



**2026-2030
City of Belleville
Parks & Recreation Master Plan**



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1. Introduction

Introduction

The City of Belleville has been comprehensively planning for its parks for thirty years. This 2026-2030 update will serve as a guide in decision-making and aid in the targeting of available grant funding to continue the growth and improvement of the city's parks and recreation offerings.

The plan includes an update of the city's social and demographic characteristics as well as an updated inventory and review of all of the existing facilities and programs available in the city. The inventory includes City, school, county, regional, state, and private facilities.

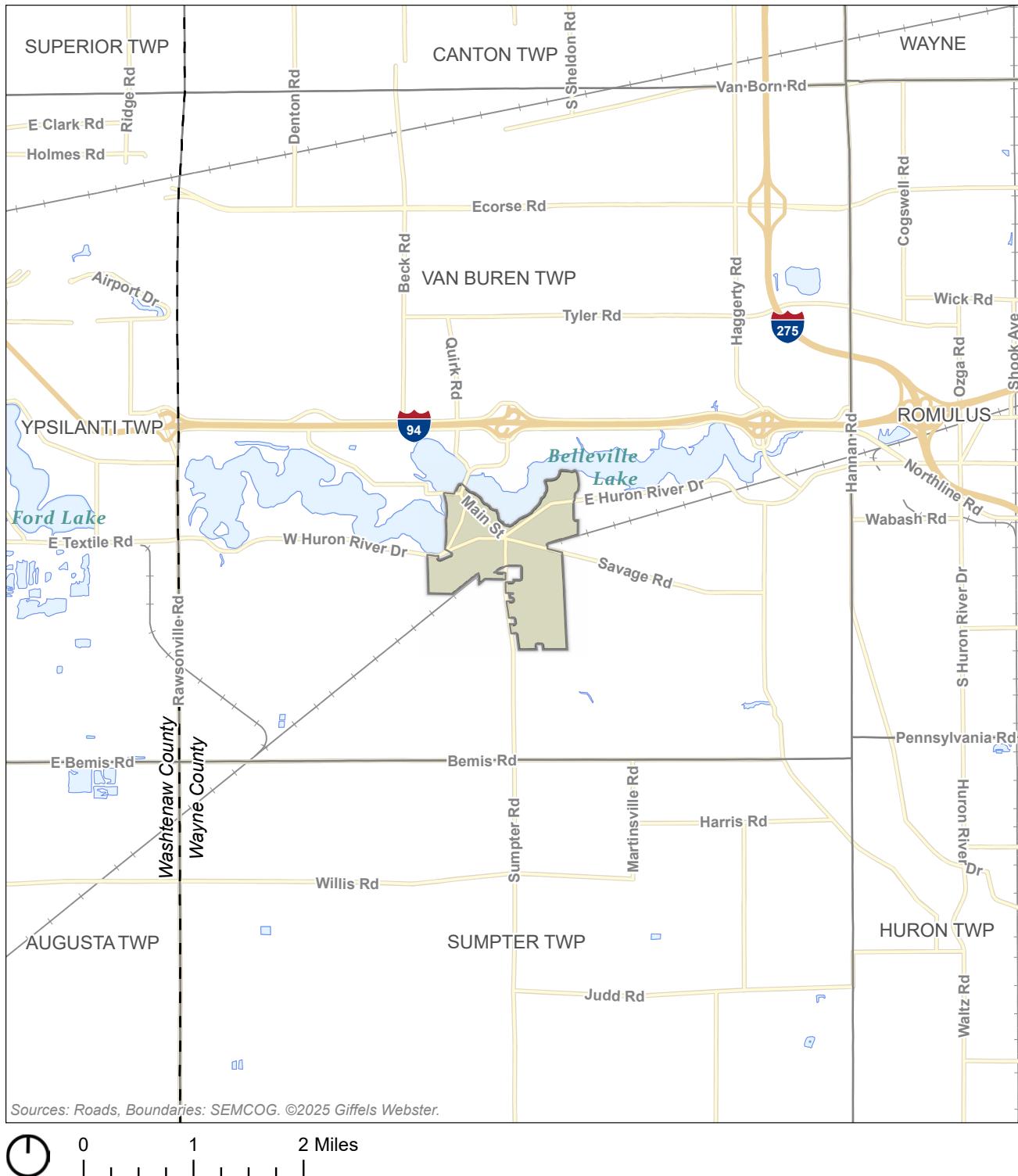
In addition to identifying priorities in park and recreation amenities and offerings, an important goal of the plan is to establish a basis for funding the various improvement projects and programming. The city has used a variety of funding sources including general fund revenues, and grants from State and Federal agencies. It is intended that additional funding be obtained from all available sources.

Implications

The recreational implications of Belleville's characteristics include:

- Belleville Lake is a community-wide and regional recreational resource and provides an excellent opportunity for water-related recreational programming and facility development.
- Good highway connections nearby facilitate development of recreational attractions that can be used to boost tourism in the community.
- The central business district is connected to the park system and surrounding residential neighborhoods. It can provide complementary recreational facilities for the community while providing useful facilities for community visitors and business. The downtown area's proximity to Belleville Lake is an important community resource.
- Natural features that preclude or limit development can be used for nature trails.
- The population makeup is such that there is a need for both active and passive recreation opportunities to satisfy the demands of all age segments. Demographic age groups should be tracked regularly to evolve and adapt the plan to meet community needs.
- Income trends indicate the need for public facilities rather than private clubs. Pickleball courts, updated playscapes, and water resources will be well-received by this population and support community health and wellbeing.

MAP 1. LOCATION MAP



Community Profile

LOCATION

The City of Belleville lies in the gently rolling terrain along the southern shoreline of Belleville Lake in the center of Van Buren Township in Wayne County, Michigan. The city is a mix of residential and commercial with a unique, and traditional downtown area. The city is well-located within the region, approximately 9 miles from Detroit Metro Airport to the east, and 21 miles from Ann Arbor to the West.

POPULATION

Growth Trends and Projections

The city's population has remained fairly stable in recent years. From 2010 to 2023, the city's population declined slightly by 0.7%, decreasing from 3,991 residents to 3,961 - although we note the 2023 numbers are estimates. The number of households rose modestly in the first decade, from 1,775 in 2010 to 1,876 in 2020, before falling to 1,810 in 2023: a net increase of just 2.0% over the 13-year period. After a decrease in average household size from 2.26 in 2010 to 2.13 in 2020, household size grew slightly to 2.18 by 2023, reflecting a gradual stabilization. The community's median age has remained relatively steady, increasing only 0.6 years since 2010, from 40.0 to 40.6 in 2023.

TABLE 1. BELLEVILLE POPULATION, HOUSEHOLD AND FAMILY SIZE, AND MEDIAN AGE, 2010-2023

Category	2010	2020	2023	% Change 2010-2023	Total Change 2010-2023
Total population	3,991	4,008	3,961	-0.7%	-30
Total Households	1,775	1,876	1,810	2.0%	-35
Average Household Size	2.26	2.13	2.18	-3.5%	-0.8
Median Age	40.0	40.9	40.6	-	^0.6 years

Source: SEMCOG



The dock at Horizon Park

Age Structure

The type of recreation services needed in a community partly depends on the makeup of the population. The table below describes the sizes of the city's age groups. The under 5 age group makes up 7.7% of the population. This group relies on "tot lot" style parks and day care facilities for its recreation needs. Children aged 5 to 19 place focus more on active recreation, such as basketball, ball fields (soccer, baseball, football, etc.), swimming, and indoor facilities. This demographic represents 15.5% of the population (6.5% for ages 5-14, and 9.0% for ages 15-19). The 20 to 44 age group leans toward a hybrid of active recreation favored by the younger age groups, and passive recreation that older age groups tend to prefer. This group represents the largest age segment in the city, at 34.3%. Mature families (45-64) and retirement-aged population demand access to passive recreation, with a small need for some low-impact active recreation. These groups tend to focus on social meetings, as well as physical activities such as walking, jogging, and pickleball. The 45-64 age group is the second largest group in the city, at 23.0%, and the 65 and older group is the third largest at 19.9%. The largest increase from 2010 is the 65 and older age group, increasing 5.3%, followed by the 15 to 19 age group, which increased 3.2%. The city has seen the sharpest decline in the 45 to 64 age group, with a 7.4% drop, and the 5 to 14 age group, which fell 5.7% since 2010.

TABLE 2. POPULATION AGE STRUCTURE

Age Group	Life Phase	2000		2020		2023	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Under 5	Pre-School	247	6.2%	369	9.28%	306	7.7%
5 to 14	Elementary School	487	12.2%	224	5.63%	257	6.5%
15 to 19	Secondary School	232	5.8%	300	7.54%	356	9.0%
20 to 44	Family Forming	1,317	33.0%	1349	33.91%	1,359	34.3%
45 to 64	Mature Families	1,215	30.4%	998	25.09%	913	23.0%
65 and Over	Retirement	583	14.6%	738	18.55%	770	19.9%

Source: SEMCOG



Pickleball courts at Village Park

Racial and Ethnic Composition

Belleville is a fairly diverse community, with 71.3% of the population identifying as white in 2023. This segment saw a decrease between 2010 and 2020, dropping from 78.5% to 68.98%, before rising slightly to 71.3% in 2023. Individuals who identify as Black make up 15.1% of the population, up from 13.8% in 2010, although slightly down from 16.99% in 2020. The next largest segment is those identifying as multi-racial or other, at 5.9%, which increased from 2.6% in 2010 but is slightly below 6.99% in 2020. Residents who identify as Hispanic make up 6.2% of the population, while those identifying as Asian or Pacific Islander represent 0.5%.

TABLE 3. POPULATION RACIAL COMPOSITION

Ethnicity	2010		2020		2023	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
White	3,132	78.5%	2,744	68.98%	2,824	71.3%
Black	551	13.8%	676	16.99%	600	15.1%
Hispanic	153	3.8%	238	5.98%	246	6.2%
Asian or Pacific Islander	31	0.8%	39	0.98%	20	0.5%
Other	104	2.6%	278	6.99%	234	5.9%

Source: SEMCOG



War memorial for Belleville residents at Horizon Park

Disability

In all parks and recreation planning, accommodations for persons with disabilities are considered to ensure access to all future facilities. The US Census Bureau reports that in 2023 just less than one-quarter (22.5%) of Belleville's residents had a disability of some sort, with the most impacted population being the 65 and older subgroup. Table 4 below shows the most prevalent disabilities by type within this age group and the under 18 age group, with ambulatory, cognitive, and independent living difficulties being the most prevalent.

Ambulatory disabilities include serious difficulties walking or ascending/descending stairs, issues that limit physical activity and lead to poorer health. Cognitive disabilities are those involving limitations in mental functioning and skills such as communicating, self-care, and socialization. Disabilities associated with independent living extend beyond the ability to live alone and/or become employed to include difficulty with independent travel (e.g. using public transportation systems), managing a personal budget, dealing with insensitive and discriminatory behavior by peers, problem solving, adjusting to change, using community services, making complex decisions, and/or pursuing complex activities.

Considering these difficulties in planning for parks and recreation activities could result in positive health outcomes for a population that already experiences great difficulty on a day-to-day basis. Accommodations could include upgrades to park equipment and furnishings, installation of ramps or pavement improvements in order to ease accessibility for those who live with ambulatory difficulties, and installation of audible crosswalk signals.

TABLE 4. RESIDENT POPULATION WITH A DISABILITY, 2023

Disability Type	Under 18	Ages 65+	Total (all ages)
Hearing	0 (0%)	174 (22.6%)	281 (7.1%)
Vision	0 (0%)	84 (10.9%)	113 (2.9%)
Cognitive	38 (7.4%)	57 (7.4%)	334 (9.1%)
Ambulatory	0 (0%)	176 (22.9%)	329 (9.0%)
Self-Care	0 (0%)	36 (4.7%)	67 (1.8%)
Independent Living	N/A	160 (20.8%)	387 (12.3%)
Total	--	--	892 (22.5%)

*Number is lower than the sum of the preceding rows, because there is overlap among categories

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, ACS 2023



Belleville Comfort Station and playground at Victory Park

Economics

Income information can help the city plan for improvements based on the current and projected tax base. In 2010, the median household income was \$45,664. Adjusted for inflation, that figure would equal \$63,908 in 2023 dollars, making the latest 2023 figure of \$59,929 a 6.2% decrease. This is in line with the general wage stagnation experienced by American workers since the 1970s. Incomes in Belleville are lower than elsewhere in the area and the region as a whole, though the proportion of people in poverty is significantly less than that of the region. The share of residents that are considered impoverished has more than doubled since 2000.

Despite its relatively high density of jobs, a lower share of Belleville's population participates in the labor force compared to that of surrounding communities, and the unemployment rate is above that of the Southeast Michigan region. This could be due to the comparatively older population found in Belleville, indicated by the median age and high share of households that include a senior. Approximately one-third (34.2%) of residents over the age of 25 have a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to the one-quarter (26.9%) of residents in Wayne County. Educational attainment and occupations that are held by residents are closely related and linked to income and quality of life.

Housing values have steadily decreased since 2010, decreasing from \$208,902 to \$162,700 in 2023 (once adjusted for inflation). During that same time, total housing units have slightly increased from 2,019 to 2,071, with the renter population steadily increasing and the owner population steadily decreasing.

Land Use & Zoning

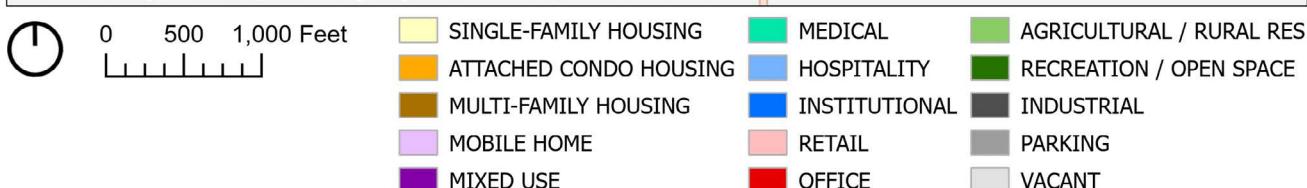
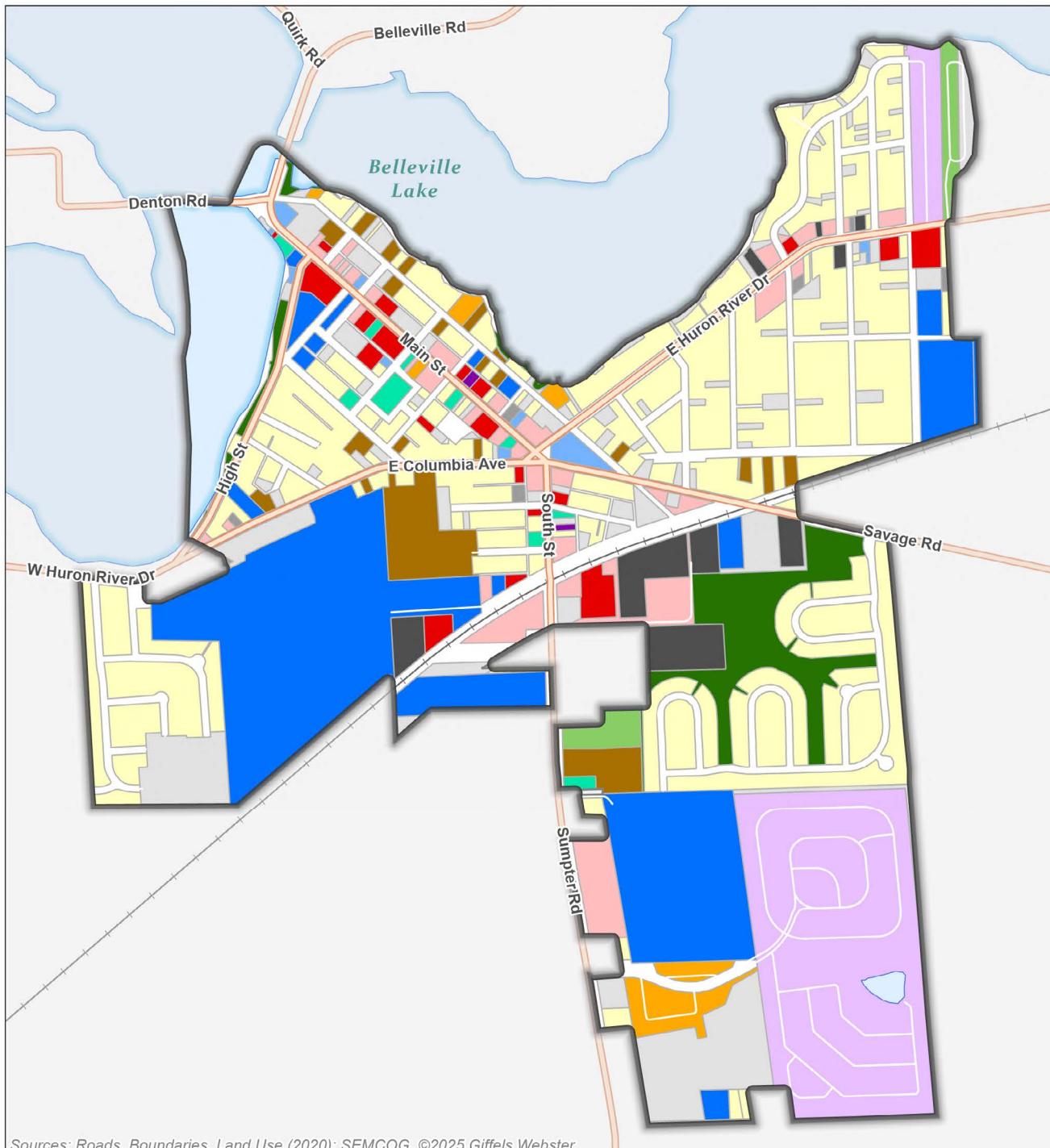
Residential uses are the dominant land use in the city. In recent years, there have been condos and new single-family homes constructed along Belleville Lake in the Doane's Landing area. Many single-family homes are established on the east side of the city, with mixed uses emanating from the downtown area. There are two large subdivisions, Harbor Pointe to the west, and Victoria Commons to the east. To the south lies the Belle Villa neighborhood. Belle Villa Lakes is a senior community, and Belle Villa Meadows is a mobile home community. The commercial uses run through downtown and along the major arterial roads. A small industrial area extends along the south side of the railroad tracks. The city features seven parks within the city limits.

In March of 2025, the City of Belleville finalized the purchase of 330 Charles Street, which will become the future home for both City Hall and the Police Department. The acquisition represents a key step in the City's broader initiative to strengthen municipal services, expand accessibility for residents, and streamline the organization of civic operations. The new facility is intended to provide a modern and well-equipped environment that will enhance service delivery to the community. The facility is slated to open in 2026.

Transportation

Belleville has several transportation options within a few minutes' drive of the city. I-94 is just north of Belleville, and I-275 is two miles east. Willow Run Airport is located five miles west of the city, and Detroit Metropolitan International Airport is eight miles east.

MAP 2. EXISTING LAND USE, 2025



2. Administrative Structure

Administrative Structure

Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)

The Parks and Recreation Commission was active until Spring of 2020 when COVID limited meetings and eventually members stepped away or their term expired. Currently, the City is focusing on maintaining full membership on the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and Planning Commission. City Council is responsible for maintaining and improving parks, and the DDA supports the City Council with planning and some funding. Additional input is provided by Van Buren and Sumpter Townships through tri-community planning efforts.

Department, Authority, and Organizational Chart

All of the parks in the City fall within the boundaries of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). The DDA can submit proposals to City Council for funding and support through the general fund, or it can fund special projects through its budget process. Since the Mayor is a voting member on the DDA, he helps direct this process. Essentially, small projects can be funded through the DDA, and larger projects are managed by the City Manager and City Council.



Playground at Village Park

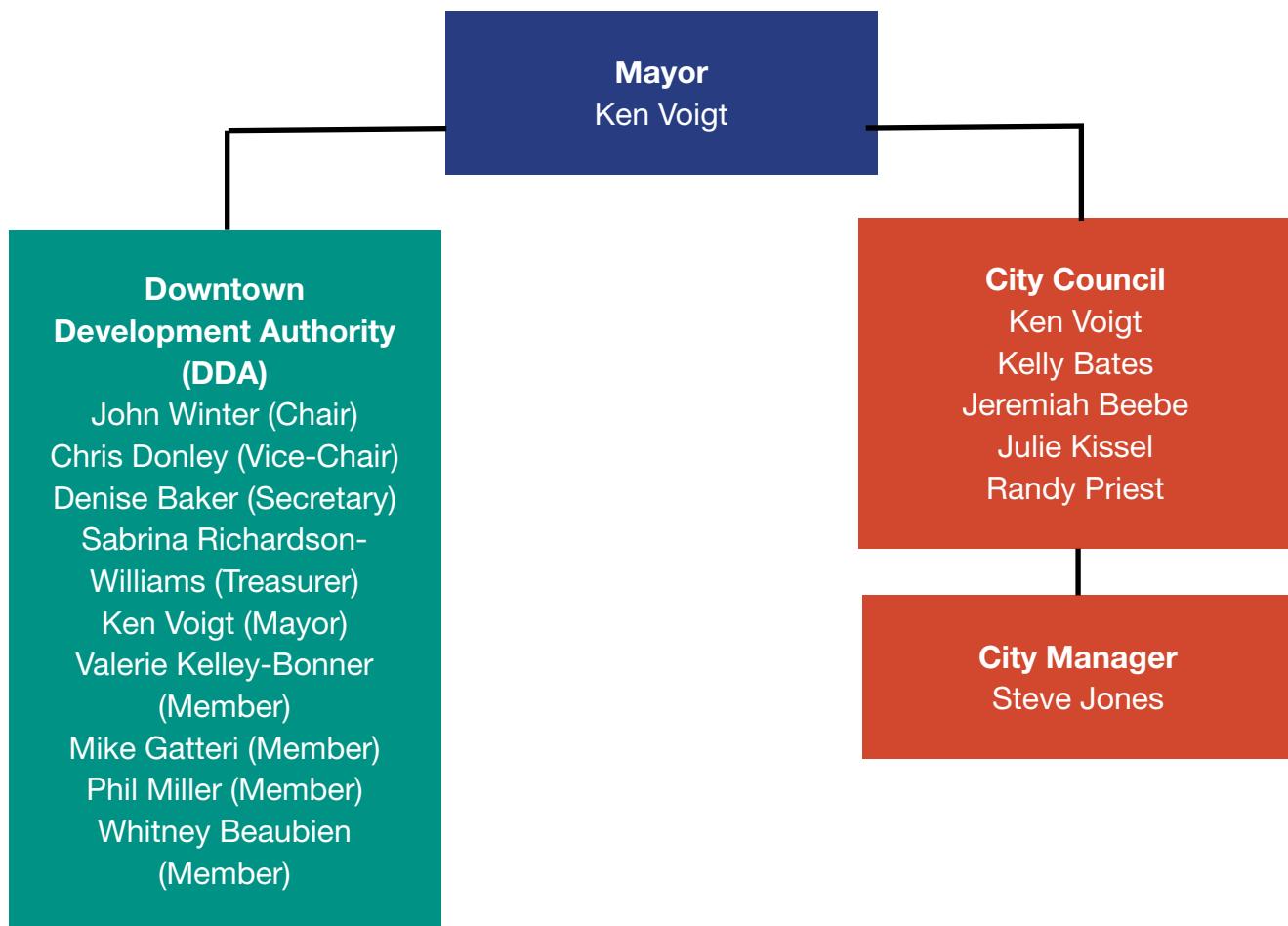


Sand volleyball court at Village Park



Walking path at Village Park

FIGURE 1. PARK AND RECREATION ORGANIZATION CHART



Annual and Projected Budgets

Parks upkeep is assumed by the Department of Public Works (DPW). Duties include mowing, trash pick-up, bathroom cleaning, and tree maintenance. Contracts are bid out and awarded by the DDA for landscaping and mowing. Park improvements require additional funding sources. Small improvements are generally funded through the DDA's budget while larger projects are managed by City Council and the City Manager.

TABLE 5. BUDGETS FOR OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, & PROGRAMMING, 2025-2030

	2025 Requested	2026 Projected	2027 Projected	2028 Projected	2029 Projected	2030 Projected
Flowers	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500
Contracted services	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Fountain maintenance	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
Park improvement	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000

Current Funding Sources

There are several existing or potential funding sources available for park and recreation facility improvements:

- **General Fund.** The general fund is the basic operating fund of the city and the traditional source of operating funds for parks and recreation. General Fund revenues are derived from property taxes, state-shared revenues, federal grants, license and permit fees, charges for services, interest on investments, and court fines or forfeitures. Any recreation program user fees are usually channeled through the General Fund.
- **DDA Budget.** The DDA Budget can support parks, recreation, and public space improvements within the DDA district. The DDA works with the City to promote economic development, strengthen the tax base, and maintain the unique character of downtown Belleville. Funded primarily through tax increment financing (TIF), the DDA has invested in improvements such as wayfinding, benches, street lighting, park signs, and other amenities that enhance downtown vitality and benefit residents, businesses, and visitors.
- **Millage.** A property tax millage can be used to finance specific parks and recreation projects or for the operation of recreation facilities. The dedicated millage has gained favor in many communities because the voters are increasingly wary of approving millage increases for non-specified purposes. Approval by voters is required before a millage can be assessed. Any millage is subject to a periodic renewal by a vote of the people.
- **User Fees.** Fees can be charged by the city to the users of specific recreation facilities or for enrollment in recreation programming. User fees can provide a substantial amount of support for certain parks and recreation facilities. Other communities in the region have established user fees for certain facilities.
- **Bond Programs.** Several bond programs can be used for parks and recreation facilities:
 - **General Obligations Bonds.** General Obligations Bonds are issued for specific community projects and may not be used for other purposes. These bonds are usually paid off with property tax revenues.
 - **Revenue Bonds.** Revenue Bonds are issued for construction of public projects that generate revenues. The bonds are then retired using income generated by the project.
 - **Special Assessment Bonds.** Special Assessment Bonds are issued to pay for projects that benefit a particular segment of the population. For example, recreation improvements that benefit a defined subdivision or neighborhood could be financed using special assessment bonds, in which case the residents who receive the benefit would be assessed.

- **Create a Regional Recreational Authority.** The city could explore an agreement with nearby communities of Van Buren and Sumpter Townships through tri-community planning efforts to create a broader funding base. Creation of a regional authority could achieve that goal.
- **State-Level Grants.** The State of Michigan has several departments that offer grants for various programming and assets. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is a prime source of parks and recreation grant funding.
- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).** Revenues obtained through the federal CDBG program can be used for a variety of projects, including development of recreation facilities.
- **Donations.** Businesses, corporations, private clubs, and community organizations will often contribute to recreation and other improvement programs to benefit the communities in which they are located. Private sector contributions may be in the form of monetary contributions, the donation of the land, providing volunteers, or the contribution of equipment and facilities.
- **Foundations.** A foundation is a special non-profit organization that is established as a mechanism through which land, cash, and securities can be donated for the benefit of parks and recreation services. The assets are distributed by the foundation Board of Directors.

Role of Volunteers and Organizations

The City is fortunate to partner with individual groups and programs that help maintain and beautify the parks. Examples include:

- Redemption Bible Church: Volunteer cleaning/planting at Horizon Park
- Belleville Garden Club: Maintain Pump-House Park
- Belleville Yacht Club: Shore clean up and maintenance/work at Pump-House Park and Doane's Landing
- Summer Youth Program (Funding for high school students through Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN): Work at all parks throughout summer doing maintenance and beautification
- Belleville Rotary Club: Maintain and decorate Victory Park Gazebo

Interested organizations and individuals can set up volunteer activities in the parks through the City Manager.



Pump-house Park



The gazebo at Victory Park

Relationships with School Districts and Other Public Agencies Involved in Recreation

While the City maintains a close relationship with the local school district, Van Buren Public Schools, this district serves the greater 48111 zip code area which includes the Townships of Sumpter and Van Buren as well as the City of Belleville. Due to the schools serving more than just the City, there is no formal relationship between the City and schools regarding parks and recreation. This is a topic that is currently being discussed by the Tri-Community Planning Commission subcommittee. Van Buren Township, due to its size and population, has robust facilities and community programming. There is great interest in extending the programming in Van Buren Township to Belleville residents at the rate that Township residents pay. The Tri-community Planning Commission is also exploring how Belleville can provide complementary, non-competing programming for residents in the limited outdoor locations available in the city. The subcommittee is hoping to develop a “master plan” of sorts that will help support this endeavor.

The creation of Pump-House Park illustrates collaboration between city agencies and local organizations in supporting recreation. The project began when members of the Belleville Yacht Club volunteered to repair the exterior of the former pump station and clean the shoreline. The Department of Public Works prepared the soil, and the Belleville Area Garden Club planted a pollinator garden funded by a grant from the Belleville Rotary Club’s Cozadd Foundation. The city added a bench and trash receptacle to complete the park, which was formally designated by City Council. This project demonstrates how civic groups, foundations, and municipal agencies can work together to develop and maintain local recreational spaces.



Fire safety course taught at Belleville High School

SOURCE: BELLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

3. Parks & Recreation Inventory

Parks & Recreation Inventory

Belleville residents have access to a wide range of recreation opportunities offered by several organizations throughout the region. Recreation providers include the State of Michigan, the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, Wayne County, the City of Belleville, the Van Buren Public Schools District, and various private businesses and community organizations. A description of these opportunities is provided as follows:

State Parks and Recreation Areas

Eighteen (18) State parks and recreation areas are located in the seven-county Southeast Michigan region, within an hour drive from Belleville. These parks have a combined area exceeding 75,000 acres and provide a wide range of day use facilities. Common recreation opportunities available at these sites include hiking, swimming, fishing, boating, picnicking, camping, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling, among others. While no state parks or recreation facilities are located within Belleville or its neighboring communities, three state parks and various recreation facilities are located in Wayne County.

Regional Facilities

The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority (HCMA) operates more than one dozen regional recreation areas in Southeast Michigan. These parks provide facilities for a wide range of recreational opportunities, which include picnicking, playgrounds, hiking, swimming, boating, fishing, golf, court games, cross-country skiing, ice-skating and sledding, among others. Four HCMA parks are located in Wayne County, with Lower Huron Metropark being located in Belleville. Additionally, there are four HCMA parks in nearby Washtenaw County, just a short drive away from the City.

County Facilities

Wayne County owns and operates several parks and recreation facilities, with Crosswinds Marsh in New Boston being the closest to Belleville. As Belleville borders Washtenaw County, residents also have easy access to their many facilities, including Rolling Hills Park in Ypsilanti, and Lillie Park South and Pittsfield Preserve Nature Trail Area, both in Ann Arbor.

School Facilities

Van Buren Public Schools features three schools within the city limits: Belleville High School, Owen Intermediate School (formerly South Middle School), and Edgemont Elementary School. Wayne County Community College's Western Campus sits just 4.5 miles from the city, with Washtenaw Community College 9.5 miles away. Eastern Michigan University is ten miles from Belleville, and the University of Michigan is 17 miles away.

BELLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Belleville High School is located within the City of Belleville on over 34 acres of land. Included on this land are three ball diamonds, a football field with bleachers and lights, a track, and eight community tennis courts, which were funded by city organizations.

OWEN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

Owen Intermediate School is situated on about 29 acres. The school has a gym, football field, ball diamonds, and a soccer field that can be reserved by community organizations. This facility includes nearly five acres of dense woods and a ready-made nature study area.

EDGEMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Edgemont Elementary School is located on over 8 acres and has a playground, soccer field, and gymnasium which are used for neighborhood activities. This area provides recreation opportunities and open space for surrounding residential neighborhoods.

Recreation Programming

Van Buren Township provides recreation classes and facilities to its residents on a membership basis that Belleville residents may also participate in or use for a (higher) non-resident fee. Classes include yoga, Tai Chi, dancing, aerobics, self-defense, and pickleball. Open gym times are also available for adults and youth. Youth specific programming such as soccer, karate, and painting are also offered. Programming offered for seniors is varied, including bingo, painting, games, trivia, Scrabble, quilting, billiards, crocheting/knitting, chess, special events, and travel opportunities as well as connections to social services. The Township's Recreation Department also hosts seasonal events throughout the year, geared towards kids, teens, adults, families, and seniors.

City Facilities

The following pages provide more details for each of the parks and recreation areas in Belleville.

Regional Planning Efforts

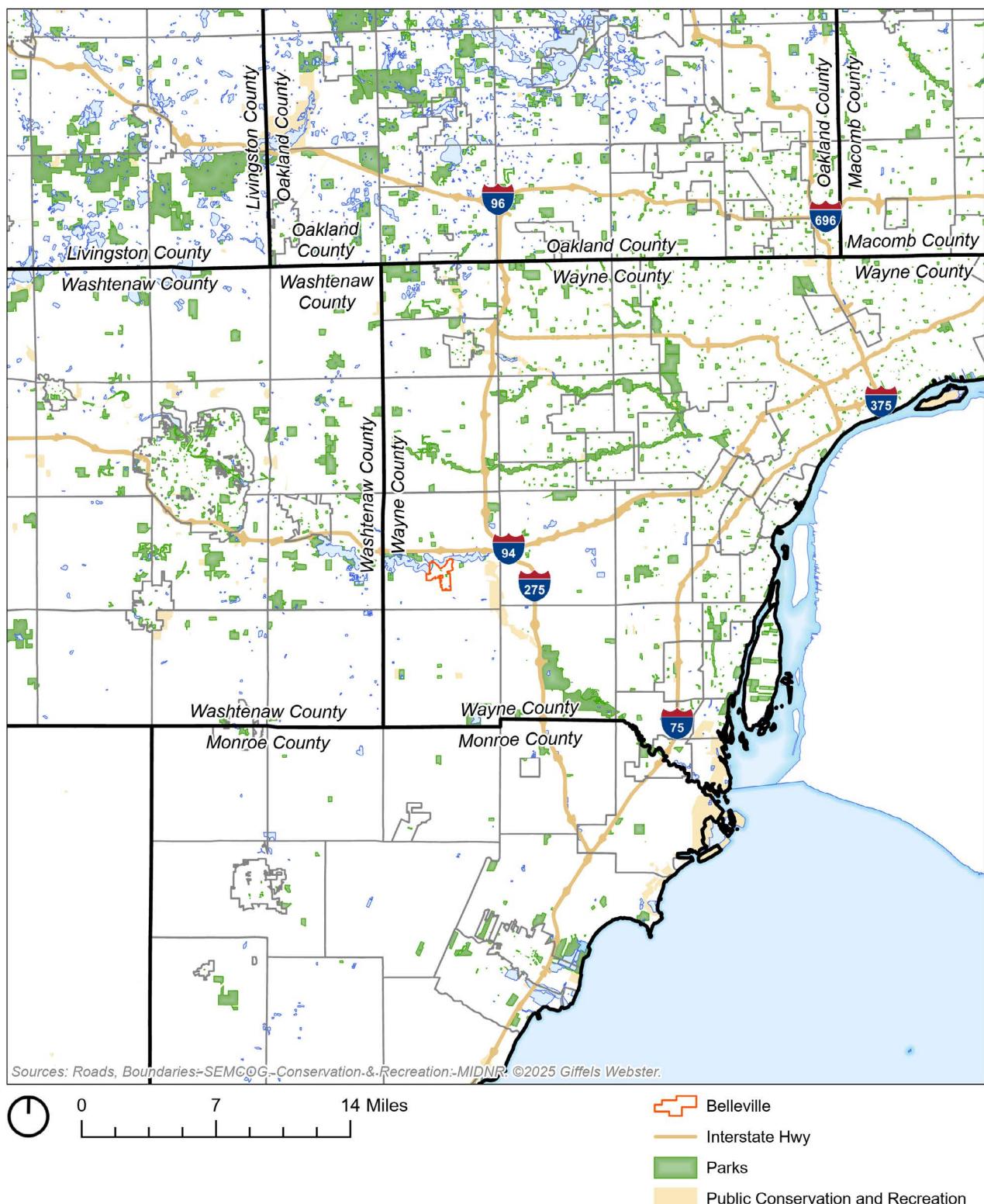
The Charter Township of Van Buren, City of Belleville, and Sumpter Township participate in the Tri-Community Planning Commission. The Commission meets periodically to share updates with each other, discuss grant sources and opportunities for cooperation and collaboration, and other pertinent issues facing the communities.



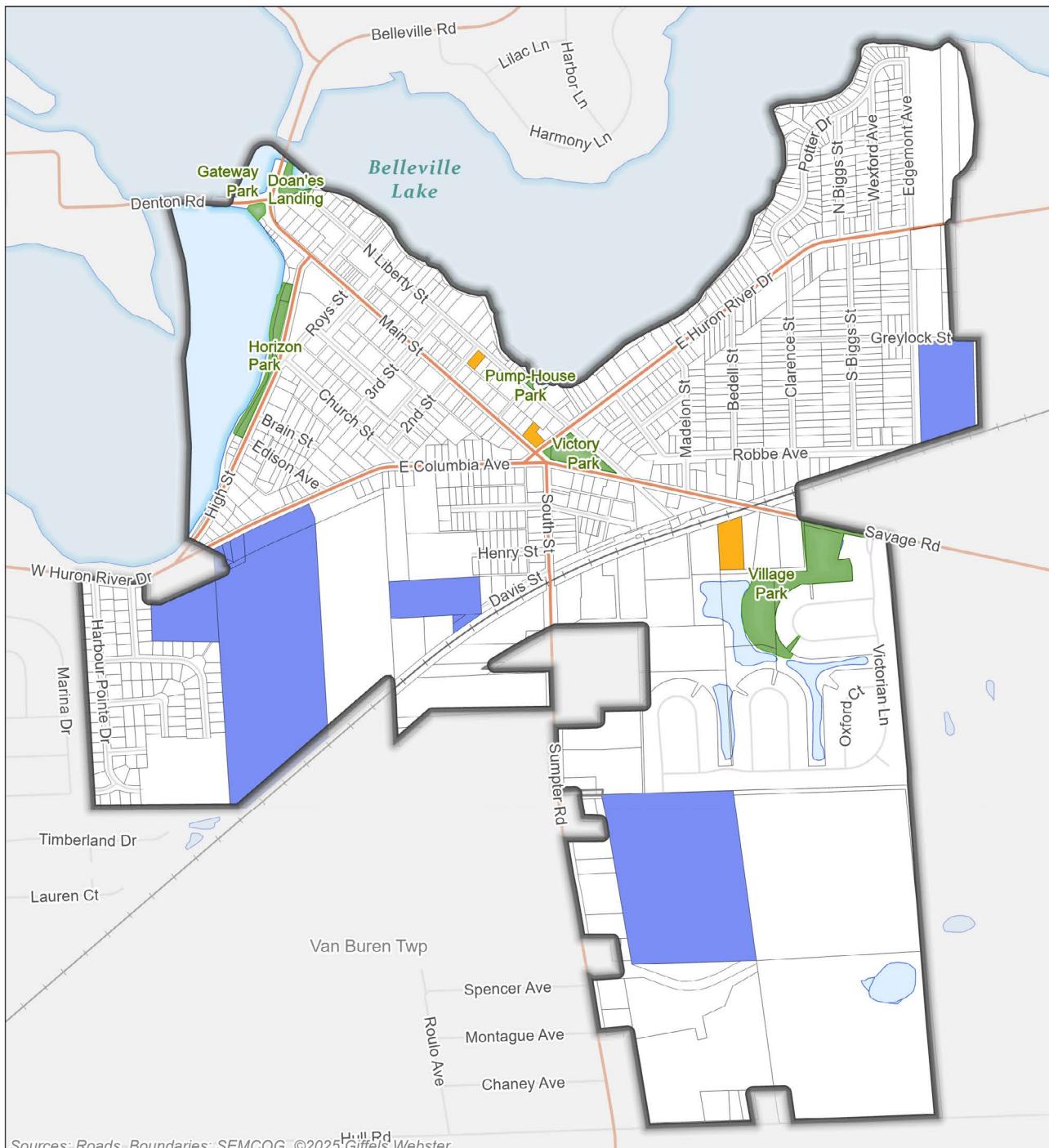
Aerial view of Belleville

SOURCE: CITY OF BELLEVILLE

MAP 3. REGIONAL PARK FACILITIES



MAP 4. BELLEVILLE COMMUNITY FACILITIES



Horizon Park

Horizon Park (1.31 acres)	Amenities
<p>Horizon Park is located between High Street and Belleville Lake and provides exquisite views of the lake. It is also home to the Belleville War Memorial. A favorite activity of area residents is watching the sun set over the lake at Horizon Park. Previous proposals to increase use have included the planting of spreader shrubs to prevent soil erosion at the bank, and a natural amphitheater.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Picnic pavilion • Arbor • Benches and tables • Restrooms • Lakeside boardwalk • Boat docks • ADA accessible canoe/kayak launch • Public restroom



Doane's Landing

Doane's Landing (less than one acre)	Amenities
<p>At the foot of the Belleville Bridge, Doane's Landing is a community place for both individual quiet time and for fun events offering lakefront vistas.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benches • Bicycle racks • Lake views



Victory Park

Victory Park (1.75 acres)	Amenities
<p>Victory Park is located in the heart of Belleville, at the intersection known as "Five Points". It is home to the newly renovated Victory Station building, and features a statue of the famous explorer Robert Cavelier de la Salle. Victory Station is available to rent for meetings and special events.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play area • Picnic facilities • Gazebo • Basketball court • Public restrooms



Village Park

Village Park (24 acres)	Amenities
<p>Village Park is located on the east side of the City and connects to the Aberdeen, Waterbury, and Thornhill Court neighborhoods. The northeastern portion of the park has a playscape, open field, and restrooms. A paved walking/biking path extends southwest to basketball courts, newly added pickleball courts, and sand volleyball courts. A large pond surrounded by a paved walking path is a main feature of the park.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADA accessible children's playground • ADA accessible main path • Walking trails • Basketball courts • Sand volleyball courts • Pickelball courts • Public restroom



Gateway Park

Gateway Park (less than one acre)	Amenities
<p>Gateway Park is located on the east side of Belleville Road as it becomes Main Street at the north entrance to Belleville. The park was officially designated as such in 1983 and has been maintained as a scenic greenspace. The site has Belleville Lake frontage with excellent views, and it is home to the “Booville” signage during the month of October.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benches • Lake views



Fourth Street Square

Fourth Street Square (less than one acre)	Amenities
Fourth Street Square serves as the central point for events and programming within the Central Business District. It is the epicenter of most activities including the Farmer's Market, Christmas Parade, Lake Fest, and Winter Fest.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seating • Gathering space



Pump-house Park

Pump-house Park (less than one acre)	Amenities
<p>Pump-house Park is a small lakeside green space created from the site of the city's old pump station. Restored through community efforts, it offers benches, lake views, and peaceful spots to relax. It's a quiet stop perfect for enjoying the water and Belleville's charming downtown atmosphere.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benches • Lake views



Grant Assisted Facilities

The city has identified the following projects as having received grant funds and in-kind donation of time, materials and supplies. The City is currently exploring a public/private partnership with the Belleville Yacht Club to provide new docks and day slips at Doane's Landing. No projects have received funding from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to date, but funding and support for parks has come from a variety of other sources, as noted in the table below.

TABLE 6. GRANTS RECEIVED FOR PARK AND RECREATION PROJECTS

MDNR			
Park	Number	Purpose	Status
Other Funding and Support			
Village Park	Community Development Block Grant	New pickleball courts	Complete
Victory Park	State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF)/American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	Upgrade to Victory Station, new bathrooms, new fence	Complete
Horizon Park	Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)	Bank stabilization	In Progress
Pump-house Park	Belleville Yacht Club, Belleville Garden Club, and Belleville Rotary	Park creation and maintenance	On going

- The Horizon Park bank stabilization grant from MDOT totals \$750,000 and must be completed by 2029. \$325,000 has been granted so far, with construction set to begin in August 2026.

Barrier Free Analysis

A critical component in planning for recreation facilities is providing barrier-free access to accommodate the needs of visitors with physical and/or mental disabilities. Barrier-free access includes, but is not limited to, ensuring that adequate barrier-free parking spaces, sidewalks, trails, picnic tables, and playground equipment are provided for renovated or new recreational facilities. Standards from The Accessibility Checklist, a guidebook founded upon the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS) and the codes and standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), were used to verify barrier-free compliance.

The MDNR Guidelines require that a barrier-free ranking be given to each facility for assessing its accessibility for people with disabilities. The assessment considers the accessibility of both the facilities themselves as well as the access routes to them. The following system, provided by the MDNR Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans (01/27/06), was used to assess each park:

Rating Score 1:	None of the facilities / park areas meet accessibility guidelines.
Rating Score 2:	Some of the facilities / park areas meet accessibility guidelines.
Rating Score 3:	Most of the facilities / park areas meet accessibility guidelines.
Rating Score 4:	The entire park meets accessibility guidelines.
Rating Score 5:	The entire park was developed / renovated using the principals of universal design.

Accessibility: Barrier Free Analysis

HORIZON PARK

Overall rating: **3** (see details on page 25)

DOANE'S LANDING

Overall rating: **3** (see details on page 26)

VICTORY PARK

Overall rating: **2** (see details on page 27)

VILLAGE PARK

Overall rating: **2** (see details on page 28)

FOURTH STREET SQUARE

Overall rating: **4** (see details on page 28)

GATEWAY PARK

Overall rating: **3** (see details on page 29)

PUMP-HOUSE PARK

Overall rating: **3** (see details on page 30)



Accessible playground ramp at Village Park

Accessibility

The U.S. Access Board is designated by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as the agency responsible for developing minimum accessibility guidelines to ensure that new construction and alteration of facilities covered by ADA are accessible and usable by people with disabilities. The Access Board has published the following guidelines that should be used by Access to Recreation applicants to determine the criteria they must exceed to achieve universal accessibility:

Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) 2002:

www.access-board.gov/adaag/html/adaag.htm

Recommendations for Accessibility Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas:

www.access-board.gov/outdoor/outdoor-rec-rpt.htm

The National Center on Accessibility is a collaborative program of Indiana University and the National Park Service and also provides information on access for people with disabilities in recreation.

www.ncaonline.org

Improvements to Target

In Belleville, there are general improvements that could be made to each park that would make them more accessible:

- Develop paved or stabilized pathways to all amenities within the parks; make all paths of sufficient width for two people to walk side-by-side or pass
- When making playground improvements, provide ramps and transfers, and use “poured-in-place” or rubber tiles under equipment, rather than loose fill material such as wood chips; as playground equipment requires replacement, provide ramps and transfers to all play components
- Provide accessible seating spaces near sports courts



Wheelchair accessible park table

SOURCE: PARK N POOL



Fully ADA accessible playground

SOURCE: HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CA

Park Name: Horizon Park		Overall Park Rating: 3
Parking		
Y	Accessible parking spaces are provided and marked with International Symbol of Accessibility	
Y	Accessible parking is as near to the park entrance as possible	
Y	Signs designating accessible parking spaces are 60" high	
Play Areas		
N/A	There is an accessible route (60 inches wide) to the entrance of the play area with a slope no steeper than 1:16	
N/A	For playground equipment, at least one turning space is provided on the same level as play components	
N/A	Play area surface is firm and stable (mulch/wood chips, sand and gravel are not accessible surfaces)	
N/A	Where multiple swings in a swing bay are provided, one swing is located on an accessible route	
N/A	For court sports, at least one accessible route connects both sides of the court	
Park Amenities		
Y	Picnic tables provide at least one wheelchair space for each 24 linear feet of usable table surface perimeter. The aisles between chairs and tables are 3 feet wide	
N/A	Drinking fountain spout outlets are a maximum of 36 inches above the finish floor or ground	
Y	Safety is promoted by good street lighting	
N	Ramps are non-slip	
Y	If public restroom facility present, there is at least one fully accessible restroom	
Trails and Sidewalks		
Y	There is a path of travel that does not require the use of stairs	
N	Bike paths are separate from pedestrian walkways	
Y	Sidewalks are free of obstruction, wide enough for wheelchairs, solid (not made of dirt), and have curb cuts	
Y/N	All stairways feature a railing and stair tips that are painted to distinguish each step	
Y	Handrails are provided on both sides of a ramp	
Y	Accessible routes connect all park amenities and coincide with general circulation paths	
Notes:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The stairways have a railing, but do not have stair tips that are painted to distinguish each step • There is a ramp, but it is not non-slip 		

Park Name: Doane's Landing		Overall Park Rating: 3
Parking		
N	Accessible parking spaces are provided and marked with International Symbol of Accessibility	
N/A	Accessible parking is as near to the park entrance as possible	
N/A	Signs designating accessible parking spaces are 60" high	
Play Areas		
N/A	There is an accessible route (60 inches wide) to the entrance of the play area with a slope no steeper than 1:16.	
N/A	For playground equipment, at least one turning space is provided on the same level as play components	
N/A	Play area surface is firm and stable (mulch/wood chips, sand and gravel are not accessible surfaces)	
N/A	Where multiple swings in a swing bay are provided, one swing is located on an accessible route	
N/A	For court sports, at least one accessible route connects both sides of the court	
Park Amenities		
N/A	Picnic tables provide at least one wheelchair space for each 24 linear feet of usable table surface perimeter. The aisles between chairs and tables are 3 feet wide	
N/A	Drinking fountain spout outlets are a maximum of 36 inches above the finish floor or ground	
Y	Safety is promoted by good street lighting	
N/A	Ramps are non-slip	
N/A	If public restroom facility present, there is at least one fully accessible restroom	
Trails and Sidewalks		
Y	There is a path of travel that does not require the use of stairs	
N/A	Bike paths are separate from pedestrian walkways	
Y	Sidewalks are free of obstruction, wide enough for wheelchairs, solid (not made of dirt), and have curb cuts	
N/A	All stairways feature a railing and stair tips that are painted to distinguish each step	
N/A	Handrails are provided on both sides of a ramp	
Y	Accessible routes connect all park amenities and coincide with general circulation paths	
Notes:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no parking at the park • Walkway is steep, and may be challenging for someone with mobility differences to go up or down independently 		

Park Name: Victory Park		Overall Park Rating: 2
Parking		
Y	Accessible parking spaces are provided and marked with International Symbol of Accessibility	
Y	Accessible parking is as near to the park entrance as possible	
Y	Signs designating accessible parking spaces are 60" high	
Play Areas		
Y	There is an accessible route (60 inches wide) to the entrance of the play area with a slope no steeper than 1:16.	
Y	For playground equipment, at least one turning space is provided on the same level as play components	
N	Play area surface is firm and stable (mulch/wood chips, sand and gravel are not accessible surfaces)	
N	Where multiple swings in a swing bay are provided, one swing is located on an accessible route	
N	For court sports, at least one accessible route connects both sides of the court	
Park Amenities		
N	Picnic tables provide at least one wheelchair space for each 24 linear feet of usable table surface perimeter. The aisles between chairs and tables are 3 feet wide	
Y	Drinking fountain spout outlets are a maximum of 36 inches above the finish floor or ground	
Y/N	Safety is promoted by good street lighting	
N/A	Ramps are non-slip	
Y	If public restroom facility present, there is at least one fully accessible restroom	
Trails and Sidewalks		
Y	There is a path of travel that does not require the use of stairs	
N	Bike paths are separate from pedestrian walkways	
Y	Sidewalks are free of obstruction, wide enough for wheelchairs, solid (not made of dirt), and have curb cuts	
Y/N	All stairways feature a railing and stair tips that are painted to distinguish each step	
N	Handrails are provided on both sides of a ramp	
N	Accessible routes connect all park amenities and coincide with general circulation paths	
Notes:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stairs going into the gazebo have a railing but the stair tips are not painted • Street lighting is provided along E. Columbia Ave and S. Liberty St. where there is parking, but does not directly illuminate the park. There is no lighting along the pathway between the parking area and Victory Station 		

Park Name: Village Park		Overall Park Rating: 2
Parking		
Y	Accessible parking spaces are provided and marked with International Symbol of Accessibility	
Y/N	Accessible parking is as near to the park entrance as possible	
Y	Signs designating accessible parking spaces are 60" high	
Play Areas		
Y	There is an accessible route (60 inches wide) to the entrance of the play area with a slope no steeper than 1:16.	
Y	For playground equipment, at least one turning space is provided on the same level as play components	
Y/N	Play area surface is firm and stable (mulch/wood chips, sand and gravel are not accessible surfaces)	
N	Where multiple swings in a swing bay are provided, one swing is located on an accessible route	
N	For court sports, at least one accessible route connects both sides of the court	
Park Amenities		
N	Picnic tables provide at least one wheelchair space for each 24 linear feet of usable table surface perimeter. The aisles between chairs and tables are 3 feet wide	
N/A	Drinking fountain spout outlets are a maximum of 36 inches above the finish floor or ground	
Y	Safety is promoted by good street lighting	
N/A	Ramps are non-slip	
Y	If public restroom facility present, there is at least one fully accessible restroom	
Trails and Sidewalks		
Y	There is a path of travel that does not require the use of stairs	
N	Bike paths are separate from pedestrian walkways	
Y	Sidewalks are free of obstruction, wide enough for wheelchairs, solid (not made of dirt), and have curb cuts	
N/A	All stairways feature a railing and stair tips that are painted to distinguish each step	
N/A	Handrails are provided on both sides of a ramp	
Y	Accessible routes connect all park amenities and coincide with general circulation paths	
Notes:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are several accessible parking spaces located near the paved trail. It would be helpful to move at least one of these spaces to the other side of the parking lot near the restrooms and playground • Some parts of the playground have firm and stable surfacing, but the majority of it is wood chips 		

Park Name: Fourth Street Square		Overall Park Rating: 4
Parking		
Y	Accessible parking spaces are provided and marked with International Symbol of Accessibility	
Y	Accessible parking is as near to the park entrance as possible	
Y	Signs designating accessible parking spaces are 60" high	
Play Areas		
N/A	There is an accessible route (60 inches wide) to the entrance of the play area with a slope no steeper than 1:16	
N/A	For playground equipment, at least one turning space is provided on the same level as play components	
N/A	Play area surface is firm and stable (mulch/wood chips, sand and gravel are not accessible surfaces)	
N/A	Where multiple swings in a swing bay are provided, one swing is located on an accessible route	
N/A	For court sports, at least one accessible route connects both sides of the court	
Park Amenities		
N/A	Picnic tables provide at least one wheelchair space for each 24 linear feet of usable table surface perimeter. The aisles between chairs and tables are 3 feet wide	
N/A	Drinking fountain spout outlets are a maximum of 36 inches above the finish floor or ground	
Y	Safety is promoted by good street lighting	
N/A	Ramps are non-slip	
N/A	If public restroom facility present, there is at least one fully accessible restroom	
Trails and Sidewalks		
Y	There is a path of travel that does not require the use of stairs	
N	Bike paths are separate from pedestrian walkways	
Y	Sidewalks are free of obstruction, wide enough for wheelchairs, solid (not made of dirt), and have curb cuts	
N/A	All stairways feature a railing and stair tips that are painted to distinguish each step	
N/A	Handrails are provided on both sides of a ramp	
Y	Accessible routes connect all park amenities and coincide with general circulation paths	

Park Name: Gateway Park		Overall Park Rating: 3
Parking		
N	Accessible parking spaces are provided and marked with International Symbol of Accessibility	
N/A	Accessible parking is as near to the park entrance as possible	
N/A	Signs designating accessible parking spaces are 60" high	
Play Areas		
N/A	There is an accessible route (60 inches wide) to the entrance of the play area with a slope no steeper than 1:16	
N/A	For playground equipment, at least one turning space is provided on the same level as play components	
N/A	Play area surface is firm and stable (mulch/wood chips, sand and gravel are not accessible surfaces)	
N/A	Where multiple swings in a swing bay are provided, one swing is located on an accessible route	
N/A	For court sports, at least one accessible route connects both sides of the court	
Park Amenities		
N/A	Picnic tables provide at least one wheelchair space for each 24 linear feet of usable table surface perimeter. The aisles between chairs and tables are 3 feet wide	
N/A	Drinking fountain spout outlets are a maximum of 36 inches above the finish floor or ground	
Y	Safety is promoted by good street lighting	
N/A	Ramps are non-slip	
N/A	If public restroom facility present, there is at least one fully accessible restroom	
Trails and Sidewalks		
Y	There is a path of travel that does not require the use of stairs	
N	Bike paths are separate from pedestrian walkways	
Y	Sidewalks are free of obstruction, wide enough for wheelchairs, solid (not made of dirt), and have curb cuts	
N/A	All stairways feature a railing and stair tips that are painted to distinguish each step	
N/A	Handrails are provided on both sides of a ramp	
Y	Accessible routes connect all park amenities and coincide with general circulation paths	
Notes:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no parking spaces at this park 		

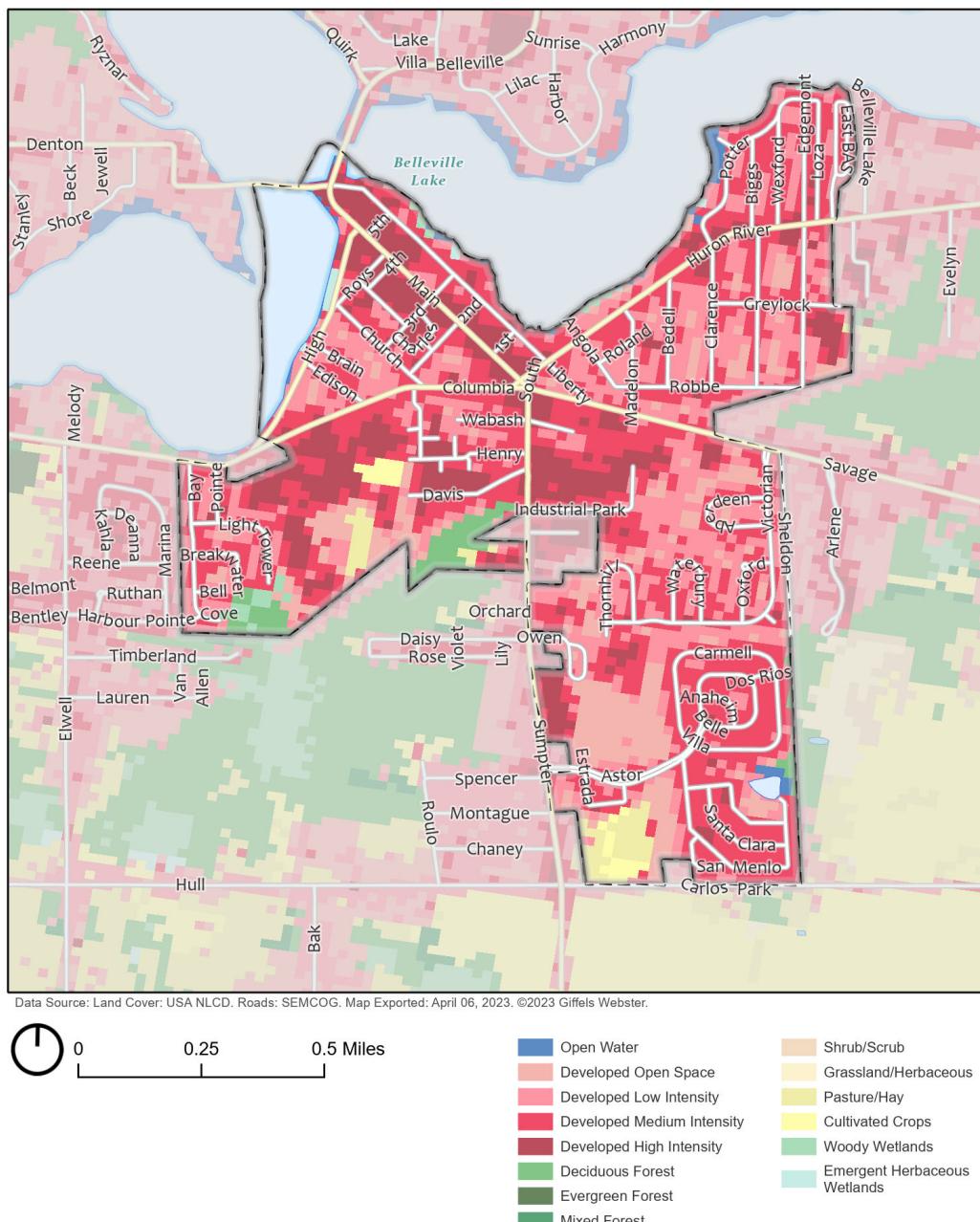
Park Name: Pump-house Park		Overall Park Rating: 3
Parking		
N	Accessible parking spaces are provided and marked with International Symbol of Accessibility	
N/A	Accessible parking is as near to the park entrance as possible	
N/A	Signs designating accessible parking spaces are 60" high	
Play Areas		
N/A	There is an accessible route (60 inches wide) to the entrance of the play area with a slope no steeper than 1:16	
N/A	For playground equipment, at least one turning space is provided on the same level as play components	
N/A	Play area surface is firm and stable (mulch/wood chips, sand and gravel are not accessible surfaces)	
N/A	Where multiple swings in a swing bay are provided, one swing is located on an accessible route	
N/A	For court sports, at least one accessible route connects both sides of the court	
Park Amenities		
N/A	Picnic tables provide at least one wheelchair space for each 24 linear feet of usable table surface perimeter. The aisles between chairs and tables are 3 feet wide	
N/A	Drinking fountain spout outlets are a maximum of 36 inches above the finish floor or ground	
Y	Safety is promoted by good street lighting	
N/A	Ramps are non-slip	
N/A	If public restroom facility present, there is at least one fully accessible restroom	
Trails and Sidewalks		
Y	There is a path of travel that does not require the use of stairs	
N	Bike paths are separate from pedestrian walkways	
Y	Sidewalks are free of obstruction, wide enough for wheelchairs, solid (not made of dirt), and have curb cuts	
N/A	All stairways feature a railing and stair tips that are painted to distinguish each step	
N/A	Handrails are provided on both sides of a ramp	
Y	Accessible routes connect all park amenities and coincide with general circulation paths	

4. Natural Features Inventory

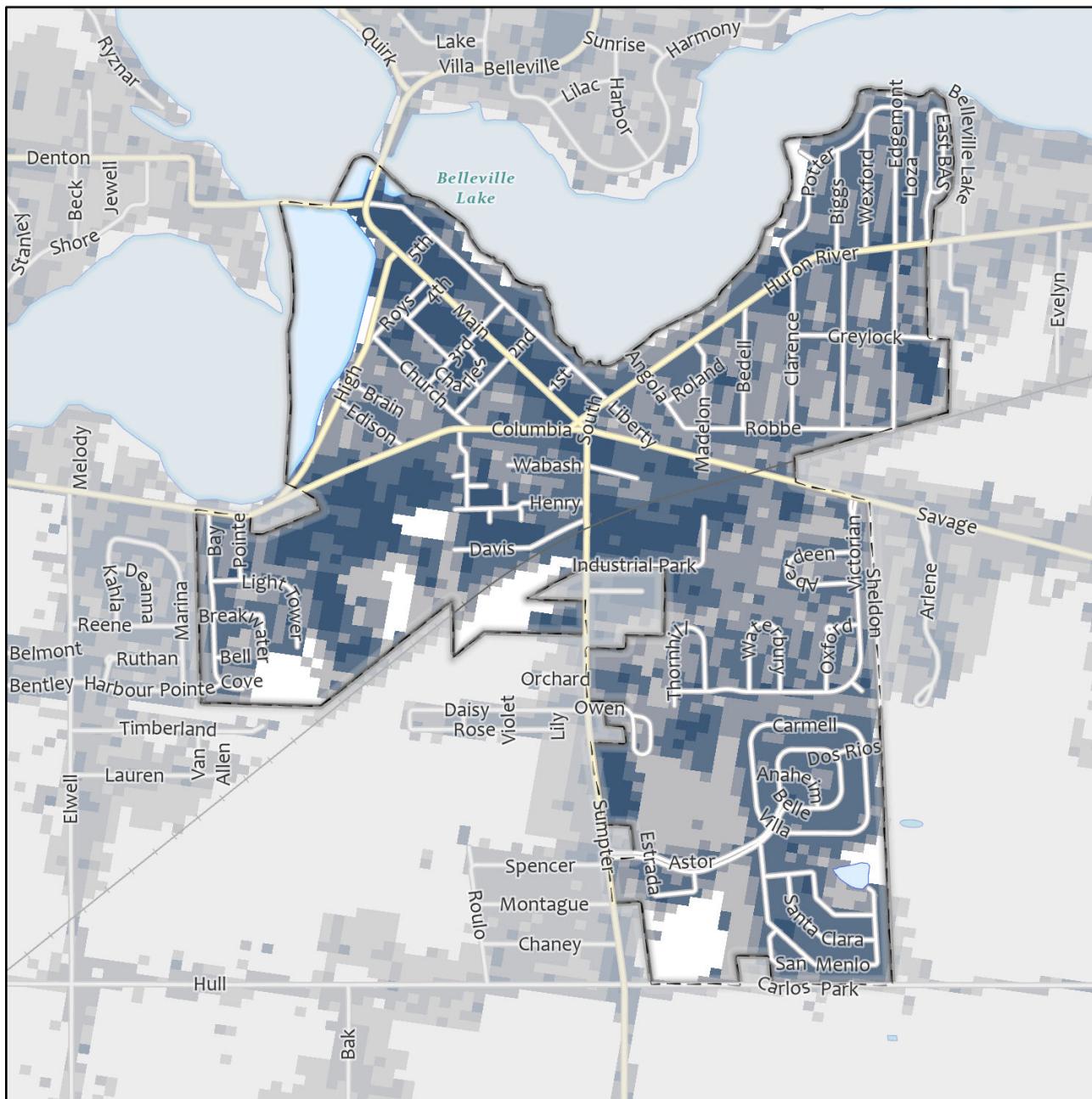
Natural Features Inventory

In a community such as Belleville, Michigan, where recreation and daily life are closely connected to the surrounding natural landscape, maintaining an inventory of natural resources is an important tool for identifying potential opportunities for conservation and recreation. These maps can also guide planning efforts for open space preservation beyond recreational uses. The following pages illustrate watersheds and waterways, wetlands, and woodlands within the Belleville area as well as the impervious surfaces and tree canopy.

MAP 5. LAND COVER

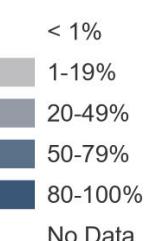


MAP 6. IMPERVIOUS SURFACES



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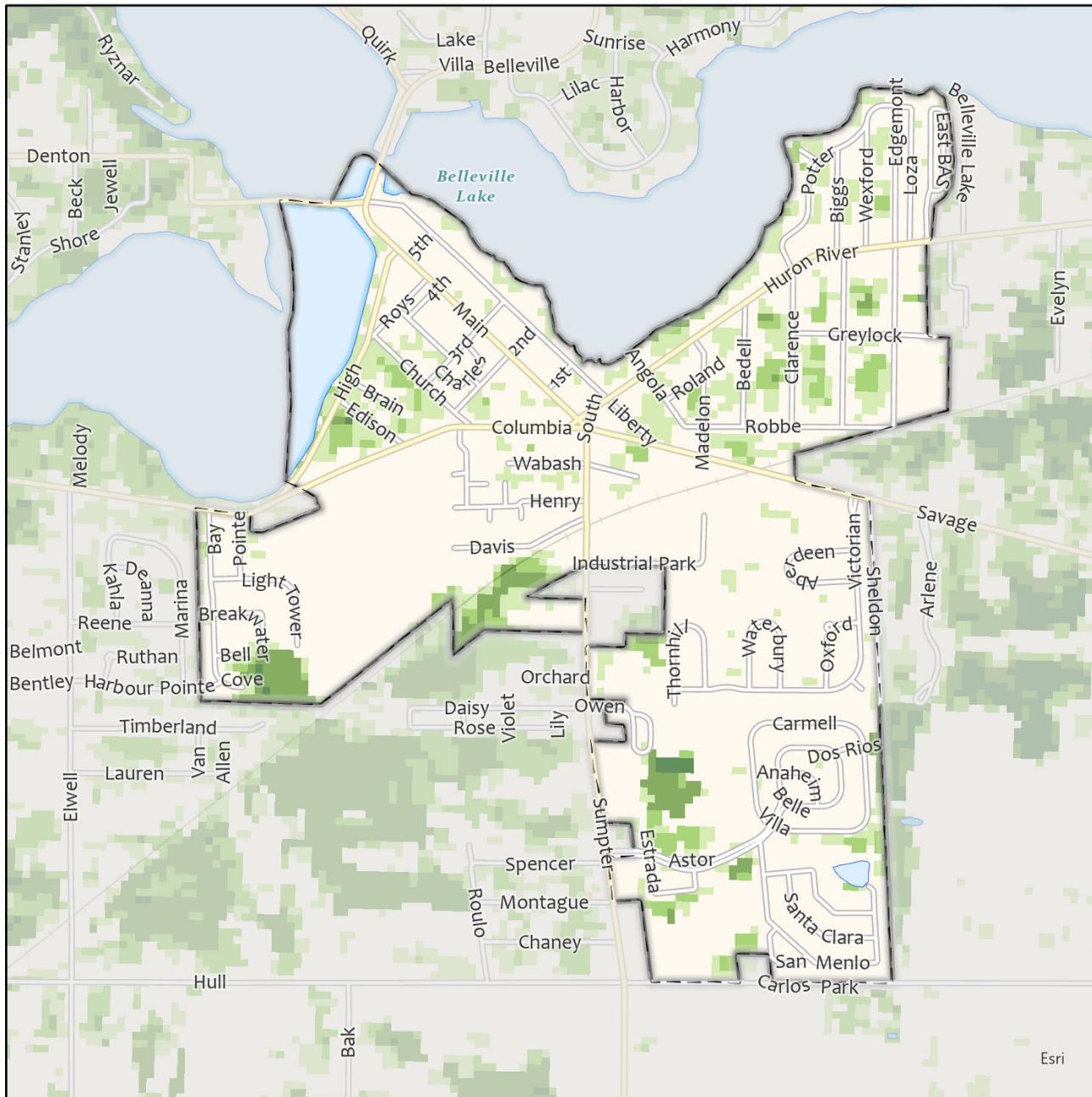
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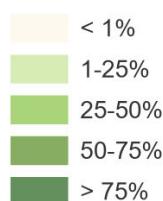
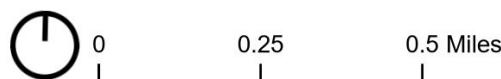
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IMPERVIOUS SURFACES
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MAP 7. TREE CANOPY



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5. Recreation Needs Analysis

Recreation Needs Analysis

To analyze the recreational needs of Belleville residents and determine deficiencies within recreation programs, it is helpful to consider standards for recreation service areas, land needs based on future population, and the ultimate size and extent of recreation facilities and their location.

These recreation planning standards are a useful tool in assessing future recreation needs. Standards may be used effectively only as a means for comparing present conditions to what is thought to be suitable or desirable, and as a general guide toward estimating future needs and demands.

The following organizations have developed guidelines for recreation that could be used as benchmarks for understanding Belleville's recreation facilities and needs:

- **Heritage Conservation & Recreation Service (HCRS).** The HCRS recommends standards based on compiled data on standards used or recommended by various city, county, metropolitan, state, and federal park and recreation agencies.
- **Urban Land Institute (ULI).** The ULI, a private research organization concerned with planning and development of land, recommends standards for recreation areas for community and neighborhood development.
- **National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).** The NRPA developed recommended standards and guidelines for recreation, parks and open space.

Recommended Community Recreation Facilities

The major types of community recreation facilities recommended by the above organizations include:

- **Playgrounds/Mini-Parks.** Specialized facilities that serve a concentrated or limited population, or specific groups such as small children or senior citizens. For example, suggested recreational amenities for an individual mini-park include a tot lot, two picnic tables and open space.
- **Playfield or Athletic Fields/Neighborhood Park.** Neighborhood parks should offer a variety of activities to accommodate a range of ages, physical abilities, and recreational interests. Therefore, it is recommended that neighborhood parks should be comprised of approximately 50% active uses (fields, courts, playgrounds, skating, etc.) and 50% passive uses (trails, picnic areas, etc.). In an urbanized community such as Belleville, parking occurs on the street.
- **Community Parks.** Community-wide parks include larger parks with diverse environmental quality. A variety of passive and active uses are provided, including athletic fields, sledding hills, trails, picnic areas, and playgrounds. Typically, uses are separated by activity and age group to limit potential conflicts between different types of users. Other potential facilities include lighted spectator-type athletic fields and off-street parking.
- **Connector Trails.** Connector trails would include a multi-use trail to give non-motorized access to parks and other uses throughout the City, and would also provide connections to regional bike lanes. Modes of travel include walking, biking, and in-line skating. These trails would by necessity be located within the road rights-of-way. There are no current standards for trails within/around a community.

NRPA Annual Agency Review

Each year, the NRPA surveys parks and recreation agencies across the US and shares this data to help communities benchmark their programs and facilities against similar-sized peers. The NRPA recognizes that applying standards and guidelines often prove challenging due to the variety of populations served and funding sources available. This could also be a useful resource for the City in determining what, if any, additional recreation facilities or amenities are needed.

State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR)

The DNR includes a Recommended Classification System for Local and Regional recreation Open Space and Trails (see Table 7) for the development of recreation plans. On the pages that follow, these standards outline recommendations for developed recreation acreage and for the various types of recreation activities; however, it should be noted that these standards are guidelines and the city should consider other recreation opportunities within the area as well as the ability to maintain community facilities. These standards are compared with the recreation opportunities provided by the city in the table on the following pages.

TABLE 7. MDNR RECOMMENDED CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM FOR LOCAL AND REGIONAL RECREATION OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS

Classification	General Description	Location Criteria	Size Criteria	Acres / 1,000 Population (Min)	Acres / 1,000 Population (Max)
Mini-Park	Used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs.	Less than 1/4 mile distance in residential setting.	Between 2500 sq. ft. and one acre in size.	0.25	0.5
Neighborhood Park	Neighborhood park remains the basic unit of the park system and serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation.	1/4- to 1/2-mile distance and uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers.	5 acres is considered minimum size. 5 to 10 acres is optimal.	1	2
School-Park	Depending on circumstances, combining parks with school sites can fulfill the space requirements for other classes of parks, such as neighborhood, community, sports complex and special use.	Determined by location of school district property.	Variable-depends on function.		Variable
Community Park	Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and 1/2 to 3-mile distance.	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually between 30 and 50 acres.	5	8
Large Urban Park	Large urban parks serve a broader purpose than community parks and are used when community and neighborhood parks are not adequate to serve the needs of the community. Focus is on meeting community-based recreational needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves the entire community.	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually a minimum of 50 acres, with 75 or more acres being optimal.		Variable
Natural Resource Areas	Lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/buffering.	Resource availability and opportunity.	Variable.		Variable
Regional Metropolitan Park	Land set aside for preservation of natural beauty or environmental significance, recreation use or historic or cultural interest use.	Located to serve several communities within 1 hour driving time.	Optimal size is 200+ acres, but size varies based on accommodating the desired uses.	5	10
Greenways	Effectively tie park system components together to form a continuous park environment.	Resource availability and opportunity.	Variable.		Variable
Sports Complex	Consolidates heavily programmed athletic fields and associated facilities to larger and fewer sites strategically located throughout the community.	Strategically located community-wide facilities.	Determined by projected demand. Usually a minimum of 25 acres, with 40 to 80 acres being optimal.		Variable

TABLE 8. EXISTING BELLEVILLE RECREATION AMENITIES COMPARED TO MDNR RECOMMENDED CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM FOR LOCAL AND REGIONAL RECREATION OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS

Classification	Belleville 2010 Population		Belleville 2050 Projected Population		Existing (acres)	Existing Parks	Recommendations
	3,991		3,776				
	Min (acres)	Max (acres)	Max (acres)	Max (acres)			
Mini Park	1	2	1	2		Gateway Park Pump-House Park Doane's Landing	Explore opportunities to acquire new developments to incorporate recreational open space into neighborhood plans
Neighborhood Park	4	8	4	8	24	Village Park	Explore opportunities to acquire new developments to incorporate recreational open space into neighborhood plans
School Park		Variable		Variable			The city currently utilizes several school facilities to meet the recreation needs of the residents; additional opportunities should be explored
Community Park	20	32	19	30		Victory Park Horizon Park Fourth Street Square	Explore opportunities to develop city-owned land as development increases
Large Urban Park		Variable		Variable			Not needed
Natural Resource Areas		Variable		Variable			Opportunities to add natural resource areas could be explored
Regional Metropolitan Park	20	40	19	38			Lower Huron, Willow, and Oakwoods Metroparks nearby offer some recreation amenities within close proximity for city residents
Greenways		Variable		Variable			Add trails/shared use paths and consider water trail opportunities
Sports Complex		Variable		Variable			Explore partnerships with nearby communities, school districts, and organizations to provide indoor sports opportunities

Parks for an Aging Population

In Belleville, MI, the community has a unique opportunity to enhance its parks and recreation facilities to better serve the aging population. While there are no universal standards for parks designed specifically for older adults, many communities nationwide are recognizing the benefits of keeping seniors physically active and socially engaged. For Belleville, this could mean incorporating age-friendly design elements such as accessible walking paths, benches with proper support, low-impact exercise equipment, and shaded gathering areas into existing parks like Village Park or Victory Park.



Example of adult playground equipment¹⁰ that provides an opportunity for both physical activity and social interactions.

6. The Planning Process

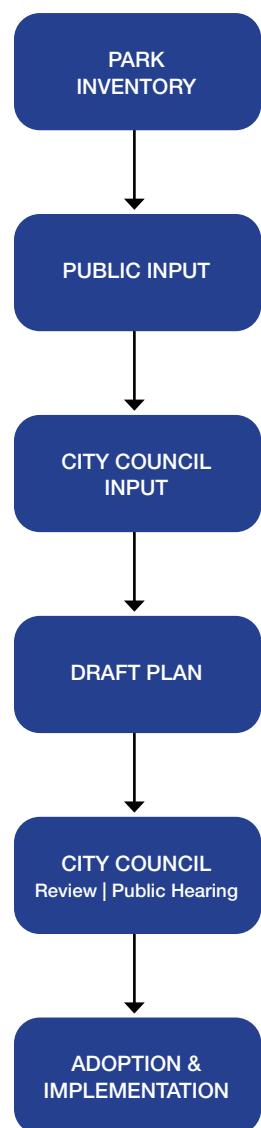
Planning Process

The recreation planning process in Belleville is intended to involve individuals who represent a broad cross-section of the community's population. The DDA is responsible for implementing the Recreation Plan and providing input, analysis, and recommendations. The planning process began with an inventory of all Belleville's parks facilities. A survey was then developed and shared online.

Using the inventory and survey findings, this Recreation Plan identifies strengths and opportunities of the current parks' facilities, along with goals for the future. The draft plan and 5-year action program of priority projects was reviewed by City Council. The draft plan was available for public review and comment for at least 30 days prior to formal adoption by City Council, and notice of the public review period was provided in the local newspaper. This plan was presented at a public hearing held by City Council. Copies of the notices announcing the review period and public hearing are included in the [Appendix](#).

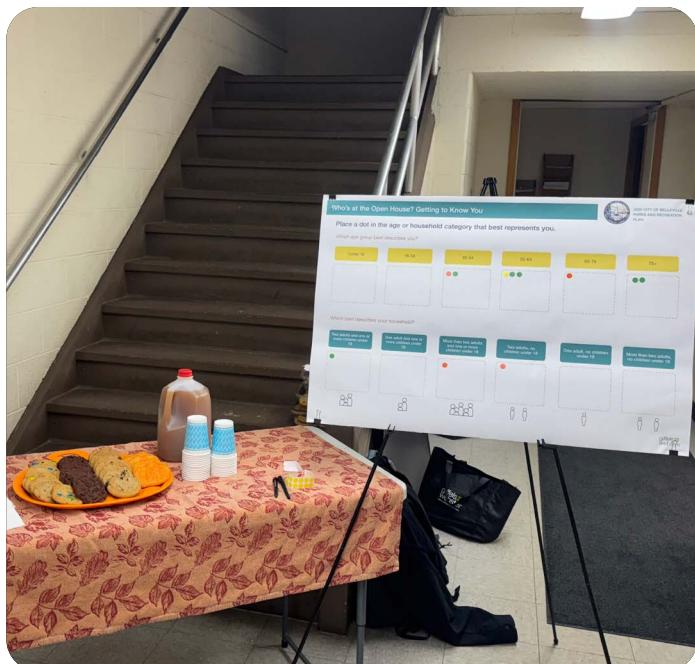
Public Input – Online survey

The Belleville Parks & Recreation Plan online survey, open from June through November 2025, collected 15 responses and offered insights into resident priorities for the city's parks and recreation system. The survey asked about familiarity with existing parks, frequency and reasons for visits, perceived gaps in facilities, preferred locations for increased walkability and a new recreation center, funding priorities, and desired features for both indoor and outdoor recreation. Respondents expressed strong support for a variety of facilities, including swimming pools, arts centers, a family recreation center, nature trails, boating and fishing access, and dog parks, while also raising concerns about water quality, inadequate park maintenance, conservation, and accessibility challenges for seniors and people with disabilities. Programs most desired included swimming, exercise and wellness classes, arts, nature-based activities, and offerings for teens, adults, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. Respondents rated current facilities and programs mostly "fair to good," raised concerns about limited restrooms, early park closures, accessibility barriers, and general maintenance, and preferred funding through grants, donations, and user fees over tax increases. Overall, the results highlight community priorities centered on improved maintenance, environmental protection, enhanced accessibility, and expanded recreation opportunities for all ages.



Public Input – Open House

The Belleville Parks & Recreation Open House on November 4, 2025 offered residents a chance to share their thoughts on the city's parks and recreational opportunities. Attendees, primarily adults between the ages of 35 and 64 years old, highlighted Horizon Park, Victory Park, and 4th Street Square as their most-visited locations. There was strong enthusiasm for enhancing and maintaining parks, improving lake water quality, and providing amenities that serve all age groups, including playgrounds for older children and teens, dog parks, and community gardens. Residents also emphasized safety, accessibility, and environmental stewardship, calling for better sidewalks, lighting, crosswalks, and repairs to waterholes. During the budgeting exercise, priorities centered on park maintenance, recreation programming, pavilions, and indoor facilities, along with funding for sidewalks and waterfront improvements. Overall, the feedback underscored a shared vision of welcoming, safe, and well-maintained parks that offer recreational opportunities for everyone in the community.



7. Goals & Objectives

Goals & Objectives

Goals and objectives formulated by the City of Belleville are the basis of the recreation planning process. They form the framework for public and private decision-making regarding recreational facilities and programs in the city. This Recreation Plan seeks to pursue long-range recreational goals and objectives through specific short-range actions on the part of the city, county, and state as well as private entities. The following objectives have been established in order to more clearly understand the city's goals and how to achieve them:

Goal 1: Continue to enhance and improve the City's parks by expanding the range of features for each facility as appropriate within the existing park footprints.

Objectives

- Use survey results to prioritize desired features for each park.
- Identify funding sources for new amenities.
- Improve accessibility of park features and amenities.

Goal 2: Ensure that the needs of all age groups, such as teens and senior citizens, are addressed.

Objectives

- Continue to work in partnership with Van Buren and Sumpter Townships, Wayne County, and the State of Michigan to provide recreational programming and special events for all age groups.
- Explore public/private partnerships or an agreement with the school system to provide indoor facilities to offset the limited space available, particularly for a new indoor recreation facility.

Goal 3: Promote nonmotorized transportation and connections to recreational facilities.

Objectives

- Create a wayfinding program.
- Enhance connectivity and safety between schools, parks, and trails.

Goal 4: Maintain existing parks.

Objectives

- Ensure funding exists for basic park maintenance via City budget line item.
- Identify funding sources for repair of park amenities, as needed.
- Consider starting a Park Commission to advise on park-related issues, spearhead larger clean up days in the spring, and support maintenance efforts throughout the year.

WHAT ARE GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND ACTION ITEMS?

- **Goals** are general guidelines that explain what the community wants to achieve. Goals are usually long-term and represent global visions such as "protect the City's natural resources." Goals define the "what" but not the "how."
- **Objectives** identify the milestones that mark progress in achieving goals – more of the "how." For example, the goal of "protect the City's natural resources" could be measured in terms of "Maintain the City's tree cover." Objectives are plan-specific and are included here.
- **Action items** are more specific and define the steps to accomplish objectives and attain the identified goals – these could be considered the "who" and "when." The most effective action strategies will include who will tackle that task and when it should be accomplished.

Goal 5: Improve the water quality of the lake.

Objectives

- Consider starting a “Friends of Belleville Lake” group, a partnership with a science or environmental club at the high school, or other volunteer organization to monitor water quality, champion educational efforts, and conduct clean up days.
- Collaborate with the Huron River Watershed Council to address some of the concerns and implement the ideas presented at the listening sessions in January 2025 including:
 - Educating youth on water stewardship.
 - Engaging local businesses to host shoreline clean up events.
 - Raising awareness of aquatic invasive species and mitigation techniques through signage and boat cleaning equipment at boat launches.
 - Promoting safe boating habits via signage that provides information about speed limits, shallow areas, lake hazards, and directionality.
 - Developing a centralized platform for water quality and health/safety information, including bacterial contamination and algal blooms.
- Educate shoreline residents about best management practices via landscaping techniques and erosion control.
- Educate residents on stormwater management and how it impacts the lake, as well as mitigation strategies such as use of native plantings, shoreline plantings, bioswales and rain gardens.

8. Action Strategies

Action Strategies

The action plan outlines Belleville's approach to implementing the goals and objectives identified in the previous chapter. These strategies are intended to provide guidance for planning and budgeting purposes for the next five years. They suggest priorities generally, but are not intended to be set in stone or limit additional creative approaches. Generally, parks and recreation action strategies should consider the following when outlining a strategy to implement goals and objectives:

- Are there immediate health, environmental, and safety concerns that need to be addressed?
- What are opportunities that exist to partner with other groups towards a common goal?
- Is there a person or group who can champion specific goals/objectives?
- Are there multiple goals that can be achieved by implementing a project?
- What projects affect the greatest number of people in the community and/or address the greatest need?
- How can projects be broken down into phases for a multi-year approach?
- What funding opportunities exist for implementation of certain goals?

PLANNING ACTIONS (P) reflect strategies aimed at identifying an approach, including cost estimates, to achieving certain goals and objectives. These are activities that can be undertaken at a variety of levels, including the Planning Commission and the City Council, and, possibly in the future, a Parks Commission.

MAINTENANCE ACTIONS (M) address those issues identified in the plan as needing upgrades, attention, or repair, whether for safety or appearance. These activities will likely be addressed by the Public Works department, but may also include assistance by various community groups.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS (A) will pursue strategies that keep an inventory of recreation facilities, programs and events for the city. Strategies developed through planning actions will be implemented and/or coordinated through administrative efforts.

FUNDING ACTIONS (F) will actively pursue local, cooperative and grant funding approaches to implement the goals and objectives of the plan.

CONSTRUCTION ACTIONS (C) will take place once a plan has been finalized, funding has been obtained, permits have been acquired and the project is 'shovel ready'.

OPENNESS TO OPPORTUNITY

Though the action plan includes many specific items, it cannot anticipate every possible opportunity to improve Belleville's recreational facilities and programming.

Action Strategies

The action strategies in this plan focus on future improvements in the township that respond to implementing and supplementing other projects of regional significance, addressing findings from the needs analysis, and reflecting goals and objectives.

TABLE 9. ACTIONS BY CITY PARK, 2026-2030

2026 - 2030 Park-Specific Action Plan				
Park	Action	Action Type	Year	Priority (1-5, 1 = Low, 5 = High)
All Parks	Develop a plan to upgrade lighting at existing facilities for safety reasons and a possible increase in night-time park programs	P	2028	3
	Develop a plan to create nonmotorized pathways that connect parks and key destinations	P	2029	3
Horizon Park	Replace boardwalk/pier stairs and ramp; include nonstick surfaces in ramp replacement	C	2026	5
	Update restroom facilities to include an ADA accessible facility	P	2030	2
	Add or update interpretive signage about the lake	P	2030	1
Doane's Landing	Add interpretive signage about the lake	P	2030	1
	Explore opportunities to partner with the Belleville Yacht Club or other groups to provide new docks and day slips	P	2026	4
Victory Park	When updating playground structures and equipment, update to accessible options	P	2030	3
	Update surfacing near playstructure to be accessible	P	2028	3
	Add surfaced pathway to basketball court and gazebo	P	2030	1
Village Park	Replace entryway signage	M	2029	1
	When updating playground structures and equipment, update to accessible options			
	Update surfacing near playstructure to be accessible	P	2028	3
	Add paved walkway from main path to basketball courts, pickleball courts, and volleyball court	P	2030	1

P - Planning Actions

M - Maintenance Actions

A - Administrative Action

F - Funding Actions

C - Construction Actions

2026 - 2030 Park-Specific Action Plan

Park	Action	Action Type	Year	Priority (1-5, 1 = Low, 5 = High)
Fourth Street Square	Add a drinking fountain	P	2029	2
Gateway Park	Add interpretive signage about the lake	P	2030	1
Pump-House Park	Add interpretive signage about the lake or the history of the site	P	2030	1

P - Planning Actions

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TABLE 10. GOAL-SPECIFIC ACTION PLAN, 2026-2030

Goal-Specific Action Plan			
Action	Action Type	Year	Priority (1-5, 1 = Low, 5 = High)
Goal 1: Continue to enhance and improve the City's parks by expanding the range of features for each facility as appropriate within the existing park footprints.			
Objective 1: Use survey results to prioritize desired features for each park.			
As funding opportunities become available, refer to this plan and the survey results to identify new features to implement at the city parks.	P	Ongoing	3
Objective 2: Identify funding sources for new amenities.			
Monitor opportunities made available through the MDNR, EGLE, the County, and others to implement the goals of this plan.	A	Ongoing	5
Explore opportunities for public/private collaboration and projects to implement the goals of this plan.	A	Ongoing	5
Objective 3: Improve accessibility of park features and amenities.			
As upgrades to equipment and facilities are needed, consider options that improve accessibility such as paved pathways to park amenities, solid surfaces around play structures, and accessible equipment.	P	Ongoing	5
Goal 2: Ensure that the needs of all age groups, such as teens and senior citizens, are addressed.			
Objective 1: Continue to work in partnership with Van Buren and Sumpter Townships, Wayne County, and the State of Michigan to provide recreational programming and special events for all age groups.			
Continue to be involved in the Tri-Community planning efforts	A	Ongoing	5
Explore opportunities for Belleville residents to use recreation facilities in Van Buren and Sumpter Townships at reduced rates	A	2026	5
Explore opportunities to partner with Wayne County to provide recreation programming and events for children, youth, adults, seniors, and families	A	2026	3
Objective 2: Explore public/private partnerships or an agreement with the school system to provide indoor facilities to offset the limited space available, particularly for a new indoor recreation facility.			
Consider opportunities to trial public use of the schools for one-time events, short camps during school breaks, etc.	P	2027	4
Explore how space at the new city hall could be used for recreation	P	2027	4

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Goal-Specific Action Plan			
Action	Action Type	Year	Priority (1-5, 1 = Low, 5 = High)
Goal 3: Promote nonmotorized transportation and connections to recreational facilities.			
Objective 1: Create a wayfinding program.			
Identify key destinations in the City and nearby, as well as critical areas for wayfinding signage to be posted.	P	2027	3
Develop branding and design for wayfinding program.	P	2028	3
Install wayfinding program.	P	2030	3
Objective 2: Enhance connectivity and safety between schools, parks, and trails.			
Apply for Safe Routes to School (SRTS) funding to improve key routes from neighborhoods to schools.	F	2026	4
Identify routes to school and safety challenges, such as missing crosswalks, needed sidewalk repairs, etc.	P	2026	4
Collaborate with schools to train students on safe transit to and from school.	A	2026	3
Goal 4: Maintain existing parks.			
Objective 1: Ensure funding exists for basic park maintenance via City budget line item.			
Maintain a budget line for general park maintenance needs.	A	2026	5
Objective 2: Identify funding sources for repair of park amenities, as needed.			
Maintain a budget line for general park repairs.	A	2026	5
Objective 3: Consider re-engaging the Park Commission to advise on park-related issues, spearhead larger clean up days in the spring, and support maintenance efforts throughout the year.			
Identify a champion to lead the Park Commission.	P	Ongoing	4
Post a public call for additional Park Commissioners with information about the group, meeting dates, time commitment, etc.	P	2028	4

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Goal-Specific Action Plan			
Action	Action Type	Year	Priority (1-5, 1 = Low, 5 = High)
Goal 5: Improve the water quality of the lake.			
Objective 1: Consider starting a "Friends of Belleville Lake" group, a partnership with a science or environmental club at the high school, or other volunteer organization to monitor water quality, champion educational efforts, and conduct clean up days.			
Identify a champion to lead the "Friends of Belleville Lake" group.	P	Ongoing	4
Post a public call for additional members with information about the group, meeting dates, time commitment, etc.	P	2030	4
Connect the group with resources, such as the Huron River Watershed Council and the Detroit River Western Lake Erie Cooperative Weed Management Area (DR-WLE CWMA)	P	2030	3
Objective 2: Collaborate with the Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC) to address some of the concerns and implement the ideas presented at the listening sessions in January 2025 including:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educating youth on water stewardship. • Engaging local businesses to host shoreline clean up events. • Raising awareness of aquatic invasive species and mitigation techniques through signage and boat cleaning equipment at boat launches. • Promoting safe boating habits via signage that provides information about speed limits, shallow areas, lake hazards, and directionality. • Developing a centralized platform for water quality and health/safety information, including bacterial contamination and algal blooms. • Educate shoreline residents about best management practices via landscaping techniques and erosion control. • Educate residents on stormwater management and how it impacts the lake, as well as mitigation strategies such as use of native plantings, shoreline plantings, bioswales and rain gardens. 			
Show support for and collaborate with the HRWC and the Alliance of Downriver Watersheds by sharing events, educational materials, and connecting these groups to interested groups in the city.	A	Ongoing	4
Recognize local businesses who host shoreline clean up events.	M	Ongoing	4
Install interpretive signage about aquatic invasive species and mitigation techniques.	M	2028	3
Install signage to reminder boaters of safe boating habits	M	2028	3
Provide a link on the city's website to the HRWC's Chemistry and Flow Monitoring program and Chemistry Dashboard, and the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's MiEnviro Portal - BeachGuard website, and the Alliance of Downriver Wate.	A	2026	2
Support the implementation of green stormwater management practices by residents, such as the use of native plants, implementation of rain gardens, and not using synthetic fertilizers or pesticides on lawns by leading by example in park and other city spaces when landscaping is updated	P	2027	3
Support the implementation of green stormwater management practices by residents by City Council making a resolution that these techniques are encouraged.	A	2027	3

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PUBLIC HEARING

The Belleville City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, January 5, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

The purpose of the public hearing is for public input on the city's proposed Parks and Recreation Plan.

The Public Hearing will take place at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111, in the City Council Chambers.

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**PUBLIC HEARING - January 20th at 6:30p in
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A Parks and Recereation Master Plan is the blueprint, or the roadmap, for our City parks and their recreational uses. It guides those principles for the City by addressing future land uses and current and future recereational concepts in a coordinated fashion that is sustainable, resilient and age friendly.

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This plan plays an important role in how our parks, trails, and recreational amenities grow and evolve - and we want to hear from you.

 [More information is available in the attached link.](#)

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Q1 Please list your street address here:

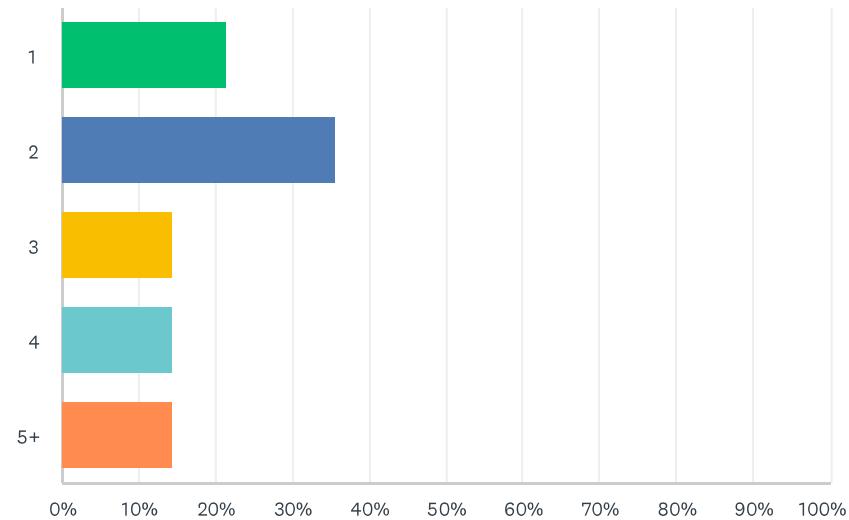
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2	Wear Rd.	11/6/2025 7:00 AM
3	501 High St	11/5/2025 11:05 AM
4	492 Robbe Ave	11/4/2025 9:30 PM
5	200 Aberdeen ct Belleville 48111	11/3/2025 9:55 PM
6	Huron River Drive	11/3/2025 7:27 PM
7	W Huron River dr	11/3/2025 7:27 PM
8	Tallgrass Ct	11/3/2025 7:13 PM
9	15700 Haggerty Rd	11/3/2025 6:47 PM
10	Bemis	9/18/2025 1:46 PM
11	233 N Liberty St	9/18/2025 9:25 AM
12	410 High St.	9/17/2025 8:39 PM
13	474 Sumpter rd	9/17/2025 12:27 AM
14	375 N Liberty	9/16/2025 10:57 AM

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Q2 How many people live in your household?

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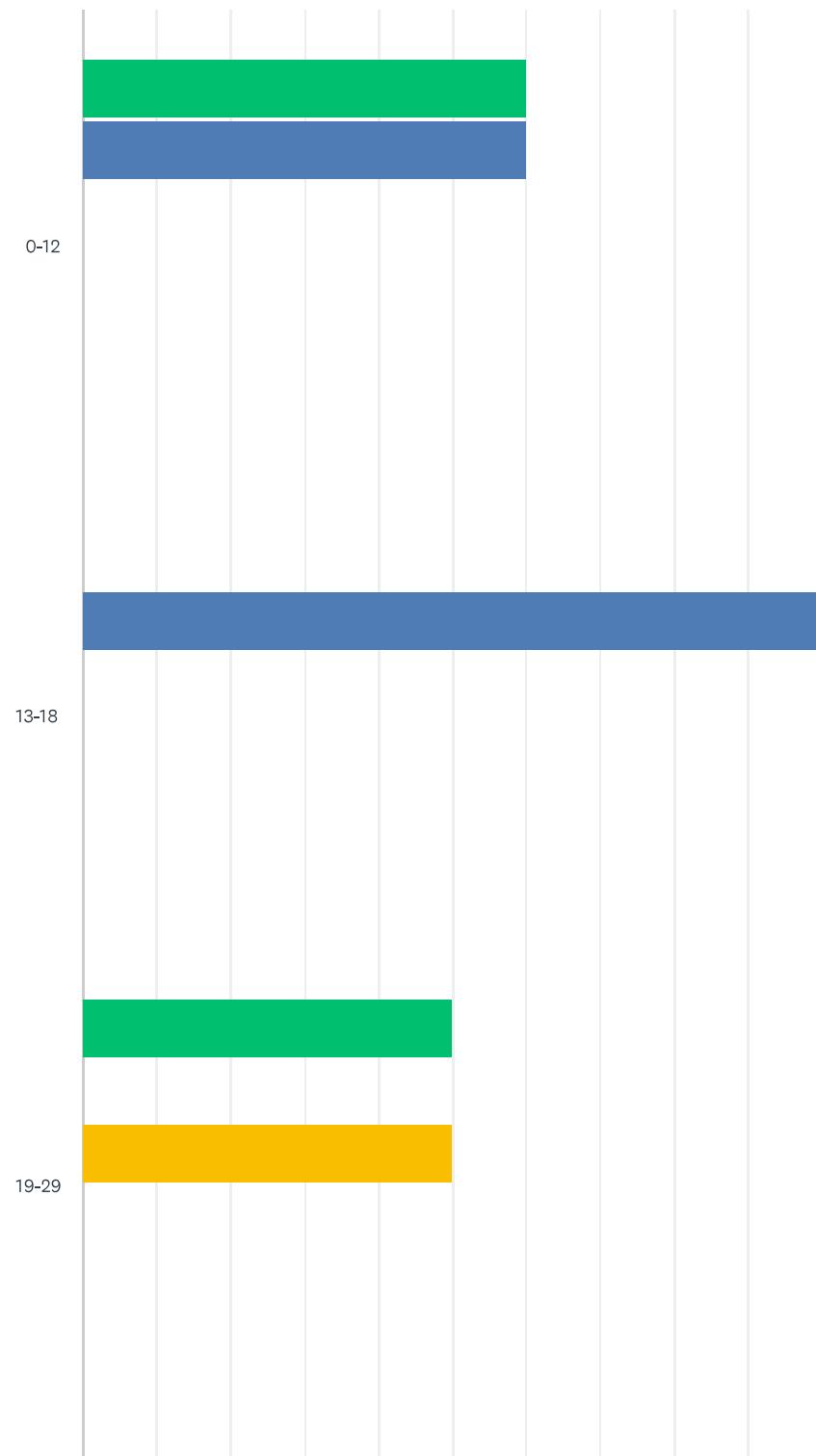


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	21.43%	3
2	35.71%	5
3	14.29%	2
4	14.29%	2
5+	14.29%	2
Total Respondents: 14		

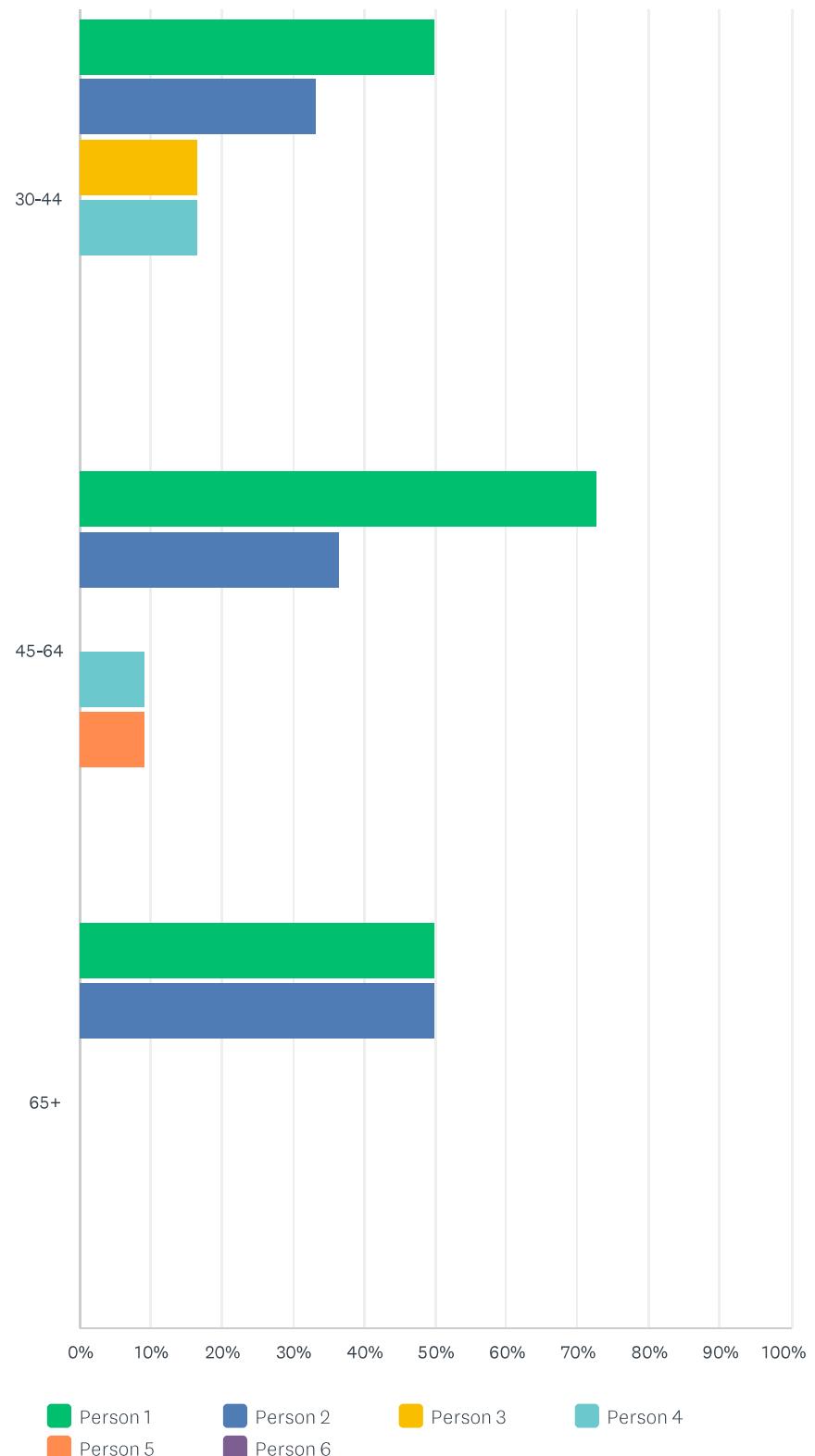
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Q3 What are the ages of people in your household?

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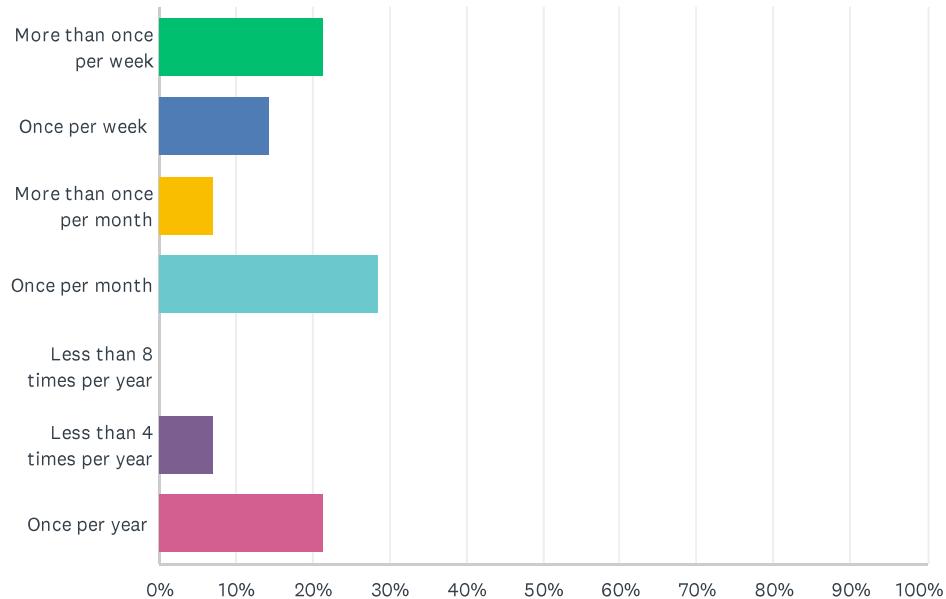
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	PERSON 1	PERSON 2	PERSON 3	PERSON 4	PERSON 5	PERSON 6	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
0-12	60.00% 3	60.00% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	5
13-18	0.00% 0	100.00% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	1
19-29	50.00% 2	0.00% 0	50.00% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	4
30-44	50.00% 3	33.33% 2	16.67% 1	16.67% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	6
45-64	72.73% 8	36.36% 4	0.00% 0	9.09% 1	9.09% 1	0.00% 0	11
65+	50.00% 1	50.00% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	2

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Q4 How often do you use parks and recreation facilities in the City of Belleville?

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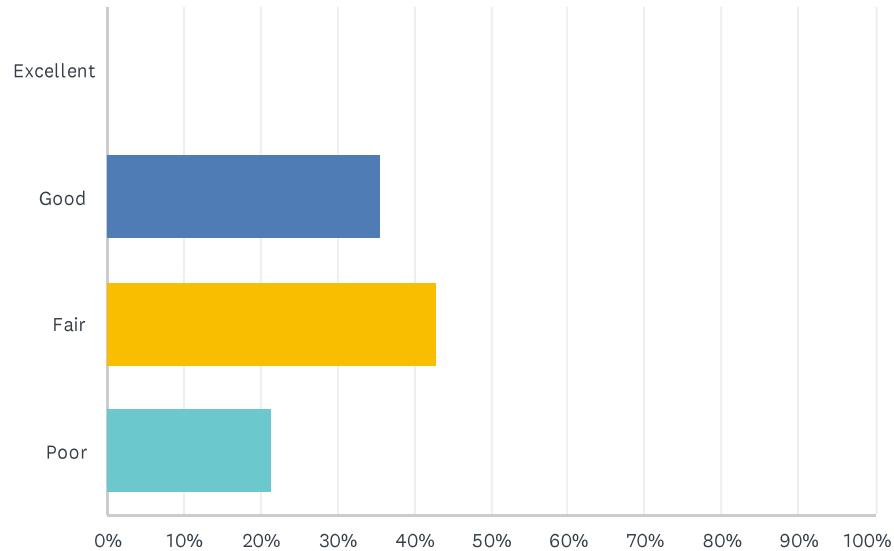


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
More than once per week	21.43%
Once per week	14.29%
More than once per month	7.14%
Once per month	28.57%
Less than 8 times per year	0.00%
Less than 4 times per year	7.14%
Once per year	21.43%
TOTAL	14

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Q5 How would you rate the recreation PROGRAMS available to residents in the City of Belleville?

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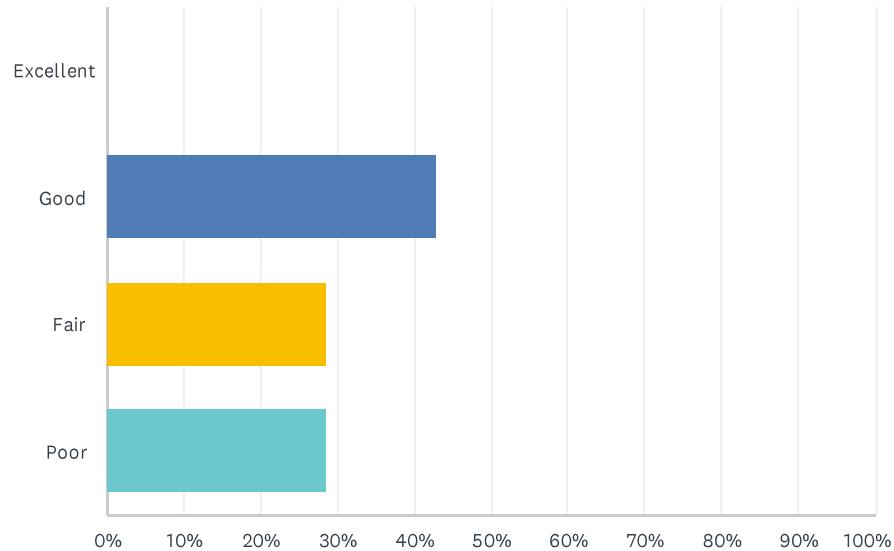


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Excellent	0.00%
Good	35.71%
Fair	42.86%
Poor	21.43%
TOTAL	14

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Q6 How would you rate the recreation FACILITIES available to residents in the City of Belleville?

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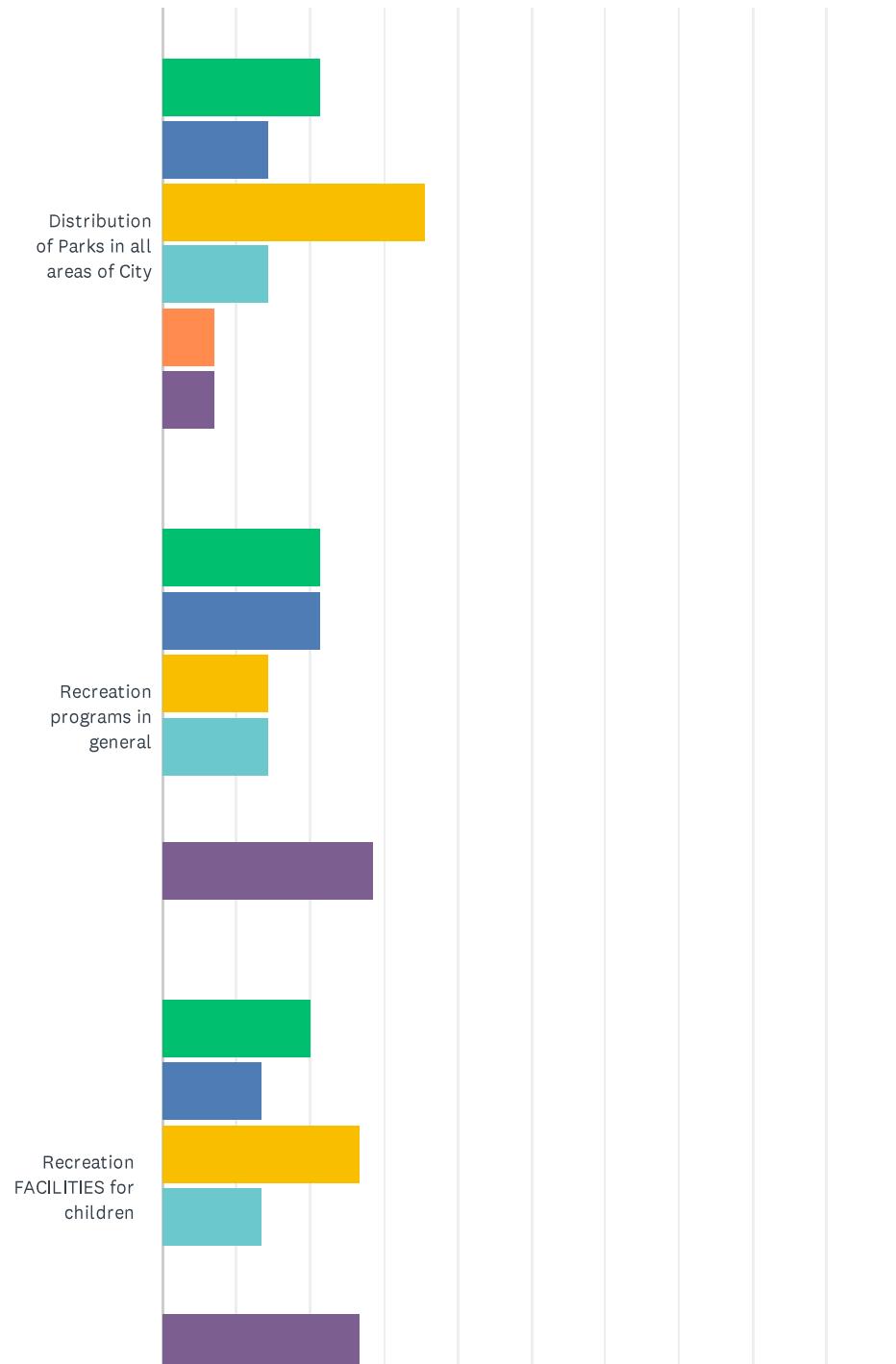


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Excellent	0.00%
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Fair	28.57%
Poor	28.57%
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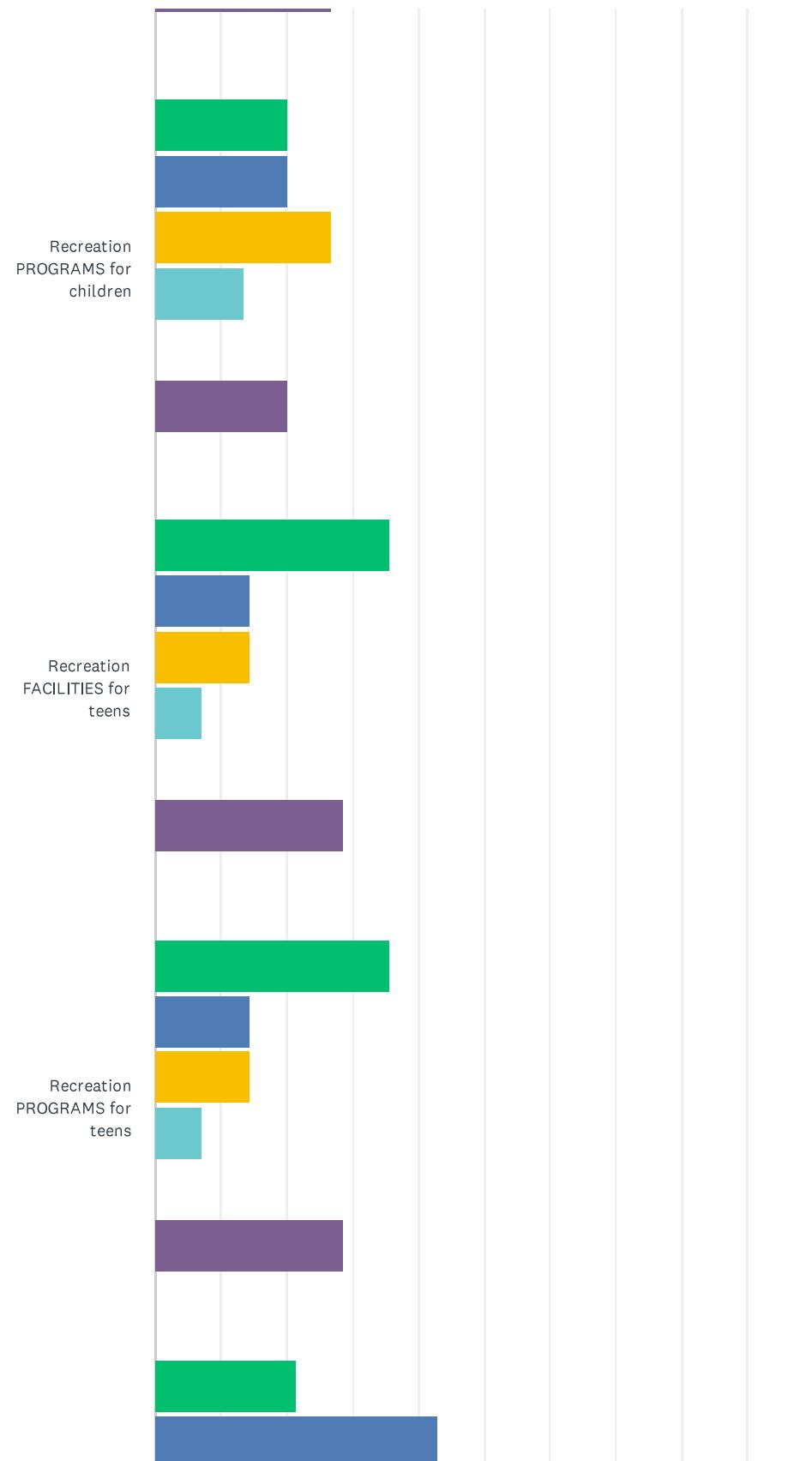
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Q7 How would you rank the following recreation services and facilities available to City residents? Please consider all services, whether provided by the City, schools, or other agencies.

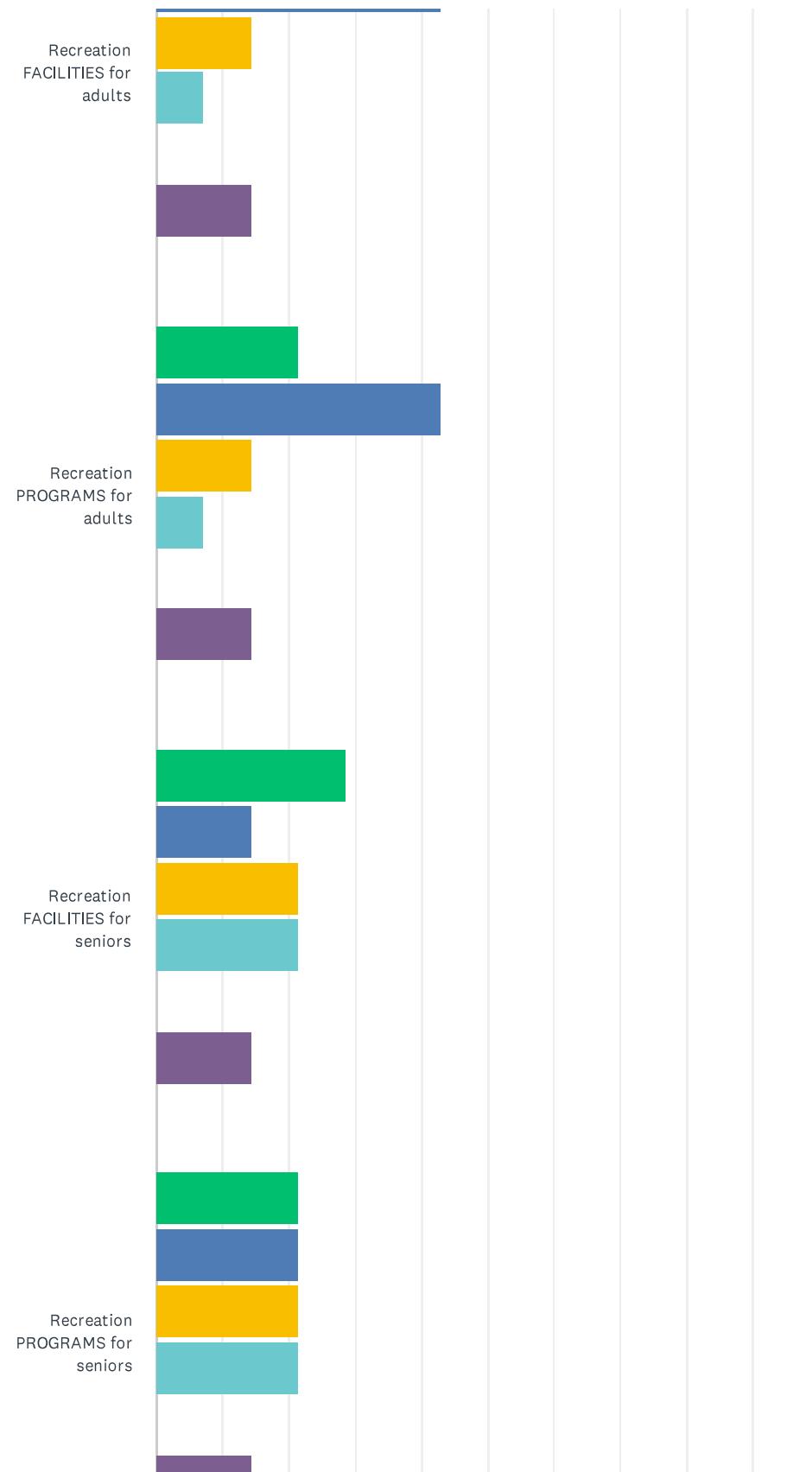
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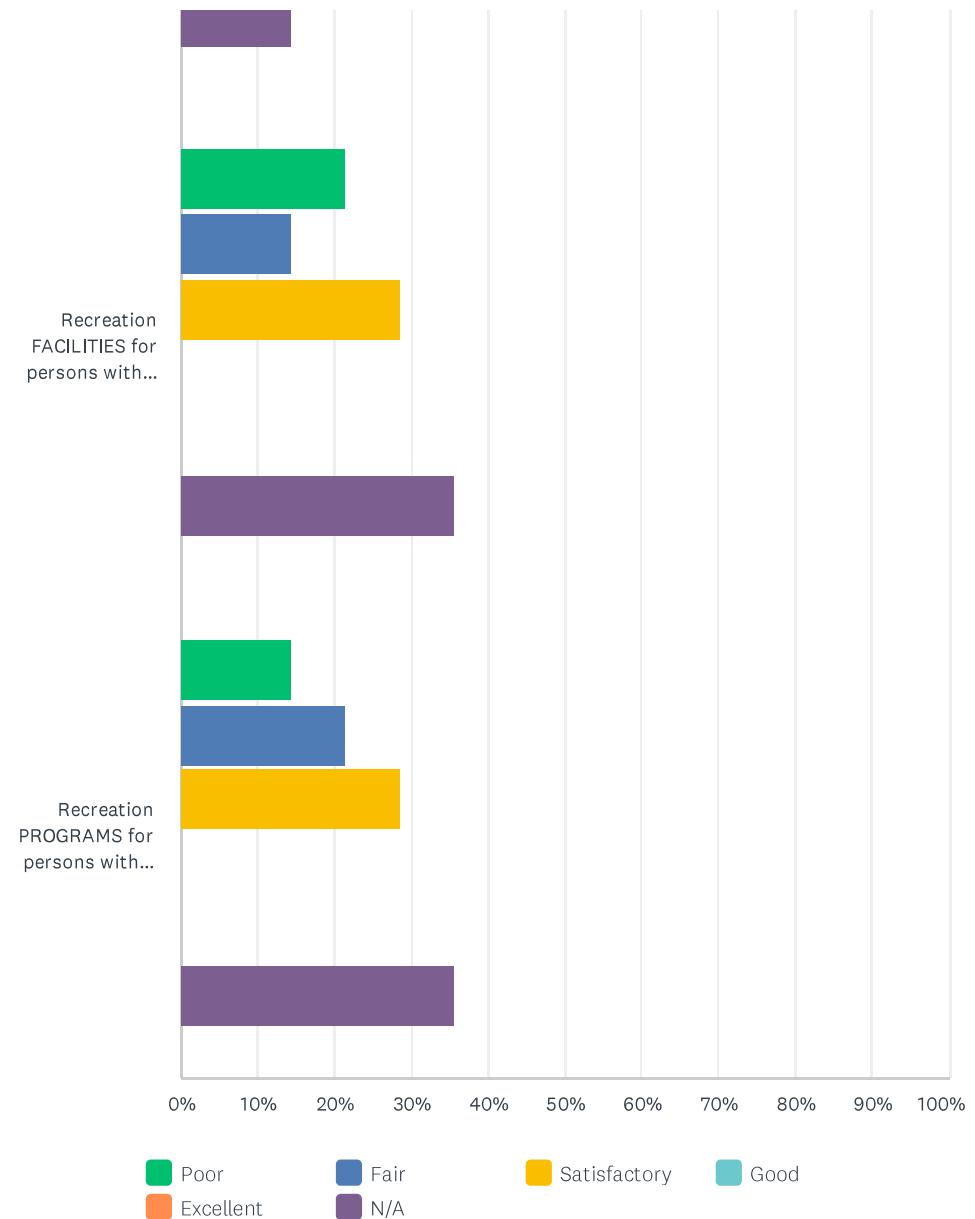
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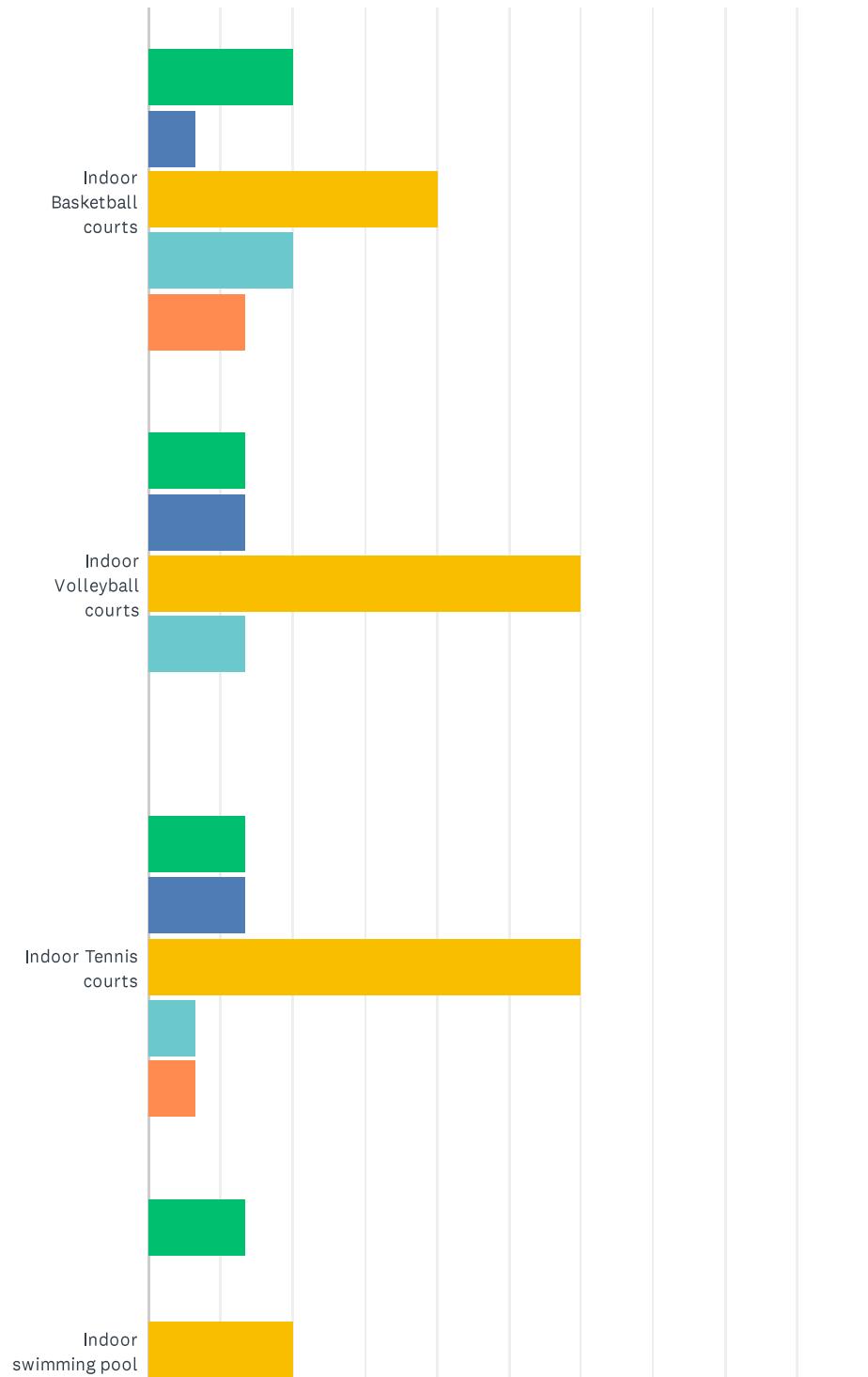
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	POOR	FAIR	SATISFACTORY	GOOD	EXCELLENT	N/A	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Distribution of Parks in all areas of City	21.43% 3	14.29% 2	35.71% 5	14.29% 2	7.14% 1	7.14% 1	14	2.69
Recreation programs in general	21.43% 3	21.43% 3	14.29% 2	14.29% 2	0.00% 0	28.57% 4	14	2.30
Recreation FACILITIES for children	20.00% 3	13.33% 2	26.67% 4	13.33% 2	0.00% 0	26.67% 4	15	2.45
Recreation PROGRAMS for children	20.00% 3	20.00% 3	26.67% 4	13.33% 2	0.00% 0	20.00% 3	15	2.42
Recreation FACILITIES for teens	35.71% 5	14.29% 2	14.29% 2	7.14% 1	0.00% 0	28.57% 4	14	1.90
Recreation PROGRAMS for teens	35.71% 5	14.29% 2	14.29% 2	7.14% 1	0.00% 0	28.57% 4	14	1.90
Recreation FACILITIES for adults	21.43% 3	42.86% 6	14.29% 2	7.14% 1	0.00% 0	14.29% 2	14	2.08
Recreation PROGRAMS for adults	21.43% 3	42.86% 6	14.29% 2	7.14% 1	0.00% 0	14.29% 2	14	2.08
Recreation FACILITIES for seniors	28.57% 4	14.29% 2	21.43% 3	21.43% 3	0.00% 0	14.29% 2	14	2.42
Recreation PROGRAMS for seniors	21.43% 3	21.43% 3	21.43% 3	21.43% 3	0.00% 0	14.29% 2	14	2.50
Recreation FACILITIES for persons with disabilities	21.43% 3	14.29% 2	28.57% 4	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	35.71% 5	14	2.11
Recreation PROGRAMS for persons with disabilities	14.29% 2	21.43% 3	28.57% 4	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	35.71% 5	14	2.22

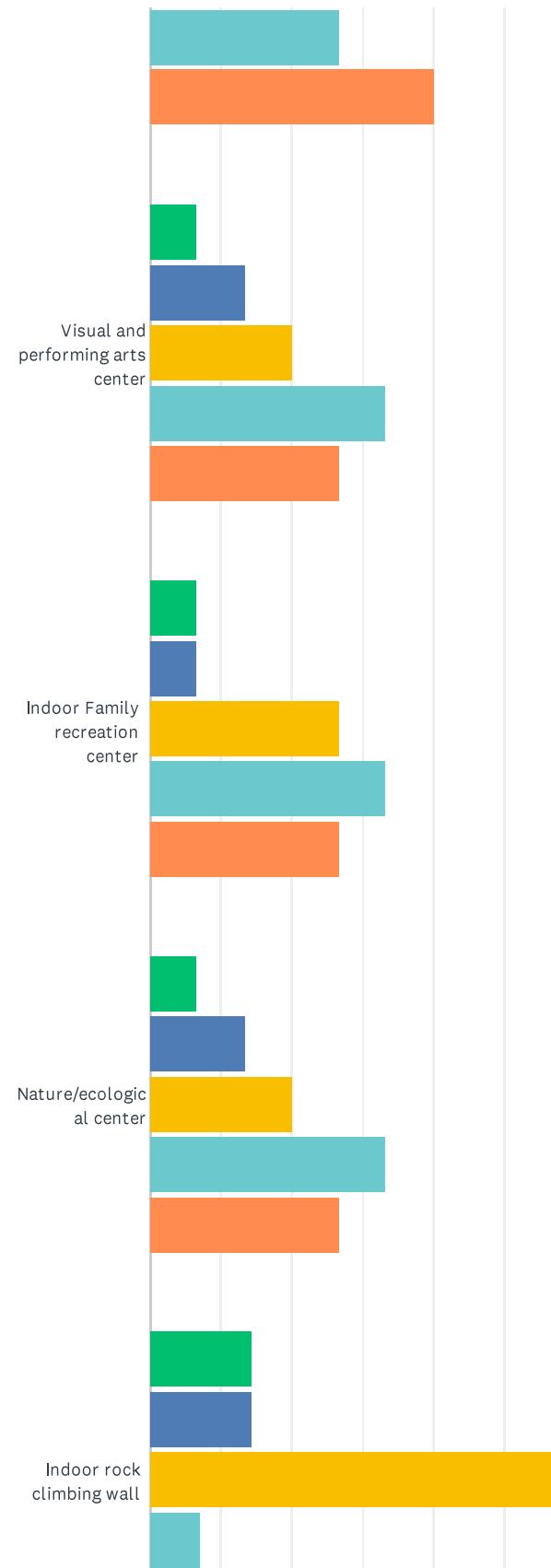
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Q8 Please indicate your opinion regarding the need for the following ADDITIONAL INDOOR public recreation facilities in the City of Belleville.

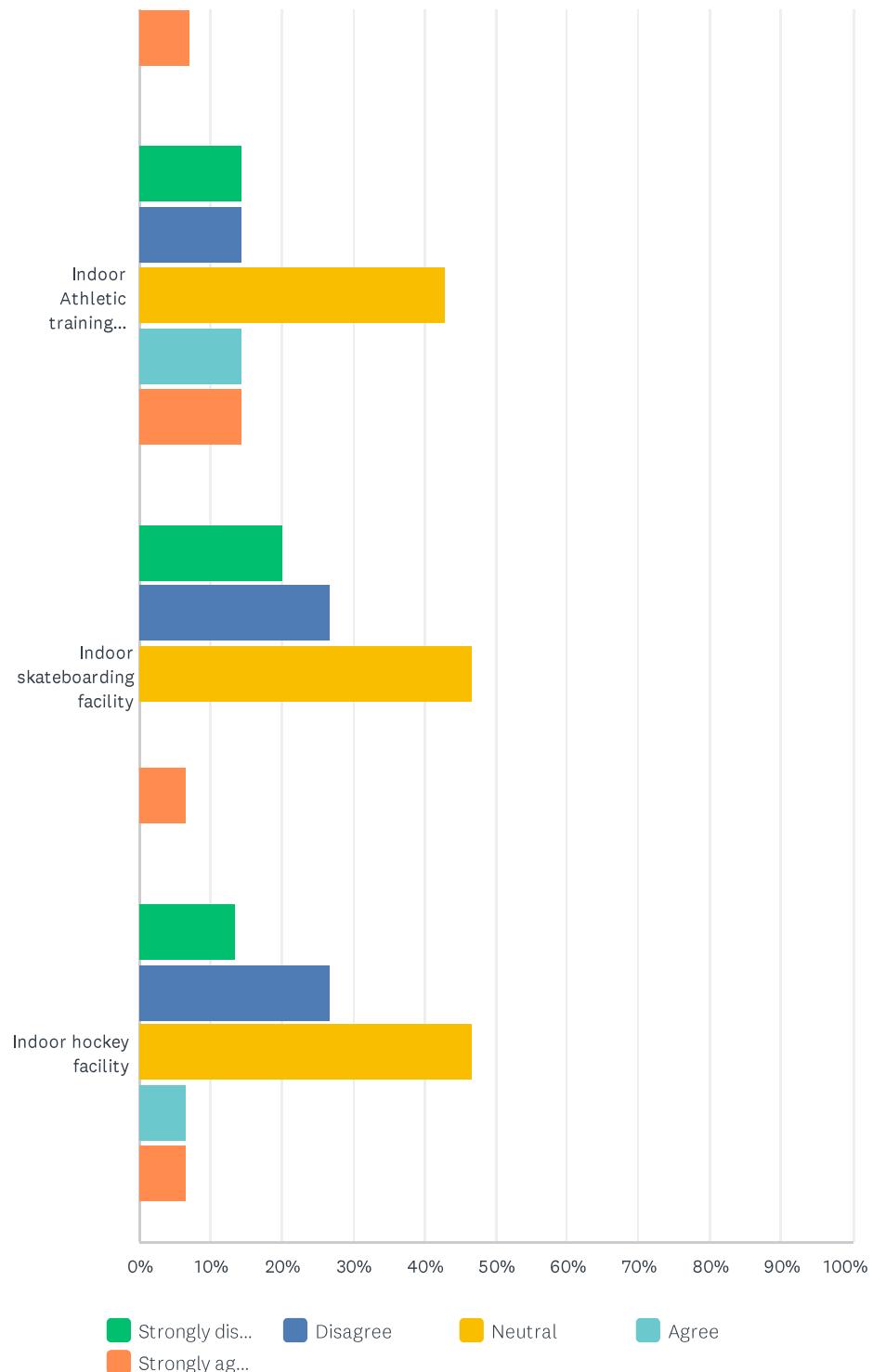
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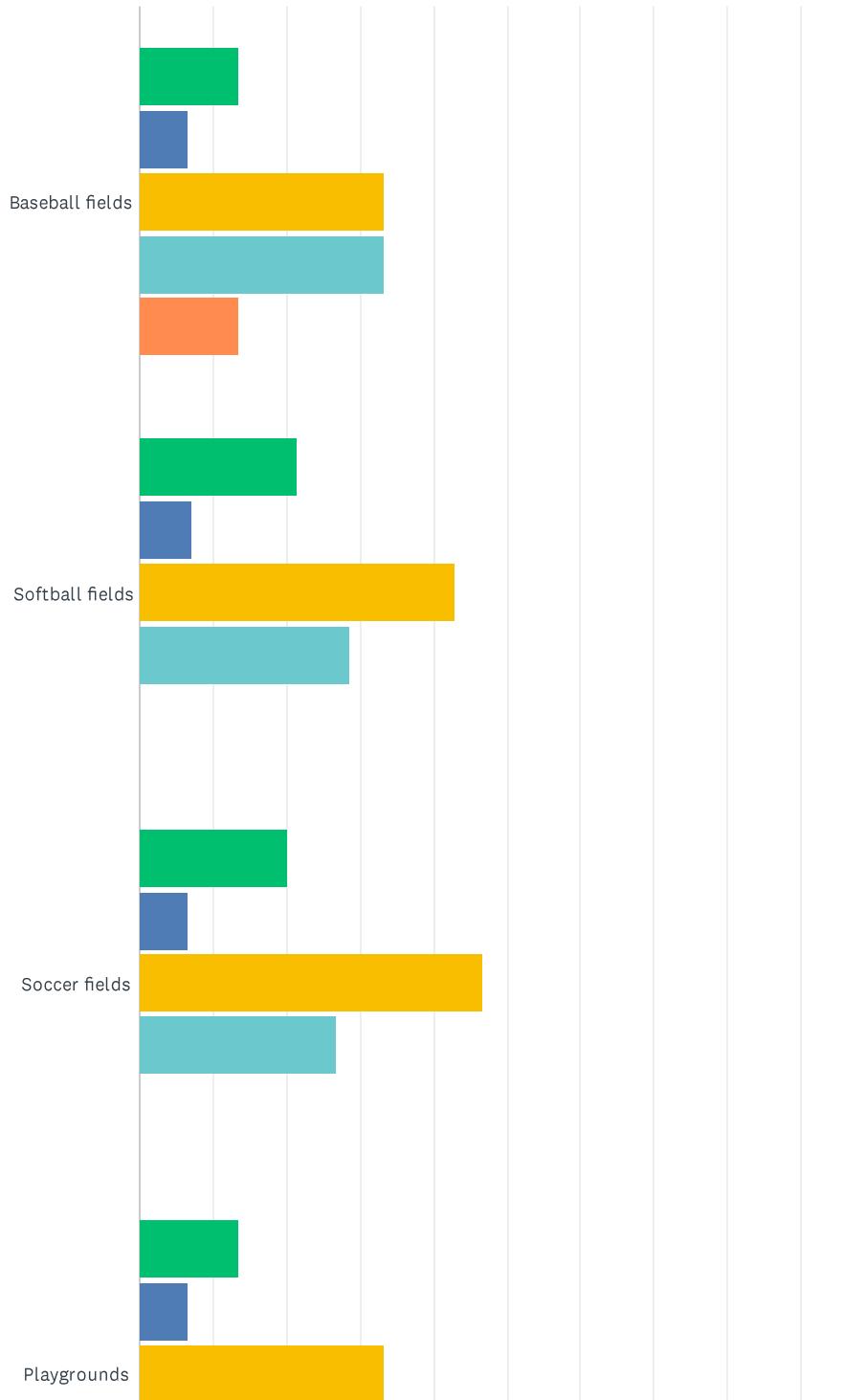
	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEUTRAL	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Indoor Basketball courts	20.00% 3	6.67% 1	40.00% 6	20.00% 3	13.33% 2	15	3.00
Indoor Volleyball courts	13.33% 2	13.33% 2	60.00% 9	13.33% 2	0.00% 0	15	2.73
Indoor Tennis courts	13.33% 2	13.33% 2	60.00% 9	6.67% 1	6.67% 1	15	2.80
Indoor swimming pool	13.33% 2	0.00% 0	20.00% 3	26.67% 4	40.00% 6	15	3.80
Visual and performing arts center	6.67% 1	13.33% 2	20.00% 3	33.33% 5	26.67% 4	15	3.60
Indoor Family recreation center	6.67% 1	6.67% 1	26.67% 4	33.33% 5	26.67% 4	15	3.67
Nature/ecological center	6.67% 1	13.33% 2	20.00% 3	33.33% 5	26.67% 4	15	3.60
Indoor rock climbing wall	14.29% 2	14.29% 2	57.14% 8	7.14% 1	7.14% 1	14	2.79
Indoor Athletic training facility	14.29% 2	14.29% 2	42.86% 6	14.29% 2	14.29% 2	14	3.00
Indoor skateboarding facility	20.00% 3	26.67% 4	46.67% 7	0.00% 0	6.67% 1	15	2.47
Indoor hockey facility	13.33% 2	26.67% 4	46.67% 7	6.67% 1	6.67% 1	15	2.67

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Outdoor pool for families in the summer. We really value wooded trails. Clean water at the beach for swimming.	11/15/2025 9:27 AM
2	Stop ruining nature to build parks or indoor rec centers. The parks we have are good enough. Even recent upgrades to Graham park was unnecessary. I don't enjoy hearing screaming kids and family events that ruin the quiet peaceful area we moved here for, keep that stuff in the city area...where you already have parks and walkways.	11/6/2025 7:00 AM
3	The bathrooms are not open for those of us who walk daily through the parks, the parks also close at dusk, how does this encourage residents to be active at all! Take a page out of woodhaven park which has heated bathrooms year round and lit trails for walking. Sad I have to drive that far away to keep up my fitness especially in these darker days.	11/3/2025 9:55 PM
4	Something like RAC would be amazing for our community.	9/18/2025 1:46 PM
5	Fishing access	9/17/2025 7:35 AM

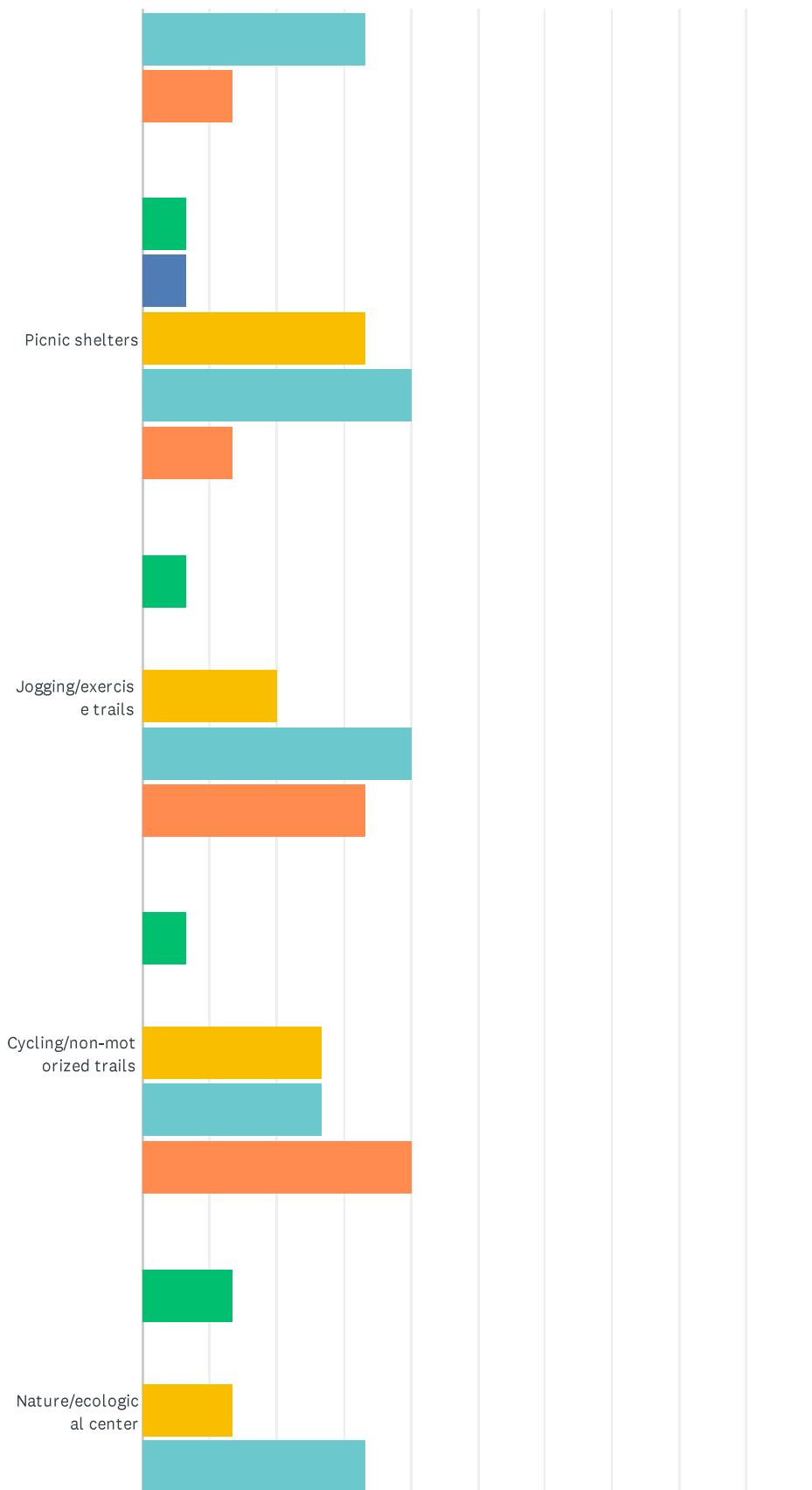
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Q9 Please indicate your opinion concerning the need for ADDITIONAL OUTDOOR public recreation facilities in the City of Belleville.

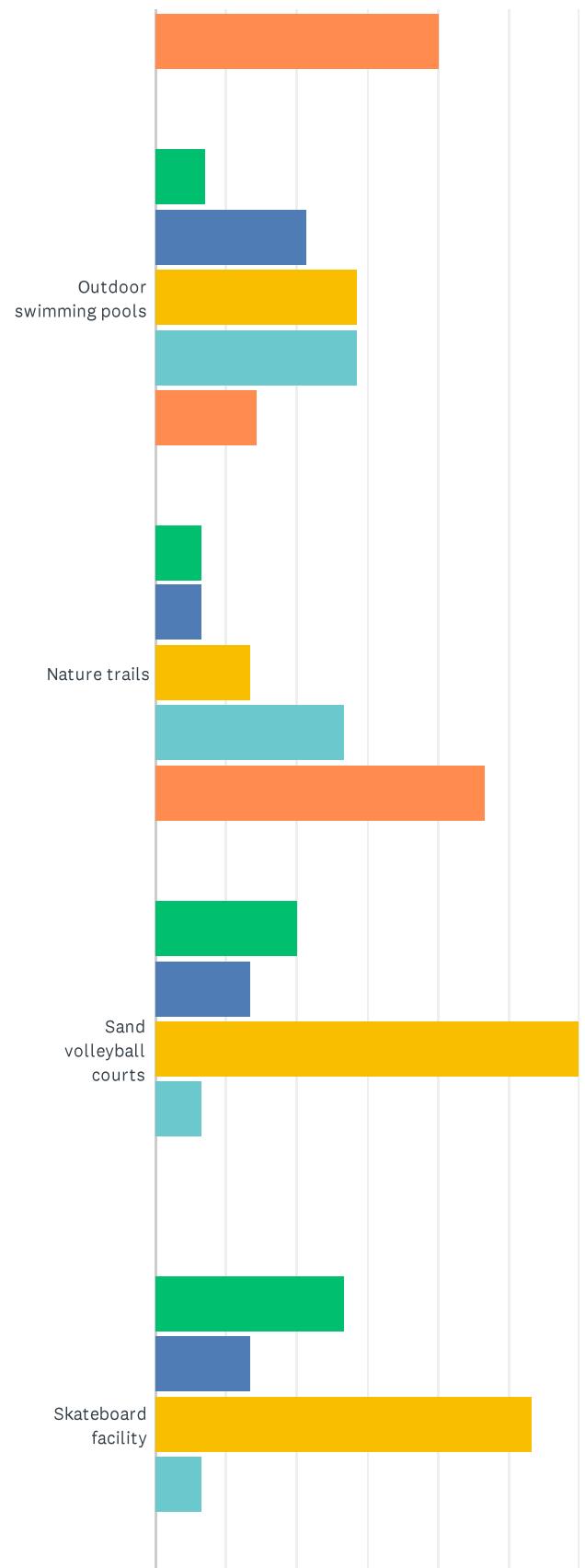
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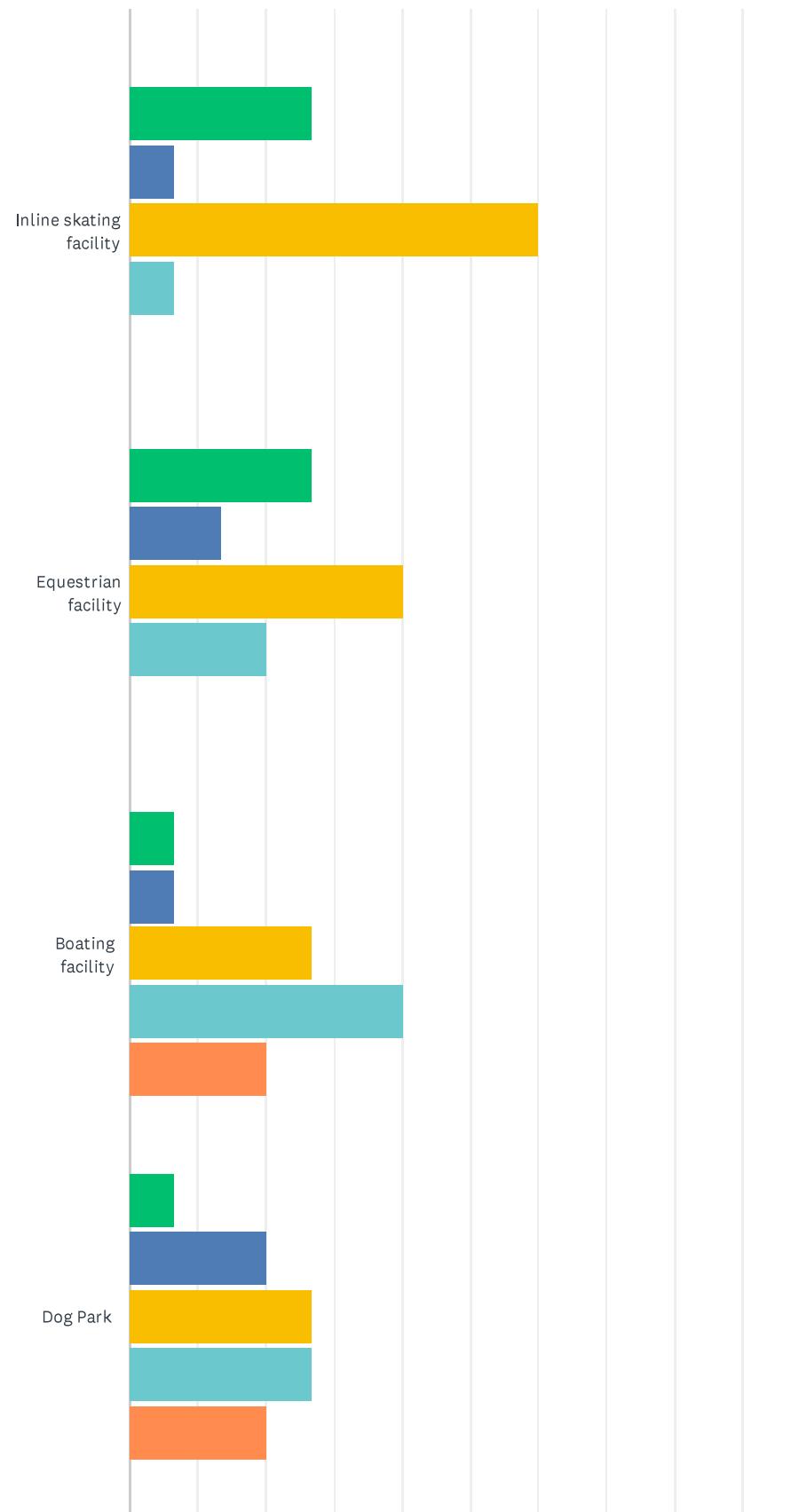
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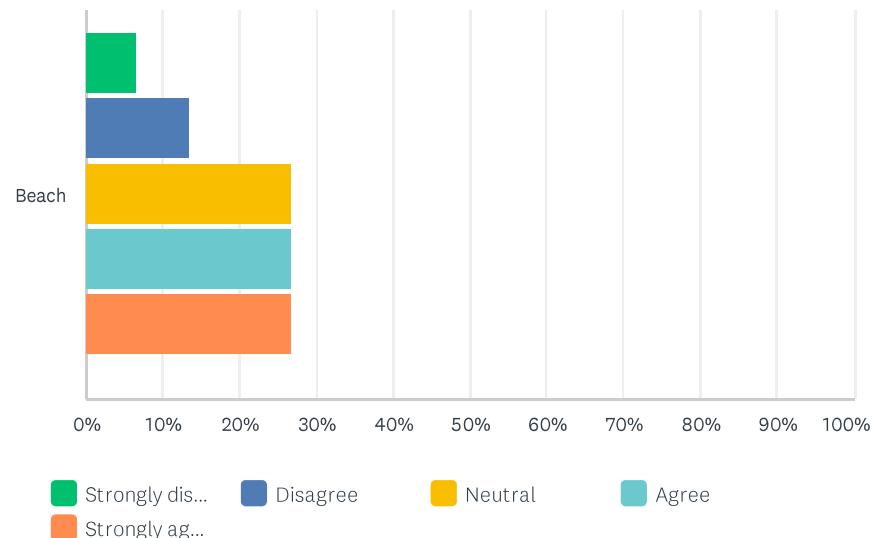
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	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEUTRAL	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Baseball fields	13.33% 2	6.67% 1	33.33% 5	33.33% 5	13.33% 2	15	3.27
Softball fields	21.43% 3	7.14% 1	42.86% 6	28.57% 4	0.00% 0	14	2.79
Soccer fields	20.00% 3	6.67% 1	46.67% 7	26.67% 4	0.00% 0	15	2.80
Playgrounds	13.33% 2	6.67% 1	33.33% 5	33.33% 5	13.33% 2	15	3.27
Picnic shelters	6.67% 1	6.67% 1	33.33% 5	40.00% 6	13.33% 2	15	3.47
Jogging/exercise trails	6.67% 1	0.00% 0	20.00% 3	40.00% 6	33.33% 5	15	3.93
Cycling/non-motorized trails	6.67% 1	0.00% 0	26.67% 4	26.67% 4	40.00% 6	15	3.93
Nature/ecological center	13.33% 2	0.00% 0	13.33% 2	33.33% 5	40.00% 6	15	3.87
Outdoor swimming pools	7.14% 1	21.43% 3	28.57% 4	28.57% 4	14.29% 2	14	3.21
Nature trails	6.67% 1	6.67% 1	13.33% 2	26.67% 4	46.67% 7	15	4.00
Sand volleyball courts	20.00% 3	13.33% 2	60.00% 9	6.67% 1	0.00% 0	15	2.53
Skateboard facility	26.67% 4	13.33% 2	53.33% 8	6.67% 1	0.00% 0	15	2.40
Inline skating facility	26.67% 4	6.67% 1	60.00% 9	6.67% 1	0.00% 0	15	2.47
Equestrian facility	26.67% 4	13.33% 2	40.00% 6	20.00% 3	0.00% 0	15	2.53
Boating facility	6.67% 1	6.67% 1	26.67% 4	40.00% 6	20.00% 3	15	3.60
Dog Park	6.67% 1	20.00% 3	26.67% 4	26.67% 4	20.00% 3	15	3.33
Beach	6.67% 1	13.33% 2	26.67% 4	26.67% 4	26.67% 4	15	3.53

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	We are a rural city and want to keep it that way. WE DON'T NEED THIS HERE! Enjoy an "ecological area" just by going outside! Not destroying more land to make another building that will soon be empty because lack of use/funds.	11/6/2025 7:00 AM
2	We pay taxes and can't enjoy our local parks the entire year. The parks need to be open and bathrooms too, I walk the village park 5 days a week. Please put lights and open the bathrooms. So many people in the neighborhood walk for fitness too.	11/3/2025 9:55 PM
3	For w Huron to have a walking path\side walk.	11/3/2025 7:27 PM
4	Fishing access	9/17/2025 7:35 AM

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Q10 Please list in order of importance two types of recreation facilities you would like to see added or improved within the City, and where they are or should be located. For example, "play equipment at Horizon Park."

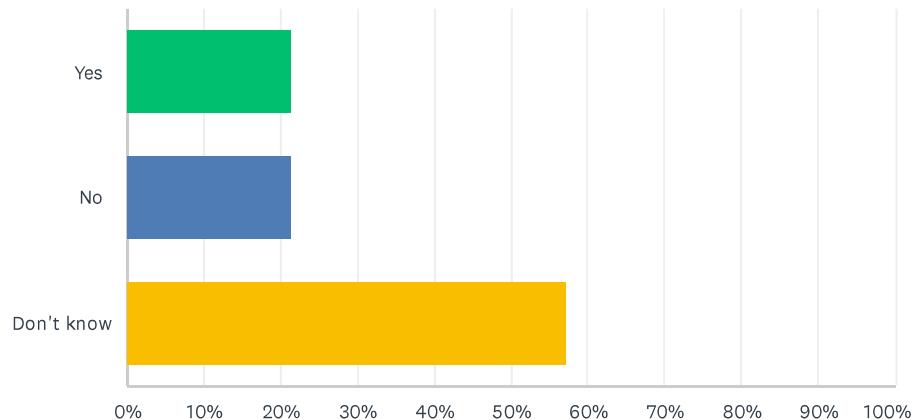
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES
1)		100.00% 11
2)		100.00% 11
#	1)	DATE
1	Play equipment downtown	11/15/2025 9:27 AM
2	None	11/6/2025 7:00 AM
3	Amphitheater at expanded Horizon Park	11/5/2025 11:05 AM
4	Open bathrooms	11/3/2025 9:55 PM
5	Walking path connecting Belleville and Van Buren	11/3/2025 7:27 PM
6	Dog park	11/3/2025 7:13 PM
7	The water is embarrassing disgusting, literally repulsive.	9/18/2025 1:46 PM
8	Don't know	9/18/2025 9:25 AM
9	Sports complex at a new facility	9/17/2025 8:39 PM
10	Fishing access	9/17/2025 7:35 AM
11	Outdoor pool	9/17/2025 12:27 AM
#	2)	DATE
1	Nature trails wherever there are woods	11/15/2025 9:27 AM
2	None	11/6/2025 7:00 AM
3	Interactive digital signage along Iron Belle Trail	11/5/2025 11:05 AM
4	Light our walking parks so we can stay active all through the year	11/3/2025 9:55 PM
5	Finish sidewalks through the side to account for safe walking on main roads	11/3/2025 7:27 PM
6	Swimming pool	11/3/2025 7:13 PM
7	Dog park would be low maintenance, low cost and bring people into the city!	9/18/2025 1:46 PM
8	Still don't know	9/18/2025 9:25 AM
9	Walking trails	9/17/2025 8:39 PM
10	Fishing access	9/17/2025 7:35 AM
11	Van Buren park	9/17/2025 12:27 AM

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Q11 Do you believe there are any accessibility barriers for persons with disabilities in any recreation facilities offered within the city?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 1



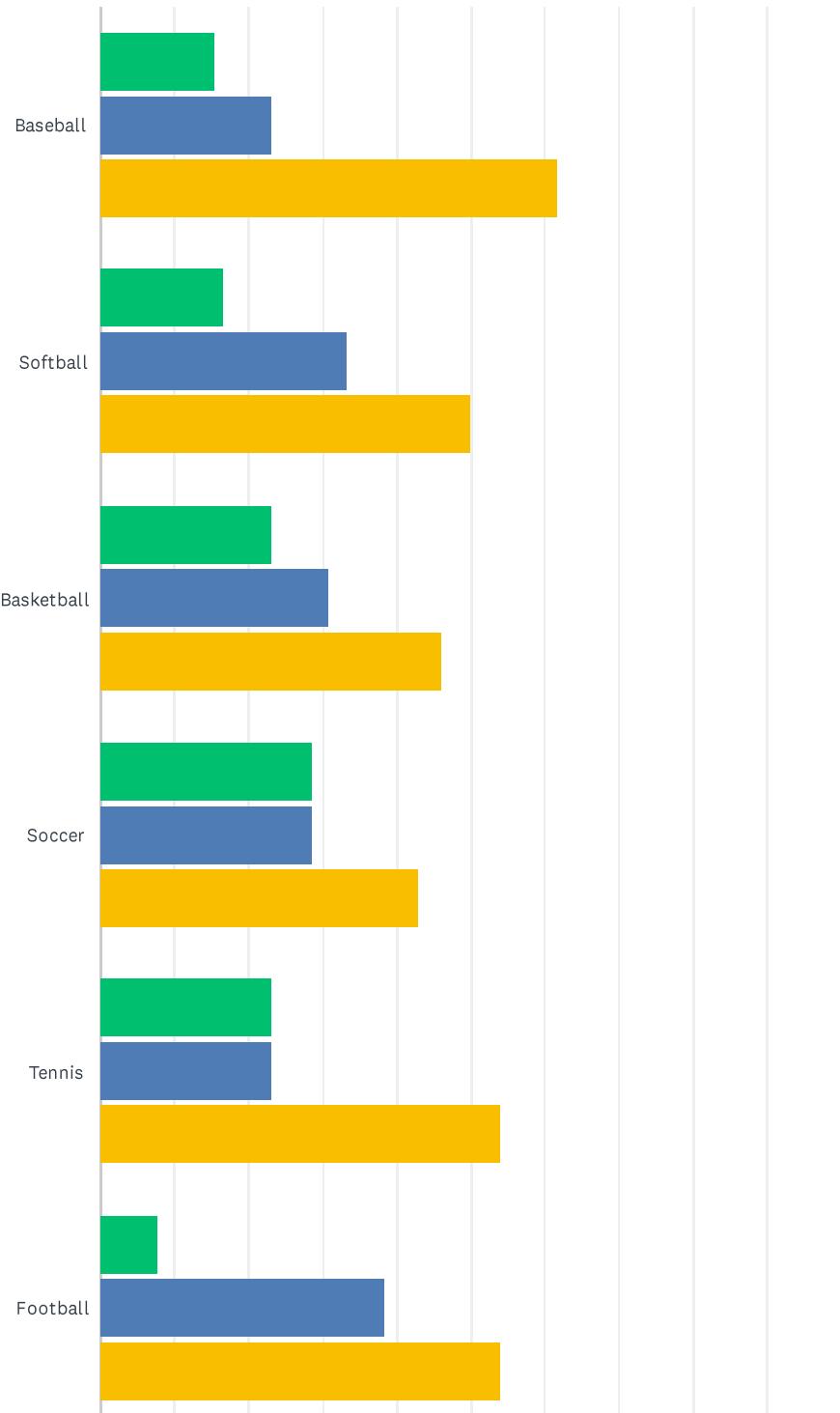
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	21.43%
No	21.43%
Don't know	57.14%
Total Respondents: 14	

#	IF YES, WHICH ONE(S) AND WHY?	DATE
1	Many MANY businesses make it very hard for anyone handicap to make it inside. That's an issue because majority of the population is older and has more mobility issues. My parents are 50s both disabled and one in a wheelchair. I cannot think of 1 business that is easily accessible for a wheelchair.	9/18/2025 1:46 PM

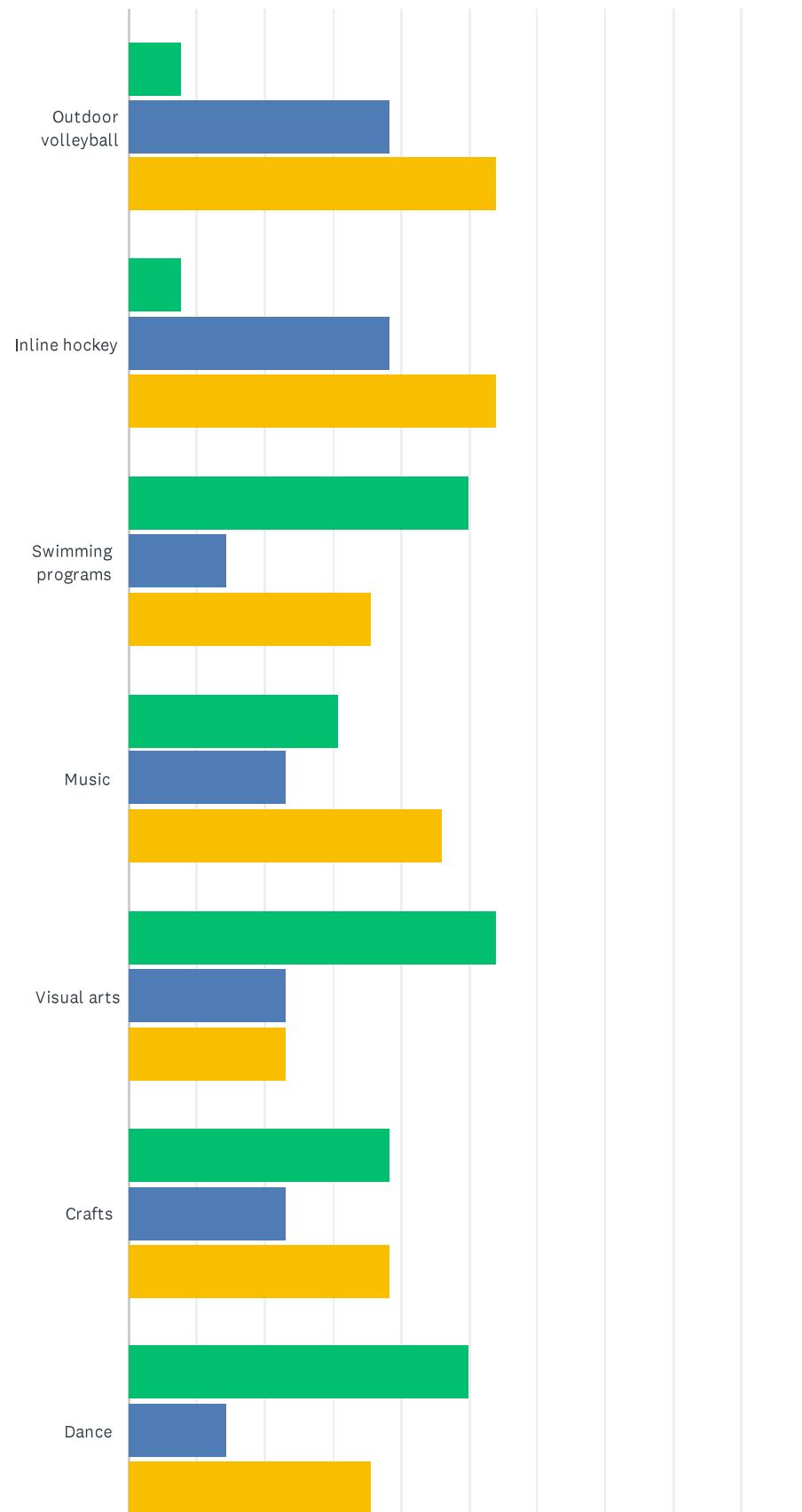
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Q12 Please consider the following recreation PROGRAMS. Do any need to be added or expanded within the City?

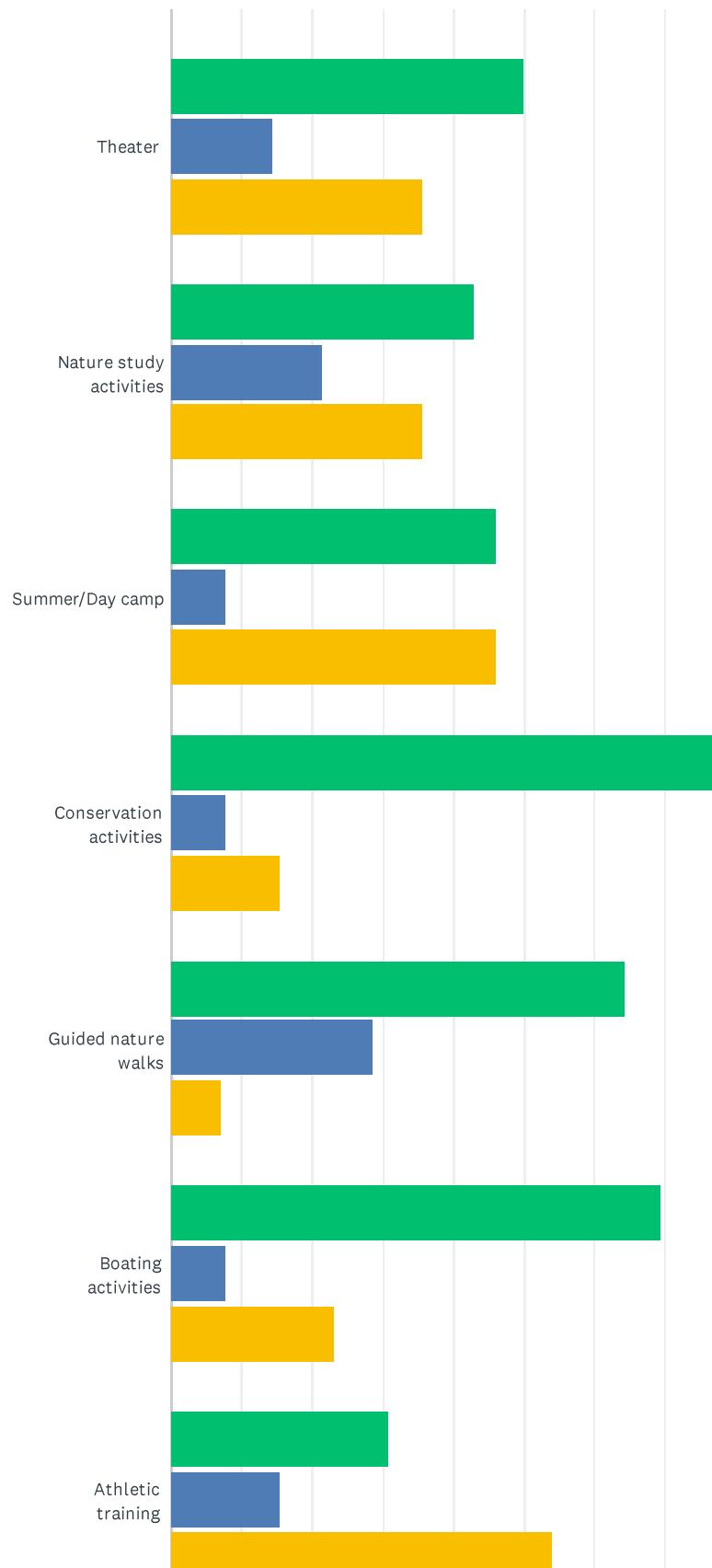
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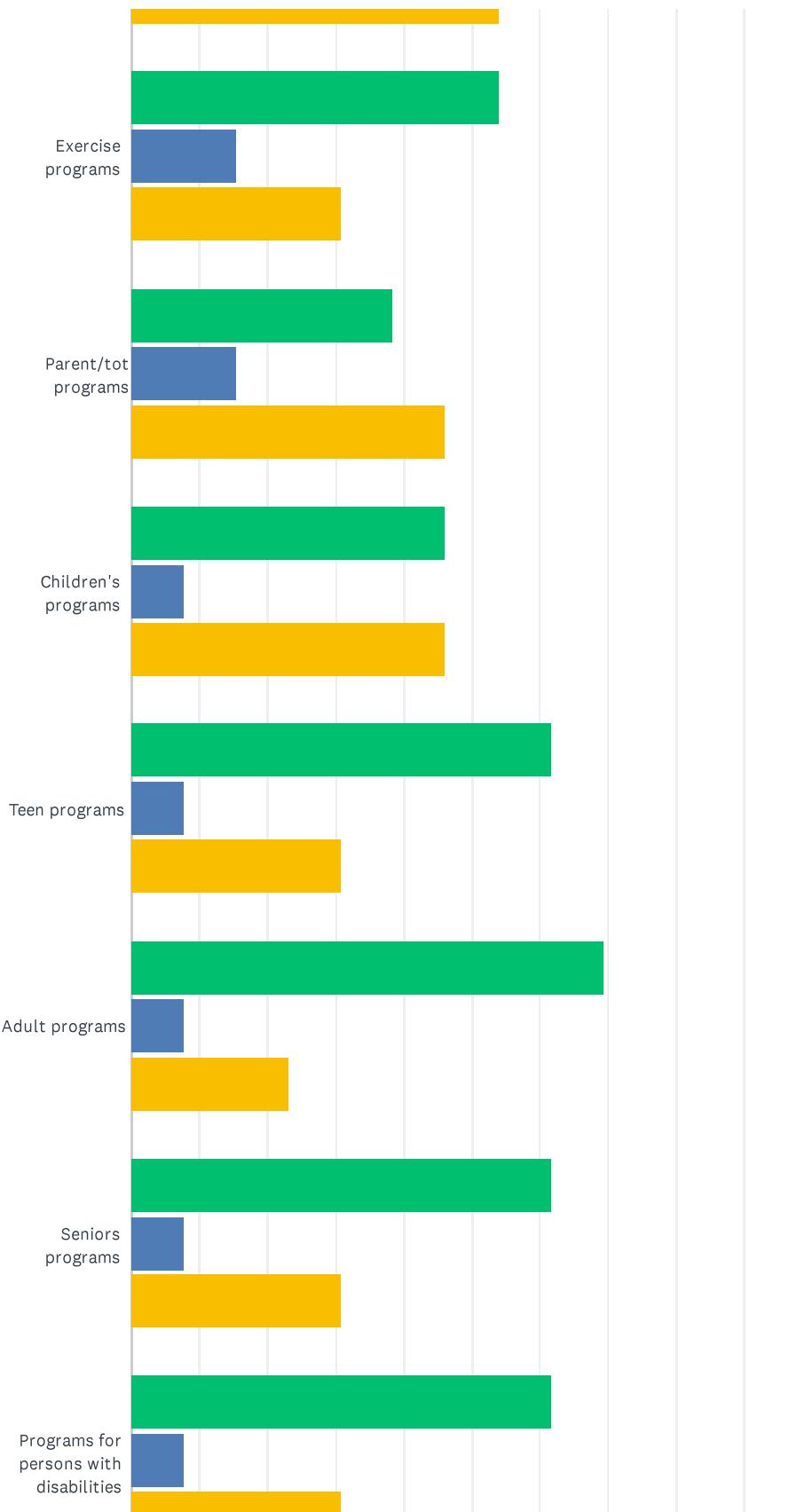
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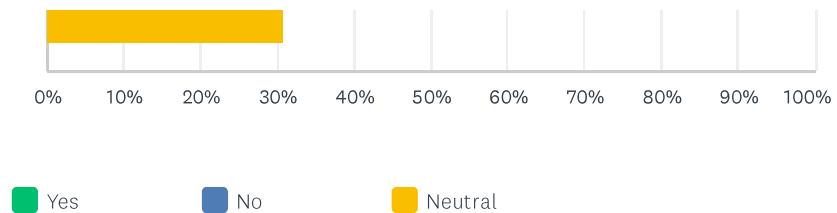
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	YES	NO	NEUTRAL	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Baseball	15.38% 2	23.08% 3	61.54% 8	13	2.46
Softball	16.67% 2	33.33% 4	50.00% 6	12	2.33
Basketball	23.08% 3	30.77% 4	46.15% 6	13	2.23
Soccer	28.57% 4	28.57% 4	42.86% 6	14	2.14
Tennis	23.08% 3	23.08% 3	53.85% 7	13	2.31
Football	7.69% 1	38.46% 5	53.85% 7	13	2.46
Outdoor volleyball	7.69% 1	38.46% 5	53.85% 7	13	2.46
Inline hockey	7.69% 1	38.46% 5	53.85% 7	13	2.46
Swimming programs	50.00% 7	14.29% 2	35.71% 5	14	1.86
Music	30.77% 4	23.08% 3	46.15% 6	13	2.15
Visual arts	53.85% 7	23.08% 3	23.08% 3	13	1.69
Crafts	38.46% 5	23.08% 3	38.46% 5	13	2.00
Dance	50.00% 7	14.29% 2	35.71% 5	14	1.86
Theater	50.00% 7	14.29% 2	35.71% 5	14	1.86
Nature study activities	42.86% 6	21.43% 3	35.71% 5	14	1.93
Summer/Day camp	46.15% 6	7.69% 1	46.15% 6	13	2.00
Conservation activities	76.92% 10	7.69% 1	15.38% 2	13	1.38
Guided nature walks	64.29% 9	28.57% 4	7.14% 1	14	1.43
Boating activities	69.23% 9	7.69% 1	23.08% 3	13	1.54
Athletic training	30.77% 4	15.38% 2	53.85% 7	13	2.23
Exercise programs	53.85% 7	15.38% 2	30.77% 4	13	1.77
Parent/tot programs	38.46% 5	15.38% 2	46.15% 6	13	2.08
Children's programs	46.15% 6	7.69% 1	46.15% 6	13	2.00
Teen programs	61.54%	7.69%	30.77%		

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	8	1	4	13	1.69
Adult programs	69.23% 9	7.69% 1	23.08% 3	13	1.54
Seniors programs	61.54% 8	7.69% 1	30.77% 4	13	1.69
Programs for persons with disabilities	61.54% 8	7.69% 1	30.77% 4	13	1.69

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Yoga- I don't know of any yoga in town	11/15/2025 9:27 AM
2	We already have Facebook group for people of the city. If they wanted to plan an event like items listed above, then they already would have!	11/6/2025 7:00 AM
3	Fishing	9/17/2025 7:35 AM

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Q13 Please list, in order of importance, two types of recreation PROGRAMS you would like to see added or improved, within the City of Belleville. For example "hip hop dance class for adults."

Answered: 9 Skipped: 6

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1.	100.00%	9
2.	88.89%	8

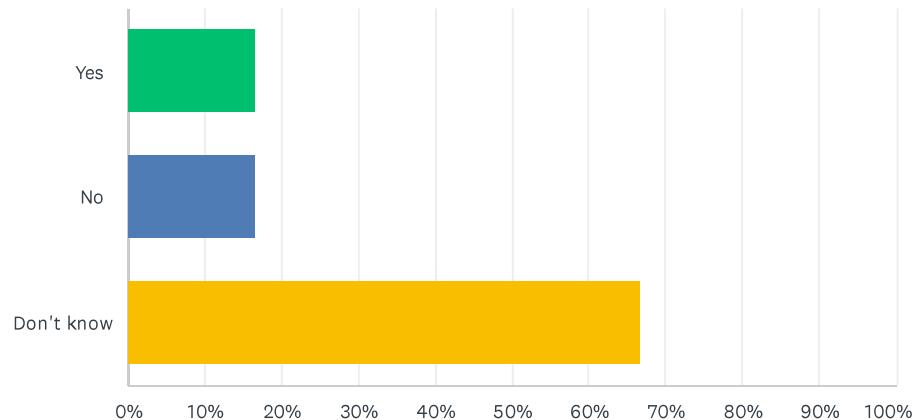
#	1.	DATE
1	Yoga	11/15/2025 9:27 AM
2	None	11/6/2025 7:00 AM
3	Permanent stage and sound for Music Lakeside	11/5/2025 11:05 AM
4	Exercise class for working adults	11/4/2025 9:30 PM
5	Swimming	11/3/2025 9:55 PM
6	Swimming	11/3/2025 7:13 PM
7	Any senior activities	9/18/2025 1:46 PM
8	Don't know	9/18/2025 9:25 AM
9	Exercise class for adults	9/17/2025 8:39 PM

#	2.	DATE
1	Leave things well enough alone	11/6/2025 7:00 AM
2	regular boat tours	11/5/2025 11:05 AM
3	Crafting activities	11/4/2025 9:30 PM
4	Dance	11/3/2025 9:55 PM
5	Boating	11/3/2025 7:13 PM
6	Anything to keep kids/teens busy and out of trouble	9/18/2025 1:46 PM
7	Still don't know	9/18/2025 9:25 AM
8	Sports facilities for adults and children	9/17/2025 8:39 PM

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Q14 Do you believe there are any accessibility barriers for persons with disabilities in any RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS offered within the City of Belleville.

Answered: 12 Skipped: 3



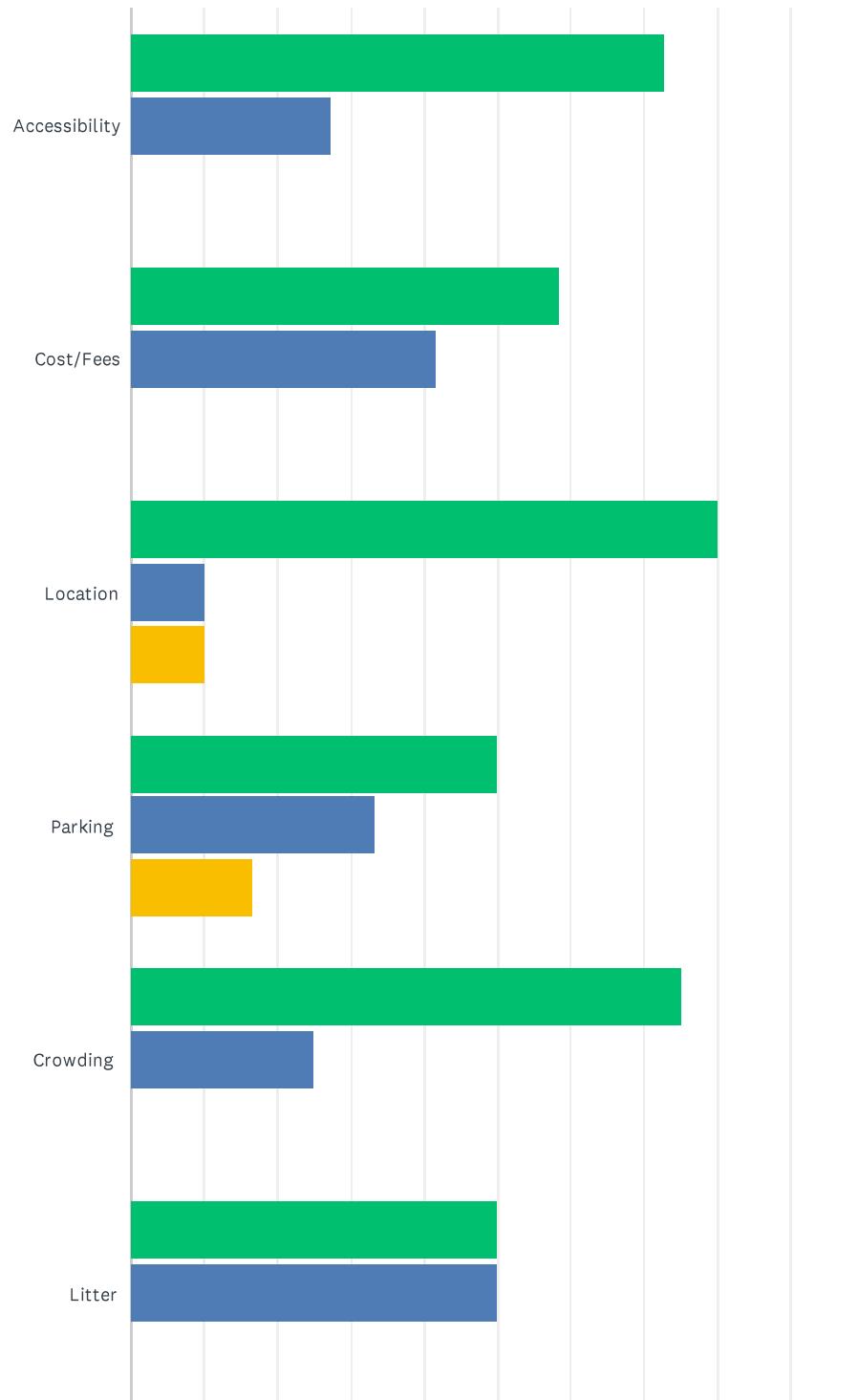
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	16.67%
No	16.67%
Don't know	66.67%
Total Respondents: 12	

#	IF YES, WHICH ONE(S) AND WHY?	DATE
1	Both boat ramps are not safe for anyone with a walker or cane or wheelchair.	9/18/2025 1:46 PM

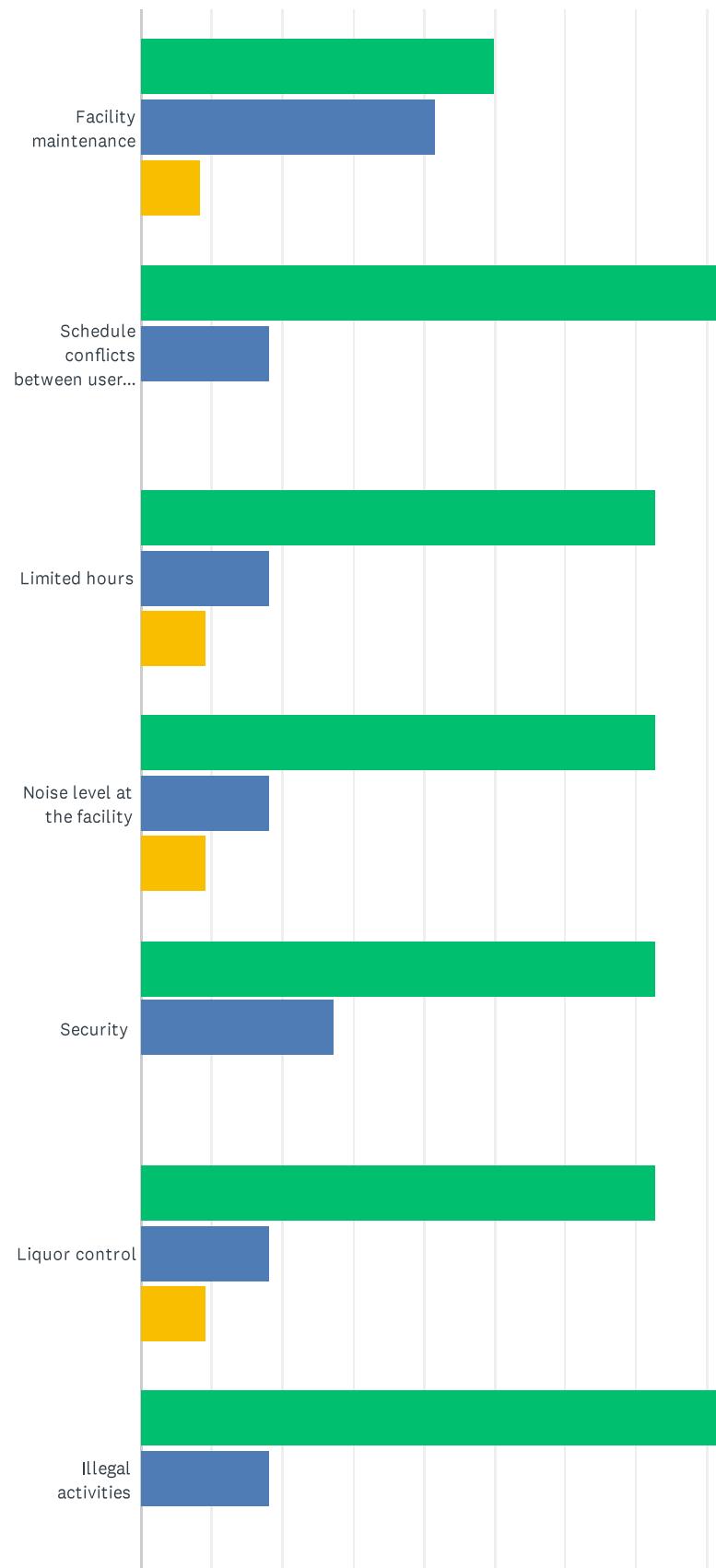
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Q15 Please rank the problems most commonly faced by residents of Belleville while using recreational facilities.

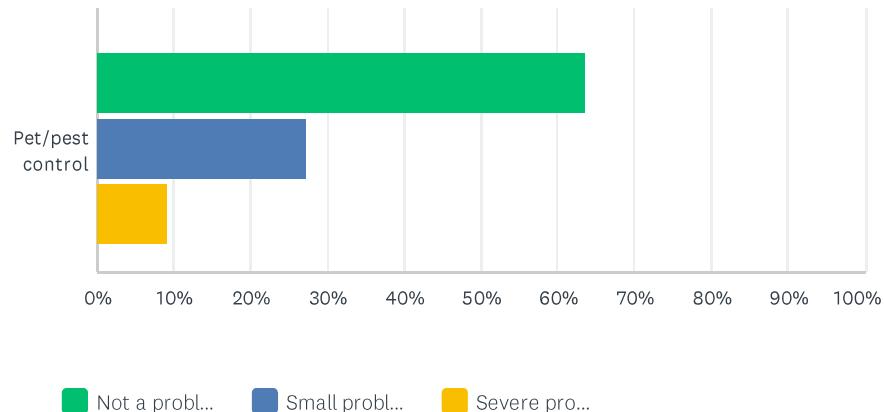
Answered: 13 Skipped: 2



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Not a problem Small problem Severe problem

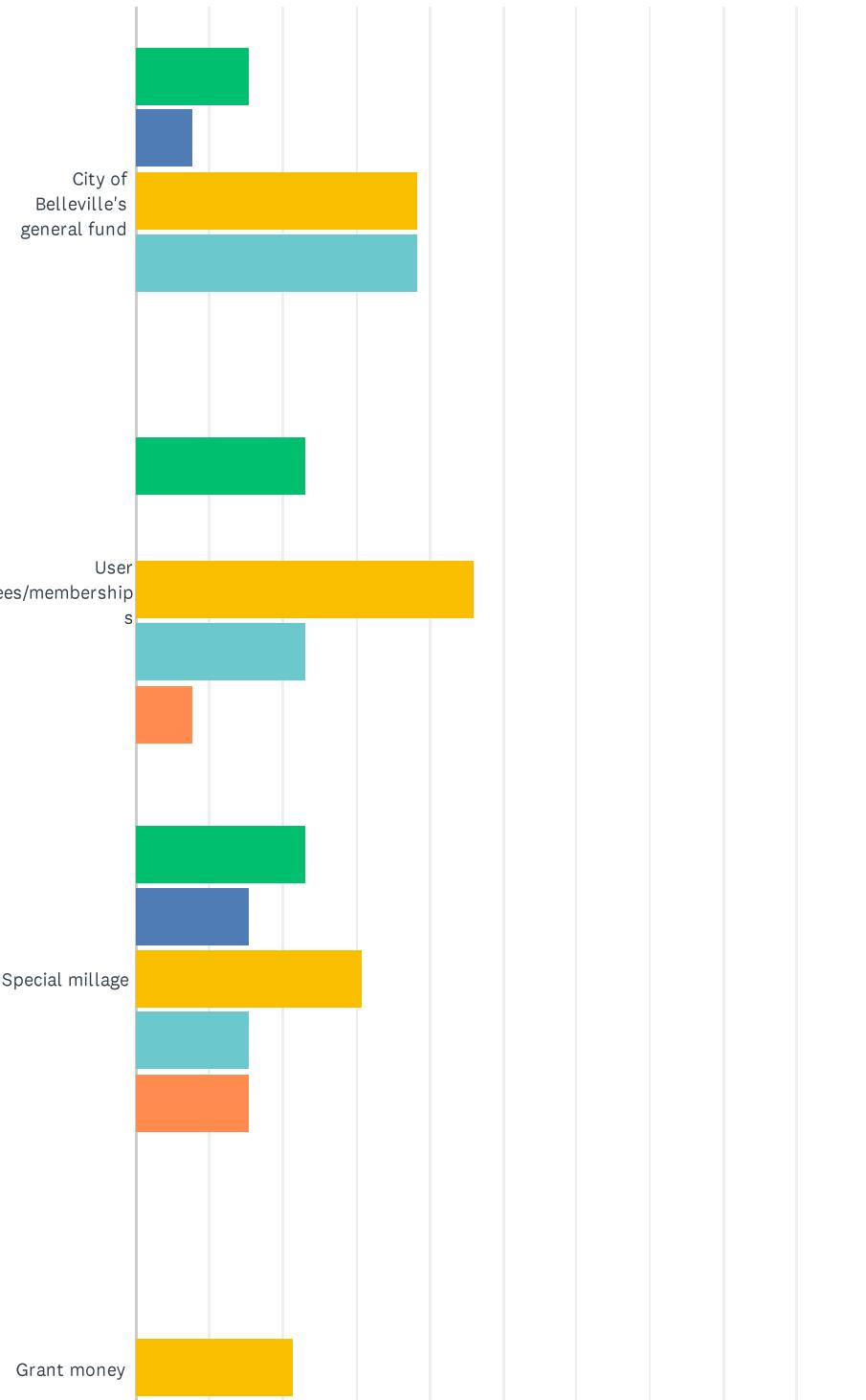
	NOT A PROBLEM	SMALL PROBLEM	SEVERE PROBLEM	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Accessibility	72.73% 8	27.27% 3	0.00% 0	11	1.27
Cost/Fees	58.33% 7	41.67% 5	0.00% 0	12	1.42
Location	80.00% 8	10.00% 1	10.00% 1	10	1.30
Parking	50.00% 6	33.33% 4	16.67% 2	12	1.67
Crowding	75.00% 9	25.00% 3	0.00% 0	12	1.25
Litter	50.00% 6	50.00% 6	0.00% 0	12	1.50
Facility maintenance	50.00% 6	41.67% 5	8.33% 1	12	1.58
Schedule conflicts between users of the facility	81.82% 9	18.18% 2	0.00% 0	11	1.18
Limited hours	72.73% 8	18.18% 2	9.09% 1	11	1.36
Noise level at the facility	72.73% 8	18.18% 2	9.09% 1	11	1.36
Security	72.73% 8	27.27% 3	0.00% 0	11	1.27
Liquor control	72.73% 8	18.18% 2	9.09% 1	11	1.36
Illegal activities	81.82% 9	18.18% 2	0.00% 0	11	1.18
Pet/pest control	63.64% 7	27.27% 3	9.09% 1	11	1.45

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Keep the events and stuff downtown away from residents who want peace and quiet on their street, the reason we moved away from big cities and downtown areas	11/6/2025 7:00 AM

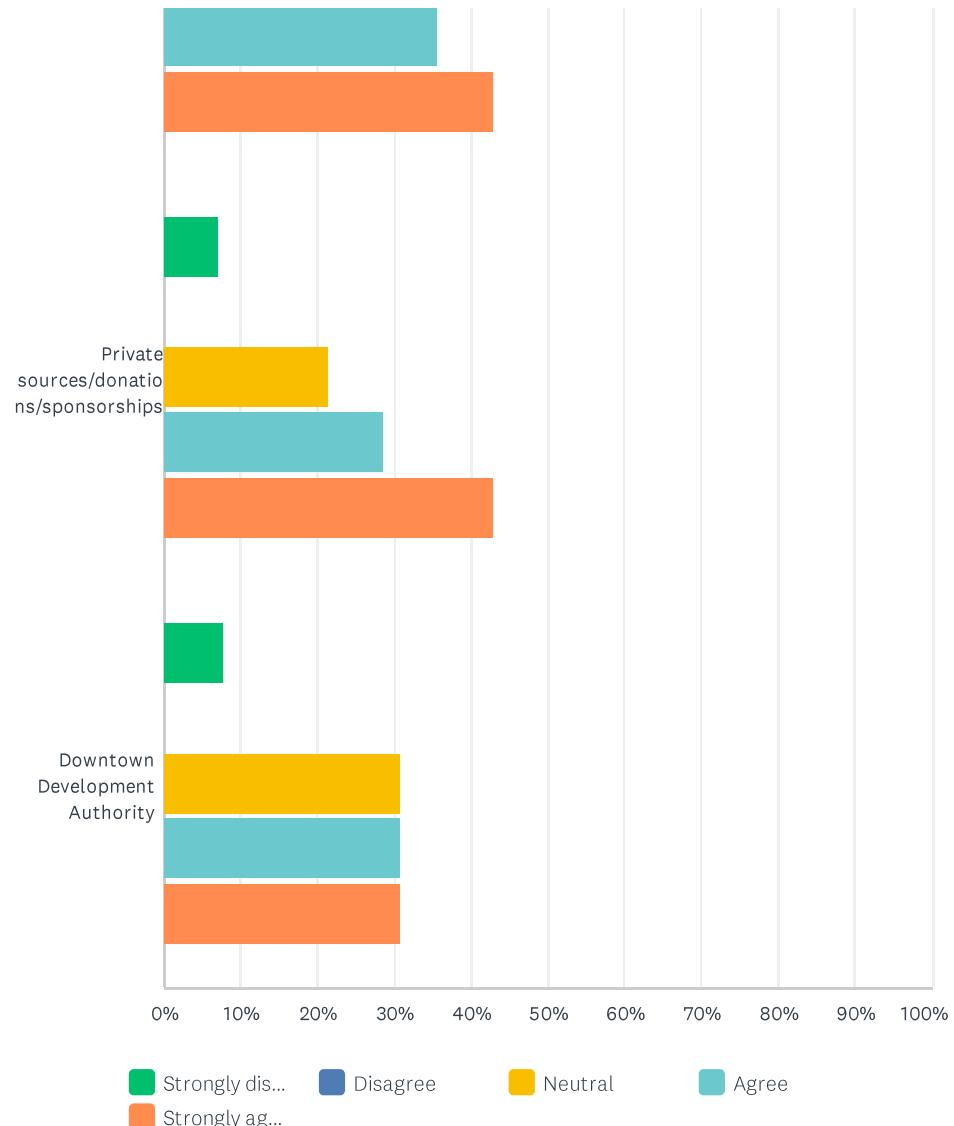
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Q16 If and when new recreation facilities are planned, the initial construction funds should come from the following sources:

Answered: 14 Skipped: 1



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	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEUTRAL	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
City of Belleville's general fund	15.38% 2	7.69% 1	38.46% 5	38.46% 5	0.00% 0	13	3.00
User fees/memberships	23.08% 3	0.00% 0	46.15% 6	23.08% 3	7.69% 1	13	2.92
Special millage	23.08% 3	15.38% 2	30.77% 4	15.38% 2	15.38% 2	13	2.85
Grant money	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	21.43% 3	35.71% 5	42.86% 6	14	4.21
Private sources/donations/sponsorships	7.14% 1	0.00% 0	21.43% 3	28.57% 4	42.86% 6	14	4.00
Downtown Development Authority	7.69% 1	0.00% 0	30.77% 4	30.77% 4	30.77% 4	13	3.77

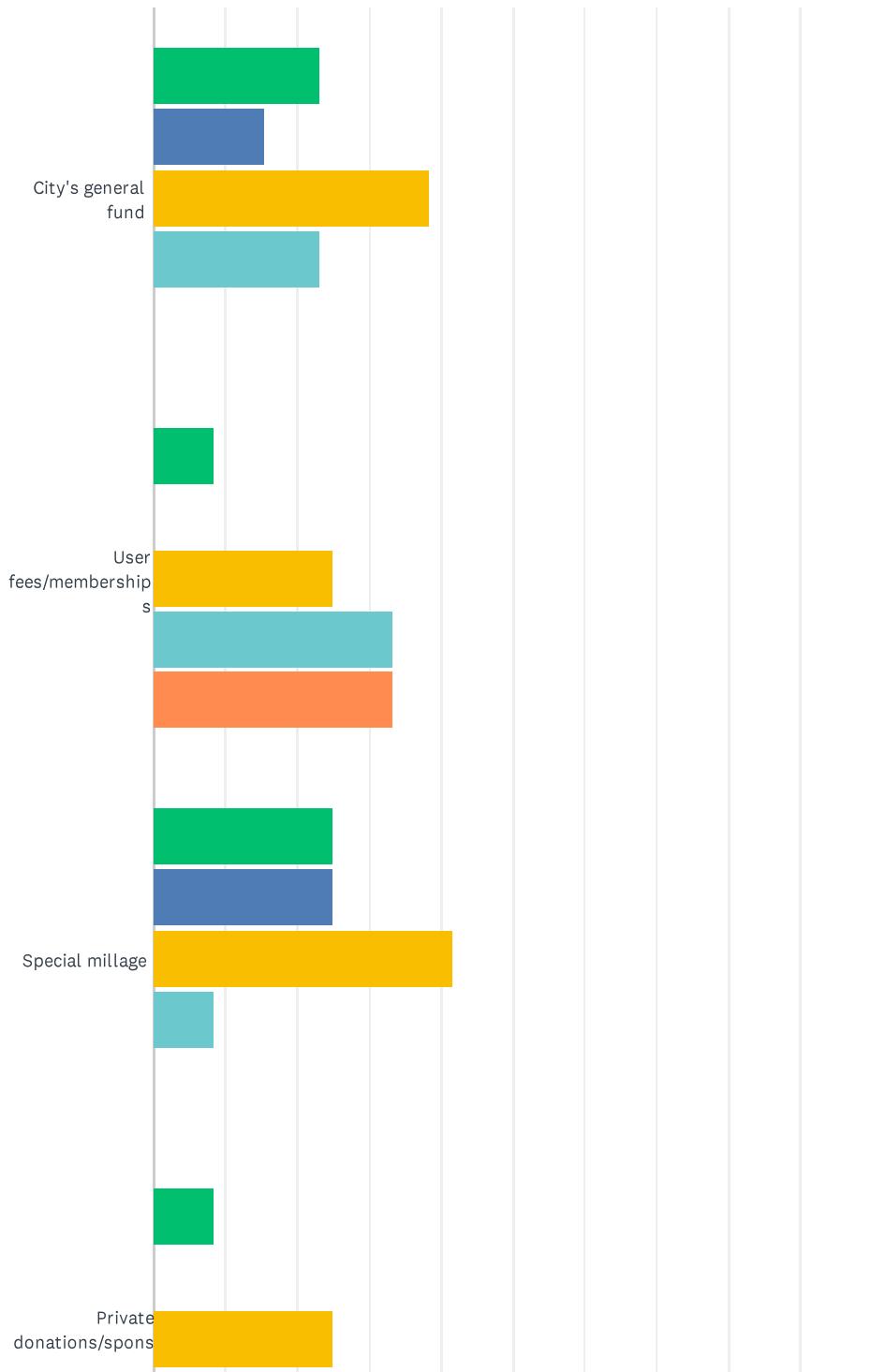
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#	OTHER/COMMENTS	DATE
1	STOP WASTING MONEY ON MAKING NEW PARKS AND INDOOR REC BUILDINGS! PLEASE, I'm begging you, focus on using all efforts and expenses on deforestation and conservation. If you absolutely HAVE TO make something, it should be small, kept in downtown area away from homes, and costs should solely come from memberships, the people who actually go, not the residents who don't go, don't want to pay more taxes, and don't want the extra traffic. Funds and grants will have underlying conditions that are not good for anyone.	11/6/2025 7:00 AM
2	First and foremost, we need to increase our ability to apply for more grants, which also requires better branding, marketing and comms.	11/5/2025 11:05 AM

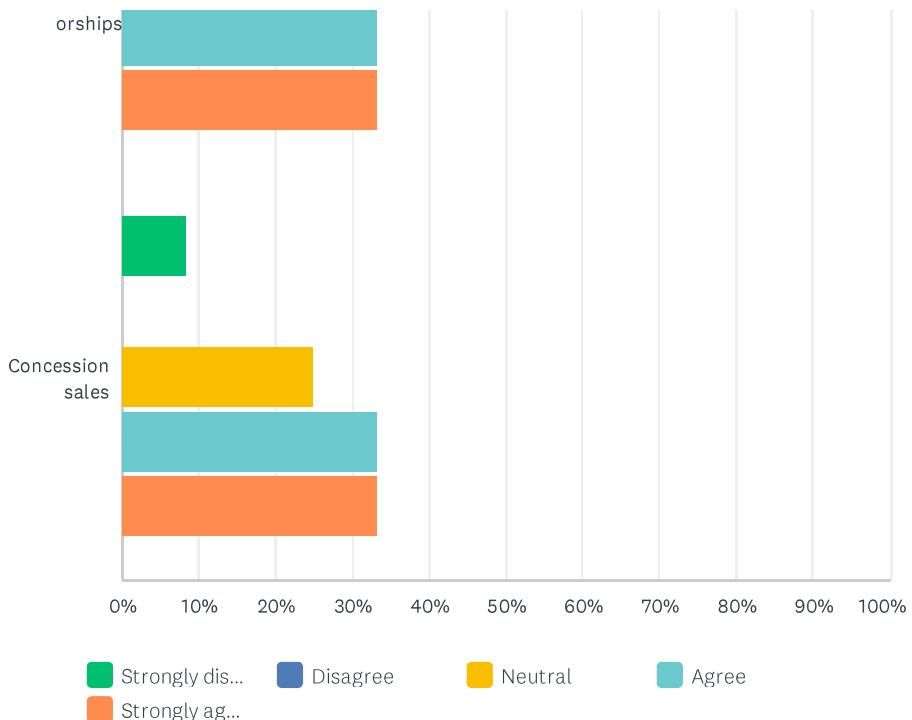
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Q17 As new recreation facilities are built, OPERATING FUNDS should come from the following sources, or combination of sources:

Answered: 13 Skipped: 2



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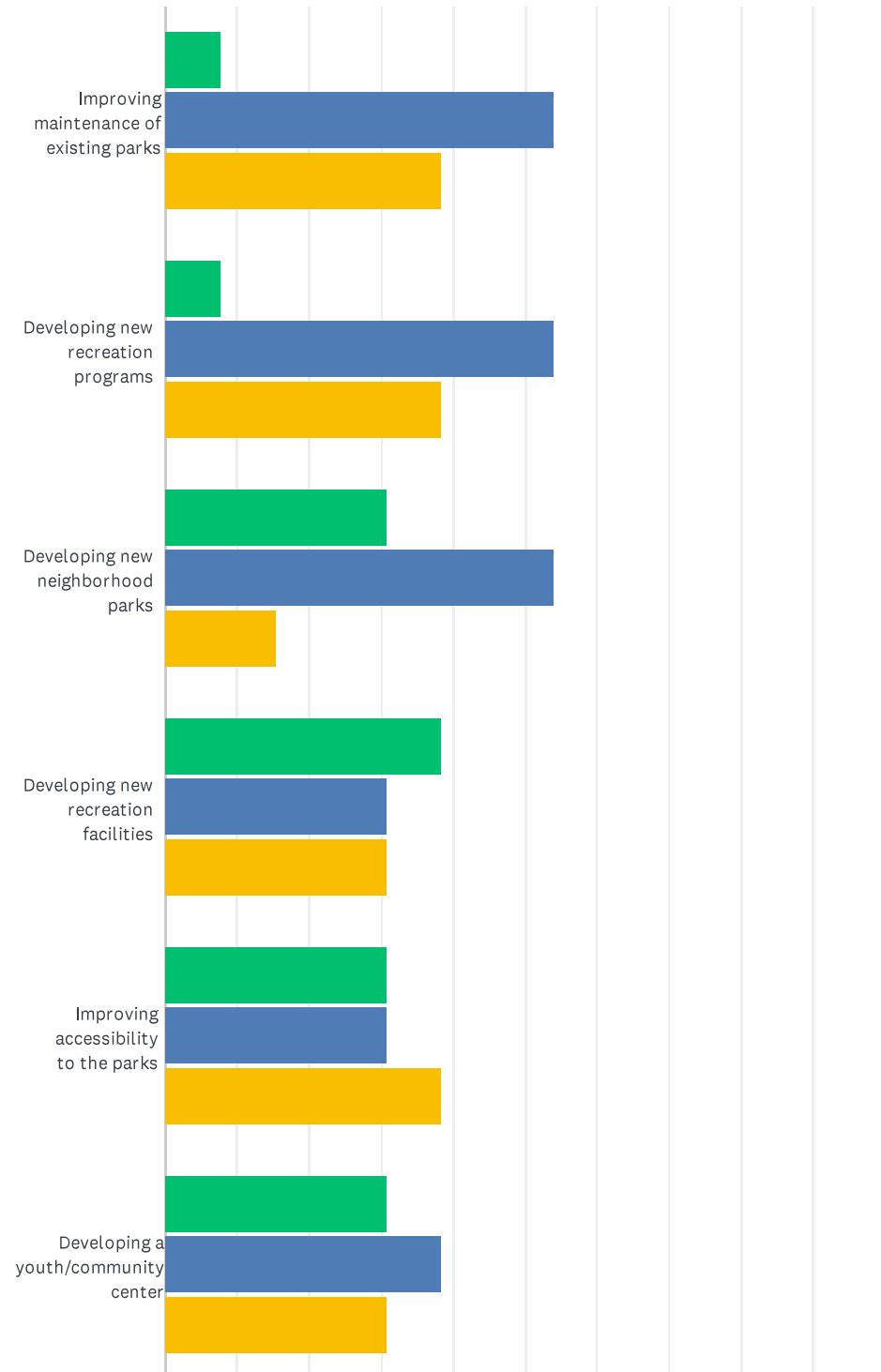
	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEUTRAL	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
City's general fund	23.08% 3	15.38% 2	38.46% 5	23.08% 3	0.00% 0	13	2.62
User fees/memberships	8.33% 1	0.00% 0	25.00% 3	33.33% 4	33.33% 4	12	3.83
Special millage	25.00% 3	25.00% 3	41.67% 5	8.33% 1	0.00% 0	12	2.33
Private donations/sponsorships	8.33% 1	0.00% 0	25.00% 3	33.33% 4	33.33% 4	12	3.83
Concession sales	8.33% 1	0.00% 0	25.00% 3	33.33% 4	33.33% 4	12	3.83

#	OTHER/COMMENTS	DATE
1	Recycling and other green practices	11/15/2025 9:27 AM
2	Just STOP! You need to make use of existing buildings that are unoccupied and already in strip mall type area that was already deforested and has buildings and parking lot (for example: empty Health Center, Veterans Center, Sumpter building across the street from Irish pub, or empty spaces behind Dollar General or Dollar Tree parking lot ALL on Sumpter Rd), NOT ruining more land for useless buildings that aren't necessary. You can't say the city works on conservation when it's constantly ruining nature. We don't have enough population, want, or use for businesses filling up every empty area just for increased tax profits. LEAVE WHAT WE HAVE ALONE, we DO NOT want to be like Canton. Would rather drive the 10-15 min to go somewhere else so it's not in our small rural town	11/6/2025 7:00 AM

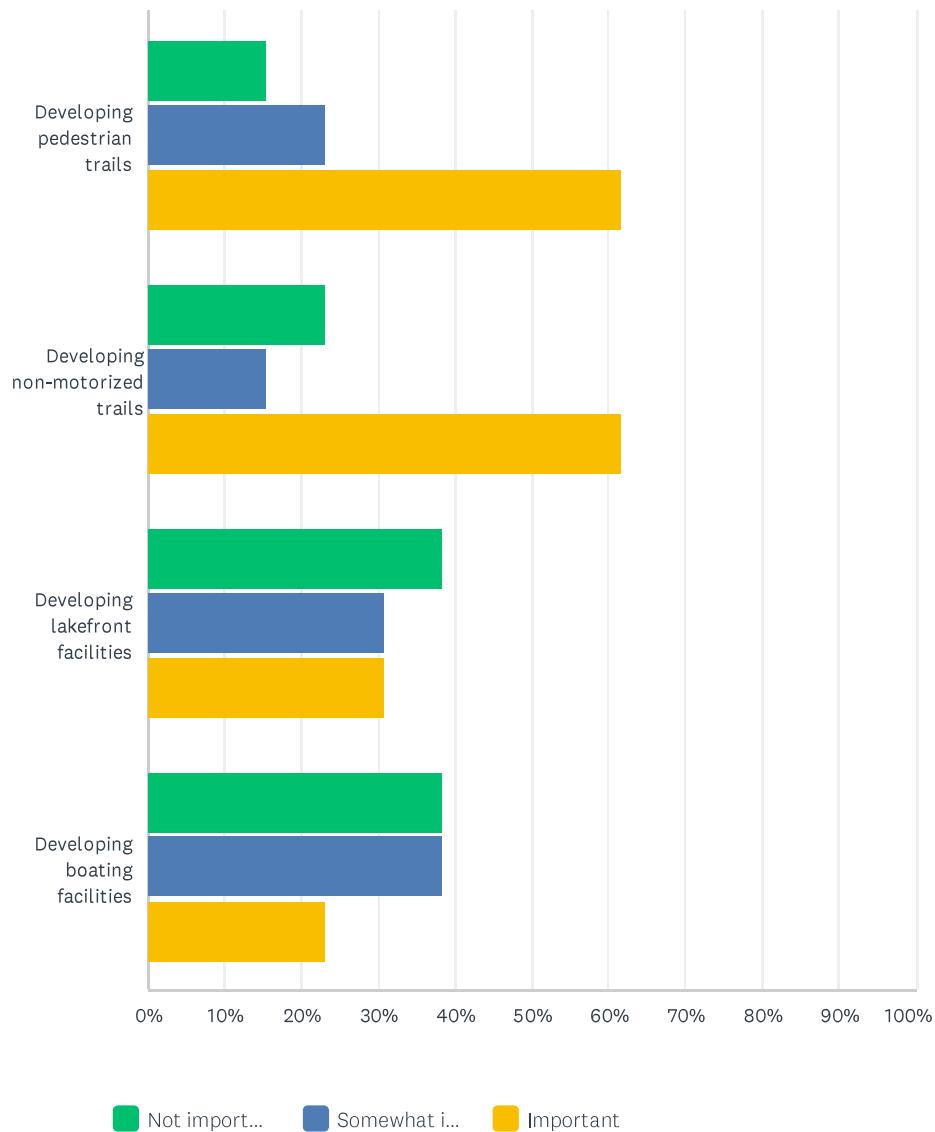
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Q18 As the City of Belleville considers parks and recreation priorities for the next five years, how important are the following?

Answered: 13 Skipped: 2



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	NOT IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Improving maintenance of existing parks	7.69% 1	53.85% 7	38.46% 5	13	2.31
Developing new recreation programs	7.69% 1	53.85% 7	38.46% 5	13	2.31
Developing new neighborhood parks	30.77% 4	53.85% 7	15.38% 2	13	1.85
Developing new recreation facilities	38.46% 5	30.77% 4	30.77% 4	13	1.92
Improving accessibility to the parks	30.77% 4	30.77% 4	38.46% 5	13	2.08
Developing a youth/community center	30.77% 4	38.46% 5	30.77% 4	13	2.00
Developing pedestrian trails	15.38% 2	23.08% 3	61.54% 8	13	2.46
Developing non-motorized trails	23.08% 3	15.38% 2	61.54% 8	13	2.38
Developing lakefront facilities	38.46% 5	30.77% 4	30.77% 4	13	1.92
Developing boating facilities	38.46% 5	38.46% 5	23.08% 3	13	1.85

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Q19 Please list one recreation program you think would be beneficial to the following groups:

Answered: 6 Skipped: 9

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Children	100.00%	6
Teenagers	83.33%	5
Adults	100.00%	6
Seniors	83.33%	5
Persons with disabilities	66.67%	4

#	CHILDREN	DATE
1	Playground	11/15/2025 9:27 AM
2	Other kids houses	11/6/2025 7:00 AM
3	Boat tours	11/5/2025 11:05 AM
4	Music, art, swimming, dance	11/3/2025 9:55 PM
5	A local Recreation center	9/18/2025 1:46 PM
6	Summer camp programs	9/17/2025 8:39 PM
#	TEENAGERS	DATE
1	Just go outside	11/6/2025 7:00 AM
2	Boat tours	11/5/2025 11:05 AM
3	Music, art, theater, swimming	11/3/2025 9:55 PM
4	A local Recreation center	9/18/2025 1:46 PM
5	After school programs or teen dances	9/17/2025 8:39 PM
#	ADULTS	DATE
1	Wood trails and yoga	11/15/2025 9:27 AM
2	Plan a party or something, attend event posted on Facebook	11/6/2025 7:00 AM
3	Iron Belle Trail	11/5/2025 11:05 AM
4	Swimming, art, outdoor trails	11/3/2025 9:55 PM
5	A local Recreation center	9/18/2025 1:46 PM
6	Exercise and sports programs	9/17/2025 8:39 PM
#	SENIORS	DATE
1	Go to free senior events posted in newspapers	11/6/2025 7:00 AM
2	Boat Tours	11/5/2025 11:05 AM
3	Undure	11/3/2025 9:55 PM
4	A local Recreation center	9/18/2025 1:46 PM
5	Crafts, organized travel	9/17/2025 8:39 PM

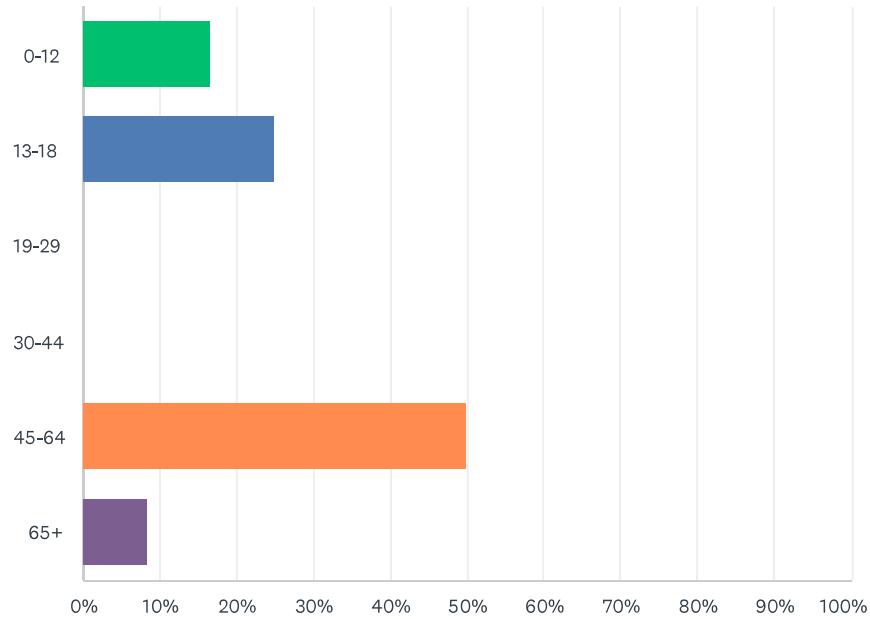
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#	PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES	DATE
1	All the above, you're just as capable finding something you'd like to do	11/6/2025 7:00 AM
2	Boat Tours	11/5/2025 11:05 AM
3	Unsure	11/3/2025 9:55 PM
4	A local Recreation center	9/18/2025 1:46 PM

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Q20 What age level would be your top priority for additional PROGRAMMING?

Answered: 12 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
0-12	16.67%
13-18	25.00%
19-29	0.00%
30-44	0.00%
45-64	50.00%
65+	8.33%
TOTAL	12

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Q21 What changes, if any, do you think would be beneficial to City parks that you use? Please include the park name(s).

Answered: 6 Skipped: 9

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	NONE! Already updated Graham Park for no reason. It's not really used (thank goodness) and disturbs the quiet peace of residents living on Wear rd. Even with many trees and some distance, the sound of kids yelling and screaming outside REALLY travels.	11/6/2025 7:00 AM
2	Expanded Horizon Park	11/5/2025 11:05 AM
3	Victory park needs sidewalks from nearby subdivisions.	11/4/2025 9:30 PM
4	Open bathrooms year round in walking parks and light them	11/3/2025 9:55 PM
5	Clean the water, it's disgusting	9/18/2025 1:46 PM
6	Better maintenance of all parks in general	9/17/2025 8:39 PM

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Q22 What specific changes would you like to see involving recreation programs available to City residents?

Answered: 5 Skipped: 10

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Hold programs/events at a school or community center by police station	11/6/2025 7:00 AM
2	More on-lake activities, Year-round events hall.	11/5/2025 11:05 AM
3	Send out a newsletter with programs listed.	11/4/2025 9:30 PM
4	Programs for young children and families	11/3/2025 9:55 PM
5	Positive, community building, health improving activities.	9/18/2025 1:46 PM

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Q23 Is there one recreation program or facility that should be IMMEDIATELY improved upon? If so, what is it and why does it need immediate attention?

Answered: 6 Skipped: 9

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Not really a program or facility but needs your immediate attention: leave things well enough alone. Focus on conserving every inch of untouched land we have and keep it that way! We all moved here for rural, undeveloped, natural beauty. The more you do, the more you're ruining what we came here for.	11/6/2025 7:00 AM
2	Horizon Park should be expanded and transformed into a world class venue on the Iron Belle Trail, as envisioned by Parks & Rec + Odom some 15-20 years ago. Execute the vision!	11/5/2025 11:05 AM
3	Never knew there were any facilities for public use besides victory station.	11/4/2025 9:30 PM
4	Swimming I have to drive all the way to canton for swim lessons for my kids	11/3/2025 9:55 PM
5	The boat ramps	9/18/2025 1:46 PM
6	The lake needs more shoreline fishing access for non-boaters.	9/17/2025 7:35 AM

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**Q24 Thank you for completing Belleville's Parks and Recreation Plan
Update survey! Please leave any additional comments below.**

Answered: 4 Skipped: 11

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Thank you! I'm new to the area but looking forward to enjoying the nature and getting to know the city and live somewhere that values my opinion	11/15/2025 9:27 AM
2	PLEASE use existing, unused buildings and parking lots for any new development BEFORE destroying nature and deforesting animals. You teach conservation efforts but don't stand by it yourselves! We don't need more parks and events in neighborhoods by homes because: 1. Nature is the best view we can have and the reason we moved here. Don't touch it! 2. Children and events in neighborhood parks make A LOT of noise that really travels. We moved out here for natural beauty & peace and quiet...but you keep bringing it to our doorsteps. Keep that stuff in downtown Belleville or indoor community center. Focus on conserving every bit of nature we have and leave it untouched because once it's gone, it's not coming back and will never end.	11/6/2025 7:00 AM
3	Youth. Modern elegant digital signage. Obtain key land. Purchase the midtown lot. Expand Horizon Park.	11/5/2025 11:05 AM
4	We really have to do something about the parking, accessibility for elderly/handicap and the condition of our lake	9/18/2025 1:46 PM