



City of Farmington Hills Michigan
A Parks and Recreation Master
Plan
2014

Special Services Department



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RESOLUTION

IT IS RESOLVED, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby adopts the City of Farmington Hills 2014-2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

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Support by: BRUCE

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

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I, Pamela B. Smith, the duly authorized City Clerk of the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills at the regular City Council meeting held on February 24, 2014.



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk

DATE: February 25, 2014

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The City of Farmington Hills Department of Special Services has undertaken the process to prepare this five-year parks and recreation master plan. This plan is a road map for the parks, recreation, facilities, and programming decisions made in the next five years as well the projected future needs. This plan also makes the City of Farmington Hills eligible for funding through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). The process taken to prepare the plan has given the Department of Special Services a better understanding of the needs and wants for parks, recreation, and cultural facilities and programming in the City. The plan contains the following components:

- Community Description
- Administrative Structure
- Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Inventory
- Basis for Action Plan
- Action Plan

Community Description

The Community Description provides a snapshot of the demographic, economic, and physical characteristics of Farmington Hills. This section identifies current trends and future community composition that affects parks, recreation, and cultural decisions and is a factor in creating the goals and objectives.

Administrative Structure and Funding

The Administrative Structure and Funding contains a description and organization chart of the Department of Special Services structure. The expenditures and revenues, funding, and grant history of the City are also discussed in this chapter.

Parks, Recreation, and Facility Inventory

The Parks, Recreation, and Facility Inventory is a compilation of all public parks and facilities, schools, regional, local, quasi-public and private parks and facilities, and community recreation programs. It is important to understand what parks, facilities, and programs are available to Farmington Hills residents in order to assist in creating the Action Plan for future parks and recreation decisions. Some facilities included in the inventory are not open to the public or available without a fee, but they provide additional recreation opportunities for City residents.

Basis for Action Plan

The Basis for Action Plan includes a discussion of the planning and public input process as well as an analysis of the park land, service areas, and facilities in the City. The parks and recreation analysis uses a number of methods including comparing the community to national recreation guidelines for the size of the community, information gathered during the public input process and community surveys, consultation with the

Department of Special Services and Parks and Recreation Commission, and by reviewing current offerings and programming. The analysis reveals that both active and passive recreation facilities are needed and desired in the City. The results presented in this section create the basis for the action plan.

Action Plan

The Action Plan is the culmination of the extensive information and analysis contained in the plan and presented in the goals and objectives and system wide recommendations. These describe recommendations for improvements and enhancement of Farmington Hills parks and recreation facilities and programming, as well as identifying the tools needed for implementation of the plan components. The Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan is also contained in this section. The plan organizes projects that will require significant capital investment in order to better manage the budget and equally distribute funds over a five-year period. The timing of the projects is flexible and may be changed depending on the availability of funding.

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Chapter 1- Community Description

The Community Description is a picture of the various physical and socioeconomic characteristics of the City of Farmington Hills. This information provides valuable insight into determining future Department of Special Services' facility development and programming needs for the community. Farmington Hills takes great pride in being a community that provides a high quality of life for its residents and offers a diversity of values and experiences.

Regional Setting

The City of Farmington Hills is located in the southern portion of Oakland County, approximately 15 miles northwest of downtown Detroit and consists of approximately 33 square miles. Farmington Hills is bordered by the City of Livonia (Wayne County) to the south, the City of Southfield and the Village of Franklin to the east, the City of Novi to the west, and West Bloomfield Township to the north. The City of Farmington is also located in the south central area surrounded by Farmington Hills. Farmington and Farmington Hills are currently divided into 26 different Census tracts that are used by the City for planning purposes. See *Map 1 – Regional Location*.

Demographic Characteristics

The following is a demographic report of the City of Farmington Hills which reveals some unique characteristics of the community. Age, household, ethnicity and disability statistics for the City are included. The demographic makeup of the community helps determine the quality and quantity of the Department of Special Service's facilities and programs necessary to serve Farmington Hills residents.

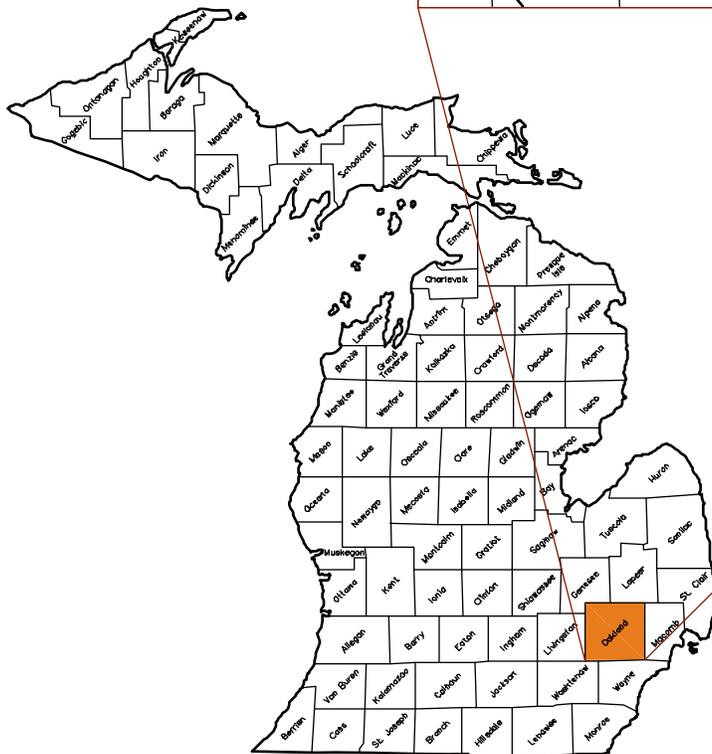
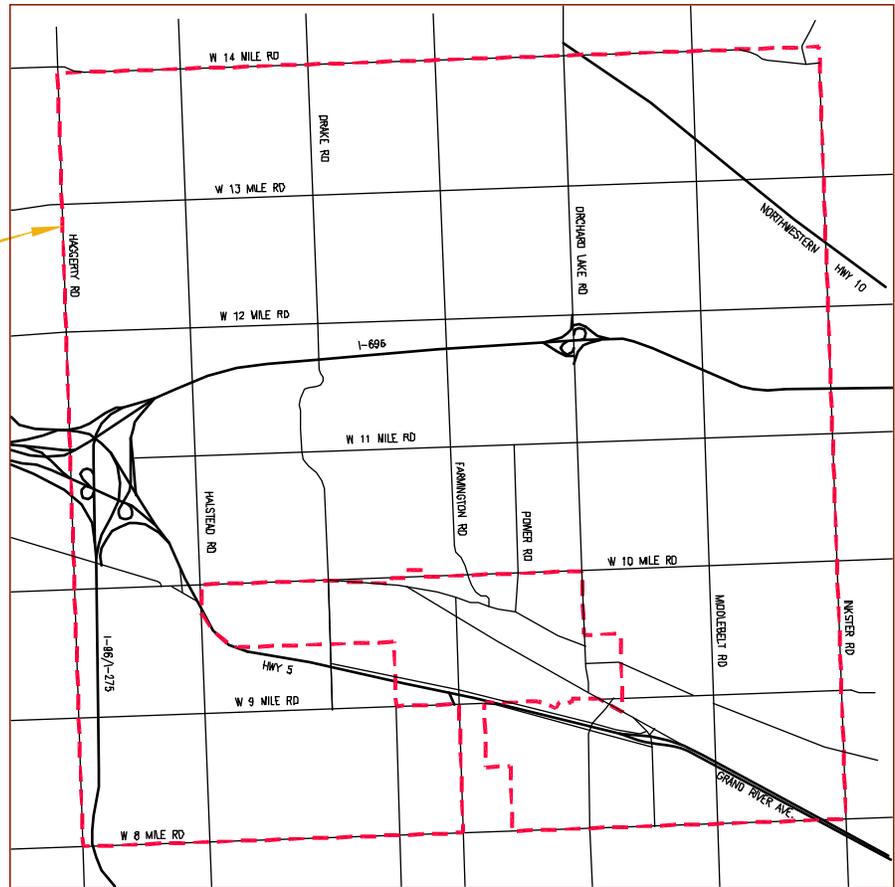
Population. Recent projections indicate that the City's population is expected to steadily increase at a slow, but consistent rate. The population increased just slightly a half of percent from 2006 to 2012, as indicated in *Table 1.1*. The City previously saw an increase in population of 9.1% from 1990 to 2000, but then a decrease of 2% from 2000-2006. The City has seen an increase of approximately 31,000 since 1970.

2006	2012	% Change (2006-2012)	2040 Projection	% Change (2006-2040)
80,486	80,895	.50%	81,897	1.72%

Source: SEMCOG, City of Farmington Hills Department of Special Services

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As shown in *Table 1.2*, since 2000, some of the surrounding communities have begun to increase in population while others are still in decline. This is attributed to the slow economic and job recovery, plus the attraction of residents from the City of Detroit as the City of Detroit has lost a majority of its Middle Income Class.

Area	2012 Population	2040 Estimated Population	% Change (2000 to 2012)
Farmington Hills	80,895	81,897	-1.5%
Farmington	10,372	10,979	3.5%
Novi	55,374	57,897	18.4%
Southfield	72,167	72,418	-8.5%
West Bloomfield Twp.	65,430	66,056	0.9%
Livonia	96,551	92,513	-4.2%
Oakland County	1,225,333	1,246,863	1.9%
Wayne County Excluding Detroit	1,102,810	1,041,962	-0.6%

Source: SEMCOG

Housing. Households are defined as a person or group of people occupying a housing unit. The number of households in Farmington Hills is expected to increase, as indicated in *Table 1.3*. Average household size, defined as the number of persons per household, has been declining and this trend is expected to continue. The City’s growth has slowed over the past seven years and is anticipated to decrease slowly as evidenced by the population projections. The decrease in population but increase in households will mean additional demands from the current residents for the Department of Special Services’ facilities and programs. The decline in household size will create a more dispersed population if housing densities do not increase accordingly. Future parks and facilities will need to be dispersed accordingly.

Population	2010	2012	2040
Total	79,740	80,895	81,897
Households	2010	2012	2040
Total	33,559	34,255	34,383
Household Size	2010	2012	2040
Size	2.36	2.34	2.36

Source: SEMCOG, City of Farmington Hills Department of Special Services

Households are classified as Families with Children, Families without Children, and Non-Families, which include persons living alone and two or more non-related persons living in the same home. In Farmington Hills, 29% of households are classified as Families with Children, 39% as Families without Children, and 31% as Non-Families. A significant number of households do not have children. The composition of households in Farmington Hills is important to help plan the facilities and programs in a manner that is consistent with and proportionate to these characteristics. There is a fairly equal distribution among the household types, thus a variety of offerings are necessary.

Age Distribution. An understanding of the age distribution in the City is essential in planning for future recreational needs. As we pass through the various stages of life, our activity requirements change resulting in the need for different facilities and programs. In Farmington Hills, the proportion of the population that is 65 years and older is forecast to grow significantly relative to the rest of the population. At the same time, the proportion of the population that is between the ages of 5 and 64 shows a slight decline. However, the residents from 35 to 64 years of age make up the majority of the population, while there is an equal distribution of those in the school age and young adult life stages. Each of these groups requires different facilities and programs. Department of Special Services facilities and programs should change to address the different needs of an aging population while at the same time account for the youth and adults in the community. Healthy living, recreational, and cultural opportunities play a major role in where people choose to live, raise families, and retire.

		2010	% change 2000-2010	2040	% change 2010-2040
Under 5	Preschool	4,038	-1.1%	4,730	17.1%
5 – 17	School Age	13,134	-6.4%	12,704	-3.3%
18 – 34	Young Adult	15,340	-2.1%	15,775	1%
35 – 64	Adult	34,516	-4.1%	28,351	-17.9%
65 +	Retirement	11,803	7.7%	20,337	60%

Source: SEMCOG

Community Ethnicity. The community is considerably diverse in race and ethnicity. In 2010, 31.7% of the population was non-white. This is almost double from 2000. The diversity of the community is anticipated to continue to increase, thus Department of Special Services activities and programs should be flexible to address the changing community composition.

Economic Characteristics

A variety of economic indicators suggest that Farmington Hills enjoys strong economic health and its residents are rather affluent. Residential construction had two large booms over the last 34 years since statistics were recorded, but have slowed drastically since 2000 according to recent data. The median household income of the City's residents is higher than Oakland County, Wayne County and southeast Michigan but is decreasing while all the others are increasing. Farmington Hills has fared better than the counties, region, and state in unemployment figures.

The relatively strong economic health of the City suggests that Farmington Hills residents will continue to demand high-quality services and facilities from the Department of Special Services and that increased funding is necessary to help fund these activities. This position is supported by the previous 2006 Parks and Recreation Master Plan and City residents.

Physical Characteristics

The following is a description of the physical characteristics of Farmington Hills, including land use and natural features. This is important in understanding the potential for the type, location, and extent of Department of Special Services' improvements.

Land Use. Approximately 92.6% of the area of Farmington Hills is developed. Predominate land use for the Farmington Hills is residential at 57.4%.

Environmental and Natural Features. An environmental feature, such as climate, and natural features, topography, hydrology, soils, and vegetation, are important to planning for the Department of Special Services. Natural features are not easily restored after they are impaired. These natural features provide numerous existing and potential parks, recreation, and cultural opportunities. All spatial data is provided by the Michigan Spatial Data Library.

1. **Climate-** There are no unusual climatic conditions which severely impede outdoor recreational activities in the City. The climate is humid continental modified by the Great Lakes. Due to the variations in the weather patterns in Southeast Michigan, local residents have the opportunity to enjoy many seasonal recreational activities.
2. **Topography-** The topography of the City of Farmington Hills is generally characterized by gently rolling terrain that increases in elevation in the Northwestern direction. The contour lines over the City show elevations ranging from 950 feet above sea level in the extreme northwest to 650 feet above sea level in the far Southeast corner. The average elevation is 800 feet above sea level.
3. **Hydrology-** The upper branch of the Rouge River winds its way diagonally through Farmington Hills and Farmington. The City is also located in the Main ½ and Middle 1 of the Rouge River watershed. This river and its tributaries provide distinctive and visually appealing natural features along 116.9 miles of waterways. Scenic wooded hillsides, which provide dramatic home sites in many subdivisions, are located along the Rouge River, Seeley Drain, and Pebble Creek. Large wetland areas are located in the Northwest areas of Farmington Hills, along the Minnow Pond Drain. Much of the land along the Rouge River or its tributaries is subject to seasonal flooding. The severity of flashing of the streams has increased in the past several years because of the increase in storm water runoff which causes erosion and water quality issues.
4. **Soils-** Soils in Farmington Hills consist of extensive strata of sands and gravels with pockets of clay. Organic soils are found in the wetlands along the Rouge River and its tributaries. Much of the land was never suitable for cultivation because of poor drainage or severe slopes. Consequently, several tracts of unspoiled woodlands exist in Farmington Hills and Farmington.

5. **Vegetation-** Wooded areas are scattered throughout Farmington Hills and Farmington. Major tree stands, which were largely located in undeveloped areas, as recently as 1970, have often been preserved as private recreation space as a number of new subdivisions utilized the open space option in the Zoning Ordinance. In other cases, private land for recreation was created as a component of a planned residential or cluster development. These woodland areas form part of the 1,083 acres of private recreation land. The land cover consists of five classes including the following: (1) Deciduous (aspen association, lowland deciduous forest, mixed upland deciduous, northern hardwood association, oak association, and other upland deciduous); (2) Coniferous (lowland coniferous forest, mixed upland conifers, other upland conifers, and pines); (3) Mixed (lowland mixed forest and upland mixed forest); (4) Shrub/low density tree (lowland shrub and upland shrub/low density trees); and (5) Mixed Non-Forest Wetland. Many of the forested and heavily vegetated areas are riparian or adjacent to riparian areas.



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The City of Farmington Hills Department of Special Services provides a wealth of parks, recreation, and cultural facilities and programming. The administrative structure and budget analysis for the department are reviewed in this section.

Administration

The City of Farmington Hills has a Council-Manager form of government. The Mayor and six members are elected at large. The City Council is responsible for establishing policies to guide the overall operation and development of Farmington Hills and making all decisions concerning land acquisition and purchase of major recreation facilities based on recommendations received from staff. The budget for recreation facilities and programs is adopted annually by the City Council, as part of the total annual budget after appropriate public hearings.

The Council appoints members to various boards and commissions which advise the Council on specific policy matters. The nine-member Parks and Recreation Commission was established in accordance with the City Charter. Parks and Recreation Commission meetings are held once per month or more often if necessary. Other appointed commissions that advise the Council on matters of recreation include the Farmington Area Arts Commission, Commission on Children, Youth and Families, Beautification Commission, Commission on Aging, Historic Commission, Planning Commission, and Mayor's Youth Council.

Day-to-day administration of the City government is under the overall direction of the City Manager. Specific operations within the City government are administered by individual departments, each with their own director. Administration, operation, and supervision of parks, recreation, and cultural facilities and programs are the responsibility of the Department of Special Services. This Department also provides the technical support to the City Council and Parks and Recreation Commission to aid in developing policies and plans. This Department also makes decisions concerning operating and capital expenditures for recreation purposes.

The Department of Special Services is headed by a Director, who, in addition to overall supervision, performs the following tasks:

- Planning and design of new facilities and programs – This task is performed with the assistance of private consultants and staff where appropriate.
- Staff development – Workshops, seminars, and conferences that benefit staff in their work are identified by the Director, and appropriate staff are encouraged to attend at Departmental expense.
- Grant writing and fund-raising.
- Inter-governmental and agency cooperation – The Director initiates most contracts with other departments or agencies. Knowledgeable staff members are delegated to act liaison with the schools and other agencies where necessary.

- Evaluation of programs and facilities – The entire administrative staff is involved in ongoing evaluation of programs and facilities. This process is monitored by the Director.

In addition to the Director, the administration staff also includes an administration secretary, a clerk, a department aide, and various part-time staff. The Deputy Director oversees the day-to-day operation of the clerical/registration office, and assists the Director with Special Services Administration. Certain tasks normally performed or monitored by the Director may be delegated to the Deputy Director as needed.

There are eight additional divisions in the Department of Special Services, in addition to the Administration, that are responsible for recreation and related services as outlined in the administrative structure and following sections.

Youth and Family Services. The Youth and Family Services Division provides after-school and summer programs for school-aged children and youth. It offers a safe, fun environment free from inappropriate influences. Supervised activities consist of recreational activities, social skill development, group discussions, and educational tutoring. The division is under the direction of the Youth and Families Supervisor, one part-time assistant, one part-time programmer, and numerous part-time employees.

Parks Division. City parks and grounds are maintained by the Parks Division. This division is under the direction of the Parks and Golf Superintendent and one parks' supervisors. It employs six full-time laborers, 15 part-time laborers, up to 30 seasonal laborers, and two part-time gardeners. There is one full-time Naturalist and 6 part-time park rangers.

Senior Division. Comprehensive recreation and social programs for Adults 50 and Better are offered to residents under the direction of a Senior Adult Supervisor. Other personnel required to administer this function include a Senior Adult Programmer, a Senior Adult Specialist – programming, Senior Adult Specialist – Outreach, Nutrition Coordinator, a number of Community Service Coordinators, an Administrative Assistant, and numerous volunteers.

Cultural Arts Division. The Cultural Arts Division presents cultural programs to the Farmington/Farmington Hills community including a wide variety of classes, exhibits, events, and activities. The division also acts as a direct connection for the cities to area's various community organizations, the Arts Commission, Community Arts Council, the media, and the citizens. It is under the direction of one Cultural Arts Supervisor, one full-time program coordinator, and two part-time employees. The Division regularly contracts 30 to 40 instructors, numerous performers, and artists.

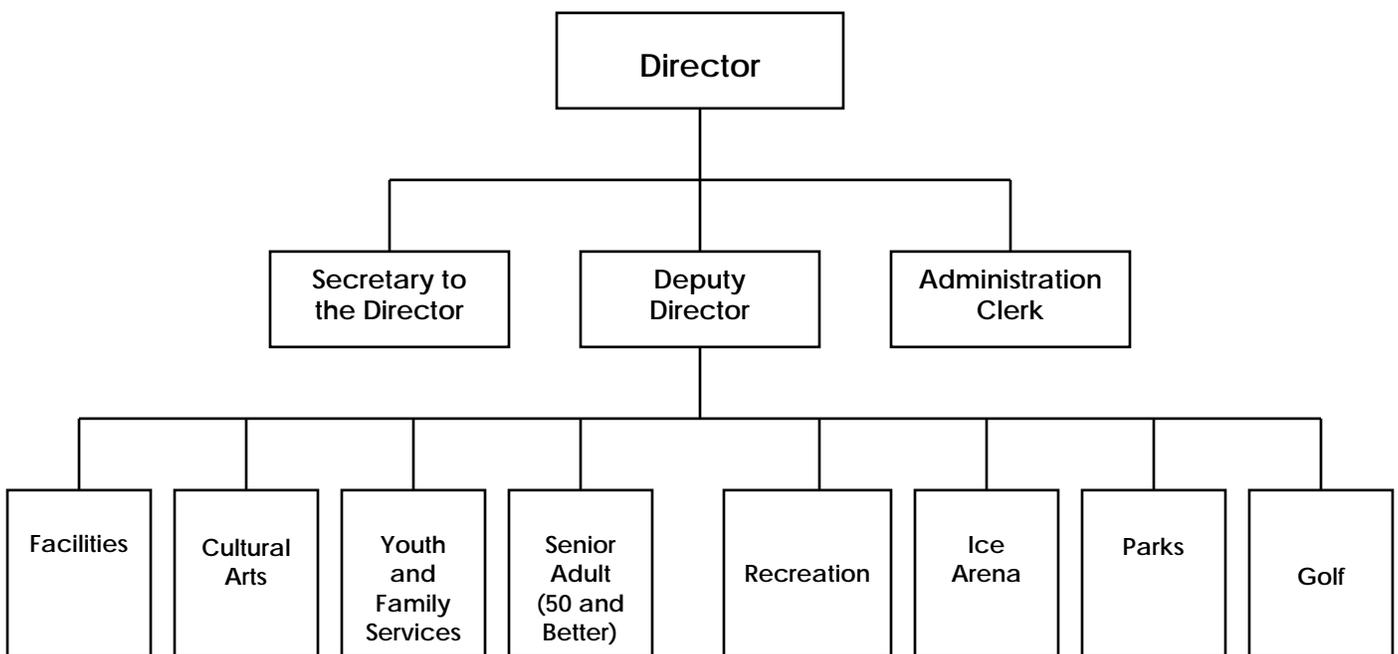
Golf Division. Maintenance of the 18-hole Farmington Hills Golf Club is under the direction of the Parks and Golf Superintendent. The restaurant is operated by a private contractor. The golf course has one full-time Maintenance Supervisor, one full-time laborer, and several seasonal laborers assigned exclusively to the golf course. Typically there are three or four part-time driving range attendants and three or four golf ambassadors.

Recreation Division. The development and selection of recreation programs are under the direction of the Recreation Superintendent. Additional staff required to perform this function include three Recreation Supervisors, a part-time programmer, and numerous seasonal employees.

Ice Arena Division. The Ice Arena at Founders Sports Park is under the direction of a Manager. There are also two full-time staff (Arena Supervisor and Maintenance Supervisor) and numerous part-time employees. A staff of 19 skating pros is supervised by a Director of Skating.

Facilities Division. Under the direction of the Facility Supervisor, this Division manages and coordinates all activities, special events and rentals at the Costick Activities Center, Longacre House, Visitor’s Center, and Jon Grant Community Center. There are two full-time staff and numerous part time employees within this Division.

Figure 2.1
Department of Special Services Administrative Structure



Staff Involvement

The Department of Special Services staff is encouraged to increase their ability to serve Farmington Hills residents. This is accomplished through continuing education, certification training, and active involvement in professional organizations. In addition, Special Services staff donates thousands of volunteer hours each year with local community service organizations. The Staff are involved in over 52 professional and

community service organizations at the local, state, and national level. The organizations are as follows:

Recreation Organizations

- Michigan Recreation and Parks Association (MRPA)
 - MRPA Programmer Committee
 - MRPA Youth and Teen Initiatives Committee
 - Young Professionals Committee
- National Recreation and Parks and Associate (NRPA) Member
- No Child Left Inside Coalition
- Oakland County Trails, Water and Land Alliance
- Northwest Parks and Recreation Association

Government Organizations

- Greater Detroit Association (GSA)
- Michigan Municipal League (MML)
- National League of Cities (NLC)
- State of Michigan Emergency Prescription Insurance Coverage (EPIC) Site

Facility Operations and Management

- Michigan Turfgrass Association
- Michigan State University Turfgrass
- Professional Community Center Facilities Management Organization

Senior Organizations

- Advisory Board of Area Agency on Aging 1B
- Geriatric Social Workers of Michigan
- National Council on Aging
- Michigan Association of Senior Centers on Senior Centers (MASC)
- National Association of Social Workers

Nutrition Organizations

- Michigan Nutrition Association Service Providers (MNASP)

Cultural Arts Organizations

- Artrain USA
- Artserve of Michigan
- Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA)
- Michigan Festivals and Event Association
- Detroit Institute of Arts
- Farmington Community Arts Council
- Farmington Art Foundation
- Interagency Council

Youth and Family Organizations

- Certifying Agency for Focus Hope
- Farmington Hills Commission on Children, Youth and Family
- Michigan After-School Partnership
- Michigan Youth Civic Engagement Collaborative

Golf Organizations

- Golf Course Superintendent's Association

Nature Organizations

- Michigan Alliance for Outdoor and Environmental Education
- Farmington Area Naturalist
- National, Oakland and Detroit Audubon Societies
- Nestwatch
- Safari Club International
- Friends of the Rouge
- National Wildlife Federation
- National Association for Interpretation
- The Xerces Society

Ice Sports Organizations

- USA Hockey
- Michigan High School Athletic Association
- Serving the American Rinks
- Amateur Athletic Union
- US Figure Skating Association
- Professional Skaters Association

Local Community Boards/Committees

- Farmington Hills Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board Member
- Farmington Hills Non-Motorized Committee Member

Local Clubs/Service Organizations

- Farmington/Farmington Hills X Emplar Club Board Member
- Goodfellow’s Board of Directors
- Neighborhood House Board of Directors

- Optimist Club Board Member

Certifications

- American Red Cross (Water Safety Instructor, CPR, First Aid)
- Certified National Recreation and Parks Association Aquatic Facility Operator (AFO)
- Food Service Sanitation Certified
- Michigan Department of Agriculture, Certified in eight Pesticide Applicator categories
- Certified American Safety and Health Institute Ellis Trainer
- National Incident Management Systems Training
- National Pool and Waterpark Lifeguard Trainer
- National Safety Council DDC-4 Defensive Driving Certified
- Certified Parks and Recreation Professionals

Department of Special Services Funding and Grant History

The estimated Department of Special Services operating budget for the 2013/2014 fiscal year is \$6,741,234. The funding for the department is supported by Recreation User Fees of \$4,665,456, Parks Millage \$1,407,850, SMART Grant \$222,740 and reimbursements from Oakland Community College \$14,000, which leaves \$431,188 from the General Fund. The initial Parks Millage was approved in June of 1986 and renewed for the third time in June 2009 and expires June 30, 2019. The funds are dedicated to the acquisition, development, and equipping of parks, recreational, and facilities in the City, supporting the senior program and debt payments for the Costick Activities Center, and providing some funds for Department of Special Services staff and programs. Other important funding sources include the Nutrition Grant Fund which provides funds for meals and services to seniors, the Golf Course Capital Improvement Fund that was established in 1992 and is financed by a per round surcharge on green fees for improvements at the golf course, and Smart Grant Revenues that provide funding for transportation services for seniors, youth, and residents with disabilities.

Table 2.1 summarizes the Department of Special Services expenditures from 2009 through the estimated budget for 2013/2014. Table 2.2 shows the recreational grants received by the City since 1987.

Table 2.1
Department of Special Services Expenditures, 2009 – 2014

Division	Actual Expenditures				Adopted Budget
	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
Administration	2,101,199	2,040,515	2,022,174	1,979,081	1,768,060
Youth Services	361,333	354,373	384,146	409,849	336,188
Senior Services	861,749	876,780	892,748	771,733	825,852
Parks Maintenance	1,690,848	1,503,416	1,460,399	1,833,742	1,444,490
Cultural Arts	363,818	365,266	399,903	323,026	350,349
Ice Arena	0	0	1,025,109	985,980	973,245
Golf Course	694,516	986,411	764,771	732,809	706,437
Recreation Programs	513,505	416,343	484,607	569,482	448,379
Total Expenditures	\$6,586,968	\$6,543,104	\$7,433,857	\$6,273,250	\$6,741,234

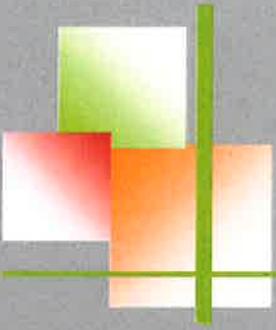
Source: City of Farmington Hills Department of Special Services, Fiscal Year 2013/2014.

Table 2.2
Recreation Grant History

Funding Source	Project Year/Name	Grant Amount	Local Share	Total Funds	Project Results
Land & Water Conservation Fund	1987 – Pioneer Park	\$155,000	\$155,000	\$310,000	Development of athletic fields at 15-acre site
Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)	1987 – Heritage Park	\$195,000	\$195,000	\$390,000	Development of 3 picnic areas, outdoor classroom, 2 miles of paved handicapped trails & parking areas
Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)	1988 – Heritage Park	\$300,000	\$100,000	\$400,000	Development of boardwalk & paved trail, outdoor arboretum, renovation of Visitor Center
Recreation Bond Program	1989 – Heritage Park	\$187,500	\$62,500	\$250,000	Development of Day Camp Center
Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)	1990 – Woodland Hills	\$661,200	\$200,000	\$881,200	Acquisition of 74 acres
Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)	1991 – Founders Sports Park	\$2,000,000 (2 grants received)	\$1,890,000	\$3,890,000	Acquisition of 85 acres
Recreation Bond Program	1996 – Founders Sports Park	\$100,000	\$586,000	\$686,000	Development of 3 new soccer fields
Michigan Department of Transportation	1997 – Founders Sports Park	\$240,000	\$105,000	\$345,000	Improve park storm drain pond
Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)	2000 – Heritage Park Nature Center	\$240,000	\$200,000 (split between City and Schools)	\$440,000	Development of Nature Center at Heritage Park

Funding Source	Project Year/Name	Grant Amount	Local Share	Total Funds	Project Results
Michigan Department of Natural Resources	2011-Archery Grant	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	Purchase archery equipment
Michigan Recreation and Parks Association	2000-Get Michigan Youth Moving	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$6,000	Teen programing
Sam's Club Grant	2003-Support of Club 2 nd Floor	\$1,000	N/A	\$1,000	Support of Club 2 nd Floor
Oakland County Parks	Community Assistance Program	\$800-\$1,00 annually	N/A	\$800-\$1,00 annually	Mobile recreation equipment used at events and programs
Amateur Softball Association	2010-Field Equipment	\$2,500	N/A	\$2,500	Purchase of field equipment

Source: City of Farmington Hills Department of Special Services.



Chapter 3– Parks and Recreation Inventory

Special Services Department



Developing a complete inventory of the Department of Special Services' facilities and programs is an essential component of a five year Parks and Recreation Master Plan as it provides a base of information to use in developing the Action Plan. Understanding what parks, facilities, and programs are available to the City of Farmington Hills residents will assist decision-making in the future. It should be noted that not all facilities listed in this chapter are available to the public, but they provide additional recreation opportunities for City residents. The inventory covers the following components:

- Public Parks and Facilities
- School Parks and Facilities
- Barrier Free Accessibility
- Regional Parks and Facilities
- Local Parks and Facilities
- Quasi-Public and Private Recreation Facilities
- Farmington Hills Special Services Programs

Public Parks and Facilities

The City of Farmington Hills owns eleven parks and facilities and leases two facilities, its William Grace Dog Park and an outdoor soccer facility for use by the Department of Special Services. An inventory of the parks and facilities is described below and shown on *Map 2 – Parks and Recreation Inventory* and *Table 3.1 – Parks and Recreation Facilities Inventory*. These parks and facilities are broken into categories based on size and function. These categories are suggested by the National Recreation and Parks Association and meant to aid in determining the primary purposes and uses of existing facilities in the City.

Mini and Neighborhood Parks. Mini parks are categorized as small, specialized parks that are usually less than one acre in size and serve the needs of the residents in the immediate area, approximately less than one-quarter mile away. These parks usually serve a limited, isolated, or unique population. Neighborhood parks are typically multi-purpose facilities that serve as the recreational and social focus of a neighborhood. They provide areas for both passive and active recreation activities such as fields, playgrounds, picnicking, and trails. These parks are typically between five and ten acres in size and serve residents within one-half mile. The City of Farmington Hills owns four parks that can be classified as Neighborhood Parks. Also, a number of public school facilities and private open space meet this need by providing playgrounds and fields for City residents and can be classified as mini and neighborhood parks.

Bond Field. Bond Field is a 1.7-acre facility located on Ardmore Road and Thirteen Mile Road, one block west of Orchard Lake Road. The park consists of two baseball fields on property that was once part of Bond Elementary School.

Harmon Oaks Park. Harmon Oaks is a 1.7-acre nature preserve located on Greening Road, one block east of Orchard Lake Road and two blocks north of Thirteen Mile Road.

Memorial Park. Memorial Park is a 2-acre park located at the corner of Eleven Mile and Middlebelt Road. The park provides residents of Farmington Hills with a place to honor and recognize family and friends who have passed away in a natural setting. The park contains new landscaping, sidewalks, and a granite memorial, and the City offers brick pavers, trees, benches, and birdhouses for purchase with an engraving or plaque to honor the deceased.

Olde Town Park. Olde Town Park is 3.7 acres and is located on the corner of Independence and Waldron Streets in the heart of the Olde Town subdivision. The park was the first developed in the City in 1976 and includes a shelter, two tennis courts, picnic tables, grills, and a playground.

Community Parks and Facilities

Community parks typically contain a wide variety of recreation facilities to meet the diverse needs of residents in the City. Community parks may include areas for intense active recreation as well as passive recreation opportunities not commonly found in mini or neighborhood parks. The focus of these parks is to meet community-based recreation needs, as well as preserve unique landscapes and open spaces. Community parks are generally between 30 and 50 acres in size and serve residents within one-half to three miles of the park. Community parks may also include smaller parks that are more specialized in nature and are meant to serve the entire community. Farmington Hills has five parks, including the leased soccer facility, that can be classified as Community Parks and four facilities that can be classified as Community Facilities.

Costick Activities Center. The Costick Activities Center is a 67,000 square foot community-oriented, multi-purpose facility located on 28 acres on the north side of Eleven Mile Road, one-quarter mile east of Middlebelt. The center contains a swimming pool, multi-purpose gymnasium, three soccer fields, administrative offices, and meeting rooms. Current offerings include a wide variety of social, recreational, and cultural activities, events, programs, and services. The center provides dedicated permanent space for the Farmington Hills Senior Adult program, a Teen Center for the Youth and Family Services Division, and the City Art Gallery. Senior offerings include outreach, home chore, homebound meals, congregate meals, socialization, volunteer opportunities, health services, recreation, travel trips, transportation, and support groups.

Farmington Hills Golf Club. The Farmington Hills Golf Club is a 6,413-yard, 18-hole golf course located on 190 acres on the east side of Halsted Road between Eleven Mile Road and the I-696 expressway. The golf club has a full service pro shop, restaurant, and driving range that is open to the public. The club also offers private and semi-private golf lessons as well as leagues in the spring and summer.

Farmington Hills Ice Arena. The Farmington Hills Ice Arena is a 70,000 square foot facility located on the southeast portion of Founders Sports Park on the north side of Eight Mile Road, one-quarter mile east of Halsted. The arena contains two ice surfaces that provide recreational and competitive skating for youth and adult hockey associations, public skating, instructional skating, and figure skating. The arena has a seating capacity for 1,200 people, concessions, locker rooms, lockers, meeting rooms, administrative offices, pro shop, and youth center. The arena is available for rent for private events.

Founders Sports Park. Founders Sports Park is a 101-acre park that offers a variety of active recreation facilities and is located on the north side of Eight Mile Road, one-quarter mile east of Halsted. The park contains six premier soccer fields with drainage and irrigation, eight irrigated softball/baseball fields, four sand volleyball courts, disc golf course, Riley Skate Park, two half-court basketball courts, one bocce ball court, one shuffleboard court, one cricket field, restrooms, playground equipment, parking, trail system, ponds, fishing pier with floating dock donated through a local business grant, and a maintenance facility. A number of picnic areas with grills are located throughout the park and along Bell Creek that flows through the park.

Heritage Park. Heritage Park is a 211-acre park that provides a variety of recreation amenities and facilities and is located on the west side of Farmington Road between Ten and Eleven Mile Roads. The park contains 4.5 miles of trails used for hiking and nature study in the warmer months and cross-country skiing in the winter. Amenities in the park include picnic areas and shelters, splash pad, amphitheater, playground equipment, in-ground grills, two sand volleyball courts, an in-line hockey rink, six horseshoe pits, and open field areas for informal sports and games. During the summer, weekly concerts are held in the concert venue, and in the winter a sledding hill is maintained. The facilities contained on the site include the Heritage History Center, the Aldo Vagnozzi Visitor Center, Day Camp, Nature Center, and Studio-Stables buildings.

Jon Grant Community Center. The Jon Grant Community Center is located at the Farmington Hills Fire Department's Fire Station #3 located on Grand River. The center offers classes, meeting rooms, programs, community outreach, a youth center, and rental opportunities to residents of Farmington Hills as well as surrounding communities. The center offers spaces for meetings, shows, birthday parties, showers and other gatherings.

Longacre House. The Longacre House is located on Farmington Road adjacent to Heritage Park and is managed by the Department of Special Services. The house was originally built in 1869 as a small six-bedroom Victorian but was redesigned and expanded into a 20-room Georgian country home in 1918. The grounds of the home include a stonewall fence and lush gardens. Longacre is open to classes, weddings, theme parties, receptions, business meetings, banquets, and social gatherings.

Pioneer Park. Pioneer Park is a 15-acre athletic complex located on the west side of Farmington Road, one-quarter mile north of Thirteen Mile Road. The park is open for public use except during regularly scheduled games and contains a comfort station

and refreshment stand, two baseball fields and two soccer fields during the spring season, and four soccer fields during the fall season.

Soccer! Soccer! Soccer! Soccer! Is a 9-acre site that contains 4 soccer fields that were built with contributions from the owner. The site is located on Twelve Mile Road at Drake and is leased by the City from Little Caesars Enterprises, Inc.

William Grace Dog Park. The William Grace Dog Park is 7.2 acres of fenced in open grass that sits where the William Grace Elementary School once occupied. To participate in the dog park all dogs must be licensed and undergo a safety orientation class. Once these requirements are met, users must purchase a pass from the Costick Center to obtain an entry pass. This entry pass allows the users to enter the park through a secured gate. A baseball field backstop and playground remain from the elementary school, and those two elements are not fenced in and are open to the public. The property is leased by the City from the Farmington Public Schools.

Woodland Hills. Woodland Hills is a 74-acre park located on Farmington Road just south of I-696. The park contains 1.7 miles of primitive walking trail winding through the park with a focus of quiet observation of birds and animals in a variety of habitats, including meadows, hardwood forests, a pond, a river, and a creek.

School Parks and Facilities

The Farmington Public School District (FPS) serves Farmington Hills, Farmington, and a portion of West Bloomfield Township. The FPS District has 22 educational facilities, including two early childhood centers, nine elementary, four middle, and three high schools. Early childhood and elementary schools include Alameda, Beechview, Forest, Gill, Highmeadow, Hillside, Kenbrook, Lanigan, and Longacre. Middle and high schools include East, Farmington, Harrison, North Farmington, O. E. Dunckel, Power, and Warner. The school sites provide Farmington Hills and Farmington residents with access to an additional 365.75 acres of outdoor and indoor facilities to meet their recreational needs. A complete inventory of the Farmington Public Schools sites is listed in *Table 3.1* along with the City of Farmington Hills parks, recreation, and cultural facilities inventory.

The Department of Special Services has upgraded some ball fields, soccer fields, and other athletic facilities located on FPS District sites to accommodate the varied recreational needs of students during school hours and recreational activities of the general public, particularly organized sports, at other times. Special Services also provides maintenance of fields at some school sites, such as soccer fields, basketball backboards and nets, and tennis courts.

In addition to the upgrades and maintenance provided by Special Services, the department also coordinates with FPS in providing a wide range of programs for the community. Some of the offerings by division include the following:

Cultural Arts

- Schools support cultural arts activities by supplying risers and other amenities.
- Festivals and events sponsored by Cultural Arts include school programs and exhibit student art work.

Ice Arena

- The Farmington Public Schools United Hockey Team uses the ice arena for home games and some practices.

Parks and Golf

- The high school golf teams use the Farmington Hills Golf Course and driving range for both girls' and boy's varsity and junior varsity practice.
- The Nature Center was funded and developed as a joint venture between the City and the schools.
- Parks Division supplies tents, bleachers, and other assistance to the schools for special events.

Recreation

- Approximately 30 baseball and 20 soccer fields used by the local clubs and Recreation Division are on school sites. The City and FPS share some of the maintenance costs on these fields.
- Recreation Youth Basketball utilizes many elementary school gyms for practice during the evenings.
- Recreation summer camps and various out of town activities utilize the school transportation for bussing.
- Middle school level lacrosse and field hockey teams utilize the Costick Center fields.
- Recreation sponsored Safety Town activities hosted at the Farmington Community School.
- Elementary schools provide means for distribution of various brochures and flyers regarding Special Services sponsored events.

Youth and Family

- Schools provide transportation for after-school youth programs for middle school students to get to the various youth center sites.
- Special Services operates an after-school youth center program at Warner Upper Elementary School.

There are also twenty public and nine private schools located in Farmington Hills and Farmington that are not included in the inventory but serve the residents of the communities. Below is a list of the private schools.

Private Elementary, Middle and High Schools

- Artstart Montessori Academy
- International School
- Mercy High School
- Our Lady of Sorrows
- St. Fabian
- St. Paul's Lutheran School
- Stepping Stone
- Concordia Lutheran North
- Hillel Day

Special Private and Public Schools

- Cloverdale School

Barrier Free Accessibility

The passage of the American Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) requires all areas of public service, including parks and other recreation facilities, to have barrier-free accessibility. An evaluation of Farmington Hills parks and recreation facilities has been conducted as part of the inventory. In accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) standards, facilities were evaluated to determine if a person with any of the following criteria can safely and independently access and use the park or facility:

- Has limited sight or is blind
- Uses a wheelchair
- Has a hearing impairment or is deaf
- Uses a walking aid
- Has a mental impairment

A five-point evaluation system was used to rank each facility's accessibility. The system is described below and the accessibility rankings can be found in *Table 3.1 – Public Parks and Recreation Facilities Inventory*.

- **Level 1.** The park is not accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. The site includes little paved areas and the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible.
- **Level 2.** The park is somewhat accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Either the parking area or pathways are paved, but not both. Many of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are not easily accessible.
- **Level 3.** The park is mostly accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Most of the parking areas and pathways are paved, and some of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas are accessible but may be completely barrier-free.
- **Level 4.** The park is completely accessible to people with a broad range of physical disabilities. Parking areas and pathways area paved, and most of the facilities such as play equipment or picnic areas area easily accessible.
- **Level 5.** The entire park was developed or renovated using the principles of universal design, a design approach which enables all environments to be usable by everyone, to the greatest extent possible, regardless of age, ability, or situation.

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NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITIES = 

- 1 BOND FIELD
- 2 HARMON OAKS
- 3 OLDE TOWN PARK
- 4 MEMORIAL PARK

COMMUNITY FACILITIES = 

- 5 COSTICK ACTIVITIES CENTER
- 6 FARMINGTON HILLS GOLF CLUB
- 7 FARMINGTON HILLS ICE ARENA
- 8 FOUNDERS SPORTS PARK
- 9 HERITAGE PARK AND LONGACRE HOUSE
- 10 JON GRANT COMMUNITY CENTER
- 11 PIONEER PARK
- 12 SOCCER SOCCER
- 13 WOODLAND HILLS
- 14 WILLIAM GRACE DOG PARK

PUBLIC FACILITIES = 

- 15 FARMINGTON CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
- 16 HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL
- 17 NORTH FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
- 18 EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 19 O.E. DUNCKEL MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 20 POWER MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 21 WARNER MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 22 BEECHVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 23 FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 24 GILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 25 HIGHMEADOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 26 HILLSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 27 KENBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 28 LANIGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 29 WOOD CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 30 ALAMEDA EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
- 31 FAIRVIEW EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

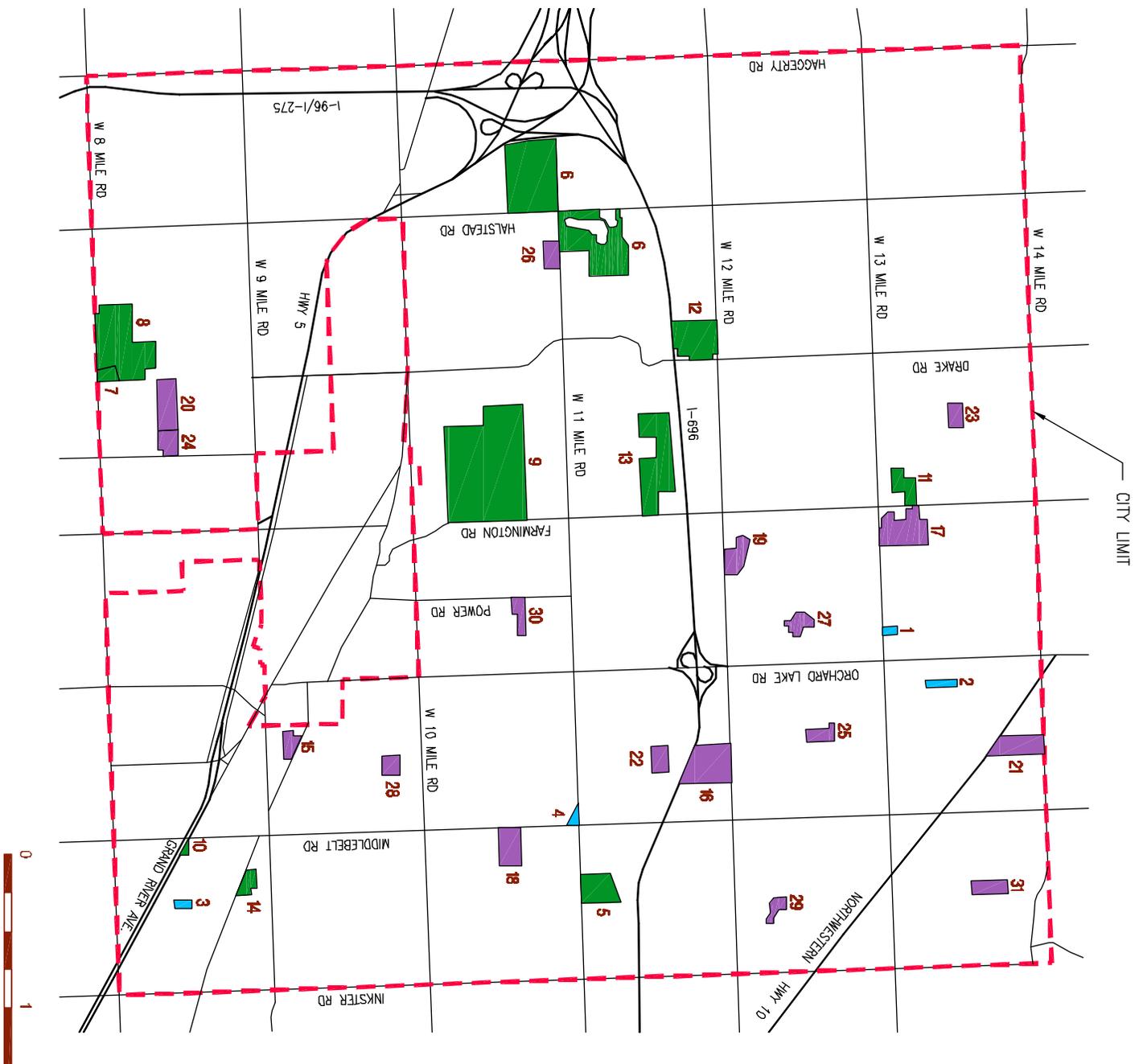


Table 3.1 Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Facilities Inventory																																						
Park/Facility Name	Acres	Accessibility	Baseball/ Softball	Basketball Courts	Bocce	Concert Venue	Concessions	Cross-Country Skiing	Disc Golf	Driving Range	Fitness Center	Football	Golf Course	Gymnasium	Horseshoes	Ice Skating Rinks	In-Line Hockey	Meeting Rooms	Nature Center	Nature/ Walking Trails	Parking	Pavilion	Picnic Areas	Playground	Restrooms	Shuffleboard	Sledding Hill	Soccer	Studio	Swimming Pool	Teen Center	Tennis Courts	Track	Volleyball	Cricket	Water Park	Amphitheater	
Neighborhood Parks and Facilities																																						
Bond Field	1.7	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Harmon Oaks Park	1.7	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Memorial Park	2.0	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Olde Town Park	3.7	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	X	X	X	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Community Parks and Facilities																																						
Costick Activities Center	28.0	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	X	-	X	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	3	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	
Farmington Hills Golf Club	190.0	5	-	-	-	-	X	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Farmington Hills Ice Arena	-	5	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Founders Sports Park	92.0	5	8	2	1	-	X	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	X	1	X	1	-	6	-	-	1	-	-	4	1	1	1	
Heritage Park	211.0	4	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	X	1	X	X	X	X	1	X	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	
Jon Grant Community Center	-	5	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Longacre House	5.0	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Pioneer Park	15.0	4	2	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Soccer! Soccer!	9.0	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
William Grace Dog Park	3.2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Woodland Hills	74.0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
School Parks and Facilities																																						
Farmington High School	43.5	5	4	2	-	1	X	-	-	-	1	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	2	-	1	-	8	1	3	-	-	-	
Harrison High School	42.2	5	2	1	-	1	X	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	3	-	1	-	8	1	3	-	-	-	
North Farmington High School	42.0	5	4	1.5	-	1	X	-	-	-	1	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	3	-	1	-	1	1	3	-	-	-	
East Middle School	23.0	5	1	1	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	
O.E. Dunckel Middle School	19.3	5	1	1	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	
Power Middle School	32.0	5	1	1	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	
Warner Middle School	24.0	5	1	1	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	
Beechview Elementary School	10.0	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Forest Elementary School	10.0	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	1	X	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Gill Elementary School	7.0	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	1	X	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Highmeadow Elementary School	8.1	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	1	X	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Hillside Elementary School	10.0	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	1	X	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Kenbrook Elementary School	8.0	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	1	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Lanigan Elementary School	10.6	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	1	X	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Longacre Elementary School	8.0	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	2	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Wood Creek Elementary School	8.4	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	1	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Alameda Early Childhood Center	11.0	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	1	X	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL	953.4	-	36	17.5	1	4	-	3	1	1	3	12	1	22	1	4	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	14	-	1	1	34	1	8	3	19	7	21	1	1	1	

Regional Parks and Facilities

Regional parks offer unique natural features that are particularly suited for outdoor recreation, such as viewing and studying nature, fishing, boating, hiking, and trail use. Many also include active play areas such as ball fields or courts. While these parks are not used for formal programming by the City of Farmington Hills, they provide active and passive recreational opportunities to the residents of the community. Regional facilities are provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, and Genesee, Lapeer, Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, Wayne, and Washtenaw Counties. The regional parks located within close proximity of the City are shown on *Map 3 – Regional Parks and Recreation*.

Michigan State Parks. There are a number of Michigan State Parks that provide recreational opportunities to Farmington Hills residents. These state facilities provide a variety of activities including camping, picnicking, swimming, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, hiking, cross-country skiing, mountain biking, and horseback riding. There are no state parks located in Farmington Hills, but there are eight located within Oakland County:

- Bald Mountain Recreation Area (Lake Orion, Oakland County)
- Dodge #4 State Park- Cass Lake (Waterford, Oakland County)
- Highland Recreation Area (Highland Township, Oakland County)
- Holly Recreation Area (Holly Township, Oakland County)
- Ortonville Recreation Area (Ortonville, Oakland County)
- Pontiac Lake Recreation Area (White Lake Township, Oakland County)
- Proud Lake Recreation Area (Commerce Township, Oakland County)
- Seven Lakes State Park (Holly Township, Oakland County)

There are also seven state parks located within approximately 30 miles or less of the City:

- Brighton Recreation Area (Hamburg Township and Genoa Township)
- Island Lake Recreation Area (Green Oak Township)
- Maybury State Park (Northville Township, Wayne County)
- Metamora-Hadley Recreation Area (Metamora, Lapeer County)
- Pinckney Recreation Area (Pinckney, Livingston County)
- Tri-Centennial State Park and Harbor (Detroit, Wayne County)
- W. C. Wetzel Recreation Area (Harrison Township, Macomb County)

County Parks. The Oakland County park system consists of 13 parks and more than 6,000 acres of land. One park, Glen Oaks, is located in the City of Farmington Hills on Thirteen Mile between Orchard Lake and Middlebelt Roads. The county parks offer year-round recreational opportunities including camping, hiking, swimming, boating, golfing, picnicking, cross-country skiing, ice skating, and ice fishing. The county parks also include two waterparks, the state's first refrigerated toboggan run, two nature centers, two dog parks, five golf courses, motocross track, an adaptive recreation program, outdoor amphitheater, and conference and banquet facilities. The Oakland County parks are as follows:

- Addison Oaks (Addison Township, Oakland County)
- Glen Oaks (Farmington Hills, Oakland County)
- Catalpa Oaks (Southfield, Oakland County)
- Groveland Oaks (Groveland Township, Oakland County)
- Highland Oaks (Highland Township, Oakland County)
- Independence Oaks (Independence Township, Oakland County)
- Lyon Oaks (New Hudson, Oakland County)
- Orion Oaks (Orion Township, Oakland County)
- Red Oaks (Madison Heights, Oakland County)
- Rose Oaks (Rose Township, Oakland County)
- Springfield Oaks (Springfield Township, Oakland County)
- Waterford Oaks (Waterford Township, Oakland County)

The Genesee, Lapeer, Macomb, Wayne, and Washtenaw County park systems also maintain extensive park lands within 30 miles or less from Farmington Hills, providing additional recreational resources, including picnicking, playgrounds, swimming, and trails:

- Bell Creek County Park (Redford Township, Wayne County)
- Chandler Park (Detroit, Wayne County)
- County Farm Park (Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County)
- Crosswinds Marsh (Sumpter Township, Wayne County)
- Elizabeth Park (Trenton, Wayne County)
- Freedom Hill Park (Sterling Heights, Macomb County)
- General Squire Park (Dryden Township, Lapeer County)
- Hines Park (Wayne County)
- Independence Lake Park (Whitmore Lake, Washtenaw County)
- Inkster Valley Golf Course (Inkster, Wayne County)
- Linden County Park (Linden, Genesee County)
- Lola Valley County Park (Redford Township, Wayne County)
- Osborne Mill Park (Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County)
- Park Northfield (Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County)
- Parker Mill County Park (Ann Arbor Township, Washtenaw County)
- Rolling Hills County Park (Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County)
- Superior Center (Superior Township, Washtenaw County)
- Warren Valley Golf Course (Dearborn Heights, Wayne County)

Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority. The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) is a regional park district that encompasses the counties of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw and Livingston. Since its inception in 1940, the HCMA has obtained over 20,000 acres of park land, all located in the metro Detroit region. The parks provide a variety of outdoor recreation and educational activities including picnicking, hiking, golf, biking, winter sports, golf, water-related activities, horseback riding, and special programs. The HCMA regional parks within approximately 30 miles or less from Farmington Hills are:

- Delhi Metropark (Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County)
- Dexter-Huron Metropark (Dexter, Washtenaw County)

- Hudson Mills Metropark (Dexter, Washtenaw County)
- Huron Meadows Metropark (Brighton, Livingston County)
- Indian Springs Metropark (White Lake Township, Oakland County)
- Kensington Metropark (Milford, Oakland County)
- Lake Erie Metropark (Brownstown Township, Wayne County)
- Lower Huron Metropark (Van Buren Township, Wayne County)
- Metro Beach Metropark (Harrison Township, Macomb County)
- Oakwoods Metropark (Huron Township, Wayne County)
- Stony Creek Metropark (Shelby and Washington Townships, Macomb County)
- Willow Metropark (Huron Township, Wayne County)
- Wolcott Mill Metropark (Ray Township, Macomb County)

Local Parks and Facilities

Bordered by six different communities (City of Farmington, Village of Franklin, City of Livonia, City of Novi, City of Southfield, West Bloomfield Township), City of Farmington Hills residents benefit from the proximity of neighboring communities' parks and recreation facilities. The following parks are located a short distance from the City:

City of Farmington

- Drake Park
- Shiawassee Park
- Walter E. Sundquist Farmington Pavilion and Riley Park

Village of Franklin

- Village Green

City of Livonia

- Beverly Park
- Bicentennial Park & Nature Preserve
- Bien Park
- Bluegrass Park & Nature Preserve
- Botsford Pool
- Broadmoor Park
- Castle Gardens Park
- Civic Center Park
- Clements Circle Park & Pool
- Community Recreation Center
- Compton Park
- Country Homes Park
- Devon-Aire Park/Ice Arena
- Dooley Park
- Elm Park
- Ford Field & Eddie Edgar Ice Arena
- Fox Creek Golf Course
- Greenmead Historical Site
- Greenwood Park

- Idyl Wyld Golf Course
- Jaycee Park
- Kleinart Play Field
- Robert E. McCann Park
- Meadows Park
- Mies Park
- Moelke Park
- Nash Park
- Pastor Park
- Quakertown Park & Nature Preserve
- Rotary Park & Nature Preserve
- Shelden Park & Pool
- Veterans Park
- Whispering Willows Golf Course
- Wilson Acres Park
- Wilson Barn

City of Novi

- Brookfarm Park
- Elia Mae Power Park
- ITC Community Sports Park
- Lakeshore Park
- Novi Civic Center
- Rotary Park
- Wildlife Woods Park

City of Southfield

- Bauervic Woods Park
- Bedford Woods Park

- Beech Woods Park
- Brace Park
- Burgh Historical Park
- Carpenter Lake Park
- Catalpa Park
- Civic Center Park
- Freeway Park
- Inglenook Park
- John Grace Park & Community Center
- John R. Miller Park
- Lahser Woods Park
- Lincoln Woods
- Mary Thompson House & Farm
- Pebble Creek Park
- Simms Park
- Stratford Woods Commons
- Valley Woods Nature Preserve

West Bloomfield Township

- Bloomer Park
- Bloomfield Knolls Park
- Community Sports Park
- Drake Sports Park
- Family Aquatic Center
- Karner Farm
- Marshbank Park
- Recreation Activities Center
- Schulak Farm
- Sylvan Manor Park
- West Bloomfield Woods Nature Preserve
- West Bloomfield Trail

Quasi-Public and Private Recreation Facilities

The recreation needs of some residents in the Farmington Hills areas are provided by a number of quasi-public and privately owned recreation facilities in the City, ranging from private swim and tennis clubs to bowling establishments. Many of these facilities charge a membership fee and/or a separate user fee. This expense limits the accessibility of these facilities by many residents in the City.

To meet the sports fields needs of Farmington Hills residents, the Department of Special Services has developed a joint use agreement for the use of the soccer fields at Soccer! Soccer!, as noted above, and a baseball field at St. Alexander Church located on Shiawassee Road near Inkster Road. Additional privately owned recreation facilities in Farmington Hills and Farmington and the surrounding area include:

Bowling Lanes

- Country Lanes
- Drakeshire Lanes
- Langan's
- Aleta Sill's Bowling World

Fitness and Exercise Facilities

- Planet Fitness
- Farmington Gymnastics Center
- Powerhouse Gym
- Fitness 19
- Metro Family Fitness
- Anytime Fitness
- Triad Health and Fitness
- YMCA
- Pilates and Barre Studio

- Nevro Fitness Center

Golf Courses

- Franklin Hills Country Club
- Independence Green and Fairways of Copper Creek

Museums/Arts/Zoo

- Civic Theater
- Detroit Institute of Art
- Detroit Science Center
- Detroit Zoo
- Governor Warner Mansion
- Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum
- Holocaust Museum
- Phoenix Theater

- Players Barn Theater

Sports Clubs

- Beechview Swim and Tennis Club
- Detroit Tennis and Squash Club
- Total Sports Complex
- Farmington Glen Athletic Club

- Kendallwood Club
- Piemontese Club
- Suburban Hockey
- Woodbrooke Hills Swim and Tennis Club

There are also many open space areas in Farmington Hills which help fulfill the need for neighborhood outdoor recreation space in many subdivisions. Provisions in the Zoning Ordinance are designed to encourage developers to set aside open spaces as integral planned components of new subdivisions. Although subdivision common areas enhance the appearance of residential areas in Farmington Hills, these areas address only a minimum of neighborhood recreation needs. Most subdivision common areas consist of open grassy areas, a pathway, and trees. Many common areas contain picnic tables and playground equipment, while a few contain ball fields and playfields for active recreation. There are approximately 1,083 acres of land dedicated as subdivision common areas. Most of these areas are located in the northwest and southwest parts of Farmington Hills in subdivisions that have been developed in the past two decades.

In addition, many Farmington Hills residents also enjoy recreation facilities as part of their apartment or condominium complex. Often these consist of a swimming pool, tennis courts, and/or play equipment. Some of the newer complexes also contain amenities such as saunas, whirlpools, fitness centers, walking trails, shuffleboard, and volleyball courts.

Department of Special Services Programs

The City offers a wide range of programs to meet the year-round and seasonal needs of all segments of the population from youth to senior. The Farmington Hills Activities guide provides a detailed listing of all of the events and programs offered by the Department of Special Services. This brochure is mailed out three times per year and is on the City website. The list is a sample of the hundreds of programs offered throughout the year by each of the Special Services Divisions.

Activities/Special Events/Recreational Fun

- Concerts
- Youth theatre
- Longacre events
- Hay Day
- Holiday events
- Farmington Players Barn events
- Language classes

Adults 50 & Better

- Fitness and health programs
- Lifelong learning
- Travel and day trips
- Computer classes
- Clubs and groups
- Support groups
- Cooking classes
- Dance classes
- Sports teams
- Cable productions

Cultural Arts

- Drawing and painting
- Music lessons, choir
- Theater
- Dance
- Arts Exhibits
- Youth Theatre, Choir
- Cable Productions

Early Childhood Programs

- Preschool
- Parent and tot classes
- Creative art, music
- Sports

Golf

- Driving range
- Private golf lessons
- Golf instruction/lessons

Health, Fitness & Safety

- Aerobics, cardio, express workout
- Pilates, yoga, toning classes
- Youth fitness classes
- Boaters safety
- Babysitter training
- Mid-American youth classes
- Dog Obedience

Ice Arena

- Public skate
- Parent and tot skate
- Adult drop-in hockey
- Learn to skate classes
- Farmington Hills Figure Skating
- Farmington Hills Hockey

Nature

- Nature Discovery Center
- Nature walks
- Safety clinics
- Nature photography
- Scout badge workshops
- Cable productions

Sports

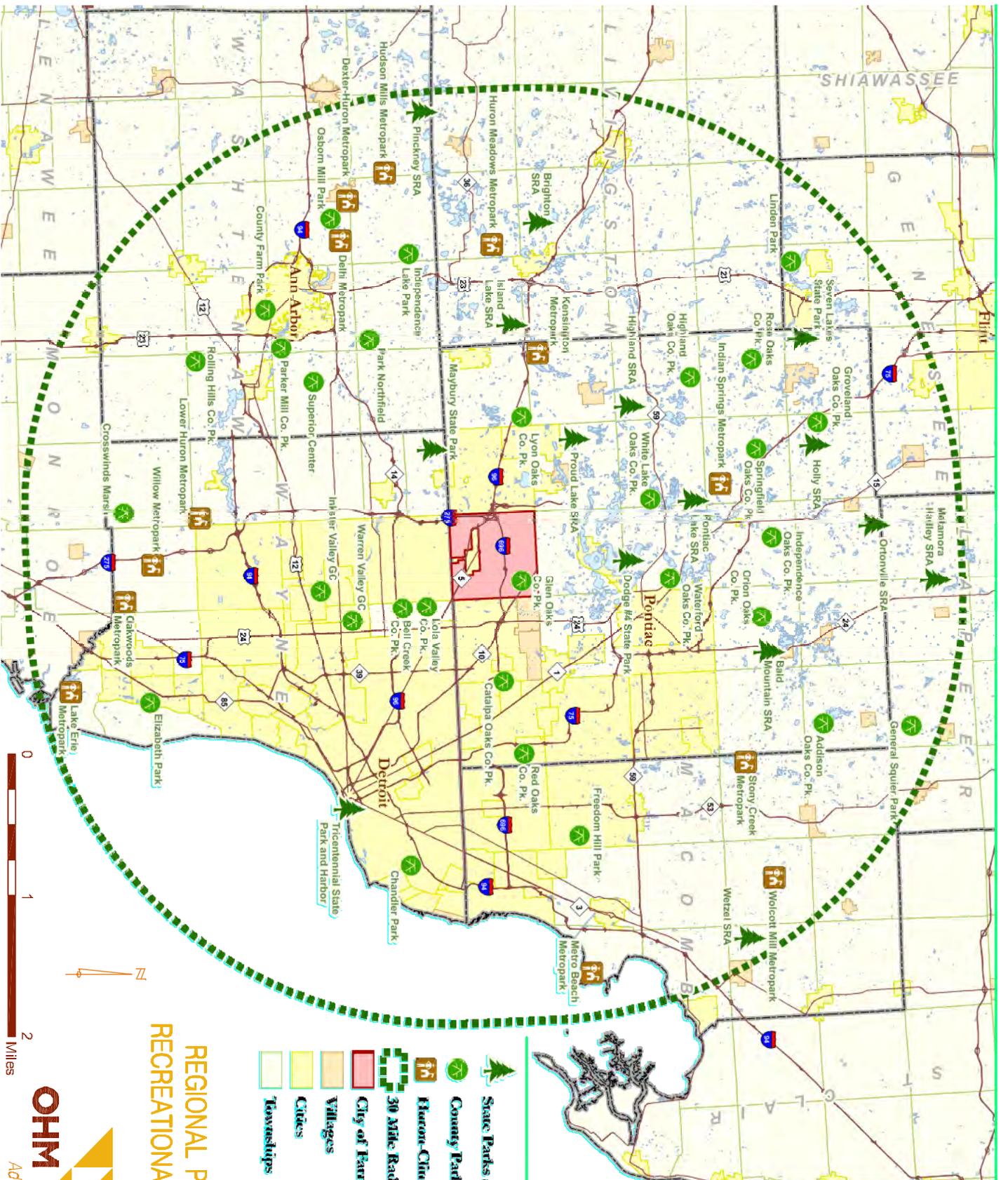
- Gymnastics
- Tennis lessons
- Karate
- Cheer
- Basketball
- Winter sports
- Cricket
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Archery
- Field Hockey

Swimming

- Swimming classes
- Senior swim
- Open swim
- Water fitness
- Scuba diving

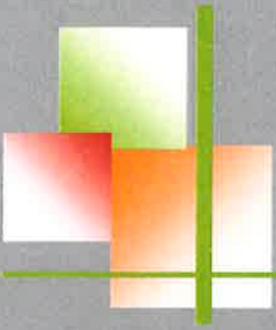
Youth & Teens/Youth Center Program

- Dance classes
- Club 2nd Floor
- Mayor's Youth Council
- Half-day activities and field trips
- Arts and craft
- Bowling league
- Tutoring
- Battle of the Bands
- Cable productions



-  State Parks and Recreation Areas
-  County Parks
-  Huron-Clinton Metro Parks
-  30 Mile Radius
-  City of Farmington Hills
-  Villages
-  Cities
-  Townships

REGIONAL PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES



Chapter 4—Basis for Action Plan

An essential task in the recreation planning process is to determine the needs of the community. The needs serve as a basis for the development of the action plan. This task is accomplished using a compilation of several methods, including comparing the community to national recreation guidelines for the size of the community, information gathered during the public input process, consultation with the Department of Special Services and Parks and Recreation Commission, and by reviewing current offerings and programming.

Planning and Public Input Process

Planning Process. The Department of Special Services directed the update of the City of Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Citizen and City input played a critical role in the development of the plan. As a result, recommendations described within the action plan reflect the needs and ideas of those who use the City's parks and recreation facilities. The plan process included seven tasks which are discussed below.

- **Task One: Community Description.** The first task was to obtain a description of the City of Farmington Hills' physical and social features. These features include location, land use, environmental and natural features, as well as population features including age distribution, people with physical disabilities, types of households, employment, and income.
- **Task Two: Administrative Structure and Funding.** The second task was to obtain and review the administrative structure of the City and the Department of Special Services. This analysis also includes a review of the current and projected revenues and expenditures for the City as well as the grant history of funding received by the City.
- **Task Three: Parks, Recreation, and Facility Inventory.** The parks, recreation, and facility inventory included site visits and written descriptions of facilities in Farmington Hills including public parks, schools, and quasi-public and private facilities. The information includes the acreage, barrier-free accessibility, types of recreation activities, types of equipment, and other descriptions of the physical attributes of the area's facilities. A list of neighboring communities' facilities, State Parks, County Parks, and Huron-Clinton Metroparks within a short distance of Farmington Hills is also included. The Department of Special Services programs are discussed in the section as well.
- **Task Four: Public Participation.** OHM advisors conducted focus group interviews with key people including Special Services Staff and the Park and Recreation Commission including community members involved or affiliated with the with Mayor's Youth Council, Farmington Area Arts Commission, Interagency Council, Parks and Recreation Commission, Commission on Aging, and the Special Services staff. This meeting was a regularly scheduled meeting for the Commission, and it was open to the public.

On the evening of July 23, 2013 the Department of Special Services hosted a public visioning workshop to gain input from the general public. OHM Advisors facilitated the workshop to solicit comments on each of the Special Services Divisions and their offerings.

OHM Advisors also worked with the City to conduct a survey. The survey was offered through Survey Monkey via the City website and paper copies were made available at the Costick Center. The information gathered was utilized to solidify the goals and objectives to direct the Action Plan.

- **Task Five: Analysis.** Based on the data collected from tasks one through four, the information was analyzed in accordance with national and state guidelines, local needs, the experience of the Department of Special Services and consultants, the desires of the residents, and potential funding sources.
- **Task Six: Action Plan.** Upon completion of the analysis, the 2014 recommendations and actions were reviewed and goals and objectives were created based on the 2014 plan and public input to provide a framework for the Action Plan. This results in the creation of the five-year plan and offers a checklist of what action is to be accomplished, when and where it will occur, who will accomplish it, how much it will cost, and potential funding sources.
- **Task Seven: Plan Completion and Adoption.** Once consensus was reached among the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Department of Special Services, the Commission held a public meeting on July 23, 2013 to hear comments on the plan and to solicit public input prior to adoption. The plan was available for public review for one month prior to the meeting. The Parks and Recreation Commission recommended the Plan for Council approval on February 11, 2014. The City Council adopted the plan on February 24, 2014 at a regularly scheduled meeting. See *Appendices D and E* for adoption documentation and meeting minutes.

Park and Recreation Commission and Public Visioning Workshops. Commissioners, Staff and stakeholders took part of visioning session for topics related to the Department of Special Services, facilities and the City of Farmington Hills. Approximately 25 participants attended the workshop that fostered ideas and suggestions to help improve parks and recreation within the City, and provide input into the master planning process. Participants provided comments through small group discussion that was followed up with large group presentations. All groups were asked to discuss their specific concerns and issues they felt need to be included in the Plan. This meeting, like all Park and Recreation Commissioner’s Meetings was open to the public. A summary of common themes can be found below, which were considered in preparing the Action Plan, and a complete summary of the comments received is provided in *Appendix A*:

- Develop relationships to help promote and develop recreational opportunities in the City.
- Purchase a multi-use cultural/performing arts center with a performance space, classrooms, galleries, studios, practice areas and flexible meeting areas.

- Upgrade and integrate technologies for users and staff.
- Offer more public transportation opportunities to recreational facilities.
- Upgrade existing facilities.
- Become more energy efficient.
- Provide more programs for athletes with disabilities.
- Offer additional programming for a culturally diverse community.
- Explore grants and corporate donations for programs and facilities.
- Provide better/more sidewalks and trails to access the parks.
- Increase promotion and marketing of Special Services Divisions to reach all ages and groups in the community.
- Create an environment that encourages interdepartmental coordination.
- Upgrade gymnasium facility.
- Upgrade aquatic facility.
- Provide an indoor walking track.
- Offer more senior programs in the evening.

Public Visioning Workshop. A public visioning workshop was held at the Costick Center on July 23, 2013 to seek input from residents and users of the Department of Special Services offerings, and to gain a better understanding of the community desires related to current offerings and new facility and programming development. Approximately 35 participants attended the workshop that fostered ideas and suggestions to help improve parks and recreation within the City, and provide input into the master planning process. Participants provided comments through small group discussion that was followed up with large group presentations.

The workshop was highly successful at generating additional ideas and priorities while at the same time supporting the common themes discussed with the Parks and Recreation Commission, Department of Special Services and during the public meeting. Attendees were encouraged to discuss all possible ideas for what is needed in the City based on the eight Divisions of Special Services. A complete summary of the comments received is provided in *Appendix A*. A summary of common themes can be found below which were considered in preparing the Action Plan:

- Provide a large, centralized cultural art facility for music, theater and art and expand the cultural arts programs.
- Protect the "After School Program".
- Keep the cultural art programs and expand where possible.
- Provide busing for "After School Program".
- Protect all historical spaces within the parks.
- Increase the amount of non-motorized, fully accessible trails within the City.
- Add more programming for younger children.
- Add "Family Night" into the repertoire of community events.
- Increase the marketing and publicity of all of the Special Services offerings, programs and services on City's web page.
- Protect the City's existing green spaces.
- Provide more displays of public art.

- Expand and upgrade the existing facilities such as Costick and build new/acquire additional land to meet the needs of the expanding Special Services programming.
- Develop partnerships with OCC, Oakland County, service groups and organizations, and/or other cities to develop facilities.
- Address cultural diversity/community awareness.
- Add programs for children with their moms.

Park Land Analysis and Service Areas

Approximately 1,124 acres of parks and facilities exist within Farmington Hills, with 633 acres owned by the City and managed by the Department of Special Services. The remaining 366 acres and 125 acres are owned by the Farmington Public Schools and Oakland County Parks, respectively.

As required by the MDNR, the Farmington Hills park land and facilities were compared to the minimum guidelines set forth by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA, 1983, 1995). Although the NRPA's updated guidelines were set more than 13 years ago, the MDNR still recommends their use as standards to establish minimum community needs in terms of land area and number of facilities.

Caution must be exercised in the interpretation of these results given that these guidelines were set over a decade ago and may not represent current popular activities and trends. Each community, based on its own particular resources and resident preferences and demands, are encouraged to establish its needs and requirements so that the plan best suits the community's desires for recreation. Recreation needs are often better documented through public input rather than relying only on the national guidelines. The NRPA guidelines and the MDNR standards were considered in the development of the Action Plan but not weighted heavily. The information gathered during the many methods of public input directed the Action Plan directly.

Table 4.1 – Farmington Hills Public Park Land Acreage Analysis and the following discussion compares the amount of park land as it relates to the conditions of the City and the MDNR standards based on the 2012 SEMCOG population estimate of 80,486. Park classifications used by the MDNR are defined as follows:

- **Mini/Neighborhood Park.** Mini/Neighborhood parks serve an area up to a one-half mile distance and are typically less than 10 acres in size. Farmington Hills has four neighborhood parks and numerous school facilities that provide more than the recommended acreage for mini/neighborhood parks. The vast majority of the acreage (228 acres) is derived from school facilities and not owned by the City who owns approximately nine acres. If some of the schools were to close or change use, the City would likely face a mini/neighborhood park deficiency. Given the school district's vital role in providing park land, the Department of Special Services and school district should continue their on-going

communication to ensure the needs for mini and neighborhood park land are met.

- **Community Park.** Community parks typically serve an area within one-half to three miles and are between 30 to 50 acres in size. The City owns 624 acres of community park land, thus exceeding the recommended 402 acres by 222. In addition to the City-owned land, there is 140 acres of school district land that is categorized as community parks. Despite exceeding the recommended park land, the schools still play an important role in providing large community facilities for City residents and Special Services programming.
- **School Park.** School properties can fulfill the requirements for other classes of parks such as neighborhood, community, sports complex, and special use. For the purposes of this inventory all childhood centers and elementary school facilities were classified as neighborhood parks, and all middle and high schools were considered community parks.
- **Regional Park.** Regional facilities offer a variety of active and passive recreational opportunities which help in meeting the need for local park land and help balance the deficiencies in facilities. Farmington Hills is fortunate to have a regional park within its borders. The Oakland County park, Glen Oaks, accounts for 125 acres of regional park land. The park does not fulfill all of the recommended acreage for regional park land, as there is a deficiency of 680 acres. However, it should be noted that a number of regional parks are within a short distance from the City despite not being within its borders.

According to the above guidelines, the City of Farmington Hills exhibits a surplus in all of the park land categories with the exception of regional parks. Overall, the City is providing an exceptional amount of park land for its residents although there is a definitive need to expand the current facilities and possibly acquire additional land for parks and facilities.

Park Classification	NRPA Guideline Minimum Acres/1,000 Residents ¹	Recommended Acreage for Farmington Hills ²	Public City Park	Public Regional Park	Public School Park ³	City Total	Surplus (Deficiency)
Mini/ Neighborhood Parks	0.25 – 2.0	20.1 – 161.0	9.1	0.0	226.0	235.1	74.1+
Community Parks	5.0	402.4	626.0	0.0	139.8	763.8	361.4+
Subtotal	-	422.5 – 563.4	633.1	0.0	365.8	998.9	435.5+
Regional Parks	10.0	804.9	-	124.97 ⁴	-	124.97	(679.9)
Total	-	1,649.9 – 1,931.7	633.1	124.97	365.8	1,123.9	(244.40)

¹ Source: Lancaster, R. A., Ed. Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines. Alexandria, VA: NRPA, 1983.; Mertes, J.D. and J. R. Hall. Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines. Alexandria, VA: NRPA, 1995.

² Based on 2006 SEMCOG population projection 80,486.

³ All early childhood centers and elementary schools classified as neighborhood parks, and all middle and high schools classified as community parks.

⁴ Glen Oaks, Oakland County Parks.

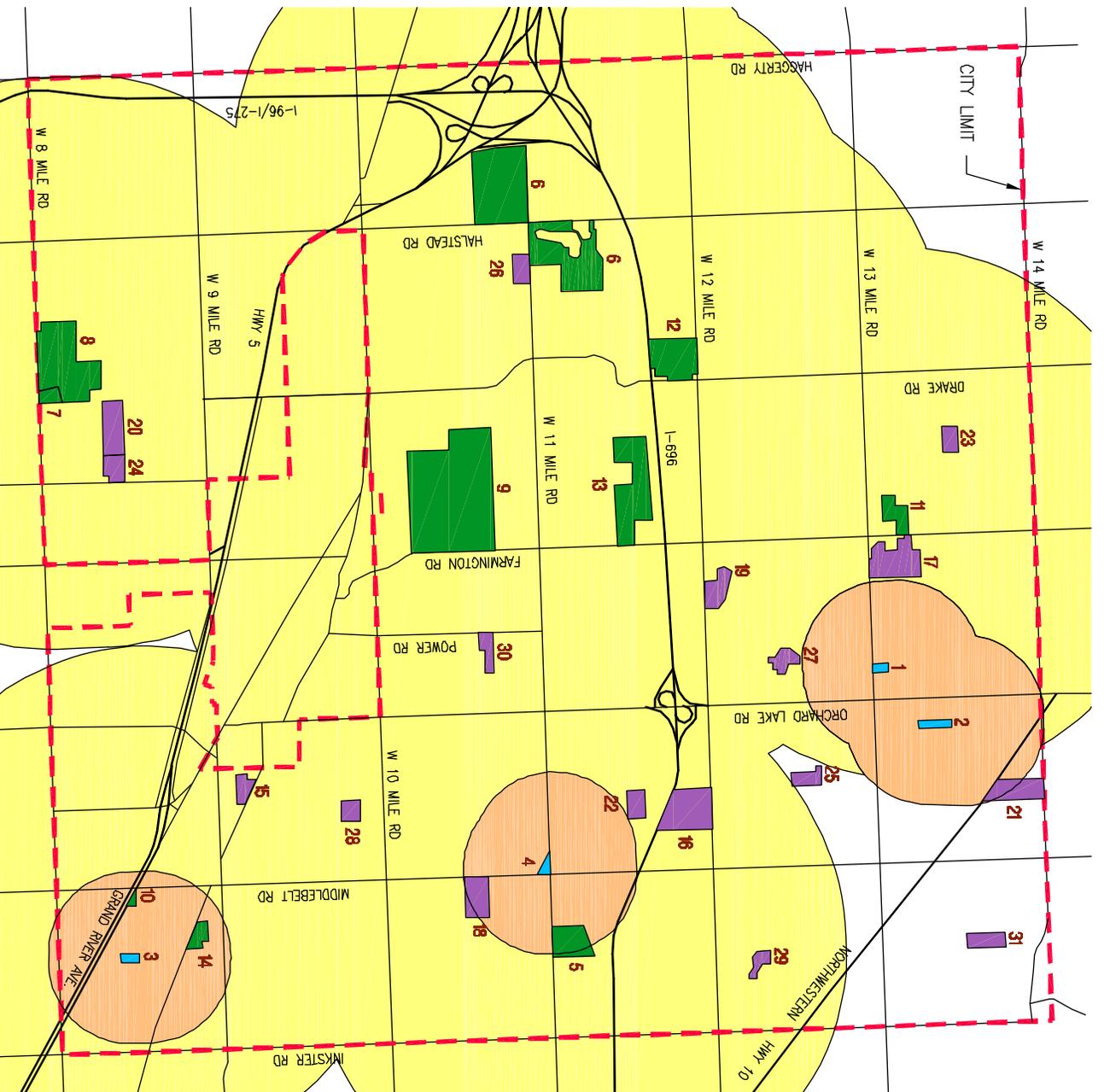
Although it is important to consider the overall amount of park land in the City, it is also essential to consider the type of parks, their location, and their disbursement throughout the City. When evaluating parks and recreation service areas it is important to closely consider where the residents in the City live. The MDNR establishes a recommended service area for each park classification to determine the areas in Farmington Hills that are lacking easy access to parks and facilities. The service area boundary for each type of park is as follows:

- Mini/Neighborhood Parks 0.25 – 0.5 miles
- Community Parks 0.5 – 3.0 miles
- Regional Parks 30 minute driving time

The parks and recreation service areas are shown on *Map 4 – Parks and Recreation Service Area*. For the purposes of measuring the service area, a radius of one-half mile was used for mini/neighborhood parks and two miles for community parks. The service boundary of Glen Oaks and all schools were not included in the analysis in order to fully evaluate the service area of the City-owned parks.

The areas in the northwest and northeast of the City are lacking easy access to all City-owned parks and facilities. The service area of the neighborhood parks is small, and the opportunity for development of additional small parks in the City should be explored. The parks should be scattered throughout all areas of the City, particularly in the areas underserved by both City and school park land, such as the northwest and southwest corners. The service area of community parks is larger and extends to a greater number of City residents. Acquiring larger parcels of land for community park development is more difficult. However, if the opportunity to acquire additional land comes available, the City should explore this in areas on the north and east sides to better serve the residents and address the need to expand the Costick Center.

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICE AREA



NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITIES = ■

- 1 BOND FIELD
- 2 HARMON OAKS
- 3 OLDE TOWN PARK
- 4 MEMORIAL PARK

COMMUNITY FACILITIES = ■

- 5 COSTICK ACTIVITIES CENTER
- 6 FARMINGTON HILLS GOLF CLUB
- 7 FARMINGTON HILLS ICE ARENA
- 8 FOUNDERS SPORTS PARK
- 9 HERITAGE PARK AND LONGACRE HOUSE
- 10 JON GRANT COMMUNITY CENTER
- 11 PIONEER PARK
- 12 SOCCER SOCCER
- 13 WOODLAND HILLS
- 14 WILLIAM GRACE DOG PARK

PUBLIC FACILITIES = ■

- 15 FARMINGTON CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
- 16 HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL
- 17 NORTH FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
- 18 EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 19 O.E. DUNCHEL MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 20 POWER MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 21 WARNER MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 22 BEECHVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 23 FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 24 GILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 25 HIGHMEADOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 26 HILLSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 27 KENBROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 28 LANGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 29 WOOD CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- 30 ALAMEDA EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
- 31 FAIRVIEW EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK SERVICE AREA (0.5 MILE RADIUS) = ■
 NEIGHBORHOOD PARK SERVICE AREA (1.5 MILE RADIUS) = ■



Facilities Analysis

In addition to park land, existing facilities were compared against the recommended guidelines set by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and MDNR to determine if they are adequate to meet the needs of residents based on national averages. The analysis takes into account a variety of factors including specific needs and existing conditions in Farmington Hills, information obtained during the public input opportunities, programming needs, site conditions, as well as national averages. *Table 4.2* indicates the recommended guideline and facilities, the number of facilities in the City, and the surplus or deficiency of facilities. The comments below the table provide further prospective and assist in identifying key issues related to specific facilities.

	NRPA Minimum Guideline ¹	NRPA Recommended Facilities ²	Public Farmington Hills Facility	Public Regional Facility ³	Public School Facility	Total Facilities	Surplus (Deficiency)
Baseball/ Softball	1/5,000	16	12	0	29	41	25
Basketball	1/5,000	16	3	0	15.5	18.5	2.5
Football	1/20,000	4	0	0	12	12	8
Golf Course 18 Hole	1/50,000	2	1	1	0	2	0
Ice Rink	1/50,000	2	4	0	0	4	2
Playground	1/3,000	27	3	0	16	19	(8)
Running Track	1/20,000	4	0	0	7	7	3
Soccer	1/5,000	16	17	0	20	37	21
Swimming Pool	1/20,000	4	1	0	7	8	4
Tennis	1/4,000	20	2	0	17	19	1
Volleyball	1/5,000	16	7	0	14	21	5

¹ Source: Lancaster, R. A., Ed. Recreation, Park and Open Space Standards and Guidelines. Alexandria, VA: NRPA, 1983.; Mertes, J.D. and J. R. Hall. Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Guidelines. Alexandria, VA: NRPA, 1995.

² Based on 2006 SEMCOG population projection 80,486.

³ Glen Oaks, Oakland County Parks.

School Facilities

Neighborhood and community park land, as well as a number of the facilities included in *Tables 4.1* and *4.2* are owned by the Farmington Public Schools. Schools provide limited hours and access to the general public and do not serve primary parks and recreation functions. National recognized sources suggest that school sites satisfy only some of the recommended park space. Currently, school sites comprise 97% of the recommended mini/neighborhood park acreage but only 18% of the recommended community park acreage. Additionally, the total acreage of school sites is currently included in the park land analysis, while a large portion of the site is dedicated to educational and not recreational functions.

In terms of specific facilities in the City, a number are located at school sites as well. There are 100% of the football and track facilities located at the schools. Furthermore, 89% of the tennis courts, 88% of the swimming pools, 84% of the playgrounds and

basketball courts, 69% of the baseball/softball fields, 67% of the volleyball courts, and 55% of the soccer fields are located on school property. Given that a large percentage of the mini/neighborhood park land and heavily-used facilities are located on school sites, it is evident that there is a need for additional City-owned facilities as noted specifically below.

Athletic Fields (Baseball/Softball, Soccer, Football, Running Tracks)

The different types of athletic fields are specifically discussed below based on recommended and projected need.

- **Baseball/Softball Fields.** The analysis of the baseball and softball fields in the City indicates a large surplus in facilities. Despite demonstrating a surplus, during the focus groups the participants identified a need for fields of the proper size and with lighting. Key issues in regards to the City-owned fields should be maintenance and upgrades. The Department of Special Services should also continue their relationship with the schools for continued use of their fields.
- **Soccer Fields.** According to the national guidelines, there is a significant surplus of soccer fields in the community. The reality of the numbers is that there has been a considerable increase in the number of youth and adults participating in soccer in not only Farmington Hills but the surrounding area and Michigan as a whole. The large numbers of participants results in a large demand for practice and game fields. The soccer fields also experience strain due to their use for other sports' practices and games. The City should consider purchasing the property at the site of Soccer! Soccer! to ensure the continued use of the fields before acquiring additional property. However, if the demand continues to increase and the need arises, the City should consider the development of additional fields. The Department of Special Services should also examine the current usage of the soccer fields by soccer and other user groups, such as football practice or cricket. The City may need to specifically delineate practice and games fields in order to provide quality soccer facilities and meet the needs of other sports.
- **Football Fields.** The provision of football facilities is met entirely by the Farmington Schools at the present time, as there are no facilities owned by the City. The analysis reveals there is a surplus of fields, however, based on the focus groups there is a shortage of fields for football practice. This especially affects the youth football leagues that are often shuffled around to different fields in order to accommodate the older leagues and school teams. A need for additional practice facilities for football and other sports as noted above in the soccer discussion is evident and should be explored.
- **Running Tracks.** Running tracks are provided by the Farmington Schools and appear to meet the current and expected needs of the community.

Court Sports (Basketball/Gymnasiums, Tennis, Volleyball)

The different types of courts are specifically discussed below based on recommended and projected need.

- **Basketball Courts/Gymnasiums.** The basketball courts and gymnasiums are heavily used and show a surplus of only two-and-a-half courts based on the national guidelines. A majority of these facilities are also located at the schools, thus limiting the flexible use of the spaces. Based on their popularity of use by residents, school activities, organized clubs and teams, and recreational users, there is a shortage of basketball and gymnasium facilities. During the focus groups, the residents identified a need for un-programmed use of the gymnasiums in the City, such as daily play time for children with parental supervision. It should also be noted that high school boys' and girls' basketball, cheer, gymnastics, and wrestling compete during the winter, thus creating a need for additional courts and gym space for practices and games/competitions. The change in the sport seasons at the high school level may come to limit the amount of gym time available, and the Department of Special Services and other recreation providers may have to limit the number of teams or reduce practice time. The City should consider the inclusion of basketball courts/gymnasiums in any future expansion or construction of facilities.
- **Tennis Courts.** A total of 19 tennis courts are located in the City, of which only two are owned by the City and the remaining are school facilities. According to the national guidelines, there is a surplus of one court.
- **Volleyball Courts.** The need for indoor and outdoor volleyball courts is being met according to the national guideline for the City. At this time there does not appear to be a need for additional volleyball courts.

Ice Rinks

The national guideline reveals that there is a surplus of ice rinks in the City. This surplus is attained through the use of two outdoor facilities in Olde Town and Heritage Parks. The indoor arena in Farmington Hills is owned by the City and contains two sheets of ice. The rink is utilized by both City and outside recreation providers for hockey and figure skating. It is the intention of the City for the arena to be self-sustaining; however participants in the focus groups revealed that the rink is in need of funding to continue. The popularity of skating continues to rise as does the cost of participating, and users frequently travel to neighboring communities to participate in their clubs and on their teams. The City should explore monetary support for the arena on a yearly basis. The City's debt for the Arena will be retired within the timeframe of this document.

Playgrounds

Currently a majority of the playgrounds in the City are located at school facilities, and there is a deficiency of eight according to the national guideline. There is a need for

additional playgrounds at City facilities which could possibly be included at existing or new facilities as they develop. The playgrounds should be ADA accessible and be located throughout the City to better serve the entire population.

Swimming Pools

Based on the guideline, the City has an adequate amount of swimming pools. However, this is misleading in that the City owns one pool and the remaining seven are owned by the schools. During a number of focus group sessions and the public workshop, residents and Special Services staff voiced the need for an additional aquatic facility. The City should continue to pursue an aquatic facility to serve the needs of the community and explore all options of location and design of the facility.

Golf Courses

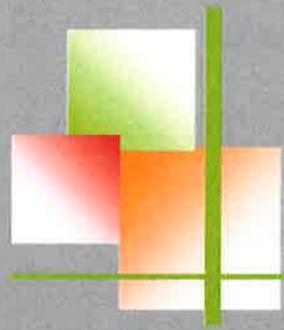
The City is fortunate to have a City-owned golf course within its boundaries, as well as a County-owned course. The national guideline indicates the needs are being met for 18-hole courses. There are a number of other courses located within a close proximity of the City that fulfill the golf needs of residents. The City has also recently undertaken significant measures to upgrade the Farmington Hills Golf Club. At this time there is no need for the City to pursue additional golf course facilities.

Community Center

The Farmington Hills community is fortunate to have the Costick Activities Center and the Jon Grant Community Center, along with the community facilities located at Heritage Park. The majority of the programming is offered at the Costick Center, and the need for a larger community center to hold more classroom/meeting space, additional gymnasiums, performing arts space, fitness center, and an aquatic center has been identified by a number of participants in the focus groups and at the public workshop. A recent trend in recreation programming is the development of large, modern multi-purpose centers that provide a wide variety of opportunities for all ages in communities the size of Farmington Hills. The City should explore the possibility of upgrading and expanding the existing Costick Center before acquiring additional land for a new center in order to measure the community's support for the facilities.

Passive Recreation

In addition to active recreation facilities, it is important to the City to provide opportunities for passive recreation and un-programmed activities, such as walking, jogging, biking, picnicking, nature observation, or just sitting in the park reading a book. A number of the parks in the City, such as Heritage Park and Woodland Hills, have exceptional dedicated areas for passive recreation. When developing and improving parks it is important to incorporate walking paths, picnic areas, benches, open spaces, and other amenities that further enhance the passive recreation opportunities. The City will explore linking the parks through greenways, fitness loops, bike paths, and trails.



Chapter 5– Action Plan

Special Services Department



By using the comprehensive planning process of trend identification, focus groups, surveys, and public meetings, the City of Farmington Hills Department of Special Services has effectively established a framework for the Action Plan. The Action Plan describes recommendations for improvements and enhancement of Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Facilities and Programming, as well as identifying the tools needed for implementation of the plan components.

A complementary component of the Action Plan is the Capital Improvement Plan. Action strategies that may require significant capital investment from the community have been organized into a five-year plan. The specific projects have been prioritized in the Capital Improvement Plan in order to better manage the Department of Special Services budget and equally distribute the projects over a five-year cycle. The timing of these projects may be influenced, moved, or eliminated depending based on economic conditions, available funding, and/or grant awards. However, the spirit and intent of the project priorities are well defined in the Capital Improvement Plan.

The Action Plan is organized into four sections:

- Mission Statement
- Department of Special Services Goals and Objectives
- System Wide Recommendations
- Five Year Capital Improvement Plan

Mission Statement

Provide municipal services for the physical, recreational, leisure and cultural well-being of the residents of the City of Farmington Hills. The Department provides activities, services and facilities for fitness, athletics, cultural arts, conservation and general open space use in a safe and enjoyable environment for all age groups.

Department of Special Services Goals and Objectives

To provide a guideline for decision making, the Department of Special Services has developed a list of goals and objectives based on the previous 2008 Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the results of analysis and public input. The following goals and objectives are intended to provide an operational framework for future decisions related to the provision of parks and recreation for the City of Farmington Hills. These goals and objectives should be reviewed annually and modified as necessary.

Goal #1: Maintain or expand the current funding levels for existing programs.

Objectives:

- Continue current funding levels for Senior programs.
- Continue current funding levels for Youth and Teen programs.
- Continue current funding levels for Cultural Arts programs.

- Provide funding for multi-cultural programs.
- Provide funding for family programs and activities.
- Provide funding for health and fitness programs.
- Provide funding for environmental and nature education programs.
- Increase evening and weekend programming.

Goal #2: Continue funding for operational and maintenance staff.

Objectives:

- Continue funding for Parks and Golf Division staff.
- Continue funding for Senior Division staff.
- Continue funding for Recreation Division staff.
- Continue funding for Cultural Arts Division staff.
- Continue funding for Ice Arena staff.
- Explore hiring new staff to meet the needs of individual Special Services Divisions.

Goal #3: Develop new parks and recreation facilities at existing sites.

Objectives:

- Initiate a Master Planning Process for future improvements and development of the Costick Center and Costick Center Fields.
- Provide playground improvements to Heritage Park, Founders Park, and Olde Town Park.
- Explore the feasibility of installing walls at Conway, Wexford and the Ice Arena.
- Develop a parks and facilities improvement plan to address short and long term issues.

Goal #4: Continue to improve existing parks and recreation facilities.

Objectives:

- Provide continuous improvements to Costick Activities Center.
- Continue to improve Universal Accessibility to all facilities.
- Identify and provide funding for annual improvements to Special Services' facilities and parks.
- Continue the "greening" of the parks and facilities through improvement such as turf grass stewardship, stormwater improvements, lighting upgrades, and energy audits.
- Explore opportunities to provide additional space at the Ice Arena.
- Explore opportunities to expand the current facility with a family aquatic center and performing arts space.

Goal #5: Improve non-motorized connectivity in the City.

Objectives:

- Provide funding for and construct additional sidewalks.
- Provide funding for and construct bike trails.
- Provide funding for and construct walking paths.
- Provide funding for improvements to existing trail system.

Goal #6: Continue to upgrade and maintain historic facilities.

Objectives:

- Allocate funding for upgrades and maintenance at the Heritage Park stables.
- Allocate funding for upgrades and maintenance at the Heritage Park barn.
- Allocate funding for upgrades and maintenance at the Spicer House and Nature Center.
- Allocate funding for upgrades and maintenance at the Longacre Caretaker's House.
- Allocate funding for upgrades and maintenance at the Longacre House.

Goal #7: Continue to upgrade and maintain athletic fields.

Objectives:

- Identify necessary upgrades and improvements to the athletic fields.
- Continue funding for athletic field renovation program.
- Provide facility and program upkeep to offset the costs of facilities operations.
- Evaluate equipment and replace as deemed necessary on a continual basis.
- Continue funding for Maintenance Division operations.
- Continue the environmental programs such as turf grass stewardship at the athletic fields.

Goal #8: Explore opportunities and provide funding for park site and land acquisition.

Objectives:

- Acquire park land in the northwest and southeast corners of the City to better service all Farmington Hills residents.
- Acquire property along the Rouge River and its tributaries to complete the greenways and provide watershed protection.

System Wide Recommendations

In addition to capital investments into programs and facilities, the Department of Special Services must also evaluate the current system and review long-range options for providing parks and recreation. The following are system wide recommendations that should be evaluated annually and used in the long-range planning of parks and recreation.

- **Staffing.** The Department of Special Services needs to annually monitor staffing levels and needs for efficient administration, operation, programming, marketing, and maintenance of all Divisions. Staffing should be increased currently in the Parks Cultural Arts, Senior, Facilities, and Recreation Divisions to address increasing program offerings and growth in the number of participants.
- **Barrier-Free Accessibility.** The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) has established guidelines to provide barrier-free accessibility at all public facilities. It is important to provide access to Farmington Hills's facilities according to these guidelines so that all residents may enjoy them. As parks and facilities are improved or developed, a high priority must be placed on upgrades that improve barrier-free accessibility with improvements to proper surfaces for wheelchairs, accessible picnic tables, and play equipment that provides universal access.
- **Continued Public Involvement.** The City and the Department of Special Services should continue to solicit residents' suggestions on planning, use, and improvement of parks and recreation facilities and programming. This can be accomplished with focus groups, public meetings, surveys, or through resident feedback solicited at Special Services events and on-line.

Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan

This section summarizes the overall system recommendations as well as specific improvements to individual parks. Some are multi-year efforts that will involve time and coordination, while others are park improvements that require largely monetary investment. *Table 5.1 – Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan* incorporates the top recommendations that require capital improvement in the next five years and beyond the five years for planning purposes. It should be noted that the Parks Millage Fund is the primary funding source for the proposed projects and expenditures.

Priorities should be reviewed on an annual basis and adjusted to respond to updated findings and identification of funding opportunities. In particular, costs should be closely monitored, as the proposed plan estimates are in 2013 dollars and are strictly preliminary. Actual costs for each project will be more specifically determined as site surveys, programming elements, and engineering plans are developed if applicable, as well as further analysis of the proposed improvement. In funding levels are lower than required to implement the Plan based on the schedule provided, the implementation could be stretched over additional years.

Year 1: 2013/2014	Capital Improvement and Operation	Estimated Cost
	Operation and Maintenance Staff	\$382,450
	Debt Retirement (Ice Arena)	\$150,000
	Activities Center/Seniors	\$500,000
	Maintain Existing Youth/Teen Programs	\$150,000
	Maintain Existing Cultural Arts Programs	\$150,000
	Facility and Program Maintenance	\$150,000
	Upgrades to Facilities and Equipment	\$100,000
	Maintenance and Equipment	\$50,000
	Parking Lot Improvements at Parks/Facilities	\$100,000
	Nature Center	\$75,400
	Create an Archery Range at Heritage Park	\$40,000
	Trail & Sign Improvements	\$50,000
	Year 1 (2013/2014) TOTAL	\$1,897,850
Year 2: 2014/2015	Capital Improvement and Operation	Estimated Cost
	Operation and Maintenance Staff	\$382,450
	Debt Retirement (Ice Arena)	\$150,000
	Construct Heritage Park Shelter	\$100,000
	Activities Center/Seniors	\$500,000
	Maintain Existing Youth/Teen Programs	\$150,000
	Maintain Existing Cultural Arts Programs	\$150,000
	Create Costick Center Improvement Master Plan	\$15,000
	Facility and Program Maintenance	\$150,000
	Upgrades to Facilities and Equipment	\$100,000
	Maintenance and Equipment	\$50,000
	Parking Lot Improvements at Parks/Facilities	\$170,000
	Nature Center	\$75,400
	Trail and Sign Improvements	\$40,000
	Year 2 (2014/2015) TOTAL	\$2,032,850
Year 3: 2015/2016	Capital Improvement and Operation	Estimated Cost
	Operation and Maintenance Staff	\$382,450
	Ice Arena	\$150,000
	Purchase Zamboni	\$170,000
	Activities Center/Seniors	\$500,000
	Maintain Existing Youth/Teen Programs	\$150,000
	Maintain Existing Cultural Arts Programs	\$150,000
	Facility and Program Maintenance	\$150,000
	Upgrades to Facilities and Equipment	\$100,000
	Maintenance and Equipment	\$50,000
	Parking Lot Improvements at Parks/Facilities	\$250,000
	Nature Center	\$75,400
	Trail and Sign Improvements	\$40,000
	Year 3 (2015/2016) TOTAL	\$2,167,850

Year 4: 2016/2017	Capital Improvement and Operation	Estimated Cost
	Operation and Maintenance Staff	\$382,450
	Ice Arena	\$150,000
	HVAC System & Pottery expansion at the Stables	\$150,000
	Activities Center/Seniors	\$500,000
	Maintain Existing Youth/Teen Programs	\$150,000
	Maintain Existing Cultural Arts Programs	\$150,000
	Electronic Sign at Founder's	\$180,000
	Facility and Program Maintenance	\$150,000
	Upgrades to Facilities and Equipment	\$100,000
	Maintenance and Equipment	\$50,000
	Parking Lot Improvements at Parks/Facilities	\$265,000
	Trail and trail signage improvements	\$40,000
	Nature Center	\$75,400
	Year 4 (2016/2017) TOTAL	\$2,342,850
Year 5: 2017/2018	Capital Improvement and Operation	Estimated Cost
	Operation and Maintenance Staff	\$382,450
	Ice Arena	\$150,000
	Activities Center/Seniors	\$500,000
	Maintain Existing Youth/Teen Programs	\$150,000
	Maintain Existing Cultural Arts Programs	\$150,000
	Facility and Program Maintenance	\$150,000
	Upgrades to Facilities and Equipment	\$100,000
	Maintenance and Equipment	\$50,000
	Parking Lot Improvements at Parks/Facilities	\$100,000
	Nature Center	\$75,400
	Trail and Sign Improvements	\$40,000
	Year 5 (2017/2018) TOTAL	\$1,847,850
	Years 1 - 5 TOTAL	\$9,864,250



Appendices

Parks and Recreation Commissioner's Meeting July 9, 2013

A workshop was executed to gather input on City parks, facilities and programming. This was a regular, monthly meeting for the Parks and Recreation Commission. These meetings are opened to the public, and for this particular meeting members from the following were invited to participate:

- Art Commission
- Commission on Aging
- Commission on Children, Youth and Families
- Historical Commission
- Parks and Facilities Managers
- Special Services Staff

The format for this meeting was to create an environment to brainstorm the current and future recreational opportunities that will be used in the development of the Goals and Objectives and Action Plan of this Document. The next set of pages provide the agenda, sign-in sheets, and tallies for input on parks and recreational components that are assets, barriers, liabilities, identification of partnerships, and how this group envisions the future for parks and recreation.

Public Meeting July 23, 2013

A workshop was executed to gather input on City parks, facilities and programming; this was an advertised, public meeting specifically held to gather public input on the creation and implementation of the revised City Master Plan. This meeting was advertised on-line on the City's Facebook Page, the local newspaper, and pamphlets handed out at the Costick Center.

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Survey Results October 2013

City of Farmington Hills Department of Special Services (Parks and Recreation) Master Plan – Results of Computer and Take Home Survey

Method

The purpose of the survey portion of the master plan process was to build upon the results of the Commissioner’s Meeting and the Public Meeting conducted. Specifically, while the Commissioner’s Meeting and the Public Meeting generated a large volume of qualitative data, the survey containing close-ended questions based on the focus group results enabled collection of sufficient quantitative data to begin generalization beyond these initial discussions. Thus, while the Commissioner’s Meeting and Public Meeting concentrated on *identifying* and *understanding* recreational needs within the City of Farmington Hills, the survey facilitated *confirmation* and preliminary *prioritization* of opinions and issues.

The survey was conducted by the program SurveyMonkey, and posted on the City’s website and on Facebook with hard copies handed out to residents using the Costick Center and families registered in day camps through the City.

The number of completions exceeds the minimum of 382 necessary to generate results representative of the City of Farmington Hills population (~81,000 in 2012 according to the U.S. Census Bureau) with a 5 percent confidence interval and at a confidence level of 95 percent.

Results

The next pages represent the results presented in the order in which asked.

AGENDA
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
JULY 9, 2013 – 7:30 PM
COSTICK CENTER
28600 WEST ELEVEN MILE ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48336

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes of June 11, 2013
- IV. Public Discussion
- V. Correspondence
 - Informational Items and Special Services Program Flyers
 - Cultural Arts Information/Flyers
 - Recreation Information/Flyers
 - Senior Information/Flyers
- VI. Director's Report
 - Master Plan
 - August Meeting
- VII. Commissioners' Comments
- VIII. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 13, 2013
- IX. Adjournment

NOTE: Anyone planning to attend the meeting who has need of special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is asked to contact the City Clerk's Office at 248-871-2410 at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting, wherein necessary arrangements/accommodations will be made. Thank you.

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Date: July 9, 2013

Please print the following information.

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The Public Outreach meeting will feature literature and information about the Master Plan implementation. All interested residents are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Ellen Schnackel at 248-473-1807 or eschnackel@fhgov.com.

Hills police investigate

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Farmington Hills police are investigating two home invasions at the Independence Green Apartments at Grand River and Halsted roads

Tuesday. Cmdr. Matt Koehn of the Hills Police Department's investigative bureau said that both home invasions occurred between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and dinner time when the residents re-

turned home. "In both cases, it appeared that entry was gained through the door walls," Koehn said. Farmington Hills police suspect that it is the same person or persons breaking into the first-

Public forum for special services master plan set for July 23

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have been made to the intersection, including narrow boulevard south of the intersection next to the left-turn lanes. Also changed was how the traffic lights are hung in the intersection. They were changed from criss-crossing the intersection to being hung in a square on the outline of the four-way intersection.

"It's called a box-configuration. You see longer as you approach the intersection," Bryson said.

While SEMCOG ranks the intersection the second worst in O

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The Farmington Adult Nutrition Program is looking for volunteers to help seniors in need. Program volunteers make a difference by offering to deliver t

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Your Community's Future

At this VERY IMPORTANT gathering!!

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

7:00 – 9:00 pm

Costick Center

The City of Farmington Hills is in the process of formulating a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan that will lay the groundwork for the programs and services the Department of Special Services will offer our community for the next five years.

To better serve you, we invite your input at this important event!

The Special Services Department provides activities and facilities such as:

- **Classes and Workshops** – dance, cheerleading, exercise, skating, swimming, safety, health, cooking, nature, and many more.
- **Art Events and Programs** – summer and winter concert series, Cultural Arts classes, workshops, exhibits, and lessons, Youth Theatre and community festivals, such as the Festival of the Arts and Art on the Grand.
- **Youth Programs** – after school programs for teens, children's programs from "Safety Town", "Pee Wee Playtime", "Junior Scientists", and many more.
- **Senior Programs** – from classes to support groups, activities and events: Senex Care, transportation, legal advice, dances, and trips.
- **Special Events** – campouts, hayrides, running races, card parties, holiday events, Hay Day, Mother/Son, Daddy/Daughter dances, Family Fun Fest Carnival, and more!
- **Sports** – adult softball, adult basketball, tennis for all ages, youth basketball, youth soccer, karate, hockey, figure skating, cricket, flag football, and many, many more.
- **Summer Camps and Day Camps** – summer is fun in Farmington Hills with dozens of day camps to choose from!
- **Beautiful Parks and Facilities** – nature trails, Heritage Park, Ice Arena, Costick Center, Farmington Hills Golf Club, Longacre House, and Nature Center.

Your input is extremely important to the success of the Master Plan and the direction for the future of the Special Services Department. We sincerely hope you will attend.

For more information, call the Special Services Department at 248.473.1810

~ REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED ~
Costick Center – 28600 W. Eleven Mile Road

THE DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL SERVICES

- Adults 50 & Better
- Cultural Arts
- Facilities
- Farmington Hills Golf Club
- Ice Arena
- Parks
- Recreation
- Youth & Family Services





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Lisa Holmes	26716 Greystone Trail FH 48334	
Stuart Opperer	37101 Jefferson Ct #578 FH 48335	(248) 672-6848
Kim Gearn's	4665 Frederic Northville - Actors Ave	586 201 8730
DAZZL MAYER	32265 BONNET HILL RD FARM HILLS	248/553-0437
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Fern Barber	37250 EISENHOWER CT 48335	828-243-6643
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Barbara Groves	Farmington Community Board	
SHYANNE HAYES	Kirkstar Farming	

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Clare Zielinski	23906 CARDA 48336	248-442-2913
ROBERT PIERCE	32740 BALMORAL KNOLL 48334	248 921 3859
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RICHARD MUKAMAZ	30130 DEER RUN F.H. 48331	248-788-7153.
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Todd Lipin	32679 MEADOWLARK FARM 48336	248-231-6493

Instructions

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Hills police investigate

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

Farmington Hills police are investigating two home invasions at the Independence Green Apartments at Grand River and Halsted roads

Tuesday. Cmdr. Matt Koehn of the Hills Police Department's investigative bureau said that both home invasions occurred between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and dinner time when the residents re-

turned home. "In both cases, it appeared that entry was gained through the door walls," Koehn said. Farmington Hills police suspect that it is the same person or persons breaking into the first-

Public forum for special services master plan set for July 23

The city of Farmington Hills is formulating a new Parks and Recreation Master Plan that will lay the groundwork for the programs and services offered to the community for the next five years.

A meeting will be held at 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, at the Costick Center to gather public input on the creation and implementation of the new Master Plan. City officials and Special Services Department staff will be available to answer questions and receive suggestions.

The Special Services Department provides activities including fitness classes, art events, after school youth programs, senior outreach, youth sports leagues, summer camps, and

more. Facilities run by the Special Services Department include the Costick Center, the Ice Arena, the Nature Center, and the Farmington Hills Golf Club.

"Public input is a very important part of implementing the Master Plan and creating a vision for the City's Parks and Recreation programs," said Ellen Schnackel, director of Special Services. "We hope to see a good turnout from the community at the meeting."

The Public Outreach meeting will feature literature and information about the Master Plan implementation. All interested residents are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Ellen Schnackel at 248-473-1807 or esch-nackel@fhgov.com.

HAZARDS

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have been made to the intersection, including narrow boulevard south of the intersection next to the left-turn lanes. Also changed was how the traffic lights are hung in the intersection. They were changed from criss-crossing the intersection to being hung in a square on the outline of the four-way intersection.

"It's called a box-configuration. You see longer as you approach the intersection," Bryson said.

While SEMCOG ranks the intersection the second worst in O

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7:00 – 9:00 pm

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The Special Services Department provides activities and facilities such as:

- **Classes and Workshops** – dance, cheerleading, exercise, skating, swimming, safety, health, cooking, nature, and many more.
- **Art Events and Programs** – summer and winter concert series, Cultural Arts classes, workshops, exhibits, and lessons, Youth Theatre and community festivals, such as the Festival of the Arts and Art on the Grand.
- **Youth Programs** – after school programs for teens, children's programs from "Safety Town", "Pee Wee Playtime", "Junior Scientists", and many more.
- **Senior Programs** – from classes to support groups, activities and events: Senex Care, transportation, legal advice, dances, and trips.
- **Special Events** – campouts, hayrides, running races, card parties, holiday events, Hay Day, Mother/Son, Daddy/Daughter dances, Family Fun Fest Carnival, and more!
- **Sports** – adult softball, adult basketball, tennis for all ages, youth basketball, youth soccer, karate, hockey, figure skating, cricket, flag football, and many, many more.
- **Summer Camps and Day Camps** – summer is fun in Farmington Hills with dozens of day camps to choose from!
- **Beautiful Parks and Facilities** – nature trails, Heritage Park, Ice Arena, Costick Center, Farmington Hills Golf Club, Longacre House, and Nature Center.

Your input is extremely important to the success of the Master Plan and the direction for the future of the Special Services Department. We sincerely hope you will attend.

For more information, call the Special Services Department at 248.473.1810

~ REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED ~
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		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		85.0%	392
No		15.0%	69
		answered question	461
		skipped question	0

2. What is your age?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
20 and under		0.7%	3
21-34		7.4%	34
35-54		53.7%	247
55-64		18.9%	87
65 and over		19.3%	89
		answered question	460
		skipped question	1

3. How many children age 18 or younger live in your household?			
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		Response Percent	Response Count
None		47.2%	216
1		18.3%	84
2		27.1%	124
3		6.1%	28
4		1.1%	5
5		0.2%	1
6		0.0%	0
More than 6		0.0%	0
		answered question	458
		skipped question	3

4. How many adults age 18 and over currently live in your household?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
1		17.9%	80
2		72.1%	323
3		7.4%	33
4		1.8%	8
More than 4		0.9%	4
		answered question	448
		skipped question	13

5. What is the best time for you or members of your family to participate in activities or use park facilities?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Weekday mornings		10.7%	49
Weekday afternoons		15.1%	69
Weekday evenings		16.6%	76
Weekends		57.5%	263
		answered question	457
		skipped question	4

6. Are you familiar with the recreation facilities offered by the City of Farmington Hills Special Services Department (i.e. Heritage Park, Costick Center, Grant Center, Ice Arena, Golf Course)?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		96.9%	445
No		3.1%	14
		answered question	459
		skipped question	2

7. How often do you or members of your family use the City of Farmington Hills Special Services recreational facilities?			
		Response	Response

		Percent	Count
Daily		6.1%	28
Weekly		35.2%	162
Monthly		19.1%	88
Occasionally		28.0%	129
Rarely		9.3%	43
Never		2.2%	10
		answered question	460
		skipped question	1

8. Overall, how would you rate the existing parks in the City of Farmington Hills? Choose one:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent		45.7%	207
Good		47.9%	217
Fair		4.4%	20
Poor		0.7%	3
Don't know		1.3%	6
		answered question	453
		skipped question	8

9. After each facility, please indicate how you feel that facility currently available in the City of Farmington Hills meets your needs.

	Exceeds the Need	Meets the Need	Falls Short of Need	Undecided	Never Visited	Rating Count
Park land	17.7% (73)	64.4% (266)	6.8% (28)	2.2% (9)	9.0% (37)	413
Athletic fields	10.4% (43)	52.4% (216)	4.9% (20)	4.1% (17)	28.2% (116)	412
Playgrounds	12.2% (51)	57.0% (239)	9.1% (38)	4.8% (20)	16.9% (71)	419
Gymnasiums	3.5% (14)	36.3% (146)	14.9% (60)	7.2% (29)	38.1% (153)	402
Fitness and wellness program area	7.7% (31)	38.3% (155)	16.5% (67)	5.4% (22)	32.1% (130)	405
Aquatic center	5.6% (23)	38.4% (157)	26.2% (107)	3.4% (14)	26.4% (108)	409
Multi-use performing arts space	7.8% (31)	39.8% (158)	16.6% (66)	7.1% (28)	28.7% (114)	397
Walking or biking trails	13.9% (57)	48.8% (200)	30.0% (123)	2.2% (9)	5.1% (21)	410
Tennis courts	1.8% (7)	27.3% (108)	18.2% (72)	4.8% (19)	47.8% (189)	395
Dog park	6.2% (25)	25.2% (102)	5.2% (21)	4.2% (17)	59.3% (240)	405
Senior Center	9.0% (37)	33.6% (138)	4.4% (18)	2.7% (11)	50.4% (207)	411
Ice Arena	11.0% (45)	47.7% (195)	3.2% (13)	3.4% (14)	34.7% (142)	409
Golf Course	9.7% (40)	35.4% (146)	2.4% (10)	1.7% (7)	50.7% (209)	412
answered question						455
skipped question						6

10. How would you rank the following in importance to the future of Farmington Hills? (1 being most important)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Rating Average	Rating Count
Park land	41.3% (184)	20.2% (90)	11.2% (50)	8.1% (36)	3.6% (16)	3.8% (17)	4.9% (22)	1.8% (8)	2.2% (10)	0.4% (2)	0.2% (1)	1.3% (6)	0.9% (4)	2.92	446
Athletic fields	4.9% (22)	11.0% (49)	13.7% (61)	13.2% (59)	14.8% (66)	9.9% (44)	9.4% (42)	8.3% (37)	5.8% (26)	4.0% (18)	3.4% (15)	1.3% (6)	0.2% (1)	5.35	446
Playgrounds	8.7% (39)	15.9% (71)	18.4% (82)	15.5% (69)	10.8% (48)	10.5% (47)	8.1% (36)	5.4% (24)	1.6% (7)	1.8% (8)	0.9% (4)	1.3% (6)	1.1% (5)	4.47	446
Gymnasiums	0.2% (1)	2.5% (11)	2.5% (11)	10.1% (45)	12.3% (55)	13.7% (61)	15.9% (71)	13.0% (58)	10.1% (45)	8.7% (39)	5.6% (25)	3.6% (16)	1.8% (8)	7.18	446
Fitness and wellness program area	6.7% (30)	7.6% (34)	12.6% (56)	12.1% (54)	15.0% (67)	10.8% (48)	14.1% (63)	7.6% (34)	4.5% (20)	4.0% (18)	3.8% (17)	0.9% (4)	0.2% (1)	5.44	446
Aquatic center	6.3% (28)	6.5% (29)	7.4% (33)	8.1% (36)	8.3% (37)	14.6% (65)	12.1% (54)	15.2% (68)	9.6% (43)	5.6% (25)	4.0% (18)	1.3% (6)	0.9% (4)	6.24	446
Multi-use performing arts space	7.4% (33)	3.1% (14)	3.6% (16)	5.2% (23)	5.4% (24)	8.1% (36)	11.2% (50)	14.1% (63)	16.8% (75)	11.2% (50)	5.2% (23)	6.3% (28)	2.5% (11)	7.39	446
Walking or biking trails	14.6% (65)	20.2% (90)	13.7% (61)	9.0% (40)	8.1% (36)	5.4% (24)	4.0% (18)	11.0% (49)	8.1% (36)	3.6% (16)	2.2% (10)	0.2% (1)	0.0% (0)	4.57	446
Tennis courts	0.2% (1)	0.2% (1)	2.2% (10)	2.9% (13)	3.4% (15)	2.9% (13)	4.9% (22)	5.4% (24)	19.3% (86)	24.0% (107)	17.5% (78)	11.7% (52)	5.4% (24)	9.47	446
Dog park	0.7% (3)	1.1% (5)	1.3% (6)	2.2% (10)	3.4% (15)	4.0% (18)	2.7% (12)	4.5% (20)	6.3% (28)	16.8% (75)	18.6% (83)	11.7% (52)	26.7% (119)	10.28	446
Senior Center	4.9% (22)	8.3% (37)	7.8% (35)	9.2% (41)	8.3% (37)	7.6% (34)	4.0% (18)	4.0% (18)	5.8% (26)	8.3% (37)	19.1% (85)	9.2% (41)	3.4% (15)	7.29	446
Ice Arena	2.0% (9)	1.6% (7)	1.8% (8)	2.0% (9)	3.8% (17)	6.1% (27)	3.6% (16)	5.4% (24)	7.4% (33)	8.1% (36)	13.9% (62)	35.9% (160)	8.5% (38)	9.84	446
Golf Course	2.0% (9)	1.8% (8)	3.8% (17)	2.5% (11)	2.9% (13)	2.7% (12)	4.9% (22)	4.3% (19)	2.5% (11)	3.4% (15)	5.6% (25)	15.2% (68)	48.4% (216)	10.56	446
answered question														446	

11. Which one of the following three statements comes closest to the way you feel about the city-operated parks and facilities in Farmington Hills?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Members of my household use city parks and facilities on a regular basis, and I believe that these services are important to quality of life.	68.7%	314
Although members of my household do not use city parks and facilities on a regular basis, I believe that these services are important to quality of life.	30.4%	139
Visiting city parks and facilities on a regular basis is not important to quality of life.	0.9%	4
answered question		457
skipped question		4

12. Are you familiar with the cultural and recreational programs offered by the City of Farmington Hills Special Services Department?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	92.1%	422
No	7.9%	36
answered question		458

skipped question		3
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13. Are you familiar with non-recreational services offered by the City of Farmington Hills Special Services Department (i.e. Meals on Wheels, Senex (day program serving the frail/dependent elderly), SMART Transportation)?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		53.2%	243
No		46.8%	214
answered question			457
skipped question			4

14. How often do you or members of your family participate in programs offered by the City of Farmington Hills Special Services Department?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Daily		3.3%	15
Weekly		18.7%	86
Monthly		15.0%	69
Occasionally		36.4%	167
Rarely		13.1%	60
Never		13.5%	62
answered question			459
skipped question			2

15. How often do you or members of your family receive services offered by the City of Farmington Hills Special Services Department?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Daily		1.1%	5
Weekly		3.5%	16
Monthly		4.1%	19
Occasionally		11.8%	54
Rarely		16.6%	76
Never		62.9%	288
answered question			458
skipped question			3

16. Overall, how would you rate the existing programs and services provided by the City of Farmington Hills Special Services Department? Choose one:			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent		30.3%	139
Good		43.4%	199
Fair		7.4%	34
Poor		0.4%	2
Don't know		18.3%	84
answered question			458

skipped question

3

17. After each cultural and recreational program, please indicate how you feel that program meets your needs.

	Exceeds the Need	Meets the Need	Falls Short of Need	Undecided	Rating Count
Summer programs/camps	10.7% (46)	54.0% (231)	8.4% (36)	27.8% (119)	428
Community special events and festivals	18.5% (81)	70.3% (308)	6.4% (28)	5.5% (24)	438
Senior adult health, fitness, social programs	13.3% (57)	45.2% (194)	4.2% (18)	37.3% (160)	429
Youth sports programs	11.7% (50)	53.8% (231)	11.0% (47)	23.8% (102)	429
Adult sports programs	6.8% (29)	44.7% (190)	12.7% (54)	36.0% (153)	425
Family programs and activities	14.1% (60)	58.5% (250)	8.4% (36)	19.4% (83)	427
Teen and after school programs	11.1% (47)	40.5% (172)	9.9% (42)	38.8% (165)	425
Music, concerts, theater, exhibits, art, dance	17.8% (78)	60.9% (266)	10.8% (47)	11.0% (48)	437
Aquatic programs for all ages	10.8% (46)	41.0% (174)	21.2% (90)	27.1% (115)	424
Programs for people with disabilities	4.3% (18)	21.3% (89)	12.0% (50)	62.6% (261)	417
Nature/Outdoor Programs	16.2% (70)	63.0% (273)	8.3% (36)	12.5% (54)	433
Multi-Cultural Programs	12.0% (51)	42.0% (178)	11.3% (48)	34.9% (148)	424

answered question	447
skipped question	14

18. Which programs listed below do you think are most important to the future of the City of Farmington Hills Special Services Department? (1 being most important)														Rating	Rating
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Average	Count	
Summer programs/camps	19.3% (83)	17.6% (76)	15.1% (65)	11.6% (50)	8.6% (37)	8.6% (37)	7.0% (30)	4.6% (20)	3.2% (14)	2.3% (10)	0.9% (4)	1.2% (5)	4.03	431	
Community special events and festivals	15.5% (67)	21.6% (93)	19.3% (83)	13.7% (59)	7.9% (34)	6.3% (27)	4.2% (18)	5.8% (25)	2.8% (12)	1.4% (6)	1.2% (5)	0.5% (2)	3.81	431	
Senior adult health, fitness, social programs	10.7% (46)	11.1% (48)	12.1% (52)	12.3% (53)	12.8% (55)	11.6% (50)	8.6% (37)	6.5% (28)	4.9% (21)	3.2% (14)	2.8% (12)	3.5% (15)	5.13	431	
Youth sports programs	8.4% (36)	7.4% (32)	10.4% (45)	15.3% (66)	15.3% (66)	12.1% (52)	14.2% (61)	6.7% (29)	3.5% (15)	4.6% (20)	1.9% (8)	0.2% (1)	5.19	431	
Adult sports programs	0.9% (4)	2.3% (10)	2.6% (11)	4.6% (20)	12.1% (52)	12.3% (53)	12.5% (54)	16.5% (71)	12.1% (52)	8.8% (38)	8.1% (35)	7.2% (31)	7.58	431	
Family programs and activities	13.5% (58)	10.4% (45)	9.5% (41)	7.4% (32)	8.6% (37)	16.0% (69)	13.5% (58)	10.2% (44)	6.7% (29)	3.5% (15)	0.2% (1)	0.5% (2)	5.11	431	
Teen and after school programs	3.2% (14)	5.8% (25)	7.4% (32)	7.0% (30)	6.7% (29)	8.4% (36)	15.8% (68)	17.6% (76)	13.5% (58)	8.1% (35)	4.9% (21)	1.6% (7)	6.76	431	
Music, concerts, theater, exhibits, art, dance	11.4% (49)	6.5% (28)	6.7% (29)	9.0% (39)	6.7% (29)	4.9% (21)	7.2% (31)	16.7% (72)	16.5% (71)	9.5% (41)	3.9% (17)	0.9% (4)	6.26	431	
Aquatic programs for all ages	4.4% (19)	4.2% (18)	4.4% (19)	5.6% (24)	4.9% (21)	4.2% (18)	5.1% (22)	4.2% (18)	22.7% (98)	21.1% (91)	11.4% (49)	7.9% (34)	8.02	431	
Programs for people with disabilities	1.4% (6)	3.0% (13)	3.0% (13)	4.2% (18)	3.7% (16)	5.6% (24)	3.7% (16)	5.1% (22)	7.7% (33)	29.7% (128)	25.3% (109)	7.7% (33)	8.88	431	
Nature/Outdoor Programs	10.9% (47)	7.9% (34)	6.7% (29)	7.0% (30)	8.8% (38)	6.3% (27)	4.7% (20)	3.5% (15)	4.2% (18)	5.3% (23)	29.5% (127)	5.1% (22)	6.95	430	
Multi-Cultural Programs	0.5% (2)	2.1% (9)	2.8% (12)	2.3% (10)	3.9% (17)	3.9% (17)	3.7% (16)	2.6% (11)	2.3% (10)	2.3% (10)	10.0% (43)	63.6% (274)	10.29	431	

answered question **431**

skipped question **30**

19. Which programs listed below would you like to see more of in the City of Farmington Hills Special Services Department? (1 being most important)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Rating Average	Rating Count
Summer programs/camps	12.1% (49)	21.4% (87)	14.0% (57)	13.1% (53)	9.4% (38)	7.6% (31)	6.4% (26)	5.9% (24)	3.4% (14)	3.2% (13)	1.5% (6)	2.0% (8)	4.37	406
Community special events and festivals	16.5% (67)	18.2% (74)	24.1% (98)	13.3% (54)	9.6% (39)	8.4% (34)	2.0% (8)	3.2% (13)	2.0% (8)	1.5% (6)	0.5% (2)	0.7% (3)	3.63	406
Senior adult health, fitness, social programs	9.9% (40)	7.4% (30)	10.8% (44)	14.5% (59)	14.0% (57)	9.6% (39)	7.6% (31)	8.1% (33)	4.7% (19)	3.9% (16)	3.0% (12)	6.4% (26)	5.52	406
Youth sports programs	7.9% (32)	4.9% (20)	8.9% (36)	13.3% (54)	16.7% (68)	15.5% (63)	12.3% (50)	9.1% (37)	6.2% (25)	2.2% (9)	1.7% (7)	1.2% (5)	5.45	406
Adult sports programs	3.9% (16)	3.2% (13)	3.0% (12)	6.4% (26)	12.3% (50)	16.5% (67)	16.5% (67)	12.6% (51)	8.6% (35)	7.1% (29)	5.2% (21)	4.7% (19)	6.83	406
Family programs and activities	8.6% (35)	10.8% (44)	9.4% (38)	10.6% (43)	9.6% (39)	14.0% (57)	15.3% (62)	12.3% (50)	5.4% (22)	3.2% (13)	0.5% (2)	0.2% (1)	5.28	406
Teen and after school programs	3.0% (12)	5.7% (23)	5.4% (22)	4.4% (18)	6.7% (27)	6.7% (27)	16.5% (67)	17.2% (70)	20.4% (83)	9.1% (37)	4.2% (17)	0.7% (3)	7.05	406
Music, concerts, theater, exhibits, art, dance	13.8% (56)	9.9% (40)	8.6% (35)	6.2% (25)	4.7% (19)	5.7% (23)	7.4% (30)	19.5% (79)	14.0% (57)	6.7% (27)	2.5% (10)	1.2% (5)	5.83	406
Aquatic programs for all ages	6.7% (27)	4.2% (17)	2.5% (10)	2.2% (9)	4.9% (20)	5.4% (22)	3.9% (16)	5.4% (22)	24.6% (100)	24.4% (99)	9.6% (39)	6.2% (25)	8.04	406
Programs for people with disabilities	3.7% (15)	1.7% (7)	2.7% (11)	4.4% (18)	3.4% (14)	3.4% (14)	5.7% (23)	3.2% (13)	5.2% (21)	32.0% (130)	30.3% (123)	4.2% (17)	8.86	406
Nature/Outdoor Programs	12.8% (52)	9.6% (39)	8.6% (35)	7.6% (31)	5.2% (21)	4.7% (19)	4.4% (18)	2.0% (8)	3.2% (13)	4.7% (19)	33.0% (134)	4.2% (17)	6.78	406
Multi-Cultural Programs	1.2% (5)	3.0% (12)	2.0% (8)	3.9% (16)	3.4% (14)	2.5% (10)	2.0% (8)	1.5% (6)	2.2% (9)	2.0% (8)	8.1% (33)	68.2% (277)	10.34	406

answered question 406

skipped question 55

20. Which one of the following three statements best represents the way you feel about the city-operated programs and events in Farmington Hills?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Members of my household participate in city programs and events on a regular basis, and I believe that these services are important to quality of life.	57.3%	259
Although members of my household do not participate in city programs and events on a regular basis, I believe that these services are important to quality of life.	41.4%	187
Taking part in Special Services programs and events on a regular basis is not important to quality of life.	1.3%	6
	answered question	452
	skipped question	9

21. How do you or your family typically learn about Farmington Hills Special Services Department programs and events? Check all that apply:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Farmington Hills Special Services Activities Guide	79.1%	355

Farmington Hills Website (www.fhgov.com)		43.4%	195
Farmington Hills Listserv		24.7%	111
Farmington Hills Facebook page		9.6%	43
Farmington Hills Special Services Constant Contact		6.7%	30
School Listserv		28.1%	126
Visiting a City park/facility		35.2%	158
When attending a Farmington Hills Special Services Program or Event		26.5%	119
Newspaper		38.5%	173
Television/radio		2.7%	12
From a family member or friend		22.5%	101
Other (Please explain below)		6.7%	30
		answered question	449
		skipped question	12

22. Overall, how would you rate the communication and marketing of parks and recreation offerings from the City of Farmington Hills Special Services Department? Choose one:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent		23.7%	106
Good		53.8%	241
Fair		17.0%	76
Poor		3.8%	17
Don't know		1.8%	8

answered question	448
skipped question	13

23. Overall, how would you rate the City of Farmington Hills Website (www.fhgov.com) for providing information regarding the City's Department of Special Services? Choose one:

	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	13.0%	58
Good	46.1%	206
Fair	17.4%	78
Poor	6.7%	30
Don't know	16.8%	75

answered question	447
skipped question	14

24. Overall, how would you rank the level of service you receive as you register for classes, seek information, or participate in City of Farmington Hills Special Services programs?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent	32.1%	145
Good	44.9%	203
Fair	10.0%	45
Poor	2.2%	10

No Opinion		4.4%	20
Never Registered		6.4%	29
answered question			452
skipped question			9

25. What is the most convenient method for the City to communicate programs and events? Choose all that apply:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Farmington Hills Special Services Activities Guide		75.8%	338
Farmington Hills Website (www.fhgov.com)		56.7%	253
Farmington Hills Facebook page		19.5%	87
Farmington Hills Special Services Facebook page		13.7%	61
Farmington Hills Special Services Email		39.7%	177
Farmington Hills Listserv		27.8%	124
Farmington Hills Special Services Constant Contact		7.0%	31
School ListServe		27.4%	122
Visiting a City park/facility		25.1%	112
When attending a Farmington Hills Special Services Program or Event		23.5%	105
Electronic Sign or Banner		17.0%	76
From a family member or friend		9.4%	42
			

Other (Please explain below)		6.5%	29
	Other (please specify)		43
	Show replies		
answered question			446
skipped question			15

26. What is your first choice when it comes to registering for a City of Farmington Hills Special Services Department program? Choose one:

		Response Percent	Response Count
On-line		72.6%	324
Walk In		15.5%	69
Mail		2.2%	10
Phone		9.0%	40
Fax		0.7%	3
answered question			446
skipped question			15

27. Would you or any member of your household be more inclined to participate in or use the facilities if it were on a drop-in basis?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		72.5%	314
No		27.5%	119

answered question	433
skipped question	28

28. Are there any facilities, programs, events or services not mentioned that you would like to see offered?

	Response Count
Show replies	148
answered question	148
skipped question	313

29. Which of the following statements most represents your opinion?

	Response Percent	Response Count
A noticeable improvement of parks and recreation facilities would add significant overall value to the City of Farmington Hills.	 34.8%	154
A moderate improvement of parks and recreation facilities would add overall value to the City of Farmington Hills.	 38.4%	170
Maintenance of existing parks and recreational facilities would help retain overall value in the City of Farmington Hills	 30.7%	136
Degrading existing parks and recreation facilities would not degrade overall value in Farmington Hills.	0.2%	1

**The City of Farmington Hills
should sell some of the existing
park land to provide more land
for commercial use.**

0.2%

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answered question

443

skipped question

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Realtor hoping Park Place will spur more Seven Mile development

By Lonnie Huhman
Staff Writer

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Man seriously hurt in Orchard Lake crash

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff Writer

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- 1) 2014 MASTER PLAN RATHER THAN 2013
- 2) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN - ALL THROUGH
APPENDIX A -- ADDING A MULTI PURPOSE PERFORMING
ARTS CENTER IS A "TOP TIER" SUGGESTION. THE
2006 MILLAGE ALSO INCLUDED THIS AS A PRIORITY
CAPITAL PROJECT. ART IN ALL ITS MANY FORMS HAS
A SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC IMPACT FOR NEW
BUSINESS AND FAMILY LIFE STYLE & CHOICES.
- 3) SEEK SUPPORT FROM OAKLAND COUNTY
AND THE STATE OF MICHIGAN FOR 2) ABOVE.
- 4) RECRUIT MORE INDIAN/ASIAN VOLUNTEERS
IN CITY COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS.
NOT JUST BY THE NUMBERS BUT OUR
FUTURE LIFE STYLE AND PROGRAMING.

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5) THE CITY "ACTION PLAN" MUST INCLUDE
LONGTERM PROGRAMS TO ENCOURAGE
MERGING OF CITY SERVICES AND
PROGRAMS WITH FARMINGTON WITH
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Department Of Special Services Divisions Goals

Each of the divisions of the Department of Special Services has established specific goals related to the services each provides.

Administration Goals

- Provide administrative oversight and support to each division within the department so that staff will be empowered to provide the best services for Farmington Hills residents.
- Research and pursue Federal, State and private grants, and other funding sources to maximize spending dollars for capital growth and land improvements.
- Assure that all personnel in the Department adhere to well-defined policies and accepted procedures to provide maximum service while continuing to work with other agencies to enrich the community's quality of life.
- Constantly evaluate services, programs, classes, activities, and recreational opportunities to meet the needs of a changing community.
- Develop a marketing plan for the course and driving range.
- Provide education and training opportunities for staff.
- Continue to monitor the operations of all divisions ensuring that expenditures are minimized while attempting to maximize revenues.
- Continually raise awareness of the recreational and cultural attributes of the community in order to attract new residents and businesses.
- Continue to develop creative promotional and marketing practices to help make residents and visitors aware of all that Special Services offers to the community.

Youth and Family Services Division Goals

- Continue to increase program enrollment and awareness of our After School and Summer Drop-In Programs.
- Continue to educate staff through in-service trainings and external classes to better serve the changing student population's social, economic and emotional needs.
- Maintain relationships with the local businesses to continue the Community Thanksgiving dinner and baskets program.
- Continue to offer and grow existing programs and special events.
- Explore current trends in programming for youth.
- Expand the Middle School Initiative Program a program where high school youth share and discuss cultural and diversity issues.
- Add new enrichment opportunities.
- Participate with Botsford Hospital in the F2H Fit Challenge focusing on keeping youth healthy and active.
- Retain a working relationship with the Farmington Public Schools supporting youth both in-school and during the critical hours after school.
- Continue to offer group tutoring in partnership with Club Z, a professional tutoring organization.

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- Develop a transportation plan for all youth members to visit and experience the Costick Center Pool and Ice Arena.
- Work with the Farmington Hills Mayors' Youth Council, Farmington Hills Commission on Children, Youth and Families and the Farmington Hills City Council to identify needs and develop partnerships and strategies to increase the quality of life for children, youth and families in Farmington Hills and Farmington
- Increase evening events for family fun and potential revenue such as Restaurant Night, Family Skate Night, and Movie Night.

Senior Division Goals

- Enhance accessibility for older adults and people with a disability to participate as an active member of the community through a comprehensive transportation program.
- Improve the quality of life for older adults with dementia and their caregivers through education, adult day program, support groups and community advocacy.
- Create intergenerational activities and special events to encourage participation in community events for multiple generations
- Promote and continue to develop programming to attract the cultural and ethnic diversity of the Farmington Hill Community
- Continue to develop evening and weekend programs/events to attract Baby Boomers.
- Enhance participants experience by continuing to update atmosphere of the dining and social areas of Conway Hall.
- Broaden the scope of community activities by working in partnership with other Special Services Divisions.
- Continue to expand community awareness of the existing programs and services through networking, social media, web, newspapers, electronic communication and cable.

Parks and Golf Division Goals

- Increase maintenance efficiency by greater utilization of satellite maintenance facilities at Heritage Park and Founder Sports Park.
- Work closely with other Special Services Divisions to review and evaluate programs to control operational costs within the Department.
- Solicit input and financial participation from athletic and other user associations in determining priorities in maintenance and facility improvements on park sites.
- Continue to maintain and improve parks, athletic fields, facilities and historic buildings.
- Maintain full accreditation in the Environmental Stewardship Program and Audubon Society.
- Continue to maintain and promote the Farmington Hills Golf Club Clubhouse, Range and Course.
- Continue tree replacement plan in parks and golf course.

Cultural Arts Division Goals

- Continue to add new cultural programs, classes and workshops to keep variety and maintain support for successful programs including such as the Student Art Awards and Artist in Residence programs; as well as new educational projects such as the Art Matters annual conference.
- Support the community demand for public art within the Farmington Hills and Farmington area through available grants and donations, including outdoor sculpture initiatives. Invite new artists to participate in City Hall Public Art Program and City Gallery exhibits.
- Seek support for cultural programs via sponsorships, partnerships, and grants.
- Add new events/attractions in order to expand the Farmington Community Arts Council's Festival of the Arts and involve a larger number of community organizations such as senior theater, children's concert series, and expanded youth theater programs.
- Continue support for Farmington Youth Theatre, such as non-musical productions and workshops focused on specific areas of theater dance, storytelling, and literature.
- Continue to serve as the facilitator for large area art events, such as Art on the Grand, the Festival of the Arts, and the Greater Farmington Film Festival; seek out ideas for new festivals and events.
- Research and develop a plan for additional performance space for departmental programs, including a multi-functional, flexible venue with adequate support spaces for concerts, Youth Theatre productions, dance recitals, and other opportunities.
- Serve as a liaison to the Farmington Hills and Farmington area's cultural organizations, serving to help unite the goals of each to better serve the communities cultural needs and create strong and viable partnerships.
- Continue to increase awareness of cultural programs, and Special Services Department as a whole, via promotion, marketing, and community contact.
- Continually add to the roster of instructors and performers to offer a wide variety of classes and cultural experiences.

Costick Activities Center Goals

- Investigate and develop a plan for reconfiguring existing space or developing additional areas of the Costick Center.
- Continue to closely monitor all facilities' use and require the best use of time and space in each program/rental area.
- Continue to increase customer convenience by reviewing front office operations and surveying front line customer service practices.
- Increase public awareness by developing and implementing a marketing plan for all facilities.
- Continue to make facility cleanliness and maintenance a top priority by making improvements and upgrades to the overall appearance, without sacrificing functionality or service levels.
- Work with other Special Services Divisions and City Departments to ensure the current facilities meets their needs.

4 | Appendix B- Special Services Goals

- Continue to create and maintain partnerships with local organizations in an effort to successfully operate the City's Volunteer Center.

Recreation Division Goals

- Continue to identify and implement new programs relating to sports, outdoors, education, and programing for ages.
- Continue to offer a wide variety of recreation programs for residents of all ages at affordable prices and perform evaluations of programs.
- Heighten community awareness through increased marketing of programs, services, and facilities.
- Maintain an effective and efficient staff by providing proper training and supervision.
- Enhance our current website to better promote our activities/facilities.
- Continue to promote the use of on-line registration.
- Utilize RecTrac to monitor participation, registration, and facility allocations for all Special Services programs to increase efficient use of all resources.
- Continue to develop new partnerships and sponsorships.
- Continue to expand fitness programming.
- Continue to develop facilities and amenities to meet the needs of residents.

Ice Arena Division Goals

- Utilize e-mail for booking ice time, registration receipts, confirmations, communications and promotion of programs and activities.
- Utilize available means to promote and increase awareness of Arena programs and activities including social networking.
- Implement and promote web-based registration for Arena programs through the City website.
- Identify and implement new revenue producing programs and activities.
- Work cooperatively with Recreation and Youth & Family Services to promote the After School Program and Club 2nd Floor.
- Continue collaboration and develop enhanced partnerships with user associations.
- Continue to provide the community with a first-class facility offering the best in programming and services at an affordable price.
- Research and analyze current data from ice arenas around the country for benchmarks and best practices.
- Increase program enrollment by proactively promoting and marketing through specialized flyers, e-mails, mailing and other various media forms.
- Upgrade outdated equipment to be more efficient, cost effective, and green for the environment.
- Continue to explore opportunities presented by Founder Sports Park amenities including Riley Skate Park, baseball diamonds, and soccer fields.

Funding Sources

The proposed recreation improvements proposed in the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan can be financed with a combination of resources. There are several potential funding sources currently being utilized and many that are available for parks and recreation projects such as parkland improvements and facility upgrades as described below.

Past/Current Funding Sources

General Fund. The General Fund is the basic operating fund for the City of Farmington Hills. The General Fund contains the budgetary and financial controls for all the City's activities and functions which are not accounted for in other specialized funds. A wide variety of revenues, including recreation user charges, provide the resources for the operation of this fund. The Department of Special Services funding is an expenditure of the fund.

Parks Millage Fund. The Parks Millage Fund provides for the accounting and budgeting of \$.5000 Mill that was initially approved in June of 1986 and renewed for a third time in June of 2009. The funds are dedicated to the acquisition, development, and equipping of parks and recreational and cultural facilities in the City. The funds also support the senior program and debt payments for the Costick Activities Center and Ice Arena.

Nutrition Grant Fund. The Nutrition Grant Fund provides meals to Farmington and Farmington Hills residents, 60 years and older and is funded primarily by Federal grants through the Older American's Act and a local grant match. The Special Services Senior Division provides nutrition services both on-site at the Costick Center and to homebound older adults.

Golf Course Capital Improvement Fund. The Golf Course Capital Improvement Fund was established in 1992 for golf course equipment and capital improvements. The fund is financed by a per round surcharge on green fees and interest income.

User Fees. The City currently charges reasonable fees to the users of specific recreation facilities and for enrollment in recreation programs such as senior services, sports, cultural arts, camps, events and clinics, golf course fees, travel, and rental fees for facilities. User fees provide substantial support for park and recreation facilities and programs and contribute to the City's General Fund.

Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project. This project was created in 1992/1993 to administer \$300,000 million dollars from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and additional state and local funding to demonstrate storm water remediation techniques in an urban watershed. The state funding included an \$822,000 319 Grant from the State of Michigan, and managed by Wayne County, for Best Management Practices (BMP) demonstration projects. The City of Farmington Hills is located in the Rouge River Watershed.

Available Funding Sources

Recreation Bond. A number of bond programs can be used to finance construction of parks and recreation facilities. *General Obligation Bonds* are issued for specific community projects and may not be used for other purposes. These bonds are usually paid for with property tax revenues. *Revenue Bonds* are issued for construction of public projects that generate revenue. The bonds are then retired by using income generated by the project.

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF). The City of Farmington Hills has received over \$3 million dollars in funding from the MNRTF for acquisition and development of parks and recreation facilities. MNRTF provides funding assistance for the acquisition of land or rights in land for recreation or for protection of the land because of its environmental importance or scenic beauty. This fund is directed at creating and improving outdoor recreational opportunities and providing protection to valuable natural resources. The available development grants are between \$15,000 and \$500,000 and there is no limit on the amount for acquisition projects because they depend upon the value of the property. A local minimum match of 25% is required for all projects. This grant is generally utilized for implementing large park projects and land acquisition. Applications must be postmarked by April 1st for both acquisition and development projects and August 1st for acquisition projects only.

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The City of Farmington Hills has received over \$200,000 from the LWCF for the development of recreation facilities in the City. LWCF provides funding assistance for communities to acquire and develop land for public outdoor recreation.

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). TAP is the successor to the SAFETEA-LU authorizing highway safety, transit and other surface transportation programs, including regional pathways and trailway systems. This is a reimbursement program that originally comes from the Federal Highway Administration and is administered by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). Communities are eligible for funds to develop, construct, maintain, and rehabilitate trails and trail facilities for both non-motorized and motorized trail uses.

Michigan Recreation and Parks Association (MRPA). MRPA provides mini grants for communities to aid in community programming and development.

Oakland County Parks. Oakland County Parks provides small grants to communities within the county through a Community Assistance Program. The City of Farmington Hills has received \$800-\$1,000 in-kind grant monies annually since 2000. The latest of this funding went to acquire mobile recreation equipment used at events and programs.

Cooperative Resources Management Initiative. This program supports tree planting programs that improve tree species diversity, age/class diversity, reduce current and long-term maintenance costs, increase awareness, education and technical

knowledge of trees and natural resource, provide wildlife habitat, improve aesthetics, encourage community/volunteer participation, increase water and air quality, and expand/improve tree cover throughout communities. Eligible projects are separated into three types: Community tree planting projects (\$10,000 maximum), projects organized by a non-profit or non-governmental agency on public land (\$5,000 maximum), and outdoor classroom/education sites (\$5,000 maximum). Applications are due in November of each year (with a possible second round in March).

Urban and Community Forestry Program – Community Forestry Grants. This program provides funds for projects that address the urban forestry needs municipal governments, schools, nonprofit organizations, and volunteer groups throughout Michigan. These projects may include tree inventories, management plans, tree planting educational workshops and trailing materials, and other maintenance activities. Projects that develop or enhance urban and community forestry resources, such as management and planning, education and training, tree planting, and library resources, are looked upon highly. Applications are due each summer with maximum grant requests of \$20,000.

Community Forestry Program – Arbor Day Mini-Grants. This mini-grant program is designed to provide information and technical assistance to municipal governments and volunteer groups for urban and community forestry activities related to Arbor Day. Projects that develop or enhance urban and community forestry resources, including tree planting on public land, Arbor Day celebrations, and natural resource library reference material acquisition, are looked upon highly. Applications are due each fall with maximum grant requests of \$200.

Community Forestry Program – DTE Energy Foundation Tree Planting Grants. The DTE Energy Tree Planting program is conducted through a partnership with the MDNR to increase the number of properly planted, established, and maintained trees within the service territory of DTE Energy. Tree planting projects such as parks, right-of-way, public streets, nature study areas, schools grounds planting, and neighborhood revitalization projects all qualify. All trees must be planted on public land or land open to the public. Applications are due each fall with maximum grant requests of \$3,000.

Conservation Easements. A conservation easement is a method of preserving open space that is guaranteed through formal documentation. This technique can also be used to preserve open space if it is not feasible or practical for the City to acquire the land. Rather than obtaining fee simple, or complete ownership, an organization or community can purchase or acquire by gift an easement to the property.

Public-Private or Public-Public Partnerships. Reduced funding for the public and private sector has created a need for various partnerships between public and private entities as well as between two or more public entities to accommodate specialized large-scale recreation demands. The City should consider creating a different fee structure for the use of facilities by recreation providers and non-residents. The fees could be utilized for facility development, maintenance and upgrades, and/or programming. The fees from the various users would ensure continued high quality parks and facilities for City of Farmington Hills residents.

Donations. Businesses, corporations, private clubs, community organizations, and individuals will often contribute to recreation and other improvement programs to benefit communities in which they are located. Private sector contributions may be in the form of monetary contributions, the donation of land, the provision of volunteer services, or the contribution of equipment or facilities.

Foundations. A foundation is a special non-profit legal entity that is established as a mechanism through which land, cash, and securities can be donated for the benefit of parks and recreation services. The assets are disbursed by the foundation Board of Directors according to a predetermined plan.

**AGENDA
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
MARCH 11, 2014 – 7:30 PM
NATURE CENTER –HERITAGE PARK
24915 FARMINGTON ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48336**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes of February 11, 2014
- IV. Public Comments
- V. Correspondence
 - Informational Items and Special Services Program Flyers
 - Cultural Arts Information/Flyers
 - Recreation Information/Flyers
 - Senior Information/Flyers
- VI. Director's Report
 - Archery Range Update
 - Special Services – Marketing, Branding, Technology and Customer Service
 - Nature Center Tour
- VII. Commissioners' Comments
- VIII. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at the Jon Grant Center
- IX. Adjournment

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**MEETING MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
FEBRUARY 11, 2014 – 7:30 PM
ICE ARENA
35500 W EIGHT MILE ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48335**

CALLED TO ORDER BY Steve Stimson @ 7:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Judy Antishin, Sean Barrett, Larry Hutchinson, William Miller, Cheryl Ruffolo, Ellen Schnackel, Steve Stimson, Diane Zalapi, and Richard Lerner (Liaison)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carl Christoph, Joseph Miller, Diane Zalapi (left early)

OTHERS PRESENT: Brian Moran, Ice Arena Manager

#	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION SUMMARY/PERTINENT INFO	FORMAL MOTIONS:
1	APPROVAL OF AGENDA		MOTION BY: Zalapi SUPPORT BY: Ruffolo To approve Agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously
2	APPROVAL OF MINUTES January 14, 2014		MOTION BY: Hutchinson SUPPORT BY: Ruffolo To approve Minutes as submitted. MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously
3	PUBLIC COMMENTS	NONE	

#	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION SUMMARY/PERTINENT INFO	FORMAL MOTIONS:
4	AGENDA ITEM: Parks & Recreation Master Plan Approval & Recommendation to City Council for Adoption	Review each section and noted Commissioner comments and suggestions.	MOTION BY: Miller III SUPPORT BY: Antishin To approve the Master Plan with additions/corrections and recommend adoption by City Council. MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously
5	AGENDA ITEM: Ice Arena Tour	Ice Arena tour by Brian Moran	
6	COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William Miller III: ISR (Infant Swim Response) • William Miller III: MCMR and a sports expo • Cheryl Ruffolo: supports development of a plan for Costick • Richard Lerner: discussed Council's Goal Setting Session 	
	ADJOURNMENT	Commissioners Hutchinson & Ruffolo	Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm
	MINUTES PREPARED BY	Commissioner Antishin	

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Farmington Hills City Council



Standing (l-r):
Randy Bruce, Richard Lerner, Ken Massey, Michael Bridges,
Seated (l-r):
Valerie Knol, Mayor Barry Brickner, Samantha Steckloff



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- Roll Call.
- Approval of Agenda.
- Correspondence.
- Consent Agenda.
- Public Questions & Comments.
- Council Members' Comments & Announcements.
- Public Hearings.*
- Unfinished Business.
- New Business.
- City Manager Reports.
- Consent Agenda Items for Discussion.
- Additions to Agenda.
- Adjournment.

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AGENDA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
FEBRUARY 24, 2014 - 7:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
31555 W ELEVEN MILE ROAD
FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN
Telephone: 248-871-2410 Website: www.fhgov.com

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Commission for Energy and Environmental Sustainability *“Tip of the Month”*
3. Presentation of Planning Commission 2013 Annual Report
4. Presentation of Historic District Commission 2013 Annual Report

CORRESPONDENCE

CONSENT AGENDA - (See Items No. 8-15)

All items listed under Consent Agenda are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items, unless a Council Member or citizen so requests, in which event the items may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered at the end of the normal Agenda.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Limit of five (5) minutes for any item of City business not on the Agenda.

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

NEW BUSINESS:

5. Consideration of approval of appointments to various Boards and Commissions.
6. Consideration of approval of adoption of the Parks and Recreation 2014-2018 Master Plan. CMR 2-14-19
7. Consideration of approval of INTRODUCTION of an Ordinance to amend City Code, Chapter 18, “Offenses”, Article I, “General”, Section 18-8, “Begging”, to prohibit loitering in a public place for the purpose of aggressive begging.

CONSENT AGENDA:

8. Recommended approval of the purchase of Mobile Data Computers from Dell Computer in an amount not to exceed \$105,000 for 33 Mobile Data Computers and to Oakland County in an amount not to exceed \$16,000 for the installation. CMR 2-14-20
9. Recommended approval of award of bid to Diversified Power, Inc. in the amount of \$59,999.00 for the replacement of emergency generator and related equipment at Fire Station No. 1. CMR 2-14-21

10. Recommended approval to submit a grant application for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Fire Prevention and Safety Program to fund the purchase of 10-year lithium smoke alarms and ADA compliant smoke alarm systems. CMR 2-14-22
11. Recommended approval of adopting a Resolution to establish the Cost Hearing date of March 24, 2014 for Pearl Street Sanitary Sewer Special Assessment District C-342. CMR 2-14-23
12. Recommended approval of canceling the City Council meeting scheduled for March 10, 2014.
13. Recommended approval of the City Council study session meeting minutes of February 10, 2014.
14. Recommended approval of the City Council regular meeting minutes of February 10, 2014.
15. Recommended approval of entering in executive session immediately following the regular meeting to discuss collective bargaining.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk

Reviewed by:

Steve Brock, City Manager

REQUESTS TO SPEAK: Anyone requesting to speak before Council on any agenda item other than an advertised public hearing issue must complete and turn in to the City Clerk a Blue, Public Participation Registration Form (located in the wall rack by the south door entering the council chambers).

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Potential topics for consideration at the next Council meeting of March 24, 2014:

-Regular Meeting Items:

- Police/Fire Annual Reports**
- Public Hearing for Pearl Street Sanitary Sewer**
- Introduction of Ordinances regarding Seasonal Outdoor Sales**
- Enactment of Aggressive Begging Ordinance (If Introduced 2/24)**
- Canceling April 14th City Council meeting**
- Set Public Hearing Date for CDBG Program Budget for April 28**
- Resolutions setting the Cost Hearing date for Westhill and Lakehill SAD's**
- Easement vacation for Sanctuary Storm Sewer**
- As-needed Street Light, Catch Basin and Guard Rail Repair**

**MEETING MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
FEBRUARY 24, 2014 – 7:30 PM
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER**

The regular meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Brickner at 7:30 p.m.

Council Members Present: Brickner, Bridges, Bruce, Knol, Lerner, Massey, and Steckloff

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Brock, City Clerk Smith, Assistant Manager Boyer, Directors Gardiner, Randle, Schnackel, Police Chief Nebus, City Attorney Joppich, and Planning Consultant Arroyo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Planning Commission Chairperson Chris McRae led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Massey, support by Bridges, to approve the agenda as published.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

COMMISSION FOR ENERGY AND ENVIROMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY “TIP OF THE MONTH”

CEES Tip of the Month
February 24, 2014
Read by Randy Bruce

PRESENTATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

Chairperson McRae explained that the Farmington Hills Planning Commission is charged with promoting the health, safety, and welfare of Farmington Hills through sound land use planning. This nine member commission is comprised of residents of the City of Farmington Hills who have worked diligently over the past year to further this goal.

Chairperson McRae stated that the 2013 Major Initiatives of the Planning Commission included:

- 2013/2014 – 2018/2019 Capital Improvement Plan
- Outdoor Lighting Ordinance
- Grand River Corridor Vision Plan
- Seasonal Outdoor Sales Ordinance Amendment
- Mixed Use Zoning District

Chairperson McRae discussed the application activity and streamlining that process.

Mayor Brickner thanked the Planning Commission for the hard work they do for the City of Farmington Hills.

PRESENTATION OF HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

Chairperson Steve Olson stated that the Farmington Hills Historic District Commission is charged with preserving Historic Districts in the City, which reflect elements of the cultural, social, economic, political, or architectural history of the community.

Chairperson Olson reviewed the Historic District Commission's Goals and Objectives, which are as follows:

- Support the State and National Historic Preservation efforts
- Maintain quality and protection of properties included in the historic districts
- Maximize inclusion of viable/eligible properties
- Maximize public support for relevant historic preservation issues

The Historic District Commission set forth the following initiatives for 2013:

- Ensure the preservation and restoration of public buildings
- Continue public relations campaign/outreach to local media
- Work to survey, conserve and recognize historic structures
- Continue to digitize files and documents

Chairperson Olson discussed the process of review by the Historic District Commission and mentioned some of the work that has been done within the Historic Districts over the past year and special projects that the Commission continues to work on.

Mayor Brickner thanked the Historic District Commission for the work they do for the City of Farmington Hills.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Brickner received three letters regarding snow and potholes.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, to approve Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF

Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

NONE

COUNCIL MEMBER'S COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following announcements were made:

- Crisis to Hope Event will be held February 25, 2014 from 7:00-9:00 in the City Council Chambers.
- March 15, 2014 there will be a Neighborhood Watch Meeting at the Costick Center from 7:00-8:00.
- The round-about that is planned to be constructed on 14 Mile and Orchard Lake Road was scheduled to be done by the end of the year has been rescheduled to be complete in the spring of 2015.
- When residents call in to report potholes the Department of Public Works if the road is a county or state road the message will be delivered to the appropriate entity.
- This year there will be a millage regarding SMART Bus Funding on the ballot. There will not be a hearing at a City Council meeting on this issue since Farmington Hills is an opt-in community.
- The program "Drugs 101 – What Parents Want to Know" will be held at North Farmington High School on March 11, 2014 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This is sponsored by the Farmington Hills Police Department and the Farmington Public Safety Department using drug forfeiture money.
- On Thursday, February, 27, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at Oakland Community College the 8th graders from East Middle School and Dunkel Middle School who are moving to high school will take "The Pledge for Success".

CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager Brock provided the following update:

- State Legislature has allocated \$100 million towards road maintenance. This is not from the State surplus it is from a reserve fund that is for roads. Residents are urged to contact their legislators to encourage use of surplus funding for assistance with road conditions.
- The Michigan Concrete Association presented the City with a prestigious award for the Water Tower project.
- Wednesday, February 19, 2014, an art fundraiser event was held in the anticipation of a Film Festival that is coming on March 19, 2014 at the Civic Theatre addressing various social issues.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

MOTION by Massey, support by Steckloff, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby confirms the Mayor's recommendation to make the following appointments:

Farmington Area Commission on Aging

Chuck Collins

Term expiration 2/1/2017

Farmington Area Arts Commission

Elena Pike

Term expiration 2/1/2017

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF ADOPTION OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION
2014-2018 MASTER PLAN CMR 2-14-19**

Special Services Director Schnackel stated that the City of Farmington Hills Department of Special Services has undertaken the process to prepare the five-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The City contracted with OHM to help in this process. Director Schnackel introduced Ms. Vanessa Warren and Mr. John Kramer from OHM to give an overview of the Plan.

Ms. Warren explained that a Master Plan is a document that inventories, evaluates, and discovers the needs and establishes goals and develops a foundation for growth. It is based on public input, city input, and the existing facilities and how they match up with the needs. This is a mandatory document to write a grant for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and it is also becoming very important for many State and Federal agencies in writing grants.

Ms. Warren explained the process for preparing the Master Plan document.

Councilmember Bridges inquired about the number one need identified by the community and the biggest challenges for the department. Ms. Warren responded that Arts was identified as the number one need. Ms. Schnackel stated that there are many items on the "wish list" for the community, and the biggest challenge is prioritizing and financing those projects.

Councilmember Bridges commented on the importance of maintaining the parks for the community and thanked the Department for their work.

Councilmember Knol inquired if the issue of the dog park came up with regard to the property being leased and what might happen if that property is ever sold for another purpose and not available. Ms. Schnackel responded that this question did not come up in the public input for the Master Plan; however, there are 250 families that utilize the dog park and they are curious about the future of that property.

Councilmember Steckloff inquired about the difference in cost for the parking lot improvements. Ms. Schnackel responded that this was due to the different projects being done each year.

Councilmember Lerner noted that there seemed to be a shortage on gyms and playgrounds based on the population. He also felt that the zamboni at the Ice Arena would not last until 2015/16 when it is proposed to be replaced. He suggested including this in the Capitol Improvement Projects in this year's budget.

Mayor Brickner stated that they are monitoring the dog park issue. Councilmember Lerner added that the dog park was built with that in mind with removable fencing, etc.

MOTION by Massey, support by Bruce, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby adopts the City of Farmington Hills 2014-2018 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND
CITY CODE, CHAPTER 18, "OFFENSES", ARTICLE I, "GENERAL", SECTION 18-8,**

“BEGGING”, TO PROHIBIT LOITERING IN A PUBLIC PLACE FOR THE PRUPOSE OF AGGRESSIVE BEGGING

City Attorney Joppich explained the a recent Federal Circuit Court of Appeals decision determined that the state law which makes “begging in a public place” a misdemeanor is unconstitutional under First Amendment principles because the Court found begging to be a form of speech. The City’s ordinance Section 18-8 contains language that is similar to state law; therefore, he is suggesting an amendment in a manner that is consistent with the Court’s ruling.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Lerner, that hereby approves the INTRODUCTION of an Ordinance to amend City Code, Chapter 18, “offenses”, Article I, “General”, Section 18-8, “Begging”, to prohibit loitering in a public place for the purpose of aggressive begging.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

CONSENT AGENDA

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF MOBILE DATA COMPUTERS FROM DELL COMPUTER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$105,000 FOR 33 MOBILE DATA COMPUTERS AND TO OAKLAND COUNTY IN AN AMOUNT T NOT TO EXCEED \$16,000 FOR THE INSTALLATION CMR 2-14-20

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue purchase orders to Dell Computer in an amount not to exceed \$105,000 for 33 Mobile Data Computers; and to Oakland County in an amount not to exceed \$16,000 for installation of the Mobile Data Computers.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID TO DIVERSIFIED POWER, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,999.00 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF EMERGENCY GENERATOR AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AT FIRE STATION NO. 1. CMR 2-14-21

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Diversified Power, Inc. in the amount of \$59,999 for replacement of the emergency generator and related equipment at Fire Station #1.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG) FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY PROGRAM TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF 10-YEAR LITHIUM SMOKE ALARMS AND ADA COMPLIANT SMOKE ALARM SYSTEMS CMR 2-14-22

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the Fire Department to submit a grant application for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Fire Prevention and Safety Program to fund the purchase of 10-year lithium smoke alarms and ADA compliant smoke alarm systems.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF ADOPTING A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE COST HEARING DATE OF MARCH 24, 2014 FOR PEARL STREET SANITARY SEWER SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT C-342 CMR 2-14-23

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby adopt a resolution to establish the Cost Hearing date of March 24, 2014 for Pearl Street Sanitary Sewer Special Assessment District C-342.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CANCELING THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 10, 2014

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves canceling the regular City Council meeting scheduled for March 10, 2014.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2014

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the City Council Study Session Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2014.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF FEBRUARY 10, 2014**

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2014.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF ENTERING IN EXECUTIVE SESSION IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE REGULAR MEETING TO DISCUSS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

MOTION by Lerner, support by Knol, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves entering in Executive Session immediately following the Regular Meeting to discuss Collective Bargaining.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: BRICKNER, BRIDGES, BRUCE, KNOL, LERNER, MASSEY AND STECKLOFF
Nays: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0

TOPICS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Brickner mentioned potential topics for the next regular City Council meeting of March 24, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Brickner adjourned the regular City Council meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela B. Smith, City Clerk

