



CITY OF ALLEGAN
Public Spaces Commission
Allegan City Hall
231 Trowbridge Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Wednesday, November 8, 2023 6:30pm

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Attendance**
- 3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
- 4. Public Comment**
- 5. Parks & Recreation**
 - a) Parks & Recreation Master Plan – DRAFT Review
 - b) Other Comments
- 6. Oakwood Cemetery**
 - a) Pillar Repair
 - b) Other Comments
- 7. Trees**
 - a) Other Comments
- 8. Downtown Improvement Project**
 - a) Other Comments
- 9. Other Discussion Items**
 - a) Other Comments
- 10. Comments from City Staff & Board Members**
- 11. Adjournment**



**CITY OF ALLEGAN
PUBLIC SPACES COMMISSION**

**City of Allegan City Hall
231 Trowbridge Street, Allegan MI 49010
Wednesday, October 11, 2023 6:30pm**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

2. Attendance

Present: Chair Judi McCall, Vice Chair Paula Mintek, Carl Canales, Bill Morgan, Korree Johnson, Cyndi Reed, Peter Savage

Absent: Eddie Quiñones-Walker

Others Present: Parker Johnson, Downtown Manager & Assistant to the City Manager

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Korree Johnson, supported by Paula Mintek, to approve the minutes from September 13, 2023. Motion carried 7-0.

4. Public Comment

5. Parks & Recreation

a. Mahan Park Improvement Grant

- i. P. Johnson gave an update regarding the Mahan Park Improvement Project including the announcement of a grant from the MEDC in the amount of \$160K towards the estimated \$400K project to enhance the park.
- ii. Bridgett Waanders and Becky Weaver, organizers of a public effort to replace the aging gazebo structure, were in the audience to share their input.

b. Review Community Recreation Survey

- i. P. Johnson reviewed the summary of the Community Recreation Survey with the group and covered highlights of the responses that will be used in the development of the Parks Master Plan.

c. Other Comments

The minutes of this meeting will be available at City Hall, 231 Trowbridge Street Allegan, MI 49010 269.673.5511
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6. Oakwood Cemetery

a. Cemetery Ordinance Review

- i. P. Johnson reviewed the proposed Ordinance Chapter 8 Section 3 – Rules and Regulations regarding Oakwood Cemetery, with changes based on the board's discussion over the past year. General discussion was had.
- ii. Motion to approve Ordinance Chapter 8 Section 3 as presented by Cyndi Reed, supported by Paula Mintek. Motion passed 7-0.

b. Other Comments

- i. Peter Savage gave a review of the continued work of the Friends of Oakwood Cemetery including the gravestone dedication of Private David Silence and the purchase of new headstone repair equipment to be stored at the chapel.

7. Trees

a. Other Comment

- i. Paula Mintek noted several dead branches over the Rossman Esplanade Labyrinth.

8. Downtown Improvement Project

a. Other Comment

- i. P. Johnson gave a general update on the Downtown Improvement Project.

9. Other Discussion Items

a. Other Comment

10. Comments from City Staff & Board Members

11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Parker Johnson

Downtown Manager & Assistant to the City Manager

City of Allegan, MI
2024-2029
Parks and Recreation

Recommended for Adoption by the Public Spaces Commission – ##/##/##

Adopted by the City Council - ##/##/##

This plan was developed in accordance with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans.

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INTRODUCTION

This Parks and Recreation Plan is a general, long-range development tool used to achieve and maintain a high-quality park, recreation, and open-space system. It evaluates the needs of the community and makes strategic recommendations for recreation, beautification, and economic development to be implemented over the next five years.

The City of Allegan has established the importance of recreation to the area's quality of life by maintaining up-to-date Recreation Plans and the active Public Spaces Commission. This plan represents the ideas of city officials and residents through meetings and public input. This plan should be a working document that is frequently used for guidance and updated if necessary. The next complete update of the plan should occur in 2028.

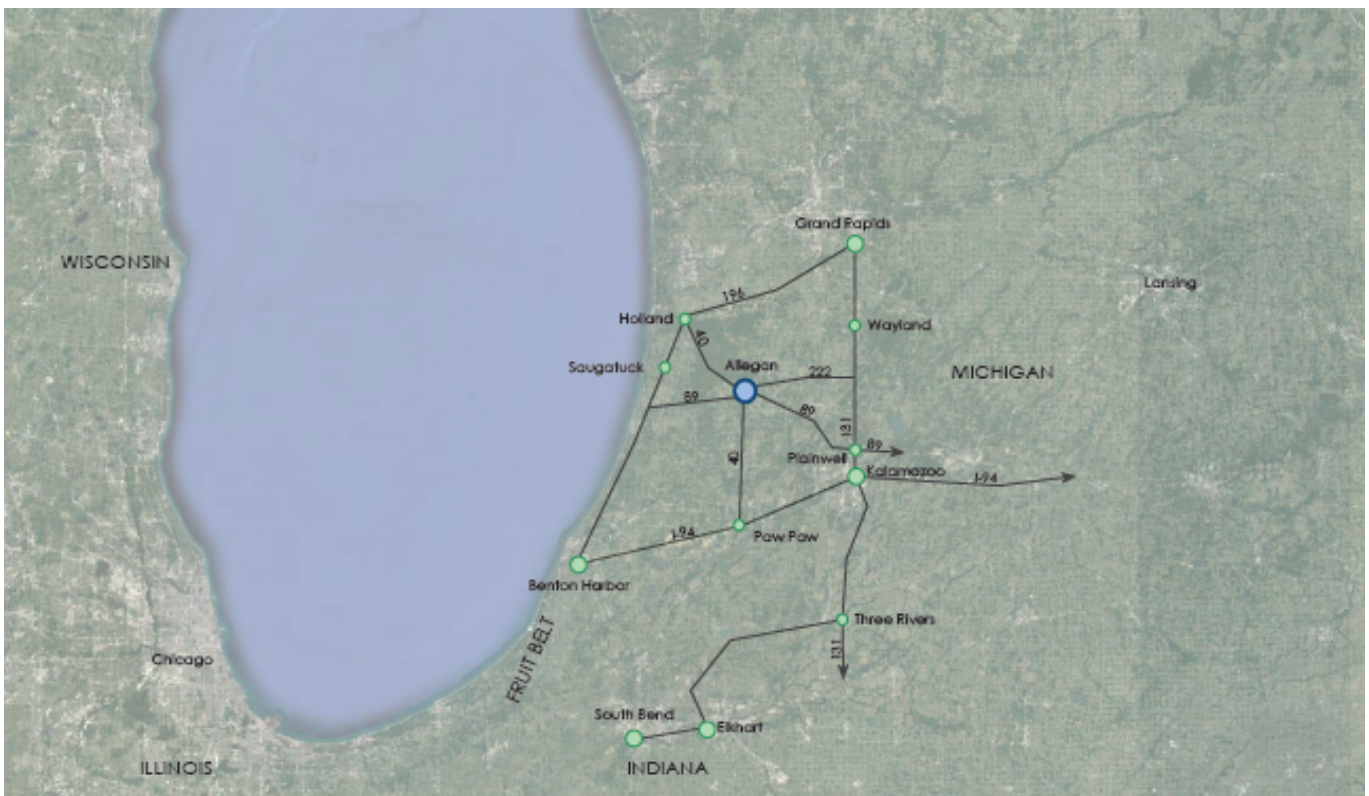
COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

REGIONAL CONTEXT

Allegan was founded in 1838 as a village and incorporated into a city in 1907. The City of Allegan is the county seat of Allegan County and is in the south-central portion of the county. It is located 30 minutes from Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, and The Lake Michigan Shoreline.

AREA TO BE SERVED

The service area of this parks and recreation plan is confined to the Allegan City Limits, covering approximately 4.62 square miles.



PLAN FOCUS

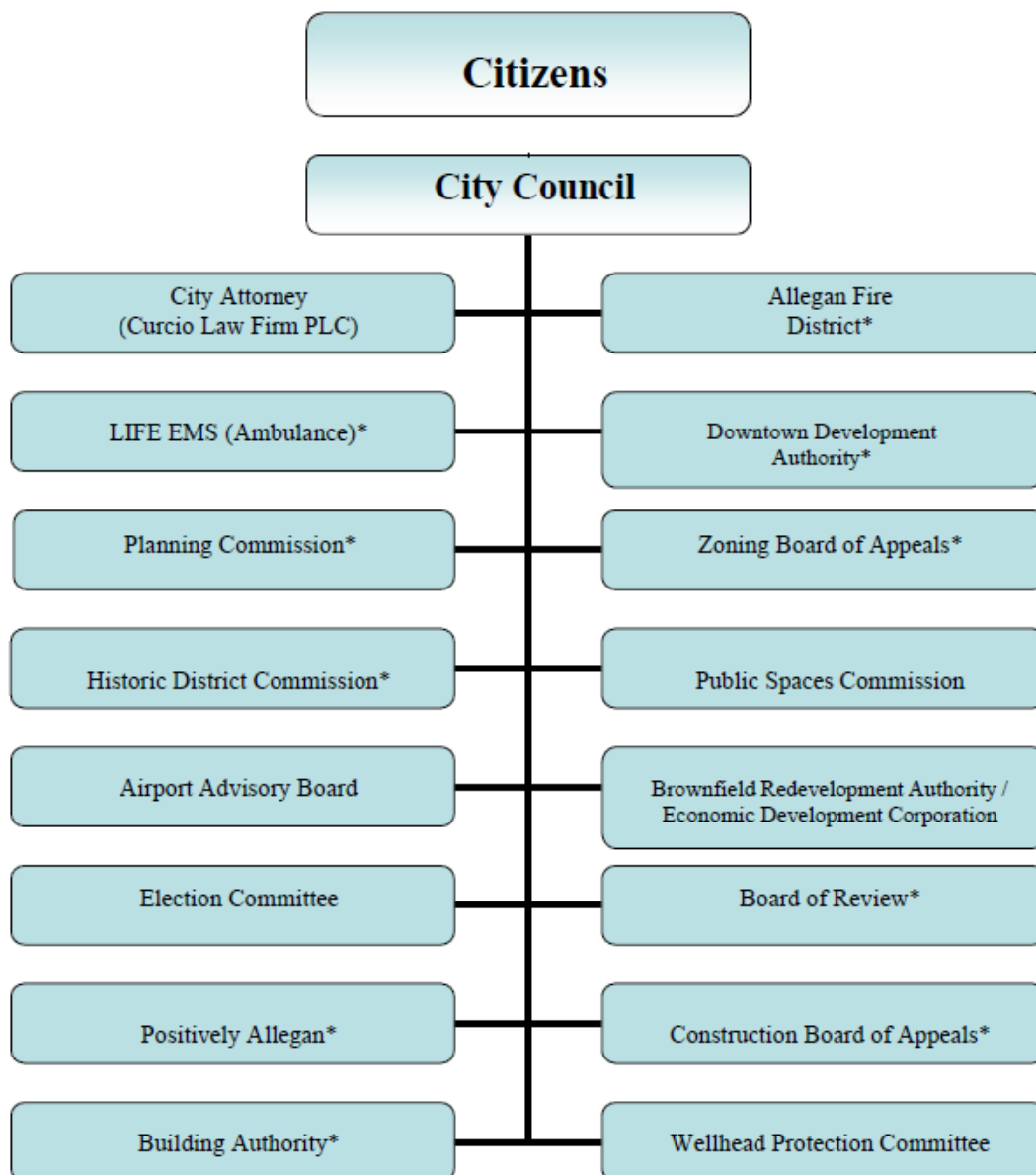
The recreation plan was prepared for the City of Allegan. The plan focuses on providing recreation opportunities to residents of the City of Allegan through the acquisition, development, and maintenance of community-owned parks. While the primary focus is on providing the area's residents with recreation opportunities, improvements to the area's park system will benefit adjoining townships and nearby communities, schools, and visitor experiences.

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

STRUCTURES AND FUNCTIONS

The following section identifies the administrative structure for the City of Allegan. It also describes the functions regarding parks and recreation for the city. The City of Allegan is a Home Rule City with a Council/Manager form of government. The City Council is the highest elected body and consists of a mayor and six council members. The Public Spaces Commission is an advisory body to the City Council and consists of nine members.

The following is the Organizational Chart for the City of Allegan:



* Denotes the committee has some autonomous authority.

Annual budget

Below is the current year and projected annual budgets for parks and recreation operations and maintenance, recreation programming, and capital improvements. The fiscal year runs from July 1st through June 30th.



CITY OF ALLEGAN 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET GENERAL FUND

NEW GL#	DESCRIPTION	FY 2021 20-21 AUDITED BUDGET	FY 2022 21-22 AUDITED BUDGET	FY 2023 22-23 PROJECTED BUDGET	FY 2024 23-24 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY 2025 24-25 PROPOSED BUDGET	FY 2026 25-26 PROPOSED BUDGET
751-PARKS EXPENDITURES							
101-751-70200	Wages-Parks	150,107	151,089	161,000	172,000	176,300	180,708
101-751-70710	Longevity	1,500	500	500	500	500	500
101-751-70800	Overtime	953	4,120	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
101-751-71500	Payroll Taxes	11,502	11,219	12,800	14,000	14,000	14,245
101-751-71600	Health/Dental/Vision	35,571	43,857	45,500	49,000	51,450	54,023
101-751-71800	Retirement Contribution	17,481	15,894	17,700	19,200	19,680	20,172
101-751-72000	Workers Compensation	2,128	2,207	2,500	2,250	2,306	2,364
101-751-72100	Disability Insurance	1,514	1,720	1,700	1,850	1,896	1,944
101-751-74000	Operating Supplies	33,518	24,974	31,000	34,000	34,680	35,374
101-751-81800	Contractual Services	16,916	15,255	30,000	32,000	30,000	30,000
101-751-85000	Communication	1,506	2,631	3,000	3,000	3,060	3,121
101-751-92000	Utilities - Electric	13,911	17,358	20,000	22,500	22,950	23,409
101-751-92010	Utilities - Gas	3,273	3,444	2,500	2,500	2,550	2,601
101-751-92020	Utilities - Water/Sewer	9,319	31,323	75,000	75,000	76,875	78,797
101-751-92025	Utilities - Garbage	6,436	7,625	6,500	8,000	8,160	8,323
101-751-93300	Equipment Maintenance	1,035	9,029	7,500	7,500	7,650	7,803
101-751-94300	MERP (aka MVP) Rental	67,200	75,000	77,250	81,113	85,169	89,427
101-751-95500	Insurance/Bonds	5,050	5,246	5,000	5,000	5,250	5,513
101-751-96200	Other Sundry	189	32	500	250	500	500
101-751-96515	Adopt-A-Site Planter	520	520	800	750	850	850
101-751-97900	CAPITAL	100,946	6,143	186,400	105,000	5,000	55,000
Total Expenditures 751-PARKS		481,442	429,187	692,150	640,413	553,826	619,672

FUNDING SOURCE

The funding for the Parks and Recreation budget is provided by the City of Allegan and does not have any outside sources of funding for their recreational park improvements. They expect to receive funding from private sources to match state funds. They also have a sinking fund and foundations.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS & COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS

The city utilizes volunteer efforts and community relationships when possible but does not currently have a specific group of volunteers.

CITY OWNED RECREATION FACILITIES

Below is a list of recreation facilities owned by the City of Allegan.

Cook Street Park

Cook Street Park is 0.2 acres in size and is located between Cook and River Streets. The park includes a flowing open drain through it as well as the following facilities:

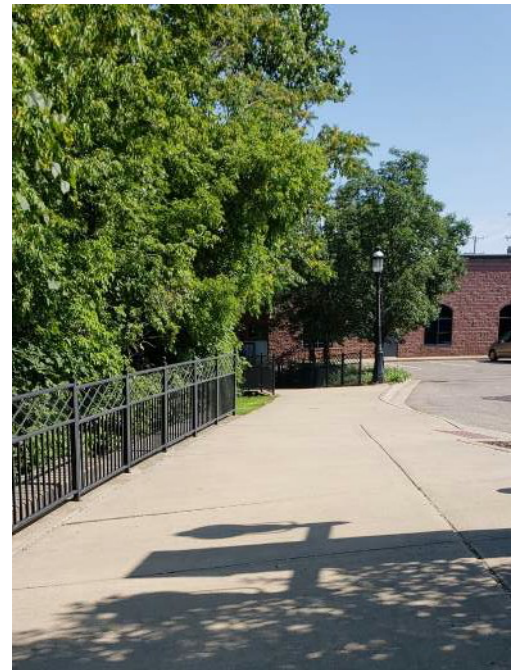
- Paved pathway
- Picnic table



Water Street Park

Water Street Riverfront Park is 0.9 acres in size and is located north of Water Street along the Kalamazoo River, behind several businesses on Water Street. The pathway starts at the intersection of Locust Street and Water Street with a pavilion and follows the Kalamazoo River southeast to the 7-acre Mill District at the intersection of Mill District Road and Water Street. The park includes the following facilities:

- Pavilion
- Picnic table
- Benches
- Drinking Fountain
- Decorative lighting
- Boardwalk
- Paved sidewalks with brick pavers
- Accessible parking



Allegan Dam Access Point

Allegan Dam Access Point Park is .68 acres in size and is in the Mill District by the city owned dam near the Second Street Bridge. The park includes the following facilities:

- Accessible parking
- Paved walkways
- Bench
- Canoe/kayak launch



James E. Mahan Park

James E. Mahan Park is 0.7 acres in size and is located to the east of Riverfront Park. The park includes the following facilities:

- Gazebo
- Amphitheater-style seating
- Picnic tables
- Plaques
- Paved sidewalks
- Lighting



Proposed improvements in 2024 include replacing the gazebo with a steel band shell structure, installing more accessible seating areas, and additional landscaping.

Allegan Wellness and Sports Complex

Allegan Wellness and Sports Complex, located at 29th street and 114th Avenue, is 63 acres in size and is the area's primary area for active recreation activities. Although the park is located east of the City in Allegan Township it is owned and maintained by the City of Allegan. The park includes the following facilities:

- 4 Baseball fields
- 2 Softball fields
- Crushed gravel/dirt parking lot with paved accessible parking spots
- Batting cage
- Football field
- 4 Soccer fields
- Picnic shelter (30'x60') with picnic tables
- Additional benches throughout
- Restroom facilities with water and electricity
- Signage with rules
- Concession building with benches and picnic tables
- Playground equipment
- Maintenance shed
- A paved 10' wide, 1-mile pathway the circles the perimeter of the park and provides a connection to a 0.6-mile trail Eastern Avenue through the woods.



Rossman Esplanade

Rossman Esplanade is 2.5 acres in size and is located at the intersection of Marshall and Fifth Streets. The park is composed of four quadrants that are separated by two streets. The park includes the following facilities:

- Picnic tables (north & west quadrants)
- 2 fenced in pickleball courts (east quadrant)
- Labyrinth Park with benches (south quadrant)



Improvements in 2024 include resurfacing the pickleball courts, installing new benches, a drinking fountain, and outdoor games to include cornhole and ping pong tables.

Sue Lange Memorial Park

Sue Lange Memorial Park is 0.4 acres in size and is a small formal garden located at the corner of Bond Street and Marshall Street. The park includes the following facilities:

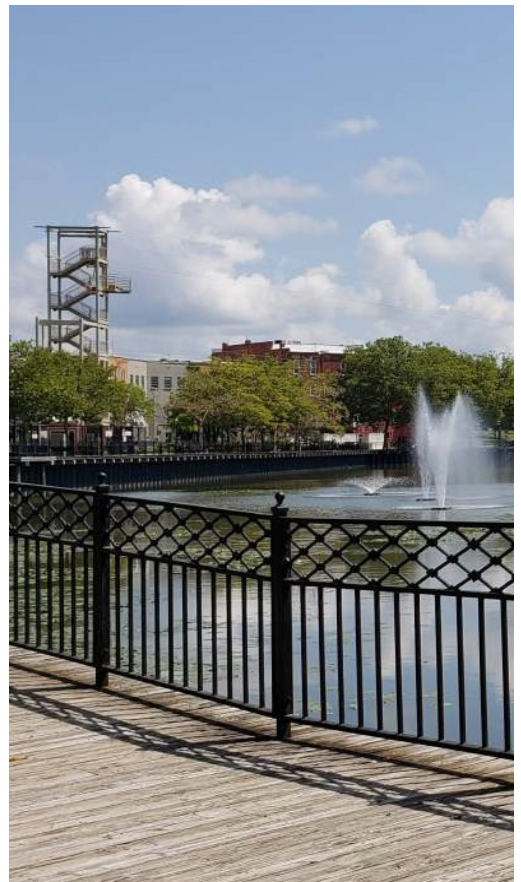
- Decorative fountain
- Park benches
- Decorative lighting



Riverfront Park

Riverfront Park is 1.3 acres in size and is a large part of Allegan's identity, since it is very visible to travelers on M-89 and showcases Downtown and the City's location on the Kalamazoo River. The park includes 600 linear feet of boardwalk along the riverfront which links Hanson Park on the west end and James E. Mahan Park on the east end. There are views of downtown Allegan, the historic Second Street bridge, M-89, and a lily pond from the boardwalk. The park includes the following facilities:

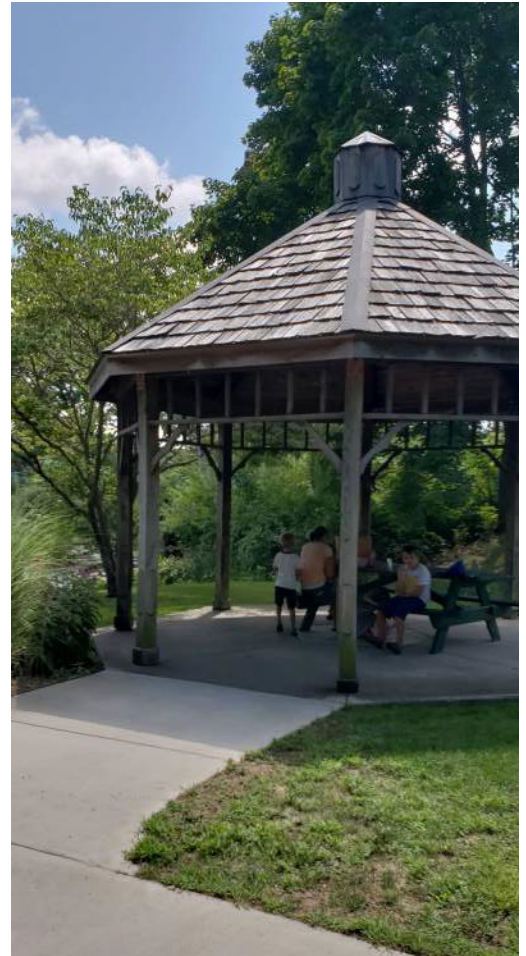
- Fountains in the Kalamazoo River
- Fishing pier
- Decorative lights
- Benches
- Picnic tables
- Stage and sculpture
- Veteran's Monument with flagpole
- Plaza and outdoor fireplace
- Seating and landscaping



Hanson Park

Hanson Park is 1.2 acres in size and is located at the west end of Riverfront Park behind Griswold Auditorium and the Library. The park includes the following facilities:

- Gazebo
- Paved parking (shared with Auditorium and Library)
- Paved walkway leading to the playground and connecting to the west end of Riverfront Park
- Decorative streetlights
- Tables (including one accessible table)
- Benches
- Porta-Potty (there are also restrooms available at the adjacent public facilities)
- ADA accessible canoe and kayak launch
- Canoe and kayak storage
- Hammock grove



Allegan Mountain Bike & Hiking Trail

Allegan Mountain Bike & Hiking Trail is approximately 3 miles long and is located on the south side of Hooker Road to the east of Eastern Avenue. The park includes the following facilities:

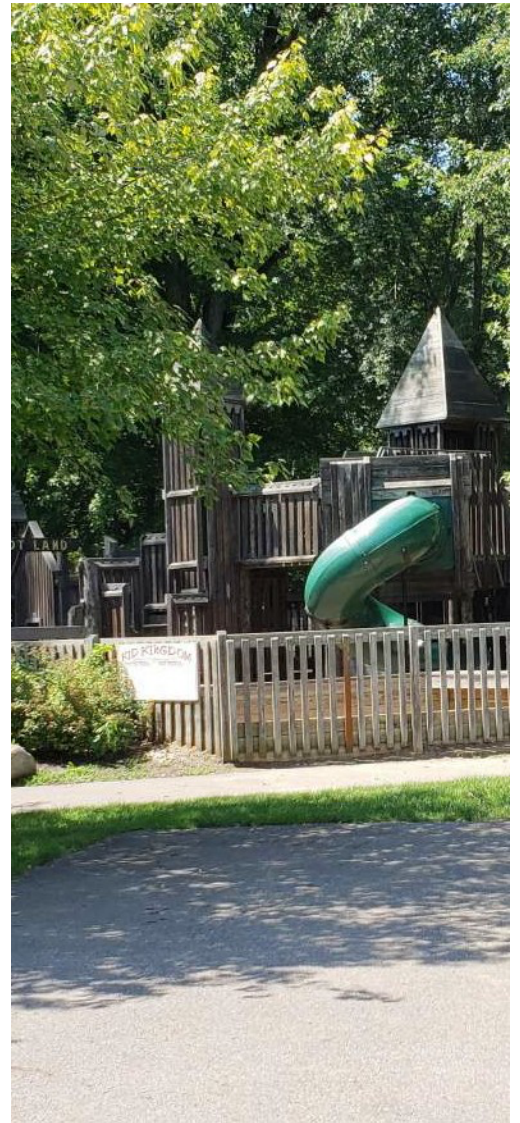
- Signage
- Parking
- Mountain bike trails and suspension bridge



Jaycee Park

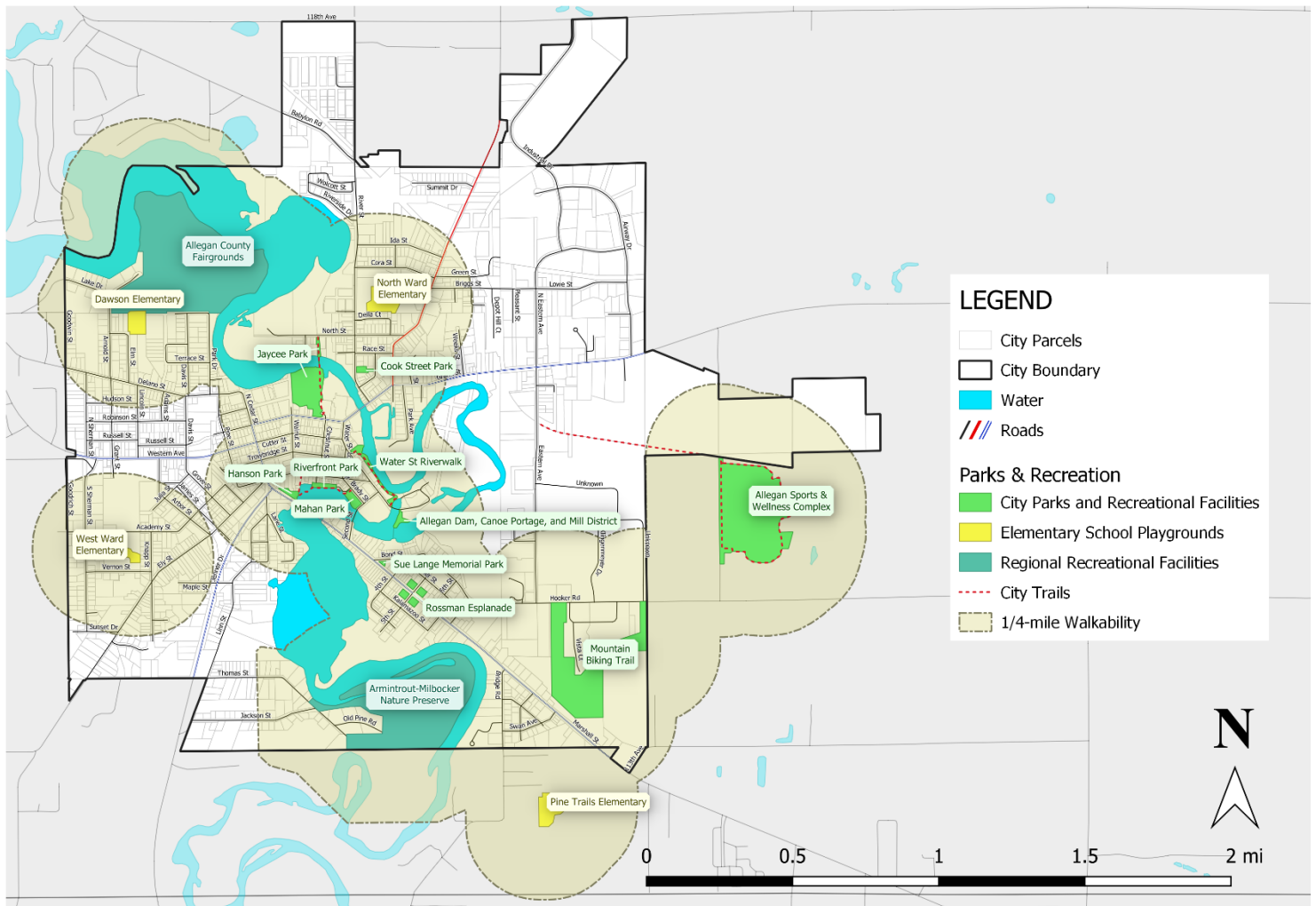
Jaycee Park is 6.2 acres in size and is located on the north side of Monroe Street on the Kalamazoo River. The park is woven into the City's growing network of trails, including the Trestle Trail. The park includes the following facilities:

- Skatepark
- Leash-free dog park
- Full basketball court
- General purpose field with lights
- Picnic shelter (15' x 40')
- Picnic tables
- Restroom facilities
- Signage
- Paved parking lot & walkways
- Grills
- Benches
- Drinking fountain
- Lighting
- Open space areas
- "Kid Kingdom" playground, a 9,700 square foot community-built playground as well as swings, slides, and spring toys.
- 9-Hole disc golf course



CITY OF ALLEGAN PARK LOCATION & WALKABILITY MAP

The map below shows the parks located in the City of Allegan as well as a 1/4-mile radius around each park to show each park's primary service area.



RECREATION INVENTORY

ACCESSIBILITY EVALUATION

An accessibility assessment was conducted at the time of the recreation inventory. The City of Allegan has worked to increase accessibility to the parks as they are updated and further developed. A brief description of the park's accessibility is below along with a rating based on the following guidelines criteria.

1 = none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

2 = some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

3 = most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

4 = the entire park meets accessibility guidelines

5 = the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design

Hanson Park

This park has designated accessible parking adjacent to it and has paved pathways throughout the facility. The recently updated playground is accessible; however, the playground mulch edging is raised and limits entrance and exit opportunities for some. The newly installed swings could include a wheelchair swing. Picnic areas are accessible, and one table is accessible. The canoe/kayak launch is also accessible.

Rating: 3

Jaycee Park

This park has paved pathways throughout and ramped linkages to adjacent pathways. This park also has designated accessible parking. Picnic areas are accessible. The small fishing pier is not accessible. Entrance to the pavilion can be challenging due to the raised concrete pad it sits on. The fishing pier is currently not accessible to all.

Rating: 3

James E. Mahan Park

This park is very accessible and has a nearby designated car park. However, the park could use ADA seating options.

Rating: 3

Riverfront Park

This park is very accessible and has designated parking along its course. Grades, lack of steps, handrails along the water and other features make it very accessible feature.

Rating: 4

Rossman Esplanade

This park is underdeveloped and in need of attention. The sidewalks interior to the park are in poor condition and there is no designated parking (accessible or general parking). The fact that the park is divided by a busy street makes it even less accessible.

Rating: 2

Sue Lange Memorial Park

This park is a small garden park, and the only real accessibility issue relates to the lack of any on-site parking. Due to the quiet nature of the park and lack of crowds, creating a designated accessible parking space on the street is probably not necessary but could be considered.

Rating: 4

Trestle Trail Park

This park is very accessible and has a nearby designated car park.

Rating: 5

Allegan Wellness and Sports Complex

This park has nine designated accessible parking spaces on pavement (the remaining parking areas are gravel). The park has paved pathways leading to all areas of the park and grading is not an issue. Accessible picnic tables at the concession area could be added to increase accessibility.

Rating: 4

Water Street Riverfront Park

This park is very accessible and designated parking is included in the nearby joint parking for the park and adjacent businesses.

Rating: 5

Allegan Dam Access Point

The area by the dam provides access to the water for fishing or viewing with adequate railing and ramps at the lower pier. A railing at the upper pier near the dam could be added to increase accessibility.

Rating: 3

Cook Street Park

This park is a small pocket park, and the only real accessibility issue relates to the lack of any on-site parking. Due to the quiet nature of the park and lack of crowds, creating a designated accessible parking space on the street is probably not necessary, but could be considered. An ADA picnic table could also be added.

Rating: 3

Allegan Mountain Bike & Hiking Trail

The trail itself is purpose built for mountain biking. The parking lot meets ADA requirements but does not have a designated parking spot.

Rating: 1

The City of Allegan will look to continued public comment throughout the implementation process, especially from those with special needs. Their suggestions play a key role in developing and implementing proposed barrier-free improvements.

DNR RECREATION GRANT INVENTORY

Jaycee Park, 1990, #TF90-235, \$173,900

Construction of a canoe launch, basketball court, play area, site furnishings, restroom building, sitework, ballfields improvements, roads and parking, and landscaping on the Kalamazoo River.

Riverfront Boardwalk, 2002, #TF02-13, \$300,000

Construct 850 feet of riverfront boardwalk and walkways to connect existing boardwalk and rustic park.

Veterans Memorial Park, 2010, #TF10-096, \$45,000

Construction to include fishing platform, paved event space, landscaping, site furniture, interpretive signage, rain garden and parking lot reconfiguration.

Kalamazoo River Canoe/Kayak Launch, 2014, #26-01740, \$100,000

The project centers on the development of a new kayak/canoe launch along the Kalamazoo River. The launch project is the first step in the City's multi-phase plan to deliver more recreation opportunities to its residents and visitors. The launch will be built as a universally accessible floating launch anchored to the shore area via a hinged gangplank allowing it to adjust to varying water levels.

Rossmann Park Pickleball Court Renovation, 2023, #RP22-0059, \$112,000

The project centers on the resurfacing of the pickleball courts at Rossmann Park and the addition of several park amenities including a new drinking fountain, benches, accessible parking, and outdoor game areas.

OTHER CITY OWNED FACILITIES

The Griswold Auditorium

The Griswold provides meeting rooms and a 600-seat auditorium. The facility is adjacent to Hanson Park and the Allegan District Library on Hubbard Street.

The Regent Theatre

The Regent is a single screen movie theater that has 340 seats and shows first run movies as well as classic showings.

Oakwood Cemetery

The 40-acre cemetery located on Western Avenue is on the National Register of Historic Places and serves some of the same passive recreation functions as the City's Parks.

RECREATION FACILITIES NOT OWNED BY THE CITY OF ALLEGAN

A variety of significant recreational resources are either owned privately, owned by a non-profit organization, or owned by another governmental unit that are located within or near the City of Allegan. The following is a brief description of some nearby parks and recreation opportunities.

Allegan District Library

The library is located on Hubbard Street next to the Griswold Auditorium and Hanson Park on Hubbard Street. The library services the area of Allegan Intermediate School District and provides access to books, periodicals, videos, DVDs, CDs, and audio books, as well as an on-staff reference librarian. The library also has a children's area and librarian who provides programming and cooperative resources with area schools. The Allegan District Library has internet stations available and a fully computerized card catalog system.

Dumont Lake Park

Dumont Lake Park is in Monterey Township, 5 miles north of the city of Allegan, on the northeast shore of Dumont Lake. The park is 18.6 acres in size and provides a place for picnicking, swimming, boating, and fishing.

Littlejohn Lake Park

Littlejohn Lake Park is located on Littlejohn Lake just 3 miles southwest of the city of Allegan. Littlejohn Park encompasses 113 acres of mostly wooded natural public land. Approximately 13 acres of the park is developed with picnic areas, nature trails, a playground, a basketball court, volleyball court, horseshoe court and a swimming beach.

Ely Lake Park and Campground

The park is located within the Allegan State Game Area in Clyde Township, 9 miles from Allegan. Ely Lake Park and Campground offers camping and a swimming beach on Ely Lake. The Park also provides equestrian camping and day riding.

Silver Creek Park and Campground

Silver Creek Park is located within Heath Township, 10 miles from the City of Allegan. The park is primarily an equestrian park and has both day use facilities and a primitive campground. Silver Creek Park is 320 acres in size and connects to 30 miles of horseback riding trails. The park also provides fishing and picnic areas.

Allegan County Fairgrounds

The Allegan County Fairgrounds are approximately 85 acres in size. They are located on the north side of Allegan and surrounded on the east, north and west by the Kalamazoo River. The fair runs during the first week of September.

Allegan Public Schools

The Allegan Public School District serves the City of Allegan and portions of 9 townships. The schools all have a wide variety of outdoor and indoor recreation facilities. These facilities include up to date playgrounds, an aquatic center, and indoor field house.

Boat Launch Sites

There are numerous public boat launch sites near the City of Allegan that are maintained by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the launch sites include:

- Allegan Dam, Allegan
- Base Line Lake, Trowbridge Township
- Duck Lake, Clarence Township
- Dumont Lake, Allegan
- Ely Lake, Clyde Township
- Lake Sixteen, Martin Township
- Little Tom Lake, Clyde Township
- Miner Lake, Allegan Township
- Pike Lake, Trowbridge Township
- Sheffer Lake, Trowbridge Township
- Swan Lake, Cheshire Township

Campgrounds

There are several privately operated campgrounds near the City of Allegan, these sites include:

- Dumont Lake Campground, Allegan
- East Lake Camping, Hopkins
- Giles Campground, Allegan
- Sandy Pines Recreation Community RV Resort & Campground, Hopkins
- Schnable Lake Family Campground, Martin
- Tri-Ponds Family Camp Resort, Allegan

Golf Courses

There are many golf courses near the City of Allegan, a list of nearby courses follows:

- Cheshire Hills, Allegan
- Diamond Springs, Hamilton
- Lynx, Otsego
- Prairiewood, Otsego

Ski Areas

Below is a list of ski areas near the City of Allegan.

- Bittersweet, Otsego
- Timber Ridge, Gobles

PLANNING & PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

Planning Process

The Allegan City Council is comprised of 7 residents of Allegan, who are elected to four-year terms by citizens of Allegan. Of the 7 elected council members, a Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem is appointed for a one-year term. The Allegan City Council meets every second and fourth Monday night of each month. Meetings are held at the Allegan City Hall located at 231 Trowbridge Street and start at 7:00 pm. Meeting dates, times and locations are subject to change, but are always posted at City Hall and the city website. The Public Spaces Commission consists of 7 residents of Allegan, a representative of the City Council and a representative of the Downtown Development Authority for a total compensation of 9 members. The commission meets the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm at the Allegan City Hall.

The planning process for this recreation plan update began in 2023. City Staff put together a citizen survey which included questions about age and recreational interest to name a few to gain information about recreational needs and interests of the city. Along with the community input gathered, city staff collected detailed recreation inventories and deficiencies. City Staff used a systems approach to planning which incorporated the information gained from the various forms of public input and the detailed recreation inventories and deficiencies to determine the recreation needs of the city.

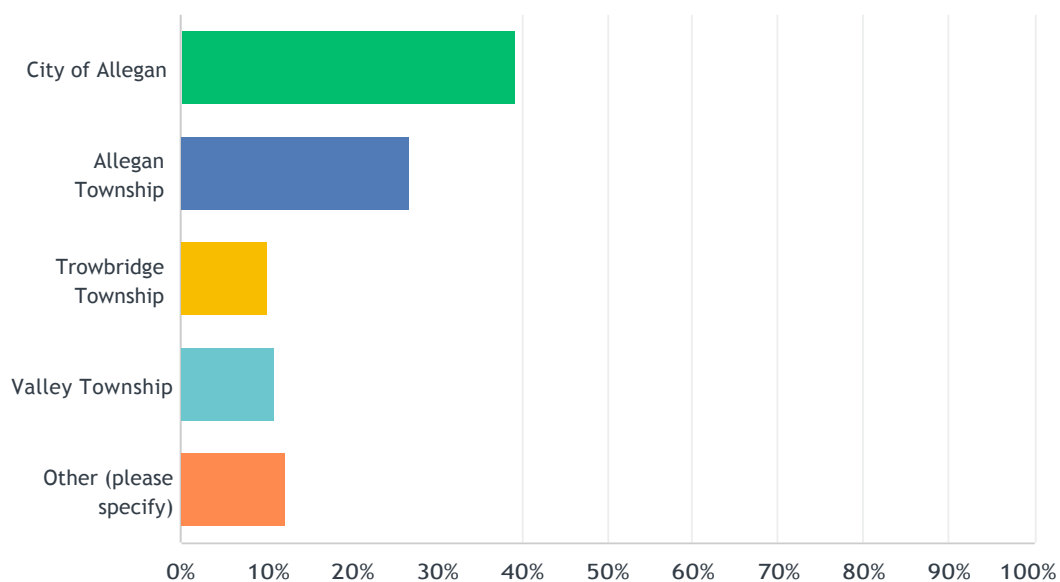
Public Input Survey

An online survey of 25 questions was open from September 19, 2023, to October 3, 2023, to gain insight from the City of Allegan residents. The City received 234 responses to the public survey, the largest group of the responses were from citizens of the City of Allegan (39.32%). The survey was posted on the City's website, shared on the City's Facebook page and in local Facebook groups. Through the survey, the city aimed to gather public opinion regarding various parks and recreation opportunities in the City of Allegan. As part of the survey, the city also aimed to collect limited demographic information to better understand the respondents and the lens in which they viewed survey questions.

Over the next several pages the results of the survey are listed and where appropriate additional information is provided. As you will see most of the answers are represented as a bar graph and table while others are just represented by a table; this was done for presentation purposes.

Q1 Where is your primary household located?

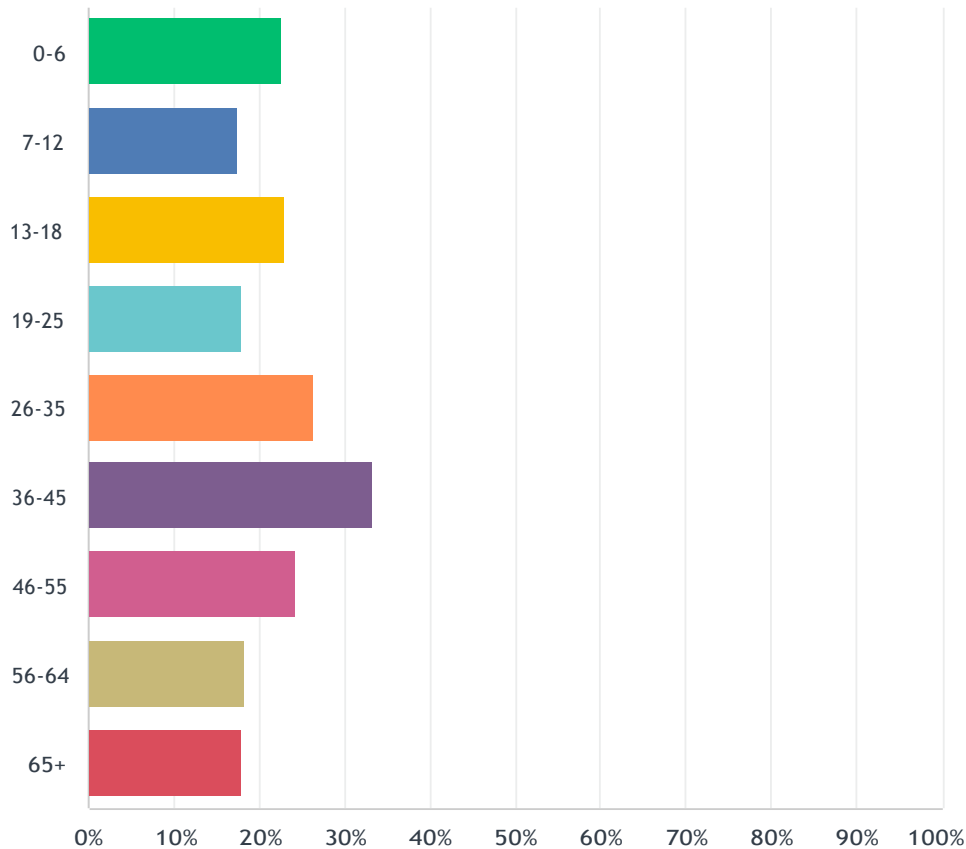
Answered: 234 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
City of Allegan	39.32%	92
Allegan Township	26.92%	63
Trowbridge Township	10.26%	24
Valley Township	11.11%	26
Other (please specify)	12.39%	29
TOTAL		234

Q2 Which of the following age groups does your household consist of? Please select all that apply.

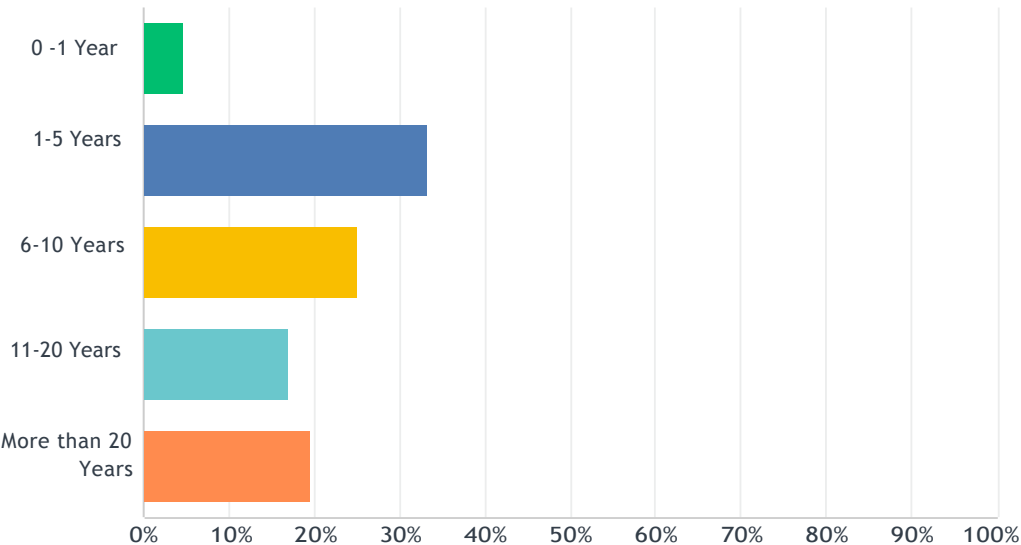
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-6	22.65%	53
7-12	17.52%	41
13-18	23.08%	54
19-25	17.95%	42
26-35	26.50%	62
36-45	33.33%	78
46-55	24.36%	57
56-64	18.38%	43
65+	17.95%	42
Total Respondents: 234		

Q3 How long have you lived at your current residence?

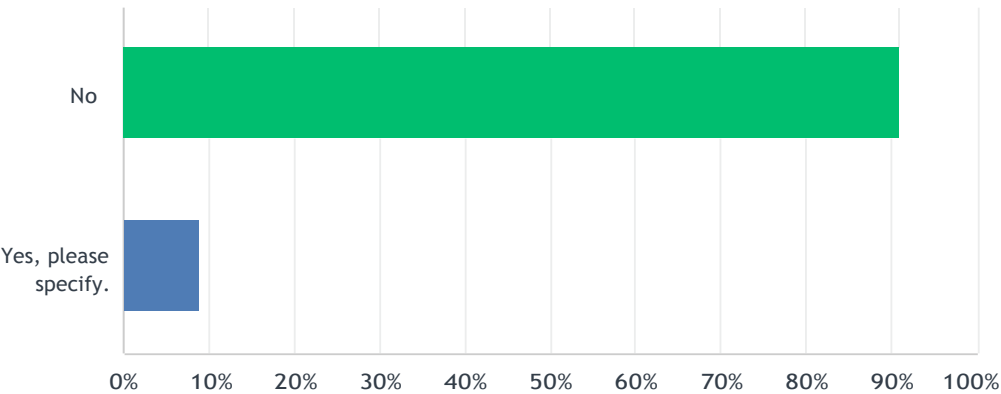
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 1 Year	4.70%	11
1-5 Years	33.33%	78
6-10 Years	25.21%	59
11-20 Years	17.09%	40
More than 20 Years	19.66%	46
TOTAL		234

Q4 Does anyone in your household have special needs for park amenities?

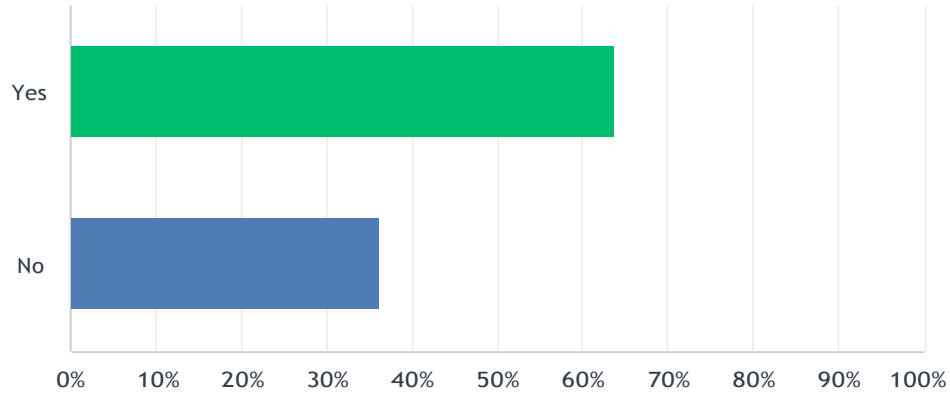
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	91.03%	213
Yes, please specify.	8.97%	21
TOTAL		234

Q5 Do you think the City of Allegan Parks are accessible to everyone, including those requiring special needs for accessibility?

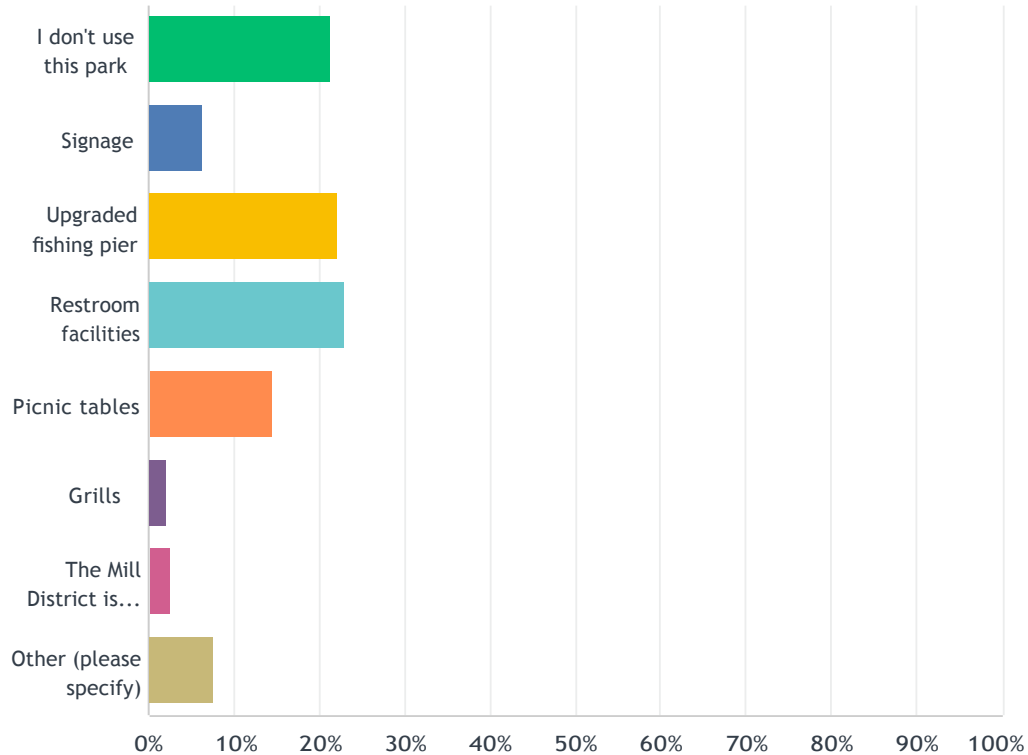
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	63.79%	148
No	36.21%	84
TOTAL		232

Q6 Which of the following would you like to see as an addition to the Allegan Dam, Canoe Portage, and Surrounding Park?

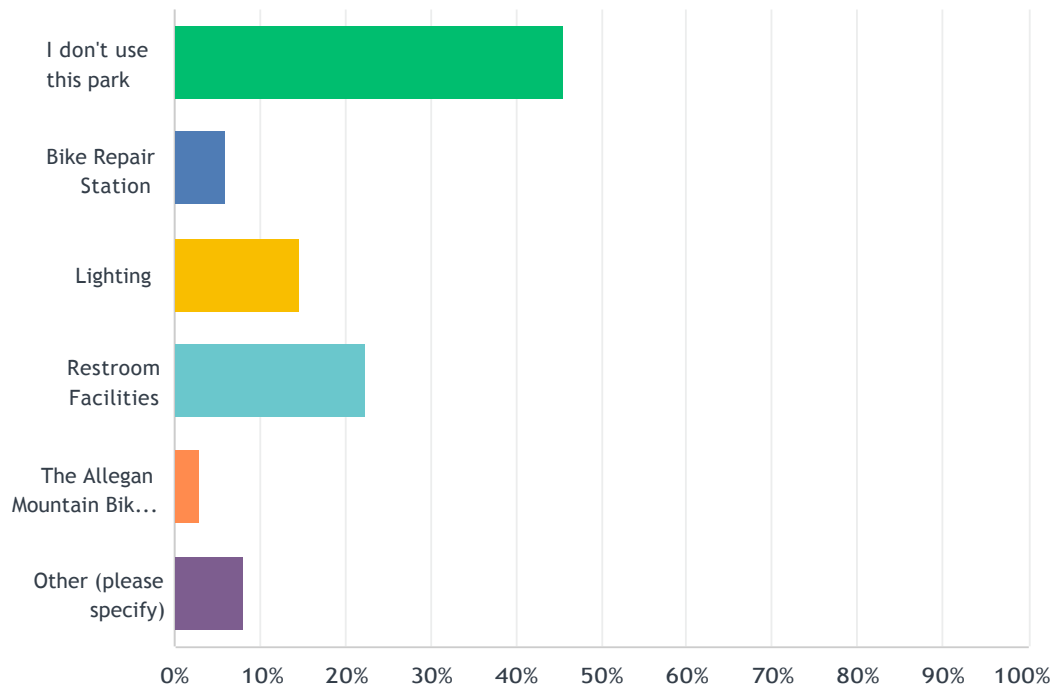
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't use the Allegan Dam, Canoe Portage or Mill District/no opinion	21.37%	50
Signage	6.41%	15
Upgraded fishing pier	22.22%	52
Restroom facilities	23.08%	54
Picnic tables	14.53%	34
Grills	2.14%	5
The Mill District is great and does not need anything additional.	2.56%	6
Other (please specify)	7.69%	18
TOTAL		234

Q7 Which of the following would you like to see as an addition to the Allegan Mountain Biking Trailhead Park?

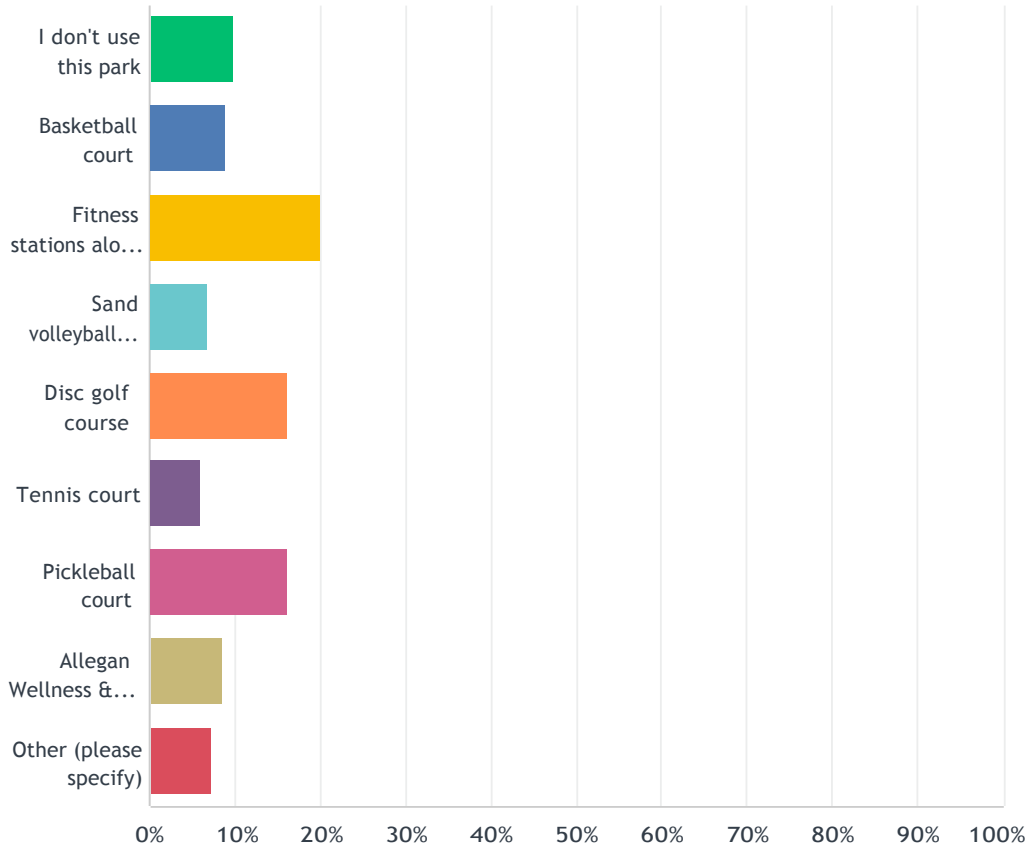
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't use the Allegan Mountain Biking Trailhead/no opinion	45.69%	106
Bike Repair Station	6.03%	14
Lighting	14.66%	34
Restroom Facilities	22.41%	52
The Allegan Mountain Biking Trailhead is great and does not need anything additional.	3.02%	7
Other (please specify)	8.19%	19
TOTAL		232

Q8 Which of the following would you like to see as an addition to Allegan Wellness and Sports Complex?

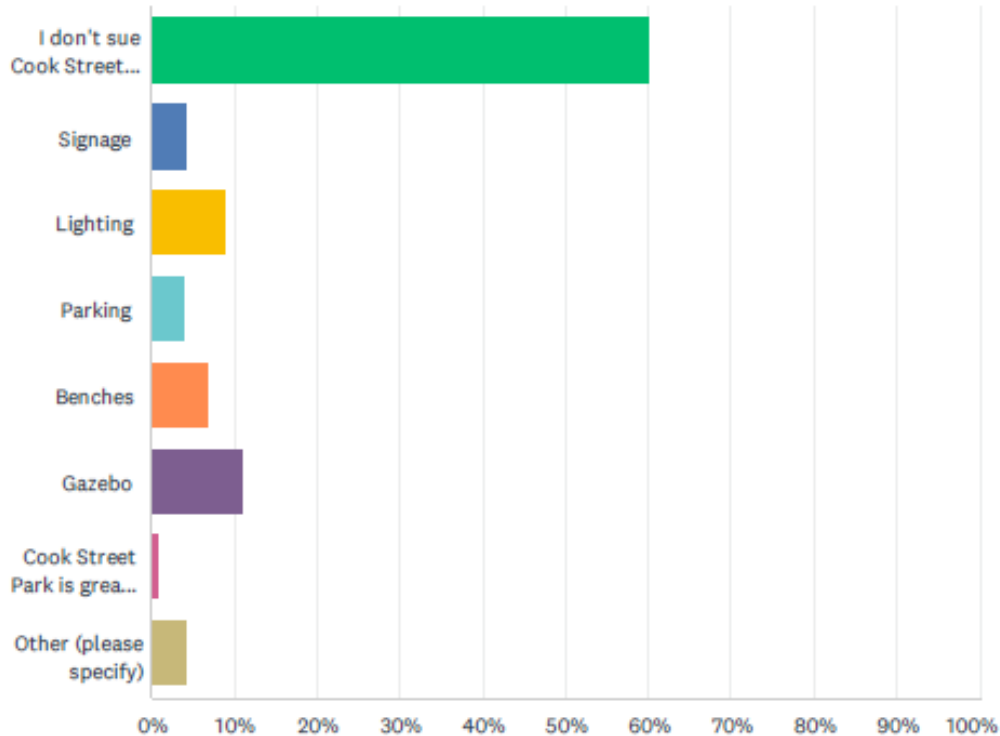
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't use the Allegan Wellness & Sports Complex/no opinion	9.83%	23
Basketball court	8.97%	21
Fitness stations along walking trail	20.09%	47
Sand volleyball court	6.84%	16
Disc golf course	16.24%	38
Tennis court	5.98%	14
Pickleball court	16.24%	38
Allegan Wellness & Sports Complex is great and does not need anything additional.	8.55%	20
Other (please specify)	7.26%	17
TOTAL		234

Q9 Which of the following would you like to see as an addition to Cook Street Park?

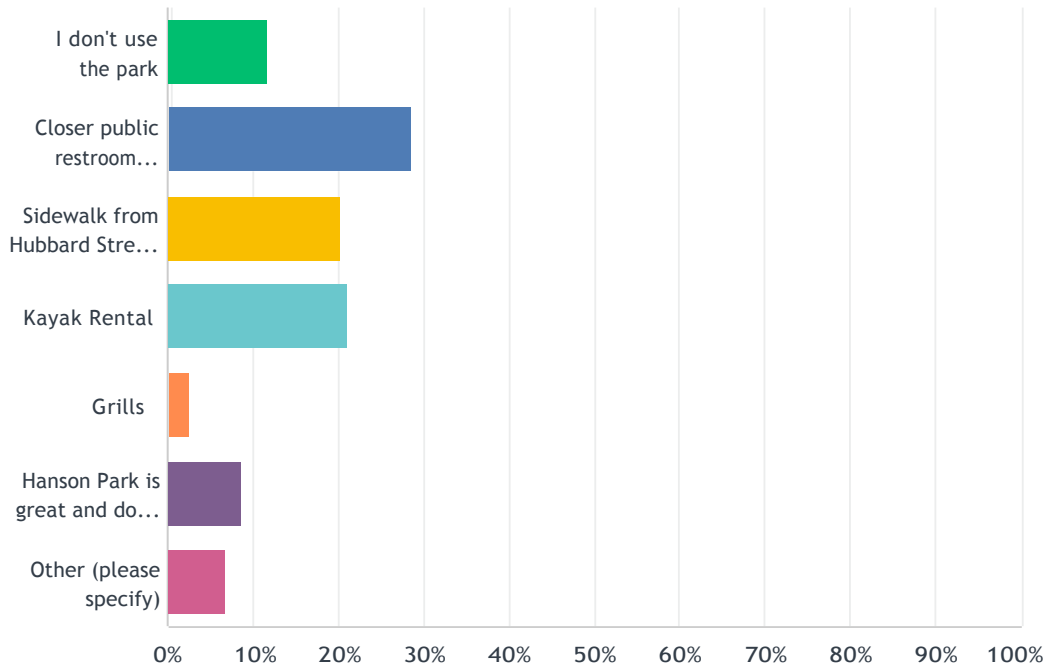
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't use Cook Street Park/no opinion	59.91%	139
Signage	4.31%	10
Lighting	9.05%	21
Parking	3.88%	9
Benches	6.90%	16
Gazebo	10.78%	25
Cook Street Park is great and does not need anything additional.	0.86%	2
Other (please specify)	4.31%	10
TOTAL		232

Q10 Which of the following would you like to see as an addition to Hanson Park?

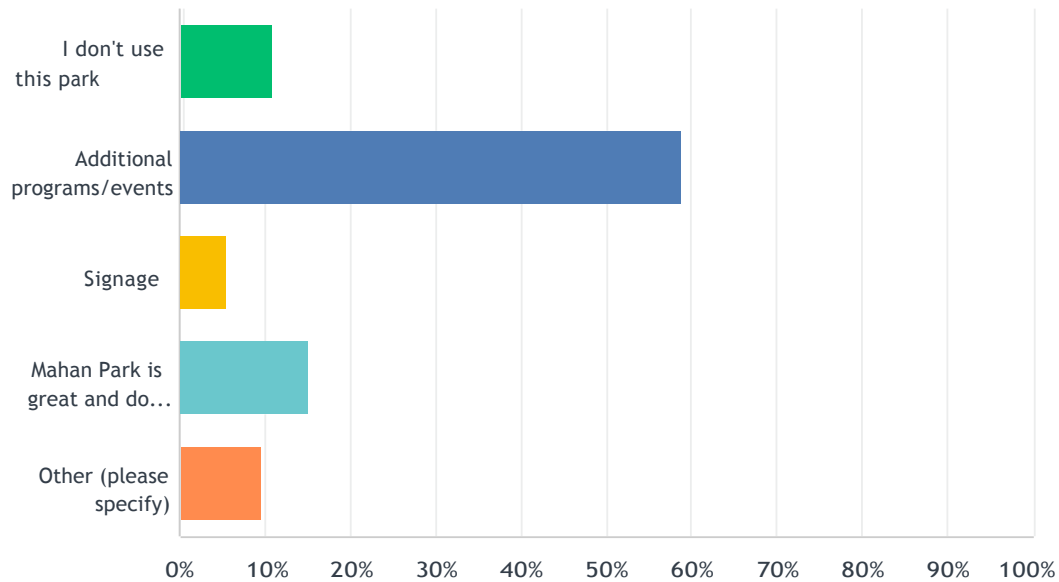
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't use Hanson Park/no opinion	11.69%	27
Closer public restroom facilities	28.57%	66
Sidewalk from Hubbard Street to Park	20.35%	47
Kayak Rental	21.21%	49
Grills	2.60%	6
Hanson Park is great and does not need anything additional.	8.66%	20
Other (please specify)	6.93%	16
TOTAL		231

Q11 Which of the following would you like to see as an addition to James E. Mahan Park?

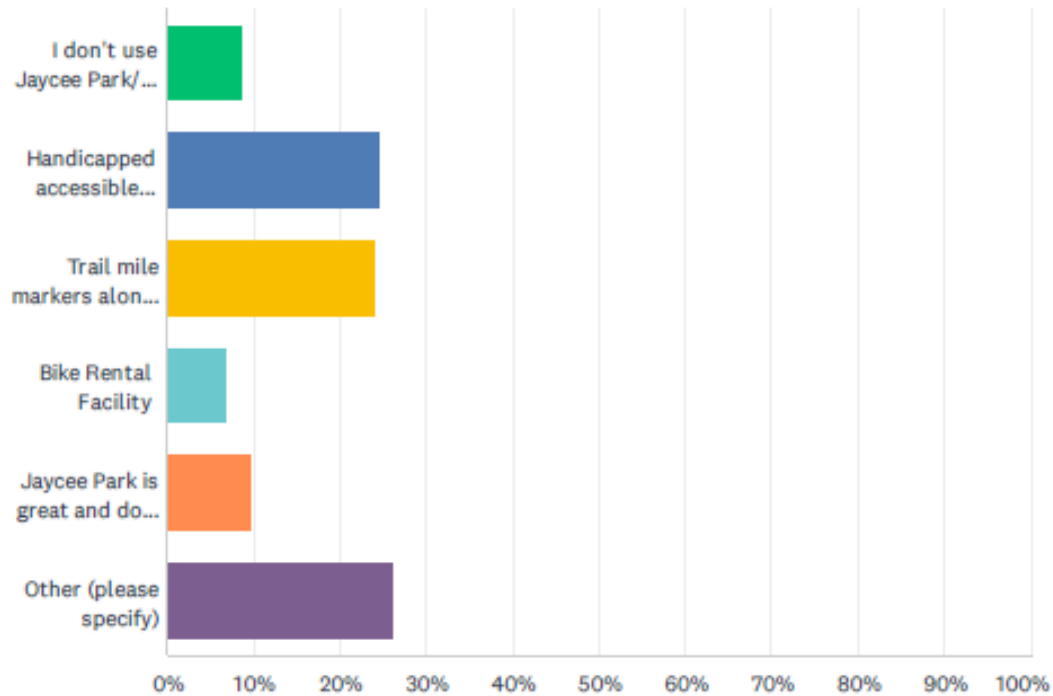
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't use Mahan Park/no opinion	10.82%	25
Additional programs/events	58.87%	136
Signage	5.63%	13
Mahan Park is great and does not need anything additional.	15.15%	35
Other (please specify)	9.52%	22
TOTAL		231

Q12 Which of the following would you like to see as an addition to Jaycee Park?

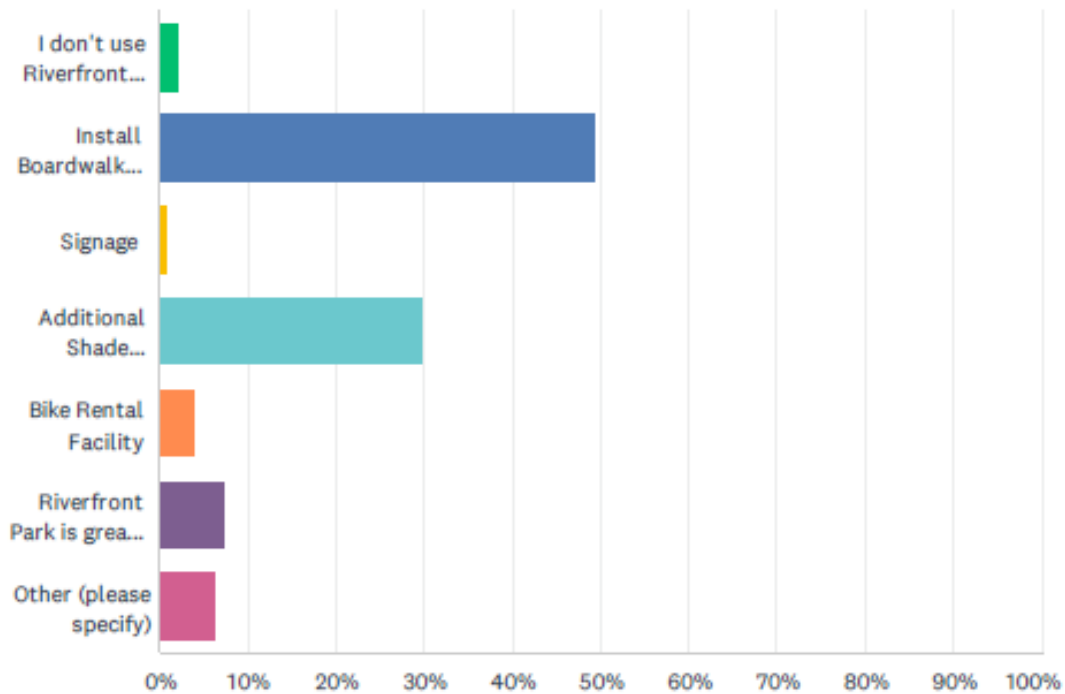
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't use Jaycee Park/no opinion	8.58%	20
Handicapped accessible playground	24.46%	57
Trail mile markers along trailwalkway	24.03%	56
Bike Rental Facility	6.87%	16
Jaycee Park is great and does not need anything additional.	9.87%	23
Other (please specify)	26.18%	61
TOTAL		233

Q13 Which of the following would you like to see as an addition to Riverfront Park?

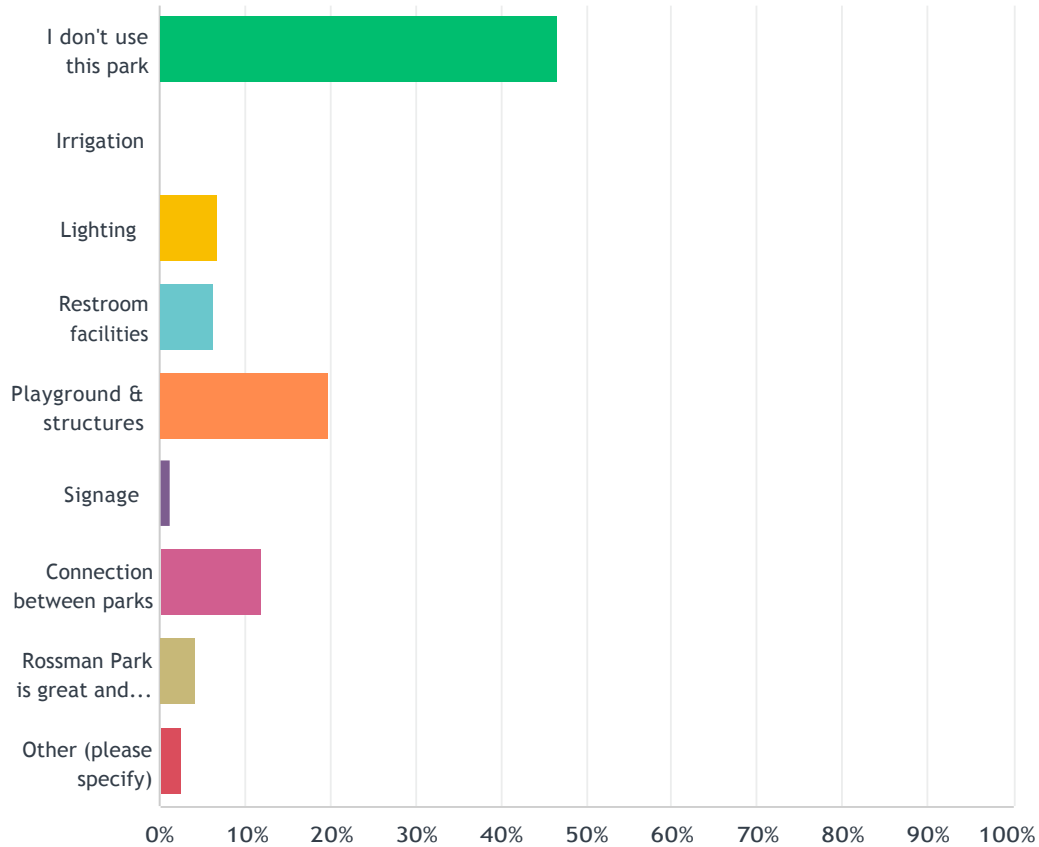
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't use Riverfront Park/no opinion	2.16%	5
Install Boardwalk parallel to Marshall Street to create Boardwalk Path Loop.	49.35%	114
Signage	0.87%	2
Additional Shade Structures	29.87%	69
Bike Rental Facility	3.90%	9
Riverfront Park is great and does not need anything additional.	7.36%	17
Other (please specify)	6.49%	15
TOTAL		231

Q14 Which of the following would you like to see as an addition to Rossman Esplanade Park?

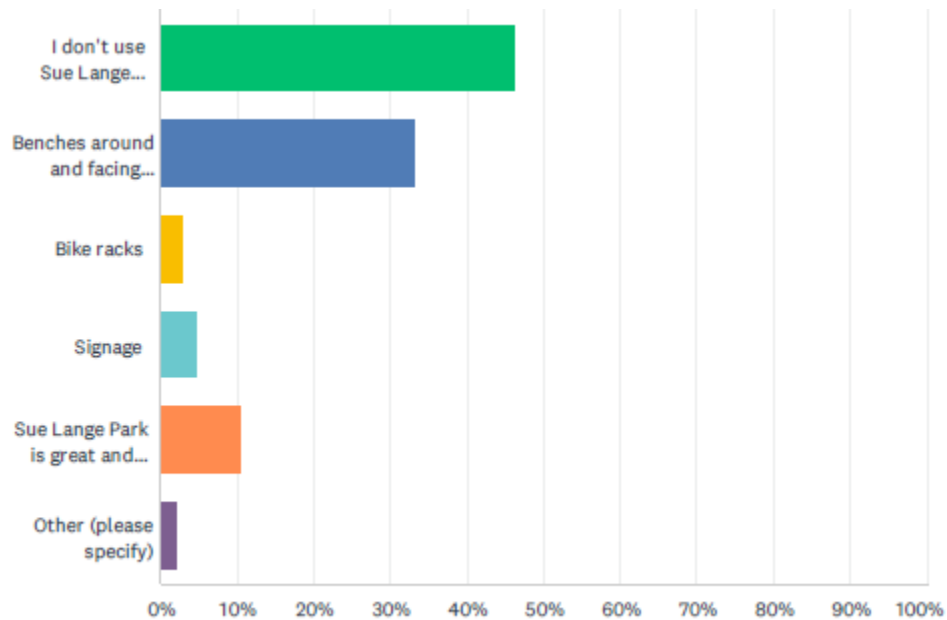
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't use Rossman Park/no opinion	46.78%	109
Irrigation	0.00%	0
Lighting	6.87%	16
Restroom facilities	6.44%	15
Playground & structures	19.74%	46
Signage	1.29%	3
Connection between parks	12.02%	28
Rossman Park is great and does not need anything additional.	4.29%	10
Other (please specify)	2.58%	6
TOTAL		233

Q15 Which of the following would you like to see as an addition to Sue Lange Memorial Park?

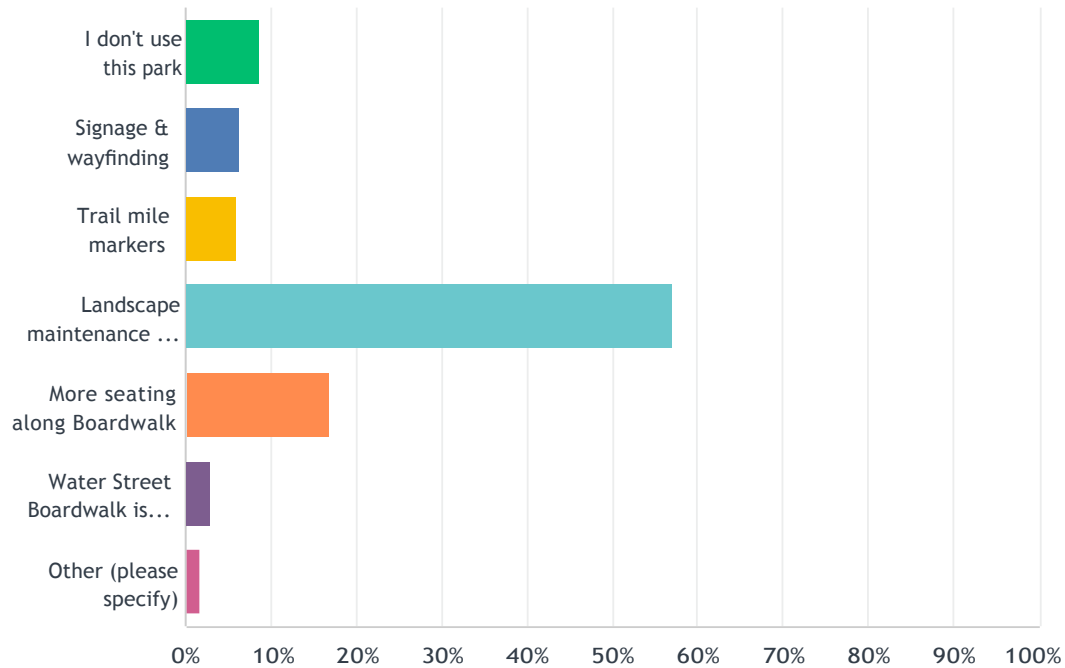
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't use Sue Lange Park/no opinion	46.32%	107
Benches around and facing fountain	33.33%	77
Bike racks	3.03%	7
Signage	4.76%	11
Sue Lange Park is great and does not need anything additional.	10.39%	24
Other (please specify)	2.16%	5
TOTAL		231

Q16 Which of the following would you like to see as an addition to Water Street Boardwalk?

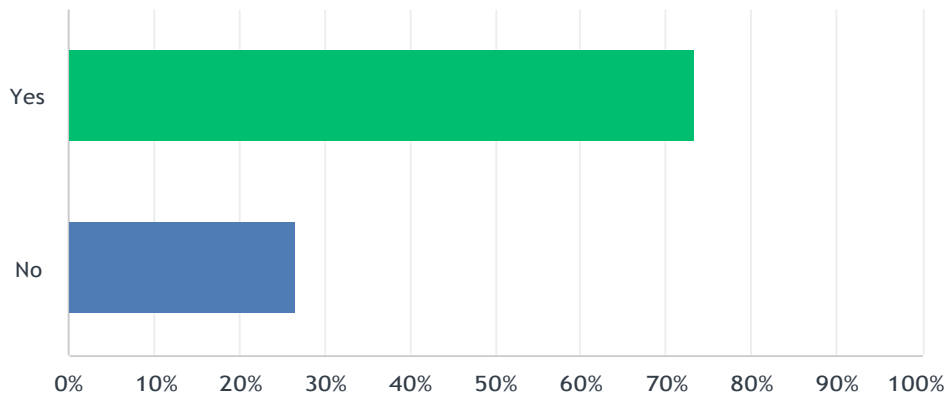
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't use Water Street Boardwalk/no opinion	8.66%	20
Signage & wayfinding	6.49%	15
Trail mile markers	6.06%	14
Landscape maintenance to enhance views of river	57.14%	132
More seating along Boardwalk	16.88%	39
Water Street Boardwalk is great and does not need anything additional.	3.03%	7
Other (please specify)	1.73%	4
TOTAL		231

Q17 Would you favor an improved bike network (mixture of non-motorized and on-road facilities) through the City of Allegan?

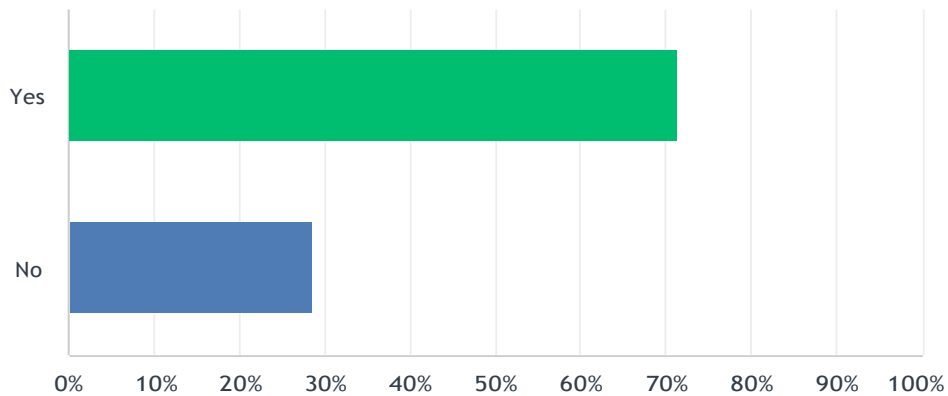
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	73.28%	170
No	26.72%	62
TOTAL		232

Q18 Would you be willing to support a parks fund that is financed through a millage?

Answered: 231 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	71.43%	165
No	28.57%	66
TOTAL		231

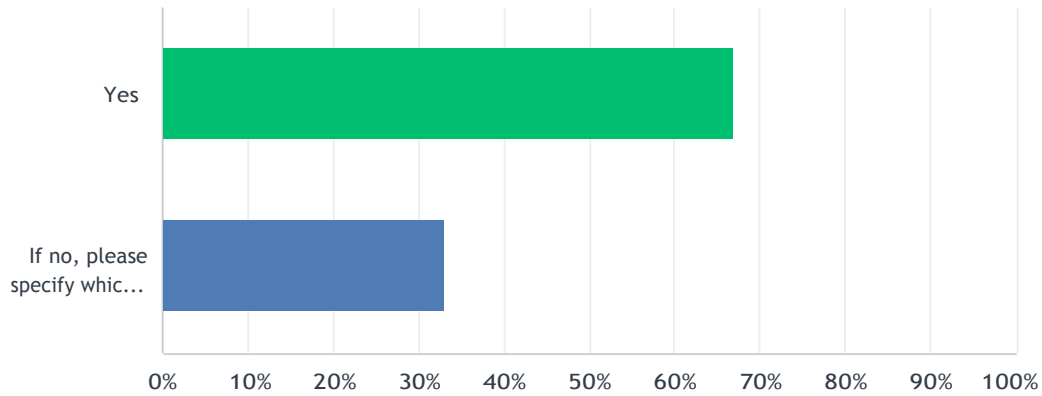
Q19 Please indicate the level of personal safety you feel in each park during the day.

Answered: 232 Skipped: 2

	NOT SAFE	SOMEWHAT SAFE	SAFE	VERY SAFE	N/A	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Allegan Dam, Canoe Portage, and Surrounding Park	2.16% 5	23.81% 55	38.96% 90	14.72% 34	20.35% 47	231	2.83
Allegan Mountain Bike Trail	6.52% 15	24.35% 56	21.74% 50	8.26% 19	39.13% 90	230	2.52
Allegan Wellness & Sports Complex	1.30% 3	11.26% 26	48.48% 112	28.57% 66	10.39% 24	231	3.16
Cook Street Park	1.73% 4	10.82% 25	27.27% 63	8.23% 19	51.95% 120	231	2.87
Hanson Park	0.00% 0	9.13% 21	44.35% 102	24.35% 56	22.17% 51	230	3.20
James E. Mahan Park	0.00% 0	5.75% 13	47.79% 108	29.20% 66	17.26% 39	226	3.28
Jaycee Park	14.35% 33	29.57% 68	31.74% 73	17.83% 41	6.52% 15	230	2.57
Riverfront Park	0.00% 0	6.55% 15	51.97% 119	33.19% 76	8.30% 19	229	3.29
Rossman Esplanade Park	0.87% 2	5.68% 13	30.57% 70	12.23% 28	50.66% 116	229	3.10
Sue Lange Memorial Park	0.44% 1	6.61% 15	34.36% 78	14.98% 34	43.61% 99	227	3.13
Water Street Boardwalk	1.31% 3	20.96% 48	43.67% 100	22.27% 51	11.79% 27	229	2.99

Q20 Do you feel that there is adequate organized youth recreation opportunities?

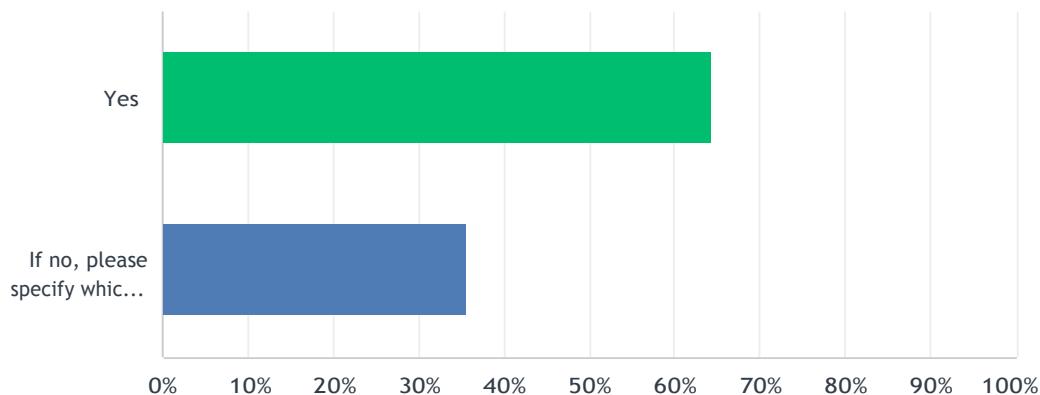
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	66.96%	152
If no, please specify which youth sports you would like added.	33.04%	75
TOTAL		227

Q21 Do you feel there are adequate organized adult recreation opportunities?

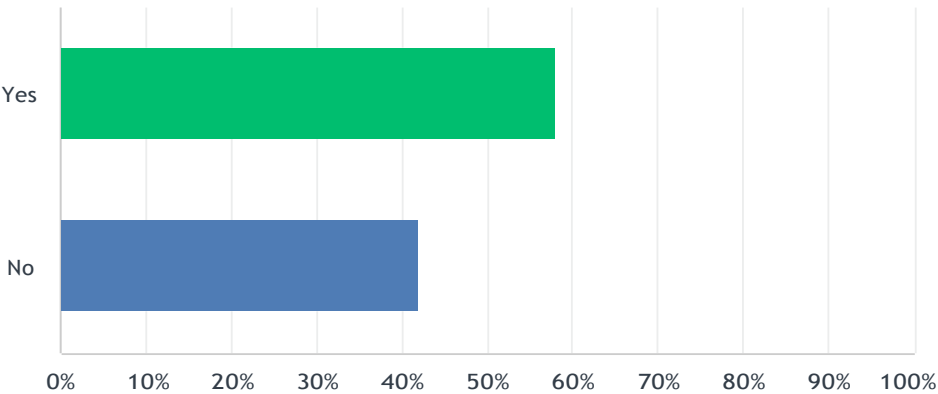
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	64.47%	147
If no, please specify which adult sports you would like added.	35.53%	81
TOTAL		228

Q22 Would you be willing to support a recreation fund that is financed through a millage?

Answered: 231 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		58.01%	134
No		41.99%	97
TOTAL			231

Q23 From your own experience, please indicate how well you think the city has provided each of the following services:

Answered: 233 Skipped: 1

	VERY POOR	POOR	AVERAGE	WELL	VERY WELL	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Development and maintenance of trail systems	3.02% 7	14.66% 34	40.95% 95	23.28% 54	5.17% 12	12.93% 30	232	2.74
Maintenance of public landscaping and street trees	3.00% 7	6.87% 16	39.06% 91	33.48% 78	16.31% 38	1.29% 3	233	3.49
Number of outdoor and open space areas	1.72% 4	4.29% 10	42.06% 98	32.19% 75	17.60% 41	2.15% 5	233	3.53
Park maintenance and upkeep	4.74% 11	16.81% 39	38.36% 89	31.47% 73	7.76% 18	0.86% 2	232	3.18
Maintaining accessibility to the park system to persons of all economic levels	0.86% 2	6.87% 16	38.63% 90	32.62% 76	15.45% 36	5.58% 13	233	3.38
Maintaining accessibility to the park system for persons of all abilities	4.31% 10	17.67% 41	40.09% 93	23.71% 55	7.33% 17	6.90% 16	232	2.91

Q24 How available and adequate are the following opportunities in and near the City of Allegan?

Answered: 232 Skipped: 2

	NOT INTERESTED	NOT AVAILABLE (WANTED)	AVAILABLE BUT NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	AVAILABLE AND ADEQUATE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Walking Trails	4.82% 11	15.35% 35	51.32% 117	28.51% 65	228	3.04
Arts/Outdoor Sculptures	25.22% 58	24.35% 56	32.61% 75	17.83% 41	230	2.43
Fishing Access	31.28% 71	9.25% 21	40.09% 91	19.38% 44	227	2.48
Bike Paths/Non-Motorized Trails	21.59% 49	27.31% 62	39.21% 89	11.89% 27	227	2.41
Natural Areas	4.05% 9	12.16% 27	49.55% 110	34.23% 76	222	3.14
Ice Skating	28.13% 63	67.41% 151	2.68% 6	1.79% 4	224	1.78
Dog Park	30.09% 68	7.96% 18	38.94% 88	23.01% 52	226	2.55
Community Center	19.82% 44	53.60% 119	17.57% 39	9.01% 20	222	2.16
Athletic Fields	19.28% 43	5.83% 13	32.29% 72	42.60% 95	223	2.98
Boating	40.45% 89	15.45% 34	27.27% 60	16.82% 37	220	2.20
Museums/Cultural	21.52% 48	30.49% 68	37.67% 84	10.31% 23	223	2.37
Canoeing/Kayaking	17.04% 38	14.80% 33	38.57% 86	29.60% 66	223	2.81
Playground Equipment	10.71% 24	2.23% 5	58.93% 132	28.13% 63	224	3.04
Outdoor Performance Space	8.07% 18	4.48% 10	23.77% 53	63.68% 142	223	3.43
Organized Youth Recreation Programs	26.24% 58	19.00% 42	33.48% 74	21.27% 47	221	2.50
Splash Pad	14.91% 34	1.32% 3	22.81% 52	60.96% 139	228	3.30
Skate Park	31.86% 72	2.21% 5	20.35% 46	45.58% 103	226	2.80
Pickleball	29.91% 67	8.48% 19	32.59% 73	29.02% 65	224	2.61

Q25 Please add any additional comments below.

Answered: 84 Skipped: 150

1	It is really foolish to send out surveys with options for people to choose for these "parks" that are A) either not even a "park" or B) not even know about or used. People are lemmings and will blindly click on any multiple choice options you provide. DO NOT spend money on these "parks" when we have a beautiful boardwalk/riverfront that is in desperate need of attention and development. The boardwalk needs to be replaced with composite decking material. Extend the boardwalk over to the Iron Bridge. The benches on the boardwalk are falling apart. All activities happen down at the boardwalk, so THAT is where Allegan needs to be focusing their money on. But they need to seriously change how the boardwalk is accessed. The few parking spots is pointless. If a car drives down and the few spots are taken, it is a nightmare to turn around and drive back up. Take out the parking spots and make the riverfront more developed for socializing. Why call the other areas separate parks (Hanson and Mahan), that is dumb, those are all part of the boardwalk area, stop trying to segregate them. A permanent ping pong table and corn hole at the boardwalk would be cool and it would give the kids something to do. As it is now, kids will go and sit on old benches and get splinters. The MOST concerning part of this survey is WHY are you asking for input on riverfront improvements when the dam is going to be removed???? That is going to greatly change the topography of the boardwalk/riverfront area. I would think you would need to save the money for making improvements after the dam is removed and the water dissipates from the area.
2	No where in this survey is there comment or questions for "too much concentration funds can be spent elsewhere!"
3	Very excited to see all the new improvements in town. I hope it continues to grow and improve.
4	Organized youth recreation programs would be amazing for the kids in Allegan. Also a pool that is available to Allegan city residents at a reasonable fee would be great. My kids would love to swim in the summer, or even year round, but the prices at the aquatic center are just not within reach for us. For my family to go to open swim there is 17 dollars a day. I really wish there was a more affordable option for Allegan City residents.
5	I think the city should plant more fruit trees in the parks and along walking trails.
6	Ice skating rink with skate rental. Like south haven's.
7	More cameras to catch those destroying park facilities. Including the dog park at Jaycee Park. Someone found glass that was inside where animals walk ! Rumors were that meat with racks in it were also found. I won't go there !
8	Plainly we need to offer our youth more opportunities to out of trouble through sports and recreation.
9	Let allegan be a small town, stop making it a tourist destination
10	My most wanted things are a really nice mountain bike park so I don't have to keep driving to Kalamazoo, and gymnastics classes for young kids
11	Excited to see where this goes. Thanks and keep up the great work
12	I was wondering why the bridge at Jaycee Park is closed off?
13	I think the city does a pretty good job with access and parks. I don't know how often they all get used however. I think a kayak, bike, fishing rental/licensing would be great downtown. Again, I don't know how much it would get used with such a low population but the ideas are great and I would love to see something like that succeed. With the dam situation though, I don't know how much those needs would change
14	Top priorities are accessibility, cultural opportunities in our parks, & safety.
15	We are making progress, always room for improvement. Need to keep drugs, excessive garbage out of parks!
16	Pickleball is growing fast in other communities. I travel to Byron center and they have 12 courts that are full. All ages especially older people out and moving and having fun.
17	To get more people interested there needs to be better communication so people know what is available. I have lived near the city owning properties in the city and not knowing about many of the things in this survey. I may have more interest if there was good communication on what is available.
18	With all the downtown construction there has been no availability for someone that is wheelchair bound to support local businesses or enjoy any of the parks this summer.

19	Jaycee playground needs to be repaired (too many things broken to list) and cleaned (drug paraphernalia and trash everywhere) before someone's child gets majorly hurt
20	Doing a great job with the river walk programs during friday night , really appreciate the bands and entertainment offered, wish it lasted through out the year, especially for families .
21	I would like to see at least 1 playground be truly accessible. This mean having rubber poured-in-place as the ground covering, wood chips are not accessible. It also means having inclusive equipment. ADA requirements do not make playgrounds truly accessible. I encourage you to look at accessibleplayground.net for more information about what makes a playground truly inclusive for all.
22	I would like to see a permanent Food Truck Park, perhaps in the parking lot where the Thursday Farmers Market is held, a dedicated area in the Mills District, or in one of the unused parking lots off Brady Street. If the food trucks were in one central area it would be so much more convenient for families to enjoy offerings from various trucks at the same time, instead of running from truck-to-truck which is a nuisance. There should be adjacent picnic tables as there are few places nearby to actually eat your food truck offerings. If the food truck area also provided electricity for the vendors, we would not have to shout over noisy, smelly generators. (The city could charge vendors to plug in at a nominal fee.) I would also like to see the area open to food trucks any day of the week so it is not relegated to Mondays between 5-8. In my observation, Food Trucks do not enhance actual retail business during those hours, so permitting them to operate on a more flexible schedule may actually bring revenue into the city. Look to see how other communities operate Food Truck Parks with dining, social and play areas. This could be added to the existing Social District, offering dining, outdoor ping pong, corn hole, giant Jenga, kids sand pit and the like. Wow! I'm sure you are concerned about the few restaurants downtown, but there are some I never go to because they are unimaginative or have limited hours; one that is an occasional treat but has predictable menu; one that I only go to mainly on Trivia Nights; and one that is fun for pinball and ice cream. Food Trucks do not keep me from patronizing restaurants elsewhere; they just give me another reason to come into the city. Finally, thank you for the opportunity to complete this questionnaire. I live a scant mile from the city limits; I shop, play and eat in Allegan, yet I have always gotten the impression that my thoughts so not matter. I contacted the former Mayor about some suggestions and was told, not nicely, that my opinion did not matter as I was not a city taxpayer. When I tell people where I am from it is the same as my address: I am from Allegan not Allegan Township. I love a city that does not love me back. I know I said finally, but it is nice to see new blood in Allegan. Murals like at the Sassy Olive and in the alley behind the business are young and vibrant and that energy is the future of the area. Do not allow 20th century habits prevent you from seeking 21st century outside-the-box innovation. Perhaps the critical mass inside the city limits is limiting, and a permanent community board needs to be formed to make the city and her surrounding area more cohesive. The only caveat would be, in my opinion, is to only appoint full-time-year-around residents to the board. Second Home residents have different needs and wants. While I appreciate these persons, their agendas may differ. If you want my patronage, you should also want my opinion.
23	The splashpad could use major improvements. Could be much better with added water features and fountains, see examples in Grand Rapids downtown area. It should look more like a water park, less like a water leak out of concrete.
24	THE only park not maintained well is JC park. The grass is too tall, It's not weed whipped like other parks. The playground isn't cleaned and maintained. The other parks are all beautiful and inviting. JC Park is sorely needing the same attention the other parks get.
25	I think soome of this survey is outrages and bias. Especially question 23 about peoples economic status. That is a woke question and didnt need to be put in.
26	Need better advertising of events that are currently happening.
27	I would like to see safe, free, areas (plural) for children AND teens to spend time outdoors .
28	None
29	Appreciate the work team.
30	Excited to see what this could bring!
31	More events that draws attention to our local businesses.

32	A great spot for a park would be the two lots on Marshall Street next to Second Street bridge. One lot has brown buildings that are not in use, the next has an abandoned house. I propose the city buy those lots and create a park with a river overlook, benches, possibly some small playground equipment fenced off from the road.
33	I'm glad to see all the improvements being made in our downtown, keep up the good work!
34	Would love that the Cook Street park walkway be plowed in the winter as I am a daily walker year round and love that walkway and keeps me off of walking the street
35	Pay attention to your downtown residences. Parking is horrible & everyone else is prioritized during events, construction, etc. meanwhile I keep getting notes on my car telling me I'll be towed from surrounding businesses when I just want to bring my toddler & groceries up to our apartment. A legitimate designated parking area for residents during moments of high volume would be appreciated.
36	Love the fitness stations along trails idea. Ice skating would be awesome too
37	I would love to see the walking bridge behind Jaycee Park that got closed down due to structural issues to be fixed up and usable again if it hasn't been. Used it all the time to walk to the park rather than walk by the busy grocery store
38	Not sure if you want to force a choice, but would be nice to choose multiple boxes for the different parks.
39	Maintenance and needed repairs is the most important to all of Allegan outdoor areas
40	We need a senior center. I've come from a town who has one-a lunch meal provided each day, they play cards, have bingo nights, swap magazines, chat, there are offices for all the services a senior citizen might need-food stamps, food bank, clothing bank, healthcare, social security some rotate in some with permanent areas.
41	Overall the parks are nice just need some upgrades or TLC
42	None
43	Jaycee park needs to be updated and safer for our kids. I stopped taking my kids due to disrespectful teens, graffiti, inappropriate adults, and drug paraphernalia.
44	Would love to see more organized hiking/greenways integrated throughout the city and town with maps available with distance markers (red trail, blue trail, etc.) Also, better advertising of adult recreation groups, maybe a weekly walking group, weekly pickle ball meetups, (broom provided to sweep off acorns off of courts)
45	Add a bike trail system that connects to another trail. Not a road trail system. How is that safe for families? The sports complex trail is a nascar track not a trail. A lot of people like to ride trail systems that connect for distance riding, including young kids.
46	Trail markers needed on hiking trail systems
47	Youth rec sports! Indoor facility for kids to come to after school for youth health and youth to get away from bad household
48	Bike paths, hiking trails, ice skating family friendly activities.
49	I'm excited with the progress Allegan has made lately. We would love updated playgrounds, more youth recreation activities, and more ways to utilize all the water that surrounds us. Thanks for all you do!
50	Ice skating, more walking trails and kickball please!
51	I appreciate how well the City keeps the sidewalks clear in the winter. I enjoy waking around town all year long. Thank you for always making sure the sidewalks are safe, clear and accessible. Also for the question about added features at the Sports Complex, I wanted to put a vote in for basketball along with the bocce ball area. Lastly, one of the things my family enjoys is going to Otsego to play ladder ball and corn hole. They are located the river and are permanent corn hole and ladder ball structures. It s a nice feature. The city of Allegan may want to look into doing something like that downtown or at Jaycee Park. Please feel free to reach out to me with questions. Thanks! Allison Bush and family.
52	Thank you for getting community feedback. Let's make Allegan a place people want to come to!
53	Please consider a recreation department, especially for youth sports. I moved here three years ago and figuring out youth sports camps and seasons is incredibly confusing. I've never seen a community that has the athletic director try to coordinate youth sports as well. It's too big of a job and this would be a great community for a rec department.

54	The parks we have are great and plenty- but they need to be monitored to keep the vandalism and drugs out. They need to be better maintained. Don't try to get the community to fund additional projects- when you can't even take care of what you have.
55	Can we get slides at the splash pad?
56	I believe that removal of the dam downtown is going to hurt the area that has received the most investment. The area is going to become a marsh, who want to spend there time next to a marsh. Parallel to that, I believe the area will see a decrease in traffic and investment once Calkins damn is removed the lake is gone. The tax base for these projects you are exploring will be greatly reduced and revenue from the visitors will be all but gone.
57	A non motorized trail along the old Allegan/Hamilton rail line would be an awesome addition to both communities and surrounding areas
58	We have many areas that have such great potential as community spaces but are in such disrepair that people are afraid to use them (Jaycee Park). My biggest complaint as a family with young children are there are not many programs available for them. We have an over abundance of breweries and cannabis shops but hardly any youth/community programs to keep them active and engaged. I know we do have the library, which has great programs but they are stretched too thin.
59	Would love to see tennis courts added to the sports complex. Would love bridge fixed for safer access to Jaycee park.
60	Planning for additional bike trails. Including ebikes
61	It would be awesome to have a larger more challenging disc golf course. It would also be really great if there was a nature play area. We typically drive down to Kalamazoo to use theirs since there isn't one offered in our area.
62	parking is always limited.
63	I wish the sidewalks in residential areas were in better shape.
64	We really need to create a better community to address many of these items. We have such a lovely town, but it has major deficiencies. It is not geared towards families or low income of any familial type. If a community organization was created to bring us together to realize our strengths it would go very far in this city.
65	The city manager Joel is a joke and only the businesses and people that are in bed with him get ahead or promoted in the city
66	It would be amazing to have indoor walking space and more youth programs
67	Please address handicap accessibility issues at the Jaycee Park Pavilion!
68	Ty
69	I would love to see the city dam park and mill district highlighted and developed to provide an outdoor environment to attract visitors and provide a natural area connected to downtown.
70	Pickle ball courts
71	I do understand there is a old tennis court turned into Pickleball, but it is very inadequate. We drive out of town to play. It would be wonderful to have Pickleball in Allegan.
72	Please support different restaurants. They're all the same and the hours donâ€™t support evening/weekend business. Please publish any subsidies/opportunities.
73	Would highly appreciate more safe ways to travel by bicycle around downtown and surrounding areas.
74	N/A
75	Need pickleball courts, outdoor winter ice rink, updated playground for playground behind library, more organized events that include family/children. Christmas Fridays is great - but need something for other times of year. Need organized adult activities beyond beer/bands. The music on the riverfront is great - good events, but need some physical/sporting type opportunities for adults.
76	Thanks for asking
77	Splash pad needs fence so bikes can't ride through where kids play and kids don't run into roadway
78	Allegan is doing a great job ie the bike trail, accommodations for kayak enjoyment, sports fields and lovely trail overlooking river! Have much to be proud of!

79	Please bring more youth organized recreational activities to this area. Also many parks feel unsafe to be alone with kids at.
80	Very interested in sufficient pickleball courts in a suitable location. The current location is not usable. They can't be under trees causing debris and shadowing.
81	Where the current Pickleball courts are would be a great Welcome to Allegan fellow Pickleball players come spend some time & \$\$ here in our town !!
82	Safer lanes for bikes would draw people to Allegan.
83	I really think that the upkeep of Jaycee park has not been well at all. The park at its current state is dangerous for younger children and even older children. Equipment is broken and has not been fixed.
84	Na

Public Review

A draft City Parks and Recreation Plan for the City of Allegan was available at City Hall for public review from November 16, 2023, through December 16, 2023. Members of the public were invited through an announcement in the City's Website to comment on the draft City Parks and Recreation Plan. They were encouraged to submit written communication with the city and/or by attending the public hearing.

Public Hearing

The second public input method used by the City Council and Public Spaces Commission was the public hearing. The advertised a public meeting notice in Allegan County News on December 21, 2023, to present the City Parks and Recreation Plan for the City of Allegan for public input on December 27, 2023. The plan was presented for adoption during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on December 27, 2023, where all Councilmember approved the resolution to adopt the City Parks and Recreation Plan. A copy of the notice of the public meeting and the affidavit of publication for the public meeting have been included in Appendix B. A copy of the City Council meeting minutes and the authorizing resolution have been included in Appendix C.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Public Spaces Commission to complete during November 8, 2023, Meeting

ACTION PROGRAM

Public Spaces Commission to complete during November 8, 2023, Meeting

APPENDIX