

General Services Division

Messmer Park Improvement Project

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Messmer Park- 4135 Bluehill St



CURRENT CONDITIONS

Park type: neighborhood (5 acres)

Built in 1948

Most recent renovations:

- 2018 Boulders
- 2013 Trees, sidewalks and boulders
- 2011 Baseball field and other improvements by the Lear Corporation
 - Matt Simoncini former CEO Lear Corp grew up in this neighborhood and the baseball field is likely named for his father.









Most recent engagement: East Warren Cadieux Neighborhood Framework Plan 2019-2021 (no specific recommendations)

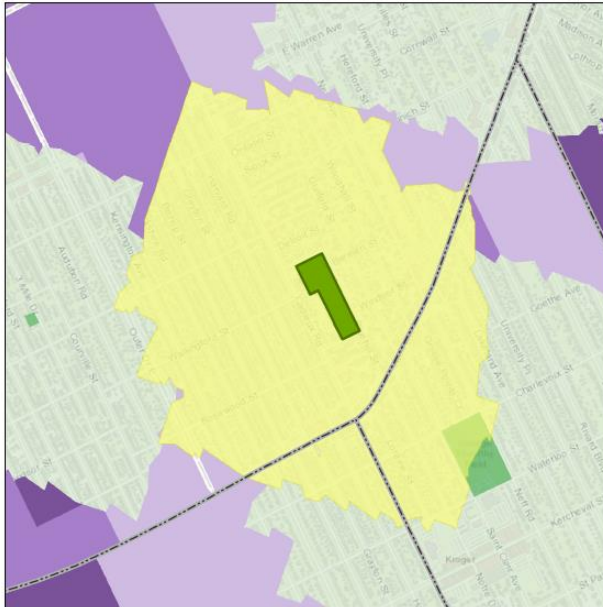
Current park users: no reoccurring rentals

Current amenities: baseball field, basketball court, picnic shelter, playground, horseshoes

PRSP Phasing & Park Gap

City Statistics	Current
City: Detroit, MI	
Park Acres	5,134
Total Population	659,768
Served Population	549,946
Percent Served	83.4%

Legend	
	City Boundary
	Selected Park
	Selected Service Area
	Parks
	Service Areas
Priority areas for new parks	
	Very high priority
	High priority
	Moderate priority



- Messmer Park is identified in Phase 2 in the Parks & Rec Strategic Plan (PRSP) in terms of statement of need and priority park gap.
- Map is from Trust for Public Land and shows the park gap for the neighborhood.

Project Overview & Timeline

Timeline for Park Improvements at Messmer Park



- Project Budget: <\$500,000 (minor renovation)
- Condition of existing amenities? Improvements?
- Any site issues or immediate concerns?

Survey & Community Outreach



- Open for the month of June
- 33 Responses
- 68% of respondents live within a $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from Messmer Park
- 36% use the park almost every day or several times per week

Next Steps

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- Collaborative Design Kickoff- June 14th
- Survey ends June 30th
- Community Meeting #2 (mid-late July)
- Community Meeting #3 (mid-late August)