

AGENDA

Ingham County Parks & Recreation Commission
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Monday, January 8, 2024

5:30pm

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Meeting Location:
Human Services Building
Conference Room A
5303 S. Cedar St.
Lansing, MI 48911

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **ELECTION OF 2024 OFFICERS**
 - A. Park Commission Nominating Committee – Nickolas Lentz and Bret Marr
Slate of Candidates:
Chair: Cherry Hamrick
Vice Chair: Stephanie Thomas
Secretary: Steve James
Nominations from the floor
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. Minutes of December 11, 2023 regular meeting will be considered - [Page 3](#)
5. **Limited Public Comment ~ Limited to 3 minutes with no discussion**
6. **APPROVE THE AGENDA**
Late Items / Changes/ Deletions
7. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
 - A. Logo and Sports Stop
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11. Board/Staff Comments

12. Limited Public Comment ~ *Limited to 3 minutes with no discussion*

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A. Red Cedar River multi-jurisdictional clearing letter

14. Upcoming Meetings

A. Date: February 12th; Time: 5:30pm
Human Services Building Conference Room A
5303 S. Cedar St.
Lansing, MI 48911

15. Adjournment

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Ingham County Parks & Recreation Commission Members: Chair Cherry Hamrick, Vice-Chair Stephanie Thomas, Secretary Steve James, Commissioner Simar Pawar, Commissioner Chris Trubac, Matthew Ferguson, Brett Marr, Paul Pratt, Nathan Triplett, Nickolas Lentz

**Whereas the Park Commissioners can adopt a procedure whereby we review a partial consent agenda in order to expedite our meetings, under this procedure we group some non-controversial action items together and deal with them in one motion without discussion. We keep out of this any items requiring a roll call vote or action items that need discussion or action items that may provide important information for disclosure. A single member of the Park Commission may pull any item off the consent agenda to discuss and vote separately

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING
INGHAM COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
121 E. Maple Street, Suite 102, Mason, Michigan 48854
December 11, 2023

The Ingham County Parks & Recreation Commission held a Regular Scheduled Meeting at the Human Services Building, Conference Room A, 5303 S. Cedar Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Board Members Present: Cherry Hamrick, Commissioner Pawar, Nathan Triplett, Nickolas Lentz, Matthew Ferguson, Steve James

Absent: Paul Pratt, Stephanie Thomas, Commissioner Trubac, Bret Marr

Also Present: Director Timothy Morgan, Deputy Director Brian Collins, Administrative Office Coordinator Kelly Burkholder, Trails and Parks Millage Coordinator Natalie Trotter, Tanya Moore (Spicer Group), Lake Lansing Park Manager Coe Emens, Burchfield Park Manager Tim Buckley, Bob Ford (LAP), Ron Bogart & Alan Smeka (City of Leslie), Jim Jennings (City of East Lansing), John Lazet (Vevay Township), John Bollman (Rotary/Red Cedar), Keith Creah (Williamston Township)

Call to Order: Chair Hamrick called the Regularly Scheduled Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to order at 5:31pm

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Trails and Parks Millage scoring review

Tanya Moore went over Trails and Parks millage scoring sheets.

Director Morgan stated that in the future, a question 7 could possibly be added in regards to points for rehab and repair.

Nick Lentz inquired about the calculation under the mean score for question #4. Tanya Moore going to look into and email the Park Commission an answer to the question as well as updates on all of the sheets after she reviews.

Tanya Moore went over the options and as to how the Park Commission would like to handle a multi jurisdiction scoring.

Conversation ensued.

Park Commission consensus was to average the scores, revise the score sheets and bring back to the Park Commission.

Discussion for next steps for round 8

Natalie Trotter discussed the next steps for round 8.

Commissioners asked questions about projects and the projections as to completion.

Tanya Moore stated she will get the full spreadsheet to the Park Commission.

ACTION ITEMS

2024 Park Commission meeting dates

Yeas: Hamrick, James, Pawar, Triplett, Ferguson, Lentz

Nays: None

Absent: Marr, Trubac, Pratt, Thomas

Adopted as part of the consent agenda.

Policy for Supplemental Requests for Trails and Parks Millage Projects

Commissioner Pawar asked if the Controller's Office was involved in the updates to the policy.

Director Morgan confirmed that the Controller's office approved of the updated policy changes.

Mr. Triplett stated that he would be voting against the policy due to the fact that it is too restrictive. Mr. Triplett stated if such circumstances ever arise, the board will approve anyway. He also stated that the wording of 2 and 2d. are in conflict with one another. Mr. Triplett stated that these are two separate issues, one being a micro problem which is a conflict of confusion with the language and the second is a macro problem in which we are just telling the communities that they must tell us before they move forward but not forcing them to stop construction or bidding until approval has been made by the Board of Commission where it's just not practical. He continued to state that the policy was built out of frustration and it is far too restrictive for our communities. Mr. Triplett stated that the board will say the policy is unrealistic if someone should go to the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Pawar advised the Park staff and Controller's office to work on changing the language and not make this harder for communities.

Mr. Ferguson stated that a simple notification requirement is all that is needed and that the Board of Commissioners and Park Commission needs to be notified within a certain time period before being awarded.

Mr. Morgan asked the Park Commission to make edits that they see fit and send to the Park staff.

Mr. Triplett stated that the strength of this millage is the flexibility. He also stated we should ask and expect communities to communicate changes, but leave it flexible. More notification, more communication and the Park staff work with communities to get these projects done.

Motion to Table the Policy for Supplemental Requests for Trails and Parks Millage Projects

MOVED BY Mr. James, SUPPORTED BY Commissioner Pawar

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Pratt, Marr, Trubac, Thomas. MOTION CARRIED.

Lake Lansing North – MiDeal

Commissioner Pawar stated that she would like the community to be notified of any updates on this and all projects by the means of signage and Facebook posts.

Motion to support the resolution to authorize an agreement with Spicer Group, Inc. for prime professional services for improvements at Lake Lansing Park North

MOVED BY Commissioner Pawar, SUPPORTED BY Mr. Triplett

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Pratt, Marr, Trubac, Thomas. MOTION CARRIED.

Holt to Mason MiDeal

Motion to support the resolution to authorize an agreement with Spicer Group, Inc. for prime professional services for preparation and submittal of a TAP Grant and preliminary engineering for the Holt to Mason Trail

Yeas: Hamrick, James, Pawar, Triplett, Ferguson, Lentz

Nays: None

Absent: Marr, Trubac, Pratt, Thomas

Adopted as part of the consent agenda.

Food truck

Coe Emens explained that the food truck contract is too restrictive and that we are trying streamline the process. This would allow the Park Department to implement as part of their fee schedule and charge accordingly.

Motion to support the resolution to adopt fees for food truck vendors that participate in County sponsored events at the Ingham County Parks

MOVED BY Pawar, SUPPORTED BY Triplett

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Pratt, Marr, Trubac, Thomas. MOTION CARRIED.

Nominating committee for 2024 officers

The Park Commission nominated Bret Marr and Nick Lentz to be the nominating committee for the 2024 officers.

Motion to Select a Nominating Individual or Committee for 2024 Election of Officers

MOVED BY Mr. James, SUPPORTED BY Ms. Hamrick

To recommend an individual or committee to nominate a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary for the 2024 January election of officers

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Pratt, Marr, Trubac, Thomas. MOTION CARRIED.

2024 Seasonal employee wage schedule

Yeas: Hamrick, James, Pawar, Triplett, Ferguson, Lentz

Nays: None

Absent: Marr, Trubac, Pratt, Thomas

Adopted as part of the consent agenda.

Transfer of funds for emergency purchase (asbestos abatement)

Motion to support the resolution to authorize the transfer of funds for emergency asbestos abatement

Yeas: Hamrick, James, Pawar, Triplett, Ferguson, Lentz

Nays: None

Absent: Marr, Trubac, Pratt, Thomas

Adopted as part of the consent agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

BOARD/STAFF COMMENTS

Commissioner Pawar stated SAD would like a representative from the Parks Department to be in attendance to report and provide information to property owners at their monthly meetings.

2024 Park Commission meeting dates

A motion was moved by Commissioner Pawar, supported by Nickolas Lentz to have one Park Commission meeting per year at each of the parks (see below dates and locations of the three meetings in the parks).

Yeas: Hamrick, James, Pawar, Triplett, Ferguson, Lentz

Nays: None

Absent: Marr, Trubac, Pratt, Thomas

Date	Time	Room/Shelter	Building/Park	City	Dept. Deadlines
Monday, January 8	5:30pm	Room A	Human Services Building	Lansing	Friday, December 29 by noon
Monday, February 12	5:30pm	Room A	Human Services Building	Lansing	Monday, February 5 by noon
Monday, March 11	5:30pm	Room A	Human Services Building	Lansing	Monday, March 4 by noon
Monday, April 8	5:30pm	Room A	Human Services Building	Lansing	Monday, April 1 by noon
Monday, May 13	5:30pm	Room A	Human Services Building	Lansing	Monday, May 6 by noon
Monday, June 10	5:30pm	Winter Sports Building	Burchfield	Holt	Monday, June 3 by noon
Monday, July 8	5:30pm	Main Shelter	Lake Lansing South	Haslett	Monday, July 1 by noon
Monday, August 12	5:30pm	Coopers Cabana	Hawk Island	Lansing	Monday, August 5 by noon
Monday, September 9	5:30pm	Room A	Human Services Building	Lansing	Friday, August 30 by noon
Monday, October 14	5:30pm	Room A	Human Services Building	Lansing	Monday, October 7 by noon
Monday, November 18 th	5:30pm	Room A	Human Services Building	Lansing	Friday, November 8 th by noon
Monday, December 9	5:30pm	Room A	Human Services Building	Lansing	Monday, December 2 by noon

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

Keith Creah (Williamston Township) stated that he is disappointed in the funding situation, specifically with the river. This delay in funding will result in losing progress due to river jams. He encourages staff to look at ways to work with communities and how to find nonrevenue ways in order to keep the momentum going.

John Bollman (Rotary) stated that he agrees with Keith Creah and that they are working on a state designation water trail and that without additional funding they would need to pull back on. He requested that they would like to work with the County on ways to get a portion of the money to help keep the river open.

Dan Opsommer voiced his concerns with the policy for supplemental requests for Trails and Parks millage projects. Mr. Opsommer asked that the policy not be so restrictive that the communities are unable to sign the bid award within 30-60 days resulting in the contractor not honoring the price. He also asked that the policy look at the match dollars cumulatively and not specifically for the requested increase and that every current policy is requiring 10% on a requested increase regardless of what percentage of the original application. Mr. Opsommer stated as an example that if there is a 10% local match, a 10% additional increase seems logical, however if there is a 60% original application, there should be a credit or a waiver. He recommended the policy establish some kind of intent so that the language isn't open to interpretation as to why such a requirement would be waived.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Meeting adjourned

Minutes submitted by:

Kelly Burkholder, Administrative Office Coordinator

If any Park Commissioner is interested in having the Ingham County Parks logo printed on apparel, they can take any new or used article of clothing to Sports Stop and have the Ingham County Parks logo put on at their expense.

The address to Sports Stop is 124 W. Ash St., Mason, 48854. (517-676-2199)

If you have questions please reach out to Kelly Burkholder (517-676-2233).

December 13, 2023

To: Tim Morgan, Director of Parks

From: Brian Collins, Deputy Director of Parks

Re: Request to modify 2024 CIP “zero turn” mower purchase

Director Morgan,

Within the current 2024 Parks Capital Improvement budget, two zero turn lawnmowers are scheduled to be replaced. It was my initial hope that these mowers would be fully electric, to begin the transition to carbon neutrality that is a priority of both our Department as well as the Board of Commissioners.

I spoke with multiple other agencies throughout the State, who have also started the transition to electric equipment. With the agencies I spoke with, I found that not one of them were satisfied with the current available electrical zero turn mowers. Through purchasing of the mowers and/or using demonstration units, these agencies had the following responses:

- BAY CITY has explored electric and has done a few demos, but like others, upfront costs, run time, and battery replacement expenses have been barriers. While we acknowledge the potential future shift to electric, our current use is limited. We've adopted electric tools like weed whips, chain saws, and blowers for small tasks, but our main mowing crews still rely on gas-powered equipment due to the volume they handle. If you come across any noteworthy electric solutions, please share.
- HCMA has had a couple of demonstrations of the electric zero turns. It is something that we are exploring, but at this time we do not have. The information that we received is the same that Josh had. The price was at least double of the same model in gas, with an estimated cost of replacement of the battery packs (if ever necessary) at approximately \$17,000.
- KENT COUNTY: I was at Lake County, IL this summer and they had a Green Machine. It struggled with knocking down areas that were only mowed periodically and run time was noticeably decreased in the spring with grass is thick and growing quickly (like any battery powered equipment). I looked at Exmark's electric zero-turn a year or two ago, and the cost was double for the same mower in gas, so that's where my investigation ended.
- ROCHESTER HILLS: Our Grounds Manager has checked them out and he is not impressed. They don't have enough power to cut taller grass, Battery charge doesn't last long enough, and more...



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- WEST BLOOMFIELD PARKS bought one (1) Mean Green electric 60" ZTR in 2019. It currently has 800 hours on it and we will be selling it ASAP. We have had a lot of problems with it over the course of ownership. I talked a lot with Weingartz and Toro about a warranty because I feel that the advancement in the design and especially the electronic of this equipment is evolving so quickly that in five (5) years you will need to replace the machine. I am hesitant to be a "Gini pig" for Toro since their electric mower is new and I felt like I was going backwards 5 years. The Mean Green left us broke down so many times and unreliable that staff didn't want to use it. When we bought the Mean Green in 19 we bought a gas 60" ZTR at the same time. If we didn't do that we would not of have had a running mower to use.

The current budget for these 2 electric mowers was \$110,000. Due to the above mentioned reasons and the need to replace the current aging mowers, I am requesting an alteration of our previously approved Capital expenditure. I am requesting the ability purchase 3 gas powered zero turn mowers No additional funds would be required. I am hopeful that within the next 4-5 years, when the electric mower technology better suits the commercial/large park setting, that we replace these with electric units.

I appreciate your consideration,



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**PROJECT SCORING SUMMARY - ALPHA ORDER
TRAILS AND PARKS MILLAGE GRANT APPLICATION
2023 ROUND (Round 8)**

Applicant	Project	Project Type		Match	Local Match Amount	Community Priority	Score	Amount Requested	\$\$ Cumulative
Aurelius Township	Glenna Droscha Community Park (trail extension)	TRAIL	NEW	13.82%	\$32,000.00	1	28.17	\$199,600.00	\$199,600.00
Village of Dansville	Dansville Park Redevelopment	OTHER	NEW	0.50%	\$4,900.00	1	30.00	\$978,200.00	\$1,177,800.00
City of East Lansing	Northern Tier Trail Extension to Coolidge Road	TRAIL	NEW	69.45%	\$590,000.00	1	38.83	\$259,500.00	\$1,437,300.00
Ingham County	Grand River Water Trail (Old English Inn Bridge)	BLUEWAY	REHAB/REPAIR	0.00%	\$0.00	1	33.83	\$250,000.00	\$1,687,300.00
Ingham County	Lake Lansing Park North - Maintenance Barn	OTHER	NEW	0.00%	\$0.00	2	17.17	\$302,400.00	\$1,989,700.00
Ingham County	Lake Lansing Park North - Playground	OTHER	REHAB/REPAIR	0.00%	\$0.00	3	17.17	\$600,000.00	\$2,589,700.00
Ingham County	Burchfield Park - Playground	OTHER	REHAB/REPAIR	0.00%	\$0.00	4	17.17	\$575,000.00	\$3,164,700.00
Ingham County	Hawk Island Park - Splash Pad Renovation	OTHER	REHAB/REPAIR	25.00%	\$500,000.00	5	22.17	\$1,500,000.00	\$4,699,700.00
Ingham County	Feasibility Study - LLS Carousel Bldg & Trike Track	OTHER	REHAB/REPAIR	0.00%	\$0.00	6	15.50	\$35,000.00	\$3,199,700.00
City of Lansing / FLRT	Trail Ambassador Coordinator	OTHER	N/A	27.27%	\$7,500.00	1	34.50	\$20,000.00	\$4,719,700.00
City of Lansing	Area Rivers Stewardship	BLUEWAY	REHAB/REPAIR	0.00%	\$0.00	1	32.83	\$45,000.00	\$4,764,700.00
City of Lansing	River Trail Bridge Relocation (Elm St/Red Cedar River)	TRAIL	REHAB/REPAIR	22.72%	\$117,600.00	2	39.50	\$400,000.00	\$5,164,700.00
City of Leslie	Trail Continuation Project from 2024	TRAIL	NEW	10.00%	\$100,000.00	1	40.00	\$900,000.00	\$6,064,700.00
Meridian Township	Eastern Third Regional Trail, Phase I	TRAIL	NEW	10.00%	\$120,000.00	1	31.17	\$1,080,000.00	\$7,144,700.00
Meridian Twp, Williamston Twp, City of Williamston	Red Cedar River Multi-jurisdictional Clearing Project	BLUEWAY	NEW	9.09%	\$50,000.00	2	41.50	\$500,000.00	\$7,644,700.00
Vevay Township	Community Park Improvements	OTHER	REHAB/REPAIR	17.24%	\$50,000.00	1	29.83	\$240,000.00	\$7,884,700.00
Vevay Township	Hayhoe Trail Extension and Trailhead	TRAIL	NEW	2.50%	\$30,000.00	2	44.00	\$1,170,000.00	\$9,054,700.00
City of Williamston	Honor for All Memorial Trail	TRAIL	NEW	33.33%	\$400,000.00	1	38.17	\$800,000.00	\$9,854,700.00
				TOTALS:	\$2,002,000.00			\$9,854,700.00	
					16.88%			83.12%	

Max. Score = 50.00

PROJECT SCORING SUMMARY - SCORING ORDER
TRAILS AND PARKS MILLAGE GRANT APPLICATION
2023 ROUND (Round 8)

Applicant	Project	Project Type		Match	Local Match Amount	Community Priority	Score	Amount Requested	\$\$ Cumulative
Vevay Township	Hayhoe Trail Extension and Trailhead	TRAIL	NEW	2.50%	\$30,000.00	2	44.00	\$1,170,000.00	\$1,170,000.00
Meridian Twp, Williamston Twp, City of Williamston	Red Cedar River Multi-jurisdictional Clearing Project	BLUEWAY	NEW	9.09%	\$50,000.00	2	41.50	\$500,000.00	\$1,670,000.00
City of Leslie	Trail Continuation Project from 2024	TRAIL	NEW	10.00%	\$100,000.00	1	40.00	\$900,000.00	\$2,570,000.00
City of Lansing	River Trail Bridge Relocation (Elm St/Red Cedar River)	TRAIL	REHAB/REPAIR	22.72%	\$117,600.00	2	39.50	\$400,000.00	\$2,970,000.00
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City of Williamston	Honor for All Memorial Trail	TRAIL	NEW	33.33%	\$400,000.00	1	38.17	\$800,000.00	\$4,029,500.00
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16.88% 83.12%

*** Refer to project scoring sheets to see optional scoring for this project.*

Max. Score = 50.00

**PROJECT SCORING SUMMARY
TRAILS AND PARKS MILLAGE GRANT APPLICATION
2023 ROUND (Round 8)**

Project: GLENNA DROSCHA COMMUNITY PARK (Trail Extension)
Community: AURELIUS TOWNSHIP

FINAL SCORE: 28.17

Type of Application: TRAIL _____ NEW _____

PRIORITY: N/A _____
(if multiple projects)

Local Match Amount: 13.82%

	n = 6	Q1. (Table 18) 0=no, 5=yes	Q2. Connectivity (Fig. 24) 0=no, 10=yes	Q3. Other Funding 0=no, 5=yes	Q4. Project Rating 20 point max.	Q5. Project Rating Equitable Distribution 5 point max.	Q6. Request by community contribute 5% or less 0=no, 5=yes	TOTALS
Min		0.00	0.00	5.00	10.00	4.00	5.00	
Max		0.00	0.00	5.00	15.00	4.00	5.00	
Mean		0.00	0.00	5.00	14.17	4.00	5.00	28.17
Total		0.00	0.00	30.00	85.00	24.00	30.00	169.00
		No	No	Yes/No	Park Comm	0-1% = 5 pts	No	
		Yes	Yes	\$32,000	Score	>1-10% = 4 pts	Yes	
				Twp	0-5 = 10 pts	>10-20% = 3 pts	1.90%	
					6-10 = 15 pts	>20-30% = 2 pts		
					11-14 = 20 pts	>30% = 1 pts		

SCORING NOTES:

- * Good match, ready to go for 2024.
- * Relatively small dollar amount. Would be a significant benefit to small, outlying community. Local match commitment demonstrates community support.

**PROJECT SCORING SUMMARY
TRAILS AND PARKS MILLAGE GRANT APPLICATION
2023 ROUND (Round 8)**

Project: DANSVILLE PARK REDEVELOPMENT
Community: VILLAGE OF DANSVILLE

FINAL SCORE: **30.00**

Type of Application: OTHER NEW

PRIORITY: N/A
(if multiple projects)

Local Match Amount: 0.50%

		Q1. (Table 18) 0=no, 5=yes	Q2. Connectivity (Fig. 24) 0=no, 10=yes	Q3. Other Funding 0=no, 5=yes	Q4. Project Rating 20 point max.	Q5. Project Rating Equitable Distribution 5 point max.	Q6. Request by community contribute 5% or less 0=no, 5=yes	TOTALS
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Min		0.00	0.00	5.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	
Max		0.00	0.00	5.00	20.00	5.00	5.00	
Mean		0.00	0.00	5.00	15.00	5.00	5.00	30.00
Total		0.00	0.00	30.00	90.00	30.00	30.00	180.00
		No	No	Yes/No	Park Comm	0-1% = 5 pts	No	
		Yes	Yes	\$4,900	Score	>1-10% = 4 pts	Yes	
					0-5 = 10 pts	>10-20% = 3 pts	1%	
					6-10 = 15 pts	>20-30% = 2 pts		
					11-14 = 20 pts	>30% = 1 pts		

SCORING NOTES:

- * Funds to smaller communities is important; money to a park is always good.
- * Cost is a concern. Would like to see more local match commitment.

**PROJECT SCORING SUMMARY
TRAILS AND PARKS MILLAGE GRANT APPLICATION
2023 ROUND (Round 8)**

Project: NORTHERN TIER TRAIL EXTENSION TO COOLIDGE ROAD
Community: CITY OF EAST LANSING

FINAL SCORE: **38.83**

Type of Application: TRAIL _____ NEW _____

PRIORITY: N/A _____
(if multiple projects)

Local Match Amount: 69.45%

		Q1. (Table 18) 0=no, 5=yes	Q2. Connectivity (Fig. 24) 0=no, 10=yes	Q3. Other Funding 0=no, 5=yes	Q4. Project Rating 20 point max.	Q5. Project Rating Equitable Distribution 5 point max.	Q6. Request by community contribute 5% or less 0=no, 5=yes	TOTALS
n = 6								
Min		5.00	10.00	5.00	10.00	3.00	0.00	
Max		5.00	10.00	5.00	20.00	3.00	0.00	
Mean		5.00	10.00	5.00	15.83	3.00	0.00	38.83
Total		30.00	60.00	30.00	95.00	18.00	0.00	233.00
		No	No	Yes/No	Park Comm	0-1% = 5 pts	No	
		Yes	Yes	\$590,000	Score	>1-10% = 4 pts	Yes	
					0-5 = 10 pts	>10-20% = 3 pts	11.90%	
					6-10 = 15 pts	>20-30% = 2 pts		
					11-14 = 20 pts	>30% = 1 pts		

SCORING NOTES:

- * Already funding for the clinton County section; a connector; and not billed until 2025.
- * Appreciate collaboration with & connectivity to Clinton County, as well as significant match/DNR funding. Some concern about well-used trail segment will be, given lack of major destinations in this area. Also concern about apparent local resistance.

**PROJECT SCORING SUMMARY
TRAILS AND PARKS MILLAGE GRANT APPLICATION
2023 ROUND (Round 8)**

Project: GRAND RIVER WATER TRAIL - remove Old English Inn Bridge
Community: INGHAM COUNTY

FINAL SCORE: **33.83**

Type of Application: BLUEWAY REHAB/REPAIR **PRIORITY:** 1

(if multiple projects)

Local Match Amount: 0%

		Q1. (Table 18) 0=no, 5=yes	Q2. Connectivity (Fig. 24) 0=no, 10=yes	Q3. Other Funding 0=no, 5=yes	Q4. Project Rating 20 point max.	Q5. Project Rating Equitable Distribution 5 point max.	Q6. Request by community contribute 5% or less 0=no, 5=yes	TOTALS
n = 6								
Min		5.00	10.00	0.00	10.00	3.00	0.00	
Max		5.00	10.00	0.00	20.00	3.00	0.00	
Mean		5.00	10.00	0.00	15.83	3.00	0.00	33.83
Total		30.00	60.00	0.00	95.00	18.00	0.00	203.00
		No	No	Yes/No	Park Comm	0-1% = 5 pts	No	
		Yes	Yes	\$0	Score	>1-10% = 4 pts	Yes	
					0-5 = 10 pts	>10-20% = 3 pts		
					6-10 = 15 pts	>20-30% = 2 pts		
					11-14 = 20 pts	>30% = 1 pts		

SCORING NOTES:

- * This project has been needed and discussed for years, and needs to be done for the safety of our Parks staff, as well as for paddlers. This section of the river is closed to use every spring and delays income for Parks by not being able to put paddlers on for paid trips from Bunker Landing.
- * Public safety issue, and compliments other proposals related to improved river access. Some concern about potential permitting complexities.

**PROJECT SCORING SUMMARY
TRAILS AND PARKS MILLAGE GRANT APPLICATION
2023 ROUND (Round 8)**

Project: LAKE LANSING PARK NORTH - MAINTENANCE BARN
Community: INGHAM COUNTY

FINAL SCORE: 17.17

Type of Application: OTHER _____ NEW _____

PRIORITY: 2
(if multiple projects)

Local Match Amount: 0%

		Q1. (Table 18) 0=no, 5=yes	Q2. Connectivity (Fig. 24) 0=no, 10=yes	Q3. Other Funding 0=no, 5=yes	Q4. Project Rating 20 point max.	Q5. Project Rating Equitable Distribution 5 point max.	Q6. Request by community contribute 5% or less 0=no, 5=yes	TOTALS
n = 6								
Min		0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	3.00	0.00	
Max		0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	3.00	0.00	
Mean		0.00	0.00	0.00	14.17	3.00	0.00	17.17
Total		0.00	0.00	0.00	85.00	18.00	0.00	103.00
		No Yes	No Yes	Yes/No \$0	Park Comm Score 0-5 = 10 pts 6-10 = 15 pts 11-14 = 20 pts	0-1% = 5 pts >1-10% = 4 pts >10-20% = 3 pts >20-30% = 2 pts >30% = 1 pts	No Yes	

SCORING NOTES:

- * Needed, are there other funds from general fund or somewhere to use if this doesn't get funded?
- * Relatively small dollar amount. Some concern that this request is more operational in nature and doesn't directly support public access.

**PROJECT SCORING SUMMARY
TRAILS AND PARKS MILLAGE GRANT APPLICATION
2023 ROUND (Round 8)**

Project: LAKE LANSING PARK NORTH - PLAYGROUND
Community: INGHAM COUNTY

FINAL SCORE: 17.17

Type of Application: OTHER REHAB/REPAIR

PRIORITY: 3
(if multiple projects)

Local Match Amount: 0%

		Q1. (Table 18) 0=no, 5=yes	Q2. Connectivity (Fig. 24) 0=no, 10=yes	Q3. Other Funding 0=no, 5=yes	Q4. Project Rating 20 point max.	Q5. Project Rating Equitable Distribution 5 point max.	Q6. Request by community contribute 5% or less 0=no, 5=yes	TOTALS
n = 6								
Min		0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	3.00	0.00	
Max		0.00	0.00	0.00	15.00	3.00	0.00	
Mean		0.00	0.00	0.00	14.17	3.00	0.00	17.17
Total		0.00	0.00	0.00	85.00	18.00	0.00	103.00
		No Yes	No Yes	Yes/No \$0	Park Comm Score 0-5 = 10 pts 6-10 = 15 pts 11-14 = 20 pts	0-1% = 5 pts >1-10% = 4 pts >10-20% = 3 pts >20-30% = 2 pts >30% = 1 pts	No Yes	

SCORING NOTES:

- * Always need to be updating and replacing Parks items.
- * Appreciate the coordination with LWCF grant. Also addresses portntial public safety issues with existing playground and boardwalk.

**PROJECT SCORING SUMMARY
TRAILS AND PARKS MILLAGE GRANT APPLICATION
2023 ROUND (Round 8)**

Project: BURCHFIELD PARK - PLAYGROUND
Community: INGHAM COUNTY

FINAL SCORE: 17.17

Type of Application: OTHER REHAB/REPAIR

PRIORITY: 4
(if multiple projects)

Local Match Amount: 0%

		Q1. (Table 18) 0=no, 5=yes	Q2. Connectivity (Fig. 24) 0=no, 10=yes	Q3. Other Funding 0=no, 5=yes	Q4. Project Rating 20 point max.	Q5. Project Rating Equitable Distribution 5 point max.	Q6. Request by community contribute 5% or less 0=no, 5=yes	TOTALS
n = 6								
Min		0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	3.00	0.00	
Max		0.00	0.00	0.00	15.00	3.00	0.00	
Mean		0.00	0.00	0.00	14.17	3.00	0.00	17.17
Total		0.00	0.00	0.00	85.00	18.00	0.00	103.00
		No Yes	No Yes	Yes/No \$0	Park Comm Score 0-5 = 10 pts 6-10 = 15 pts 11-14 = 20 pts	0-1% = 5 pts >1-10% = 4 pts >10-20% = 3 pts >20-30% = 2 pts >30% = 1 pts	No Yes	

SCORING NOTES:

- * Same note as LLN Playground; we need to keep working on repair and replacement throughout the Parks.
- * Adds needed amenities at Burchfield and helps continue access to the Grand River. Appreciate LWCF grant coordination.

**PROJECT SCORING SUMMARY
TRAILS AND PARKS MILLAGE GRANT APPLICATION
2023 ROUND (Round 8)**

Project: HAWK ISLAND PARK - SPLASH PAD RENOVATION
Community: INGHAM COUNTY

FINAL SCORE: 22.17

Type of Application: OTHER REHAB/REPAIR

PRIORITY: 5
(if multiple projects)

Local Match Amount: 25%

		Q1. (Table 18) 0=no, 5=yes	Q2. Connectivity (Fig. 24) 0=no, 10=yes	Q3. Other Funding 0=no, 5=yes	Q4. Project Rating 20 point max.	Q5. Project Rating Equitable Distribution 5 point max.	Q6. Request by community contribute 5% or less 0=no, 5=yes	TOTALS
n = 6								
Min		0.00	0.00	5.00	10.00	3.00	0.00	
Max		0.00	0.00	5.00	15.00	3.00	0.00	
Mean		0.00	0.00	5.00	14.17	3.00	0.00	22.17
Total		0.00	0.00	30.00	85.00	18.00	0.00	133.00
		No Yes	No Yes	Yes/No \$500,000	Park Comm Score 0-5 = 10 pts 6-10 = 15 pts 11-14 = 20 pts	0-1% = 5 pts >1-10% = 4 pts >10-20% = 3 pts >20-30% = 2 pts >30% = 1 pts	No Yes	

SCORING NOTES:

- * This needs to be funded so we can go for the LWCF grant, and it won't be started until 2025 or 2026.
- * Appreciate coordination with LWCF grant. Attraction with significant public usage.

**PROJECT SCORING SUMMARY
TRAILS AND PARKS MILLAGE GRANT APPLICATION
2023 ROUND (Round 8)**

Project: LAKE LANSING PARK SOUTH - FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR CAROUSEL BUILDING AND TRIKE TRACK
Community: INGHAM COUNTY

FINAL SCORE: **15.50**

Type of Application: PLANNING & ENG REHAB/REPAIR **PRIORITY:** 6
(if multiple projects)

Local Match Amount: 0%

	n = 6	Q1. (Table 18) 0=no, 5=yes	Q2. Connectivity (Fig. 24) 0=no, 10=yes	Q3. Other Funding 0=no, 5=yes	Q4. Project Rating 20 point max.	Q5. Project Rating Equitable Distribution 5 point max.	Q6. Request by community contribute 5% or less 0=no, 5=yes	TOTALS
Min		0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	3.00	0.00	
Max		0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	3.00	0.00	
Mean		0.00	0.00	0.00	12.50	3.00	0.00	15.50
Total		0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	18.00	0.00	93.00
		No Yes	No Yes	Yes/ No \$0	Park Comm Score 0-5 = 10 pts 6-10 = 15 pts 11-14 = 20 pts	0-1% = 5 pts >1-10% = 4 pts >10-20% = 3 pts >20-30% = 2 pts >30% = 1 pts	No Yes	

SCORING NOTES:

- * Let's get started on this project!
- * Small dollar feasibility study seems more operational in nature.

**PROJECT SCORING SUMMARY
TRAILS AND PARKS MILLAGE GRANT APPLICATION
2023 ROUND (Round 8)**

Project: TRAIL AMBASSADOR COORDINATOR
Community: CITY OF LANSING / FLRT

FINAL SCORE: **34.50**

Type of Application: OTHER _____

PRIORITY: N/A _____
(if multiple projects)

Local Match Amount: 27.27%

	n = 6	Q1. (Table 18) 0=no, 5=yes	Q2. Connectivity (Fig. 24) 0=no, 10=yes	Q3. Other Funding 0=no, 5=yes	Q4. Project Rating 20 point max.	Q5. Project Rating Equitable Distribution 5 point max.	Q6. Request by community contribute 5% or less 0=no, 5=yes	TOTALS
Min		5.00	10.00	5.00	10.00	2.00	0.00	
Max		5.00	10.00	5.00	15.00	2.00	0.00	
Mean		5.00	10.00	5.00	12.50	2.00	0.00	34.50
Total		30.00	60.00	30.00	75.00	12.00	0.00	207.00
		No	No	Yes/No	Park Comm	0-1% = 5 pts	No	
		Yes	Yes	\$7,500	Score	>1-10% = 4 pts	Yes	
					0-5 = 10 pts	>10-20% = 3 pts	26%	
					6-10 = 15 pts	>20-30% = 2 pts		
					11-14 = 20 pts	>30% = 1 pts		

SCORING NOTES:

- * Good used of funds for work on promotion of trails, maintenance reporting, public awareness of trails and benefits, help with promoting the renewal of the millage, etc.
- * Small dollar amount, with potential to become self-supporting and promote overall cost savings.

**PROJECT SCORING SUMMARY
TRAILS AND PARKS MILLAGE GRANT APPLICATION
2023 ROUND (Round 8)**

Project: AREA RIVER STEWARDSHIP
Community: CITY OF LANSING

FINAL SCORE: **32.83**

Type of Application: BLUEWAY REHAB/REPAIR

PRIORITY: 1
(if multiple projects)

Local Match Amount: 0%

		Q1. (Table 18) 0=no, 5=yes	Q2. Connectivity (Fig. 24) 0=no, 10=yes	Q3. Other Funding 0=no, 5=yes	Q4. Project Rating 20 point max.	Q5. Project Rating Equitable Distribution 5 point max.	Q6. Request by community contribute 5% or less 0=no, 5=yes	TOTALS
n = 6								
Min		5.00	10.00	0.00	10.00	2.00	0.00	
Max		5.00	10.00	0.00	20.00	2.00	0.00	
Mean		5.00	10.00	0.00	15.83	2.00	0.00	32.83
Total		30.00	60.00	0.00	95.00	12.00	0.00	197.00
		No	No	Yes/No	Park Comm	0-1% = 5 pts	No	
		Yes	Yes	\$0	Score	>1-10% = 4 pts	Yes	
					0-5 = 10 pts	>10-20% = 3 pts	26%	
					6-10 = 15 pts	>20-30% = 2 pts		
					11-14 = 20 pts	>30% = 1 pts		

SCORING NOTES:

- * Great idea and great help from Lansing to store equipment, etc. Very good county collaboration and finally using some funds for river projects!
- * Small dollar amount. Improvements in cleanliness of rivers will improve experience for uses of both the river and adjacent trails.

**PROJECT SCORING SUMMARY
TRAILS AND PARKS MILLAGE GRANT APPLICATION
2023 ROUND (Round 8)**

Project: RIVER TRAIL BRIDGE (ELM ST / RED CEDAR RIVER)
Community: CITY OF LANSING

FINAL SCORE: **39.50**

Type of Application: BRIDGE REHAB/REPAIR

PRIORITY: 2
(if multiple projects)

Local Match Amount: 22.72%

		Q1. (Table 18) 0=no, 5=yes	Q2. Connectivity (Fig. 24) 0=no, 10=yes	Q3. Other Funding 0=no, 5=yes	Q4. Project Rating 20 point max.	Q5. Project Rating Equitable Distribution 5 point max.	Q6. Request by community contribute 5% or less 0=no, 5=yes	TOTALS
n = 6								
Min		5.00	10.00	5.00	10.00	2.00	0.00	
Max		5.00	10.00	5.00	20.00	2.00	0.00	
Mean		5.00	10.00	5.00	17.50	2.00	0.00	39.50
Total		30.00	60.00	30.00	105.00	12.00	0.00	237.00
		No	No	Yes/No	Park Comm	0-1% = 5 pts	No	
		Yes	Yes	\$117,600	Score	>1-10% = 4 pts	Yes	
					0-5 = 10 pts	>10-20% = 3 pts	26%	
					6-10 = 15 pts	>20-30% = 2 pts		
					11-14 = 20 pts	>30% = 1 pts		

SCORING NOTES:

- * 2026-27 start date but need funding approved now.
- * Current boardwalk has public safety concerns. Significant opportunity with the forthcoming Elm St. bridge replacement. Positive collaboration between the City of Lansing and MDOT.

**PROJECT SCORING SUMMARY
TRAILS AND PARKS MILLAGE GRANT APPLICATION
2023 ROUND (Round 8)**

Project: TRAIL CONTINUATION PROJECT FROM 2024
Community: CITY OF LESLIE

FINAL SCORE: 40.00

Type of Application: TRAIL _____ NEW _____

PRIORITY: N/A _____
(if multiple projects)

Local Match Amount: 10% _____

		Q1. (Table 18) 0=no, 5=yes	Q2. Connectivity (Fig. 24) 0=no, 10=yes	Q3. Other Funding 0=no, 5=yes	Q4. Project Rating 20 point max.	Q5. Project Rating Equitable Distribution 5 point max.	Q6. Request by community contribute 5% or less 0=no, 5=yes	TOTALS
n = 6								
Min		0.00	10.00	5.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	
Max		0.00	10.00	5.00	20.00	5.00	5.00	
Mean		0.00	10.00	5.00	15.00	5.00	5.00	40.00
Total		0.00	60.00	30.00	90.00	30.00	30.00	240.00
		No	No	Yes/No	Park Comm	0-1% = 5 pts	No	
		Yes	Yes	\$100,000	Score	>1-10% = 4 pts	Yes	
					0-5 = 10 pts	>10-20% = 3 pts	0.50%	
					6-10 = 15 pts	>20-30% = 2 pts		
					11-14 = 20 pts	>30% = 1 pts		

SCORING NOTES:

- * Would like to see the project broken down; too big an ask.
- * Good match funding, good connector.
- * Good connectivity and destinations adjacent to trail. Support the inclusion of the cemetery as part of the trail route.

**PROJECT SCORING SUMMARY
TRAILS AND PARKS MILLAGE GRANT APPLICATION
2023 ROUND (Round 8)**

Project: EASTERN THIRD REGIONAL TRAIL, PHASE 1
Community: MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP

FINAL SCORE: 31.17

Type of Application: TRAIL _____ NEW _____

PRIORITY: 1
(if multiple projects)

Local Match Amount: 10%

		Q1. (Table 18) 0=no, 5=yes	Q2. Connectivity (Fig. 24) 0=no, 10=yes	Q3. Other Funding 0=no, 5=yes	Q4. Project Rating 20 point max.	Q5. Project Rating Equitable Distribution 5 point max.	Q6. Request by community contribute 5% or less 0=no, 5=yes	TOTALS
n = 6								
Min		0.00	10.00	5.00	10.00	2.00	0.00	
Max		0.00	10.00	5.00	20.00	2.00	0.00	
Mean		0.00	10.00	5.00	14.17	2.00	0.00	31.17
Total		0.00	60.00	30.00	85.00	12.00	0.00	187.00
		No Yes	No Yes	Yes/No \$120,000	Park Comm Score 0-5 = 10 pts 6-10 = 15 pts 11-14 = 20 pts	0-1% = 5 pts >1-10% = 4 pts >10-20% = 3 pts >20-30% = 2 pts >30% = 1 pts	No Yes 22.30%	

SCORING NOTES:

* Concerns that trail doesn't have many adjacent destinations. Also, with completion of Lake Lansing trail, a higher priority should be connecting other parts of the county not connected to the trail system.

**PROJECT SCORING SUMMARY
TRAILS AND PARKS MILLAGE GRANT APPLICATION
2023 ROUND (Round 8)**

Project: RED CEDAR RIVER CLEARING (MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL)
Community: MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP (primary), WILLIAMSTOWN TOWNSHIP, CITY OF WILLIAMSTON

FINAL SCORE: 41.50

Type of Application: BLUEWAY NEW

PRIORITY: 2
(if multiple projects)

Local Match Amount: 9.09%

	n = 6	Q1. (Table 18) 0=no, 5=yes	Q2. Connectivity (Fig. 24) 0=no, 10=yes	Q3. Other Funding 0=no, 5=yes	Q4. Project Rating 20 point max.	Q5. Project Rating Equitable Distribution 5 point max.	Q6. Request by community contribute 5% or less 0=no, 5=yes	TOTALS
Min		5.00	10.00	5.00	15.00	4.00	0.00	
Max		5.00	10.00	5.00	20.00	4.00	0.00	
Mean		5.00	10.00	5.00	17.50	4.00	0.00	41.50
Total		30.00	60.00	30.00	105.00	24.00	0.00	249.00
		No	No	Yes/No	Park Comm	0-1% = 5 pts	No	
		Yes	Yes	\$50,000	Score	>1-10% = 4 pts	Yes	
					0-5 = 10 pts	>10-20% = 3 pts	8.90%	
					6-10 = 15 pts	>20-30% = 2 pts		
					11-14 = 20 pts	>30% = 1 pts		

SCORING NOTES:

- * We need to earmark more funds for waterways, not much has been funded for water trails. I like the interaction with other local water groups and the river community. Good match source and maybe others can be found-?
- * Appreciate multi-jurisdictional collaboration aspect, and would like to see this expanded to include East Lansing and Lansing. The Red Cedar River as a whole is heavily under-appreciated and under-utilized.
- ** Scoring uses the average contribution of all 3 communities to the millage for scoring Q5 and Q6:

	Est. Millage Revenue Total	% of Total Collected
Meridian Township	\$4,895,257	22.30%
Williamstown Township	\$681,392	3.10%
City of Williamston	\$312,274	1.40%
Average % of all 3 communities:		8.90%

**PROJECT SCORING SUMMARY
TRAILS AND PARKS MILLAGE GRANT APPLICATION
2023 ROUND (Round 8)**

Project: COMMUNITY PARK IMPROVEMENTS
Community: VEVAY TOWNSHIP

FINAL SCORE: **29.83**

Type of Application: OTHER REHAB/REPAIR

PRIORITY: 1
(if multiple projects)

Local Match Amount: 17.24%

		Q1. (Table 18) 0=no, 5=yes	Q2. Connectivity (Fig. 24) 0=no, 10=yes	Q3. Other Funding 0=no, 5=yes	Q4. Project Rating 20 point max.	Q5. Project Rating Equitable Distribution 5 point max.	Q6. Request by community contribute 5% or less 0=no, 5=yes	TOTALS
n = 6								
Min		0.00	0.00	5.00	10.00	4.00	5.00	
Max		0.00	0.00	5.00	20.00	4.00	5.00	
Mean		0.00	0.00	5.00	15.83	4.00	5.00	29.83
Total		0.00	0.00	30.00	95.00	24.00	30.00	179.00
		No	No	Yes/No	Park Comm	0-1% = 5 pts	No	
		Yes	Yes	\$50,000	Score	>1-10% = 4 pts	Yes	
					0-5 = 10 pts	>10-20% = 3 pts	1.70%	
					6-10 = 15 pts	>20-30% = 2 pts		
					11-14 = 20 pts	>30% = 1 pts		

SCORING NOTES:

- * This project is a good one, and it's good to have some projects that are for parks, since most funding goes to trails.
- * Cost seems excessive. Possibly consider funding only a portion of the project. Would like to see more local match commitment.

**PROJECT SCORING SUMMARY
TRAILS AND PARKS MILLAGE GRANT APPLICATION
2023 ROUND (Round 8)**

Project: HAYHOE TRAIL EXTENSION AND TRAILHEAD
Community: VEVAY TOWNSHIP

FINAL SCORE: 44.00

Type of Application: TRAIL _____ NEW _____

PRIORITY: 2
(if multiple projects)

Local Match Amount: 2.50%

		Q1. (Table 18) 0=no, 5=yes	Q2. Connectivity (Fig. 24) 0=no, 10=yes	Q3. Other Funding 0=no, 5=yes	Q4. Project Rating 20 point max.	Q5. Project Rating Equitable Distribution 5 point max.	Q6. Request by community contribute 5% or less 0=no, 5=yes	TOTALS
n = 6								
Min		5.00	10.00	5.00	10.00	4.00	5.00	
Max		5.00	10.00	5.00	20.00	4.00	5.00	
Mean		5.00	10.00	5.00	15.00	4.00	5.00	44.00
Total		30.00	60.00	30.00	90.00	24.00	30.00	264.00
		No	No	Yes/No	Park Comm	0-1% = 5 pts	No	
		Yes	Yes	\$30,000	Score	>1-10% = 4 pts	Yes	
					0-5 = 10 pts	>10-20% = 3 pts	1.70%	
					6-10 = 15 pts	>20-30% = 2 pts		
					11-14 = 20 pts	>30% = 1 pts		

SCORING NOTES:

- * So good to see this project moving along, it will be a big step in the link from Lansing to Mason and a great addition.
- * Would like to see more local match. However, could potentially support future trail connections to Stockbridge and Leslie.

**PROJECT SCORING SUMMARY
TRAILS AND PARKS MILLAGE GRANT APPLICATION
2023 ROUND (Round 8)**

Project: HONOR FOR ALL MEMORIAL TRAIL
Community: CITY OF WILLIAMSTON

FINAL SCORE: **38.17**

Type of Application: TRAIL _____ NEW _____

PRIORITY: N/A _____
(if multiple projects)

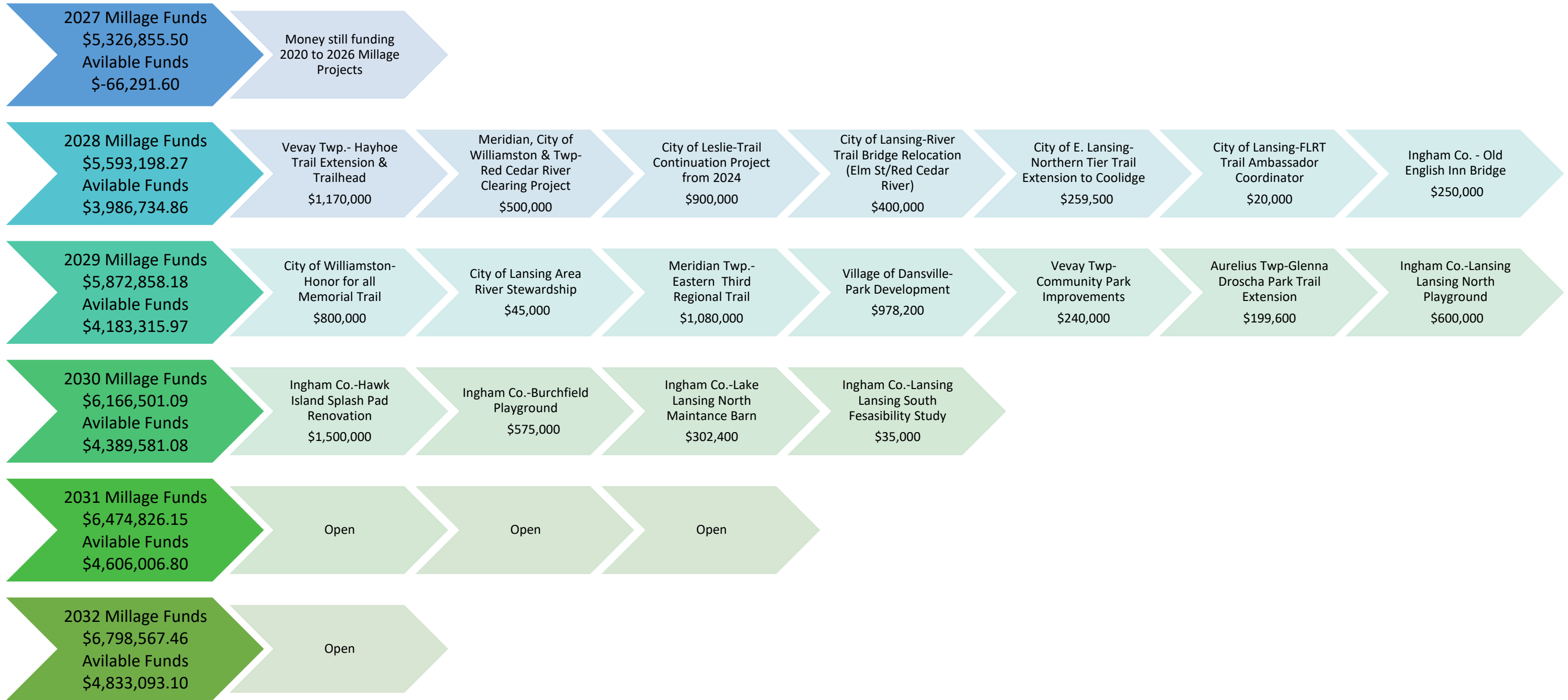
Local Match Amount: 33.33%

n = 6		Q1. (Table 18) 0=no, 5=yes	Q2. Connectivity (Fig. 24) 0=no, 10=yes	Q3. Other Funding 0=no, 5=yes	Q4. Project Rating 20 point max.	Q5. Project Rating Equitable Distribution 5 point max.	Q6. Request by community contribute 5% or less 0=no, 5=yes	TOTALS
Min		0.00	10.00	5.00	10.00	4.00	5.00	
Max		0.00	10.00	5.00	15.00	4.00	5.00	
Mean		0.00	10.00	5.00	14.17	4.00	5.00	38.17
Total		0.00	60.00	30.00	85.00	24.00	30.00	229.00
		No	No	Yes/No	Park Comm	0-1% = 5 pts	No	
		Yes	Yes	\$400,000	Score	>1-10% = 4 pts	Yes	
					0-5 = 10 pts	>10-20% = 3 pts	1.40%	
					6-10 = 15 pts	>20-30% = 2 pts		
					11-14 = 20 pts	>30% = 1 pts		

SCORING NOTES:

- * A good project but they need matching funds. Not looking at starting until 2026 so if we approve it then they can go out for other matching funds.
- * Improved access to local elementary school is an attractive aspect of this project, as well as nexus with Red Cedar clearing proposal. Cost is a concern.

Chart showing example of how Round 8 money will be funded from 2026 to 2032, after the Trails & Parks Millage is renewed in 2026. First available funds in 2028.



Next Steps for Millage Round 8 Applicants

The Ingham County Trails & Parks Millage was started in 2014 and Ingham County residents voted to extend the Millage in 2020. Due to COVID, construction costs have skyrocketed which has made the Millage cost also increase a significant amount. If every project under contract is completed, the millage cash on hand will be depleted, and may require supplemental funding before 2026. Ingham County Staff are suggesting that Round 8 Applications receive funding only after the next Millage renewal in 2026.

The Ingham County Trails & Parks Millage has funded over 114 projects totaling \$42,411,951.38 since inception; 60 of those projects have been closed and 54 of those projects are still open.

Here is the staff recommended plan:

- Millage Round 8 Applications amount \$10,834,400 (10 Communities with a total of 18 projects) requested. These will need to be programmed into future years of millage funding, or conditionally committed to base on the millage renewal for 2027-2032.
 - The Board of Commissioners may have to distribute Round 8 project funds between future years of the renewed millage (2027-2032).
- Millage Renewal (2027-2032) – The Trails and Parks Millage renewal needs to be promoted in 2025/2026. This can be done by:
 - Educating the public about projects the Millage has funded.
 - Determining future projects to show the need for the renewal.
- In Spring 2027 Ingham County will reach out to the Round 8 Applicants, to have the community update cost estimates and determine which projects are shovel ready. If costs will be increased from the original request, it will require an amendment.
 - Project Amendments - We expect a 3-6 month turn around process between gathering updated cost estimates from communities and final Board of Commission approval.

Ingham County appreciates all the hard work the Communities have put into the Millage Round 8 Applications. Ingham County understands we are asking you to wait a longer period of time for funding of your projects. We greatly appreciate your patience.

January 8th, Park Commission AGENDA STAFF REVIEW SUMMARY ACTION ITEMS:

The Director of Parks is recommending approval of all action items.

From the agenda for the following; ACTION ITEMS:***A. Zero Turn Mowers purchase CIP 2024***

Within the current 2024 Parks Capital Improvement budget, two zero turn lawnmowers are scheduled to be replaced. It was my initial hope that these mowers would be fully electric, to begin the transition to carbon neutrality that is a priority of both our Department as well as the Board of Commissioners. Brian Collins had spoken with multiple other agencies throughout the State, who have also started the transition to electric equipment. With the agencies he spoke with, he found that not one of them were satisfied with the current available electrical zero turn mowers. The current budget for these 2 electric mowers was \$110,000. Due to the above-mentioned reasons and the need to replace the current aging mowers, I support Brian Collins recommendation to go before the Board of Commissioners requesting an alteration of our previously approved Capital expenditure (CIP Zero Turn Mowers). The Parks would then seek purchasing 3 gas powered zero turn mowers in which additional funds would not be required. We are hopeful in the near future, when the electric mower technology better suits the commercial/large park setting, that we will replace future commercial mowers with electric units.

INGHAM COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting of January 8, 2024

Motion to direct staff to forward a resolution for zero turn mowers with the recommendations from the Park Commission as discussed

MOVED BY

SUPPORTED BY

Directors Report
December 4th-December 31st, 2023 (January 8th, 2024- Park Commission meeting)

Vision: Great Parks of Ingham County

Mission: The Ingham County Parks and Recreation Commission will provide quality outdoor recreation opportunities and facilities for all.

- Attended several BOC Committee and full meetings.
- Attended ribbon cutting for phase 1 MSU to Lake Lansing Trail dedication and then rode and walked phase 2 of the MSU to Lake Lansing Trail with Natalie and Commissioner Bob Pena.
- Helped Kelly and Natalie with Resolutions and various Administrative documents.
- Met with Spicer and Natalie for monthly Trails and Parks Millage meeting(s) and lots of round 8 items for current millage round and to discuss ongoing projects.
- Helped Friends with their 4th quarter meeting. Kelly and I put together their packet. Met with their newly hired part-time account to discuss their funds and financials.
- Attended a pre-proposal meeting with Consultant, Purchasing Director, and Brian and his staff at Hawk Island for boardwalk replacement grants behind Red Tail Shelter.
- Attended the MDNR Natural Resources Trust Fund meeting as they awarded projects applied for 2023. I had sent the PC and staff notice that we did receive a \$300,000 Trust Fund Grant for ADA improvements to Riverbend Natural Area at Burchfield Park.
- Natalie, Tanya and I met with MDOT representative to discuss our future grant application for the final phase of the Holt to Mason trail. State/Federal TAP Grant funding for the final leg of the Holt to Mason trail from College road to Kearns road. That design work and final application for TAP funding should start in early 2024. We already have a community Grant from Elissa Slotkin's office for 2.75 million, 1.25 million of Trails and Parks Millage Funds committed as well as a pledge of \$250,000 from George Hayhoe family for that project. The TAP grant would secure the final funds for that leg.
- Continued working with staff on a multitude of current and ongoing grant projects throughout the parks.
- Attended Controller's Senior Staff meeting(s) as well as Deputy Controller Direct report meetings.
- Attended Board of Director's meetings for the National Association of County Parks and Recreation Professionals that I presently serve on.
- Helped onboard Natalie Trotter new Trails and Parks Millage Coordinator as we were able to get out and visit a lot of Trails and Parks Projects, all of those within the Ingham County Parks to date as part of weekly visits to the parks.
- As I close out 2023 and 9 years as Director of Parks I am proud of all our staff for the daily job they all do to make the Ingham County Parks Great! I am forever grateful to serve in this capacity with such outstanding people, I also thank the Park Commission for your ongoing contributions to making the Parks Great as well! 😊



12/8/23 Ribbon Cutting MSU to Lake Lansing phase 1

Burchfield Park December/January Manager's Report

1. Attended park's 50th anniversary celebration planning committee meeting – Dec. 12th
2. Manager's meeting - Dec. 12th
3. Attended MNRTF board meeting/grant awards – Dec. 13th
4. Met with day camp naturalist to discuss summer 2024 nature programming
5. Zoom meeting with new Friends of Ingham County treasurer to discuss Simpson family donations and tracking – Dec. 18th
6. Park tour/project review with Trails and Parks Millage Coordinator and Park Director
7. New employee orientation/training days for winter staff – Dec. 14th and 21st
8. Finish top railing and solar lighting on sledding hill walkway
9. New CIP tractor/mower delivered
10. Repainted Winter Sports Building walls and organized wood shop
11. Mechanic winterized all summer equipment and prepped winter equipment
12. All winter sports preparations are complete and new staff trained. Just waiting for winter weather to show up
13. Ice rescue equipment placed at park ponds and river locations
14. Closed biking trails, dirt school, and Bunker Landing for the season



Installing Posts



Solar Lighting Caps



New Walkway Railing



Ice Rescue Equipment



Holiday Tree



Project Tour



New Trail Mower/Tractor



Fresh Coat of Paint on WSB Walls



Cross Country Ski Rental Training

December - Parks Office Monthly Report

Meetings/Trainings

Admin and full Staff Meeting

Friends Meeting

CIP Meeting with staff

Contracts/Resolutions

Drafted/edited/submitted the following resolutions:

- Agreement with Spicer Group for prime professional services – LLN – MiDeal
- Agreement with Spicer Group for prime professional services – Holt to Mason – MiDeal
- Resolution to adopt fees for food truck vendors
- Emergency Purchase for asbestos abatement at Lake Lansing South bathhouse

Customer Service

548 phone calls in December.

Website

Continued to edit the website to keep the public informed of the status of the parks.

Accounting/Budget/Payroll

The attached report includes p-card purchases & revenue through November and invoices & payroll through December. At this point we have collected the majority of this year's revenue. With that being said, the bottom line will depend mostly on year-end expenditures.

-Emma Wallace, Account Clerk

2023 Parks Budget as of 12/29/23

Revenue				
208 Fund	Original	Actual	Available	Percent
600000 Shelter Fees	108,500.00	79,010.50	(29,489.50)	72.82
600100 Disc Golf Fees	46,000.00	42,191.00	(3,809.00)	91.72
610100 Boat Rental	22,500.00	10,157.50	(12,342.50)	45.14
610200 Canoe/Kayak Rental	37,500.00	19,802.00	(17,698.00)	52.81
620000 Boat Launch Fees	17,000.00	13,433.00	(3,567.00)	79.02
630000 Ski Rental	13,000.00	4,576.50	(8,423.50)	35.20
641000 Food Concessions	56,150.00	56,311.41	161.41	100.29
641120 Snowshoe Rental	-	96.00	96.00	-
652000 Parking Fees	430,846.00	401,256.85	(29,589.15)	93.13
652100 HI Snow Hill Admissions	139,000.00	146,517.00	7,517.00	105.41
665000 Interest Revenue	-	985.31	985.31	-
669130 Game Rental	1,000.00	-	(1,000.00)	-
669140 BUR Tube Rentals	4,000.00	3,069.00	(931.00)	76.73
669141 Dog Park Revenue	16,000.00	14,518.50	(1,481.50)	90.74
669145 Park Patron Pass	-	110.00	110.00	-
671000 Day Camp	10,000.00	13,971.00	3,971.00	139.71
676020 Donations	-	167.50	167.50	-
688220 Misc Revenue	1,000.00	613.96	(386.04)	61.40
Total Collected Revenue	902,496.00	806,787.03	(95,322.93)	
698010 Carry Over Surplus Used	395,604.00	-	(395,604.00)	-
699000 Revenue TSF IN - F101	1,960,594.00	1,960,594.00	-	100.00
699228 Revenue TSF IN - Millage 228	51,500.00	51,500.00	-	100.00
699500 Revenue TSF IN - CAP IMP	-	-	-	-
Revenue Total	3,310,194.00	2,818,881.03	491,312.97	
Personnel Services				
208 Fund	Original	Actual	Available	Percent
704000 FT Wages	832,274.00	816,974.53	15,299.47	98.16
705000 Seasonal Wages	779,884.00	631,576.14	148,307.86	80.98
706000 FT Overtime	4,783.00	8,584.66	(3,801.66)	179.48
706100 On Call Payments	5,320.00	1,240.00	4,080.00	23.31
706700 Seasonal Overtime	1,787.00	1,186.47	600.53	66.39
708000 Meeting Fees	9,750.00	1,725.00	8,025.00	17.69
713000 Misc Fringes	-	-	-	-
714000 Unemployment	4,262.00	7,284.33	(3,022.33)	170.91
715000 Fica County Share	64,822.00	109,376.14	(44,554.14)	168.73
715050 Liability Insurance	2,207.00	8,487.83	(6,280.83)	384.59
716020 PHP Health Insurance	190,605.00	185,848.49	4,756.51	97.50
716030 Health Waiver	3,784.00	3,044.73	739.27	80.46
716035 Retiree Hlth Ins Chargeback	41,406.00	41,041.58	364.42	99.12
716040 Retiree Hlth Ins Trust Chg	38,350.00	38,417.15	(67.15)	100.18
716100 Dental Insurance	10,805.00	9,710.86	1,094.14	89.87
716200 Vision Insurance	1,555.00	1,396.86	158.14	89.83
716450 Separation Buyout Chgback	17,045.00	17,051.38	(6.38)	100.04
717000 Life Insurance	1,427.00	1,395.12	31.88	97.77
717100 Disability Insurance	1,158.00	750.90	407.10	64.84
718000 Retirement Program	195,248.00	177,032.84	18,215.16	90.67
718500 Retirement Defined Contr.	7,647.00	7,842.84	(195.84)	102.56
720000 Longevity	7,000.00	6,400.00	600.00	91.43
722000 Wkcpmp Insurance	4,574.00	9,608.17	(5,034.17)	210.06
Personnel Services Total	2,225,693.00	2,085,976.02	139,716.98	
Controllable Expenses				
208 Fund	Original	Actual	Available	Percent
726010 Supplies	-	287.53	(287.53)	-
726011 Concessions	33,400.00	27,411.91	5,988.09	82.07
728000 Printing & Binding	11,478.00	5,196.68	6,281.32	45.28
729000 Postage	4,500.00	2,966.30	1,533.70	65.92
730000 Office Supplies	2,800.00	1,745.53	1,054.47	62.34

2023 Parks Budget as of 12/29/23

731000 Photo-Copying & Supplies	-	-	-	-
22P07 Winter Rental Equipment	37,346.00	36,979.47	366.53	-
734000 Non-Capital Equipment	9,037.00	7,835.65	1,201.35	86.71
740000 Maintenance Supplies	129,627.00	123,186.47	6,440.53	95.03
743000 Other Supplies	27,511.00	24,093.66	3,417.34	87.58
743100 Small Tools	-	-	-	-
745000 Uniforms	8,792.00	8,652.29	139.71	98.41
746010 Clothing Allowance	600.00	750.00	(150.00)	125.00
747000 Gas-Grease-Oil-Antifreeze	38,000.00	31,072.13	6,927.87	81.77
23P10 5-Year Stewardship Plan	43,000.00	20,000.00	23,000.00	46.51
802800 Med Services - Physicals	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-
815000 Memberships & Subscriptions	3,500.00	3,847.68	(347.68)	109.93
818000 Contractual Services	25,530.00	63,759.40	(38,229.40)	249.74
PAZO1 POS System	28,782.00	20,648.82	8,133.18	71.74
861000 Local Travel	3,000.00	2,824.13	175.87	94.14
861100 In state Travel	3,100.00	1,183.90	1,916.10	38.19
890080 Administrative Fees	12,500.00	24,246.18	(11,746.18)	193.97
901000 Advertising	10,750.00	1,749.50	9,000.50	16.27
921050 Telephone	7,900.00	8,632.61	(732.61)	109.27
921060 Telephone - Long Distance	-	-	-	-
931100 Maint-Related Contractual	56,227.00	43,978.38	12,248.62	78.22
932000 Equipment Repair & Maint	50,470.00	70,801.39	(20,331.39)	140.28
942000 Equipment Rental	8,424.00	11,364.18	(2,940.18)	134.90
957120 Sales Tax	3,650.00	3,526.44	123.56	96.61
957130 Other Taxes	-	1,936.34	(1,936.34)	-
960000 Training	5,300.00	3,982.80	1,317.20	75.15
974000 LL Disc Golf Course	(28.00)	-	(28.00)	-
21P03 Burchfield Dirt School	30,713.00	2,612.00	28,101.00	-
22P03 LL Tree & Dead Branch Removal	2,700.00	2,100.00	600.00	-
22P08 Bunker Road Landing	104,898.00	6,439.00	98,459.00	-
22P15 Safety Enhancements	110,430.00	108,482.00	1,948.00	98.24
20P02 HI Fence/Gates/Gatehouse	7,529.00	7,502.48	26.52	-
22P02 Pine Knoll Shelter Roof	9,700.00	-	9,700.00	1.00
22P05 Dog Park Floating Dock	34,228.00	23,769.44	10,458.56	2.00
22P06 Hawk Island Snow Gun	3,650.00	3,628.31	21.69	3.00
Controllable Expenses Total	870,044.00	707,192.60	142,932.16	
Non-Controllable Expense				
208 Fund	Original	Actual	Available	Percent
915050 Liability Insurance	-	15,000.00	(15,000.00)	-
921000 Utilities	82,651.00	86,564.66	(3,913.66)	104.74
921070 Courier Service	1,804.00	1,804.28	(0.28)	100.02
921150 Telephone Allocation Costs	2,608.00	2,741.22	(133.22)	105.11
943000 IT Operations	40,764.00	43,191.41	(2,427.41)	105.95
943010 Equip Service Charge	42,000.00	21,011.28	20,988.72	50.03
943020 Equip Service Charge PC	4,678.00	1,655.42	3,022.58	35.39
943100 Network Maintenance	19,415.00	13,136.09	6,278.91	67.66
944000 Vehicle Service Charge	18,999.00	19,178.52	(179.52)	100.94
944100 Copier Service Charge	1,538.00	-	1,538.00	-
Non-Controllable Expense Total	214,457.00	204,282.88	10,174.12	
Total Revenue	3,310,194.00	2,818,881.03	(491,312.97)	
Total Expenses	3,310,194.00	2,997,451.50	312,742.50	
Difference	-	(178,570.47)		

208 Fund Balance as of 1.1.23

\$164,022.08

Projected Fund Balance as of 12.29.23

(\$14,548.39)

**Please note that this is a calculation for tracking purposes and does not reflect our actual fund balance.

Trails & Parks Millage Coordinator Report

December 2023

For: Park & Recreation Commission Meeting

January 8, 2024

- Learning the Role of Trails & Parks Millage Coordinator Position
- Attended Human Services/Finance/Park Commission Meetings for December
- Meeting at the Spicer Office to meet with Tanya Moore
- Worked with attorney about the Resolution process for Millage Project that include: Mason, Lansing & Meridian Twp. Also meet with Jared and Tim about the working of the resolutions.
- Working with the City of Mason on their 3 Millage Projects: signature e-mail back to the county and sent to the BOC for signature.
- Attend the Ribbon Cutting for MSU to Meridian Twp. Millage Project.
- Finished review of reimbursement for Leslie Twp.
- Reviewed Round 8 Scoring Criteria updates.
- Working on Round 8 and Millage Policy document
- Meet with Mike Smith from MDOT about Holt to Mason future project and what we need to do about TAP grant for this project.
- Working on learning Millage Projects and organizing Millage Projects folders
- Working on PASER Pictures.
- Responding to e-mails and answering phones.
- Attend MGROW meeting via zoom.
- Was on the interview panel for Tri-County Planning Comm. for consulting firm their future Trails Project. This was via zoom and 6-hour interviews throughout 3 days.
- Staff meeting with management to discuss the availability for the future.
- Meeting at Burchfield for the 50th Anniversary activities for the Parks in 2024.
- Review Park Commission Packets and meeting minutes.
- Attend the MDNR Trust Fund Annual Selection meeting in East Lansing.
- Worked on updating the reimbursement form and creating instruction for the reimbursement process.
- Started working on 50 items Bucket List for Ingham County Parks 50 Birthday.
- Created a tasks list of Millage Item's that need to be completed.
- Started to update White Board with Millage Projects and task for 2024.
- Started a list of Open and Close Millage Projects.
- Work with the City of Lansing about what they still need for their reimbursements.
- Staff Christmas party on Wednesday Dec. 20, 2023.
- Visited County Parks and Millage Project with Tim Morgan on 12/1, 12/15, 12/19, 12/22
- Bike Ride with Bob Pena and Tim on the Meridian Phase I & 2 Trail.

Millage Projects Visited in December

Village of Stockbridge-TR107-Stockbridge Connectivity & Wellness Park Enhancements



Future Project for Stockbridge-Trail will be constructed in 2024



Village of Stockbridge-TR048-Lakelands Trail Resurfacing-Closed Project



Leroy Township-TR101-Simmons Memorial Park



City of Williamston-TR069-Downtown Water Trailhead & Launch-Closed Project



Meridian Township-TR031-MSU to Lake Lansing Trail, Phase I
Ribbon Cutting Friday, December 8, 2023.



Meridian Township-TR054-MSU to Lake Lansing Trail, Phase II



Meridian Township-Other Millage Projects





City of Lansing-Millage Projects



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Proposal for Limited Interim Funding of the Red Cedar River Multi-Jurisdictional Clearing Project

Background:

The Red Cedar River is one of the most significant natural resources in Ingham County. Stretching across a large swath of the county, the river is prized for its numerous parks and recreation areas along its banks. However, the river itself is an underutilized resource. Its use for canoeing, kayaking, and fishing has been very limited for several reasons: many segments of the river have been choked by logjams; there are inadequate launch sites along its banks; and there has been a general lack of awareness that the river could provide significant recreational opportunities. Meridian Township, Williamstown Township, and the City of Williamston have been working closely with a variety of community organizations to bring water-based recreation to the Red Cedar River and to support the development of the Red Cedar River Water Trail. Representatives from a number of these groups spoke during the November 13, 2023, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, including the Williamston Rotary Club, the Haslett/ Okemos Rotary Club, the Lansing Oar and Paddle Club, the Middle Grand River Organization of Watersheds (MGROW), the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, the Boy Scouts, and a group of Michigan State University students. These groups have made tremendous progress in clearing logjams from the river to provide navigability and in rallying community support around the river. Their efforts culminated in a first ever River Day Celebration and Community Paddle event for local river enthusiasts. Our three communities believe that the Red Cedar River presents a tremendous opportunity for expanding recreation within Ingham County. The grant being considered by the Parks and Recreation Commission furthers the efforts of these community groups by addressing the two biggest concerns: maintaining navigability in the river and enhancing launch sites.

The concern:

While the community organizations made great progress in promoting the river, they also recognized that to maintain a navigable river for canoeing and kayaking requires ongoing maintenance. They also recognized that they do not have the resources on their own to maintain the river. The concern is that if nothing is done in the next several years to maintain navigability, the progress these groups made in opening up the river will be lost and the river will close up again. Over time it will be more difficult and more costly to remove the resulting logjams. Furthermore, if the river closes up due to the lack of river maintenance, it jeopardizes the good will and the momentum that has been built around the idea of creating viable river recreation and developing the Red Cedar River Water Trail. Just as land trails require a public investment to achieve their purpose, water trails require a level of public investment. The scoring note for the Red Cedar River Multi-Jurisdictional Clearing Project stated: "We need to earmark more funds for waterways, not much has been funded for water trails".

Proposal:

As applicants for the Red Cedar River Multi-Jurisdictional Clearing Project, we recognize the financial situation resulting in the proposed delay of funding for the Round 8 projects. However, it is clear to us that the delay will have a substantial adverse impact on the Red Cedar River Multi-Jurisdictional Cleanup Project resulting in greater costs and the loss of community support. For this reason, we respectfully request that the Ingham County Parks and Recreation Commission consider a limited interim funding proposal to mitigate the adverse effects of the delay by doing the following:

The Parks and Recreation Commission should recommend approval of the Red Cedar River Multi-Jurisdictional Clearing Project grant application and recommend the county enter into a grant contract with the following terms:

- A. Upon entering into the contract, the county will distribute 10 percent of the grant funds for use in the interim period of time from 2024 until other grant funds are distributed.**
- B. The distribution of the remaining 90 percent of the grant funds will be conditioned upon the renewal of the parks and recreation millage at the 2026 election. This condition could be waived by the county at its discretion if funding becomes available.**

Conclusion

This limited interim funding proposal commits the county to only 10 percent of the grant award during the interim period prior to the renewal of the parks and recreation millage. While these interim funds will not allow all the goals of the grant to be achieved, these funds will allow the project to continue to move forward in the interim period. The money that is distributed during the interim period will be used to maintain boat passage and prevent logjams from once again closing the river. The money may also allow for opening new segments of the river for use. The matching funds will be utilized by Meridian Township to proceed with a new launch at Wonch Park.

In short, this proposal will allow Meridian Township, Williamstown Township, and the City of Williamston to not lose ground in the interim period; to move forward with one of the launch site projects, and to maintain the community support that has been and will continue to be essential in providing sustainable water-based recreation on the Red Cedar River.

On behalf of our communities, we respectfully ask the Ingham County Parks Commission to consider the above limited interim funding proposal for the Red Cedar River Multi-jurisdictional Clearing Project.

LuAnn Maisner, Director of Parks and Recreation,
Meridian Township

Wanda Bloomquist, Supervisor
Williamstown Township

John Hanifan, Manager, City of Williamston