



AGENDA

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
PARK COMMISSION REGULAR
MEETING
Tuesday, July 14, 2026, 4:30pm
Service Center Conference Room

REGULAR MEETING – 4:30PM

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PRESENTATION
 - A. Parks & Recreation 5-Year Plan Survey Update and Commission Input
4. ANNOUNCEMENT
5. PUBLIC COMMENT
6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. June 9, 2026, Park Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
8. COMMUNICATIONS
 - A. Meridian Conservation Corps Calendar
 - B. Harris Nature Center Events
9. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - A. Towner Road Plaque Discussion
 - B. Parks & Recreation 5-Year Plan Draft Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
 - C. Parks & Recreation 5-Year Plan Public Meetings
 1. July 30, 2026 – Harris Nature Center
 2. August 13, 2026 – Towner Road Park
10. ACTION ITEMS
11. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
 - A. LeRoy Harvey Memorial Bench
 - B. Parks & Recreation 2026 Ballot Language
 - C. Upcoming Events
 - D. Cricket Update
12. PUBLIC COMMENT
13. OTHER MATTERS AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS AND LIAISON REPORTS
14. ADJOURNMENT

All comments limited to 3 minutes, unless prior approval for additional time for good cause is obtained.

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MINUTES
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
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Tuesday, June 9, 2026, 4:30pm
Service Center Conference Room

REGULAR MEETING – 4:30PM

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
 - A. Vice-chair Lick called the meeting to order at 4:36 PM.
2. ROLL CALL
 - A. Present: Vice-chair Lick, Chair Nardo-Farris, and Commissioners McDonald, Stephens, and Phelps
 - B. Staff present: Parks and Recreation Director Wisinski, Deputy Township Manager/Public Works Director Opsommer, Administrative Assistant Pachucki
 - C. Guests: Township Attorneys Beyea and Kuschel, Environmental Commission Liaison Richard Miksicek
3. PUBLIC COMMENT
 - A. There was no public comment.
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 - A. Vice-chair Lick suggested moving Item 12: Closed Session to Discussion Items 7B. Commissioner Stephens seconded.
 - B. Commissioner Phelps moved to approve the agenda, as amended. Chair Nardo-Farris seconded.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. May 12, 2026, Park Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
 1. Chair Nardo-Farris moved to approve the May 12, 2026 regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Phelps seconded.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.
6. COMMUNICATIONS
 - A. Meridian Conservation Corps Calendar
 1. Director Wisinski introduced the June Stewardship Calendar to the commissioners and highlighted the Rain Garden Workshop held in partnership with the Greater Lansing Regional Committee for Stormwater Management. The June 1st event was well attended by Meridian Township residents, and Land Stewardship Coordinator Campbell would like to move from individual yard consults to a workshop format. Weekday Warriors and Stewardship Saturdays continue throughout the summer season, and is focused on invasive species removal.
 - B. Harris Nature Center Events
 1. Director Wisinski reviewed the flyer for a July program at Harris Nature Center: All About Fireflies on July 18th. The summer camp season will begin next week at Harris Nature Center. This means that public programming will slow down, as the camps are four days a week and at almost full capacity for the summer. Public programming for both adults and children will continue in earnest in the late summer/early fall.
 - C. Commissioner Stephens moved to approve the communications and place them on file. Commissioner Phelps seconded.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Flood Mitigation Assistance Swift Current Grant Agreement Discussion

1. Director Opsommer reminded the Park Commission of the historical background of the grant, dating back to 2023, when the application was submitted, and of the challenges of the existing parcels in the floodway and floodplain. Acquiring these parcels is consistent with best practices, and in line with the Township's history of other similar parcels. The grant includes funding to demolish the current home and detached garage. The parcel being considered is contingent with Schreiner Park and could potentially expand the park. If it is assumed as park land, there would be an increase in maintenance cost/mowing, It could alternatively be donated to the Ingham County Drain Commission office. Staff would like the Park Commission to consider the value of this park in the park system, and if it would be better served as a flood plain for the surrounding neighborhood. Commissioner Phelps asked Director Opsommer if the grant required the Township to maintain control of the land, and how the land transfer with the Drain Commission office would work. Chair Nardo-Farris asked about where the funding would come from, and Director Opsommer answered that non-federal share project amount would come from the park mileage. Chair Nardo-Farris considered the precedence that donating the land to the Ingham County Drain Commission would have, and the impact on the neighbors of the park. Commissioner Stephens inquired if this grant was public information, and Director Opsommer shared that it was included in Township Board meeting on June 2, 2026, and the Ingham County Drain Commission was aware that Township Staff applied for the grant during the application process. Director Opsommer also noted that the land surrounding the park and the new parcels are good candidates for encroachment issues in the future. Commissioner McDonald expressed a desire for strong deed restrictions that would supersede the recipient's wishes if the land was donated to the Ingham County Drain Commissioner's office and requested that the donation have an advantage for the Township, or at least no net loss. Vice-chair Lick commended the Park Commissioners for their questions that had been asked during the discussion and believed that the residents in the neighborhood should be consulted before a decision is made. Vice-chair Lick commented on the optics of removing the park from our park system and thought that there should be strong messaging. She also asked about the effect on property values of the neighbor's parcels. Director Opsommer will check with the appraiser to see if the question can be answered about the property values.

B. CLOSED SESSION - Motion for the Park Commission enter into closed session Section 8(1)(e) of the Open Meetings Act to consult with the Township Attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with ordinance enforcement litigation involving 5837 Carlton Street now pending in Ingham County District Court, namely case number 25M93588-ON because an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the Township.

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ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS: Chair Nardo-Farris, Commissioners McDonald, Phelps and Stephens, Vice-chair Lick

NAYS: None

Motion carried: 5-0

At 5:13 PM, the Park Commission entered closed session.

At 6:08 PM, Commissioner Stephens motioned to return to open session. Commissioner Phelps seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

At 6:08 PM, the Park Commission returned to open session. Director Opsommer and Township Attorneys Beyea and Kuschel left the meeting at 6:08 PM.

Vice-chair Lick called for a 5-minute recess at 6:10 PM. The Commission reconvened at 6:15 PM.

C. Parks & Recreation 5-Year Plan Priorities

1. Director Wisinski met with Mike Hoffmeister from the Mannik-Smith group, and Consultant Hoffmeister requested that the Park Commission develop some broad overview priorities to be included in the 5-Year Plan. Commissioner Stephens requested a charette style conversation in July, and the other Park Commissioners agreed. Commissioner Phelps and Vice-Chair Lick requested to review a draft summary of the public survey results prior to the July Park Commission meeting. The Park Commissioners also requested that the Communications Department share the survey link on social media and create a saved story on Instagram. Director Wisinski will reach out to Communications for social media postings and requested that the Commissioners come to the July meeting with ideas. For example, one priority could be moving away from development of new park projects, and into maintenance of existing park amenities. Vice-chair Lick reminded the Park Commission that this is a working draft. Commissioner Stephens commented that the survey results should shape the priorities, and Vice-chair Lick appreciated that the Park Commission would dedicate time to this task and make sure that every voice is heard during the process.

D. Parks & Recreation 5-Year Plan Public Meetings

1. July 9, 2026 – Central Park Pavilion
2. July 30, 2026 – Harris Nature Center
3. August 13, 2026 – Towner Road Park
 - I. Director Wisinski reminded the Park Commission of the upcoming 5-Year Plan Public meetings, and the additional virtual stakeholder meetings. Commissioner Stephens inquired about the time for the meetings, and Director Wisinski answered that they will be from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM.

8. ACTION ITEMS

- A. There were no action items.

9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. 2026 CIP Projects

1. Director Wisinski updated the Park Commission on the following projects: NRTF Trailhead, Nancy Moore Pavilion renovation, Farmer's Market windscreens, Ferguson Water Trail landing, and Harris Nature Center Water Trail landing. The funding for the Natural Resources Trust Fund grant has not been released by the state legislature. MParks, the Michigan Parks and Recreation Association, has created some advocacy materials to contact legislators. Commissioner McDonald stated that the delay is not uncommon in election years. Director Wisinski will work with Director Opsommer to create a Request for Proposal for the contractors, but will pause any work until the funding is secured. Director Wisinski noted that Parks and Land Preservation Superintendent Adams has a contractor scheduled to visit Nancy Moore park to estimate the cost of renovation. This is not bidding, but rather helping Township Staff determine the basis for the Request for Proposals. The windscreens at the Farmer's Market have been replaced, and Parks and Land Superintendent Adams added a rod to the bottom of the screen to help with severe wind. Director Wisinski will address the expanded column. The Water Trail Landing at Harris Nature Center has been installed, and the department will pay the

remaining balance once invoiced by the company. The Water Trail Landing at Ferguson is at a pause due to difficulties with the Department of EGLE and the permitting process. With the Ingham County Road Commission's change of leadership, Township Staff are potentially pursuing going back to Wonch Park for the landing with the Road Commission's approval.

B. Hillbrook – Pine Lake Outlet Drain Update

1. Director Wisinski shared that the contractor for the drain work has returned to the site and spread soil. The grass this year will be different from the grass in future years, and the rye grass holds the soil in place. Director Wisinski also noted that it is helpful to have both township residents and Park Commissioners comments when speaking with the Ingham County Drain Commission office and thanked the Commissioners for sharing their thoughts.

C. Upcoming Events

1. Director Wisinski highlighted the upcoming Juneteenth event on June 12th at Marketplace on the Green. Parks and Recreation does not host the event, but provides logistical support to Community Planning and Development. Director Wisinski recapped the Meridian Pride event, and shared that there was around a thousand attendees on the day of the event, with a lot of young families. Vice-chair Lick suggested incorporating a silent disco event next year, or live paintings. The Park Commission suggested marketing the first half of the event to families with young children, and the second half of the event towards adults and older teenagers. Finally, Director Wisinski reminded the Park Commission of the upcoming Celebrate Meridian event on July 25th and 26th. Friday, July 25th will be Teen Night.

D. Farmer's Market

1. Director Wisinski reported to the Park Commission that the Wednesday Farmer's Market season has begun, and will continue until the end of October. The Summer Concert Series runs in conjunction with the Wednesday Farmer's Market, and will host local bands and artists from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, and then from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM.

E. Reminders

1. Director Wisinski thanked the Commissioners for attending the first ever Red Cedar Regatta and summarized the event for those that were unable to attend. Director Wisinski shared that the Township Board inquired about making short videos about the park mileage, and that the Communications department intends to shoot these videos at the end of June and early July. WLNS has provided drone footage of our parks. Chair Nardo-Farris asked if Director Wisinski and Township Staff can develop talking points - similar to previous mileages that the Park Commissioners can use when speaking to residents, and other community members.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Richard Miksicek, Environmental Commission liaison, commented on the activities of the Environmental Commission's June meeting, including a presentation, the Climate Sustainability Fund, Green Grants, pending open seats, and Michigan Green Communities. Cheryl Loudon of the TriCounty Regional Planning Commission presented on private well abandonment and groundwater contamination. The Environmental Commission is considering how to spend the remaining Climate Sustainability Fund, including ideas for addressing private well abandonment, wetland education signage, food compost initiative at the Farmer's Market, additional contributions to the Marshall Park bioswale project, signage at Reclaimed by Design, and replacing trees along Carlton Street. The Environmental Commission is interested in the Park Commission's input regarding the remaining funds. The Environmental Commission also finalized the Green Grant applications, recommending full funding for two of the projects, and the remaining four were partially funded. The Environmental Commission has two new members appointed by the Board of Trustees, and student representatives from both Haslett and Okemos High Schools. Finally, Meridian Township was once again recognized as a Gold member of the Michigan Green Communities for 2025. Township Staff have already submitted the application for 2026 and hope to be added to the Platinum category in the future.

11. OTHER MATTERS AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS AND LIAISON REPORTS

- A. Commissioner McDonald commented that there is a large public sentiment that wishes to honor the life of LeRoy Harvey, the former Environmental Programs Coordinator with the Township, especially within the Hillbrook pickleball community. He inquired if the Township had any formal memorialization plans, and Director Wisinski shared that the Township was waiting for direction from the family before making any decisions.
- B. Commissioner Stephens thanked the Parks department for the memorial plaque for Greg Lemanski at Towner Road Park.
- C. Chair Nardo-Farris reported that the Township Board is focused on elections, listening sessions, and appointees to open seats on boards and commissions.
- D. Commissioner Phelps did not have any additional comments.
- E. Vice-chair Lick expressed that she was glad that Chair Nardo-Farris was feeling well and apologized to the Park Commission for arriving later than expected due to an unforeseen circumstance. She also acknowledged sympathy to the Harvey family. Finally, Vice-chair Lick shared that a resident reached out about the wording on the Lemanski plaque and asked that the plaque be replaced. In the future, she recommends that the Park Commission approve the language on memorial plaques, and in 2027 pursue reviewing the naming policy.

12. ADJOURNMENT

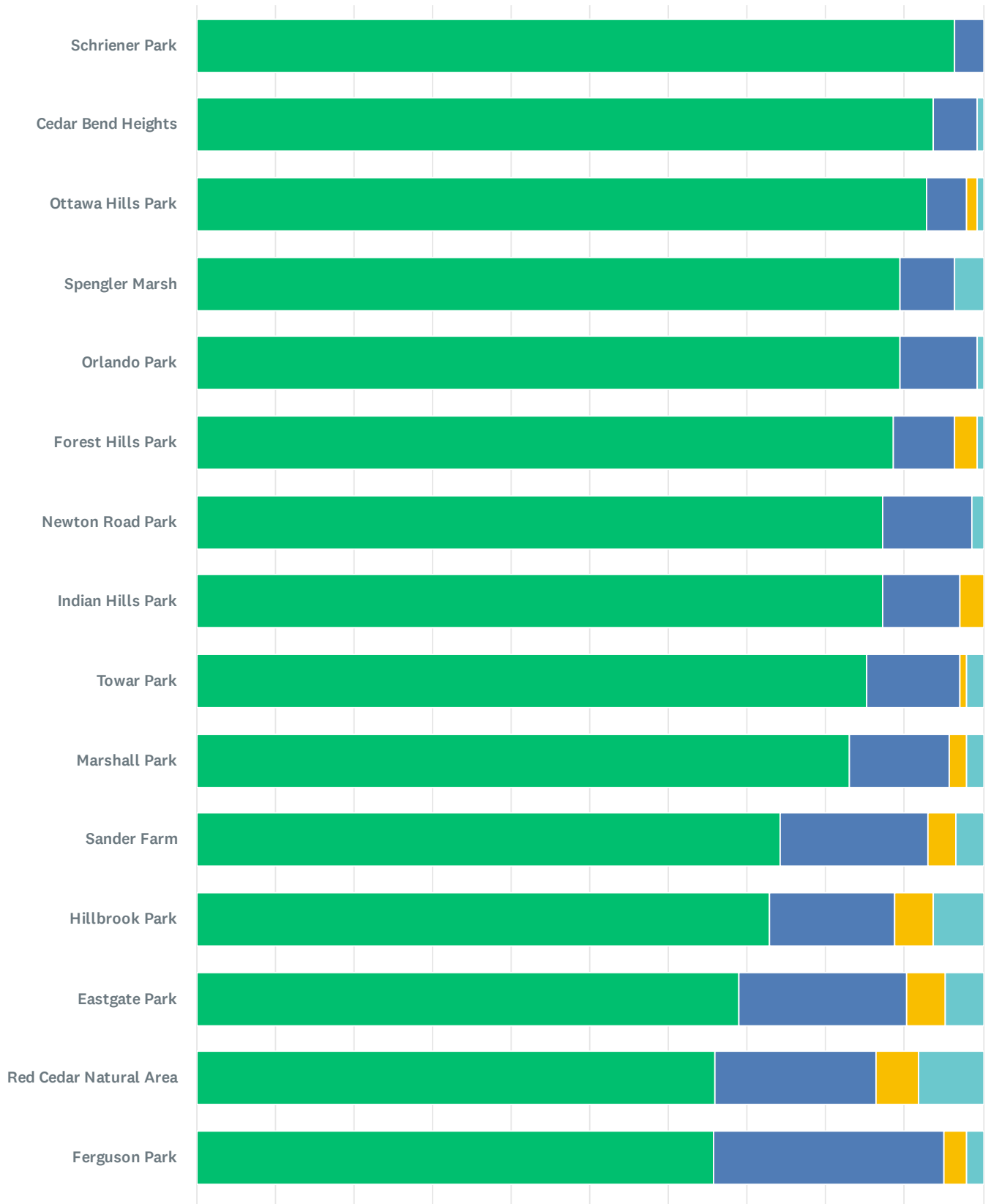
- A. Commissioner Phelps moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Stephens seconded.
- B. Vice-chair Lick adjourned the meeting at 7:18 PM.
- C. The next regular meeting of the Park Commission will be Tuesday, July 14th, 2026 at 4:30 PM at the Service Center.

All comments limited to 3 minutes, unless prior approval for additional time for good cause is obtained.

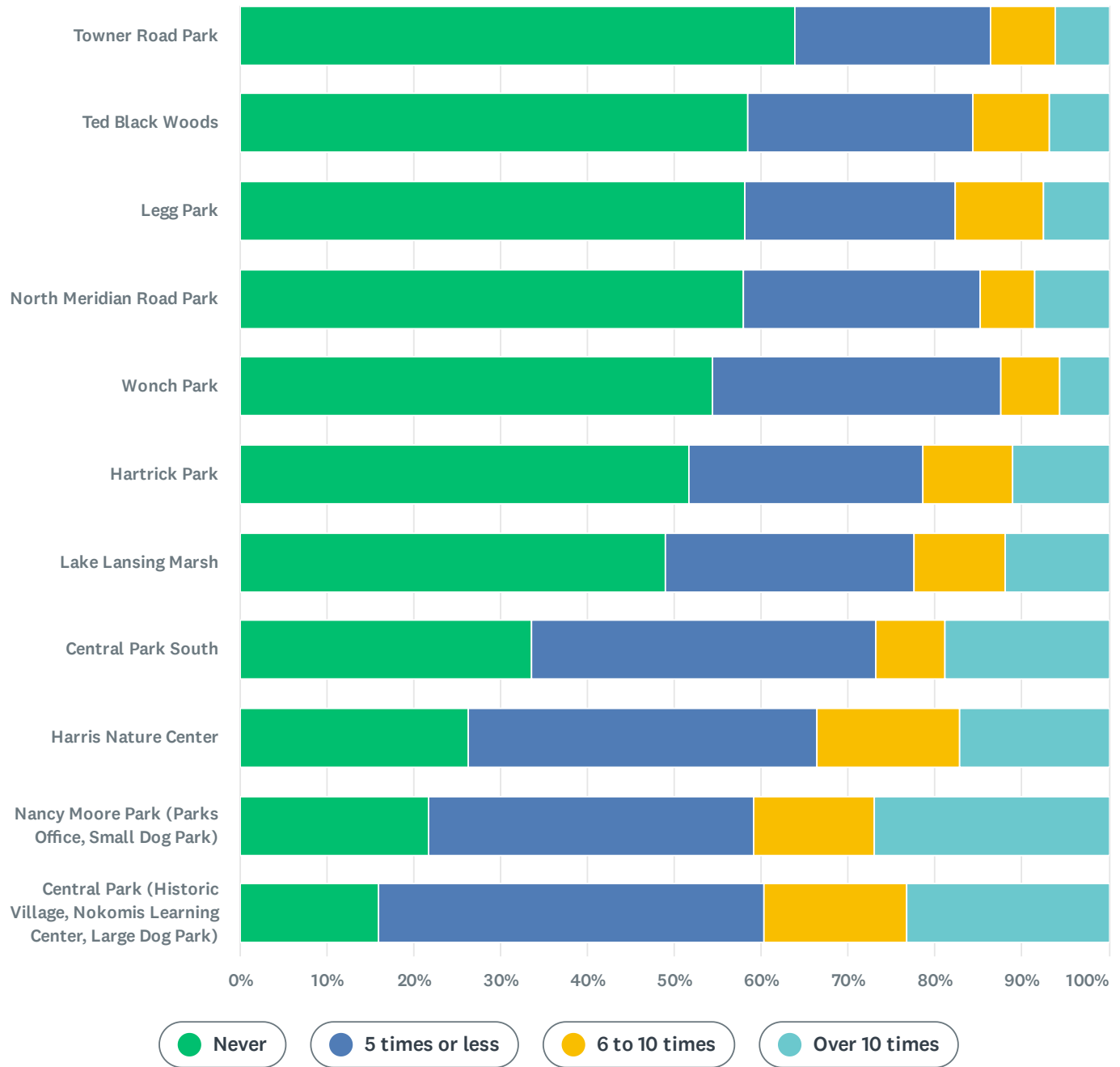
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Q1 152 responses

In the past year, how many times have you or a member of your household visited our Township Parks?



Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey



	Never	5 times or less	6 to 10 times	Over 10 times	Total
Schriener Park	96.50% 138	3.50% 5	0% 0	0% 0	143
Cedar Bend Heights	93.66% 133	5.63% 8	0% 0	0.70% 1	142

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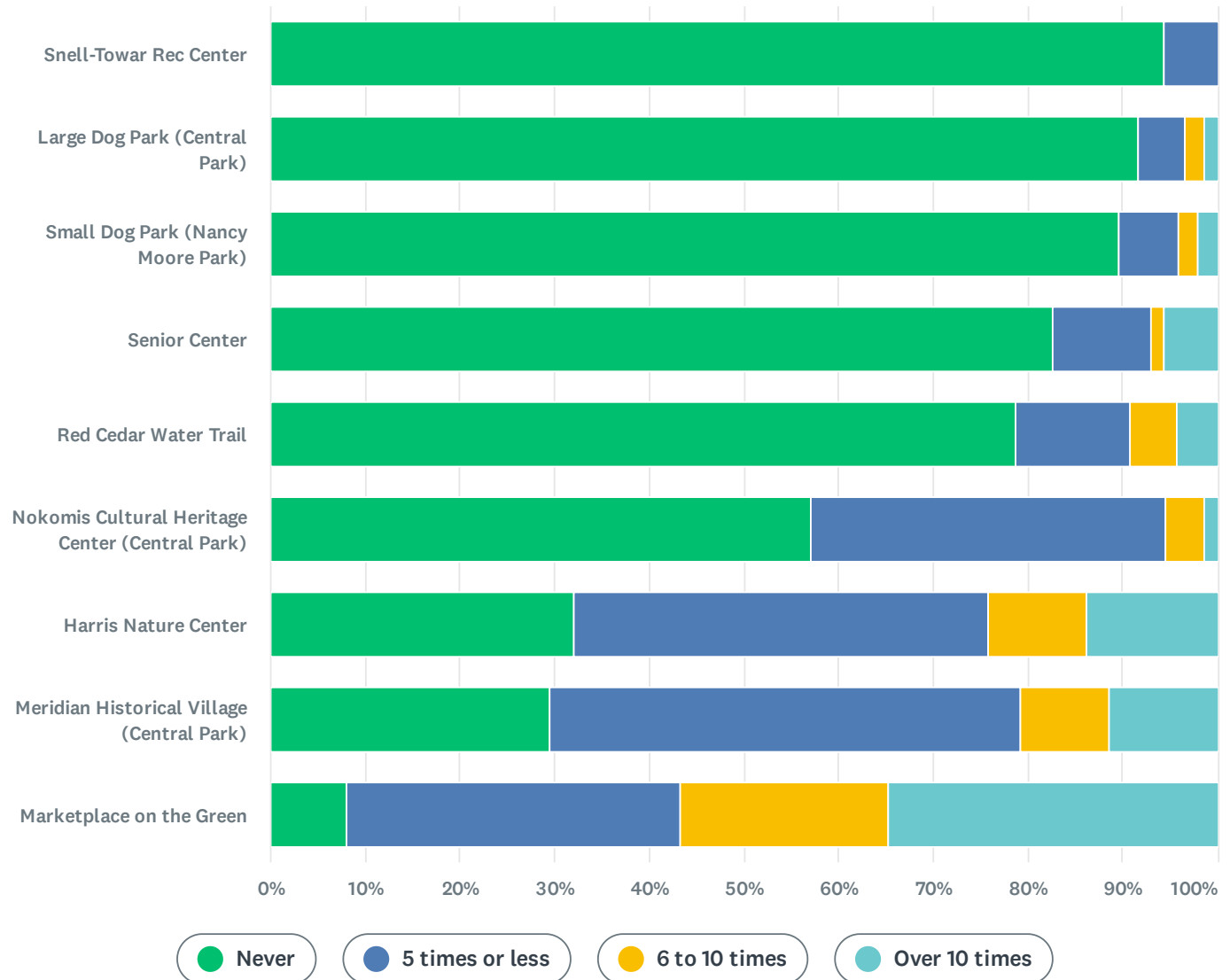
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Ottawa Hills Park	92.96% 132	4.93% 7	1.41% 2	0.70% 1	142
Spengler Marsh	89.51% 128	6.99% 10	0% 0	3.50% 5	143
Orlando Park	89.51% 128	9.79% 14	0% 0	0.70% 1	143
Forest Hills Park	88.65% 125	7.80% 11	2.84% 4	0.71% 1	141
Newton Road Park	87.32% 124	11.27% 16	0% 0	1.41% 2	142
Indian Hills Park	87.23% 123	9.93% 14	2.84% 4	0% 0	141
Towar Park	85.31% 122	11.89% 17	0.70% 1	2.10% 3	143
Marshall Park	83.10% 118	12.68% 18	2.11% 3	2.11% 3	142
Sander Farm	74.31% 107	18.75% 27	3.47% 5	3.47% 5	144
Hillbrook Park	72.92% 105	15.97% 23	4.86% 7	6.25% 9	144
Eastgate Park	68.97% 100	21.38% 31	4.83% 7	4.83% 7	145
Red Cedar Natural Area	65.99% 97	20.41% 30	5.44% 8	8.16% 12	147
Ferguson Park	65.73% 94	29.37% 42	2.80% 4	2.10% 3	143
Towner Road Park	63.95% 94	22.45% 33	7.48% 11	6.12% 9	147
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Ted Black Woods	58.50% 86	25.85% 38	8.84% 13	6.80% 10	147
Legg Park	58.11% 86	24.32% 36	10.14% 15	7.43% 11	148
North Meridian Road Park	58.04% 83	27.27% 39	6.29% 9	8.39% 12	143
Wonch Park	54.48% 79	33.10% 48	6.90% 10	5.52% 8	145
Hartrick Park	51.72% 75	26.90% 39	10.34% 15	11.03% 16	145
Lake Lansing Marsh	48.95% 70	28.67% 41	10.49% 15	11.89% 17	143
Central Park South	33.56% 50	39.60% 59	8.05% 12	18.79% 28	149
Harris Nature Center	26.32% 40	40.13% 61	16.45% 25	17.11% 26	152
Nancy Moore Park (Parks Office, Small Dog Park)	21.71% 33	37.50% 57	13.82% 21	26.97% 41	152
Central Park (Historic Village, Nokomis Learning Center, Large Dog Park)	15.89% 24	44.37% 67	16.56% 25	23.18% 35	151
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Q2 153 responses

In the past year, how many times have you or a member of your household visited our Township Parks & Recreation Facilities?



	Never	5 times or less	6 to 10 times	Over 10 times	Total
Snell-Towar Rec Center	94.33% 133	5.67% 8	0% 0	0% 0	141
Large Dog Park (Central Park)	91.67% 132	4.86% 7	2.08% 3	1.39% 2	144

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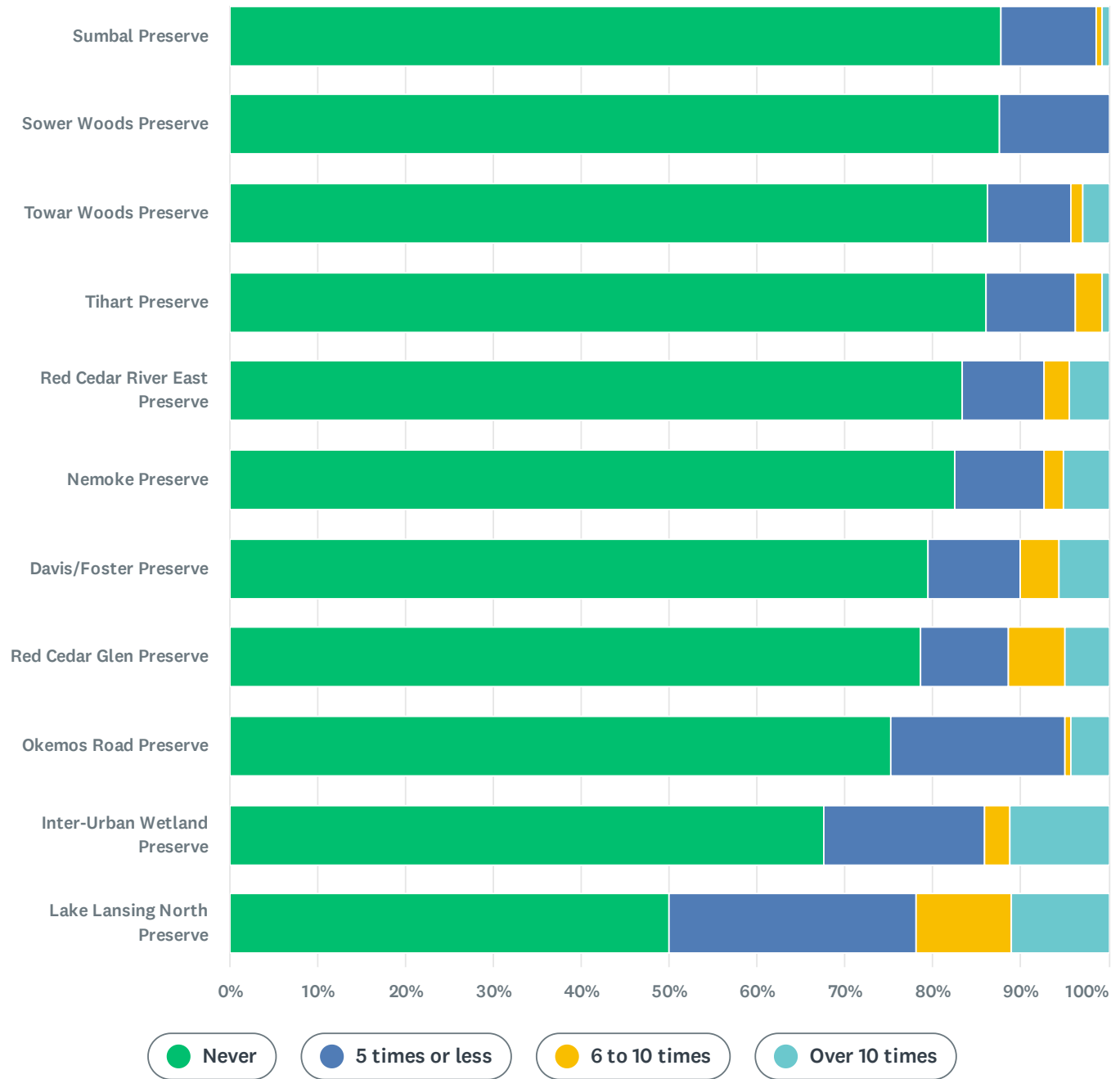
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Small Dog Park (Nancy Moore Park)	89.58% 129	6.25% 9	2.08% 3	2.08% 3	144
Senior Center	82.64% 119	10.42% 15	1.39% 2	5.56% 8	144
Red Cedar Water Trail	78.72% 111	12.06% 17	4.96% 7	4.26% 6	141
Nokomis Cultural Heritage Center (Central Park)	57.14% 84	37.41% 55	4.08% 6	1.36% 2	147
Harris Nature Center	32.03% 49	43.79% 67	10.46% 16	13.73% 21	153
Meridian Historical Village (Central Park)	29.53% 44	49.66% 74	9.40% 14	11.41% 17	149
Marketplace on the Green	8.00% 12	35.33% 53	22.00% 33	34.67% 52	150
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Q3 148 responses

In the past year, how many times have you or a member of your household visited our Township Land Preserves?



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	● Never	● 5 times or less	● 6 to 10 times	● Over 10 times	Total
Mandenberg Woods	97.83% 135	2.17% 3	0% 0	0% 0	138
Sweetwood Oaks Preserve	97.81% 134	2.19% 3	0% 0	0% 0	137
Glacial Ridge Preserve	96.38% 133	3.62% 5	0% 0	0% 0	138
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	 Never	 5 times or less	 6 to 10 times	 Over 10 times	Total
Forest Grove Preserve	95.65% 132	4.35% 6	0% 0	0% 0	138
Serafine Preserve	94.24% 131	3.60% 5	0% 0	2.16% 3	139
Tank Wetland	96.32% 131	2.94% 4	0% 0	0.74% 1	136
Kuzma Preserve	93.48% 129	5.07% 7	0% 0	1.45% 2	138
Heron Creek Preserve	90.65% 126	5.76% 8	0.72% 1	2.88% 4	139
Newman Equites Preserve	92.65% 126	4.41% 6	1.47% 2	1.47% 2	136
Pike Crossing Preserve	91.97% 126	5.11% 7	1.46% 2	1.46% 2	137
Ponderosa Preserve	91.30% 126	7.97% 11	0.72% 1	0% 0	138
Hubbel Preserve	91.24% 125	5.84% 8	0.73% 1	2.19% 3	137
Cornell Wetland Preserve	89.86% 124	5.07% 7	2.17% 3	2.90% 4	138
Foster-Crouse Preserve	90.51% 124	7.30% 10	0.73% 1	1.46% 2	137
Towner Wetland Preserve	89.78% 123	8.76% 12	0% 0	1.46% 2	137
Sumbal Preserve	87.77% 122	10.79% 15	0.72% 1	0.72% 1	139
Sower Woods Preserve	87.68% 121	12.32% 17	0% 0	0% 0	138

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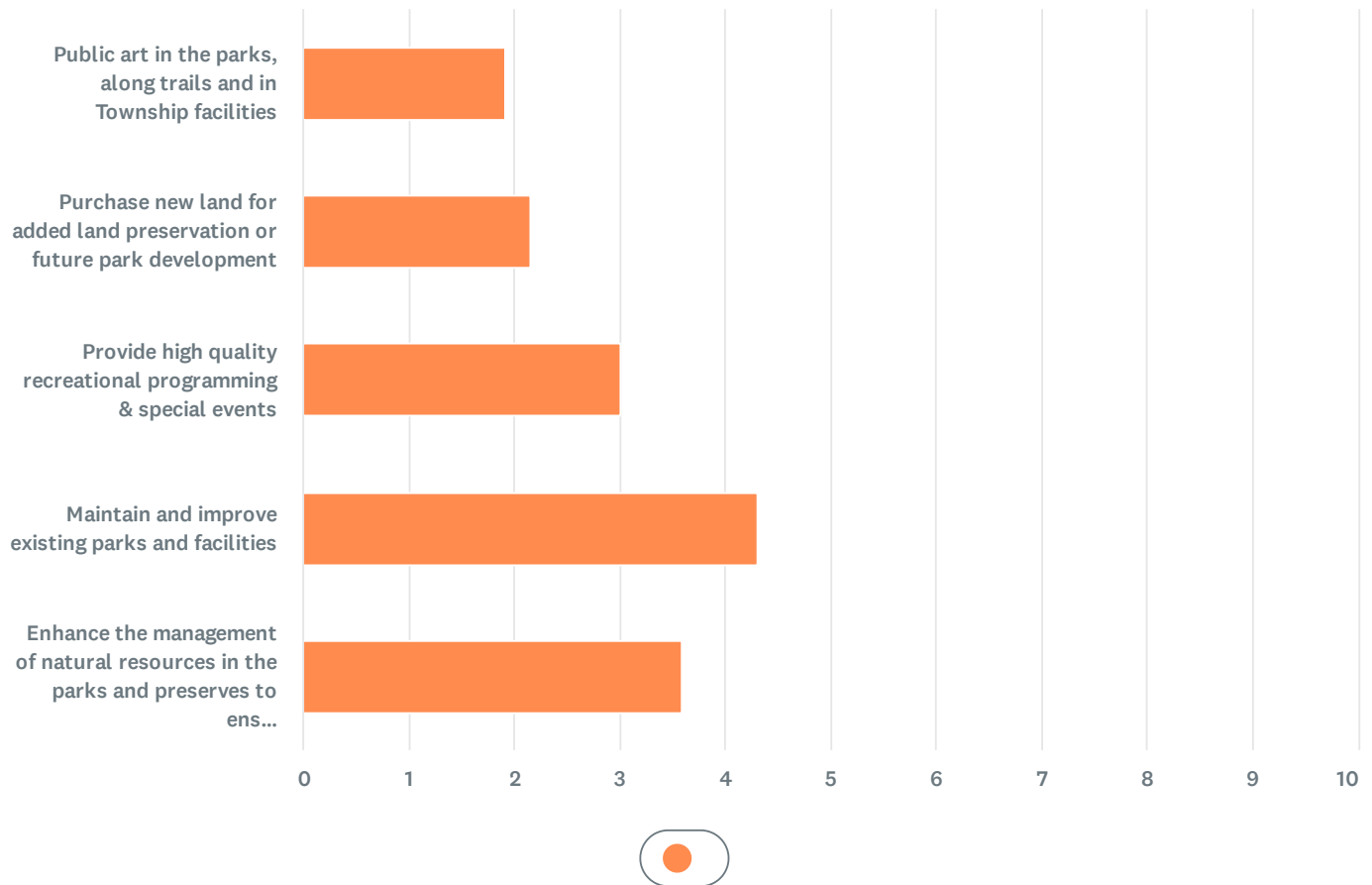
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Red Cedar River East Preserve	83.33% 115	9.42% 13	2.90% 4	4.35% 6	138
Nemoke Preserve	82.61% 114	10.14% 14	2.17% 3	5.07% 7	138
Davis/Foster Preserve	79.43% 112	10.64% 15	4.26% 6	5.67% 8	141
Red Cedar Glen Preserve	78.72% 111	9.93% 14	6.38% 9	4.96% 7	141
Okemos Road Preserve	75.18% 106	19.86% 28	0.71% 1	4.26% 6	141
Inter-Urban Wetland Preserve	67.61% 96	18.31% 26	2.82% 4	11.27% 16	142
Lake Lansing North Preserve	50.00% 73	28.08% 41	10.96% 16	10.96% 16	146
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#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Tacoma Hills Park was not listed in question one. I have visited that over 10 times this past year.	6/16/2026 6:51 PM
2	Tacoma Hills Natural Area, Over 10 times	6/16/2026 3:29 PM
3	Sander Nature Preserve - Daily/over 10 times	6/11/2026 7:27 PM
4	It would have helped if you included the letters from the map	5/17/2026 9:33 PM
5	Saunder Farm Reserve (west of Dobie Rd)	5/13/2026 10:40 AM
6	Tacoma Hills Park	5/6/2026 8:35 PM
7	The Herron Creek and Herron Road are in Meridian Twp. If you are naming the preserve after the bird, please take out the "Creek" as that is not the name otherwise, you are misspelling it.	5/6/2026 6:49 PM

Q4 154 responses

Prioritize the following goals for the overall Township parks and recreation system (1 being the highest priority, 5 being the lowest priority)



						Total	Weighted ...
	1	2	3	4	5		
Maintain and improve existing parks and facilities	56.67% 85	24.67% 37	13.33% 20	3.33% 5	2.00% 3	150	4.31
Enhance the management of natural resources in the parks and preserves to ensure best stewardship practices	18.79% 28	38.26% 57	28.19% 42	12.75% 19	2.01% 3	149	3.59
Provide high quality recreational programming & special events	16.67% 25	16.00% 24	31.33% 47	24.00% 36	12.00% 18	150	3.01

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	 1	 2	 3	 4	 5	Total	Weighted ...
Purchase new land for added land preservation or future park development	6.00% 9	12.00% 18	16.00% 24	23.33% 35	42.67% 64	150	2.15
Public art in the parks, along trails and in Township facilities	1.97% 3	7.89% 12	11.84% 18	36.84% 56	41.45% 63	152	1.92
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Q5 152 responses

Prioritize the following capital improvements to Township parks and recreation facilities (1 being the highest priority, 7 being the lowest priority)



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	 1	 2	 3	 4	 5	 6	 7	Total	Weighted ...
Improvements to existing park amenities in need of renovation (playgrounds, bathrooms, ball fields, courts, etc.)	54.42% 80	23.13% 34	13.61% 20	3.40% 5	3.40% 5	0.68% 1	1.36% 2	147	6.14
Find a facility to house the existing Senior Center Programming	19.33% 29	11.33% 17	11.33% 17	11.33% 17	14.67% 22	13.33% 20	18.67% 28	150	3.95
Improvements to the navigability and access of the Red Cedar River	9.72% 14	14.58% 21	11.11% 16	15.97% 23	13.19% 19	13.19% 19	22.22% 32	144	3.63
Indoor recreation programming and/or sports space	8.16% 12	10.88% 16	17.01% 25	17.01% 25	13.61% 20	19.05% 28	14.29% 21	147	3.69
Improvements or expansion of the Marketplace on the Green	5.48% 8	13.01% 19	23.97% 35	18.49% 27	18.49% 27	8.90% 13	11.64% 17	146	3.95

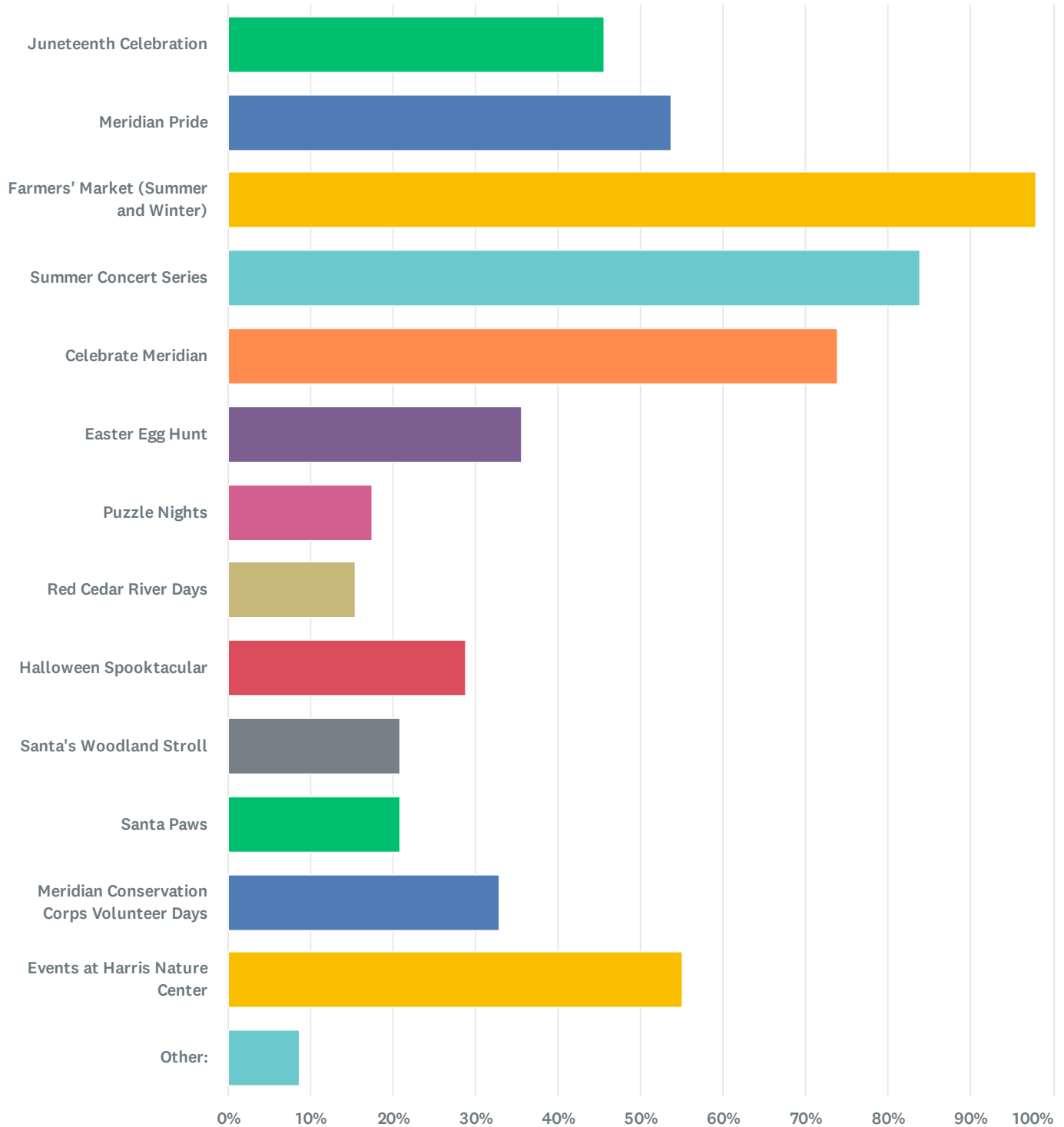
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Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey

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Improvements or expansion of the Harris Nature Center	4.79% 7	27.40% 40	17.12% 25	18.49% 27	21.23% 31	7.53% 11	3.42% 5	146	4.40
Improvements or expansion of the Towar-Snell Recreation Center	0.69% 1	1.39% 2	6.25% 9	13.19% 19	13.89% 20	36.81% 53	27.78% 40	144	2.40
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Q6 149 responses

Select all of the special events that you are aware of or you have attended.



#	OTHER:	DATE
1	Celebrate Meridian is probably the only normal event. Everyone doesn't need their own event, just acknowledge and make 1 bigger event possibly saving money to do other things	6/20/2026 12:36 AM

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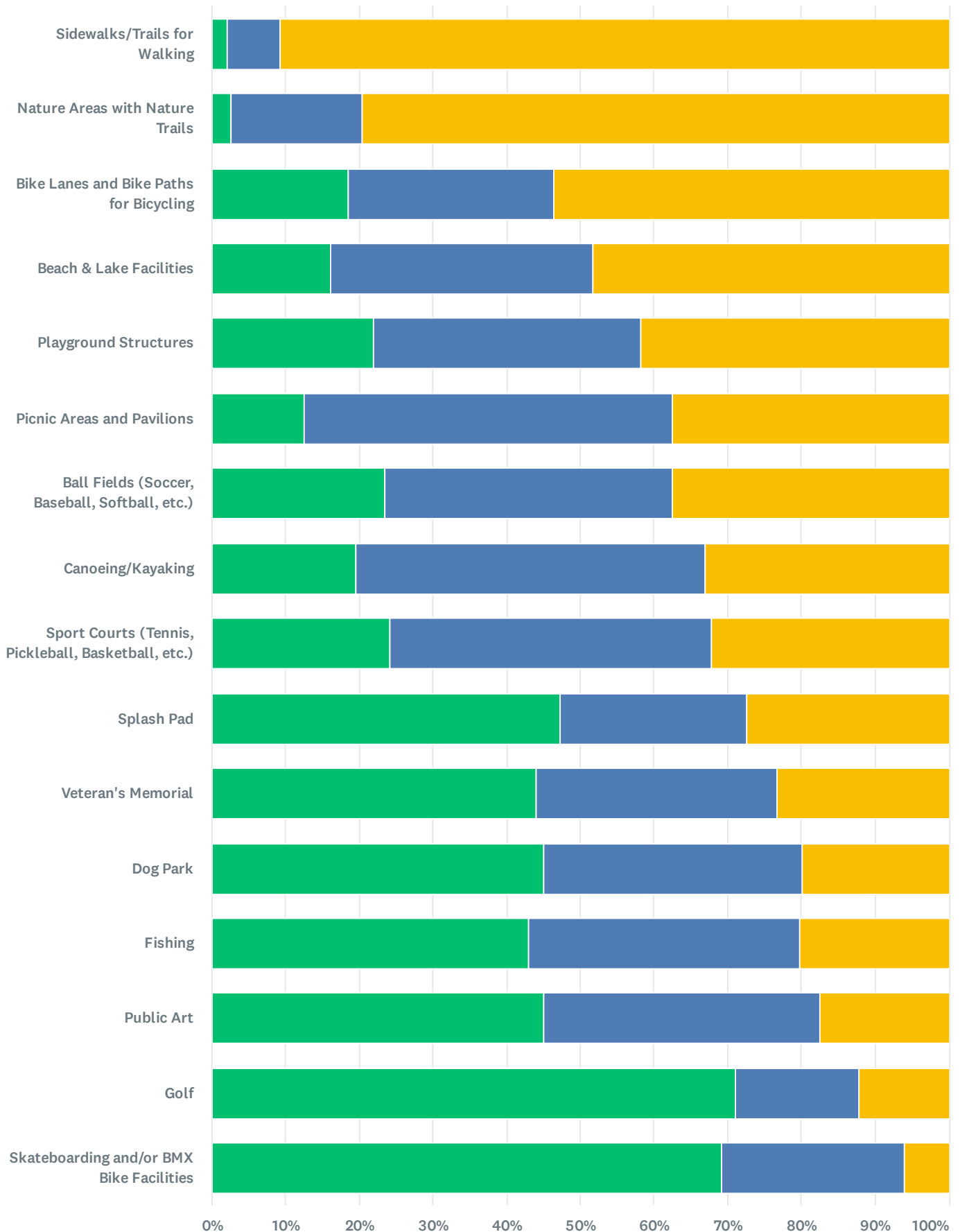
2	Xx	6/18/2026 10:20 PM
3	Dr	6/16/2026 3:29 PM
4	Any and all doggo events, running events	6/16/2026 1:57 PM
5	Chinese new year	6/11/2026 9:37 AM
6	none	5/28/2026 4:46 PM
7	Love Harris Nature Center!	5/19/2026 5:52 AM
8	Organize 5k, fun run, triathlon, bicycling events. Bird and plant identification walks in nature areas.	5/13/2026 5:25 PM
9	Many events at the Meridian Historical Village.	5/13/2026 10:40 AM
10	Recycling events	5/12/2026 10:17 PM
11	Great event	5/12/2026 10:17 AM
12	Recycle events	5/6/2026 7:11 PM
13	Lots of special events arranged by the senior center	5/6/2026 4:50 PM

Q7

152 responses

Please rate the importance of the following activities/recreation facilities to you.

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Not important



Somewhat important



Important

	 Not important	 Somewhat important	 Important	Total
Sidewalks/Trails for Walking	1.99% 3	7.28% 11	90.73% 137	151
Nature Areas with Nature Trails	2.63% 4	17.76% 27	79.61% 121	152
Bike Lanes and Bike Paths for Bicycling	18.54% 28	27.81% 42	53.64% 81	151
Beach & Lake Facilities	16.11% 24	35.57% 53	48.32% 72	149
Playground Structures	21.85% 33	36.42% 55	41.72% 63	151
Picnic Areas and Pavilions	12.50% 19	50.00% 76	37.50% 57	152
Ball Fields (Soccer, Baseball, Softball, etc.)	23.49% 35	38.93% 58	37.58% 56	149
Canoeing/Kayaking	19.59% 29	47.30% 70	33.11% 49	148
Sport Courts (Tennis, Pickleball, Basketball, etc.)	24.16% 36	43.62% 65	32.21% 48	149
Splash Pad	47.33% 71	25.33% 38	27.33% 41	150
Veteran's Memorial	44.00% 66	32.67% 49	23.33% 35	150
Dog Park	45.03% 68	35.10% 53	19.87% 30	151
Fishing	42.95% 64	36.91% 55	20.13% 30	149

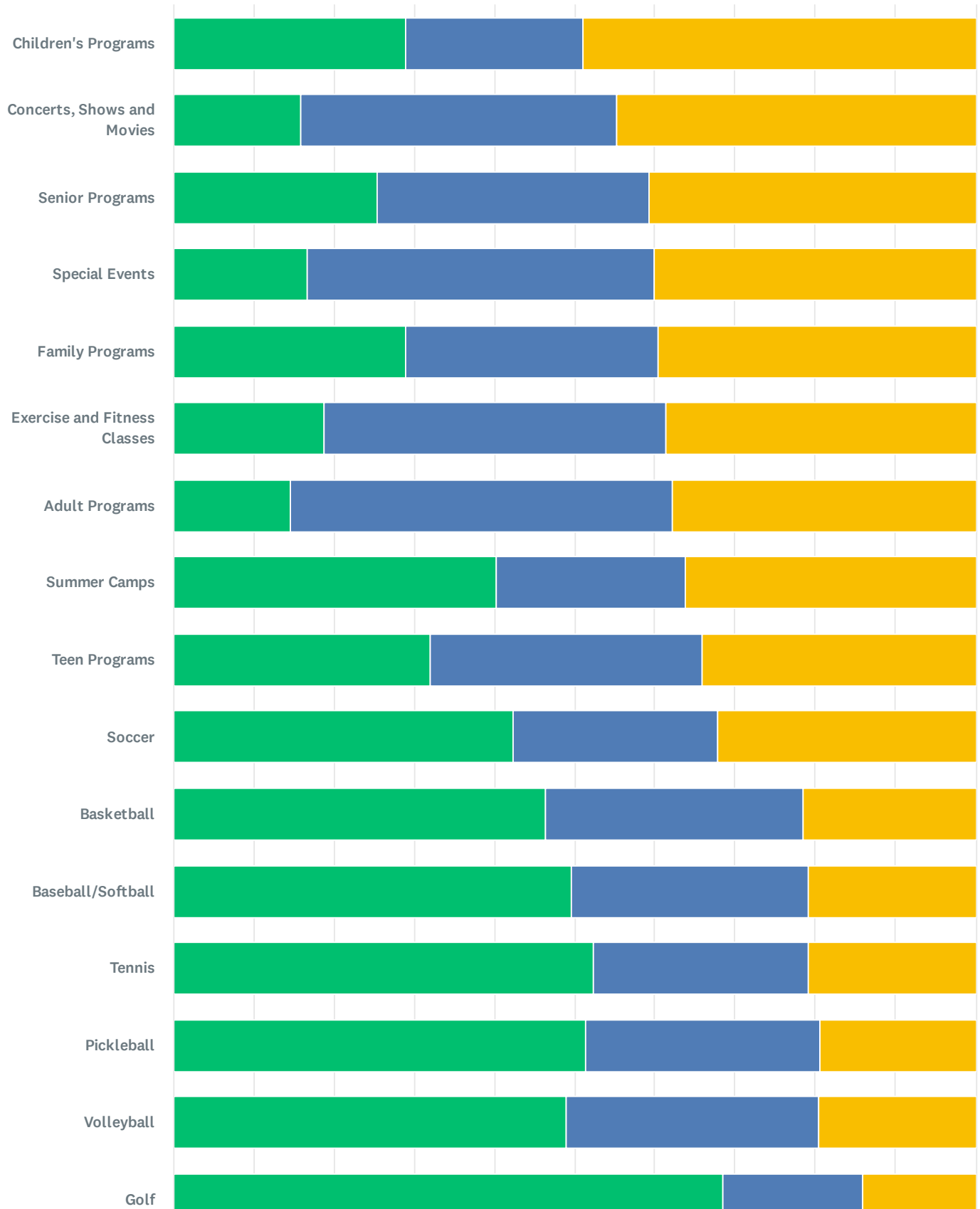
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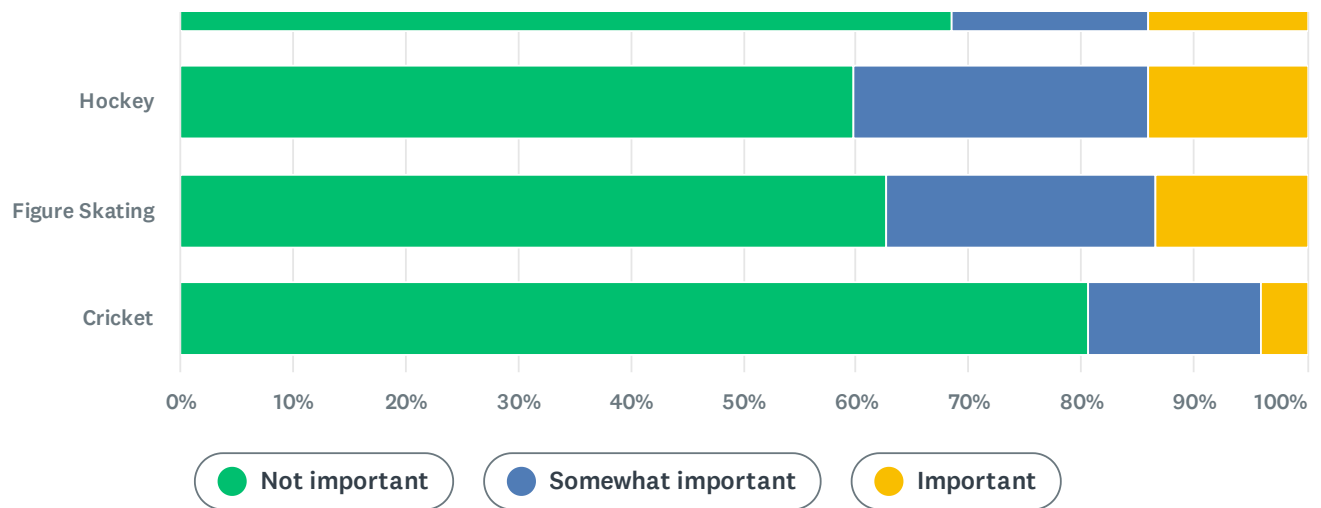
	 Not important	 Somewhat important	 Important	Total
Public Art	44.97% 67	37.58% 56	17.45% 26	149
Golf	71.14% 106	16.78% 25	12.08% 18	149
Skateboarding and/or BMX Bike Facilities	69.13% 103	24.83% 37	6.04% 9	149
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#	OTHER:	DATE
1	Golf is already fully saturated. Beach and kayaking are great activities but something we'd prefer to do up north rather than in Lansing.	7/11/2026 10:14 PM
2	"Sidewalks/Trails for Walking" and "Nature Areas with Nature Trails" are the same thing. We just want to walk somewhere.	7/7/2026 10:44 AM
3	Wheelchair access to paved trails is important to me. I love the paved path in the Okemos Rd Preserve, but there is no nearby accessible parking. Same with the Inter-Urban Pathway. As a w/c user who is a birder, I would LOVE to have access to that trail. But there's no place to park!	6/19/2026 2:23 PM
4	Pickleball courts Build another pavilion in the space adjacent to Marketplace. Other infrastructure such as playground, restrooms and parking already exist. Also, removing the hill may reduce the strong winds that flow through the marketplace pavilion. The wind issue needs to be addressed. Finish the pathway connections between Wonch and Ferguson Parks under the Okemos Road bridge. I strongly feel that one recreation center FOR ALL AGES be constructed. Not separate facilities for seniors only. Create more outdoor environmental displays and wildlife education areas at the Harris Nature Center and select nature preserves to promote and increase casual use.	6/19/2026 9:54 AM
5	Most important- aquatic center	6/18/2026 10:20 PM
6	bird watching	5/30/2026 11:05 AM
7	Community Pool	5/27/2026 9:09 AM
8	Trails that permit horseback riding	5/18/2026 8:24 PM
9	Please provide a Bocce ball court. It's something most Seniors can do	5/12/2026 10:17 AM
10	I champion the idea of a splash pad!! It is a great idea sbd would be awesome for the community! We have been driving to St John's to take our grandkids to one there.	5/6/2026 3:59 PM

Q8 153 responses

Please rate the importance of these recreation programs to you.

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	● Not important	● Somewhat important	● Important	Total
Children's Programs	28.86% 43	22.15% 33	48.99% 73	149
Concerts, Shows and Movies	15.79% 24	39.47% 60	44.74% 68	152
Senior Programs	25.33% 38	34.00% 51	40.67% 61	150
Special Events	16.67% 25	43.33% 65	40.00% 60	150
Family Programs	28.86% 43	31.54% 47	39.60% 59	149
Exercise and Fitness Classes	18.67% 28	42.67% 64	38.67% 58	150
Adult Programs	14.57% 22	47.68% 72	37.75% 57	151
Summer Camps	40.27% 60	23.49% 35	36.24% 54	149
Teen Programs	31.97% 47	34.01% 50	34.01% 50	147
Soccer	42.28% 63	25.50% 38	32.21% 48	149
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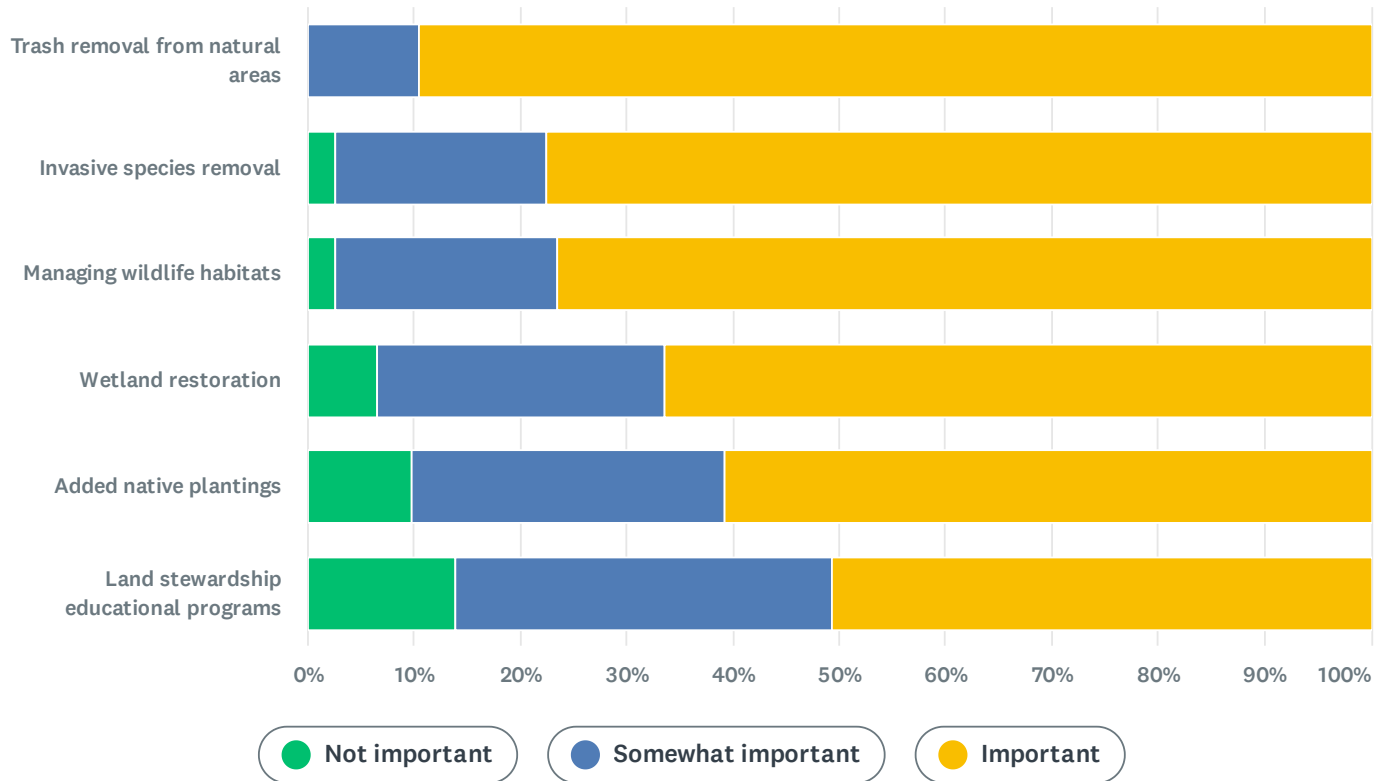
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	 Not important	 Somewhat important	 Important	Total
Basketball	46.31% 69	32.21% 48	21.48% 32	149
Baseball/Softball	49.66% 74	29.53% 44	20.81% 31	149
Tennis	52.35% 78	26.85% 40	20.81% 31	149
Pickleball	51.33% 77	29.33% 44	19.33% 29	150
Volleyball	48.99% 73	31.54% 47	19.46% 29	149
Golf	68.46% 102	17.45% 26	14.09% 21	149
Hockey	59.73% 89	26.17% 39	14.09% 21	149
Figure Skating	62.67% 94	24.00% 36	13.33% 20	150
Cricket	80.54% 120	15.44% 23	4.03% 6	149
				2839

#	OTHER:	DATE
1	Figure skating only if it's real ice and sustainable	7/11/2026 10:14 PM
2	A community swimming pool or water park would be great	7/11/2026 11:20 AM
3	Our diverse community requires a wide variety of program offerings to be welcoming and inclusive. These programs and events are important and foster community connectedness. Makes people proud of where they live.	6/19/2026 9:54 AM
4	Dog events	6/16/2026 1:57 PM
5	Senior Center luncheons every day. So we can socialize and not be so lonely.	6/16/2026 1:27 PM
6	farmers' market is important	5/30/2026 11:05 AM
7	Swimming	5/27/2026 9:09 AM
8	Outdoor Activities "Try _____" courses (archery, curling, etc)	5/18/2026 9:07 PM
9	Provide Bocce ball , not too costly & something most seniors can do	5/12/2026 10:17 AM

Q9 153 responses

Please rate the importance of these stewardship and land conservation activities to you.



	● Not important	● Somewhat important	● Important	Total
Trash removal from natural areas	0% 0	10.46% 16	89.54% 137	153
Invasive species removal	2.63% 4	19.74% 30	77.63% 118	152
Managing wildlife habitats	2.61% 4	20.92% 32	76.47% 117	153
Wetland restoration	6.58% 10	26.97% 41	66.45% 101	152
Added native plantings	9.80% 15	29.41% 45	60.78% 93	153

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	 Not important	 Somewhat important	 Important	Total
Land stewardship educational programs	13.82% 21	35.53% 54	50.66% 77	152
				915

#	OTHER:	DATE
1	Trash removal is number 1 for days	7/11/2026 10:14 PM
2	preservation of the natural habitat of the cemeteries as trusts of relic flora	5/30/2026 11:05 AM
3	FUNDING HARRIS NATURE CENTER FULLY	5/18/2026 9:07 PM
4	Need to reduce turf grass areas in parkland, replace with native plants and shade trees. Most Meridian parks are lacking in shade trees.	5/13/2026 5:25 PM
5	Preserve the native flora of Riverside Cemetery - reduced mowing and fallen leaf removal. MAKE IT A PRESERVE!	5/12/2026 10:17 PM
6	These are all important, but unfortunately, I will not have time to participate for the next 5 years (until I retire)	5/8/2026 10:26 AM
7	No camping in preserves, overnight or hunting or otherwise.	5/6/2026 6:49 PM

Q10 What non-Meridian Township Park(s) have you visited frequently and what features did you enjoy most?

Answered: 83 Skipped: 71

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Park Name(s)	96.39% 80
Park Feature(s)	97.59% 81

#	PARK NAME(S)	DATE
1	Hawk Island	7/11/2026 11:06 AM
2	In Williamson, Brighton, Milford, Novi, and out-of- state	7/11/2026 9:22 AM
3	Woldumar, Hawk Island, Lake Lansing	7/10/2026 11:02 PM
4	Park in wixom	7/10/2026 6:39 PM
5	Lake Lansing north and south, sleepy hollow, Brighton recreation area, Muskegon state park, holland state park, sleeping bear dunes, wilderness state park	7/10/2026 4:42 PM
6	Ingham County Parks	7/10/2026 1:24 PM
7	Various Metroparks	7/10/2026 1:24 PM
8	McCormick Park - wonderful enclosed toddler playground, inclusive AAC board, mother/baby swings, and other accessible features.	7/9/2026 10:17 PM
9	Hawk Island	7/7/2026 10:44 AM
10	Towner Park, Harris Nature Center	6/30/2026 5:01 PM
11	Lake Lansing Park North, MSU campus	6/30/2026 4:15 PM
12	Frequent visitor to Fenner and Crego Park.	6/19/2026 2:23 PM
13	Lake Lansing South	6/19/2026 9:54 AM
14	Hawk island	6/18/2026 10:20 PM
15	Lance Lansing North - Preserve, Ted Black Woods	6/17/2026 4:11 PM
16	Lake Lansing South	6/17/2026 10:03 AM
17	Burchfield Park	6/16/2026 6:51 PM
18	Tacoma Park, Harris Nature Center, & Sander Farm Preserve	6/16/2026 3:29 PM
19	Hawk Island	6/16/2026 1:57 PM
20	Senior Center	6/16/2026 1:27 PM
21	Evergreen Cemetery and Mount Hope Cemetary	6/16/2026 12:43 PM
22	N Lake Landing, S Lake Lansing	6/16/2026 12:18 PM
23	Wisswasser Park	6/16/2026 11:51 AM
24	Lake Lansing south	6/12/2026 8:45 AM
25	Survivor playground in Howell/brighton	6/11/2026 10:08 PM
26	Foster Community Center	6/11/2026 7:48 PM
27	Towner	6/11/2026 4:10 PM

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28	Legg and Harris	6/11/2026 10:35 AM
29	Park North	6/11/2026 9:54 AM
30	Lake Lansing Park South	6/9/2026 3:17 PM
31	Harris Nature Center and trails leading into Eastgate Park	6/1/2026 8:34 PM
32	Burcham Park	6/1/2026 7:52 AM
33	Lake Lansing North	5/28/2026 8:36 PM
34	Fenner	5/28/2026 4:46 PM
35	Lake Lansing South; Lansing/MSU trail system	5/27/2026 5:49 PM
36	Lake Lansing Park North and South	5/27/2026 9:09 AM
37	Ionia rec area	5/22/2026 3:58 PM
38	Marketplace	5/21/2026 8:56 PM
39	Red cedar nature preserve	5/21/2026 1:49 PM
40	Tacoma Hills, Lake Lansing North	5/20/2026 8:26 PM
41	Nancy Moore	5/20/2026 4:24 PM
42	State parks; County parks (Lake Lansing)	5/18/2026 8:24 PM
43	Nancy Moore, Hartrick	5/18/2026 6:19 PM
44	Scott Woods; Riverbend	5/18/2026 4:09 PM
45	Patriarche Park, Play Michigan, Lake Lansing South	5/18/2026 1:30 PM
46	Harris Nature Center, Ted Black, Legg Park	5/17/2026 9:33 PM
47	Hawk Island	5/14/2026 8:06 AM
48	Hartrick	5/13/2026 9:45 PM
49	Island Park, Smithville Soccer-Eaton Rapids	5/13/2026 6:44 PM
50	Harris Nature Center, Nancy Moore	5/13/2026 5:30 PM
51	Howell	5/13/2026 1:52 PM
52	Lake Lansing Park North	5/13/2026 10:40 AM
53	Williamston Township Park	5/13/2026 10:32 AM
54	Wonch and Ferguson Park	5/13/2026 10:21 AM
55	Belle Isle	5/12/2026 10:17 PM
56	Hawk Island, Kensington Park	5/12/2026 2:47 PM
57	Birchfield park & Hawk Island	5/12/2026 10:17 AM
58	Fenner nature center	5/12/2026 9:11 AM
59	Hawk Island Park	5/11/2026 1:07 PM
60	Patriarche Park; out of town parks	5/11/2026 6:59 AM
61	Meijer Garden	5/8/2026 4:44 PM
62	Hawk Island	5/8/2026 2:46 PM
63	Lake Lansing Park South	5/8/2026 11:43 AM
64	Nancy Moore	5/8/2026 10:26 AM
65	Nancy Moore Park, Central Park, Harris Center	5/7/2026 5:31 PM

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66	Marshall Park (Lansing)	5/7/2026 9:25 AM
67	Rosy Mound, Ottawa County	5/7/2026 8:28 AM
68	Hawk Island	5/7/2026 12:56 AM
69	Hawk Island	5/6/2026 10:02 PM
70	Legg Park, Harris nature center, Ted blackwoods	5/6/2026 9:52 PM
71	Lansing River Trail, Burchfield Park	5/6/2026 8:47 PM
72	Wonch	5/6/2026 6:49 PM
73	Meridian North	5/6/2026 6:39 PM
74	Harris Nature Center, Hartrick Park	5/6/2026 5:44 PM
75	Fenner	5/6/2026 4:50 PM
76	Harris Nature Center	5/6/2026 4:50 PM
77	Birchfield Park, Sleepy Hollow State Park	5/6/2026 4:08 PM
78	Hawk Island	5/6/2026 3:59 PM
79	North Meridian	5/6/2026 10:53 AM
80	Harris Nature Center and Eastgate Park	5/5/2026 10:24 AM
#	PARK FEATURE(S)	DATE
1	Walking Path	7/11/2026 11:06 AM
2	Bandshell/amphitheater, walking trails, clean restrooms and fresh water, biking trails,	7/11/2026 9:22 AM
3	Woldumar: Spaced out trails with varied biomes and views. Great local hiking. Hawk island:live the splash pad, playground, and that it connects to river trail. Lake lansing: great playground, picnic space, bandshell	7/10/2026 11:02 PM
4	Multiple play structures that were appropriate for our kids that range from 2 to 8, great variety that kept them busy and challenged the little one but was still accessible. Also good variety of swings including for different ages.	7/10/2026 6:39 PM
5	Beach and excellent hiking trails with views	7/10/2026 4:42 PM
6	Swimming area, hiking, sledding/tubing, splash pad, smooth paved paths, biking	7/10/2026 1:24 PM
7	Paved trail systems around the municipality	7/10/2026 1:24 PM
8	Lake, Splash Pad, Walking Trails, Pavilions, Tables, Shade, Open Space, Docks	7/7/2026 10:44 AM
9	Trails, woodlands, birds	6/30/2026 5:01 PM
10	trails and walking paths	6/30/2026 4:15 PM
11	Close accessible parking to a paved, evenly graded trail	6/19/2026 2:23 PM
12	Concert pavilion, beach	6/19/2026 9:54 AM
13	Splash pad	6/18/2026 10:20 PM
14	Walking Trails Through Open Canopy Woodlands and High Plant Diversity	6/17/2026 4:11 PM
15	Beautiful grounds and the concerts	6/17/2026 10:03 AM
16	Cross country ski trails	6/16/2026 6:51 PM
17	Bluebird boxes	6/16/2026 3:29 PM
18	Water access, trails, off leash dog park	6/16/2026 1:57 PM
19	I don't like the person managing the Senior Center she is supposed to work for us, but she doesn't like to do food so we don't get the opportunity to socialize with our friends. We always have to eat at home alone and it's very depressing.	6/16/2026 1:27 PM

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20	I know it's not a park. But we love going to both places for the expansive paved walking opportunities.	6/16/2026 12:43 PM
21	Trails	6/16/2026 12:18 PM
22	Love the rubber padding on the floor and the play structures. Proximity to Park Lake Creamery helps too. Corner Spot could be our PLC	6/16/2026 11:51 AM
23	Softball and soccer games(observer)	6/16/2026 8:13 AM
24	Band shell	6/12/2026 8:45 AM
25	Natural playground and water features	6/11/2026 10:08 PM
26	Great playground and close a library branch so a win win.	6/11/2026 7:48 PM
27	Like the added playground	6/11/2026 4:10 PM
28	Natural areas along river	6/11/2026 10:35 AM
29	trails/wetlands/grasslands, forests	6/11/2026 9:54 AM
30	Beach, walkways, playground concerts	6/9/2026 3:17 PM
31	Hiking trails, wildlife	6/1/2026 8:34 PM
32	Easy access from residential area	6/1/2026 7:52 AM
33	Hiking Trails	5/28/2026 8:36 PM
34	trails	5/28/2026 4:46 PM
35	Beach; Cycling	5/27/2026 5:49 PM
36	Swimming , Birdwatching	5/27/2026 9:09 AM
37	I like the public firepits at the beach and picnic areas, I like the free nature education programming for all ages throughout the summer.	5/22/2026 3:58 PM
38	Farmers market outside with playground	5/21/2026 8:56 PM
39	Trails	5/21/2026 1:49 PM
40	Trails, natural areas, trail maps	5/20/2026 8:26 PM
41	Trails	5/20/2026 4:24 PM
42	Horseback riding trails; Kayak launch facilities	5/18/2026 8:24 PM
43	Sports fields, play structures, trails	5/18/2026 6:19 PM
44	Playgrounds for various ages and abilities and good play surface, plus open grassy space and benches	5/18/2026 1:30 PM
45	Trails, solitude	5/17/2026 9:33 PM
46	Paved walks, water	5/14/2026 8:06 AM
47	Baseball with bathrooms and playground	5/13/2026 9:45 PM
48	Nice soccer fields. Good parking. Park has large playground, Grand River access, picnic facilities.	5/13/2026 6:44 PM
49	Good trails, paving	5/13/2026 5:30 PM
50	Natural playground	5/13/2026 1:52 PM
51	Hiking Trails	5/13/2026 10:40 AM
52	trails, natural habitat, and native plants	5/13/2026 10:32 AM
53	Playground structures	5/13/2026 10:21 AM
54	arboretum	5/12/2026 10:17 PM

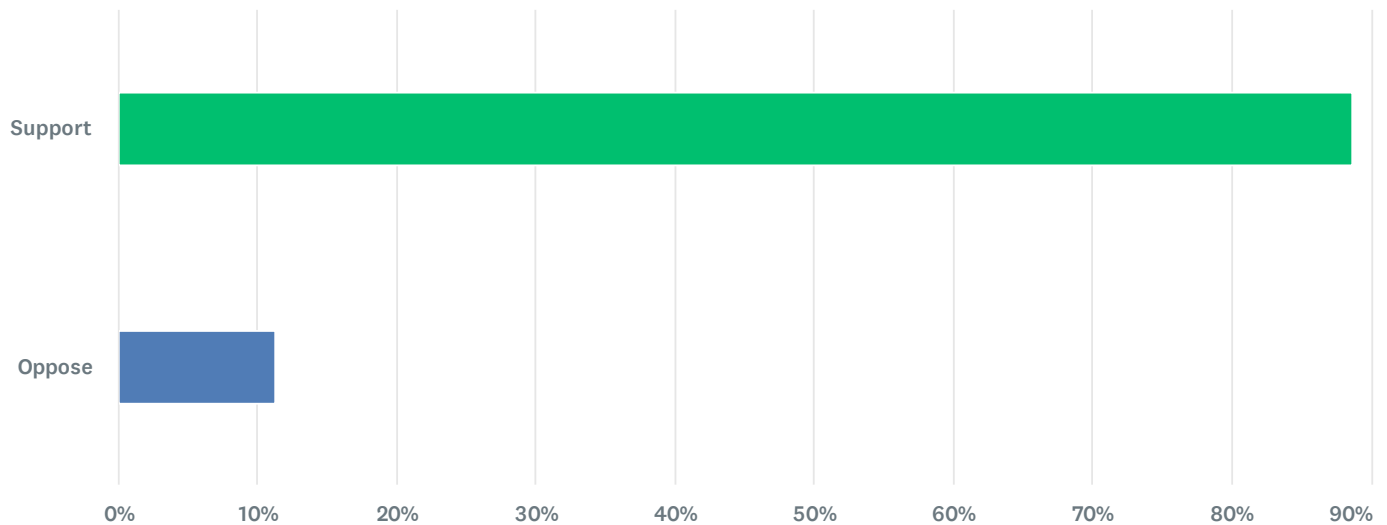
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55	Splash Pad, Trails, Updated/Accessible Playground Equipment	5/12/2026 2:47 PM
56	Water features & trails	5/12/2026 10:17 AM
57	Trails, nature viewing	5/12/2026 9:11 AM
58	trails/trail access and restroom facilities	5/11/2026 1:07 PM
59	Upgraded play structure; bigger, more modern, bigger slides, more things to climb; natural playscapes	5/11/2026 6:59 AM
60	Xcountry ski trails	5/8/2026 11:42 PM
61	Plant name tags, art	5/8/2026 4:44 PM
62	The activities for Children, Tri-athlon, splash pad etc	5/8/2026 2:46 PM
63	Concerts at Band Shell	5/8/2026 11:43 AM
64	Relaxing, treed trails	5/8/2026 10:26 AM
65	Trails & Nature	5/7/2026 5:31 PM
66	I do like that they have large and clean bathrooms.	5/7/2026 9:25 AM
67	Rustic hiking trails	5/7/2026 8:28 AM
68	Pavilions	5/7/2026 12:56 AM
69	Trails, water, great mix of nature and public space	5/6/2026 10:02 PM
70	Hiking trails	5/6/2026 9:52 PM
71	Bike paths -paved, gravel, dirt	5/6/2026 8:47 PM
72	Huge accessible playground with engaging features for all ages	5/6/2026 8:26 PM
73	paved walking track	5/6/2026 6:49 PM
74	Heated bathrooms	5/6/2026 6:39 PM
75	I like the trails	5/6/2026 5:44 PM
76	Walking trails	5/6/2026 4:50 PM
77	Trails -walking, snowshoe	5/6/2026 4:50 PM
78	Hiking Trails	5/6/2026 4:08 PM
79	Splash pad	5/6/2026 3:59 PM
80	Dark Sky Park, trails, volleyball and sledding	5/6/2026 10:53 AM
81	Natural trails, multiple parks connected, goes along the river, can go inside the center and see the animals	5/5/2026 10:24 AM

Q11

151 responses

Meridian Township has an over-population of deer that has resulted in an increase of damage to landscaping, reports of vehicle/deer accidents, concern for public health, and a disruption to the ecological balance of our natural areas. In response, the Meridian Township Board directed staff to develop and implement a deer management plan that outlines measures for a highly managed program to harvest white-tailed deer in a number of selected Township-owned properties. Do you support or oppose continuation of this program?



Q12 What do you like most about Meridian Township Parks & Recreation?

Answered: 117 Skipped: 37

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Paths	7/11/2026 10:14 PM
2	Recent changes including Participation in inter-urban trail, path connecting communities. Addition of restrooms to parks.	7/11/2026 11:06 AM
3	Friendly, intelligent individuals who are committed to making improvements and sustaining the surrounding land and amenities.	7/11/2026 9:22 AM
4	Many parks, investment into the that's supported. Some decent varied hiking options. Okay biking options.	7/10/2026 11:02 PM
5	The parks are well maintained and the youth sports program is a great asset to our community	7/10/2026 6:39 PM
6	Small dog park and trails around it	7/10/2026 4:42 PM
7	Abundance of parks and hiking trails	7/10/2026 1:24 PM
8	The amount and generally well kept parks	7/10/2026 7:53 AM
9	We enjoy going to Harris Nature Center and the outdoor play structure would love to see this restored or enhanced to how it was previously. A lot of our park structures/playgrounds are pretty outdated and could use some improvements. Regarding accessibility, features, and what is being offered.	7/9/2026 10:17 PM
10	trails/paths for walking	7/7/2026 10:44 AM
11	Marketplace on the Green	7/3/2026 1:22 PM
12	Well cared for trails and variety of habitats	6/30/2026 5:01 PM
13	Maintenance, Harris Nature Center, Historical Village	6/30/2026 4:15 PM
14	The many linked parks and trails for hiking and biking.	6/24/2026 12:24 PM
15	Improved facilities, clean bathrooms, and supplies. Sidewalks to connect everything	6/20/2026 12:36 AM
16	The variety. Close proximity. Free access	6/19/2026 2:23 PM
17	1.The professional staff are a group of hard workers who are sincerely passionate and knowledgeable about their areas of expertise. 2. The high level of maintenance of our park facilities. Anyone living or visiting our community can see the pride that the maintenance staff has in doing exceptional work. Their efforts are crucial to the overall department's success!	6/19/2026 9:54 AM
18	Walking trails	6/18/2026 10:20 PM
19	Variety of facilities offered and maintained, bike and walking trails	6/17/2026 4:11 PM
20	Pickleball courts and the Farmers market. Concerts	6/17/2026 10:03 AM
21	Paved and natural trails through natural areas.	6/17/2026 8:28 AM
22	The abundance of green space available to residents and visitors.	6/16/2026 6:51 PM
23	Emphasis on preservation and restoration	6/16/2026 3:29 PM
24	Free to public, teach stewardship, teach people to respect and appreciate nature	6/16/2026 1:57 PM
25	I like the Senior Center but I don't like who manages it. We need to have lunches every day. That's the one way we get to socialize. We don't get to socialize when we're exercising we exercise but when we're eating, we are talking and making friends.	6/16/2026 1:27 PM
26	The bike trails, the natural areas, Sander property, tacoma hills natural area. Our parks and rec	6/16/2026 1:06 PM

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	do a great job.	
27	The many events, opportunities, and plentiful number of parks.	6/16/2026 12:43 PM
28	Trails	6/16/2026 12:18 PM
29	the awesome parks that keep improving	6/16/2026 11:51 AM
30	love living so close to so many parks and trails	6/16/2026 11:42 AM
31	Clean parks	6/12/2026 8:45 AM
32	The v varieties and number of nature areas	6/12/2026 7:04 AM
33	I like that there is dedicated funding to invasive species management! MCC is a great resource for this community and beyond	6/12/2026 12:01 AM
34	The many parks, trails and playgrounds. I also love the events and can tell that the township is really making an effort to add more and be inclusive. I love our Farmer's Market. It's honestly the best in the area.	6/11/2026 10:08 PM
35	I enjoy events!	6/11/2026 7:48 PM
36	The large amount of green spaces in our community	6/11/2026 7:27 PM
37	The amount of offerings for all residents (parks, sports, events, etc.).	6/11/2026 6:59 PM
38	Mike Devlin	6/11/2026 4:10 PM
39	The improvements in the playgrounds and facilities	6/11/2026 11:22 AM
40	Variety and options	6/11/2026 10:35 AM
41	The land preservation/conservation, the education opportunities, and the access to nature.	6/11/2026 9:54 AM
42	The nature outside and community	6/11/2026 9:37 AM
43	Beautiful parks close to where I live	6/11/2026 9:19 AM
44	The variety and availability of parks, trails and natural areas. How well the facilities are kept up and managed for stewardship purposes and recreation.	6/9/2026 3:17 PM
45	The effort put into caring for the parks & studies (like this) to acquire community input	6/3/2026 10:43 AM
46	Many hiking trails!!	6/1/2026 8:34 PM
47	Trails	6/1/2026 11:55 AM
48	Commitment to conservation and to public recreation activities	6/1/2026 7:52 AM
49	the natural space provides an opportunity to regularly hike. enjoying the opportunity to watch the bird life throughout the seasonal changes.	5/30/2026 11:05 AM
50	Environment Stewardship	5/28/2026 8:36 PM
51	Variety, accessibility	5/28/2026 4:46 PM
52	Helping our community with programming for families.	5/27/2026 9:50 PM
53	It serves most of the community demographically and geographically	5/27/2026 5:49 PM
54	Preservation of natural open space	5/27/2026 9:09 AM
55	I love volunteering with MCC and attending educational events! Emma and her team do a great job taking care of our natural areas.	5/22/2026 3:58 PM
56	Parks and program for kids (sporty for shorties)	5/21/2026 8:56 PM
57	Convenient	5/21/2026 1:49 PM
58	They involve the community a lot and share a lot of information, both in terms of education and transparency. I love our Parks and Recreation department!	5/20/2026 8:26 PM
59	Trails	5/20/2026 4:24 PM

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60	That they exist. I can't necessarily go to them due to allergies but I'm very grateful they exist for others. I also believe in them to offset the development of land.	5/20/2026 12:47 PM
61	All the bike/walking trails	5/20/2026 11:22 AM
62	AMAZING staff, NATURE CENTER, Youth programming (egg hunt, Halloween, sports)	5/18/2026 9:07 PM
63	Number and variety of properties and activities	5/18/2026 8:24 PM
64	Small town feel	5/18/2026 6:19 PM
65	I like amount of attention that is put towards wildlife support and restoration, like the rain gardens, and the large number of parks and reserves we have. And residents also seem to take personal initiative on this too.	5/18/2026 4:19 PM
66	Wide assortment of activities; well-maintained,	5/18/2026 4:09 PM
67	I love the amount of green space in Meridian Township - it's one of the reasons we moved to this area - and the existence of so many parks. And they are all pretty well maintained.	5/18/2026 1:30 PM
68	Trails, solitude	5/17/2026 9:33 PM
69	Kids sports and concert series	5/17/2026 4:41 PM
70	Good maintenance	5/17/2026 12:24 PM
71	Their presence	5/14/2026 8:06 AM
72	Rec youth sports for those who don't want the high fees and ridiculous competition at young ages.	5/13/2026 9:45 PM
73	Generally maintained well, good variety, family oriented. Grand children like our parks.	5/13/2026 6:44 PM
74	Care about ecology mixed with programming for different types and levels of interest and engagement	5/13/2026 5:30 PM
75	Preserves and unpaved nature trails	5/13/2026 5:25 PM
76	Youth sports	5/13/2026 1:52 PM
77	The wide variety of parks and trails.	5/13/2026 10:40 AM
78	wooded trails, natural wildlife habitat, trees	5/13/2026 10:32 AM
79	Good management of invasive and native plants	5/13/2026 10:21 AM
80	Citizen involvement	5/12/2026 10:17 PM
81	Community and Children Events/Programs	5/12/2026 2:47 PM
82	Trails & picnic area	5/12/2026 10:17 AM
83	Accessibility to the trails.	5/11/2026 8:03 PM
84	we have outstanding facilities and programs	5/11/2026 1:07 PM
85	Access to nature - wonderful and beautiful trails	5/11/2026 10:28 AM
86	I LOVE the number of areas preserved for conservation and green space. I want more areas left green. I LOVE the bike paths. I find it absolutely amazing that I can ride my bike to Costco, from across the Township, on mostly off road trails.	5/11/2026 10:10 AM
87	The number and variety of parks and natural areas.	5/11/2026 6:59 AM
88	tennis, hiking trails	5/8/2026 11:42 PM
89	Good communication through email, website. Friendly people. Many beautiful parks and preserves that help keep our community green and our water healthy.	5/8/2026 4:44 PM
90	I love the great number of green spaces, trees, marshes, flowers on street corners, etc., and the frequent community events.	5/8/2026 3:18 PM
91	The variety of activites provided especially the Senior Center.	5/8/2026 11:43 AM

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92	The efforts to save natural land from development.	5/8/2026 10:26 AM
93	Nature, Trails, Pavilions, Event Space	5/7/2026 5:31 PM
94	The walking paths and trails. I also think the twp does a good job of maintaining the parks and trails.	5/7/2026 4:58 PM
95	There are a variety of activities, events, and venues. The diversity is great!	5/7/2026 9:25 AM
96	The diversity and access.	5/7/2026 8:28 AM
97	Walking paths and natural spaces: particularly the interurban trail is a daily routine in all weather.	5/6/2026 10:02 PM
98	Natural features	5/6/2026 9:52 PM
99	Trails	5/6/2026 9:28 PM
100	Variety of prgrams; asking for our opinions	5/6/2026 9:24 PM
101	I enjoy community events that bring all types of people together	5/6/2026 8:35 PM
102	An abundance of parks that are reasonably well maintained	5/6/2026 8:26 PM
103	The flowers planted and attended to.	5/6/2026 8:05 PM
104	Lots of spaces with few people.	5/6/2026 7:43 PM
105	Lots of choices	5/6/2026 7:35 PM
106	Nature, community through children's recreation activities (and make them more well known to residents)	5/6/2026 6:49 PM
107	Lots of parks, preserves and trails	5/6/2026 6:39 PM
108	Donation to Harris Nature Center to fund bus rides for school children.	5/6/2026 6:32 PM
109	Being able to hike a variety of parks/settings.	5/6/2026 5:55 PM
110	Parks with trails.	5/6/2026 5:44 PM
111	The Parks and facilities are generally well maintained.	5/6/2026 4:50 PM
112	The senior center and the nature trails	5/6/2026 4:50 PM
113	Accessibility and options	5/6/2026 4:45 PM
114	Clean	5/6/2026 4:13 PM
115	Programming. You are damn lucky to Mike Devlin!! He's one in a million!	5/6/2026 3:59 PM
116	quality of the park system	5/6/2026 10:53 AM
117	The employees and all they do to offer different programs and events for the community.	5/5/2026 10:24 AM

Q13 What would you like to see different at Meridian Township Parks & Recreation?

Answered: 106 Skipped: 48

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1	More accessibility to get around on bike and foot. Make the community more bike friendly, less car focused.	7/11/2026 10:14 PM
2	Sidewalk between Playmakers and new rock. climbing facility is not safe. I would use this a lot if there were a barrier between the sidewalk and grand river traffic.	7/11/2026 11:06 AM
3	I can't think of anything.	7/11/2026 9:22 AM
4	More bike paths (the connector up to the inter urban and lake Lansing is a great start!). Hiking options that are more interesting and varied (woldumar, but bigger would be such an asset). Camping options would be cool.	7/10/2026 11:02 PM
5	One time skill building sessions that are family friendly, like how to fish , how to identify poison ivy and other toxic plants and safe removal, how to snow shoe/cross country skii, along with maybe some groups that are active/social. I would have really loved a pregnancy/postpartum walking group. There are a lot of parents really craving connection that the parks could be a space to use for those. If these programs exist then more intense promotion and marketing of those	7/10/2026 6:39 PM
6	Mostly maintain the good programs we have and get more basketball facilities with lights and get cricket facilities for the large Indian and Pakistani communities in the township	7/10/2026 4:42 PM
7	An enhancement of teen youth sports opportunities for those who do not want to compete in club or school sports but want to remain active and play for no pressure and fun.	7/10/2026 1:24 PM
8	Basketball courts and an interconnected bike trail system	7/10/2026 1:24 PM
9	I would love to see more accessible playground features and upgrades to the playground, additional nature inspired playground areas. A splash pad in Okemos/Williamston or at Lake Lansing would be great!	7/9/2026 10:17 PM
10	Install a big splash pad	7/7/2026 1:02 PM
11	lower taxes, no millage	7/7/2026 10:44 AM
12	2022 Millage included provision for Senior Center. Twp Board ERRED by pushing for new Community Center first. Waste of time & that \$5MIL grant. Demand either Okemos or Haslett Schools make space to house new Senior Center.	7/3/2026 1:22 PM
13	Ticks are becoming a serious problem and may need some mitigation or education efforts.	6/30/2026 5:01 PM
14	Nothing	6/30/2026 4:15 PM
15	A better relationship between the township and the clubs trying to use the fields. What a mess. Clean it up!	6/24/2026 8:37 PM
16	New facilities, clean facilities. Clean parks and trails	6/20/2026 12:36 AM
17	Improve, or at least grade more frequently the entrance and parking at the Foster Davis Preserve. In late March it is a known nesting site for American Woodcocks and is visited by many birders. Unfortunately, it's like a minefield to navigate the moguls!	6/19/2026 2:23 PM
18	You do so many wonderful things that serve our residents and the environment that many people in our community never hear about. I think it would be money well spent to create a multi-pronged marketing plan that not only advertises programs and facilities, but highlights volunteers and their efforts as well. Ideas: take on media partners; collaborate with the Township's Communication Department and the media departments of Okemos and Haslett Schools.	6/19/2026 9:54 AM

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19	Aquatic center with pool and swimming lessons	6/18/2026 10:20 PM
20	No Pride celebrations. Celebrate families.	6/18/2026 11:21 AM
21	Keep up the great work!	6/17/2026 4:11 PM
22	Euchre league, speaker series	6/17/2026 8:28 AM
23	Better enforcement of unleashed dogs in parks and natural areas.	6/16/2026 6:51 PM
24	senior actives	6/16/2026 4:02 PM
25	Focus on preservation	6/16/2026 3:29 PM
26	A new person in charge of the Senior Center so that she works for us Instead of telling us that she doesn't like this that the other thing like Food lunches. If it's too hard for her and we love it then we should have somebody else to manage it.	6/16/2026 1:27 PM
27	More wheelchair and walker accessibility. At the workout equipment in Wonch I've watched elderly walker used struggle to get to the equipment because of the mulch. Also more paved pathways.	6/16/2026 12:43 PM
28	Trail improvements	6/16/2026 12:18 PM
29	I'd like to see an increase in walking and biking paths and improvements to the local parks. Additionally, I'd like better/more sports fields	6/16/2026 11:42 AM
30	New senior center	6/16/2026 8:13 AM
31	More events for all ages	6/12/2026 8:45 AM
32	More sports activities there ar so many sports facilities the go unused most of the year. Additional shade trees	6/12/2026 7:04 AM
33	N/A	6/12/2026 12:01 AM
34	Overall I am very happy with Meridian Townships Parks and Rec. I would love to have a community center eventually.	6/11/2026 10:08 PM
35	I would like to see more about what there is to do at all of these places! I had no idea we could even go to preserves. What's there? Trails? Just forest? More information to the public about what you can do in these spaces would be great	6/11/2026 7:48 PM
36	Splash pad would be amazing! More "rec" sports for younger and elementary aged kids	6/11/2026 7:27 PM
37	A different form of deer management. Don't love the hunting in parks and private properties that back up to residences.	6/11/2026 6:59 PM
38	Better nature center	6/11/2026 4:10 PM
39	Better cooperation with Okemos and Haslett to leverage the resources of all and provide better recreation services to all Meridian Township residents.	6/11/2026 3:51 PM
40	More nature focused events. Guides hikes, more public involvement in conservation efforts	6/11/2026 11:22 AM
41	More family events to teach others about the natural world	6/11/2026 10:35 AM
42	Maybe more educational signage about the natural flora and fauna and especially around littering...	6/11/2026 9:54 AM
43	Upkeep of walking and biking trails. A lot of them have weeds and grass popping up from paved trail and it buckles them and trees and shrubs overgrowth coming onto the trails.	6/11/2026 9:43 AM
44	More sports and activities to build community. I haven't see much so if they exist just advertisement for it then so I am aware.	6/11/2026 9:37 AM
45	Adult sports people can sign up for without already having a team. Less mowing at many areas and the expansion of native/natural plantings with clean borders between the native and lawn areas.	6/9/2026 3:17 PM
46	More longer hiking trails. Many are less than a mile. Some can be combined, but I wish there were more.	6/1/2026 8:34 PM

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47	Not sure - seems like a lot is already going on	6/1/2026 7:52 AM
48	the two cemeteries, Glendale and Riverside, should be cultivated as natural preserves and as parks for residents to enjoy and remember those who have passed before us. they should more properly be managed by parks and rec rather than public works.	5/30/2026 11:05 AM
49	Less emphasis on signs, more on gaining and preserving open space for wildlife.	5/28/2026 8:36 PM
50	I don't use them much anymore but when our kids were young we used their programs.	5/27/2026 9:50 PM
51	Trails should not end suddenly, as does the path eastbound on Saginaw at Towner	5/27/2026 5:49 PM
52	Support and expansion of access and swimming programs at the Haslett Community Natatorium	5/27/2026 9:09 AM
53	Public firepits. I live in an apartment, so I would love to have fire pits nearby for small get togethers with friends and family.	5/22/2026 3:58 PM
54	Less pride stuff	5/21/2026 1:49 PM
55	I'm not sure, this is the best one I've experienced.	5/20/2026 8:26 PM
56	End obsession with senior center and indoor recreation. Coordinate services with City of East Lansing	5/20/2026 4:24 PM
57	I think Emma is doing a great job. I would like her to keep being supported in all the efforts she's doing especially with her conservation corps of volunteers. I'd like to see more attention to what they're doing to hopefully gain more volunteers for them.	5/20/2026 12:47 PM
58	Alot of the paved rails are becoming very rough like the inter-urban.	5/20/2026 11:22 AM
59	Expanding nature center hours and facility (maybe a nature preschool like Fenner!)	5/18/2026 9:07 PM
60	Better cooperation between township and Okemos and Haslett schools--especially shared facilities and costs	5/18/2026 8:24 PM
61	Better bathrooms and maintenance of bathroom facilities (specifically - restrooms locked and only dirty porta potty at Nancy Moore Park for youth sports)	5/18/2026 6:19 PM
62	Just advertisement for the things there is to do. I love the outdoors and I had no knowledge of any of the parks, or preserves in our township, and I have lived here 3 years. It would be nice to see a push to have people use these areas by drawings peoples attention to them, so people know about it, not just because they are specifically looking for a park to go to.	5/18/2026 4:19 PM
63	More invasive plant removal in high quality parks and preserves, e.g. Eastgate Park, Legg Park	5/18/2026 4:09 PM
64	Better/clearer signage and education about the services. Brattin Woods is a lovely space but when we went a few years ago to explore, it was inundated with mosquitoes and we have not been back.	5/18/2026 1:30 PM
65	More free programs - would local businesses sponsor something so all can attend	5/17/2026 4:41 PM
66	Keep up the good maintenance	5/17/2026 12:24 PM
67	Campaign to promote parks	5/13/2026 9:45 PM
68	Night lighting at entrance to parks.	5/13/2026 6:44 PM
69	More bike path access -- like a rail trail. there are lots of paved pathways but they seem more like sidewalks. A rail trail type of protected pathway, or hookup to the B2B for the eastern part of the township would be great.	5/13/2026 5:30 PM
70	Less emphasis on trying to provide entertainment for residents, such as drone displays. The artificial ice surface does not work well, and should be removed- skating on natural or refrigerated ice with an area large enough for hockey and recreational skating would benefit the community. Actual bike paths that allow cross Township travel- The Lake Lansing path is too dangerous due to having to cross Okemos Rd., and Grand River.	5/13/2026 5:25 PM
71	Youth sports expansion and for middle schoolers	5/13/2026 1:52 PM
72	More adult and senior programs.	5/13/2026 10:40 AM

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73	fewer dogs running around off leash!!!! this is constant and the police don't do anything about it even when I have told them dozens of times as it was happening. I have given up calling and stopped going to parks as much as I used to. My partner is disabled and can't visit these parks because of the loose dogs.	5/13/2026 10:32 AM
74	Improvement of playgrounds, they are all small would be nice for expansion and renovation especially at frequently used ones like Wonch and Ferguson	5/13/2026 10:21 AM
75	additional river access (canoe/kayak)	5/12/2026 10:17 PM
76	Collaboration across the township to promote non motorized transportation and access to our parks.	5/12/2026 11:50 AM
77	Bocce ball facilities	5/12/2026 10:17 AM
78	winter availability of porta-john/s at Hartrick Park	5/11/2026 1:07 PM
79	I want more bike paths, either off road or sidewalks, connecting the parks and lands preserves. I prioritize work that connects places and areas by foot and bike. I prioritise the continued goal of building out and making improvements to a non-motorized system of pathways so that I never have to get into an automobile to go about my everyday life.	5/11/2026 10:10 AM
80	I would love to see more upgraded playgrounds that have new play equipment and offer a greater variety of play opportunities and playgrounds that are bigger.	5/11/2026 6:59 AM
81	We have a Rec Center??? I think people don't know this, but should.	5/8/2026 4:44 PM
82	More ability for individuals to participate in adult sports. Concrete plan for future location of senior center.	5/8/2026 11:43 AM
83	I do not know if this is the correct place for this, but here goes: 1. Our sidewalks are used heavily by people exercising, enjoying walks, grocery shopping, traveling to work, etc. and we really, really (really) need better snow removal. 2. The traffic on Okemos Rd. is ridiculous and we are in great need of another exit off I-96 between Okemos Rd and 127 to ease the burden on Okemos Rd and traffic calming on Okemos Rd. 3. Additional police presence to slow people down.	5/8/2026 10:26 AM
84	Treat for mosquitoes and ticks	5/7/2026 5:31 PM
85	Expansion of different sport options for our teenagers.	5/7/2026 9:25 AM
86	The ability to get to the parks by bike.	5/7/2026 8:28 AM
87	Please note when interpreting this survey that you have provided lists of things that you ask be ranked. These are lists that you provided and may not be priorities, simply a ranking a person provides that you put forward.	5/7/2026 7:18 AM
88	Doing a good job overall	5/6/2026 10:02 PM
89	Nothing	5/6/2026 9:52 PM
90	Not enough bike trails	5/6/2026 9:28 PM
91	More bicycle trails	5/6/2026 8:47 PM
92	I'm not interested in new land purchases	5/6/2026 8:35 PM
93	senior center management is poor. I did not return after Covid due to behavior of the board of directors and cherrie wisdom.	5/6/2026 8:30 PM
94	There is trash and brush that needs cleaning up and dead tree limbs on trees by roadways that need trimming or cutting down.	5/6/2026 8:05 PM
95	walking and hiking groups. Sort of afraid to walk alone.	5/6/2026 7:43 PM
96	Grooming the walking trail at Wonch Park i.e. clean off sand, leaves, and snow	5/6/2026 6:49 PM
97	Buy more land - they stopped making it	5/6/2026 6:39 PM
98	Later hours for public use.	5/6/2026 6:32 PM
99	Get the basics (maintaining parks/natural areas) taken care of over events/sports.	5/6/2026 5:55 PM

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100	I would like to see long linear trails, something like a rails to trails park.	5/6/2026 5:44 PM
101	Respect for the \$5 million grant for the senior center that is expiring. Buy a property and renovate it. It doesn't have to be the Taj Mahal, Williamston managed it on less than \$2 million	5/6/2026 4:50 PM
102	We need a large indoor facility to assist Rec, Club & Travel sports for year-round training.	5/6/2026 4:45 PM
103	More handicap spaces	5/6/2026 4:13 PM
104	More playground features for kids.	5/6/2026 3:59 PM
105	Focus on maintenance as opposed to acquisition	5/6/2026 10:53 AM
106	Bigger restroom facility at Marketplace on the Green	5/5/2026 10:24 AM

Q14 Is there anything else you would like us to consider for the Meridian Township Parks & Recreation department or services?

Answered: 72 Skipped: 82

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Community swimming pool and exercise facilities, like the East Lansing Hannah Center	7/11/2026 11:20 AM
2	Better promotion of nature preserves and community events.	7/11/2026 11:06 AM
3	Nothing that I can think of at this time.	7/11/2026 9:22 AM
4	Love the farmers market. Bigger and more usage (other events) would make a lot of sense given the success.	7/10/2026 11:02 PM
5	Have the puzzle tournaments year round	7/10/2026 4:42 PM
6	I am in support of a community center that could house more indoor and outdoor financially and physically accessible activities.	7/10/2026 1:24 PM
7	Better relationships with club sports teams regarding facilities and working together to build a pipeline for school athletics.	7/10/2026 1:24 PM
8	Keep up the great work. The facilities and events in the township are some of the best in the nation.	6/30/2026 5:01 PM
9	Nothing	6/30/2026 4:15 PM
10	Please consider acquiring the parcel of land with a pond at the corner of Park Lake and Lake Lansing roads for conservation.	6/24/2026 12:24 PM
11	PLEASE move Celebrate Meridian Festival to July 4th annually! AND use fireworks. Using fireworks on July 4 is a planned event. What needs to have much greater legislation and enforcement are personal fireworks. The Township should prohibit the sale of personal fireworks within its borders.	6/19/2026 9:54 AM
12	Aquatic center	6/18/2026 10:20 PM
13	Continued commitment to land stewardship. Emma Campbell and her team do a FANTASTIC job!	6/17/2026 4:11 PM
14	More visible signage and education around unleashed pets being not allowed in parks other than the dog parks. This is a big issue at Sanders Farm. Have called the police numerous times over the years and nothing seems to be done about it. The current signs stating unleashed pets are not allowed are too small or vandalized.	6/16/2026 6:51 PM
15	a pool for swimming	6/16/2026 4:02 PM
16	A Mandate to prevent natural spaces from being "harvested" for sports fields and other recreational purposes. Land already developed should be repurposed instead. Natural spaces are a precious resource that are nearly impossible to rehabilitate once they have been developed.	6/16/2026 3:29 PM
17	Get a very nice Senior Center with a kitchen so that we can have our lunches. There is very important us widows have to eat by ourselves all The time and it's very depressing and very lonely.	6/16/2026 1:27 PM
18	Instead of a new senior center, combine with E. Lansing's Prime Time. I joined as a non-resident and it is excellent. We can't seem to do the same programs here.	6/16/2026 1:06 PM
19	More paved pathways, more accessibility for our disabled and elderly friends.	6/16/2026 12:43 PM
20	N/A	6/12/2026 12:01 AM
21	More advertisement for events!	6/11/2026 7:48 PM

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22	Any way to have rental kayaks or canoes for the red cedar in the township? Or is this already available and I just don't know about it?	6/11/2026 6:59 PM
23	I grew up in Meridian township and recently moved into Lansing. My parents still live in Haslett and I still regularly visit. I did not know there were so many parks! It seems like most events take place at only a handful of them.	6/11/2026 11:22 AM
24	Yall are great!	6/11/2026 9:37 AM
25	Support and additional maintenance staff who do a great job covering many areas with limited resources. Work in coordination and collaboration with adjacent community parks & rec departments to provide activities and services, vs. trying to duplicate in each community.	6/9/2026 3:17 PM
26	Adult Recreation Leagues (Basketball, Volleyball, Pickleball, for example). Potentially chess, games like bocce, disc golf	6/1/2026 8:34 PM
27	Disc golf	6/1/2026 11:55 AM
28	I believe that what residents want is a little slice of park & rec area that is very convenient and local to the individual, plus a smaller number of larger parks/rec areas with a variety of purposes. Instead what Meridian has given us is a bunch of disconnected, inaccessible, mostly swampy "preserves" that the owners have usually been happy to be rid of, and a mish-mosh of parkland that is all trying to be all things to all people. Case in point is that we were very unhappy when Harris Nature Center decided to become a virtual kiddie-land park with "fun" artificial climbing structures and an enormously ugly, overpriced turtle "art installation", all of which makes it the opposite of a "nature park". I suggest unloading most of the overpriced, inaccessible and unusable, ugly swampland and unused brushy wood lots, and instead do the following: - invest in a LARGE number of SMALL, LOCAL parks where LOCAL RESIDENTS (many of whom are within WALKING DISTANCE) can sit on clean benches and enjoy trees and grass, watch their children safely play on good old swings and slides, and get some fresh air and maybe play chess or feed ducks. NO stinky messy BBQ's, NO PAVILIONS rented to loud partiers. Yes to accessible hard pathways for those with disabilities. Yes to walking paths and maybe gardens, Yes to a SMALLER scale. - Yes, have a set of single-purpose parks for soccer, baseball, cricket (would be wonderful to support the cricketers) and what have you. Do NOT locate these at the outer edges of the township but rather more centrally. The BMX park is cool but why so far away. - I have long thought that Meridian should have a skateboard park and an ice rink. They needn't be extravagant. - Historic Meridian is an asset that should be enhanced and expanded. - I value our Native American history and people but really, is the Nokomis Center a good use of all that space? Is it used at all? I support a smaller space for this purpose. - I would support preserving some farmland if any is left. Keep it as a small version of traditional farmland and use it as a historic and learning space such as the one in Troy, Michigan, or Greenfield Village. Could be rented for weddings and parties. Very in vogue these days. - Trying to put play equipment at Harris Nature Center is a bastardization of that space imho. - Probably could use more bathroom facilities at many of the "parks" and other areas ex Legg Park. Why not a small bathroom near the entrance. Use the QR-code access and "rate your bathroom" concepts - see below*. - Continue to preserve land that is environmentally important or important for wildlife habitat. Do NOT also make a playland or soccer field out of it. Some quiet trails and PARKING are all that's needed. - For each piece of land owned by the township, ask, "What is this for and who should be using it?" Be sure it makes sense in the overall scheme of things. And then stick mainly to that ONE purpose. I don't think we need any more isolated, disjointed, swampy little patches of runoff area that no one and nothing can fruitfully use. Look at your map, for heaven's sake. It doesn't make sense. A lot of little colored blobs that add up to a sum that's less than its mostly insignificant parts. - Having a little local park that is walkably close is a wonderful thing for all. But we don't have much of that. - Important point: your Kiwanis artificial ice pavilion is an unusable eyesore and public danger. My family members are skaters and tried it out when it first was opened, and it is absolutely unusable as a skating surface. Whoever sold and installed that piece of garbage should be refunding our money. It will deter people from learning how to skate rather than be a fun skate area. Nice try but the surface does not work with skates. Has the township noticed that yet ???!! *Modern public bathroom concepts: • App-Gated Access: Modern solutions (like "Throne smart restrooms") require users to scan a QR code or tap a card to enter. This links visits to a user ID, cutting down on vandalism because problematic users can be temporarily banned. * Real-Time Usage Tracking: Cities utilize internet-connected sensors to track foot traffic and dispatch cleaning crews strictly on an as-needed basis, rather than on a blind, delayed schedule. * Crowdsourced Ratings: Users are prompted to rate the cleanliness	5/27/2026 7:53 PM

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of the bathroom on their phones, allowing cities to immediately identify and respond to maintenance issues.

29	Bike safety training, including e-bike use, and enforcement of e-bike trail usage law	5/27/2026 5:49 PM
30	Please do more to enforce leash laws in the nature preserves. Off leash dogs are a danger, especially to children and elders, not to mention wildlife.	5/27/2026 9:09 AM
31	I'm not sure if this is your department, but separated bike lanes on roadways would be great. Not just bike lanes, but guardrails to separate them. I would love to ride my bike more places but I just don't feel comfortable on the roads.	5/22/2026 3:58 PM
32	Winter skating rink with real ice	5/21/2026 1:49 PM
33	Green Burial made an option for our township and asking Emma for guidance on how to manage the land and the plantings. Land Preservation to take over maintenance of Riverside Cemetery so the flora there can be saved and not mowed.	5/20/2026 12:47 PM
34	More tennis courts and bike trails	5/20/2026 11:22 AM
35	People are going to complain on this but you're doing a good job. The township works hard to make things nice.	5/18/2026 9:07 PM
36	An elective program for qualifying residences to delegate a portion of their property to be used to support local wildlife by "re-wilding" through the use of native grasses and wildflowers. Seed and an informational packet on what seed is given would be provided by the township at the expense of the interested persons. The informational packet would educate the user on how to grow the seeds, explain the importance of said native plants in our urban areas, and show the animals we live around that said program would be benefitting.	5/18/2026 4:19 PM
37	I was surprised to see how many parks were on this map! So education about their existence - including photos of the facility (I was not familiar with the Towar-Snell Center and couldn't even find a photo of it online) - would be helpful for those who want to utilize them. Google Maps isn't always correct or complete! I would love to know what is around me and easy to get to, and how to access them. Sometimes the entrance is not clear.	5/18/2026 1:30 PM
38	Indoor facilities for athletics is a great need	5/17/2026 4:41 PM
39	Please cull more deer.	5/17/2026 12:24 PM
40	Meridian township needs an ice rink and indoor sports facility.	5/14/2026 7:36 AM
41	Splash pad would be great addition	5/13/2026 9:45 PM
42	NA	5/13/2026 6:44 PM
43	The senior center is becoming more important to me as I get older and nearer to using it. I wish for something I could get involved with now that is available for 55+ and after work that isn't just ecology-related. Something like a "senior center after hours" with exercise classes or game nights for those of us who are older but not retired.	5/13/2026 5:30 PM
44	Plant more trees, convert mowed areas to native plants. A realistic bike safe route map would be a benefit—the current map is pure fiction, and could be very dangerous if someone interpreted it literally.	5/13/2026 5:25 PM
45	Indoor facilities are needed. It's Michigan!	5/13/2026 1:52 PM
46	START ENFORCING DOGS OFF LEASH. Many dog owners feel entitled even when I confront them they say the township doesn't care (which I believe based on my interactions and experience)	5/13/2026 10:32 AM
47	Expanding trail system to reach parts of Mt Hope, so can be more connected to bike trails and parks	5/13/2026 10:21 AM
48	take responsibility for Riverside Cemetery from Public Works and treat it as an oak opening preserve	5/12/2026 10:17 PM
49	Expansion and improvement of Marketplace on the Green should be a top priority. The farmer's market is a jewel in our community and draws people from across the region. It has quickly outgrown the space (which is a testament to its success) and should be expanded. In addition to the farmer's market, the Marketplace hosts several growing community events, like	5/12/2026 11:50 AM

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Celebrate Meridian. Since we lack a proper downtown, this is the de facto heart of our township and should be treated as such. Expanding to the grassy area to the west with a plaza and seating, for example, would provide additional flexibility for events and programming while also creating new gathering places for community members. Our community came together to create the Marketplace and would surely rally around a chance to build on that vision.

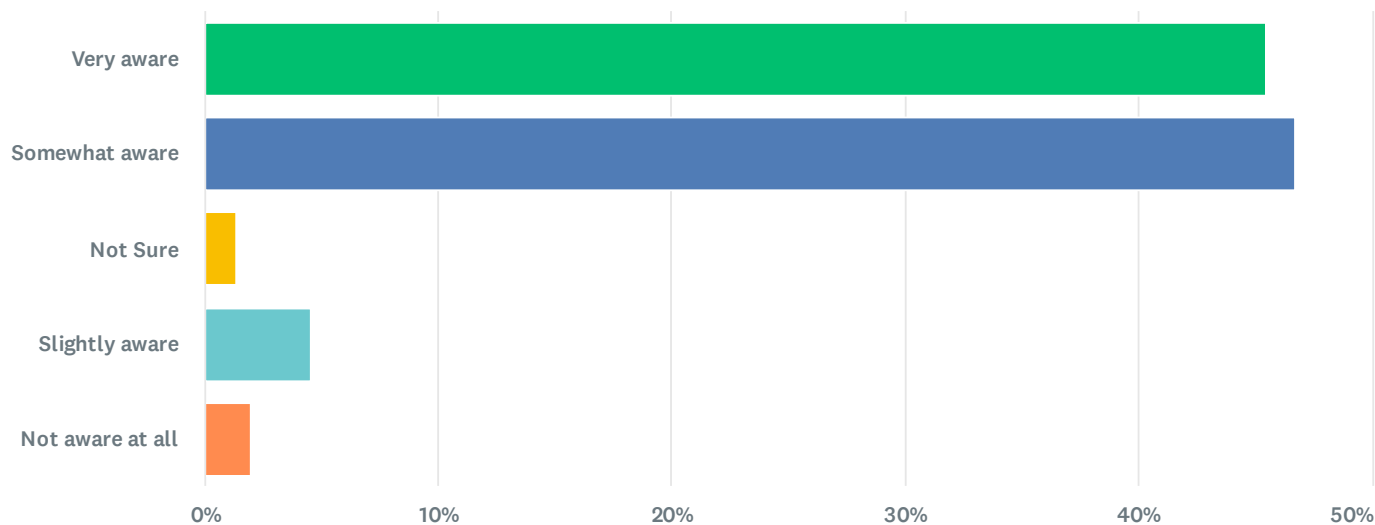
50	Bocce ball facilities	5/12/2026 10:17 AM
51	eventually, it would be helpful have parking available for trail users as part of the new construction of the former Haslett Village Square	5/11/2026 1:07 PM
52	Thank you for your attention to the recreational needs of the community. I very much enjoy the services provided.	5/11/2026 10:10 AM
53	Keep working HARD on finishing shared use path and bicycle connections.	5/8/2026 4:44 PM
54	Use the schools for gym space and senior center. I have heard they are willing to work with you.	5/8/2026 2:46 PM
55	N/A	5/8/2026 11:43 AM
56	Keep up the good work!	5/7/2026 9:25 AM
57	Please put a safe walkway/sidewalk on Parklake road just north of Lake Lansing. I know this is not a parks think per se, but the residents need in that area need safe biking access to the rest of Meridian Township.	5/7/2026 8:28 AM
58	We have a great program and great parks. We don't need to keep adding and adding. It seems like all the township does is ask more money for everything. Parks. Sidewalks. Buildings. Please keep doing the good job you are doing with what you have.	5/7/2026 7:18 AM
59	We are a swampy area: taking care of the wetlands is good for keeping the water out of our houses. Parks are important to daily life and keeping healthy. Not really interested in millages dedicated to senior facilities when we have endless tax breaks, caps, and incentives for seniors already taking away from being able to pay for public services, but support programming and space for seniors as part of overall parks programs and having space dedicated for keeping them healthy and active as part of facilities and public space.	5/6/2026 10:02 PM
60	No	5/6/2026 9:52 PM
61	Please have longer than 5 miles bike trails	5/6/2026 9:28 PM
62	Trees need taking care of in Haslett area. Mulching is needed in all public Haslett areas, not just some of the neighborhoods. Towar snell recreation park needs upkeep and nature center for benefit of many families in area who are not close to Harris Nature Center or potter park zoo.	5/6/2026 8:05 PM
63	Fireworks on America's birthday, especially this year! and/or a celebration marking our country's Independence Day. If these random celebration are just to attract people, consider having the food trucks permanently parked at the mall. Also, consider moving the market back to the township instead of at the dying mall.	5/6/2026 6:49 PM
64	See 13	5/6/2026 6:39 PM
65	No	5/6/2026 6:32 PM
66	Build a park / bridge in the back of Riverwood subdivision over the river to connect to Tacoma Hills neighborhood.	5/6/2026 5:44 PM
67	We need a good place to park for the inter-urban pathway. We used to be able to park at the old shopping center on the corner of Haslett and Marsh.	5/6/2026 4:50 PM
68	It's clear the Township Parks and the County aren't communicating well after the recent Pine Lake trenching that occurred. The mess left behind by the County needs to be handled, not just massive banks of mud left behind. The County also ruined dedicated wetland areas in leaving the pile of debris behind. Seems to be a lot of finger pointing from the Township back on the County, instead of working TOGETHER to find solutions to the mess left behind for property owners and park go-ers. I don't believe this should fall on Parks & Recreation department; however,	5/6/2026 4:45 PM
69	Work to keep adult activities separate from . Children's.	5/6/2026 4:13 PM

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70	Some sort of restroom facility at Legg Park. It would make the pavillion and picnic facility actually usefull	5/6/2026 4:08 PM
71	Splash Pad!!	5/6/2026 3:59 PM
72	N/A	5/5/2026 10:24 AM

Q15 154 responses

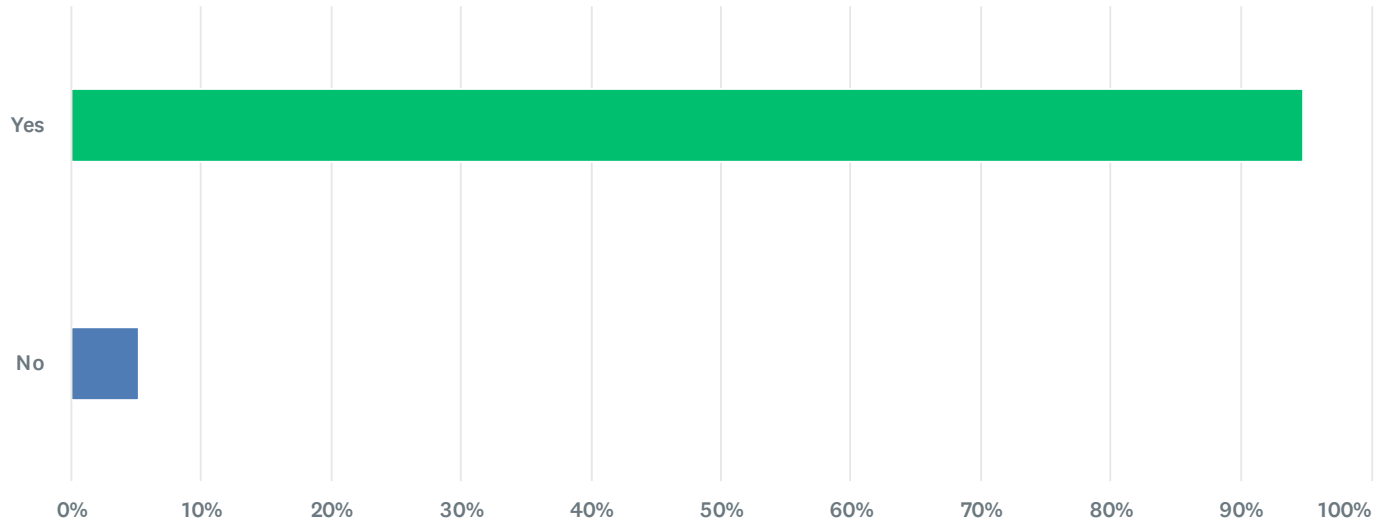
Before today, how aware were you of the range of services provided by the Meridian Township Parks & Recreation Department (parks, land preserves, trails, recreation programs, special events, and facilities)?



Answer Choices	Percentage	Responses
● Very aware	45.45%	70
● Somewhat aware	46.75%	72
● Not Sure	1.30%	2
● Slightly aware	4.55%	7
● Not aware at all	1.95%	3
Total		154

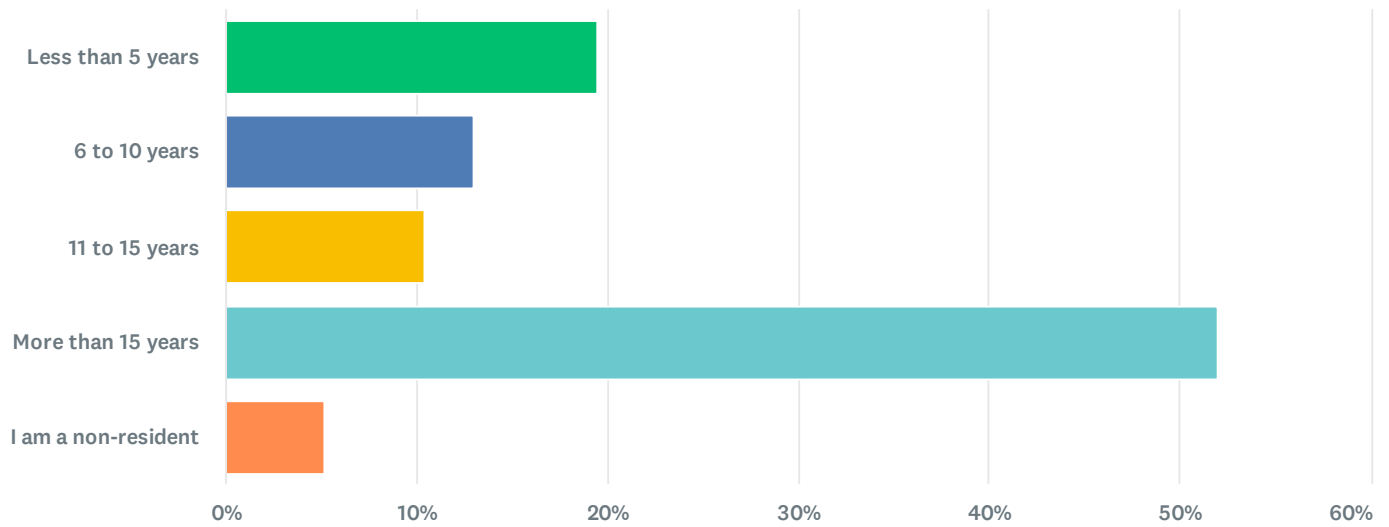
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Are you a resident of Meridian Township?



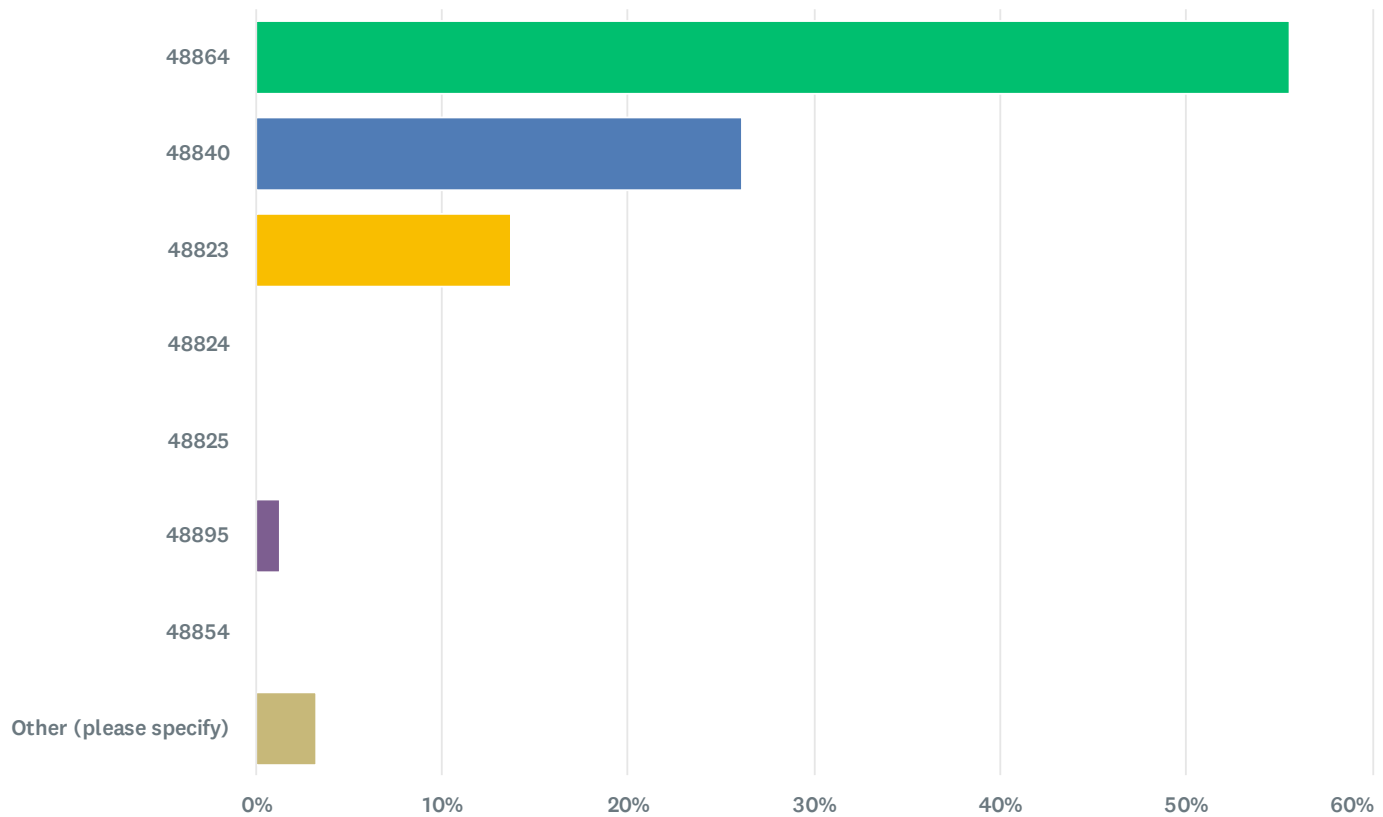
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How long have you lived in Meridian Township?



Q18 153 responses

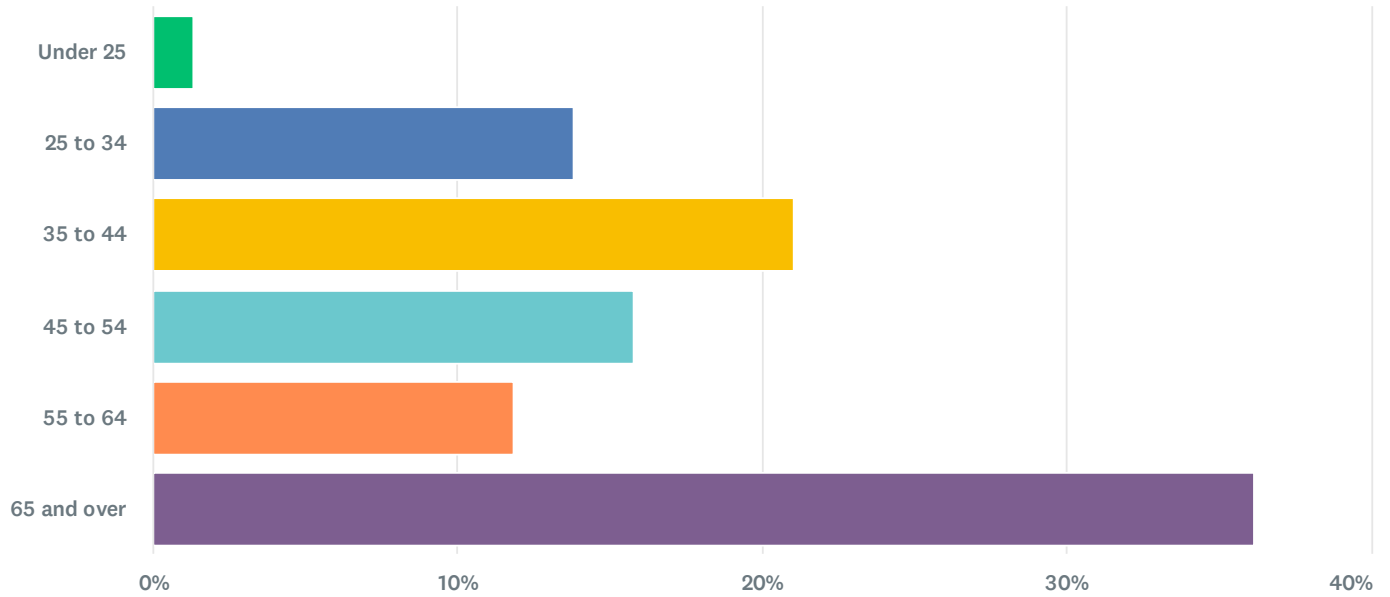
In what zip code area do you live?



#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	48906	7/7/2026 10:44 AM
2	48910	6/16/2026 1:57 PM
3	48820	6/12/2026 12:02 AM
4	48906	6/11/2026 11:22 AM
5	Rather maintain privacy	5/6/2026 5:55 PM

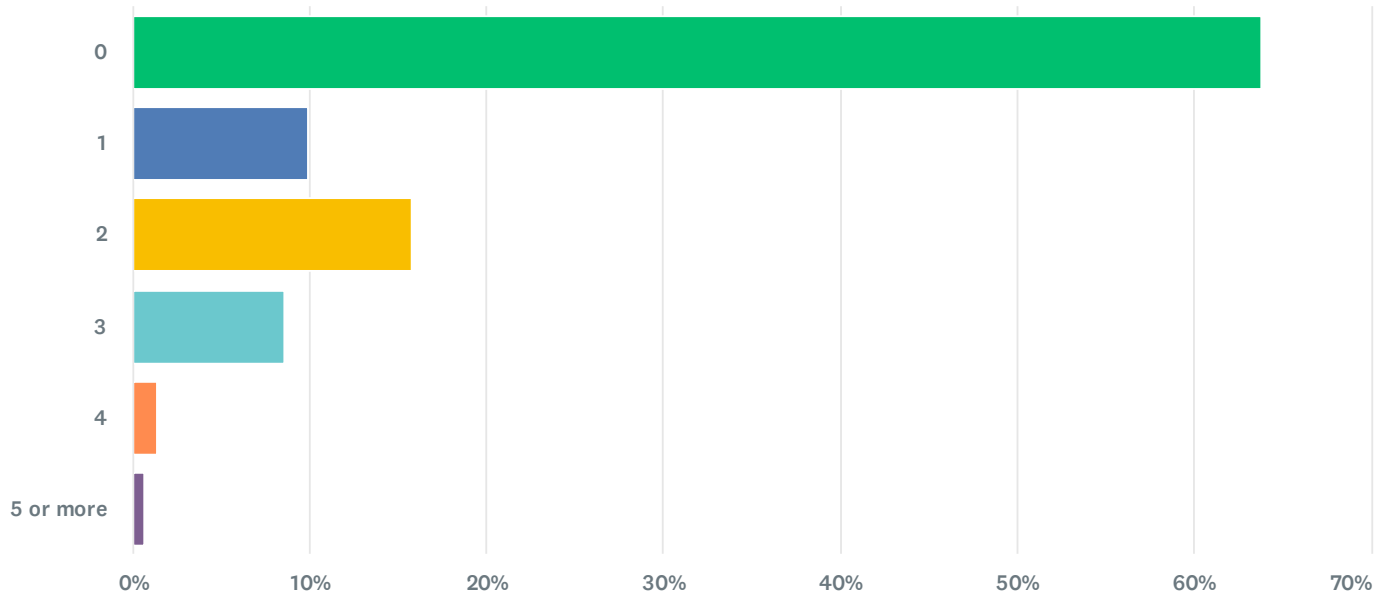
Q19 152 responses

How old are you?



Q20 152 responses

How many children under 18 live in your household?





STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP SATURDAYS
These workdays occur every other Saturday year round

- July 11, Tihart Preserve, we will return to hand dig spotted knapweed & Japanese hedge parsley
 - 1000 Tihart Rd, Okemos (parking is on the roadside)
- July 25th, No stewardship Saturday, consider volunteering for Celebrate Meridian!

WEEKDAY WARRIORS: Occurs every other Thursday

- July 16, Okemos Preserve, hand dig mugwort
 - 2100 Gaylord C. Smith Court, Haslett
- July 30, Hillbrook Park, hand pulling purple loosestrife from the wetland located in the park
 - Intersection of Sherbrook & Montebello Ave.

TEEN NIGHT & CELEBRATE MERIDIAN

- Teen night will be at Marketplace on the Green | Fun activities include gaga ball, food trucks, music, lawn games, & crafts!
- Check out the schedule of events & volunteer opportunities for Celebrate Meridian on our website at <https://www.meridian.mi.us/recreation-leisure/events-calendar/celebrate-meridian/>



*ALL EVENTS ARE WEATHER DEPENDENT & MAY BE CANCELLED THE DAY OF

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
			1	2	3 ★ TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 STEWARDSHIP SATURDAY 9:30-12PM
12	13	14	15	16 WEEKDAY WARRIORS 1-3 PM	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 ☀️ TEEN NIGHT 6 - 10 PM	25 CELEBRATE MERIDIAN 4 - 11 PM
26	27	28	29	30 WEEKDAY WARRIORS 1-3 PM	31	

PLEASE CONTACT EMMA AT ECAMPBELL@MERIDIAN.MI.US, OR 517.897.3610

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JULY

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9 am - 3 pm Summer Day Camp	2 9 am - 3 pm Summer Day Camp	3 HOLIDAY CLOSED	4 HOLIDAY CLOSED
5	6	7 9 am - 3 pm Summer Day Camp	8 9 am - 3 pm Summer Day Camp	9 9 am - 3 pm Summer Day Camp	10 9 am - 3 pm Summer Day Camp	11 9 am - 3 pm Summer Day Camp
12	13 AM Little Hornets (Outreach) 5 pm HNC Foundation Board Meeting	14 9 am - 3 pm Summer Day Camp	15 9 am - 3 pm Summer Day Camp	16 9 am - 3 pm Summer Day Camp	17 9 am - 3 pm Summer Day Camp	18 7 PM Campfire: All About Fireflies
19	20 AM Woodhull Twp. (Outreach) PM Laugh & Learn	21 9 am - 3 pm Summer Day Camp	22 9 am - 3 pm Summer Day Camp	23 9 am - 3 pm Summer Day Camp	24 9 am - 3 pm Summer Day Camp	25 9 am - 3 pm Summer Day Camp
26	27 PM Williamston Senior Center (Outreach)	28 9 am - 3 pm Summer Day Camp	29 9 am - 3 pm Summer Day Camp	30 9 am - 3 pm Summer Day Camp	31 9 am - 3 pm Summer Day Camp	

Meridian Township Parks & Recreation 2026-2030 CIP Proposal

Project Title	Department	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	Future Years
Parks and Recreation							
Ferguson Park - Canoe Launch	Parks and Recreation						
Wonch Park - Canoe Launch	Parks and Recreation	\$ 75,000					\$ 150,000
Harris Nature Center Canoe launch	Parks and Recreation	\$ 75,000					
Towner Road Playground	Parks and Recreation						
Okemos Road Park - Bike Trail Hub	Parks and Recreation	\$ 499,600					
Ottawa Hills Park - Playground	Parks and Recreation						
Nancy Moore Park - Playground	Parks and Recreation		\$ 175,000				
Hillbrook Park - Restrooms	Parks and Recreation						\$ 250,000
Nancy Moore Park - Pavilion	Parks and Recreation	\$ 150,000					
Nancy Moore Park - Loop Trail	Parks and Recreation		\$ 100,000				
Central Park - Splashpad	Parks and Recreation						\$ 500,000
Meridian Riverfront Park - Trail	Parks and Recreation						\$ 1,000,000
Wonch Park - General Improvements	Parks and Recreation						\$ 500,000
Hartrick Park Parking Lot Expansion	Parks and Recreation			\$ 300,000			
Farmer's Market Windscreens	Parks and Recreation	\$ 10,000					
Farmer's Market Electrical Upgrades	Parks and Recreation		\$ 75,000				
Farmers Market Sunshades	Parks and Recreation			\$ 50,000			
Farmers Market Bathroom Expansion	Parks and Recreation			\$ 100,000			
Farmers Market Expansion	Parks and Recreation						
Farmers Market Drainage and Access	Parks and Recreation						
Harris Nature Center Parking Lot Expansion	Parks and Recreation				\$ 300,000		
N. Meridian Road Parking Lot Expansion	Parks and Recreation		\$ 300,000				
Pickleball Court Replacement	Parks and Recreation					\$ 500,000	
Harris Nature Center Water Bathrooms	Parks and Recreation				\$ 200,000		
Red Cedar Water Trail	Parks and Recreation	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	
Cricket Grounds	Parks and Recreation						TBD
Subtotal		\$ 819,600	\$ 650,000	\$ 460,000	\$ 510,000	\$ 510,000	
Grants	(NRTF/DALMAC/Moore Family)	\$ 375,000	\$ 100,000				
Net		\$ 444,600	\$ 550,000				