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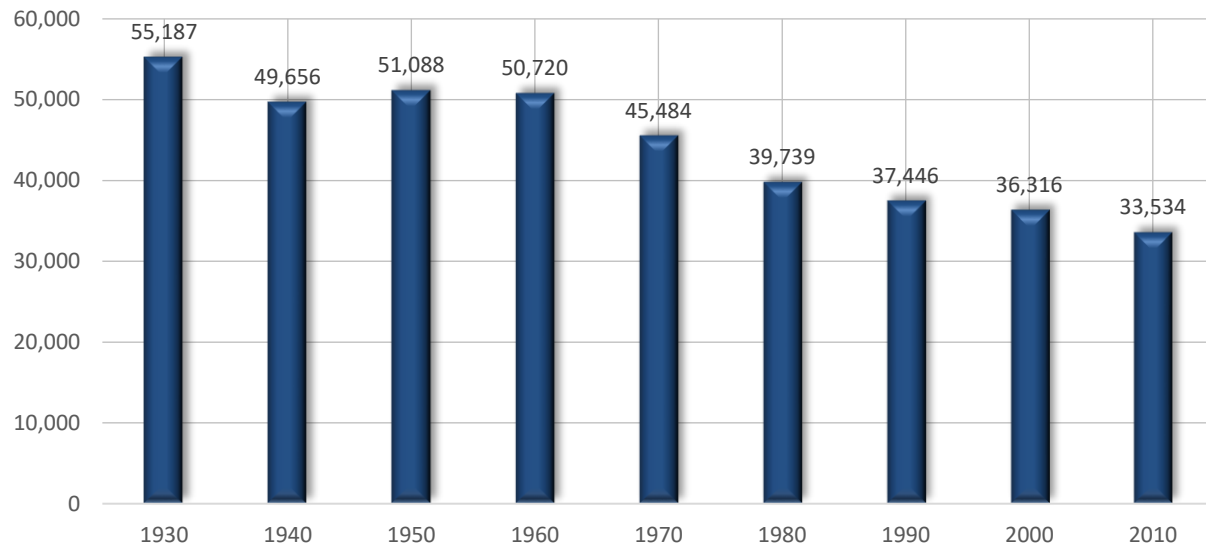
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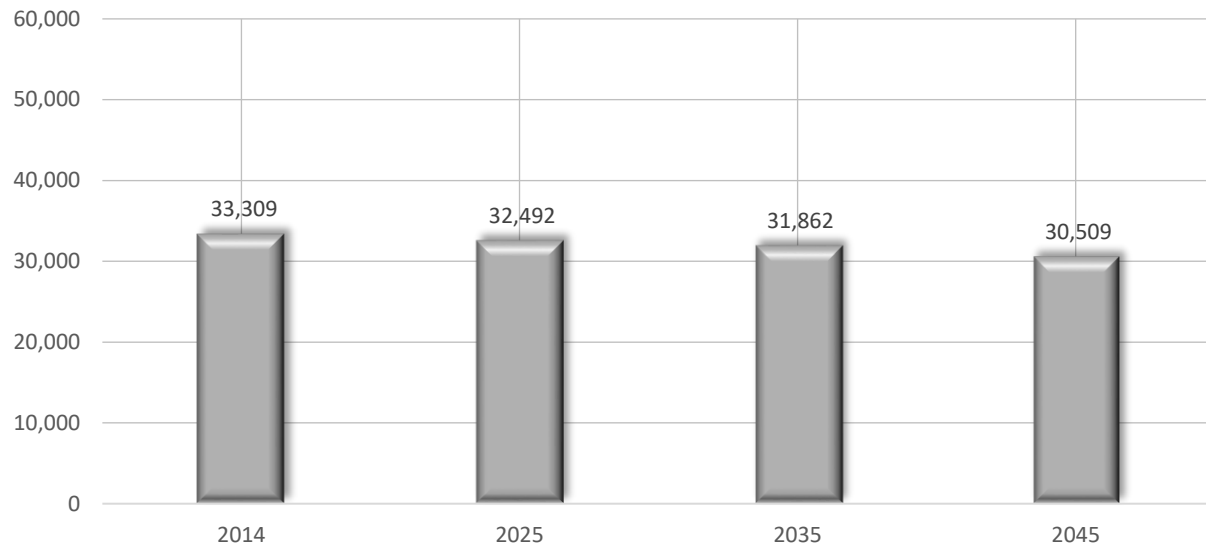
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Demographics

Population History



- The City was home to 33,354 people in 2010, according to the U.S. Census.
- The above figure shows that the population:
 - Decreased 10% between 1930 and 1940.
 - Increased 3% between 1940 and 1950.
 - Decreased 1% between 1950 and 1960.
 - Decreased 10% between 1960 and 1970.
 - Decreased 13% between 1970 and 1980.
 - Decreased 6% between 1980 and 1990.
 - Decreased 3% between 1990 and 2000.
 - Decreased 8% between 2000 and 2010.

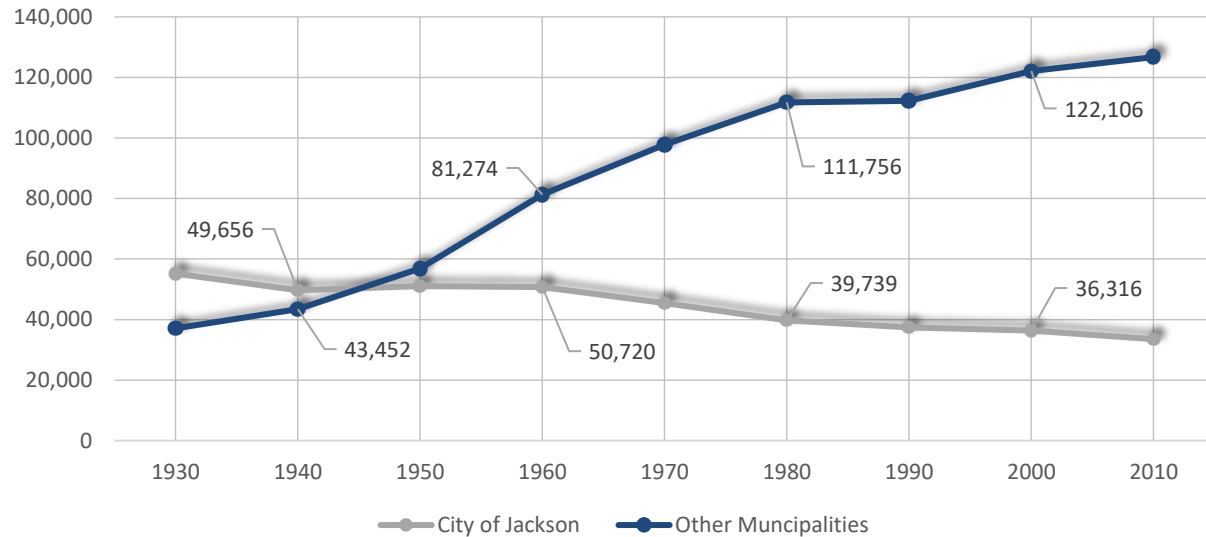
Population Projections



- The population projections utilized in this plan were developed for the Jackson Area Comprehensive Transportation Study (JACTS).
 - The 2014-2045 projections are grounded on historic census trends and Regional Economic Models Inc. (REMI) forecasts.
- Utilizing that information, it is reasonable to expect that:
 - The population will decrease 9% by 2045.
 - The 2014 population for the City is estimated to 33,309 people a <1% decrease from 2010.

The American Community Survey (ACS) estimates that the population was 33,317 residents in 2014 (i.e., 2010-2014).
 - The 2025 population is projected to be 32,492 people, a 2% decrease from 2014.
 - The 2035 population is projected to be 31,862 people, a 2% decrease from 2025.
 - The 2045 population is projected to be 30,509 people, a 4% decrease from 2035

Comparative Historic Population Growth



- The population of Jackson County grew from 92,304 people in 1930 to 160,248 people in 2010, an increase of 74%.
- The population of the City of Jackson shrunk from 55,187 people in 1930 to 33,534 people in 2010, a 39% decrease. Its population comprised 21% of the County population in 2010, down from 60% in 1930.
- The population of the other municipalities (i.e., villages and townships) comprising Jackson County grew from 37,117 people in 1930 to 126,714 people in 2010, a 241% increase. Its population comprised 79% of the County population in 2010, up from 40% in 1930.

American Community Survey (ACS)

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, *[t]he American Community Survey (ACS) is a nationwide survey designed to provide communities a fresh look at how they are changing. The ACS replaced the decennial census long form in 2010 and thereafter by collecting long form type information throughout the decade rather than only once every 10 years.*

The reporting period utilized for this plan is 2013-2017, simply referred to as 2017 in the remainder of this appendix.

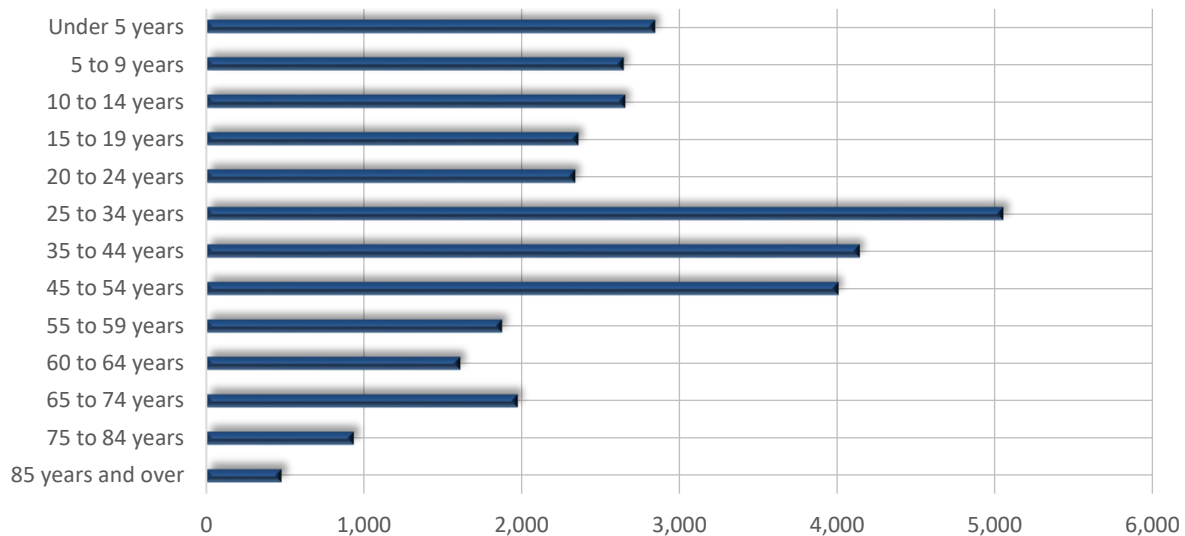
Definitions

- **Group Quarters.** *The Census Bureau classifies all people not living in housing units as living in group quarters. There are two types of group quarters: institutional group quarters (for example, correctional facilities for adults, nursing homes, and hospice facilities) and noninstitutional group quarters (for example, college/university student housing, military quarters, and group homes,).*
- **Household Income.** *According to the U.S. Census Bureau, [t]his includes income of the householder and all other people 15 years and older in the household, whether or not they are related to the householder.*
- **Median Income.** *According to the U.S. Census Bureau, [t]he median income divides the income distribution into two equal groups, one having incomes above the median, and other having incomes below the median.*
- **Per Capita Income.** *According to the U.S. Census Bureau, this is an [a]verage obtained by dividing aggregate income by total population of an area.*

Other General Notes

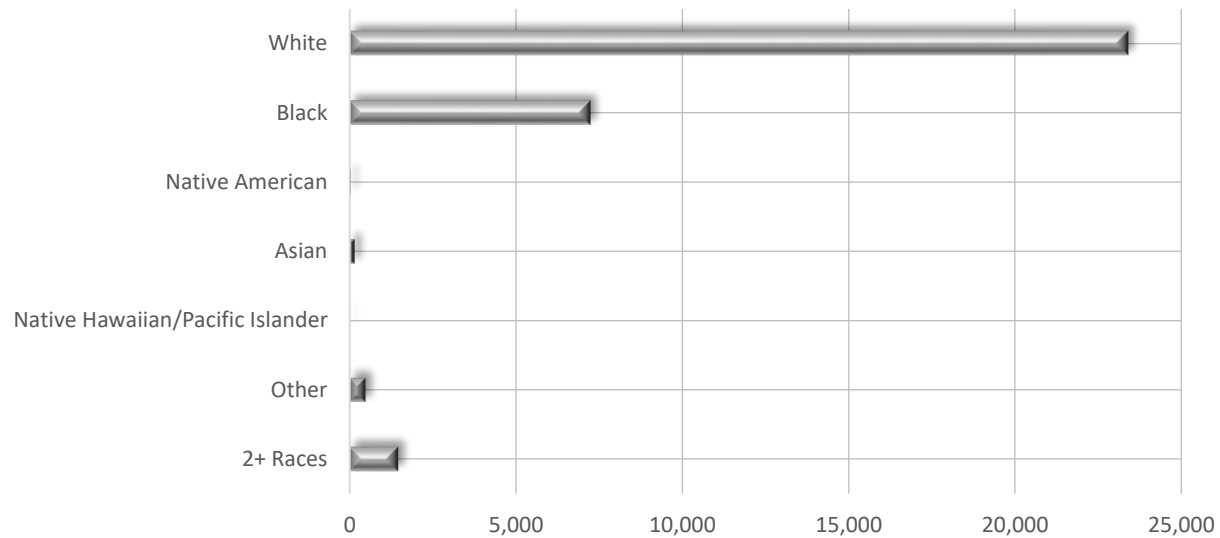
- **Rounding Errors.** Any totals that do not add up to 100% are caused by rounding errors.
- **Ambulatory Difficulties.** The ACS does not compile information on ambulatory difficulties for the population less than 5 years of age.
- **Hispanic.** Please note that 'Hispanic' is an ethnic rather than a racial description. Each Hispanic person is also a member of one or more races.

Age and Gender



- The estimated median age of City of Jackson residents was 32.1 years in 2017 [41.0 years countywide and 39.6 years statewide].
- The adjacent figure illustrates the generations to which those residents belonged in 2017:
 - The 'iGeneration' & younger generations (i.e., people ≤14 years old) — 25% [18% countywide and 18% statewide].
 - The 'Millennials' generation (i.e., people 15-34 years old) — 30% [25% countywide and 26% statewide].
 - The 'Generation X' generation (i.e., people 35-54 years old) — 25% [26% countywide and 26% statewide].
 - The 'Baby Boomers' generation (i.e., people 55-74 years old) — 17% [24% countywide and 23% statewide].
 - The 'Silent' and older generations (i.e., people ≥75 years old) — 4% [7% countywide and 7% statewide].
- Finally, it is estimated that females comprised 53% of the County's population in 2017 [49% countywide and 51% statewide].

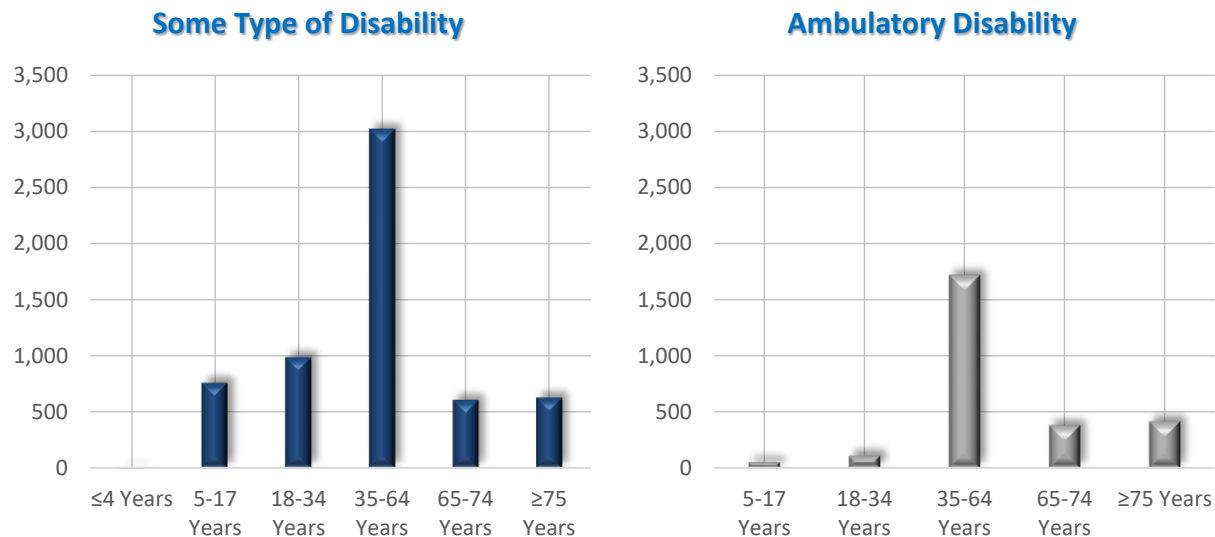
Race and Ethnicity



The population of the City of Jackson was more diverse in 2017 than Jackson County and the State of Michigan, with racial and ethnic minorities comprising a significant portion of the City's residents.

- The adjacent figure illustrates the races to which those residents belonged in 2017:
 - White — 71% [87% countywide and 79% statewide].
 - Black — 22% [8% countywide and 14% statewide].
 - Other Races — 2% [2% countywide and 5% statewide].
 - Native American — <1% [<1% countywide and <1% statewide].
 - Asian — <1% [<1% countywide and 3% statewide].
 - Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander — <1% [<1% countywide and <1% statewide].
 - Some Other Race — 1% [<1% countywide and 1% statewide].
 - Two or More Races — 4% [3% countywide and 3% statewide].
- An estimated 6% of the City's residents considered themselves Hispanic in 2017 [3% countywide and 5% statewide].

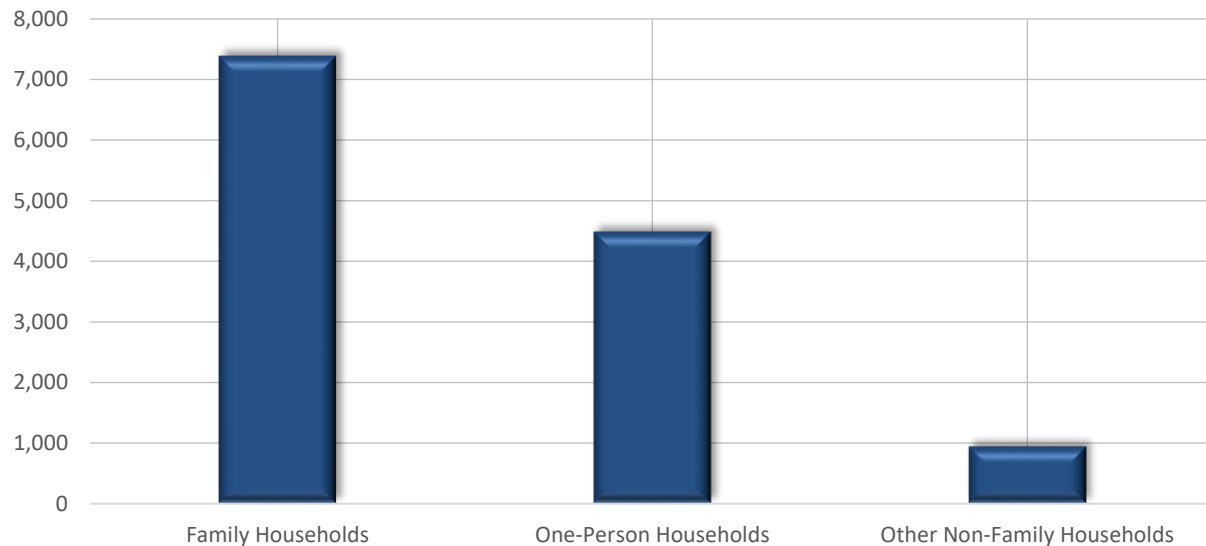
Disabilities



Disabled residents were a significant component of the City of Jackson's noninstitutionalized civilian residents in 2017.

- An estimated 19% of those residents were disabled in some way (i.e., hearing, vision, cognitive, ambulatory, self-care, or independent living) [15% countywide and 14% statewide] and 9% had an ambulatory disability [8% countywide and 8% statewide]. It should be noted that an ambulatory disability is not determined for residents ≤4 years old.
- ≤4 years old:
 - Disabled in some way — <1% [<1% countywide and <1% statewide].
- 5-17 years old:
 - Disabled in some way — 11% [7% countywide and 6% statewide].
 - Had an ambulatory disability — <1% [<1% countywide and <1% statewide].
- 18-34 years old:
 - Disabled in some way — 12% [9% countywide and 7% statewide].
 - Had an ambulatory disability — 1% [2% countywide and 2% statewide].
- 35-64 years old:
 - Disabled in some way — 26% [16% countywide and 15% statewide].
 - Had an ambulatory disability — 15% [9% countywide and 9% statewide].
- 65-74 years old:
 - Disabled in some way — 31% [26% countywide and 25% statewide].
 - Had an ambulatory disability — 20% [16% countywide and 15% statewide].
- ≥75 years old:
 - Disabled in some way — 51% [47% countywide and 49% statewide].
 - Had an ambulatory disability — 34% [30% countywide and 32% statewide].

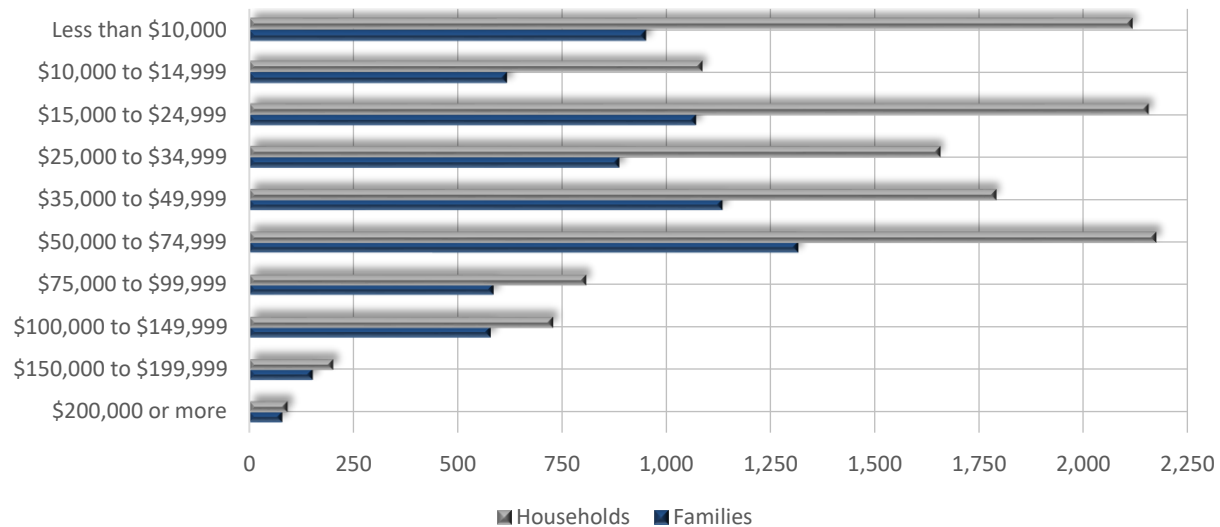
Households and Families



- Most City of Jackson residents lived in households in 2017.
 - Families comprised an estimated 58% of those households [66% countywide and 65% statewide]
 - An estimated 35% of households were comprised of a single person [29% countywide and 29% statewide].
 - Other non-family households comprised the remaining estimated 7% of households [5% countywide and 6% statewide].
 - The estimated average household and family size was 2.51 people and 3.28 people, respectively (please see the ACS note) [2.43 people and 2.98 people, respectively, countywide and 2.49 people and 3.08 people, respectively, statewide].
- Group quarters (e.g., nursing homes, etc.) were home to an estimated 2% of the population [6% countywide and 2% statewide].

The presence of correctional and assisted living facilities in Jackson County outside of the City contribute to the larger percentage of the countywide population living in group quarters.

Household and Family Income

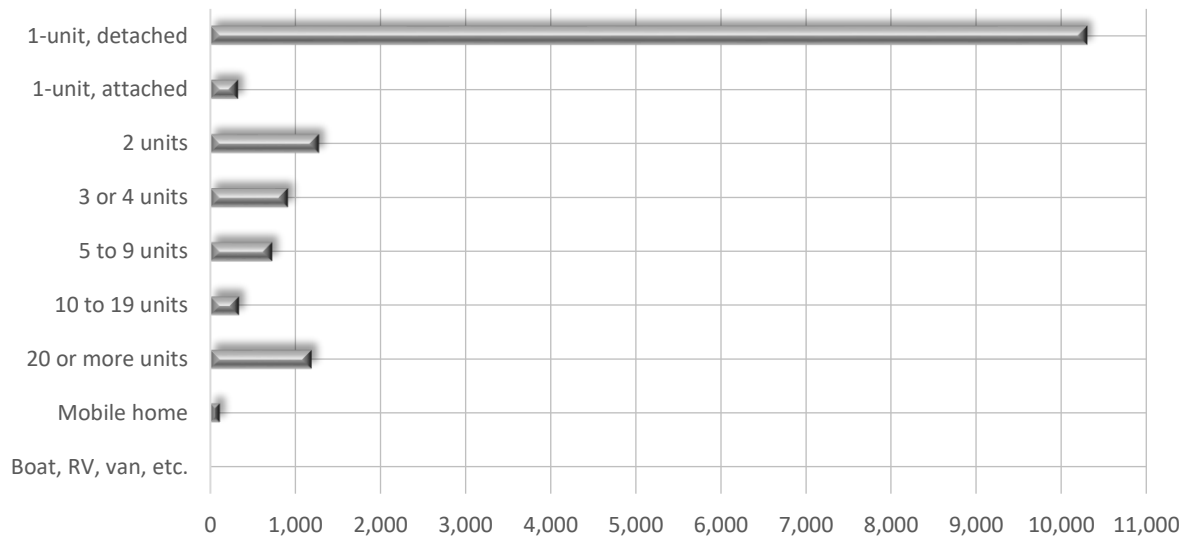


- Households with an income of:
 - \$24,999 or less comprised an estimated 42% of households [24% countywide and 23% statewide]
 - \$25,000-\$49,999 comprised an estimated 27% of households [26% countywide and 25% statewide]
 - \$50,000-\$99,999 comprised an estimated 23% of households [32% countywide and 31% statewide]
 - \$100,000 or more comprised an estimated 8% of households [18% countywide and 22% statewide]
- Families with and income of:
 - \$24,999 or less comprised an estimated 36% of families [16% countywide and 15% statewide]
 - \$25,000-\$49,999 comprised an estimated 27% of families [24% countywide and 22% statewide]
 - \$50,000-\$99,999 comprised an estimated 26% of families [37% countywide and 35% statewide]
 - \$100,000 or more comprised an estimated 11% of families [24% countywide and 29% statewide]

Incomes and Poverty Status

- Median Incomes:
 - Household – \$31,118 [\$49,715 countywide and \$52,668 statewide]
 - Family – \$37,051 [\$61,359 countywide and \$66,653 statewide]
 - Non-Family – \$21,982 [\$29,676 countywide and \$31,333 statewide]
- Per Capita Income:
 - Per Capita – \$17,633 [\$25,952 countywide and \$28,938 statewide]
- Population below poverty level – 33% [15% countywide and 16% statewide]
 - Under 18 years – 46% [25% countywide and 22% statewide]
 - 18-64 years – 30% [14% countywide and 15% statewide]
 - 65+ years old – 13% [6% countywide and 8% statewide]

Housing Types



- An estimated 70% of dwelling units were single units [78% countywide and 77% statewide]
 - An estimated 68% of dwellings were detached single units [77% countywide and 72% statewide]
 - An estimated 2% of dwellings were attached single units [1% countywide and 5% statewide]
- An estimated 29% of dwelling units were in multi-unit buildings [16% countywide and 18% statewide]
 - An estimated 8% of dwellings were in duplexes [3% countywide and 2% statewide]
 - An estimated 6% of dwellings were in 3-4 unit buildings [3% countywide and 3% statewide]
 - An estimated 5% of dwellings were in 5-9 unit buildings [3% countywide and 4% statewide]
 - An estimated 2% of dwellings were in 10-19 unit buildings [3% countywide and 4% statewide]
 - An estimated 8% of dwellings were in 20 or more unit buildings [4% countywide and 5% statewide]
- An estimated 1% of dwelling units were mobile homes [6% countywide and 5% statewide]
- An estimated 0% of dwelling units were boats, RVs, vans, etc. [0% countywide and <1% statewide]



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Appendix B
Recreation and Resource Inventories

The City of Jackson provides a park system as well as a variety of recreation programs.

City Park System

Information on the recreation facilities available in each city park follows:

1. **Beech Tree Park**
 - Location — Corner of Van Buren & Blackstone;
 - Signature facilities:
 - N/A;
 - Standard facilities:
 - Green space.
2. **Best Field**
 - Location — Lewis (near Walnut);
 - Signature facilities:
 - N/A;
 - Standard facilities:
 - Green space,
 - Baseball fields,
 - Horseshoe pits, &
 - Parks maintenance garage.
3. **Horace Blackman Park**
 - Location — Corner of Michigan & Jackson;
 - Signature facilities:
 - CP Federal Square Pavilion, &
 - Glidden art glass mural and art display (on the back of the Pavilion);
 - Standard facilities:
 - Green space,
 - Sidewalks,
 - Fountain,
 - Playground equipment, &
 - Park benches.
4. **Gov. Austin Blair Memorial Park**
 - Location — Intersection of Greenwood & Jackson;
 - Signature facilities:
 - N/A;
 - Standard facilities:
 - Playground equipment,
 - Picnic table, &
5. **Bloomfield Park**
 - Parking.
5. **Bloomfield Park**
 - Location — Michigan (between Durand & Thompson);
 - Signature facilities:
 - N/A;
 - Standard facilities:
 - Green space,
 - Two tennis courts,
 - Two basketball courts,
 - Ball field,
 - Playground equipment, &
 - Picnic tables.
6. **Betsy Butterfield Memorial Park**
 - Location — Intersection of West & Brighton;
 - Signature facilities:
 - Trellis area with statue;
 - Standard facilities:
 - Green space (including landscaping),
 - Playground equipment,
 - Picnic tables,
 - Benches,
 - Walkway, &
 - Sidewalks.
7. **Norm Creger Memorial Park**
 - Location — Corner of Pleasant & Pringle;
 - Signature facilities:
 - N/A;
 - Standard facilities:
 - Green space,
 - Benches, &
 - Playground area.

8. Downtown Riverfront Park

- Location — One Energy Square;
- Signature facilities:
 - Art installations,
 - A concert stage, &
 - River access;
- Standard facilities:
 - Green space,
 - Sidewalks,
 - Benches, &
 - Sidewalks.

9. Exchange Park

- Location — Corner of Merriman & Euclid;
- Signature facilities:
 - N/A;
- Standard facilities:
 - Green space,
 - Playground equipment,
 - Two basketball courts,
 - Ball field,
 - Lighting, &
 - Two tennis courts.

10. Ganson Street Park

- Location — Corner of Ganson & Bush;
- Signature facilities:
 - N/A;
- Standard facilities:
 - Green space,
 - Benches, &
 - Playground equipment.

11. Grand River Memorial Park

- Location — Corner of Louis Glick & Mechanic;
- Signature facilities:
 - A place to honor area citizens with small monuments;
- Standard facilities:
 - Green space.

12. Bucky Harris Park

- Location — Corner of Jackson & Michigan;
- Signature facilities:
 - A restoration of the historical Jacksonburg Square,
 - A concert stage, &
 - Fountains;
- Standard facilities:
 - Green space,
 - Benches, &
 - Sidewalks.

13. Martin Luther King Center

- Location — Corner of Adrian & Mitchell;
- Signature facilities:
 - Community center, &
 - Inter-City Trail trailhead;
- Standard facilities:
 - Green space,
 - Playground equipment,
 - Picnic shelter,
 - 2 outdoor multi-use courts,
 - 2 ball fields,
 - Benches, &
 - Sidewalks.

14. Kiwanis Park

- Location — Corner of Elm & Blakely;
- Signature facilities:
 - N/A;
- Standard facilities:
 - Green space,
 - Playground equipment, &
 - Picnic shelter.

15. Leekes Park

- Location — Corner of Prospect & Milwaukee;
- Signature facilities:
 - N/A;
- Standard facilities:
 - Green space,
 - Walkway, &

- Benches
16. **Lions Park**
- Location — Corner of Blackstone & Adams;
 - Signature facilities:
 - N/A;
 - Standard facilities:
 - Green space,
 - 2 softball fields (including 1 lighted),
 - 1 tennis court,
 - Playground equipment,
 - Picnic shelter, &
 - 2 basketball courts.
17. **Loomis Park**
- Location — Michigan (between Edgewood & Gilbert);
 - Signature facilities:
 - Charles A. Boos Recreation Center,
 - Sledding hill &
 - Playground (community built wooden play structure);
 - Standard facilities:
 - Greenspace,
 - 2 outdoor basketball courts,
 - Picnic area (including shelter and grills),
 - Lighting &
 - Benches.
18. **Elnora Moorman Plaza**
- Location — Corner of High & Milwaukee;
 - Signature facilities:
 - Inter-City Trail trailhead; &
 - Trellis;
 - Standard facilities:
 - Green space &
 - Benches.
19. **William Nixon Memorial Park**
- Location — Corner of North & Cooper;
 - Signature facilities:
- Swimming pool with water features, &
 - Skateboard area/roller blade arena;
 - Standard facilities:
 - Green space,
 - 4 softball fields, &
 - Picnic area (including shelter).
20. **New Leaf Park**
- Location — 4th & Inter-City Trail;
 - Signature facilities:
 - Inter-City Trail trailhead;
 - Standard facilities:
 - Green space.
21. **Optimist Park**
- Location — North at Clinton;
 - Signature facilities:
 - N/A;
 - Standard facilities:
 - Green space,
 - 1 softball field,
 - Basketball court,
 - Playground equipment, &
 - Picnic area.
22. **Rotary Park**
- Location — Elm (between Deyo & Plymouth);
 - Signature facilities:
 - N/A;
 - Standard facilities:
 - Green space,
 - Playground equipment,
 - Tennis courts,
 - Ball field, &
 - Basketball court.
23. **Friendship Park**
- Location — Chittock, South of Morrell;
 - Signature facilities:
 - N/A;
 - Standard facilities:
 - N/A.

24. **Ella W. Sharp Park**

- Location — 3225 4th;
- Signature facilities:
 - 18 hole golf course,
 - 18 hole miniature golf course,
 - Golf practice and learning center (driving range),
 - Ella Sharp Museum,
 - Hurst Planetarium,
 - Rose garden & annual flower gardens (green space),
 - 18 hole disc golf course &
 - Golf simulator.
- Standard facilities:
 - 4 tennis courts,
 - 2 picnic areas (including shelters),
 - 2 lighted softball fields,
 - 3 regular softball fields,
 - 10 soccer fields,
 - 4 baseball fields,

- Tennis courts,
- 1 basketball court,
- Playground areas, &
- Cross country ski trails.

25. **Under the Oaks**

- Location — Corner of Franklin & Second;
- Signature facilities:
 - Monument honoring birth place of Republican Party;
- Standard facilities:
 - Green space.

26. **Withington Park**

- Location — 1st & Michigan;
- Signature facilities:
 - Veterans memorial;
- Standard facilities:
 - Green space,
 - Sidewalks, &
 - Benches.

City MDNR Recreation Grant History

Information on the recreation grants awarded to the City Park System by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR):

#	Park Name	Project No.	Year	Grant Amount	Scope Items, Project Description, and Current Usage
1.	Rotary Play-ground	26-00186	1969	\$4,100	<p>Scope Items: Basketball court, drainage, fencing, grading, and lighting.</p> <p>Project Description: Installing fence, grading, providing, installing basketball/skating rink surface and lighting.</p> <p>Current Usage: All facilities and improvements are maintained and still in use.</p>
2.	Jackson North St. Recreation Center	26-00415	1971	\$184,000	<p>Scope Items: Bathhouse, outdoor ice rink/skate park, and swimming pool.</p> <p>Project Description: Develop 6 acres to include swimming pool, outdoor ice rink and bathhouse.</p> <p>Current Usage: All facilities and improvements are maintained and still in use.</p>

#	Park Name	Project No.	Year	Grant Amount	Scope Items, Project Description, and Current Usage
3.	Exchange Park Playground	26-01023 P4	1977	\$30,000	<p>Scope Items: 2 basketball courts, 2 tennis courts, demolition of existing building, site improvements, and storage building.</p> <p>Project Description: demolition of existing building, site improvement, 2 tennis courts, 2 basketball courts, storage building, and LWCF sign</p> <p>Current Usage: All facilities and improvements are maintained and still in use.</p>
4.	Nixon Memorial Park	26-01060 K1	1978	\$85,000	<p>Scope Items: 4 ball fields with fencing, backstops, benches, bleachers, and storage building.</p> <p>Project Description: 4 ballfields with fencing, backstops, player's benches, bleachers, storage building, drinking fountain, paved entrance drive, tot lot, and playground equipment.</p> <p>Usage: All facilities and improvements are maintained and still in use.</p>
5.	Loomis Park	26-01121	1980	\$45,000	<p>Scope Items: 2 basketball courts, 2 tennis courts, parking w/walkway, picnic facilities, and play equipment.</p> <p>Project Description: Develop: 2 basketball courts, 2 tennis courts, 4 car parking area, and walkway for the tennis courts and playground equipment, and picnic facilities.</p> <p>Current Usage: All facilities and improvements are maintained and still in use.</p>
6.	Optimist Playground	26-01199	1981	\$41,000	<p>Scope Items: Ballfield improvements, basketball court, fencing, playground, and utility building.</p> <p>Project Description: Develop utility building, tot lot area, playground equipment, ball field, improvement, fencing, basketball court, and LWCF sign.</p> <p>Current Usage: All facilities and improvements are maintained and still in use.</p>

#	Park Name	Project No.	Year	Grant Amount	Scope Items, Project Description, and Current Usage
7.	Optimist Park Acquisition	26-01280	1985	\$12,500	Scope Items: N/A. Project Description: Acquisition of 3.3 acres. Current Usage: The project was withdrawn.
8.	Jackson Martin Luther King Park	26-01461	1986	\$45,000	Scope Items: 1 tennis court, 2 basketball courts, parking, play area, and wire burial Project Description: 2 basketball courts, 1 tennis court, play areas, wire burial, and parking. Current Usage: All facilities and improvements are maintained and still in use.
9.	Nixon Park Improvement	BF90-281	1990	\$60,000	Scope Items: Irrigation for two fields, picnic shelters, picnic tables/grills, and play equipment. Project Description: Construction of two picnic shelters, irrigation of two ballfields, installation of picnic tables and play equipment. Current Usage: All facilities and improvements are maintained and still in use.
10.	King Center Picnic Shelter	BF91-176	1991	\$37,500	Scope Items: Asphalt path, electrical supply, picnic shelter (30' x 50'), picnic tables (min. 30), ad drinking fountain with water line. Project Description: To construct a picnic shelter with an asphalt path, 30+ picnic tables, electrical service and drinking fountain. Current Usage: All facilities and improvements are maintained and still in use.
11.	Lions Park Improvements	26-01520	1992	\$26,400	Scope Items: Picnic equipment, picnic shelter, and playground. Project Description: Picnic shelter, play and picnic equipment. Current Usage: All facilities and improvements are maintained and still in use.
12.	Sharp Park Land Acquisition	TF96-056	1996	\$101,250	Scope Items: N/A. Project Description: Acquisition of 27 acres for a natural area in Ella Sharp Park. Current Usage: All facilities and improvements are maintained and still in use.

#	Park Name	Project No.	Year	Grant Amount	Scope Items, Project Description, and Current Usage
13.	Grand River Greenway/Trail	TF97-113	1997	\$119,000	<p>Scope Items: N/A.</p> <p>Project Description: Acquire 5 parcels of land along the Grand River immediately east of Airline Drive to Cooper Street to develop a downtown riverfront park.</p> <p>Current Usage: All facilities and improvements are maintained and still in use.</p>
14.	Nixon Park Improvements	CM99-208	1999	\$640,000	<p>Scope Items: Building renovations, in-line skating/hockey rink, interactive water play system, skateboard area, swimming pool renovations, and waterslide.</p> <p>Project Description: Renovation of pool and development of a water slide, interactive water play area, in-line hockey rink and a skateboard park at Nixon Park.</p> <p>Current Usage: All facilities and improvements are maintained and still in use.</p>
15.	Bloomfield Park Courts Resurfacing	TF11-081	2011	\$70,000	<p>Scope Items: MNRTF sign and resurface basketball/tennis court.</p> <p>Project Description: Development to include resurfacing of the basketball and tennis courts in Bloomfield Park.</p> <p>Current Usage: All facilities and improvements are maintained and still in use.</p>
16.	Riverwalk to Inter-City Trail Development	TF14-0268	2014	\$300,000	<p>Scope Items: Trail (8'-10' wide).</p> <p>Project Description: The proposed project extends the Inter-City Trail to the edge of Downtown Jackson. The new segment will connect the current trail terminus at the Howard Charles Woods, Sr., Recreation Complex to the edge of Downtown via: (1) the abandoned railroad right-of-way stretching from the Inter-City trail eastward to Beldon St.; (2) the recreation complex; and (3) the Cooper Street. right-of-way.</p> <p>Current Usage: All facilities and improvements are maintained and still in use.</p>

#	Park Name	Project No.	Year	Grant Amount	Scope Items, Project Description, and Current Usage
17.	Fourth Street Connector Development Project	TF15-0097	2015	\$300,000	<p>Scope Items: Trail (6' wide or more).</p> <p>Project Description: Development to construct 1/2 mile of trail that will tie into the City of Jackson's Inter-City Trail, which is part of the Iron Belle Trail and is the main corridor that ties together regional trail systems in the Jackson area. The trail will connect to the popular Ella Sharp Park, a middle school, an elementary school, residential areas, and a small commercial district.</p> <p>Current Usage: All facilities and improvements are maintained and still in use.</p>

City Recreation Programs

Information on the recreation programs provided by the City —much of which are offered at the Boos Center, the King Center, the Nixon Skate and Water Parks, and the Ella Sharp Park Pool— follows:

- **Boos Center Programs**
 - Homeschoolers Gym,
 - Tumble Bugs,
 - Tumbling Tots,
 - Boot Box,
 - Kick Boxing,
 - Basketball (Adult & Jr. High & High School),
 - Open Gym (individual and family),
 - Power Pump,
 - Yoga,
 - Various Aerobics & Step Aerobics,
 - Adult Volleyball (Adult Drop-In and League, Girl's High School League, & Reverse 4-on-4 Coed League),
 - Adult Dodgeball,
 - Gymnastics (ages 5-7 & 8-12),
 - 'Sporty for Shorties' (ages 3-5 & 6-8),
 - Arts & Crafts Camp (ages 3-5 & 6-8), &
 - Senior Activities (e.g., Drop-In, Bingo, Euchre, Monthly Dinners, Welcome
- Back Potluck, Dump Soup Lunches, Senior Travel Program, Walking Club, & Chair Exercise).
- **King Center Programs**
 - Summer Youth Program (ages 5-14),
 - Youth & Adult Open Gym Sessions,
 - Various After School Activities (all ages),
 - Kids Tyme (K to 2nd Grade),
 - Sports Camp (elementary and Jr. High),
 - High School Sports Training,
 - Open Gym (General, Jr. High, & Girls),
 - Sports Drilling,
 - Adult Open Run,
 - Jr. High Activities,
 - Recreation Teams Practice,
 - Volleyball (Open & League),
 - Basketball Skill Development (Elementary & Jr. High & High School),
 - Adult Volleyball League,
 - Basketball (High School (Short/Full Court), Adult Open, Jr. High, Over 30, Bitty, & High School Leagues),

- Reserved Group Time, &
- Elementary & Jr. High Fun-Tyme.
- **Nixon Park**
 - National Skateboarding Day,
 - Learn-to-Ride Skateboard Lessons,
 - In-line Hockey Leagues (Youth & Adult),
 - Summer Competitions,
 - Best Trick Sk8 Contest,
 - Summer SK8-Fest,
 - Sk8 Park Competition,
 - Sk8oberfest,
 - Sk8 Halloweenie,
 - Seasonal Skate Passes,
 - Party Room Rental, &
 - Pool Events at Nixon Water Park,
 - Pirates Party,
 - Luau, &
 - Back-to-School Splash Bash.
- **Parkside Pool Swimming Lessons**
 - Progressive Swimming Lessons &
 - Parent/Tot Swimming Lessons.
- **Annual Special Events**
 - Punt, Pass, & Kick,
 - McJack Rabbit Easter Egg Hunt,
 - Daddy/Daughter Dance,
 - Mother/Son Dance,
 - Mother and Daughter Tea,
 - Kite Flying Extravaganza,
 - Senior Citizen Miniature Golf,
 - Father and Sons Day Out!,
 - David Fusch Tennis Clinic,
 - Iron Kids Triathlon,
 - Civil War Muster (Ella Sharp Park)
 - Ella Sharp Park Pool Splash Bash,
 - Haunted Halloween Celebrations,
 - Annual Turkey Trot,
 - Thanksgiving Aerobics,
 - Aerobics Holiday Stress Reliever,
 - Santa Calls, &
 - Paint-a-Pumpkin and Pizza Party.
- **Walking Programs**
 - Walk Jackson,
 - Walk the Park, &
 - Who Let the Dogs Out?
- **Youth Programs**
 - Basketball Camp (ages 7-12),
 - Youth Tennis Lessons,
 - Summer Playgrounds,
 - Cheer Camps,
 - Swim leagues,
 - Instructional Football (4th, 5th, & 6th grades),
 - Basketball (3rd & 4th - 6th grades, middle school, and high school), &
 - Soccer (1st to 6th Grade, 6-v-6 Coed Middle School Soccer, & 7th & 8th Grade Coed Spring Soccer).
- **Adult Programs**
 - Adult Dance Classes,
 - Dodgeball,
 - Drop-in Ballroom Dance Classes,
 - Adult Basketball,
 - Volleyball (4-on-4 Coed, Fall Coed 6-on-6, Winter League, & Adult Drop-In),
 - Adult Euchre,
 - Water Exercise,
 - Soccer (Spring 6-on-6 Coed & Summer Leagues),
 - Adult Tennis (Lessons & Doubles League),
 - Senior Summer Swims,
 - Spring & Summer Water Aerobics, &
 - Lap Swimming.
- **Summer Tennis Tournaments**
 - Doubles Tournament,
 - Senior Tournament (JATA),
 - Spring Arbor Junior Tournament, &
 - Sidmore Tournament.
- **Sharp Park Golf Tournaments**
 - Jackson Stableford,
 - JCWGA Ladies Senior Classic,

Appendix B

Recreation and Resource Inventories

- Lyle Ambs Match Play,
- JCWGA Ladies Match Play,
- Mercer Tour,
- PGA McGladrey,

- City Junior Championship,
- Joe Fiero City Senior, &
- Mini Open.



Bright Walls Mural | 2019
Bailey Sullivan, Artist
(Clay McAndrews, photo)

Appendix C
Survey Comments

The open-ended comments related to the survey responses summarized in Chapter 3 are contained in this appendix.

5. **How do you rate the city of Jackson Parks system?**

Comments	
1	Lots of parks in city, but do need some upkeep.
2	Many parks throughout the city for easy access.
3	Cause I don't go to a lot of them.
4	I like the senior activities led by Kathy. She does a great job and I like senior swim but prefer it to stay open through Labor Day.
5	[Clean].
6	Great senior activities. Kathy Voss & staff are Awesome.
7	Many things to do. Like Bingo - All the Trips offered.
8	Boos needs new exit doors.
9	Need new doors.
10	Clean. Well maintained. Great for grandkids.
11	Putting only 4 swings at cascades when so many kids go there is ridiculous. The straps on one little kid on is broken. Replayed broken slides with end or a ladder when it should have been new slides. Loomis looks awful.
12	A lot of them aren't well-kept or in sketchy areas. Cascades is near us, but always packed due to everything it offers. Ella sharp park is my preference because it's always much less busy and easier for my young kids to actually play. It could use some updating though.
13	Because the ones with actual playgrounds trails etc. have poorly maintained roads(pot holes, missing sections of road) at unnecessarily low speeds(20 mph)
14	There are many options but more things to do at each park are needed. Disappointed to have the Ella Sharp pool gone.
15	[Observation].
16	Security is an issue.
17	A lot of garbage
18	I don't like the kind of people that hang out at the park. Cascades is the only park I enjoy for the walking trails, but when it comes to special events too much crime happens.
19	Because that is my observation.
20	There are needles at [Loomis]. [Graffiti]. No one does [maintenance] there if they do they do not take pride for their jobs!!
21	Poor maintenance
22	The [parks] are not maintained, well Loomis park needs maintenance badly. Toys are not functioning and [graffiti] of penises are everywhere there. It's horrible that people would draw such things where children play but the city has not even attempted to remove the drawings.
23	No dog park
24	Some parts of the parks could use a little more grounds keeping. People parking to use drugs is a huge problem at new leaf park and [Ella Sharp].
25	Many to choose from
26	The roads through Cascades especially are crumbling and I avoid driving through it. There are no nice gardens anywhere. The [putt-putt] at Ella sharp is deteriorating and needs complete renovation. There should be a cafe in Cascades or Ella [Sharp].

Comments	
27	Jackson is a lovely community with so many parks - they are beautiful.
28	The parks have improved greatly over the years. There is working play equipment and plenty of seating at most parks.
29	Upgrades, better equipment, and more unique features are needed
30	I see you working hard on food truck Tuesday and also whoever maintains the falling waters trail is amazing—wondering if it's you? But overall we have a ton of perks and I never think to complain about them...so they must be good.
31	We need better maintenance of the parks (grooming, repairs, garbage, etc.). Also, there are WAY too many drugs at Loomis Park. It is not in our neighborhood, but I love the structure there but I've witnessed drug deals, seen needles and other drug related items, and just don't feel safe being there with my two kids anymore.
32	Toys are run down. Mini golf course used to be wonderful. No longer maintained-dead animals, needs paint
33	We have so many parts and most are well maintained.
34	Loomis Park is in need of a complete facelift. It's a beautiful big area that has TONS of potential and I'd love to see it come back to life!
35	There's always room for improvement, but overall I'm satisfied.
36	It's all ruined! How are little kids [supposed] to play when the swings are taken out or they don't have baby swings or there are [heroin] needles at the parks.
37	Rims are bent, no nets, needs better lighting, basketball brings everyone together, I'm at [Loomis] almost every day, they're used to be so many people up the to play basketball you can [barely] walk through, people would bring grills and coolers, just to watch basketball, and it wasn't just a normal thing, we don't have that anymore.
38	Clean and well kept.
39	Spread out around the city.
40	Tennis courts at Ella Sharp Park are in bad shape.
41	Trash scattered, drugs, shootings. It isn't safe.
42	Love the falling waters trail, everything at Ella, mostly the mountain biking trails, disc golf course, golf course/practice facility and pickleball courts. Feel so blessed to live in Jackson because of our parks- amazing place to raise our family!
43	Lack of people presence. Lack of programming. Lack of garbage cans. General neglect. Restroom facilities. Lack of ecosystem and wildlife management. Only exception is MLK center. Wonderful programs and wonderful asset. A+ for them. Other parks, especially Ella Sharp and Equality trail, very concerned about lack of management of invasive species and lack of patrol. Need to clear out the invasive shrubs to improve safety, improve water access, address ecosystem health, have a people presence throughout parks, add "passive" programming just to provide general customer service in parks.
44	Well taken care of, lots of things to do
45	There's always room for improvements.
46	POOR LIGHTING.
47	The equipment looks better, updated, fun. I'm nervous of taking my small children to the parks because of drug users needles left out and some of the types of people that visit the parks as well. My children are sheltered and don't need to hear someone using the F word for every other word spoken. My kids don't need to be exposed by that. I'm mostly talking Loomis park by my house. It looks like it would be so much for my kids but I won't take them there because of what I stated above.
48	Booooring.
49	They don't seem safe.
50	As an older single woman, I am concerned about my safety when walking alone.

Comments	
51	Everything always seems to be in good condition always.
52	I feel like some of the parks aren't kept up like they really should be!
53	Not safe
54	The majority of the parks you're asking about I don't go to because they are not in safe areas. Why isn't Cascades on this list?
55	Lack of improvements and basic maintenance in some cases. Also google maps can't find some of these parks, how is anyone supposed to know about them. I'm a kayaker along with many others. We have lots of river, but not many places that are easy to get in and out when they touch the water.
56	[Well-kept] and a lot of different atmospheres throughout.
57	No police patrol, dirty needles on ground, kids smoking weed at park, kids fighting, drug deals all day at park.
58	Why isn't [Cascades] included? It is my favorite that and [Ella Sharp]. The water ways need cleaning.
59	Destroyed playsets, graffiti, missing play equipment.
60	Nice variety.
61	Most of the parks are in bad neighborhoods where I'm afraid to even drive...I would never take my children.
62	They aren't safe enough. Not enough restrooms.
63	I am new, so, still exploring. ADA is an issue for my family. I do love the many parks in the area.
64	I love Ella Sharp Park , love the pickle ball courts.
65	Nothing outstanding. City does a decent job to keep them clean.
66	Trash...needle waste...poorly maintained...poorly maintained roads leading to into and around the parks...we visit Cascades the most.
67	Ella sharp needs so much underbrush removed no walking trails.
68	Not enough garbage cans.
69	because we have Ella Sharp [Park].
70	Some of the inner city parks like Boos I avoid taking my kids. Mostly cause there's adults [without] children smoking on the swings and such. Which is pretty odd. Also last time I was at Boos there was a physical altercation between a boy and a girl and their mothers.
71	Unable to keep drugs out of the parks, needles, condoms, not clean and can be unsafe for children and others.
72	Some of the parks are not well [maintained] and have low security to the point that they are constantly being vandalized.
73	There's so many parks that have always been deemed not safe that I refuse to go to them. Especially Loomis. That park needs help.
74	The Roads in Ella Sharp [Park] are Real Bad.
75	Some of the parks are almost always trashed or in poor condition. Loomis Park has an amazing playground set, but the park is constantly filled with broken/used needles, graffiti, and is a central location for what I see as gang activity. I don't feel safe going there, nor do I feel safe having my children go there. If we feel the need to go to a park, we stick to Ella Sharp or Cascades. Out of all the ones we've been to, those seem to be the only two that are actually taken care of regularly. I always see people at those parks, working, cleaning it up, making it a nice place to go. I never see any workers at any of the other parks. The Fountains down at Bucky are an eye-sore. Either take them out or use them. Otherwise, they just become landfills for other people's trash.
76	Its [a lot] of work keeping parks up
77	Not safe. Never feel safe at these parks. Personally found needles in the parks. Friends child had a bullet whiz by their body. The gang culture ruins these parks for all families.

Comments	
78	I compare it to Ottawa County which I think is better.
78	No dog parks.
80	Cracks in pavement, tennis courts in poor repair. Lack of team sports for FREE for youth and adults. City did not work with Pickleball players to get tennis courts converted. City did not take advantage of money donated by the pickleball league. This was STUPID. Parks Director paid too much at \$125K.
81	Clean & safe.
82	I don't feel safe at all of the locations. But the ones I do feel safe at, my family uses a lot!
83	Play areas are below average in quality. Don't keep maintained! And no safety around the play areas!
84	Because Kelli Hoover is pretty much excellent! She is a terrific ambassador for the city with the parks and people who take advantage of these opportunities.
85	They do not have much to do. Most of the city's parks are very small. Often worry about safety for walking alone.
86	Parks are not kept clean, trash is laying around and equipment isn't up to date.
87	A lot of equipment is broken and sometimes the parks are geared towards one age instead of multi age. I have lived in Jackson for close to 15 years and did not recognize the names of the majority of the parks listed.
88	Love Sparks park go there 4-5 times a week.
89	Often times the parks are not safe nor clean. Particularly at Loomis Park, hypodermic needles can be found on the ground.
90	Everything is destroyed by ungrateful people
91	Loomis park is currently vandalized...and every time I take the kids there it's dirty and there are always needles on the ground...we won't be using that park anymore...we go to [Wade Park] or have found some beautiful clean parks in Ann Arbor...well maintained...
92	Vandals, we [used] to love Loomis Park but once my Daughter found a needle we have never been back and that was 3 years ago.
93	Some of the smaller parks are not cleaned up, just maintained as they are.
94	Not much fun when things are vandalized and there are kids bullying kids and being mouthy to adults.
95	[Really] need cameras due to how the [City] is getting to be a mini Detroit.
96	Pat Burtch is a slimy piece of [(explicative removed)] that is only looking out for himself.
97	The system is well run.
98	Run down play equipment, trash, broken picnic tables.
99	Green spaces are well maintained and improvements (fixes to broken equipment) are prompt.
100	Basketball, tennis, pickle ball, walking, biking available free and most are handicap accessible
101	Some parks are well tended other are not. Lack of adequate trash containers. Total lack of recycling containers, poop bag centers and bathrooms.
102	Not well maintained or upgraded. For example, tennis courts at Ella Sharp are in very poor condition and also don't serve pickleball players very well.
103	There is a great variety of parks throughout our community for all to enjoy. We use the ones closest to us as I'm sure others do also. It would be nice to have nicer bathrooms at the parks than just [porta johns].
104	Wide variety, upkeep ok.
105	We need a dog park.
106	Lots of great things happening at cascades but doesn't seem to be happening anywhere else. I may not visit these parks but I drive by them often and it just seems like a lot of them a need a [breath] of new life. Understand that takes time and resources.

Comments	
107	Security is an issue.
108	Could [be] updated.
109	They charge so much money for rec league softball and the fields are garbage. No upkeep at all. 1 field at Nixon was like 3 feet high. Keep the fields [up] to date and more teams will play. Mini golf course needs attention also.
110	We are on the outskirts of Jackson county, so most of these parks I have no idea where they are. For outdoor activity, we use the Falling Waters Trail.
111	Lots of parks, and [they] seem to be well maintained.
112	You requested a Park millage and [whined] and cried about the fact that if it didn't pass none of the parks could be maintained. Yet when it was passed the majority of it went to renovate the fairgrounds, sorry Keeley Park while the rest of the parks got squat. As your list indicates you are not honest, in that many of the parks listed are known by another name. To not provide the more commonly used name is very disingenuous to the city/township residents. Why isn't Cascades Park or Falling Waters Trail listed as one of the parks?
113	Some of the tennis/pickleball courts at Ella Sharp have recently been updated but the other courts are in need of work.
114	Unsafe for children. Loomis park has needles and graffiti. It needs security and more lighting.
115	There is a lot of green space compared to the size of the City.
116	Not clean, lots of vandalism.
117	Too many kids and addicts causing trouble.
118	Ella Sharp Park courts are in terrible shape almost dangerous to try and play with the cracks being a health hazard.
119	Because they are in poor condition.
120	Play equipment is old and poorly maintained.
121	Nice clean parks, could use more kids play areas, would be nice to have a dog park
122	The parks are scary at times and drug use is in every park
123	Your recognition of new sports such as [Frisbee] golf and [pickleball]
124	Not enough cleanup and maintenance
125	Too scared to go
126	When I have to comb the park for used needles and condoms before my kids play, that says it all.
127	Not enough Dollar Generals.
128	Wide variety of activities.
129	Can't even let my kid play in the park right down the road because there's broken glass everywhere and she's learning to read so I don't want to explain to her what [(explanative removed)] means when she asks why it's on the slide.
130	They seem to be well maintained.
131	Serve a wide variety of interests. Well maintained. Nice to have pocket parks close to users.
132	Could use more toddler friendly parks.
133	Would like to see more safety for [Loomis Park].
134	Good variety and attention to [detail].
135	Mostly clean and safe
136	Graffiti, broken equipment, lacking

Comments	
137	Most parks are [underutilized] for possible events also some parks lack being taken care of, such as landscaping flowers etc.
138	Numerous parks kept adequate.
139	Need better and safer playground equipment and ADA Accessible.
140	Equipment not regularly maintained
141	No comfortable seating for elderly or disabled. I speak for many who don't. I can only visit for 1 1/2 hrs.☹
142	Some are safe and others are not...ex [Loomis Park] is not safe
143	None seem regularly maintained and are dirty.
144	Nothing for kids/adults w Special needs. Like tactile boards etc. Or Adult [exercise] equipment.
145	The park I would love to go to because it is so close (Loomis) never feels safe. Anytime I take my kids to the playground there are always teens in there making out, and strange looking older men with no kids. Recently, someone just spray painted all over the playground which made it even worse. It could be such a great place, but I don't feel like I can even take my kids there sometimes. They also ruined the best thing the park had! The sledding hill that is now just a small dirt slope is so [disappointing]. I do really like that the Boos center is open on Halloween to warm up and have donuts and cider. That is so fun!
146	So many choices and they're well maintained. Would love to see upgrades in aging equipment, but overall my family loves our parks
147	Crime, cleanliness, equipment is not great and exposure to foul language when we are there with children is horrible.!
148	[Things] are closing, [Sharp Park] pool. [Nixon] is too small. [Equipment] not updated, areas not SAFE!!!
149	Really wish Bucky J Harris had water in the fountains.
150	Because, people with special needs can't go to them. There needs to be fencing around them for those who elope [sic], and [play structures], swings, etc., for those who have mobility issues.
151	Disappointed in the playgrounds that need new play equipment. Ella Sharp has needed to be updated for years
152	Jackson has a surprising amount of green space, my family loves to spend time outside, and the City (and County) continue to make improvements to the parks that keep us coming back.
153	Clean.
154	There is a slide at Norm Creger [Park] that was taken out MONTHS ago that has not been replaced. There is nothing blocking the 10 ft. drop from where the slide was and there is graffiti (f word) spray painted in multiple places yet nothing is done about it. I've made repeated phone calls to the parks and rec department with no results.
155	Well run, keeps kids busy, asset to Jackson County and City of Jackson
156	Well maintained and lots of trash bins
157	[Safety] is my only concern. otherwise it would be excellent
158	I think there are a lot of parks that have potential but our biggest concern as a middle class family of young children is safety. We don't feel safe taking our children most places in Jackson. I have encountered many people under the influence, drug paraphernalia and people fighting while trying to enjoy time as a family. public safety is our biggest concern in this city
159	There needs to be more events at all of the parks. Maybe set days where there is a shuttle taking people park to park for an arts festival or something along those lines.
160	The parks are clean and well-maintained. No broken equipment or dangerous sidewalks.
161	They refuse to do anything for the bike riding community.
162	I love the landscaping. There's lots of places to sit and watch nature as well.

Comments	
163	Many of the parks need repair.
164	Loomis park, Under the Oaks and Blair park are unsupervised drugs and broken glass and needles found.
165	Some playground equipment could be fixed or updated.
166	Some have few equipment for children to play on. Some equipment is broken or vandalized. Not much variety.
167	A few parks have nothing in them. Or very few play structures.
168	Parking at some parks is difficult which makes them hard to visit. I wish there was a small lot near Bloomfield Park. Also, there should be clear, eye catching, coordinating signage at all of the parks that match. I'm sure I have driven by some of these but have no idea due to lack of visible and clear signage.
169	There really aren't any special amenities at Jackson Parks that I've seen in other towns. Lack of public toilets makes it difficult for parents to visit the parks. Safety is also always a concern.
170	I appreciate all the new trails! They have really made a difference in connecting neighborhoods to parks. Our parks are also well maintained and a great escape from urban life.
171	There are [a lot] of options which is nice but the play equipment is always torn down or dirty at most of the parks.
172	Most of the parks are very unsafe, bad neighborhoods, not kept up and generally a bad place for families any-more.
173	Lack of [playground] equipment.

7. Why do you visit a park/recreation facility?

Comments	
1	Ella Sharp, just a great park and so much to learn if you go to festival. And free for families.
2	Ella Sharp & Cascade golf courses.
3	Senior.
4	Travel.
5	Bingo.
6	Friendship, fitness, bingo.
7	Physical & social activities, day trips.
8	Boos Center is a great place to make friends and socialize.
9	Coloring (Boos) & socialization.
10	Clean.
11	Each time I've brought kids and grandkids I felt the parks were safe.
12	Play pickleball.
13	[Trails] and paths.
14	Pokémon Go.
15	Waiting to go to work but see too many drug deals going on.
16	Walk dogs.
17	I mostly visit the Cascades for ice cream.
18	I Golf [a lot].

Comments	
19	Walking dogs.
20	[Hiking], boating (canoe/kayak), biking, walking, nature study/observation, foraging, photography, social interaction, concerts.
21	We commute to work at Consumers, so we see quite a few parks on the trail and those close to downtown.
22	I don't go to any parks because of the risk of being shot. But good ole Dobies thinks expensive roundabouts and light bulbs will fix the issue. Promote legal firearm ownership and usage as well as lawful carry!
23	Really like Boos Center & Kathy Voss. She has excellent trips.
24	Hiking. [Dahlem] nature center.
25	Access to water, views, beautiful plants.
26	Take my granddaughter.
27	Pictures.
28	I love being outside.
29	Tennis courts.
30	Softball games.
31	My girls and I like to ride our bikes around Jackson.
32	[Walk] dogs.
33	Ella [Sharp Park] is very nice.
34	Fences. If no fenced play area is available it makes watching large groups of small children very difficult.
35	[Cycle] travel option
36	Meet friends, close restrooms, cheap entertainment for hours.
37	Pickleball.
38	Safe walking.
39	We stop at New Leaf Park [while] bike riding for the kiddos to look in the book box.
40	Let kids play.
41	The ability to let my dogs off their leash and play fetch.
42	Go to Cascades (county park). Playgrounds with grandkids.
43	We love Ella Sharp park, [it's] close to home and has less walkers which helps in training my dog.
44	Meet friends.
45	Events, music.
46	The walking track.
47	Pokémon Go.
48	Ella [Sharp] is where we've been going lately because of a special needs group that uses the rotunda, [putt-putt] and photography and ceramics class.
49	Mountain Bike Trails.
50	Visit Sharp Park for [pickleball] courts.
51	I enjoy cycling the Falling Waters Trail also.
52	Pickleball is my form of daily exercise using Ella Sharp Park during the summer and the [YMCA] during the winter months and the Boos Center.

Comments	
53	Pickleball.
54	To walk the dog.
55	Pickleball.
56	[Walk] with dog.
57	I don't. Won't risk my kids' lives.
58	Sometimes when I'm lonely I pretend to be a dog.
59	...
60	Pickle ball golf.
61	I [ride] my e-bike on the trails and around the parks.
62	Pickleball courts.
63	Festivals.
64	Special facilities: golf at ESP and pickleball at ESP and Boos Center.
65	My children like to visit the parks.
66	To enjoy the pool at Nixon.
67	Enjoying many grandchildren.
68	Mini golf!!! Needs better weeding, though. I hope this course is never taken away from us...only improved!
69	Something to do free w grandkids.
70	Sledding.
71	Disc Golf at Ella Sharp.
72	Walking my dog.
73	Only for myself and one Daughter to run and ride bikes. Can't bring my Son, they aren't safe enough for him. He would wander away.
74	Trying to enjoy [ourselves] on are bikes.
75	Off leash dog friendliness.
76	We are currently playing Wizards [Unite] and these are great places to play.
77	[Voting].

8. **What discourages you from visiting a park/recreation facility?**

Comments	
1	We are older adults and we don't have small [grandchildren] anymore or animals to walk.
2	Most parks are for families with small children. We used them 40 years ago.
3	Nothing, but wouldn't go to some of these places in the evening, after dark. I do think safety issues is a concern then.
4	No restrooms.
5	Don't drive.
6	I don't know where many are.

Comments	
7	Keep the Civil War re-enactors OUT OF ELLA SHARP PARK!!!
8	Poor [quality] pickleball courts.
9	[Not] enough shade.
10	[Not] discouraged.
11	Lack of cleanliness. If there's a lot of trash or alcohol containers laying around or lots of cigarette butts I won't go back.
12	A lot of drug dealers in the Parks.
13	They're gross.
14	Lack of maintenance.
15	No dog park.
16	Can't bring my dog.
17	I have the [Falling Waters Trail] behind my house & spend most of my time there.
18	Most of these parks you are asking about are too small to any purpose. They are there to look at while you drive by but there no reason to go in.
19	No off leash dog park.
20	No dog park.
21	Homeless people.
22	Again, Loomis Park is such a gorgeous park but NOT SAFE.
23	Condition of playground equipment and lack of playground equipment.
24	The courts are just in terrible shape.
25	Looks like there are a lot of parks that I don't know where they are located.
26	The Boos Center has poor lighting in the gym.
27	Not necessarily a dislike but it would be nice if there were some dining/ice cream/refreshments options in or near Ella [Sharp Park]. Closest options are in [Vandercook] and not walking/riding distance. The inner city trail is difficult to ride a road bike on with all of the cracks. Would love to have a kayak route defined by the department from Ella to downtown.
28	Invasive species and lack of ecosystem management are very troubling because the wildlife is not cared for. Need for better amenities such as restrooms. Mostly need trails to have shrubs cleared so there are more eyes on the trails.
29	Not something I want to do at the time.
30	We typically look for trails, historical relevance, access to nature, or dog friendly options. We'd love to see more dog parks!
31	Sketchy people walking around.
32	Trash cans overflowing and no place to sit with older people or disabled visitors.
33	W [sic].
34	Drugs selling, drugs being used , kids fighting.
35	Nothing.
36	Missing equipment, destroyed equipment.
37	I don't leave my house.

Comments	
38	The weather.
39	Cascades needs water improvement, kayaks and paddle boats could be used again, paths in [Ella] paved ones, and clearing underbrush.
40	Dirty. Broken equipment. Disrespectful people.
41	[Litter].
42	Adults [without] children should not be allowed to loiter and smoke on the playground. Smoking ban.
43	General condition.
44	One thing about Ella Sharp park its quiet, a park should be filled with good sounds of kids playing ,adults talking, etc....
45	Dirty, not maintained (i.e. the statements I made earlier about Loomis, for example). The [porta pottys] are absolutely disgusting. I went to Cascades over the weekend and my youngest (age 4) needed to go potty. She's still in diapers and potty training and even she didn't want to use the restroom. I agreed and told her to use her diaper and we'd change her later. I'd rather my child had a wet diaper than use that facility.
46	None.
47	Needles! Fast roads close to park. No fences around playground.
48	[Illegal] activities. [Graffiti].
49	Jackson is not a safe place to venture outdoors.
50	?
51	Play area not being maintained!
52	The riff raff smoking weed and drinking alcohol in the picnic area while their children raise hell on the playground equipment unsupervised.
53	Location.
54	Broken equipment or lack of multi age equipment.
55	Trashed, broken stuff. Bad words written all over.
56	If there was a season pass to Nixon Water Park and they had better hours, we'd probably go there.
57	I've wanted to go to Nixon pool. 1. The hours of operation make it so I [cannot] go. (As a working parent.) 2. I don't think it's right to pay, get kicked out and to pay again.
58	Boos Center needs to be brought to current times, it's outdated and smells damp. Loomis park is unsafe. Sight lines are limited and cannot see children at all times while playing, park is full of litter, homeless people lurk on benches and smoke and generally has a very unsafe feeling about it. Picnic table are broken or damaged, restrooms are far from play area and gross. Betsy Butterfield park is nice but lacking a restroom. I've seen many children urinate outdoors to prevent an accident, this is unacceptable for a playground area for children and no facilities. Last time we visited a picnic table was broken and very unsafe. Ella Sharp is well maintained. Restrooms could stand to be cleaned more often and sanitizer would be nice to have filled consistently.
59	I would like to see toys/activities for 10-18 yrs. old, [batting] cages, go kart track would be amazing! A harness jungle gym like at Airway Fun Center would be great for [Jackson].
60	I didn't realize we had so many parks! The ability vet are [sic] what "would" discourage me. I have NOT avoided a park in Jackson for any reason other than another is a better option.
61	No trash or recycling.
62	MLK Trail and Falling [Waters Trail] are excellent for biking, but for the most part, the rest of the city is VERY biking unfriendly. An improvement would be more provisions for bikers on local roads that better allow access to all of the city parks. An example of above would be the roads that cross Falling Waters Trail, such as Reynolds, where a biker is taking severe chances riding Reynolds to get to Falling Waters and thus access to a lot of other areas.

Comments	
63	Many of the parks listed are in areas I don't feel safe in so I choose not to go to them.
64	Ella Sharp needs bathrooms!!!
65	Some are small and seem more for that particular neighborhood.
66	No handicap accessible play areas.
67	The lack of upkeep of the playground equipment. Something the millage should have covered, right? The unsafe parking and driving situations you have created in Cascades by not repairing Denton [Road] between the bridge and the driving range. Not to mention the way people have to park on the west side of Brown St. (towards the ice cream) and how it forces drivers heading south on Brown to have to pull out in traffic to make sure it's clear to turn. The roads around all of the parks, again something the millage was supposed to help with???
68	Lack of security, dirty needles, condoms laying around, graffiti. They need more lights and security systems.
69	Druggies.
70	Loomis Park is not a safe venue. Ella Sharp Park is a very risky place to play due to the terrible condition of the courts. Someone will trip and hurt themselves on the courts.
71	The Pickleball Courts are in such poor condition that I try to find other places to play. I was under the assumption that the City Park/Recreation was going to work with the Jackson Area Pickleball Association and fix the courts so they would be dedicated courts for pickleball. The location is beautiful and these courts are in such disrepair that it is not a pleasant place to play.
72	Never heard of most of these.
73	[Nothing] to do with the parks, my problem is lack of time.
74	[No] time.
75	New to the area, having had the time to experience Jackson.
76	Used condoms and heroin needles and other drug [paraphernalia].
77	[Not] enough bitches.
78	Vandalism, broken glass, used needles in less popular urban parks. Can't take my dog because she'll cut her feet. Can't take my kid because she'll learn bad words and get cut on broken glass.
79	Nothing discourages me.
80	Dirty needles on the ground, lack of police surveillance, graffiti, broken equipment, not safe.
81	Lack of playground equipment.
82	I really dislike youth soccer being scheduled at Ella sharp when the cross country and other events are taking place. It makes it way more dangerous and way too crowded. Very poor planning.
83	Drug traffic surrounds small neighborhood ctrs [sic] and parks.
84	Play equipment out of date.
85	Needles.
86	Nixon pool is not open long enough. They seem to close when it just gets warm! Price keeps going up too.
87	Aging equipment that doesn't feel safe.
88	Lack of cleanliness.
89	Parks need to be made with autistic people and all other special needs people in mind. They need to have an area for those who are adult-sized, but still wish to play on the playground.
90	Hours of [Nixon Park] are ridiculous. It's only open for 2 months! The skate park should have extended hours or better yet - be open and free for the kids to skate at!

Comments	
91	Busy.
92	The [skate park] from not allowing bikes or being open longer hours
93	Having the time.
94	Condition of play equipment. People in the park.
95	Dirty needles have been found on the grounds of many. Trash on the grounds. Playground equipment needs updated in a lot of parks.
96	It [disturbs] me when I find broken glass on the ground in places where children are encouraged to play.
97	No play areas at Optimist Park except a swing set. Bring back the playground!
98	I often use our parks and trail for running. I have safety concerns running at Ella Sharp Park because pedestrians have to use the roads and work around the vehicle traffic. Sharp Park really needs more dedicated pedestrian trails, or some of the roads need to be blocked off to traffic. We also have a lot of parks in the city. But more attractions in them, even if they were art pieces, would make them better places to visit.
99	Bad children that [aren't] supervised
100	Disrespected groups of teens that cause problems and violence.
101	Beech [Tree Park] needs a swing set or something, anything. Abbey Villas is so disgusting, and the pool is still closed, it would be nice to have some kind of oasis, especially for the kids.
102	Having to pay at the [fairground] which is a county park paid for with my tax dollars.

13. Is there an activity that you would like to see more of in City of Jackson Parks?

Comments	
1	Bring back the pool at Ella Sharp.
2	[Outdoor] water park geared to more adult and family activities (lazy river, wave pool) Similar to Rolling Hills water park in Washtenaw County.
3	Community gardening. a cafe in Cascades or Ella to give a reason to visit and place to socialize and it would generate income.
4	My dogs are very important to me - I would love to have safe, fenced in areas [nearby] for them to play.
5	[Oh] my goodness. DOG PARK X [1,000,000]
6	Music related installations like the one downtown.
7	Shuffleboard.
8	Sport facilities are fine. But more of a general presence of staff is needed to assist general park-goers who are not participating in an organized event. Beautification is needed at natural features and landscaping with native plants. Highlight old trees and special wildlife. More school engagement offering nature programming and nature trail interpretation and nature study for children. Patrol trail and playgrounds and hiking trails with officers in civilian clothing for safety.
9	Native plant gardens.
10	Organized activities for kids like we had back in the 60s.
11	More budget options. Bike/skate parks. More shaded areas in parks. LESS GEESE.
12	Community gardens or volunteer opportunities to support City gardens.
13	[Badminton] tournaments.
14	Boat rentals.

Comments	
15	Skateboarding.
16	Outdoor ice skating, community gardens, urban farms.
17	We have a big need for kayak and canoe launches. Not sure why it is taking so long to get this moving!!
18	SWIMMING!!!
19	Our river is disgusting. Boat ramps would be used so seldom that it is a waste of resources. Security. That's what would entice park usage.
20	Water park that isn't so small and freezing cold water. Why make it gated and \$#
21	I would like to be able to take my dogs swimming.
22	Kayak and Canoe Launch sites at: High Street, Ella Sharp Park, downtown Jackson @ Consumers Power/City Park site.
23	Well maintained and protected areas where my kids can play and not have to worry if we will get caught in a drug deal or it's paraphernalia.
24	There is a need for activities that are not physically strenuous, but that appeal to a broad audience. They need to be readily available and something people can do in the spur of the moment.
25	Tai-Chi.
26	Adult playground equipment and special needs accessible equipment.
27	Kayaking, archery, rock climbing, go karts, batting cages. Water play. Air pillow.
28	Activities that bring and keep young professionals in Jackson. And free activities for low income residents.
29	Every town/city in the country are responding to the needs of pickleball. Jackson remains in the dark ages for the #1 growing sport in America.
30	Music, movies, farmers markets.
31	Would love adult [coed] soccer in spring, summer, and fall! Or at least more than just the one summer season!
32	DOG PARKS!!!!!!!!!!!!
33	ping pong would be a great addition.
34	Pickleball is one word!
35	Fishing pond.
36	[Pet] play.
37	Cleaning.
38	A mud run or color run.
39	Mountain biking at Ella Sharp. I'd like to get more support from the city.
40	More for children in unsafe neighborhood and employees of said rec [centers].
41	[Pickleball] courts at old pool site would be great for the community! Visible, too!!!
42	Water aquatic exercise programs all year.
43	Paintball.
44	[Swimming].
45	Things that would welcome the special needs community members to participate in, and be safe for them, and also something they could do.
46	My family loves to kayak, but actually launching a boat into the Grand River can be somewhat challenging to find a good spot. More often than not we end up driving outside of Jackson to the Kalamazoo River instead. It would be great if there were more advertised/[well-kept] launch areas in town.

Comments	
47	Frisbee golf.
48	Food trucks have been a fun thing this summer to visit.
49	More pedestrian pathways. Folks drive through Ella Sharp like it's a freeway. It would be great to have that reduced to one lane with speed bumps, and the remainder of the paved area can be marked for pedestrians and cyclists.
50	Bike track or public [BMX] course
51	Disc golf, free splash pad.
52	Affordable art and music classes. Jackson School of the Arts is too expensive for what you get and very repetitive (always the same projects). Essa Arts is too far for regular weekly visits.

14. **What have you seen at parks and recreation facilities in other communities/areas that you would like to see in City of Jackson Parks?**

Comments	
1	We normally don't visit other parks unless we go to another [town's] festival in the park. We need benches & seating under [trees] in the shade so we may sit & enjoy nature & not get too much sun. A lot of us can't walk far.
2	Nothing in particular.
3	[Pickleball].
4	Happy with all you offer.
5	Clean out houses & drinking fountains or faucet.
6	Truthfully I wish other [city's] were like Jackson's. I cannot think of anything.
7	Adult/ child double swing. We need a park like Coldwater [Township] Park on Sprague Road.
8	Cleaner, up to date, naturoscapes, safer with more options to make a day of it.
9	More than one public pool.
10	Pickleball courts.
11	Dedicated pickleball courts.
12	[Same] as above answer. Water park similar to Rolling Hills Water park in Washtenaw County.
13	[N/A].
14	A piece of mind with being safe.
15	Bike and hiking trails.
16	A swing that is for 2. 1 for the parent and 1 for the child. They are facing each other.
17	More people.
18	Cleanliness. No needles.
19	Cleanliness, trash receptacles.
20	Paddle boats.
21	Dog park.
22	Dog park with fenced grass runs for dogs of multiple sizes with bathroom facility for people.

Comments	
23	Permanent bathrooms, not disgusting [porta pottys].
24	A dog park and possibly a dog day at the splash pad where dogs can enjoy the water park.
25	A cafe, beautiful gardens which people could have weddings and take senior pictures. There are no public gardens anywhere in Jackson and providing this could encourage the public to love gardening
26	Playground equipment kept up.
27	Dog parks!
28	Food vendors, more playground equipment, movies in the park, hand sanitizers.
29	Real outdoor pools. You had a nice one and didn't take care of it.
30	Dog park
31	Dog parks
32	Better equipment, dog friendly
33	Food trucks. Fenced areas for dogs—bonus on the water front!
34	Kayaking.
35	Mom & kid fitness classes/activities (like a class that keeps kids AND parents active....our community is desperate for this), larger climbing structures, pop up kid events.
36	Accessible to wheelchair users.
37	Less plastic, more natural play structures.
38	Upgraded playground equipment.
39	Shuffleboard.
40	Clean flush [toilet] restrooms with running water to wash hands. Drinking fountain.
41	More diverse playground equipment.
42	More water parks more kid activities more things for little kids to do.
43	Dog parks.
44	Natural grass mini golf course, kayak launches/courses, highlight river activities more (especially connecting [Vandercook Lake]), ultimate [Frisbee] league.
45	I would like to see the city bus route from downtown center to go INSIDE [Cascades] or Ella [Sharp Park] or other parks around the area. [Sometimes] I need a walk and don't drive and sometime the fresh air is the best.
46	Everything at other parks (except for our land that we are blessed to own) seems better than ours. Ann Arbor has a fabulous natural areas management program including a huge amount of nature preserve land and a prescribed burn program. Ottawa County landscapes with native species. Grand Rapids has an urban natural/swimming. Disney [World] at [its Millennial] Park. We have so much potential yet we do so little besides offering sports programs.
47	Inclusive playgrounds.
48	Another pool.
49	I love the Dexter ice rink, although I know that comes at a cost. I love the number of dog parks in Madison, WI.
50	More handicap accessibility.
51	FREE SPLASHPADS.
52	I would like to see some more types of playground equipment for smaller kids and some for ages 6-8ish. I stopped at a park coming back to Jackson from Howell and my kids had a blast. We were there for an hour or

Comments	
	two. They didn't have a ton of playground equipment but they had like a playset that was built to be a boat. It also had big kid and a little kid tire swing.
53	No needles. No history of shootings.
54	Dedicated Pickleball courts.
55	N/A.
56	More seating and shaded areas, places to interact more with nature with viewing binoculars.
57	N/[A].
58	Fishing ponds, better lighting, special events.
59	Splash pad and Futsal [ball] court.
60	The skate parks are all open and not fenced in.
61	Updated facilities.
62	At Timbertown Park in Chelsea they have great play structures for kids including metal machines that kids can dig in the sand. Frederick Meijer Gardens have beautiful walking trails with statues. It would be nice to incorporate the arts.
63	Special needs play equipment. Updated, new equipment.
64	Designated pickleball courts (a minimum of six are required to successfully run a tournament).
65	I prefer private metro parks with strong police presence.
66	More police travel, for safety.
67	Monitoring, security, innovation.
68	[Pickleball].
69	A skateboarding [skate park] that is open more than a couple of months of the year. You can skate outside from late March until late October. It would be great to see Nixon open longer throughout the year like they used to be when they first opened.
70	Dog park or two would be wonderful.....but they would have to be clean and maintained!
71	Go copy [City of Ann Arbor] we go there all the time parks are beautiful!
72	I would like to see the raises of the city employees capped because the budget is already out of control.
73	More splash pads, more outdoor pools, more shade at all the parks. More ypop [sic] gardens!!
74	Water trails, kayak and canoe launches. WE have a river running through our City. Why are we not using it? This separates us from others.
75	The more bike trails and biking conveniences the better such as continued efforts on trails and bike lanes. Outdoor themed ice rink downtown would be a bigger wish than what I think we have room for but that would be awesome.
76	Dedicated Pickleball courts that are lighted.
77	More security. Updated playground equipment.
78	Upkeep.
79	More and better pools! Skateboard areas!
80	Another public swimming pool like you had at Ella [Sharp Park].
81	More parking. Way more security.
82	Pickleball, hiking, bike paths.

Comments	
83	Free water park.
84	[Maintained] tennis courts.
85	People not living in fear.
86	Less geese and NO needles.
87	Kayak/Canoe Launches.
88	Free splash pad that is also free of iron. See [St. Joe], MI. This is one of my family's favorite places to visit.
89	More pickleball courts.
90	Pickleball is an up-and-coming sport. We need some courts for it (in a safe location.) Also, Nixon Pool needs Sunday hours (people work all week and this is a summer-only facility so it needs to be available on the week-end.) Work like aquatic exercise classes at Nixon pool, perhaps before opening or certain evenings.
91	Albion has a really nice playground for kids. Cascades had a nice setup with lots of space.
92	Indoor pool with small child area as well, [Imagination Park in Grand Haven].
93	Jackson is doing great with its walking/biking trail system, but seems so far behind compared to most cities who have rivers regarding canoe and kayak launch sites. I wish there were areas to drop into the Grand River that were safe and scenic throughout Jackson. It would also be nice to have access to downtown to dine before, after or during kayak ride. I hope this something being considered by the city and the county to install. Kayaking and canoeing are very popular on neighboring lakes throughout the county and in other cities with river access in Michigan.
94	More classes and programs for all ages (not just young children and seniors), and more programs for the home-school community.
95	Clean and nothing broken or old.
96	Clean...graffiti free...no needles laying all over...Ann Arbor parks are beautiful.
97	More fencing/gates for security. Drinking fountains and restrooms.
98	[Nothing,] only been to one park.
99	[Vending] machines and cleaner facilities.
100	Proper maintenance.
101	Dog park.
102	The system is well run. Expansion is not necessary. Everything comes at a cost and the system seems to work efficiently on what it has. Expansion could come at a detriment to current programming.
103	Paddle boats, kayaking, snow tubing hill and lifts.
104	The rope cores, [laser] tag. Arcades. Climbing walls. (Airway fun center).
105	Outdoor chess/checkers. Well maintained bathrooms. I love the water fountain with a pup fountain on the trail around Cascades. Bike/skateboard parks.
106	[Restrooms] and drinking fountains; plenty of COMFORTABLE seating with tables; Shade!!; good signage; presence of parks workers ensuring parks are clean and safe.
107	N/A.
108	More pickleball courts.
109	Dog park perhaps, ultimate Frisbee?
110	Fenced dog park with trees, grass, water to drink and play in. Free water park towers for playing n cooling (Chicago) recycling and yeah cans...dog poop bag stations.
111	1) Better bike access throughout city and to their parks. 2) Provisions to rent equipment and/or use workout facilities. 3) Well maintained facilities, i.e., restrooms, courts landscape.

Comments	
112	Flushable toilets, just like the facility at the Cascades.
113	Dedicated pickleball, not multi-use courts that are not regulation.
114	Interactive musical playground (love the pieces at [CP Federal Square]), work out stations, bike racks, obstacle courses, information station (pictures of park, map, parts of the park, who to contact if you have questions/concerns)
115	Better maintenance and security.
116	More family friendly for all ages. More water park type for warmer months.
117	Clean real bathrooms are needed at Ella Sharp! You host the Jubilee, cross country, football, youth and adult soccer, etc. etc. there. Also, needs new parking area badly back by the soccer fields. We love the Ella but it needs some TLC!
118	Clean and updated.
119	DOG PARKS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
120	Security.
121	Better fields. Someone to care about the condition of the fields. Someone to run the rec league softball that has a clue.
122	More walking trails. Bicycle obstacle course/trail courses (closest one is Lansing).
123	More biking and running trails. Important to attracting millennials to Jackson.
124	Cleanliness. Safety.
125	Wheelchair access everything!!
126	Well lit; plenty of parking; very accessible to the community; no indiscriminate traffic circles hampering your way to around the areas to a park; good streets around all parks-makes you want to come back and visit.
127	Don't know.
128	Dedicated pickleball courts.
129	[Zip] line, workout stations.
130	Quality [pickleball] courts. Affordable golf. See maintained walking/bike trails.
131	Fences around soccer fields with high netting behind goals
132	Not much.
133	Rent a bike.
134	Dog park. Separate small dog section and large dog section.
135	Lighting.
136	New pickleball courts and restrooms closely available .[There] are many many tennis courts and [it] is sad that Jackson doesn't have a plan to put new pickleball courts on their agenda.
137	I don't go in the [City] because it's [too] far to drive in but I wish they would put walking trails out by where I live.
138	Pickleball courts (outdoor and indoor).
139	Dedicated Pickleball Courts. Jackson is really missing the boat because people literally plan their vacations and short trips around pickleball. That means staying in hotels, eating at restaurants and shopping. Let me give you an example. I went to the Maine this past month. I planned my driving trip and stayed where there was pickleball. I passed cities where there was no pickleball and drove a little further in order to get up each morning and play some pickleball. Pickleball has a website that tells where to play. With Jackson on the I-94 and 127 [corridors], many people would be spending their evenings here and their families would visit other attractions. Jackson is missing out!

Comments	
140	I [sic].
141	[Pickleball].
142	Kayak launches.
143	Free splash pads, exercise equipment, chess/checkers.
144	Dog park, outdoor exercise equipment, trail accessible parks.
145	Emergency call boxes.
146	Pickleball courts.
147	Willing to improve their facilities and get with new activities.
148	Decent restrooms. Maps of the area.
149	Clean working restrooms.
150	Better maintained grounds and softball fields.
151	Crime free.
152	A water bottle/drinking fountain/ dog water dispenser.
153	Please remove the toilets from the cocaine rooms.
154	...
155	Dedicated pickle ball courts similar to [Bellaire, MI].
156	In other cities, they replace wood chips regularly and make sure vandalism isn't left for years. Put some trash cans in all of the parks and have somebody go EMPTY them regularly and make sure there aren't hazardous things in the play areas.
157	Nice places for adults to sit and relax, not just playground equipment.
158	People using them!! Go to Washtenaw, copy them.
159	Pickleball courts.
160	Walking trails.
161	More food truck days or art fairs.
162	Dedicated pickleball complexes.
163	Age range play equipment and fenced in play.
164	Police presence, dog friendly beaches, showers near water areas.
165	Outdoor bands.
166	One thing that I have seen that I thought would benefit [Jackson] would be a 911 phone or button similar to the hospital placed [throughout] the parks or on the trail to enhance public safety and let the users have easier access to help if needed.
167	Kayaking.
168	N/A.
169	They fix things when they are broken.
170	Safety more lights, cameras, police presence. The city has gone to the gangs. No one wants to go to the parks. We need to take back our city.
171	Free swimming, rock climbing, [at] least cheaper for low income children. No activities for elderly in my area.
172	Clean, safe and have restrooms.

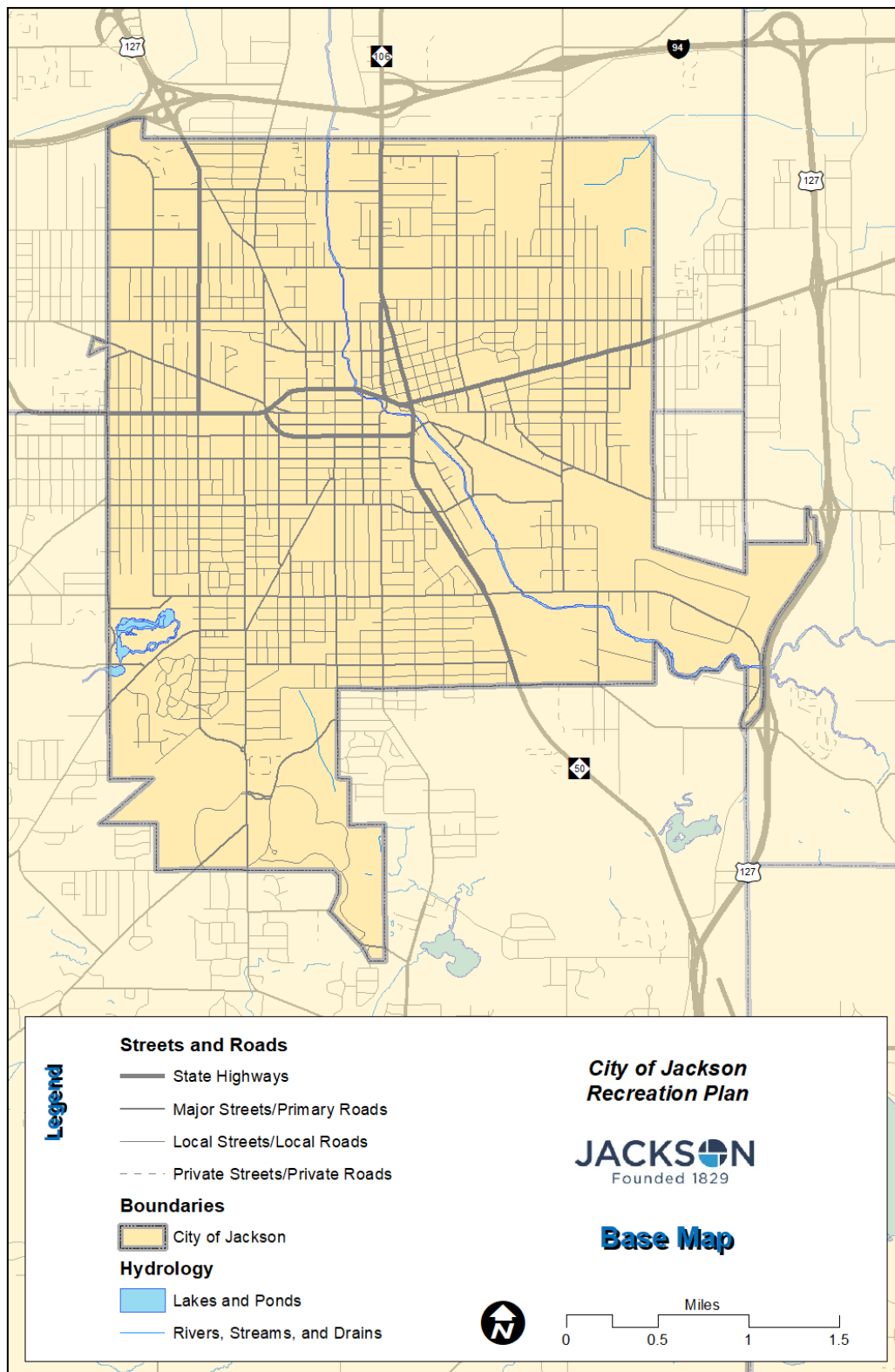
Comments	
173	Pickleball courts.
174	Outdoor concerts.
175	Newer play equipment...get rid of the wood playground
176	Year round water aquatic exercise program well lit walking trails patrolled for safety.
177	Cleanliness.
178	How about a FREE splash pad? Never have I heard of someone charging for that!!!
179	Equipment for Special needs. Exercise equipment for adults. No needles. Cameras. Actual bathrooms not porta [pottys]. Cascades where is there even one by the water park?
180	Nothing, all good.
181	Allow more vendors to open in the parks. Cascades [Ice Cream] at [Cascades] and Quiet [World Sports] in [Vandercook] are 2 local businesses operating on park property and I've seen staff at each assisting in maintaining the park and they take pride and ownership in the quality of the park and help out.
182	A place for adults to swim [all] year round would be nice but even a summer pool schedule that working adults can access. A park that is safe, clean, ice skating, roller blading or roller skating, walking paths, workout area where people could push ups, lunges, stretching etc....equipment to body weight type exercises. Things to do like food, beverages, movies, music....
183	Splash pad, free to public, downtown.
184	More swimming, lazy river, fishing.
185	N/A.
186	I really want to say that I voted for the latest millage with the promise of a dog park. I really hope this can happen soon!
187	Fences, better security, wheelchair swings....
188	Much bigger play structures with up dated facilities.
189	I know the County Parks is installing a Dog Park, but I would love to have options of places to take our dog where she can "run free".
190	Frisbee golf.
191	Splash Pad.
192	Trees. Many other communities have parks around areas with old trees like at Sharp Park. It seems the new parks are on cleared areas with new trees and little shade.
193	[Outdoor] fitness center. https://chathamvoice.com/2014/08/20/free-outdoor-fitness-at-kingston-park/ , public pool. skating rink. I'm more likely to go to [Loomis Park] in the winter since there aren't as many druggies around then. set up outdoor chess/checkers area.
194	A better water park would be nice. We often go to rolling hills water park.
195	Restrooms and safer playing conditions.
196	Interactive art pieces that are fun but also aesthetically pleasing. Or simple things that make a fun gathering place and photo backdrop, like giant chairs.
197	Arts Festivals.
198	Ann [Arbor] has a public dirt jump park for bikes that cost almost nothing.
199	More water/swim opportunity.
200	Safe areas.
201	Small splash areas, simple sprinklers in the ground. LESS GOOSE POOP!! Merry go round.

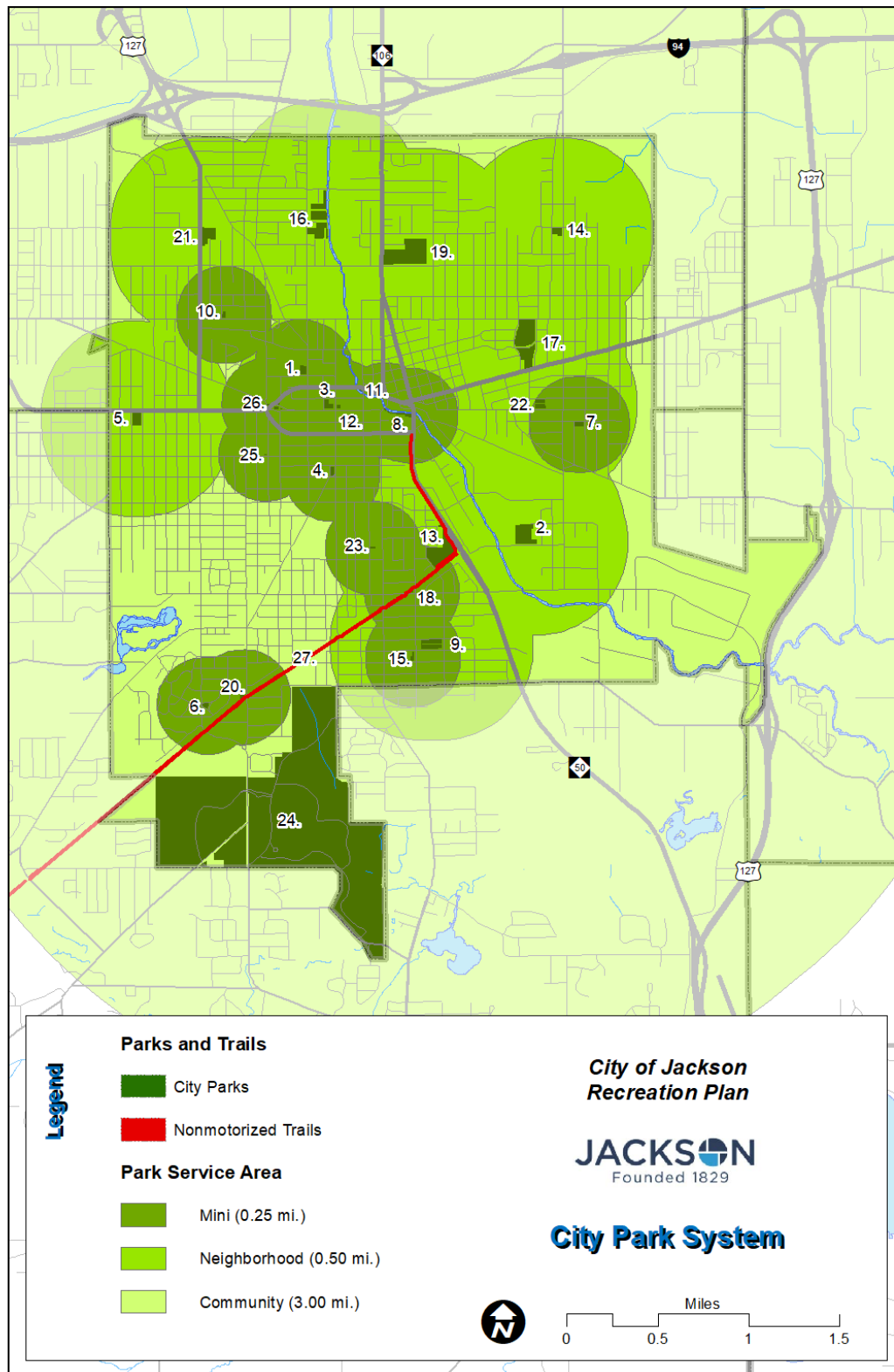
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202	Special needs play equipment. Safety officer in duty. Restrooms and drinking fountain.
203	[Pickleball] tournaments, lighted parks at night.
204	Restrooms at playgrounds, natural playgrounds.
205	[N/A].
206	Large (safe) merry go rounds, obstacle courses, gymnastic type bars or for exercise, free splash pads.
207	Cleanliness.
208	Dedicated off leash dog parks.
209	More soccer fields. Build a soccer complex sponsored by various business sponsors in Jackson.
210	Places to actually park your car, and not impede traffic from freely flowing. Which we all know the [City] is against free flowing traffic.
211	Paved trails that are maintained. Brush and tree branches are rarely trimmed here.
212	Better upkeep of playground structures. [Especially] at Loomis.
213	Clean and well maintained bathrooms. Also, rubber ground covering around the play areas instead of woodchips and stones. The woodchips are constantly getting in shoes and stabbing little toes and feet. The rubber ground covering is so nice. Provides for a cleaner look too.
214	Lighting, walking paths, security guard/police/patrols, ADA compliant equipment, playground, and trails.
215	ALL PARKS should have accessibility to special needs children. Many communities have integrated playscapes.
216	N/A.
217	More art pieces, links to local history, more pedestrian access in larger parks.
218	More toddler equipment.
219	International treasures. For example, there is a trail or a park in Battle Creek that has a torii gate from Japan. I know with the immigrant situation, people might be sensitive to things outside their culture, but that's just it. There are so many other cultures in our community and it would be awesome to show them off too.
220	Horse shoe pits.
221	[N/A].
222	Paved Walking Track.
223	Dog runs.
224	Large music making play items at more parks.

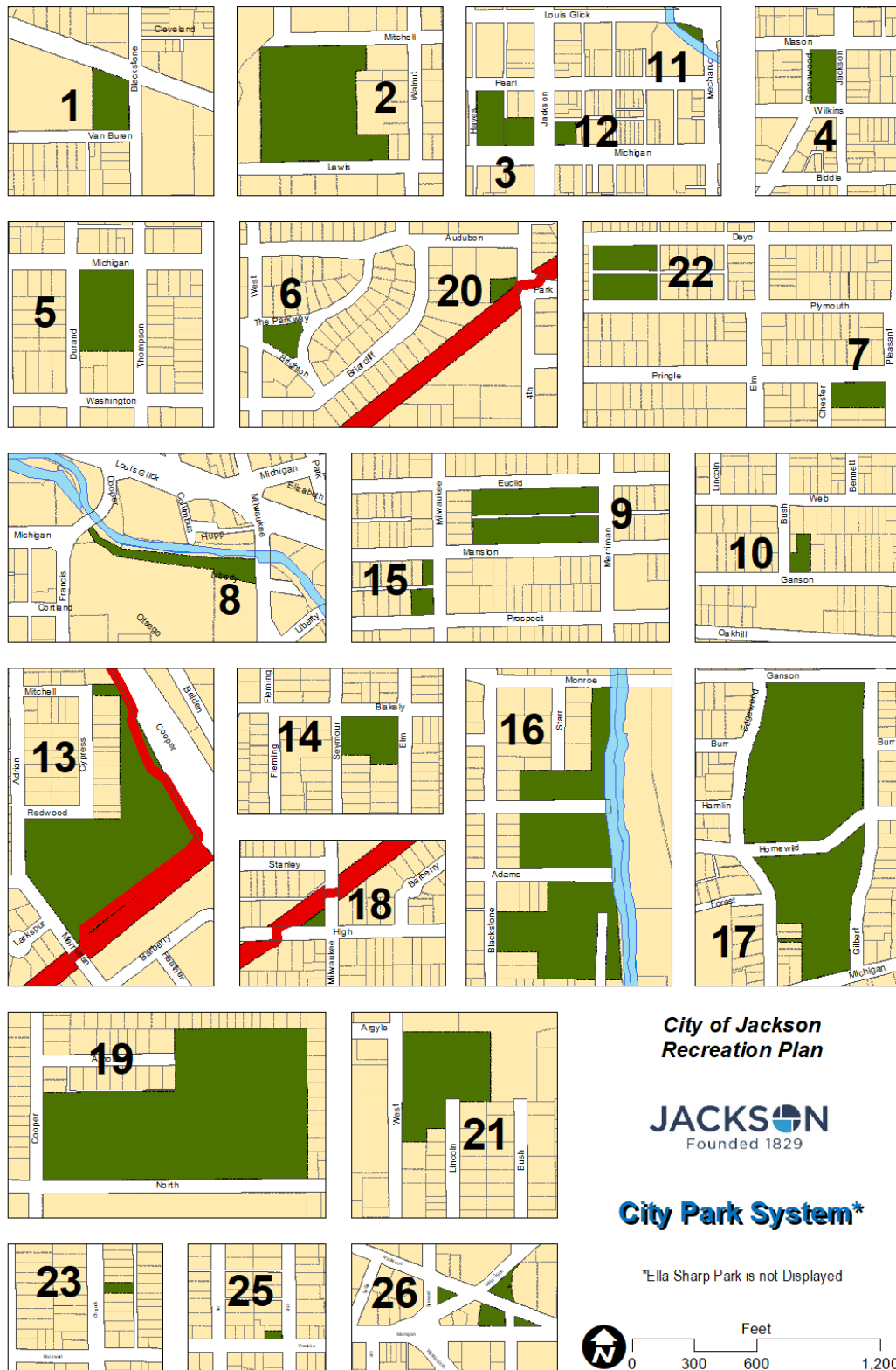


Bright Walls Mural | 2019
Clay McAndrews, Artist
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Appendix D
Mapping

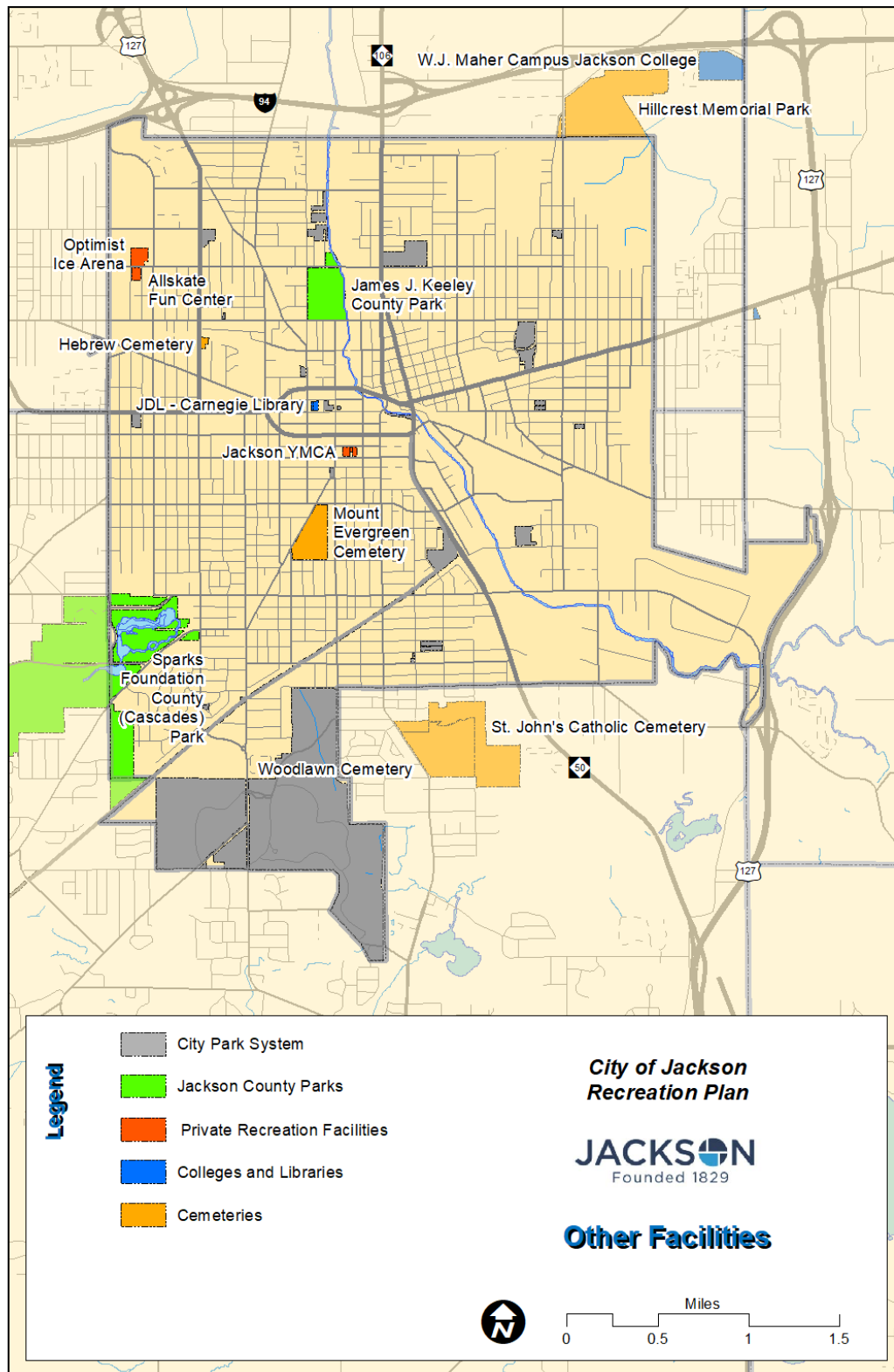


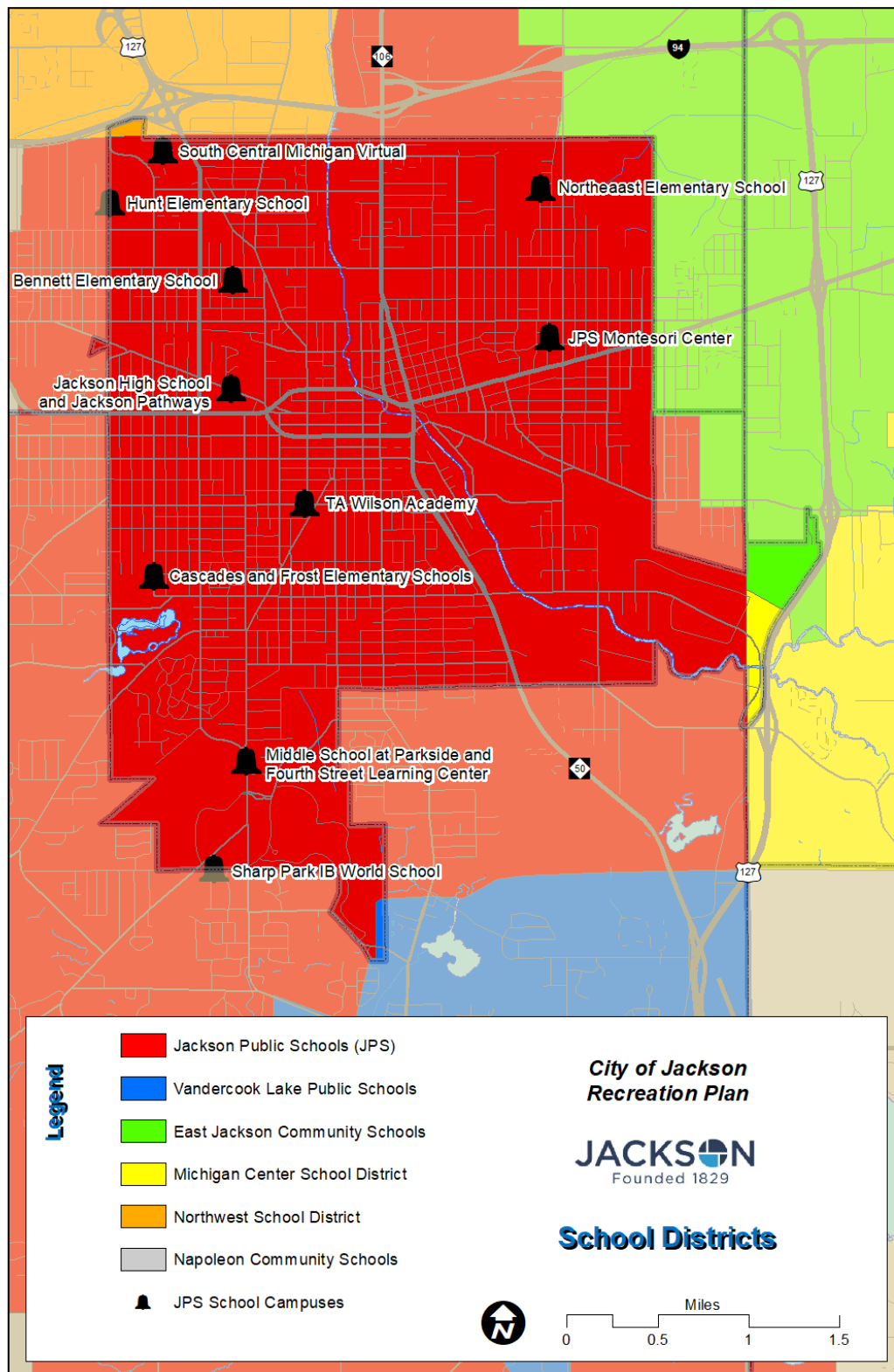


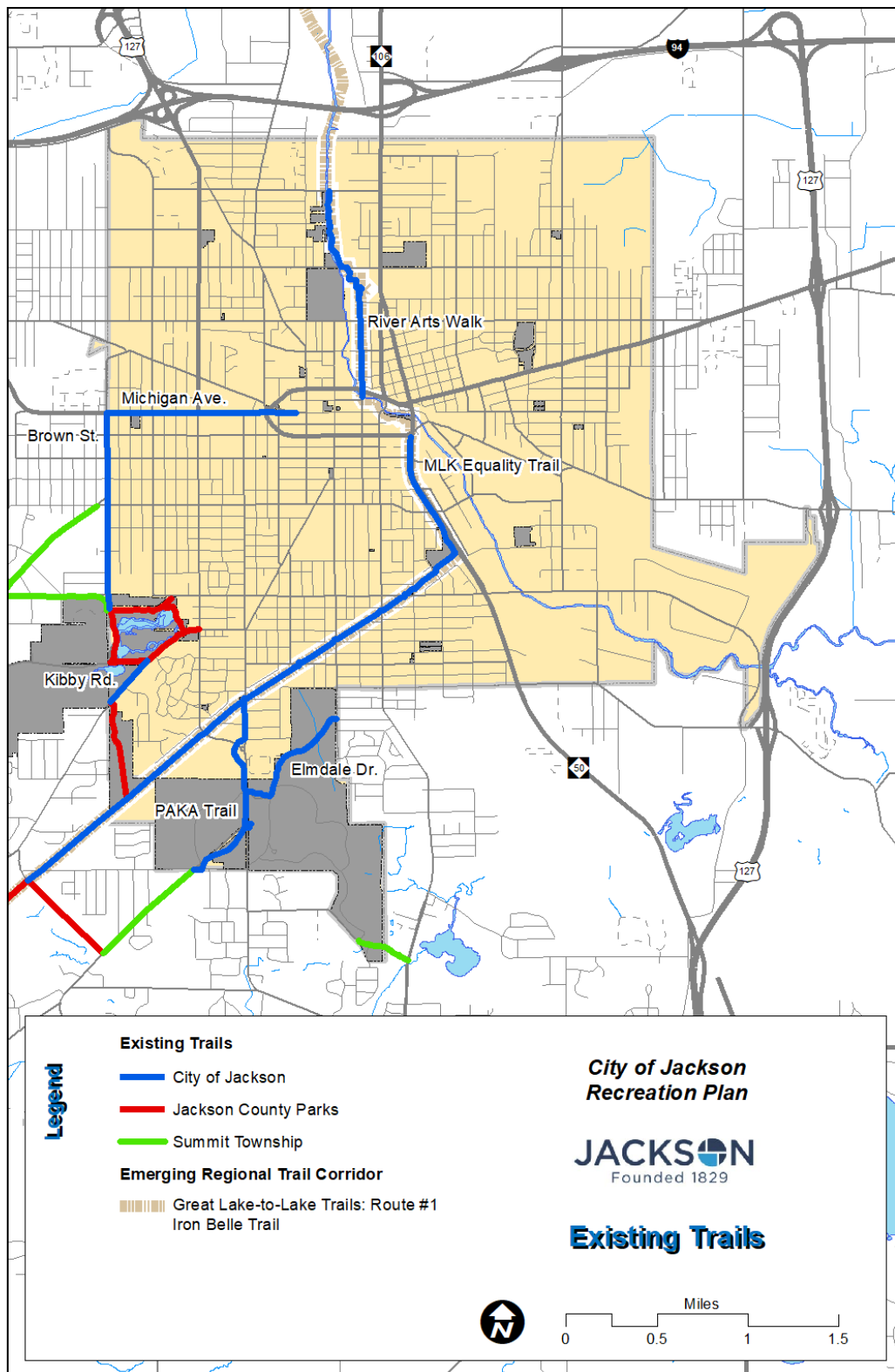


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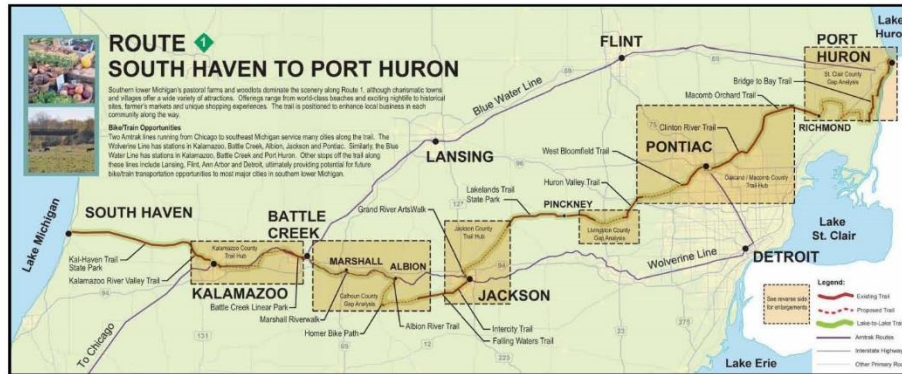








Route #1 of the Great Lake-to-Lake Trails



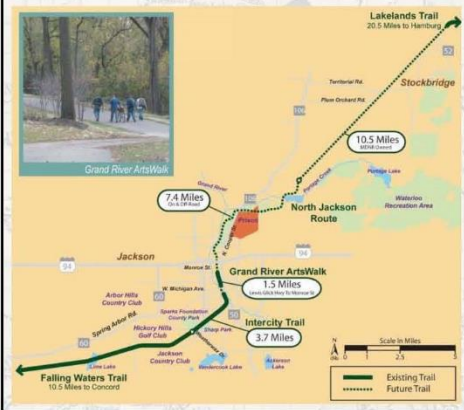
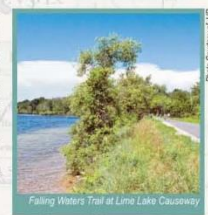
The Great Lake-to-Lake Trails project began in 2009 with a generous grant to Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance from the Kresge Foundation to accelerate the development of cross-state trails. Anticipated outcomes include enhanced tourism, transportation, health and fitness and economic development opportunities. Stakeholder identification and collaboration on a multi-agency level is ongoing. A marketing/branding strategy and recommended next steps are included in the planning effort.



Jackson County Trail Hub

Three named trail segments combine to create 15.7 miles of nearly continuous trail through Jackson County. The Falling Waters Trail enters Jackson from the southwest to become the Intercity Trail. It transitions to the Grand River ArtsWalk following a 1/8 mile gap along the Grand River. The ArtsWalk passes through Amory Arts Village and continues north along the Grand River.

The gap from here to Lakelands Trail is filled by a proposed route north and west of the State Prison, partially using existing roadways and an incomplete segment of the Lakelands Trail State Park.



The Great Lake-to-Lake Trails concept and the above graphics are the creation of the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance.

Iron Belle Trail

