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Attachment 1

City Manager's Report to City Council
September 14, 2015

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CITY OF DEXTER **cnicholls@dextermi.gov**
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MEMO

To: **Mayor Keough and Council Members**
From: **Courtney Nicholls, City Manager**
Date: **September 8, 2015**
Re: **City Manager/Assistant to the Manager Report - Meeting of September 14, 2015**

1. Meeting Review:
   - August 26th – Baker Rd/Shield/Dan Hoey Intersection Design Kick Off Meeting
   - September 9th – Facility Committee
   - September 9th – Public Utility Operator Interview

2. Upcoming Meetings:
   - September 9th - Review of Proposed Standard Lease Agreement with the Dexter Area Fire Department
   - September 10th – Public Utility Operator Interview
   - September 10th – Middle Huron Stormwater Advisory Group
   - September 11th – Public Utility Operator Interview
   - September 11th – ILE Excavating re: Demo of Farmhouse/8258 Huron
   - September 14th – City Council Meeting
   - September 15th – Parks & Recreation Commission
   - September 17th – Downtown Development Authority
   - September 26th – Possible Mill Creek Park Work Day

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3. **A & W Annexation.** The A & W has decided to take advantage of the easement agreement. They will be connecting to the sewer system once they have paid the tap fee and connected the plumbing.

4. **Wastewater Treatment Plant Blower Replacement.** F & V is continuing to work on the 30% design plans and cost estimate for the blower replacement project. Council is invited to the Wastewater Treatment Plant at 6:30 pm prior to the Council meeting for a tour of the work done as part of the sludge project and to talk through the blower project.

5. **MERS Update.** The Municipal Employees Retirement System of Michigan (MERS) sent an e-mail to its member communities with information on decisions their governing board has made that will likely impact our cost. MERS has conducted an experience study covering 2009-2013. The purpose of the study is to compare actual experience with current actuarial assumptions. The study showed that the defined benefit participants are living longer, so they have modified the mortality table. The Board also decided to lower the investment assumption from 8% to 7.75%. The

impacts of these decisions will be felt with the rates that will take effect for 2017-2018. These changes will have an impact on both the City of Dexter and the Dexter Area Fire Department. I did forward the e-mail I received to Acting Chief Zahn.

6. **Keep Michigan Beautiful.** Mill Creek Park has been awarded the 2015 President's Award from Keep Michigan Beautiful. A plaque will be presented as part of their Awards Luncheon on October 16 in Frankenmuth. If anyone is interested in attending, please let me know.

7. **Purchasing Ordinance.** Due to an error with the publication of the public hearing notice for the purchasing ordinance, the public hearing will be held on September 28, 2015. The required ad will be published on September 16, 2015.

8. **Lion's Club Sculpture.** On Tuesday, September 1, two members of the Lion's Club came to the City office to drop off artist renderings of a sculpture that they would like to have commissioned and placed somewhere in the City. The Art Selection Committee has been engaged to provide feedback on the look of the sculpture and to discuss possible locations for placement. The date for the Art Selection Committee is pending, but will likely take place during the week of September 21st. The Lion's are interested in planning installation of the sculpture for the spring of 2016.

9. **November 3rd Election.** Applications for absentee ballots were mailed to residents on the permanent absentee voter list on Thursday, September 3rd. Absentee ballots should be available to be mailed out by Monday, September 21st.

10. **Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey.** The Parks and Recreation Master Plan survey has been developed and will soon be released to the public. The goals of the survey are to gather feedback regarding the City's parks and recreation services and gather input to direct the future of these important services. The survey may be taken online at https://surveymonkey.com/r/DexterMPSurvey. It is also available upon request in hard-copy format at the City office.

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Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey Press Release
September 21, 2015

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For Release: September 22, 2015

Press Release
City of Dexter
8140 Main St.
Dexter, MI 48130

City of Dexter 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey

The Parks and Recreation Commission is seeking public input for the City's 2016-2020 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This Plan will chart the course for the City's parks and recreation services for the next five years. Community input will help identify goals and objectives as well as any major projects that the City should strive to undertake in this time frame.

The survey may be taken online at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Dexterparksandrecsurvey. It is also available upon request in hard-copy format at the City office (8123 Main St., 2nd Floor, Dexter, MI 48130).

Those who participate in the survey have a chance to receive a gift card from Hackney Hardware, vouchers for the Dexter Bakery, or a free class with Verapose Yoga.

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City of Dexter E-mail Update
September 22, 2015

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Justin Breyer <jbreyer@dextermi.gov>

City of Dexter E-Mail Update

1 message

City of Dexter <cnicholls@dextermi.gov> Tue, Sep 22, 2015 at 8:44 AM
To: Justin Breyer <jbreyer@dextermi.gov>

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Developer Interviews

On Tuesday, September 29, 2015, the City of Dexter and the Downtown Development Authority will hold public interviews with three potential developers for City/DDA owned property located at 3045 Broad St. The interviews will start at 5 pm at the Dexter District Library.

Informational Flyer

Hydrant Flushing

Starting Monday, September 28, 2015 City utility department staff will be flushing hydrants throughout the City. The schedule for week one of the flushing is as follows:

Industrial Park, Huron Farms, Walkabout Creek, Dexter Crossing, Dexter High School

As crews flush hydrants there may be some discoloration of the water. Residents who experience “rust colored” water should simply run the cold water tap for a few minutes to clear the household pipes. The rust coloring is caused by a natural build up of minerals in the water system. Some natural mineral deposits are stirred up in the water pipes when fire hydrants are first turned on. If possible, try to avoid washing white clothes during this time. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Utility Department at 426-4572 during the hours of 7:00am and 3:30pm. Thank you for your cooperation during this effort to maintain the quality of our water system.

Sent to: jbreyer@dextermi.gov

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Attachment 4

We Love Dexter News Article
"Public Input Sought for Parks & Rec 2016 – 2020 Master Plan"
September 25, 2015

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(http://welovedexter.com/)

THE COMMUNITY'S FRONT PAGE FOR NEWS, SPORTS AND MORE

BY SEAN DALTON (HTTP://WELOVEDEXTER.COM/AUTHOR/WELO7886/) / 09/25/2015

PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT FOR PARKS & REC 2016-2020 MASTER PLAN

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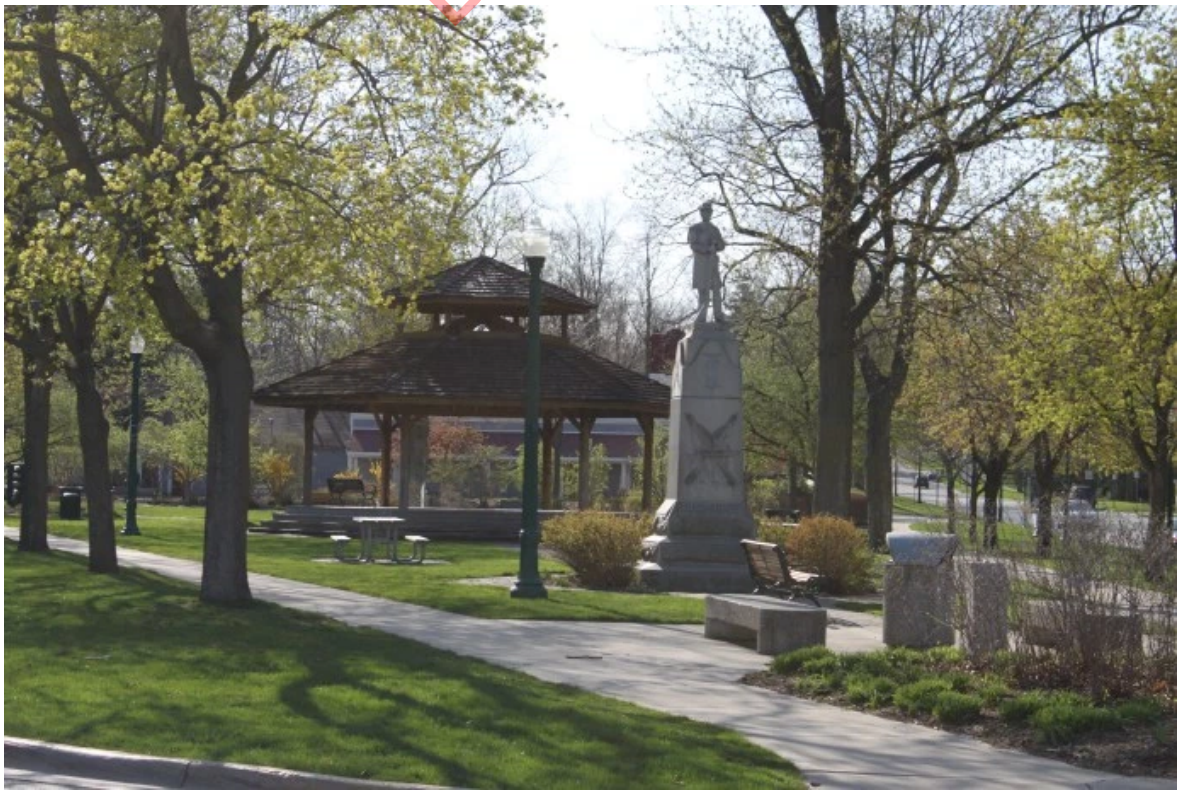

(http://www.poseidonponds.com/)

The city of Dexter's Parks and Recreation Committee is looking for guidance from the Dexter area public on the document that will exist as the guide for managing and expanding local parks big and small in the area.

Dexter has seven parks, including the relatively new and large Mill Creek Park that has been integrated into the downtown area, Mill Creek and the Border-to-Border Trail. Those who care about how these natural areas are operated enough to have an opinion about such things should probably consider making their voice heard now.

There is a survey online that can be quickly taken from the convenience of home(https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Dexterparksandrecsurvey), or details on how to get a hard copy of the survey and submit it to the city government are included in the below press release provided by city officials earlier this week.

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City to consider disseminating local oil, gas drilling regulations to neighboring municipalities(http://welov... to-consider-disseminating-local-oil-gas-drilling-regulations-to-neighboring-municipalities/)
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City of Dexter Website Article
"Parks & Recreation Commission Survey"
September 25, 2015

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Parks & Recreation Commission Survey

September 25, 2015

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City of Dexter Website Article
"Parks and Recreation Survey"
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Parks and Recreation Survey

October 12, 2015

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City of Dexter E-mail Update
November 20, 2015

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1 message

City of Dexter <cnicholls@dextermi.gov> Fri, Nov 20, 2015 at 1:14 PM
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Office Closing

City Offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on November 26 and November 27.

Trash Pick-Up Delay

Trash pick-up will be delayed until Saturday, November 28, 2015.

Compost Pick-Up

Saturday, November 28, 2015 will be the last day of bagged compost pick-up by Waste Management. Please make sure to set all remaining bags out for collection.

Leaf Pick-Up

The DPW is nearing the end of leaf collection. Please rake any remaining leaves that you would like collected to the curb/edge of the roadway as soon as possible.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan Public Input

The Parks and Recreation Commission is seeking public input for the 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Commission will be hosting a Live Public Input Session for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan on Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the Dexter District Library (3255 Alpine St.). This Master Plan will chart the course for the City's parks and recreation services for the next five years. Community input will help identify goals and objectives as well as any major projects that the City should strive to undertake in this time frame.

Parks & Recreation Commission Opening

The Parks & Recreation Commission is seeking one new member. The Parks & Recreation Commission meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm and is a 7 member commission that is responsible for making recommendations to City Council on the planning and development of City parks.

To apply please complete and return a Commission/Committee application, which can be accessed at http://dextermi.gov/node/142.

Gordon Hall Events

The Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum is sponsoring several holiday events on December 5 and 6, 2015, including Christmas at the Mansion and a Christmas Tea. More information can be found here - http://www.dexterhistory.org/upcoming-events.html

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Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey Responses
September 21, 2015 – December 1, 2015

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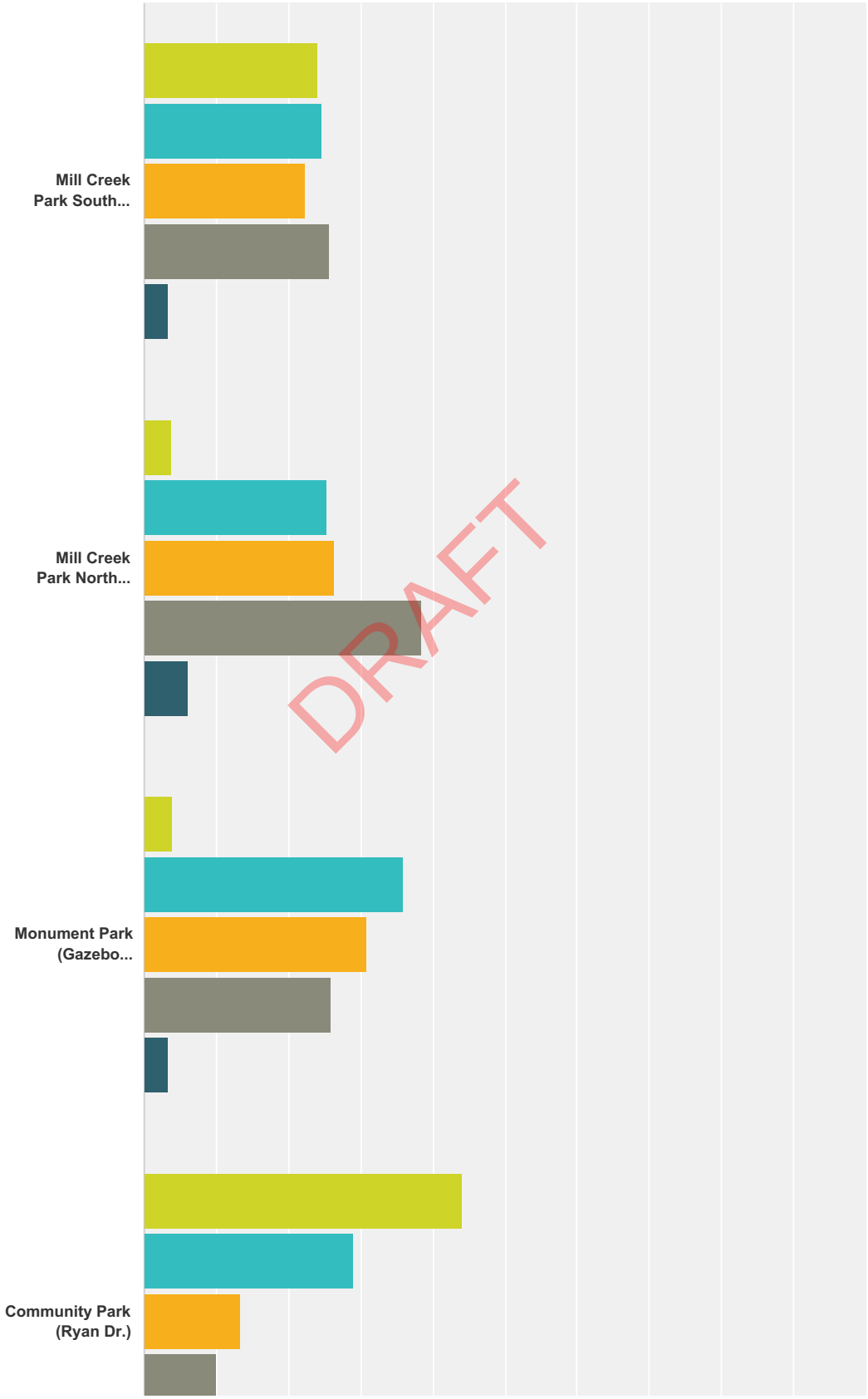
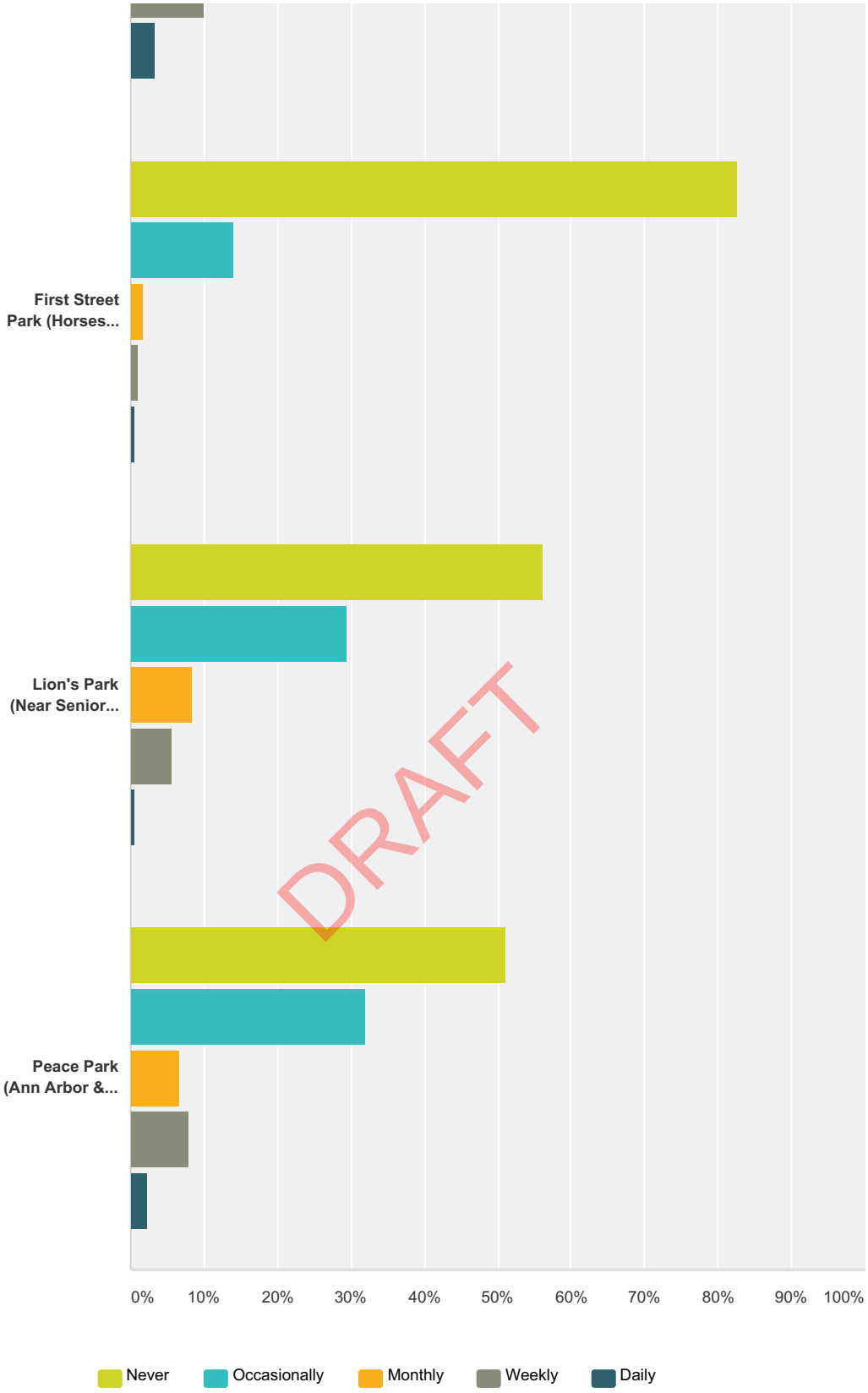
Q1 How many times have you visited the following Dexter parks in the last year?

Answered: 182 Skipped: 0





	Never	Occasionally	Monthly	Weekly	Daily	Total
Mill Creek Park South (Near Jeffords St.)	**24.02%** 43	**24.58%** 44	**22.35%** 40	**25.70%** 46	**3.35%** 6	179

Mill Creek Park North (Behind Fire Station)	**3.85%** 7	**25.27%** 46	**26.37%** 48	**38.46%** 70	**6.04%** 11	182
Monument Park (Gazebo downtown)	**3.87%** 7	**35.91%** 65	**30.94%** 56	**25.97%** 47	**3.31%** 6	181
Community Park (Ryan Dr.)	**44.13%** 79	**29.05%** 52	**13.41%** 24	**10.06%** 18	**3.35%** 6	179
First Street Park (Horseshoe Pits)	**82.68%** 148	**13.97%** 25	**1.68%** 3	**1.12%** 2	**0.56%** 1	179
Lion's Park (Near Senior Center)	**56.11%** 101	**29.44%** 53	**8.33%** 15	**5.56%** 10	**0.56%** 1	180
Peace Park (Ann Arbor & Inverness)	**51.12%** 91	**32.02%** 57	**6.74%** 12	**7.87%** 14	**2.25%** 4	178

#	Other (such as school parks, metroparks, county parks)	Date
1	Hudson Mills Metropark	11/30/2015 11:34 AM
2	Run in Pinckney at least once a week. We spend a lot of time in the common area behind the elementary & middle schools. Also the community garden on Dan Hoey.	11/28/2015 10:47 AM
3	Richard Smith Woods	11/20/2015 1:52 PM
4	Hudson Mills, Cornerstone Elemtary, Delhi Metropark,	11/20/2015 11:50 AM
5	Hudson Mills - weekly	11/20/2015 10:50 AM
6	Border to Border trail, Hudson Mills	11/19/2015 1:36 PM
7	Frequent visitor to Hudson Mills & Stinchfield Woods.	11/18/2015 1:38 PM
8	Hudson Mills, Independence Park -- also occasionally	11/18/2015 12:53 PM
9	Hudson Mills Metropark	11/18/2015 12:41 PM
10	Hudson Mills	11/11/2015 10:30 PM
11	Bates elementary playground- once a month, metro park twice a year	11/10/2015 7:37 PM
12	Hudson Mills, path connecting Mill Creek and Hudson Mills	11/10/2015 1:42 PM
13	Hudson Mills, Cornerstone playground, Independence Oaks	11/9/2015 4:23 AM
14	Metro parks	11/7/2015 10:11 PM
15	Cornerstone; Hudson Mills	11/2/2015 3:58 PM
16	Cornerstone playground	11/1/2015 5:13 AM
17	Hudson Mills, Dexter-Huron, the B2B trail to Dexter-Huron park	10/30/2015 9:14 PM
18	Hudson Mills and Dexter-Huron Metroparks - occasionally	10/29/2015 10:54 PM
19	metroparks once or twice a week.	10/29/2015 8:55 PM
20	Almost daily - Border-to-Border Trail and path into downtown from Westridge	10/29/2015 4:01 PM
21	Huron Mills Metro and Waterloo occasionally	10/29/2015 3:53 PM
22	School parks, metro park, peach mountain, poto	10/29/2015 2:27 PM
23	b2b trail; hudson mills	10/29/2015 2:19 PM
24	Hudson Mills	10/29/2015 1:47 PM
25	We use the border to border trail weekly.	10/29/2015 1:09 PM
26	school playground, neighborhood park	10/28/2015 11:57 AM
27	metroparks, county parks	10/26/2015 2:10 PM
28	School grounds - watch sports	10/26/2015 2:00 PM

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29	I'm a regular walker on the B2B trails and the Metroparks; exploring new parks such as the one off Baker.	10/23/2015 11:39 AM
30	Visited Hudson Mills. New to Dexter.	10/22/2015 4:21 PM
31	Hudson Mills park and golf course	10/22/2015 7:55 AM
32	HudsonMills; Dexter-Huron	10/20/2015 4:25 PM
33	Hudson Mills Metropark, Dexter-Huron Metropark	10/17/2015 8:17 AM
34	daily	10/12/2015 8:47 PM
35	Dexter Huron Park, Hudson Mills	10/12/2015 11:39 AM
36	Hudson Mills metropark, Independance lake county park	10/12/2015 11:02 AM
37	Hudon Mills Metro Park	10/12/2015 4:05 AM
38	Bates and Wylie playgrounds weekly. Hudson Mills playground monthly.	10/11/2015 3:29 PM
39	Hudson Mills - Monthly via the dexter walking trails	10/10/2015 2:00 PM
40	Creekside; Hudson mills	10/10/2015 10:39 AM
41	Hudson Mills (frequently)	10/10/2015 8:39 AM
42	Hudson Mills, Dexter-Huron	10/10/2015 8:30 AM
43	Dexter Huron metro park often	10/9/2015 10:35 PM
44	Hudson mills metro- weekly	10/9/2015 9:40 PM
45	Metroparks local	10/9/2015 9:39 PM
46	hudson mills-bi-weekly,	10/9/2015 7:41 PM
47	Metro parks	10/7/2015 11:43 PM
48	Hudson Mills -weekly	10/3/2015 1:35 PM
49	Hudson mills & Dexter-Huron Metroparks	10/2/2015 3:39 PM
50	metroparks, state recreation areas.	10/1/2015 2:14 PM
51	Hudson Mills (frequently)	10/1/2015 9:20 AM
52	Hudson Mills	10/1/2015 8:01 AM
53	Hudson Mills and Warrior Park Weekly	9/30/2015 7:58 PM
54	Hudson MIlls almost daily	9/30/2015 5:20 PM
55	Border to Border to town and Hudson Mills weekly!!	9/29/2015 9:44 PM
56	Bates playground - my family uses daily after school	9/28/2015 4:07 PM
57	Hudson-Mills, Dexter-Huron	9/28/2015 2:22 PM
58	metroparks monthly	9/27/2015 7:06 AM
59	Hudson Mills Metropark	9/26/2015 10:11 PM
60	metroparks, B2B trail	9/26/2015 4:51 PM
61	Cornerstone playground, Hudson Mills, Delhi, Dexter Baseball Fields at Mill Creek	9/26/2015 12:45 AM
62	Dexter-Huron and Hudson Mills Metroparks	9/25/2015 9:49 PM
63	Hudson mills, weekly. Independence lake, monthly, Bates and Cornerstone playgrounds	9/25/2015 7:01 PM
64	Hudson Mills Metro Park	9/25/2015 6:37 PM
65	Weekly visits to all of the school playgrounds; Monthly visits to Dexter Huron and Hudson Mills	9/25/2015 1:18 PM
66	School playgrounds, Border to Border trail, County Parks	9/25/2015 11:49 AM
67	Metroparks and Dexter trails	9/24/2015 2:50 PM
68	Community garden, Dex-Huron MP, Hudson Mills MP, Pinckney State RA	9/24/2015 6:40 AM
69	Hudson Mills, the park at Silver Lake	9/24/2015 6:30 AM

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70	metroparks daily (all 3 in area)	9/24/2015 4:44 AM
71	School parks	9/23/2015 11:03 PM
72	Creekside elementary, metroparks	9/23/2015 10:40 PM
73	Hudson Mills, dexter Huron	9/23/2015 10:20 PM
74	Cornerstone, Delhi, Hudson mills, Independence Lake	9/23/2015 9:28 PM
75	metroparks monthly	9/23/2015 7:56 PM
76	Dexter-huron metro, Hudson mills...both 1-3 times a week	9/23/2015 3:48 PM
77	Dexter/Huron Metro park via the board walk.	9/23/2015 11:55 AM
78	Hudson Mills	9/23/2015 8:53 AM
79	Huron metro park and Independence Lake	9/22/2015 11:24 PM
80	Hudson Mills several times weekly	9/22/2015 10:30 PM
81	We visit the school playgrounds regularly, and occasionally visit Hudson Mills.	9/22/2015 10:21 PM
82	HCMA Parks bi-monthly	9/22/2015 10:08 PM
83	metroparks, county parks	9/22/2015 9:40 PM
84	border to border trail	9/22/2015 8:37 PM
85	Bates and Cornerstone Elementary, weekly; Dexter-Huron Metropark, weekly; Hudson Mills Metropark, monthly; Swift Run Dog Park in Ann Arbor, weekly	9/22/2015 5:13 PM
86	Hudson Mills and school playgrounds weekly.	9/22/2015 4:21 PM
87	Cornerstone park, occasionally.	9/22/2015 3:07 PM
88	Trail to Dexter-Huron and Hudson Mills at least weekly.	9/22/2015 1:50 PM
89	Husdon-Mills Metroparks	9/22/2015 12:59 PM
90	We occassionally use the parks at Bates and Wylie	9/22/2015 11:21 AM
91	Hudson Mills	9/22/2015 11:16 AM
92	Hudson Mills, independence lake.	9/22/2015 10:47 AM
93	hudson mills frequently	9/22/2015 10:29 AM
94	Regular use of the two local Metroparks	9/22/2015 10:21 AM
95	Wylie School park, Hudson Mills	9/22/2015 10:19 AM
96	Bates, Wylie, Hudson Mills	9/22/2015 10:08 AM
97	Hudson Mills and Huron Metroparks	9/22/2015 9:59 AM
98	Metroparks Dexter Huron and Hudson mills once a week	9/22/2015 9:43 AM
99	Hudson Mills Metropark	9/22/2015 9:23 AM
100	I heavily use the Border to Border Trail and the parks near them.	9/22/2015 9:16 AM
101	school parks weekly	9/22/2015 9:00 AM

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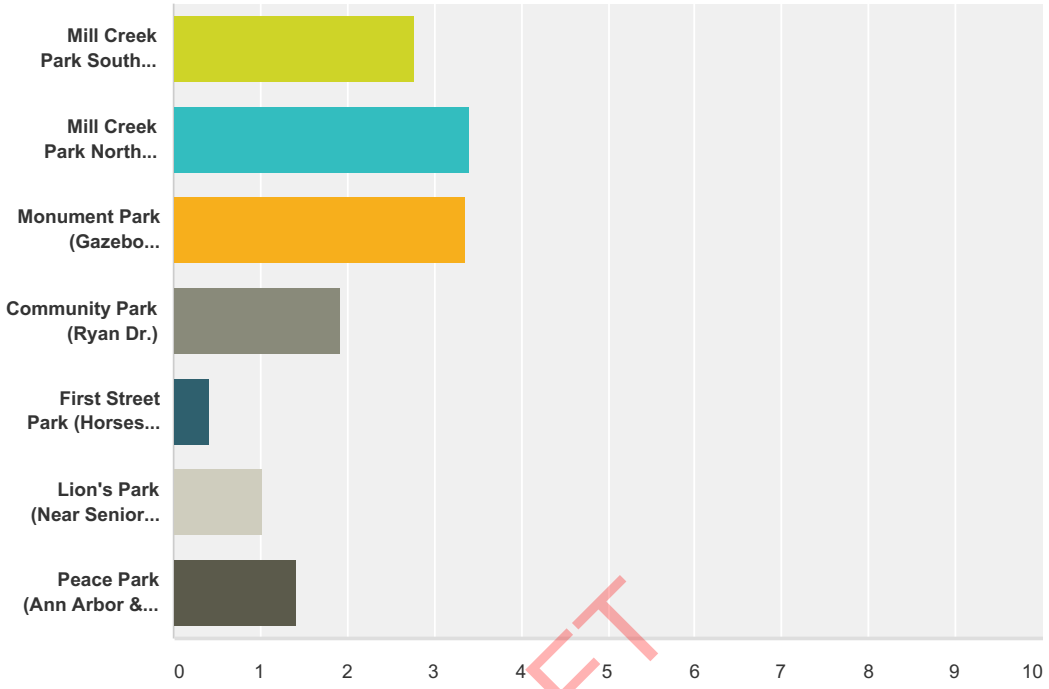
Q2 Please rate your satisfaction with the following City of Dexter parks:

Answered: 182 Skipped: 0



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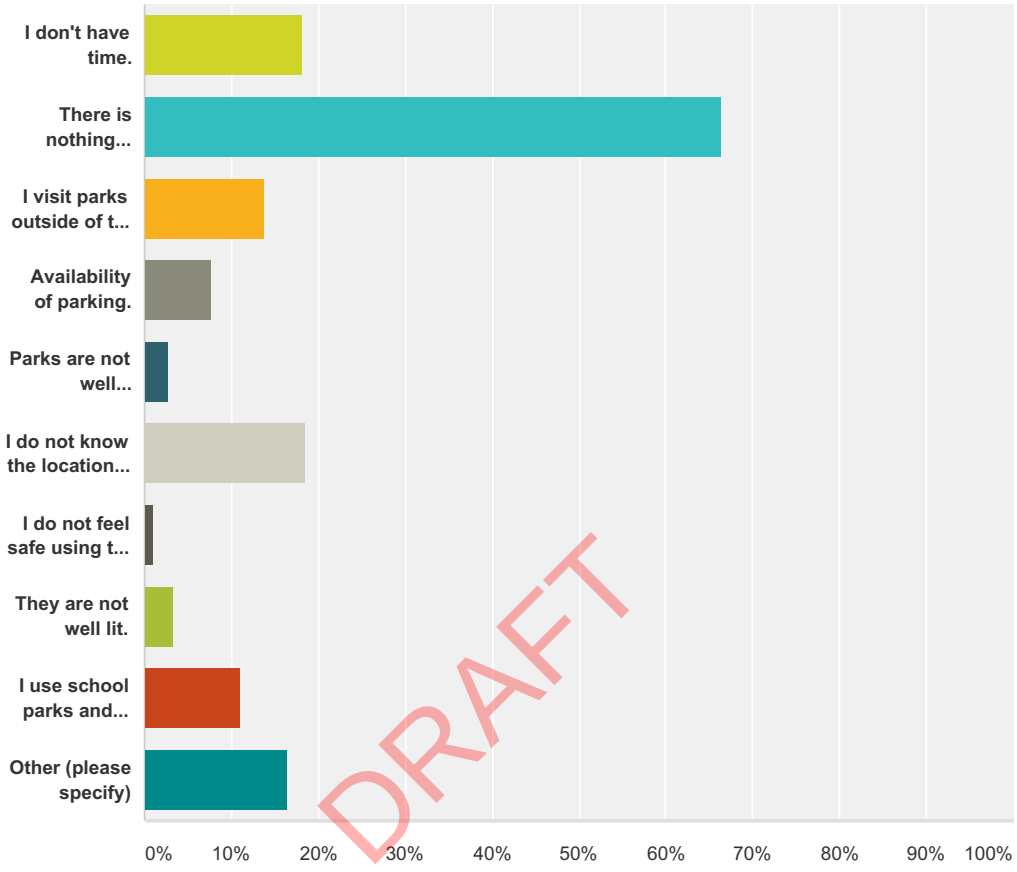
	4 - Very Satisfied	3 - Somewhat Satisfied	2 - Somewhat Dissatisfied	1 - Very Dissatisfied	No Opinion	Total	Weighted Average
Mill Creek Park South (Near Jeffords St.)	**53.41%** 94	**19.32%** 34	**3.41%** 6	**0.00%** 0	**23.86%** 42	176	2.78
Mill Creek Park North (Behind Fire Station)	**65.93%** 120	**21.98%** 40	**3.85%** 7	**2.75%** 5	**5.49%** 10	182	3.40
Monument Park (Gazebo downtown)	**59.67%** 108	**32.04%** 58	**0.55%** 1	**1.10%** 2	**6.63%** 12	181	3.37
Community Park (Ryan Dr.)	**32.58%** 58	**17.98%** 32	**4.49%** 8	**0.00%** 0	**44.94%** 80	178	1.93
First Street Park (Horseshoe Pits)	**2.84%** 5	**7.39%** 13	**3.98%** 7	**0.00%** 0	**85.80%** 151	176	0.41
Lion's Park (Near Senior Center)	**12.57%** 22	**12.57%** 22	**6.86%** 12	**0.00%** 0	**68.00%** 119	175	1.02
Peace Park (Ann Arbor & Inverness)	**19.43%** 34	**17.71%** 31	**4.57%** 8	**0.57%** 1	**57.71%** 101	175	1.41

Q3 Please check all the reasons that prevent you or other members of your household from using City parks.

Answered: 182 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	
I don't have time.	**18.13%**	33
There is nothing preventing me from using City parks.	**66.48%**	121
I visit parks outside of the City's limits.	**13.74%**	25
Availability of parking.	**7.69%**	14
Parks are not well maintained.	**2.75%**	5
I do not know the locations of the City's parks.	**18.68%**	34
I do not feel safe using the parks by myself.	**1.10%**	2
They are not well lit.	**3.30%**	6
I use school parks and facilities.	**10.99%**	20
Other (please specify)	**16.48%**	30
Total Respondents: 182		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	I just haven't lived here long enough to get to each yet. They all seem nice when jogging/driving by.	11/28/2015 10:47 AM
2	Unpacked parking at mill creek north with areas of flooding	11/23/2015 10:33 PM
3	Just moved to Dexter, plan to use other parks	11/19/2015 1:36 PM
4	I prefer more natural parks with trees, etc -vs- the more landscaped parks in Dexter	11/10/2015 2:36 PM
5	Fire station playground is too small and does not offer enough play choices to make it fun for my children	11/1/2015 5:13 AM
6	Just do not look enjoyable	10/29/2015 6:54 PM
7	New to the area so haven't explored all the parks yet	10/29/2015 2:08 PM
8	need more playground equipment	10/12/2015 8:45 PM
9	We are new to the area and are still exploring :)	10/12/2015 9:37 AM
10	No draw	10/9/2015 10:35 PM
11	We live outside of downtown Dexter	10/3/2015 1:35 PM
12	Summer construction (took too long)	9/25/2015 7:01 PM
13	The streets/traffic in Dexter are not especially "bicycle friendly" for children, making it difficult to to get my family to all but the Mill Creek parks (to which we are close enough to walk).	9/25/2015 1:18 PM
14	Accessibility	9/24/2015 2:28 PM
15	I have deep concern about safety of pedestrians (small children and eldery in particular) Mixed traffic of bicyclists, pedestrians, runners etc is just plain dangerous. The space under the motor bridge where rapids are loud and amplified it is impossible to hear anybody approaching from behind. In the last year I personally witnessed 2 near collisions between bicyclists and pedestrians. Bicyclists should be asked to dismount when approaching children's playground area.	9/24/2015 1:27 PM
16	Community Park needs more shade trees near picnic tables, needs more of a tree barrier with car dealer, needs safer road crossings in its neighborhood	9/24/2015 6:40 AM
17	We live across the street from "Lions Park" which I didn't realize was a park until this survey. We visit other parks to suit our needs. If we want to ride bikes we go to the B2B trail. If we want play equiptment we go to Community Park or Cornerstone.	9/23/2015 9:28 PM
18	Outside of the mill creek parks and ryan parks the recreational oppotunities at the centrally located parks is pretty limited.	9/23/2015 12:02 PM
19	Kids like larger play structures. They also like splash parks.	9/22/2015 10:30 PM
20	My kids are at an age where they enjoy playground equipment, and only a couple parks have such equipment. But it's been fine to go to the schools to use the playground equipment. (I understand that different parks have different purposes/uses.)	9/22/2015 10:21 PM
21	I use the Mill Creek Park for trail access primarily	9/22/2015 10:08 PM
22	Need more public parks with playground equipment	9/22/2015 9:40 PM
23	no felt need to go to a park	9/22/2015 8:37 PM
24	Just do not use	9/22/2015 2:26 PM
25	I live across the street from Hudson-Mills, so it is easy to just walk across the street.	9/22/2015 12:59 PM
26	Just looking for stuff for kids, we use the one behind the fire station the most	9/22/2015 11:21 AM
27	Lack of public restrooms is a deterrent	9/22/2015 10:47 AM
28	locations are not ideal for the parks I do not use. Paths need to be maintained year round. My household primarily utilize parks for exercise. Not dog friendly enough nor enough seating for groups.	9/22/2015 10:29 AM
29	Playground isn't very interesting for older kids	9/22/2015 10:04 AM
30	I go to dog parks so my dog can run and socialize off leash	9/22/2015 9:05 AM

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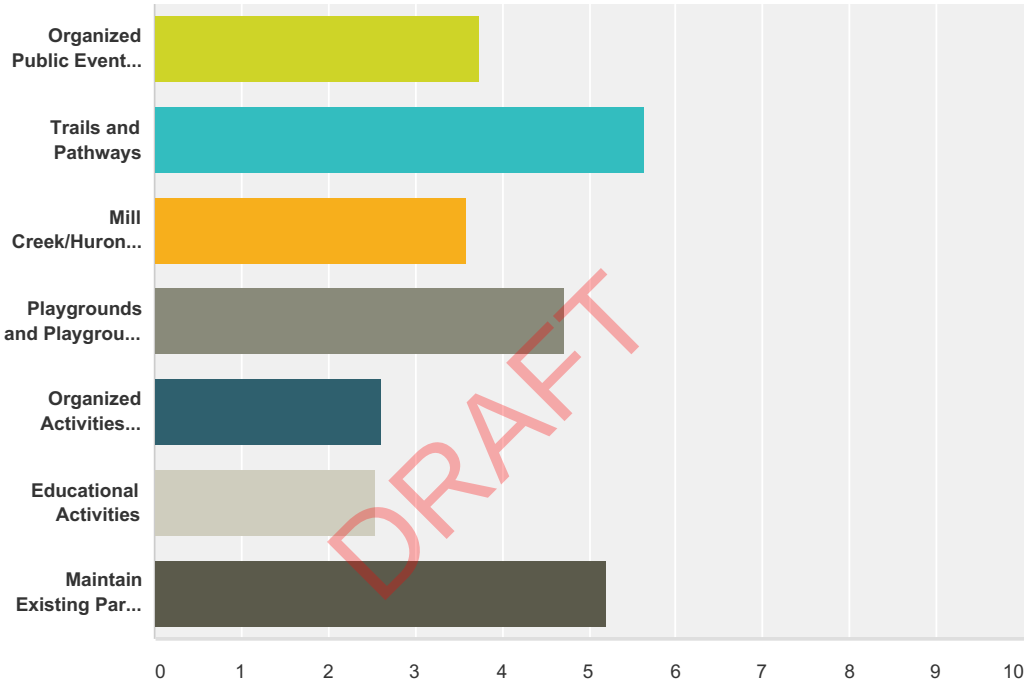
Q4 Please review the following list of parks and recreation activities commonly offered by municipalities like ours. Which do you feel are the most important to provide to the Dexter Community? Please rank each item with 7 being the LEAST important. You may only use each number one time. Note: not all choices are currently offered by the City of Dexter.

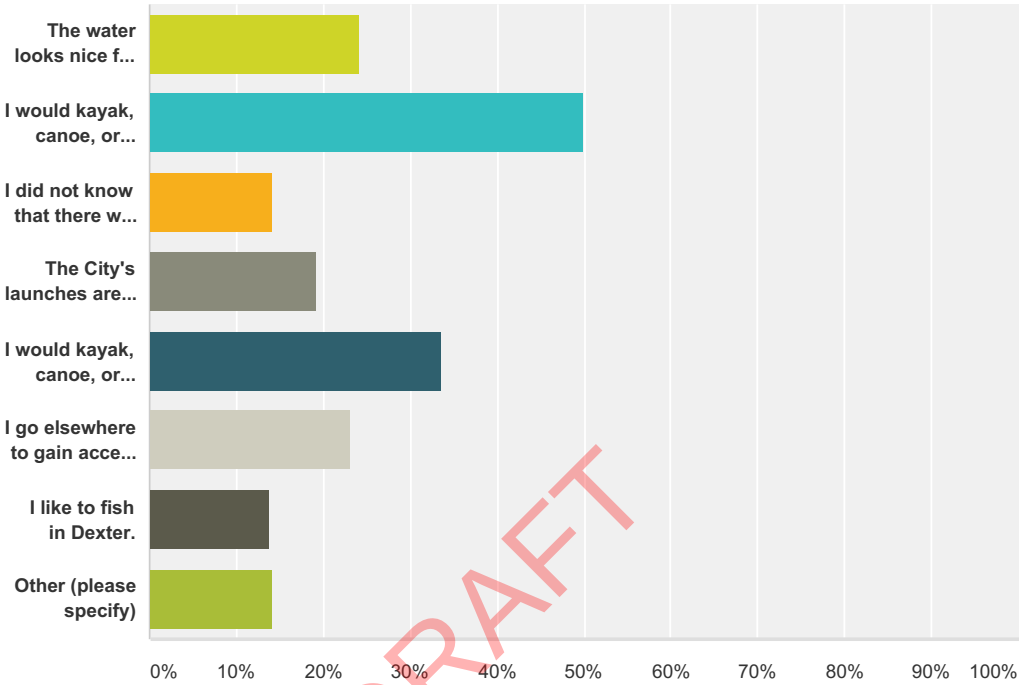
Answered: 182 Skipped: 0



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total	Score
Organized Public Events and Festivals	7.69% 14	9.34% 17	15.38% 28	21.98% 40	19.78% 36	12.64% 23	13.19% 24	182	3.73
Trails and Pathways	37.36% 68	29.67% 54	13.74% 25	7.14% 13	3.85% 7	6.04% 11	2.20% 4	182	5.63
Mill Creek/Huron River Access	9.89% 18	7.69% 14	14.29% 26	19.78% 36	15.93% 29	13.74% 25	18.68% 34	182	3.60
Playgrounds and Playground Structures	15.38% 28	22.53% 41	20.33% 37	18.13% 33	10.44% 19	9.34% 17	3.85% 7	182	4.71
Organized Activities (such as team sports, yoga, ect.)	1.65% 3	5.49% 10	7.69% 14	13.19% 24	15.93% 29	20.88% 38	35.16% 64	182	2.60
Educational Activities	1.10% 2	2.75% 5	6.04% 11	9.34% 17	25.82% 47	30.22% 55	24.73% 45	182	2.54
Maintain Existing Parks and Pathways	26.92% 49	22.53% 41	22.53% 41	10.44% 19	8.24% 15	7.14% 13	2.20% 4	182	5.19

Q5 The City is currently assessing the need to provide better access to Mill Creek/Huron River for water-based recreation activities. Please check all of the following choices that apply to you.

Answered: 182 Skipped: 0



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Answer Choices	Responses	
The water looks nice from the park, but I have no interest in going in the water.	**24.18%**	44
I would kayak, canoe, or inter-tube if free access was more convenient.	**50.00%**	91
I did not know that there was river access.	**14.29%**	26
The City's launches are fine as-is.	**19.23%**	35
I would kayak, canoe, or inter-tube if parking was more convenient.	**33.52%**	61
I go elsewhere to gain access to the River.	**23.08%**	42
I like to fish in Dexter.	**13.74%**	25
Other (please specify)	**14.29%**	26
Total Respondents: 182		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	I like water based recreation. And I know my family would love access to kayaks. But I really enjoy how pristine our water frontage is right now. It is accessible yet not crowded or commercialized. It is currently very beautiful view from just about anywhere along Dexter's waterfront. It would have to be a really well thought out plan for me to want to give up our beautiful views.	11/28/2015 10:47 AM
2	None	11/20/2015 1:52 PM

3	More congestion takes away from the peacefulness	11/19/2015 1:36 PM
4	Would be good to develop a launch/take-out off the main stem of the Huron River to alleviate unauthorized use of Mast Road landing. It is difficult to paddle upstream to take out at Mill Park, the City's only authorized launch/landing.	11/11/2015 10:30 PM
5	Not sure if I would canoe but I might.	11/7/2015 10:11 PM
6	We really need a put-in on the Huron instead of Mill Creek. My wife and I experimented with paddling up Mill Creek to get to downtown and we could not get up one of the cascades. We live on Central St and it would be amazing to be able to take out at a sanctioned spot and walk back to our house!!!	10/30/2015 9:14 PM
7	I will definitely access the river once our toddler gets older and we can do it as a family!	10/30/2015 2:58 PM
8	the lack of parking is impacting my subdivision during the summer. people park on Eastridge Dr .	10/29/2015 8:55 PM
9	We are in the great-grandparent age-span. Mostly are spectators.	10/26/2015 2:00 PM
10	Walkways and paths closer to the water would be desired	10/22/2015 7:55 AM
11	We haven't utilized this yet but plan to in the future!	10/12/2015 9:37 AM
12	This is a very poorly worded question - the answers are also very poor and non specific as to location.	10/10/2015 2:00 PM
13	We throw rocks in the river at the boat launch; would love a river bank area parents and little kids could easily access (boat launch steps are hard to climb)	10/10/2015 10:39 AM
14	Somewhere to swim along b to b trail.	10/9/2015 10:35 PM
15	We do not want any more increased traffic coming into Mill Creek park	9/29/2015 9:44 PM
16	The area of the park which is accessed by the stairwell off Alpine St. is already used by so many, I think access should be in a less congested area with available parking.	9/24/2015 11:28 AM
17	Parking at Mill Creek is awful - only paved spots for kayakers, the rest of us get mud to park on	9/24/2015 6:40 AM
18	More parking near river would be great. But, I don't want current park use to be changed to canoe use only.	9/23/2015 10:40 PM
19	Weekend kayak/canoe livery & rental	9/23/2015 4:34 PM
20	Toilet facilities are terrible. We need fresh drinking water source	9/23/2015 3:48 PM
21	I would prefer a splash park to dirty river water	9/22/2015 10:30 PM
22	I would like to take my kids fishing in Dexter, but it seems difficult to find a place for kids to fish.	9/22/2015 10:21 PM
23	Anywhere to Paddleboard or rent paddleboards?	9/22/2015 9:40 PM
24	I rarely Canoe or Kayak, and when I do, I have access through my neighbor	9/22/2015 12:59 PM
25	I would kayak, canoe or inter-tube if there was access to the equipment in Mill Creek Park N.	9/22/2015 12:11 PM
26	I do not own a canoe or kayak, and have not tried the river access in the parks.	9/22/2015 10:21 AM

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Q6 The following is a short list of ideas that have been discussed (with no action taken) by the City of Dexter's Parks and Recreation Commission. Please indicate how important you feel these projects/improvements would be to the City of Dexter's parks and recreation system.

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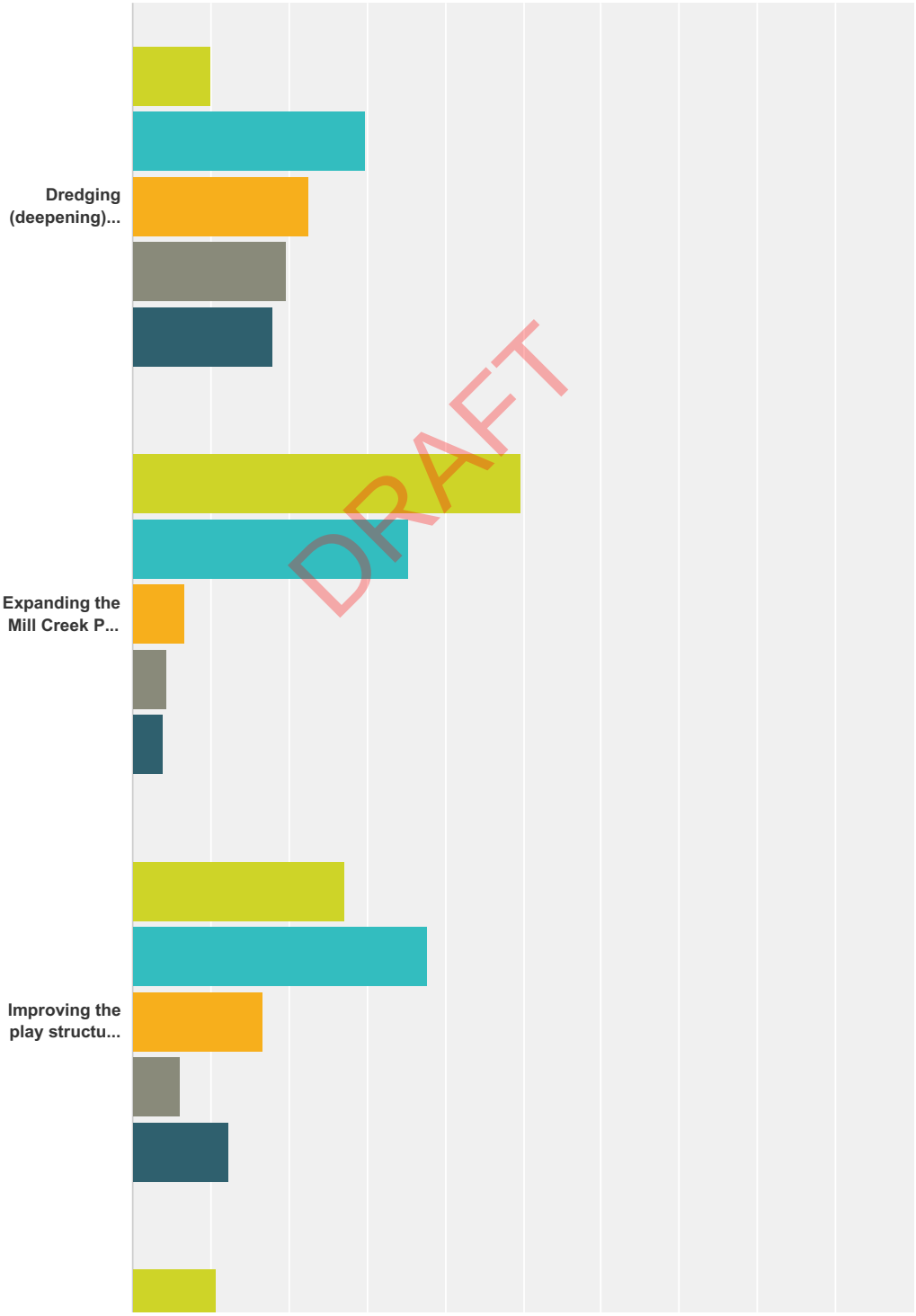

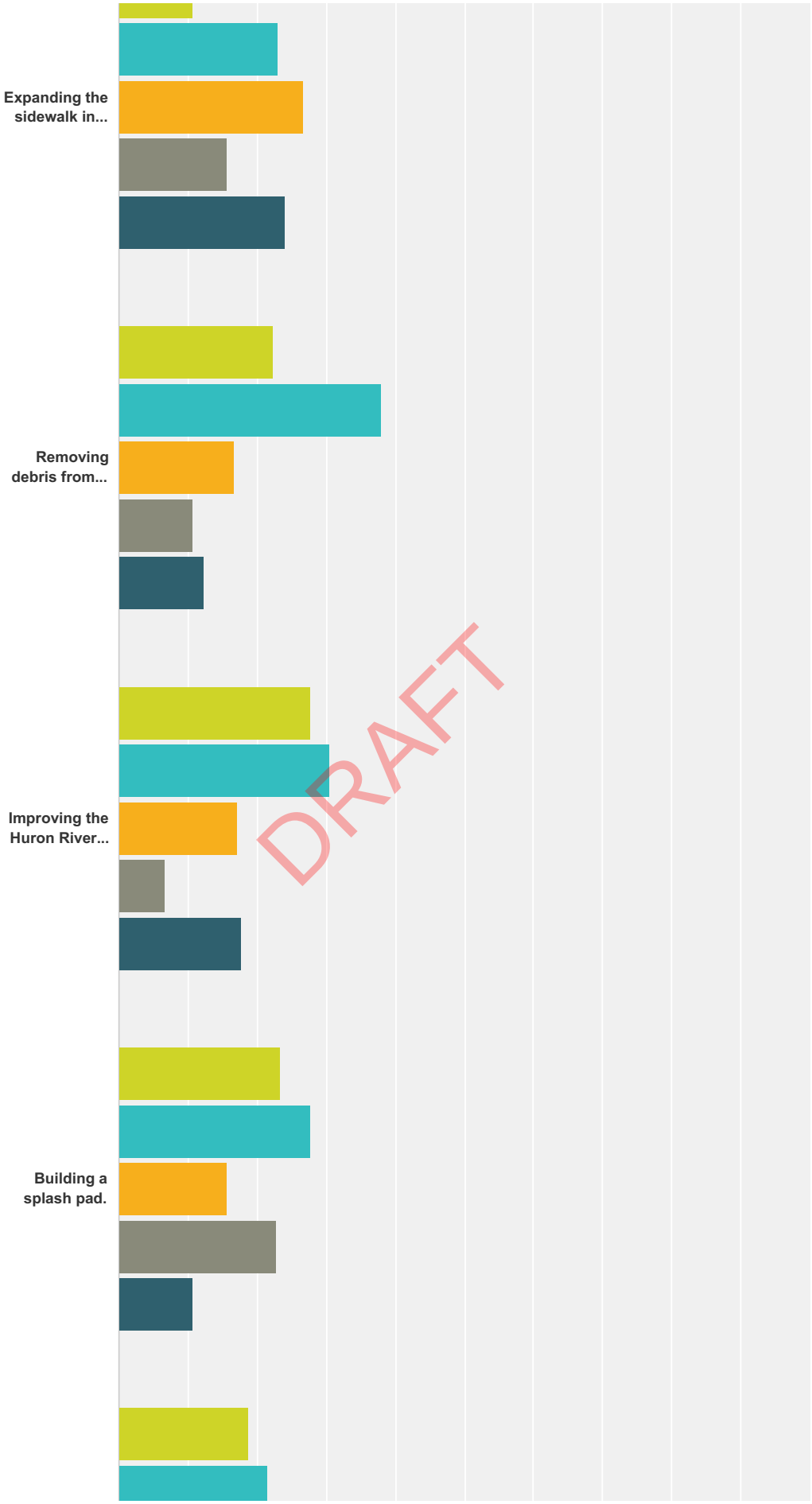
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Removing debris from...
Improving the Huron River...
Building a splash pad.
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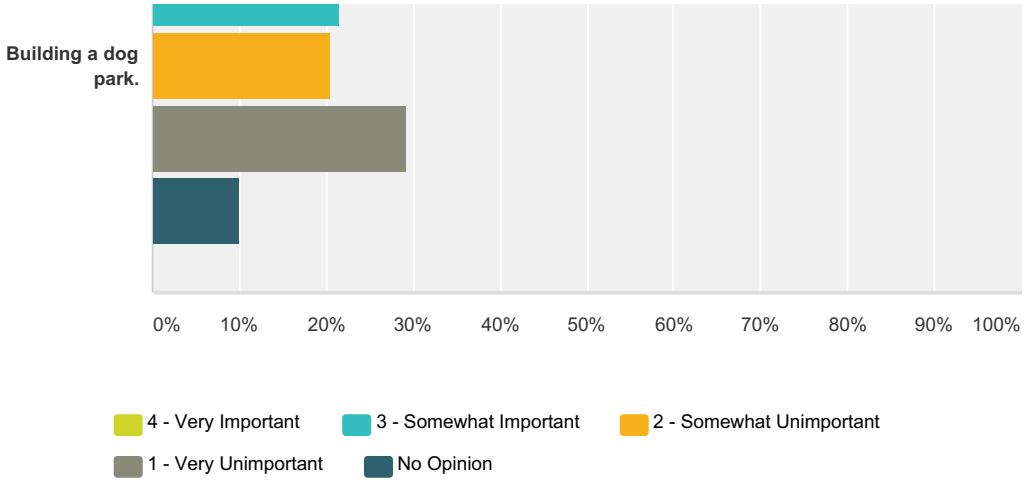

	4 - Very Important	3 - Somewhat Important	2 - Somewhat Unimportant	1 - Very Unimportant	No Opinion	Total
Dredging (deepening) certain areas of Mill Creek to provide easier access to the Huron River.	**10.11%** 18	**29.78%** 53	**22.47%** 40	**19.66%** 35	**17.98%** 32	178
Expanding the Mill Creek Park trail along the creek to the south to connect to the schools.	**49.72%** 90	**35.36%** 64	**6.63%** 12	**4.42%** 8	**3.87%** 7	181
Improving the play structure in Mill Creek Park North.	**27.22%** 49	**37.78%** 68	**16.67%** 30	**6.11%** 11	**12.22%** 22	180
Expanding the sidewalk in Community Park.	**10.61%** 19	**22.91%** 41	**26.82%** 48	**15.64%** 28	**24.02%** 43	179
Removing debris from Mill Creek to provide easier access to the Huron River.	**22.35%** 40	**37.99%** 68	**16.76%** 30	**10.61%** 19	**12.29%** 22	179
Improving the Huron River access point at the Mast Rd. Bridge.	**27.78%** 50	**30.56%** 55	**17.22%** 31	**6.67%** 12	**17.78%** 32	180
Building a splash pad.	**23.33%** 42	**27.78%** 50	**15.56%** 28	**22.78%** 41	**10.56%** 19	180
Building a dog park.	**18.78%** 34	**21.55%** 39	**20.44%** 37	**29.28%** 53	**9.94%** 18	181

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Q7 What are some parks and/or recreation items that may not be listed that you would like to see addressed?

Answered: 79 Skipped: 103

Answer Choices	Responses	
My first priority:	**100.00%**	79
My second priority:	**55.70%**	44
My third priority:	**29.11%**	23

#	My first priority:	Date
1	Dexter Senior Center Funding	11/30/2015 11:34 AM
2	Restrooms in back of Fire Station to replace Port-a-pottys	11/20/2015 1:52 PM
3	Safe bike trails along Huron River Dr	11/20/2015 11:50 AM
4	Would love a bridge to connect huron river drive to the trails on the other side of the rive between Mast and Territorial!!	11/20/2015 10:50 AM
5	Better, more outdoor porta-johns	11/19/2015 1:36 PM
6	Dexter-Chelsea trail	11/18/2015 1:38 PM
7	Drinking fountains along the Dexter bike trail (B2B)	11/18/2015 12:40 PM
8	Public Pickleball Courts	11/15/2015 7:37 PM
9	Mountain biking trail behind mill creek	11/14/2015 2:12 PM
10	Basketball courts near millcreek	11/10/2015 7:37 PM
11	Town youth sports leagues	11/10/2015 1:42 PM
12	put in some pickleball courts	11/5/2015 9:42 PM
13	Solar lighting and emergency phones along the trails	11/2/2015 3:58 PM
14	More wooded, isolated trails within walking distance of downtown	10/30/2015 9:14 PM
15	It would be great to see playground structures at all of the parks (i.e. Monument Park and/or Peace Park)	10/30/2015 2:58 PM
16	Keeping the bike trail open from Dexter-Huron Metropark to Central Steet	10/29/2015 10:54 PM
17	A real community park with a lot to park in would be nice. Cannot enjoy the border trail to walk on when you have all these those Lance Armstrong wann bes. co	10/29/2015 8:55 PM
18	Improved connected trails for runners, hikers, and walkers.	10/29/2015 3:53 PM
19	landscaping for species habitat (butterfield, bees, birds)	10/29/2015 2:08 PM
20	I would love an outdoor pool in Dexter for the summers.	10/29/2015 1:09 PM
21	more trash receptacles	10/29/2015 12:57 PM
22	Samantha	10/29/2015 12:50 PM
23	Shade trees - small size, too.	10/26/2015 2:00 PM
24	Safe route to parks	10/23/2015 9:27 AM
25	Paths and walkways close to the water	10/22/2015 7:55 AM
26	Build a trail to Chelsea.	10/17/2015 8:17 AM
27	music sport	10/13/2015 7:56 AM
28	the sewage smell on the B2B trail at Mill Creek Park between the railroad tracks and Westridge neighborhood exit on the boardwalk.	10/12/2015 10:10 PM

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29	more playground equipment	10/12/2015 8:45 PM
30	Better access and parking for the Huron river access at mast road	10/12/2015 4:07 PM
31	Possiblity of large play space with Baske ball hoops, soccer goals etc near Mill creek Park	10/12/2015 11:02 AM
32	Build sidewalks to allow bikers to safely down Dexter-Ann Arbor road to get to Ann Arbor	10/10/2015 10:39 AM
33	Park maintenance (foliage care, weeding)	10/10/2015 8:39 AM
34	swimming and rope swing in river	10/9/2015 10:35 PM
35	Easy river access	10/9/2015 9:39 PM
36	Expanding trail system in and around dexter	10/9/2015 7:41 PM
37	Bike trails finished	10/9/2015 7:22 PM
38	Nesting boxes for bluebirds, wood ducks, etc.	10/9/2015 6:06 PM
39	Path from Dexter to AA	10/7/2015 11:43 PM
40	A public pool	9/30/2015 7:58 PM
41	Keep the beauty!! Do not worry about adding structures that may attract increased traffic and "rif raf""	9/29/2015 9:44 PM
42	community pool - Ann Arbor Country Club is for sale	9/28/2015 4:07 PM
43	more art/sculptures in parks	9/27/2015 7:06 AM
44	Bike lanes on Huron River Drive	9/26/2015 4:51 PM
45	Public Tennis Court	9/25/2015 9:49 PM
46	Maintaining parks. Lots of weeds at Ryan Dr park	9/25/2015 7:01 PM
47	Expanding the Mill Creek trail all the way to the high school is an excellent idea, and I would love to see that done as soon as possible. In addition to adding to the "gem" that is our trail system, it would improve safety for kids to and from school.	9/25/2015 1:18 PM
48	Maintenance of vegatation, preservation of the native plant species	9/25/2015 11:49 AM
49	any park could benefit from a simple Little Free Library	9/24/2015 1:27 PM
50	Graffiti is there are any	9/23/2015 11:03 PM
51	Bathrooms	9/23/2015 10:42 PM
52	Larger playground at Mill Creek Park N	9/23/2015 9:28 PM
53	More parking behind fire station.	9/23/2015 7:06 PM
54	Connecting Dexter Huron bike path through the city to Mill Creek park	9/23/2015 3:48 PM
55	Broaden park programing to include more active sports	9/23/2015 12:02 PM
56	Doggie bags like Community park at Monument & Millcreek park. I see too much doggie waste in visible areas.	9/23/2015 8:53 AM
57	A giant wooden play structure	9/22/2015 10:30 PM
58	art, sculptures	9/22/2015 10:12 PM
59	existing trail maintenance	9/22/2015 10:08 PM
60	Would love to see an additional In Town Playground/Park for 1 - 10 year olds (what about at Copeland?!)	9/22/2015 9:40 PM
61	something for teen agers, like the neutral zone	9/22/2015 8:37 PM
62	none at this time	9/22/2015 12:59 PM
63	I would like to see more art, historical markers, monuments, etc., in parks.	9/22/2015 12:44 PM
64	Improved maps along the trails.	9/22/2015 12:11 PM
65	Public restrooms in the downtown area!!!!!	9/22/2015 10:47 AM
66	Dog Park!!! Yes, this is listed, but would be awesome	9/22/2015 10:29 AM
67	Expanding trails	9/22/2015 10:19 AM

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68	Rock climbing wall	9/22/2015 10:08 AM
69	Expand trails.	9/22/2015 9:59 AM
70	Camping nights	9/22/2015 9:43 AM
71	More Recreation Options for 20 and 30 somethings	9/22/2015 9:30 AM
72	Clearly marked crosswalks with signage, esp. on Dexter-AA. Need to make the City safe for foot traffic.	9/22/2015 9:23 AM
73	Dog park	9/22/2015 9:16 AM
74	maintaining green space	9/22/2015 9:16 AM
75	Bathrooms	9/22/2015 9:11 AM
76	dog park dog park dog park	9/22/2015 9:05 AM
77	More restroom availability at the parks	9/22/2015 9:00 AM
78	People accessing Huron River to go tubing who park all along Huron River Drive is not safe. You should only be able to access Huron River from specific points that may be built out to allow access. As it stands right now I feel it is dangerous when you are driving and already paying attention to people biking to suddenly come across folks attempting to get in to the rive.	9/22/2015 8:59 AM
79	N/A	9/22/2015 8:55 AM
#	**My second priority:**	**Date**
1	Recreation for Seniors	11/30/2015 11:34 AM
2	More Parking for Mill Creek North	11/20/2015 1:52 PM
3	Winter activities at parks	11/20/2015 11:50 AM
4	Designated bike lane on Huron River Drive	11/20/2015 10:50 AM
5	Better trail mileage markers on B2B	11/19/2015 1:36 PM
6	Dedicated bike lanes	11/15/2015 7:37 PM
7	Tennis courts	11/10/2015 7:37 PM
8	Lighting on trail connecting Mill Creek and Hudson Mills	11/10/2015 1:42 PM
9	Pedestrian signs/cones at all crosswalks from Mill Creek Park when crossing Main Street (walking from the library to Subway, for example)	11/2/2015 3:58 PM
10	Large artificial boulders for adult rock climbing (bouldering). There are basically no places to boulder outdoors in MI as far as I know. This would be a huge draw for people to visit our city!	10/30/2015 9:14 PM
11	An outdoor pool is needed. nothing for kids to do outdoors in the summer. they were jumping in in mill creek over the bannisters last summer.	10/29/2015 8:55 PM
12	more dog poop bag stations	10/29/2015 12:57 PM
13	Understanding drop and pick up points on river	10/23/2015 9:27 AM
14	Build a trail from the Huron River to Dexter-Pinkney Road south of golf course.	10/17/2015 8:17 AM
15	Permit for photographers to conduct formal portraiture sittings in the park, blocking the trails and normal activity	10/12/2015 10:10 PM
16	splash pad or outdoor municipal pool	10/12/2015 8:45 PM
17	Lighting the trail from Mill creek park to Westridge subdivision	10/12/2015 11:02 AM
18	Community pool!	10/10/2015 10:39 AM
19	Construction scheduling (poorly planned in summer 15')	10/10/2015 8:39 AM
20	provide city run river trip, similar to Ann Arbor	10/9/2015 9:39 PM
21	Having good landscaping with nice views	10/9/2015 7:41 PM
22	A splash pad	9/30/2015 7:58 PM
23	The rocks and rapids at Mill Creek are a huge part of beauty and uniqueness of downtown! Don't change it!!	9/29/2015 9:44 PM
24	Continue to expand the wonderful B2B trail	9/26/2015 4:51 PM

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25	More accessibility to Dexter-Huron MetroPark from Downtown Dexter	9/25/2015 9:49 PM
26	More baby swings near library. They are always full.	9/25/2015 7:01 PM
27	In addition to expanding the trail to the high school, we should add a leg of the trail system to the Miller-Smith Preserve on Dexter-Chelsea Road. It's a beautiful preserve but largely inaccessible except by car because of the traffic.	9/25/2015 1:18 PM
28	General Park clean up, trash removal	9/25/2015 11:49 AM
29	To have simple veggie patch growing in the Community park for children to see and harvest	9/24/2015 1:27 PM
30	Littering, although it's rare	9/23/2015 11:03 PM
31	Organized Winter activities to get our community together	9/23/2015 9:28 PM
32	provide multiple barrier free access points in all parks	9/23/2015 12:02 PM
33	Porch swing structure in Monument park and Millcreek park on the bluff overlooking the park and water.	9/23/2015 8:53 AM
34	new trails	9/22/2015 10:08 PM
35	Splash Pad would be great	9/22/2015 9:40 PM
36	handicapped access for parks	9/22/2015 8:37 PM
37	I would like to see a map that would point out the history of the town, including old buildings, houses, mills, and other structures	9/22/2015 12:44 PM
38	Access to maps online.	9/22/2015 12:11 PM
39	Year round trail maintenance	9/22/2015 10:29 AM
40	Keep things beautiful.	9/22/2015 9:59 AM
41	Star gazing/astronomy	9/22/2015 9:43 AM
42	More Trails	9/22/2015 9:30 AM
43	Picnic area/shelter at Mill Creek Park North or Peace Park	9/22/2015 9:23 AM
44	Bike lanes on all paths/trails separate from pedestrians	9/22/2015 9:00 AM
#	**My third priority:**	**Date**
1	Better parking for people using river access at Mast	11/20/2015 11:50 AM
2	Marked Dexter trail routes (like the map has)	11/19/2015 1:36 PM
3	Pedestrian barrier on Main Street near the path passing the fire station	11/2/2015 3:58 PM
4	The border trail on a nice day is too congested. You need rules in place like no kids unattended on bikes under age 12 being I saw young boys doing burn outs and ran into an elderly manwith a cane. Also it should not be allowed to have kuds on scooters, roller bladers	10/29/2015 8:55 PM
5	bandshell	10/12/2015 8:45 PM
6	Sculptures kids can climb on at Monument Park	10/10/2015 10:39 AM
7	Continued development of border to border trail	10/10/2015 8:39 AM
8	benches and picnic tables, maintained trash cans	10/9/2015 7:41 PM
9	more trails	9/30/2015 7:58 PM
10	We do not need increased traffic into Mill Creek area!! That parking lot entrance down hill to playground already cautious!!	9/29/2015 9:44 PM
11	Prevention of Vandalism to current Mill Creek Park particularly around the troll area	9/25/2015 9:49 PM
12	Connecting trails to schools	9/25/2015 7:01 PM
13	Increased parking space in mill creek park area	9/23/2015 11:03 PM
14	stop building gazebo's; we do not need any more	9/23/2015 12:02 PM
15	Park bench by the Beer Grotto or adjacent to it in front of the flowers.	9/23/2015 8:53 AM
16	more play structures	9/22/2015 10:08 PM

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17	A Band Shell? http://ascribehq.com/cns-2/portfolio/1461	9/22/2015 9:40 PM
18	are there parks in the new subdivisions? or are they all in the center of town?	9/22/2015 8:37 PM
19	Please have high school biology class members (or scouts) identify the major trees in the parks and attach plates to the trees that tell passers-by the names of the trees	9/22/2015 12:44 PM
20	The concrete trash can between the 2 benches in Monument Park doesn't make sense. The area should be more conducive to gathering and socializing.	9/22/2015 9:59 AM
21	More Art	9/22/2015 9:30 AM
22	Permanent restrooms at Mill Creek Park North	9/22/2015 9:23 AM
23	More maps showing trails and connections between parks	9/22/2015 9:00 AM

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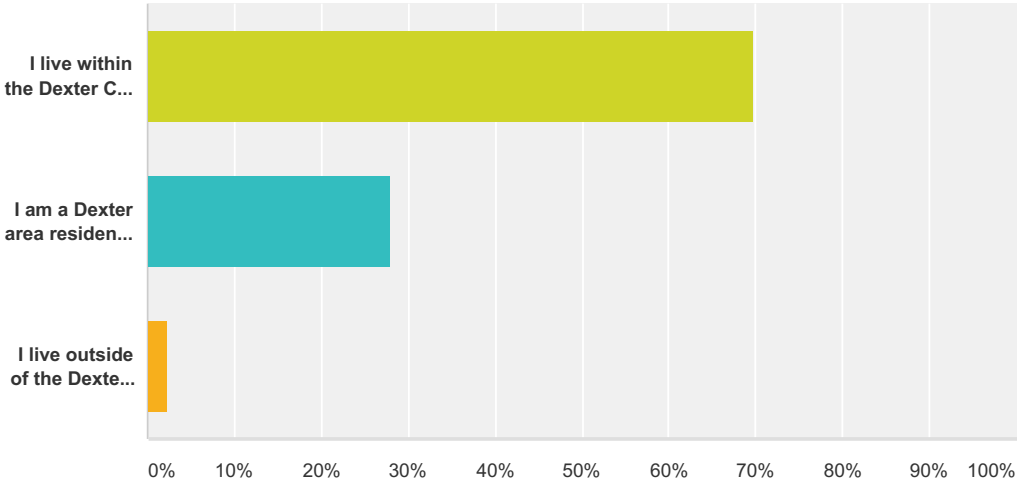
Q8 Which of the following best describes your residency?

Answered: 182 Skipped: 0



Answer Choices	Responses	
I live within the Dexter City limits.	**69.78%**	127
I am a Dexter area resident living outside of the City's limits.	**28.02%**	51
I live outside of the Dexter area.	**2.20%**	4
Total		**182**

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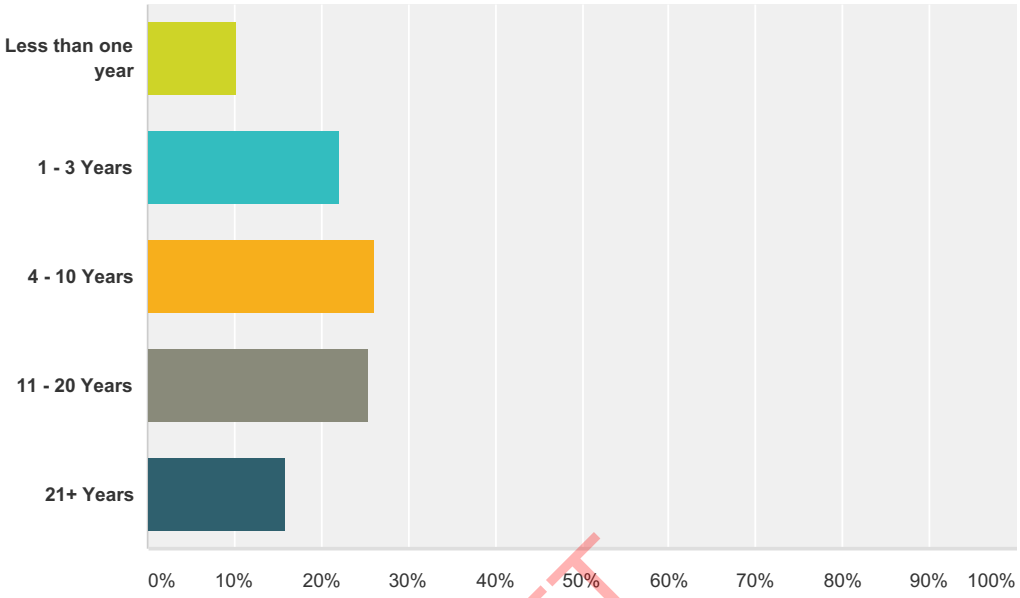
Q9 If you answered that you are a Dexter City or area resident, then how many years have you lived in and/or around Dexter?

Answered: 176 Skipped: 6



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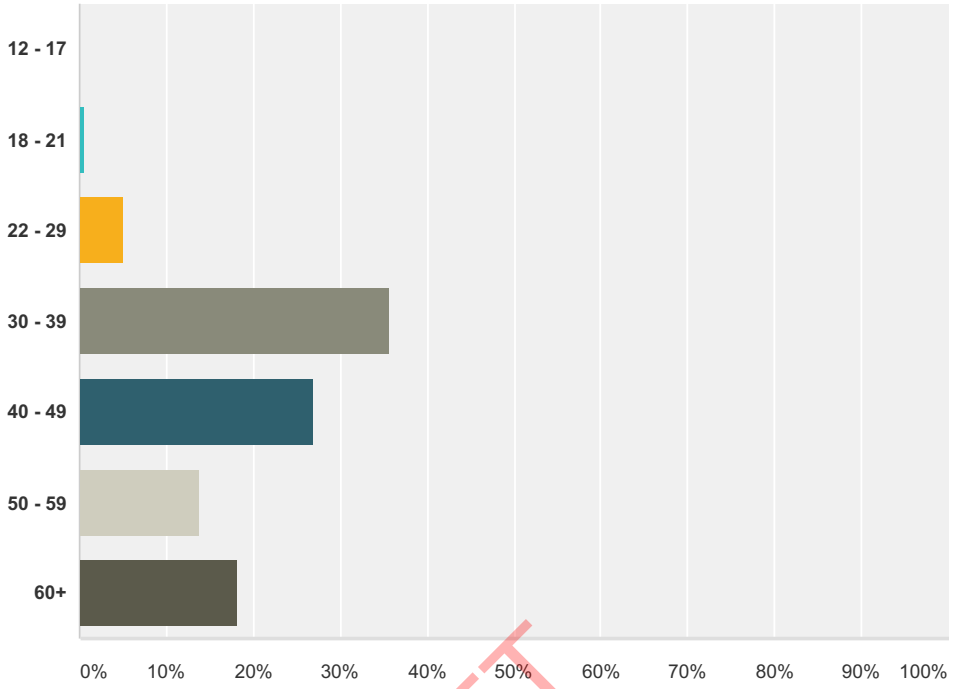
Answer Choices	Responses	
Less than one year	**10.23%**	18
1 - 3 Years	**22.16%**	39
4 - 10 Years	**26.14%**	46
11 - 20 Years	**25.57%**	45
21+ Years	**15.91%**	28
Total		**176**

Q10 In which age bracket do you fall?

Answered: 182 Skipped: 0



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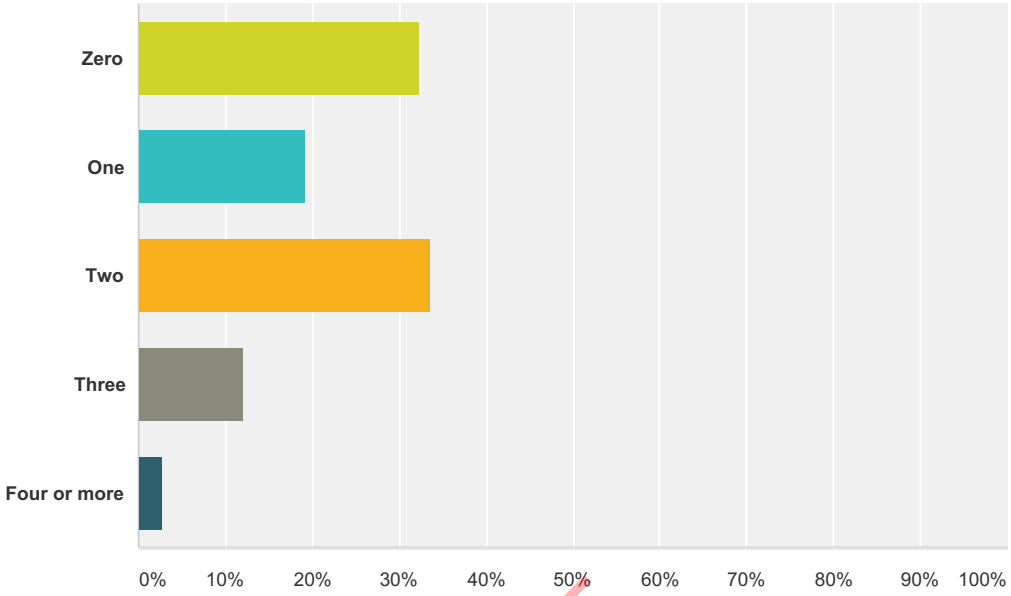
Answer Choices	Responses	
12 - 17	0.00%	0
18 - 21	0.55%	1
22 - 29	4.95%	9
30 - 39	35.71%	65
40 - 49	26.92%	49
50 - 59	13.74%	25
60+	18.13%	33
Total		**182**

Q11 Number of children residing in your household:

Answered: 182 Skipped: 0



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Answer Choices	Responses	
Zero	32.42%	59
One	19.23%	35
Two	33.52%	61
Three	12.09%	22
Four or more	2.75%	5
Total		**182**

Q12 Do you have any other comments, questions, or concerns?

Answered: 63 Skipped: 119

#	Responses	Date
1	Dexter Senior Center Funding (We have over 300 senior members)	11/30/2015 11:34 AM
2	I often take grand children to use the parks and/or bike trails.	11/20/2015 1:52 PM
3	I am not a cyclist, but a lot of people do use the roads and trails in the Dexter. Safety along Huron River Dr. and other roads is always a concern when driving. So anyway to improve safety would be a bonus. The Mill Creek park is very nice and the proximity to the library/farmer's market is an added bonus.	11/20/2015 11:50 AM
4	Thank you for your efforts!	11/20/2015 10:50 AM
5	I think Dexter has done a good job with parks and trails generally. It would be nice to develop something around the Mast Rd. Huron River access and the Riverwalk to Dexter-Huron park.	11/19/2015 1:36 PM
6	The city has made great progress with pedestrian/bike trails and connections in the last few years. For our purposes (running, bicycling, dog walking) it is much better than when we moved here. Thanks for all you are doing! Encouraging safer trails and connections with other communities (Chelsea, Ann Arbor) will make recreation and commuting much more attractive here.	11/18/2015 1:38 PM
7	I've never used the trail system in the Mill Creek during the winter and hope that it is maintained to be ice and snow free!	11/18/2015 12:41 PM
8	We love Dexter and appreciate the ongoing work to keep our community active, healthy and having fun!!	11/18/2015 12:40 PM
9	You are doing an excellent job making Dexter a wonderful place to live!	11/14/2015 2:12 PM
10	There are very limited options for township / city youth recreational leagues. The school system offers a limited basketball league, but I'm not away of any Dexter recreational soccer, baseball, or basketball leagues, among others. Seems only travel leagues are available, which takes people AWAY from the community.	11/10/2015 1:42 PM
11	In terms of question 6, if you're trying to prioritize projects with limited resources, I think it would have better to rank things, because many are worthy projects but some, IMO, can wait, while others should be done more quickly. .... Also, removing debris from Mill Creek? What does that mean? Removing the modest rapids? If so, very bad idea! That gives the creek there some character. ... Lastly, some bars on the Mill Creek Walkway, by the troll, have been bent somehow. It would be nice if they were fixed.	11/9/2015 4:23 AM
12	We like taking our grandchildren to the parks.	11/7/2015 10:11 PM
13	trails/paths are very well used. HURRAY!	11/5/2015 9:42 PM
14	Why do some of the survey questions not include a choice between "Very important" and "somewhat important". What if something is "important"?	11/2/2015 3:58 PM
15	We love the trails and parks.	10/31/2015 11:13 PM
16	Thanks for gathering public input! We love Dexter's parks. River access, wooded trails, and a bouldering park would make this the perfect recreation town!	10/30/2015 9:14 PM
17	We love and appreciate the parks in Dexter so much. They truly are one of the city's best assets and are one of the reasons that we moved here. We go to the parks with our son every week. We hope they continue to be preserved!	10/30/2015 2:58 PM
18	Keep up the good work! Our parks are well maintained and an asset to our community. Thank you to the staff and Commission members who oversee them.	10/30/2015 2:06 PM
19	More garbage cans needed by the pseudo parking lot by the cemetary . Especially for dog owners.	10/29/2015 8:55 PM
20	Suggestion - purchase the old gun range in town and use the property for access to mill creek with parking for guests and possibly an outdoor center where people could rent tubes, canoes, kayaks, SUP's, etc.	10/29/2015 4:01 PM
21	We just recently moved to Dexter and we are just starting to find our way around. Please locate the parks on the map of Dexter with the Dexter telephone directory.	10/26/2015 2:10 PM

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22	We will definitely be more active in using the many parks, in the months and years ahead. We join our daughter's family in activities they do, ore watch from sidelines. Soccer, horseback riding, and formerly school sponsored sports. Soccer, baseball, field hockey, cross country runs, spring track events, especially pole vault, use our lawn chairs on the grass and sun shades.	10/26/2015 2:00 PM
23	Love Dexter's parks!	10/23/2015 11:39 AM
24	some food question	10/13/2015 7:56 AM
25	I do not think that the city should use resources to expand river access near Mast Rd bridge, since I think that it would being more irresponsible activity, i.e. underage drinking and unsafe driving conditions. These boaters, tubers should find a safer alternative to enter and exit the river, like a park with a launch area and adequate parking.	10/12/2015 10:10 PM
26	the city is looking great! our family would love to see more playground equipment in town, and sidewalks / curbs make a big difference for the walkability factor.	10/12/2015 8:45 PM
27	Question 4 and 5 are poorly worded. The ranking system in question 4 is a very misleading way to collect information. It artificially elevates or understates the ranking of topics. People should have the choice to rank more than one topic as LEAST important without giving another topic a higher ranking. The converse is also true. Question 5 on access to water should have been divided into several separate questions.	10/10/2015 2:00 PM
28	I love living in Dexter! We use the parks 4x a week, so I support any improvements! A splash pad would be amazing, as would a spot other than a boat launch where kids can play (with parents) at the creek's edge. The boat launch is tough for little kids to get up and down (and for me to carry them and jump). We love throwing rocks in the creek! :)	10/10/2015 10:39 AM
29	For a small city, Dexter offers many quality park and recreation opportunities.	10/10/2015 8:39 AM
30	Addressing the issues at the Mast Rd access point should be priority. Only a matter of time before someone is hit by a car unless alternatives are provided or a better access area is created elsewhere.	10/10/2015 8:30 AM
31	Slow down traffic on 4th st.	10/9/2015 10:35 PM
32	I love all the parks and wish to see more green space where ever possible.	10/9/2015 7:41 PM
33	No	10/7/2015 11:43 PM
34	I appreciate that you are seeking public opinion! Thank you.	10/3/2015 1:35 PM
35	- love the artwork! - better maps & online info for the border to border trails	10/2/2015 3:39 PM
36	I drive through Dexter everyday. Love this town, but have to go elsewhere on the weekends because there is no dog park.	10/1/2015 2:14 PM
37	Cleanliness, upkeep, and safe travel most important!! No need for constructing tacky "eye sores" such as splash pads. Landscaping and keeping overgrowth under control becoming more important! Natures Beauty attracted us, not playgrounds! Happy to help with brush control anytime! Thanks!	9/29/2015 9:44 PM
38	No	9/28/2015 2:22 PM
39	We appreciate your asking for feedback.	9/26/2015 4:51 PM
40	I would love to see a community outdoor pool and baseball fields through parks n rec if land and money were not an issue. Mill Creek Park North is very nice. We enjoy the scenery and having picnics there. The tables by the water are very nice. The playground equipment is ok but could be more exciting. very convenient to the library. We typically use the library restrooms if needed while at that park.	9/26/2015 12:45 AM
41	The last time I visited Mill Creek Park, the metal rail near the north end of the park was bent/vandalized. Has this been repaired? I'd like to suggest using a heavier duty material and disallowing skateboards which I think may have factored into the damage.	9/25/2015 9:49 PM
42	I was very disappointed with the summer construction project in our park near Huron Farms. Families visit this park daily over the summer and a project worked on for 4 or 5 days closed the park without reason for almost a month. Better planning is needed to prevent updating parks from becoming major inconveniences to families who use them.	9/25/2015 7:01 PM
43	Thank you for your continued hard work to make Dexter such a lovely city in which to live. My family and I feel very fortunate to be a part of this community.	9/25/2015 1:18 PM
44	Can we sponsor an adopt-a-park program? Partner with schools to garner interest and help from school chidren	9/25/2015 11:49 AM
45	I love walkability of Dexter but wish there were more benches along the sidewalks.	9/24/2015 1:27 PM
46	don't start new projects, just maintain or improve what already exists. Dexter is busy enough and handles residents as well as many other populations.	9/24/2015 11:28 AM

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47	For both the parks and the general area, I'd like to see something done with the light systems to try and cut down on light pollution, which causes brightness im tbe sky even when dark, it'd be great to have some better views of the night sky and stars when there isn't a bunch of lights clogging the sky. I think having optional city wide balckout nights on nights with increased shooting star's would be a great idea.	9/23/2015 11:03 PM
48	I would like to further emphasize my interest in a splash pad.	9/23/2015 10:48 PM
49	Keep in mind that the only access by foot between Dexter proper and the sub off Island Lake to the north is the new path at Mill Creek. That alone is an important integrator of city residents, must be maintained safely, year-round, for years to come.	9/23/2015 4:34 PM
50	I would love updates on any further bike path progress.	9/23/2015 3:48 PM
51	It would be interesting to me to see the commission consider a sports complex maybe similar to that in Saline, or maybe like the wellness center. The pricing there is too prohibitive for many to join, and maybe a city run facility would be a bit more affordable?	9/23/2015 12:02 PM
52	I would like to see some play equipment in Monument Park, some kind of climbing structure for kids and a porch swing for adults to watch kids. Also a doggie bag waste station would be an asset. We have a lot of dog walkers in town and no waste stations.	9/23/2015 8:53 AM
53	trail maintenance needed to keep vegetation off boardwalks and trails	9/22/2015 10:08 PM
54	Thanks for running the survey!	9/22/2015 9:40 PM
55	good survey how about the people without compputers any outreach. like at the farmer's market or the Dexter Bakery?	9/22/2015 8:37 PM
56	Excellent Job with the parks! Makes me proud to live in Dexter!	9/22/2015 5:47 PM
57	For a small community,the parks are fine now. Budget to maintain but not to improve or add new. Between Metroparks and A2,we have enough Parks.	9/22/2015 2:26 PM
58	I am very happy to see any improvements to non-motorized transportation, especially off-road, that connect the city to parks and schools.	9/22/2015 1:50 PM
59	I am very fond of the paths and trails in the city and think the existing facilities are very well maintained. They are much better than other towns/cities I have lived in (5 others since High School)	9/22/2015 12:59 PM
60	We are very pleased with the parks, especially those associated with Mill Creek. They are neat, well-maintained, and a real asset to the city. However, to enhance access to these parks I would suggest the city reduce the amount of time a car can be parked on Main Street to perhaps three hours. (I like to see non-resident bicyclists in town but some come to town, park their cars on Main Street, and leave them there for hour after hour.) Could additional parking for those who want to park cars for more than three hours be provided a block or so from Main Street?	9/22/2015 12:44 PM
61	Dexter have made some outstanding improvements over the last 8 years! Thank you	9/22/2015 11:16 AM
62	My family loves our city and our parks! Keep up the good work!	9/22/2015 9:00 AM
63	The parks we have visited we love. We love the sense of community and the pride the City has for recreation	9/22/2015 8:59 AM

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Attachment 9

Public Input Session Kiosk Flyer
November 15, 2015

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Parks and Recreation Master Plan
Public Input Meeting

Thursday, December 3, 2015
6:30 – 7:30pm
Dexter District Library
3255 Alpine St.

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We Love Dexter News Article
"Parks and Recreation Public Input Meeting"
November 18, 2015

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PARKS AND RECREATION PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

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In addition to the Public Input Session, as of October 31st, the Parks and Recreation Commission has gathered 131 survey responses out of its 300 response goal. Please help us reach our target. This 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan will chart the course for the City's parks and recreation services for the next five years. Community input will help identify goals and objectives as well as any major projects that the City should strive to undertake in this time frame.

The Master Plan Survey may be taken online until Monday, November 30, 2015 at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Dexterparksandrecsurvey. It is also available upon request in hard-copy format at the City office (8123 Main St., 2nd Floor, Dexter, MI 48130), the Dexter Senior Center, and the Cedars clubhouse.

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Those who participate in the survey have a chance to receive a gift card from Hackney Hardware, vouchers for the Dexter Bakery, or a free class with Verapose Yoga. For more information, please contact Justin Breyer, Assistant to the City Manager, by e-mail at Jbreyer@Dextermi.gov or by phone at 734-426-8303 x 17.

(http://insuredexter.com)

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Public Input Sought For Parks & Rec 2016-2020 Master Plan(http://welovedexter.co... input-sought-for-parks-rec-

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Attachment 11

City Manager's Report to City Council
November 23, 2015

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CITY OF DEXTER **cnicholls@dextermi.gov**
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MEMO

To: **Mayor Keough and Council Members**
From: **Courtney Nicholls, City Manager**
Date: **November 18, 2015**
Re: **City Manager/Assistant to the Manager Report - Meeting of November 23, 2015**

1. Meeting Review:
   - November 10th – Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee
   - November 11th – Staff and Blair Selover regarding NUBCO
   - November 11th – Council person elect Zach Michels re: update on City projects
   - November 13th – 3045 Broad Redevelopment Committee
   - November 17th – Parks & Recreation Commission

2. Upcoming Meetings:
   - November 19th – Downtown Development Authority
   - November 20th – Facility Committee
   - November 20th – Northern United Brewing re: Wastewater Permitting
   - December 1st – Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee
   - December 10th – Police Services Steering Committee

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3. **Border to Border Trail.** As of November 17th the work on grading the path is at about 50% completion. Work on the storm sewer started on the 17th. The final decision on paving the trail once the work is complete will be weather dependent.

4. **Department of Public Works Signage.** Mayor Keough has mentioned that he would like the City to place a sign on the Department of Public Works building so that the people on the Border to Border Trail know what it is. I asked Evann Rohloff, who has been a summer employee for the past three years and is currently in school for graphic design, to put together some ideas. Attached for Council's review and comment is a draft of the sign. The plan is to place it on the side of the building facing the railroad tracks. The dimensions have not been determined. The maximum square footage allowed for the sign according to the Zoning Ordinance is 20 sqft.

5. **8258 Huron St. Demolition.** The contractor for the demolition of 8258 Huron St. and 7651 Dan Hoey Rd. properties began work on 8258 Huron St. on Tuesday, November 17th. He is expecting to complete work on that property by the end of the week. The contractor is currently waiting for DTE to disconnect the gas line at 7651 Dan Hoey before beginning demolition on that property.

6. **Parks and Recreation Master Plan Public Input Session.** The Parks and Recreation Commission has decided to host a Public Input Session for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan on December 3, 2015 at the Dexter District Library (3255 Alpine St.) in order to collect additional feedback for the goals and action items to be included in the plan, and review the public survey results. The Public Input Session will take place from 6:30 – 8:00pm.

7. **Trout Unlimited and Mill Creek Park Trail Phase 2.** Members of Trout Unlimited approached the City to discuss the possibility of a joint venture in creating a path along Mill Creek adjacent to the Forest Lawn Cemetery. This proposed path location is similarly situated to the proposed Mill Creek Park Trail Phase 2. Bill Phillips and Ethan Cramer of Trout Unlimited came to the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on November 17th to discuss this project. The Commission has requested a written request from Trout Unlimited detailing the request, and staff will schedule a follow-up meeting between the Commission, Trout Unlimited, and Paul Evanoff of JJR. The Commission also directed staff to get an estimate for the planning, engineering, and design of Phase 2 from Paul Evanoff of JJR. The Commission would like place the City in the best possible position to apply for an MDNR Trust Fund Grant in 2016. There are a number of hurdles that will need to be met in order for the planning and engineering stages to be eligible for the grant.

8. **First Street Park**. The Parks and Recreation Commission also discussed their vision for the future of First Street Park. Before making a recommendation regarding the proposed future plans for the park, they wanted to have a discussion with the Dexter Ringers. They have requested that a member of the Dexter Ringers attend their January meeting.

9. **2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program.** Submissions for the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program are due to the Wasthtenaw Area Transportation Study by November 30, 2015. The City will be resubmitting the final two blocks of Central Street, along with Baker Rd including pedestrian enhancements at Forest and Grand and intersection improvements at Dan Hoey. Mill Creek Park Phase II will also be resubmitted in hopes of receiving some additional non-motorized funding. One other possible alternative is submitting the pedestrian bridge from Huron Farms to the Border to Border Trail, however it might be prudent to not have that compete with Mill Creek Park Phase II since that is a higher priority at this time. We have not heard yet whether Broad and Third will become Federal Aid eligible roads, so we cannot submit those project. WATS staff has committed to letting us know when this determination is made.

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City of Dexter E-mail Update
December 2, 2015

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Justin Breyer <jbreyer@dextermi.gov>

City of Dexter E-Mail Update

1 message

City of Dexter <cnicholls@dextermi.gov> Wed, Dec 2, 2015 at 2:46 PM
To: Justin Breyer <jbreyer@dextermi.gov>

City of Dexter E-Mail Update

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Compost Pick-Up Extension

The final day of bagged compost collection by Waste Management is **Friday, December 4, 2015**. Please make sure to set all remaining bags out for collection by 7 am. The compost trucks will be in the City first thing in the morning.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan Public Input

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Parks & Recreation Commission Opening

The Parks & Recreation Commission is seeking one new member. The Parks & Recreation Commission meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm and is a 7 member commission that is responsible for making recommendations to City Council on the planning and development of City parks.

To apply please complete and return a Commission/Committee application, which can be accessed at http://dextermi.gov/node/142.

Tree Lighting

The annual tree lighting in Monument Park will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 5, 2015.

Gordon Hall Events

The Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum is sponsoring several holiday events on December 5 and 6, 2015, including Christmas at the Mansion and a Christmas Tea. More information can be found here - http://www.dexterhistory.org/upcoming-events.html

Holiday Hustle Road Closure

On Saturday, December 12, 2015 Central Street will be closed from Main to 5th from noon to 7 p.m. and Fifth Street will be closed from Dover to Broad from 4 p.m. at 5 p.m. for the Holiday Hustle. Dover,

Second, Inverness, Lake, Meadowview, Quackenbush, Noble, York, and Dexter Ann Arbor will also be closed temporarily as the race passes by between 4:00 p.m. at 5:30 p.m. **To accommodate the more than 1,000 runners, westbound Dexter Ann Arbor from Ryan/Dan Hoey to Kensington will be closed from approximately 4:40 p.m. to 5:10 p.m.** More information on the event can be found at - http://www.runholiday5k.com/

Luminaria

The workshop to assemble kits for the 2015 Christmas Eve Luminaria will take place on Saturday, December 12, 2015 at the City DPW located at 3600 Central. Assembly begins at 9:00 am. Those interested in helping to deliver the kits should arrive at 10:00 am. The luminaria is funded and executed through generous donations from the community. Please keep the lights shining- consider make a donation to support the luminaria by mailing or dropping off your contribution to the City of Dexter at 8123 Main (please indicate luminaria on the check).

Sent to: jbreyer@dextermi.gov

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Attachment 13

Parks and Recreation Master Plan Public Input Session Agenda
December 3, 2015

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CITY OF DEXTER
5-YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN INPUT SESSION
Thursday, December 3, 2015 – 6:30 pm
Location: Dexter District Library, 3255 Alpine St.

AGENDA

1) Introduction to Parks and Recreation Master Planning (5 - 10 min.)
    A) Why Do We Plan?
    B) How Are Master Plans Used?
    C) Status of Work to Date

2) Summary of Public Survey Results (10 – 15 min.)

3) Public Participation Exercises (15 – 30 min.)

4) Next Steps (5 min.)

5) Q&A with Parks and Recreation Commission (5 – 15 mins.)

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Parks and Recreation Master Plan
Public Input Session Powerpoint Presentation
December 3, 2015

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AGENDA

- Introduction to Parks and Recreation Master Planning
  - Why Do We Plan?
  - How Are Master Plans Used?
  - Status of Work to Date
  - Upcoming Tasks
- Summary of Public Survey Results
- Public Participation Exercises
- Q&A with Parks and Recreation Commission
- Wrap-Up and Next Steps

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Why Do We Plan?

- Communities adopt a Parks and Recreation Plan every five years because:
  - Introspection
  - Define Vision, Scope, and Goals
  - Prioritize Funding
  - State Grants

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Why Do We Plan?

- Changing Demographics (Graph/Chart)

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What Goes Into a Parks and Recreation Master Plan?

- Introduction
- Community Description
- Administrative Structure
- Parks and Recreation Inventory
- Handicap Accessibility
- Public Input Process
- Goals and Objectives
- Action Plan
- Supplemental

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How Are Parks and Recreation Master Plans Used?

- The Parks and Recreation Commission
- Annual Budget
- Capital Improvement Plan
- State Grant Applications

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Status of Work to Date

- 2016-2020 Plan
- Administrative/Inventory Sections
- Seeking Community Input
  - Public Survey
  - Public Input Session

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Upcoming Tasks

- Finish Writing Plan Based on Public Input
- Public Hearing
- Submit Plan to MDNR

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Summary of Survey Results

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Summary of Survey Results

- Demographics
  - XX% of respondents were Dexter City residents
  - XX% of respondents were Dexter-area residents
  - XX% of respondents were non-area residents
  - Highest rate of responses among those living in the area between 4-10 years and 11-20 years
  - 30-39 age bracket had the most responses, followed by those ages 40-49
  - Highest rate of responses among those with zero or two children living in the household

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Summary of Survey Results

- First Street Park, Lion's Park, and Peace Park are underused compared to other parks. Community Park is underused for its size compared to other parks.
  - Possibly due to a lack of offerings in these parks
  - Possibly due to a lack of awareness of these parks
- People are generally satisfied with the quality of Dexter parks, but there is room for specific improvements
- Primary reasons people do not visit Dexter parks:

  1) "There is nothing preventing me from using City parks."
  2) "I don't have time"
  3) "I do not know the location"
  4) "I visit parks outside the City's limits"
     - Possibly due to Metroparks

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Summary of Survey Results

- Priorities

1) Trails and Pathways
   - Mill Creek Park Trail Phase 2
   - Huron-Waterloo Pathways Initiative
2) Maintain Existing Parks
   - Common text response – "We have nice things, keep them that way"
3) Playgrounds and Playground Structures
   - Average age in Dexter = mid-thirties (2010 census)
   - School District
4) Organized Public Events and Festivals
5) Mill Creek/Huron River Access

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Summary of Survey Results

- Huron River Access
  - Issue has been brought up from a number of sources – Huron River Watershed Council (now that Dexter has been recognized as a Trail Town), and issues arising from Mast Rd. Bridge access point
  - Ranked #5 on question of priorities
  - Perception of lack of access
  - Possible lack of awareness of access to Huron River from Mill Creek Park
  - "Improving the Huron River access point at the Mast Rd. Bridge." ranked high on level of importance.

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Summary of Survey Results

- Projects
  - Expanding Mill Creek Park (Phase 2) rated as most important
  - "Improving the play structure at Mill Creek Park," "Removing Debris from Mill Creek," and "Improving the Huron River access point at the Mast Rd. Bridge" all rated highly
  - Building a splash pad, dog park, and expanding the sidewalk at Community Park received mixed reviews

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Participation Exercises

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Next Steps

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Q&A

With the Parks and Recreation Commission

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Parks and Recreation Master Plan
Public Input Session Written Comments
December 3, 2015

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Parks and Recreation 5-Year Master Plan
Public Input Session
Written Comments from Public
December 3, 2015

Comments regarding Goals and Objectives

1) "Provide greenspaces and natural habitat areas within the community/City."

2) "Not sure if this falls under accessibility or community – but ensure these objectives encompass all ages 0 – 109 yrs old. We tend to think parks are for the young, & quality of life of elderly will greatly benefit from feeling the parks are intended for their use & enjoyment as well"

3) "I agree with all 7 goals. As a new Dexter resident and a father of 2 young children, the parks were a draw to move here. We use them frequently, Community Park is 2 minutes from our house. We visit Mill Creek parks while enjoying ice cream from Dairy Queen. The parks are better than the parks we are used to, so it is difficult to criticize or make recommendations."

4) "Goal #1 – What is NRPA?
#1 – OBJ B – 'Encourage preservation & maintenance…'
Goal #3 – OBJ C – 'Strive to make sure all parks…' sentence is awkward
Goal #3 – OBJ A – the word 'program' seems like an odd choice.
Goal #5 – OBJ D – remove the word 'all'
Goal #6 – OBJ B – What does the P&RC have planned for this?"

5) "Be creative in increasing awareness. Part of the charm is having areas without massive signage. I'm not sure maintaining parks really encourages healthy living although it is a worthy cause. Healthy ecosystems & nature are important & should be emphasized."

6) "1. I hope the community responses concerning trails will receive due consideration. The trail system is the gem of Dexter and our comparative advantage over other communities.
2. I hope we continue to allocate funds for maintenance as well as improvement.
3. I'd like to see more opportunities for community involvement, more clean-up days with a celebratory element."

7) "Mention vista's and greenspace as a valuable use of our parks."

8) "Goal #1 more clearly define 'needs' establish what we want so that it is measurable and defined"
Goal #2 strengthen connection with fitness center
Goal #3 not strive but will make more accessible
Goal #4 vague requires definition
Goal #5 vague requires definition
Goal #6 should include language related to promoting parks & rec"

Other Comments

1) "Consider purchase of old Cottage Inn building – either tear down to add to Monument Park or build comfort/warming station with flush toilets -"

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Attachment 16

Parks and Recreation Master Plan
Public Input Session Comment Boards
December 3, 2015

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Smaller Projects

- Solar Lighting Along B2B Trail ●● ●●●●
- Other Outdoor Lighting (where?) ●
- More Art In The Parks (where?)
- More Port-o-Potties (where?)
- More Trash Cans (where?)
- More Dog Waste Disposal Containers (where?)
- Tree Identification Signage (or Plant) ●●
- Park Maps Online ●●●●
- Drinking Fountains (where?)
- More Trees/Shrubbery (where?)

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Other Small Project Ideas

- Basketball courts near Westridge
- MAP ON BUILDING - SIMILAR TO MAP @ ZOUZOU'S IN CHELSEA
- QR CODE CHECK IN STATIONS w/ INFO RELATED TO AREA
- TENNIS COURTS
- MORE PARK BENCHES
- FITNESS STATIONS SIMILAR TO 'ROPES COURSE'
- Make DPW Path more beautiful
- Fix stairs to library so you can actually get a bike up the ramp
- More parking space at Mill Creek North

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Ideas to Promote Less Used Parks

- Park specific activities (similar to Easter Egg Hunt in Community Park)
  i.e. Horseshoe throwing tournament/training in First Street Park
- PROMOTE LOCATIONS @ OTHER PARKS
- Have annual Dexter park day — promote & celebrate parks
- Have signage at most parks showing a map of all parks & locations
- Be creative in encouraging awareness without loading parks with signage

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Other Comments

- Public Restrooms Non-Porta Potty
- Public Restrooms with flushable toilets
- Part of our charm is our "naturalized" parks
- Free Wi-Fi
- Landscaping along Stairway - Farmers Mkt to Park
- ? of Trail completion - Phase Two
- Connectivity to 43 mile Loop Trail
- Landscaping along Sewerline by Railroad

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City Manager's Report to City Council
December 14, 2015

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MEMO

To: **Mayor Keough and Council Members**
From: **Courtney Nicholls, City Manager**
Date: **December 9, 2015**
Re: **City Manager/Assistant to the Manager Report - Meeting of December 14, 2015**

1. Meeting Review:
   - December 1st – Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee
   - December 3rd – Baker/Shield/Dan Hoey Intersection Stakeholders Meeting
   - December 3rd – Parks & Recreation Master Plan Input Session
   - December 4th – Facility Committee
   - December 4th – Developer Interview with HRS

2. Upcoming Meetings:
   - December 10th – Police Services Steering Committee
   - December 14th – Developer Interview with Foremost

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3. **8258 Huron St. Demolition.** The demolition of 8258 Huron St. is complete. The gas main disconnection for the 7651 Dan Hoey demolition will likely occur while school is out for Christmas break. Once that is complete the demolition will be scheduled.

4. **Parks and Recreation Master Plan Public Input Session.** The Parks and Recreation Commission hosted a Public Input Session for the 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan. During the event, we discussed why communities plan, what goes into a Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and reviewed preliminary survey results. 17 people attended the event and provided quality feedback. The following is the timeline for adopting the Plan:
   - 1/15/2016 - 30 day public review period begins
   - 2/15/2016 - 30 day public review period ends
   - 2/16/2016 - Public Hearing at Parks & Recreation Commission meeting
   - 2/16/2016 - Parks and Recreation Commission Adoption of Plan
   - 2/22/2016 - City Council Adoption of Plan
   - 2/23/2016 - Plan Submitted to MDNR

5. **2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program.** Submissions for the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program were due to the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (WATS) on November 30, 2015. Attached are the project sheets that were submitted. The projects will now be scored and ranked by WATS.

6. **March 8, 2016 Election.** The March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary Election is fast approaching. In addition to the primary vote, Washtenaw County has added a ballot item regarding a millage renewal for the 800MHz public safety communications system. Absentee ballots will be available starting on January 23, 2016.

7. **Extra Compost Pickup Day.** Waste Management picked up 3.5 tons of yard waste in 5.5 hours on Friday, December 4, 2015. The cost for the extra day will be just under $1,000.

8. **West Ridge Tree Trimming.** Attached to this report is a memo with an update on the tree trimming that occurred in West Ridge in November 2015.

9. **Art Plan Update.** The Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee began working on an update to the 5-Year Public Art Plan at their meeting on December 1st. This process is expected to take at least a few months as the Committee has decided to dedicate a portion of each meeting to reviewing sections of the Plan.

10. **Bond Refinancing.** The first call date for the 2006 Facility Bond (General Fund) is in May 2016. The bond was used to build the Department of Public Works building, and a portion was used to purchase the property located at 7651 Dan Hoey Road. The current plan is to swap a portion of the 7651 Dan Hoey property with property on Broad Street that currently houses a DTE substation. Since DTE is a taxable entity, to complete this transaction we will need to pay down the portion of the bond that is attributable to the amount of land at 7651 Dan Hoey that we are swapping. Our financial advisor and bond counsel are currently working on estimates for the bond pay down amount and the possible savings due to refinancing. The plan is to refinance this bond once it is possible to do so in May.

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Attachment 18

The Sun Times Newspaper
Notice of 30-Day Public Comment Period
January 6, 2016

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NOTICE DEXTER CITY RESIDENTS
NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Notice is hereby given that the Dexter Parks and Recreation Commission is seeking public comment on the City's draft 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The required 30-day public comment period will begin on January 15, 2016 and will end on February 15, 2016. Residents are asked to submit comments in writing to Justin Breyer, Assistant to the City Manager at 8123 Main St., Dexter, MI 48130 or by e-mail at Jbreyer@dextermi.gov. A follow-up public hearing will take place at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on February 16, 2016.

Beginning on January 15, 2016, copies of the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan may be found at the Dexter City Offices weekdays between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm, the Dexter District Library (3255 Alpine St.), or online at www.dextermi.gov.

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