000.00	Local Funds, Grants	MT



Table 13: Project Tasks, cont.

PROJECT	COST ESTIMATE	FUNDING SOURCE	TIME FRAME
CURTISS PARK, cont.			
Continue to improve the Max Adler Trail, add a trail head area from rear parking lot with trail map and pedestrian amenities along with interpretive signs along the trail	\$5,000.00	Local Funds, Donations	MT
Establish and develop location for canoe/kayak livery to be used as launching point for Saline to Milan water trail	To be determined	Local Funds	ST
MARLPOOL PARK			
Add safety surfaces under play structure as needed	\$500.00	Local Funds	OG
Maintain/upgrade play structure, equipment, and park furnishings	\$5,000.00	Local Funds	ST
Plant vegetative barrier along the north boundary of the park maintaining views to the agricultural field;	\$3,000.00	Local Funds	ST
Add walkways around the park connecting the sidewalk to the activity areas	\$2,000.00	Local Funds	ST
Install park rules sign	\$500.00	Local Funds	ST
MILL POND PARK			
Refurbish parking, walkway, and nature trail surfaces	\$10,000.00	Local Funds	ST
Add safety surface under play structure as needed	\$1,300.00	Local Funds	OG
Maintain/upgrade play structure, picnic shelter/restroom building, and other park furnishings/facilities	\$20,000.00	Local Funds	OG
Fund study to evaluate feasibility of tunnel underneath Michigan Avenue to connect Mill Pond and Curtiss Parks	To be determined	Local Funds	MT
Improve boat launch	\$35,000.00	Local Funds, Grants	ST
Add fishing/observation deck along the river	\$35,000.00	Local Funds, Grants	ST
Improve dog park with vegetated buffer zone at edge of park and additional landscaping	\$2,000.00	Local Funds	ST
Add small dog enclosure at dog park	\$8,000.00	Local Funds, Grants	MT
Build a 10' shared-use pathway along the river from the parking lot to Michigan Avenue with pedestrian connections to the park's activity areas and vegetated between path and river;	\$100,000.00	Local Funds, Grants	ST
Install pedestrian bridge to Stonecliff Park	\$350,000.00	Local Funds, Grants, Donations	LT
Install a permanent enclosure for portable toilets	\$1,500.00	Local Funds	ST
Install park sign on Michigan Ave.	\$1,500.00	Local Funds	ST
Install electronic message board on Michigan Ave.	\$50,000.00	Local Funds	ST

Table 13: Project Tasks, cont.

PROJECT	COST ESTIMATE	FUNDING SOURCE	TIME FRAME
PEOPLES PARK			
Refurbish ball field, tennis courts, and basketball court as needed	\$15,000	Local Funds	ST
Add a small parking lot from Monroe Street	\$65,000.00	Local Funds	MT
Add appropriate directional signs and park furnishings	\$600.00	Local Funds, Donations	MT
Add a picnic shelter with a play structure	\$70,000.00	Local Funds, Grants	MT
Install a permanent enclosure for portable toilet by ball field	\$1,500.00	Local Funds	ST
Refurbish northern trail surface with limestone material	\$15,000.00	Local Funds	ST
Add walkways around the park connecting to activity areas	\$50,000.00	Local Funds, Grants	MT
Build a 10' shared-use pathway from Monroe Street along the park's southern boundary to South Ann Arbor Street	\$50,000.00	Local Funds, Grants	MT
Provide a gateway area at the South Ann Arbor Street entrance with benches and pedestrian amenities	To be determined	Local Funds, Grants	MT
RISDON PARK			
Install a park sign	\$500.00	Local Funds	ST
SALT SPRINGS PARK			
Develop and maintain internal trail system following old maintenance road alignments	\$50,000.00	Local Funds, Donations, Grants	ST
Add parking area and non-motorized entrance trail near Saline Wastewater Treatment Plant entrance	\$150,000.00	Local Funds, Donations, Grants	ST
Add interpretive signs depicting the historical uses of the springs area;	\$10,000.00	Local Funds, Donations, Grants	ST
STONECLIFF PARK			
Add walkway connecting to northern edge of park	\$10,000.00	Local Funds	ST
Install permanent structure for portable toilets	\$1,500.00	Local Funds	ST
Add ADA accessible play structure	\$100,000.00	Local Funds, Grants	ST
Add small parking lot with access from Saline River Drive	\$65,000.00	Local Funds, Donations	MT
Install park sign	\$500.00	Local Funds	ST



Table 13: Project Tasks, cont.

PROJECT	COST ESTIMATE	FUNDING SOURCE	TIME FRAME
TEFFT PARK			
Refurbish south parking lot surface;	\$150,000.00	Local Funds	ST
Ensure safety surfaces under play structures meet regulated depth and fall zones;	\$1,000.00	Local Funds	ST
Maintain/upgrade play structures and park furnishings/facilities;	\$3,000.00	Local Funds	OG
Replace playstructure north of the building	\$25,000.00	Local Funds	ST
Build a splash park	\$350,000.00	Local Funds, Grants	LT
Install permanent enclosures for portable toilets; North ballfields, South ballfields and Miller Field	\$5,000.00	Local Funds	ST
Refurbish ball fields, soccer field, volleyball, and tennis courts as needed;	\$20,000.00	Local Funds	OG
Add appropriate directional signs and park furnishings;	\$10,000.00	Local Funds	ST
Add park sign at Woodland and Textile	\$1,000.00	Local Funds	ST
Install dugout coverings on all 4 fields	\$10,000.00	Local Funds	ST
Install irrigation on soccer field and around the building	To be determined	Local Funds	MT
Install park rules signage	\$500.00	Local Funds	ST
Install partial sun shade on pool deck	\$5,000.00	Local Funds	MT
Install windscreens on tennis courts	\$5,000.00	Local Funds	MT
Install lights on north ballfields	\$75,000.00	Local Funds, Grants	MT
Install irrigation on north ballfields	To be determined	Local Funds	MT
Install bleachers for sand volleyball	\$5,000.00	Local Funds, Grants	ST
Install electronic marquee in front of building	\$50,000.00	Local Funds, Grants	MT
Put "Rec Center" sign on the building	\$10,000.00	Local Funds	ST
Add safety netting between ballfields	\$10,000.00	Local Funds	MT
Plant trees along Textile and Woodland drive to replace ones that have died	\$5,000.00	Local Funds	ST

Table 13: Project Tasks, cont.

PROJECT	COST ESTIMATE	FUNDING SOURCE	TIME FRAME
WILDERNESS PARK			
Improve the parking area at the southeast corner of South Ann Arbor Street and Willis Road	\$150,000.00	Local Funds, Grants	MT
Provide a trail head area in proximity to the parking with a permanent enclosure for portable toilet, benches, directional signs, and a trail map	\$100,000.00	Local Funds, Grants	MT
Maintain/upgrade existing park furnishings	\$5,000.00	Local Funds	ST
Refurbish nature trails with limestone and/or boardwalks over wet areas	\$30,000.00	Local Funds, Grants	ST
Make a portion of the trails ADA compliant	\$10,000.00	Local Funds, Grants	ST
Add rustic interpretive/directional signs and benches along the trails	\$5,000.00	Local Funds	MT
NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS			
Develop trail system connecting from proposed nature preserve through MDNR fish farm, Salt Springs Park, and Peoples, Curtiss, and Wilderness Parks; and	To be determined	Local Funds, Grants, Donations	LT
Develop trail connecting Huntington Woods subdivision to Curtiss Park	To be determined	Local Funds	ST
SALINE TO MILAN WATER TRAIL			
Establish locations for canoe/kayak livery at Curtiss Park and develop plans for location	To be determined	Local Funds	ST
Develop access site and pedestrian/bicycle amenities such as parking, bike racks, benches, picnic facilities, and a wayfinding and interpretive sign system.	To be determined	Local Funds, Grants, Donations	MT



IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

In order to accomplish the recommended actions during the next five years, it will be necessary to secure adequate funding. The current budget provides only a limited amount of funds for park development and improvements. The amount is well short of the projected expenses involved in the project schedule. Therefore, the following strategies are recommended to proceed as planned.

Apply for Federal Funding

At the federal level, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) funds Transportation Enhancements (TE) activities for community-based projects that expand travel choices and enhance the transportation experience by improving the cultural, historic, aesthetic, and environmental aspects of the transportation infrastructure. To be eligible, a project must fall into one of the TE activities. Activities which may apply to the City of Saline include:

- Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles such as walkways, curb ramps, bike parking, off-road trails, bike and pedestrian bridges and underpasses;
- Educational programs for pedestrians and bicyclists designed to encourage walking and bicycling by providing potential users with education and safety instruction through classes, pamphlets, and signage; and
- Preservation, conversion, and use of abandoned railway corridors for acquisition, development, planning, design, and construction of multi-use trails, as well as purchasing unused railroad property for reuse.

A minimum 20 percent local match is required for proposed projects and applications are accepted online on an on-going basis.

The *Safe Routes to School* program is a national movement to make it safe, convenient, and fun for children to bicycle and walk to school. When routes are safe, walking or biking to and from school is an easy way to get the regular physical activity children need for a healthy lifestyle. In Michigan, the program is sponsored by the Michigan Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and has gained momentum over the past few years. With the passage of the federal transportation legislation in 2005, Michigan's Safe Routes to School program will make schools eligible for transportation enhancement funds, providing for infrastructure improvements and education campaigns. The purpose of the program, as defined in the federal legislation, is to:



- Enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school;
- Make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation alternative, thereby encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle from an early age; and
- Facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects and activities that will improve safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in schools' areas.

The program authorizes \$612 million over the five fiscal years which began in 2005. The Michigan Department of Transportation estimates that Michigan's total apportionment over the five years will be roughly \$19 million. Schools must be registered, attend a day-long training session and develop a Walking Audit in order to be eligible to apply. SR2S funding is 100 percent federal; no match is required. Seventy percent of the funding must be used for infrastructure projects, 10 percent for non-infrastructure projects, and 20 percent for either.

Apply for State Funding

At the state level, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) continue to be the primary funding sources for parkland acquisition and development.

The MNRTF provides funding for the purchase and development of parkland for natural resource based preservation and recreation. Goals of the program are to:

- Protect natural resources and provide for their access, public use and enjoyment;
- Provide public access to Michigan's water bodies, particularly the Great Lakes and facilitate their recreation use;
- Meet regional, county and community needs for outdoor recreation opportunities;
- Improve the opportunities for outdoor recreation in urban areas; and
- Stimulate Michigan's economy through recreation related tourism and community revitalization.

Grant proposals must include a local match of at least 25 percent of the total project cost. There is no minimum or maximum for acquisition projects. For development projects, the minimum funding request is \$15,000 and the maximum is \$500,000. Applications are due in April and August for acquisition projects and April (only) for development projects.

The LWCF is a federal appropriation to the National Park Service, who distributes funds to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment for development of outdoor recreation facilities. The focus of the program has been on trailway systems and other community recreation needs such as playgrounds, picnic areas, skate parks, ball fields, soccer fields and walking paths. Minimum grant requests are \$30,000 and maximum grant requests are \$75,000. The match percentage must be 50 percent of the total project cost. Applications are accepted throughout the year, but must be in by April 1 to be considered for the following years grant funds.

Other funding conducted in partnership with the MDNR is available through other state government divisions, such as the Fisheries Division (Inland Fisheries Grant Program) or the Forestry Division (Detroit Edison Tree Planting, Forest Stewardship Program).

The Detroit Edison Tree Planting program began as DTE joined the US Department of Energy's voluntary Climate Challenge Program to address greenhouse gas emissions. Cost-share funds are available to municipalities in the Detroit Edison's service area on a competitive basis for tree planting projects. A total of up to \$4,000 may be granted to eligible tree planting projects on public and school property with a 50 percent local match. Applications are typically due in February.

Apply for Other Grant Funding

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

- ***Access to Recreation*** is a grant program available for universal access of people of all abilities to a wide variety of recreation opportunities, such as nature viewing and photography areas, hiking trails, scenic outlooks, waterfalls and water activities of all kinds, beaches, fishing and boating, playgrounds, picnic areas, campgrounds, and much more. There are two primary grant programs under this source of funding:



- *Recreation Access Matching Grant* provides up to 50 percent matching funds (up to \$10,000) for the purchase of universally accessible recreation equipment and materials such as all terrain hiking wheelchairs, pool lifts, accessible playground surface, transfer systems, beach access mats, trail surface enhancements, and accessible picnic tables that enhance recreation participation by people with disabilities; and
- *Accessible by Design Awards* is designed to stimulate the development of creative universally designed recreation experiences that invite, welcome, and support the inclusion of people of all abilities. Winning designs demonstrate how going above and beyond the minimum requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act can create greater access and usability for people of all abilities in the community. Winning designs are awarded cash prizes to build the projects up to \$250,000 with 25 percent minimum match.
- ***The CARES Millage*** provides funding for recreation programs and facilities within the Saline Area School District community. The millage provides annual funding for five specific programs:
 - Saline Area Senior Citizen Center;
 - Saline Area School Pool;
 - Saline Area School Theater Management;
 - Saline Community Education Recreation and Enrichment Programs; and
 - Discretionary Funds, in excess of \$30,000 each year, may be allocated via grants to any projects which “enhance the quality of life in the Saline Community”.
- The ***Judy Ivan Healthy Communities Endowment*** makes grants to local community groups and schools in Clinton, Dundee, Lincoln, Manchester, Milan and Saline communities. The goal of the endowment is to “...assist community groups within the St. Joseph Mercy service area with financial resources for projects or initiatives that will make a positive difference in the health status of the community.” Eligible programs will be involved primarily in health and welfare, education or prevention areas.

- The ***Washtenaw Coordinated Funders*** a collaboration of the Office of Community & Economic Development (representing the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, and Washtenaw Urban County), the United Way of Washtenaw County, the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, and the RNR Foundation. The group offers funding for program operations and capacity building grants for projects involving Aging, Housing & Homelessness, Safety-Net Health & Nutrition, and Cradle to Career – including both Early Childhood & School-Age Youth.
- The ***Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission*** does not have a formal dedicated fund to allow distribution of grants, but it does partner with communities on a case-by-case basis to assist with development of parks and/or non-motorized trail facilities. Their Connecting Communities Program, dedicated to the development of regional non-motorized trail facilities, was suspended in 2014, but may be re-instituted in the future.

Increase Support for Parks

Public support for parks and recreation will be crucial in determining the level of services the City will be able to provide in the future. A specific park or project millage over a limited period could be considered in the future for particular projects such as park or trail acquisition, development, or maintenance.

Seek Other Sources of Funding

The Saline Parks and Recreation Department and the Parks Commission should investigate additional sources of funding. Seeking donations, attracting sponsors, holding fund-raising events and seeking out other revenue sources are methods that should be pursued aggressively to raise funding for park acquisition and development.



APPENDIX A

NOTICES FOR PUBLIC HEARING, DRAFT PLAN AVAILABILITY, & PLANNING FAIR




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Notice of Public Hearing – Parks and Recreation Master Plan

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Join your neighbors and City officials and exchange ideas on the future of your community. The Plan is available for review at Saline City Hall, the Saline District Library, and the Saline Rec Center, is also available for download from the City's website, www.cityofsaline.org.... See More


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The public hearing will be held as part of the normal City Council meeting. The meeting will be held on:

Monday, February 1, 7:30 – 8:30 pm
Council Chambers, Saline Municipal Building, 100 N. Harris Street, Saline, MI 48176.

Contact for additional information on this event:
Doug Lewan, Carlisle/Wortman Associates - dlewan@cwaplan.com or 734-662-2200

Copy of press release for Public Hearing posted on MLive.com / Ann Arbor News on Sunday, January 24, 2016.



Please join for a
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Saline 2016 Parks & Recreation Master Plan**
to lend your input on Saline's future

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***Copy of Public Hearing flyer posted
at Saline City Hall, Saline District
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**Parks & Recreation Department Master Plan
Available for Review (Updated 12/18/2015)**

Residents are encouraged to review the draft of the City of Saline Parks and Recreation Department's 5-year Master Plan. The plan outlines the goals and objectives for the department and will guide future decision-making for:

- Park land and equipment improvements
- Adding new amenities to existing parks
- Developing non-motorized trail facilities

The plan will also be submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to allow Saline to apply for park improvement grants. To view the plan online, [click here](#). Hard copies are also available at City Hall, the Rec Center, and the Saline Public Library.

Over the next 30 days, residents are encouraged to submit ideas and feedback by email to:

- Carla Scruggs, Parks and Recreation
Director: Cscruggs@cityofsaline.org
- Chris Nordstrom, Carlisle/Wortman
Associates: cnordstrom@cwaplan.com

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***Saline Parks & Rec Webpage
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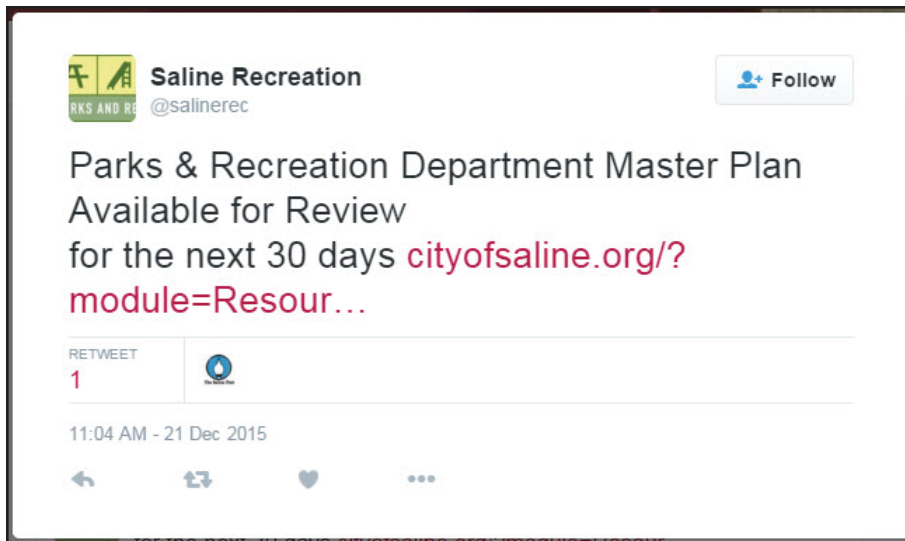
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Twitter - Notice of Plan Availability for Review, December 21, 2015.

Press Release

For Immediate Publication

City of Saline Land Use + Recreation Community Engagement Meeting

The City of Saline is sponsoring a Land Use and Recreation Community Engagement Meeting to receive input from the public regarding the City's Land Use, Parks and Recreation, and Non-Motorized Plans.

Join your neighbors and City officials and exchange ideas on the future of **your** community. Please plan to spend two hours with us to learn about the current City Future Land Use Plan and Recreation Master Plan, and help us begin the process of updating these very important documents. These plans are the guiding documents for future decision-making, outlining the goals and objectives for the City's activities for the coming years.

We are also looking for your input regarding Salt Springs Park located north of the DNR fish ponds.

The Land Use and Recreation Community Engagement meeting will be interactive and its success is dependent upon your participation. Complimentary refreshments will be provided.

The City of Saline Land Use and Recreation Community Engagement Meeting will be held on:

Tuesday, October 27, 2015 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Liberty School Cafeteria, 7265 N. Ann Arbor Street – Main Entrance

Contact for additional information on this event:

Doug Lewan, Carlisle/Wortman Associates - dlewan@cwaplan.com or 734-662-2200

For Release October XX, 2015

Planning Fair Notice published October 9, 2015 on MLive / Ann Arbor News.



Please join us at a
**Land Use and Recreation
Community Engagement Meeting**
to lend your input on Saline's future

October 27, 2015, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Liberty School Cafeteria, 7265 N. Ann Arbor Street – Main Entrance



Do not miss this opportunity to be heard!

The City of Saline is sponsoring a Land Use and Recreation Community Engagement Meeting to receive input from the public regarding the City's Master Land Use Plan, Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and Non-Motorized Transportation Plan.

Join your neighbors and City officials to learn about the current City Future Land Use Plan and Recreation Master Plan, and help us begin the process of updating these very important documents.

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Complimentary refreshments will be provided.

Tell Us **Your** Ideas On.....

- Uptown Development and Re-Development
- Neighborhood Preservation
- Economic Development
- Parks and Recreation
- Salt Springs Park
- Community Facilities and Services
- Transportation
- Greenway, Bikeway and Trail Development
- Michigan Avenue Corridor
- Intergovernmental Cooperation

SALINE



Please direct all inquiries to Doug Lewan @ 734.662.2200

***Flyers for Planning Fair posted
at Saline Rec Center, Saline
District Library, and Saline City
Hall***

Saline Website Announcement

Land Use and Recreation Community Engagement Meeting

The City of Saline is sponsoring a Land Use and Recreation Community Engagement Meeting to receive input from the public regarding the City's Master Land Use Plan, the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and the City's Non-Motorized Transportation Plan.

Join your neighbors and City officials to learn about the current state of the City and exchange ideas on the future of **your** neighborhood and community.

Plan to spend two hours with us on:

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Learn about the current city Future land Use Plan, Recreation Master Plan, and Non-Motorized Transportation Plan help us begin the process of updating these very important documents. Additionally, we are asking for your input regarding Salt Springs Park located north of the DNR fish ponds. The Land use and Recreation Community Engagement Meeting will be interactive and its success is dependent upon your participation. Complimentary refreshments will be provided.

The City's current Land Use and Parks and Recreation Plans were adopted in 2011. State law requires that they be updated every five years.



***Website Announcement posted
October 9, 2015.***

APPENDIX B

PARKS COMMISSION RESOLUTION & MEETING MINUTES



1866 Woodland Dr. • Saline, MI 48176-1613
Phone: 734-429-3502 • Fax: 734-429-5208
www.city-saline.org/parks

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Jody Roberts, Parks Commission Recording Secretary

DATE: January 20, 2016

**SUBJECT: PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN
RESOLUTION APPROVAL**

At the regular Parks Commission meeting on January 19, 2016 commissioners approved the following motion approving the “Resolution in Support of the Adoption of the City of Saline Parks and Recreation Master Plan” as follows:

16-03 MOVED Shields SECONDED Sheikh-Smith to approve the Resolution in Support of the Adoption of the 2016-2020 City of Saline Parks and Recreation Master Plan and to recommend that City Council adopt said Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Motion carried unanimously, absent: Armstrong, Hohenberger

Best,

Jody Roberts

**Resolution In Support of the Adoption of the
City of Saline Parks and Recreation Master Plan**

WHEREAS, the City of Saline has undertaken the update of its five-year recreation plan which describes the community's physical and social characteristics, existing parks and recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve the parks and recreation facilities during the period between 2016 and 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saline Parks Commission reviewed the City of Saline Parks and Recreation Master Plan during the course of public meetings held on December 8, 2015 and January 19, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the *Parks and Recreation Master Plan's* goals and objectives were developed in response to needs and deficiencies identified in a Public Planning Fair held on October 27, 2015, in the November 17, 2015 public Parks Commission meeting "SWOT" (Strengths/ Weaknesses/ Opportunities/Threats) exercise, and on the online public comment tool "MiCommunityRemarks.com/Saline" which was available from October 20, 2015 until the adoption of the Recreation Master Plan; and

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

WHEREAS, the plan was developed for the benefit of the entire community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Saline Parks Commission recommends the adoption of the *City of Saline Parks and Recreation Master Plan* by City Council.

motion by: Jason Shields

supported by: Sonja Sheikh-Smith

votes in favor: Elena Hesse, Jacquelyn Jacobs, Neil Moorman, James Peters, Jason Shields, Sonja Sheikh-Smith, Heidi McClelland

votes opposed: None

abstained: None

absent: Amy Armstrong, Greg Hohenberger

I hereby certify that the above is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the City of Saline Parks Commission at a public meeting held on the 1st day of February, 2016.



Chairperson
City of Saline Parks Commission



**CITY OF SALINE PARKS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2016 AT 7:00 PM IN SALINE CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: E. Hesse, N. Moorman, J. Peters, J. Shields
S. Sheikh-Smith

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: A. Armstrong, G. Hohenberger

STAFF PRESENT: J. Roberts, C. Scruggs

CITY COUNCIL REP PRESENT: H. McClelland

OTHERS PRESENT: T. Campbell, D. Gillow, J. Gillow

MOVED Peters SECONDED Sheikh-Smith to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion carried unanimously, absent: Armstrong, Hohenberger

MOVED Sheikh-Smith SECONDED Jacobs to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting as distributed. Motion carried unanimously, absent: Armstrong, Hohenberger

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

16-01 MOVED Shields SECONDED Peters to approve the nomination ballot for Chair: Neil Moorman and Vice Chair: Sonja Sheikh-Smith and appoint them for these positions for 2016. Motion carried unanimously, absent: Armstrong, Hohenberger

16-02 MOVED Shields SECONDED McClelland to approve the 2016 Parks Commission meeting dates as follows: At 7:00 pm in City Council Chambers on January 19, February 16, March 15, April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18, November 15, December 13, 2016. Motion carried unanimously, absent: Armstrong, Hohenberger

16-03 MOVED Shields SECONDED Sheikh-Smith to approve the Resolution in Support of the Adoption of the 2016-2020 City of Saline Parks and Recreation Master Plan and to recommend that City Council adopt said Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Motion carried unanimously, absent: Armstrong, Hohenberger

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **Parks & Rec Master Plan Draft Review Additional Comments** – Chris Nordstrom from Carlisle Wortman & Associates led the discussion. Comments will be accepted through Feb. 1, 2016, the date of the adoption of the Master Plan. Discussion resulted in Motion 16-03 which will be sent to City Council.
2. **Parks Commission Budget Process / Priorities and Park Projects** – C. Scruggs presented proposed PC FY17 budget and led discussion on parks capital items list.
3. **Special Projects Commission Appointments** – Sonja Sheikh-Smith and Elena Hesse volunteered to represent PC on the Special Projects Commission for 2016.
4. **Curtiss Park Grass Destruction** – Ideas were suggested to put logs, tree stumps, bollards, boulders, plant trees, etc., to keep cars from driving on and destroying the grass.

5. **Bridge/tunnel to connect Curtiss and Mill Pond Parks Update** – PC sent a motion to City Council in December citing the need for a tunnel to connect the parks. J. Peters gave a great presentation at the City Council meeting explaining the motion and the reasons behind it. Unfortunately, it is too late to consider the idea.
6. **Fundraising Ideas for Brecon Park Play Equipment** – Had a brainstorming session with commissioners, Donovan and Jeff Gillow on how to raise funds for playground equipment at Brecon Park.
7. **Park Assignments** – A few park assignments were rearranged and the idea was presented to ask S. Bourgoin to do a monthly update on Stonecliff Park.
8. **Scout Projects** – Nothing new.
9. **Park Reports**

Other such business: None.

No objections to the absence of Armstrong and Hohenberger

MOVED Hesse SECONDED Shields to adjourn at 8:45pm. Motion carried unanimously, absent: Armstrong, Hohenberger

Jody Roberts

Parks Commission Recording Secretary

Date Approved: 2/16/16



MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING



**DRAFT MINUTES
SALINE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AT CITY HALL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016
7:30 P.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT: Mayor Marl, Councilmembers: Girbach, Ceo, Rhoads, McClelland, TerHaar, Dillon

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Campbell, Clerk Royal, City Treasurer Bennett, City Supt/Engineer Roubal, WWTP Superintendent Scull, DPW Director Fordice, Police Chief Hrinik, Parks & Rec Director Scruggs

MOVED Girbach SECONDED Ceo to approve the agenda as *amended*. (Removing Item 16-27 and moving 16-32 to the first item under New Business.)

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

PRESENTATIONS:

Introduction of new employee – Katrina Wallis (Police Dispatch)

Planning Commission Report – Gary Roubal

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

J. Heller addressed City Council regarding the Lexipol agenda item.

M. Hess addressed City Council regarding the recommended changes to the Oakwood Cemetery Rules and Regulations and the City feebok.

E. Grossman addressed City Council regarding the recommended changes to the Oakwood Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

CONSENT AGENDA (Items preceded by the letter “C”):

C-MINUTES To *approve* the minutes of the January 11, 2016 Regular Meeting as submitted.

C-BILLS To *approve* the payment of bills consisting of 100 payees in the amount of \$369,104.98 as submitted.

C-16-21 To *approve* the resignation of Gene Corfman from the LDFA.

C-16-22 To *approve* the appointment of Mitch Rohde to the LDFA.

C-16-05 To *correct* the appointment expiration date of Rebecca Schneider to 12/31/19. (Local Officer’s Compensation Commission.)

C-16-23 To acknowledge receipt of the January 27, 2016 memo from Deputy Treasurer McDonough regarding the
TREAS Updated Investment Report as of 12/31/15, and file.

MOVED Rhoads SECONDED Dillon
To approve the consent agenda as *submitted*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

16-24 PARKS COMMISSION – MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS SCRUGGS

MOVED Girbach SECONDED TerHaar
To open the public hearing at 7:57 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

PUBLIC COMMENTS – limited to 3 minutes per person

D. Lewan from Carlisle Wortman Associates gave an overview of the updated plan.

MOVED Girbach SECONDED TerHaar
To close the public hearing at 7:59 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

MOVED TerHaar SECONDED Ceo
To ***acknowledge*** receipt of the January 20, 2016 memo from the Parks Commission Recording Secretary Jody Roberts; ***to approve and adopt*** the 2016-2020 City of Saline Parks and Recreation Master Plan as submitted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

16-16 FUND BALANCE POLICY CLARIFICATION

MOVED Rhoads SECONDED McClelland
To ***acknowledge*** receipt of the January 6, 2016 memo from City Treasurer Bennett; to ***approve*** the changes to the City of Saline Fund Balance Policy as submitted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

NEW BUSINESS:

16-32 RECOMMENDATION OF THE MICHIGAN AVENUE MAKEOVER TEAM - PLANTERS

MOVED Rhoads SECONDED McClelland
To ***acknowledge*** receipt of the January 27, 2016 memo from City Manager Campbell; to ***approve*** the downtown streetscape raised planters veneer as recommended by the Design Work Group.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

15-211 CHANGES TO THE 2016 CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

MOVED Dillon SECONDED Girbach
To ***acknowledge*** receipt of the January 18, 2016 memo from Clerk Royal; to ***approve*** the changes to the 2016 City Council Meeting dates as submitted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

15-195 CHANGES TO THE CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

MOVED Ceo SECONDED TerHaar
To ***acknowledge*** receipt of the January 7, 2016 memo from Clerk Royal; to ***approve and adopt*** the changes to the Oakwood Cemetery Rules and Regulations with the amendment to item #1 - to reflect a start date of February 2, 2016. (***Effective 2/2/2016*** - Cemetery lots purchased from this day forward may be sold back to the City of Saline for the original purchase price. Sales other than to the City of Saline is prohibited.)

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

16-25 RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF PUBLIC ACT 269

MOVED Ceo SECONDED TerHaar
To ***approve*** the Resolution in opposition of Public Act 269.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS



16-26 PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 779 – REZONING OF 218 MONROE ST.

MOVED Girbach SECONDED Dillon

To **acknowledge** receipt of the January 14, 2016 memo from Assistant City Clerk DeHaan.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

MOVED Rhoads SECONDED Ceo

To **accept** the Planning Commission's recommendation and to **approve** proposed Ordinance No.779 for the rezoning of 218 Monroe Street from R1-A (Family Residential) to R-1C (Single Family Residential).

YEAS: 6

NAYS: 1 (Girbach)

MOTION CARRIED

14-134 WWTP IMPROVEMENTS PHASE II - PAY ESTIMATE #5

MOVED Rhoads SECONDED Dillon

To **acknowledge** receipt of the January 19, 2016 memo from City Supt/Engineer Roubal; to **approve** the Contractor's Application for Payment #5 in the amount of \$85,928.56.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

16-28 HYDRO CROSS CONNECTION CONSULTANT

MOVED TerHaar SECONDED Ceo

To **acknowledge** receipt of the January 27, 2016 memo from DPW Director Fordice; to **approve** the three-year agreement with HydroCorp, Inc. in the amount of \$11,100 and to **authorize** the Mayor and Clerk to execute the agreement upon review and approval of the City Attorney.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

16-29 STREET LIGHTING COALITION

MOVED Girbach SECONDED Dillon

To **acknowledge** receipt of the January 27, 2016 memo from DPW Director Fordice; to **approve** the Michigan Street Lighting Coalition additional member funding request of \$1,001.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

16-30 CITY-WIDE FEEBOOK REVISIONS & CHANGES

MOVED Rhoads SECONDED Ceo

To **acknowledge** receipt of the January 27, 2016 memo from City Supt/Engineer Roubal; to **approve** the city-wide feebook revisions and changes as submitted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

16-31 2016 DESIGN/BID PHASE OF 2016 STREET PROJECTS

MOVED Rhoads SECONDED TerHaar

To **acknowledge** receipt of the January 27, 2016 memo from City Supt/Engineer Roubal; to **approve** the design/bid and construction services proposal from Midwestern Consulting, LLC.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS

DISCUSSION:

- Commission, Committee, and Task Force reports from Councilmembers
- Reports and Other Announcements
 - Councilmember TerHaar reported on the Arts & Culture Committee.
 - Councilmember Girbach reported on the Historic District bill.
 - Mayor Marl reported that he suggested the removal of Item 16-27 regarding Lexipol and suggested City Council hold a work meeting on February 29th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss this item.
- Water Quality Update – WWTP Superintendent Scull and DPW Director Fordice

PUBLIC COMMENT:

B. Fuller addressed City Council to inform them she is running as a candidate for the House of Representatives.

ALL SUCH OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE SALINE CITY COUNCIL

UPCOMING MEETINGS OF CITY COUNCIL:

FEBRUARY 5, 2016 COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLANNING AT 6:00 p.m. - SALINE LIBRARY, BRECON ROOM

FEBRUARY 6, 2016 COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLANNING AT 8:00 a.m. – SALINE LIBRARY, BRECON ROOM

FEBRUARY 29, 2016 WORK MEETING AT 6:30 p.m. and REGULAR MEETING AT 7:30 p.m.

MOVED Girbach SECONDED McClelland

To adjourn at 9:45 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUS



APPENDIX D

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION



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THE CITY of SALINE Clerk's Office

100 North Harris Street • Saline, Michigan 48176-1642
Phone 734.429.4907 • Fax 734.429.0528

February 29, 2016

Carlisle Wortman Associates
605 S. Main Street Ste 2
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

Dear Mr. Nordstrom,

The Saline City Council at their meeting of February 29, 2016 made the following motion:

16-24 **2016-2020 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN RESOLUTION**
CAMPBELL

MOVED Girbach SECONDED McClelland
To *acknowledge* receipt of the February 23, 2016 memo from Parks & Rec Director
Scruggs; to *approve and adopt* the 2016-2020 Parks and Recreation Master Plan
Resolution.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Terri Royal, City Clerk

Teresa Royal, Clerk • Aimee Bloom, Deputy Clerk • Connie DeHaan, Assistant Clerk

**CITY OF SALINE
WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION
CITY OF SALINE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Saline has undertaken the update of its five-year recreation plan which describes the community's physical and social characteristics, existing parks and recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve the parks and recreation facilities during the period between 2015 and 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saline Parks Commission reviewed the City of Saline Parks and Recreation Master Plan during the course of several public meetings held on December 8, 2015 and January 19, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the *Parks and Recreation Master Plan's* goals and objectives were developed in response to needs and deficiencies identified in a Public Planning Fair held on October 27, 2015, in the November 17, 2015 public Parks Commission meeting "SWOT" (Strength/Weaknesses/Opportunities/Threats) exercise, and on the online public comment tool "MiCommunityRemarks.com/Saline" which was available from October 20, 2015 until the adoption of the Recreation Master Plan; and

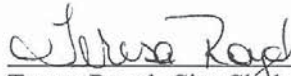
WHEREAS, the *Parks and Recreation Master Plan* has been made available by the City of Saline for public review in the manner required by law and all comments from the public have been considered by the City of Saline Parks Commission; and

WHEREAS, the plan was developed for the benefit of the entire community.

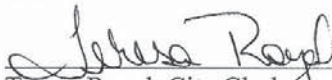
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Saline City Council hereby adopts the *City of Saline Parks and Recreation Master Plan*.

MOVED by Girbach SECONDED by McClelland that the foregoing Resolution be adopted.

Resolution declared adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Saline City Council held on Monday, February 29, 2016.


Teresa Royal, City Clerk

I hereby certify that the above is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Saline City Council at a regular meeting held on the 29th day of February, 2016 and that said meeting was conducted and notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act.


Teresa Royal, City Clerk



APPENDIX E

LETTERS OF TRANSMITTAL





CARLISLE

WORTMAN
associates, inc.

605 S. Main Street, Ste. 1
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

(734) 662-2200
(734) 662-1935 Fax

March 1, 2016

Chip Kosloski
Grants Coordinator
Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment
PO Box 30425
Lansing, MI 48909-7925

Dear Mr. Kosloski:

This letter is notification to you that the City of Saline Parks and Recreation Master Plan was adopted by the Saline City Council at a meeting held on February 29, 2016. The Plan and Certification Checklist have been uploaded to the MDNR website.

Please feel free to contact the City of Saline or myself if you have any comments regarding this plan.

Thank you for your consideration,

CARLISLE/WORTMAN ASSOC., INC.

Chris Nordstrom, PLA, ASLA

Landscape Architect

cc. Carla Scruggs, City of Saline Parks and Recreation Director

Richard K. Carlisle, *President* Douglas J. Lewan, *Executive Vice President*
R. Donald Wortman, *Principal* John L. Enos, *Principal* David Scurto, *Principal* Benjamin R. Carlisle, *Principal* Sally M. Elmiger, *Principal*
Brian Oppmann, *Associate* Laura K. Kreps, *Associate*



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March 1, 2016

William Parkus,
Regional Review Office
Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
1001 Woodward Avenue, Suite 1400
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Dear Mr. Parkus:

The attached City of Saline Parks and Recreation Master Plan was adopted by the City Council at a meeting held on February 29, 2016. The plan will be sent to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment for their review and approval. The plan will be subject to future review and updates as deemed necessary by Saline City Council and the Parks Commission.

Please feel free to contact the City of Saline or myself if you have any comments regarding this plan.

Thank you for your consideration,

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March 1, 2016

Coy Vaughn
Supervisor of Parks Planning
Washtenaw County Parks Department
Parks Administrative Offices
PO Box 8645
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48107

Dear Mr. Vaughn:

The attached City of Saline Parks and Recreation Master Plan was adopted by the City Council at a meeting held on February 29, 2016. The plan will be sent to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment for their review and approval. The plan will be subject to future review and updates as deemed necessary by the Saline City Council and the Parks Commission.

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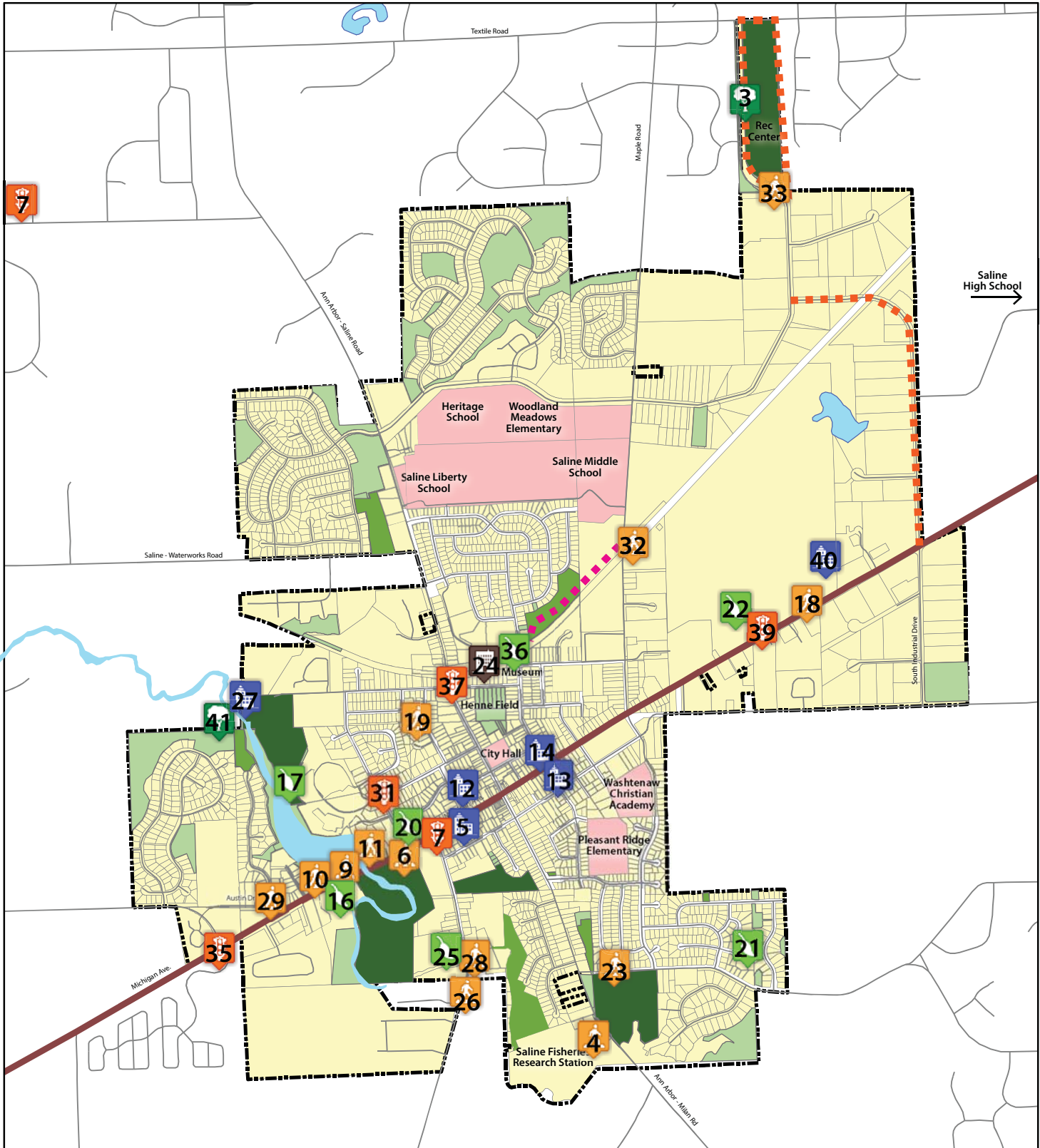
cc. Carla Scruggs, City of Saline Parks and Recreation Director





APPENDIX F

PUBLIC INPUT SUMMARY





Comment categories

-  Non-motorized Transportation
-  Parks
-  Redevelopment Opportunities
-  Sustainability
-  Traffic
-  User-suggested trails

MiCommunityRemarks Comment Summary

City of Saline
Washtenaw County



0 1,000 2,000 Feet


Source: Washtenaw County Base Map Data

2-4-2016
Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc.
Ann Arbor, Michigan





Summary of Comments from MiCommunityRemarks/Saline

loc id	date	loc lat	loc lon	loc votes	loc cat id	loc response	loc cat name	loc desc
3	10/20/2015 14:41	42.1952	-83.7668	6	4	yes	Parks	add a spray park next to the pool at the Rec Center
3.1	10/27/2015 12:21							<p>Outdoor ball hockey/roller hockey rink. Great exercise. Fairly inexpensive to build. Cheap way to learn to get introduced to hockey. Would be a new recreational opportunity for Saline residents and it would be the only of its kind in Washtenaw County and bring people to Saline.</p> <p>http://www1.uwindsor.ca/campusrec/system/files/DSCN1748.JPG</p> 
3.2	12/16/2015 6:44							Add an outdoor, long course swimming pool at the Rec Ctr.
4	10/21/2015 14:58	42.1555	-83.7755	11	1		Non-Motorized Transportation	Make the Saline River navigable from Curtis Park to the City of Milan
5	10/21/2015 15:00	42.1652	-83.7828	2	2		Redevelopment Opportunities	The vacant property at 147 W Michigan Ave is ready for development.
6	10/29/2015 14:50	42.1645	-83.7865	14	1	yes	Non-Motorized Transportation	I would like to be able to walk on the North side of Michigan Ave from Mills rd to Austin Rd. On a SIDEWALK !
6.1	12/10/2015 19:32							Agree with Collins. This is essential. We need walkable access to Mill Pond Park from the south and from the west.

Note: Original comments in yellow
Responses in blue

Summary of Comments from MiCommunityRemarks/Saline

loc id	date	loc lat	loc lon	loc votes	loc cat id	loc response	loc cat name	loc desc
7	10/30/2015 13:21	42.1915	-83.8137		3	yes	Traffic	Updating or changing the traffic light signal method at Monroe & US 12. Many times when traveling on US 12 going east or west, the traffic light will turn red but there are no cars coming from Monroe St. In contrast I've been coming from Monroe St. to US 12 and the light has turned green before I've reached Henry St. and turns yellow or red when I finally get to US 12. In either case it slows traffic down especially on US 12.
	12/6/2015 16:35							Keep in mind traffic signal cycles are not just for the intersection that is controlled, but also to create breaks in traffic between signaled intersections to allow for traffic to pull into and out of driveways and streets safely.
	12/10/2015 19:55							Good luck getting MDOT to agree to signal timing changes along US-12.
8	10/30/2015 14:24	42.1650	-83.7851		3		Traffic	Updating or changing the traffic light signal method at Monroe & US 12. Many times when traveling on US 12 going east or west, the traffic light will turn red but there are no cars coming from Monroe St. In contrast I've been coming from Monroe St. to US 12 and the light has turned green before I've reached Henry St. and turns yellow or red when I finally get to US 12. In either case it slows traffic down especially on US 12.

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Summary of Comments from MiCommunityRemarks/Saline

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9	10/30/2015 15:48	42.1638	-83.7885	6	1	yes	Non-Motorized Transportation	I would like to see a non-motorized path through Mills Park connecting to Curtiss Park with a pedestrian safe crossing connecting the existing sidewalk. This would allow non-motorized travel between the south end of Curtiss Park to the Library using existing paths and safe roadways. The south end of Mill Pond Park is one of Saline's best features and is almost unavailable to use because of marshy conditions and no parking access.
9.1	11/30/2015 10:35							Yes, more access to the parks would be great!! And a safe way to connect the two parks would definitely improve the quality of the parks.
9.2	12/10/2015 19:29							Agree with Westlake. Mill Pond and Curtis Parks are diamonds in the rough. Saline should look at Stratford, Ontario and the way it has developed its park areas around the Avon River. Walking paths, limited boating, musical performances/concerts from a large dock on the river's edge and plenty of picnic tables and shade trees. Walking access to Mill Pond from the south needs to be implemented.
10	10/30/2015 15:51	42.1632	-83.7899	2	1	yes	Non-Motorized Transportation	Add a foot bridge over the dam to connect the west side of Saline to Mill Pond Park. This bridge could be styled to highlight the entrance to Saline from the east.
10.1	11/3/2015 16:43							More walking biking paths all around town is absolutely necessary!
10.2	12/6/2015 16:56							This is an absolutely fantastic idea. It likely will also help with traffic calming in this area and promote better merging of traffic into this single lane.

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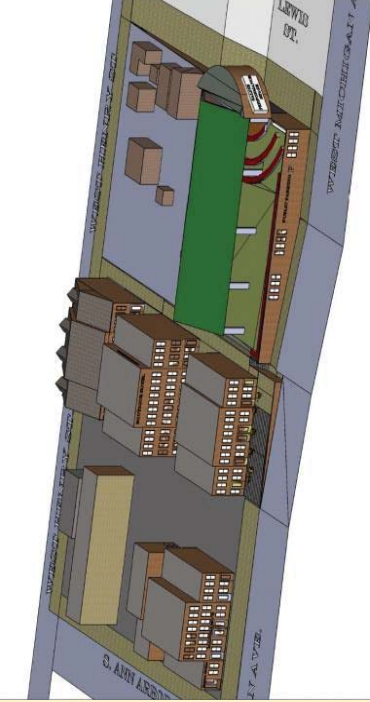

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11	10/30/2015 15:58	42.1646	-83.7881	1	1	yes	Non-Motorized Transportation	I would like to see a Veterans Memorial in the South River Park area after the sidewalk is added between mills and the park during the Michigan Ave rebuild. A place where people can sit would enhance the area.
								
11.1	12/10/2015 19:34							Agree with Westlake. This is an excellent idea. Reminds me of Stratford, Ontario, which has a Veterans Memorial near the entrance to its park along the Avon River when one enters from the nearby downtown commercial area.

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12	10/30/2015 16:04	42.1658	-83.7827		2		Redevelopment Opportunities	<p>I would like to see the vacant property at 147 W. Michigan developed into a shared space where events can be held. Ideally the space would include retail space, a boutique hotel and multi-use parking garage along with transition housing (condos). For one idea see video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dou5avd_Vgl</p> 
13	10/30/2015 16:09	42.1659	-83.7788	2	2		Redevelopment Opportunities	<p>Add a permanent building for the farmer's market on purchased land that would add additional parking.</p> 

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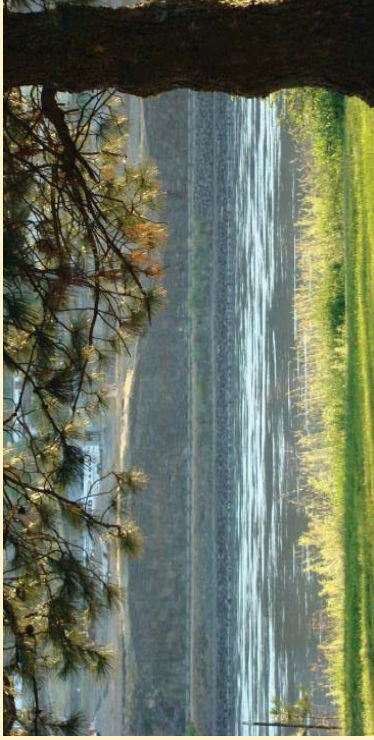
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14	10/30/2015 16:31	42.1668	-83.7797		2		Redevelopment Opportunities	Convert old R&B into mixed use condos and stores facing the parking lot.
15	10/31/2015 9:02	42.1668	-83.7797		2		Redevelopment Opportunities	Convert old R&B into mixed use condos and stores facing the parking lot.
16	10/31/2015 9:03	42.1630	-83.7889	4	11	yes	Sustainability	Please consider removing the dam, restoring the river, planting native species and increasing tree canopy as has been done throughout Michigan (look to Dexter as an example).
16.1	12/10/2015 20:00							Agree. Dexter has done an excellent job improving its river walk area.

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17	10/31/2015 9:21	42.1673	-83.7940	1	11	yes	Sustainability	<p>improve river water quality by banning the dog park from Mill Pond so that runoff doesn't directly enter the river. Allow the vegetation to return along the river's edge.</p> 
17.1	11/30/2015 10:02							Are you suggesting not allowing Dogs to swim or just improving the bank to prevent runoff?
17.2	11/30/2015 18:57							Reducing the manicured lawn areas all along this portion of Mill Pond would be helpful in controlling the nuisance geese population as well. I suggest maintaining an 8-10 foot wide trail/walking area, and planting the rest in native vegetation and allowing it to grow long. Specific points to access the water's edge could be added for fishing, views, etc. This should also help to reduce the ongoing maintenance costs (less mowing).
17.3	12/10/2015 19:59							Agree with Westlake, Relocate the dog park away from the river and place it near the northeast entrance area of the park - even utilize the hilly area. The dogs should not be wading/swimming in the not very clean water. The dog park is way under used because of its current location.
18	10/31/2015 9:29	42.1748	-83.7638	5	1		Non-Motorized Transportation	Complete the sidewalk along the front of the Faurecia Plant to connect the east side businesses to downtown.
19	10/31/2015 9:31	42.1695	-83.7861	1	1	yes	Non-Motorized Transportation	Complete the sidewalk along the front of Brecon Village.
19.1	12/10/2015 19:32							Agree with Westlake.

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20	10/31/2015 9:46	42.1648	-83.7859	4	11	yes	Sustainability	Add stormwater sustainability planters to the Michigan Avenue design to help purify the stormwater runoff dumping directly into the Saline River. Excess phosphates, fertilizer and road debris is adding to the damage of our rivers and ultimately feeding problems in Lake Erie that cause cities like Toledo to be unable to draw drinking water from the lake.
<p>Figure 2.1: Three-Dimensional View of a Stormwater Planter</p>								
20.1	11/1/2015 13:55							Agreed!!
20.2	11/3/2015 16:42							great idea!
21	11/2/2015 15:54	42.1598	-83.7671		11		Sustainability	plant compatible low growing species under/near power lines to reduce the amount of disturbance caused by vegetation management of ITC. Keep the power on!
22	11/2/2015 15:56	42.1747	-83.7692		11		Sustainability	Site planning should include only low growing species under/near power lines to reduce the disturbance caused by vegetation removal crews ITC.

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23	11/3/2015 16:40	42.1589	-83.7756	3	1	yes	Non-Motorized Transportation	We need access to Saline, from York township using safe, non motorized lanes, or trails. We are so close and yet, we are cut off from getting to town any other way besides car, because there isn't even a safe shoulder on Willis rd to walk or ride your bike down
32.1	11/20/2015 9:34							There are many large subdivisions along Willis Road that would benefit from a bike/walking path to town. Willis Road is so dangerous. At a minimum a good bike path on the shoulder would be helpful.
24	11/10/2015 13:05	42.1713	-83.7829	3	12	yes	Community Assets	Create a permanent Farmers' Market location that can be used in the summer and winter (with the use of garage doors/heat?). When it is not used as the Farmers' Market, it could be rent for other events (craft shows, Xmas displays, etc). This site would be connected to Henne Field, the Depot Trail and the Saline Railroad Depot Museum. Also if the old railroad tracks were ever converted to Rails to Trails, this would also be connected to this site. Dexter, Ann Arbor and Holland have permanent Farmers' Markets which are not in "downtown"; where parking is limited. It should be noted the City owns this site and the one behind it (North along the Depot Trail) so by developing the land, it will not impact the City's tax revenue. To partially offset the development costs, the State of Michigan is offering grants specifically for the development of Farmers' Markets.
24.1	12/10/2015 19:51							Parking would be a huge issue for this proposal. Also, by not having it located downtown, those businesses would benefit very little from people attending the market. Expanding parking at Henne Field is not a good idea. Locating a year-round farmers market at Mill Pond Park and connecting that park to the downtown via a walkway on the north side of US-12 to Mill Pond's southern entrance may make more sense.

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25	11/10/2015 13:46	42.1596	-83.7842		11		Sustainability	The City should work diligently with Johnson Controls to convert the old Saline Die Casting site to a City park. This area has been an area of blight for many years (7+ yrs) and an improvement as described would significantly benefit the community. It will create more green space for the community to enjoy, allow for the enhancement of the Saline river and create a gateway to access City parks without traveling along Michigan Ave (a potential safety concern for some families). It also demonstrates how the private and public sectors worked together for the betterment of the community.

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26	11/20/2015 8:12	42.1581	-83.7837	28	1	yes	Non-Motorized Transportation	The City really needs to commit to creating a walkable route from the Huntington Woods subdivision to town, especially in light of the proposed addition of another 41 tax paying lots, which ultimately means there will be 75 households without walkable access. While the current site plan for Phase Two of Huntington Woods commits to a 5 foot wide sidewalk to the bridge, a major concern is the fact that the bridge is narrow, there is no shoulder on that part of the road, which is a transition between 25 mph and 45 mph around a blind curve, and therefore the current proposal does not ensure that residents, especially children who could otherwise walk to Pleasant Ridge, will be able to utilize it without concern for their safety. More needs to be done, especially in light of the Mayor's commitment to a walkable Saline, and the proposals to connect the various parks and proposed parks in the area. I would like to know which other sub divisions of this size located in city limits do not have walkable access to the city. Thank you.
26.1	11/20/2015 9:35							Our family lives in the Huntington Woods subdivision, just south of downtown, and we would like to see a sidewalk built all the way to town. We spend a lot of time supporting local business in the downtown area but we currently drive to town due to safety concerns created by no sidewalk to town. Our homeowners association has been working with the city and the developer of Huntington Woods to, at a minimum, have a sidewalk built to the bridge. This commitment needs a specific time line established and met. Our family applauds the current commitment to a walkable Saline and we look forward to seeing a specific plan (details/timing) for a safe walk or ride from Huntington Woods to downtown Saline. Thank You.
27	11/20/2015 8:43	42.1693	-83.7953	5	2	yes	Redevelopment Opportunities	Trail & Foot Bridge to Mill Pond Park.
27.1	11/30/2015 10:00							Yes, some alternate way to get to the park rather than sharing with cars on the road.

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28	11/20/2015 8:46	42.1593	-83.7833	2	1	yes	Non-Motorized Transportation	My family and I would like to see sidewalks installed so that we can safely walk or ride our bikes into town from Huntington Woods subdivision. Currently, it is not safe to walk or ride bikes in the roadway because of the high rate of speed that vehicular traffic travels and because of several blind spots in the terrain of this area. Please provide Huntington Woods residents with a safe non-motorized method of coming into the downtown area and the surrounding parks. Thank you.
28.1	11/30/2015 15:26							It would be nice to have a bike trail along the river.
28.2	12/10/2015 19:38							A bike and walking trail along the river in Mill Pond Park.
29	11/20/2015 8:48	42.1622	-83.7938		1		Non-Motorized Transportation	Sidewalk on North side of Mi Ave going over bridge to Mill pond park and connecting west side to city Saline is a great baseball/softball community yet it lacks a nice diamond complex. Most of the fields are one offs with no facilities spread throughout the community. A nice park with four diamonds and proper facilities would be a great addition and allow more community support at one location for multiple teams. Many of our neighboring communities have such a place.
30	11/30/2015 8:40				5		General Comment	

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31	11/30/2015 9:57	42.1665	-83.7883	1	3	yes	Traffic	A lot of traffic from N Ann Arbor Street seems to use Mills Road to bypass the Michigan Ave/Ann Arbor St Intersection. Because they are bypassing they are trying to get somewhere faster. That means they travel really fast down Mills Road, which is a residential area. I would like to see some mode of slowing traffic or making it more difficult to use a residential area as a bypass. Maybe add a couple 4-way stop signs? Or speed bumps?
31.1	11/30/2015 18:46							I agree that some traffic calming on Mills would be helpful, but adding 4 way stops and speed bumps will only slow traffic in very limited areas, and can cause speeds between the "obstacles" to be higher as motorists speed up to make up for the lost time. Other avenues should be explored first, such as narrowing sections of the street, including intersection bump-outs, pedestrian crossing islands, encouraging on-street parking.
31.2	12/6/2015 16:40							I agree with the anonymous comment that alternative methods to calm traffic are more effective. Trying to slow people down artificially (speed limits, stop signs, speed bumps) can cause confusion and actually be more dangerous. The goal is to make people want to drive slower, which creates safety automatically.
31.3	12/10/2015 19:54							Improve the traffic flow at the four corners intersection and fewer people would use Mills as a cut-through. Appears the current situation offers a revenue enhancement opportunity for Saline: have a patrol car on Mills during peak traffic times. Not rocket science.
32	11/30/2015 10:39	42.1771	-83.7740	3	1		Non-Motorized Transportation	I would like to see the bike path continued along the old train tracks, maybe to the high school?
33	11/30/2015 10:43	42.1927	-83.7655	2	1		Non-Motorized Transportation	Please connect the rec center to the bike path that ends at the Library. Maybe continue along the rail road tracks up to Woodland Drive?

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34	12/1/2015 18:50				5		General Comment	<p>I feel that Saline needs to bring in businesses that are NOT Subways. There are 4 in one mile. Ridiculous! Jimmy John's, DiBellas, Tubby's, and Jersey Mikes are all much better options. Variety is the spice of life!</p> <p>Starbuck's would do well here in the city as well. More jobs. More revenue.</p> <p>The empty lot across from the library is an eye sore with large utility vehicles parking there.</p> <p>The VERY empty corner mall at Industrial and US12 is sad! Why can't anyone stay there? Why has it been so empty for SO long? High rent?</p> <p>US 12 would look so much nicer, and our town so much more inviting, if there were trees and bushes planted in and around all of the God awful industrial buildings.</p> <p>Please prepare for what the Road Commission for Washtenaw County has for the Willis Road to Austin Road connection in their long term transportation plan.</p>
35	12/6/2015 16:45	42.1601	-83.7970	2	3		Traffic	

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36	12/6/2015 16:48	42.1723	-83.7815		11		Sustainability	Preserve the opportunity to leverage mass transit by preserving the space that was the Ann Arbor Railroad for possible future use.
37	12/6/2015 16:53	42.1712	-83.7844		3		Traffic	Please re-stripe this intersection to be supporting of complete streets and have proper left turn lanes. Also strip the remainder of the street to support the parking on one side of the street.
38	12/10/2015 19:23				5		General Comment	Parks - add a paved or mulched pathway along the river at Mill Pond Park and have it circle back along the eastern boundary of the park to the parking lot. Also, make Mill Pond Park accessible from along the northern side of US-12 by extending the sidewalk in front of the American Legion property. Relocate the dog park to the northeastern section of Mill Pond away from the river (and away from all the geese/duck poop) making it more accessible to people and also allowing dogs to play without going into the river. Due to its current location, this dog park is very underused, and many dog owners are using neighborhood and school baseball fields as de facto dog parks. If the dog park remains in its present location, then at least fence off access to the river and create more restricted access to the river.
39	12/16/2015 7:08	42.1732	-83.7668		3		Traffic	Traffic back ups outside the Faurecia plant to US 23 weekdays at 2:45pm-6pm
40	12/16/2015 7:22	42.1785	-83.7605	1	2		Redevelopment Opportunities	Better selection of chain/non chain restaurants in Plazas: Grand Traverse Pie Company, Jersey Mikes, Le Dog, soup/salad/deli sandwich restaurants. NOT Subway or Panera.
41	1/28/2016 18:25	42.1687	-83.7960		4		Parks	Please put a foot bridge from Stonecliff Park to Mill Pond. It would make the entire sub of Torwood feel more connected to the city. ðÿðÿ¼

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Planning Fair Summary of Votes/Comments

Total votes cast:	270	
Top topics:		
Water Park / Splash Pad / Pool	24	8.9%
Connection between Mill Pond and Curtis Parks	20	7.4%
Removal of Mill Pond Dam	14	5.2%
Saline to Milan Water Trail	13	4.8%
Trailways	12	4.4%
Increased use of Rentschler Farm and Depot Museum	11	4.1%
Farmers Market	8	3.0%
Outdoor concerts / events	8	3.0%
Rec Center	7	2.6%
Henry and Ann Arbor Street crossing improvement	7	2.6%
Salt Springs Park development	7	2.6%
Park lighting	7	2.6%
Community center	7	2.6%
City-wide WiFi	5	1.9%
Use of Curtis Mansion	5	1.9%
Band shell / amphitheater	5	1.9%
		59.3%

**Planning Fair
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Total votes cast: 270

Category	# of votes	Comment
Parks & Sustainability	5	WiFi
Community Assets / Redevelopment		City-wide WiFi
Non-motorized & Traffic	5	Saline River Greenway and water trail
Parks & Sustainability	5	River trail
Parks & Sustainability	2	H2O trail and walking trail to Milan
Parks & Sustainability	1	Canoe / Kayak launch to River
Parks & Sustainability		Connect Milan and Saline via River
Parks & Sustainability	12	Splash Pad / Outdoor Pool
Parks & Sustainability	5	Water Park
Community Assets / Redevelopment	4	Water Park / Outdoor Pool
Community Assets / Redevelopment	3	Saline is about families - Rec center needs a lift - Outdoor pool
Community Assets / Redevelopment		Downtown / 4 corners / Where you can walk to
Community Assets / Redevelopment		Downtown should be bigger - in Ann Arbor people are always walking around
Community Assets / Redevelopment	3	Additional sewerage facilities to accommodate growth
Parks & Sustainability		Phone charging
Non-motorized & Traffic	5	Left turn signals on US-12/Maple
Non-motorized & Traffic	2	Left turn signal on N&S Ann Arbor St.
Non-motorized & Traffic	2	Left turn signal at Industrial Drive
Non-motorized & Traffic	1	Increase street improvements and coordinate with Washtenaw County Road Commission
Parks & Sustainability	2	Fisheries stable & continuing
Parks & Sustainability	2	Support River Raisin Watershed Council
Parks & Sustainability	2	Don't mow up to the edge of Mill Pond / water
Parks & Sustainability	1	Urban / community farms
Parks & Sustainability	1	Farm animal grazing
Parks & Sustainability		Support Greenway Alliance
Parks & Sustainability		Expanded and contemporary stormwater management / graywater
Parks & Sustainability		Water quality
Parks & Sustainability		Limit chemical or find natural alternatives for ball fields
Parks & Sustainability		Buffalo grass - non-mowing
Parks & Sustainability		Water permeable pavement - trails, roads, parking lots



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Non-motorized & Traffic	3	Michigan Ave sidewalks ??? and south side vacant lots - fill the gap
Non-motorized & Traffic		North Ann Arbor sidewalk @ Brecon Village Twp lots
Community Assets / Redevelopment	1	Need more upscale condos / apartments
Community Assets / Redevelopment	4	Rec center
Community Assets / Redevelopment	3	Rec center
Community Assets / Redevelopment		Exterior of rec center needs to be improved / maintenance of existing
Non-motorized & Traffic	4	Henry/Ann Arbor intersection improve
Non-motorized & Traffic	3	Crossing improvement @ Henry Street / Ann Arbor Street
Non-motorized & Traffic	2	Pedestrian bridge near Benny's Bakery with public restroom
Non-motorized & Traffic	1	Install refuge islands in high traffic areas
Non-motorized & Traffic		Roundabout ped crossings are confusing - educate drivers on yielding to peds
Non-motorized & Traffic		Ped refuge islands
Non-motorized & Traffic	6	Connections outside the city
Parks & Sustainability	5	Running paths - wooded / nature
Community Assets / Redevelopment	2	Trails around Library & library
Parks & Sustainability	2	Nature trails
Parks & Sustainability	2	Nature trails
Non-motorized & Traffic	1	Pathway from west side
Parks & Sustainability	1	Trail markings
Non-motorized & Traffic		Multi-use pathway intersecting roads and driveway safely - Bikes need to stop
Non-motorized & Traffic		Multi-use pathways are great - extend Textile pathway
Parks & Sustainability		Trail highlight of points of interest
Parks & Sustainability		Updated trail maps in parks
Community Assets / Redevelopment	1	More parking
Non-motorized & Traffic		On-street parking use /side
Parks & Sustainability		Remote / hidden park safety
Parks & Sustainability	14	Removal of Mill Pond Dam
Parks & Sustainability	7	Salt Springs - Parking / trails / etc.

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Parks & Sustainability	5	More rec / sport facilities - fields, courts, nets
Parks & Sustainability	5	Replacement trees
Parks & Sustainability	4	Garden club
Parks & Sustainability	4	Water bottle filling stations
Parks & Sustainability	3	Joint meetings with surrounding Townships - Saline, Lodi, Pittsfield, York
Parks & Sustainability	3	Utilize parks for environmental education
Parks & Sustainability	3	Urban parks - pocket parks
Community Assets / Redevelopment	2	Cleaning up of parks - Make 'em look better
Parks & Sustainability	2	Permanent ice skating outdoors
Parks & Sustainability	2	Drinking fountains - restrooms
Parks & Sustainability	2	Winter activities outdoors
Parks & Sustainability	2	Dredge Mill Pond
Parks & Sustainability	2	Volleyball and other facilities @ Mill Pond Park
Parks & Sustainability	2	Reforestation of open areas
Community Assets / Redevelopment	1	Mill Pond Park - Big asset that's underused
Parks & Sustainability	1	Incorporate art into parks
Community Assets / Redevelopment		Park @ Concannon Property
Community Assets / Redevelopment		Parks (hidden)
Community Assets / Redevelopment		Historical sites are good
Parks & Sustainability		Overall concept / mapping of outling / adjoining area
Parks & Sustainability		Partner / Townships for use / programming of parks
Parks & Sustainability		Community gardens
Parks & Sustainability		Outdoor workout equipment
Parks & Sustainability		ADA accessibility
Parks & Sustainability		Dredge Mill Pond for a healthier pond
Non-motorized & Traffic	6	Sidewalks on north side of Michigan Avenue from dam to Austin
Non-motorized & Traffic	6	Pedestrian bridge over US-12 or under US-12 @ bridge
Non-motorized & Traffic	3	Crossing between Curtiss & Mill Pond
Non-motorized & Traffic	2	Pathway thru Mill Pond Park north south
Non-motorized & Traffic	2	Bridge Mill Pond to Stonecliff
Parks & Sustainability	2	Connect Curtis & Mill Pond Parks under Michigan Avenue
Community Assets / Redevelopment	1	Need a pedestrian bridge from Mill Pond Park to woods (Stonecliff Park)
Parks & Sustainability		Michigan Avenue entrance to Mill Pond Park
Parks & Sustainability	5	Solar / motion sensor lights
Parks & Sustainability	2	Light @ parks - motion sensitive



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Community Assets / Redevelopment	2	Schools
Community Assets / Redevelopment	1	We lost our hospital
Community Assets / Redevelopment		Schools
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Community Assets / Redevelopment	8	Farmers Market
Community Assets / Redevelopment	7	Community center of some kind (like Stone Arch)
Community Assets / Redevelopment	6	Rentschler Farm as a wedding venue or community resource
Community Assets / Redevelopment	5	Curtis Mansion - future - ??? - could be a neat community venue
Parks & Sustainability	5	Band shell / amphitheater
Community Assets / Redevelopment	4	More events @ Depot and Rentschler Farm
Parks & Sustainability	1	Coordinate use of Depot & Farm
Community Assets / Redevelopment		Event venue type facility - conference center
Community Assets / Redevelopment	1	Opportunity @ R.R. Station and Henne Field for development
Community Assets / Redevelopment		Terrible habit of building new and letting old rot away
Community Assets / Redevelopment	1	Small town vibe
Community Assets / Redevelopment		Rural feel
Community Assets / Redevelopment		Safe
Community Assets / Redevelopment		People are friendlier than in big cities
Community Assets / Redevelopment		Families
Community Assets / Redevelopment	5	Need a movie theater
Community Assets / Redevelopment	3	R&B building could be more (Mark's Carts)
Community Assets / Redevelopment	3	Empty Country Market needs to be redeveloped
Community Assets / Redevelopment	3	Chik-Fil-A
Community Assets / Redevelopment	3	Hotel

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Community Assets / Redevelopment	2	Need more variety in businesses
Community Assets / Redevelopment	1	Restaurants
Community Assets / Redevelopment	1	Starbuck's
Community Assets / Redevelopment	1	Sky Zone
Community Assets / Redevelopment	1	East and west side shopping centers need to be filled
Community Assets / Redevelopment	1	Clothing store / boutique / retail
Community Assets / Redevelopment		Brew pubs & Methodist church
Community Assets / Redevelopment		Need a greater variety of restaurants in town
Community Assets / Redevelopment		Could do commercial in front and residential in back
Community Assets / Redevelopment		Need more shopping stores / boutiques
Community Assets / Redevelopment		A <u>lot</u> of barber shops & 2 salons
Community Assets / Redevelopment		Needs more retail
Community Assets / Redevelopment		Location nearby for shopping
Community Assets / Redevelopment		Commercial / Industrial parks and <u>jobs</u> that come with that
Community Assets / Redevelopment		Restaurants
Community Assets / Redevelopment		Mixed-use facility
Community Assets / Redevelopment		Need to encourage businesses on east and west sides to work together more
Parks & Sustainability	4	Outdoor concerts
Community Assets / Redevelopment	1	More things to do
Community Assets / Redevelopment	1	Events
Parks & Sustainability	1	Fairs in parks
Parks & Sustainability	1	BBQ
Community Assets / Redevelopment		Summer activities downtown - music, festivals
Community Assets / Redevelopment		Need more outings/activities for kids - things to do
Community Assets / Redevelopment		Like big events downtown - Ladies Night / Oktoberfest / Summerfest



Planning Fair
Verbatim Comments Votes

Community Assets / Redevelopment		Parades
Community Assets / Redevelopment		Need more live entertainment

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, December 20, 2015 6:21 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: 5yr Master Plan - Mill pond / Torwood Subdivision

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: December 20, 2015 at 6:19:04 AM EST
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: 5yr Master Plan - Mill pond / Torwood Subdivision

Carla,

Just a suggestion, how about a footbridge from Torwood Subdivison to Mill Pond Park.

Several residents could use this as a path to downtown and the park.

Have you ever walk alongside Michigan Ave. with small children to go Downtown or Curtis Park.. not very safe...

thanks for listening to my suggestion,

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2016 5:26 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Millpond Dam

Date: Jan. 31, 2016
From: [REDACTED]
To: Parks & Rec / Council / Mayor / City Mgr.
Subject: Removal of Millpond Dam.

Parks and Rec Master Plan Comment.

I understand there has been some consideration in reference to removing Millpond dam. I'm don't believe this is the will of the people. Remember when we attended the public input session to the Master Plan at Liberty School. The subject of taking out the dam was not the will of the majority but a small minority. The majority should be respected.

The proposed Master Plan spells out some of the virtues of dam removal referencing Dexter as an example. But Dexter was a very different story. Their Millpond park is 1.4 acres and the pond itself was a neglected small weed choked mess. Dexter also has other ponds near by with Barton's lake not far away.

Reasons to keep the Saline Millpond dam:

-It has high historical significance to our town. Below is a quote from our parks description.

The many features of Mill Pond Park provide ample opportunities for relaxation and enjoyment. Take a stroll along the nature trails, fish the Saline River, go canoeing on the 20.5 acre pond or walk along the shore line of the historic Mill Pond created by Henry Ford to power his auto industry at Schuyler Mills (now the beautiful Wellers Banquet facility)

-Removal of the dam is contrary to our historic/heritage preservation effort to protect local objects of historical significance.

-The dam provides a beautiful component to Millpond Park and it's the only lake we have in town.

-With out the lake the park would lose its charm and just be 54 acres of flat grassy flood plane.

-The dam and Wellers are iconic features of the City of Saline.

-The Saline River is 45.6 miles long and only has two small lakes. Millpond and the one in Milan.

-There are many miles of Saline river for people to kayak. However I have seen more people kayaking on Millpond than on the river. It's easier to float the lake for most people than it is to navigate the shallow river. And the pond will accommodate a wider variety of boats.

Losing the Millpond would reduce boating opportunities for the public. Not increase.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]



APPENDIX G

PARK PLANS





Existing Features

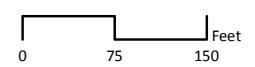
- A: 26-space parking area
- B: 23-space parking area
- C: Baseball field
- D: Basketball court
- E: Playground equipment
- F: Open field
- G: Library - Brecon Trail
- H: Portable toilets

Proposed Additions

- I: Trail connector
- J: Picnic shelter
- K: Permanent shelter for toilets
- L: Lighting for parking lots
- M: New play structure
- N: Wayfinding signs
- O: Benches
- P: Bike rack

Brecon Park

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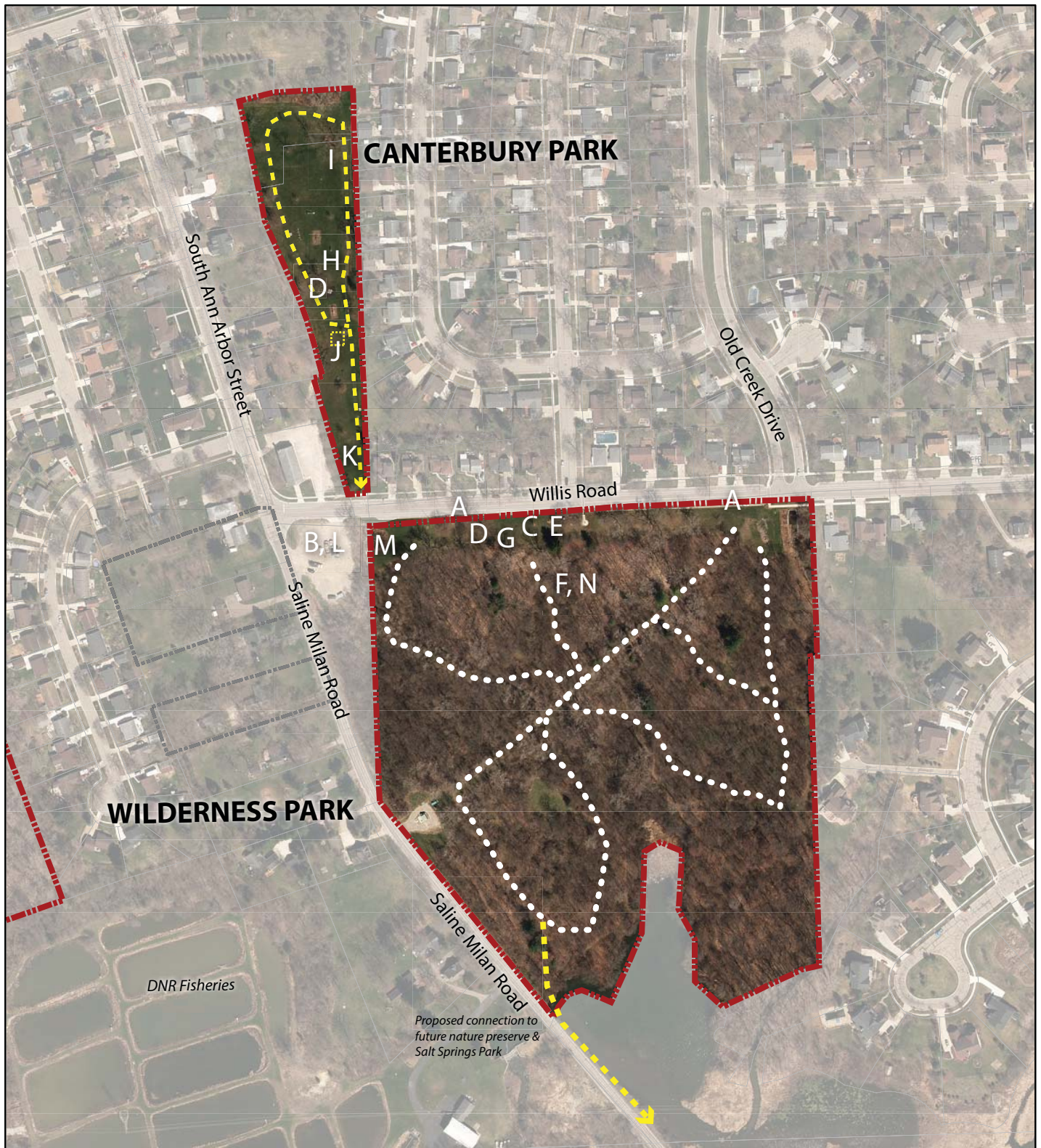


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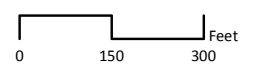
- A: On-street parking
- B: Dirt parking area (City)
- C: Wayfinding signs
- D: Picnic area
- E: Portable restroom
- F: Walking trails / nature area
- G: Drinking fountain
- H: Play structures

Proposed Additions

- I: Walkway
- J: Small picnic shelter
- K: Park rules sign
- L: Improve parking area (City)
- M: Trail head w/permanent toilet enclosure, benches, maps
- N: Refurbish nature trails for ADA compliance

Canterbury & Wilderness Parks

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Existing Features

- A: Benches, picnic area
- B: Play structure
- C: Natural area

Proposed Additions

- D: Walkway connecting to existing sidewalk
- E: Trails w/ interpretive signs
- F: Small picnic shelter & grill
- G: Park sign
- H: Park rules sign
- I: Upgraded play structure

Colony Park

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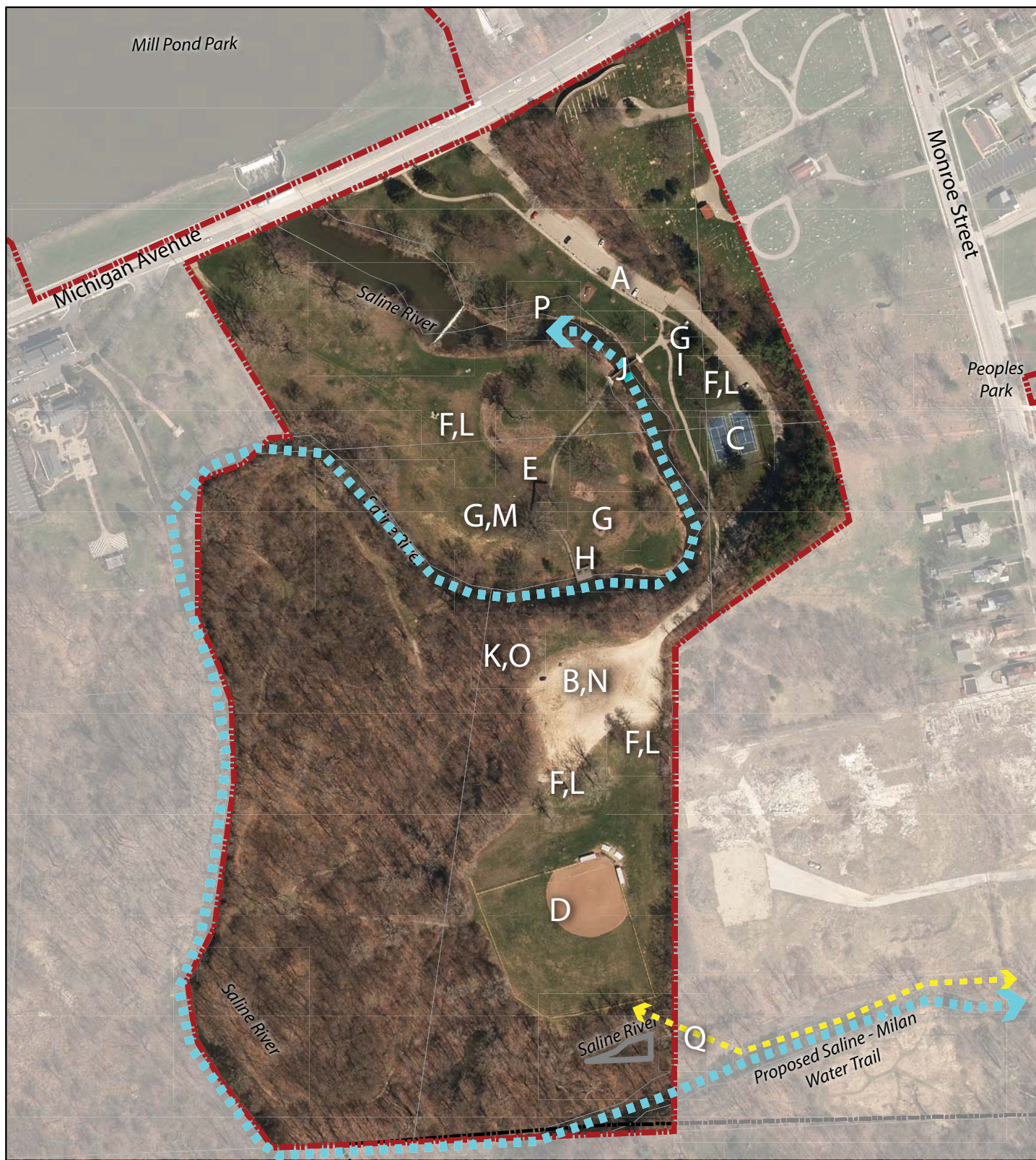


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Existing Features

- A: 50 parking spaces
- B: 100-space dirt parking
- C: Tennis courts
- D: Baseball field
- E: Picnic pavilion
- F: Portable toilets
- G: Play structures
- H: Fishing / observation deck

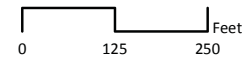
- I: Swing Sets
- J: Footbridge
- K: Walking trails / Max Adler Trail

Proposed Additions

- L: Permanent enclosure for portable toilets
- M: New play equipment
- N: Pave rear parking lot
- O: Improve Max Adler Trail
- P: Establish kayak/canoe livery
- Q: Shared use trail connecting to Salt Springs Park

Curtiss Park

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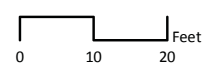
- A: Play structure
- B: Balance beam
- C: Swing set
- D: Picnic table
- E: Benches

Proposed Features

- F: Vegetative barrier
- G: Walkways connecting to sidewalk
- H: Park rules sign

Marlpool Park

City of Saline
Washtenaw County



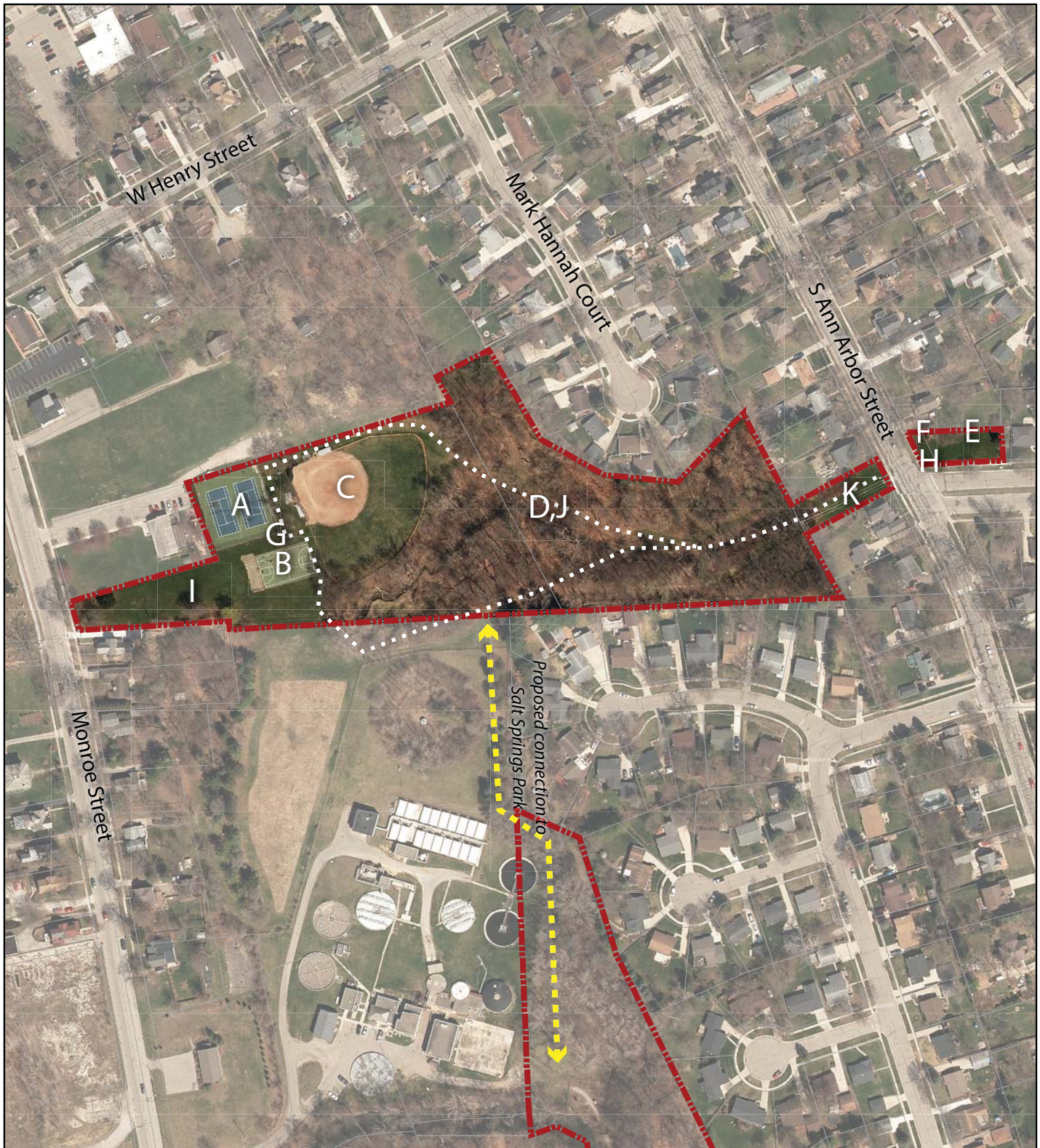
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Existing Features

- A: Tennis courts
- B: Basketball court
- C: Baseball field
- D: Grass trail / nature area
- E: Picnic table
- F: Little Library

Proposed Features

- G: Permanent toilet enclosure
- H: Park sign
- I: Parking lot
- J: Refurbish trails w/ limestone / new trails
- K: Gateway area w/ benches

Risdon & Peoples Parks

City of Saline
Washtenaw County



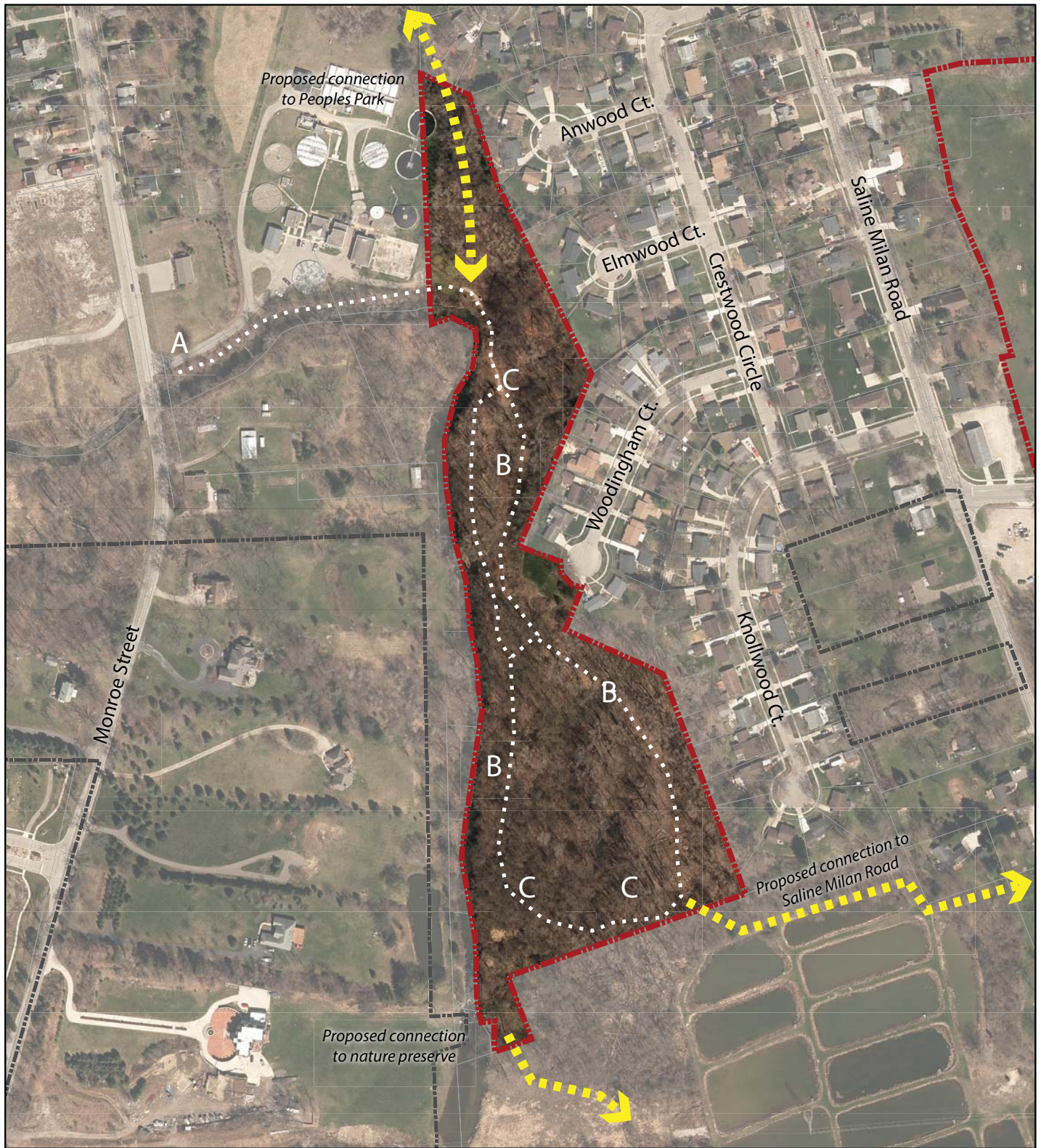
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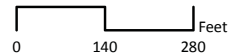


Proposed Features

- A: Small parking area & non-motorized trail entrance
- B: Develop internal trail system
- C: Interpretive signs

Salt Springs Park

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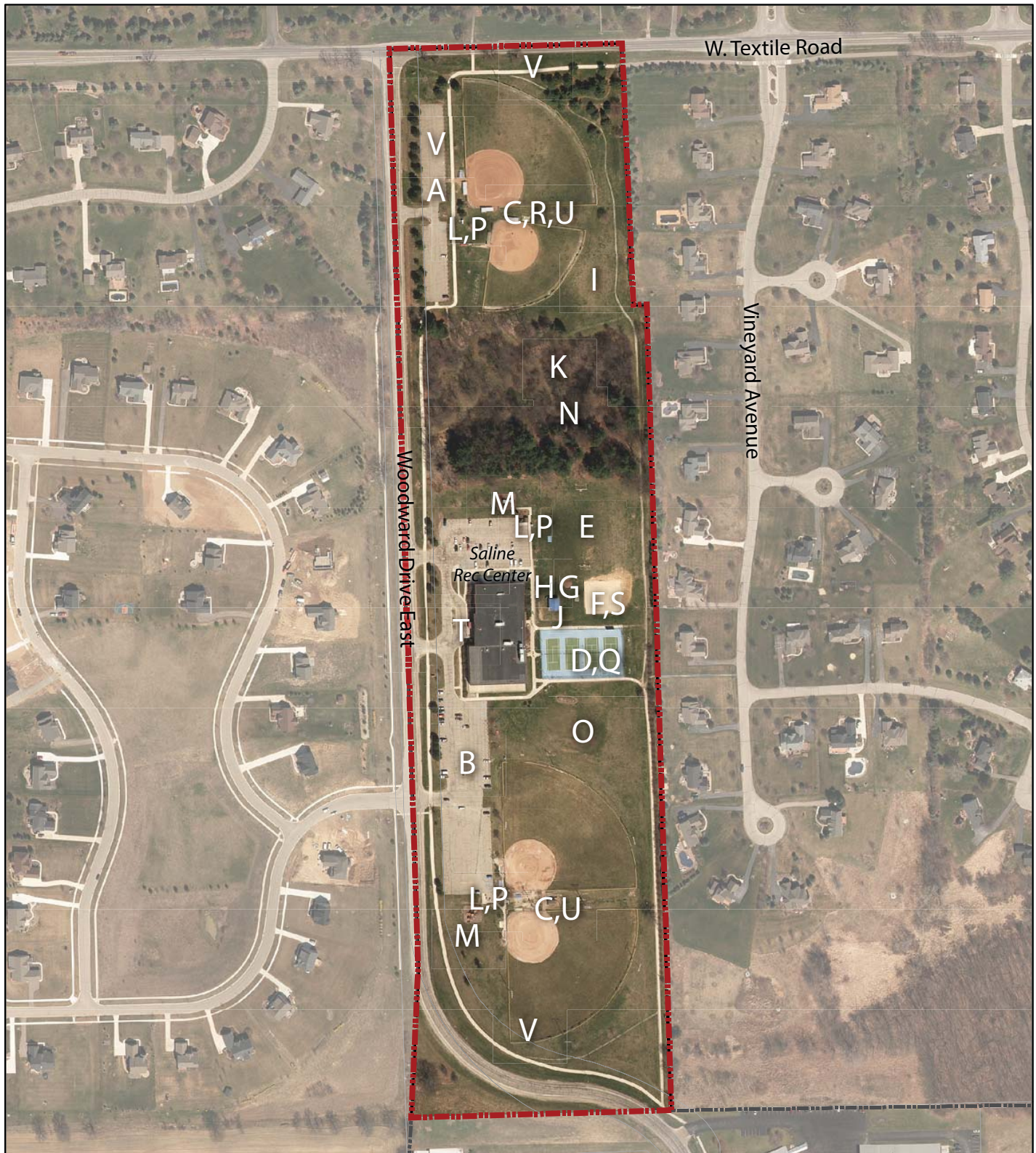


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Existing Features

A: 90 parking spaces
 B: 230 parking spaces
 C: Softball fields
 D: Tennis courts
 E: Soccer field
 F: Sand volleyball
 G: Gaga ball court
 H: Tetherball

I: 5-hole disc golf course
 J: Picnic pavilion
 K: Picnic area
 L: Portable restrooms
 M: Play structures
 N: Walking path / nature area

Proposed Additions

O: Splash park
 P: Permanent toilet enclosures
 Q: Windscreens
 R: New ballfield lighting
 S: Bleachers
 T: Electronic marquee / signage
 U: Safety netting
 V: Replacement trees

Tefft Park

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