



5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2023-2027

30-Day Public Comment Period Report

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Summary

Oakland County Parks opened the *Recreation Plan 2023-2027* for public comment from November 17 to December 20, 2022. The response of 391 online comments far exceeded that of the previous *5-Year Recreation Plan* (130 comments received in 2018). Likely due to earlier publicity regarding potential improvements in the south part of Oakland County, there was a very robust response from supporters of soccer at Catalpa Oaks and users of Red Oaks and other golf courses. The responses to the overall goals of the Recreation Plan and regarding individual parks was generally positive with specific critiques and suggestions offered. Oakland County Parks is grateful for the support and participation of the residents of Oakland County.

The next step is for planning staff to analyze the comments and break them into topics and relate them to specific parks, facilities, and projects. This analysis will be a key element to consider as decisions are made regarding operations and development and may trigger more in-depth public engagement regarding specific projects. The analysis will be published as an addendum to this document.

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1	48393	70	Lyon, Springfield	Golf courses	Lower the price of golf.			
2	48304	79	Waterford	The walking trails				
3	48170	65	Catalpa, Glen, Lyon	Glen oaks as I work there in maintenance....	more \$\$\$\$ to workers who keep it maintain it.	More workers		
4	48009	72	Catalpa, Glen, Red	Golf, bike trails				
5	48342	48	Addison, Catalpa, Independence, Red, Waterford	The Lakes	You are doing great, more activities for County Employees outside of work hours would be awesome and we should also be able to rent area's without a fee as employees	No fees to employees	I would love to see the Company picnics for employees to return to the County parks!	N/A more employee inclusiveness
6	48462	67	Groveland, Springfield	Fair	Cut the grass. Looks terrible and we just approved a mileage	Stop cutting corners	Na	
7	48442	35	Response to Q1: Addison, Catalpa, Glen, Groveland, Holly Oaks ORV Park, Independence, Lyon, Orion, Red, Springfield, Waterford, White Lake				Response to Q5: Why does the park system need to gather information about race? One of the KPI's stated in the plan is to gather this information. Why would that matter? The last thing this park system should do is stop people and ask them what race they are before they enter a park or buy a pass. Provide the opportunity to recreate for all.	
8	48327	70	Addison, Independence, Waterford	water park wish there was a lot more things to do because it's down to only two things.	MORE EVERYTHING YOU HAVE TAKEN ALL SLIDES ???? ♡ ♡ ♡ a lazy river like the other park has. COME ON PEOPLE.	AGAIN EVERYTHING		more more

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9	48973	63	Glen, Groveland, Lyon, Red	Golf, walking trails	Most of these parks are in north Oakland County Need to invest in Southeast Oakland County Pickleball Exercise stations	Use the parks to gather the community together, similar to the events you do at the a farmers Market. The market is not close to many people- the parks are.	While I appreciate the work that has gone into this plan and the opportunity to provide feedback - a 194 page plan will not be read and commented on by most people. Perhaps if you create and post a video of someone reviewing the plan that people can watch, they could review the plan, and respond to the survey. Thanks	Your priorities were based on return for investment. Some of the in investment is for the health and wellness of the community. Not sure how you can measure that return.
10	34748	74	Addison	Wildlife and camping	At Addison oaks limit the number of dogs. All the wonderful wildlife is gone. Put in sewer in some of the sites.	Pay attention to all of the parks. Groveland gets way too much over the other parks.		
11	48304	45	Glen, Independence	Golf	Lower prices, improve golf playing conditions	Spend less money to lower our taxes and stop acquiring new lands.	Just one time I would like a government entity say they are able to save costs for the taxpayers and they don't need more funding. When will that ever happen? Just think about it, try to cut, not spend more.	Seems like a lot of wasted money with what is being proposed. How about spending less not more? How about working to lowering our taxes, not raising them?

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12	48350	41	Highland, Rose, Springfield, Waterford, White Lake	Golf	Response to Q3: Driving rang or driving nets at all golf course's. AND PLEASE bring the bar and grill back at Springfield oaks GC!! I have been the president of my golf league there for 10 years, we used to all go in the club house and have a drink and dinner after golf. Sadly we have not had a cook or food out there for a while now. I feel like the county is missing out on some revenue and WE golfers are certainly missing the food!		we need Food and Driving nets at Springfield GC	we need Food and Driving nets at Springfield GC
13	48327	60	Glen, Independence, Lyon, Orion, Springfield, Waterford, White Lake	None	Stop raising golf prices. Stop calling sheriff for someone wearing a tee shirt. Change management at white lake and at recreation center. Management sucks	Change management	Management at recreation center is terrible. Spaghetti dinners cancelled...? Not letting people finish games.	
14	48329	83	Independence, Springfield, White Lake	White Lake Oaks	Nothing. You are doing a fabulous job.	Nothing. You are doing a fabulous job.	no	It is fine.
15	48393	78	Glen, Lyon, Springfield, White Lake	Golf courses	Continue to maintain and improve each of theses golf courses paths , sand traps and fairways .	Keep and hire good people who care about the park system and facilities.	No	No
16	48168	73	Lyon	The upnorth feel of the golf course. Almost ever hole is tree lined which makes it a beautiful setting.	Response to Q4: The new pro has seemed to be making the course more family friendly. I don't mind the idea but in doing so it has been made the course easier which is not as appealing to the better golfer. They've removed a lot of trees on some holes. Such as, the walkway between 4 & 5 and behind 6. It didn't change the holes. So, I don't understand the purpose. A lot of the heather was removed in front of the tees which we didn't like. I think a good designer could have made the course appealing to easy golfers and fun to play for the advanced golfers.		Response to Q5: The restaurant could have been open more. Response to Q6: I think I got them above	Sorry I didn't read them. My guess was that the plans are for all parks more than Lyon Oaks.

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17	48306	48	Red	water park		playground upgrades		
18	48168	73	Lyon	I have another survey filled out but forgot something. I think this is really important. I put the comment in the improvements	The bathrooms should be open, or temporaries made available. Also, they are no drinking fountains on the course. The maybe a health violation.			
19	48328	65	Independence, Springfield, Waterford	Hiking, picnics, winter activities, waterparks	Expand winter activities	More available park staff		
20	48438	42	Holly Oaks ORV Park	The new expansion and creation of upper and lower 2 obstacles.	Continue building shotcrete obstacles. Provide a season pass option.	Listen to your users. Assign those to the roles and positions they have a passion for.	If you keep building they will come. Create more unique obstacles for users at Holly oaks. Get the pond pumping to create the waterfall obstacles we have been asking for since the beginning.	Expand Holly Oaks across I-75 to create real world woods trail terrain.
21	48331	68	Glen, Lyon	Golfing	Reduce golf fees for seniors			
22	48362	72	Addison, Orion	I enjoy the trees and freedom to hike and walk around.	Offer more activities.	Keep them clean.	I love the craft sales at the Oakland County Market and the Saturday Farmer's Market.	no
23	48326	51	Addison	Campground	Full hook up sites including sewer. Enforcement of rules especially loud music at all hours.			

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24	48359	66	Springfield, White Lake	golf course	Lower the price of golf for county residents. Not sure why golf courses do not receive the same subsidies from the county that the parks do. My taxes should support all Oakland County parks and recreation and not just some.	Listen to the people that go to the parks and ask the others why they don't go. Then see if you can make the parks more enjoyable for those not going while not taking away from the enjoyment from those that are going.	Response to Q5: For over 20 years I have written the golf course leaders letters on how to improve the course or our leagues concerns. In that time I have received one reply, and that was this year. When I responded to the response I heard nothing. Please start communicating. If the answer is no or not now, say that but don't remain silent. You will never get my vote for a parks millage anymore until you start responding to my concerns, whether you agree or not with my requests.	
25	48220	39	Red			free admission for oakland county residents		
26	48462	51	Addison, Groveland, Holly Oaks ORV Park, Independence, Lyon, Orion, Red, Springfield, Waterford	TRAILS	don't limit shut the trails off for hikers this winter. Specifically at IND - when there is snow, the trails have been cut off for hiking so that the cross country skiers can use the trails - for inclusion for all - please don't limit hikers access to all the trails - it's really not fair to limit access to ONLY skiers.	stop shutting off trails to hikers in the winter.	Please stop shutting off trails for hikers in the winter.	I like the idea of inclusion for all - and on that note - please stop shutting down the trails for hikers in the winter :-)
27	48304	73	Springfield, White Lake	Golf courses	Better food service in clubhouse			
28	48322	76	Glen	Golf	They all look very good to me.	Nothing		No
29	48348	68	Independence, Lyon, Red, Springfield, White Lake	Really playing enjoy golf at these courses the scenery and wildlife is great	the parking lot at Lyon Oaks needs some work other than that nothing		Response to Q5: leave Red Oaks alone, have watched young and old alike enjoying themselves the young ones really enjoy the footgolf no other place has it	

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30	48329	63	Groveland, Independence, Springfield, Waterford	Camping at Groveland Oaks, Walking the trails at Independence Oaks, The Fair at Springfield Oaks and driving to the back of Waterford Oaks for quiet time and relaxing if nothing is happening in the lodge.	I believe general ongoing maintenance to all facilities is necessary to keep our parks as beautiful and natural places to visit. I also believe planning for enough park staff is essential to this process especially so our citizens can use the facilities we pay taxes for, including staffing for water park at Waterford Oaks for the entire season.		I would also comment that the 2022 Groveland Oaks Campground was kept running efficiently and the grounds and bathrooms were well maintained although as previously stated, I'm glad to see the plan includes the need for replacement or upgrades to the older bathroom facilities. I would be remiss if I didn't comment on the management and staff who were courteous and caring, yet professional, throughout the camping season. Sometimes the staff is met with hostility and plain old "mean people" which I observed myself this summer, and they still "kept their cool" during these times.	I am happy to see the Groveland Oaks Campground plan includes the need for replacement or upgrades to the older bathroom facilities. The one thing I would hate to see implemented that is in the plan is the expansion of the ORV park to include the old golf course / natural area of the current campground. This would promote more noise, dust and traffic in the campground which already contends with noise from Dixie Hwy and Grange Hall Roads. Keep the Holly Oaks ORV park on the other side of the road and look into possibly expanding this area as a camp ground for those who enjoy more rustic camping.

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31	48327	68	White Lake	Definitely not the price, asking seniors to pay \$38- \$40 for 18 holes with a cart is outrageous. This is our tax dollars at work, I for one will not be supporting any increase in funding for the parks anymore.	Lower the price, \$40 for 18 with a cart at Glen Oaks is exorbitant!!	Lower the price for seniors at the golf courses, we are limited on income but do enjoy the camaraderie with our friends on the course.	I for one along with my older friends refuse to pay the high senior rates at the county golf courses. There are cheaper rates elsewhere.	Not interested in supporting it, until the senior golf rates are lowered at all the county parks.
32	48302	59	Lyon	Golf	Have discounts for Oakland County Residence for playing golf.			
33	48381	58	Lyon	The park is well maintained, and kept clean. I appreciate that hunting is allowed. We certainly have an excess of deer, which is a problem with car crashes and damage to residential gardens.	Parts of the parking areas tend to remain wet/muddy. Can they be filled in or perhaps draining added?	Continue to offer a wide variety of activities. For example, more than half our parks offer winter activities. Great!	We have a great county park system! (No, I'm not a county employee. I've just lived in areas with poor parks & I appreciate what we have here.)	1. For the Lyon Oaks dog park, are there any other parks which have implemented the key fob system being considered?
34	48442	61	Addison, Highland, Independence, Orion, Rose	Rose Oaks and Water Road Nature Preserve	Make the porta johns more appealing and have a water hand pump for washing hands or for getting dog water. It would be a great addition to build the viewing platform on the Water Road Nature Preserve property and to have a walking trail there.	Would like to see OCPR work actively with and partner with smaller communities/townships who are trying to get parks and recreation programming off the ground. This should include doing some joint programming with these communities.	Keep adding history programming as this is a wonderful addition to the programming offerings.	The plan was informative, comprehensive, and well written. It is good to see the acknowledgement statement about the land on which parks exist used to be lands of the Native Americans.

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35	48075	67	Catalpa	I just LOVE the walking path. I walk just as the sun is rising and it is glorious! On walks in the afternoon / early evening during summer, the sports teams and their supporters lend wonderful energy to the space. The playground area is small, but appropriately sized for a couple different age groups. The Inside Out DIA art partnership is GREAT!!! Love to bring out of towners here!	I would like for the parking area along Catalpa Street to be paved / asphalted. It becomes muddy very easily otherwise.	NA		Do consider a dog park when working Beechwood Park in Southfield. We have many dog owners in this community, but no dog parks.
36	48073	26	Catalpa, Red	Trails, waterpark	Red oaks: Invest in the waterpark, remove the golf course to make a non-motorized trail available	Bus service to Northern parks / events from the South side of the county (like maybe each Saturday in the summer a bus stops in a few communities for a ride to a different park) Make sure it's easy to access all parks by walking / biking / transit		Did not see details about how to make all of our parks more accessible by walking / biking / transit / special county bus service. I think this should've been included
37	48371	59	Addison, Independence, Orion, Waterford	trails	more trash cans and bathrooms	more staff		

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38	48381	70	Lyon	love the lyons oak golf course...with exceptions	Response to Q3: the way lyons oak golf course is run is pathetic. While the golf course is wonderful in its condition, half the time the grill room is closed. the starters are not willing to be cooperative. there are no rangers...I've seen countless times players are driving carts on greens, smoking dope on the golf course and other things i will not mention. the prices are outrageous. I can play just down the street at lincs of novi or tanglewood for half the price. clean up your act or its the last time I play there			
39	48005	43	Addison, Waterford	Disc golf course at Addison Oaks Oakland County Farmers Market	More disc golf courses at the Oakland County Parks Upgrades to the Farmers Market			The addition of disc golf courses to more county parks
40	48462	37	Groveland, Waterford					
41	48367	69	Addison, Orion	The natural scenery, and the hiking trails were particularly enjoyable. The camping areas at Addison Oaks are great.	Facility maintenance, including the washrooms and showers could use some attention.	Continue to acquire property for open space preservation, as well as future development		The plan is comprehensive and complex, but understandable and sets realistic goals for the county as a whole.
42	48320	68		Pickleball	Add pickleball courts			
43	48309	73	I have not visited an Oakland County Park	Walking trails and playgrounds for my gandchildren	See above			
44	48083	58	I have not visited an Oakland County Park					
45	48072	64				Make it much smaller and less costly to maintain.		Too, too much
46	48071	37	Red	Shaded walking paths, nature center, storybook trail		Response to Q4: For childrens play areas, having shade (either natural ways or man made) over playgrounds. It gets too hot in the summers to use them in the afternoon if there is no shade.		

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47	48070	69	Catalpa	Walking trails and clean bathrooms		Bring more resources to the south end of the County		
48	48071	62	Red	Red Oaks Golf Course	Keep Red Oaks GC open!	Keep all types of recreation available to all residents. It seems that most of the parks are located in the north part of the county.		
49	48083	72	Red	The bike trails.	Connect the bike/walking trails.			
50	48328	51	Addison, Glen, Highland, Lyon, Waterford, White Lake	Access to large park systems to do a variety outdoor activities close to home.	More mountain bike and disc golf courses.	Add more farmers markets etc to bring people to the parks.		The plan seems well laid out to best meet the needs of the surrounding communities.
51	48335	71	Catalpa, Glen, Highland, Independence	Hiking and biking trails. Bird watching.	Maintain trails and buildings.	Provide more programming - lectures, guided walks, events.		
52	48462	70	Addison, Groveland, Independence, Orion	That's a tough one, but generally trails near lakeshores the have hilly sections.	Response to Q3: Not much-- the park system is great. Some of the trail junction maps above west side of Crooked Lake (Independence are tough for newbees to understand. I hike there about once a week and have encountered on several occasions newer hikers trying to figure out where they are. And perhaps clear signage that if you are walking with a dog it MUST be leashed at all times. I've encountered users carrying a leash at Indy and Orion with the dog close by and when I approach they call the dog back. It does not bother me- I tend to say hi to all dogs I encounter, but Im sure for some folks its problematic.	Response to Q4: This question seems almost redundant to the one before it, but keeping good PR out there and lively Facebook updates are always good. We want users to realize these are their parks!	Not yet-- will look it over later	
53	48328	46	Waterford	Trails and water park	Fix the water park sonfamikiaes have something to do without driving to Red Oaks...	Response to Q4: Advertise more of what the parks have to offer. It's difficult to navigate the website to find information needed.		

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54	48071	58	Red	The nature center is the best	Keep the gold course			
55	48346	41	Independence	Beach Nature Center	The picnic pavilions at Independence Oaks could be updated. Look very antiquated. Better playground options near the pavilions.			
56	48079	57	Addison	The over all park	Smoother roads in the campground. Better draining of some of the sites			
57	48328	58	Independence, Waterford	Dirt and paved trails	About the only thing I see is have more restrooms open year round! Not porta johns	You guys do a great job overall! Great parks		
58	48083	71	Red	Walking the trail	Clean the walkways in the winter			
59	48371	39	Addison, Independence, Orion	Mountain biking Hiking and running trails XC skiing Snowshoeing Forest areas and rugged terrain in each park	Open more intermediate ski trails at Independence Oaks Open more areas to snowshoeing Ensure that bikers don't use the foot trails in Independence Oaks and enforce leash laws	Have available and clean bathroom facilities Enforce leash laws Expand trail system within parks and connect trails between parks via foot and bike connectors.		
60	48067	60	Addison, Independence, Red, Waterford	Hiking trails	Anything you can do to improve on the hiking trails is appreciated	Have Saturday or Sunday organized hikes with a nature speaker		
61	48350	74	Independence, Rose, Springfield	Hiking paths, Nature Center	I like them the way they are.	Response to Q4: Fund the Nature Centers in Red Oaks and Independence Oaks so they can be open to visitors more often. The hours are so limited right now that people assume the centers are permanently closed. Stop all use of herbicides in the parks. It's becoming clear that Roundup and its cousins are terrible for all living creatures.		

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62	48071	31	Red					Keeping the golf course at red oaks and not converting it to a park is extremely disappointing.
63	48375	52	Addison, Highland, Independence, Lyon, Waterford, White Lake	Lakes and walking trails.	Improve beach areas. And restroom facilities.	Lower admission fees.		
64	48328	25	Highland, Waterford	I love the trails at Waterford Oaks, and I love how close it is to my home. The current trails are maintained well for the most part. I also love the large sledding hill for use in the winter.	More trails would be nice, as well as improving the waterpark structures. I would love to see the pool become a public pool as mentioned in the Recreation Plan. I also think more sports courts would be nice. It is hard to find access to a basketball court around here. I also love the idea of having food truck events throughout the summer.	Adding more signage and trail maps throughout the park would be nice. I would also love to see more sports courts as I mentioned above. I also think more trash cans and dog poop bag dispensers throughout the parks would make it so that the parks are taken care of better.		I think the plan for the parks are great, and I would love to see the improvements happen in the next 5 years!
65	48076	24	Addison, Catalpa, Red	trails	add more native plants	increase educational signage to make visiting the parks and learning experience		I appreciate the amount of effort that went into identifying the potential for sustainability upgrades. I would love to see the sustainability goals prioritized.
66	48371	50	Addison, Independence	Hiking/mountain bike trails through the woods and around the lake	Flush toilet access year round	Address invasive species		

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67	48371	50	Addison, Groveland, Orion, Springfield	Walking trails	Remove invasive plants and restore the lakes	Having restrooms open in the winter	More winter activities Maybe a lantern walk and snowshoe trails	
68	48073	35	Catalpa, Groveland	Beach, picnic areas	They are often messy, and need cleaning	Too expensive		I don't think the cost of indoor swimming pools is worth it
69	48328	65	Addison, Groveland, Independence, Waterford	Walking trails	More camping and winter activities	More staff on site		
70	48357	47	I have not visited an Oakland County Park	Trails, aquatic centers, activities buildings	Update and expand Aquatic centers, maintain current trails, partner with communities on connecting or developing trails, infrastructure updates to modernize facilities to be environmentally friendly as possible	Continue to invest in maintaining facilities at the high level possible		
71	48348	56	Independence	Trails	Connect walking trails to neighboring park (Clintonwood). Swimming area was dirty/full of weeds. We were not able to swim because of the poor condition.	Trails to connect to parks where possible.	Overall, very happy with our parks.	

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72	46462	51	Addison, Groveland, Holly Oaks ORV Park, Independence, Lyon, Orion, Red, Springfield, Waterford	TRAILS!!!!	Promote the trails and add trails. I went to Springfield Oaks County fair and was not aware that there are walking trails available for public use at the golf course. I wanted to walk in the Springfield area and was disappointed because I wasn't aware of the trails. Also, in the winter, I hate that the trail use is limited at Independence Oaks, because of the cross country ski use. It really seems unfair to limit the trail use to walkers.	Better signs and trail markers. At Independence, new trail map signs were put up, which look nice, but then the arrows to mark trail direction are so lame. It really doesn't look professional. At waterford Oaks, the trail marking is practically non-existent and I didn't even know there were trails at Springfield Oaks.	Over-all I think that Oakland County does a really nice job of providing a wholesome, well-rounded park experience! I think Oakland County does an excellent job of engaging with the community to find ways to offer more ways to enjoy nature and the communities that make up the park system.	The Draft Rec. Plan was very interesting to read through. So much more work is put into analyzing what park amenities are being utilized then I realized. Planning for the future is a difficult task and I feel Oakland County Parks really cares about improving the communities in which they partner. I look forward to seeing your hard work in process at the parks.
73	48085	57	Orion	Area for the dog and water. Nice paths for hiking or hybrid biking. Shelter (shade) in the summer.	Pickleball. It would be great to have more venues outside of the town parks.	More activities and advertisement of the events within each park. I didn't know, until this survey, how many of the parks we had and that they were Oakland county parks.		
74	48329	48	Catalpa, Groveland, Independence, Springfield, Waterford, White Lake	Trails, access to lakes for swimming or kayaking	I would like to see some Pickleball courts added, particularly to Waterford Oaks. I am not yet an avid player, but would like to see more courts available in the area to allow more opportunity to play.			

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75	48073	59	Red	Golf and Biking	Oakland county needs more Pickleball parks and Ideally a large venue to host tournaments for this growing sport.			
76	48009	43	Catalpa, Glen, Red	Catalpa Oaks is one of our family's favorite parks. Our son plays soccer for DCFC South Oakland, and I played in a softball league there in years past.				
77	48070	44	Catalpa	Soccer fields	Better maintain the soccer fields at catalpa oaks	Add soccer fields		
78	48073	42	Addison, Catalpa, Glen, Red	Catalpa Oaks, and Red oaks. My son plays soccer and the fields at both of these parts are fantastic.	Honestly, not much. They are really nice for sports and parties.	Continuing to maintain the playgrounds and pavilions along with the green spaces.		
79	48323	40	Catalpa	It's where my son and daughter plays soccer.	Keep them clean and safe	Keep them clean and safe		
80	48067	49	Catalpa, Independence, Orion, Red	Soccer Fields	Invest in quality soccer fields, maybe seek to have a tournament in the future.	Soccer fields as a priority.		Please have soccer fields as a priority.
81	48072	56	Catalpa	Catalpa Oaks is best maintained park for youth sports in the area. The soccer fields, the walking path, the playground, the bathrooms.	The best think that could be done is to maintain Catalpa Oaks as it is, perhaps improve the fields (if possible).	I love the county parks, I wish there were more in South East Oakland County.	My daughter plays soccer for DCFC South Oakland and we are around Catalpa Oaks throughout the year.	Please keep investing in parks like Catalpa Oaks!

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82	48076	50	Catalpa	For sure the Soccer fields and the loop			We love Catalpa oaks for SOCS soccer.	Socs loves catalpa oaks!!
83	48072	50	Catalpa, Red	We absolutely LOVE the playground, soccer fields and baseball fields at Catalpa Oaks. It's the only open green area space we have around us and LOVE having access to the fields as a DCFC family. Pretty please can you leave Catalpa Oaks available to our club and keep the open greenspace available to the residents? We love it there SO MUCH. Thank you!	Just keep Catalpa Oaks exactly like it is, the pavilion is also amazing.	I think you're doing a great job as it is.....it's getting expensive to take our child and a few friends to Red Oaks but we will keep doing it, because we love having it close by in our community. We've camped at so many of the other parks over the years, too. You're doing a great job with our OC Parks, keep it up!	We love sports and thank you for allowing our soccer club to use Catalpa Oaks. We get lots of spectators to the games who "discover" what an amazing park it is, so thank you!	Nope, you're doing great. Thank you!
84	48067	41	Catalpa	Soccer fields.	Improve the soccer fields. Include a 9x9 field.	Better soccer fields.	My son plays for DCFC South Oakland. We visit Catalpa 2 x a week.	
85	48070	42	Catalpa, Independence	We enjoy playing soccer at Catalpa Oaks (SOCS league). I also enjoy fishing, hiking and paddle boarding at parks that have those amenities	More environmentally friendly products and options	More environmentally friendly products and options		
86	48072	40	Catalpa, Glen, Red	Response to Q2: Catalpa Oaks! Soccer fun a few times a week. We ride our bikes up and it is great to walk around while the kids have practice. A staple for Berkley/ RO/ Southfield /Oak Park/ HW			Response to Q5: We play DCFC and love all the parks we have had practice and games at but I grew up in Berkley going to Catalpa Oaks and love that now that we moved back home, my kids are growing up playing there as well	

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87	48070	50	Catalpa	Soccer fields. Walking track. My kids play soccer for DCFC and having the practice and game fields close is invaluable. I also see groups play pick-up soccer on the fields and use the BBQs. It's a great community park.	Better fields.	More parks near where people actually live.		
88	48070	51	Addison, Catalpa, Red	catalpa Oaks	Keep the soccer fields up and running!	Shade areas would be nice near the fields.	Thank you!!!	
89	48237	34	Catalpa, Red, Rose, Waterford	Catalpa	Keep maintaining the soccer fields at Catalpa Oaks, my son loves it there			Please keep maintaining catalpa oaks
90	48072	39	Catalpa, Red	My daughter plays for DCFC at both parks	The soccer fields at Catalpa Oaks are great		Response to Q6: Growing up in western Oakland County, there were plenty of high quality soccer fields to develop my skills. Raising my family in Berkley does not have that luxury due to lack of space. Without the great facilities at Catalpa Oaks, my daughters would not have (reasonably close) quality soccer fields that are important to their development.	
91	48070	45	Catalpa, Red	We love catalpa oaks for the soccer fields	Nothing	Nothing	No	No
92	48070	46	Catalpa	The soccer fields.	Lights on the fields would be cool.			
93	48301	49	Catalpa	soccer fields, nature			serve the southern half of the county. reduce admission for taxpayers.	
94	48025	43	Catalpa	Response to Q2: The beautiful soccer fields. Great playground equipment.			Response to Q5: My son plays soccer with DCFC South Oakland. We love having soccer fields at Catalpa Oaks Park!	

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95	48070	43	Catalpa	Catalpa Oaks			Our kids play for DCFC South Oakland and we love the facilities here!	
96	48076	49	Catalpa, Orion	For our pleasure - we enjoy nature paths. For our family - we spend a lot of time at soccer fields, specifically Catalpa Oaks.	We love Catalpa Oaks for soccer - improved drainage would help!			My child plays soccer with DCFC South Oakland. We love having soccer fields at Catalpa Oaks Park!
97	48067	44	Catalpa, Glen, Lyon, Red	Soccer fields at Catalpa				
98	48034	35	Catalpa	My child plays soccer with SOCS and loves this park!				
99	48072	51	Catalpa, Lyon, Orion, Red	Soccer fields, dog parks	Better field conditions for soccer at Catalpa Oaks. More dock access for dogs at Orion Oaks.		Response to Q6: Continued funding needed to improve/maintain soccer fields at Catalpa Oaks. Have two kids playing for DCFC South Oakland and it's an important part of this community to have those facilities available nearby for practice/games and allow for more participation.	
100	48076	17	Catalpa	The soccer fields.	Improve the soccer fields.			Please keep the soccer fields.
101	48071	43	Catalpa, Red	The soccer facilities and fields.	Continue maintaining the soccer fields and playgrounds	Splash park in red oaks	Response to Q6: Please continue to maintain our soccer fields at catalpa oaks and red oaks. My Kids play soccer for dcfc south oakland and these facilities and the fields are so crucial to soccer in the areas	
102	48072	38	Catalpa, Red	Soccer fields for our kids.	Leveling the ground, maybe some additional wind blocking on the larger fields.	All of the parks are excellent, definitely keeping them all at the high quality they're at.		

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103	48221	35	Catalpa	How well maintained they are with play areas for all areas and great onsite bathrooms that are open!	Keep them just as they are!		We have two children that play for SOCS and love this park for soccer and a great place we could use the pavilion area for picnics in the park!	
104	48070	46	Addison, Catalpa, Lyon	Lyon Oaks				We have kids who play soccer with SOCS and we love Catalpa Oaks! Please keep investing in Catalpa Oaks!
105	48072	41	Catalpa, Independence, Red	Soccer fields at Catalpa, trails and nature centers at Red Oaks and Independence Oaks	Keep the soccer fields! Our kids play with SOCS.			
106	48220	49	Catalpa	The fields, bathrooms, walking path	Keep the open spaces for children and community members to play sports and enjoy outside walks	Remind Oakland county residents of all the parks have to offer!	Response to Q5: I am a teacher in Berkley and we have rented the pavilion and had great end of the year class parties, playing on the playground and playing soccer and kickball on the fields. My own children have enjoyed many hours of soccer on the fields and I love the walking path as they are practicing, please keep Catalpa Oaks fields in good condition. We love it!	
107	48075	38	Catalpa	Soccer fields				
108	48085	50	Addison, Catalpa	The soccer fields at Catalpa are wonderful. The parks is well kept and makes it a place we enjoy visiting even when my girls don't have practice.	Keeping the soccer fields maintained and in the future plans for continued improvement projects.	No comments	My daughter's play soccer for DCFC South Oakland, and we were impressed by this park. We enjoyed the ability to walk the trail and still be able to see the girls. These soccer fields are one reason we chose this club, and drive from Troy for this team.	Please continue to consider the continued maintenance and improvements to all the soccer fields to allow for proper development of current and future soccer players. These well kept fields allow for players of all levels to compete in a beautiful and safe manner.

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109	48331	35	Catalpa	My child plays soccer here	Please keep maintaining!	N/A	N/A	N/A
110	48072	47	Addison, Catalpa, Orion	Catalpa Oaks is always a favorite. My son plays soccer there in the SOCS program. The dog park and attached park at Orion Oaks are great too (for dogs and trail running).	The parks I visit are great and I really value them as part of our community.	I wouldn't mind more trail running trails. But I realize it's a bit niche.		
111	48033	36	Catalpa	The soccer fields. My daughter is close to home to play and practice at the fields at Catalpa and that is such a blessing. I love the playground for my little children to be able to play. I love the walking track for myself and spouse to be able to have physical activity close to home.	The maintenance and attention to this park is wonderful. I wish the bathrooms stayed open alittle later in the season but understand the need to winterize.	Keep the parks open and available for the community to utilize and not have to go outside the county to have the much needed resources.	Please keep Catalpa open and available for our soccer needs especially.	
112	48072	38	Catalpa	Soccer fields and playground	Keep the soccer fields going for SOCS!			
113	48034	41	Catalpa, Red	Catalpa by far is my favorite as we get to run or walk the path while the kids play on the playground and have soccer leagues. I walk through the path on Lahser woods and would love to see that developed as well similar to Catalpa.	Walk and bike paths are always the best. Soccer fields	Always focus on safety, avoid building paths with blind spots. More soccer fields near 48034 zip code more running paths	thank you for all the hard work and planning	

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114	48072	38	Catalpa	Soccer fields and playgrounds	Keep soccer going for DCFC youth!			
115	48304	53	Catalpa	Soccer fields nice fields.			DCFC South Oakland Soccer Player - Lila McLoughlin	
116	48220	50	Catalpa, Red	Our son plays soccer at Catalpa Oaks and we love the fields and facilities there.	Continue to maintain the soccer fields.	Provide more communication regarding the activities and amenities at the parks.		
117	48072	38	Catalpa, Red	Play structure along with soccer field				My son plays for SOCS. It is important to us that the soccer fields are maintained in order to continue providing space for the soccer programs in the area.
118	48072	41	Catalpa, Red, Waterford	The open space. The ample play structures for children. The soccer fields!	Concession stands. Vending machines. More play things. More fields for football soccer and other out door sports.	See above.		
119	48072	42	Catalpa, Red	Catalpa Oaks - Our children play soccer with DCFC South Oakland	Evening lighting			
120	48070	37	Catalpa	Soccer practices at Catalpa Oaks	Improve the quality of the soccer fields at Catalpa Oaks.		Response to Q6: Please do not reduce the parking at Catalpa Oaks. It is already difficult to find a spot when picking up kids from soccer practice, and the proposed plan to eliminate the parking along Catalpa will lead to kids having difficulty locating their parents after practice, and potentially leading to car accidents as they walk along Catalpa to find their car.	

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121	48072	37	Catalpa, Red	Soccer fields and walking paths				
122	48072	52	Addison, Catalpa, Independence, Orion, Red	Green space, beaches, water park	Keep up the facilities maintenance- restrooms, garbage, signage (a field map at red oaks soccer would be very welcome)	Continue to offer great programs - foraging, outdoor skills, star gazing, animals/nature, winter sports.	Love the parks - my kid loves practicing with her socs soccer team at catalpa oaks and I love the variety of green spaces - suburban and more rural; we are HUGE fans of the red oaks waterpark. Berkley doesn't have a community pool so that's our go-to.	Just please keep trying to do the best you can - I know resources are tight but the parks are so important. Thank you for your hard work.
123	48070	52	Catalpa	Soccer fields. My daughter plays SOCS soccer.	No suggestions other than normal maintenance.	If possible, more green space in SE Oakland County.	None	None
124	48237	33	Catalpa, Red	The soccer fields and play grounds, Catalpa Oaks in particular. My child plays with DCFC South Oakland and it's such a blessing to have great fields available for the program to use and develop their teams on.	Continue to maintain and invest in spaces for recreational sports			
125	48084	36	I have not visited an Oakland County Park	Sledding hill at catalpa oaks two years ago. Love fun, creative playgrounds for our 3.5,1 yr olds.	Accessibility, restrooms for toddlers, fun play structures that challenge kids.			

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126	48070	54	Catalpa	Walking trail and soccer field. Also happy they have a normal bathroom	We play soccer with DCFC so keeping the soccer open is Imperative please			
127	48071	46	Catalpa, Red	The soccer fields at Catalpa are great. My son plays there with DCFC South Oakland. For Red Oaks, we enjoy the nature center and the golf course.	Can't think anything			
128	48323	46	Catalpa, Red	My son plays DCFC soccer and catalpa oaks is an important part of the program!	Nothing - it's great!	Nothing	N/A	
129	48326	40	Catalpa	The bathroom at Catalpa was a nice addition and it is usually fairly clean.	Response to Q3: The soccer fields at Catalpa are abysmally poor and I have been playing on them for more than a decade. The County allows use of these fields too early in the year when the ground is still waterlogged so the turf gets turned over and destroyed. The fields require maintenance they never receive: This means watering, aerating, and regular overseeding. The topsoil mixture is wrong and retains too much moisture. The "drainage" solution applied to the fields was completely ineffective. The money spent on the fields was unwisely spent; they are in the same conditions now from how they started and it was all in one season. Twisted ankles is a common occurrence just from running around the field. The County either needs to learn from organizations how to manage grass turf fields and apply those lessons to Catalpa, or just save some money and let the dandelions take over the field, because at least those will grow in those conditions.		Response to Q4: Be more mindful of the damage to fields when sports are played in inclement weather. One game of soccer on a waterlogged field will require months to repair. The money earned from the rental of the single day won't even cover the cost to repair the damage. The leagues may complain, but the result will be healthier turf the rest of the days.	
130	48070	35	Catalpa, Red	Catalpa oaks park is great, good place to play soccer.	Field conditions at catalpa could improve some	N/A, they're generally pretty good to me.		

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131	48073	53	Catalpa	My son plays soccer for a non-profit Oakland County youth soccer club that practices at Catalpa Oaks in the Spring & Fall. They also have games there often. There are no alternatives with full size fields in the area.	Better maintenance of the soccer fields at Catalpa Oaks. They have a lot of bare dirt and holes. Sometimes when the soccer club has a field reserved, we show up and other organized groups are using the field without a reservation. The soccer fields get more use than is recorded. Some private adult teams and soccer training businesses use the fields on a regular schedule and don't pay reservation fees. There could be a lot more revenue if the reservation system was enforced by the Oakland County Parks.	Allow the full size soccer fields at Normandy Oaks Park in a Royal Oak to be used by organizations other than Royal Oak groups.		The draft plan mentions high water bills at Catalpa Oaks. Installing artificial turf on one or more of the soccer fields would solve that problem and reduce maintenance costs. Turf fields are a green alternative because the don't require irrigation or gas burning lawn mowing. The turf systems use many recycled materials. They are also water permeable. Maybe partner with the biggest stakeholders that use the soccer fields at Catalpa Oaks for maintenance or scheduling. There would be a large void in the area if the soccer fields at Catalpa Oaks were removed.
132	48072	42	Catalpa, Red	Catalpa Oaks has a wonderful walking path and is a so close to our home. Our kids play soccer there and it's so nice to have so many fields so they can practice and play close to home.	Keep the soccer field space. It is such a valuable resource to SOCS and the community soccer teams			

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133	48073	49	Catalpa	We love the Catalpa Oaks park! The soccer fields are used by our DCFC soccer club and so many parents/families use the playground and walking area during practices.	Sometimes the soccer fields are run down/worn out.	Maintenance	Happy with the restroom facilities at Catalpa Oaks	I noticed in the plan that there is thoughts of closing some of the soccer fields. This would be a huge loss to our DCFC soccer club. We are a non-profit organization and the use of these fields is critical to the success of our club and the numerous local families of use it.
134	48070	50	Catalpa	The soccer fields! And the track around the park is nice too.	Please keep the soccer fields in great shape. It's nice to have DCFC soccer teams have the ability to use the fields and bring people to the park.	Keep trails and soccer fields in good shape.		My kids play with DCFC soccer and we love visiting catalpa and all county and local parks for soccer.
135	48070	44	Addison, Catalpa, Red	Everything. Love the parks. Love the greenspaces. Part of DCFC South Oakland and love soccer at Catalpa.				
136	48083	41	Catalpa	The soccer fields for the youth programs. I also love the paths, playgrounds, and the condition of the Catalpa Oaks Park.			My son plays for DCFC south Oakland soccer program and we love Catalpa Oaks!	
137	48072	42	Catalpa	The soccer fields	Keep soccer fields well maintained with positive drainage and repairing areas where the grass is dead.			

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138	48073	43	Catalpa, Holly Oaks ORV Park				Please continue to support and maintain soccer fields at Catalpa Oaks :)	
139	48070	36	Catalpa	Great athletic fields! Love when my kids are playing/practicing and I can walk the track	Occasional security/police presence would be good when there are several different groups there at once		More of a compliment, but bathrooms are always clean at Catalpa Oaks. Please keep up- it's so appreciated	
140	48323	42	I have not visited an Oakland County Park	Drake and Kensington	Add sports bubble to drake sports park so we can play in the winter pickleball.	Invite seasonal private food catering service to open restaurants in the middle of green, there is very limited outdoor seating restaurants in Michigan due to weather and those who have it, have very bad views.	Response to Q5: An investment in artificial recreational facilities for families will be nice, like themed restaurants, indoor multi activity sports and entertainment places. Malls are getting emptied, these empty locations could be used better if those guys think outside the box or try to bring top class entertainment vendors from innovative escape rooms to indoor family themed playgrounds	
141	48072	44	Catalpa	The playground, sledding hill, open fields and walking trails. bathrooms	Food options	Nothing		
142	48237	34	Catalpa, Glen, Independence, Lyon, Red, Waterford	Soccer fields and playground conditions	Restrooms at the park			
143	48071	52	Red	Walking trails	Add more walking and biking trails to southeast Oakland	Add more walking and biking trails to southeast Oakland	The red oaks golf course in Madison heights should be converted to a more inclusive park that doesn't just cater to the few niche golfers in the area	

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144	48009	76	Catalpa	soccer fields with a public restroom facility		bathroom facilities open for recreational meets		please keep and support or improve soccer fields
145	48070	40	Catalpa	Soccer fields, playground, bathrooms	Open bathrooms more often	Keep as much open space as possible. Have bathrooms at all playgrounds	My kids play soccer for SOCS and they love the soccer fields	
146	48073	46	Catalpa	Catalpa Oaks Park	Continue to maintain- this is a great park!		My daughter plays soccer with DCFC South Oakland and we very much value the fields, track, and amenities at Catalpa Oaks!	
147	48067	62	Red	The walking trails being paved, are very easy to navigate. I love the woods, so my favorite part of the park is the forested area at the south end, however, both sides of the park are loved. This park is in close proximity to where I live, and I enjoy going there before heading off to work each day.	The north side in particular, is overgrown with invasive species such as common Buckthorn and privet. It would be really nice to see the invasives removed. The south side has some invasive honeysuckle as well as some buckthorn. There has been work done to reduce the poison ivy, which I am not totally in favor of, being that it is native and birds and other critters use it. I understand the concern about people coming into contact with it, but it won't take long for them to learn to leave it alone! I am always amazed at how many people do not recognize poison ivy!	Maybe better advertising...some of these parks I didn't know existed until I started reading thru the master plans. Most communities have local papers; why not publish articles once in a while highlighting different parks?	I would love to see more native plants in the parks and things to encourage residents to plant more native plants in their gardens. Red Oaks, years ago, held a native plant sale and had a speaker there discussing the benefits of using natives; I would love to see more of that!	Not really, it seems like there are some good things in the works.

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148	48070	59	Catalpa, Red	The soccer fields.	<p>Response to Q3: At catalpa oaks there needs to be general maintenance of the soccer fields. OC recently spent almost a million dollars to upgrade 2 of the 4 fields and the new fields are not maintained. Also, invest in the 2 older fields. They need a complete overhaul. Many kids use this space for practice and games. SOCS/DCFC South Oakland (a community based/run club) has called this location home for years. They provide affordable soccer to many kids in SE Oakland County. Without this space over 1,500 kids are impacted.</p> <p>Response to Q4: More open green space.</p>			
149	48070-1559	56	Catalpa	soccer fields	continue to do the amazing job of maintaining some of the nicest and accessible soccer fields in oakland county	Keep up the amazing job	The soccer fields at catalpa oaks are really impressive. They don't ever seem to have any "worn out" spots, grass always trimmed, drainage is fanatastic - never any soft spots or puddles. On top of that, there is ample parking, which is much appreciated after trying to park your car in the over crowded city or school soccer fields. Please keep up the soccer fields at Catalpa Oaks!	nothing to add at this time
150	48237	5	Catalpa	So love playing soccer there	More seating	More seating	Thank you for everything you've been doing	
151	48302	61	Catalpa	Soccer fields				

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152	48350	70	Addison	I have visited various county parks over the years I've lived in Oakland County, close to 40 years. They are beautiful and a wonderful resource for residents, and probably others, too. Now that we are retired we have time and are always looking for locations to get out more. We look for bike/walking trails, snowshoe trails and, recently, kayak launches.	Keep them as natural as possible, please. That's what makes them so appealing. Access is important but without over commercializing. Keep or make them homes to native plants and trees. Use natural methods for controlling invasive growth, not chemicals that pollute and/or poison our land and water.	Ensure funds for maintaining our parks and keeping them safe and clean.	Thank you for this endeavor - for recognizing the importance of our green spaces. They provide that vital, and often absent, connection to our natural world.	Not yet.
153	48025	43	Catalpa, Red	Catalpa oaks - both my kids play with Dcfc youth soccer and practice there while I walk the park Red oaks golf course and soccer fields. We love to play at the golf courses and my kids play at the red oaks fields.	I think they're all very nice. Continue to maintain them			

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154	48348	67	Addison, Catalpa, Groveland, Highland, Holly Oaks ORV Park, Independence, Lyon, Orion, Rose, Waterford	<p>Response to Q2: I love all the parks. Each offers it's own amenities. I think Independence Oaks is the crown jewel of all the OCP&R parks. The natural surroundings are wonderful for walking your dog, hiking and cross country skiing in the backwoods, and kayaking on Crooked Lake. I love the trails at Orion Oaks for much of the same. I also love the program events for Special Needs individuals that Sandy Dorey runs. As a volunteer for Sandy, I was thrilled this past summer that she partnered OCP&R with Disability Network Eastern Michigan for special needs kayaking as a new activity. I cannot give Sandy enough accolades for all of her efforts.</p> <p>Response to Q3: I am a volunteer for OCP&R and love the Ambassador Program, the Bird Box Monitoring Program, the Nordic Ski Patrol Program, the Special Needs Programs, and Special Events like Fire & Ice and the Marshmallow Drop. Now that CISMA is directly part of OCP&R, I am hoping volunteer events will be created around invasive plant removal and the planting of native flowers, bushes, and trees. I currently volunteer for these activities with Blue Heron Headwaters Conservancy and Clinton River Watershed Council. I know that Oriental Bittersweet is a problem at Orion Oaks. Lastly, I noticed that the number of volunteers listed in the Recreation Draft plan was 1500 in 2019, 1700 in 2020, and 1700 on 2021. Yesterday, I saw the number of volunteers is currently at 1890 per VicNet. I am curious about the demographics of this group. I look at the trend continuing to increase as there are many people like myself who want to help improve our parks. I hope OCP&R is looking closely at creating more volunteer opportunities to help keep our parks the best they can be!</p> <p>Response to Q4: Keep doing what you are doing. Although I love all the parks close to me in Clarkston, I am happy to see OCP&R looking to improve parks further south in Oakland County. I used to live in Southfield and made use of many local parks, but not many OCP&R parks. I volunteered with Genisys Credit Union to clean Hawthorne Park as part of the 21st Annual Clinton River Clean Up this past fall. I am anxious to see how OCP&R will try to improve this park.</p> <p>Response to Q5: For anyone living in Oakland County that has not visited the OCP&R parks, they do not know what they are missing. The plants and wild life in the more rustic parts of the parks are wonderful for stress relieving activities. The camp sites at Addison Oaks and Groveland Oaks attract many families. The five golf courses offer this activity to new and seasoned golfers. I have never had a bad experience when visiting any of the parks. OCP&R should be proud of all of the friendly and helpful personnel working there!</p> <p>Response to Q6: In Figure 3: Facility Inventory, it shows no check mark for biking at Orion Oaks. I know there is no skating at Orion Oaks, but there definitely is mountain biking. Maybe it is better to break "Biking and skating" into two categories. I am also curious about what happens with the Water Park in Waterford. It is a difficult cost versus benefit analysis. Good luck.</p>				
155	48073	38	Catalpa, Independence, Red, Waterford	Well-maintained fields for sports, open space, having a much needed space to connect with nature.	Push playground equipment innovation for a wide range of ages. Toddlers through teenagers. Maintain the equipment. Add fitness areas for adults.	An easier to navigate website and scheduling system.	We love parks and all citizens need them to break up the dense urbanization around us!	Keep every square inch of park land!

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156	48070	51	Catalpa	The soccer fields! Thank you! My children have grown up using them.	Continue to maintain the fields for socs and dcfc use. We appreciate it!			
157	48070	42	Catalpa, Red	Catalpa Oaks			Response to Q5: We LOVE Catalpa Oaks - our kids all either play SOCS or DCFC soccer there, and the facilities are AMAZING!!!!	
158	48237	48	Catalpa	The soccer fields! My daughter plays soccer for SOCS there and loves it.	Keep maintaining the soccer fields.			
159	48072	51	Catalpa, Red	The well maintained soccer fields, playgrounds and bathrooms.	At this point, nothin		Response to Q5: Please keep maintaining the soccer fields. Catalpa serves as the base for my boy's soccer team, DCFC. It is such a blessing to have such wonderful facilities in densely populated South Oakland County.	
160	48073	47	Catalpa	Quality of the soccer fields	More garbage cans.		My child plays for DCFC South Oakland	
161	48072-1653	47	Catalpa, Red	Catalpa oaks. Children play SOCS soccer and the fields are great.				
162	48301	51	Catalpa, Lyon	The soccer fields	They are excellent			
163	48072	49	Catalpa	Catalpa Oaks is convenient and has great green space for the area				
164	48073	49	Catalpa, Red		Continue to invest in them	More park access or partnerships in the south end of the county.	Response to Q6: Continue to invest on the soccer fields at catalpa oaks. The DCFC organization is doing a wonderful job with our kids and they need a premier facility.	
165	48072	37	Catalpa, Red	Catalpa Oaks			My children play for SOCS and we greatly value the soccer fields.	

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166	48025	43	Catalpa	Catalpa Oaks is a wonderful park! The two playgrounds are great for kids of various ages, and the 0.8 trail makes for great walking. My son plays for DCFC South Oakland and his practice at the park 2 times a week. Our entire family is able to go and enjoy the parks during this time. Also, the bathroom facility is excellent!	More lighting so that in the Fall/Winter the park can be used for longer period. In October soccer practices must be shortened to try to avoid being in the park at dark.	Clean restrooms at all parks. well lit so it feels safe to use early morning and later in the evening.	Thank you Oakland County for prioritizing a wonderful park system!	
167	48072	43	Catalpa	Response to Q2: We live very close to Catalpa Oaks and have used it for a variety of reasons. I use the track to run while my children (who play with the SOCS organization) use the soccer fields. We also meet friends to use the playground and the pavilion.				
168	48301	58	Catalpa	The soccer fields. My daughter played on a SOCS recreational soccer team this fall. The Catalpa Oaks field was our home field. The playing surface was nicely maintained, which helps the ball roll in the direction it is kicked!	Continue to maintain the soccer field grass			

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169	48301	58	Catalpa	The soccer fields. My daughter played on a SOCS recreational soccer team this fall. The Catalpa Oaks field was our home field. The playing surface was nicely maintained, which helps the ball roll in the direction it is kicked!	Continue to maintain the soccer field grass			
170	48072	46	Catalpa, Red	The green space for kids to run around. The walking trail at Catalpa Oaks is fantastic for all ages to utilize.	Continue to maintain them to keep them safe and in tip top shape.			
171	48326	58	Orion, Red	Stoney Creek Bald Mountain Red Oaks - Madison Heights Auburn Hills Down Town City Park	Continue to advance trails for biking and walking.	Extend interlinking bike trails.	Oakland County Parks are the best. A huge reason our family stays in Oakland County.	
172	48070	55	Catalpa	Soccer fields are awesome. my kids play soccer with SOCS.	clean up the walking trails, they need some maintenance.	create more parks.		
173	48072	43	Catalpa	The soccer field. My kid play soccer with DCFC South Oakland there. Also the track trail	Keeping the park clean as it has been always	More publicity about park. Sometimes you don't know the amount of parks available in the county		
174	48076	51	Catalpa	My daughter plays soccer for DCFC (and before that with SOCS) and is on the fields every spring and fall. It has great facilities and I appreciate the walking track so I can get steps in while she practices.	I think Catalpa is a great park and always maintained well.			

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175	48070	38	Catalpa, Red	Catalpa Oaks	More soccer fields! my sons play with SOCS and we could use more fields for practice			
176	48098	62	Addison	Mountain bike trails and picnic areas. Addison Oaks is a beautiful park.		Add mountain bike trails to those parks that have the room to do so.	None	None
177	48237	41	Catalpa	Playground, soccer fields, walking paths, picnic areas. My child plays soccer with SOCS, so the soccer field at Catalpa Oaks is important!	They are nice. Just keep up on maintaining the great facilities!		Response to Q6: If you do get involved with Shepherd Park....please do not build up to encroach on the little bit of nature we have in that nature trail! Build up the parts of the park that aren't currently part of the nature trail area.	
178	48072	41	Catalpa, Red	Soccer fields and playground at Catalpa Oaks - they are well maintained and great for our family and for the SOCS / DCFC youth soccer leagues we are a part of. We also love the track around the field.	Continue to maintain the soccer fields at Catalpa Oaks, please! These are a huge asset to our youth and many adults who play there.			
179	48072	47	Catalpa	Response to Q2: My son plays for DCFC South Oakland. We love the use of the soccer fields for practice. They fields are SO close to our house. So convenient. Please continue to work with DCFC South Oakland to utilize and maintain the fields. Thank you!				

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180	48067	33	Catalpa	<p>Response to Q2: Catalpa Oak Park for soccer</p> <p>Response to Q3: As Executive Director of a non - profit youth soccer organization, with 99.5% of its over 1500 youth soccer players residing in Oakland County, playing for South Oakland County Soccer (recreational) and Detroit City FC South Oakland (travel) we heavily rely on Catalpa Oak Park and it's soccer fields. In South Oakland County there is Limited Green space for the youth sport #1 in the country - soccer and we are happily offering soccer programs at catalpa Oak park and it's fields. Improvements: - more ongoing field improvements (filling holes with dirt , seeding etc) - better field maintenance Note: our organization cancels practices and games when there is heavy rain in order to PROTECT the fields when needed . We care about this park and it's soccer fields and we show that by taking care of it. - more use for soccer across ALL four Fields 11vs 11 + 1 7vs7 field for our non- profit , community soccer organization. Based on the growth of soccer our demand went up. We have previously mentioned numerous time more use across all 4*11 vs11 fields plus the 7vs7 field. There is no need to take 2 fields off line at the time but 3 online and one off could be a reasonable solution for field preservation. Our Oakland County members want and need more soccer field time at Catalpa Oak Park</p> <p>Response to Q4: Understand the needs of the residents in specific areas. South OakaInd County is limited on Green space compared to Clarkston and the users needs further north. Our numbers show the demand for soccer and soccer fields at Catalpa Oak Park. We have now members from Berkley , HW, Royal Oak, Beverly Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham, Troy , Clawson , Madison Heights, Ferndale, West Bloomfield, Southfield, pleasant Ridge, Oak Park, Hazel Park and more ALL using Catalpa Oak Park soccer fields for our youth soccer club. The soccer fields are needed , wanted and we are happily being MORE involved as a club partnering with the county to actively support ongoing soccer fields maintenance , field improvements and expansion! Improvement: Further partner (in all capacities, partners in maintenance and mowing , more field use or Long term lease - we are open for ALL options) with our organization to improve Catalpa Oak Park soccer fields long term</p> <p>Response to Q5: We have established a good working relationship with Doug and the county leadership group and look to further expand and intensify our ties. We offered our help in many ways in the past like : - active support with field maintenance - active support with field mowing - field lining (our club ALREADY lines the soccer fields for all users) Looking to expand that collaboration and support More actively but waiting on the green light from the county officials. We are here to stay and help to make Catalpa Oak Park better for all and are open to ALL conversations about a long term partnership between county and our club in regards to soccer fields at Catalpa Oak Park. Also, since soccer is youth sport #1 not only in the US but also in Michigan , especially Oakland County , WE NEED green space (soccer fields) for our Oakland County residents to play on. Our community soccer club, CAN FILL all four soccer fields Spring , Summer and Fall (april- November) with soccer offerings during the week and on weekends for games at Catalpa. The demand for soccer and more soccer is there which is also shown by our club growth of over 140% in the last 3 years to now 1500 + players across both programs- facts ! We want to further partner with the Oakland County leadership and MAKE SURE our Oakland County residents have soccer fields and improved soccer fields in South Oakland County — > Catalpa Oak park. Developers have bought up most of the land in our area and our membership and our organization heavily relies on Catalpa Oak Park and it's 4* 11 vs 11 soccer fields and 1 * 7vs7 field. The walking path around the park is majority wise</p>				

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				<p>#180 Response to Q5, continued: ALSO used from our membership (parents walking and jogging during youth soccer practices and games). Note: I advocated for one Astro turf field at catalpa Oak park due to almost no maintenance cost and higher rentals for years! Based on the where we live with its climate that's the smarter, cost efficient and long term solution then re- building two grass fields —> fruit for thought . We can support this project too with use and financials as well if it ever is taken seriously based on ROI, maintenance , usage , possibilities etc</p> <p>Response to Q6: Remarks about Catalpa Oak Park and soccer use: - Our non profit soccer club can and wants to rent all 4 11vs 11 fields + 7vs7 field! We were told we can only use certain fields at times so if it's about showing the use —> Let us use more and fill it up so it reflects the ACTUAL need for soccer fields and not what was described in the plan for catalpa - ongoing maintenance and mowing : We have offered numerous times in the past that our organization can support with ongoing support or can also take that portion over completely—> lets us do it and help subsidize financials for the county so it isn't as high as it's "claimed " to be</p>				
181	48070	53	Catalpa, Glen, Red	Glenn Oaks for golf, Catalpa Oaks for my child's soccer team.	Glenn Oaks is great, but too many geese. Catalpa Oaks has the only soccer fields in our immediate area that my kid's teams SOCS teams use for practice and games. It's a great location for both. Some of the soccer fields could use some maintenance work in the goal box areas and damaged spots.		We hope that Oakland County Parks continues to maintain the soccer fields for youth players. There's so many kids in this area who play soccer!	We hope that any efforts to improve Catalpa Oaks keep the big fields intact. It's great to see kids and adults play soccer, and even lacrosse out on the fields, too! Youth sports should be a high priority use for spaces in county parks that can support team sports activities, like Catalpa Oaks and Lyon Oaks.
182	48070	56	Catalpa, Glen, Holly Oaks ORV Park	Catalpa Oaks is a great venue for DCFC South Oakland soccer and my kids have enjoyed playing there. Me and my kids also enjoy playing golf at Glen Oaks. Holly Oaks is a blast!	Not once being at Catalpa Oaks is the pavilion open which I'd assume would be selling beverages and food. Why build it if you aren't going to staff it? The county could probably make a few bucks selling bbq or hamburgers and hotdogs.			
183	48070	47	Catalpa	Soccer fields	Parking lot		My child plays soccer with SOCS	Keep Catalpa Oaks soccer fields

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184	48069	41	Catalpa	Love catalpa oaks park- love the location!!!!!!!!!!!!	More seating, more shaded areas, keep up bathrooms, update playground. More trash cans	Not enough well maintained soccer fields, indoor and out. We have to travel so far for decent fields.		
185	48085	51	I have not visited an Oakland County Park	I wish I am able to afford specifics that I enjoy about a park or parks that I have or my family has frequented but I cannot at this time. However, it does prevent me from expressing the importance the Oakland County Parks have on the residents and environment. They provide a place of refuge and tranquility, where friends and families can gather to enjoy each other's company. Not every square foot has to be a home or business. There is still room for nature. Simply put Oakland County is better with them than without.	Please continue to keep them clean and safe. Take the necessary measures that are required for their continued success.	Please continue to keep them clean and safe. Take the necessary measures that are required for their continued success.	Thank you and good luck!	Please continue to keep them clean and safe. Take the necessary measures that are required for their continued success.
186	48072	33	Catalpa	The running trail, playground, soccer fields				
187	48070	45	Catalpa, Red	The playgrounds and the soccer fields.		Response to Q5: Please keep the soccer fields. My children are involved in SOCS and we love having parks so close they can play at.		

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188	48070	60	Catalpa, Red	soccer facilities	maintenance	continue to improve / expand south Oakland facilities, access, etc		need to review
189	48067	57		<p>Response to Q2: For any park I visit, my favorite parts include: walking paths, trails , raised walkways, scenic look outs; historic structures included such as barns, old homes; way-finding - good maps and posts to ensure it is clear how to arrive and return; signs and information regarding indigenous cultural information, former residents, native trees, plants and ecosystems, animals, what the county is doing to preserve, restore and protect both our natural and cultural assets .. and going further than protecting to restore what was in place during pre-settlement times; clear designation of who has priority: who yields to whom (bike, walk, horse, etc.); absolutely prefer non-motorized recreation so parks where there are no ATVs, cars, motor boats, etc.; clear signs the park is being maintained with the absolute minimum of toxic chemicals, least amount of mowing necessary, no gas powered leaf blowers, etc. (when these things are present it diminishes greatly the park experience). Today, we know to fight climate change, the natural environment is 100% as essential as any work to mitigate carbon.</p> <p>Response to Q3: -Increase the presence of Native Trees, Shrubs, and Plants - especially Keystone Species to restore ecosystems. - Create no-mow areas under trees with native plants -Ensure the parks are accessible via walking, biking, transit; not just car; especially for people living in a 1 - 5 mile radius (this might require cooperating with the Oakland County Road Commission, MDOT, and local governments) but it is essential for residents to have healthy communities to have connectivity to parks via other means than just driving. The whole park experience should be part of the community experience. -Discontinue the use of any herbicides and pesticides (this includes not spraying insects) to restore natural ecosystems and allow natural pests (birds, bats) to control insects -Protect water -- no chemicals used on lawns .. even in golf and sports areas; seek the most environmentally friendly options for maintenance -Use natural materials for play areas (no poured in place, recycled tires ... that might leach toxins into the ground water) -Identify and increase information about important indigenous and other communities -Provide information and visuals regarding invasive species people should watch for and remove in their own properties; and similarly identify and provide information about native trees and plants people should continue planting at their own properties</p> <p>Response to Q4: Collaborate with other park systems throughout the county to create connectivity and accessibility park to park as well as to increase awareness of what is available. For the average person, it might not be clear to them which are city versus county versus state parks and similarly which have entrance fees or not. Make sure there are opportunities for all ages and abilities - including those who don't drive or don't want to drive (kids, elders, households with no car). Include in the strategy specific girl and women friendly practices because studies show parks are utilized less by women and girls due to facilities not meeting their needs as well as for boys.</p> <p>Response to Q5: Reading through the survey by ETC Institute, I would like to note that there is no mention in the choices regarding Biking and Walking ... trails are mentioned but it is not clear if there are any specific facilities for biking. Why is this important? In our entire region, infrastructure for safe biking is very poor. And, if people are looking for safe places to bike, if it is not a choice for receiving funding, it cannot show up in the survey results. Bike facilities is not an option in the survey. Again, in question regarding</p>				

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								<p>#189 Response to Q5, continued: programs, biking is not included. Perhaps attention to bike (mountain bike, road bike, others) plus arrival to parks by bike (cooperation with street design) could replace some of the lesser used recreational opportunities. Biking and Skating are included, however, in the inventory of current facilities. So it seems a strange disconnect to not have it on the survey. Similarly, guided walks / hikes is not included (except for birdwatching).</p> <p>Response to Q6: Overall, really appreciate the focus on equity, health & well-being, environmental protection along with general management. Very, very glad to see an emphasis on filling gaps and serving those who are marginalized. Good to see the purchase for preservation of some land in Troy. Great to leverage the parks to purchase and protect more land in the county. Infill development within already existing human settlements along with the protection and ecological restoration of existing land still in a relatively natural (undeveloped) state can increase preservation and water protection efforts and balance the impact of our communities (human settlements). As it is feasible, acquiring more land for preservation and restoration. The healthiest communities in the future will be those that benefit from natural places - due to improved air and water quality, quiet, access to nature, etc. Very glad to see special attention to communities with less access to county parks. Would like to see more emphasis on cooperation with those who design streets and roads to increase accessibility via biking and other assisted means by increasing safe (not on the street, separate) biking infrastructure throughout the county -- especially connecting county parks to nearby communities (since this plan focuses on parks). Increase residents knowledge about the five watersheds and how their home practices can impact water. Since water quality in the region is considered the most important (73% rated v. important, 22% important, so 95% of responses rated this highly), this issue should be addressed in the parks and also the parks can be a teaching tool for helping people understand what to do at home as well. "Manage freshwater & stormwater resources to protect water quality & reduce flooding" Consider how the addition of strategically placed Pocket Parks, Native Plantings, and Microforests can provide better access to parks in walking or biking distance AND increase access to greenspace where it is strategically needed. Perhaps this is a collaboration with cities. (lower income cities tend to have fewer resources to manage parks, so micro-county parks could be particularly important) Where can the baselines for the KPIs be found? Page 23-25 - only mountain biking mentioned; no road / street biking - safety classes, how to ride a bike, etc. and access to alternative services is going to include median drive time ... but for truly accessible services by all ages and abilities you also need bike, walk, and transit access. Page 28 - Health & Wellness will also be supported if Park to Park connections were increased via slow streets or Greenways (ideally with no cars) but given lots of excess streets and roads, a network of sidestreets dedicated first to biking (with car access limited to residents for example) could serve as a healthy, greenway connecting communities to the parks and connecting park to park .. for running, biking and simply park access (also supports sustainability and environmental protection by decreasing dependence on cars) Page 28 - within Environmental Sustainability - some mention of Native Trees and Plants, Keystone species and a related KPI seems like it would be important to include; for #5 regarding commodities .. using less might not be the right measure, but rather using less detrimental or less polluting ... related some kind of action pertaining to ensuring all Requests for Services by vendors explicitly enumerates biodegradable products preferred. Page 30 - Goal 2E. great to see included support of composting. One challenge that maybe county staff can help to shift, is the fact that we don't have city or county collection of compostables to include cardboard, compostable containers, etc. Another systemic problem is the state bans local governments from requiring vendors to use only compostable packaging. These two things make it much more difficult to act as a region, which impacts the parks. PAGE</p>

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190	48220	46	Catalpa, Rose, Waterford	Soccer Fields and Pavillion Area, Sledding Hill at Catalpa!	Can't think of anything specific. We love Catalpa Oaks and have played soccer there for years!	#189 Response to Q6, continued: 30 - Goal 2B&C - Ensure access from nearby neighborhoods is possible walking and biking (and rolling - wheelchair use) for all ages (If an 8 year old and 80 year old can safely access, others can as well.) Page 31 - Goal 4 - consider pocket parks in communities with least access to county and other parks (increase nearby access to improve health through increased green space) Page 31 - Goal 5 - increase use of native plants, shrubs, and trees; identify heritage trees and landscapes, especially those which are pre-colonial / pre-settlement and/or of specific cultural as well as environmental value for special designation Great work!! Inspiring. Will repeat one more time, for each community within a mile (walking), five miles (biking), clear, safe access / mobility corridors will enhance the park experience and connect the parks to community. Coordinating with cities, state, county road commissions likely needed. Thanks to all involved with this work!!!		
191	48070	49	Catalpa	Response to Q2: The soccer fields, bathroom facilities, walking track Response to Q3: Management of the soccer fields so when they are saturated from rain, no one uses them until they have dried to a reasonable firmness. Any activity on a saturated field destroys the grass, makes the field uneven, and potentially dangerous when it dries due to foot traffic depressions. Improve the drainage of the fields. Response to Q4: Ensuring that what is developed, changed, etc. is sustainable with what the parks can afford without special funding. A walking track is sustainable because once it's in place, there isn't a lot of maintenance. Partnering with local organizations to improve what's there e.g., adopt a park/field/playset/etc. Response to Q5: I really enjoy walking/jogging the track at Catalpa and watching hundreds of kids having fun playing soccer, getting exercise, etc. It adds such an enjoyable aspect and warmth to the park rather than the typical empty park feeling I've seen at other places. Response to Q6: I am concerned that sports fields are ranked quite low. Sports fields not only offer a configured area for sports, but when not in use, represent open field space that can be utilized for several different activities. I've seen kids and adults playing soccer, kids flying kites, kids practicing marching activities, etc. all on the same sports fields. The areas surrounding Catalpa (and those within a 10min drive) have been identified as a lower household income area. My experience has been that offering facilities like soccer fields is an incredibly economic value to these households because you can buy a ball for \$10, and you're playing. You can use tennis shoes, and any shorts/pants. No special equipment is needed, and it's a game parents can play with their kids, kids with other kids, adults with other adults. Reviewing the master plan had a lot of activities identified that aren't suitable/possible for Catalpa. Those were more geared to the parks in northern Oakland County. I'm driven to review data to support ideas. I've found that many people throw ideas out but will then rarely follow through and use it for that purpose. As I use the track at Catalpa, I see a ton of kids playing soccer. That's my data, and removing those fields and putting say disk golf would not make				

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192	48072	41	Catalpa, Red, Waterford	<p>#191 Response to Q6, continued: sense. I agree that the baseball fields should be removed. In all my time over at Catalpa through the years, I have only seen a couple of games there. 99% of the time I haven't seen them used. Replacing those baseball fields with pickle ball and basketball courts is a great idea and would increase traffic in the park. It would compliment the soccer fields. Having a smaller covered area on that side of the park would also be valuable. If more investment is available for the soccer fields, drainage or a turf field would be a wonderful use of funds.</p> <p>The soccer fields and walking paths at Catalpa Oaks.</p>				
193	48070	41	Catalpa					<p>Response to Q6: Our children play soccer with SOCCS at Catalpa Oaks. We love the field, and convenience to our home in Huntington Woods. Please continue to allow our children the opportunity to play soccer at this wonderful park!</p>
194	48072	40	Catalpa	<p>I love that it is close to my home, my kid(s) can practice soccer there, the updated playground as well as clean/up to date bathroom facilities. I also enjoy running the .75 mile loop around all the fields while my child has soccer practice so I can get my exercise in at the same time!</p> <p>Additionally when club soccer games for DCFC South Oakland are scheduled there, the fields are much improved and again, the location and size can't be beat!</p>	Have more like them!	<p>If there are other lots of land that can have a perimeter walking/running path, the runner in me thanks you!</p>	<p>Additional tennis courts near the Berkley area would be lovely.</p>	

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195	48371	63	Addison, Glen, Groveland, Orion	Friendly, helpful work force. Safety, seeing the sheriffs patrolling the parks. Cleanliness. Fun activities. Being able to be in nature. Parks acting responsibly in protecting the natural environment, removing invasive species, and protecting the watersheds.	Is there a way to create ribbons of green space as opposed to having islands of parks? Ribbons of green spaces allow a healthier environment for wildlife and vegetation than do islands of green spaces. Could at least some of the parks be incorporated into ribbons of green spaces throughout the county, even throughout the state?	Is there a way to create ribbons of green space as opposed to having islands of parks? Ribbons of green spaces allow a healthier environment for wildlife and vegetation than do islands of green spaces. Could at least some of the parks be incorporated into ribbons of green spaces throughout the county, even throughout the state?	Thank you for supporting the Oakland County Parks! :-). I think one reason why Oakland County is a wonderful place to live is because of the parks. The parks are affordable, clean, safe, healthy, non-judgemental places for everyone. People can help make themselves to be healthy and whole simply by exploring nature in a safe way. Oakland County Parks offer people that opportunity. People can find themselves in an Oakland County Park.	
196	48073	48	Catalpa	Use this park for soccer				
197	48072	44	Catalpa, Red	My child plays soccer with SOCS at these fields.	Maintain (and improve) the fields.	Keep the fields maintained.		
198	48072	37	Catalpa, Red	Soccer fields, walking paths, and playgrounds.	Nothing comes to mind.	Make sure all works have restrooms. I have young kids so having restrooms is key. It's hard to stay at a work for long without public restrooms.	Response to Q5: My child soccer with plays SOCS. We like the fields at Catalpa Oaks and the Red Oaks soccer complex and hope they continue to stay in place.	

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199	48072	36	Catalpa, Red	Catalpa Oaks is great - my kids play soccer there!				
200	48221	35	Catalpa	Accessible bathrooms and great play areas	Keep bathrooms open longer			
201	48072	36	Catalpa, Red	My kids play soccer with SOCS and love using both Catalpa Oaks and Red Oaks for games and practices! We live a few blocks away from Catalpa Oaks and use it all the time for soccer and just generally play time.	Playgrounds are great, and we love having open space so close so that we can run around, play sports, etc!			
202	48302	56	Catalpa	Soccer facilities for youth soccer	Doing good work there			
203	48072	53	Catalpa, Glen, Independence, Lyon, Red, Waterford	Opportunity to play sports and stay fit . Like the opportunity to play soccer in particular.	Soccer fields need improvement	Parking can sometimes be an issue ,		
204	48071	49	Addison, Independence, Red	Running/walking trails.	The addition of bathrooms and pickleball courts. I wish Oakland County had at least one indoor facility that would be open to all Oakland County residents for a fee that had indoor pickleball, basketball etc, to allow us to stay active in the winter. Perhaps two recreation centers one in southeast Oakland County and one in the northwest section.	Response to Q4: I wish Oakland County had at least one indoor facility that would be open to all Oakland County residents for a fee that had indoor pickleball, basketball etc, to allow us to stay active in the winter. Perhaps two recreation centers are in southeast Oakland County and one in the northwest. Also would like to see more courts for pickleball and basketball.	I think the draft master plan is on track for the existing parks.	

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205	48072	39	Catalpa, Independence, Red, Waterford	My child plays soccer for a nonprofit community based organization - dcfc south Oakland. We have a great need in the Berkley community for these facilities at catalpa oaks for our children and love having convenient access to these locations!	We would love to see improvements and more field use at catalpa oaks!			
206	48073	14	Catalpa	The air	Make the soccer feilds better	Improve the soccer feild conditions		
207	48076	34	Catalpa	The soccer fields - my daughter plays soccer for DCFC-South Oakland	Our community needs and wants soccer fields at catalpa and we would like to see more field improvements and use there.	Continue to improve landscaping and accessibility.		
208	48072	40	Catalpa				Both our kids play soccer at Catalpa Oaks, and the walking track & playground are great while they're at practice. Would be nice to have more shade though.	
209	48067	39	Catalpa, Red	Catalpa Oaks	Response to Q3: 1. My daughter plays for a community, non profit club - Dcfc South Oakland, my son plans to join next fall. 2. This community and parent and children needs well Maintained and safe soccer fields at catalpa oaks 3. Continuous improvement and availability of soccer field use at catalpa oaks Response to Q4: All of the above! Plus more outdoor tracks (ie Burton Park great example)			

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210	48072	58	Catalpa, Red	Love the soccer fields.	Have seating for parents to watch games.	N/A		
211	48072	52	Catalpa	My kid plays for a community, non profit club - Dcfc South Oakland.	This area / community wants/ needs soccer fields at catalpa.	I want to see more field improvements and field use at catalpa.		
212	48072	35	Catalpa, Red	Soccer fields	Maintain the 7v7 field better at catalpa oaks. More soccer fields for practicing.			
213	48070	49	Addison, Catalpa, Red	Dog parks, soccer fields	Maintain			
214	48070	44	Catalpa, Independence, Red, Waterford	soccer fields green spaces	keep soccer fields	As a whole, I would focus on programming, trails, and maintenance of pavilions.	Response to Q5: My children play soccer for SOCS. I feel like Red Oaks Soccer Complex and Catalpa Oaks soccer fields are critical to this program. Soccer has grown exponentially in Oakland County and in the entire country and to discontinue any of the maintenance at those facilities, would be a terrible management decision. Also, Catalpa Oaks serves a community of varying socio economic statuses that benefit from the County Parks services.	
215	48076	41	Catalpa	Catalpa Oaks soccer fields	Keep the soccer fields open and in good condition	More soccer fields		Keep and improve catalpa oaks soccer fields
216	48072	40	Catalpa	Soccer fields! Our children play with the nonprofit soccer club DCFC and we love having the soccer complex right here in our community.	Continued maintenance and improve of the soccer fields-grass irrigation, supporter seating, field lining, general maintenance			

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217	48072	47	Catalpa	My boys are part of the nonprofit DCFC South Oakland soccer teams and we love training and playing on the fields. It's really become our home away from home.	Field improvements like seeding, lines, and general upkeep are greatly appreciated.	We are in need of more soccer fields. As the sport has grown finding fields has become more and more difficult.		
218	48085	46	Addison, Catalpa					
219	48067	49	Catalpa, Independence, Orion, Red	Soccer Fields	Please upgrade the soccer fields at Catalpa.	Please upgrade the soccer fields at catalpa.	Have children playing for a community non profit soccer club. I order to continue this we need further soccer developments at catalpa.	See above
220	48025	47	Catalpa	The pavilion and soccer fields. My daughter plays for a non-profit soccer club and they use the fields for practice.	Improve soccer field conditions and maintenance. Maybe even add a synthetic turf field or fields. Add lights to fields so they can be used more often in spring and fall.	More frequent maintenance	Thank you for providing recreational activities for local families!	
221	48085	46	Addison, Catalpa	Catalpa: soccer fields and hiking trail. Addison: campground and trails. Normandy Oaks: splash pad and green space.	<p>Response to Q3: Catalpa: My children play for the nonprofit DCFC youth soccer. Properly maintained fields are essential for games and practice. Please invest in maintenance and upgrades. Perhaps invest in field turf for some of the fields to extend the safety, playing season and year round access to the space. Addison Oaks: continue to support family programs for the campground. Activities have fallen off in recent years. This is what differentiates the park from other campgrounds.</p> <p>Response to Q4: Continue programs that encourage residents to select a county park over other options.</p>			

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222	48072	45	Catalpa	Soccer fields	Response to Q3: Both my children play soccer for a community-based club (DCFC South Oakland) and Catalpa Oaks is an imperative component in their training. The soccer fields are crucial to their well-being and provide opportunities for physical activity. Please keep the fields in place and continue to put resources toward improving and maintaining them!			
223	48072	47	Catalpa	Playground, soccer fields, clean bathrooms. It is great to see people of all ages being active and taking advantage of this beautiful park.	Response to Q4: Keep as much space open, available and maintained for local sports organizations to use. My children play for a community nonprofit club DCFC South Oakland. This community needs more soccer fields, so we can practice and play without driving far.	We would like to see more improvement and field use at Catalpa.		
224	48072	43	Catalpa, Glen, Red	Golfing at Glen Oaks and Red Oaks. My kids play soccer with DCFC/SOCS and ROFC, and we love the fields and amenities at Catalpa Oaks and Red Oaks. Catalpa Oaks is a vital soccer park as the options for big pitches/spaces/fields are lacking in the SE Oakland county area. Please continue to support soccer at Catalpa Oaks! I personally also love the walking/running path around the park.	Keep golf at Red Oaks. Encourage walking at the Red Oaks nature center, or add walking paths to the soccer park, or allow walking on the paths thru the golf course. Support good, strong grass growth for the fields/pitches at Catalpa. Invest in the improvement and maintenance of the soccer fields at Catalpa Oaks!	Keep them accessible and listen to constituents -- thanks for asking for feedback and I hope you are able to use it		

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225	48072	36	Addison, Catalpa, Groveland, Red	The park and the soccer fields	Keep maintaining the fields and areas where the kids can run and play	Have more pavilion options to rent for birthday parties	We pay a lot of money in Oakland county for parks and we would like to see them kept nice for the community	
226	48070	39	Catalpa, Glen, Red	Enjoy golfing at the various parks and for my children to be able to play soccer at Catalpa Oaks	Continue to support local soccer organizations and provide facilities for the youth soccer activities.			
227	48237	33	Catalpa, Red	The lush green grass and ample room to run and play!	Keep the soccer fields grass healthy.	Keep the grass healthy.		Please make sure the grass at Catalpa Oaks is maintained for soccer practices and games!
228	48072	54	Catalpa, Glen, Lyon, Red, Springfield	Catalpa Oaks	Update and improve the soccer fields	Support local sports organizations for kids		
229	48070	53	Catalpa	Catalpa Oaks is our favorite park. My kids are involved in SOCS/DCFC. We have practice and games there. We also go there to kick the soccer ball around. Often I will walk the track during practice.	More soccer fields	More soccer fields		
230	48237	52	Addison, Catalpa, Independence	The green space				
231	48072	40	Catalpa, Red	Response to Q2: Soccer fields are great at catalpa oaks. Love the playground, pavilion and restrooms too. Red oaks trails & nature center are great				
232	48070	47	Catalpa	Soccer fields	Improve soccer fields			

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233	48070	47	Catalpa	Soccer fields	Improve soccer fields		My son is part of DCFC and it is so great that he has Catalpa to train please continue to improve the fields. This is so beneficial to the youth to have this park. Thank	
234	48301	44	Catalpa, Red	My 10 yo son plays for DCFC South Oakland soccer team. Use the fields frequently a Catalpa Oaks and they are crucial to his continued development as a soccer goalie.	Please continue to maintain and improve your soccer fields around your parks, especially at the catalpa fields			
235	48070	47	Catalpa, Red	Catalpa soccer fields and Red Oaks Golf Course	Keep the golf open			
236	48025	46	Catalpa, Independence, Red	We frequently visit Catalpa Oaks in conjunction with soccer events. I played soccer at these fields more than 20 years ago and was surprised to see the improvements made to the park when we began attending soccer events several years ago. I was very impressed with the playground and bathroom improvements.	We are fortunate to have so many amazing parks within Oakland County. While many are located in northern Oakland County where there is more open space, I think it is important to maintain the smaller parks that are located in the more densely populated southern portion of the county.		Response to Q5: My children play soccer for the community-based, non-profit club, DCFC-South Oakland. They often play and practice at the fields located at Catalpa Oaks. I understand that the plan is to re-purpose the baseball fields into basketball and pickle ball courts. It was noted that these fields are rarely used. I think this would add value to the parks. The soccer fields should remain and they are used by a number of teams, including adult soccer leagues.	

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237	48072		Catalpa	Soccer fields, Park & Pavillion facilities	Maintain the fields for use for the SOCS soccer program. Widen the walking path and potentially add a rollerblading/bike lane in it. But also make the park more barrier-free for access and use for those with special needs. Add park features for larger kids or even a community splash pad similar to the one at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills.	Continue landscaping and maintenance of the park to keep it clean, safe and welcoming to all.		
238	48322		Catalpa	Soccer fields	Keep them maintained	Keep open for community enjoyment	#DCFC SOCS U17 Boys	
239	48070	43	Catalpa	Walking track				
240	48073	52	Catalpa	Soccer fields	Keep the soccer fields			
241	48067	41	Catalpa	Soccer fields, playground, walking paths 1. Your kid plays for a community, non profit club - Dcfc South Oakland 2.This area / community wants/ needs soccer fields at catalpa.... 3.want to see more field improvements and field use at catalpa...	Soccer field improvement and field use	Bathrooms		

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242	48072	41	Catalpa, Independence, Red, Waterford	Soccer fields	Keep up the soccer fields	Keep up the soccer fields	My son plays soccer for a non-profit club team (DCFC) and the soccer fields are very important to our family. Especially CATALPA, as this is close to not only our home but many of the families who play for DCFC.	Please keep and maintain the soccer fields at CATALPA
243	48336	52	Catalpa, Glen, Waterford	Catalog Oaks park	Tender the soccer fields	I love the good job you do to the soccer fields. Keep it up		
244	48072	45	Catalpa, Springfield	Soccer fields. Bathrooms.	Keep them available to us!	Keep funding the parks.	We are a SOCS family that uses the soccer fields at Catalpa Oaks.	
245	48025	44	Catalpa	Soccer facilities	Continue to provide and create exceptional soccer fields.			Please continue to provide the soccer fields. It is helping to create and build a truly community based soccer program that is unmatched
246	48030	36	Catalpa	The trail and playing on the fields	Improve the fields please			No
247	48072	40	Catalpa	The soccer fields at Catalpa Oaks	Improve the conditions of fields at Catalpa oaks to avoid injuries	Keep supporting local sports organizations	Keep soccer fields available at Catalpa Oaks for DCFC and affiliates	
248	48070	47	Catalpa, Red	The soccer fields and playgrounds are our favorite parts of the parks.			Response to Q6: Please continue to support outdoor play spaces and gather spaces for our community. Please commit to soccer fields, ball fields, playgrounds, and basketball courts.	
249	48070	44	Addison, Catalpa, Red	Soccer fields at Catalpa Oaks.	More soccer fields and better upkeep of the fields			

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250	48073	47	Addison, Catalpa, Waterford	Catalpa oaks	My kids plays for a community, non profit club - Dcfc South Oakland This area & community wants/ needs soccer fields at catalpa.... We wantto see more field improvements and field use at catalpa...			
251	48073	59	Catalpa	Soccer fields	Improve the quality of the fields	Clean up the litter	Catalpa Oaks needs to be redesigned.	No
252	48307	42	Catalpa	My kids play for a community non profit club Dcfc south Oakland	This area need soccer fields at catalpa ...	We want to see more field improvement and field use at catalpa...		
253	48025	45	Catalpa	Our favorite part of Catalpa Oaks are the soccer fields. My children play for DCFC non profit soccer there. I have played for years Stay and Play adult soccer. (20 years). The kids play set is nice too. For the youngest kids to play.	Please continue to improve and add more soccer fields. Keep grass safe and in nice condition.	Add more soccer fields. Keep kid play structures up to date.		Invest in catalpa oaks.
254	48070	14	Catalpa, Red	Soccer fields	Better grass better goals			
255	48331	41	Catalpa, Glen	Soccer fields	Add .our and maintain them	More opportunities for local soccer		
256	48331	41	Catalpa	Soccer Fields	Soccer Fields	Better soccer fields at Catalpa	My son plays for a non-profit soccer club, DCFC, and we need more and adequate soccer fields to play locally	Focus more on Catapla park soccer

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257	48072	46	Catalpa, Red	<p>Response to Q2: My favorite parts of the parks are the greenspace dedicated to youth team sports, specifically soccer, with additional supporting resources such as playgrounds, pavilions and concessions that help make soccer games a complete family experience.</p> <p>Response to Q3: Continue to dedicate greenspace to team sports including soccer, particularly at Catalpa Oaks. There is a general shortage of quality soccer facilities in the area compared to the large number of youth soccer programs and thousands of kids playing soccer. While 2 of the fields at Catalpa Oaks were recently renovated and those renovations are appreciated, more improvements are needed. the renovated fields are not maintained correctly so the county is not maximizing its investment. The other fields need improvements and maintenance going forward. If the funds and staff aren't available to improve and maintain these necessary sports facilities the County should partner with willing sports organizations that do have and are willing to contribute the resources to improve the quality of the facilities. In addition to improvements and regular maintenance the fields also need to be managed (scheduled and rested) adequately to ensure they are in the best condition for their users. Local youth sports organizations have the expertise to partner with the County to support this.</p> <p>Response to Q4: There are not enough sports fields, mainly soccer fields in Southern Oakland County. There are many thousands of children in the area playing soccer for dozens of sports organizations and they are having to leave the county in some cases to find viable fields.</p> <p>Response to Q5: I am a parent of 3 children who play multiple sports. They play soccer for DCFC Youth South Oakland and South Oakland County Soccer (SOCS), a Community Non-Profit youth sports organization. Catalpa Oaks is a necessary home field for 1,300+ kids playing for this organization and the only facility of its kind with multiple large soccer fields in the area. Without the use of Catalpa Oaks the club likely wouldn't survive. There are plenty of baseball fields in the vicinity but nowhere near enough good soccer fields compared to the demand. Please partner with organizations like this who are offering to help improve and maintain this necessary community resource that is depended on by so many families to be able to play soccer. Continued improvement and use of Catalpa Oaks as a central soccer facility is critical.</p> <p>Response to Q6: At a minimum the current number and location of soccer fields must be maintained. We cannot afford to lose soccer fields to other uses. Ideally more soccer fields would be added as the largest and most played sport in the world continues to grow and that growth is felt in Oakland County.</p>					
258	48070	48	Catalpa, Red	Catalpa Oaks is great for soccer and lacrosse.					Please keep Catalpa Oaks open.

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259	48073	43	Catalpa	I love the soccer fields at catalpa oaks. My kid plays for DCFC and these fields are super nice to have in the area. There are not enough soccer fields in our area so these are super helpful to have in our area.	It would be really cool to remove the baseball fields at catalpa oak and put in more soccer fields. It would also be great if they could add a turf field so there would be less maintenance.	I am partial but there is a great need for an indoor soccer complex in our area. I know this would be a big expense but with so many travel clubs in our area it could potentially be a nice money maker for the county and be a showplace for soccer games and tournaments in southeast Michigan.	Catalpa oaks is a great park that we use on a regular basis for our family. It is a really nice park.	Like I mentioned before, having a new indoor sports complex that could be used year round would be a dream for this area. With so many kids in year round travel sports this facility could be booked morning till night with all the travel clubs. Since ultimate closed there are not too many options for indoor facilities in our area aside from total sports and the Oakland university dome. With the weather in Michigan, this is something that is needed in our area.
260	48301	16	Catalpa	Catalpa oaks	Improve the grass on the fields	Improve grass	Many non-profit youth teams such as DCFC use these fields	
261	48237	40	Addison, Catalpa, Red	We visit Catalpa Oaks most often. My son is part of the DCFC travel soccer league, and he plays and practices there often. We love watching him play there. We also appreciate the path surrounding the park.	We'd love to see improvements to the soccer fields.	Open restrooms would be appreciated. Even accessible Porta potties.		

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262	48072	47	Catalpa	The proximity and how active they are. They are well maintained and a nice relief from the everyday urban environment. Love the kids who utilize the soccer fields	Keep the soccer fields maintained as they support our kids and activities	Keeping them available and please try and add additional fields as it seems hard at times to secure locations for our kids to play sports		
263	48071	33	Catalpa, Red	Soccer, nature, play structure	continue to support and maintain the soccer fields located at Catalpa Oaks Park and red oak. Thank you!			
264	48334	43	Catalpa, Glen, Red	Red Oaks Parks has phenomenal soccer fields that my daughter socs team plays on. At Catalpa Parks, my daughters soccer team practices on these fields weekly and plays on the playground. I go play golf all summer at Glen Oaks Parks. Love the golf course!	I believe all of your parks that I have been to are very well kept, the bathrooms work and are clean and they are a safe environment for my kid to play on or practice at.	I believe my interaction with the system in place has been wonderful.	No additional comments, other than to thank all of the parks and recreation team for maintaining such wonderful parks.	None
265	48025	42	Catalpa	Soccer fields offer chances to play a sport we like (whole family). I also appreciated the bathroom facility.	Continue to upgrade the fields through maintenance, drainage plans, possibly re-sodding.			
266	48073	48	Catalpa	Availability of soccer fields for my son to play for the non profit DCFC South Oakland.	Provide soccer field improvements and increase soccer field use at Catalpa Oaks.	Continue to provide additional soccer fields for youth teams.	Response to Q6: Increase the number and quality of the soccer fields for youth soccer. The sport is growing at a huge rate in the area and the children should have access to quality fields.	

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267	48025	45	Catalpa, Red	Playground equipment, public washroom amenities and soccer fields.	Add splash pads	Continue to promote and/or market the parks within local community groups. Maintain soccer fields as part of the park program, interest in youth soccer continues to grow and field access is a must.	None	None
268	48070	46	Catalpa	Your kid plays for a community, non profit club - Dcfc South Oakland		To see more soccer field improvements and field use at Catalpa. Our kids play for DCFC South Oakland club and this area needs soccer fields at Catalpa		To see more soccer field improvements and field use at Catalpa. Our kids play for DCFC South Oakland club and this area needs soccer fields at Catalpa
269	48025	42	Catalpa	The practice soccer fields are amazing. Our DCFC team practices there.	The park is great. I do walk the track when the boys practice soccer for South Oakland DCFC. I would like the path to be paved. Also improvements to the soccer fields would be great	Please keep the DCFC South Oakland boys there for practices. The field is so convenient for the Oakland county families	Love the playscape there!	
270	48025	41	Addison, Catalpa, Red	Soccer fields for our kids to play on		Keep them open for Public to use	Don't close any parks especially Catalpa Oaks and Red Oak	
271	48070	43	Catalpa	Awesome soccer fields, play ground and track	Nothing they are great!		Please keep the soccer fields. They are the nicest around here and we really enjoy them!	

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272	48072	44	Catalpa	My kid plays for a community, non profit soccer club - DCFC South Oakland. This area/our club is in desperate need of high quality soccer fields like Catalpa Oaks. We love going to the park and seeing all the fields open, in great condition and being used! The playground and pavillion including rest rooms are very nice too.	The fields at Catalpa Oaks seem to have turf and/or drainage issues every time we have visited. Please keep improving the drainage system and field conditions as we have seem many kids slip, fall, twist an ankle, etc because of subpar field conditions. Thank you.	Keeping the parks clean with accessible, clean bathrooms would be fantastic.		
273	48073	38	Catalpa, Red	soccer fields	continue to upkeep and improve			
274	48386	32	I have not visited an Oakland County Park			Response to Q4: Please add more play areas for children. It would be nice for each park to have something for kids of all ages. Hess Hathaway is an amazing park and I would love to see Oakland County replicate something similar. Also, I would like the website to list the different playgrounds (if there are any currently or in the future) under the Recreation tab.		
275	48070	39	Catalpa	My kid plays for a community non-profit club soccer team - DCFC - and we love when our practices and games are scheduled at Catalpa. It is convenient, has a lot of parking, safe, and provides fun for kids all ages. I also love the track around the park.	I would love to see more soccer field use at Catalpa. My son's age group is not playing at Catalpa this season and we were all bummed. Would love to see field improvements and usage!		We love Catalpa Oaks and hope to be using their soccer fields soon!!	

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276	48237	39	Catalpa	The soccer fields with bathroom facilities nearby!	Keep soccer fields available for DCFC south Oakland and SOCS			
278	48070	52	Catalpa	I like that my boys have soccer practice at Catalpa Oaks and I can exercise during the same time by walking the track	Catalpa Oaks is great in that it provides a place for the South Oakland community to practice soccer	Please keep Catalpa Oaks for soccer. There are a lot of kids from adjacent communities such as Huntington Woods, Oak Park, Berkeley, and Birmingham that play soccer at Catalpa Oaks		Please keep Catalpa Oaks for soccer...it is very important to our community!
279	48071	40	Catalpa		My kids play for a non profit soccer club dcfc and would like to see some field improvements	Just keep them up to date as possible		
280	48072		Catalpa	Soccer fields - Watching my child play soccer for DCFC South Oakland	Improve and maintain soccer fields			
281	48072	43	Catalpa, Glen, Red	<p>Response to Q2: The team sport field space of these parks is its highest value, at Catalpa Oaks and otherwise, in the Southeast Oakland County.</p> <p>Response to Q3: Maintaining these parks as safe places for people of all ages to gather and play team sports (soccer, lacrosse, football, baseball, kickball, frisbee football, etc.) are vitally important. Ensuring the fields are free of divots and turf that is well established are essential to youth and adult exercise activities. Lighting would provide another level of service and safety for the users of the parks, allowing more people to use the space for their individual and group activities.</p> <p>Response to Q4: The Park System should recognize the unique needs of the various locales in which the park space is available, and work with local partners to determine the best use of space.</p> <p>Response to Q5: Catalpa Oaks is an essential fixture of the SE Oakland County as a team sport facility for soccer, lacrosse, and kickball. I have even seen traveling exhibition soccer teams train at the facility due to its open space and facilities. As part of the densely populated SE Oakland County, the area residents need open space to support the healthy activity in Southfield, Berkley, and Oak Park. The fields have been well maintained through partnership with local groups like SOCS/DCFC South Oakland, who bring the attention of thousands of residents to the park, who also promote a culture of good stewardship and community, and who actively work to promote the shared use of the park for all.</p>				

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				#281 Response to Q6: Parking for Catalpa Oaks needs to be improved in connection with improvements to the Oakland County Health Department parking in order to improve accessibility for all. There is opportunity to expand the Park offerings as stated in the draft, and reduce costs through grounds improvements and reallocation. Baseball fields go unused, I am told, due to their lack of lighting. While lighting would improve the usage of all team sport fields, if lighting is not possible then baseball fields should be converted to the pitched field style that can be used for multiple other sports (soccer, lacrosse, football, yoga, etc.) that are not as restricted by this need. Concessions are not a sustainable model for a OCPR building, however food trucks are popular in the area and could be permitted to operate through permitted use of electrical power (no generators allowed due to noise, requiring licensed/rented use of power hookup). Any implementation of pickleball or tennis courts could include an opportunity to install a covering dome for indoor winter activity (as implemented near the Royal Oak High School. Paved and topped tennis areas degrade in winter, and are often unused when lighting is not provided. A dome would allow for rental space, and other revenue generation.				
282	48025	49	Catalpa	Soccer fields	Work on soccer fields			
283	48072	42	Catalpa, Red	The soccer fields				
284	48070	39	Addison, Catalpa, Red	Soccer Fields	Soccer fields	Soccer fields		
285	48072	42	Catalpa, Red	Playing soccer on the fields at Catalpa Oak has been a meaningful park of my children's activities and to my family. The playground has been great and we enjoy having a place to sled. We've enjoyed the trails and picnic areas at Red Oaks. There are not many places in the suburbs to feel like we are in a nature.	Keeping family/child oriented spaces for sports, playing, and being in nature would have the greatest impact. The Parklands of Floyd's Fork in Kentucky has been an amazing model for the balance of these.	Preserving nature so it can be accessed from spaces without much opportunity to do so.		
286	48073	48	Catalpa	Soccer fields!	Well-maintained soccer fields!	Keep our sports fields well-maintained and accessible. Put the kids first. You're doing great!		

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287	4873	57	Catalpa, Glen, Red	The soccer fields at Catalpa Park, my daughter’s team practices there. Red Oaks Golf, my daughter’s high school team uses it as their home course. I also play there a lot. Nice, affordable course.	Please continue to maintain the soccer fields as well as the golf course.	Keeping all of the parks and golf courses is vital to our community.	Thank you.	
288	48237	38	Catalpa	My son plays for a local soccer club (DCFC), being able to bring my other kids along at practice and have them walk the track with me or play on the playground is amazing. Other fields around do not have this kind of convenience.	Keep improving the soccer fields	Making sure there are adequate numbers of soccer fields available and having play structures for siblings in close proximity.		
289	48067	51	Catalpa	I love the track at catalpa oaks and we use the soccer fields	We appreciate the well maintained soccer fields			Maintain & expand the soccer fields at Catalpa Oaks
280	48220	16	Catalpa	Close to home, safe environment, love the soccer fields and path to walk on.	Response to Q3: More soccer fields would be great! Soccer is a growing in youth sports and in all the communities around Oakland county. There is not always room to practice at the parks. When walking the path at catalpa oaks, it would be great to see even more soccer fields and children participating in something healthy for their body in a safe environment. Response to Q4: Make the soccer fields top notch! Add more fields and make the parks a place where the community gathers to celebrate young athletes Response to Q5: My daughter has played sports for many clubs. We have found a home with DCFC and love training at catalpa oaks. It would be great to see more fields there.			

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281	48070	49	Catalpa	Catalpa Oaks has a great trail and soccer area	Keep them clean Keep up the maintenance on the grass for soccer	Have more community events at the parks		
282	48067	51	Catalpa	The soccer fields at catalpa oaks are integral to my daughter's soccer team.	Keep them dedicated to the sport of soccer which is growing in this community. We need safe places where kids can go and safely play and learn team sports and all the life skills that go we being on a team.			
283	48071	50	Catalpa, Red	My dog loves the dog run at red oaks, and my daughter plays for DCFC South Oakland, a not-for-profit soccer team at catalpa Oaks	Catalpa Oaks definitely needs a facelift for soccer! Keeping children, active, moving their bodies, and involved in sports is very important especially in a time where 1/3 of our kids are obese. They need to have the proper fields (no holes, grass mowed) so that they can play!	Make sure the fields at Catalpa Oaks are soccer ready!! Oakland County kids should be able to play sports with NO FIELD ISSUES!	We support the parks every year by purchasing a pass. We enjoyed spending time at the park with her dog and utilizing the water park, too.	
284	48328	65	Addison, Independence	<p>Response to Q2: I love the fact that you take care of natural resources while providing quality recreation options for people.</p> <p>Response to Q3: Hire the staff needed to maintain what you have -- don't expand unless there is a plan for maintaining new acquisitions.</p> <p>Response to Q4: Staff the parks adequately so that excellent quality can be maintained.</p> <p>Response to Q5: I'm concerned about the acquisition of new local parks. Oakland County Parks has always filled a need that local parks cannot, with larger open spaces and not duplicating local parks and recreation options/locations. To take over individual city parks seems illogical and unwise. Will you hire more staff to manage these parks? If not, the quality of service and management of the Oakland County Parks as well as the "new" parks will suffer. Oakland County Parks have always been leaders in excellent parks</p>				

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				<p>#284 Response to Q5, continued: and customer service. I would hate to see that change with the addition of new local parks, unless adequate staff and resources are allocated to manage them. Have a plan before making changes!</p> <p>Response to Q6: The plan looks good. I reiterate about making sure adequate resources are available before acquiring new parks. I would think that allocating monies to make sure all the Oakland County Parks needs are taken care of FIRST before acquiring new parks, should be the priority.</p>				
285	48072	43	Catalpa, Red, Waterford	Water parks Soccer fields Walking trails	Soccer field improvements for local games and for DCFC. They are truly working hard to support our community and young athletes.	Family friendly Soppier sports		
286	48070	53	Catalpa, Independence	Catalpa is a wonderful park for our soccer teams and also offers a great walking route and outdoor space to rent for events.	Keep Catalpa a soccer park. There are so few quality place is south Oakland county for one of the most popular youth sports in the country.			
287	48070	53	Catalpa	Easy to park and practice, watch games, park and bathrooms and covered area!				
288	48072	46	Catalpa, Glen, Red		Please do what you can to improve the soccer conditions at Catalpa Oaks. My son plays for SOCS we had too go elsewhere when Catalpa is so convenient.			
289	48070	40	Catalpa	Soccer at Catalpa Oaks	Please keep the soccer fields are Catalpa Oaks and prioritize their drainage and maintenance			

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290	48070	50	Catalpa					
291	48070	47	Catalpa	Convenient location for community, non-profit club soccer - DCFC south Oakland.	This community needs convenient soccer field locations. There is very limited nearby locations for kids to play. We need to see overall field improvement. Fields were unusable for a significant amount of time due to issues and maintenance needed.			
292	48025	46	Catalpa	soccer fields	please keep improving the soccer fields	please keep the soccer fields	my kids play for detroit city football club south oakland & our family values being able to use catalpa oaks park for our childrens activities.	please keep the soccer fields thank you
293	48071	35	Catalpa	The soccer fields	Keep the soccer fields great!			
294	48076	46	Catalpa	Catalpa Oaks	We would like to see adequate soccer fields. Like surface leveling is a must. DCFC South Oakland is an outstanding non profit soccer club ans parents are happy with the program. Further improvements are needed for the soccer fields.	Address the soccer field quality. Traveling outside Michigan, we can tell the difference for a better maintained County Parks. We, Michigan, are still below other states standards on this aspect.	There are volunteers in the community who will love to help in creating a better park, so the county shall reach out to community and use the free help that are at their disposal.	Improve the soccer field conditions at Catalpa Oaks.

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295	48073	45	Catalpa, Red, Waterford	My daughter plays soccer and having Catalpa Oaks so near for practice has been great as she plays for a not for profit club in the community. My children also enjoyed other county parks while at the Salvation Army's summer day camp in Royal Oak. All the parks are and important part of our community.	More investments in soccer fields is important as the sport continues to grow in popularity.	Continue to invest and make upgrades. They all have unique features and should continue to be enhanced.				
296	48067	46	Catalpa	<p>Response to Q2: Catalpa Oaks Park is a safe and welcoming place for kids to play at, families to gather at, and the community to enjoy as children learn, grow, and benefit from being involved in team competitive sports. Catalpa Oaks is our main park and we are there multiple times every week. My daughter is 11. She plays for DCFC South Oakland, a community, non profit soccer club. She loves her soccer club, her team & coaches, and this experience with club soccer has helped her be a more confident, active, and happy young lady.</p> <p>Response to Q3: We, the community, as parents and as people, want to see more field improvements and continued field use at Catalpa Oaks Park. Ensuring further improvements to community soccer fields, like Catalpa Oaks Park, secures a place for children of all ages to continue to have a safe and local outdoor practice and game location where they and their families can interact as a community. We ask that Catalpa Oaks Park be a priority for the 5 Year Plan that Oakland County Parks is planning. Please continue to to support soccer fields , enhanced use of fields for soccer, and improvements of the fields at Catalpa Oaks Park.</p> <p>Response to Q4: The surrounding area community wants and needs the soccer fields in all of our parks to be cared for properly and maintained so they continue to be a place that children can depend on. This is very true of our favorite park Catalpa Oaks Park!</p> <p>Response to Q5: Thank you kindly for your consideration and time.</p> <p>Response to Q6: We ask that Catalpa Oaks Park be a priority for the 5 Year Plan that Oakland County Parks is planning. Thank you!!</p>						
297	48072	48	Catalpa, Red	Soccer feild	Soccer field					

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298	48972	42	Catalpa	The soccer fields, playground and walking track	Keep up the soccer field better			
299	48072	42	Catalpa, Red	My child plays soccer with DCFC South Oakland, a community-based non-profit club. I appreciate the fields that are available at Catalpa Oaks. In a suburban area like ours there is a shortage of open spaces that are available and appropriate for soccer, like these.	I'd like to see further field improvements and field use at Catalpa Oaks. This is the ideal place for our local clubs to play and be based from.			
300	48072	40	Catalpa	All 4 of our kids are involved in the DCFC/SOCS soccer program. It's amazing to have the beautiful fields at catalpa oaks available to us and in our backyard (Berkley family). We also get good use of the pavilion, bathrooms and playground while at soccer games. We'd love to see continued use by our club here!	Keep soccer as a primary use!		Catalpa oaks is a beautiful park we'd love to continue to use for our children and their soccer program.	
301	48982	41	Catalpa	I love the field conditions, the amenities and the proximity to my home and community.	I'd love to be able to have soccer practice at Catalpa Oaks.			

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302	48302	45	Catalpa, Independence, Orion	The soccer fields	My kids have played soccer at catalpa for years and are a part of not for profit soccer club. Investment in the soccer fields ensures active and healthy kids in Oakland county.	Continued investment and improvement in the soccer fields		
303	48072	38	Catalpa, Red	Catalpa Oaks	Catalpa Oaks is great! Love the walking path. I walk while my kids play or are at practices there. It's a great place for soccer practices.	Please keep maintaining the soccer and baseball fields. It's such a great location for these activities. This area needs soccer fields as there are very few in Berkley.		
304	48073	42	Catalpa	The vast amounts of soccer fields				
305	48309	34	Orion	Dog park at Orion oaks, the best!	Orion oaks - dog agility area.	Pave the parking lots.	Love Oakland county parks.	N/a
306	48070	45	Catalpa	The soccer fields and cool new playground. My son plays for non profit DCFC soccer club and they use these fields.	Continue to keep up the fields and make them available for organizations such as DCFC.	Please keep/make soccer fields available at as many parks as possible. This is important for community engagement for kids through adults in a great team building sport that is accessible to all people who have a ball.		
307	48070	51	Catalpa, Red	Soccer fields	Red oaks needs work done on the fields			

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308	48072	46	Catalpa	The soccer fields, pavilion and rest rooms	Keep adding upgrades each year. The outdoor space is great for the kids.		Part of the South Oakland DCFC family	
309	48069	17	I have not visited an Oakland County Park					
310	48084	45	Catalpa	Soccer and baseball fields	Continue on maintaining the fields	Encourage kids to play in the fields, arrange/organize soccer tournaments	My son plays soccer with SOCS	
311	48220	39	Catalpa	Catalpa oaks				
312	48073	40	Catalpa	The soccer fields and track	Keep the parks			
313	48072	41	Catalpa	Soccer fields. My son plays for DCFC soccer team and we use these fields.	Improve the soccer fields by adding drainage.			
314	48009	45	Catalpa, Red, Waterford	Catalpa	Continue to maintain and improve Catalpa soccer fields. Our son plays DCFC soccer there and we also spend time there as a family.		Please continue to support soccer fields at Catalpa.	Please continue to support soccer fields at Catalpa.
315	48085	48	Catalpa	Soccer fields	Keep them open for play	Keep them open for soccer play please! Such an important part of our community		
316	48075	50	Catalpa, Red, Waterford	Soccer, Water parks, playgrounds SOCS soccer	Improve bathrooms			

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317	48072	38	Addison, Catalpa, Red	<p>Response to Q2: Trails for walking my dog or just alone. I like open fields for my kids to play soccer and I can fly my small drones</p> <p>Response to Q3: Unfortunately many dog walkers are failing to pick up after their dogs despite bags and garbage available. Enforcement of this rule is needed. Please do not ban dogs entirely, these dogs and owners still need the exercise.</p> <p>Response to Q4: Drones are becoming more popular and I would like more clear rules on the use of open spaces.</p> <p>Response to Q5: For future park plans I would ask to please stop making more sport fields. Yes they get used but it is only for part of the year and even then only during weekends and after hours. I walk catalpa oaks all the time and I see these big fields NOT being used all the time. Small forests with trails can be used all year long by any and all people for example. Playgrounds need to be bigger. Kids get bored with small ones quickly. Many parks are using natural elements like wood logs to create more play opportunities without spending a lot of money on the official equipment. The pricing to rent spaces is high. This is causing them to be not used or used without paying. It's cheaper for me to have my kids birthday party at an actual place with video games, go karts, or bouncy places than your shelters. I wanted to have a party at the catalpa oaks shelter but it was cheaper to have a video game truck pull right up to my house.</p>				
318	48220	44	Catalpa, Red	Ample parking and soccer fields.			Catalpa Oaks serves as a great home base for SOCS and Detroit City FC.	
319	48072	33	Catalpa	The soccer fields, play structure, and walking path at Catalpa oaks.				
320	48072	36	Catalpa	My son plays for a community non-profit soccer club (DCFC).	Improve the soccer fields.		The community wants and needs soccer fields at catalpa oaks.	
321	48072	51	Catalpa, Red, Rose	Soccer fields and walking path Nice bathrooms				
322	48072	36	Catalpa, Red	The soccer fields at catalpa oaks and the sledding hill in the winter	Improve parking	More playgrounds, stroller friendly paths, link the parks together with bike paths	You're doing great!	
323	48073	44	Catalpa	The soccer fields so my son can have practice!	Maybe invest in a turf field for park but DEFINITELY keep soccer fields at Catalpa!!!!			

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324	48072	32	Addison, Catalpa, Red					
325	48083	52	Catalpa	Favorite part is the access to the soccer fields. I am a coach and having that green space to practice is awesome for the community				
326	48237	41	Catalpa	The Soccer Fields! My child plays soccer for DCFC South Oakland and we love going to the park to watch him play!	We love the park as it is!	No suggestions currently.	No further comments.	Keep the soccer fields at Catalpa Oaks!
327	48237	46	Catalpa	Catalpa Oaks			Response to Q5: My son plays for DCFC South Oakland at Catalpa Oaks. Bathrooms are always clean and the play structures are fun and safe. Have also utilized the pavilion, which was great.	
328	48072	47	Catalpa	Soccer fields at Catalpa Oaks	More soccer fields. Open restrooms longer.	Add soccer fields	My son plays for DCFC and we love having fields close to home.	
329	48070	44	Catalpa, Independence, Red	Dog park Soccer fields Playgrounds Trails for walking	More designated dog parks	More trees and trails	More cross country ski trails and rentals	Please, keep catalpa oaks soccer fields supported and updated! It's very important for kids playing soccer in the community
330	48067	54	Catalpa, Red				Response to Q5: My daughter plays for DCFC South Oakland Soccer Club. The soccer fields are very important to us and the DCFC South Oakland community and would like to see improvements to the fields.	

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331	48067	54	Addison, Catalpa, Independence, Orion, Red	The quiet and tranquility. Also the recreational opportunities	Please maintain the soccer fields at Catalpa Oak Park. My kids play at DCFC and love playing there.			
332	48067	50	Catalpa				Our daughter plays soccer for DCSF South Oakland soccer club. The soccer fields at Catalpa Oaks are very important to us and our daughter.	
333	48067	50	Catalpa	My son plays soccer. The location of the park the set up of the park and the walking track to exercise while he plays	Keep the fields up this sport is a growing passion for kids.			
334	48070	43	Catalpa, Red	The open field and walking path	Improve paths and potholes in grass			
335	48220	44	Catalpa	Catalpa Oaks	Response to Q5: My children play soccer with SOCS and utilize the soccer fields @ Catalpa Oaks regularly. It's wonderful to have such a well-maintained park that is always bustling with kids practicing soccer or having games. I've even seen adult groups doing the same and people playing lacrosse. It's so nice to have a place that so many can come together and play organized sports at all of the available fields at Catalpa Oaks!!			
336	48072	53	Catalpa	My daughter plays soccer for DCFC and I love watching her at Catalpa Oaks.	Continue to maintain soccer fields. Maybe pave the parking area?	Nothing I can think of offhand.	No.	
337	48070	54	Catalpa	Soccer fields for training / games for DCFC. End of year team events.	Better regular grass cutting for soccer & baseball fields.			To continue to develop the fields for the local soccer & baseball teams.
338	48085	73	Catalpa, Highland, Red	Response to Q2: Catalpa has good seating under a shelter. Leo, the groundskeeper, does a wonderful job. He works hard and is proud of the park. The restrooms are clean and safe. The visitors have been friendly and the soccer fields are some of the best in the county.				

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339	48323	43	Catalpa	The open fields, track, accessibility	More and better soccer fields. My son plays for the DCFC South Oakland affiliate program and used to have training at Catalpa Oaks, but had to move this year because there weren't enough fields and the ones that were there weren't in good enough condition for games. So our home field had/has to be elsewhere in Madison Heights.	Paved parking area. Better maintained athletic fields.	We love Catalpa Oaks, just wish for some simple improvements that would allow our team to go back there to practice.	See previous comments.
340	48072	50	Catalpa	Soccer fields! Nice restrooms and playground /pavilion area	More soccer fields Better drainage	Not sure	My child plays soccer for DCFC south Oakland and there are not enough available fields for the teams in the area. This space is viral for that	
341	48237	50	Catalpa, Groveland				My son plays soccer for DCFC and we very much appreciate the fields at Catalpa Oaks.	
342	48070	42	Catalpa, Red	Response to Q2: Soccer fields Walking track Playground Restrooms that are open and clean Response to Q3: Keep restrooms open/clean Keep up the maintenance. These fields are important to our community. We need more soccer fields and important to keep these maintained. Keeping them mowed and bathrooms open is very important for our kids to practice and siblings to play on the play structure and everyone to play together or have reunions/gatherings in the pavilion. It's a great space that brings together a great cross section of people.				Diverse group of people

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				<p>#342 Response to Q4, continued: More soccer fields would be great! Seem to have a disproportionate amount of baseball fields... as plans are made for updates, great to make changes as our kids are enjoying the popularity of different sports. Keeping bathrooms clean and open is great for our community.</p> <p>Response to Q5: We appreciate the work to have great, safe gathering spaces in our communities. Thank you for investing in our communities in a way that is so positive for every age group and demographic</p>				
343	48237	39	Addison, Catalpa, Glen, Independence, Red, Waterford	Enjoy all of them				
344	48070	39	Catalpa	Green grass for soccer!	Continue to invest to allow soccer playing! Kids were suffering during Covid without sports and now can play again! Team sports are great for so many reasons, including reducing. Symptoms of adhd in some kids. Please prioritize the green space for soccer!		My child plays for SOCS	Please prioritize catalpa oaks green space.
345	48076	53	Catalpa	soccer fields & walking path				
346	48070	54	Catalpa	Green space	Evening lighting			No
347	48335	38	Catalpa	Nice soccer fields, beautiful park and family picnic area.				
348	48070	40	Catalpa	Great soccer fields, walking track and clean and open rest room Great covered sitting area by the playground- makes it appropriate for all ages.	Keep them well maintained. Bathrooms clean and open. Fields mowed.	Would be great to have more soccer fields! Kids play for SOCS and DCFC and our community could use more soccer fields.		

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349	48069	40	Catalpa	Soccer field, from a member of DCFC South Oakland				
350	48237	40	Catalpa, Red	Catalpa Oaks Soccer Fields (our children play for SOCS) and Catalpa Oaks) Running Path (our Youth Running Club uses it).	Maintain the Soccer Fields			
351	48072	50	Catalpa	My child plays soccer with DCFC.	We really need that park to be kept maintained for our kids to play soccer.		Please continue to support and maintain the soccer fields.	
352	48072	45	Catalpa, Independence, Red	Bike trails, soccer fields			Catalpa Oaks is one of our favorites. It's close, has a lot of space, nice walking path and kids have enjoyed years of soccer there	
353	48070	49	Catalpa		Running path			
354	48009	46	Catalpa, Red	Soccer Fields	Maintain fields	New equipment, keep spaces clean		Sports fields are vital resources for local kids that bring families to these parks. Please maintain and implement plans for improvements
355	48072	44	Catalpa	The soccer fields and playground	Improve drainage and cut the grass one more time per week on the soccer fields	N/a	N/a	N/a
356	48072	44	Catalpa	Soccer fields for SOCS and DCFC games and practices for my 4 kids	Cut the grass on the fields an additional time each week			
357	48304	55	Catalpa	Response to Q2: My favorite parts of the park are the soccer fields that my daughter uses for soccer with DCFC				

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358	48070	41	Catalpa		Please continue to support and maintain the soccer fields at Catalpa Oaks Park. My son loves being able to play there on the SOCS league.			
359	48083	52	Catalpa	Soccer fields & walking/running trail!	More seating around soccer fields		Catalpa Oaks is one of favorite parks! My daughter plays soccer with DCFC South Oakland here!	
360	48073	51	Catalpa, Red	My child has soccer training at Catalpa Oaks. It is a great park with nice fields, bathroom facilities, pavilion and walking path.	Maintain and improve the soccer fields.			
361	48462	39	Independence		Ensure they remain parks; do NOT over build/plan infrastructure that takes away from being in nature. Bathroom facilities, parking, unadulterated woods, and natural water... stop there.	Less paved and groomed trails. Leave it natural for hiking and such to the fullest extent possible.		
362	48237	46	Catalpa, Red					
363	48237	46	Catalpa, Red	The soccer field(s)!				
364	48301	45	Catalpa, Red	The soccer fields	Please keep grass cut on soccer fields and in good shape.			

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365	48030	n/a		<p>Response to Q2: Nature, beauty, trees</p> <p>Response to Q3: '- Go pesticide free -- Increase pollinator programs and involve locals schools to learn about pollinators and why they are important</p> <p>Response to Q4: We would love some of the money you have form your grant and federal government for a park here in Hazel Park. We have a huge piece of land at Scout Park that could use more development and be a showpiece for this area of Oakland County which is so often overlooked</p> <p>Response to Q5: "American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for improving park and outdoor recreational spaces in areas of the county that were most negatively impacted by the pandemic. OCPR has committed another \$5.2 million in funds to support the projects and partnerships outlined in the proposal, resulting in a total investment of over \$20 million." It would be cool if you could allocate a million of that \$20 to an area like Hazel Park who had record number of layoffs, and hardships during COVID average per capita income here is \$27,000 and many on disability or other benefits.</p> <p>Response to Q6: I don't see anything in it about Hazel Park. Why so much focus on the wealthy areas of Oakland County when we pay taxes too? There's so many who could benefit from more nature here. Would love to see development of the natural areas we do have. You allocated money to Green Acres but what about Scout Park and the three other pockets parks we have east of I-75? Seems like a forgotten area as the southern most tip of Oakland County and closest one to Detroit? \$50,00 for updated play equipment would be a tiny investment with huge payoffs.</p>				
366	48072	51	Catalpa, Waterford		Please continue to provide soccer fields at Catalpa Oaks. We are a DCFC South Oakland family and appreciate the great fields so close to home. Also love the walking path.			
367	48070	43	Catalpa	Catalpa is a great park, large, walking trail, soccer fields, gathering areas, everything you love about a local park. My son, and many of his friends have practice there.	The fields need to be maintained better, cut more often (or cut shorter).	Response to Q4: I cannot say as a whole, but I know the community relies on the park system and everything they have to offer. Please do whatever it takes to keep them and keep them updated.		

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368	48301	65	I have not visited an Oakland County Park	None are near me.	Develop a park in Bloomfield Township. We have NO parks.	Develop a park in Bloomfield Township. We have NO parks.		No mention of parks to be developed in Bloomfield Township.
369	48035	39	Red	We love seeing nature displays indoors, take-home informational brochures, organized Informational nature Hikes, and attending education programs for our preschooler	I would like to see more programs for the 4-6 age range at red oaks in particular as we really enjoy that facility and it's educators	I've not been to them all to add to this, but in general educating the next generation and teaching them to live in harmony with nature is always a great idea	I would love to be able to subscribe to monthly nature center emails for red oaks to know what upcoming programs are available for registration	
370	48070	40	Catalpa	Response to Q2: Catalpa Oaks is our favorite park. My kids play soccer with DCFC we enjoy playing at this park.				
371	48009	76	Catalpa	Handicap accessibility for walkers, wheelchairs Trees Water Birds , ducks Good parking	Keep up good natural planting & good maintenance	Publicize benefits Present programs or marketing to libraries & schools Host / educational/special events for national days of celebration	Thank you	Splash pads are great & hills for sledding
372	48070	36	Catalpa, Red				Response to Q5: We'd love the ongoing maintenance of soccer fields for our kids	
373	48072	49	Catalpa, Holly Oaks ORV Park, Red	I love the trails at Holly. I love the quiet of Red Oaks and the nature center there. I also love that RO is dog friendly. Catalpa is awesome for walking and soccer. Oh and Catalpa is our favorite place for sledding. They are all great for different reasons.	If you paved the lot at Catalpa that would be great.	Make sure you keep letting DCFC play at Catalpa. It's the best quality and location for this club since ROFC has all the fields immediately to the east.		

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374	48025	52	Addison, Catalpa, Independence	Soccer fields	My son plays for DCFC soccer and maintaining and improving the soccer fields at Catalpa Oaks is very important to us	Maintain existing equipment		
375	48085	48	Catalpa	My child plays for a community non-profit club. I enjoy nice fields for my child to play soccer on.	Make the soccer fields more available at Catalpa and safe for the kids to play on.		Catalpa park is a big part of our community non-profit soccer organization DCFC. Please consider making improvements and allowing more games to played at Catalpa. Thank you.	
376	48025	45	Catalpa	Catalpa Oaks - As adults and children we love playing soccer here and using the playground equipment. It's especially great that they have nice bathroom facilities for use while playing! I was married at Glen Oaks and my brother was married at Addison Oaks. We love that Oakland County has such beautiful natural spaces for the enjoyment of residents.	Sometimes the soccer fields aren't in the best condition. We LOVE soccer and would love to see more care of the fields. The bathrooms aren't always the cleanest but I'm still pleased just to have one!	Make sure there are nice facilities at all parks. (I haven't been to all but appreciate the ones		Please keep the soccer fields at Catalpa Oaks!

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377	48025	42	Catalpa, Independence, Red	We love Catalpa Oaks! Our kids play soccer for a community, non-profit club - DCFC, and this is our preferred park for practice, tryouts and games. Plenty of parking, great bathrooms and kids playground for other siblings waiting for the practice to end.	We would love to see additional field use at this park and field improvements for the kids to play safely.	Additional soccer fields!	Our kids youth sports rely on these parks (specifically Red Oaks and Catalpa Oaks) to run smoothly and allow all of our kids practice and game time.	
378	48073	47	Catalpa					
379	48076	41	Catalpa, Red	My whole family loves, loves, loves the soccer fields and the playgrounds.	Please keep the soccer fields and keep the playgrounds improved. Please allow the public restrooms to be opened sun up to sun down daily.	Please put in more sports fields.		
380	48070	50	Addison, Catalpa, Red	Easy access good parking acceptable drainage big open spaces	Improved drainage on soccer fields	The ones we use now for SOCS are so good and appreciated really they could just use better drainage so games are not canceled for spring rain	Thank you for maintaining our parks they and SOCS are a great reason to live in our community and worth the taxes	

Text of Emailed Comments (4)

Emailed Comment: 12/26/2022

I know I missed the window for providing feedback on the County Parks Master Plan. I did read all of it, and learned a lot about the parks that I haven't yet been to! The biggest thing that occurs to me as a prior cyclist and now trail runner and walker is the connectivity options between parks, whether they are city/township, county, or metropark, or state. I think the plan includes lots of those interconnections, and I've listed some here where I couldn't be sure they were included. I also think the opportunities with the SMART millage going county-wide are huge.

Tie in with county SMART

Catalpa Oaks

- Pave the parking lot on both sides, will look much more encouraging!
- Add sidewalk along Catalpa to encourage access (in addition to sidewalk loops in)
- Add sidewalk or at least loops into each end of park from San Quentin to encourage access
- Add sets of fitness steps in parallel to the ring walk on the hill?

Groveland Oaks

- Pedestrian/Bicycle Connectivity - Holly rec area
- Tie in with county SMART - take the bus to go camping?

Independence Oaks

- Return path from Independence Oaks North down to the rest of Independence Oaks on the west side of the Clinton river
- Orion Oaks and Red Oaks have excellent connectivity from outside

Waterford Oaks/Farmers Market

- Good plans!
- 5k route looks quite possible
- Farmers Market needs more consistent sidewalks to this location, such as on Watkins Lake and County Center (this may have been mentioned)

Emailed Comment: 12/20/2022 (2 emails from separate households in Hazel Park)

I am a resident of Hazel Park, in the southernmost tip of Oakland County, just west of I-75.

I know that Oakland County is charged with making improvements to the areas most impacted by COVID through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and I wanted to voice some ideas that would cost very little of the \$20 million allocated to our County.

In this southernmost area of Hazel Park, we do not have a lot of green parks, nature trails, or waterparks like the other high-income areas where it seems much of the money is being directed. Average household income here is around \$27,000. Many are veterans, or on disability or other benefits. We also have many younger people and young families

in the neighborhood. The kids, adults and elderly in the neighborhood would love to have some more nature to spend our time in. In fact, green spaces have a significant effect on children's mental, physical and emotional health as evidenced by a growing body of research. See below.

As well, the impacts of pesticides on human and animal health is now fully and well documented by the scientific community, in particular Roundup which is extremely bad for children's developing brains. Many cities around the US are successfully going pesticide free including Grand Rapids.

Our bees are too quickly dying out with the large amounts of pesticides and the lack of gardens. Pollinator gardens and programs provide beautiful, natural interest in our green spaces and parks, the opportunity for adults and children alike to work together to improve our environment and community.

For that reason, I am making the following proposal to green space improvements in this area of Hazel Park to improve community well-being and mental health.

You could have a high impact in this seemingly forgotten area of Hazel Park for very little investment.

Requested:

- Funding to repair and/or replace outdated and/or unsafe playground equipment in Albert-Sylvester Park and expand play areas
- Funding for landscaping in Albert-Sylvester Park to create paths, pollinator gardens, play areas, and benches
- Move to commitment to pesticide free gardening County-wide like the city of Grand Rapids
- Commitment to pollinator program like Rochester, Michigan
- Funding for individual households to plant native pollinator friendly bushes and flowers – provide plants, plans and other

I look forward to your feedback and would be interested in helping with next steps

Emailed Comment: 11/17/2022

To whom it may concern

The so called plan is NOT a plan. It is nice words for human beings to adhere to.

A plan is illustrations of things proposed for the future. A plan is drawings of things to come. A plan is detail one can budget for and finance. Please provide a REAL plan we can review and comment on

Telephone Comments (3)

Call from Bloomfield Township: 11/27/2022

- More outdoor and indoor pools in Oakland County
- Not everyone has the privilege to enjoy a pool at a private club
- Recommends looking at the pool at Highland Park, IL which is wonderful and has great fitness resources

Call from Oxford Township: 11/27/2022

- Every community should have an "Oaks" park
- Would especially like to see an "Oxford Oaks" established

- Invest in Red Oaks Waterpark – it is a great park
- Add another waterpark to the county – two waterparks (Red and Waterford) are not enough for the county

Call from West Bloomfield: 12/8/2022

- Oakland County needs a park for seniors
- There is nowhere for seniors to meet and do the things they are interested in
- The senior complex where the caller lives has a bus that could take residents to the park
- Requested a meeting after the holidays with other residents and manager to discuss ideas and options

Staff Comments (3)

It is great to see so many trails being developed in our county. Please keep this up. However, as we have more housing in the county, the roads are becoming more dangerous for bicyclists and we need to keep them off of the busy streets. If a separate path in Commerce Twp. could be made along Commerce Rd. from Union Lake Rd. to the Library at Carroll Lake Rd., that would be a big help. Also, along Union Lake Rd. from Wise Rd to Richardson Rd. so bicyclists can safely get to the wonderful trails we have. (Contact information provided)

Oakland County has a large number of active retirees, so Pickleball courts, shuffle board lanes and Bouche ball lanes would be great additions to the County Parks. Florida has these setups and it's great for gathering people and enjoying some fun and laughs!

Please invest in trails connecting neighborhoods, schools and downtowns. We are attracting and retaining families, singles, and seniors, who crave a high quality of life that doesn't rely on driving. Downtowns should be the focus of our investment. Our towns have been the community hubs for Oakland County for 200 years. Nobody chooses where to live because of an industrial park or highway corridor. Other premier states and counties have trails and connective trailheads into town