

STONY CREEK RAVINE NATURE PARK - SCHEMATIC PLAN

December 14, 2022

Examples of Accessible Observation Decks







Trails & Pathways Strategy Plan

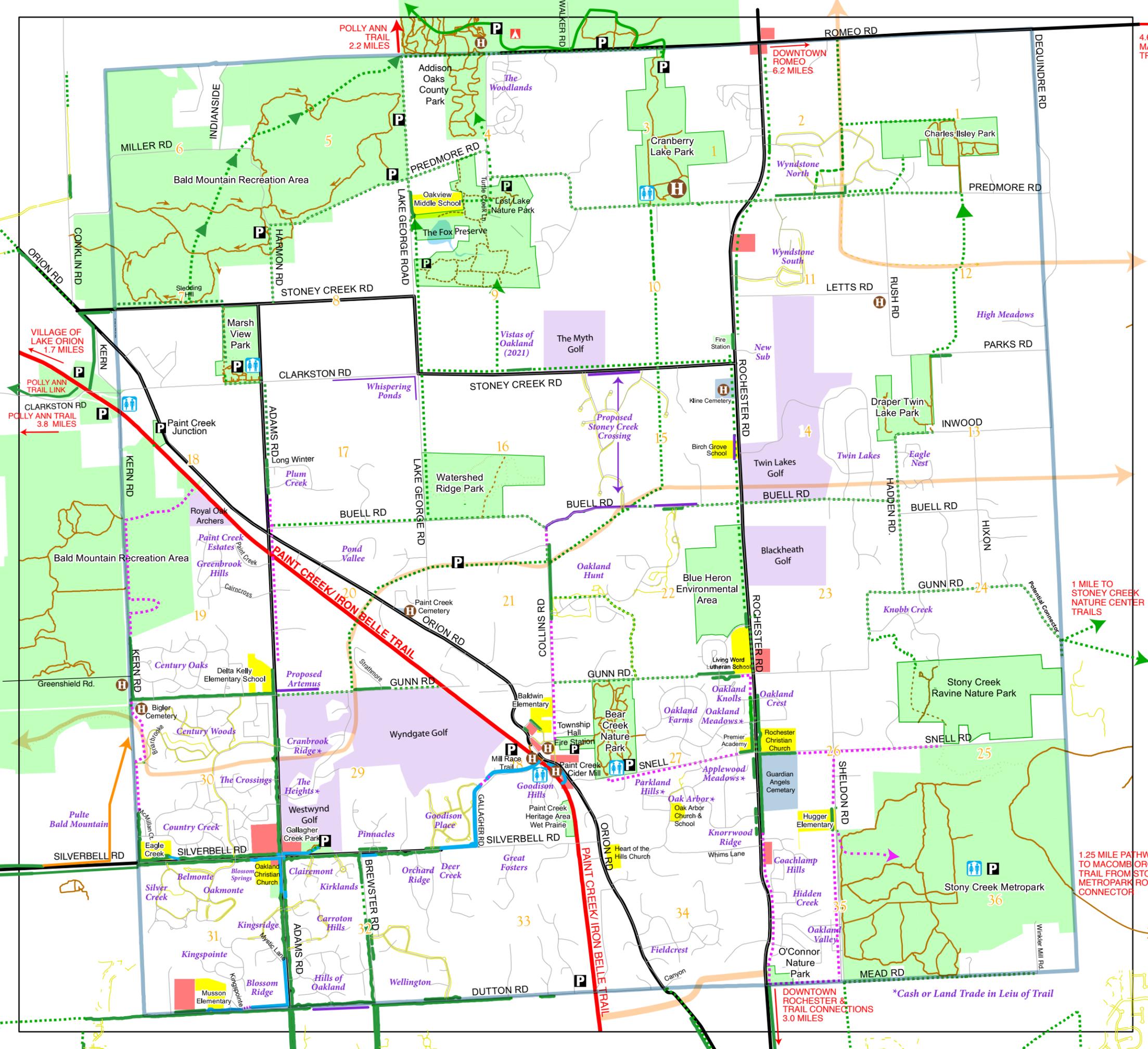
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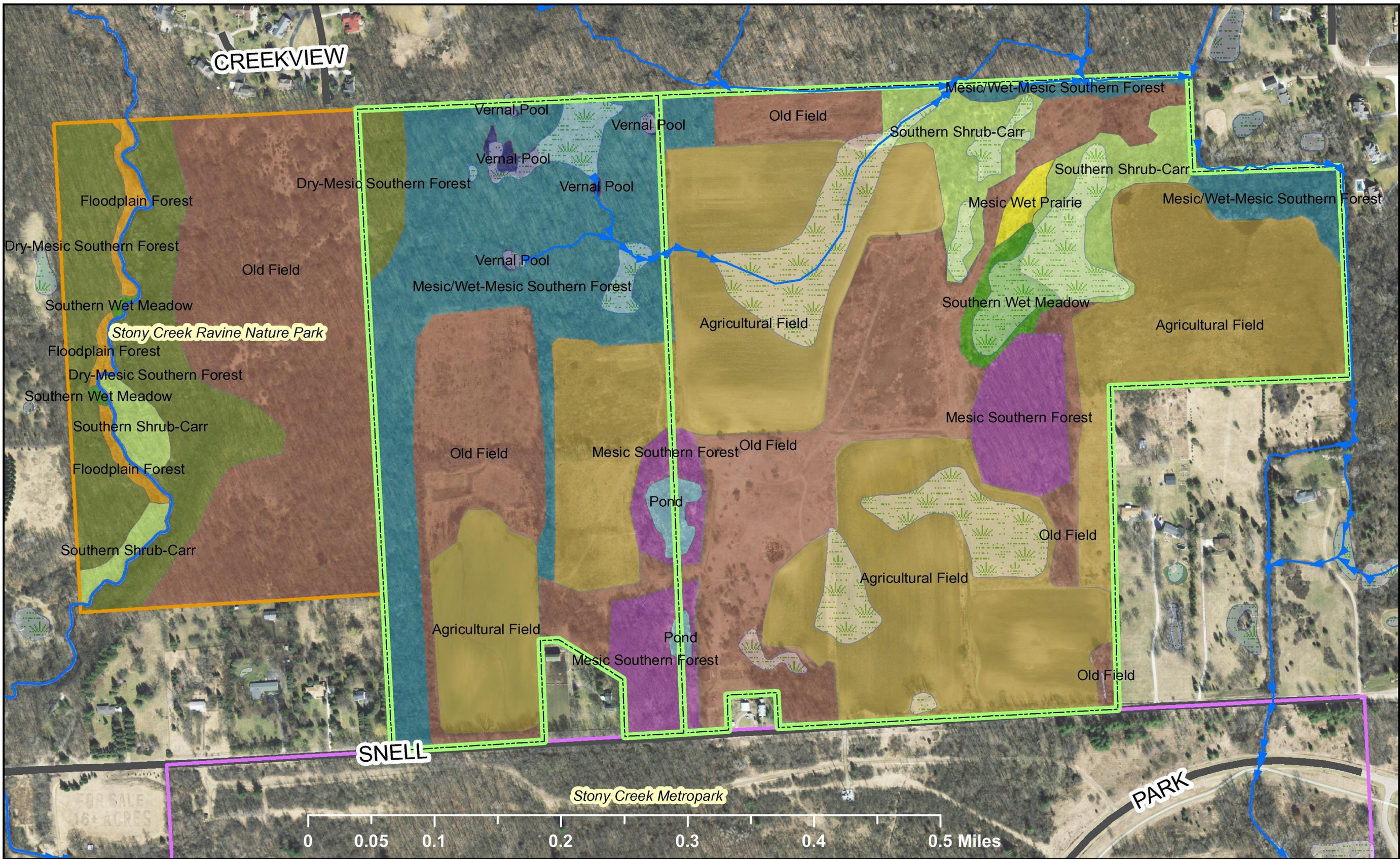
Desirable routes are established in part by using the scoring criteria detailed in the Desirability/Feasibility Worksheets in the SPTC Strategy Plan. Detailed feasibility studies have not been performed for every route indicated on the maps. Further study or changes in circumstances may reveal challenges that would prohibit progress of a route. Conversely, a low-scoring path may rise to higher priority due to new circumstances.

LEGEND

- Under Construction
- Existing Township Safety/Side Path or Trail
- Existing Subdivision Safety/Side Path or Trail
- Sidewalk/Existing
- Special Interest Connections (Routes not finalized. May contain substantial feasibility issues.)
- Desirable Safety/Side Path: (Routes not finalized. May contain substantial feasibility issues.)
- Existing Park Path
- Proposed Park Path
- Powerline or Gas Right-of-Way
- Proposed by Others
- Paint Creek / Iron Belle Trail
- Township Boundary
- Commercial Areas
- Public Parks
- School/Church
- Private Recreation
- Cemetary
- Parking/Staging
- Historical
- Camping
- Rest Area

SAFETY PATHS AND TRAILS COMMITTEE:
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 Laurel Johnson, Secretary; Lisa Sokol, Committee Member;
 Libby Dwyer, Committee Member, John Casedi, PC Representative,
 Jim Quesenberry, PRC Representative

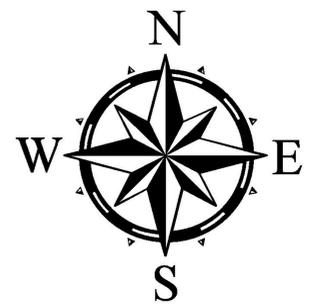




Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park

East Addition Natural Communities

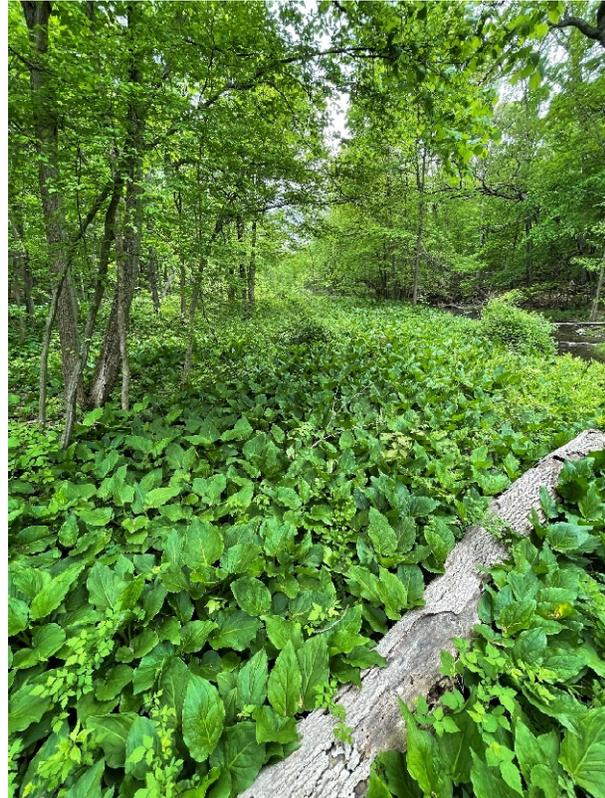
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| Streams | Agricultural Field | Mesic/Wet-Mesic Southern Forest |
| Proposed Addition | Dry-Mesic Southern Forest | Old Field |
| Wetlands | Emergent Marsh | Pond |
| Existing Township Park | Floodplain Forest | Southern Shrub-Carr |
| Stony Creek Metropark | Mesic Southern Forest | Southern Wet Meadow |
| | Mesic Wet Prairie | Vernal Pool |



Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park Natural Area Photos 2021-2022



Stony Creek and Woodland Gallery



Stony Creek Floodplain



Character of Existing Trail at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park



Sensitive Ferns in Wet Meadow at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park



Wet Prairie at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park



Character of Old Farm Fields at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park



Character of the Stony Creek at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park

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Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park

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 **153**

Species observed

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2. [Sandhill Crane\(/species/sancra/L3532974\)](/species/sancra/L3532974)

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3. [Downy Woodpecker\(/species/dowwoo/L3532974\)](/species/dowwoo/L3532974)

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5. [American Crow\(/species/amecro/L3532974\)](/species/amecro/L3532974)

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14. **Mourning Dove(/species/moudov/L3532974)**
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28. **Red-tailed Hawk(/species/rethaw/L3532974)**
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74. **Wood Duck(/species/wooduc/L3532974)**
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75. **Sora(/species/sora/L3532974)**
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76. **Marsh Wren(/species/marwre/L3532974)**
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77. **Blue-gray Gnatcatcher(/species/buggna/L3532974)**
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78. **American Redstart(/species/amerred/L3532974)**
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79. **Red-eyed Vireo(/species/reevir1/L3532974)**
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80. **Cooper's Hawk(/species/coohaw/L3532974)**
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81. **Bay-breasted Warbler(/species/babwar/L3532974)**
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82. **Trumpeter Swan(/species/truswa/L3532974)**
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86. **American Kestrel(/species/amekes/L3532974)**
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87. **Northern Harrier(/species/norhar2/L3532974)**
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90. **Red-shouldered Hawk(/species/reshaw/L3532974)**
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91. **Lincoln's Sparrow(/species/linspa/L3532974)**
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103. **Broad-winged Hawk(/species/brwhaw/L3532974)**
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104. **Hermit Thrush(/species/herthr/L3532974)**
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105. **Golden-crowned Kinglet(/species/gockin/L3532974)**
1  29 Sep 2021 (/checklist/S95335123)  Benjamin VanderWeide
106. **Brown Thrasher(/species/brnthr/L3532974)**
1  14 Jul 2021 (/checklist/S91761636)  Blanche Wicke
107. **Bobolink(/species/boboli/L3532974)**
2  31 May 2021 (/checklist/S89367858)  Robert Bochenek
108. **Wood Thrush(/species/woothr/L3532974)**
2  25 May 2021 (/checklist/S88979786)  Benjamin VanderWeide
109. **Green-winged Teal(/species/gnwtea/L3532974)**
26  26 Apr 2021 (/checklist/S86481134)  Edward Lewandowski
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**YOU ARE INVITED!
to the Oakland Township
Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park
DESIGN WORKSHOP**

**Monday November 21, 2022 at 7pm
Paint Creek Cider Mill, 4480 Orion Rd,
Rochester, Michigan 48306**



Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Commission is hosting this Design Workshop for park users, supporters, and partners to provide input on nature-oriented recreation facility improvements for Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park. Landscape architects from PEA Group will be facilitating this workshop with the intent to use results to apply for a state grant.

Stony Creek Ravine's 268 acres encompass some of the most desirable natural areas protected as a Township park – including the scenic Stony Creek stream valley, oak forest, post-glacial landscape, wetlands, and prairie restoration areas. The Commission would like to get your comments on previously discussed improvements as well as new ideas that would complement this park's natural areas. Previously discussed improvements included:

- ❖ Snell Road park entrance and parking lot
- ❖ Multi- use trail system (hiking, bicycling, horseback riding) including
 - accessible routes between park amenities
 - a nature trail loop that will parallel the edge of wooded and wetland areas
 - connection to existing SCRNP park trail overlooking Stony Creek
 - hiking/biking connection (north of West Branch Picnic area) to Stony Creek Metropark trails
- ❖ Trail head including restrooms and drinking water
- ❖ Picnic Area
- ❖ Nature observation/education viewing platform on Stony Creek
- ❖ Play Structure
- ❖ Directional, Informational, and Interpretive Signage

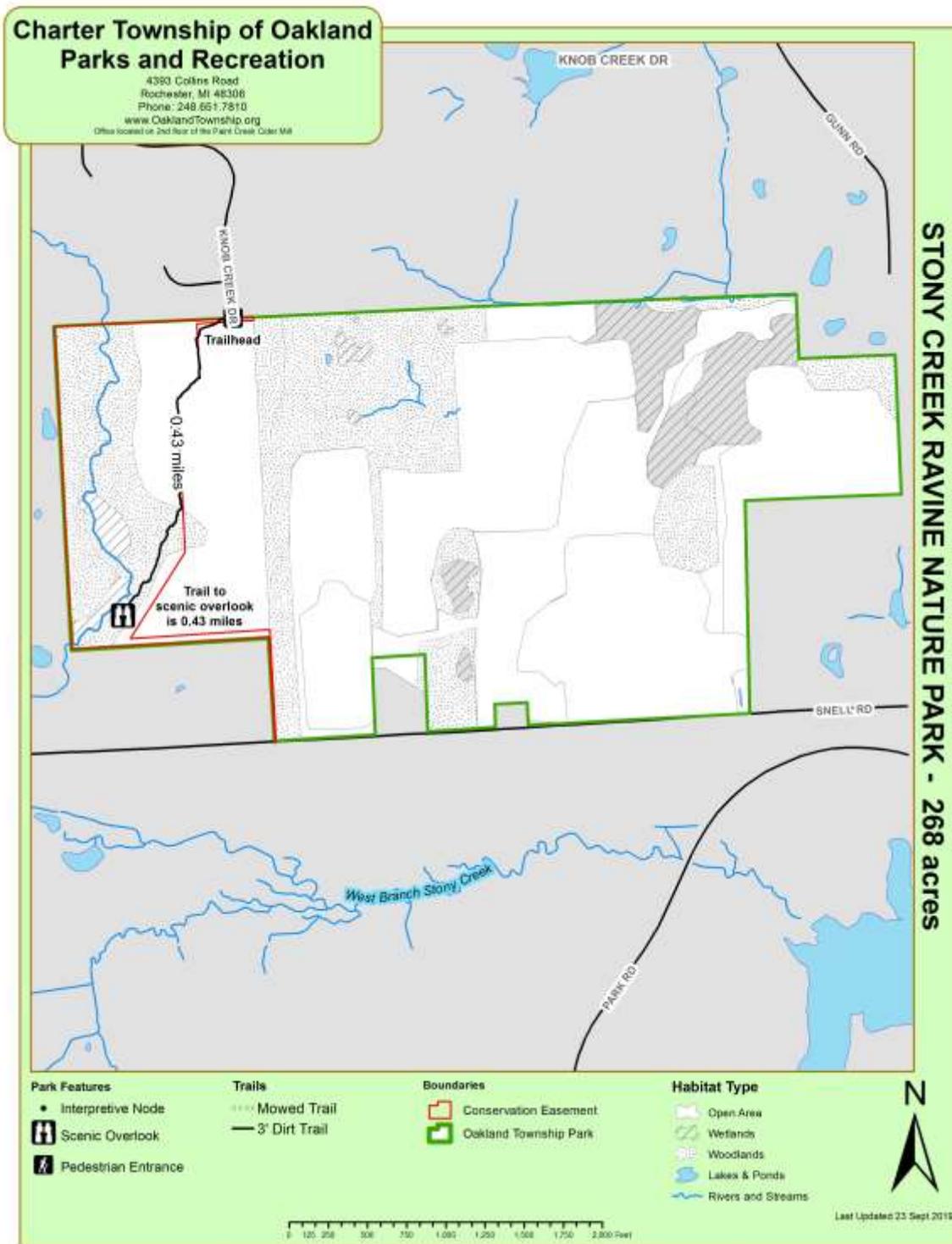
Those unable to attend the design workshop can email comments with the subject heading "Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park Design Workshop" to parksplanning@oaklandtownship.org However, we certainly would prefer to have the opportunity to personally hear your opinions concerning this important project. Again, we appreciate your input and participation.

Please note that Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park is closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Oct. 1 – Jan. 31 for Antlerless Archery Deer Hunting by Township Permit. On other days, pedestrian access to the park's existing trail is available from Knob Creek Drive. See enclosed map.

Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mindy Milos-Dale". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

Mindy Milos-Dale, Director, Oakland Township Parks and Recreation



Current Trail Map and Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park Acquisition

Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park and the Barkev and Nancy Israelian Kezlarian Conservation Easement have been acquired using financial contributions from the Oakland Township Land Preservation millage, a donation from the Kezlarian siblings, Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality – Clean Michigan Initiative, Oakland County Planning and Economic Development, and the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan – Greenways Initiative. The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant application, including maps and narrative, can be found at this link: bit.ly/SCRNP-AcqGrant.

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The November 21, 2022, special meeting of the Charter Township of Oakland Parks and Recreation Commission (hereinafter “PRC”) was called to order at 7:07 p.m. in the main conference room of the Paint Creek Cider Mill.

PRESENT: Emily Barkham, Chairperson
Daniel Simon, Vice-Chairperson
Craig Blust, Treasurer
Brian Blust, Commissioner

Melinda Milos-Dale, Director

ABSENT: Judy Workings, Secretary
Jim Quesenberry, Commissioner
Cathy Rooney, Commissioner

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Barkham led the Commissioners, staff and those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

AMENDMENTS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Milos-Dale asked that the Commissioners add an item to this evening’s agenda to consider approval of a repair to one of our maintenance trucks.

MOVED BY SIMON, SECONDED BY C. BLUST, to approve this evening’s agenda as presented with the addition of an item to consider approval of a repair to one of our maintenance trucks.

MOTION CARRIED.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present who wished to comment on an item not already on this evening’s agenda.

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STONY CREEK RAVINE NATURE PARK

There were approximately 32 people present.

Design Workshop

Director Milos-Dale thanked those present for coming out to help plan for recreation facilities at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park (hereinafter “SCRNP”). She provided a brief background, stating that the 268 acres that comprise the park were acquired in two steps with the support of organizations at the local, regional and state levels. It was purchased in part with monies from Oakland Township’s Land Preservation Fund for the purpose of protecting land along the Stony Creek. SCRNP now provides land where residents can hike and observe wildlife, land that connects existing green spaces or natural areas, habitat for our native plants and animals, and land with important natural features such as forests and prairie remnants.

This park’s natural features include the Stony Creek corridor on the west, important woodlands in the north central area, wet prairie in the northeast, the McClure Drain that wraps around the northeast boundary, two wetland restoration basins, and prairie restoration in old farm fields. Director Milos-Dale added that knowledgeable birders have created extensive lists of this park’s bird population, which include over 150 species so far.

The existing recreation facilities in SCRNP at this time are limited to the packed dirt trail that starts at the end of Knob Creek Drive, runs parallel to the creek, and is contained within the conservation easement that is held by Six Rivers Land Conservancy.

The Township’s 2020-2024 Parks, Recreation and Land Preservation Master Plan includes the following proposed recreation facilities for this park: a park entrance and parking lot off Snell Road; a trail head including restrooms, drinking water, and a picnic area; a multi-use trail system (hiking, bicycling, horseback riding) that includes accessible routes between park amenities, a nature trail loop, connection to the existing SCRNP park trail overlooking Stony Creek, a hiking/biking connection (north of West Branch picnic area) to Stony Creek Metropark trails; connection to the proposed Oakland Township safety path along Snell Road; a nature observation/education viewing platform on Stony Creek; and interpretive signage.

The PRC welcomes participants’ thoughts concerning these ideas and any others as we prepare to apply for a Spark Grant to assist in funding this project. Director Milos-Dale explained that Michigan’s Spark Grants are a \$65 million federal grant program to help local communities improve public outdoor recreation opportunities. The Spark Grants are administered by the MDNR and will support projects that provide safe, accessible public recreation facilities and spaces to improve people’s health, introduce new recreation experiences, build on existing park infrastructure, and make it easier for people to enjoy the outdoors.

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She continued that the grant administrators are particularly interested in understanding how the community has been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and how this project could address the negative impacts of COVID-19 and improve the health of the community. Director Milos-Dale asked that participants reflect on their individual answers to these questions as they suggest recreation improvements in this design workshop. She further asked that participants fill out the yellow slips on the tables to respond to these COVID-19 questions, as the anonymous responses will become a very important part of the grant application.

Director Milos-Dale introduced landscape architect Kim Dietzel from PEA, the PRC's engineering consulting firm. The PRC is looking to locate a number of amenities in this park. Potential amenities include ADA walking trails, biking and equestrian trails, restrooms, a water fountain, bird watching areas or wildlife outlooks, a picnic area, a parking lot, interpretive signage (historic information or other points of interest that should be called out), and a scenic overlook or fishing pier. The goal of this evening's workshop is to consider the best locations for these and other proposed amenities.

Ms. Dietzel presented an overview of the SCRNP property, pointing out features that we may want to plan around such as wet areas, challenging topography, areas that are covered by a conservation easement, areas where prairie restoration is being done, as well areas with potential historical significance. She also called attention to areas that are good for bird watching, others that would work well for a scenic overlook, as well as potential trail loops, and possibilities for connecting trails in SCRNP to Stony Creek Metropark, immediately to the south.

Workshop participants were seated at five tables. Each table had a map of the park, as well as photos to represent the different amenities. Ms. Dietzel asked the participants at each table to discuss among themselves where they would like to locate the various amenities, and offered that they may suggest additional amenities. She said that later, each group would share their responses.

The groups discussed these topics among themselves for approximately 40 minutes. Afterwards, a spokesperson from each group shared their observations.

Group 1

This group proposed to place the parking area at the western starred location along Snell Road (the map indicates two stars that designate potential parking areas that would be acceptable to the Road Commission for Oakland County, one to the east and one to the west) because they felt it has more space and less potentially wet topography than the eastern starred location. They proposed to also locate the restrooms and picnic area near the parking area.

The group was sensitive to the park neighbors who live on Knob Creek Drive to the north, noting that many park users park their vehicles in this residential area and then access the park

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from this location. The group proposed adding a trail that runs across the north of the park so that park users who park in a future lot at the south of the park would then be able to follow a looped trail and not just go north and “dead end” in this residential neighborhood. The group reviewed their proposed “figure-8” loop, which would take park users from the parking lot, through various features of the park, and then back to the parking lot. To further try to minimize the negative impact on the Knob Creek Drive residents, they suggested that we could post a “No Parking in This Area” sign by that park entrance.

There is a spectacular view of Stony Creek, and they pointed out an area at the west that would make a good place for an overlook.

With respect to signage, they suggested using signs with QR codes that would offer a way for park users to obtain information, but without cluttering the park with signage.

Group 2

In contrast to Group 1, this group proposed that the entrance to the parking lot be from the eastern starred entrance point on Snell Road, and that the parking lot be placed towards the interior of the park. The spokesperson explained that, in the group’s opinion, the western starred area is too wet for a parking lot unless we were to bring in a considerable amount of aggregate. Group 2 also proposed that restrooms be located in the vicinity of the parking lot.

The spokesperson noted that the proposed parking lot and the surrounding area is a flatter part of the park’s topography, and the group proposed two options for looped ADA trails that would start and end at the parking lot. One loop would pass through an area that is very good for bird watching, while the other loop would go by a native planting area. A mown or dirt trail could then connect these ADA trail loops to existing more natural trails.

Group 2 proposed that there could be a mown or dirt trail from this eastern area to Snell Road. Park users would then have to cross Snell Road to access Stony Creek Metropark. It was noted that, while the connecting trail would not be ADA accessible, the trails within the Metropark in this area are not ADA accessible either.

Members of Group 2 were concerned that people will park in the SCRNP parking lot and use this as a starting point to access Stony Creek Metropark. Sarah Plumer, Chief of Planning of the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority (hereinafter “HCMA”), was present and responded to some of these concerns. She said she understands the neighbors’ fears, but pointed out that both park authorities share the goal of getting people outside to enjoy the parks and nature. She further said she feels there is a partnership between Oakland Township and HCMA. Neighbor Barbara Barber was concerned that the Metropark gets a lot of use and has a large budget in order to meet the needs associated with this level of use. In contrast, Oakland Township has a much smaller budget and anticipates a much lower level of use. Ms. Barber added that Oakland Township had hoped to be able to install a gravel surfaced parking lot, which would be adequate for local use but might not be enough for Metropark use levels.

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This group explained that the reason they are proposing to place the parking lot at the interior of the park is to try to minimize use of the SCRNP parking lot by Metropark users. Treasurer Blust wondered if we want to request that HCMA construct a parking lot on the Metropark property. Another option would be to require that vehicles have an Oakland Township sticker to be allowed to park here.

Charlie Shelton, Community Outreach Interpreter with HCMA, pointed out that SCRNP users would also have access to the Metropark from this location.

Resident Teresa Mulawa, who serves on Oakland Township's Safety Paths and Trails Committee, stated that it is not safe to cross Snell Road here, and this is something we need to address. She also mentioned the possibility of a safety path that would run along the north side of Snell Road.

Group 3

Group 3 had concerns about placing the parking area at the eastern starred area because ~~of areas of potential historical significance~~ several meeting attendees speculated that the mounds in this area may be Native American Indian burial grounds. Instead, they proposed addressing the drainage issue at the western starred area (they believe there is drain tile from when the area was farmed) and placing the parking lot and restrooms in this location.

They noted that there is a faint remnant of a trail that loops to the north, and they would use this as a starting point, bringing the trail by the mitigation areas and native prairie plantings to take advantage of bird watching opportunities.

This group proposed putting in a sledding hill at the west where the terrain is steep, possibly placing a playground near the sledding hill, and having an observation area at the southwest of the park overlooking Stony Creek.

Group 4

Group 4 also suggested that we call out the scenic area at the southwest of the property. Additionally, they proposed a looped path system that crosses the north of the park, and they would like to see a dog park in this location. Further, they proposed a safety path along Snell Road.

In response to a question about ADA trails, Ms. Dietzel explained that these trails need to be a minimum of three feet wide, but are typically five feet wide. Further, they need to be a hard surfacing that will accommodate wheelchairs. Director Milos-Dale pointed out that the ADA trail surfacing does not have to be paved, and pointed to the crushed limestone fines used for the ADA paths in Bear Creek Nature Park.

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Group 5

The spokesperson from Group 5 shared that they would like no parking by Knob Creek Drive.

They are proposing that the parking area be at the western starred area, but that it be located more towards the interior in order to help park visitors be more engaged with this park. They were not aware that this area is wet, but felt this location would allow nice access to an overlook over Stony Creek.

The group felt that the trails should be a loop, though they had not discussed where in the park the trails should run.

While they agreed that the trail should cross Snell Road to connect to Stony Creek Metropark, they were concerned that this crossing must be safe as vehicles travel too quickly on this road. Director Milos-Dale noted that OTPR staff has spoken with representatives from the Road Commission for Oakland County. Oakland Township may petition the Road Commission to lower the speed limit in this area. Ms. Milos-Dale recalled that we were able to work with the Road Commission to establish a safer road crossing at the north end of Cranberry Lake Park where this park (located on the south side of 32 Mile Road) connects to Addison Oaks County Park (located on the north side of the road). Modifications include road signage advising drivers of the pedestrian crossing, installation of road crossing markings, and modification of the pedestrian path to alert trail users of the upcoming road crossing.

The Group 5 spokesperson continued that they would like to see natural trail surfacing instead of paving.

General Discussion

Many people present thanked the PRC for inviting them to share feedback regarding the planning of this park.

One resident stated that she lives on Snell Road. People sometimes follow Stony Creek and wander into her backyard. Chairperson Barkham said that we can post signs to alert park users of the park boundaries.

Charlie Shelton of HCMA said this park has a similar feel to the Inwood Road Trails, and encouraged people to visit that park and get a feel for the trails and surfacing options.

A resident shared information about a bicycle trail that runs from Columbiaville to Melville. Where that trail crosses gravel roads, the local road commission involved in that project paved the road surfacing, painted stripes on the surfacing, and installed flashing guards at the sides. This allows for an ADA trail to be able to cross the road, and also essentially creates speed bumps. The resident felt that this has been very effective in lowering vehicular speed at these crossing areas.

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Barbara Barber asked about the wetland mitigation areas. Director Milos-Dale explained that these areas are covered by an EGLE easement. Trails may run around the perimeter, ~~but may not cross through these areas~~ outside the wetlands but within the easement.

Those present discussed the best way to create a connection between SCRNP and the Metropark. When the Metropark made trail improvements in that park, they extended their trails to the maintenance drive, which runs along the south side of Snell Road. The residents reiterated their concerns that they do not want the SCRNP parking lot to be primarily used by people who will be using the Metropark. They also considered that there may be permit issues if we want to place the parking lot in the eastern starred area because of areas of potential historical significance, wetlands, etc. After discussion, the group concurred that it may be best to locate the SCRNP parking lot at the western starred area, but to have the crossing to the Metropark at the eastern starred area.

Landscape Architect Dietzel said that, during this evening's discussion, she had made notations on a map of the park. At this time, she asked everyone to vote by placing one sticker per person on the one amenity that is the most important to them.

Director Milos-Dale thanked everyone for participating in tonight's workshop. Many of those present shared their thanks for being able to participate in the park planning process.

Next Steps in Process

Director Milos-Dale stated that the Spark Grant was announced on October 24th. This evening, we held a Design Workshop, and on November 30th, OTPR will hold a virtual Accessibility Workshop.

The PRC will need to approve the grant application, and then the Board of Trustees will need to do the same before the grant application may be submitted (the deadline for submission is December 19th). As the PRC's regular meeting would fall after the Board's meeting, the Commissioners considered rescheduling our regular December meeting.

MOVED BY SIMON, SECONDED BY B. BLUST, to reschedule the regular PRC meeting of December 14th to Thursday, December 8th in order to allow the PRC to review the proposed site development plan and Spark Grant application so that they can later be reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees at their December 13th regular meeting.

MOTION CARRIED.

LAND PRESERVATION FUND BUDGET

Draft Amendments, 2022 Fiscal Year

MOVED BY B. BLUST, SECONDED BY SIMON, to recommend to the Board of Trustees approval of the 2022 Draft Amendments to the Land Preservation Fund budget as presented this evening and dated November 21, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED.

Budget, 2023 Fiscal Year

MOVED BY B. BLUST, SECONDED BY SIMON, to recommend to the Board of Trustees approval of the 2023 Land Preservation Fund budget as presented this evening and dated November 21, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED.

Capital Improvement Plan, 2023-2028 Fiscal Years

MOVED BY B. BLUST, SECONDED BY SIMON, to recommend to the Board of Trustees approval of the 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Plan as presented this evening and dated November 21, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED.

PARKS AND RECREATION FUND BUDGET

Draft Amendments, 2022 Fiscal Year

MOVED BY C. BLUST, SECONDED BY SIMON, to recommend to the Board of Trustees approval of the 2022 Draft Amendments to the Parks and Recreation Fund budget as presented this evening and dated November 21, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED.

Budget, 2023 Fiscal Year

MOVED BY B. BLUST, SECONDED BY SIMON, to recommend to the Board of Trustees approval of the 2023 Parks and Recreation Fund budget as presented this evening and dated November 21, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OAKLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING

APPROVED

November 21, 2022

Capital Improvement Plan, 2023-2028 Fiscal Years

Director Milos-Dale reviewed several revisions to the Capital Improvement Plan, noting that these revisions are to adjust the fiscal year when these expenses will occur.

MOVED BY B. BLUST, SECONDED BY SIMON, to recommend to the Board of Trustees approval of the 2023-3028 Capital Improvement Plan as presented this evening and dated November 21, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED.

MAINTENANCE TRUCK REPAIR

The 2017 F250 maintenance truck needs repair. Treasurer Blust inquired if this is covered under an extended warranty; Ms. Milos-Dale responded that we typically do not purchase extended warranties and she does not believe we have one for this vehicle.

MOVED BY SIMON, SECONDED BY B. BLUST, to approve Work Order 9096 from Goodyear Auto Service Centers for repairs to the 2017 F250 maintenance truck in the amount of \$1,254.93.

MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY SIMON, SECONDED BY B. BLUST, there being no further business before the Commission, to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

Ingrid R. Kliffel
Recording Secretary

Judy Workings
Secretary

Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park, Design Workshop

Please share your answers to the following questions;

- 1). Briefly describe any negative mental or physical effects which you and your family experienced as a result of COVID.

Remote learning, being isolated from physical contact.

- 2). Reflecting on how COVID impacted you personally, please consider which potential recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park would have helped to address those concerns. Please share your suggestions for proposed recreation improvements and how they could address particular COVID impacts.

Having the Nature trail built up right to our property helped tremendously. Our family enjoyed the walks, and exploring nature. We did however have strangers walk right onto our property, we would like more

- 3). Looking at the larger picture, please share your thoughts regarding how recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park could contribute to a healthier community.

More nature trails at different hiking abilities. With little kids we appreciate shorter trails, benches, or signage marking the wildlife. Clear signs marking the trails, so we don't get people trespassing our property.

Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park, Design Workshop

Please share your answers to the following questions;

- 1). Briefly describe any negative mental or physical effects which you and your family experienced as a result of COVID.

Cabin Fever - lack of outdoor activities

- 2). Reflecting on how COVID impacted you personally, please consider which potential recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park would have helped to address those concerns. Please share your suggestions for proposed recreation improvements and how they could address particular COVID impacts.

A parking lot on snell would greatly increase accessibility and increase use & health of residents. Increasing the network of packed dirt trails would contribute as well.

- 3). Looking at the larger picture, please share your thoughts regarding how recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park could contribute to a healthier community.

would contribute greatly to easy & diverse outdoor recreation, physical & mental fitness

Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park, Design Workshop

Please share your answers to the following questions;

1). Briefly describe any negative mental or physical effects which you and your family experienced as a result of COVID.

Fear to be around people
Confined to your home

2). Reflecting on how COVID impacted you personally, please consider which potential recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park would have helped to address those concerns. Please share your suggestions for proposed recreation improvements and how they could address particular COVID impacts.

Horse back riding kept me sane during covid. It is unsafe to ride roads so having an equestrian trail would give me a new place to ride and enjoy the scenery.

3). Looking at the larger picture, please share your thoughts regarding how recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park could contribute to a healthier community.

Walking, dog walking, biking, horse back riding, bird watching just being in nature clears the mind and heals the body.

Safe to be outside and enjoy it with friends

Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park, Design Workshop

Please share your answers to the following questions;

1). Briefly describe any negative mental or physical effects which you and your family experienced as a result of COVID.

Our family remained at our home/property @ a much greater rate and therefore isolated. We got into gardening, got chickens & built a coop. We saw fewer people BUT met people

2). Reflecting on how COVID impacted you personally, please consider which potential recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park would have helped to address those concerns. Please share your suggestions for proposed recreation improvements and how they could address particular COVID impacts.

A safety path on Snell would provide access for walkers & bikers! Currently, locals avoid Snell Rd. as it is very dangerous. walks in parks for

3). Looking at the larger picture, please share your thoughts regarding how recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park could contribute to a healthier community.

Diversity preserved! Insects, birds, flora, wild flowers. walking trails connect people to nature.

People connected to nature are healthier and happier

Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park, Design Workshop

Please share your answers to the following questions;

- 1). Briefly describe any negative mental or physical effects which you and your family experienced as a result of COVID.

Major cabin fever! Increased lethargy

- 2). Reflecting on how COVID impacted you personally, please consider which potential recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park would have helped to address those concerns. Please share your suggestions for proposed recreation improvements and how they could address particular COVID impacts.

We are very tightly packed ~~in~~ in Southeast MI with lots of development. Natural ~~and~~ public lands are so important ~~to~~ to provide an escape from the locked-in feeling caused by a pandemic like Covid.

- 3). Looking at the larger picture, please share your thoughts regarding how recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park could contribute to a healthier community.

Additional publically accessible natural park space will let people spread out more. Walking in natural areas is a huge boon to mental health, and lets us all breathe a little easier.

Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park, Design Workshop

Please share your answers to the following questions;

- 1). Briefly describe any negative mental or physical effects which you and your family experienced as a result of COVID.

IT WAS Very Difficult not Being able to See Friends & Being shut in - As a new Retiree - it was very hard & stressfull

- 2). Reflecting on how COVID impacted you personally, please consider which potential recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park would have helped to address those concerns. Please share your suggestions for proposed recreation improvements and how they could address particular COVID impacts.

to Be able to Ride our Bikes from our house - to enter park - VIA Knob Creek Lunt Safety Path along Snell (is Completed) and Ride the trails to connect to Stony Creek Metro Park -

- 3). Looking at the larger picture, please share your thoughts regarding how recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park could contribute to a healthier community.

We Regularly Walk-hike w/ our dogs & this w/Be Amazing to have something so Close to home - Also I want to Be able to Ride our Bikes from our house to Knob Creek into Park & Also to the Metro Park -

Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park, Design Workshop

Please share your answers to the following questions;

1). Briefly describe any negative mental or physical effects which you and your family experienced as a result of COVID.

My family was extremely isolated in our home while I battled on the front lines at the hospital throughout the pandemic. We all struggled both mentally & physically with depression and inactivity.

2). Reflecting on how COVID impacted you personally, please consider which potential recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park would have helped to address those concerns. Please share your suggestions for proposed recreation improvements and how they could address particular COVID impacts.

A walking trail through the natural habitats in the park would have given me a serene break from all the dead-end stress I witnessed and suffered from COVID-19.

3). Looking at the larger picture, please share your thoughts regarding how recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park could contribute to a healthier community.

Opening up a Nature preserve would contribute to outdoor activities to promote physical activity which in turn will improve the mental health of my community.

Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park, Design Workshop

Please share your answers to the following questions;

1). Briefly describe any negative mental or physical effects which you and your family experienced as a result of COVID.

need to get out into nature - get outside of your house

2). Reflecting on how COVID impacted you personally, please consider which potential recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park would have helped to address those concerns. Please share your suggestions for proposed recreation improvements and how they could address particular COVID impacts.

need passive recreation - Hiking, biking, birding, X-country skiing, horseback riding

3). Looking at the larger picture, please share your thoughts regarding how recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park could contribute to a healthier community.

more trails in the North West area to East of Conservation Easement -

Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park, Design Workshop

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1). Briefly describe any negative mental or physical effects which you and your family experienced as a result of COVID.

A lot of my family worked from home + lived there. → 24/7 in one building alone. It's very stressful. We would meet in park and walk + talk in fresh air. It was the only way we could get together.

2). Reflecting on how COVID impacted you personally, please consider which potential recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park would have helped to address those concerns. Please share your suggestions for proposed recreation improvements and how they could address particular COVID impacts.

Hot air balloon launches.
A sledding hill would be fun. Horseback riding.
Carriage driving add to farm + historical atmosphere.
Bird watching is relaxing + exciting if you see an eagle or hawk or rare bird. Cross country skiing.

3). Looking at the larger picture, please share your thoughts regarding how recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park could contribute to a healthier community.

People can socialize outside at a safe distance. Exercise helps mood + heart health.

Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park, Design Workshop

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1). Briefly describe any negative mental or physical effects which you and your family experienced as a result of COVID.

It was + remains critical to my family - with a 5 + 3 year old - to get outside to enjoy activities that aren't indoors. Kids need fresh air, nature, trails to run around - especially during extreme times like COVID.

2). Reflecting on how COVID impacted you personally, please consider which potential recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park would have helped to address those concerns. Please share your suggestions for proposed recreation improvements and how they could address particular COVID impacts.

Having walking trails + biking trails through Stony Creek Nature Ravine + connected to Stony Creek Metro Park will allow my kids to get off their devices + get outside!!

3). Looking at the larger picture, please share your thoughts regarding how recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park could contribute to a healthier community.

Community members need access to birding, walking, hiking, sledding - simple, fulfilling outdoor activities to keep them healthy.

Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park, Design Workshop

Please share your answers to the following questions;

1). Briefly describe any negative mental or physical effects which you and your family experienced as a result of COVID.

Didn't have any issues

2). Reflecting on how COVID impacted you personally, please consider which potential recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park would have helped to address those concerns. Please share your suggestions for proposed recreation improvements and how they could address particular COVID impacts.

Get more people outdoors

3). Looking at the larger picture, please share your thoughts regarding how recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park could contribute to a healthier community.

Larger user base, Michigan has an obesity problem & more trails will help get out.

Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park, Design Workshop

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2). Reflecting on how COVID impacted you personally, please consider which potential recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park would have helped to address those concerns. Please share your suggestions for proposed recreation improvements and how they could address particular COVID impacts.

getting outside - seeing nature
" Natural scenery -

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Wider use

Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park, Design Workshop

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1). Briefly describe any negative mental or physical effects which you and your family experienced as a result of COVID.

ISOLATION;

2). Reflecting on how COVID impacted you personally, please consider which potential recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park would have helped to address those concerns. Please share your suggestions for proposed recreation improvements and how they could address particular COVID impacts.

We need recreational areas to start to socialise

3). Looking at the larger picture, please share your thoughts regarding how recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park could contribute to a healthier community.

MORE AREAS TO EXERCISE

Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park, Design Workshop

Please share your answers to the following questions;

1). Briefly describe any negative mental or physical effects which you and your family experienced as a result of COVID.

MENTALLY IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT BEING QUARANTINED AND PHYSICAL FITNESS ACTIVITIES WERE LIMITED TO ONLY WHAT IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

2). Reflecting on how COVID impacted you personally, please consider which potential recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park would have helped to address those concerns. Please share your suggestions for proposed recreation improvements and how they could address particular COVID impacts.

AM RECREATION ACTIVITIES WOULD HAVE PROVIDED MUCH NEEDED RESPIRE AND IN TERMS OF BOTH JUST GETTING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND MENTALLY PROVIDING A DISTRACTION FROM THE CONSTANT STREAM OF BAD NEWS

3). Looking at the larger picture, please share your thoughts regarding how recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park could contribute to a healthier community.

IT WOULD IMPROVE BOTH PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTH OF THE COMMUNITY BY PROVIDING FITNESS AND HOBBY ACTIVITIES

Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park, Design Workshop

Please share your answers to the following questions;

1). Briefly describe any negative mental or physical effects which you and your family experienced as a result of COVID.

CABIN FEVER

MISSED OT BIRDING WALKS

RESTRICTED OUTINGS

2). Reflecting on how COVID impacted you personally, please consider which potential recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park would have helped to address those concerns. Please share your suggestions for proposed recreation improvements and how they could address particular COVID impacts.

MORE SAFE PLACES TO WALK & EXPLORE

VIEWING THE STONEY CREEK

3). Looking at the larger picture, please share your thoughts regarding how recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park could contribute to a healthier community.

OPENS THE PARK TO HIKING.

& EXPLORING.

EXPANDS OT OPTIONS

Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park, Design Workshop

Please share your answers to the following questions;

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Sense of social isolation and confinement

2). Reflecting on how COVID impacted you personally, please consider which potential recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park would have helped to address those concerns. Please share your suggestions for proposed recreation improvements and how they could address particular COVID impacts.

A nearby park with active trails would have proven valuable to get outside and exercise while enjoying social-distanced companionships

3). Looking at the larger picture, please share your thoughts regarding how recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park could contribute to a healthier community.

Connections with nature has been shown to support mental, physical and emotional health. This park in this area, offers those opportunities at closer-hand to an increased number of township residents. We can't have too much of this in these times.

Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park, Design Workshop

Please share your answers to the following questions;

1). Briefly describe any negative mental or physical effects which you and your family experienced as a result of COVID.

Loss of freedom Resulting in much more time at home
of feel alone

2). Reflecting on how COVID impacted you personally, please consider which potential recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park would have helped to address those concerns. Please share your suggestions for proposed recreation improvements and how they could address particular COVID impacts.

Make biking & walking within walking distance

3). Looking at the larger picture, please share your thoughts regarding how recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park could contribute to a healthier community.

allow for more time in nature within walking distance
of several neighborhoods

Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park, Design Workshop

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2). Reflecting on how COVID impacted you personally, please consider which potential recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park would have helped to address those concerns. Please share your suggestions for proposed recreation improvements and how they could address particular COVID impacts.

To enjoy nature, preserve history, Battle
rig, bike and more

3). Looking at the larger picture, please share your thoughts regarding how recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park could contribute to a healthier community.

allow more recreation fun for the
TWP!

Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park, Design Workshop

Please share your answers to the following questions;

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Sister has what appears to be
long COVID

2). Reflecting on how COVID impacted you personally, please consider which potential recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park would have helped to address those concerns. Please share your suggestions for proposed recreation improvements and how they could address particular COVID impacts.

3). Looking at the larger picture, please share your thoughts regarding how recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park could contribute to a healthier community.

Getting more folks out and into
the natural world is a good step
to a healthier community

Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park, Design Workshop

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1). Briefly describe any negative mental or physical effects which you and your family experienced as a result of COVID.

LACK OF SOCIAL INTERACTION. WEIGHT GAIN. INCREASED STRESS.

2). Reflecting on how COVID impacted you personally, please consider which potential recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park would have helped to address those concerns. Please share your suggestions for proposed recreation improvements and how they could address particular COVID impacts.

EXERCISE, RECONNECT WITH NATURE, GO FOR A WALK WITH WIFE & FRIENDS.

3). Looking at the larger picture, please share your thoughts regarding how recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park could contribute to a healthier community.

REDUCE STRESS, EXERCISE, VALUE MORE IMPORTANT CONNECTIONS
WITH NATURE, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

AND LINK TO STONEY CREEK METRO
BRING RESIDENTS INTO THE PARK.

Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park, Design Workshop

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ISOLATION

2). Reflecting on how COVID impacted you personally, please consider which potential recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park would have helped to address those concerns. Please share your suggestions for proposed recreation improvements and how they could address particular COVID impacts.

I SUGGEST AN "ALL ACCESS" (BEYOND ADA) LOOP TRAIL THAT PROVIDES ACCESS FOR COMMUNITIES SEVERELY IMPACTED BY COVID -- SENIORS W/MOBILITY ASSISTANCE NEEDS & PHYSICALLY DISABLED PEOPLE OF ALL AGES.

3). Looking at the larger picture, please share your thoughts regarding how recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park could contribute to a healthier community.

I SUGGEST A PARTNERSHIP W/ METRO PARKS FOR GUIDED HIKES, ETC.

Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park, Design Workshop

Please share your answers to the following questions;

1). Briefly describe any negative mental or physical effects which you and your family experienced as a result of COVID.

We stopped doing many things, met less people, lost some of the feeling of community

2). Reflecting on how COVID impacted you personally, please consider which potential recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park would have helped to address those concerns. Please share your suggestions for proposed recreation improvements and how they could address particular COVID impacts.

I would use the park much more and be more in nature with my family.

3). Looking at the larger picture, please share your thoughts regarding how recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park could contribute to a healthier community.

It would enhance access greatly. It is really beautiful with the overlook over the creek. It will improve mental health and provide enjoyment for our residents.

Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park, Design Workshop

Please share your answers to the following questions;

1). Briefly describe any negative mental or physical effects which you and your family experienced as a result of COVID.

Being confined to the house & not seeing family

2). Reflecting on how COVID impacted you personally, please consider which potential recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park would have helped to address those concerns. Please share your suggestions for proposed recreation improvements and how they could address particular COVID impacts.

Getting out in the fresh air. Riding my horse improves my mental health.

3). Looking at the larger picture, please share your thoughts regarding how recreation improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park could contribute to a healthier community.

Any activity that you can do outdoors will improve your health. Biking, hiking, horse back riding, & dog walking

December 15, 2022

Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Grants Management Section
Lansing, MI 48909-7925

Re: Spark Grant Application for Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park, Oakland Township

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter confirms support from SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, for the application from Oakland Township to develop Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park with funding from the Michigan Spark Grant Program. The proposed improvements would increase universal access to existing recreation assets and expand and outdoor opportunities for people of all ages and abilities.

SEMCOG is a regional planning partnership that supports coordinated local planning among over 170 units of local government across seven counties in Southeast Michigan. SEMCOG engages regional stakeholders and analyzes park access and amenity data to ensure that the region's recreation system meets the quality of life, health, and accessibility needs of residents and visitors, along with economic development goals and environmental priorities. This proposal will help achieve SEMCOG's vision for the region, and implement policies established through stakeholder-driven processes, notably including:

- **Ensure equitable access to high-quality recreation opportunities for people of all backgrounds, ages, and abilities.**
The proposed improvements would expand universal access to natural resource amenities, including trails for walking, biking, and birding, while also providing parking and trailhead amenities.
- **Promote healthy lifestyles and vibrant communities with expanded options for pedestrian and bicycle mobility, recreation, and tourism.**
The proposed improvements create active recreation opportunities that connect existing trail networks and increase access for people walking and biking to a regional recreation destination at Stony Creek Metropark.

Our region's recreation system has seen increased demand for outdoor opportunities, and prioritizes the expansion of opportunities for physical activity and community gathering spaces. Investing in this development will improve quality of life for residents in the Oakland Township area, and support SEMCOG's vision for the Southeast Michigan region.

Sincerely,



Amy O'Leary
Executive Director



THEY'RE YOUR METROPARKS. TAKE A WALK ON OUR WILD SIDE.

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December 14, 2022

Ms. Merrie Carlock
DNR Grants Management
P.O. Box 30425
Lansing, MI 48909-7925

Subject: Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park Access Improvements

Dear Ms. Carlock,

I am contacting you in support of Oakland Township’s SPARK Grant Application for proposed access improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park. The project proposal includes a universal-access parking lot, multi-use trails, adaptive birding trail, observation deck overlooking Stony Creek, picnic area, toilets, potable water, native plantings, and signage.

Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park is location across Snell Road from the north side of Stony Creek Metropark, and the Huron-Clinton Metroparks Authority has a valuable partnership with Oakland Township Parks. We look forward to seeing their plans become a reality and are in support of their proposed plan to improve Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park for community enjoyment.

Sincerely,

Sarah Plumer

Sarah Plumer
Chief of Planning and Development
Huron-Clinton Metroparks

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TO:

12.17.22

Ms. Merrie Carlock
DNR Grants Management
P.O. Box 30425
Lansing, MI 48909-7925

Mr. Greg Yankee
Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan
333 W Fort St #2010
Detroit, MI 48226

Dear Ms. Carlock & Mr. Yankee,

I am writing on behalf of Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve to express our strong support for the Oakland Township Stoney Creek Ravine access improvement grant proposal. The proposed improvement to this park property would greatly improve the accessibility and general access to this incredible community asset.

Dinosaur Hill has a decades long history of partnering with the Oakland Township Parks Commission to offer nature programming for area residents. There are a number of opportunities for nature and environmental education that would present if the Township is successful in acquiring this access improvement grant. With a wide variety of habitats, the Stoney Creek Ravine would be an outstanding site for programming.

Critical assets to offer successful programming include areas for parking and vehicular access, signage, restroom facilities and groomed trails. The grant proposal that Oakland Township has put forth would make this park a perfect site for expanded nature programming in the Township. Further, the development of an accessible trail loop would enable individuals of all abilities to participate in programming. We believe these improvements would open up a tremendous opportunity for nature and environmental programming to all members of our growing community.

As evidenced by the high volume of park usage during the pandemic, there is a clear demand for these types of spaces. The Stoney Creek Ravine park is incredible but without these proposed improvements the park will remain underused. We hope that you will give the Townships proposal all possible consideration in the grant review process. If these improvements are made, Dinosaur Hill will be an eager partner to deliver nature programming at the site.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sue M. Neal", written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Sue M. Neal
Executive Director



CONSERVING, SUSTAINING, AND
CONNECTING NATURAL AREAS, LANDS,
AND WATERS THAT MAKE THE PLACES
WE LIVE SPECIAL.

December 15, 2022

Ms. Merrie Carlock
Grants Management – Michigan Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 30425
Lansing, MI 48909-7925

Re: Oakland Township Spark Grant Application (ARPA-0122)

Dear Ms. Carlock,

On behalf of Six Rivers Land Conservancy, I'd like to offer enthusiastic support for the Spark grant application being submitted by the Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Commission for the Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park Improvements. The project will increase pedestrian access to significant natural resources by offering a multi-use trail system, serving people of all abilities, which will wind through forests, wetlands and grasslands of statewide importance. It will also provide visitors accessible amenities, signage, and a safe road crossing and connection to Stony Creek Metropark.

Six Rivers Land Conservancy was formed in 1990, and our mission is to conserve, sustain, and connect natural areas, lands, and waters that make the places we live special. This much needed project helps to further our mission by giving residents and users access to our beautiful natural resources, park, and trail systems in Oakland County. The Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park project will improve the quality of life for all Michiganders.

We strongly urge Michigan Department of Natural Resources to approve this request for funding. Thank you for considering this very important project in our service area.

Sincerely,

Chris Bunch, Executive Director
Six Rivers Land Conservancy



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- Oakland Conservation District
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December 15, 2022

Michigan Spark Grant
ATTN: Merrie Carlock, Grant Coordinator
Grants Management – Michigan DNR
PO Box 30425
Lansing, MI 48909-7925

Re: Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park (ARPA – 0122)

Dear Ms. Carlock,

The Oakland County Trail, Water & Land Alliance (TWLA) would like to offer strong support for the Spark grant application being submitted by Oakland Township for the Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park project. The proposed improvements will include a new entryway with ample parking, restrooms, drinking fountain and a picnic area. In addition, there is an enhanced design for the trail system that would allow for multi-use and universal accessibility, accompanied by an observation deck for wildlife viewing, wayfinding signs and interpretive waysides. The proposed project will help to improve safety, provide a direct link to Stony Creek Metropark and support the increased demand for a variety of outdoor recreation activities for park visitors of all ages and abilities.

TWLA was formed in 2012 when the Oakland County Natural Areas Advisory Group merged with the Oakland County Trails Advisory Council. Since then, TWLA has worked to enhance the quality of life, share information, coordinate green infrastructure related efforts and establish partnerships in both the public and private sector in Oakland County. Completing projects like the one being proposed at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park plays an important role in our overall goal of providing access to high quality open space and improving the quality of life for residents and visitors to the county and the region.

This significant project will promote outdoor recreation, encourage active and healthy lifestyles, improve safety and enhance accessibility at a park in a local community that has been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. We strongly urge the DNR and the Spark Grants Advisory Group to approve this request for funding. Thank you for considering this very important project in our community.

Sincerely,

Kristen Myers, Chair
Oakland County Trail, Water & Land Alliance

Subject: Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park Access Improvements
Michigan Spark Grant Application ARPA – 0122

Ms. Merrie Carlock
DNR Grants Management
P.O. Box 30425
Lansing, MI 48909-7925

December 17, 2022

Dear Ms. Merrie Carlock,

Thank you for your work managing the resources that make Michigan a beautiful place to live.

As Chair of our Safety Paths and Trails Committee, I strongly support the proposed access improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park including the following:

1. a universal-access parking lot
2. multi-use trails
3. adaptive birding trail
4. observation deck overlooking Stony Creek
5. picnic area
6. toilets
7. potable water
8. native plantings
9. and signage.

This park was literally designed from inception to be a successful and diverse natural area. These improvements will provide valuable amenities for the local community and any visitors to the neighboring Stony Creek Metro Park.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andy".

Andy Zale
Chairperson, Oakland Township Safety Paths and Trails Committee

Kirk M Down DO

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15 December 2022

Ms. Merrie Carlock
DNR Grants Management
PO Box 30425
Lansing, MI 48909-7925

Dear Ms. Carlock,

I would like to voice on behalf of myself and my family our resounding support for the planned developments at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park, as discussed at the Oakland Township Parks and Recreation November 21 meeting and outlined in the current grant proposal. This park is a wonderful asset to our community; the proposed developments strike a harmonious balance between maintaining its natural aesthetic and increasing accessibility. I expect that, in the wake of these improvements, Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park will become a newly discovered gem for a good many people.

This development appears well in-line with the Township's efforts to enhance our community and improve the well-being of residents, as is evident in the grant proposal. It's also something that many of us residents have hoped for and talked about for some time. We're excited for the potential this brings!

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K M Down', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Kirk Down DO

Lasse Svensson

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16 December 2022

Ms. Merrie Carlock
DNR Grants Management
PO Box 30425
Lansing, MI 48909-7925

Dear Ms. Carlock,

I would like to voice on behalf of myself and my family our resounding support for the planned developments at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park, as discussed at the Oakland Township Parks and Recreation November 21 meeting and outlined in the current grant proposal.

We find the park to be a wonderful asset to our community; the proposed developments strike a harmonious balance between maintaining its natural aesthetic and increasing accessibility.

This development appears well in-line with the Township's efforts to enhance our community and improve the well-being of residents, as is evident in the grant proposal. Thank you for supporting this initiative.

Kind regards,

Lasse D. Svensson

680 East Gunn Road
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15 December 2022

Ms. Merrie Carlock
DNR Grants Management
PO Box 30425
Lansing MI 48909-7925

Dear Ms. Carlock,

As a long-time resident of Oakland Township, I am writing this letter of support for the Township's Michigan Spark Grant Application ARPA – 0122. A receipt of a Michigan Spark Grant would help provide funding for access improvements to Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park.

I fully believe that a significant population would benefit from the grant for the following reasons;

- Access improvement would contribute to the community's health and wellness.
- A safe and equitable access to Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park including a universally accessible parking lot that includes ADA parking spaces, as well as ADA portable restroom enclosures.
- A trail loop and a safe crossing to Stony Creek Metropark offering the public greater access to the unique features of both parks.
- Foremost, the grant would allow for a commitment to connect people to nature by allowing access to significant natural resources through a multiuse trail system that would serve people of all abilities.

As a former educator in the field of experiential education, I'm a witness to the transformative power on both the personal level and community level where personal observation and time spent in nature can improve our mental health and sharpen our cognition.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Bruce Kezlarian

Chip and Blythe Filar

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16 December 2022

Ms. Merrie Carlock
DNR Grants Management
PO Box 30425
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Dear Ms. Carlock,

I would like to voice on behalf of myself and my family our resounding support for the planned developments at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park, as discussed at the Oakland Township Parks and Recreation November 21 meeting and outlined in the current grant proposal. Our family, including our two young children are frequent users of the park for walks and nature experiences. This park is a wonderful asset to our community; the proposed developments strike a harmonious balance between maintaining its natural aesthetic and increasing accessibility. We are excited for others to have such wonderful experiences as use of the park increases.

This development appears well in-line with the Township's efforts to enhance our community and improve the well-being of residents, as is evident in the grant proposal. It's also something that many of us residents have hoped for and talked about for some time. We're excited for the potential this brings!

Thank you for your consideration,

Chip and Blythe Filar

December 16, 2022

Ms. Merrie Carlock
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P.O. Box 30425
Lansing, MI 48909-7925

Mr. Greg Yankee
Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan
333 W. Fort St. #2010
Detroit, MI 48226

Re: Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park Access Improvements
Wilson Legacy Design and Access Grant Application IG-202221214
Michigan Spark Grant Application ARPA - 0122

We are fairly new residents of Oakland Township. One of the reasons we decide to move to the township was the rural nature of the township including access to various parks. To have multi use hiking trails and access to the numerous natural resources offered within Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park would be so beneficial to the residents in Oakland Township as well as the residents in neighboring Washington Township and Shelby Township as they are very close in proximity to the park as well. During Covid, we found that hiking and enjoying nature was an absolute must to get through this difficult period of time. Our two dogs love going for walks with us especially when it involves going to the park.

We live extremely close to this park and were so excited when we heard about all of the amenities that are being considered for this park. It would be such a benefit to this area. Also to be able to ride our bikes to and within this park and then be able to safely connect directly to Stony Creek Metropark would be absolutely incredible. This park can't open soon enough!!

Best Regards

Mark & Lori Lesperance
4150 Heron
Rochester, MI 48306

December 16, 2022

Ms. Merrie Carlock
DNR Grants Management
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Re: Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park Access Improvements
Wilson Legacy Design and Access Grant Application IG-202221214
Michigan Spark Grant Application ARPA - 0122

We are long-time residents of Oakland Township and very much enjoy going to the township's parks. To have multi use hiking trails and access to the numerous natural resources offered within Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park would be so beneficial to the residents in Oakland Township as well as the residents in neighboring Washington Township and Shelby Township as they are very close in proximity to the park as well. During Covid, it was very important to our well-being to be able to get outside and enjoy nature. We have two dogs who love going for walks with us in the park.

We live very close to this park and are so excited when we heard about all of the amenities that are being considered for this park. It truly would be an enhancement to this area. Also to be able to ride our bikes to and within this park and then be able to safely connect directly to Stony Creek Metropark would be absolutely incredible. I can't wait for this park to open.

Best Regards

Teresa & Greg Mulawa
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Rochester, MI 48306

From: Blanche Wicke <bhwhorse@aol.com>

Sent: Friday, November 18, 2022 11:12 AM

To: ParksPlanning <parksplanning@oaklandtownship.org>; b.vanderweide@gmail.com
<b.vanderweide@gmail.com>

Subject: planning session for Stony Creek Ravine Park

As a birder and frequent visitor to this park, I would welcome more trails. The park is great for bird diversity, and 153 species have already been observed and entered into Cornell's ebird site.

I would also vote for an enlarged parking lot and a viewing platform for the creek/ravine.

A trailhead with a map and restroom would also be wonderful.

Thank you for your consideration, Blanche Wicke

From: Libby Dwyer <studio1234@comcast.net>

Sent: Friday, November 18, 2022 1:31 PM

To: ParksPlanning <parksplanning@oaklandtownship.org>

Subject: Stoney Creek Ravine Nature design Workshop

Hi,

What a beautiful parcel! Especially the west end.

My recommendations are:

- Improved footing throughout, especially along that trail on the ridge. Like what you have at Bear Creek park.
- On the scenic overlook, it would be nice to have it on 2 platformed tiers. A cable for grabbing on to would be handy on the climb back up stairs if they are steep. It would be nice to be able to soak feet in the Creek.
- The Knob Creek entrance will cause strife with those neighbors. The main entrance should be on Snell.
- As it stands now, this park is ideal for horseback riding. Make sure your parking lot can accommodate at least a couple of horse trailers.
- Extend the trail system with loops in the dry areas of all of the fields.
- Have good maps of the park at entrances with mileage for bikers, walkers and equestrians.

Thank you for all of your efforts.

Libby Dwyer
1234 Lake George Road,
Oakland, MI 48363
Mobile: 248-376-1324

From: Robert Bonin <rbonin@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2022 2:31 PM
To: ParksPlanning <parksplanning@oaklandtownship.org>
Subject: Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park Design Workshop

Stony Creek Ravine Design Workshop Input from
Robert Bonin
3165 Hixon Rd.
Rochester, MI 48306
Home Phone: (248) 656-8172

Personal Background:

B.S. Degree in Biology

M.S. Degree in Biological Oceanography

Seven years of post-graduate, professional marine environment impact research experience with a specialization in marine fisheries.

32 years of experience in software engineering for the defense industry.

Resident of Oakland Township since 1986.

Interests:

Primary use of Oakland Township Parks has been for birding. I have been a regular participant in the Oakland Township Stewardship Program Weekly Bird Walks led by Dr. Ben VanderWeide since 2017.

Summary:

Stony Creek Ravines Nature Park is my favorite of all of the township parks. Both the diversity of habitat and bird species are exceptional there. My real passion for this park culminated in the results of an Audubon Society "Big Sit" bird count that was conducted there by 8 of us on 10/11/20. It was coordinated by Ruth Glass (my longtime birding mentor) and Dr. Ben VanderWeide (Natural Areas Stewardship Manager, Oakland Township Parks and Recreation). The observation area established for the count was on the hilltop that overlooks both of the current wetland mitigation areas that are fenced off within the park. The results of this 24-hour watch were impressive by Audubon Society Big Sit standards. The park's "Big Sit" count results actually showed higher species counts than those of the corresponding "Big Sit" count at Lake St. Clair Metropark that year. What an amazing accomplishment for the new park!

My recommendations for the park are as follows:

- Retain as much of the native natural habitat as possible. This includes restoration of native habitats and removal of invasive plant species.

- Establish maintained trails that allow viewing access to both the wetland mitigation areas, surrounding grassland habitats and wooded areas.
- Of particular interest would be that the maintained trails include access to the hilltop that overlooks both of the current wetland mitigation areas. This is truly a remarkable viewing area of that portion of the park.
- Establishment of a permanent parking area for visitors.
- Trailhead restroom facilities.

Oakland Township Parks and Recreation - Paint Creek Trailways Commission
Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park Development
2022 Spark Grant Application
Accessibility Workshop
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YOU ARE INVITED!
to the Oakland Township
Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park
ACCESSIBILITY VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

Wednesday November 30, 2022 at 4 pm



You may join this meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone using the following link: <https://meet.goto.com/332007261>

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If you are planning to attend the workshop and require any special assistance, please notify the Parks and Recreation Department at 248-651-7810 as soon as possible.

Workshop Background

Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Commission is hosting this Virtual Workshop for accessibility advocates and individuals to provide comments and suggestions about nature-oriented recreation facility improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park. The purpose of the workshop is to provide equitable access to new recreation opportunities and ample accommodations for people of all abilities. Landscape architects from PEA Group will be facilitating this workshop with the intent to use results to apply for a Michigan SPARK grant. Prior to the workshop, a preliminary site plan will be forwarded to all virtual workshop participants.

Stony Creek Ravine's 268 acres encompass some of the most desirable natural areas protected as a Township park – including the scenic Stony Creek stream valley, oak forest, post-glacial landscape, wetlands, and prairie restoration areas. Previously discussed improvements include:

- ❖ Snell Road park entrance and parking lot
- ❖ Multi- use trail system (hiking, bicycling, horseback riding) including
 - accessible routes between park amenities
 - a nature trail loop that will parallel the edge of wooded and wetland areas
 - connection to existing SCRNP park trail overlooking Stony Creek
 - hiking/biking connection (north of West Branch Picnic area) to Stony Creek Metropark trails
- ❖ Trailhead including restrooms and drinking water
- ❖ Picnic Area
- ❖ Nature observation/education viewing platform on Stony Creek
- ❖ Directional, Informational, and Interpretive Signage

Those unable to attend the virtual workshop can email comments with the subject heading "Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park Accessibility Workshop" to parksplanning@oaklandtownship.org. However, we certainly would prefer to have the opportunity to personally hear your opinions concerning this important project. Again, we appreciate your input and participation.

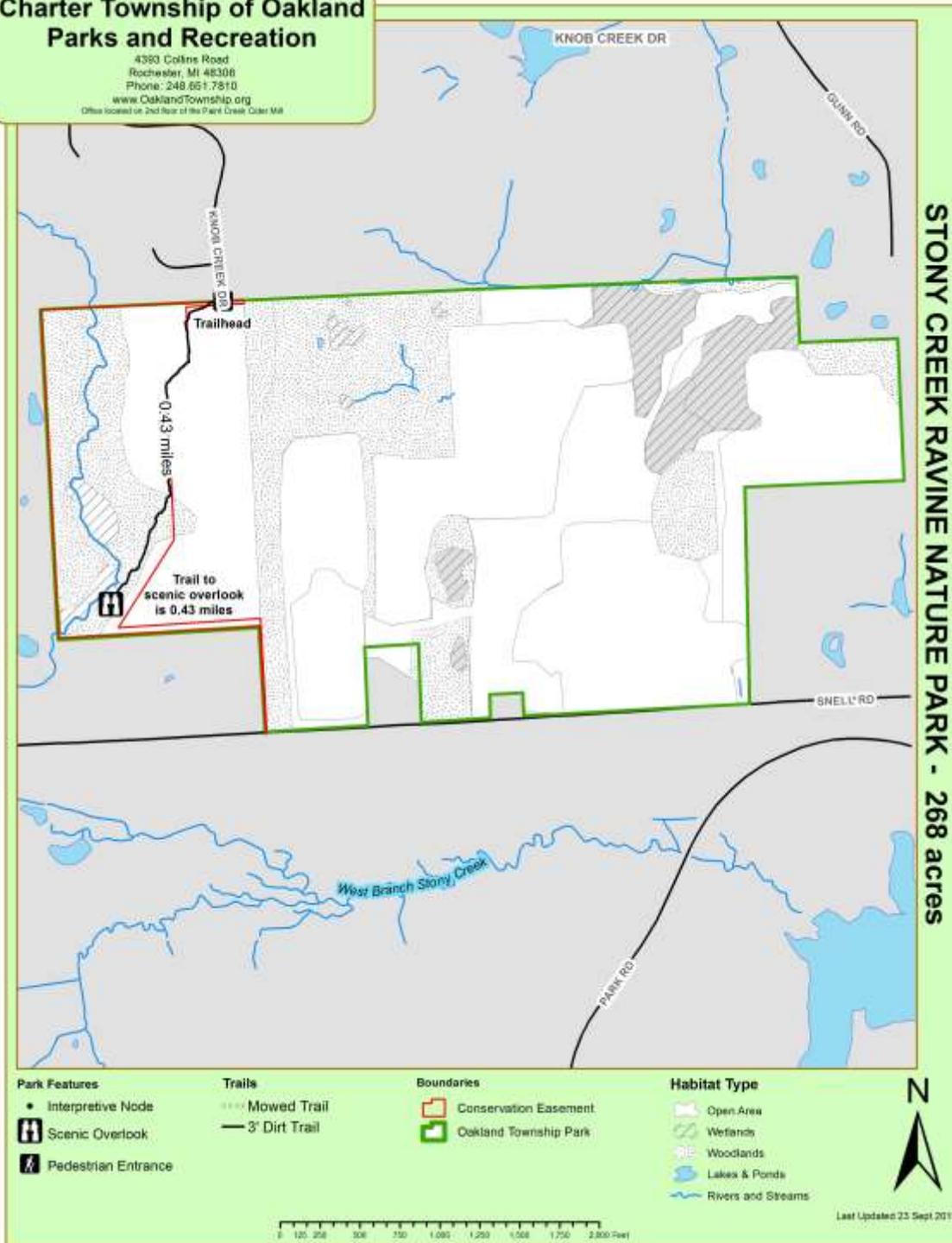
Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mindy Milos-Dale".

Mindy Milos-Dale, Director, Oakland Township Parks and Recreation

Charter Township of Oakland Parks and Recreation

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Rochester, MI 48308
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Office located on 2nd floor of the Park Creek Cedar Mill



Current Trail Map and Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park Acquisition

Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park and the Barkev and Nancy Israelian Kezlarian Conservation Easement have been acquired using financial contributions from the Oakland Township Land Preservation millage, a donation from the Kezlarian siblings, Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality – Clean Michigan Initiative, Oakland County Planning and Economic Development, and the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan – Greenways Initiative. The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant application, including maps and narrative, can be found at this link: bit.ly/SCRNP-AcqGrant.

Summary of Comments on StonyCreek-SchematicPlan-ADAmtg - Nuance Power PDF Advanced

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-  Author:kdietzel Subject:Sticky Note Date:11/30/2022 4:33:06 PM
Birding for the Blind
-  Author:kdietzel Subject:Sticky Note Date:11/30/2022 4:55:14 PM
Multi-use trails with "passing lanes" (wider sections of trail). These areas could be pull-overs for visitors to pause along the trail.
-  Author:kdietzel Subject:Sticky Note Date:11/30/2022 4:37:19 PM
Signage to be number to easily tell where you are - in case of rescue/ emergency.
-  Author:kdietzel Subject:Sticky Note Date:11/30/2022 4:37:51 PM
Button for audio played on the signs.
-  Author:kdietzel Subject:Sticky Note Date:11/30/2022 4:45:27 PM
Split level guardrails as an alternative for universal access to views.
-  Author:kdietzel Subject:Sticky Note Date:11/30/2022 4:42:37 PM
Guardrail system - to allow for clear vision for wheelchair users. Benches and seating incorporated into the observation deck. Deck to be flush with pathway.
-  Author:kdietzel Subject:Sticky Note Date:11/30/2022 4:48:58 PM
Multi-use trail system (Highland park has multiple trail surfaces adjacent to each other so that different trail users can enjoy the park together).
-  Author:kdietzel Subject:Sticky Note Date:11/30/2022 4:24:46 PM
Adding benches along ADA trailway, spaces to rest.
-  Author:kdietzel Subject:Sticky Note Date:11/30/2022 4:50:05 PM
Add rustic lean-tos for shelter from the rain along the trail - in the same locations as the benches. Michelle to send example picture.
-  Author:kdietzel Subject:Sticky Note Date:11/30/2022 4:29:32 PM
Add signage at each of the crossings, including braille, large print, QR codes on interpretive signs. Tactile maps with bench locations called out.
-  Author:kdietzel Subject:Sticky Note Date:11/30/2022 4:46:05 PM
Overhang at bathroom facility for rain protection
-  Author:kdietzel Subject:Sticky Note Date:11/30/2022 4:36:23 PM
Add signage for horses, and how to be respectful to the other park visitors.
-  Author:kdietzel Subject:Sticky Note Date:11/30/2022 4:31:43 PM
Lighting for the restrooms - 'transitional lighting' from indoors to out. Contrasting colors ie. light floor and dark stalls/ dark border on mirrors.
App: Navalin for accessibility
-  Author:kdietzel Subject:Sticky Note Date:11/30/2022 4:28:17 PM
Add trail distances on the loops as well as the types of trails.
-  Author:kdietzel Subject:Sticky Note Date:11/30/2022 4:24:15 PM
ADA compatibility - moving within the bathroom, wide enough pathways
-  Author:kdietzel Subject:Sticky Note Date:11/30/2022 4:23:23 PM
Adult Changing Tables in the restrooms
-  Author:kdietzel Subject:Sticky Note Date:11/30/2022 5:00:35 PM
Universal access instead of ADA - push button into the bathroom stalls in addition to bathroom doors.
-  Author:kdietzel Subject:Sticky Note Date:11/30/2022 4:58:56 PM
Allow for small bus to park/ drop off visitors - turn around area, or small loop to minimize danger for pedestrians. (Loop is safer than backing up areas).
-  Author:kdietzel Subject:Sticky Note Date:11/30/2022 4:52:37 PM
If bollards are a portion of the parking lot design, make wide enough for a horse cart to access the park/ trail.
-  Author:kdietzel Subject:Sticky Note Date:11/30/2022 4:35:11 PM
Making parking wider, or longer access drive to allow for horse trailer parking. 1-2 trailer spaces, or a turnaround.

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Author:kdietzel Subject:Sticky Note Date:11/30/2022 4:44:06 PM

Signage that clearly shows how to get out of the park - use Ortonville park signage as an example.



Author:kdietzel Subject:Sticky Note Date:11/30/2022 5:04:13 PM

Establish relationship with the Metroparks to allow for accessibility to visitors of both parks as well as birding community.



Author:kdietzel Subject:Sticky Note Date:11/30/2022 5:02:03 PM

Could this connection to the metroparks be ADA compliant? Potentially in the future if the metropark's trail is accessible? As well as Snell Road Crossing. Gary Hop, or Sarah from Planning

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OAKLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
STONY CREEK RAVINE NATURE PARK - ACCESSIBILITY WORKSHOP

November 30, 2022

The November 30, 2022, Parks and Recreation Commission's (hereinafter "PRC") Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park – Accessibility Workshop virtual meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS, STAFF AND CONSULTANTS PRESENT:

Emily Barkham, Chairperson
Daniel Simon, Vice-Chairperson
Melinda Milos-Dale, Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Director
Ingrid Kliffel, Recording Secretary
Kim Dietzel, Landscape Architect, PEA

ALSO PRESENT:

Area Agency on Aging 1-B
Katie Wendel , Director of Planning and Advocacy

Easter Seals Michigan/MORC
Craig Sharum, Director, Communications and Outreach
Heidi Vanderbeek, Community Awareness

Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority
Charlie Shelton, Community Outreach Interpreter

Leader Dogs for the Blind
Leslie Hoskins, Outreach Services and Community Engagement Manager

Older Persons' Commission
Mandy Mullins, Fitness and Aquatics Manager

Orion Center
Aaron Whatley, Parks and Recreation Director

Rochester Community Schools District
Concetta Lewis, Assistant Superintendent of Special Populations, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Michelle Litkouhi, contributing regarding equestrian use of the parks

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Director Milos-Dale welcomed everyone. She stated that the purpose of this afternoon's workshop is for accessibility advocates and others to provide comments and suggestions

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November 30, 2022

about nature-oriented recreation facility improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park (hereinafter “SCRNP”). Oakland Township is looking to provide equitable access to new recreation opportunities and ample accommodations for people of all abilities.

Everyone present introduced themselves.

Director Milos-Dale explained that SCRNP was purchased to preserve the natural features in this park, as well as to provide natural feature-oriented recreation opportunities for our township. The park is located in the southeast part of Oakland Township. Macomb Township is to the east, and Stony Creek Metropark is directly across Snell Road to the south.

Some of the natural features that are in this park include a stretch of Stony Creek in the western part of the park (the creek corridor is protected by a conservation easement), woodlands in the northcentral part of the park, two large wetland restoration areas on the east side (both of these are also protected by conservation easements), and inactive farm fields where we have been conducting prairie restoration over the past several years.

Currently this park has only one recreation facility, which is a very rustic packed dirt trail that runs parallel to the Stony Creek corridor on the west side. We do not have a parking lot or other facilities at this time. However, our Stewardship staff has been conducting bird walks here for a number of years, and we know that this park is excellent for birding.

The PRC has been interested in adding facilities here for some time, and the Township’s 2020-2024 Parks, Recreation and Land Preservation Master Plan includes the following proposed recreation facilities for this park: a park entrance and parking lot off Snell Road; a trail head including restrooms, drinking water, and a picnic area; a multi-use trail system (hiking, bicycling, horseback riding) that includes accessible routes between park amenities, a nature trail loop, connection to the existing SCRNP park trail overlooking Stony Creek, a hiking/biking connection to the Stony Creek Metropark trails; connection to the proposed Oakland Township safety path along Snell Road; a nature observation/education viewing platform on Stony Creek; and interpretive signage.

Oakland Township Parks and Recreation (hereinafter “OTPR”) staff has had meetings with representatives from Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority, the Road Commission for Oakland County, and neighbors to discuss park facilities and amenities, and where they can be best placed.

The PRC welcomes participants’ thoughts concerning these ideas and any others as we prepare to apply for a Spark Grant to assist in funding this project. Director Milos-Dale explained that Michigan’s Spark Grants are a \$65 million federal grant program to help local communities improve public outdoor recreation opportunities. The Spark Grants are administered by the MDNR and will support projects that provide safe, accessible public recreation facilities and spaces to improve people’s health, introduce new recreation

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OAKLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
STONY CREEK RAVINE NATURE PARK - ACCESSIBILITY WORKSHOP**

November 30, 2022

experiences, build on existing park infrastructure, and make it easier for people to enjoy the outdoors. Applications for the first round of funding are due on December 19th.

Director Milos-Dale continued that last week the PRC held a design workshop. We invited park neighbors and others from the community to help plan recreation facilities at the park. That workshop was well attended. This evening, OTPR invites further input on how to even better provide everyone access to these wonderful facilities.

PRC Commissioner Simon explained that there will be three opportunities over the next year to submit projects for consideration for a Spark Grant. Director Milos-Dale added that projects that receive funding need to be completed by 2026.

PRELIMINARY PLAN

Kim Dietzel, Landscape Architect with PEA, reviewed the proposed improvements to this park. There would be a park entry towards the west off Snell Road, with crushed limestone surfacing. The parking lot would have approximately 30 spaces including one or two ADA spaces. The restrooms and water fountain would also be located in this area.

Signage would point out the pathways and park amenities. From the parking area, a universally accessible pathway (crushed limestone fines, five feet wide) would head north. The picnic area is proposed to be located just north of the trailhead.

Ms. Dietzel pointed out the conservation easement area around the Stony Creek corridor, and noted that only a natural pathway is permitted in this area. However, there will be an observation deck with interpretive signage overlooking Stony Creek.

She reviewed the other proposed pathways. Where the path goes near the prairie plantings, the plans propose that we install signage indicating various bird species visible within the park. The plans also propose that we remove the hedgerows to improve bird habitat. Landmark trees in this area will be preserved. The pathways then go to the east, towards the wetland mitigation areas (protected by a conservation easement). Proposed signage would provide information on landscape features, wetlands and prairies and explain their significance. Finally a natural packed earth or mown path would connect to Stony Creek Metropark, on the south side of Snell Road.

In response to a question, Ms. Dietzel explained that the universally accessible pathways will run to the observation deck overlooking Stony Creek (not a looped path), and will run in a loop around the prairie planting areas where park users can view the interpretive signage, have the opportunity to do birding, and observe the landscape features including the wetlands and prairies.

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Ms. Dietzel continued that at the design workshop held last week, attendees were asked for their input regarding various proposed amenities including a parking area, restrooms, a water fountain, a picnic area, an observation deck, a playground, and various types of trails (including hiking, biking and equestrian). That information was incorporated into the plans presented this evening. Ms. Dietzel invited those present to share information on other details that could be incorporated into the plans to make the park more accessible.

PUBLIC INPUT

Craig Sharum of Easter Seals asked that we incorporate adult changing tables in the restrooms as these are greatly appreciated by park users.

Katie Wendel of Area Agency on Aging 1-B asked that we have wide clearance on the restroom doors to accommodate walkers and wheelchairs, and that we also size the interior of the restrooms so there is adequate space for maneuverability. Additionally, Ms. Wendel proposed that there be benches periodically along the universally accessible paths so that there are places for trail users to rest.

Ms. Wendel asked if there is an ADA pathway in Stony Creek Metropark where we are proposing to connect to that park. Director Milos-Dale responded that at this time the Metropark does not have universally accessible trails in this area. However, she thought that this might be something to look at for a future project as the pathway in the Metropark connects to a picnic area as well as other trails (some more rustic). Director Milos-Dale suggested that we make a note on the SCRNP plan reflecting that if the Metropark improves trails in this area to make them ADA accessible, then we should consider also improving connector trails within SCRNP.

Mandy Mullins of the Older Persons' Commission asked if pathway signage will provide information such as the distance of the trail or the level of difficulty. Director Milos-Dale thought this was a great idea. Ms. Milos-Dale said she would also like to see signage that would be suitable for the blind.

Leslie Hoskins of Leader Dogs for the Blind thanked Ms. Milos-Dale for considering large print, braille or tactile maps. Another possibility would be to incorporate QR codes in the signage so that park users could access an audio description. It would also be good to have a map that shows where the QR codes are located within the park. There are applications available such as NaviLens where users can obtain park maps, get information on the location of signs with QR codes, etc.

With respect to the restrooms, Ms. Hoskins said low vision clients find it very helpful to have transition lighting (for example, lighting that is brighter during the day and dimmer in the evening) as well as high contrast (for example, lighter floors and darker stall doors, a dark frame around a mirror, a light door with a dark handle, etc.).

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Director Milos-Dale asked Ms. Hoskins about the possibility of setting up a birding system for the blind along the universally accessible trail. Ms. Hoskins did not have any personal experience with this, but will share contact information with a person who does.

Michelle Litkouhi commented on equestrian use of the park. She said it would be good if the parking lot could accommodate horse trailers, and suggested either including two parking spaces for horse trailers, or making the entrance drive wider so trailers could park off to the side. Director Milos-Dale shared that park users generally like seeing horses in the parks. Ms. Litkouhi said signage is also helpful to let horse riders know to take their horses off to the side of the trail if they need to eliminate.

PRC Commissioner Simon suggested that signs be numbered for safety in the event that emergency personnel need to locate someone in the park. Ms. Litkouhi said a good example of signage is what is used in the Ortonville State Recreation Area, which also shows park users the way out of the park.

Director Milos-Dale commented that we have had success with audio signs, and she suggested that we do the same for this park.

Ms. Milos-Dale shared that she spoke with our Stewardship Manager about birding. They discussed the possibility of periodically offering a bird walk that exclusively uses the universally accessible loop.

The group discussed the universally accessible trail that leads to the observation deck overlooking Stony Creek. Director Milos-Dale suggested a guardrail system that would allow people in a wheelchair to be able to enjoy this fantastic view without it being obstructed by guardrails, etc. Landscape Architect Dietzel said there are ways to accomplish this. Concetta Lewis of Rochester Community School District thought this would be a very good accommodation. Director Milos-Dale suggested also incorporating benches in addition to the interpretive signage in this area. Commissioner Simon said he has seen a split level guardrail system, which works well for both people in wheelchairs and shorter people.

Katie Wendel of Area Agency on Aging 1-B suggested that it would be helpful to have an overhang in an accessible space such as near the restrooms to provide a little shelter if the weather becomes poor.

Director Milos-Dale asked about multi-use trails as compared with separate use trail systems that link periodically. Ms. Litkouhi said she uses a park that has both an equestrian path and a bicycle path so she can enjoy the park with her son (who rides a bicycle). Having both types of trail surfacing along the same path also makes it easier for parks staff to maintain the trails after a storm, for example. Director Milos-Dale wondered if this might be a concern for an ADA trail user to have horses or bicycles on the same path.

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Commissioner Simon followed up a previous idea and suggested it might be good to have shelters periodically along the universally accessible trail (maybe even over a bench) to allow park users to shelter if they are caught in the rain, for example. Ms. Litkouhi said she has seen this at along the Polly Ann Trail at Boardman Road.

Ms. Litkouhi commented that she knows some equestrians who are no longer able to ride, but enjoy going out with a pony and cart. She wondered if the bollards could be spaced wider apart to allow a pony cart to access the park. Landscape Architect Dietzel said she thought this would be possible.

Ms. Wendel, Ms. Dietzel and Director Milos-Dale discussed the possibility of incorporating a “passing lane” or some sort of pull-off to allow people to step aside for others to pass, or to pause and listen to a bird, for example. Aaron Whatley of Orion Center Parks and Recreation said they have multi-use trails with passing areas, and this has been working well.

Commissioner Simon wondered if the Spark Grant could be used to install a safety path along Snell Road to help people access this park safely. Director Milos-Dale responded that the grant specifically states that these funds are not for pathways or sidewalks in the road right of way, which is where this would be. However, Oakland Township has a safety path millage, and she has been told by members of the Safety Paths and Trails Committee that this location is a high priority.

Ms. Wendel noted that people may want to use a small bus to visit the park, so it would be good if the parking lot could accommodate a small bus that would drop off park users. Director Milos-Dale wondered if this is something that could be arranged through the Older Persons’ Commission. Mandy Mullins responded that this is something that could be set up as a day trip. Charlie Shelton of Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority commented that when they plan their parks, they incorporate a loop/circular drive at the end of a dead-end parking lot, which makes it easier for a small bus to drop off (as compared to having to back up to turn around).

Mr. Shelton also suggested making all restrooms (as opposed to just one, for example) universally accessible if possible, and said they have push buttons to operate doors at their park restroom facilities.

Director Milos-Dale asked Mr. Shelton if there are plans to make the trails in the Metropark where SCRNP would connect universally accessible. Mr. Shelton did not know.

Finally, Mr. Shelton asked if it would be possible to partner with Oakland Township to be able to offer park use opportunities to wheelchair bound people at SCRNP. Director Milos-Dale thought this would be very nice. She also suggested the possibility of offering a birding program; Mr. Shelton said there is a birding program at the Metropark.

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REVIEW AND CONCLUSION

Director Milos-Dale thanked everyone for their thoughtful comments. OTPR will try to incorporate as many of these ideas as possible into the plan. She invited anyone with additional comments to email them to her by this upcoming Friday.

The Parks and Recreation Commission will consider the plan and the Spark Grant proposal at their meeting on December 8th, and the Board of Trustees will then consider these at their meeting on December 13th. The grant application will be submitted on December 19th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further comments, Director Milos-Dale closed the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ingrid R. Kliffel
Recording Secretary



December 13, 2022

Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Parks and Recreation Division
P.O. Box 30257
Lansing, MI 48909

Re: Support for Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park

To Whom It May Concern;

Disability Network Eastern Michigan would like to express strong support for the Michigan Spark Grant being submitted by Charter Township Oakland Parks and Recreation Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park. The improvements being proposed will provide a universal-access parking lot, multi-use trails, adaptive birding trail and observation deck overlooking Stony Creek, picnic area, toilets, potable water, native plantings, and signage.

DNEM would like to provide our endorsement of this project as a universally accessible improvement to the community. The improvements to the park will not only enhance the lives of those with disabilities, but will make it better for the quality of the surrounding neighborhoods. The new universal parking lot leading to a new 8ft wide paved multi trail system will serve people of all abilities offering physical and mental health as they wind through the .77-mile universal trail thru forest, wet lands, grassland and the first adaptable birding trail and an observation deck over moving water. The addition of new accessible picnic areas and restrooms will allow families to enjoy the park.

Thank you for considering this very important project.

Robert Winn
ADA Coordinator
Disability Network Eastern Michigan



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President, Board of Directors, Lisa Kowalski

Executive Director, Dawn Calnen, J.D.

December 16, 2022

Ms. Merrie Carlock
DNR Grants Management
P.O. Box 30425
Lansing, MI 48909

RE: Oakland Township Parks and Recreation-Stony Creek Nature Park Improvements

Dear Ms. Merrie Carlock,

My name is Dawn Calnen, and I am the Executive Director at The Arc of Oakland County. We are a nonprofit that works directly with children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. We advocate for the rights and full participation of all children and adults with disabilities.

We fully and formally support the Oakland Township Parks and Recreation's plan for the Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park Access Improvements. The population that The Arc of Oakland County serves, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, would greatly benefit from accessible support amenities at the Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park. People with disabilities have been historically excluded from enjoying nature parks due to lack of accessible amenities. These improvements would create opportunities for people of all abilities to enjoy nature.

Sincerely,

Dawn Calnen, J.D.
Executive Director

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December 15, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

The Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America (MPVA) wishes to express its support the Oakland Township Parks and Recreation proposed initiative for improvements at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park including: a universal-access parking lot, multi-use trails, adaptive birding trail, observation deck overlooking Stony Creek, picnic area, toilets, potable water, native plantings, and signage.

Oakland Township Parks and Recreation has a long history of providing outstanding outdoor enjoyment to its many visitors. The project design reflects the commitment to supporting and encouraging a variety of outdoor activities and amenities for all Michiganders to get active and take in the Michigan's natural beauty. We are particularly pleased to see Oakland Township Parks and Recreation's effort to be inclusive and accessible in its plans for improvements.

The MPVA has worked hard to fulfill our mission of enhancing the lives of veterans with spinal cord injury or disease (SCI/D) throughout the state of Michigan since 1961. Sports and recreational activities are one of our biggest programs in serving our members and ensuring that they have a positive quality of life. It is our hope that all communities add more recreational offerings, like the proposed additions to Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park, as we can ensure that the torch continues to carry forward in making our communities active, healthy, and inclusive.

The recreational and conservation efforts supported by the project are critical to providing outdoor recreation opportunities and improving the physical and mental health for all residents and visitors. We highly recommend supporting this project!

Sincerely,

Jaclyn K. Kochis
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Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America
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December 16, 2022

Michigan Sparks Grants
Merrie Carlock, Grant Coordinator
Grants Management – Michigan Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 30425
Lansing, MI 48909-7925

Re: Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park Access Improvements

Dear Ms. Carlock,

The Older Persons' Commission (OPC) supports the *Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park Access Improvements* application to the Michigan Spark Grants program for funding for a universal-access parking lot; universal-access trail system including adaptive birding trail and observation deck overlooking Stony Creek; universal-access rest area including picnic area, toilets, and potable water; and signage in auditory, tactile, and pictorial formats.

As the premiere Senior Activity Center for the 50+ in Oakland County, the Older Persons' Commission is committed to supporting outdoor programming for individuals of all abilities that are designed to bring health and wellness to seniors and people of all ages. I believe the park access improvements are an excellent fit for the MI Sparks Grant with its focus on universal accessibility.

We strongly urge the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to approve this request for funding for the Stony Creek Access Improvements project.

Sincerely,

Renee Cortright
Executive Director
Older Persons' Commission

From: PAULA TERENCE <pterenzi@omptspecialists.com>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 10:14 PM
To: Mindy Milos-Dale <mmdale@oaklandtownship.org>
Subject: Re: FW: Review of materials

Thank you, this is very helpful!

Everyone had amazing feedback in the comments sections. Some things I thought about when reviewing are as follows:

1. ADA accessible picnic tables. I have seen some options where there is an open side of the table for an individual to maneuver a wheelchair into.
2. For any of these areas; wetlands/bird viewing/boardwalk/etc where visitors will travel onto a platform to look, be sure the ramps rise over run ratio is 1:12.
3. As far as handicap parking is concerned, it would be of benefit to have a block of space in between parking spots for individuals to transfer onto/off his or her wheelchair safely. This may look like a block of about 3-5 feet or so of space that clearly states "do not park."
4. In the bathrooms, ADA accessible urinals and toilets would be of benefit. These are lower in height and have a wider area for a wheelchair to maneuver into to help with or eliminate the need for transfers to/from chairs.
5. Benches in the park could be lower in height and wider in depth to allow for greater ease with transfers to/from chair. I am unsure of the actual requirements but this could be something to look into.

Let me know if you have any questions, hope this helps!

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-----Original Message-----

From: Michele Smither <michelesmither@att.net>

Sent: Saturday, December 17, 2022 3:16 PM

To: Mindy Milos-Dale <mmdale@oaklandtownship.org>

Subject: Accessibility

Thank you so much for your plan to make the trails in Oakland Township more accessible. I am the founder of Dutton Farm, a local non profit that supports adults with special needs in this area. We are working hard to provide a more inclusive community. This is exactly the type of thing that we love to see happen. We are proud to be located in this community.

Thank you!

Michele Smither

Dutton Farm

Sent from my iPad

From: Mindy Milos-Dale
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 6:13 PM
To: Kimberly Dietzel <kdietzel@peagroup.com>
Subject: FW: Invitation to Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Accessibility Workshop

From: seguillett@verizon.net <seguillett@verizon.net>
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 6:11 PM
To: Mindy Milos-Dale <mmdale@oaklandtownship.org>
Subject: Re: Invitation to Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Accessibility Workshop

Sorry we missed the meeting, got i involved in a protracted Medicare issue phone call. I am not familiar with the park are itself but I would say that:

- crushed stone of any kind is not good for wheel chairs to travel on... the wheels sink into the gravel and it is very hard to push through, same with wood chips. I recommend the crew sit in a chair and try to push on or through whatever surface they are considering.
- overall, turn angles are important and slopes that exist where the turns are can be particularly dangerous.
- as far as entries to buildings... consider left handed persons when placing automatic door devices.
- bathrooms need to be wide... not long and narrow since most people in a wheelchair need to roll in the room forward (doors should push not pull) and enter the stall backward so there has to be turn around room.
- same for entry to bathroom ...there has to be room to turn from the hallway into the door area, best is a straight shot and then a veer off.
- if there is going to be fishing , consider a dock where wheel chairs can be anchored and the railing height is not prohibitive. Same thing for viewing fish or turtles. Very often the railings on the path block the view for people in chairs.
- provide paved paths to everything,, at stoney creek we could not get to paddle boats because the house was down a hill that was grass covered.. also a problem. Little bumps to a pedestrian are jarring to a person in chair.
- picnic tables need to have open leg space room for people who cannot bend their knees and have extended foot plates.

If there are specifics we can address I am happy to provide input, but these are just thoughts in general. Thaks for the opportunity to provide input.

Dr. Sharron E. Guillett
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SENIORS ARCHERY TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021 10AM

Location: Marsh View Park, 3100 E. Clarkston Rd., Oakland, MI 48363

Age Groups: 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, 90-94, 95-99, 100+

Divisions: Compound Release, Compound Finger, Recurve, Barebow Compound, Barebow Recurve

Rounds: 900 American, 60, 50, & 40 yards. 30 arrows at each distance.

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A Quiet Walk in the Woods - Special Needs Kids Ages 5 - 12

Friday, August 10th 9:30 - 11am
Lost Lake Nature Park, 846 Lost Lake Trail, Oakland, MI 48363



Leaving the classroom behind and venturing out into nature can lead to healthier, happier students, especially those with special educational needs. Join us as we leave the fluorescent classroom behind and venture out into the serene Michigan woodlands to explore and learn in a setting far different than we're used to, a more natural setting. You will be lead by a soft spoken naturalist with a wagon full of sensory equipment to help with natural interpretation for individuals with special needs. There will be opportunities to meet live animals, peaceful interpretive walks through the woods, and we will attempt to bring as many of our senses along as we feel comfortable using. Lost Lake Nature Park is universally accessible and features a nature center with bathrooms as well as a quiet space. Please let us know your child's needs during the registration process.

Residents: \$5 Non-residents: \$7 Register by August 3

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A Sensory Adventure Through Nature **Families**

Sunday, September 26 10:00 - 11:30am

Lost Lake Nature Park, 846 Lost Lake Trail, Oakland, MI 48363
Lakeside Picnic Area



This program is exclusively for special needs individuals of all ages.

This program has been tailored to provide those with cognitive impairments and special needs a unique opportunity to explore a gentle and quiet park while getting hands-on in nature in a quiet and controlled setting. We will be utilizing all of our senses as we explore the sights, sounds, smells, tastes and feelings of the natural world from the comfort of our Lakeside Picnic Area. We will be meeting a real turtle who we can touch and learn from, smelling some of the sweetest smells nature can produce, feeling a variety of natural materials including furs, barks, plants, bones, pinecones and more while learning a little about them, and even whipping up a tasty natural snack and more! We will be in a shaded and wheelchair accessible area surrounded by serene forest and lakefront. Additional questions about accessibility or concerns can be sent to info@DinosaurHill.org

All family members in attendance must register. Children under age 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

Resident Registration: Open Now **Non-Resident Registration Opens: September 5**

Residents: \$5 **Non-residents: \$7** **Register by: September 19**

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