



CHAPTER 6: CAPITAL PLANS



City of Detroit
Parks & Recreation Strategic Plan
2022-2032



OVERVIEW

Chapter 6: Capital Plans presents the results of a complex planning process that prioritized investments using an equity framework and thoughtful consideration of distribution across districts and fiscal responsibility. This chapter includes:

Capital Plan for Parks

Walkable Parks, Destination Parks

Capital Plan for Greenways

Regional Greenways, Neighborhood Greenways

Capital Plan for Marinas, Golf Courses, & Cemeteries

Capital Plan for Recreation Centers & Facilities



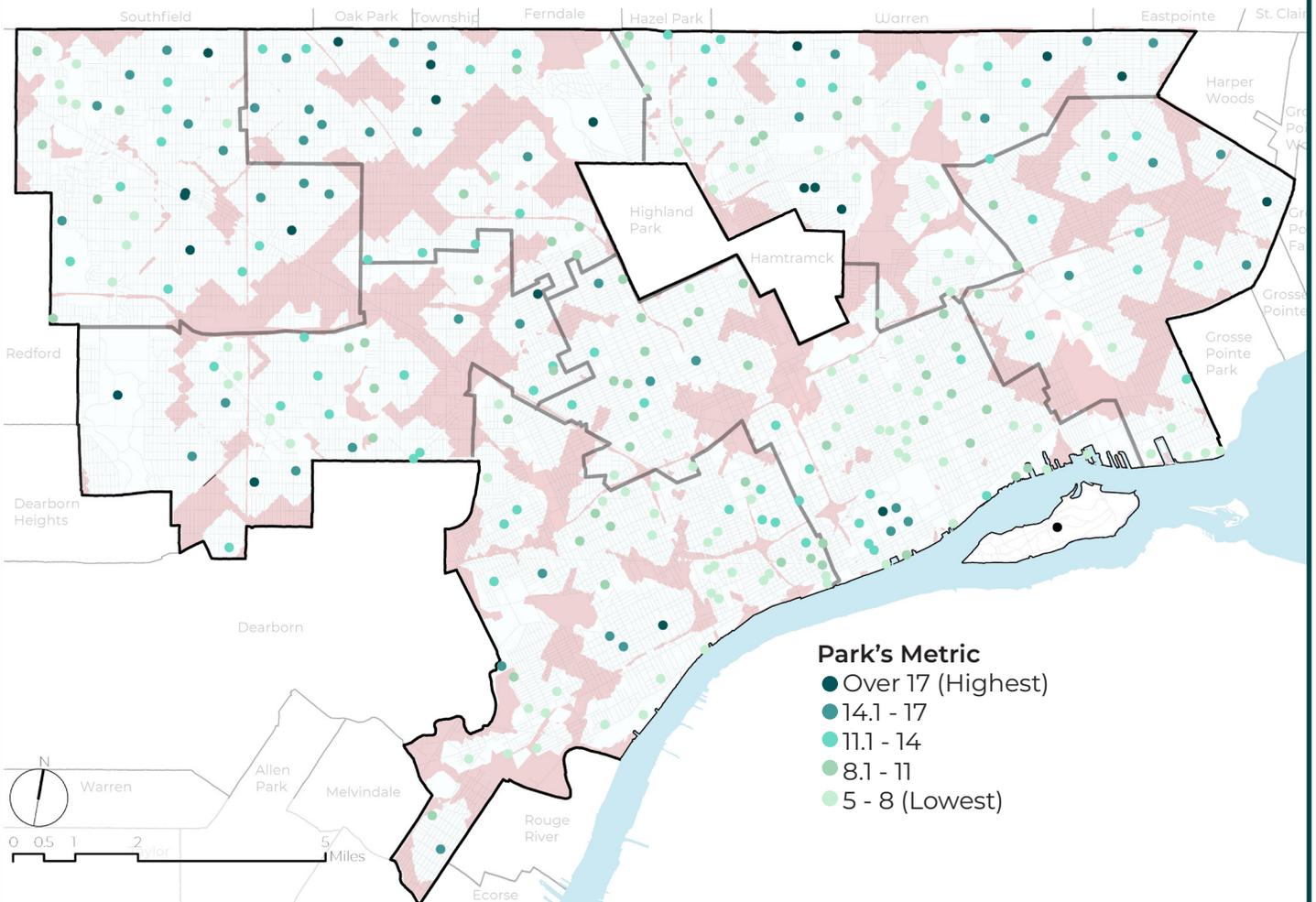
CAPITAL PLAN

FOR WALKABLE PARKS

Walkable parks are parks that serve the neighborhood directly around them and are typically smaller with fewer amenities than destination parks. The following map shows the metric score for each of the City's 300+ parks. The metric was the primary factor used to determine in which phase each park is planned to receive investments. For more information on the process and how the metric was calculated, see Chapter 5. In this section, park improvements can be found by the Council district the park is located in. Destination parks capital investments will appear in the section following this one.

FIND YOUR PARK!

PARKS BY METRIC



Currently Detroit's parks and rec system has over 300 parks, and DPRD is faced with the challenge of allocating limited resources. Through the equity framework described in Chapter 5, a metric was created to facilitate this prioritization. To create this metric, DPRD calculated a score from 1 through 5 for each metric component for the watershed of every park. The results are displayed above. This is the first step to prioritizing investments equitably in communities with the greatest need. Additional adjustments were made to ensure fair distribution across the City and to balance fiscal expenditures, resulting in the following capital plans

HOW TO READ THE PARKS CAPITAL PLAN

The goal of the capital plan for parks is to improve all active parks in the next ten years that have not been fully renovated since the last plan. Parks are separated into several categories:

● **Destination Parks:** Recognizing that regional and riverfront parks serve a much wider area and receive much higher use and wear-and-tear, destination parks have their own capital plan (starting on page 13) to ensure that they get appropriate, continuous investment during the next ten years and beyond.

● ● ● **Walkable Parks:** All active walkable parks that have not been fully improved since the last parks plan in 2017, appear one time in the capital plan over ten phases. These parks include any parks under 50 acres, ranging from the smallest mini park, at 1/6th of an acre, to neighborhood and community-sized parks. All of these parks serve the neighborhood around them, defined by the ten-minute walk area (see Chapter 5 for more information on park access).

■ **Gap Areas: Potential for New Parks & Partnerships Sites**

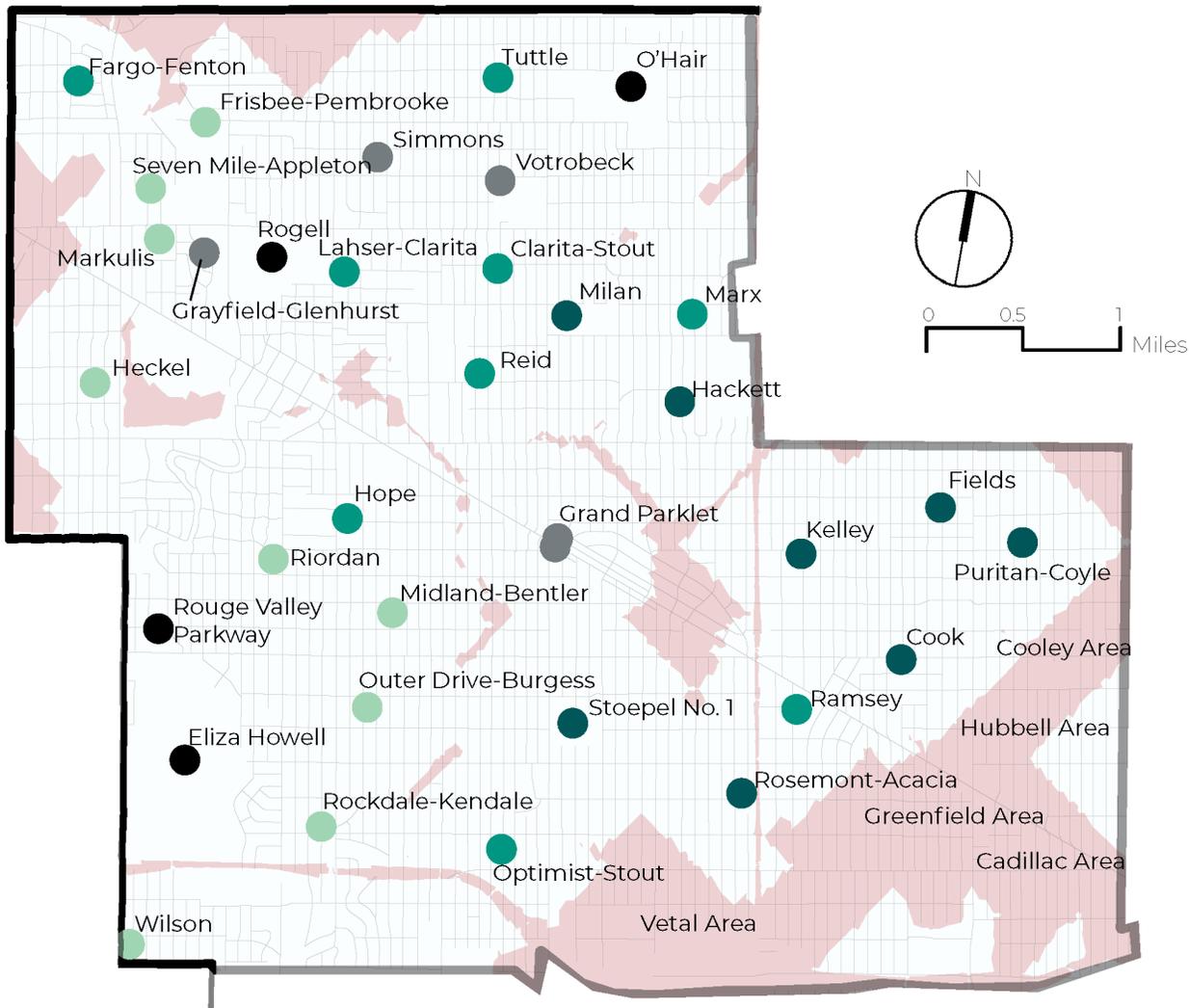
New Parks: The capital plan has an ambitious goal of multiple new parks per phase, determined by the equity metric and the gap analysis, as described in the previous chapter. Selecting the exact sites for the new parks will be part of the planning process 1-2 years prior to creating any new park, and coordinated with other departments and community members.

Partnership Sites: These sites are suitable for filling park gaps when a new park is not feasible, either because there is limited land availability or the area's population density does not meet the City's policy for new park creation. For more information, see the appendices for the full policy on new park creation.

● **Completed Parks:** Fully improved parks are parks that have been renovated since the last plan was created around five years ago. These parks will be re-evaluated in five years as part of the strategic plan update process.

● **Community Open Space:** Sites that are non-active parks, defined by the last Parks and Recreation Improvement Plan (PRIP) and on page 11 of Chapter 1. They are publicly owned sites that City plans on retaining ownership for passive use. This list was determined based mainly on the metric, and may be in areas of high population loss, high vacancy, or low accessibility, such as sites along a railroad or under a highway overpass. These sites are maintained on a lower frequency, along with the City's vacant lot program, and do not have planned active recreation investments. This course of action ensures basic upkeep of these areas, which can be important to the environmental health, resiliency, and beauty of the City, while reserving capital investments for active parks within the neighborhood. The full list of COS parks can be found in the appendices.

DISTRICT 1



Phases 1-3:

Cook, Stoepel No. 1, Milan, Fields, Kelley, Hackett, Puritan-Coyle, Rosemont-Acacia

Phases 4-6:

Marx, Tuttle, Hope Fargo-Fenton, Reid, Clarita-Stout, Ramsey Lahser-Clarita, Optimist-Stout

Phases 7-10:

Wilson, Heckel, Frisbee-Pembroke, Seven Mile-Appleton, Midland-Bentler, Riordan, Markulis, Outer Dr. - Burgess, Rockdale-Kendale

Completed Parks:

Grand Parklet, Grayfield-Glenhurst, Simmons, Votrobeck

Community Open Space:

None

Regional Parks:

Eliza Howell, O'Hair, Rogell, Rouge Valley Parkway

Park Gap Areas:

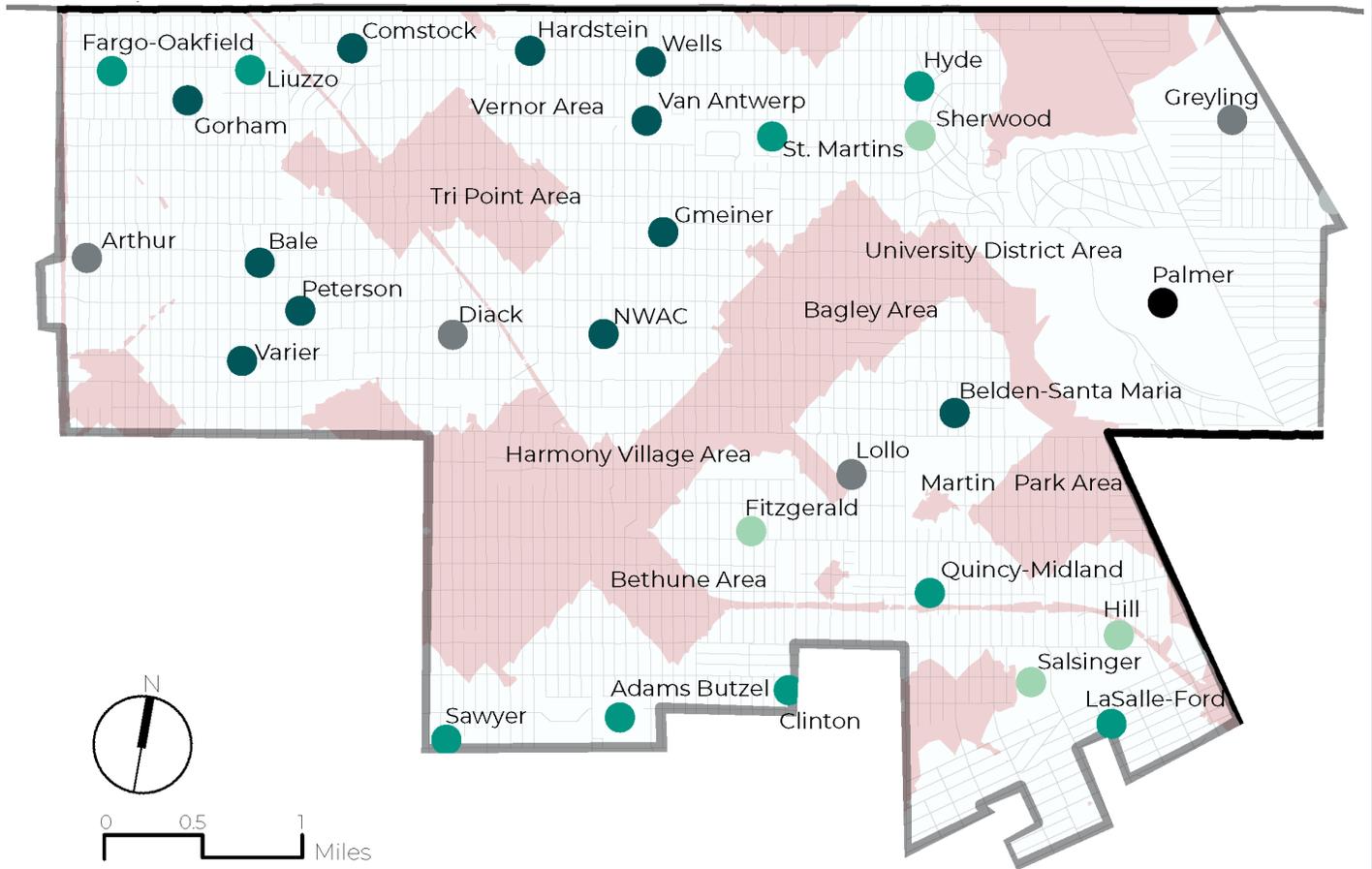
Cooley High School Area
Hubbell-Puritan Area
Greenfield-Grand River Area
Bonnie Brook
Cadillac Middle Area
Westwood Park Area

Detroit Border

District Boundary

Streets

DISTRICT 2



Phases 1-3:
 Van Antwerp, Wells, Comstock,
 NWAC, Bale, Varier, Gmeiner,
 Peterson, Belden-Santa Maria,
 Gorham, Hardstein

Phases 4-6:
 Butzel, Sawyer, St. Martins
 Clinton, Fargo-Oakfield, Hyde
 Liuzzo, Quincy-Midland,
 LaSalle-Ford

Phases 7-10:
 Fitzgerald, Hill, Salsinger,
 Sherwood

Completed Parks:
 Arthur, Diack, Lollo,

Community Open Space:
 None

Regional Parks:
 Palmer

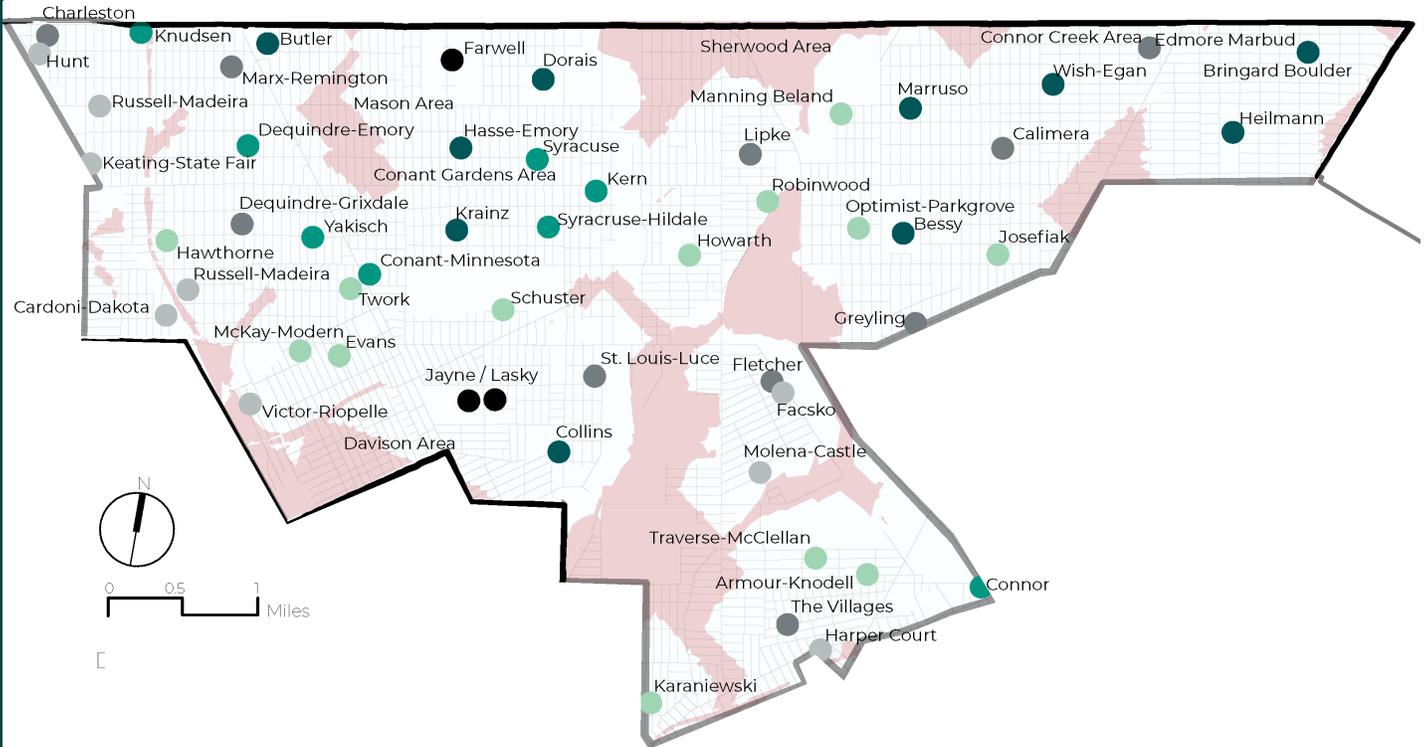
Park Gap Areas:
 Bagley Area
 Vernor Area
 University District Area
 Bethune Area
 Harmony Village Area
 Martin Park Area
 Tri-Point Area

— Detroit Border

— District Boundary

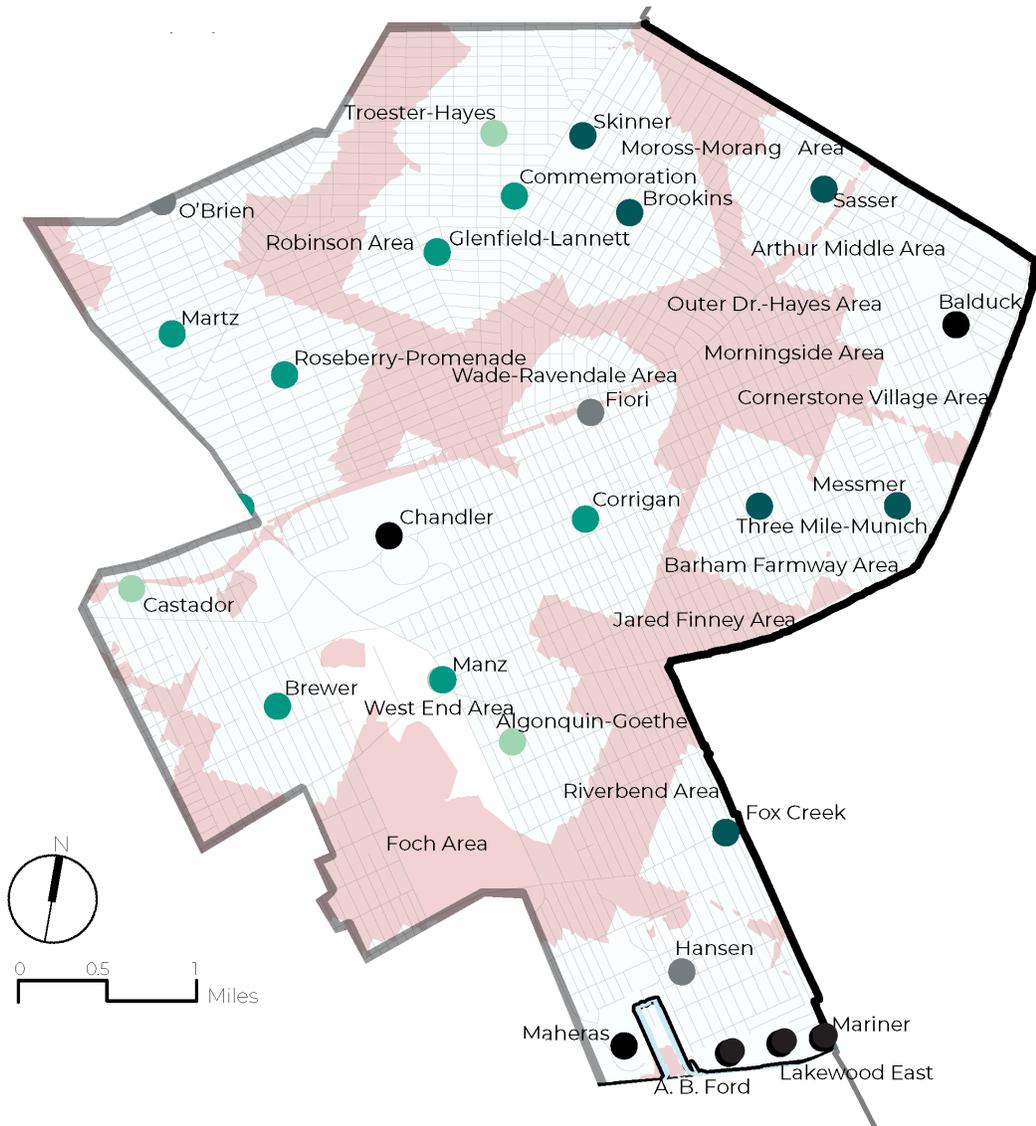
— Streets

DISTRICT 3



- **Phases 1-3:**
 Bringard-Boulder,
 Wish-Egan
 Collins, Krainz, Bessy,
 Heilmann,
 Butler, Marruso, Dorais,
 Hasse-Emory
- **Phases 4-6:**
 Knudsen, Syracuse,
 Dequindre-Emory,
 Kern, Connor, Yakisch,
 Conant-Minnesota,
 Syracuse-Hildale
- **Phases 7-10:**
 Howarth, Josefiak,
 Twork, Hawthorne,
 Manning-Beland,
 Optimist-Parkgrove,
 Mackay-Modern,
 Evans, Robinwood,
 Schuster,
 Armour-Knodell,
 Karaniewski,
 Traverse-McClellan
- **Completed Parks:**
 Calimera, Charleston,
 Dequindre-Grixdale,
 Edmore-Marbud,
 Fletcher, Greyling,
 Lipke, Luce-St. Louis,
 Marx-Remington,
 The Villages
- **Community Open Space:**
 Cardoni-Dakota,
 Coventry, Facsko, Hunt,
 Molena-Castle,
 Keating-State Fair,
 Russell Madeira,
 Victor-Riopelle
- **Regional Parks:**
 Jayne / Lasky
- **Park Gap Areas**
 Mason Elementary Area
 Connor Creek Area
 Sherwood Area
 Conant Gardens Area
 Davison Elementary Area
- Detroit Border**
- District Boundary**
- Streets**

DISTRICT 4

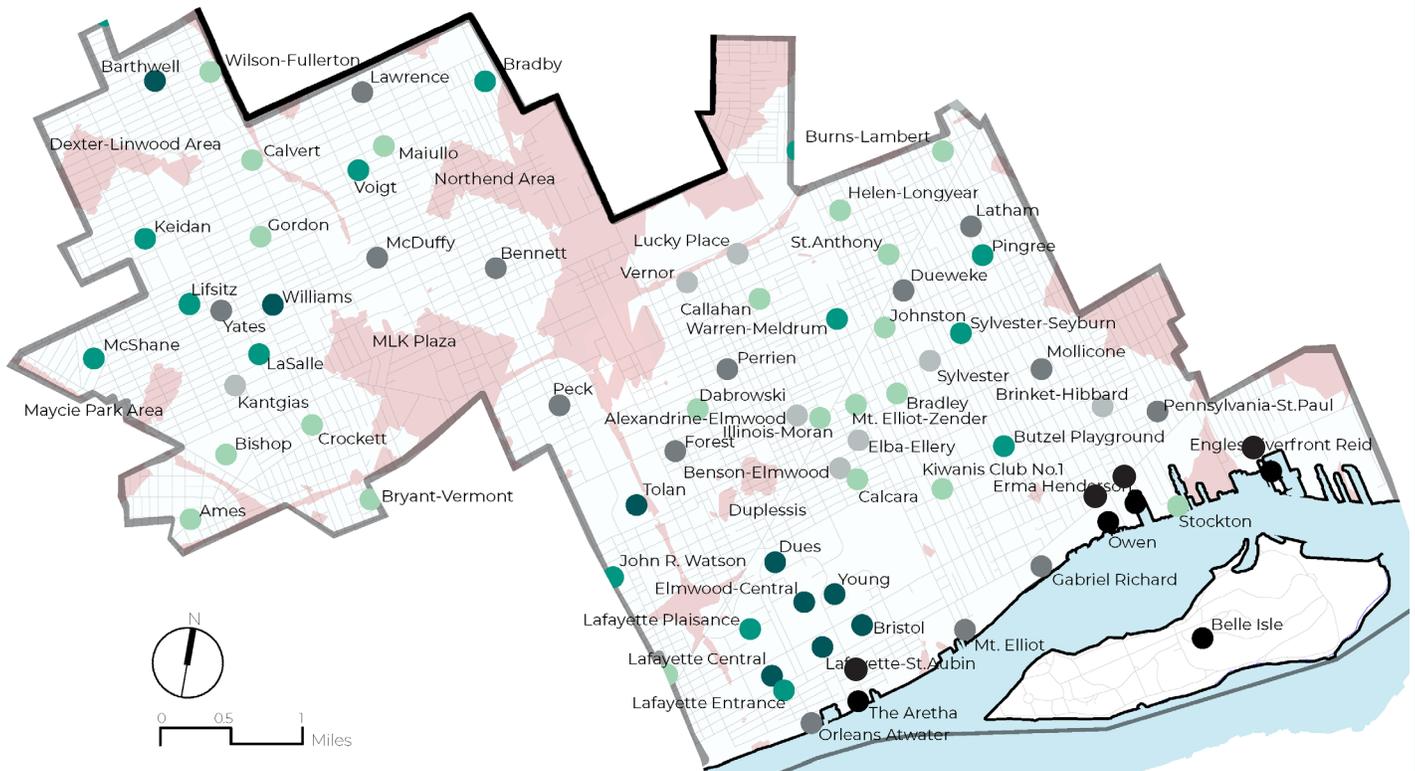


- **Phases 1-3:**
 Skinner, Sasser
 Three Mile-Munich, Messmer
 Fox Creek, Brookins
- **Phases 4-6:**
 Commemoration,
 Brewer, Corrigan
 Troester-Hayes,
 Roseberry-Promenade
 Manz, Glenfield-Lannett, Martz
- **Phases 7-10:**
 Castador, Algonquin-Goethe

- **Park Gap Areas**
 Cornerstone Village
 Moross-Morang Area
 Wade-Ravendale Area
 Foch Area
 West End Area
 Riverbend Area
 Barham Farmway
 Outer Dr.-Hayes Area
 Arthur Middle Area
 Morningside N Area
 Robinson Area
 Jared Finney Area

- **Completed Parks:**
 Fiori, Hansen, O'Brien
- **Community Open Space:**
 None
- **Regional Parks:**
 Balduck, Chandler, Maheras,
 A.B. Ford, Lakewood East,
 Mariner
- Detroit Border**
- District Boundary**
- Streets**

DISTRICT 5



Phases 1-3:
 Young, Lafayette-St. Aubin
 Elmwood-Central
 Barthwell, Williams, Bristol
 Tolan, Dues
 Lafayette Central

Phases 4-6:
 Lafayette Plaisance, McShane
 LaSalle, Pingree, John R-Watson,
 Keidan, Lafayette Entrance
 Butzel Playfield, Bradby, Lifnitz,
 Voigt

Full Renovations:
 Gordon, Maiullo, Bishop, Calvert,
 Wilson-Fullerton, Bradley
 Sylvester-Seyburn
 Burns-Lambert, Johnston,
 St. Anthony, Ames, Mt. Elliot-
 Zender, Warren-Meldrum,
 Bryant-Vermont, Callahan,
 Crockett, Kiwanis Club No. 1
 Helen-Longyear, Stockton,
 Calcara, Dabrowski,
 Illinois-Moran

Completed Parks:
 Bennett, Dueweke, Forest,
 Gabriel Richard, Latham,
 Lawrence, McDuffy, Mollicone,
 Mt. Elliot, Orleans Atwater, Peck,
 Perrien, Yates, Pennsylvania-St.
 Paul

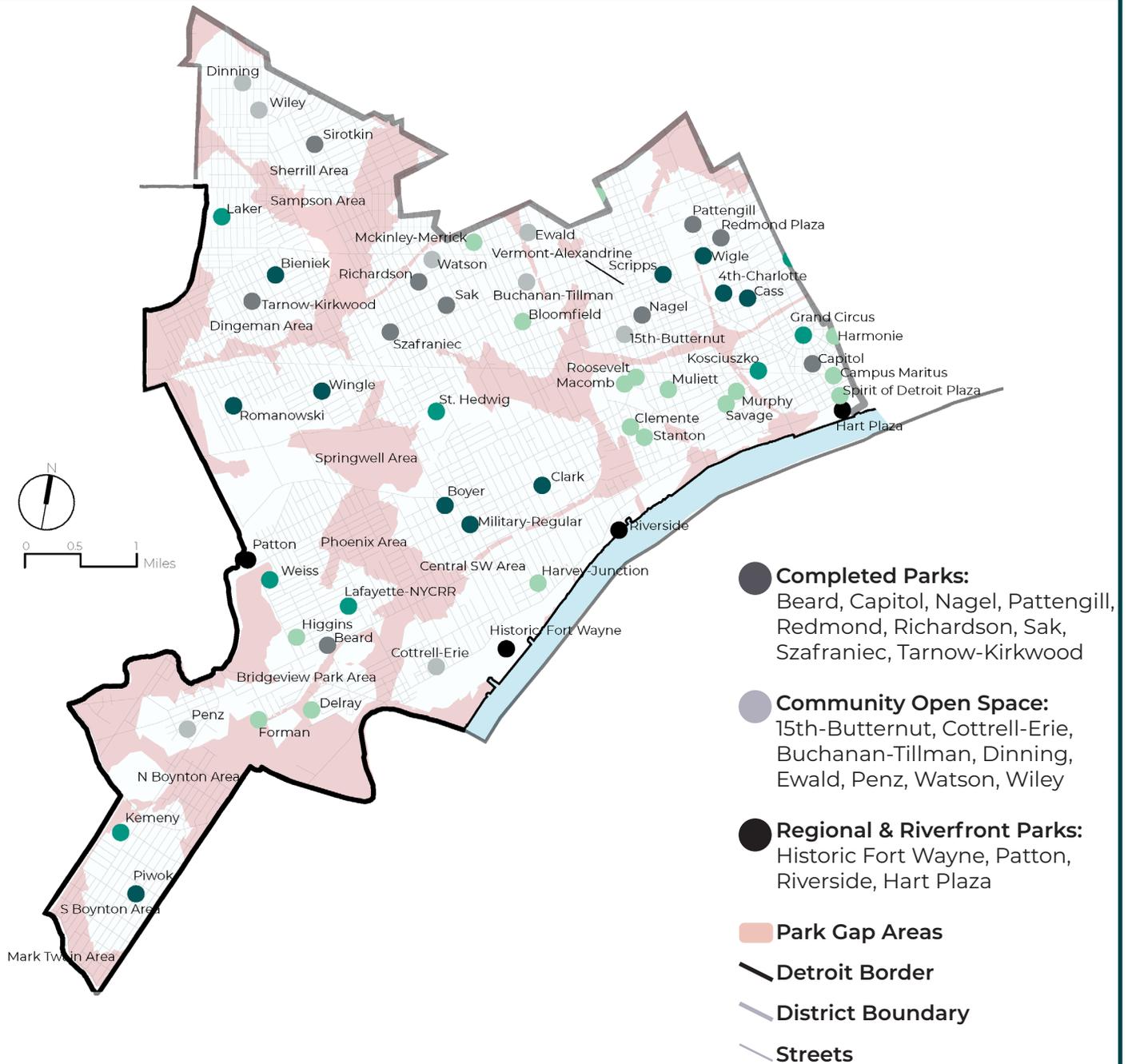
Community Open Space:
 Alexandrine-Elmwood, Benson-
 Elmwood, Vernor, Brinkett-
 Hibbard, Elba-Ellery, Harper
 Court, Kantgias, Lucky Place,
 Sylvester-Field

Regional & Riverfront Parks:
 Belle Isle, The Aretha, Owen,
 Erma Henderson,
 Engels Riverfront Reid

Park Gap Areas
 Dexter-Linwood Area
 Northend Area
 Maycie Park Area
 MLK Plaza Area
 Duplessis

Detroit Border
District Boundary
Streets

DISTRICT 6



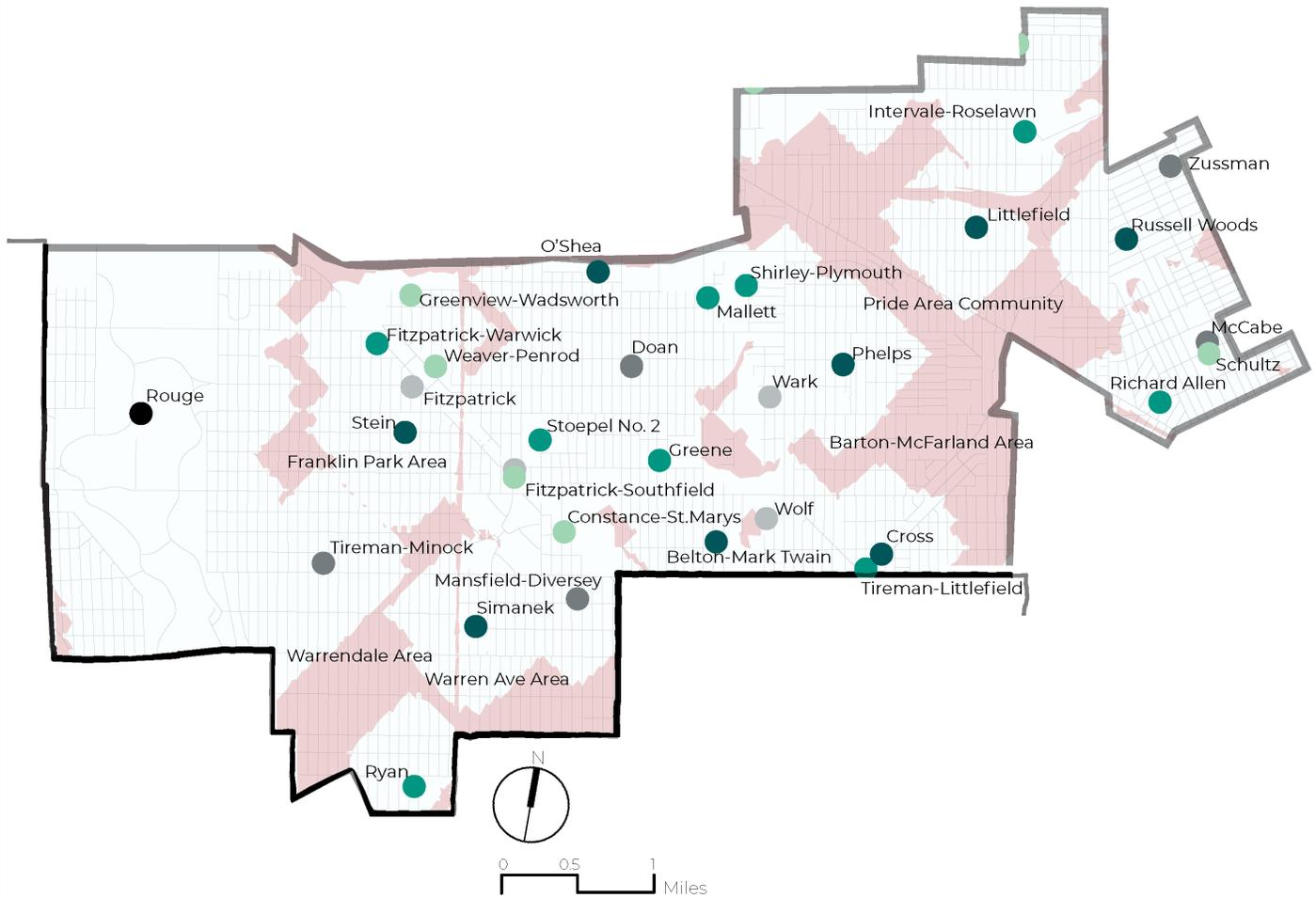
Phases 1-3:
 Piwok, Clark, Boyer, Wigle
 Bieniek, Cass, Military-Regular,
 Wingle
 Romanowski, Scripps

Phases 4-6:
 Weiss, St. Hedwig,
 Grand Circus, Laker
 4th-Charlotte, Lafayette-NYCRR
 Kemeny

Phases 7-10:
 Campus Martius, Harmonie
 Harvey-Junction, Stanton,
 Higgins, Spirit Plaza
 Mullett, Murphy, Bloomfield,
 Clemente, Savage
 Forman, Delray, Macomb,
 Mckinley-Merrick
 Roosevelt

Potential New Parks & Partnerships:
 Phoenix Area
 Dingeman Area
 Mark Twain Area
 Boynton Area
 Central SW Area
 Sherrill Area
 Springwells Area
 Bridgeview, Hecla,
 Vermont-Alexandrine

DISTRICT 7



Phases 1-3:
Stein, Russell Woods
Cross, Belton-Mark Twain,
Simanek
O'Shea, Phelps, Littlefield

Phases 4-6:
Richard-Allen, Tireman-Littlefield,
Fitzpatrick-Warwick,
Stoepel No. 2
Greene, Ryan, Mallett
Shirley-Plymouth,
Intervale-Roselawn

Phases 7-10:
Schultz
Constance-St.Marys,
Weaver-Penrod,
Greenview-Wadsworth,
Fitzpatrick-Southfield

Completed Parks:
Doan, Mansfield-Diversey,
McCabe, Tireman-Minock,
Zussman

Community Open Space:
Fitzpatrick, Wark, Wolf

Destination Parks:
Rouge

Park Gap Areas
S Warrendale Area
Mid Warrendale Area
Franklin Park Area
Barton-McFarland Area
Pride Area Community
Warren Ave Area
Barton McFarland Area
S Warrendale Area

Detroit Border
District Boundary
Streets



Winter Fest, Friends of Rouge Park

CAPITAL PLAN

FOR DESTINATION PARKS

Destination parks, including regional and riverfront parks, have their own capital plans due to their large size, greater use, and greater scope of capital needs. Each of the following parks is planned to receive significant capital investments during several phases of the 2022 Parks and Rec Strategic Plan. DPRD will work with park groups and the community to create master plans for each regional and riverfront park to plan and advocate for the long term needs and visions for each park.

Note: Belle Isle, while a beloved regional park, will not be featured in the capital plans because it is maintained by the State of Michigan.

REGIONAL

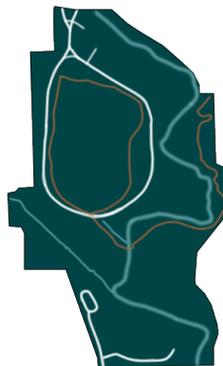
Regional parks attract visitors from across the city and broader region with their diverse range of amenities and spaces. This kind of resource requires significant and continuous investment, so DPRD calls for investment in two to three times per park over the course of the plan, focusing on different in the parks' forthcoming individual master plans.



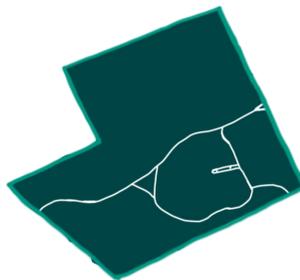
Rouge Park
District: 1
Size: 1181 acres
Metric: 43
Phases: 1, 5, 9



Palmer Park
District: 3
Size: 281 acres
Metric: 35
Phases: 2, 6, 10

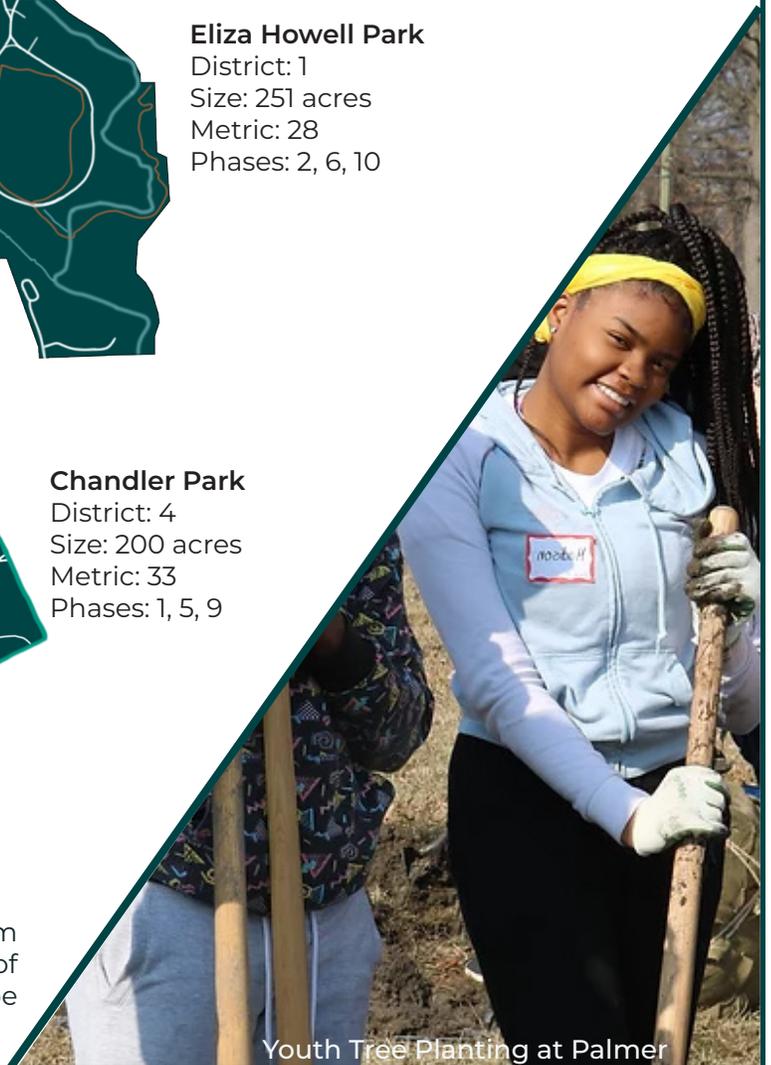


Eliza Howell Park
District: 1
Size: 251 acres
Metric: 28
Phases: 2, 6, 10



Chandler Park
District: 4
Size: 200 acres
Metric: 33
Phases: 1, 5, 9

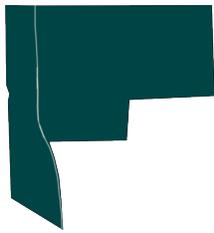
Parks are shown here to scale in order from largest to smallest. Each has a metric score of park need. More information on metrics can be found in Chapter 5: Inventory & Analysis.



Youth Tree Planting at Palmer

REGIONAL CONTIN.

Regional parks will have 2 to 3 phases of investment over the duration of the plan. Phases were determined by the metric, which accounts for the parks' surrounding populations, as well as health, access, and environmental factors. More information on the metric can be found starting on page 17 of Chapter 5.



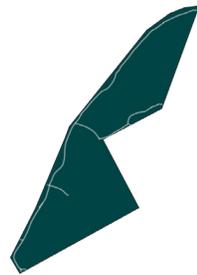
Rogell Park
District: 1
Size: 98 acres
Metric: 35
Phases: 3, 7



Farwell Park
District: 3
Size: 90 acres
Metric: 40
Phases: 1, 5, 9



Rouge Valley Parkway
District: 1
Size: 87 acres
Metric: 30
Phases: 4, 9



Patton Park
District: 6
Size: 85 acres
Metric: 34
Phases: 4, 8



O'Hair Park
District: 1
Size: 78 acres
Metric: 43
Phases: 3, 8



Jayne-Lasky Park
District: 3
Size: 65 acres
Metric: 46
Phases: 2, 6

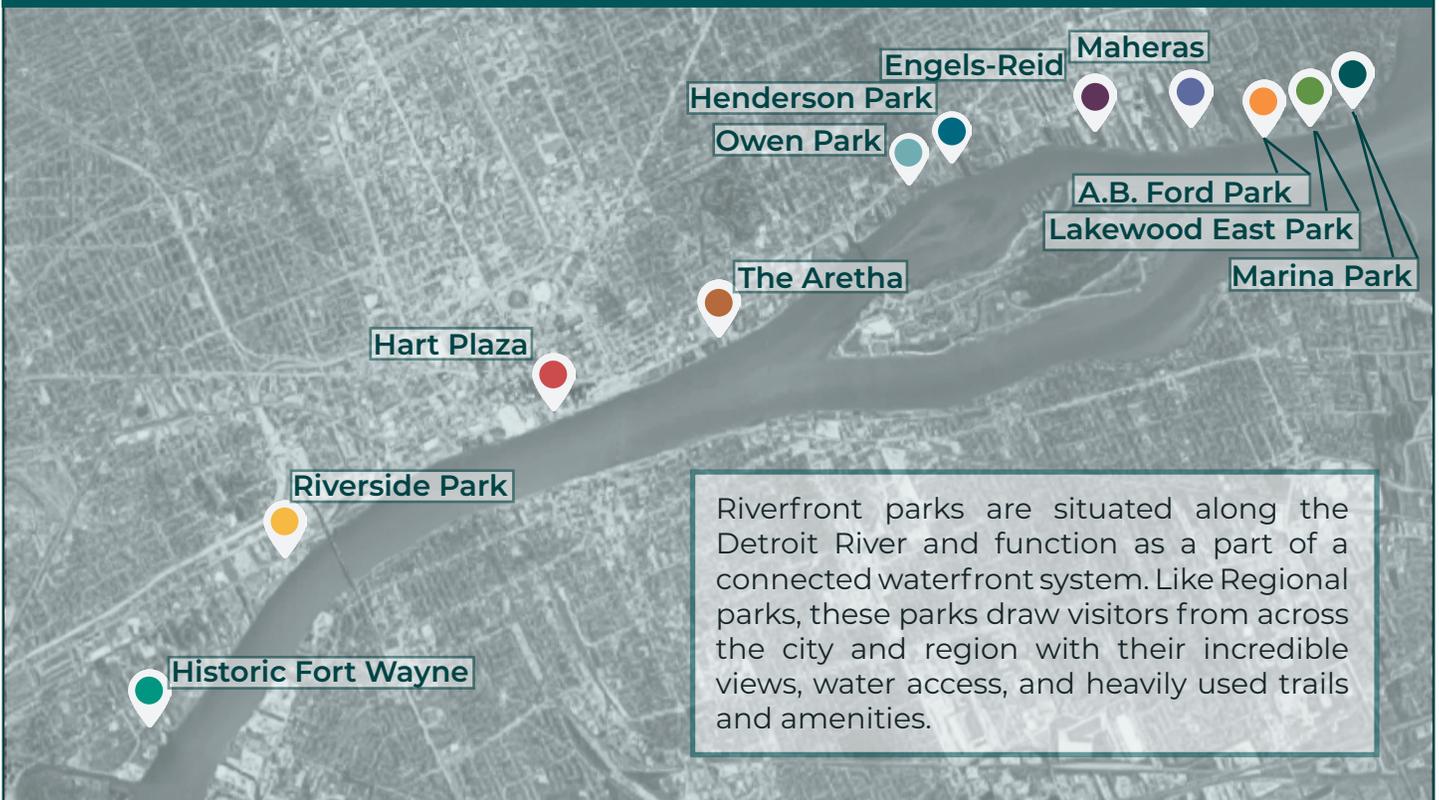


Balduck Park
District: 4
Size: 58 acres
Metric: 36
Phases: 4, 9



Soccer at Farwell

RIVERFRONT PARKS



Riverfront parks are situated along the Detroit River and function as a part of a connected waterfront system. Like Regional parks, these parks draw visitors from across the city and region with their incredible views, water access, and heavily used trails and amenities.

REGIONAL



Historic Fort Wayne ●

District: 6
 Size: 81 Acres
 Metric: 10
 Phases: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10



Maheras Park ●

District: 4
 Size: 52 Acres
 Metric: 12
 Phases: 2, 8

Note: Historic Fort Wayne is expected to have frequent, smaller investments to take advantage of key grants. For more information, see the Historic Fort Wayne Park Strategic Plan in the appendices.

NEIGHBORHOOD

Engels - Reid Park ●

D5, 35.13 Acres, Metric 13, Phase 5

A.B. Ford Park ●

D4, 33.88 Acres, Metric 16, Phase 3 & 7

Erma Henderson Park ●

D5, 33.66 Acres, Metric 21, Phase 4, 7, & 10

Lakewood East Park ●

D4, 28.13 Acres, Metric 16, Phase 4 & 8

Riverside Park ●

D4, 19.96 Acres, Metric 10, Phase 6 & 10

Hart Plaza ●

D5, 9.47 Acres, Metric 11, Phase 3 & 7

Aretha Franklin Amphitheater ●

D5, 9.26 Acres, Metric 17, Phase 3 & 8

Owen Park ●

D5, 8.26 Acres, Metric 22, Phase 1, 5, & 9

Mariner Park ●

D4, 7.16 Acres, Metric 10, Phase 1 & 7

EAST RIVERFRONT ASSETS STUDY



Engaging the Community to Shape Our Waterfront Parks

The Detroit riverfront has been transformed from its historic industrial uses to a vibrant recreational riverwalk. Leading the redevelopment of the riverfront is the non-profit Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, which manages several riverfront sites. From 2020 to 2022, DPRD conducted the East Riverfront Assets Study (ERAS) to take a focused look at the City-operated riverfront sites pictured above. This important part of the Strategic Plan is available in the appendices.

The objectives of this study are as follows:

- Learn how Detroiters use these sites now and how they envision them in the future
- Collect and use input from community stakeholders to help shape a final strategic plan
- Develop a connective vision and actionable plan for creating vibrant, sustainable destinations along the riverfront
- Consider unique features of each park and opportunities to create a continuous riverfront experience
- Assess the current condition and capital needs of all sites.
- Build upon past studies such as the 2018 East RiverFront Framework Plan

ERAS Sites Under Study

The Civic Center:

Hart Plaza
Spirit Plaza
The Joe Louis Fist Statue

Aretha Franklin Amphitheater

The Gold Coast:

Erma Henderson Marina
Owen Park

Jefferson Village Neighborhood

Marina District:

Riverside Marina
St. Jean Boat Launch



CAPITAL PLAN FOR MARINAS, GOLF COURSES, & CEMETERIES

The City of Detroit also owns and maintains several marinas, golf courses, and cemeteries for public use. Marinas are key element in connecting the public to water recreation and travel. Marinas have recently received extensive public engagement and planning to guide upcoming investments to support Detroit's boating community. Golf courses and cemeteries are important passive green spaces that contribute to clean air and enjoyable outdoor experiences. This subsection includes the capital needs of:

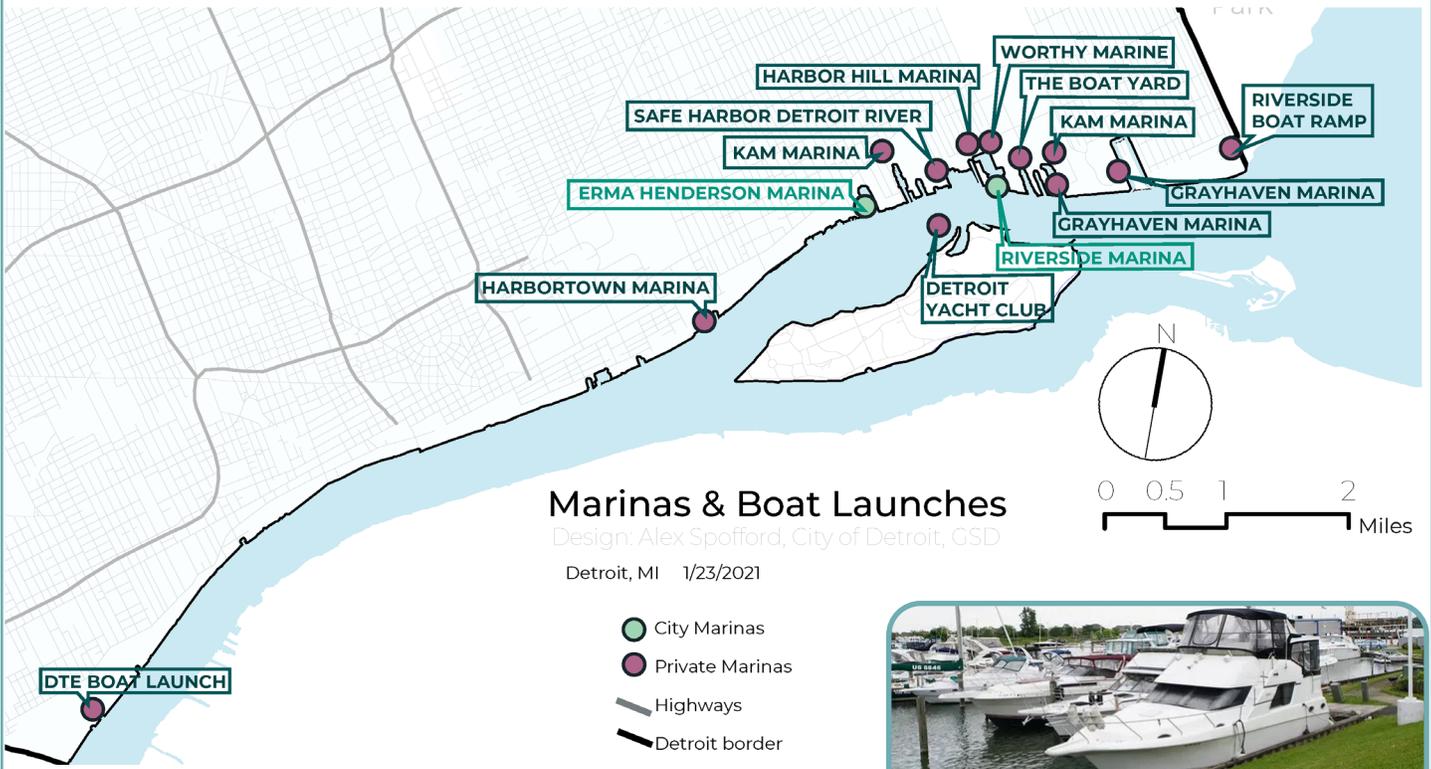
Marinas & The East Riverfront Asset Study
Golf Courses
Cemeteries

Associated target: **Self-Sustaining Partnerships** 

MARINAS



Erma Henderson Marina



Riverside Marina

Improvement Plan

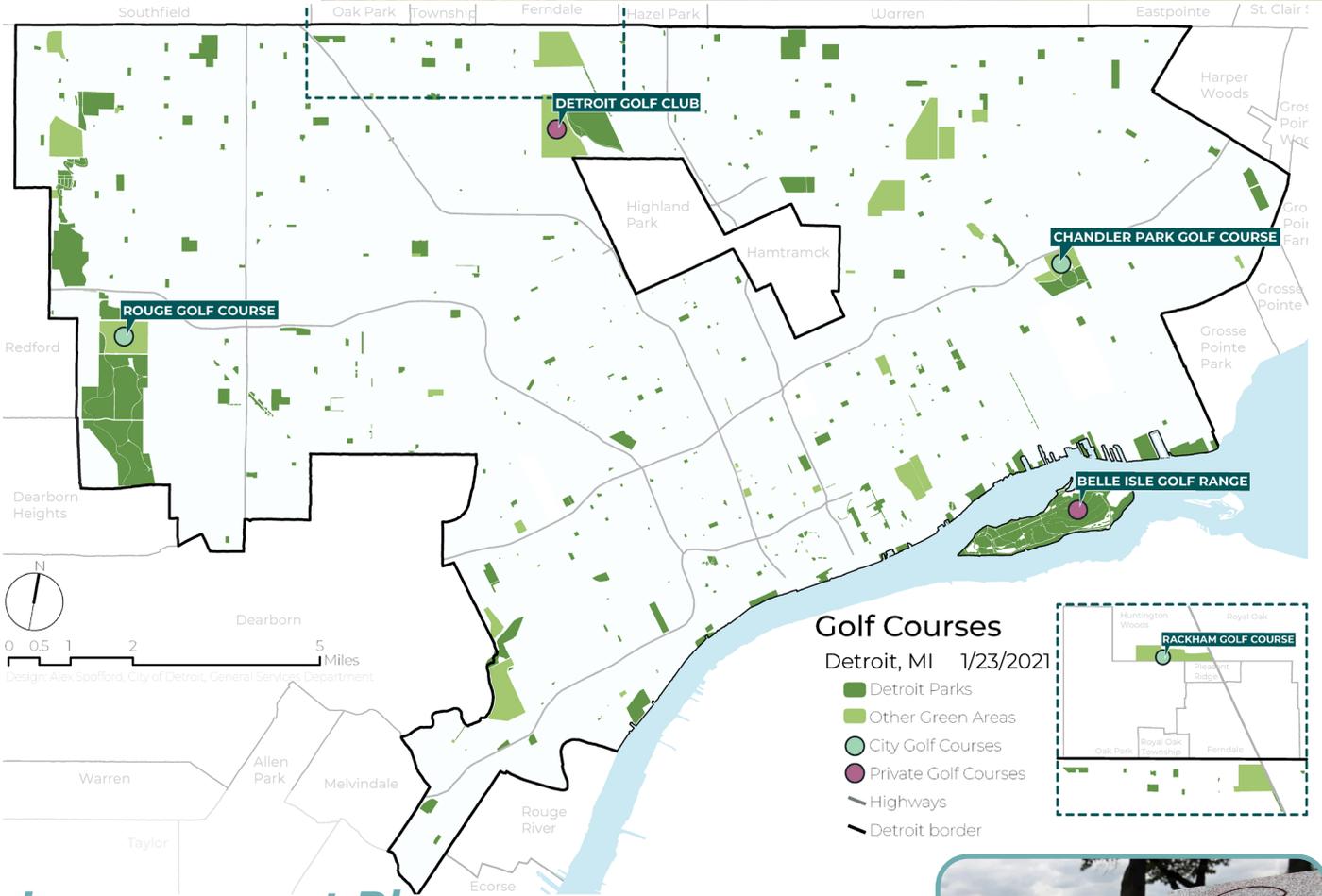
State of Good Repair

Budget: \$\$\$\$

In Progress

Detroit's marinas are in need of significant capital investment to come up to a state of good repair. Investments in marinas can activate key waterfront spaces for greater recreational enjoyment. Marinas serve as a key location for storing and launching watercraft. With purposeful investments, Detroit can revitalize its marinas and establish long term partnerships with vendors and marina managers to maintain excellent facility conditions and provide Detroit's boating community with opportunities for years to come. For more information, see the [East Riverfront Assets Study](#) in the Appendix.

GOLF COURSES



Improvement Plan

State of Good Repair \$\$\$/ golf course

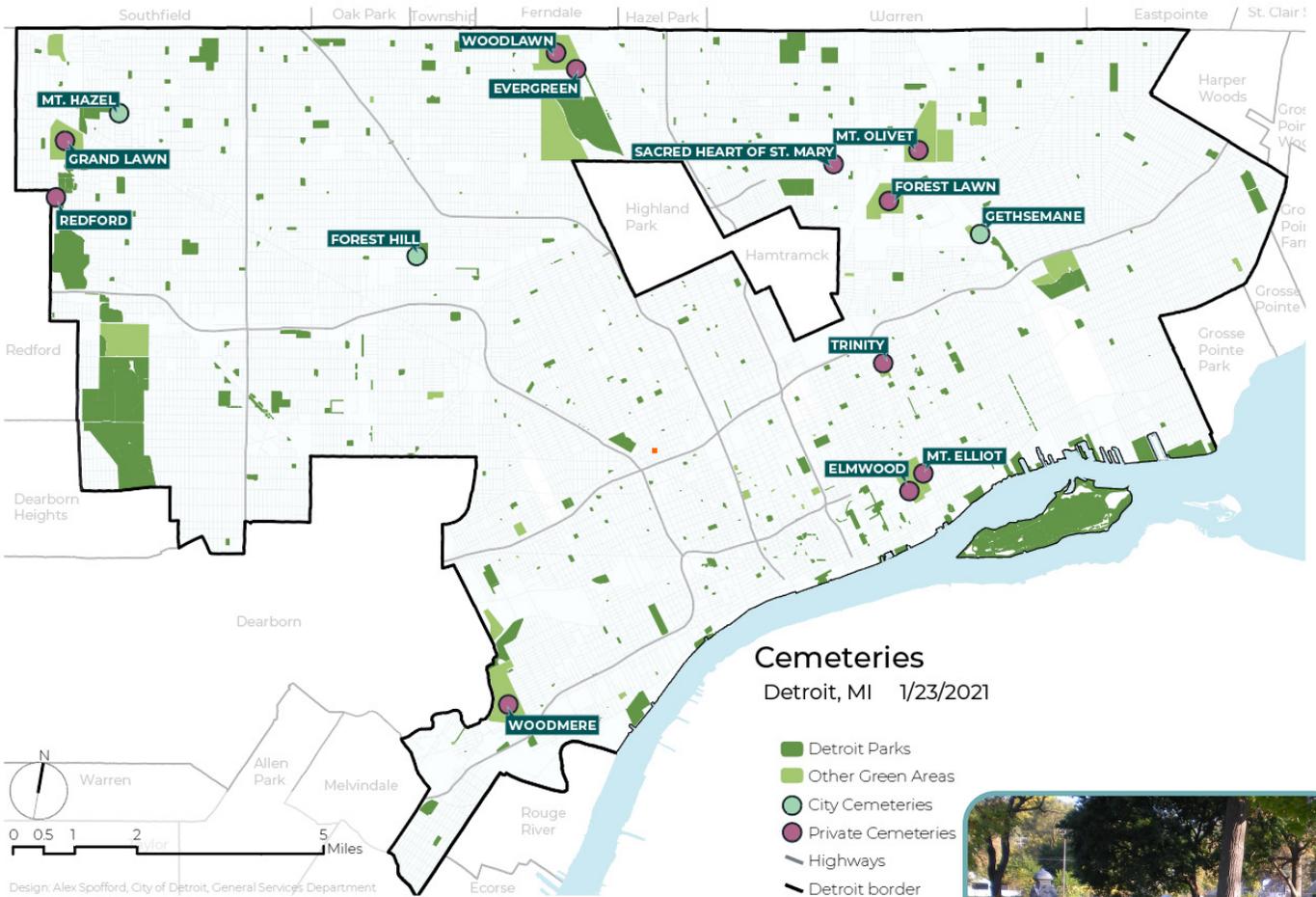
Each of Detroit's city-owned golf courses, Rouge, Rackham, and Chandler, are in need of capital investment to maintain a state of good repair. This includes improvements to buildings, drainage solutions, and tree replacement.

National Standards \$\$\$/ golf course

To bring Detroit's city-owned golf courses up to excellent quality, on par with national standards, DPRD calls for improvements for cart paths, fairways, and tees. Additionally, some courses could benefit from facility expansion and upgrades in support of continued self-sustaining partnerships.



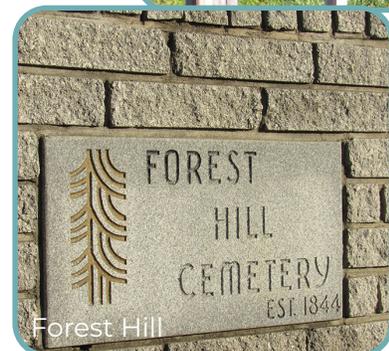
CEMETERIES



Improvement Plan

State of Good Repair \$\$\$/ cemetery Long term

Detroit has many beautiful private cemeteries, as well as three that are city-owned. Cemeteries provide an essential service to Detroiters for honoring loved ones. Additionally, cemeteries offer beautiful green spaces of peaceful respite in natural, as well as stormwater mitigation and natural cooling. Capital investments in facility renovations, such as drainage, fencing, roadways and structures, will help maintain the sanctity, beauty, and tranquility of these areas.





CAPITAL PLAN FOR GREENWAYS

The City of Detroit defines **Greenways** as a part of a transportation network with **protected, recreational, shared-use paths for pedestrians and non-vehicular access that connects destinations within and between neighborhoods**. Detroit is building toward a network of regional and neighborhood greenways to promote active mobility and outdoor fun. Blueways, or publicly accessible waterways, and State trails like the Iron Bell trail also contribute to Detroit's diverse system of recreational and transportation routes. This subsection includes the capital needs of:

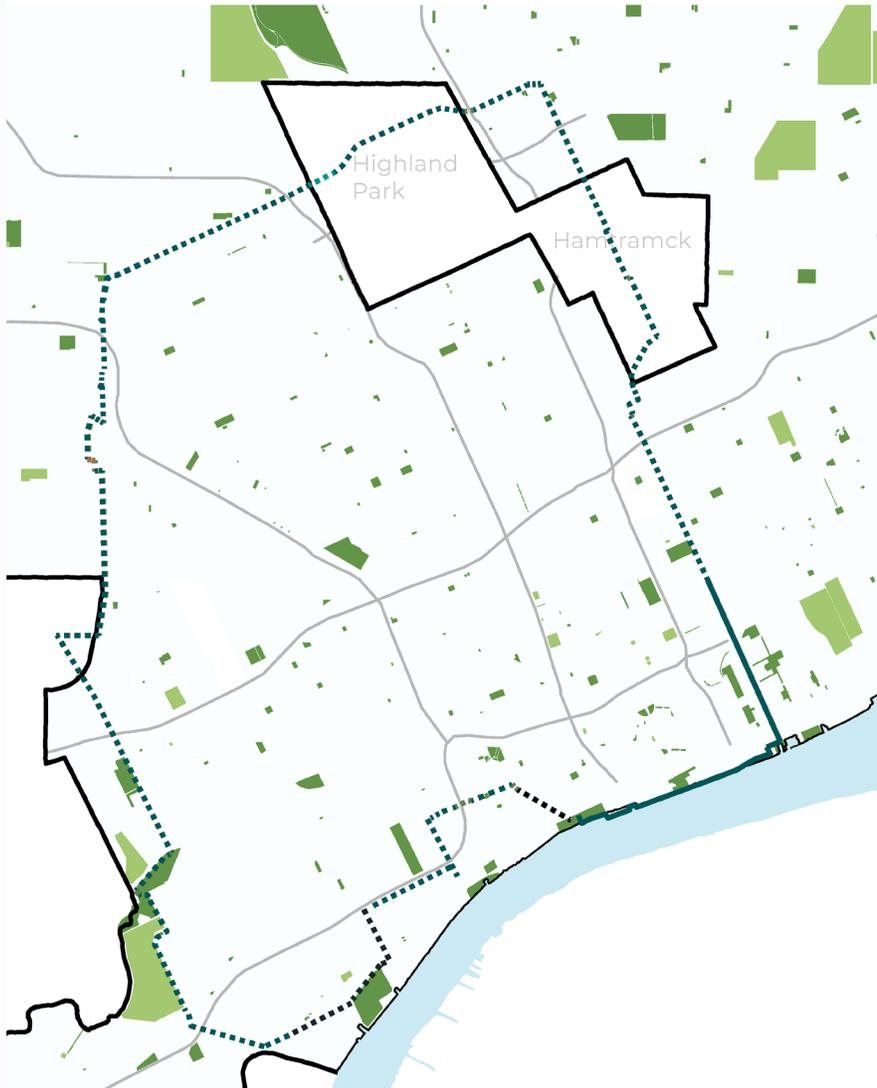
- Joe Louis Greenway
- Rouge Greenway
- Iron Belle Trail & Connor Creek
- Neighborhood Greenways

JOE LOUIS GREENWAY

Joe Louis Greenway Map

Detroit, MI

1/16/2022



- City Parks
- Other Green Spaces
- Existing Greenway
- Tentative Future Route
- Highways
- Detroit border



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Design: Alex Spofford, City of Detroit, GSD

Improvement Plan

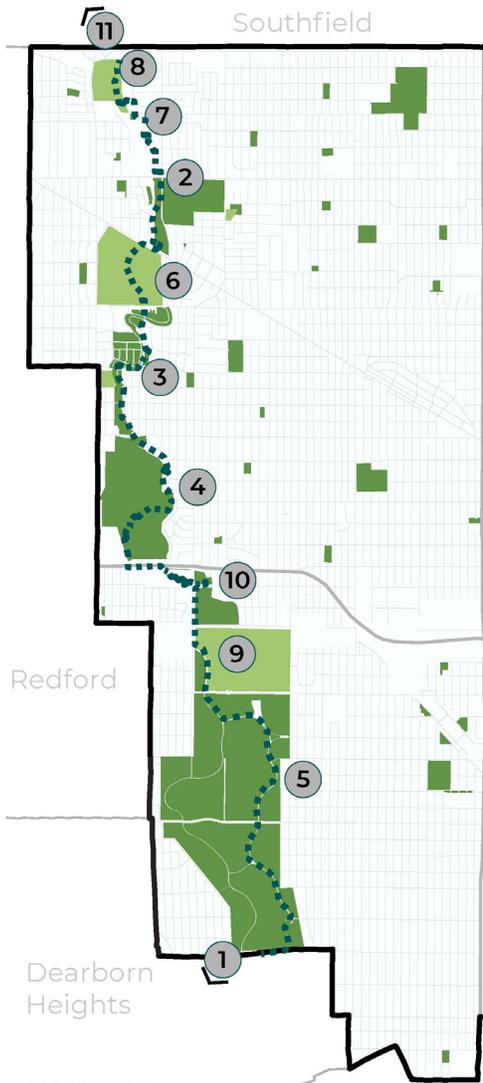
Connecting the System

Budget: \$\$\$\$

17 Phases

The Joe Louis Greenway is a recreational route traversing many neighborhoods across Detroit, Dearborn, Hamtramck and Highland Park. There are currently over 31,000 feet of completed greenway, with over 186,000 feet in total planned to complete the greenway. The Joe Louis Greenway is a monumental project to create increased access to green recreational spaces and other Detroit destinations. The Joe Louis Greenway alone will provide access to parks and recreational spaces to over 15,000 residents were that previously outside of all walksheds (a 10-minute walk from all parks). For more information, see the Joe Louis Greenway Framework Plan in the appendices.

ROUGE GREENWAY



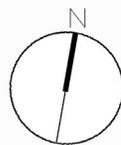
Rouge Greenway Map

Detroit, MI 1/16/2022

- Planned Greenway Route
- City Parks
- Other Green Spaces

Greenway Segments:

- 1** Parkside Park / Hines Dr.
- 2** Rogell Park
- 3** Rouge Valley Parkway Park
- 4** Eliza Howell Park
- 5** Rouge Park
- 6** Grand Lawn Cemetery
- 7** Pembroke and 7 Mile
- 8** Bonnie Brook Park
- 9** Rouge Park Golf Course
- 10** Outer Drive - Fullerton Park
- 11** Valley Woods Park, Southfield



0 0.5 1 2 Miles

Design: Alex Spofford, City of Detroit, GSD

Improvement Plan

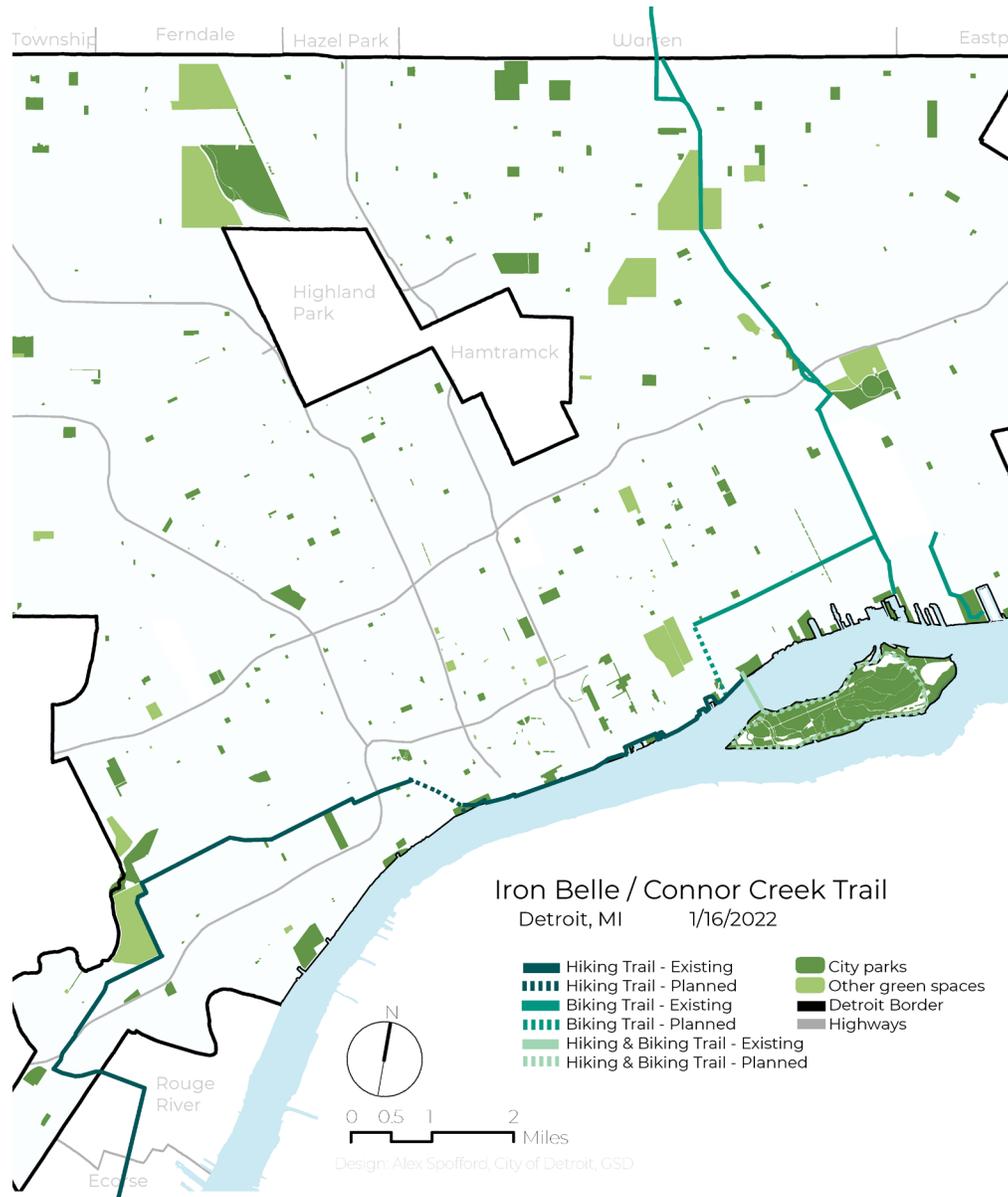
Connecting the System

Budget: \$\$\$\$

11 Phases

The Rouge Greenway is a long term project that will consist of over 58,910 feet of greenway connecting 11 parks and green spaces across west Detroit along the Rouge River. It will also create a recreational and transportation connection between Detroit, Southfield, and Dearborn Heights, connecting to Hines Drives across Wayne County. This will be a unique greenway for the region, and will provide miles of accessible trails nestled in some of the largest natural areas in the region. For more information see the Rouge Greenway Plan in the appendices.

CONNER CREEK GREENWAY & IRON BELLE TRAIL



Improvement Plan

Connecting the System

Budget: \$\$\$\$

Phases To Be Determined

The Iron Belle Trail (IBT) is a recreational route traversing the state of Michigan with both a hiking and biking trail. The hiking trail currently has over 1,200 miles completed, crossing through the south of Detroit ending at Belle Isle. The biking trail, also known locally as Connor Creek Trail, consists of nearly 800 miles of completed pathway from Belle Isle to 8 Mile and beyond up to the Upper Peninsula. The IBT connects with many planned Detroit greenways, including the Joe Louis Greenway. Much of the route for the Conner Creek portion of the IBT will be determined once a comprehensive planning process has been completed.

NEIGHBORHOOD GREENWAYS



Improvement Plan

Connecting the System

Budget: \$\$\$\$

Phases To Be Determined

Similar to Detroit's regional greenways - the Joe Louis, Rouge, and Iron Belle / Connor Creek - Neighborhood Greenways provide off-road trails, but they also focus on the local neighborhood around the greenway, and serve as connection spurs to larger greenways. Shown above, these potential routes can fill connectivity gaps within the parks and rec system and help Detroiters reach neighborhood destinations safely. Greenways provide new green spaces and public amenities. As shown above, some of these greenways are existing, while others still need to be planned and built, in partnership with the community and other city departments.



CAPITAL PLAN

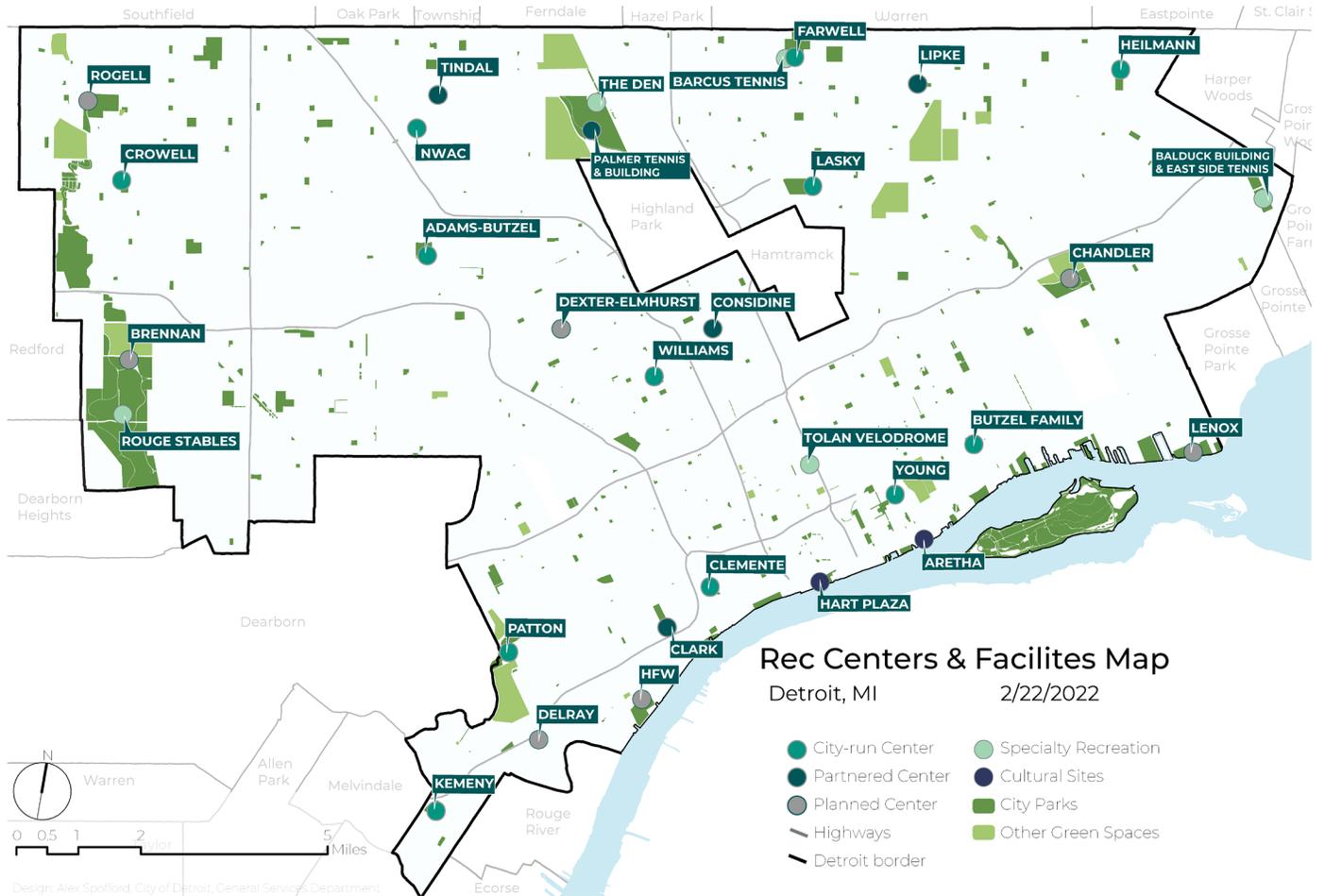
FOR RECREATION FACILITIES

Detroit's parks and recreation system includes city-run and partner-run centers, as well as specialty recreation sites, which typically offer only one type of recreation programming, and cultural sites, which offer art, music, and other non-active recreation opportunities. Planned centers are funded sites currently in the design or construction process. Many of these sites are located in or near parks, creating additional opportunities for year-round programming.

This section includes:

- City-Run Rec Centers
- Partnered Rec Centers
- Specialty Recreation
- New Recreational Opportunities

Recreation Opportunities in Detroit



Recreation Centers, Facilities, and Specialty Recreation

Within the first few phases of the plan, City-run centers will receive investments to raise them to a state of good repair, an essential baseline for maintaining good-condition facilities and equipment, with additional improvements as necessary thereafter.

Utilization Score measures the percent of usable space that is currently actively programmed; DPRD strives to reach **80%** for all rec centers. See page 18 of Chapter 4 and Rec 2.0 in the appendices for more information.

Metrics follow the same methodology outline for park, with higher scores indicating a greater need served. See Chapter 4 for more information.

Resident Spotlights provide a resident's comment from the PRSP city-wide survey regarding the rec center they visit most frequently. See Chapter 2: Community Engagement for more information.

Amenities and Targets Key:

Sports & Fitness

- Gymnasium
- Boxing
- Weight or Fitness Room
- Pool
- Ice Skating

Activities

- Arts & Crafts
- 65+ Senior Room
- Multi-use Room
- Ceramics
- Dance Room

Resources

- Computer Lab
- Lockers & Showers
- Kitchens
- Library

Targets

- Multimodal Transit Hub
- Increased Utilization
- Programs Notification & Marketing Campaign
- GSI in Parking Lots
- Critical Needs Program

City-Run Centers



Adams Butzel

10500 Lydon St.
District 2

Facility Information:

Status: City Owned & Operated
 Fee: City standard
 Hours: 83 hours/week
 Utilization: 54%

Metric Scores:

Population Density	4 /5
Youth	4 /5
Senior	4 /5
Access to Rec	3 /5
Equity	8 /10
Health	6 /10
Environment	8 /10
Metric total:	37 /50

Current Amenities:



Targets:



Resident Spotlight:

“More swimming lessons, more cooking and survival skill lessons, archery lessons..”

-Adam Butzel Visitor (PRSP Survey)

Improvement Plan

State of Good Repair

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In Progress - Phase 1

Parks & Rec is currently in the process of updating Adams Butzel Recreation Center to bring it up to a state of good repair using a substantial capital investment. Renovations beginning in Fall of 2021 will continue through Phase 1 of the plan, providing such possible improvements as parking lot renovation, interior and exterior updates, and improved safety measures.



Butzel Family

7737 Kercheval
District 3

Facility Information:

Status: City Owned & Operated

Fee: City standard

Hours: 83 hours/week

Utilization: TBD

Metric scores:

Population Density 2 /5

Youth 1 /5

Senior 4 /5

Access to Rec 2 /5

Equity 4 /10

Health 4 /10

Environment 4 /10

Metric total: 21 /50

Current Amenities:



Targets:



Resident Spotlight:

“I live near Butzel, and I feel like it just needs a refresh in terms of its appearance.”

-Butzel Family Visitor (PRSP Survey)

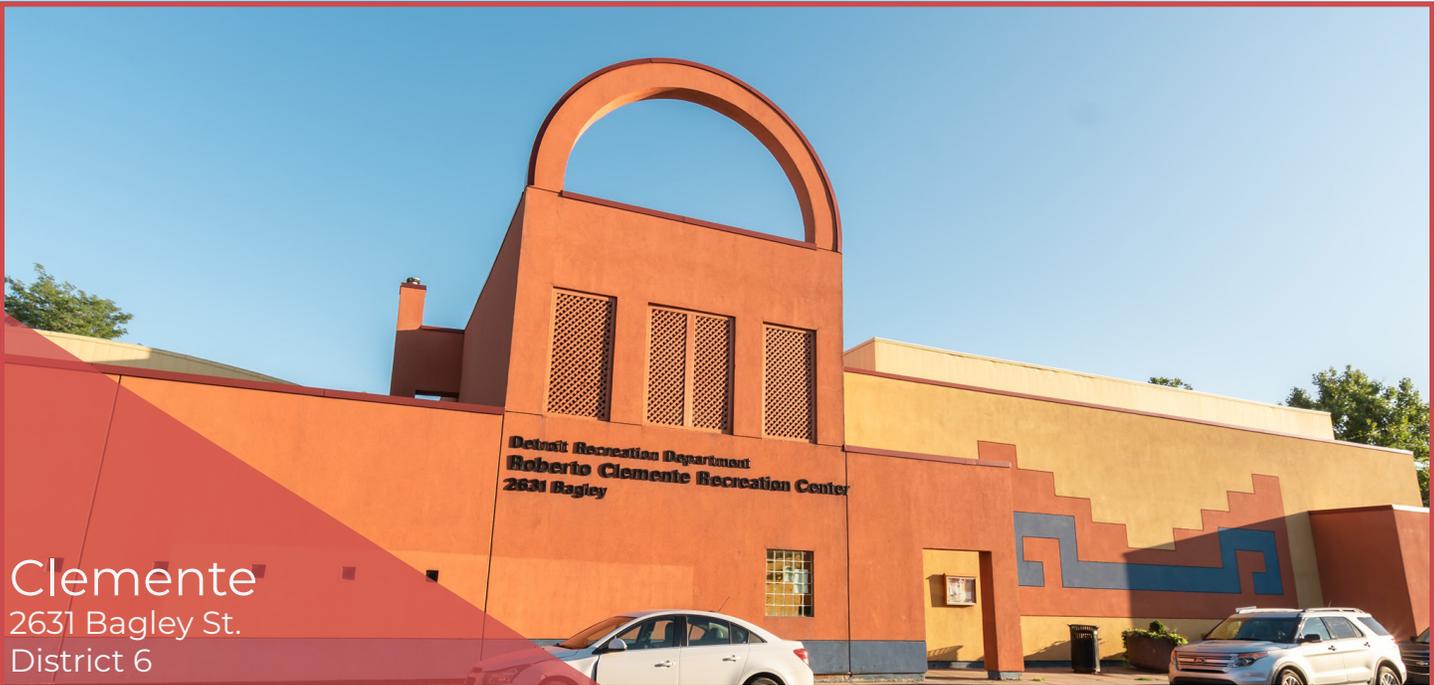
Improvement Plan

State of Good Repair

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In Progress - Phase 3

The Butzel Family Recreation Center is currently receiving substantial renovations that will continue through Phase 3. These improvements include interior and exterior updates, accessibility improvements, landscaping and signage.



Clemente
 2631 Bagley St.
 District 6

Facility Information:

Status: City Owned & Operated
 Fee: City standard
 Hours: 40 hours/week
 Utilization: 39%

Metric scores:

Population Density	2 /5
Youth	1 /5
Senior	1 /5
Access to Rec	1 /5
Equity	4 /10
Health	4 /10
Environment	6 /10
Metric total:	19 /50

Current Amenities:



Targets:



Resident Spotlight:

“The gym was repeatedly closed due to a leak in the roof.”
 -Clemente Visitor (PRSP Survey)

Improvement Plan

State of Good Repair \$\$\$\$ In Progress - Phase 1

Renovations for the Clemente Recreation Center are currently in progress and will proceed through Phase 3, to bring the center up to a state of good repair. Improvements may include state-of-the-art safety upgrades, pavement replacement, kitchen additions, and other interior and exterior investments.



Coleman Young

2751 Robert Bradby Dr.
District 5

Facility Information:

Status: City Owned & Operated

Fee: City standard

Hours: 83 hours/week

Utilization: 24%

Metric scores:

Population Density 3 /5

Youth 1 /5

Senior 4 /5

Access to Rec 3 /5

Equity 5 /10

Health 4 /10

Environment 7 /10

Metric total: 27 /50

Current Amenities:



Targets:



Resident Spotlight:

“Clean the locker rooms and repair the pool please.”

-Coleman Young Visitor (PRSP Survey)

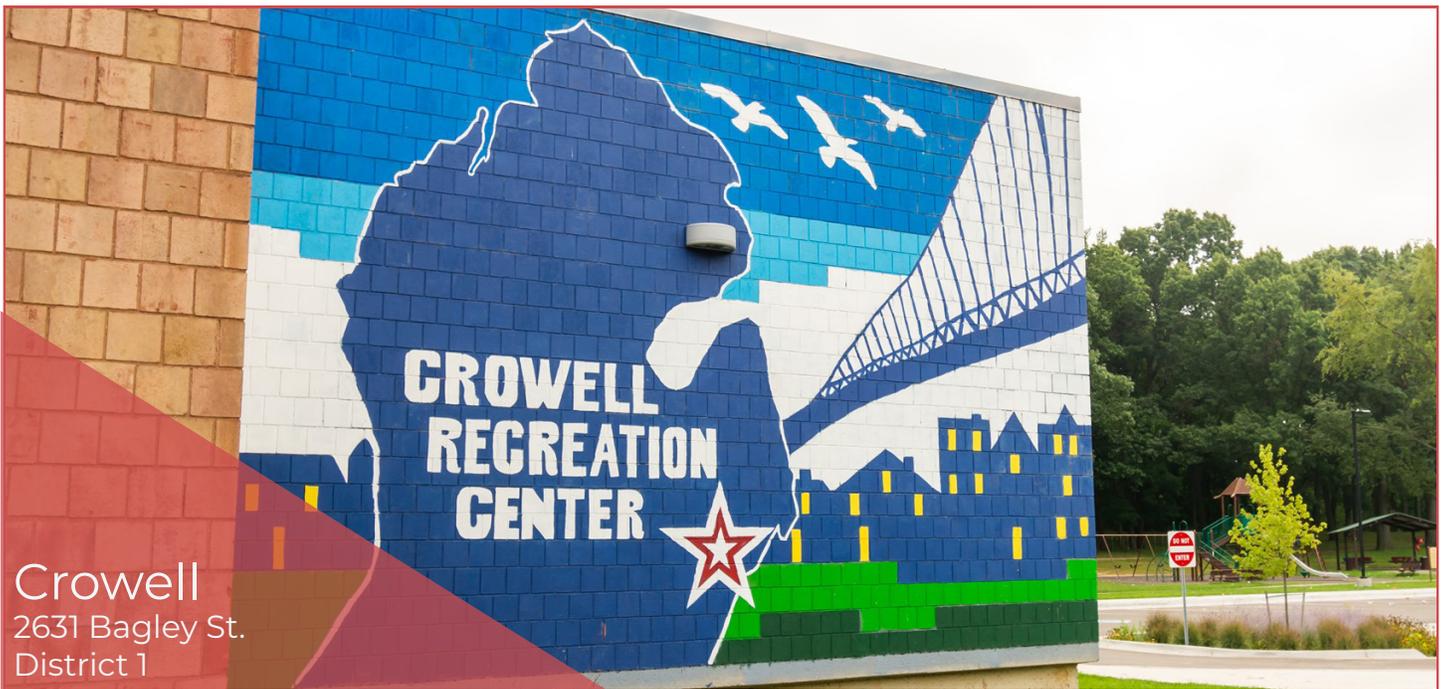
Improvement Plan

State of Good Repair

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In Progress - Phase 4

Renovations at the Coleman Young Recreation Center which began in Fall 2021 will continue through Phase 4. These renovations may include roof replacement, safety and operational upgrades, pool improvements, accessibility measures, and building renovations that facilitate a welcoming atmosphere for visitors.



Crowell
2631 Bagley St.
District 1

Facility Information:

Status: City Owned & Operated
 Fee: City standard
 Hours: 40 hours/week
 Utilization: 30%

Metric scores:

Population Density	3 /5
Youth	3 /5
Senior	3 /5
Access to Rec	2 /5
Equity	6 /10
Health	6 /10
Environment	5 /10
Metric total:	28 /50

Current Amenities:



Targets:



Resident Spotlight:

“Free of charge activities, ceramics, movie night, dance.”
 -Crowell Visitor (PRSP Survey)

Improvement Plan

State of Good Repair

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In Progress - Phase 4

The Crowell Recreation Center will receive ongoing renovations through Phase 4, as a continuation of basic improvements that begin in Fall 2021. These improvements are intended to improve the indoor and outdoor safety and accessibility. Potential improvements include lobby, bathroom, kitchen, and multipurpose room renovations, as well as landscaping, safety, and HVAC upgrades.



Farwell

2711 E. Outer Drive.
District 5

Facility Information:

Status: City Owned & Operated
 Fee: City standard
 Hours: 40 hours/week
 Utilization: 48%

Metric scores:

Population Density	3 /5
Youth	3 /5
Senior	2 /5
Access to Rec	2 /5
Equity	6 /10
Health	8 /10
Environment	6 /10
Metric total:	30 /50

Current Amenities:



Targets:



Resident Spotlight:

“Have a Master Plan for [the] Gymnasium .”
 -Farwell Visitor (PRSP Survey)

Improvement Plan

State of Good Repair

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In Progress - Phase 4

Improvements to the Farwell Recreation Center will be ongoing from Fall 2021 through Phase 4 of the plan. These renovations may include energy efficient lighting, roof renovations, safety and security improvements, and exterior upgrades. Farwell is also scheduled for a gym addition in 2023. These investments will address visitor desires for gymnasium amenities and programs, and increase the overall utility of the center.



Heilmann
 19601 Crusade St.
 District 3

Facility Information:

Status: City Owned & Operated
 Fee: City standard
 Hours: 83 hours/week
Utilization: 54%

Metric Scores:

Population Density	4 /5
Youth	5 /5
Senior	2 /5
Access to Rec	5 /5
Equity	8 /10
Health	10 /10
Environment	4 /10
Metric total:	38 /50

Current Amenities:



Targets:



Resident Spotlight:

What keeps you from using rec centers?

“Work schedule..”

-Heilmann Visitor (PRSP Survey)

Improvement Plan

State of Good Repair

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In Progress - Phase 4

The Heilmann Recreation Center is currently undergoing renovations that will continue through Phase 4 and bring the center to a state of good repair. These renovations may include interior and exterior improvements for safety, security, and repairs for the pool. Additionally, Parks and Rec will consider operational changes to provide desired programs that are accessible to nearby residents.



Lasky

13200 Fenelon St.
District 3

Facility Information:

Status: City Owned & Operated

Fee: City standard

Hours: 40 hours/week

Utilization: 32%

Metric scores:

Population Density 3 /5

Youth 4 /5

Senior 2 /5

Access to Rec 4 /5

Equity 4 /10

Health 6 /10

Environment 7 /10

Metric total: 30 /50

Current Amenities:



Targets:



Resident Spotlight:

“Not [concerned about] safety indoors, but outdoors. Building does not have an inviting look.”

-Lasky visitor (PRSP Survey)

Improvement Plan

Demolition & Rebuild

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Phase 3

The Lasky Recreation Center is currently in need of demolition and reconstruction. This is planned to take place in Phase 3 of the plan, given adequate funding and feasibility. This rec center needs such considerable renovations that reconstruction is more financially feasible, in order to create accessibility, high space utilization, and an inviting exterior and entry area.

Northwest Activities Center

7737 Kercheval
District 3

Facility Information:

Status: City Owned & Operated
 Fee: City standard
 Hours: 83 hours/week
 Utilization: TBD

Metric scores:

Population Density	5 /5
Youth	5 /5
Senior	5 /5
Access to Rec	5 /5
Equity	10 /10
Health	9 /10
Environment	9 /10
Metric total:	48 /50

Current Amenities:



Targets:



Resident Spotlight:

“Need for more community-based classes... community garden on site.”

-NWAC Visitor (PRSP Survey)

Improvement Plan

Mini Library Addition

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In Progress

Northwest Activities Center is an excellent example of self-sustaining partnership through joint programming efforts. This center is not currently in need of renovations, aside from the mini library addition currently in progress, which will be instated across all City-owned rec centers in Detroit.



Patton

2301 Woodmere St.
District 6

Facility Information:

Status: City Owned & Operated

Fee: City standard

Hours: 83 hours/week

Utilization: 27%

Metric scores:

Population Density 3 /5

Youth 4 /5

Senior 1 /5

Access to Rec 4 /5

Equity 6 /10

Health 6 /10

Environment 3 /10

Metric total: 27 /50

Current Amenities:



Targets:



Resident Spotlight:

“ADA friendly activities, culturally sensitive swim times, showers and locker rooms especially for our Muslim neighbors.”-Patton Visitor (PRSP Survey)

Improvement Plan

State of Good Repair

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In Progress - Phase 4

The Patton Recreation Center is currently receiving renovations to bring it up to a state of good repair and meet national standards. Renovations may include pool area improvements, investment in the dance rooms and gym, and utilities and landscaping upgrades. These investments, along with DPRD’s considerations of programming, can address visitor priorities for accessible and culturally appropriate services.

Williams

8431 Rosa Parks Blvd.
District 6

Facility Information:

Status: City Owned & Operated
Fee: City standard
Hours: 83 hours/week
Utilization: 37%

Metric scores:

Population Density	3 /5
Youth	2 /5
Senior	3 /5
Access to Rec	1 /5
Equity	6 /10
Health	8 /10
Environment	7 /10
Metric total:	30 /50

Current Amenities:



Targets:



Resident Spotlight:

“Evening classes for working persons; or day recreation for stay-at-home moms.”

-Williams Visitor (PRSP Survey)

Improvement Plan

State of Good Repair

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In Progress - Phase 4

Renovations in progress on the Williams Recreation Center will continue into Phase 4. These improvements can include build-out to accommodate increased capacity during COVID-19, interior and exterior improvements, and bringing the facilities up to date.

Partner-Run Centers



Partnered centers are City-owned, while operated and programmed by local organizations. While the City invests periodically to maintain the quality of the structure, much of the capital funding for partnered centers is philanthropic.

Clark Park Rec Facilities

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The City currently partners with the Clark Park Coalition for programming and upkeep. DPRD plans to invest in Clark Park's indoor recreation facilities in phases 1 through 5 of the plan. This includes bringing all facilities up to a state of good repair, investing in the ice skating rink, and comfort stations. Philanthropic funds are forecasted to cover some of these costs and the costs of further improvements.



Considine Recreation Center

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Now known as Considine-Historic Little Rock Family Life, Education and Recreation Center, Considine is partnered with The Historic Little Rock Baptist Church and Emory University. Investments are expected in phase 7 of this plan's implementation to ensure a state of good repair.

Palmer Park Community House

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The Palmer Park Community House is a small building under joint use by the City and local community group People for Palmer Park. The facility contains public bathrooms, meeting space, and storage. DPRD plans to invest in this facility in phases 8 of the plan contingent on philanthropic funding availability.



Rogell Club House

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DPRD is in the process of reactivating Rogell as a City park with opportunities for recreation partnership. On the grounds of the former golf course, there is a small facility in need of significant capital investment. DPRD is seeking partners to reopen the center and bring it to a state of good repair, and will make an excellent site for partnered programming. Investments are forecasted for phase 4.

SAY Detroit Play Center at Lipke

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The City currently partners with SAY Detroit at the Lipke Recreation Center. SAY Detroit operates youth-focused athletic and academic programs at the center. DPRD plans to make improvements to this partnered center in phases 1 through 3 for state of good repair and expansion, through a combination of City and philanthropic funding.



Healthy Kidz Inc. at Tindal

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DPRD has partnered with the non-profit youth organization Healthy Kidz Inc. at Tindal Recreation Center. Healthy Kidz Inc. provides sports, activities, and special events with a focus on Detroit's youth. Investments in the center are planned for phases 1 through 6 of the plan using City and philanthropic funds to bring the center up to national standards.

Potential Future Partnerships

TBD

There are still many gaps in the parks and rec system, especially regarding swimming education and year-round indoor recreation opportunities. DPRD has completed an in-depth analysis of gap areas and will be working with many potential partners to fill these gaps. Detroit Public School Community Districts may be an ideal partner to target for future partnership opportunities.



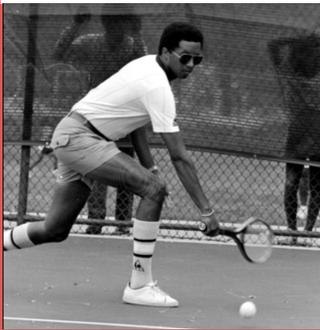
Specialty Recreation

Specialty Recreation focus on one or more recreational opportunities that offer a unique experience for residents across Detroit and the greater metro area. Some of these sites may be ideal for expansion to provide additional year-round amenities and many are a part of larger studies on capacity building and investment.

Aretha Franklin Amphitheater

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The Aretha Franklin Amphitheater is a popular music venue along Detroit's riverfront. The City has partnered with The Right Productions, Inc, to operate the space. It is currently in need of significant investment in phase 7 to maintain a state of good repair. More information can be found about the Aretha and other riverfront parks in the East Riverfront Assets Study.



Barcus Tennis Center at Farwell Park

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Barcus Tennis Center, dedicated to Harvey H. Barcus, is located next to Farwell Rec Center. DPRD plans to make minor improvements to Barcus Tennis Center in phases 1 through 4 to achieve a state of good repair. The City would also like to make a more substantial investment in phase 6, to increase programming and hours of operation. Pictured here is tennis pro Arthur Ashe during the dedication from Wayne State's digital library.

Balduck Park Building Eastside Tennis & Fitness Club

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Balduck Park has a small recreational building that is underutilized, and is recommended for investment in phase 9, as well as Eastside Tennis & Fitness Club, in phase 8. While City-owned, Eastside Tennis & Fitness Club is an independent business providing tennis, fitness equipment, a golf simulator, and personal training with a membership or use fee.



Brennan Pool Building

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Brennan Pool in Rouge Park is currently Detroit's only outdoor public pool. It provides the essential recreation service of youth swim lessons. DPRD aspires to further activate the space for year-round recreational opportunities, thereby increasing Detroiters' access to recreation. By investing in pool building improvements in phase 1, the City may be able to cost-effectively create new rec center access in an area of great need.

Hart Plaza

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Hart Plaza is a City-owned and managed specialty recreation site along Detroit's riverfront. A significant capital fundraising campaign is need to stabilize and revitalize the site and ensure continued use as a venue for public events. For more information about Hart Plaza and other riverfront recreation sites, see the East Riverfront Assets Study (ERAS) in the appendices.



Historic Fort Wayne Recreation Center

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Historic Fort Wayne is a regional park on Detroit's southwest riverfront, home to over 30 historic structures, in the star fort built in 1845. This site has many current and potential opportunities for recreation. Immediate significant capital investments are needed to stabilize the site as well as encourage partners to reactive the buildings, including an existing former rec center and gym. For more information, see the Historic Fort Wayne Strategic Plan.

"The DEN" Detroit's Nature & Education Center Tennis Center at Palmer Park

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Palmer Park is home to many recreational opportunities including the Detroit Nature Education Center, also known as the "DEN". By investing in the DEN in phase 5, the DEN can continue to provide Detroit's youth with nature exploration, summer camps, a range of outdoor sports, as well as indoor activities and learning opportunities. The Tennis Center at Palmer also needs investment in phase 4 to attain a state of good repair and reactivate the building.



Buffalo Soldiers Stable at Rouge Park

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The stables in Rouge Park are run by partner organization Buffalo Soldiers Heritage Association who focus on introducing Detroiters to horses and the history of the Buffalo Soldiers. A popular spot for birthdays and public events, the stables are expected to receive investment in phases 1 and 5 of the plan to ensure continued maintenance and state of good repair.

Lexus Velodrome at Tolan Park

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The Velodrome at Tolan provides year-round recreation by enabling Detroiters to enjoy the fitness benefits and fun of speed cycling, and watching cycling competitions. Located at Tolan Park in Detroit's Midtown area, the Velodrome is planned to receive philanthropic capital investment in phase 4 of the plan.



NEW RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

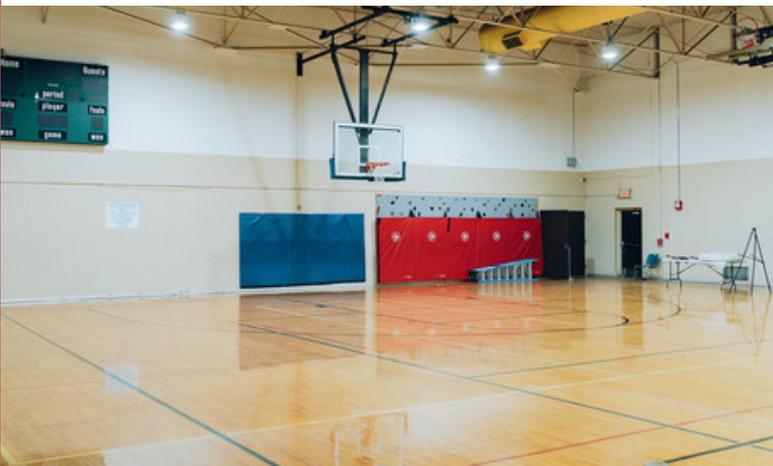
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Filling Gaps with New Centers: Chandler, Lenox, & Dexter-Elmhurst

Several new centers are in the planning or construction phase. These sites will greatly expand recreational access in areas that are current gaps within the system (see Chapter 5, pages 9-10).

Budget: \$\$\$\$\$ **Immediate**



Expansion of Existing Facilities

Some existing sites within the recreational system have potential to better serve Detroiters' rec needs after renovations. Along with centers that have limited seasonal access or are currently closed, DPRD also hopes to expand existing open centers, such as a long-desired gym expansion at Farwell Rec Center.

Budget: \$\$\$\$\$ **Short Term**



Future Partnership Expansion

DPRD has the potential to increase recreation access through partnership sites and programming. Ideal partnerships would be with organizations that have aligning missions and facilities such as gyms, pools, or other rec spaces. Schools can be ideal partners; DPRD has partnered with schools in the past, and hopes to develop a comprehensive partnership program framework.

Budget: \$\$\$\$\$ **Long Term**