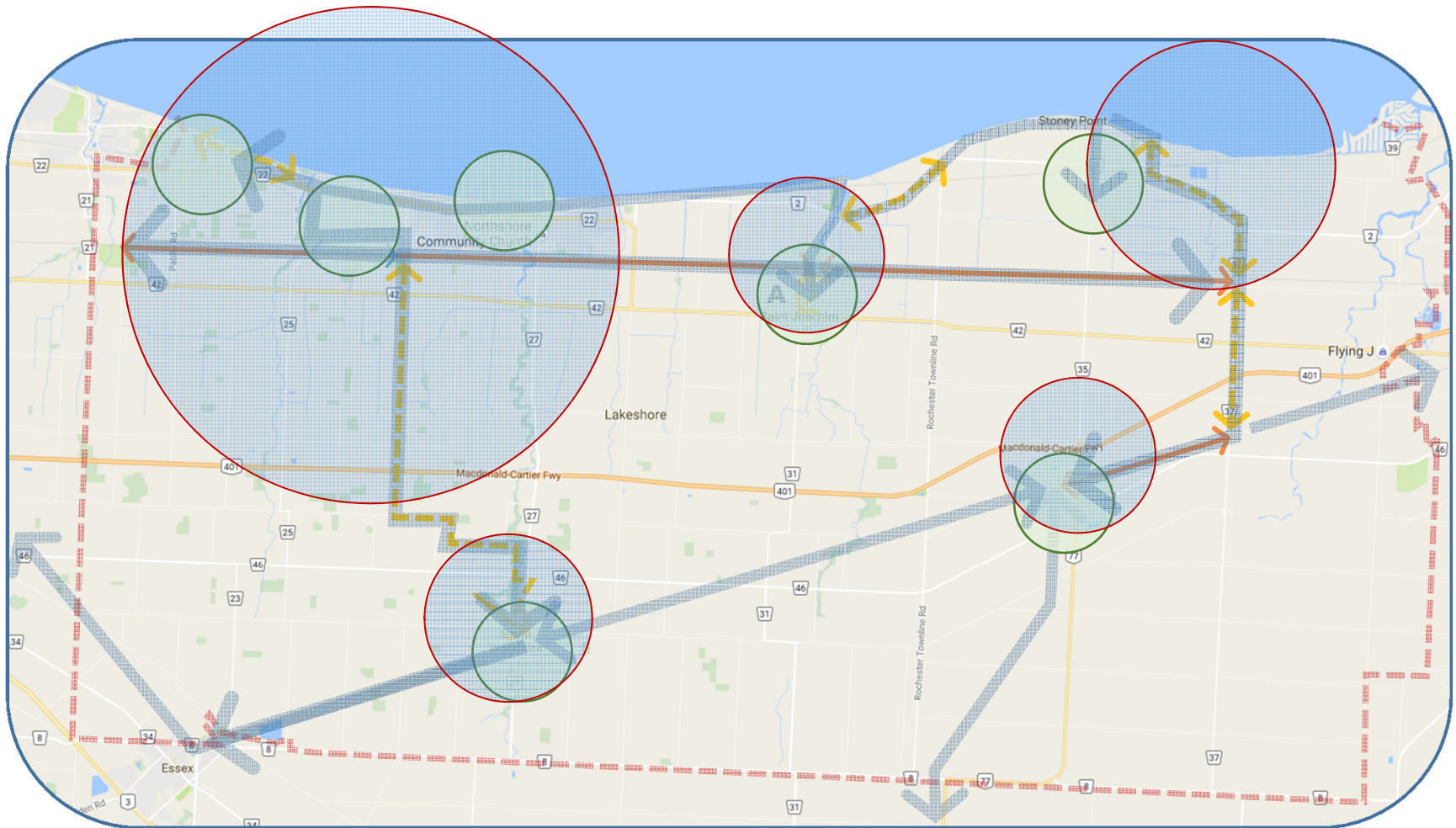


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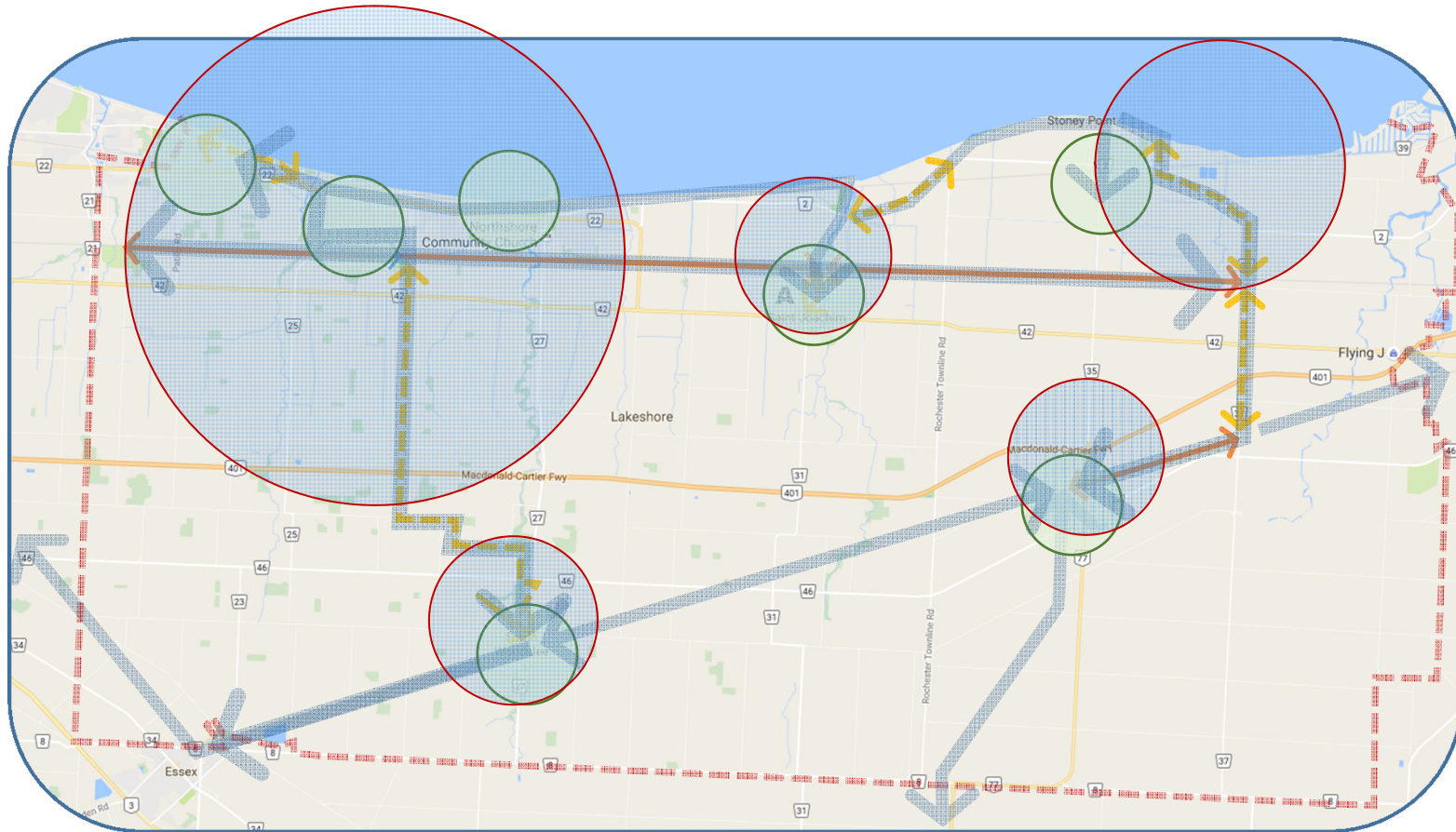
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Executive Summary



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- A new concept for the organization of parks is introduced across the Town of Lakeshore, referred to as the **Community of Parks**. Each population centre is represented by a high-quality community park, along with other various classifications of parks as a strategy to manage resources while providing access and choice for the community.
- It is recognized that a trail system is a linear park throughout the Town. Trails are integral to connecting Community Parks, Neighbourhood Parks and Parkettes across the Town.
- It is recommended that the park system be organized into a series of park classifications to support the Community of Parks concept presented in this update. The park classifications are as follows:
 - Regional Parks
 - Community Park
 - Neighbourhood Park
 - Neighbourhood Park (with sports)
 - Parkette
 - Trail
- It is recommended that West Beach, Lakeview Park and Belle River Marina be consolidated into a Regional Park, and undergo a park master site plan to maximize the new Regional Park's potential and connectivity to the community. Furthermore, the revised Regional Park should make a strong connection to the water's edge, celebrating the Town's past as well as beautiful Lake St. Clair.
- It is recommended the Atlas Tube Centre site should undergo a park master site plan to maximize the park's potential, create a "Great Green Space" and a Regional Sports Complex for soccer and baseball for the Town of Lakeshore. It is further recommended the Town explore opportunities for parkland acquisition to expand the Complex at the Atlas Tube Center site.

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- It is recommended that Leffler Peace Park, River Ridge Park, Optimist Park, Stoney Point Park, Millen Park, Geralyn Tellier-Perdu Memorial Park and Comber Fairgrounds Park be classified as Community Parks to deliver equitable recreation opportunities across the five population centres.
- A sustainable philosophy is supported for the maintenance of current park assets to further support a connection to the natural environment.
- Opportunities were identified to partner with entrepreneurial groups to generate seasonal or annual cash flow to support park maintenance operations.
- This plan provides the Town with an incremental growth strategy to maintain the recommended level of service found throughout the Town.

Process

- It is proposed that three principle trends in recreation regarding Health & Wellness, Social Equity, and Connection to Nature will underpin the findings for the master plan.
- In 2016 the Town of Lakeshore prepared terms of reference to prepare the first Parks & Recreation Master Plan to supplement the Community Services Master Plan.
- The objective of the update is to understand the effectiveness of the existing parks system, open space, trails and recreational facilities to support the community for the next 10 to 15 years.
- A Situational Analysis was the foundation of this report for the team to understand the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats of the Town of Lakeshore Parks program.
- All parks, open spaces, and trail systems in the Town were inventoried and evaluated. (Refer to Town of Lakeshore Parks Condition Report for inventory results)
- The community was engaged to share their concerns regarding the future development of the parks master plan update. The following inputs were utilized during the master plan update.

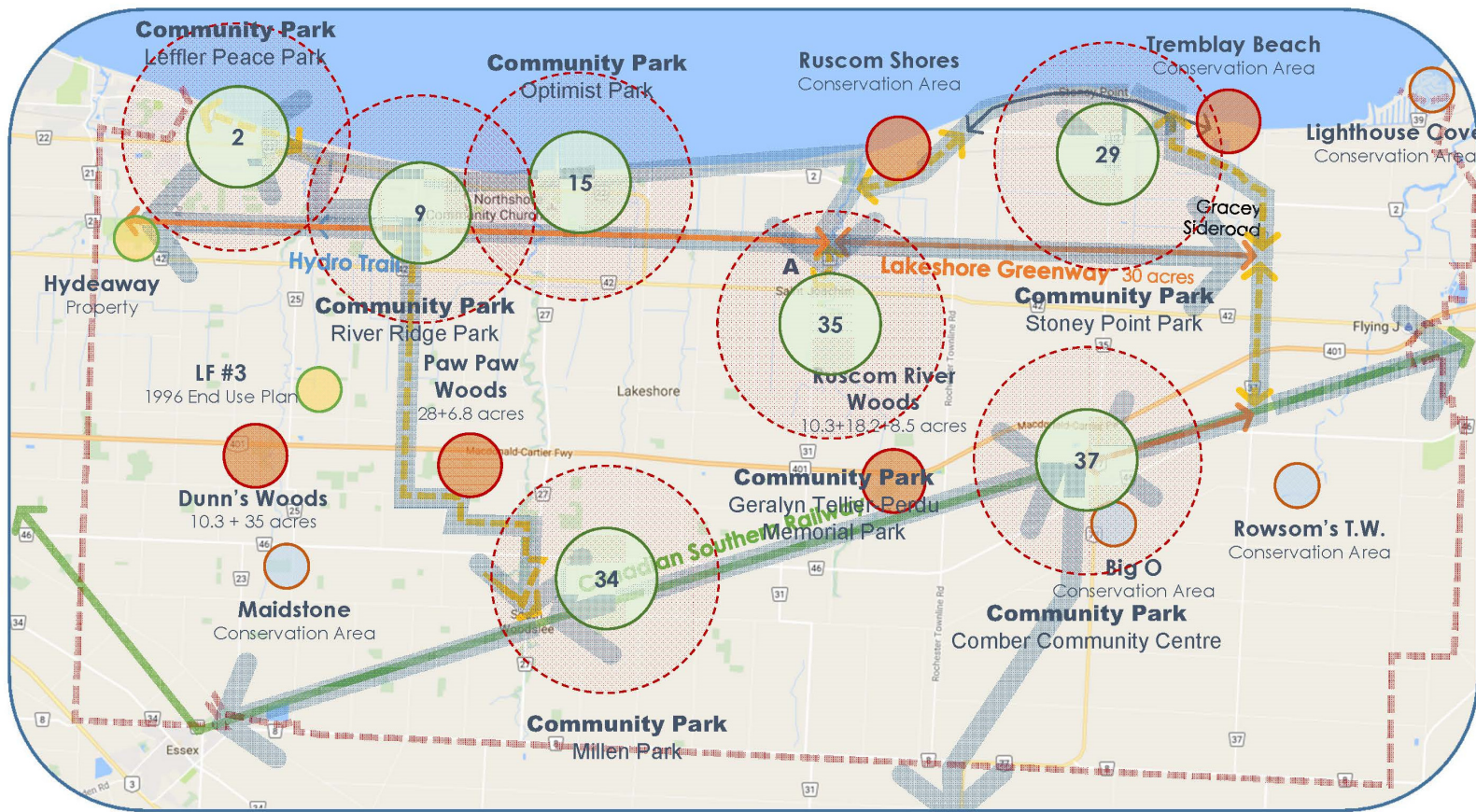
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- Town Profile and demographic projections (Excerpts from the Watson & Associates Economist Ltd. Town of Lakeshore Official Plan Review, Growth Analysis Study 2015)
 - Review of Town's current policies, standards and budget for park maintenance and redevelopment schedules
 - Lakeshore Parks & Recreation Activity Guide
 - Planning and Policy document review
 - Online questionnaire
 - Public open house sessions
 - Consultation with the Town Planning Department
 - User group consultation
 - Review of new trends
 - Review of possible partnerships
 - Review of waterfront public access
 - Review of community beautification
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- The Town's recreational facilities were benchmarked against provincial standards.

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-  Community Park
-  Conservation Areas
304 acres
-  Natural Heritage Site
-  Future Recreational Opportunities

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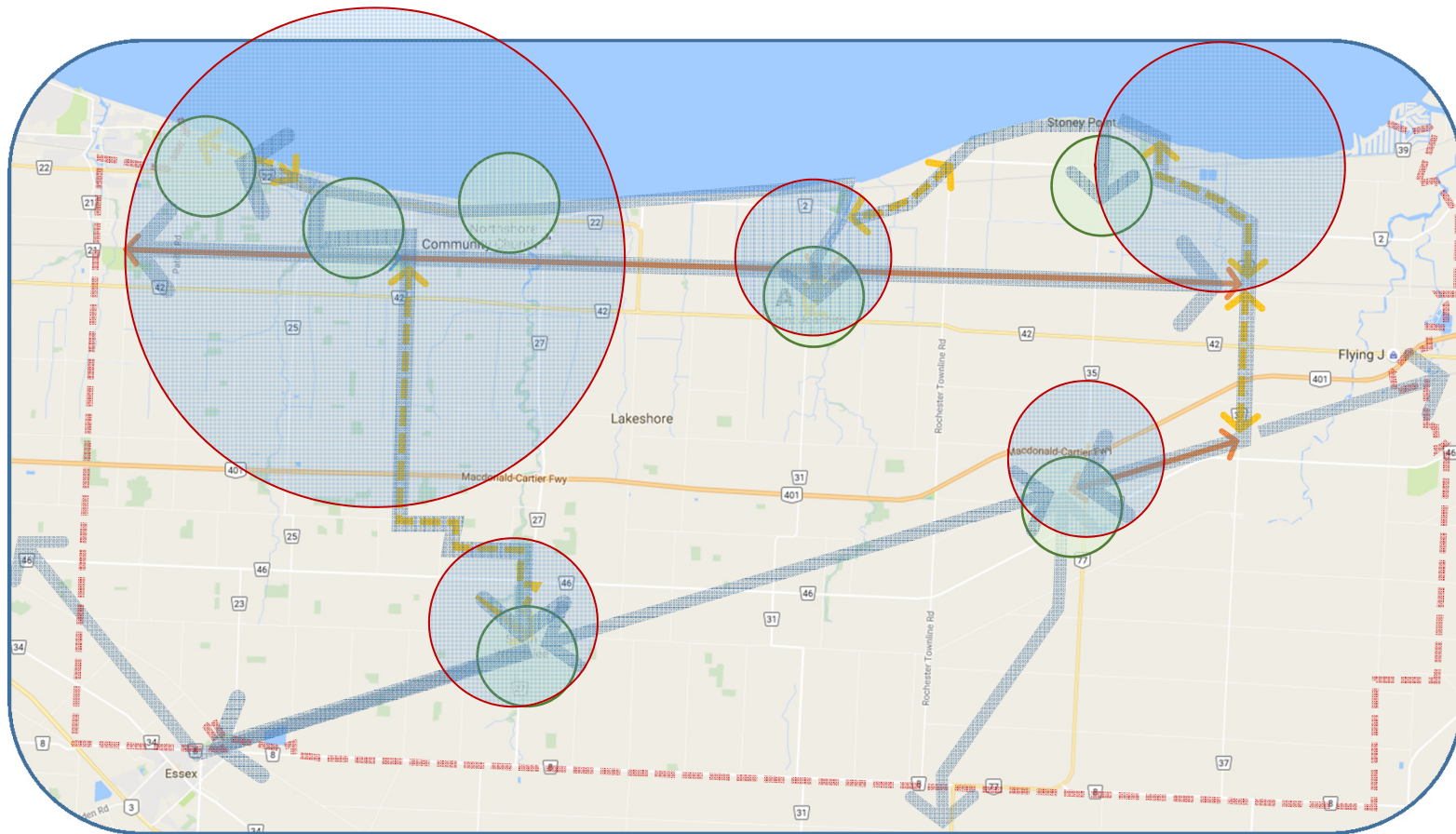
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1.0 Community Profile



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1.1 Historical Context



The Town of Lakeshore is located along the south shores of Lake St. Clair on the north shore of Essex County. Established in 1999 as the result of the amalgamation of the previous Town of Belle River and the Townships of Maidstone, Rochester, Tilbury West and Tilbury North. A single land mass of 530 square kilometers, the Town encompasses the historical communities of Belle River, Comber, Deerbrook, Emeryville, Lighthouse Cove, , Puce, Ruscom, St. Joachim, Staples, Stoney Point, and Woodslee. All still very distinct, active and identifiable communities within the Town of Lakeshore.

The origins of the Town grew from the early ribbon farms fronting the Belle River, Puce River, and the Ruscom River. These settlements date back to the first surveys of 1793. Most of the land in the region was held by a single fur trader named John Askin, who traded with the local indigenous people.

French Canadians from the Sandwich and Detroit region were the early settlers followed by the Irish immigrants in 1840 and a large influx of French Canadians from Quebec.

It was the introduction of the Great Western Railway in 1854 and the Canada Southern Railway in 1872 that spurred development in the communities of Belle River and Comber.

The area around Lakeshore was one of several end points for the Underground Railroad after the British Empire abolished slavery in 1833. Identifiable sites can be found today throughout the community.

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This unique quality of rural acreage and very identifiable communities should continue to be reflected in the planning and development of the Town. History and the agricultural legacy should continue to be shared with the community reminding individuals of the importance of the early settlers who were instrumental in creating the identifiable communities found throughout Lakeshore.

1.2 Demographics

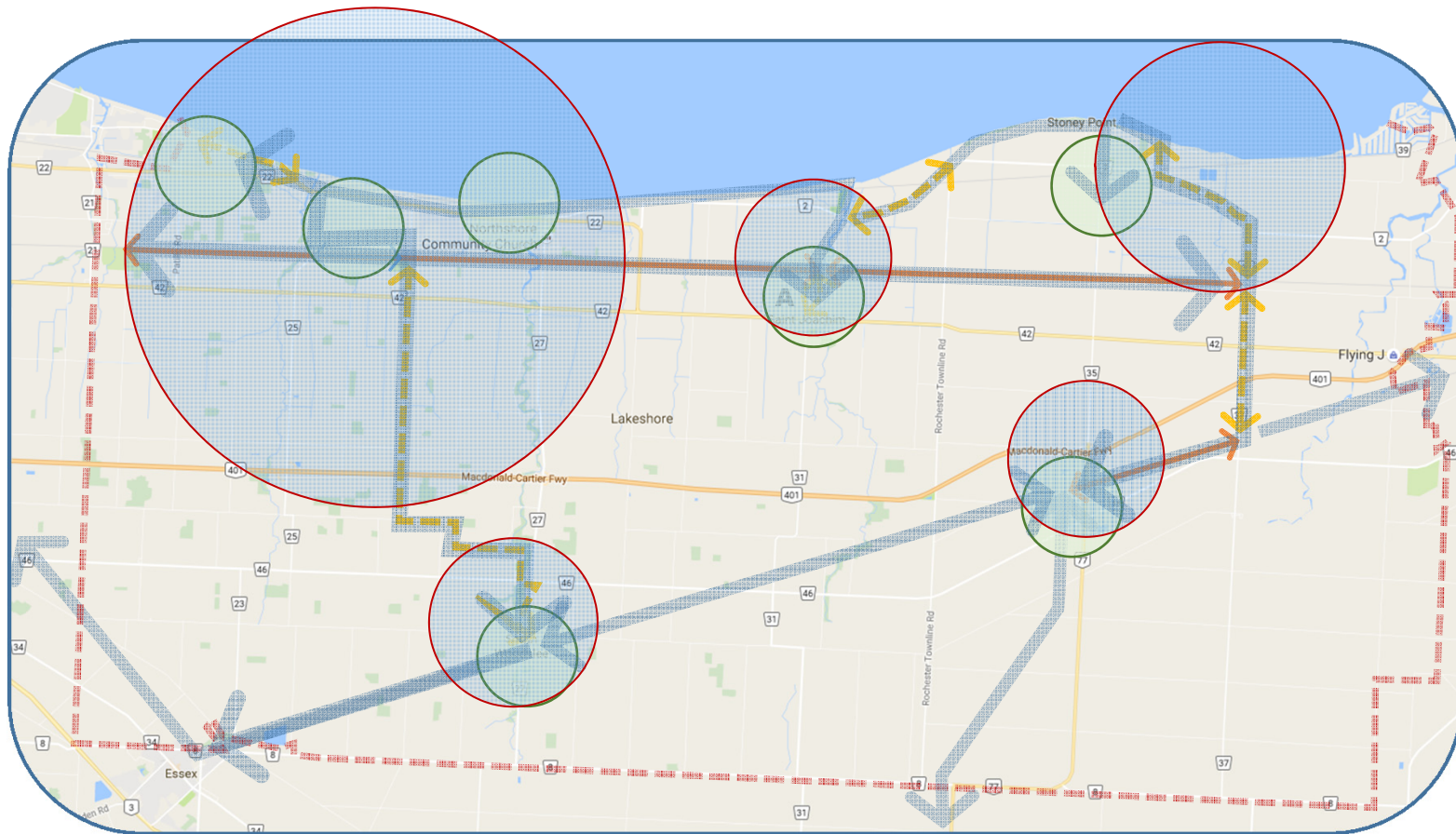
The 2030 growth projection for the Town of Lakeshore has been identified at 41,000 residents based on the report prepared by Watson & Associates, Economist Ltd. for the Town's Official Plan. We have included the projected population of 41,000 persons in the long-range planning projections for future park provisioning.



The Town's population is 36,600 as of mid-2016 and is projected to increase to a population of 41,000 by 2031. This represents an increase of 4,400 people at an annual growth rate of .08%. However, current population trends, if continued, would see Lakeshore reach 41,000 population by the early 2020's, or accelerated growth rate of 2% annually.

Comparatively, the Province of Ontario should experience a growth rate of approx. 1.6% between 2015 and 2031.

2.0 Guiding Principles



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See [Appendix I](#)
Lakeshore Parks Field Review
Condition Report

2.1 Overview

The leadership in the Town of Lakeshore has established a robust Parks & Recreation system for all residents. An inventory and analysis of park facilities in the Town has identified that the addition of the Atlas Tube Centre has added a significant quantity and quality of recreational amenities, scoring the Town quite high when benchmarked against the provincial standards for the number of parks and facilities per person in a community.

The intent of this plan is to provide the Town with the strategy to move forward with the current assets and provide a vision for incremental growth to ensure the community does not become deficient for future generations.

The challenge facing municipalities is universal across the province. How can you do more with existing resources, and expand with limited resources.

The plan includes an inventory and analysis of all existing parks, public consultation with the community, benchmarking against provincial standards, trends in recreation and the guiding principles to lead the way for future recreational growth for the Town of Lakeshore.

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Rural Landscape
Wellness
Universal Accessibility
Sustainability
Heritage
Livable Community
Social Equity
Safety

2.2 Guiding Principles

The plan is founded on the following principles

Rural Landscape

The combination of the rural landscape located within the boundaries of the Town along with the identifiable and active communities is a fundamental component of the Town's identity. Along with the unique and positive identity, the rural landscape establishes the character of the various communities, provides the residents the opportunity to connect with nature and even provides a way life for many individuals living and working on their own rural farms.

Wellness

An active community is a healthy community, and healthy communities must provide choices for all demographics, through active free play, opportunities for organized sports or basic infrastructure for walking and other non-motorized means of transportation.

Universal Accessibility

Inclusive play and access for individuals from the Town of Lakeshore must be given equal opportunities to access and enjoy recreational opportunities across the community.

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Sustainability

Decisions and strategies must contemplate financial responsibilities to develop, operationalize and maintain parks and amenities for future generations. Along with fiscal responsibility, the decisions must balance the unique rural landscape found throughout the Town with any future proposal to minimize adverse effects to the natural ecosystem present.

Heritage

From the early indigenous settlements along the Puce, Ruscom and Belle Rivers to fertile agricultural land, the Town still enjoys a strong connection to its roots as a vibrant and healthy community. These strong connections are evident in the agricultural land use for the thousands of rural residents.

The Town draws a storied history from its agricultural and patterns of settlement that should be reflected and embedded in the future development of the parks system.

Livable Community

A livable community must be an active community outside the home. With the recent completion of the Atlas Tube Centre, the Town of Lakeshore is starting to enhance opportunities to bring communities together through recreational and cultural activities in the Town.

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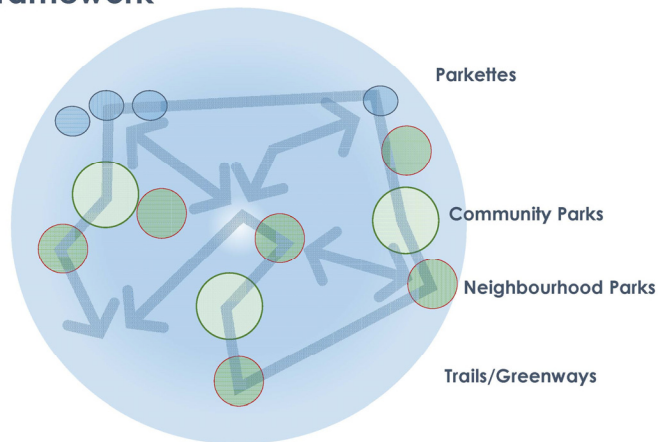
Social Equity

Access to recreation is critically important for all members of the community. There must be choices for organized and passive play. No one, regardless of social, financial or physical ability, should ever feel like they are unable to get connected to recreation or be active within the community. From passive recreation provided by the Town to organized sports partnerships where individuals have the choice to engage with an organization that utilizes assets developed by the Town, all activities should be inclusive.

Safety

Crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) is a design philosophy to deter criminal behavior by creating a better-designed space to influence a potential offender prior to deciding to perform a criminal act. CPTED core principles of controlling access to space, creating environments that are easily surveilled and creating a sense of ownership through proper territorial design, theoretically can impact and reduce criminal acts. Applying these principles across the parks and proposed trails are key and fundamental when making decisions for the master plan.

Framework



2.3 Community of Parks

The Town of Lakeshore has started to establish a hierarchy of parks across the Town. When benchmarked against towns of similar size, the unique rural nature of Lakeshore has enabled the Town to create an inventory of recreational facilities that may be the envy of many communities of similar size.

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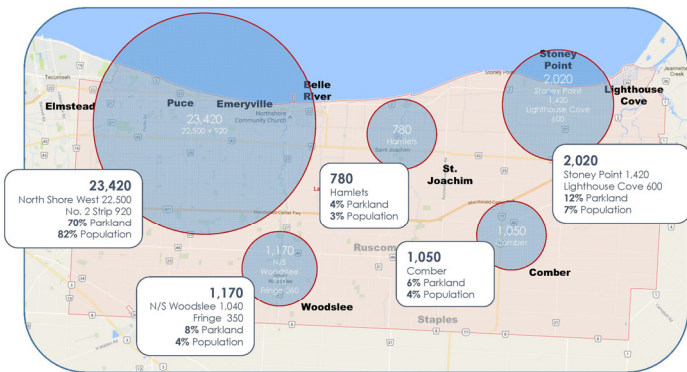
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Community of Parks

The essence of this update leverages the rural landscape and identifiable communities of the Town of Lakeshore to develop a supportable hierarchy of parks. Incorporating the eight guiding principles of the report, it is the idea of the Community of Parks that drives decision making to enable the Town to continue to provide quality recreation for today and tomorrow in a fiscally responsible manner.

The Community of Parks concept looks at the five identifiable population centres within the Town. Within each population centre, there could be several parkettes, neighbourhood parks, along with the newly classified community parks. The establishment of a community park within each identifiable population centre in Lakeshore provides the user a choice and diversity of activities within their identifiable area. This concept will provide a variety of activities and park profiles across the population centres within the Town of Lakeshore for all users.

Referencing the population cluster diagram, anyone living within that cluster will have an identifiable community park along with multiple neighbourhood parks and several parkettes all located with their family of parks. The concept allows individual communities to maintain their identity while providing the residents the opportunity to access any park within their area based on the type of activity they are looking for.

Furthermore, the act of walking or cycling to the desired park provides additional activity and recreation for the user. A park is no longer the destination for recreation, the act of getting to the community park, neighbourhood park, and parkettes provides the opportunity for exercise and interaction with neighbours. The linear walkways and nodes along the potential [Town of Lakeshore Greenway](#) will become the spine to connect existing and future trails to complete a comprehensive vision for alternative transportation and connectivity



See [Appendix A](#)
Population Centres

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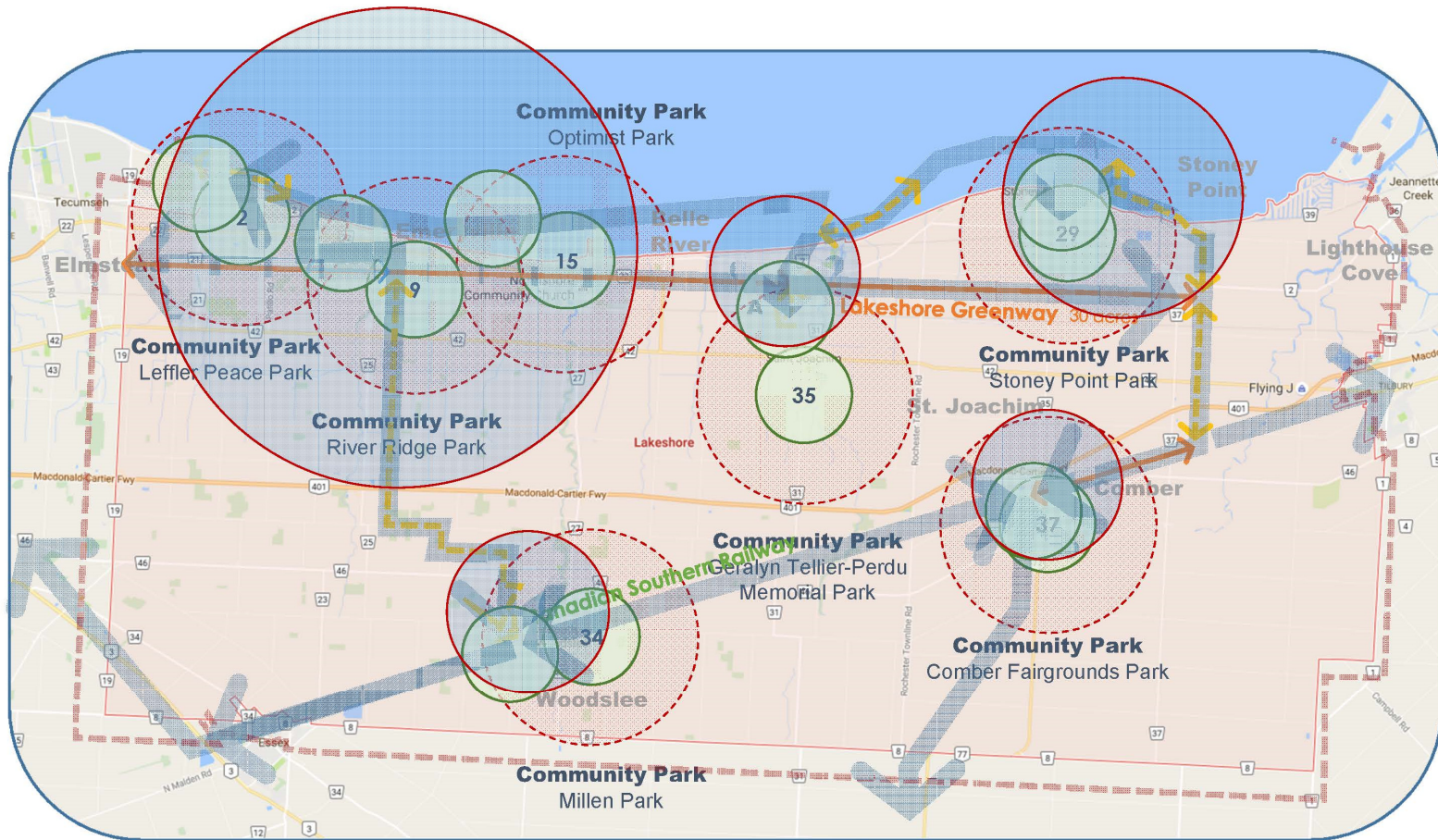
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throughout Lakeshore. The trails will also enhance access to nature and help intertwine the beauty of the natural environment into the character and overall beautification of the Town.

The following diagrams highlight the potential of the proposed Town of Lakeshore Greenway to be the spine to connect the various communities throughout Lakeshore. The act of traveling to the parks and communities provides opportunities for recreation, social interaction, alternative modes of non-motorized transportation and connections to the natural environment.

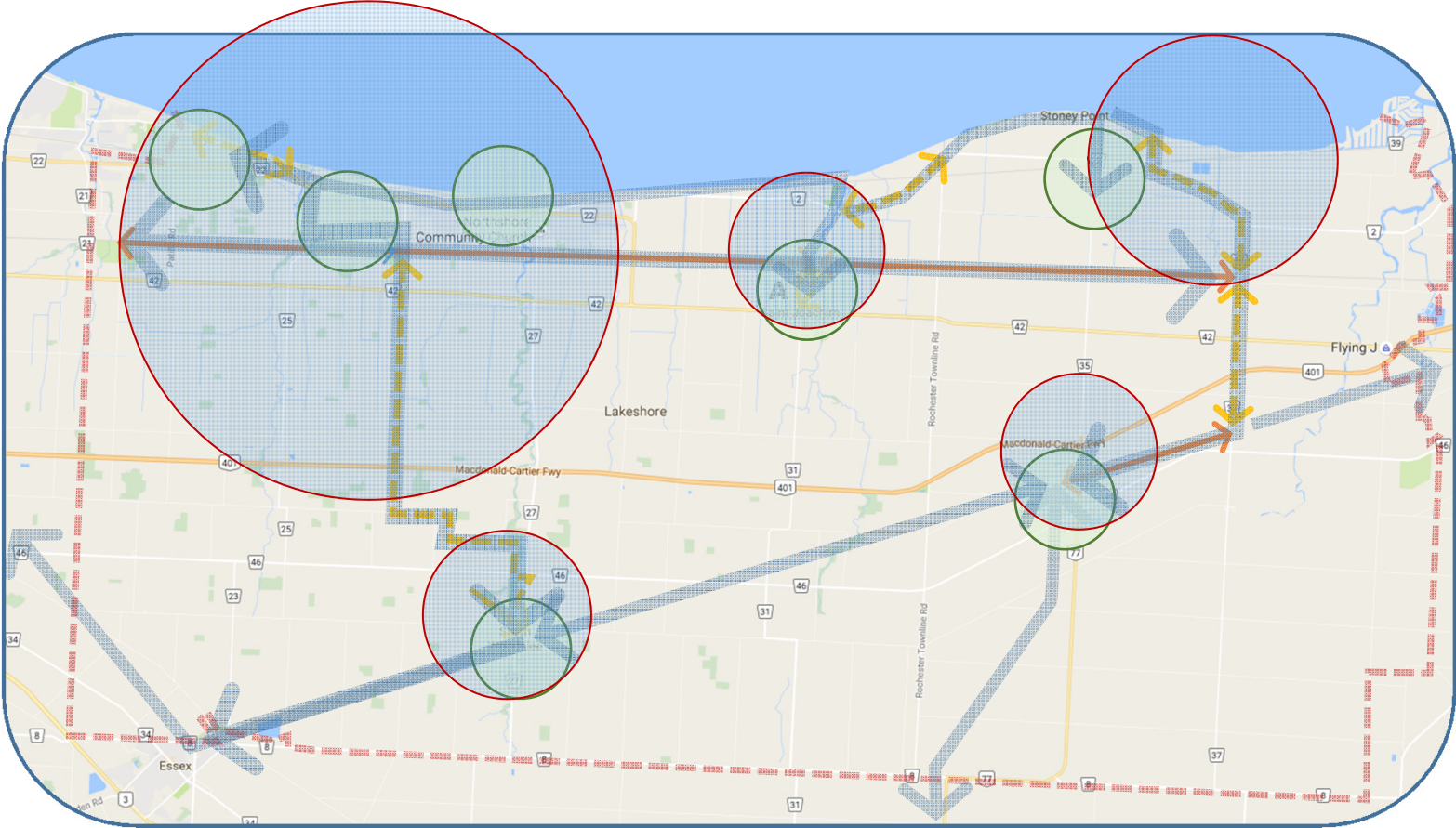
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3.0 Community Consultation



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See [Appendix G](#)
The Results of the Public
Consultation

3.1 Community Consultation

The community consultation consisted of three open house sessions held at the Libro Community Centre, Comber Community Centre and at the Atlas Tube Centre, online surveys hosted on the municipal website, social media and individual correspondence throughout the consultation phase. The complete results of the survey are found in The Results of Public Consultation in Appendix G.

3.2 Community Engagement

3.2.1 Community Questionnaire

The questionnaire was structured into five section as follows:

SECTION A – Background

SECTION B – About Your Parks System in General

SECTION C – About Your Neighbourhood Park

SECTION D – About Your Community Park

SECTION E – About Your Sports Fields

SECTION F – Additional Comments

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SECTION A - Background

Approximately 342 people responded to the survey either in whole or in part. Of these, 293 responded on-line and 46 completed the paper survey. Some on-line respondents attended one of the Open Houses prior to completing the survey while others utilized the information on the Town of Lakeshore website as a background.

About two-thirds of the respondents were Adults (35 to 64 yrs.) with an additional 19 percent being Young Adults and almost 9 percent Seniors (65 and over). Almost 4 percent of respondents were considered to be Teens (13 to 18).

About two-thirds of the surveys were prepared by females. It is noted however that a large number of the respondents were couples and the responses may often represent their combined views and possibly the views of their teen and younger children.

Respondents were asked to describe the situation in their household using a series of pre-defined scenarios. Approximately 39 percent were couples with children in grade school. Another 12.5 percent had pre-schoolers and a further 15.6 percent had children in High School. We also heard from parents living with adult children, empty nesters and single people with a decidedly smaller group of people who lived with and cared for their parents.

Lastly, respondents were asked which area of Lakeshore is closest to where they live. The largest population responded from the area of Belle River (38.6 %) with good response from Stoney Point (19 %), Emeryville (11.2 %), Puce (10.1 %), Woodslee (9.2 %) and Comber (8.9 %). The remaining areas, Russel Woods, St. Joachim, Lighthouse Cove, Deerbrook, Ruscom and Staples having respondents in the range of 0 % – 5.5 %

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Conclusion

In general, the response to the survey appears to be a good sampling of the community, particularly from parents and perhaps grandparents with a vested interest in the park system.

SECTION B – About Your Park System in General

Questions 5 through 20 solicited information pertaining to user satisfaction with the parks system including such aspects as ongoing maintenance, the extent of development etc. Respondents were asked how willing they would be to invest more for parks facilities and maintenance and whether they had seen something in another community that they would like to see in Lakeshore. The purpose was to determine how people view the existing system and how they would like to see it change on a general level.

Background

Five fundamental issues underlie the questions in this section:

- The current level of satisfaction with the parks and park maintenance.
- The importance of a well-developed park system
- What does the Town do well in the parks and what does it do poorly
- The willingness to pay more if needed
- The importance of certain elements, features or programs etc. in parks
- What have you seen elsewhere (in other parks) that you like

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Discussion

- When asked how satisfied they are with the current park system, almost two-thirds were either satisfied or very satisfied, with 30 % being somewhat dissatisfied.
- Sixty-nine percent were also satisfied or very satisfied with the level of maintenance of the parks in the Town and fully 96.7 percent said it was important or very important (72.5 % very important) for them to have well-developed and maintained parks.
- In general, people are satisfied with the way that grass, pathways, sports fields, plantings, play equipment and safety surfaces are maintained.
- Areas of dissatisfaction seem to focus on the winter use of parks including providing for winter activities, trails for winter use, providing trash receptacles, having washrooms open and clearing pathways of snow and ice. As well, trails, planting new trees, park and parking lot lighting were also mentioned.
- When asked if they were willing to pay more in taxes to have more parks and facilities, 42 percent said they would and 35 % indicated they were not sure or it would depend on the park or facility. A slightly smaller number, 35 percent would be prepared to pay a bit more in taxes for a higher level of maintenance in the parks.
- Respondents provided a list of persons or organizations that might be willing to partner with Lakeshore on park-related projects. For reference, the list can be found in question 11 of this appendix.
- When asked about a range of specific park features, 73.4 percent said Natural Heritage Sites, Woodlots, Nature Areas, Wetlands and areas providing Wildlife Habitat were important or very important, while only 40.1 % were satisfied or very satisfied with the amount of access to the natural area, woodlots etc. provided by the Town. Almost two-thirds of the respondents indicated that it is important or very important to have access to recreation trails for non-motorized use and the same amount were not satisfied with the availability of recreational trails. Almost 57 % of the respondents indicated it is important or very important to have access to trails for transportation – as well as recreation. Only about a third of respondents are satisfied with the availability of trails for transportation.

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- Respondents provided a list of items or features in parks in other communities that they would like to see in Lakeshore. For reference, the list can be found in question 18 of this appendix.
- Forty percent of respondents indicated Dog Parks are important or very important, with 27.8 percent indicating that they don't own a dog. When asked of the dog park they use is adequate, almost 11 percent said it was with 80 percent indicating that they don't use a dog park. Six respondents indicated what improvements they would like to see.
- The high priority respondents place on trails and their dissatisfaction with their access to trails should become a major pillar of the park system as it continues to develop. Winter use of parks and trails was also important to respondents. Consideration should be given to developing additional trail facilities and continuing to upgrade existing trails. As well, the securing and development of natural heritage areas and woodlots and other natural areas should continue whether through outright purchase, or strategic partnerships. A natural extension of this thought is to incorporate more natural areas within the existing parks either by allowing an adjacent wooded area to encroach naturally or by actually planting species that will assist this process. The notion that natural heritage areas and parks are different places should be reconsidered in favour of combining the two where possible.
- The strongest support for something seen in a park in another community is for the following items:
 - Splash Pad (13)
 - Skateboard Park (9)
 - Rubber Safety Surface for Play Structures (7)
 - Outdoor Pool (5)
 - Hard Surface Play Area (5)
 - Exercise Equipment (4)
 - Canoe/Kayak launch (3)

A complete list can be found at question 18 in Appendix G.

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Conclusion

There is a consensus that the Overall Park System in Lakeshore has been reasonably well-developed and maintained and that this should continue or improve. A large portion of the respondents (96.7%) feel that it is important to have well-developed and maintained parks. Most surprising is that almost 42 percent would be prepared to pay more to add additional facilities and almost 35 percent to improve maintenance even further. We must be aware however that this isn't approval to increase spending as would be in the case in a U.S. style tax referendum, but it can be considered as a strong show of support for the status quo and possible improvements.

Clearly, the municipality is taking care of its' core responsibilities in terms of maintenance of the parks. There is a reasonable level of satisfaction with the basics: cutting grass, providing pathways, sports fields, waste and recycling containers, play equipment, maintaining sports fields and maintaining play equipment. In this regard, existing programs and procedures should be maintained.

On the other hand, there is some dissatisfaction with the provision of trails for winter activities, winter maintenance of pathways, tree planting and park lighting. All of these should be reviewed to determine whether improvements are possible.

The high priority respondents place on the natural environment and trails should become a major pillar of the park system as it continues to develop. Consideration should be given to developing additional trail facilities and continuing to upgrade existing trails. As well, the securing and development of natural heritage areas and woodlots and other natural areas should continue whether through outright purchase, or strategic partnerships. A natural extension of this thought is to incorporate more natural areas within the existing parks either by allowing an

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Recommendation

Recommendations for this section will be drawn from this information as well as other sections of the report and found under the discussion of each park.

SECTION C – About Your Neighbourhood Park

Questions 22 through 32 are intended to obtain input about the respondents' neighbourhood park. A neighbourhood park was defined as a park serving their particular neighbourhood, possibly within walking distance and probably not include a parking area.

Discussion

When asked for the name of the neighbourhood park that best serves the neighbourhood where they live, Optimist (22.6 %), Stoney Point (17.4 %) and Lions (11.7 %) Parks were identified the most. We suspect some of the indication for Lions Park were meant to be for Ladouceur Park (7.8 %). Only 2 parks were not indicated as a park that serves a particular neighbourhood. These two parks, Pleasant Park and Staples Community Park are in outlying area and geography may have played a part. From this, we conclude that respondents were well distributed through the community.

Respondents claim to utilize their neighbourhood park often. About 64 percent visit the park (either the respondent or their family) once or twice a week or more. Twenty-two percent visit once or twice a month and just 7 percent use the park once or twice a year. About 7 percent indicate that they go to their neighbourhood park rarely or never.

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When they are at the park, respondents or their families enjoy walking for leisure and walking for fitness as well as walking the dog. Using play equipment was the third highest use indicated at 38.3%. Many respondents indicated they enjoy more passive activities such as sitting on a bench to watch nature or people while at a neighbourhood park.

When asked what activities respondents would like to do in their park that aren't currently available the following responses were the most popular:

- Splash Pad (13)
- Access to trails and biking (10)
- Baseball (6)
- Tennis (5)
- Skate Park (5)
- Exercise Equipment (4)
- Pickleball
- Themed and/or age appropriate play equipment

A complete list can be found in question 25 of this appendix

Conclusion

Respondents seem to be interested in using parks for fitness, leisure, and more passive activities as well, they indicated a desire for more trails or access to trails for fitness, leisure, and dog walking. This indicates parks are being used by all age groups. Parents and/or grandparents are using the parks and trails and are not just visiting parks to transport their children to the playground or for organized sports.

There is interest in the natural environment. Typically, natural areas and parks are seen as different things. Neighbourhood parks consist of fine grass, trees, and the natural environment is held at bay by mowing and clearing. There may be a reason to consider blurring the line between these things. Part of the recreational neighbourhood park could consist of a naturalized area. Certainly, there should be an area of grass to facilitate free play, but areas that are unlikely to be used in

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that way could be naturalized. This makes particular sense where the park is adjacent to a woodlot or could provide access to a nearby trail.

Clearly, people are using their neighbourhood parks and are generally happy with them. However, they are asking for enhanced amenities in terms of better play equipment, better trails, splash pads, skate parks, recreational sports surfaces and exercise equipment etc.

Many people identified a community park as their “neighbourhood park”. From this, it can be concluded that community parks may also fulfill the role of a neighbourhood park for people who live nearby. As such, neighbourhood elements such as play equipment, walking paths, etc. should be included in community parks.

Recommendation

Recommendations for this section will be drawn from this information as well as other sections of the report and found under the discussion of each park.

SECTION D – About Your Community Park

Questions 27 to 34 seek to determine how community parks are used. Unfortunately, there was some misunderstanding in the difference between a neighbourhood and community park. A community park services the entire municipality and will often include facilities for use by groups. It will usually have parking available.

Discussion

When asked how often they or their family go to a community park, 57 percent indicated that they go once or twice a week or more while about one-third use a

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community park once or twice a month. Four and a half percent only have reason to go to the park once or twice a year and 4 percent use the parks rarely.

Over half of the respondents (57.3 %) identified Atlas Tube Centre (site) as the community park they would use most. In addition, Stoney Point (23.6 %), Millen Centre (15.1 %) and Comber Fairground (14.7 %) are all community parks that are well used by the residents of Lakeshore.

People use community parks much the same as neighbourhood parks with most favouring passive activities. As with neighbourhood parks walking for leisure, fitness and walking the dog were high on the list of activities people do in their community park. Almost one-third of the respondents go to their community park to use the play equipment and one-third visit the parks for baseball, soccer or racquet sports. Non-league sports and leisure activities were high on the list at about 20 percent.

People could “write in” other activities and many liked to skateboard, swim, bike, play tennis etc. The complete list can be found with question 29 in this appendix.

In terms of new opportunities, respondents expressed overwhelming interest in a splash pad. Other new opportunities listed were skateboarding, walking/biking trails, pickleball, tennis, ball hockey and basketball.

Conclusion

The six main community parks each have a unique theme or concept. Most have sports activities as a large component. Others, such as Pleasant Park provide more of an opportunity for leisure or more passive activities. Millen Centre, Comber Community Centre, and Atlas Tube Centre site have community centres, a library and or an arena associated with them. The uniqueness of each park should be maintained and enhanced. Additional facilities should be added where needed to support the main theme and programs of the park. Facilities to be developed in these parks should be focused on “community-based needs” rather than the

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needs of the neighbourhood adjacent to the park. However, a small portion of each should be used to provide neighbourhood uses.

Recommendation

Recommendations for this section will be drawn from this information as well as other sections of the report and found under the discussion of each park.

SECTION E – About Your Sports Fields

Questions 36 through 41 are intended to obtain information about sports fields. Sports fields are areas for organized sports such as baseball and soccer but could include non-team sports such as Tennis.

Discussion

When asked what park-based organized sports their family participate in, baseball (67.2 %) and soccer (55.7 %) were by far the most popular. Other popular activities are Basketball (17.5 %), Tennis (13.7 %) and Volleyball (13.1 %).

Optimist Park ball diamonds at almost 32 percent were indicated as the most used with Stoney Point Park soccer fields (21.7 %) and Ladouceur Park ball diamonds (20.6 %) getting a lot of use. Also getting a fair amount of use are Comber Community Centre ball diamonds (13.9 %) and Centennial Park ball diamonds (13.3 %).

There is a fair level of satisfaction (58.6 %) with the condition of the sports fields and courts in Lakeshore. Unfortunately, 41.4 percent are either somewhat or very dissatisfied. Somewhat fewer (41.6 %) are satisfied or very satisfied with the availability of amenities such as player's benches, stands, and parking. Some requests for additional facilities include (better) washrooms, parking, bleachers, sports lighting more benches near courts and fields, shade for both spectators and

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players, and specific improvements to basketball and tennis courts. A complete list can be found with question 39 of the survey.

Conclusion

The level of satisfaction on the condition of fields and courts has room for improvement as do the associated facilities. Effort should be directed to field and court maintenance improvements. A facilities and amenity review (underway) should be conducted to identify needs. The Town should continue to work with customers to identify needs.

Recommendation

Recommendations for this section will be drawn from this information as well as other sections of the report and found under the discussion of each park.

SECTION F – Additional Comments

Respondents were able to submit any additional comments. (Refer to Appendix G for comments and full survey results)

Discussion

When given the opportunity for open-ended comments, many took the opportunity to praise the park system in Lakeshore. “I LOVE,LOVE, LOVE that the county will be connected by trails ...”, “Thanks for making me LOVE LAKESHORE.”, “We think Lakeshore has done a great job creating parks.”, and “Overall satisfied” all point to a high level of support. Even comments with complaints or concerned were generally specific to a particular park or facility and don’t point to any dissatisfaction with the park system in general.

Very few respondents mention concern with the cost of maintaining and developing parks.

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See [Appendix H](#)
Parks & Recreation Master
Plan Open House Panels

3.2.2 Open Houses

Open houses were held at the Libro Community Centre, Comber Community Centre and the Atlas Tube Centre. Park inventory and analysis results were made available to attendees for review. Additional information was provided explaining what the parks master plan is, why it is needed and the purpose of the open house. As well information regarding existing trails in the Town of Lakeshore and new trends in parks was provided for review by all who attended. Additional comments were noted and have been included in Appendix H.

3.2.3 User Groups

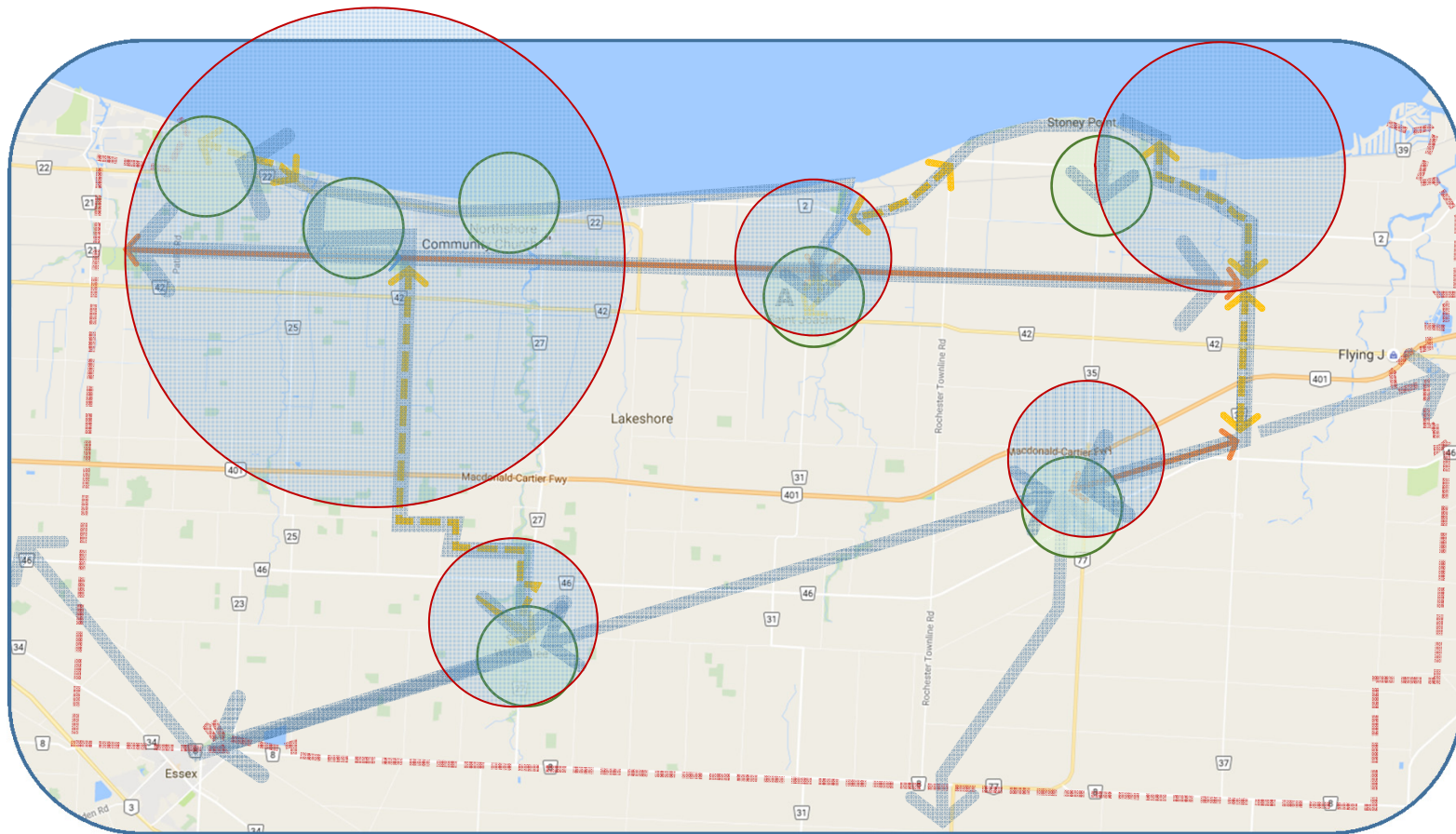
The following list represents the community park stakeholders who were contacted for input into the planning process for their respective organizations. They are as follows:

Belle River Minor Baseball	Stoney Point Soccer Association
Belle River Minor Soccer Club	Town of Lakeshore Accessibility Committee
Belle River Men's Soccer	Town of Lakeshore Cricket Club
Belle River Mixed League	Town of Lakeshore Recreation Committee
Comber Youth Baseball	Town of Lakeshore Youth Committee
St. Clair Sailing Club	Woodslee Baseball

Recommendation

Recommendations for this section will be drawn from this information as well as other sections of the report and found under the discussion of each park

4.0 Strategy & Recommendations



4.0 Benchmarking/Strategy and Recommendations

4.0 Benchmarking

Benchmarking is a multi-step process to understand where your organization or product ranks against your competition. The first step is to understand the standard so that you can compare your organization against it. The second step is to analyze your organization and facilities to compare against the standard.

Recommendation 1 – Community Park Development

The Town adopts the Community of Parks concept and focuses on the standardization of Community Parks as a high-level priority

4.1 Community Park Development

See [Appendix B](#)
Parks Classification
Program Components

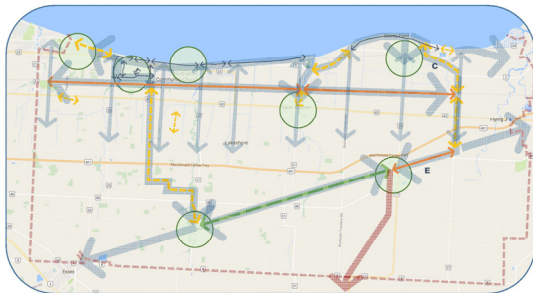
Organized by the Community of Parks concept, the priority, timing, and recommendations are presented in a manner to allow the Town to establish Community of Park groupings to deliver choice and access for the Town to connect to an active lifestyle.

The recommendations are categorized into three phases and are prioritized to reinforce the following:

- establish the Community of Parks concept
- reinforce connectivity between Community Parks (Trails)
- define Community Park program components and Levels of Service
- reclassification of parks within each Community of Parks
- redefine play structure replacement based on the alternative play concepts
- consider opportunities to generate revenue for future park development

Recommendation 2 – Lakeshore Greenway

The Town develop the Lakeshore Greenway to increase access to recreation/exercise and to connect the community of parks throughout the Town of Lakeshore



See Appendix C
Trails & Linkages

4.2 Trails as Parkland

The Town of Lakeshore has a series of county-wide linkages and the start of a trail that has the potential to be a significant greenway linking together a large portion of the Town. These existing pieces of roadside trail, off-road trails, and closed railway corridors can link neighbourhoods to parks, schools, and other community assets. The trails themselves become recreating opportunities for the residents, as well as visitors to the community. The network of multi-use trails, nature trails, footpaths and cycling routes are a critical component of the Community of Parks concept because they connect the assets while simultaneously providing recreational opportunities and choices for the residents.

In 2013, in cooperation with other municipalities in Essex County and other Community Groups, the Town of Lakeshore has benefited from the overlay of the County Wide Active Transportation Study (CWATS). With a few strategic proposed connections and pathway upgrades, these existing routes can provide viable recreation and connectivity for all users.

In general, the proposed trail system occupies two fundamentally different environments – those lying within existing road right-of-ways and those developed within off-road “green” corridors. In combination, this active

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transportation system provides a critical connectivity function, linking the Community of Parks to other key amenities, heritage sites, conservation areas and attractions in the Town of Lakeshore.

In addition to providing recreation opportunities for the community, the development of off-road corridors promotes linkages for habitat and naturalization.

Recommendation 3 – CWATS Linkages

The Town upgrade CWATS linkages to increase access to recreation/exercise and to connect the community of parks throughout the Town of Lakeshore

4.2.1 CWATS Linkages

The existing overlay of the various sections of the CWATS corridors places the Town of Lakeshore in a great position to strategically enhance sections of the routes to maximize connectivity to support the Community of Parks concept.

The upgrade strategy proposes to pave the existing CWATS routes as identified in the plan. These upgrades may be implemented over time as funding permits.

Recommendation 4 – Park Provisioning

Based on available land opportunities and future residential development it is recommended the Town delegate a strategy to acquire new parkland for the development of the Lakeshore Greenway and future parkland sites to support the Population Centre Community of Parks concept.

4.3 Park Provisioning

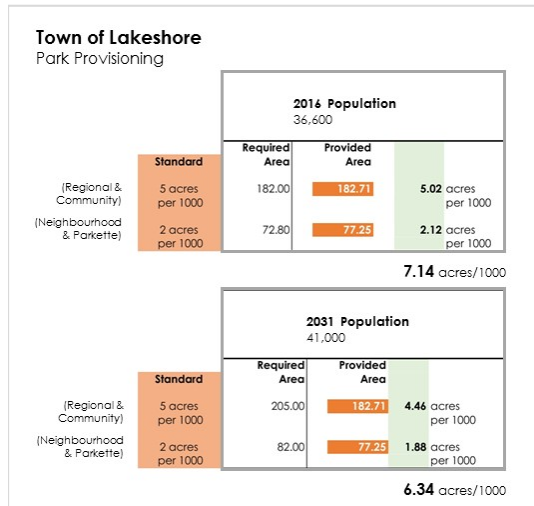
Standards for recreational open space and recreational facilities are based on providing an area or facility per unit of population.

Referencing the Guidelines for Developing Public Recreational Facility Standards (Refer to Appendix E), the park provisioning standards are expressed in acres per 1,000 population.

The Town of Lakeshore's park open space has been compared against the standards for today's population as well as demographic projections for 2031 prepared by Watson and Associates Economists Ltd.

Conclusion

The Town of Lakeshore exceeds the provincial standards for park provisioning for today and falls slightly under the provincial requirements at the proposed population without any additional parkland. (Refer to the Park Provisioning Matrix) The Town must continue to provide park open space as new development occurs to ensure the Community of Parks concept maintains proximity for all community members.



See [Appendix E](#) for Park Provisioning scenarios to meet acreage standards

Recommendation 5 – Facility Standards

The Town utilizes the Park Facility Matrix (Appendix F) and public consultation process to select facilities that fall below the provincial standards and are in demand by the residents in the community

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See [Appendix F](#)
Town of Lakeshore
Parks & Outdoor Recreation
Facilities Matrix

4.4 Facility Standards

The Ministry of Culture & Recreation has developed a Guideline for Developing Public Recreation Facility Standards. Various facilities are listed with recommendations per population size requirements.

We have inventoried the recreational facilities in the Town, ranked their condition and identified where the Town of Lakeshore falls short relative to the provincial standards.

Conclusion

The Town of Lakeshore exceeds the provincial standards in most facilities today and for the projected population. The Town is considered deficient with regards to new trending sports such as pickleball, splash pads, skate parks and dog parks. The overall scorecard for facilities in the Town is high but future trending sports activities need to be explored for inclusion in future park development.

Recommendation 6 – Population Centres

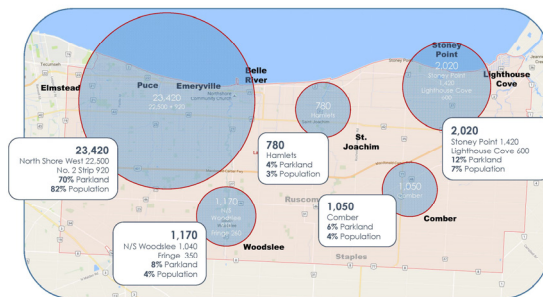
The Town adopt the five population centres within the Town of Lakeshore for the purpose of guiding the delivery of parks services (Refer to Appendix A)

4.5 Population Centres

See [Appendix A](#)
Population Centres

With a population of 36,400 people, approximately 18% of the total population of the City of Windsor, the Town of Lakeshore is physically 3.5 times larger than the City of Windsor. This creates a significant separation between housing clusters. This unique geography lends itself to creating very identifiable communities throughout the Town. As mentioned previously these communities are a strong component of the heritage and sense of community.

Through our analysis of the housing clusters and existing communities, we have identified five population centres to organize the community of parks concept. This is a strategy to give order and create a sense of hierarchy to propose incremental growth across the Town in an equitable manner.



Recommendation 7 - Park Classification

The Town adopt five new parkland classifications for the Town of Lakeshore

- Regional Park
- Community Park
- Neighbourhood Park (with Sports)
- Parkette
- Trails/Greenway

4.6 Parkland Classification

The previous Community Services Master Plan identified three classifications for the parks in the Town of Lakeshore. They were the Specialty Parks, Community Parks and the Neighbourhood/Local Parks. This Parks Master Plan reclassifies and establishes the following five hierarchal classifications, noting that an existing Neighbourhood Park could also contain sports facilities.

- Regional Parks
- Community Parks
- Neighbourhood Parks (with Sports)
- Parkettes
- Trails/Greenway

Recommendation 8 - Park Classification - Regional

The Town classify Atlas Tube Centre site, West Beach+ Lakeview Park + Belle River Marina into two regional parks

To create two premiere Regional Parks to leverage the unique natural assets along with newly developed Town sports infrastructure. The following parks to be classified as Regional Parks.

- Atlas Tube site
- West Beach + Lakeview Park + Belle River Marina

Recommendation 9 - Park Classification - Community

The Town classify Leffler Peace, River Ridge, Optimist, Stoney Point, Millen, Geralyn Tellier-Perdu Memorial and Comber Fairground parks to Community Parks for their corresponding population centres

To support the Community of Parks concept the following seven parks be classified as Community Parks.

- Leffler Peace Park
- River Ridge Park
- Optimist Park
- Stoney Point Park
- Millen Park
- Geralyn Tellier-Perdu Memorial Park
- Comber Community Centre Park

Recommendation 10 - Park Classification – Parkettes

The Town classify Johnson Riverview, Helena and Terra Lou parks to Parkettes

To further organize parkland based on size and function, the following three neighbourhood parks are proposed to be reclassified as Parkettes.

- Johnson Riverview Park
- Helena Park
- Terra Lou Park

Recommendation 11 – Parkland Program Components

The Town adopt the program components and levels of service for infrastructure in each park classification

4.7 Parkland Program Components

Currently, the Town of Lakeshore has 37 parks spread across 530 square kilometers. By developing program components and levels of service for each park, the master plan update can then align the appropriate park classifications within the five proposed population centres. This approach can provide an equitable strategy for incremental growth across the Town of Lakeshore.

The hierarchy of parks and corresponding levels of service within each classification will allow the Town to develop and scale incremental upgrades to any existing park or group of parks as funds become available.

See [Appendix B](#)
Parkland Program Components

4.7.1 Parkettes

With the inclusion of recommendation five, there are 14 parkettes across the Town of Lakeshore. These are small parks that provide access to open space, respite, and water access. Parkettes are seasonal parks that are closed during the winter months. All Parkettes will include the following.

- Incorporate the 2016-2018 Accessibility Plan
- Tree canopy (sense of place)
- Seating (choices – benches/boulders)
- Trash/recycling

4.7.2 Neighbourhood Parks

Neighbourhood parks are larger than parkettes with additional program components. There is also a secondary Neighbourhood Parks with Sports classification. Aside from the organized sports opportunities, the parks provide the same access to recreation and leisure for their surrounding neighbourhoods. Neighbourhood parks are seasonal parks that are closed during the winter months. All neighbourhood parks will include the following.

- Incorporate the 2016-2018 Accessibility Plan
- Tree canopy (sense of place)
- Seating (choices – benches/boulders)
- Trash/recycling
- Tables (picnic or café)
- Play equipment (including alternative play opportunities)
- Internal trails (if warranted)

The neighbourhood with sports classification also includes the following

- Sports fields

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4.7.3 Community Parks

The Community Park is at the core of the community of parks concept. The concept builds off the identification of the population centres to provide equitable access to recreation across the Town of Lakeshore. These parks lie at the hearts of the individual communities found throughout the Town.

Community parks are year-round parks that provide all-season access to the residents. All community parks will include the following.

- Incorporate the 2016-2018 Accessibility Plan
- Tree canopy (sense of place)
- Seating (choices – benches/boulders)
- Trash/recycling
- Tables (picnic or café)
- Play equipment (including alternative play opportunities)
- Internal trails (if warranted)
- Restrooms (closed during the winter months)
- Exercise equipment
- Pavilions
- Splash Pads
- Parking

4.7.4 Regional Parks

While the community parks support the various residential enclaves throughout the Town, it is important that the Town of Lakeshore recognizes and develops both regional parks as destination parks that strengthen and support the unique and rich quality of life for all residents and visitors to enjoy.

A regional park in a community has the potential to draw individuals far beyond their neighbourhoods to interact with other individuals in the community. A regional park may also be programmed to reach far beyond the boundaries of

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Parkland Program Components

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a community to provide a venue for regional programs, events, and sporting activities.

A successful regional park should reflect the context, character, and uniqueness of the site to remain memorable and more importantly invite any park user to return. The Town of Lakeshore has two unique areas of parkland that have by default been strong organizing components of the existing Park & Recreational system.

Located on the shores of Lake St. Clair and bisected by the Belle River, the West Beach and Lakeview Park along with the Belle River Marina have the potential to merge and become a regional park for the entire community and beyond. Lakeshore could consider a new name to consolidate the site, and achieve a unique regional identity.

The Atlas Tube Centre site presents a second opportunity for the Town of Lakeshore to provide another destination and regional park to further enhance the recreational opportunities in Lakeshore while promoting sports tourism.

Regional parks are year-round parks that provide all-season access to the residents. Both proposed Regional Parks in the Town should be analyzed and redesigned to maximize their potential for the Town.

Recommendation 12 – Community Park Review

The Town review all community parks to verify they include the required program components and desired levels of service, and develop a strategy to address gaps/deficiencies

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4.8 Community Parks Review

The community parks are integral to the Community of Parks concept as they provide equitable access for each population centre, the first step in the process of implementing the Parks & Recreation Master Plan is to establish equal program components in all community parks. Equalizing access, program components and levels of service in each community park is an important step.

Recommendation 13 – 2016-2018 Town of Lakeshore Accessibility Plan

The Town incorporate the Town of Lakeshore Accessibility Plan Guidelines (2016-2018 Accessibility Plan) for all classifications of parks, and develop a strategy to address gaps/deficiencies

4.9 Lakeshore Accessibility Plan

Universal accessibility is a founding principle for the Parks Master Plan Update. Any proposed upgrade to the system must include the principles to provide access for all users.

While the scope of this Master Plan does not include the development of accessibility design guidelines, we recommend any improvement to any park include the 2016-2018 Town of Lakeshore Accessibility Plan.

Recommendation 14 – Passive Open Space

The Town develop a large open flexible passive green space for recreation and other special event opportunities in the regional parks

4.10 Passive Open Space

Currently, a significant amount of open space in the Town of Lakeshore is programmed space to host organized sports. While the Lakeview Park has passive open space, the Town would benefit from a well designed and developed open passive space in a regional park setting to host large or small scale events when not being used as passive green open space for users to enjoy.

Recommendation 15 – High Capacity Trash/Recycling Receptacles

The Town continue to install new high capacity trash/recycling receptacles through the implementation of a replacement program

See [Appendix D](#)
Recommendation Graphics

4.11 Trash/Recycle

The labour resources required to empty the existing trash receptacles is a burden on the limited staff and resources available from the Town. By implementing the use of high capacity in ground trash receptacles, emptying bins across the system could change from once or twice a week to once every six months. The resources currently used for emptying trash could now be utilized for other park maintenance activities.

As of the date of this report, approximately two (2) dozen deep-well, high capacity receptacles have been installed in various parks.

Recommendation 16 – Vandalism

The Town repair any vandalism in the parks immediately with the appropriate vandal resistant solution

4.12 Vandalism

Vandalism not only impacts the material, surface or objects impacted, vandalism affects the perception of safety in the parks. It is imperative that any vandalism is addressed immediately and repaired with the most up to date techniques, material or solutions to minimize future acts of vandalism.

Recommendation 17 – Regional Park Master Plans

The Town prepare new site master design plans for both proposed Regional Parks



4.13 Regional Parks

The Lakeview Regional Park (West Beach/Lakeview Park/Belle River Marina) represents what one would like to believe is at the core of the community: a great abundance and access to Lake St. Clair. However once in the park, there is no unique sense of place, although the park is adjacent to the lake the park lacks a unique identity. The space lacks any connection or even signage to identify the unique location, history, and heritage to the park.

Each regional park should reflect the context and use for all individuals who wish to utilize the park and facilities.

Over the years, the waterfront park has grown into its current size, configuration, and program. While the park is larger, the current opportunities are limited and

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even a little underwhelming. The park has the capacity and natural characteristics to draw the community to the shore of Lake St. Clair.

The Atlas Tube Centre site has a structured and defined program for sporting events. This centre is heavily used by organized sports organizations, however, the opportunities for passive non-organized play on the outdoor site should be increased making the space around the center a place where community members want to gather.

Recommendation 18 – Parks Condition Report

The Town repair all deficiencies as noted in the parks condition report (Appendix I)

4.14 Parks Condition Report

As part of the Parks Master Plan, a deficiency report has been prepared for the existing conditions in all parks across the system. Deficiencies have been categorized along with an opinion of cost to be used as a tool to align available funding to make necessary repairs.

Recommendation 19 – New Restrooms

The Town install new restrooms at Optimist Park & River Ridge Park

4.15 New Restrooms

See [Appendix D](#)
Recommendation Graphics

Both Optimist Park and River Ridge Park are recommended to be reclassified as Community Parks, and thus, all community parks will have restrooms. Both parks are well suited and provide a variety of recreation and community event opportunities. There is an identified need for the inclusion of additional restrooms in the parks system.

Recommendation 20 – Park Maintenance Review

The Town conduct seasonal maintenance review of parks utilizing the Lakeshore Parks Maintenance Checklist

4.16 Park Maintenance

See [Appendix J](#)
Lakeshore Park
Maintenance Checklist

The Town encourages the use of the parks, trails, and facilities by all members of the community. With more park use, more maintenance is required. The challenge is to provide resources to achieve the expected level of service.

The Community of Park's strategy provides opportunities to reduce maintenance by eliminating duplicate uses within the classifications of Parks. For example, Parkettes will have minimal program components, requiring less maintenance.

Turfgrass mowing is a large expenditure for parkland maintenance. Incorporating sustainable themes into the parkland, turf grass maintenance could be reduced to allow for the natural edges of many of the parks to be enhanced to reinforce the connection to the natural environment.

Parks should be reviewed on a seasonal basis to address minor maintenance deficiencies before they become larger more expensive repairs.

Recommendation 21 – Tree Planting Program

The Town develop a parks tree planting and replacement program

4.17 Tree Planting

The public consultation process frequently identifies the need for tree planting in all parks. The obvious benefit is to provide shade for park users. Enhancing the park tree canopy also creates that unique sense of place within the parks.

Increasing the tree canopy or biomass in the parks will also provide the natural habitat for wildlife and provide other sustainable benefits of reducing airborne particulate and reducing carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

Recommendation 22 – Park Seating Program

The Town develop more accessible park seating

4.18 Park Seating

The public consultation process frequently identifies the need for more seating opportunities throughout the parks system. Along with standard benches and tables, secondary seating opportunities such as large limestone blocks of stone create vandal resistant and comfortable choices for all users. Blocks of varying heights should be considered to support universal accessibility for individuals who may choose to transfer from their wheelchairs to turf grass along a trail or in a park setting.

Recommendation 23 – Parkland Dedication

That the Parkland Dedication fee for residential building lots created other than by Plan of Subdivision and for calculation of a payment of Cash in Lieu be as follows:

1. Residential uses in an Urban Area - \$1,500 per lot;
2. Residential uses in a Rural Area - Deleted
3. Agricultural uses (ex. Farm split) – Deleted

And that the alternative rate for Cash-in Lieu be established to not exceed one (1) hectare per five hundred (500) Dwelling units.

4.19 Parkland Dedication

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The Town of Lakeshore has been successful in achieving various goals established in the 2007 Community Services Master Plan. With over 260 acres of parkland, the Town currently exceeds the provincial standards (7 acres per 1,000 population) for parkland provisions. The Town currently provides 7.14 acres per 1000 population of parkland.

Based on the projected population of 41,000 in 2031, the Town would fall just below the provincial standards for parkland if no additional parkland was developed. However, the increase in population will result in the additional development parkland for the community. These newly developed areas will be serviced by components of the Community of Parks.

Through partnerships, residential expansion, and municipal planning, additional parkland will develop to accommodate future growth patterns. The Town should not stop acquiring parkland, but the growth can be incremental and focused on developing specific recreational amenities with future land development.

Future park acquisitions should focus on providing connections to community parks across the Town's system, providing opportunities for future trail development.

Utilizing the Provincial Planning Act to establish parkland dedication, the Town should focus on establishing connections between regional, community, neighbourhood parks and parkettes.

Parkland dedication in the Town of Lakeshore is carried out as outlined in Lakeshore Bylaw 42-2014 approved on May 13, 2014.

The bylaw refers to sections 42, 51.1 and 53 of the *Planning Act* which provides for parkland dedication for lots created either by the plan of subdivision or by

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the granting of consents. Generally, the dedication is not to exceed two (2) percent of the land to be used for Commercial and Industrial purposes or five (5) percent in all other cases including land for Residential use. As an alternative, the town can require a conveyance of the land being developed or redeveloped at a rate of one (1) hectare for each three hundred (300) Dwelling Units proposed if it is greater than five (5) percent.

See [Appendix E](#)
Park Provisioning Standards

Section 4.4.1 of this report recommends a hierarchy of parks for the Town. Section 4.2 recommends the Town adopt a standard of 7 acres of parkland per 1,000 population. Further, the report provides for a series of Community Parks, each located in what were once separate communities prior to amalgamation. This recognizes both the pride and prior investment of these communities in their parks and provides for continued and in many cases improved service to these rural areas.

In 2015, the *Smart Growth for Our Communities Act* revised the maximum rate for Cash in lieu dedications to one (1) hectare for every 500 units, a reduction from Lakeshore's current rate.

The following table outlines the Parkland Dedication Fee utilized in all the municipalities in Windsor and Essex County:

Rate for Lots Created by Granting Consent

City of Windsor	\$55/front ft. (\$3,300 for 60' lot)
Town of Kingsville	\$1,500/lot
Town of Essex	\$1,250/lot
Town of Lakeshore	\$1,200/lot*
Town of Tecumseh	\$750 to \$1,000/lot based on 5% of land value
Town of LaSalle	\$750/lot
Town of Leamington	\$660/lot
Town of Amherstburg	\$300/lot
Average for County	\$737/lot
Average for County/City	\$1,078/lot

*Note: Lakeshore has a reduced rate of \$600/lot for Rural Residential and Agricultural lots.

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Amount that Could Be Charged Based on Land Value

Land Value	Parkland Dedication at 5%
\$40,000`	\$2,000
\$45,000	\$2,250
\$50,000	\$2,500
\$55,000	\$2,750
\$60,000	\$3,000

There are three common scenarios for consideration in establishing parkland. They are as follows:

- a. A conveyance of land for parks purposes based on the approval of a Plan of Subdivision;
- b. A Cash-in-Lieu payment made as alternative to the above;
- c. A Cash-in-Lieu payment made on a lot created by granting a Consent.

Planning Act
Commercial/Industrial 2%
All other Land/Residential 5%

Most municipalities require a parkland dedication (a conveyance of land to the town) for lands to be developed or redeveloped and approved under a Plan of Subdivision at the standard rates stipulated in the Planning Act of two (2) percent for Commercial or Industrial lands and five (5) for all other lands including those to be used for Residential purposes. The Town bylaw provides for this and it should continue.

The parkland dedication fee levied for Cash-in-Lieu or for lots created by granting of Consent should equate to five (5) percent of the value of the land on the day prior to the approval. Instead, Lakeshore charges a fee of \$1,200/lot which is below the amount allowed by the planning act. Pursuant to the Smart Growth for Our Communities Act, the alternative maximum rate for calculation

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of Cash-in-lieu should be a maximum of one (1) hectare per five hundred (500) Dwelling units.

Lakeshore \$1,200 per lot

The Lakeshore Parkland Dedication fee for lots created by granting a severance is \$1,200/lot. There is a wide range of fees charged by area municipalities (many currently under review), from \$300/lot in the Town of Leamington to \$1,500 per lot in the Town of Kingsville. Windsor's rate is \$55/front ft. or \$3,300 for a typical sixty (60) ft. lot. The average charge for the county is \$737/lot. The adjacent municipalities of Essex and Tecumseh charge \$1,250/lot and \$750 to \$1,000/lot respectively. In order to remain current but still competitive, consideration should be given to raising the rate to \$1,500/lot. This rate should continue to be reviewed annually and included in the fees bylaw.

Based on typical land values of \$40,000 to \$60,000/lot, every municipality could justify a rate between \$2,000 and \$3,000/lot utilizing the five (5) percent rate for serviced lands where the fee is collected at the time of issuing a permit. However, this rate would far exceed that used elsewhere in the County.

Lakeshore's bylaw provides a reduced fee of \$600 for Residential properties in rural areas and Agricultural severances. We understand that this was done to provide "a break" to farm properties. In the present economy, these rural properties are highly desirable and attract high values. In addition, with the provision of parkland in the rural communities, rural residents are more likely to utilize both park and recreation facilities. The price reduction for rural and agricultural properties should be eliminated.

It's important to note that most municipalities haven't reviewed the rate for Cash in Lieu for many years and freely admit that their rates may be out-of-date.

Recommendation 24 – Alternative Play

The Town adopts the strategy for alternative play opportunities in lieu of play structure replacement when and where appropriate

4.20 Alternative Play

See [Appendix D](#)
Recommendation Graphics

The Town has 34 pieces of play equipment catalogued and scheduled for ongoing replacement. The standard practice of providing playground equipment should be re-evaluated to ensure the capital expenditure maximizes park participation. This strategy may allow the Town to reduce the overall number of replacement pieces of play equipment over the next 15 years.

Refer to Appendix G for a playground equipment replacement strategy based on the Community of Parks concept. This strategy focuses playground structure replacement in community parks and selected neighbourhood parks. The capital funds previously allocated for replacement of structures could be allocated for additional trail connectivity, fitness equipment on the trails, maintenance or applied to the reserve fund for future parks development.

Recommendation 25 – Premiere Ball Diamond Complex

The Town create a premiere ball diamond complex at the proposed Regional Park at the Atlas Tube Center site

4.21 Baseball Diamonds

The Town currently has 17 diamonds at various locations across the Town. Current provincial standards suggest 7 diamonds support 2011 population and 8 diamonds for the projected population in 2031.

Baseball is an active participatory sport in the Town for all age groups. The community would benefit from the development of a premiere baseball complex complete with facilities to support young t-ball players as they are introduced to the game of baseball.

While not required by provincial standards, as the number of current diamonds supports the population, future park development with additional diamonds in one location would support additional softball league play and increase the potential for regional sports tourism.

Recommendation 26 – Re-purpose Ladouceur Park

The Town consider repurposing Ladouceur Park and eliminate baseball facilities at this site

4.22 Ladouceur Park

Ladouceur Park is located in the centre of one of the highest density urban areas in the Town of Lakeshore. While the park primarily supports organized baseball, the facility lacks the supporting infrastructure to be a successful baseball complex. To further complicate the park upgrades, parking is very limited, and the diamond configuration would still require another off-site park to support any large baseball tournament. The current size of the existing park limits the potential for future sports tourism development.

However, the park still has the ability to provide green open space for many recreational activities and events. Future development of the park could alter the main activities, allowing the potential baseball complex development at the proposed regional park at Atlas Tube Centre site to support future baseball and sports tourism opportunities.

Recommendation 27 – River Ridge Park Soccer Pitches

The Town remove the soccer pitches from River Ridge Park, and implement a master site plan for this park

4.23 River Ridge Park

River Ridge Park has been classified as a Community Park and is recommended to undergo a master site plan update to accommodate the program components required to support the Community of Parks concept. Thus, the soccer pitches at River Ridge Park should be removed to allow for the redevelopment of the park.

Recommendation 28 – Maidstone Park Tennis Courts

The Town recondition Maidstone Park tennis courts for future tennis or pickleball play

4.24 Maidstone Park Tennis Courts

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Recommendation Graphics

To satisfy the provincial guidelines and various requests from the public consultation process, the future population growth in the Town will require an additional tennis court to satisfy the standard per the proposed population.

Recommendation 29 – Basketball

The Town install new basketball facilities at Millen Park and Stoney Point Park

See [Appendix D](#)
Recommendation Graphics

4.25 Basketball

To satisfy the provincial guidelines and various requests from the public consultation process, the future population growth in the town will require two additional basketball facilities to satisfy the standard per the proposed population.

It is recommended to develop new basketball facilities at Millen Park and Stoney Point Park to provide distributed access for residents.

Recommendation 30 – Sand Volleyball

The Town install three new sand volleyball courts at Millen Park, GERALYN TELLIER-PERDU Memorial Park, and Comber Community Centre Park

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Recommendation Graphics

4.26 Sand Volleyball

To satisfy the provincial guidelines and various requests from the public consultation process, the future population growth in the Town will require three additional sand volleyball courts to satisfy the standard per the proposed population.

To provide distributed access, it is recommended to develop new sand courts at Millen Park, GERALYN TELLIER-PERDU Memorial Park, and Comber Community Centre Park.

Recommendation 31 – Splash Pads

The Town install six new splash pads across the identified parks (Refer to Appendix D)

4.27 Splash Pads

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Recommendation Graphics

To support the Community of Parks concept across the Town of Lakeshore along with satisfying the provincial guidelines, the future population growth in the Town will require four additional splash pads to satisfy the standard per the proposed population.

Under the community concept, it is recommended that the Town install six new splash pads. The final design and complexity of each splash pad will be determined by the size of the park and the population it serves. This will provide a splash pad at every community park. It is recommended that the following parks have some level of splash pad installed. The parks are as follows.

- Leffler Peace Park
- River Ridge Park
- Stoney point Park
- Millen Park
- Geralyn Tellier-Perdu Memorial Park
- Comber Community Centre Park

Recommendation 32 – Kayak Launches

The Town install three new kayak launches in the identified locations (Refer to Appendix D)

4.28 Kayak Launch

See [Appendix D](#)
Recommendation Graphics

To satisfy the various requests from the public consultation process, the Town should provide water access for individuals looking to connect to the lake and local waterways. While the Parkettes themselves provide some level of water access, these three identified kayak launches provide structure launches to assist individuals, even those with limited mobility to enjoy the use of the waterways.

To provide distributed access, it is recommended to develop the new kayak launch sites at Puce River Road site, West Beach, GERALYN TELLIER-PERDU MEMORIAL PARK, and the Tremblay Beach Conservation.

Recommendation 33 – Skate Park

The Town relocate the Optimist Park skate park to the Lakeview Regional Park (West Beach area)

4.29 Skate Park

To satisfy the various requests from the public consultation process, it is recommended to relocate the Optimist Park skate park to the area adjacent to the West Beach. Final design and location would be in parallel with the recommendation to redesign the new Regional Park.

See [Appendix D](#)
Recommendation Graphics

Recommendation 34 – Park Lighting

The Town limit extended park lighting beyond park curfews for scheduled special events only

4.30 Park Lighting

Studies have shown that providing lighting in parks encourages use after hours and doesn't necessarily increase security. The Town of Lakeshore current park curfew limits entry of parkland between 10 pm and 6 am. Consistent with and in support of the current By-Law, lighting of parkland is not recommended.

The only exception would be to extend lighting beyond curfew for special permitted events.

Recommendation 35 – Play Equipment Replacement

The Town adopt the four components of the equipment replacement strategy to provide distributed access play opportunities across the Town of Lakeshore

4.31 Play Equipment Replacement

The Town has 34 separate play structures and 91 swing seats spread across the parks system. Currently, the four play structures at Centennial Park, Optimist Park, Helena Park and Duck Creek Park have accessible features for more inclusive play. As a founding principle, inclusive play features should continue to be developed in the park system. Furthermore, consideration of the aesthetic appeal of play structure equipment should be a consideration when selecting systems to enhance the visual impact a sculptural piece of equipment may have on the sense of place in any park.

There are four components to the play structure replacement strategy. They are as follows:

1. Replace all equipment older than 20 years
 - Maidstone Park
 - Stoney Point Park
 - Shanahan Park
 - Geralyn Tellier-Perdu Memorial Park
2. Support the play structures in all Community Parks
3. Strategically support isolated Neighbourhood Parks
4. Re-evaluate play equipment replacement

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Recommendation Graphics

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This strategy should allow the Town to focus the investment of play structures equitably across the population centres over the next 15 years.

Following the redevelopment of the Community Parks, future capital funds allocated for replacement of structures in parks should instead be allocated for additional trail connectivity, fitness equipment on the trails, and other opportunities for play within the parks.

The following are recommended priorities for investment, with estimated costs (2016 \$):

1. Replace play structure at Geralyn Tellier-Perdu Memorial Park and include accessible feature (\$75,000)
2. Replace play structure at Stoney Point Park and include accessible feature (\$75,000)
3. Upgrade playscape surfacing at Millen Park (\$35,000)
4. Replace play structure at Shanahan Park and include accessible feature (\$75,000)
5. Replace play structure at Maidstone Park and include accessible feature (\$75,000)

The following play equipment list identifies the equipment from oldest to newest and has been included for reference.

Park No.	Park Name	Age of Equipment
6	Centennial Park	15yrs.
21	Helena Parkette	12yrs.
24	Duck Creek Park	12yrs.
1	St. Clair Shores Park	11yrs.
8	Oakwood Park	10yrs.
19	Lakeview Park	10yrs.
15	Optimist Park	10yrs.
36	Staples Community Park	9yrs.
2	Leffler Peace Park	8yrs.
34	Millen Centre Park	7yrs.

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7	River Downs Park	6yrs.
12	Girard Park	6yrs.
37	Comber Community Centre Park	5yrs.
23	Terra Lou Parkette	3yrs.
9	River Ridge Park	3yrs.
17	Ladouceur Park	1yrs.

Recommendation 36 – CS Rail Corridor

The Town Investigate a partnership for acquisition and the development of the proposed CS rail corridor

4.32 CS Rail Partnership

The potential CS rail corridor is another great linking opportunity for the Community of Parks concept in lakeshore. It is recommended that the Town investigate the potential to form a partnership to potentially acquire or develop the CS corridor.

Recommendation 41 – Trail Head

The Town consider establishing Woodslee Memorial Park as a conservation area/trailhead when developing the proposed CS rail corridor

4.33 Woodslee Memorial Park

While Woodslee Memorial Park appears to be a park with little demand in the system, the park does have a unique opportunity should the potential CS rail corridor develop over time. The park could become a trail head for community members to access a regional county-wide greenway. It is recommended that the park transforms into a conservation park within the system, allowing for a more natural environment to establish itself over the previously manicured landscape.

Future development of the park could require additional parking facilities should the CS rail corridor develop as planned.

Recommendation 42 – Dog Parks within Parks

The Town develop dog parks in each Regional Park

4.34 Dog Parks within Parks

Off-leash dog parks within parks is a growing trend throughout municipalities. Currently, Lakeshore bylaw prohibits dogs running at large. To support the current By-Law and based on consultation with the parks department we make the following recommendation for two parks to allow for fenced areas for pets that may also include play or activity obstacles and alternative opportunities for pets and handlers to interact.

Recommendation 43 – BMX and Cycling Tracks

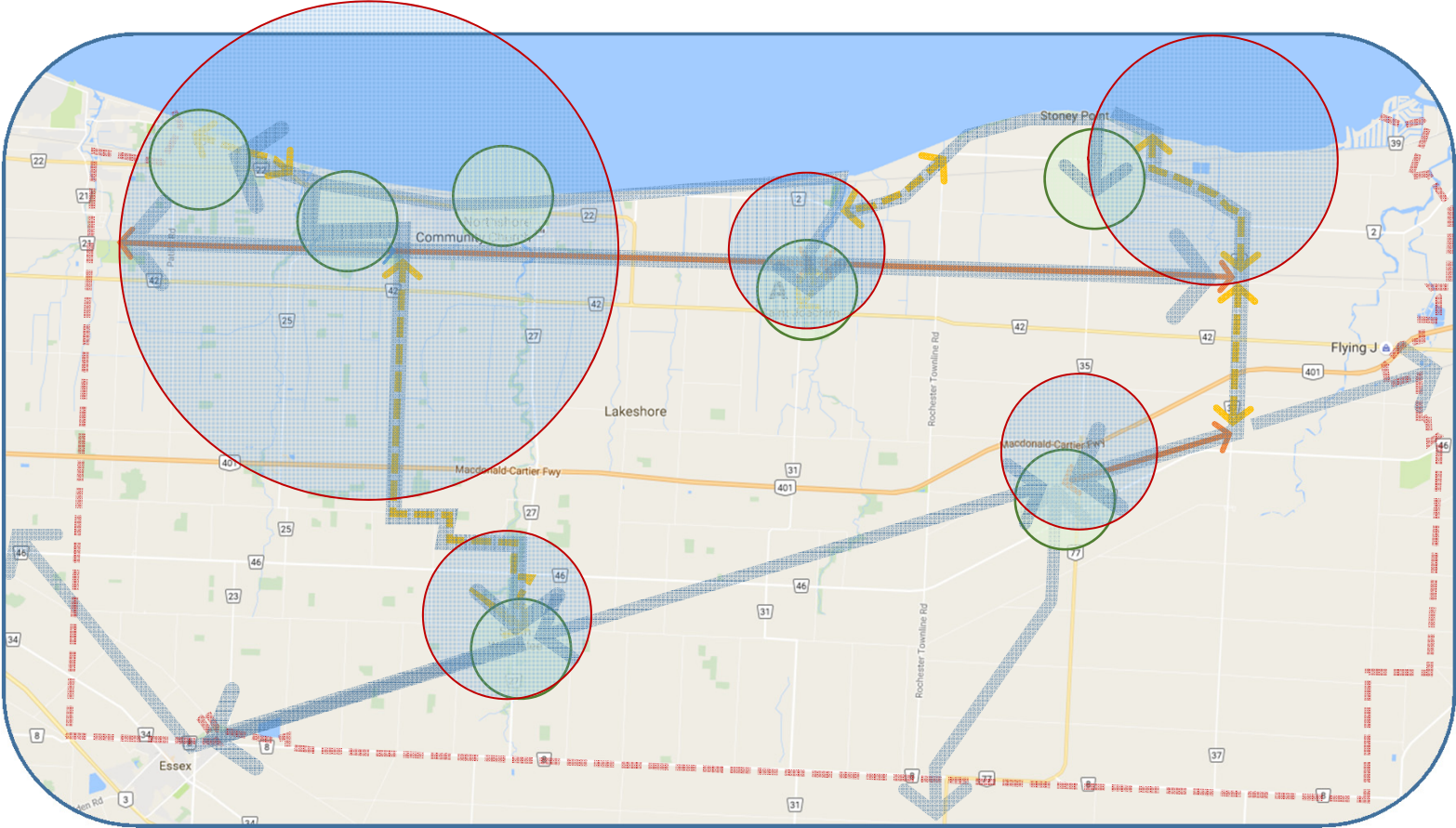
The Town consider developing BMX/pump tracks at the proposed Regional Park at the Atlas Tube Centre site and Geralyn Tellier-Perdu Memorial Park as part of the master site design plans

4.35 BMX and Cycling Tracks

BMX trails and pump tracks have become a very popular trend being developed in other municipalities. Provincial standards suggest a town the size of Lakeshore should have 2 tracks to support future recommendations.

Surface materials can vary in design and it is recommended that the Atlas Tube Centre site and Geralyn Tellier-Perdu Memorial Park develop pump tracks as part of their master site design plans

5.0 Trends



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Societal changes have had an impact on how the demographic cross-section of communities utilizes their existing assets. Children who previously walked or cycled to their neighbourhood or even community park, are now chaperoned or delivered to a specific park for an allocated playtime to coordinate with guardians schedules.

The digital age, the sharing of massive amounts of information, the pace of life, dual-income families and the scheduling conflicts associated with pre-determined play are all impacting the use of community recreational facilities. One of the greatest challenges families find today is to get their children and spouses off-line and into a more active lifestyle.

Unintentionally, online activities have reduced the time individuals of all ages spend outdoors. So as we spend less time actively interacting with each other, we are seeing the trend of an unhealthier population.



Municipalities are regularly challenged to provide high capital cost facilities to support sporting activities for a typically smaller percentage of the overall communities that they support. However, municipalities also have the ability to bring together sporting groups and educational systems to maximize the use of high-cost facilities across both recreational and sporting activities.

How does a community alter this trend to get individuals to connect to a healthier lifestyle, and what strategies can they apply to align their capital expenditures to support sporting activities and the new paradigm of recreation.

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The focus of sport and recreation has to change from only a programming solution based on historical demographics or future projections for activities to include a more holistic approach to supporting communities and how they **Live, Work and Play**.

Parks & Recreation systems have the ability to support both sporting activities and recreational opportunities for their communities. Where does a community start? How can they rank the importance of one sporting activity over another recreational opportunity?

Before selecting or polling individuals for the highest demand, communities need to consider three simple trends to develop their framework to move forward in the development of their park system. They are **Connection to Nature, Social Equity, and Health & Wellness**.

Connection to Nature



Access to nature is a goal all communities are trying to achieve. The balance between providing access and preserving the natural environment is the challenge. In some communities, parks may be the only opportunity for nature to find a place within the dense urban environment. The Town of Lakeshore has a significant amount of natural environment to utilize to connect their residents to nature, the challenge is to find a way to connect the individuals to the natural assets.

Sustainable practices are a key component of the trend to support recreation, from alternative maintenance requirements to green infrastructure. All efforts are being made to minimize the consumption of fuels and other resources while providing quality outdoor amenity space.

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Social Equity



The concepts of providing barrier-free access to our spaces have been surpassed by the concept of universal accessibility. Park design no longer simply accommodates space for individuals with limited mobility, but the trend is to create accessible choices to allow users to choose where and how they want to use the space. A design should not force an individual in a wheelchair to sit in a specific location, with a pre-determined orientation. The trend is to design spaces that allow the users to select where and how they will use the space. Successful outdoor space must be flexible enough to include users with varying amounts of recreational equipment, or no equipment at all.

Municipalities must continue to balance sports with passive recreational opportunities to include all users within the community.

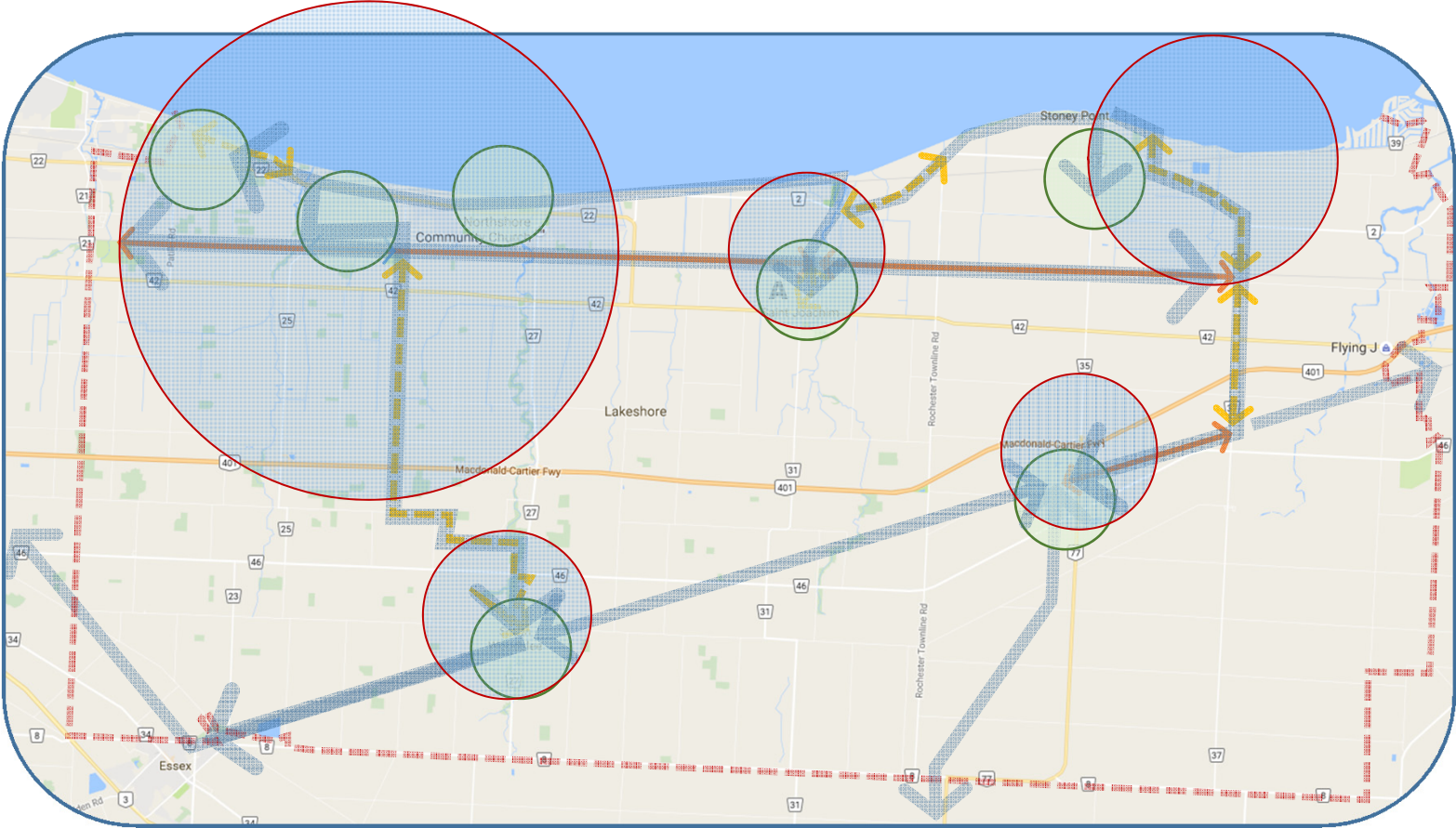
Health & Wellness



The most acceptable trend in recreation is the idea of providing opportunities for health and wellness for the entire community.

In our digital age, the greatest challenge for families is getting our children off the digital equipment to go out to play. To further complicate the challenge, young children are seldom allowed to go out without supervision. This limits available time for children to go out and play. This is a real dilemma facing communities. Communities need to find recreational opportunities to satisfy the users and the supervisors simultaneously.

6.0 Implementation



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6.1 Priority Levels

High Priority – Phase One

These are recommendations to be considered immediately without disruption to the ongoing delivery of service. These recommendations will establish the Community of Parks concept. Phase one may also be considered as the reset phase as the Town establishes their strategic direction to maintain the assets that have been developed over the last decade.

Medium Priority – Phase Two

Typically these recommendations may follow phase one and they may also require outside funding, partnerships and community organizational support.

Low Priority – Phase Three

While not critical to the success of the Master Plan implementation, these recommendations lay the groundwork for future planning considerations for the Town of Lakeshore.

Within the Community of Parks concept, the community parks become the foundation for recreation within each population centre.

The Park & Recreation Master Plan lays the groundwork for incremental growth for the development of additional trails/linkages and other trending park & outdoor recreation program components as funding is made available.

Recommendation 37 – Investment Strategy

The Town revisit its investment strategy of Community of Parks to include trails & linkage development

See [Appendix D](#)
Recommendation Graphics

6.2 Community of Parks: Infrastructure Investment

By adopting the Community of Parks concept, the focus is placed on the replacement of playground structures within community parks and selective neighbourhood parks. As such, future funding could be utilized for the ongoing trail and linkage development in all park groupings. With strong linkages, residents will have easy and safe alternative access to other community parks.

Recommendation 38 – Service Levels

The Town adjust policies and practices to support park maintenance and desired levels of service

6.2.1 Service Levels

The public consultation process identified the need for higher levels of service throughout the parks system. Current staff resources limit the ability to maintain the parks as desired by the community.

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As part of the Master Plan process the staffing deployed by Lakeshore for park maintenance and improvement was reviewed. The department utilizes a mixture of full-time staff, seasonal staff, and summer students to undertake the work.

The staff complement is as follows:

- Additional full-time staff (Supervisor and Parks Operator)
- Additional seasonal staff working from April 1 to November 30.
- Additional summer students (28 hrs/week) working from May 1 until Labour Day.

In addition, the Town contracts out certain types of work including grass cutting, a small amount of planting bed maintenance, and some equipment maintenance. From time to time, specific one-time contracts are issued for specialized maintenance when required.

While the Town maintains baseball infields, field marking and lining for both soccer and baseball is done by the sports leagues.

The staff has the use of two pick-up trucks that are utilized to transport the staff, small equipment, and supplies.

In reviewing available resources the following factors were considered:

- The town is very large in total area. Deploying to parks can involve driving a considerable distance. Maintenance that involves visiting a circuit of parks requires a lot of time for transportation.
- The town has a large number of parks.
- The town is growing in terms of both population and park utilization. Many sports leagues have increasing participation.

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- The town does not currently have a permit system for use of outdoor sports facilities both by leagues and by schools. This makes it more difficult to schedule facility maintenance and to ensure that facilities are playable when needed.
 - With the majority of staff commencing work on either April 1 or May 1, and with the incidence of typically earlier spring seasons, the Town is unable to undertake early spring maintenance before heavy use of the parks begins. This includes preparation of sports fields, setting out of waste containers, preparation of washroom facilities, and general spring clean-up.
 - Emptying of waste containers is labour-intensive with well-used locations requiring more regular service.
 - To maintain acceptable safety surfaces beneath playground equipment, a large amount of time is spent rototilling the sand or pea stone to keep it loose. The sand surface of volleyball courts is also rototilled regularly.
 - The Park Condition Report (prepared as part of the Master Plan) shows a significant number of maintenance and safety issues. Additional effort will be required to correct these over time.
 - While current user satisfaction is reasonably good, there will be a need for increased service over time.
 - The location of the Parks Maintenance Facility isn't ideal in terms of a place of deployment.
 - Lakeshore does not have an identified horticulture programme service level, or forestry expertise.
 - A large amount of time is required for playground safety inspections, even during the winter when the equipment is officially available, but unused.

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Based on the above considerations we recommend the following as components of the service level recommendations:

1. **Improve level and scope of maintenance on a year-round basis:**
2. **Provide for an earlier start-up in the spring:** Extend the work period for seasonal staff to commence by at least March 15.
3. **Reduce labour required for park inspections:** Install signage at playground equipment indicating that the equipment is closed during the winter months during which time park equipment inspections will not be required.
4. **Institute a permit system for the use of all sports facilities including use by schools.**
5. **Reduce labour required to empty waste containers:** Implement deep well waste containers as recommended elsewhere in this report. (Implementation started in 2017)
6. **Reduce labour required for safety surface maintenance beneath playground equipment:** Replace existing sand or pea-stone surfaces with wood fibre safety mulch.
7. **Undertake a review of the Parks Service facility and location from which staff are deployed.**
8. **Monitor the need for specialized services:** While there is not currently a need for specialized horticulture or forestry service, continued growth and beautification efforts are expected to be such that there will be a need within the timeframe of this plan.

Recommendation 39 – Future Maintenance – Regional Parks

The Town considers future maintenance requirements for the Regional Parks.

The Town should define service levels for sports fields.

Recommendation 40 – Future Maintenance – Playing Fields and Ball Diamonds

The Town considers future maintenance requirements for all playing fields and ball diamonds.

Refer to
Lakeshore Parks
Maintenance Checklist

The Town could establish a partnership with local sports organizations who utilize the facilities to share in the operational cost to help offset maintenance expenses. This strategy may allow the organizations to achieve a higher level of maintenance desired for a higher level of competitive play.

6.3 Town Beautification

The image of a town is an important quality for a healthy community and is often an issue that only gets attention when the issue is a negative discussion to eliminate unsightly conditions. But the sense of place created by the quality and character of outdoor spaces is an important quality that is integral in the delivery of a healthy community and creates a great sense of pride.

Rural Landscape
Wellness
Universal Accessibility
Sustainability
Heritage
Livable Community
Social Equity
Safety

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Places that leave a memorable impression as clean, comfortable and welcoming will more likely receive return visits from the users. Community members or even visitors to the Town returning to places that are welcoming and comfortable are all potential supporters of local shops and services.

The idea of beautification should not be discarded as an unnecessary expense. The idea should continue to be embraced by the Town to highlight gateways and memorable places.

6.4 Budgeting Strategy

The budgeting strategy is broken down into two parts. One for capital expenditures and the second for operational requirements. The following strategies are suggested to implement incremental growth so the Town may maintain the quality of services delivered today and tomorrow.

6.4.1 Strategy for Capital Expenditures

The Town should focus on the following components:

- Standardization of the Community Parks within the population centres
- Trails and linkages connecting population centres and their corresponding internal neighbourhood park resources

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Park Classification
Program Components

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- Regional park master design upgrades for the Atlas Tube Centre and West Beach + Lakeview Park + Lakeview Park Marina.
- High demand trend requests by the community

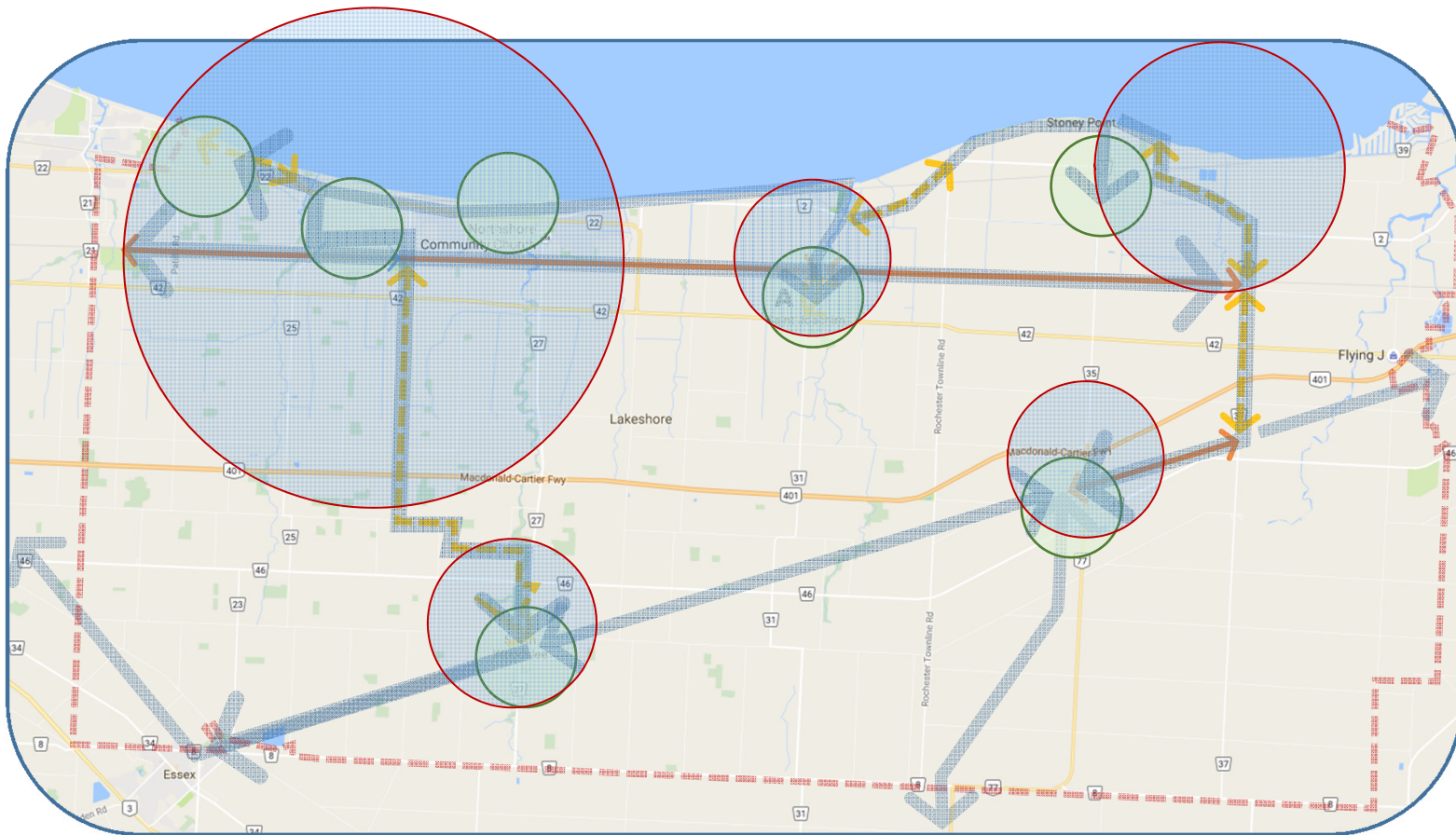
6.4.2 Strategy for Service Levels

Refer to
Lakeshore Park
Maintenance Checklist

The Town should focus on the following:

- Establish service standards for the park system
- Develop plans for ongoing maintenance, including identifying the required resourcing

7.0 Summary & Recommendations



7.0 Summary of Recommendations

4.1 Community Park Development - **Foundational**

Recommendation 1 – Community Park Development

The Town adopts the Community of Parks concept and focuses on the standardization of Community Parks as a high-level priority

4.2 Lakeshore Greenway - **Foundational**

Recommendation 2 – Lakeshore Greenway

The Town develop the Lakeshore Greenway to increase access to recreation/exercise and to connect the community of parks throughout the Town of Lakeshore

4.2.1 CWATS Linkages - **Foundational**

Recommendation 3 – CWATS Linkages

The Town upgrade CWATS linkages to increase access to recreation/exercise and to connect the community of parks throughout the Town of Lakeshore

4.3 Park Provisioning – **High Priority**

Recommendation 4 - Park Provisioning

Based on available land opportunities and future residential development it is recommended the Town delegate a strategy to continue to acquire new parkland for the development of the Lakeshore Greenway and future parkland sites to support the Population Centre Community of Parks concept

4.4 Facility Standards - High Priority

Recommendation 5 – Facility Development

The Town utilize the Park Facility Matrix (Appendix F) and public consultation process to select facilities that fall below the provincial standards and are in demand by the residents in the community

4.5 Population Centres - Foundational

Recommendation 6 – Population Centres

The Town adopt the five population centres within the Town of Lakeshore for the purpose of guiding the delivery of parks services
(Refer to Appendix A)

4.6 Parkland Classification - Foundational

Recommendation 7 – Parkland Classification

The Town adopt five new parkland classifications for the Town of Lakeshore

- Regional Park
- Community Park
- Neighbourhood Park (with Sports)
- Parkette
- Trails/Greenway

Recommendation 8 – Parkland Classification - Regional

The Town classify the Atlas Tube Centre site and the West Beach+ Lakeview Park + Belle River Marina into two regional parks

Recommendation 9 – Parkland Classification - Community

The Town classify Leffler Peace, River Ridge, Optimist, Stoney Point, Millen, GERALYN Tellier-Perdu Memorial and Comber parks to Community Parks for their corresponding population centres

Recommendation 10 – Parkland Classification - Parkette

The Town classify Johnson Riverview, Helena and Terra Lou parks to Parkettes

4.7 Parkland Program Components - **Foundational**

Recommendation 11 – Parkland Program Components

The Town adopt the program components and levels of service for infrastructure in each park classification

4.8 Community Parks Review - **High Priority**

Recommendation 12 – Community Park Review

The Town review all community parks to verify they include the required program components and desired levels of service, and develop a strategy to address gaps/deficiencies

4.9 Lakeshore Accessibility Plan - High Priority

Recommendation 13 – Town of Lakeshore Accessibility Plan

The Town incorporate the Town of Lakeshore Accessibility Plan Guidelines (2016-2018 Accessibility Plan) for all classifications of parks, and develop a strategy to address gaps/deficiencies

4.10 Passive Open Space - High Priority

Recommendation 14 – Passive Open Space

The Town develop a large open flexible passive green space for recreation and other special event opportunities in the regional parks

4.11 Trash/Recycle - High Priority

Recommendation 15 – High Capacity Trash/Recycling Receptacles

The Town continue to install new high capacity trash/recycling receptacles through the implementation of a replacement program

4.12 Vandalism - High Priority

Recommendation 16 – Vandalism

The Town repair any vandalism in the parks immediately with the appropriate vandal resistant solution

4.13 Regional Parks - Medium Priority

Recommendation 17 – Regional Parks Master Plans

The Town prepare new site master design plans for both proposed Regional Parks

4.14 Parks Condition Report - Medium Priority

Recommendation 18 – Parks Condition Report

The Town repair all deficiencies as noted in the parks condition report (Appendix I)

4.15 New Restrooms - Medium Priority

Recommendation 19 – New Restrooms

The Town install new restrooms at Optimist Park & River Ridge Park

4.16 Park Maintenance - Medium Priority

Recommendation 20 – Park Maintenance

The Town conduct seasonal maintenance review of parks utilizing the Lakeshore Parks Maintenance Checklist

4.17 Tree Planting - Medium Priority

Recommendation 21 – Tree Planting Program

The Town develop a parks tree planting and replacement program

4.18 Park Seating - Medium Priority

Recommendation 22 – Park Seating Program

The Town develop more accessible park seating

4.19 Parkland Dedication - Medium Priority

Recommendation 23 – Parkland Dedication Policy

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4.29 Skate Park - Medium Priority

Recommendation 33 – Skate Park

The Town relocate the Optimist Park skate park to the Lakeview Regional Park (West Beach area)

4.30 Park Lighting - Medium Priority

Recommendation 34 – Park Lighting

The Town limit extended park lighting beyond park curfews for scheduled special events only

4.31 Play Equipment Replacement - Medium Priority

Recommendation 35 – Play Equipment Replacement

The Town adopt the four components of the equipment replacement strategy to provide distributed access play opportunities across the Town of Lakeshore

4.32 CS Rail Partnership - Medium Priority

Recommendation 36 – CS Rail Partnership

The Town Investigate a partnership for acquisition and the development of the proposed CS rail corridor

6.2 Infrastructure Investment - Medium Priority

Recommendation 37 – Investment Strategy

The Town revisit its investment strategy of Community of Parks to include trails & linkage development

Recommendation 38 – Service Levels

The Town adjust policies and practices to support park maintenance and desired levels of service

Recommendation 39 – Future Maintenance – Regional Parks

The Town considers future maintenance requirements for the Regional Parks

Recommendation 40 – Future Maintenance – Playing Fields and Ball Diamonds

The Town considers future maintenance requirements for all playing fields and ball diamonds.

4.33 Woodslee Memorial Park - Low Priority

Recommendation 41 – Trail Head

The Town consider establishing Woodslee Memorial Park as a conservation area/trailhead when developing the proposed CS rail corridor

4.34 Dog Parks within Parks- Low Priority

Recommendation 42 – Dog Parks within Parks

The Town develop dog parks in each Regional Park

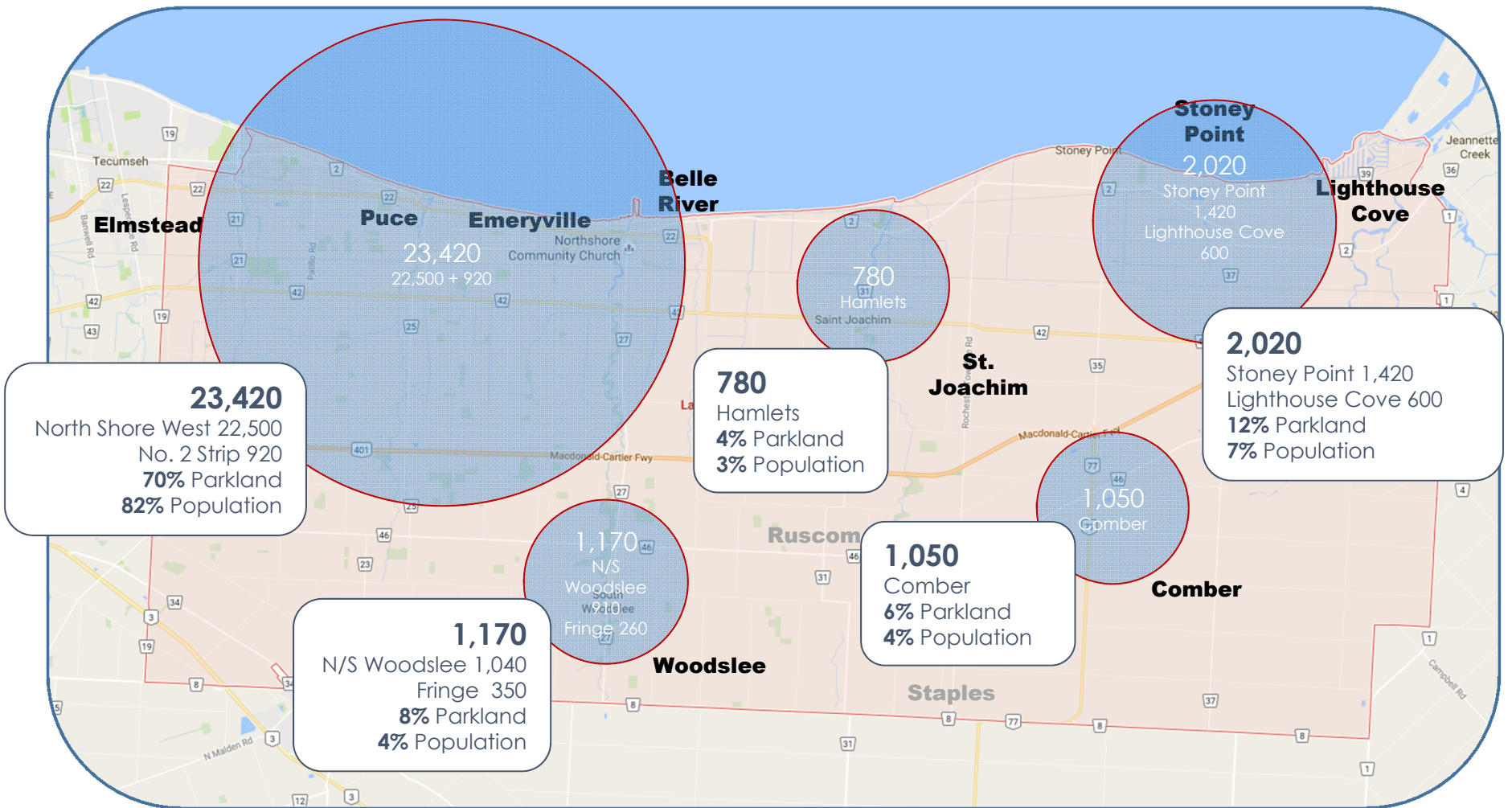
4.35 BMX and Cycling Tracks- Low Priority

Recommendation 43 – BMX and Cycling Tracks

The Town consider developing BMX/pump tracks at the proposed Regional Park at the Atlas Tube Centre site and Geralyn Tellier-Perdu Memorial Park as part of the master site design plans

Appendix A

Population Centres & Community Parks



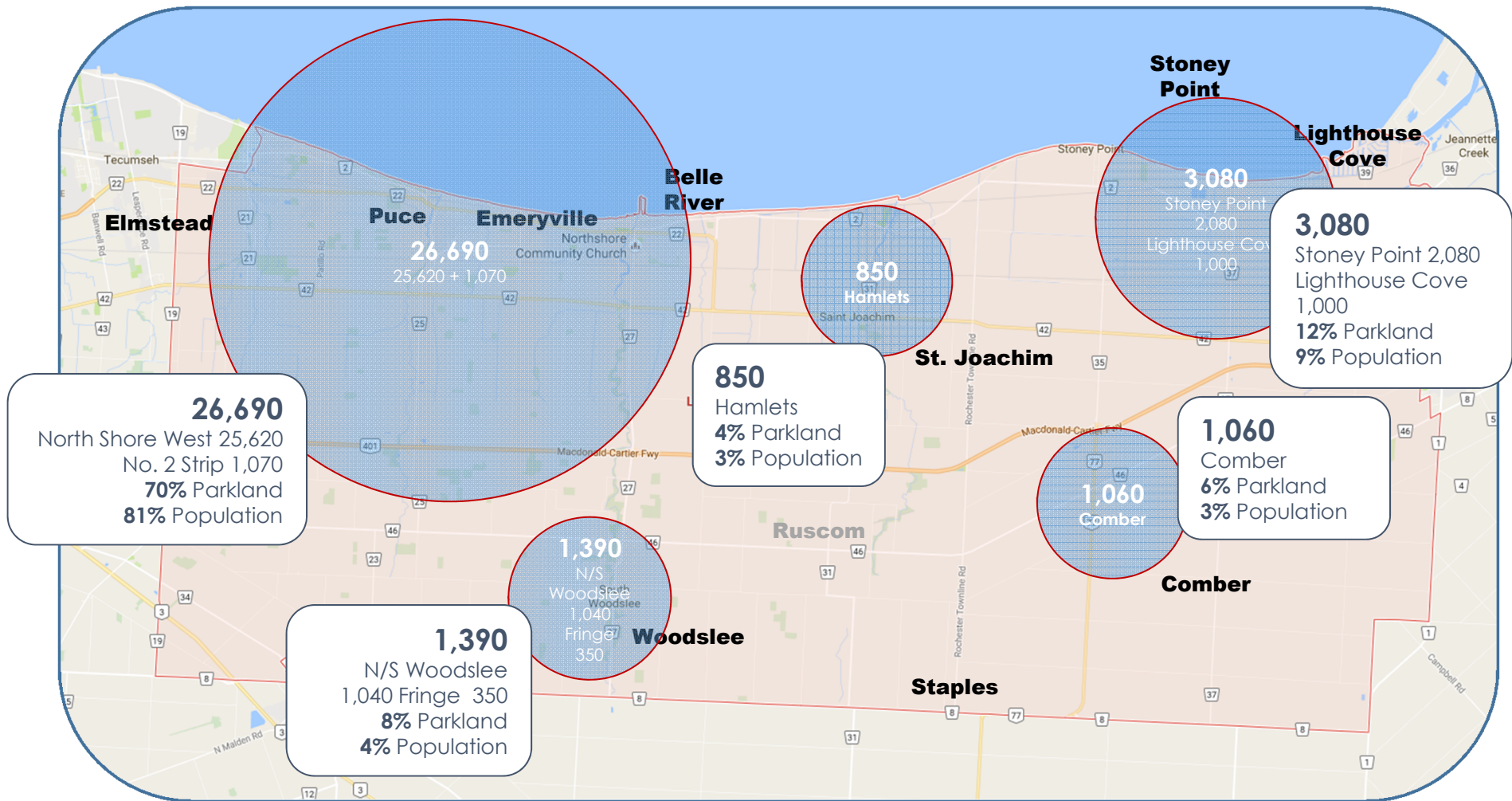
Population Centers – 2016

36,600

2016 Census

Rural 6,880 19%
Shoreline 860





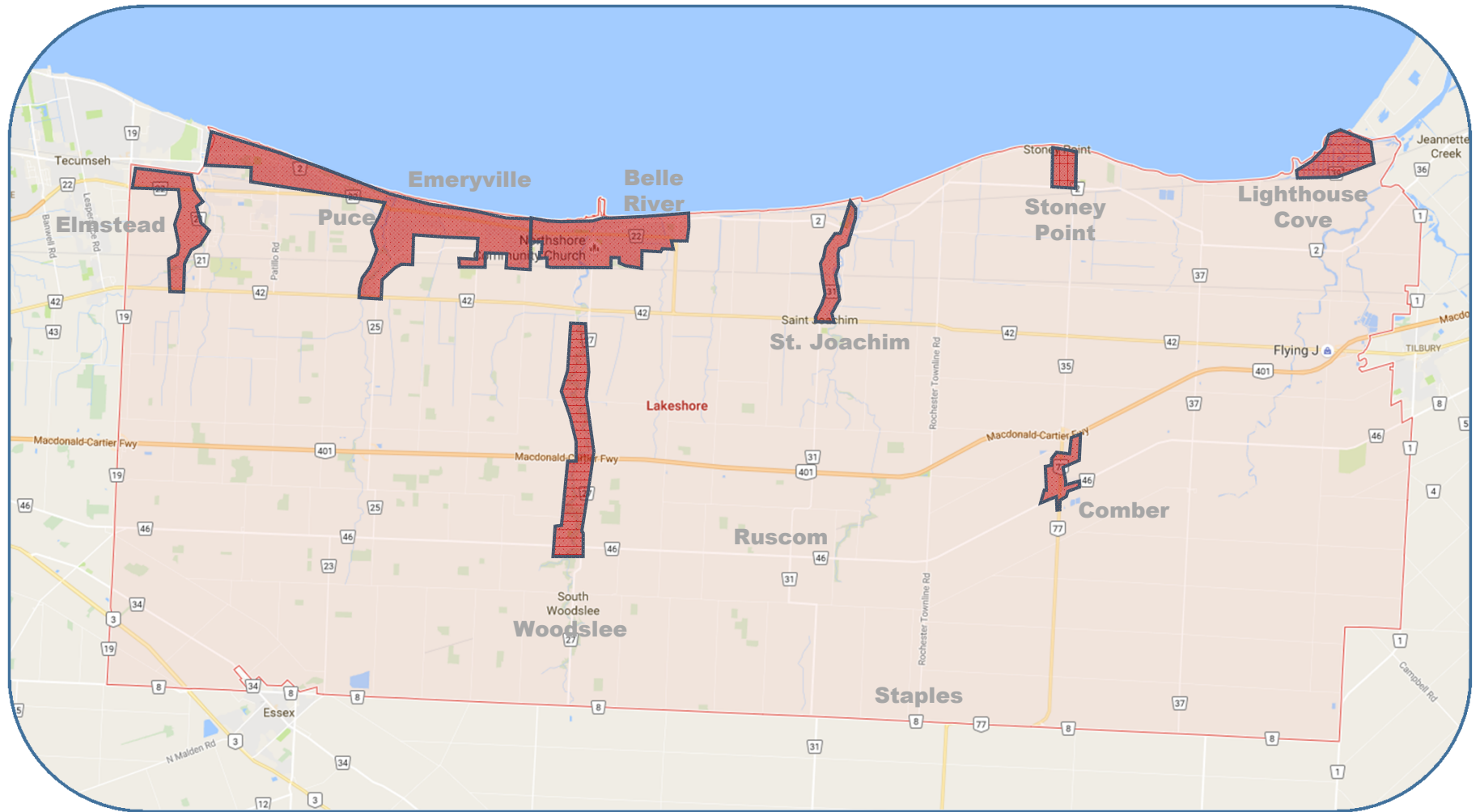
Population Centers – 2031

41,000

2015 Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.

Rural 6,990
Shoreline 920





Housing Clusters

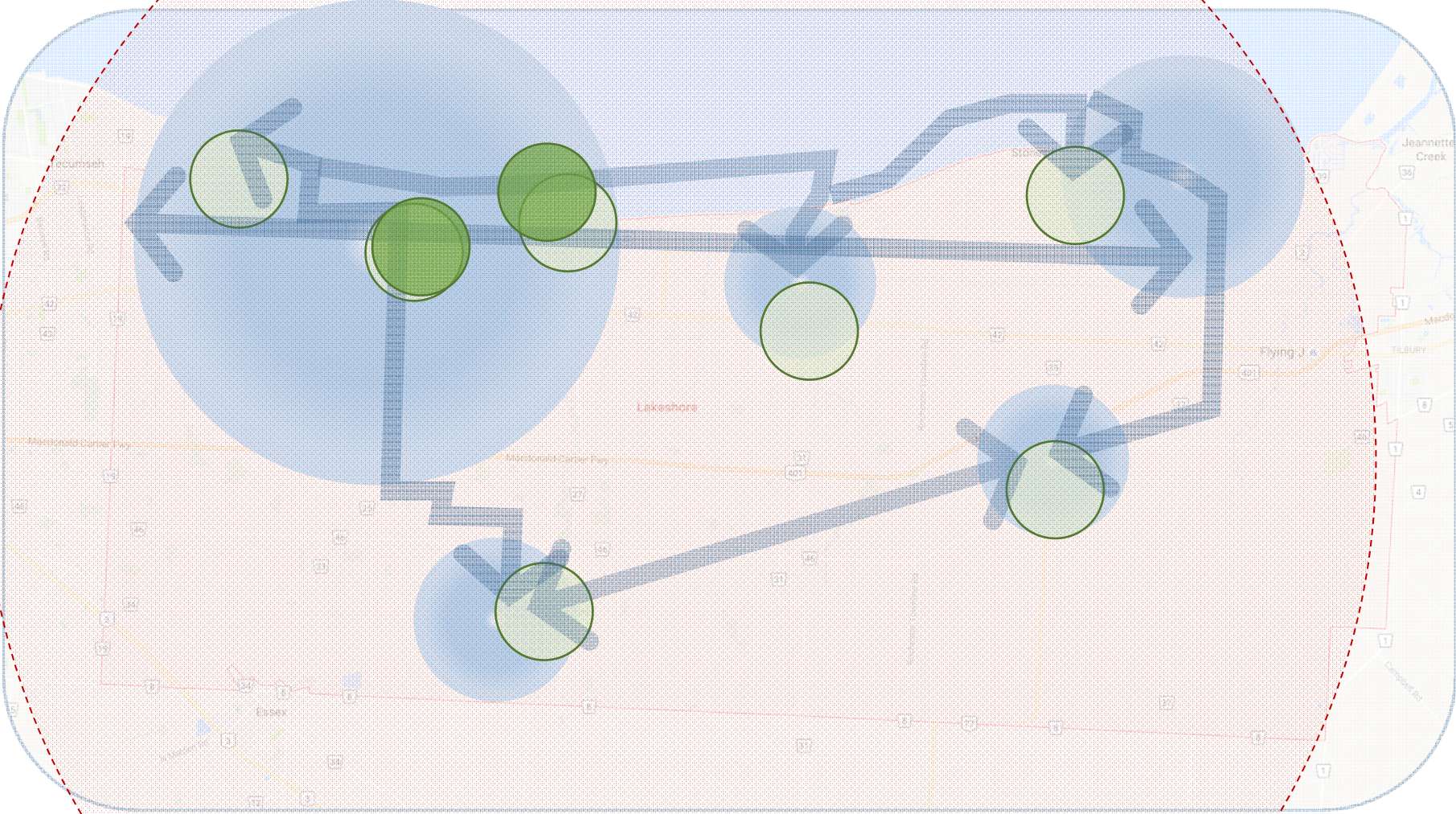


**Rural
Shoreline**

6,880
860

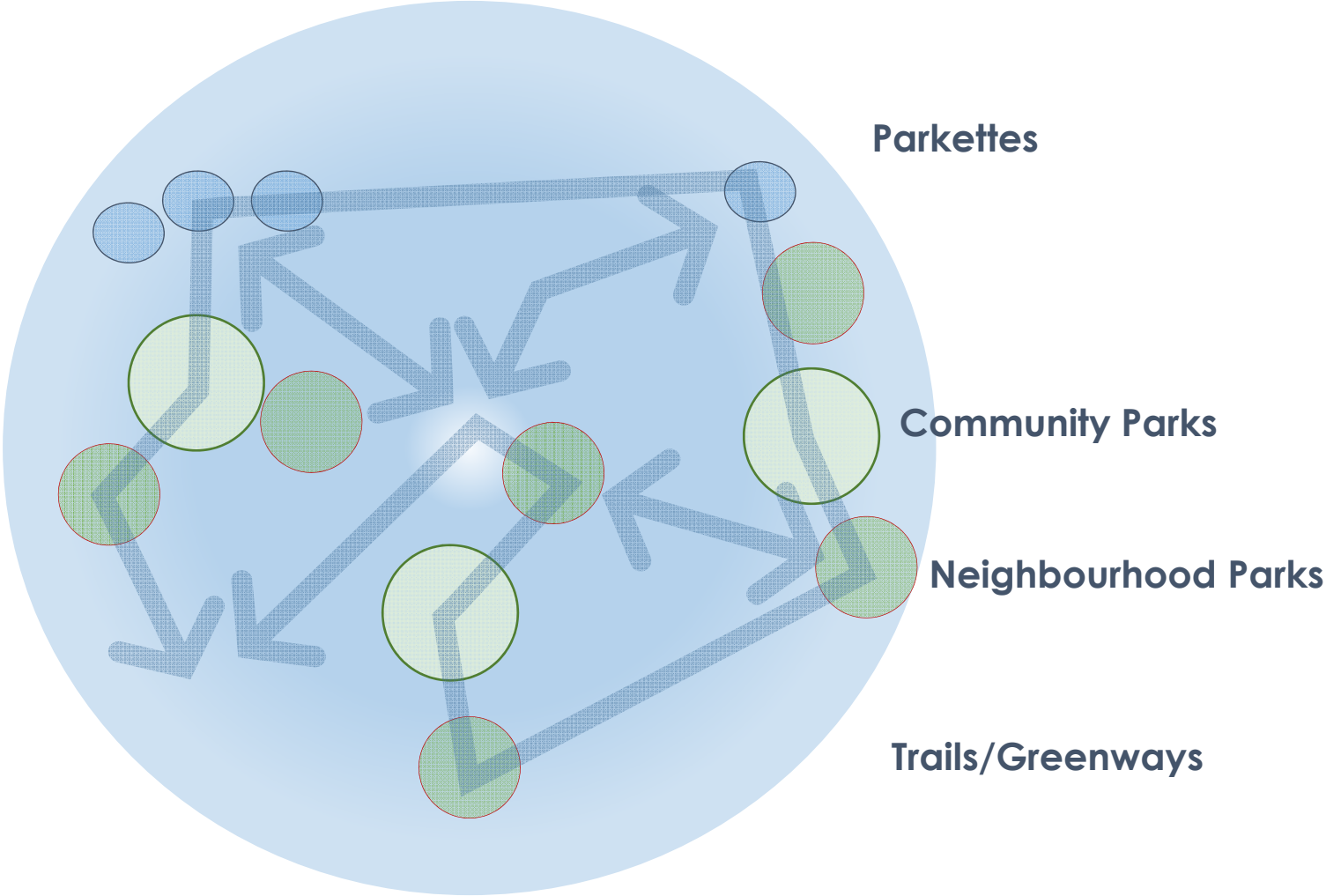


Framework



Conceptual Framework

Framework



Conceptual Population Centre

Regional Parks

40.1% of the Parkland



Regional Parks

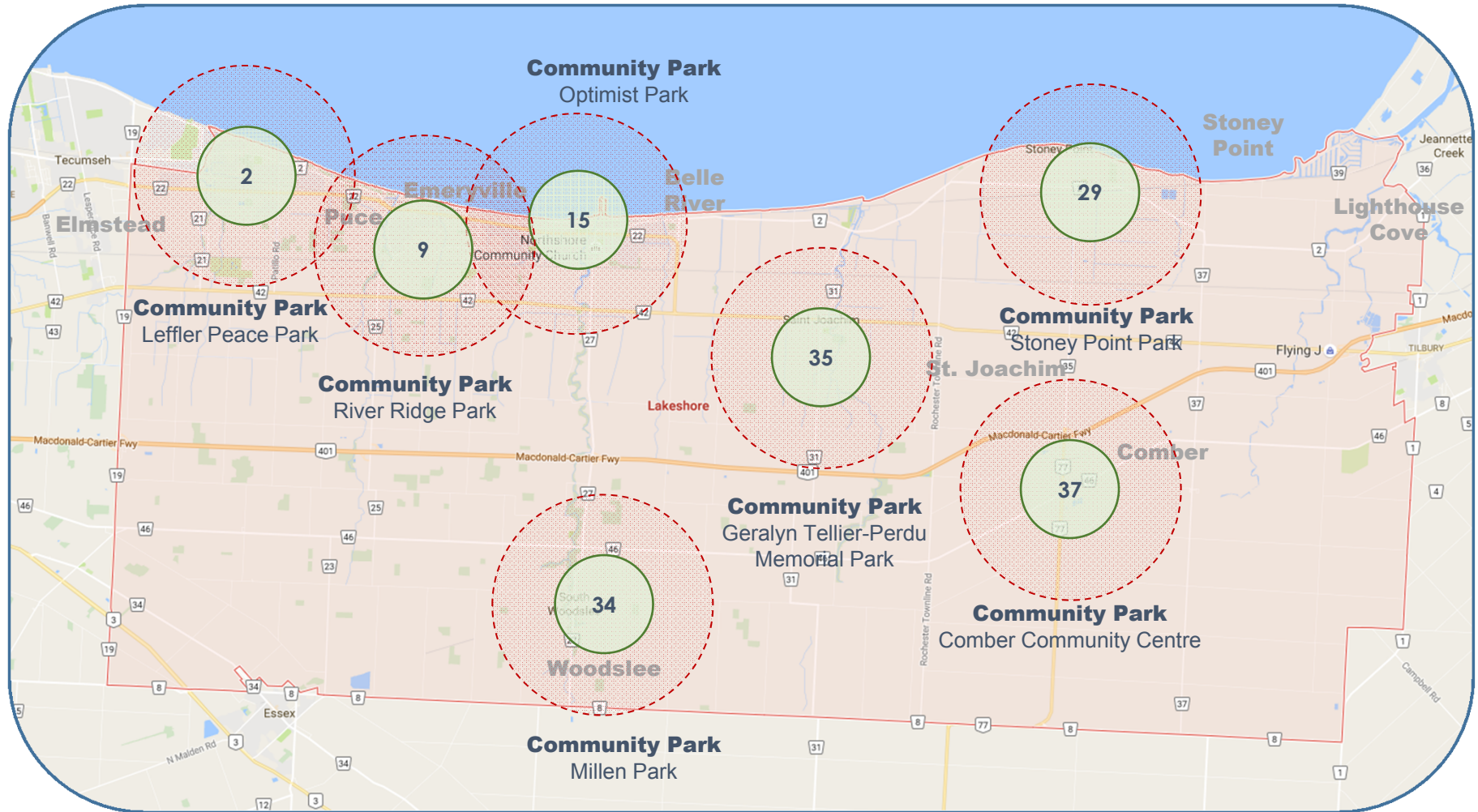
- Community Parks
- Neighbourhood Parks
- Parkettes
- Trails/Greenways

- 11 Atlas Tube Centre
- 18 West Beach + 19 Lakeview Park + Belle River Marina



Community Parks

30.1% of the Parkland



Regional Parks

Community Parks

Neighbourhood Parks

Parkettes

Trails/Greenways

2 Leffler Peace Park

9 River Ridge Park

15 Optimist Park

29 Stoney Point Park

34 Millen Park

35 Gerilyn Tellier-Perdu Memorial Park

37 Comber Community Centre



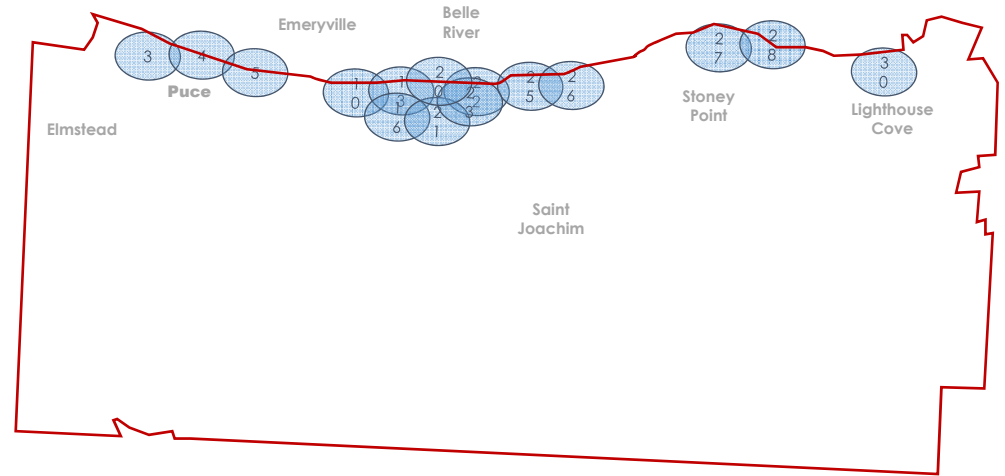
Appendix B

Park Classification & Program Components

Parkettes (14 parkettes)

Parkette Program Components

- Incorporate universal accessibility guidelines
- Tree canopy (Sense of Place)
- Seating (choices – benches/boulders)
- Trash/Recycling
- Level of Service
 - **CLOSED** During Winter Season



- 3 Russel Woods Parkette
- 4 Wallace Line Lakefront Parkette
- 5 Puce Road Lakefront Parkette
- 10 Renaud Line Lakefront Parkette
- 13 Rourke Line Lakefront Parkette
- 16 Johnson Riverview Parkette
- 21 Helena Parkette
- 20 Legion Parkette

- 22 Stuart Line Lakefront Parkette
- 23 Terra Lou Parkette
- 25 Strong Road Lakefront Parkette
- 26 Golfview Drive Lakefront Parkette
- 27 St. Clair Road Lakefront Parkette
- 28 Stoney Point Lakefront Parkette
- 30 Gracey Sideroad Lakefront Parkette
- + proposed parkettes in red



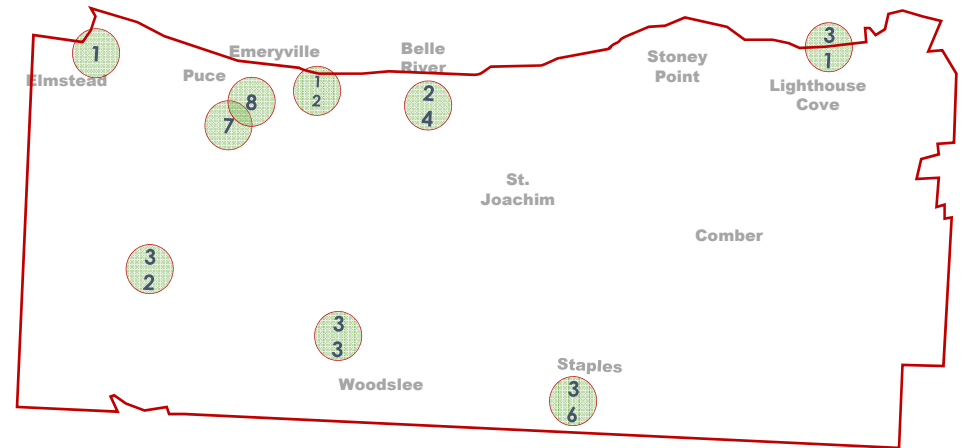
Level of Service

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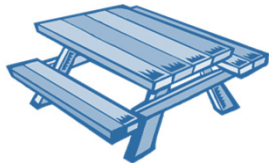
Neighbourhood Parks (10 neighbourhood parks)

Neighbourhood Park Program Components

- Incorporate universal accessibility guidelines
- Tree canopy
- Seating (choices – benches/boulders)
- Trash/Recycling
- **Tables** (picnic or café)
- **Play equipment** (alternative opportunities)
- **Internal Trail** (If warranted)
- Level of Service
 - **CLOSED** During Winter Season



- 1 St. Clair Shores Park (Trail)
- 7 River Downs Park
- 8 Oakwood Park
- 12 Girard Park
- 24 Duck Creek Park (Trail)
- 31 Lions Park
- 32 Shanahan Park (Trail)
- 33 Memorial Park
- 36 Staples Community Park



Level of Service

Spring

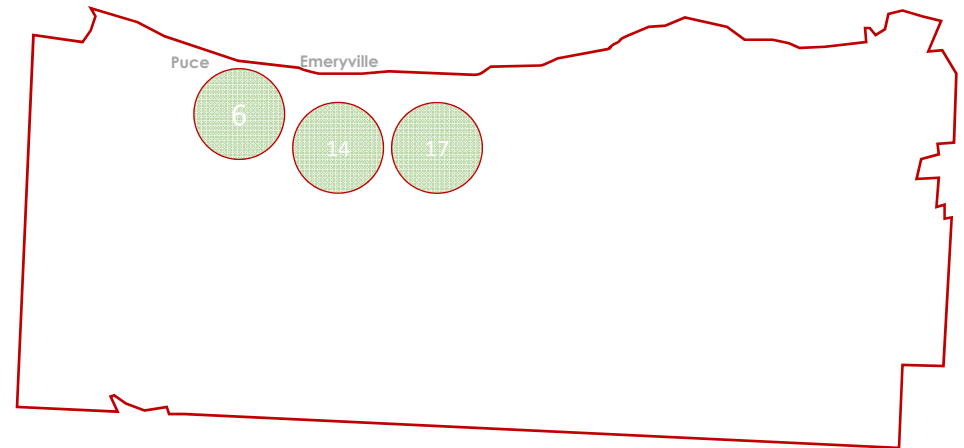
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Fall

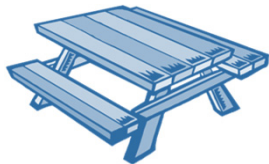
Neighbourhood Parks with Sports (3 with sports)

Neighbourhood Park Program Components

- Incorporate universal accessibility guidelines
 - Tree canopy
 - Seating (choices – benches/boulders)
 - Trash/Recycling
 - **Tables** (picnic or café)
 - **Play equipment** (alternative opportunities)
 - **Internal Trail** (If warranted)
 - **Sports Fields**
- Level of Service
 - **CLOSED** During Winter Season



6 Centennial Park (Trail)
 14 Maidstone Park (Trail)
 17 Ladouceur Park (Trail)



Level of Service

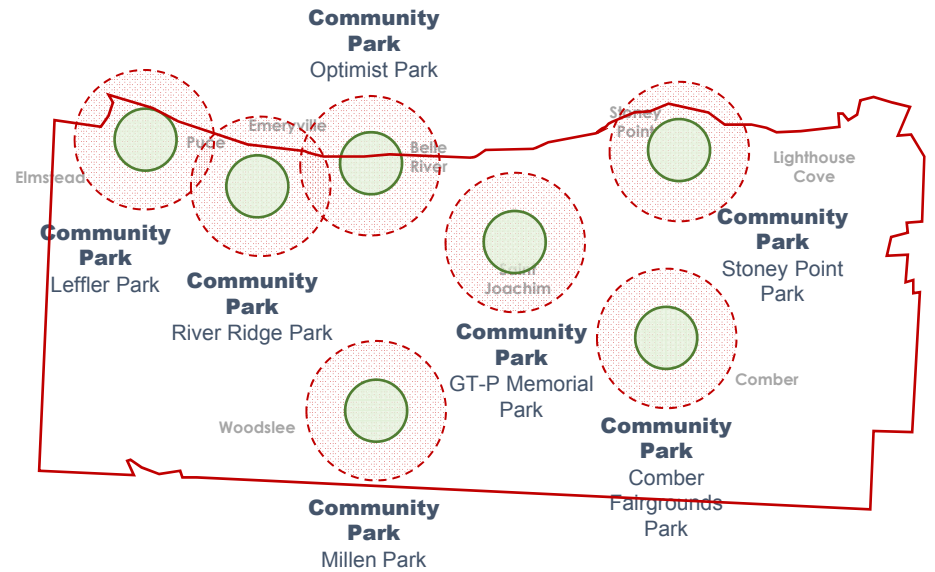
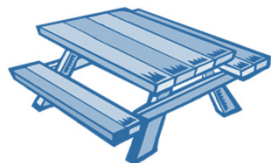
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Community Parks (7 Community parks)

Community Park Program Components

- Incorporate universal accessibility guidelines
- Tree canopy
- Seating (choices – benches/boulders)
- Trash/Recycling
- Tables (picnic or café)
- **Play equipment** (alternative opportunities)
- **Parking**
- **Restrooms** (CLOSED DURING WINTER MONTHS)
- **Internal Trail**
- **Splash Pad/ Water Feature**
- **Pavilion**

- Level of Service
 - **OPEN** Year Round



- 2 Leffler Peace Park (Trail)
- 9 River Ridge Park (Trail)
- 15 Optimist Park (Trail)
- 34 Millen Park (Trail)
- 29 Stoney Point Park (Trail)
- 35 Geralyn Tellier-Perdu Memorial Park (Trail)
- 37 Comber Fairgrounds Park (Trail)

Level of Service

Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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Regional Parks (2 Regional Parks) WiFi Free Zone

Regional Park

(Lakeview Park, West Beach and Belle River Marina)

- **Develop new master site design for Lakeshore Regional Park**

Consider the following elements

- Incorporate universally accessible guidelines
- Tree canopy
- Seating (choices)
- Trash/Recycling
- Play equipment (alternative opportunities)
- Tables (picnic or café)
- Parking
- Restrooms
- Internal Trail
- Splash pad water feature
- Pavilion
- Support marina programming

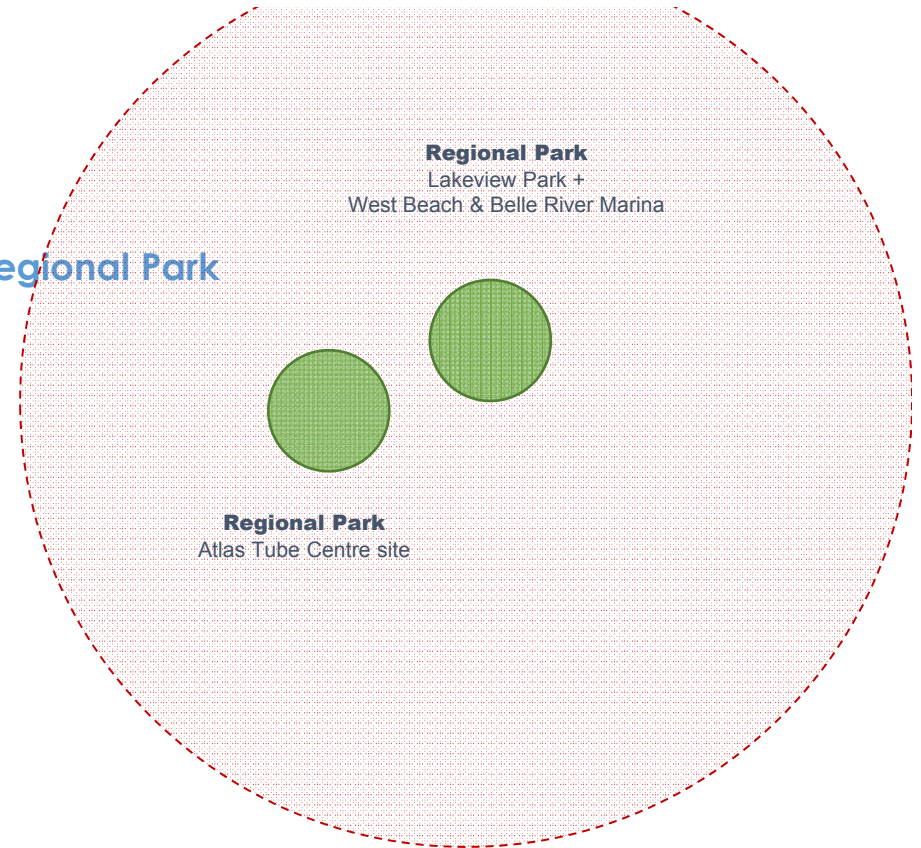
Regional Park

(Atlas Tube Centre Site)

- **Develop new master site design for Lakeshore Regional Park**

Consider the following elements

- Incorporate universally accessible guidelines
- Tree canopy
- Seating (choices)
- Trash/Recycling
- Play equipment (alternative opportunities)
- Tables (picnic or café)
- Parking
- Restrooms
- Internal Trail
- Splash pad water feature
- Pavilion
- Regional soccer & baseball centres



11 Atlas Tube Centre site (Trail)
18 West Beach combined with 19 Lakeview Park (Trail) combined with Belle River Marina



Level of Service

Spring

Summer

Fall

Winter

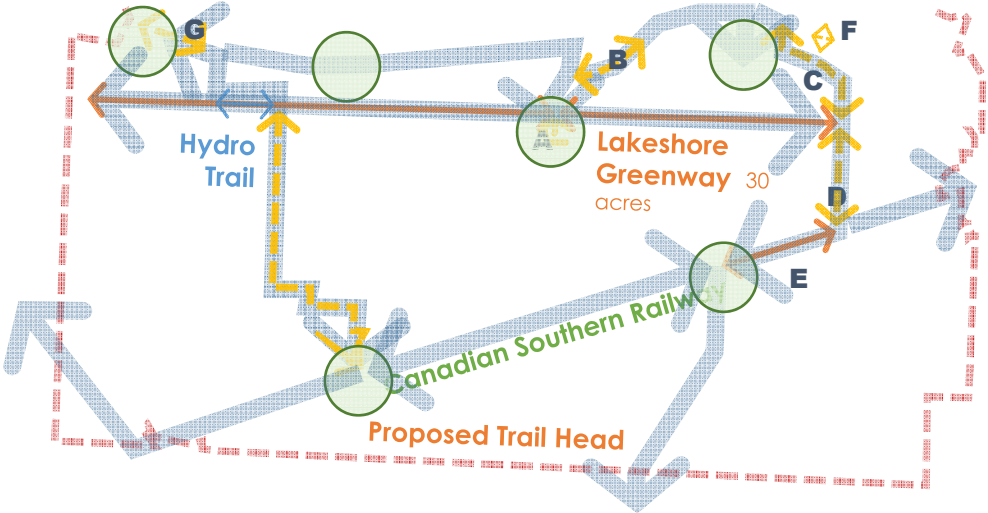
Pilot projects in both regional parks for Free WiFi Zones



Trails/Greenway

Trail Program Standards

- Incorporate universal accessibility guidelines
- Tree canopy (Sense of Place)
- Seating (choices – benches/boulders)
- Trash/Recycling
- Level of Service
 - **OPEN** During Winter Season for winter use
 - Asphalt paths to be cleared
 - Gravel to be snow base covered



Level of Service

Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
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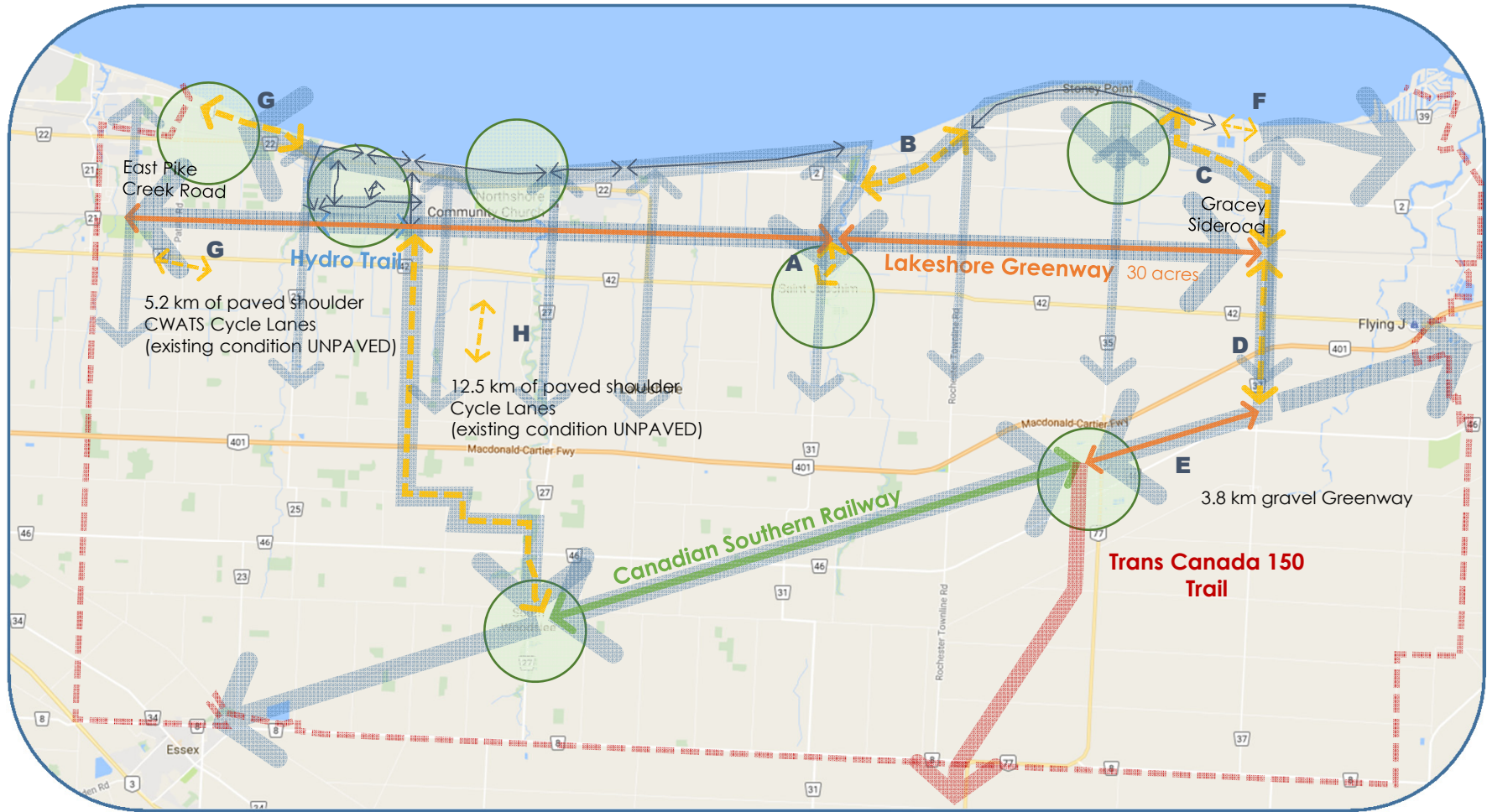
Appendix C

Trails & Linkages

Town of Lakeshore Trail Connectivity

Regional/Community Park Connectivity

- A** 1.75 km of paved shoulder Cycle Lanes (existing conditions UNPAVED)
- 30 km gravel Greenway (ATC extension)



- Regional Parks
- Community Parks
- Neighbourhood Parks
- Parkettes
- Trails/Greenways**

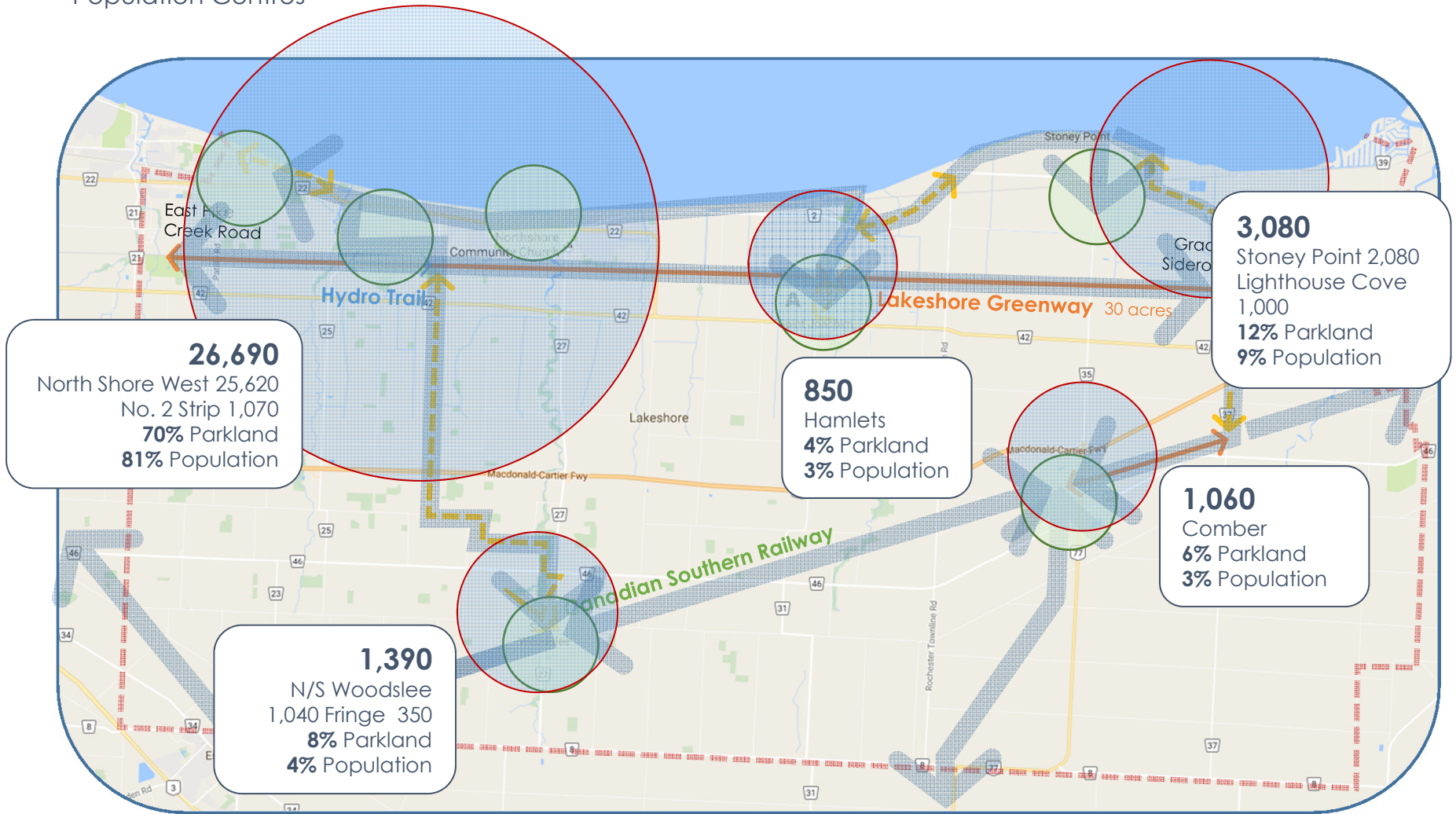
- B** 3.4 km of paved shoulder CWATS Cycle Lanes (existing condition UNPAVED)
- C** 4.7 km of paved shoulder CWATS Cycle Lanes (existing condition UNPAVED)

- D** 3.8 km of paved shoulder CWATS Cycle Lanes (existing condition UNPAVED)
- F** 0.9 km natural trail Tremblay Conservation Area Existing Trail



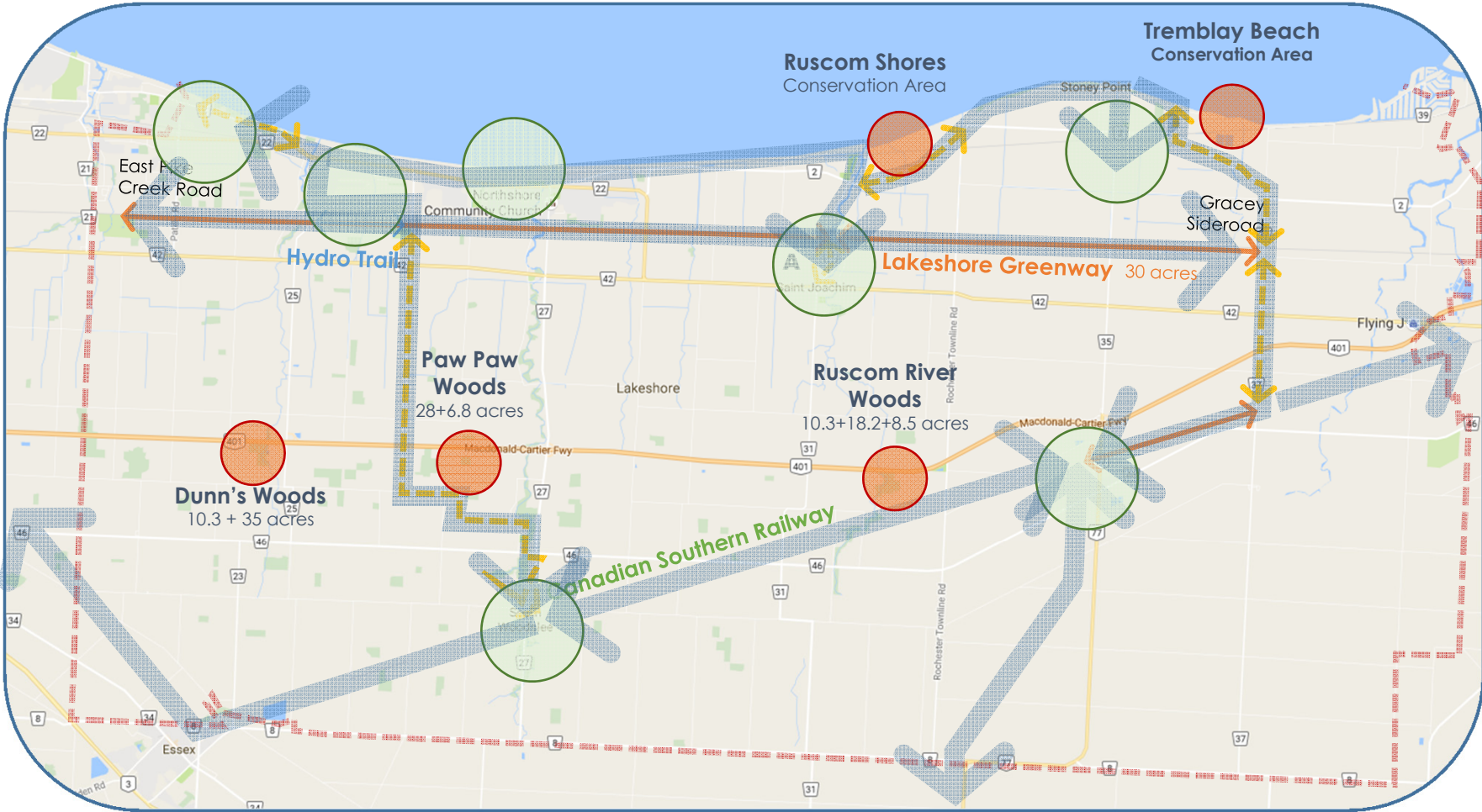
Town of Lakeshore Trail Connectivity

Population Centres



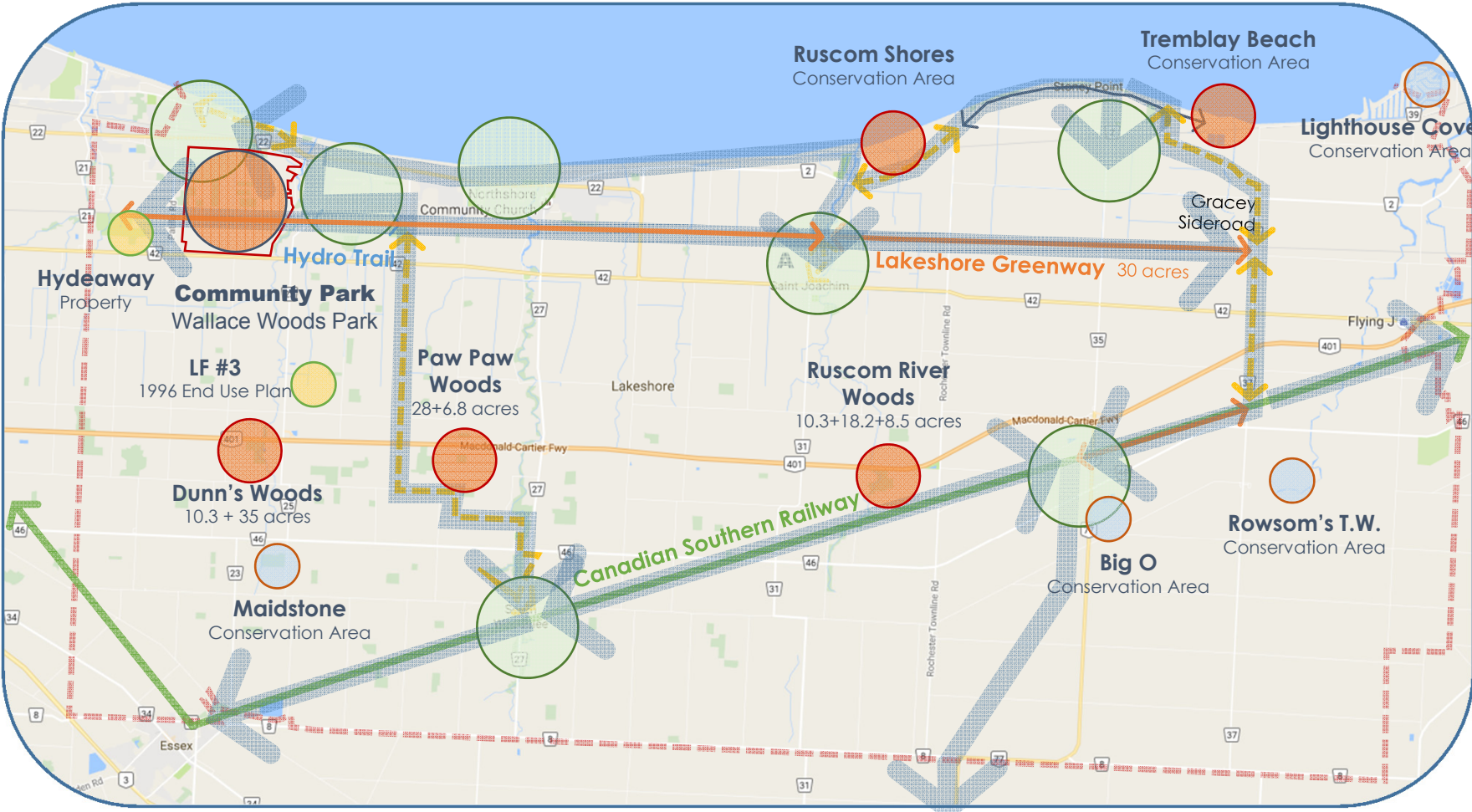
Town of Lakeshore Trail Connectivity

Natural Heritage Sites



Town of Lakeshore Trail Connectivity

Community Park Growth Model



-  Community Park
-  Natural Heritage Site
-  Conservation Areas
255 acres
-  Future Recreational Opportunities

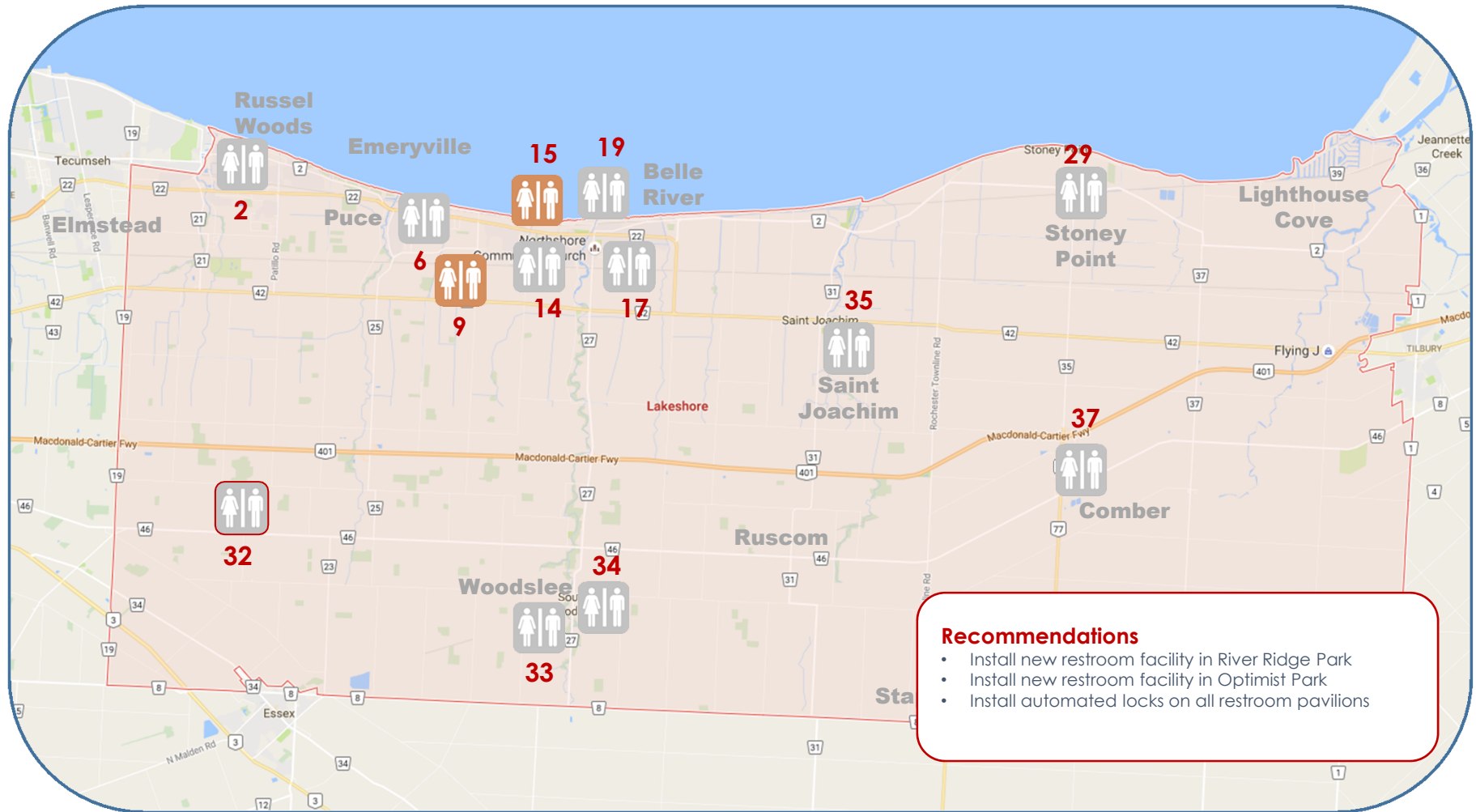


Appendix D

Recommendation Graphics

Restrooms

New Restrooms at River Ridge Park and Optimist Park (Automated locks at all locations)



Recommendations

- Install new restroom facility in River Ridge Park
- Install new restroom facility in Optimist Park
- Install automated locks on all restroom pavilions

Proposed Restrooms

- 9 River Ridge Park
- 15 Optimist Park

- 2 Leffler Peace Park
- 6 Centennial Park
- 14 Maidstone Park
- 17 Ladouceur Park
- 19 Lakeview Park

- 29 Stoney Point Park
- 32 Shanahan Park
- 33 Memorial Park
- 34 Millen Park
- 35 Geraldyn Tellier-Perdu Memorial Park
- 37 Comber Community Centre



Town of Lakeshore

Existing Trash Receptacles



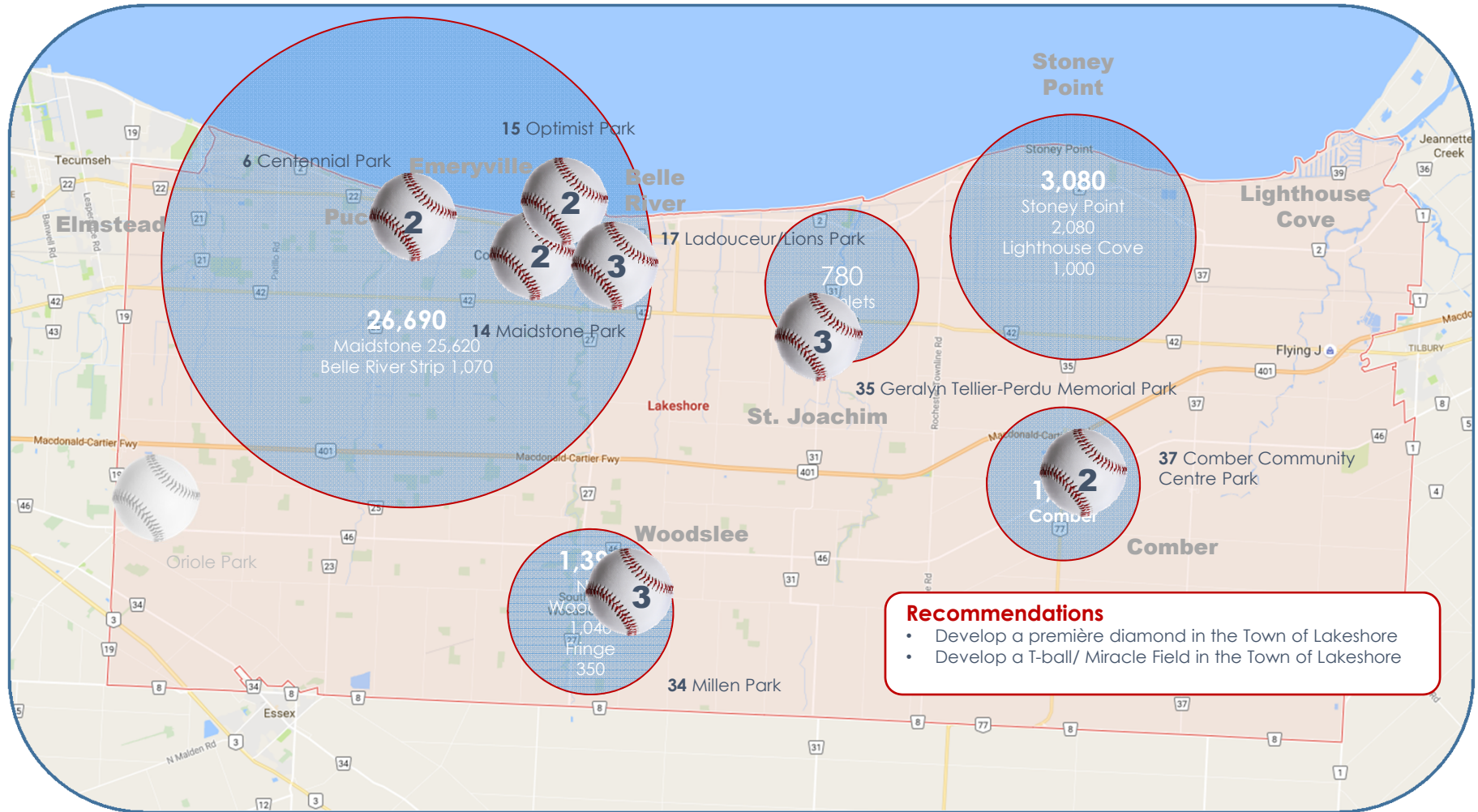
Sport Facility Distribution

2031 Population Overlay

Future Growth Demand

0 Diamonds

(Provincial Standards based community population)



Baseball

6 Centennial Park
14 Maidstone Park
15 Optimist Park
17 Ladouceur Park

2 Diamonds
2 Diamonds
2 Diamonds
3 Diamond

34 Millen Park
35 Geryllyn Tellier-Perdu Memorial Park
37 Comber Community Centre Park

3Diamonds
3 Diamonds
2 Diamonds



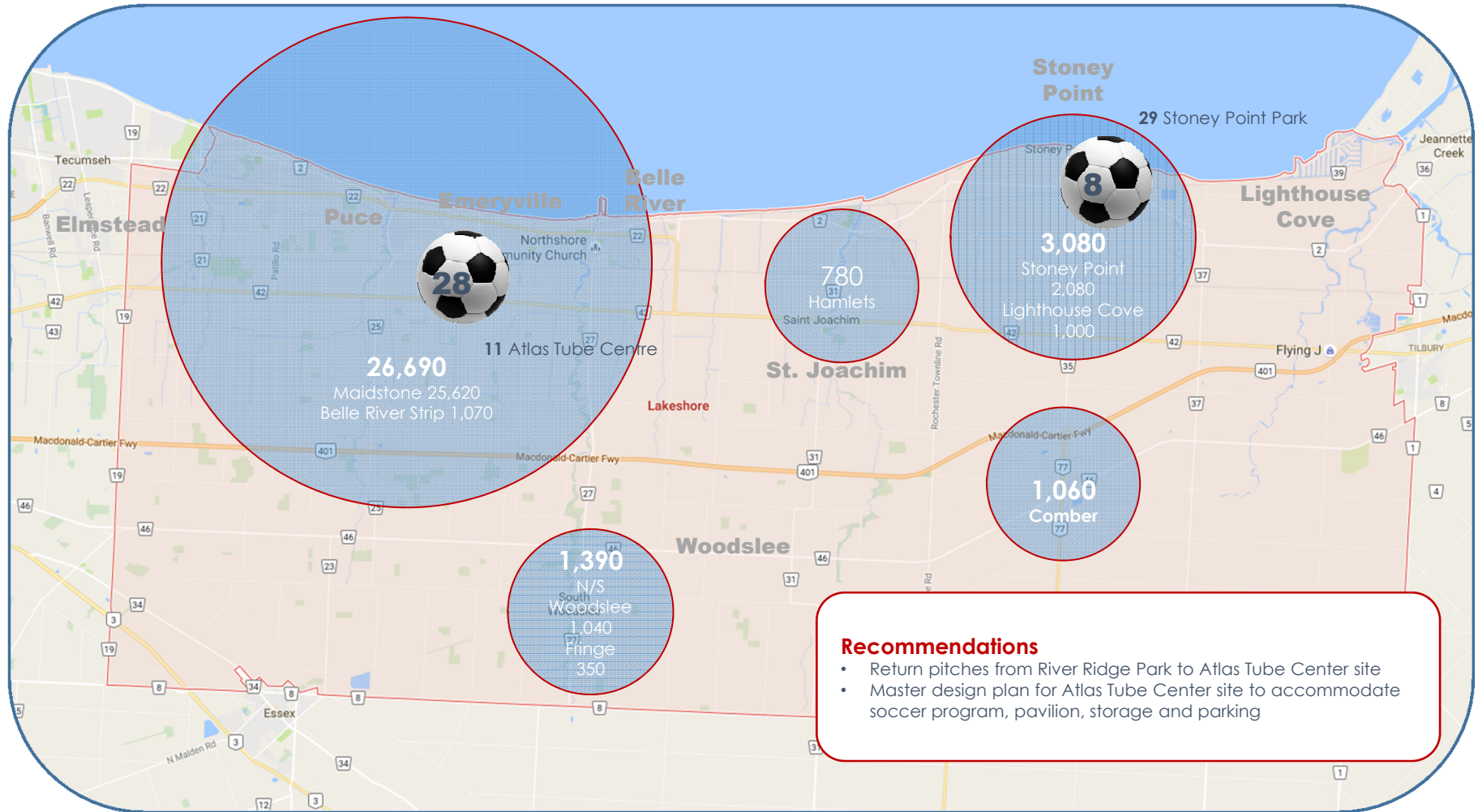
Sport Facility Distribution

2031 Population Overlay

Future Growth Demand

0 Pitches

(Provincial Standards based community population)



Recommendations

- Return pitches from River Ridge Park to Atlas Tube Center site
- Master design plan for Atlas Tube Center site to accommodate soccer program, pavilion, storage and parking

Soccer

11 Atlas Tube Centre site 28 Pitches
 29 Stoney Point Park 8 Pitches



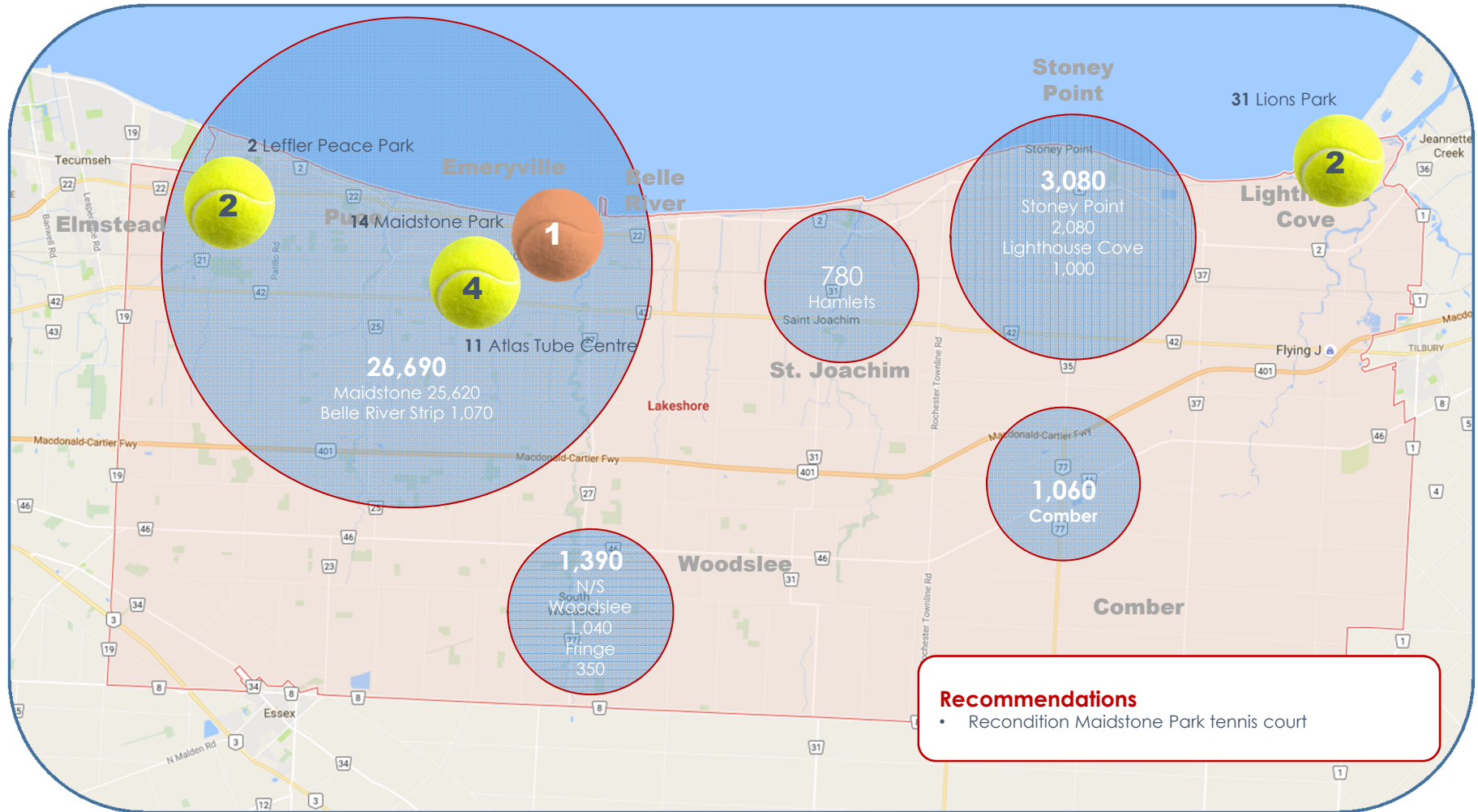
Sport Facility Distribution

2031 Population Overlay

Future Growth Demand

1 Tennis Court

(Provincial Standards based community population)



Recommendations

- Recondition Maidstone Park tennis court

Tennis

2 Leffler Peace Park
 11 Atlas Tube Centre site
 31 Lions Park

2 Courts
 4 Courts
 1 Court

14 Maidstone Park

1 New Court

1 New Court



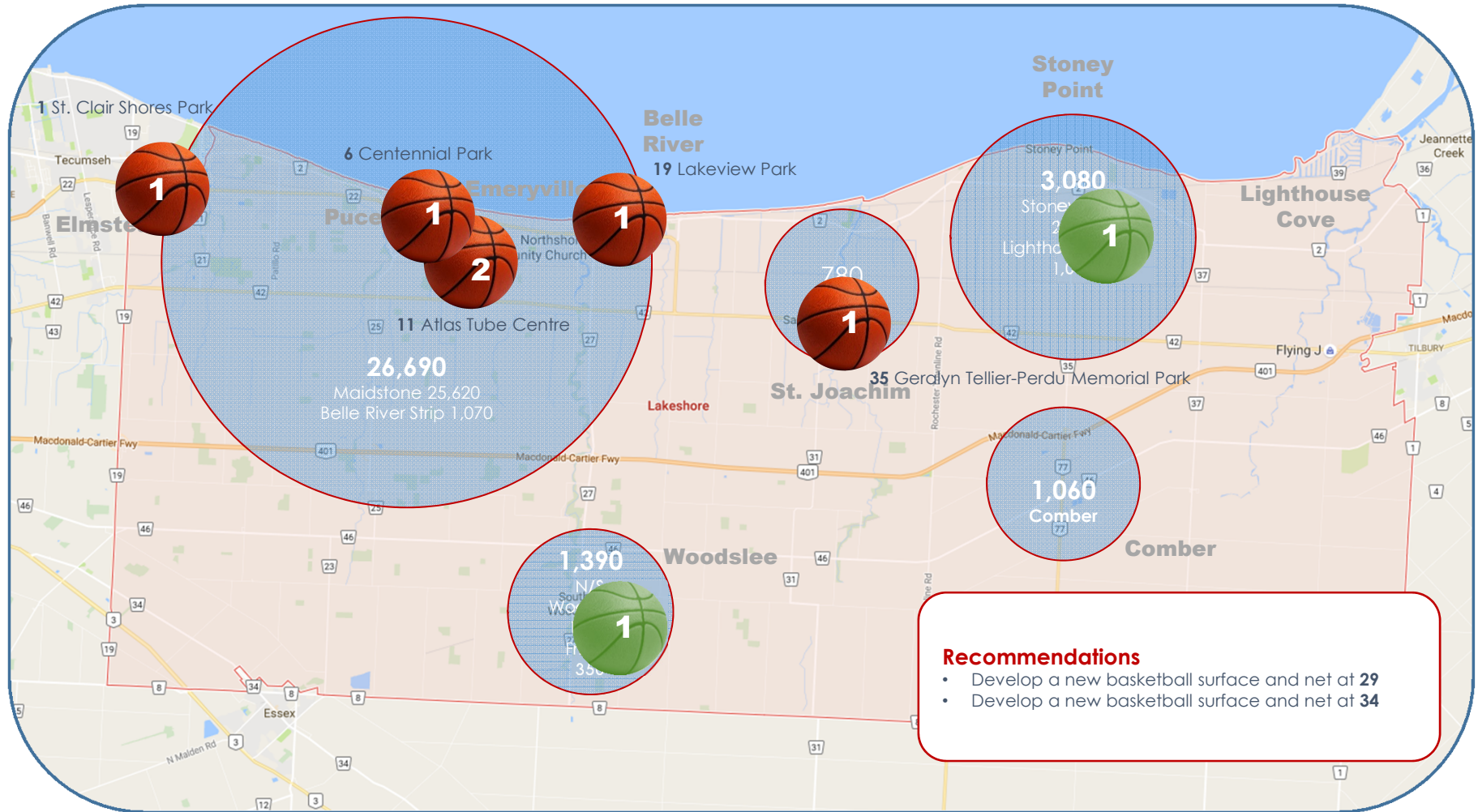
Sport Facility Distribution

2031 Population Overlay

Future Growth Demand

2 Basketball Courts

(Provincial Standards based community population)



Basketball

- | | |
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| 1 St. Clair Shores Park | 1 Court |
| 6 Centennial Park | 1 Court |
| 11 Atlas Tube Centre site | 2 Courts |
| 19 Lakeview Park | 1 Court |
| 35 GERALYN TELLIER-PERDU MEMORIAL PARK | 1 Court |

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| 29 Stoney Point Park | 1 Court |
| 34 Millen Park | 1 Court |



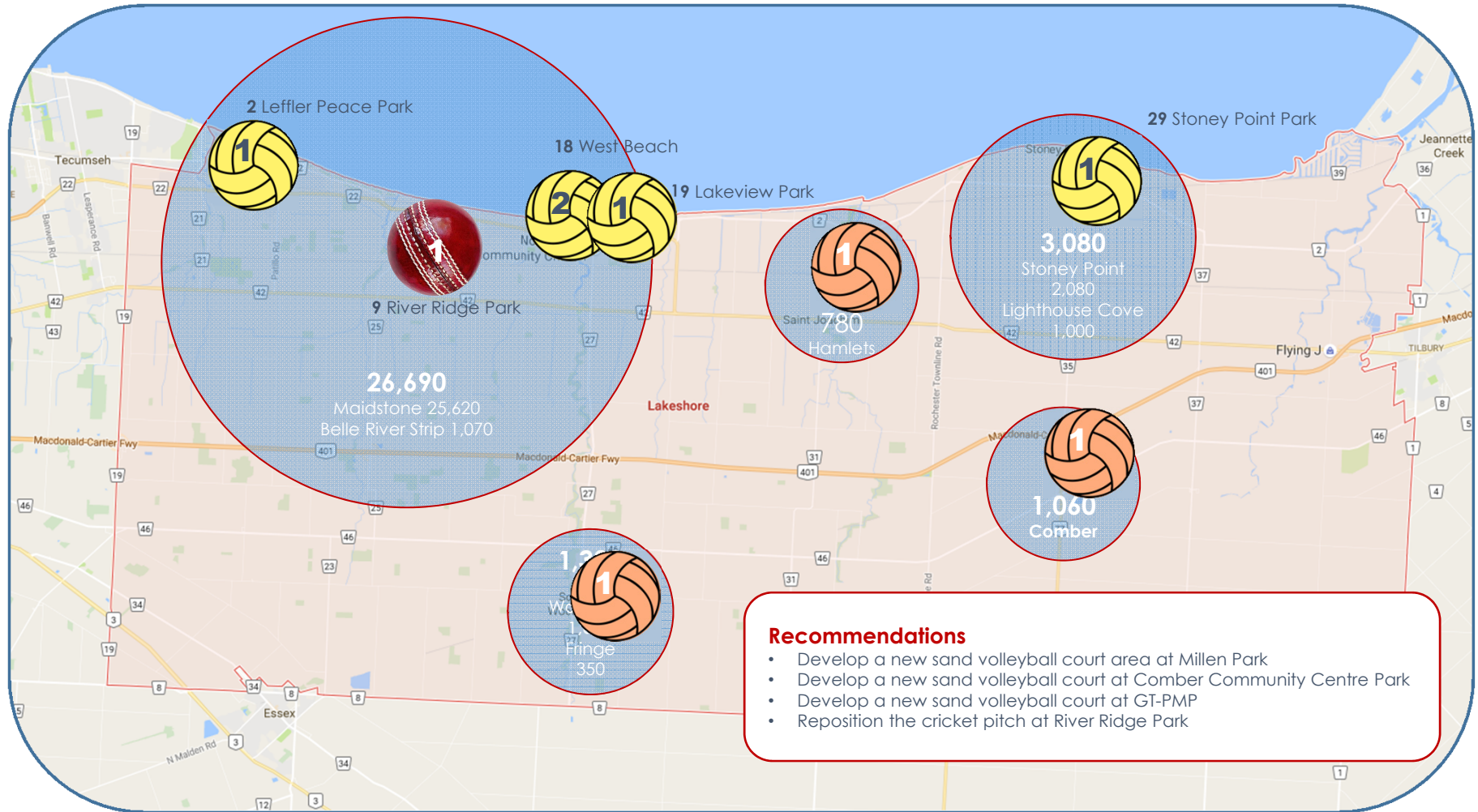
Sport Facility Distribution

2031 Population Overlay

Future Growth Demand

3 Volleyball Courts

(Provincial Standards based community population)



Volleyball & Cricket

2 Leffler Peace Park
 18 West Beach
 19 Lakeview Park
 29 Stoney Point Park
 9 River Ridge Park

1 Court
 2 Courts
 1 Court
 1 Court
 1 Cricket Pitch

34 Millen Park
 35 GERALYN TELLIER-PERDU MEMORIAL PARK
 37 Comber Community Centre Park

1 Court
 1 Court
 1 Court



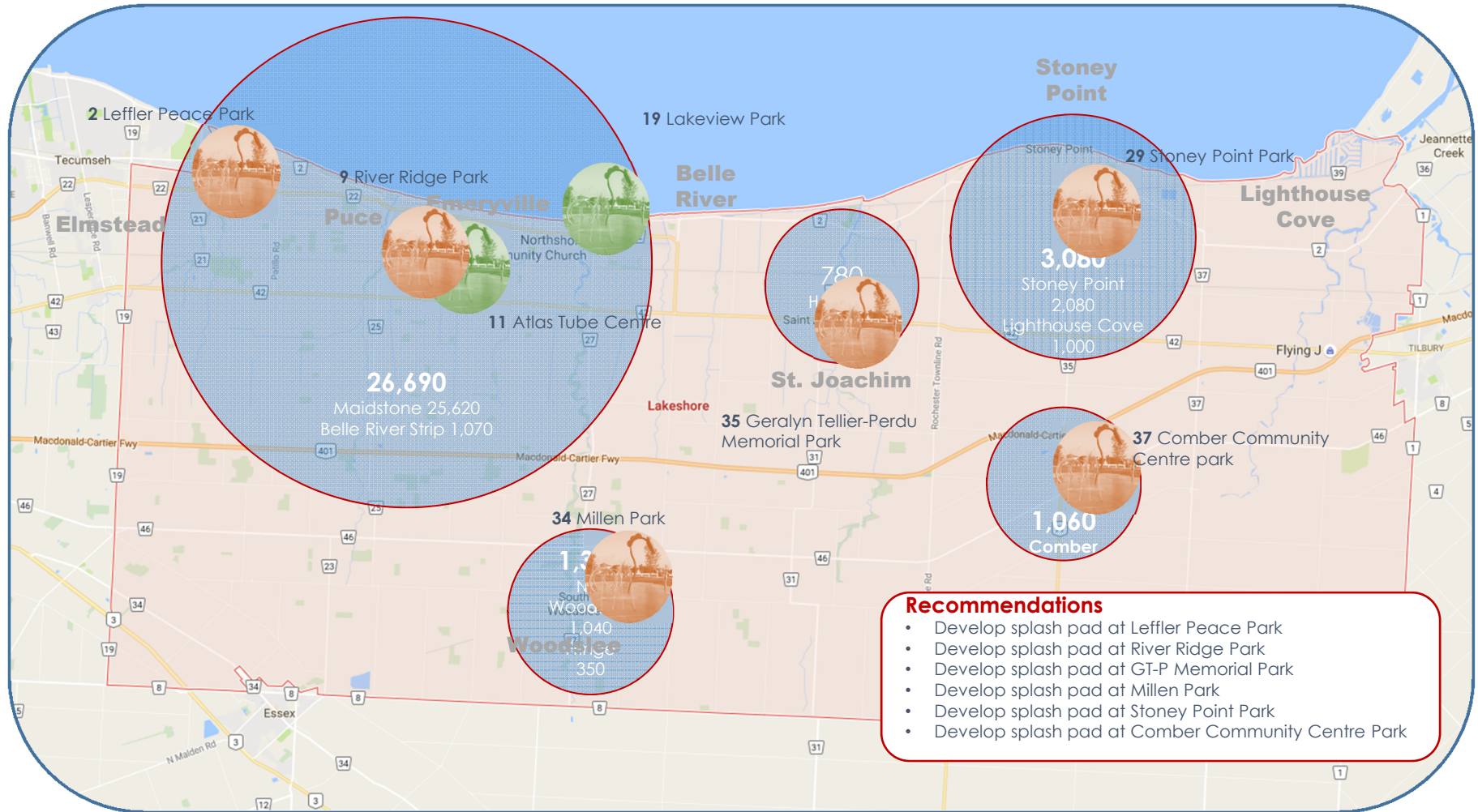
Sport Facility Distribution

2031 Population Overlay

Future Growth Demand

4 Splash Pads

(Provincial Standards based community population)



Splash Pad

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| 11 Atlas Tube Centre site | 1 Pad | 2 Leffler Peace Park | 1 Pad |
| 19 Lakeview Park | 1 Pad | 9 River Ridge Park | 1 Pad |
| | | 29 Stoney Point Park | 1 Pad |
| | | 34 Millen Park | 1 Pad |
| | | 35 Gerilyn Tellier-Perdu Memorial Park | 1 Pad |
| | | 37 Comber Community Centre Park | 1 Pad |



Kayak Launch



18 West Beach
35 Geryllyn Tellier-Perdu Memorial Park

Proposed
Tremblay Beach Conservation Area
Puce River Road Site



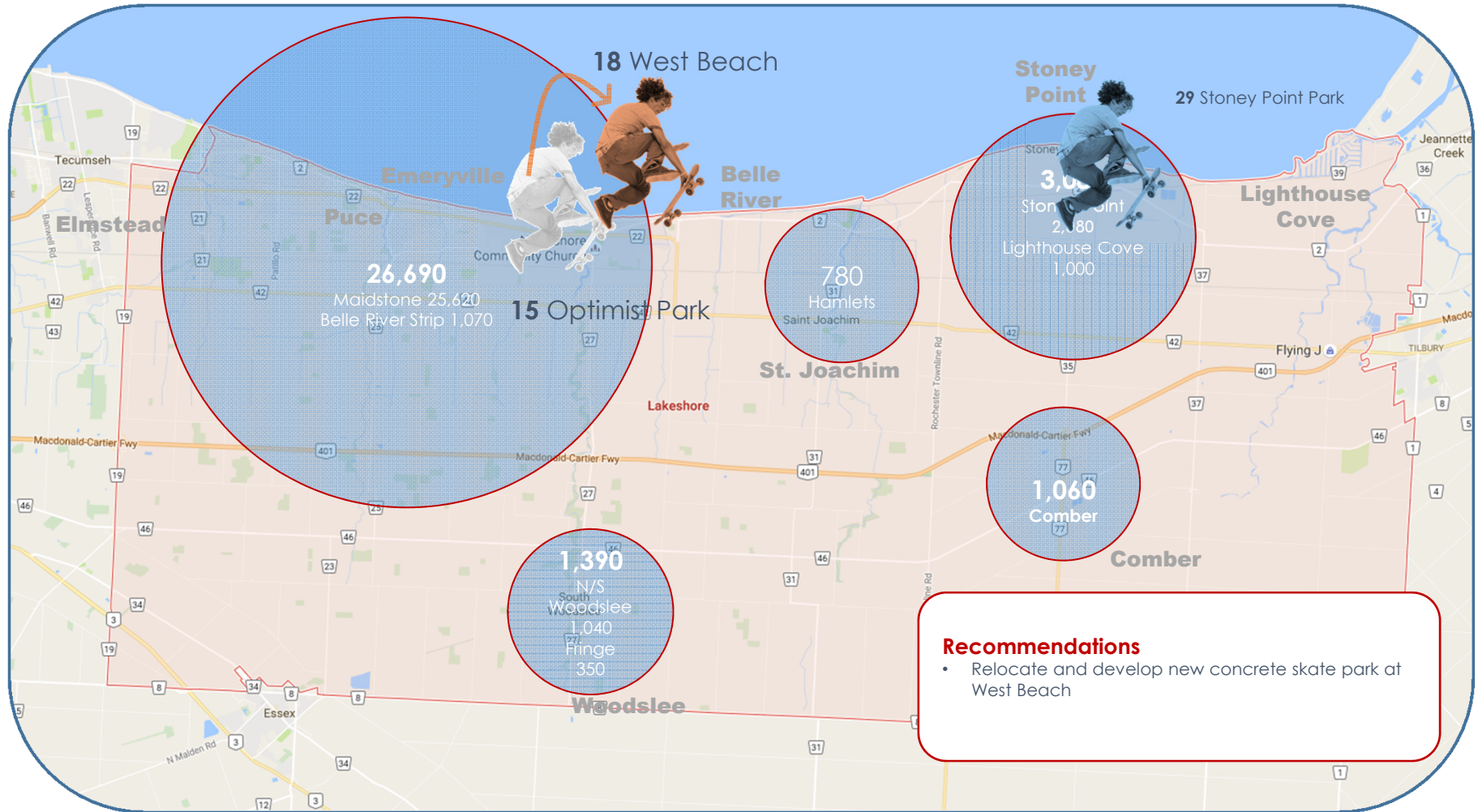
Sport Facility Distribution

2031 Population Overlay

Future Growth Demand

0 Skate Parks

(Provincial Standards based community population)



Skate Park

18 West Beach
29 Stoney Point Park

1 Park
1 Park



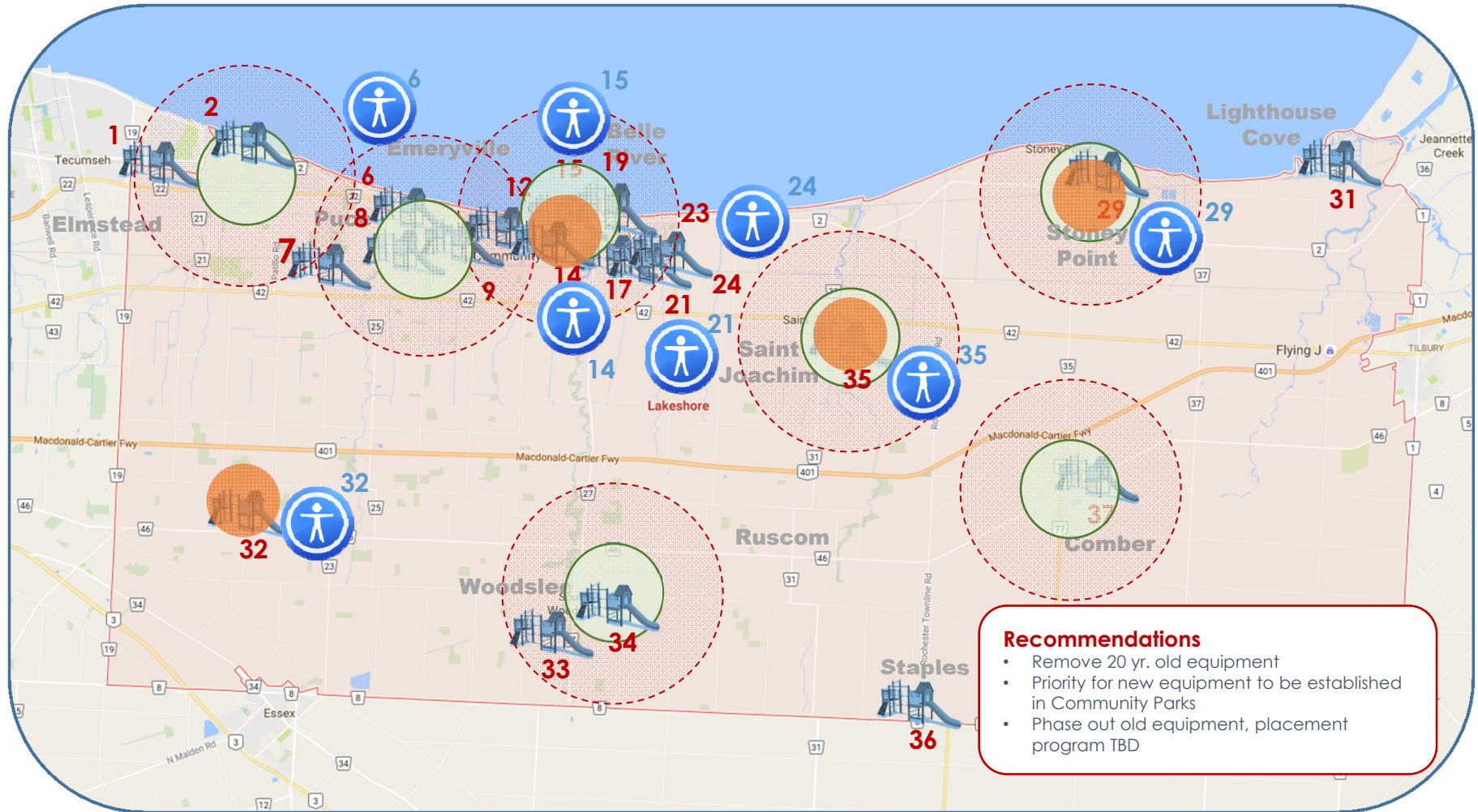
Play Equipment

20 Years Old



Park Number

Accessible Play Structures



Recommendations

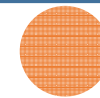
- Remove 20 yr. old equipment
- Priority for new equipment to be established in Community Parks
- Phase out old equipment, placement program TBD

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- 2 Leffler Peace Park
- 6 Centennial Park
- 7 River Downs Park
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- 37 Comber Comm. Centre



Over 20 years Old



Appendix E

Park Provisioning Standards

Benchmarking

Canadian National Standards for Parkland **6.89 acres/1000 population**

Park Classification	Standard	2016 Population 36,600			2031 Population 41,000		
		Required Area	Provided Area		Required Area	Provided Area	
Community Park (Regional & Community)	5 acres per 1000	182.00	182.71	5.02 acres per 1000	205.00	182.71	4.46 acres per 1000
Neighbourhood (Neighbourhood & Parkette)	2 acres per 1000	72.80	77.25	2.12 acres per 1000	82.00	77.25	1.88 acres per 1000

2016 – 36,600 population

7.14 acres/ 1000 (no parkland acquisition)

2031 – 41,000 population

6.34 acres/ 1000 (no parkland acquisition)

When you include the conservation sites:

Conservation Sites 304 acres

13.76 acres/ 1000

- Tremblay Beach Conservation Area
- Ruscom Shores Conservation Area
- Big O Conservation Area
- Lighthouse Cove Conservation Area
- Rowsom's Tilbury West
- Maidstone Conservation Area



Benchmarking

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2016 – 36,600 population

7.14 acres/ 1000 (no parkland acquisition)

2031 – 41,000 population

6.34 acres/ 1000 (no parkland acquisition)

Development **Scenario A**

Add 60 acres for the Lakeshore Greenway (2031 total parkland 182.71+77.25+60 = 319.96)

2031 – 41,000 population

7.80 acres/ 1000



Appendix F

Town of Lakeshore Parks & Outdoor Recreation Facilities Matrix

Facility Standards

Provincial Standards for recreational amenities per Population Size

Population	
	Youth 19.2%
Recreational Facility Requirements	
Soccer 1 field per 90 youth 36% participation	0.36
Baseball 1 diamond per 100 registered 10% participation	0.1
Tennis Courts 1 per 5,000	5000
Basketball 1 court per 1,000 youth	1000
Football	20000
Sand Volleyball	5000
Track	20000
Pickleball	5000
Splash Pads 1 per district	5000
Skateboard Park	5000
BMX Track	
Outdoor Pool	50000
Cricket	Region

Tennis Court

Number of courts per 5000 population

1 recreational amenity per population as noted

- 1 splash pad per 5,000 individuals

Facility Standards

Provincial Standards for recreational amenities per Population Size

Population		2016 yr.
Youth 19.2%		36,600
		6,990
Recreational Facility Requirements		
Soccer 1 field per 90 youth		28
36% participation	0.36	2516
Baseball 1 diamond per 100 registered		7
10% participation	0.1	699
Tennis Courts 1 per 5,000	5000	7
Basketball 1 court per 1,000 youth	1000	7
Football	20000	2
Sand Volleyball	5000	7
Track	20000	2
Pickleball	5000	7
Splash Pads 1 per district	5000	7
Skateboard Park	5000	1
BMX Track		1
Outdoor Pool	50000	0.73
Cricket	Region	1

Tennis Court

Number of courts per 5000 population

1 recreational amenity per population as noted

- 1 splash pad per 5,000 individuals

Facility Standards

Provincial Standards for recreational amenities per Population Size

Population		2016 yr.	2031 yr.
Youth 19.2%		36,600	41,000
		6,990	8,200
Recreational Facility Requirements			
Soccer 1 field per 90 youth		28	33
36% participation	0.36	2516	2952
Baseball 1 diamond per 100 registered		7	8
10% participation	0.1	699	820
Tennis Courts 1 per 5,000	5000	7	8
Basketball 1 court per 1,000 youth	1000	7	8
Football	20000	2	2.1
Sand Volleyball	5000	7	8
Track	20000	2	2.1
Pickleball	5000	7	8
Splash Pads 1 per district	5000	7	8
Skateboard Park	5000	1	2
BMX Track		1	2
Outdoor Pool	50000	0.73	0.82
Cricket	Region	1	1

Tennis Court
Number of courts
population



Town of Lakeshore Facility Inventory

Scorecard

Acreage



Field Inventory

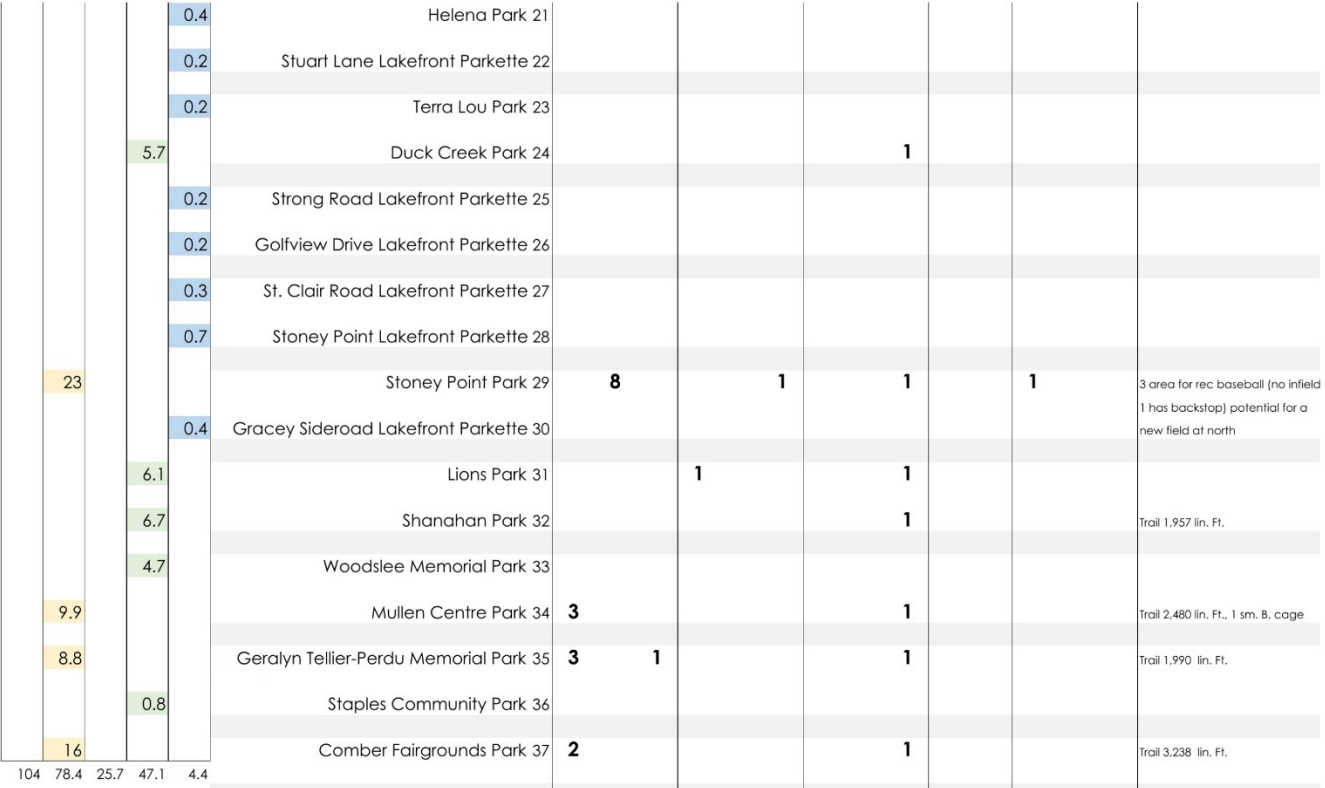
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Facility Name	Regional	Community	Neigh. with Park	Neighbourhood	Parkette	Ball Diamond	Soccer	Basketball	Tennis	Football	S. Volleyball	Track	Cricket	Trail	Pickle Ball	Splash Pad	Skate Park	Kayak Launch	BMX
St. Clair Shores Park 1				5.1				1						1					
Leffler Peace Park 2									2	1				1					
Russel Woods Parkette 3					0.8														
Wallace Line Lakefront Parkette 4					0.1														
Puce Road Lakefront Parkette 5					0.3														
Centennial Park 6			8.5				2	1						1					Tobogan Hill
River Downs 7				2.1															
Oakwood Park 8				1.5															
River Ridge Park 9				1.3			2						1	1					200x330, 120x180
Renaud Line Lakefront Parkette 10					0.2														
Atlas Tube Centre 11	79						28	2	4						1				16 pitches, 12 pitches
Girard Park 12				0.6															
Rourke Line Lakefront Park 13					0.2														
Maidstone Park 14			11				2							1					Trail 2,130 lin. Ft.
Optimist Park 15		9.5					2							1		1			Trail 2,658 lin. Ft.
Johnson Riverview Park 16					0.3														
Ladouceur Park 17			6.6				3							1					
Lakeshore Park West Beach 18	5									1									
Lakeview Park 19	20						1			2				2	1				
Legion Park 20				0.5										1					



Town of Lakeshore Facility Inventory

Scorecard



		Existing Number of Facilities													
Standards		17	38	6	7	2	5	5	1	17	0	2	2	0	
Facility Guidelines Requirements (2011)		7	28	7	7	2	7	2	1		7	7	1	1	
Facility Guidelines Requirements (2031)		8	33	8	8	2	8	2	1		8	8	2	2	
Current Facility Scorecard/ Demand for Facilities		-10	-10	1	0	0	2	-3	0		7	5	-1	0	1
Projected Facility Scorecard/ Demand for Facilities		-9	-5	2	1	0	3	-3	0	-17	8	6	0	0	2
		Ball Diamond	Soccer	Basketball	Tennis	Football	S. Volleyball	Track	Cricket	Trail	Pickle Ball	Splash Pad	Skate Park	Kayak Launch	BMX



Town of Lakeshore Facility Inventory

Scorecard

Existing Number of Facilities													
Standards													
Facility Guidelines Requirements (2011)													
Facility Guidelines Requirements (2031)													
Current Facility Scorecard/ Demand for Facilities													
Projected Facility Scorecard/ Demand for Facilities													
Ball Diamond	Soccer	Basketball	Tennis	Football	S. Volleyball	Track	Cricket	Trail	Pickle Ball	Splash Pad	Skate Park	Kayak Launch	BMX
17	38	6	7	2	5	5	1	6	0	2	2	0	0
7	28	7	7	2	7	2	1		7	7	1		1
8	33	8	8	2	8	2	1		8	8	2		2
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(-) negative numbers represent a surplus relative to provincial standards



Appendix G

The Results of Public & User Group Consultation

RESULTS OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION (OPEN HOUSE, ON-LINE SURVEYS AND E-MAIL)

GENERAL DISCUSSION

To obtain input and hear concerns from concerned members of the public, a survey/questionnaire was distributed at open houses held at the Libro Community Centre, Comber Community Centre and the Atlas Tube Centre. This section presents the results of those surveys together with results of the survey posted on the municipal website, through social media and from e-mail and other comments received from concerned members of the public, council and Town Staff.

A number of comments and surveys was received throughout the consultation period. The following sections contain comments compiled by the Team from the various sources that are representative of the feedback that was received. A complete record of all correspondence; surveys, emails and comments have been appended to this report. (refer to Appendix A)

Although the consultation process was successful in obtaining input from a broad cross section of the local community in terms of age, gender and location, it should be noted that it does not necessarily represent the views and opinions of the entire community. It is hoped that the information presented in this section will be representative of the will of the residents of Lakeshore with regard to the present condition, level of maintenance, park programs, proposed development, and use of the park system in Lakeshore.



The Survey results are documented as follows:

SECTION A – Background

SECTION B – About Your Parks System in General

SECTION C – About Your Neighbourhood Park

SECTION D – About Your Community Parks

SECTION E – About Your Sports Fields

SECTION F – Additional Comments

SECTION A: BACKGROUND

Questions 1 through 4 were intended to obtain demographic information pertaining to the consultation participants.

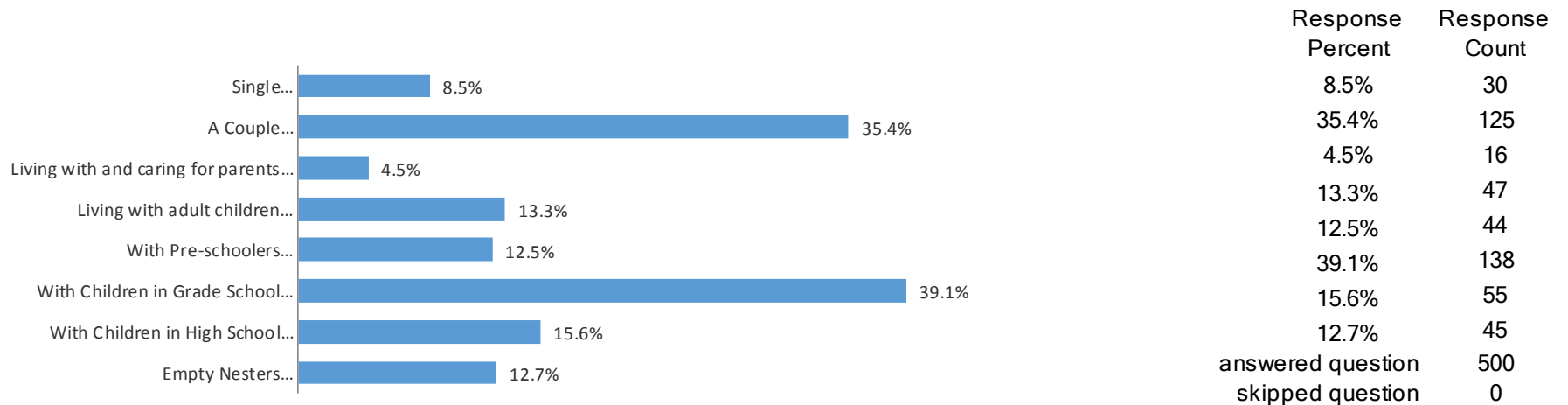
1. Which of the following describes you personally?



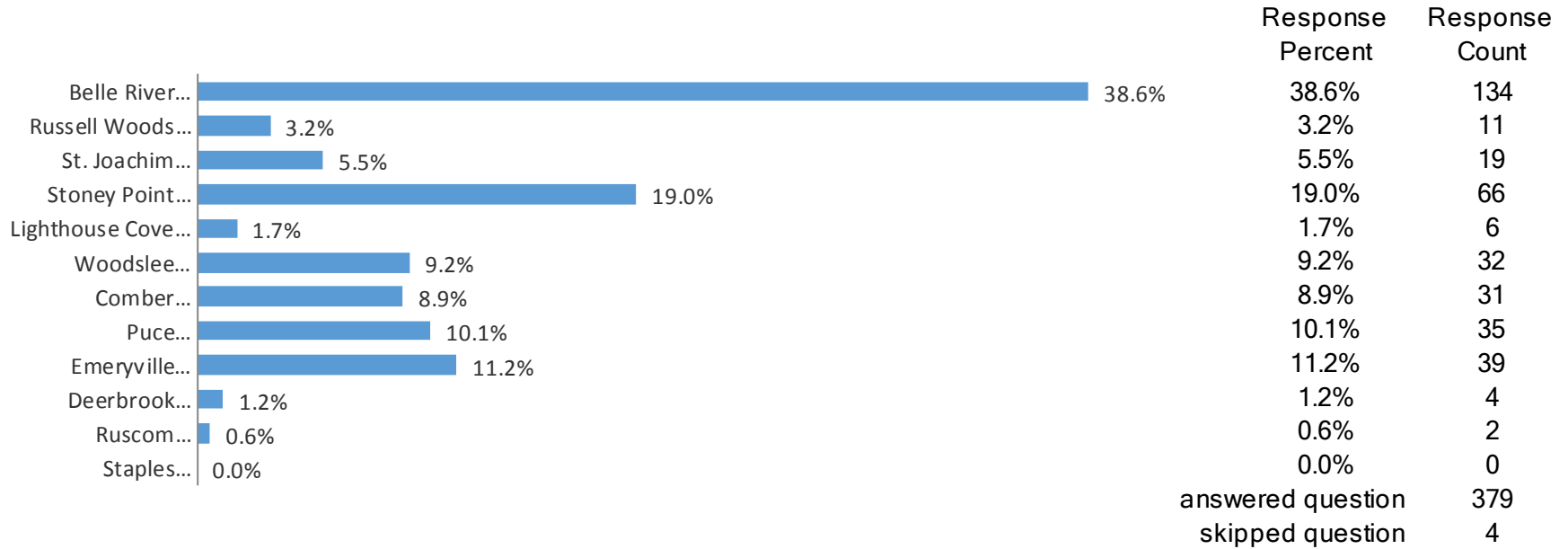
2. What gender are you?



3. Which of the following best describes the situation in your Household? Check all that apply.



4. Lakeshore consists of many residential areas. Which of the following is closest to where you live?



Analysis

WHO RESPONDED TO THE SURVEY

Approximately 342 people responded to the survey either in whole or in part. Of these, 293 responded on-line and 46 completed the paper survey. Some on-line respondents attended one or more of the Open Houses prior to completing the survey while others utilized the Town’s website to review the display panels and complete the survey.

There was a good representation of respondents that were Adults (35 to 64 yrs), about 68 percent with an additional 19 percent being Young Adults (19 to 34) and almost 9 percent Seniors (65 and over). Almost 4 percent of respondents were considered to be Teens (13 to 18).

About two-thirds of the surveys were prepared by females. We noted however that a large number of the respondents were couples and the responses may often represent their combined views and could possibly include the views of their teen and younger children .

Analysis

We asked the respondents to describe the situation in their household using a series of pre-defined scenarios. Approximately 39 percent were couples with children in grade school. Another 12.5 percent had pre-schoolers and a further 15.6 percent had children in High School. We also heard from parents living with adult children, empty nesters and single people with a decidedly smaller group of people who lived with and cared for their parents.

Lastly, we asked respondents which area of Lakeshore is closest to where they live. The largest population responded from the area of Belle River (38.6 %) with good response from Stoney Point (19 %), Emeryville (11.2 %), Puce (10.1 %), Woodslee (9.2 %) and Comber (8.9 %). The remaining areas, Russel Woods, St. Joachim, Lighthouse Cove, Deebrook, Ruscom and Staples having respondents in the range of 0 % – 5.5 %.

CONCLUSION:

In general, the response to the survey appears to be a good sampling of the community, particularly from parents and perhaps grandparents with a vested interest in the park system and the number of respondents from the various areas reflects the population in those areas.

SECTION B: ABOUT YOUR PARKS SYSTEM IN GENERAL

Questions 5 through 20 solicited information pertaining to user satisfaction with the parks system including such aspects as ongoing maintenance, extent of development etc. We also asked how willing they would be to invest more for parks facilities and maintenance and whether they had seen something in another community that they would like to see in Lakeshore. The purpose was to determine how people view the existing system and how they would like to see it change on a general level.

5. Overall, how satisfied are you with the parks system in Lakeshore?



6. Overall, how satisfied are you with the MAINTENANCE of the parks in Lakeshore?



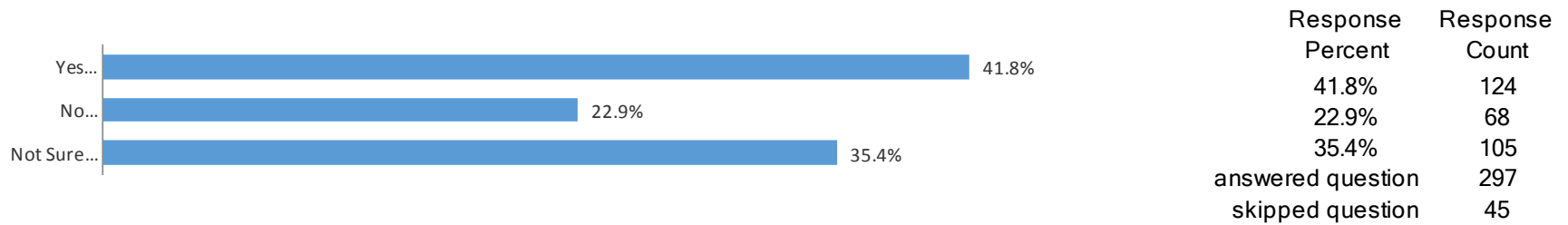
7. How important is it to you to have well-developed and maintained parks?



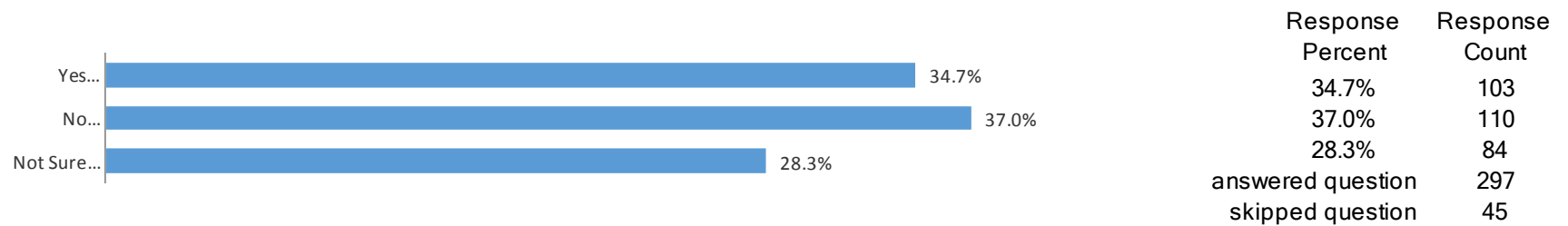
8. Rank how well the Town does each of the following

	Town does this Poorly	Town does this Average	Town does this Well	No Opinion
Cut the grass	3.70%	35.69%	55.56%	2.69%
Provide recycling containers	16.84%	42.42%	30.30%	7.74%
Maintain play equipment	9.76%	42.76%	36.36%	10.44%
Provide good sportsfields	13.13%	38.38%	37.04%	9.09%
Maintain sportsfields	13.47%	37.04%	36.36%	10.77%
Trim the trees and shrubs	8.42%	39.39%	41.75%	9.09%
Provide play equipment	16.50%	41.75%	31.65%	7.41%
Maintain the "safety" material beneath play equipment	8.75%	38.72%	35.69%	14.14%
Clear pathways of snow/ice	19.53%	29.97%	31.99%	16.50%
Pick up litter/keep the area tidy	11.45%	41.41%	41.75%	2.69%
Provide benches	12.12%	42.42%	40.40%	2.69%
Provide park lighting	20.88%	39.06%	29.29%	7.07%
Prevent/deal with results of vandalism	12.79%	34.01%	31.31%	17.85%
Provide trails for winter activities	37.04%	22.90%	11.11%	26.60%
Provide waste containers	12.46%	44.78%	38.05%	2.02%
Provide pathways	17.85%	40.40%	35.35%	4.38%
Plant trees	24.58%	41.41%	22.56%	8.75%
Incorporate Town's natural environment into parks	16.84%	39.73%	23.57%	15.49%

9. Would you be prepared to pay a bit more in taxes to have more parks facilities in the community?



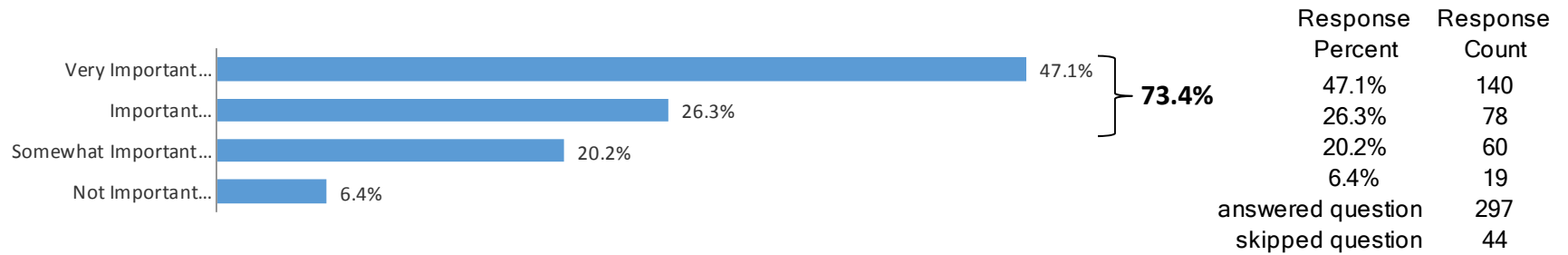
10. Would you be prepared to pay a bit more in taxes to have a higher level of MAINTENANCE in the parks?



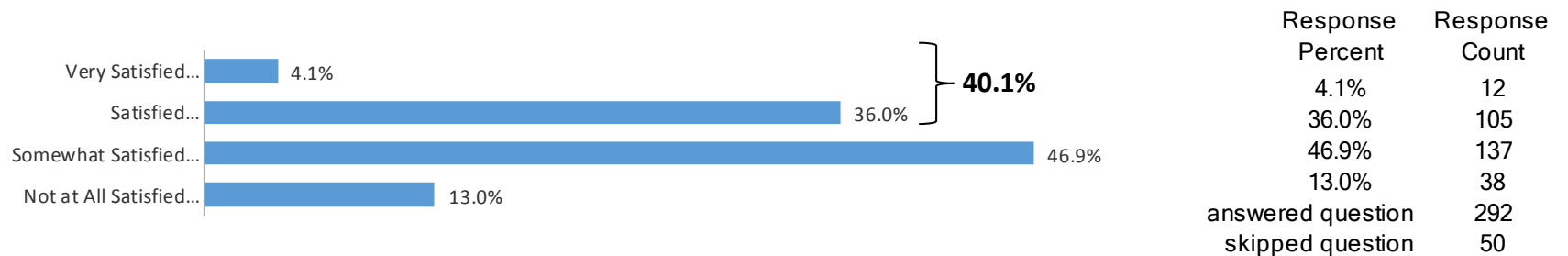
11. Do you know of any person or organization that might be interested in forming a partnership or in some way donating to a specific park?

- Windsor Essex County Canoe Club
- St. Clair College landscape department
- University of Windsor Phys Ed School
- Wind Turbine Companies.
- Maple Leaf Homes
- Woodslee Baseball Assoc. (2)
- Gosfield North Communications ... providing free public Wi-Fi for the municipal parks.
- Vista Print (Cimpress)
- Belle River Farmers' Market
- Windsor Essex Disc Golf
- BIA, SERVICE GROUPS LIKE KIWANAS ETC
- SJAA & RASP for St Joachim - park #35 - GERALYN TELLIER-PERDU MEMORIAL PARK
- Belle River Minor Soccer
- Perhaps have an adopt the park program
- Artcite.....
- Scouts Canada, churches, Essex County Libraries, OPP, karate clubs, ...
- ...wind turbine companies...
- The Adult and Minor ball leagues may be interested in helping to raise money for lights on the back diamonds in Comber.
- Lakeshore Accessibility Committee
- mark jones, playworld systems

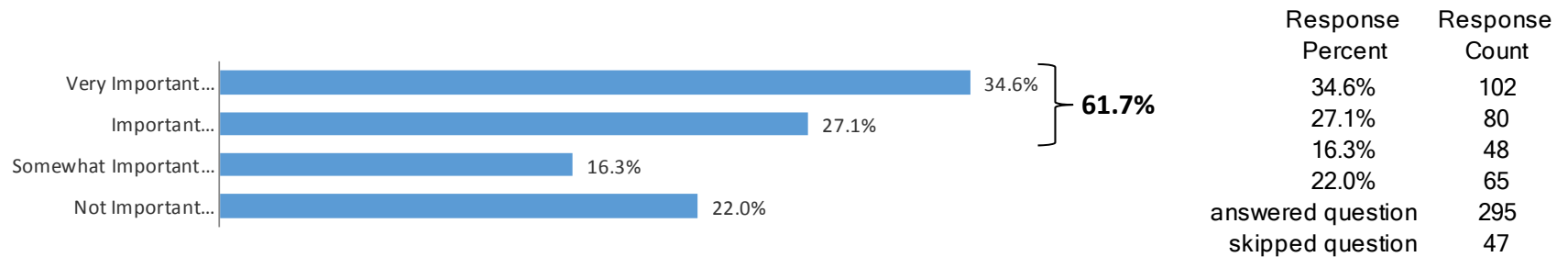
12. How important is it to have access to natural heritage sites, woodlots, nature areas, wetlands, areas for wildlife habitat or conservation areas?



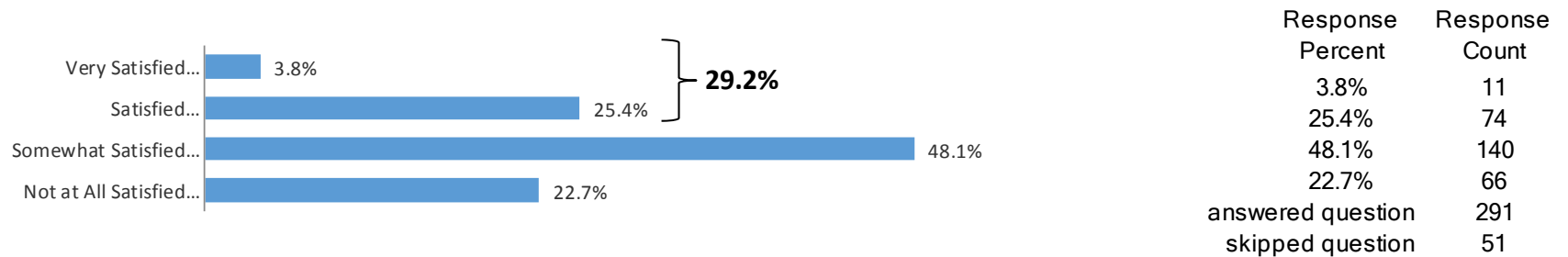
13. How satisfied are you with the amount of access to natural areas, woodlots etc. that Lakeshore provides?



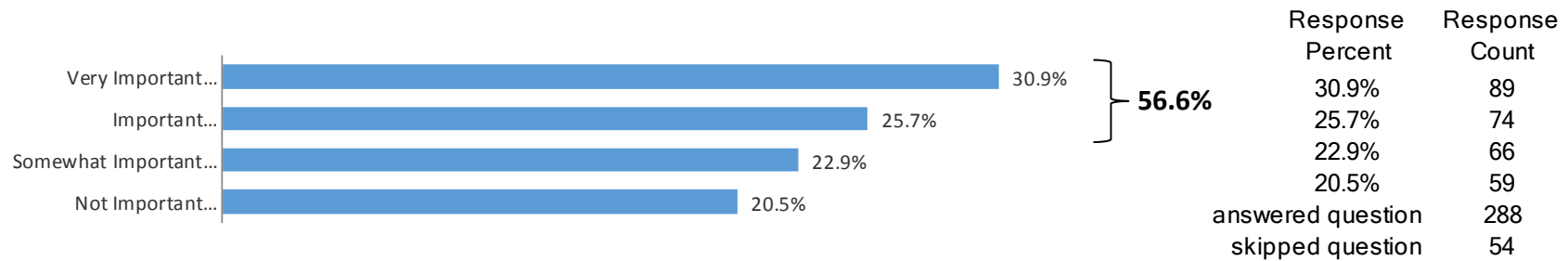
14. How important would it be to have access to recreational (off road non-motorized) trails?



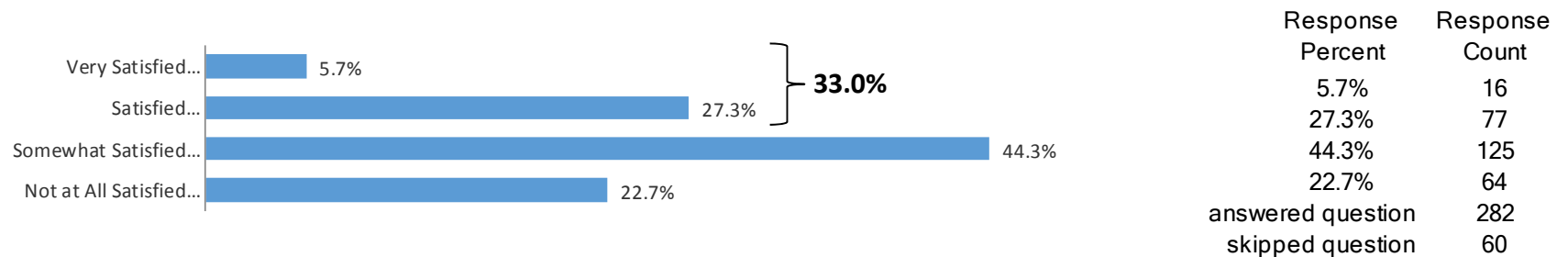
15. How satisfied are you with the availability of recreational trails in Lakeshore?



16. How important is it to have access to trails (off road or widened road shoulder) for transportation use?



17. How satisfied are you with the availability of trails for transportation in Lakeshore?



18. Have you seen something in a park in another community that you would like to see in Lakeshore? If so what?

- Same as the pier at Michelle's Bay (sic)
- Tennis courts with proper nets, proper surface and maintained. (3)
- Greater availability of connected trails for cycling, walking and inline skating. (2)
- Exercise equipment in some of the parks (4)
- A pond (2) with trail would be an interesting feature for birds etc. (2)
- Use of golf carts in Lighthouse Cove and where appropriate.
- Baseball stands at Lacasse Park best in county.
- Canoe/kayak launch. (3)
- Child & adult swing.
- Labyrinth (2)
- Skateboarding/Skateboard Park (9)
- Flagpole in Stoney Point Park
- Tennis and basketball courts for families.
- Baseball diamonds in Stoney Point.
- Splash pad (13) ... at Stoney Point (3)
- Trees, hills (for winter) streams etc.
- Nicer washrooms
- Walking/bicycle trails through community(4) connect with CWATS
- Another bench at the far corner of Millen Park.
- More parking (3)
- Link to Memorial Park.
- They use concrete as apposed to asphalt for skateboard surface. (2)
- Free Wi Fi (2)
- Hard surface for basketball and hockey (5)
- Enclosed soccer

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- More washrooms
- Lights for the back diamond at Comber
- A swing for mom with the baby swing attached
- LaSalle baseball parks
- Parks for preschoolers ... like Lacasse in Tecumseh
- Trails/walking paths along the waterfront.
- (Seacliff Park) blew me and my wife out of the water.
- Better/larger play equipment (10) ... Stoney Point, St. Joachim ... themed (2)
- Playgrounds with separate age categories
- Playground equipment for children under 5 (3) near a splash pad
- Shade for play equipment
- Benches at play equipment not facing the evening sun.
- Plastic play equipment
- accessible play equipment (2)
- the rubber mulch-like surface underneath the equipment (7)
- climbing structures
- Bike trails (8)
- trails on the side of road, pathways all the way
- ATV trails (2)
- More walking/hiking trails in the woods. (2)
- Walking trail that goes close by a corner store, coffee house, ice creamery or something else along those lines
- Splash Pad (5) ... for Stoney Point
- splash pad/spray feature at each park as a cool off spot near the playground equipment
- Lamington splash pad
- Outdoor pool (5)
- multi functional outdoor pool/ice rink for more outdoor activity
- Tennis Court (2)
- urban parks in downtown Belle River...
- ... paved pathway along Laurier Drive to the Vollmer Complex in Lasalle ...
- access for canoes and kayaks along the river near the rail way tracks next to East Beach ... a floating dock system
- ...Oakland County Michigan they have several parks that are natural areas that have had trails (not paved) provided.
- In Orion Oaks park you can ride/hike through both open grassland and forested areas.
- Seacliffe Park in Leamington- Best park for kids in Essex County. Gorgeous splash pad and climbing equipment ...
- water fountains (5) for runners and cyclists and kids playing ... for Stoney Point ... Lakeview Park
- Water bottle fill stations
- Garbage/recycle along bike paths
- More benches (3) ... for Stoney Point
- skate parks in other communities made of cement
- Skateboard park in Tecumseh
- Disc Golf
- Jackson park Windsor , beautiful greenery and walking path
- Riverside drive for running

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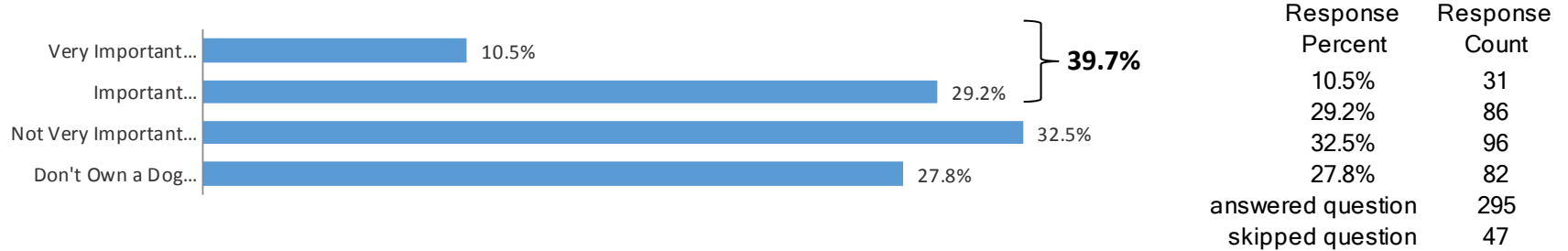
- dog park in Tecumseh
- 2-3 dog parks throughout the municipality (4)... Along the lines of what Tecumseh has, but using chain link fence. With a large dog area and a small dog area (2) including water taps. ... for Stoney Point
- A very large dog park, well maintained.
- Larger parks with trails through the trees
- naturalized areas (3)
- pond
- newly lengthened west beach is a prime location for an beachfront restaurant
- Tether Ball areas
- More covered areas (2)
- More Trees (2) ... for Renaud and Puce River Road Parkettes
- Trees planted to give shade next to ball diamonds for spectators. (2)
- Walking trails near arena and soccer fields
- Outdoor pavilion with washrooms (Vollmer).
- Lasalle Vollmer Center. Beautiful trails/ walking paths, many park benches and an abundance of new trees!!!
- an outdoor rollerblading/ball hockey rink and also doubled as at basketball court
- Outdoor rink used for road hockey during summer and possibly an ice rink in the winter
- Sprinkler systems for soccer fields (2)
- Enhanced flowers, plants, water features with walking path within park - not in all but a signature 'destination park'
- dog poop bags
- turn puce landfill into a setting like malden park.
- More dog litter bins
- Incorporate art into the recreational area
- mini splash pad in Stoney Point ... Tilbury's is gorgeous and is well maintained
- Adult equipment
- Exercise equipment (2)
- Fit Park ... nice one in Tilbury
- Baseball diamonds/ Better baseball facilities (7) like Belleriver ... like Vollmer, Turtle Club ... like Fergie Jenkins in Chatham
- Updated dugouts
- Lights for St. Joachim
- Youth Programs
- Waterfowl hunting blind rentals
- More activities that are accessible for children and adults with disabilities.
- Mobi-Mat for Lakeview West Beach (3)
- accessible walking trails with natural environment.
- Marina
- Labyrinth

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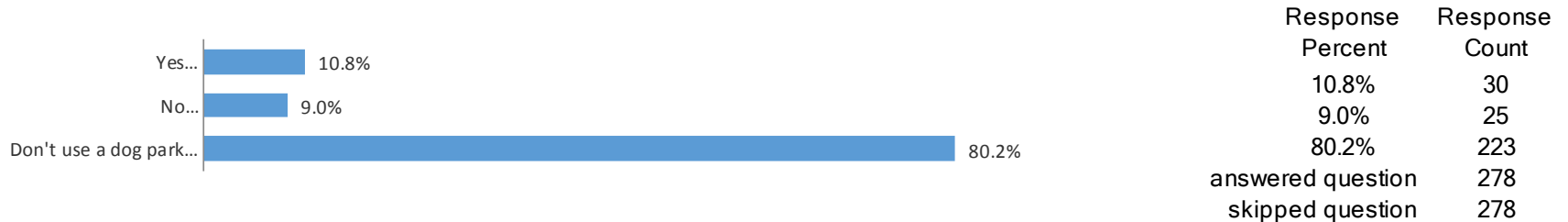
Other Comments

- ... the so-called "5km multi-use trail" at the ATC is in fact 1.98km exactly. I have no idea where the 5km length came from even a return trip falls short.
- The skateboard parks should be away from bridge. I had a serious cycling accident a few years ago coming over bridge as skateboarders use the curves at east side. they should be located so not able to spook or hit a pedestrian, jogger, or cyclist. This was an exceptionally poor and dangerous plan. I had long lasting and serious injuries as a result of this.
- Caille Avenue needs to have road, walkways like Lakeview. I have cancer and had no where safe to walk during my treatment from my home., lit, and shaded. Traffic on this street is ridiculously fast and dangerous as well so paved and curbed road should be mandatory. Benches and rest areas. I am sure this is long overdue and would like to know why this is still not done as other streets are."
- The park at Duck Creek is decent in that it's accessible as opposed to the horrible park at the marina that is very limiting in terms of who can use it.
- Ball diamonds that are maintained even when we get some rain. Too many times games have been cancelled due to small spots being wet around diamond. Someone from the town needs to physically go to all diamonds and ensure they are in playable condition and if there's a few spots that need to be "filled" then that should be done to ensure our teams can play their scheduled games. Instead it seems the town closes ALL diamonds which is senseless. I have driven by diamonds that town has closed and they are in fine playable condition!
- The connection of the lake front pathway that is currently east of Belle River Pier and currently West of Renaud line to be connected along Caille for one continuous bike and walking path.
- Bike paths/sidewalks across and along busy streets such as Highway 22 to connect residential areas to schools and businesses safely.
- Our Skatepark is terrible. It cannot be used in the hot summer days as it is made out of steel and gets excessively hot.
- Skateboard park in Tecumseh, dog park in Tecumseh
- Would like to see the Maidstone Park updated to at least be somewhat current to the rest of the parks in belle river. The park contains metal slides that are dangerous in the heat to the children. Other parks have been updated multiple times while this park remains untouched
- clear the snow on the path
- I love the new pathways in Emeryville and Belle Rive and Stoney Point. Unfortunately they are only a few kilometres each and don't connect. From Deerbrook, I am very interested in getting to the Ruscom Conservation area and Stoney Point for a family bike ride. The 3 Kms of wide shoulders are nice but not adequate for more than a fraction of the trip. \connected trails
- Think the issue is information about our parks. Even at the open house there were some pictures of parks that looked nice but not knowing where it was a detailed map would have been nice by each picture .
- Our coaches should not have to set up the diamonds before games. Turtle club has high school students do it for their volunteer credit.
- New parks in more areas...
- The Lion's park (near Belle River High School) is a terrible park, there is some new equipment, but for the most part it looks very unkept. The base of the equipment should be rubber as well. more equipment would be nice.

19. How important is it to have "Dog Parks" available in Lakeshore?



20. If you use a dog park is it adequate for your needs?



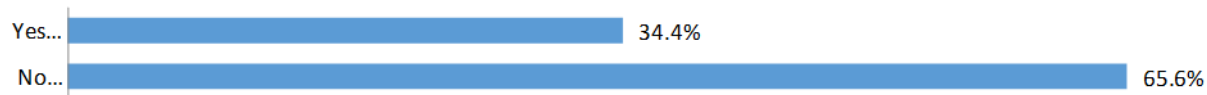
What improvements would you like to see?

- Ground in dog park at Optimist Park is uneven ... potholes could cause injury.
- Optimist Park very poor drainage. Size is small.
- Nice to have dog parks that are well supervised to avoid the perils faced by Windsor residents.
- Off leash section.
- Longer area
- More 'dog designated areas'.
- "The Dog park beside the OPP station needs better maintenance of the grass. The area becomes very muddy after a rain/snow. Because there isn't much grass under the large trees the water doesn't drain and the area stays muddy after a rain/snow.
- The dog waste containers need to be edited more left in the warmer months."
- We could use a few more there is room at the new atlas tube for an additional dog park.
- We need a bigger area for the dogs to run, separate areas for small dogs, walking trails through the park. See Tecumseh's example- theirs is awesome!
- Segregating large dogs from small in a fenced area.
- Larger dog park with trail, so you can walk/exercise. Dog parks should be tied to dog licenses to help support the cost, i.e. if there are minimal dog licenses purchased in an area, they do not get a dog park. Like being able to take dog to beach.
- Better Location (not next to skateboarding teenagers)
- Dog parks are a huge waste in a community where most people have yards--- we don't live in an urban area.
- I don't think a dog park should be at a multi-use park where there would be young children and older adults already congregating. The dogs have to get to the dog park destination and many families with young children are wary of dogs. I am a dog owner.
- Very small. I like the Tecumseh Dog park much better, but it's far.
- The dog park can hardly be called a dog park. It's basically just a small fenced in area and not much more. Ideally, there would 2-3 throughout the municipality and they would include chain link fencing, water tap, trees, benches/picnic tables and separate large dog area and small dog area. Maybe a walking trail if possible.
- The Belle River one is way too small. Woodslee needs one.

What improvements would you like to see?

- We don't use a dog park, because of where we live. We take our dogs to the parkette next to the Sportsmans Club in Stoney Point, they are able to go right into the lake from the parkette. And we can sit on the bench and enjoy the lake!
- Shade in the dog parks, water fountain for dish refilling.
- More of them.
- need water filling stations

21. Would you like to skip the questions on "Neighbourhood Park" and go to "Community Park" - Q26?



Analysis

BACKGROUND

Five fundamental issues underlie the questions in this section:

- The current level of satisfaction with the parks and park maintenance.
- The importance of a well-developed park system
- What does the Town do well in the parks and what does it do poorly
- The willingness to pay more if needed
- The importance of certain things
- What have you seen elsewhere that you like

DISCUSSION

When asked how satisfied they are with the current park system, almost two thirds were either satisfied or very satisfied, with 30 % being somewhat dissatisfied.

Analysis cont'd

Sixty-nine percent were also satisfied or very satisfied with the level of maintenance of the parks in the Town and fully 96.7 percent said it was important or very important (72.5 % very important) for them to have well-developed and maintained parks.

In general people are satisfied with the way that grass, pathways, sports fields, plantings, play equipment and safety surfaces are maintained.

Areas of dissatisfaction seem to focus on the winter use of parks including providing for winter activities, trails for winter use, providing trash receptacles, having washrooms open and clearing pathways of snow and ice. As well, trails, planting new trees, park and parking lot lighting were also mentioned .

When asked if they were willing to pay more in taxes to have more parks and facilities, 42 percent said they would and 35 % indicated they were not sure or it would depend on the park or facility. A slightly smaller number, 35 percent would be prepared to pay a bit more in taxes for a higher level of maintenance in the parks.

Respondents provided a list of persons or organizations that might be willing to partner with Lakeshore on park related projects. For reference, the list can be found at question 11 of this appendix.

When asked about a range of specific park features, 73.4 percent said Natural Heritage Sites, Woodlots, Nature Areas, Wetlands and areas providing Wildlife Habitat were important or very important, while only 40.1 % were satisfied or very satisfied with the amount of access to natural area, woodlots etc. provided by the Town. Almost two thirds of the respondents indicated that it is important or very important to have access to recreation trails for non-motorized use and the same amount were not satisfied with the availability of recreational trails. Almost 57 % of the respondents indicated it is important or very important to have access to trails for transportation – as well as recreation. Only about a third of respondents are satisfied with the availability of trails for transportation.

Respondents provided a list of items or features in parks in other communities that they would like to see in Lakeshore. For reference, the list can be found at question 18 of this appendix.

Forty percent of respondents indicated Dog Parks are important or very important, with 27.8 percent indicating that they don't own a dog.

When asked of the dog park they use is adequate, almost 11 percent said it was with 80 percent indicating that they don't use a dog park. Six respondents indicated what improvements they would like to see.

Analysis cont'd

The high priority respondents place on trails and their dissatisfaction with their access to trails should become a major pillar of the park system as it continues to develop. Winter use of parks and trails was also important to respondents. Consideration should be given to developing additional trail facilities and continuing to upgrade existing trails. As well, the securing and development of natural heritage areas and woodlots and other natural areas should continue whether through outright purchase, or strategic partnerships. A natural extension of this though is to incorporate more natural areas within the existing parks either by allowing an adjacent wooded area to encroach naturally, or by actually planting species that will assist this process. The notion that natural heritage areas and parks are different places should be reconsidered in favour of combining the two where possible.

Strongest support for something seen in a park in another committee is for the following items:

- Splash Pad (13)
- Skateboard Park (9)
- Rubber Safety Surface for Play Structures (7)
- Outdoor Pool (5)
- Hard Surface Play Area (5)
- Exercise Equipment (4)
- Canoe/Kayak launch (3)

A complete list can be found at question 18 in this appendix.

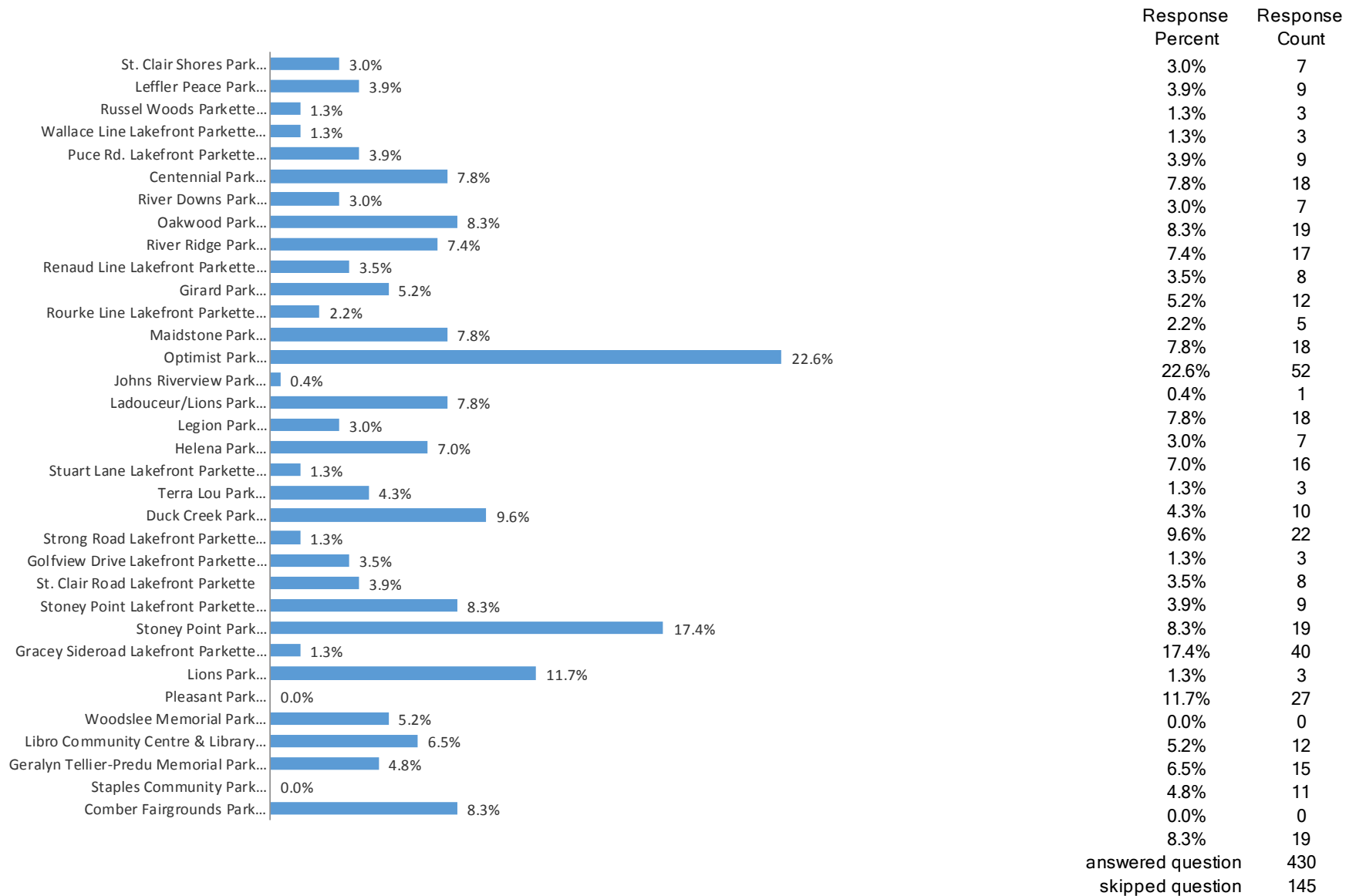
RECOMMENDATION

Recommendations for this section will be drawing from this information as well as other sections of the report and found under the discussion of each park.

SECTION C: ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK

Questions 22 through 32 are intended to obtain input about the respondents neighbourhood park. A neighbourhood park was defined as a park serving their particular neighbourhood, possibly within walking distance and probably not include a parking area.

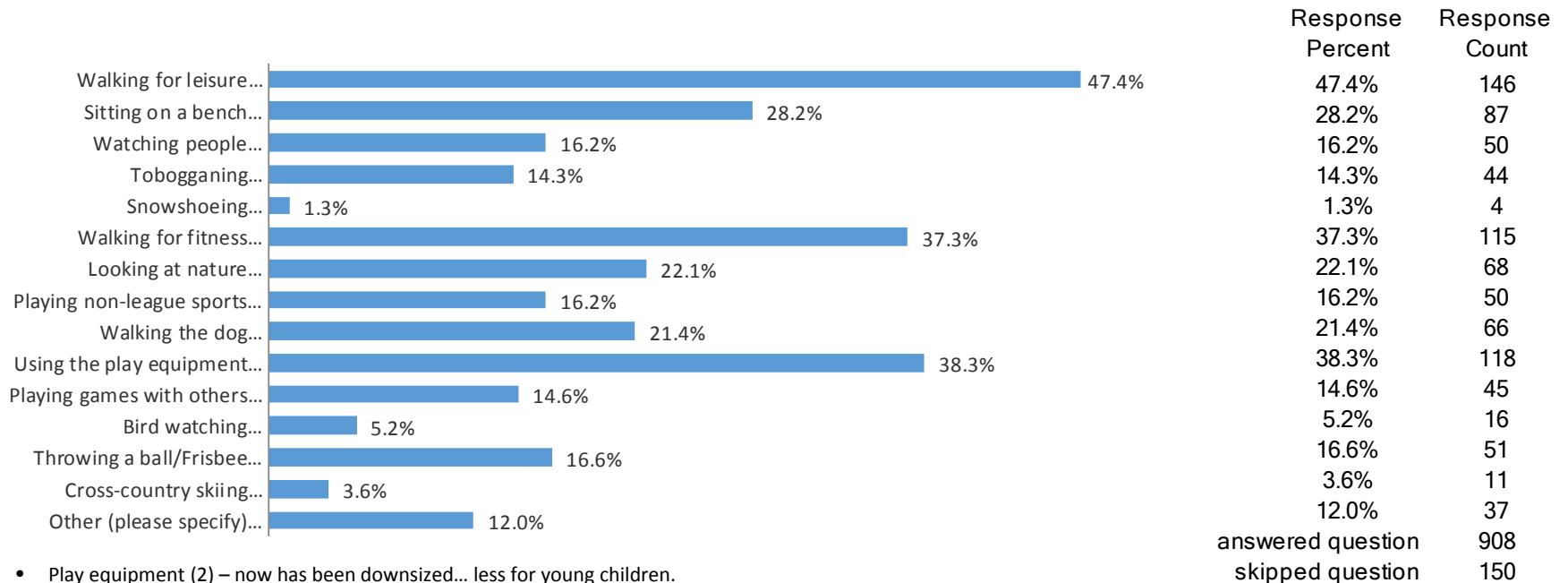
22. What park(s) best serves the neighbourhood in which you live? Pick as many as you like.



23. How often would you or your family go to the neighbourhood park?



24. What activities do you or your family enjoy while at the park? Check as many as apply.



- Play equipment (2) – now has been downsized... less for young children.
- Kids on Girard Dr. have nowhere to play but the street ... Town could care less.
- ... our dogs go in the lake from this parkette, in the winter we walk out onto the ice from this parkette
- Pickleball
- Bootcamp
- Yoga
- Soccer (4) Club
- Fitness Group
- Exercise
- Volleyball (2)
- Bike riding (13) to the parks
- Feeding ducks / fishing
- Biking around pond at Duck Creek
- Dog walking
- Splash pad
- Picnics (3) ...need more shaded area
- Family games
- Skateboarding (3)
- Running/Jogging (5)
- Watching the water at lakefront parkettes
- Kayaking (2)
- Playing Catch
- Baseball
- League Sports

25. Are there activities that you or your family would enjoy in a neighbourhood park which aren't currently available.

Comments

- St. Joachim would greatly benefit from a trail/path around the Ruscom River. Many walks & bikers walking around river on no shoulder, traffic has increased greatly in past 10 years and I have felt unsafe walking around this beautiful River.
- Tennis (5) ... in St. Joachim
- Play equipment (2) – now has been downsized... less for young children.
- More play equipment for small children (2) ... at River Downs
- Labyrinth.
- Speakers, artists painting in the park ... music, dance
- Local skating rinks, roller skating.
- All year pot-a-johns and trash collection.
- Snow clearing from paths.
- Baseball (6)
- Longer walking trails in Woodslee area.
- Camping.
- Splash pad (13)
- Skate park (5)
- Bike trails (2)
- Biking (2)
- Basketball court (3)
- climbing hills. This area is very flat. We need more hills for fitness and tobogganing
- It's limited as to what one can do there as there is only a bench overlooking the lake. I would love to have some kind of access to the water.
- Yes, many, but no nearby neighbourhood park that we can walk to
- ... easier access to creeks and rivers
- St.Joachim Park needs better play equipment in general
- Would love to see playset for young children at legion park
- More slides
- Seating under shade structures
- Path around entire pond at Duck Creek
- Concession stand
- ... more in the lakefront parkettes
- walking trails close to Oakwood
- Outdoor skating rink
- Continuous bike path along the lake
- Safe crossings to parks across Hwy. 22
- More winter activities
- Baseball diamond
- Lawn Bowling/Bocce
- Dog water fountains
- Disc Golf
- Equipment rental i.e. horse shoes, crochet etc.
- Themed play equipment
- More kayak launches (2)
- Exercise equipment for adults (4)
- Open areas for kite flying etc. (2)
- Marked running trails
- Tether ball
- Picnic
- Group play
- Mountain bike – former Puce landfill
- Zipline
- Multi-use court in Woodslee
- Garbage pickup all year
- Nature Trails.
- Off leash dog walking
- Benches
- better drinking fountains
- more trash containers.
- Washroom facilities updated.
- A play set at the beginning of st. clair rd where the memorial bench for Cindy will be installed.
- Dog park
- swimming
- Better access / trails to parks (4) ... benches along trails
- Boating / Sailing
- Live size games ... checkers, chess

Analysis

DISCUSSION

When asked for the name of the neighbourhood park that best serves the neighbourhood where they live, Optimist (22.6 %), Stoney Point (17.4 %) and Lions (11.7 %) Parks were identified the most. We suspect some of the indication for Lions Park were meant to be for Ladouceur Park (7.8 %). Only 2 parks were not indicated as a park that serves a particular neighbourhood. These two parks, Pleasant Park and Staples Community Park are in outlying area and geography may have played a part. From this we conclude that respondents were well distributed through the community.

Respondents claim to utilize their neighbourhood park often. About 64 percent visit the park (either the respondent or their family) once or twice a week or more. Twenty-two percent visit once or twice a month and just 7 percent use the park once or twice a year. About 7 percent indicate that they go to their neighbourhood park rarely or never.

When they are at the park, respondents or their families enjoy walking for leisure and walking for fitness as well as walking the dog. Using play equipment was the third highest use indicated at 38.3 % . Many respondents indicated they enjoy more passive activities such as sitting on a bench to watch nature or people while at a neighbourhood park.

When asked what activities respondents would like to do in their park that aren't currently available the following responses were the most popular:

- Splash Pad (13)
- Access to trails and biking (10)
- Baseball (6)
- Tennis (5)
- Skate Park (5)
- Exercise Equipment (4)
- Themed and/or age appropriate play equipment

A complete list can be found at question 25 of this appendix

CONCLUSION

Respondents seem to be interested in using parks for fitness, leisure and more passive activities and they indicated a desire for more trails or access to trails for fitness, leisure and dog walking. This indicates parks are being used by all age groups. Parents and/or grandparents are using the parks and trails and are not just visiting parks to transport their children to the playground or for organized sports.

There is interest in the natural environment. Typically, natural areas and parks are seen as different things. Neighbourhood parks consist of fine grass, trees and the natural environment is held at bay by mowing and clearing. There may be reason to consider blurring the line between these things. Part of the recreational neighbourhood park could consist of a naturalized area. Certainly there should be an area of grass to facilitate free play, but areas that are unlikely to be used in that way could be naturalized. This makes particular sense where the park is adjacent to a woodlot or could provide access to a nearby trail.

Clearly people are using their neighbourhood parks and are generally happy with them. However, they are asking for enhanced amenities in terms of better play equipment, better trails, splash pads, skate parks, recreational sports surfaces and exercise equipment etc.

Many people identified a community park their “neighbourhood park”. From this we conclude that community parks may also fulfill the role of a neighbourhood park for people who live nearby. As such, neighbourhood elements such as play equipment, walking paths, etc should be included in community parks.

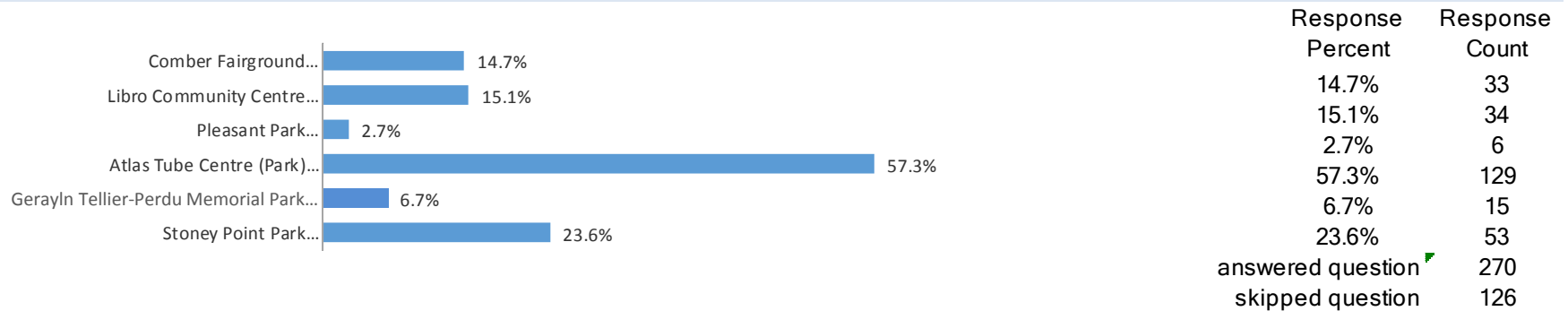
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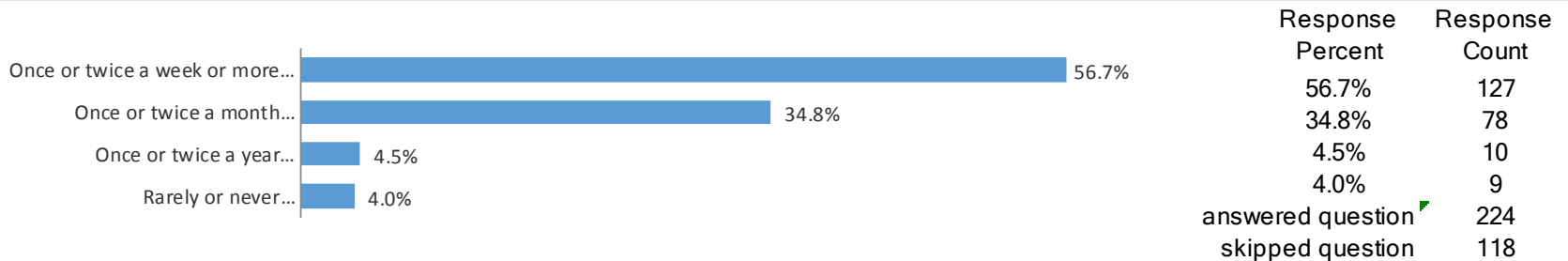
SECTION D: ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY PARKS

Questions 27 to 34 seek to determine how community parks are used. Unfortunately, there was some misunderstanding in the difference between a neighbourhood and community park. A community park services the entire municipality and will often include facilities for use by groups. It will usually have parking available.

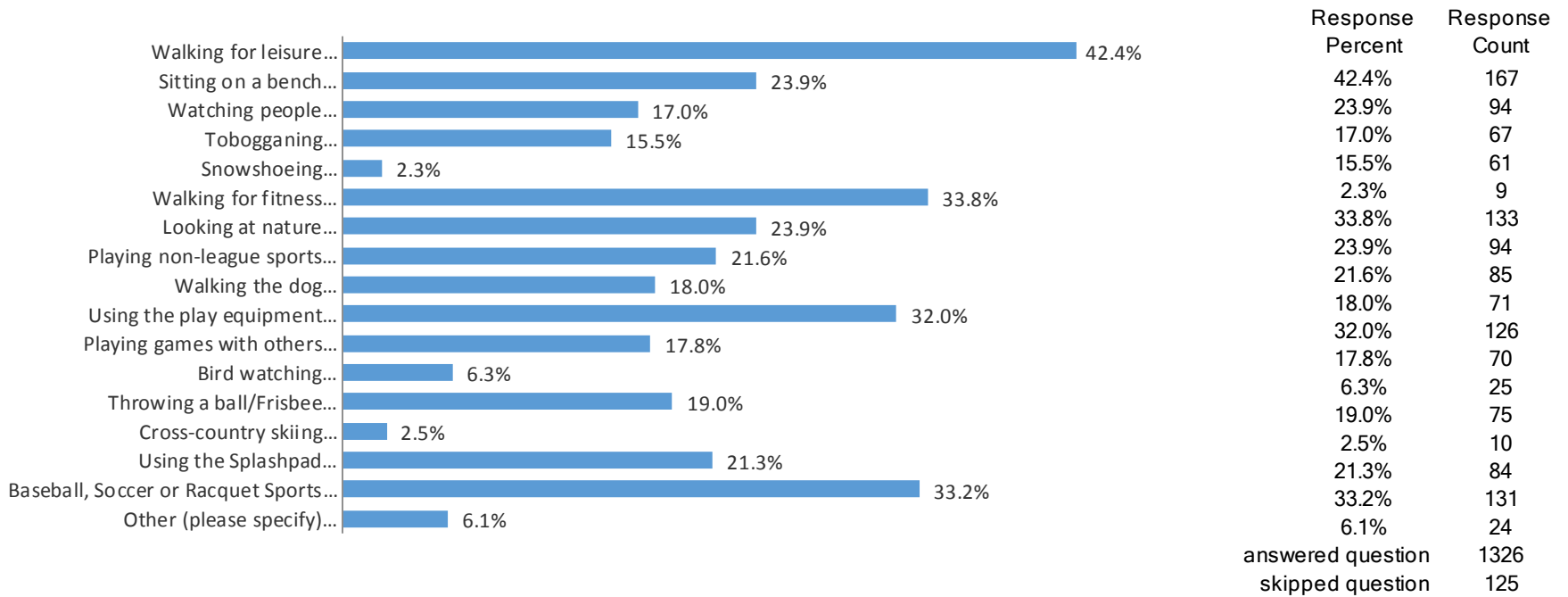
27. Which of the following would be most convenient for you if it were developed as a Community Park? Pick as many as you like



28. How often would you go to the Community Park?



29. What activities do you or your family enjoy while at the community park? Check as many as apply.



Other

- Social – meeting and talking with others
- Kayaking & canoeing
- Library
- Skateboarding (3)
- Snowshoeing
- Pokemon Go
- Bike trails
- Basketball court
- Playing with my kids.
- Basketball
- Watching sports

- Cycling and running paths to connect all areas
- Disc Golf
- Bike riding(3)
- BBQ
- Swimming
- flying hobby foam RC airplanes
- cycling on the trails
- Hockey League
- Swimming (2)

- running/ hiking
- Tennis
- volleyball
- basketball.
- Local Fair
- fishing
- Proper tennis courts like the ones at Leffler. NOT LIKE THE ONES AT ATLAS
- cycling
- lawn tractor practice
- Cycling if there was a track

30. Are there things you would like to do in your community park that aren't currently possible.

- Tennis (7) ... with lighting
- Tennis/basketball pad (3)
- Pickleball
- Raquetball
- Basketball court (5) ... nets
- Hard surface for basketball and hockey (3)
- Labyrinth walking meditation.
- All year pot-a-johns and trash collection.
- Snow clearing from paths.
- Bike trails (6) ... off road
- Biking (3)
- Nature trail at Memorial Park.
- Multi purpose trail (2) along old Tecumseh Road and around Atlas Tube ... through the woods
- ATV trails
- Splash pad (18) ... Shade for ... at Woodslee ... at sports parks ... at Stoney Point
- More splash pad equipment at the Atlas Tube Centre
- Skateboard Park (3)
- Bathrooms at the back of the park. (Stoney Point) (3)
- Expand trail in parks
- Stands for soccer
- Seating at Memorial Park.
- Baseball / more diamonds (6) ... at Atlas Tube ... similar to Vollmer
- Skate park (6)
- Off leash with dog
- Play equipment at Atlas Tube Centre.
- Playground equipment ... more/better (6) ... at Atlas Tube (2)
- Age appropriate play equipment
- Playground equipment near the splash pad
- Play late game at the back field ... can't because no lights
- More parking
- Enclosed soccer
- Large Volleyball courts.
- Tobogganing (2)
- Disk Golf
- Tether Ball
- More Trees(2) ... closer to play equipment and splash pad.
- More benches to sit on (2) ... in the woods
- Natural Areas
- watching the wild life, birds (2)
- Outdoor Skating
- Beach Volleyball (2)
- Launch Kayak
- Soccer (2) nets
- fitness classes
- Swimming (2)
- Evening baseball / lighted fields(2)
- Mobi-Mat
- Food Vendors during busy times
- Picnic shelter near splash pad and soccer fields
- Washroom facilities and/or pavilion near soccer fields.
- Drinking fountains
- Exercise Equipment ... Stoney Point
- Fit Park

Other Comments

- Atlas Tube Centre splash pad needs to have something that actually interests the children to want to play there. Currently, my children are 4 and 6 and have no interest in this. Ensuring there is a broad range of activities for everyone (including accessibility) and sufficient parking. Improve trail going into facility for cyclists and walkers or add another one so you do not have to go on road. Have ability to park closer to Aquatic centre for accessibility.
- We bike the lake. The parkettes are great we take a break and sit on the benches. These parkettes are very well used. At the mouth of the Ruscom, at the end of Lakeshore Park Rd, there is a place to swim and sit. There residents seem to keep the area up. There is on dilapidated rickety bench which is left there. A couple of benches at this area certainly would be appreciated.
- The splashpad at the Recreation Centre (Atlas Tube Centre) is currently not working, and when it does come on there will be no play equipment for the kids. I am extremely disappointed in this fact.
- Id like for them to build a community hockey rink facility that resembles the atlas tube centre. That would give all the hockey players an arena in town to play at rather than going to Windsor, belle river, tilbury.
- I did not see a question regarding accessibility for us to the park but I wanted to voice a concern. There is no walkway or trail to get to the park for us causing our children/families to walk on road. With one trucking company already on the road (South Middle) and another said to be moving in soon I feel the safety of our families needs to be addressed. The last thing we need is someone getting hit by a vehicle. We are definitely worried about the doubling of truck traffic in our area and added to our already busy road. We live east of the Libro Community Centre on South Middle Rd..

Analysis

DISCUSSION

When asked how often they or their family go to a community park, 57 percent indicated that they go once or twice a week or more while about one-third use a community park once or twice a month. Four and a half percent only have reason to go to the park once or twice a year and 4 percent use the parks rarely.

Over half of the respondents (57.3 %) identified Atlas Tube Centre (Park) as the community park they would use most. In addition, Stoney Point (23.6 %), Libro Community Centre (15.1 %) and Comber Fairground (14.7 %) are all community parks that are well used by the residents of Lakeshore.

People use community parks much the same as neighbourhood parks with most favouring passive activities. As with neighbourhood parks, walking for leisure, fitness, and walking the dog were high on the list of activities people do in their community park. Almost one third of the respondents go to their community park to use the play equipment and one third visit the parks for baseball, soccer or racquet sports. Non-league sports and leisure activities were high on the list at about 20 percent.

People could “write in” other activities and many liked to skateboard, swim, bike, play tennis etc. The complete list can be found with question 29 in this appendix.

In terms of new opportunities, respondents expressed overwhelming interest in a splash pad. Other new opportunities listed were skateboarding, walking / biking trails, pickleball, tennis, ball hockey and basketball.

CONCLUSIONS

The six main community parks each have a unique theme or concept. Most have sports activities as a large component. Others, such as Pleasant Park provide more of an opportunity for leisure or more passive activities. Libro, Comber Fairground and Atlas have community centres, a library and or an arena associated with them. The uniqueness of each park should be maintained and enhanced. Additional facilities should be added where needed that support the main theme and programs of the park. Facilities to be developed in these parks should be focussed on “community based needs” rather than the needs of the neighbourhood adjacent to the park. However, a small portion of each should be used to provide neighbourhood uses.

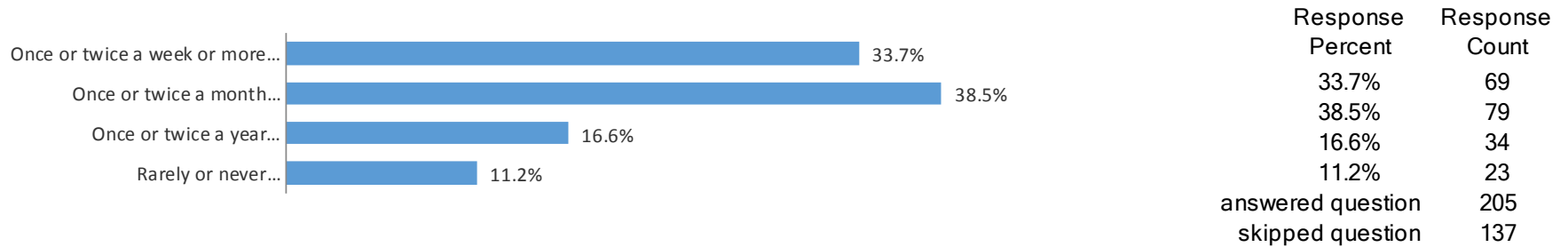
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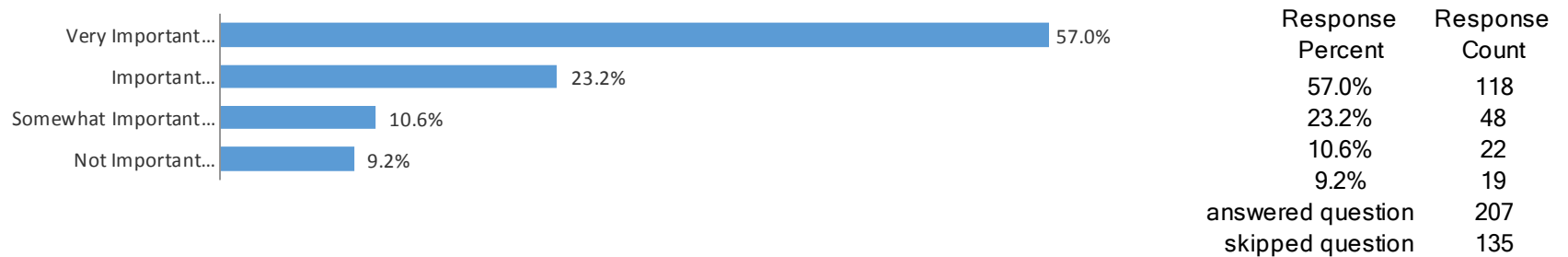
31. Would you like to Skip "Specialized Park" and go to "Sportsfields" (Q35)?



32. Lakeview Park, including the Splashpad, Bandshell, Playground, Trail, and Marina as well as the adjacent Lakeshore Park West Beach have been identified as a Specialized Park serving all of Lakeshore. How often do you visit this park?



33. How important is this Specialized Park (Lakeview and Lakeshore West Beach) to you?



34. Would you like to see the lakefront areas expanded or have more places where you can have access to the lake?



What additional activities or facilities would you like to see?

- Expand repair, improve the Splash Pad (5) ... open earlier ... please take the model of seacliff park for example.
- Playground equipment (3) in grassed area at West Beach ... For younger children (3)
- Anything for young children
- Families only area
- More spaces for the kids to play
- Accessible playground equipment
- More trees
- More picnic tables (3)
- Picnic area / bar b q's by water
- More benches (3)
- More shade by play equipment and splash pad
- It has adequate facilities. Focus funding on other areas of Lakeshore.
- Purchase Lighthouse Cove Pier and convert to specialized park.
- There are already many places to access the lake.
- Kayak/canoe launch (6) ... in the area of the bridge at West Beach. (2)
- Better / more access to lake, rivers, beaches (5)
- Mobi-Mat at beaches (2)
- Accessible path to beach
- Larger beach areas and more access points to beaches
- Docks
- Chlorinate area with aerator/fountains.
- This beach/park is never safe for swimming. (4)
- Water is never safe to swim ... prefer the beauty of looking at the lake
- Outdoor pool because lake water always high in bacteria counts
- Daily beach maintenance / raking (4) ... nicer beaches
- More beach areas ... With washroom/change facilities
- Skate park
- Swimming. (2)
- Fishing. (2)
- Walking / Running trails (2)
- trails with playground equipment
- group exercising in the park/exercise equipment (2)
- ... some of the stands are dangerous ... time to upgrade at some parks ...
- Access to the park/marina via lakefront walking trails
- A better, more accessible, year round restaurant (6) ... some small shops
- Food Trucks in parking lot to accommodate large summer weekend crowds
- Year-around washroom (4) ... at least till Thanksgiving ... or need accessible porta potties at these areas when washrooms are closed
- licensed outdoor patio at the park/restaurant
- restaurant and patio at the Marina
- more bicycling
- Tennis (2)
- better facility for bands, movies and pavilion
- naturalized park
- Better boat ramp
- access to the water is a bit compact, it would be nice to see it extended and cleaned up.

Other Comments

- The splash pad needs some serious work. It's cement with a glorified sprinkler. I was actually there with my kids this summer and could over hear a group of young mother with children talk about how disappointed they were with the splash pad and how that was not worth the drive over. It need a rubber floor and to actually have the water come out and work properly for longer periods of time. Every time I'm there a child has fallen and scrapped a knee or hurt themselves by hitting their head on the railing ship part.
- Update and repair the current facilities. The kids playground equipment is very outdated and inaccessible for younger children as you have to be able to climb from one side to the other to be able to use the slides. This is dangerous for young toddlers who can't climb but want to use the slides. And most of the time, the slides are broken or missing, this is the first summer in a few years where both slides are actually there.
- The splashpad is very unique and the kids love it, but it barely works. It is a constant battle to get it turned on as the buttons don't work, and if you're lucky enough to have the splashpad turn on, it only stays on for a few minutes, then the kids are left to play in the puddle at the front as the water drains and the parents all struggle to turn the water back on. The rear fountain only turns on for a minute at the time. This has been the same way for at least 7 years, despite the town saying that they've done regular updates and repairs to the splash pad. Every year, I bring my kids for 2 weeks in May, and after they get frustrated, we drive out to Leamington, DuCharme Park in Windsor, Colchester and Amherstburg to go to the functional splashpads. "
- Expand the Lakeshore west beach and lakeview park as much as possible." ... It is beautiful now.
- Love that I can run or cycle the CWATS all the way down to Belle River and back to Puce. Need Old Tecumseh Road with proper shoulders for cyclists and runners and I will be very happy.
- Encourage people to move here and retire here. "

Other Comments

- avid boater - boat ramp line up takes forever on the weekend.
- Lovely park additions, could use even more as children are enjoying the splashpad."
- Definitely a better boat ramp and staff available at them at all times. We do not use the lakeshore marina one anymore due to a few situations that have happened with US boaters and fishermen. And no staff available to help. But yet no problem still charging you \$12.00 to do it all yourself. We now go to the ruscom to launch. For \$10 they are always on duty and help you launch and come in.
- No I would like to see some of the other parks that are well used getting some attention instead of lots of Lakeshore money being spent at the marina.
- Think the parkettes are great, but there is not much else beach areas.
- I am content with the amount of waterfront areas. The rest should be left for natural habitat.
- Ensure adequate parking. Mobi-Mat at beaches is not only great for those with accessibility issues, but also for those with strollers, coolers and everyone who wants to walk to the car with cooler feet and less sand.
- Gas service at the marina is awful. need more help. attract tourist, put more shows there. Art shows, tall ships or other boat shows. Coast guard show similar to Grand Haven, MI
- This is a major attraction to our community. I would like to see attractions to the marina such as getting tall ships in to attract tourist. We go to Grand Haven in Michigan and they have an event called Coast Guard week. They coast guard comes in and there are tours of ships and activities along that line. The marina needs more help. Whenever we get gas the service is awful because they don't have enough help.
- Consider adding a lifesaving waterfront program for kids 7 and up also 16 and older have a Seniors and a Master's program. Check out lifesaving Ontario for ideas"

Refer to St.Clair Sail Club Submission - new accessible Marina Building, new pavilion. St.Clair Sail Club have identified several Marina capital improvements:

- New Marina Service Building:
- Office Registration desk staffed
- Weather station located in the main office
- Office support if required; printing, faxing scan or email
- 24hr secured accessibility washrooms (pin code)
- 24hr secured accessibility showers (pin code)
- 24hr laundry facilities on site
- Meeting rooms, restaurant, boaters lounge for recreational use, tv, cable
- Complimentary use of computer with Wi-Fi available to docks
- Large outdoor patio and restaurant/concession by the water
- Privacy gates to the docks, gas and diesel fuel,
- Large boat ramp offering trailer parking passes
- Assisted pump outs available
- Regular gas and diesel fuel available
- Nightly security
- Small boat single point hoist (maximum 5000 lbs.)
- Install Gin Pole at the Marina – Estimated Cost - \$7,500
- Provide dinghy ramp and dinghy storage facility
- Install a small boat hoist – Estimated Cost - \$15,000
- Onsite haul out and Winter storage for Members
- Develop a temporary dinghy sailing area
- Develop exclusive use docking facilities for SCSC Members
- A large Pavilion with LED lighting & new tables, gas barbeque and large outdoor patio
- Picnic shelter rentals (one time free with a seasonal dock)
- Enhanced bike and trails systems as well as integrated walking and cycling systems to connect the Marina with the Park at the end of the waterfront walkway.

PROGRAMMING

Proper funding, staff resources and training are essential to the successful operation of the Marina. A review of the summary of the 2015 Marina Customer Survey results may be helpful to identify boater's interests. For example funding a community sailing school for children and/or adults at the Belle River Marina would be a community asset.

Analysis

DISCUSSION

When asked how often they or their family go to Lakeview Park, identified as the specialized park, 35 percent indicated that they go once or twice a week or more while about 38.5 percent visit once or twice a month. Almost 17 percent only have reason to go to the park/marina once or twice a year and 11 percent rarely visit the park, beach or marina.

Over 80 percent of respondents view the specialized park (Lakeview and Lakeshore West Beach as important or very important to the parks system in Lakeshore.

Almost two thirds of those who responded said they would like to see the lakefront areas expanded and have more access to the lake.

People could “write in” additional activities or facilities they would like to see and many like inclusive play equipment including equipment for younger children and accessible play equipment. Further development of the west beach seemed to be a priority.

In terms of new opportunities, respondents expressed overwhelming interest in improving the splash pad, the ability to launch a canoe or kayak and accessible access to the lake at the west beach. As well a list of improvements was provided by the St. Clair Sail Club. A complete list can be found with question 34 of the survey.

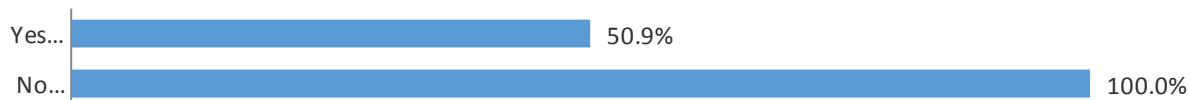
CONCLUSIONS

The combination of parks and the marina are well used by the residents of Lakeshore. The need for improved facilities at Lakeshore Park, further development of West Beach and improvements to the Marina appear to be important to the community.

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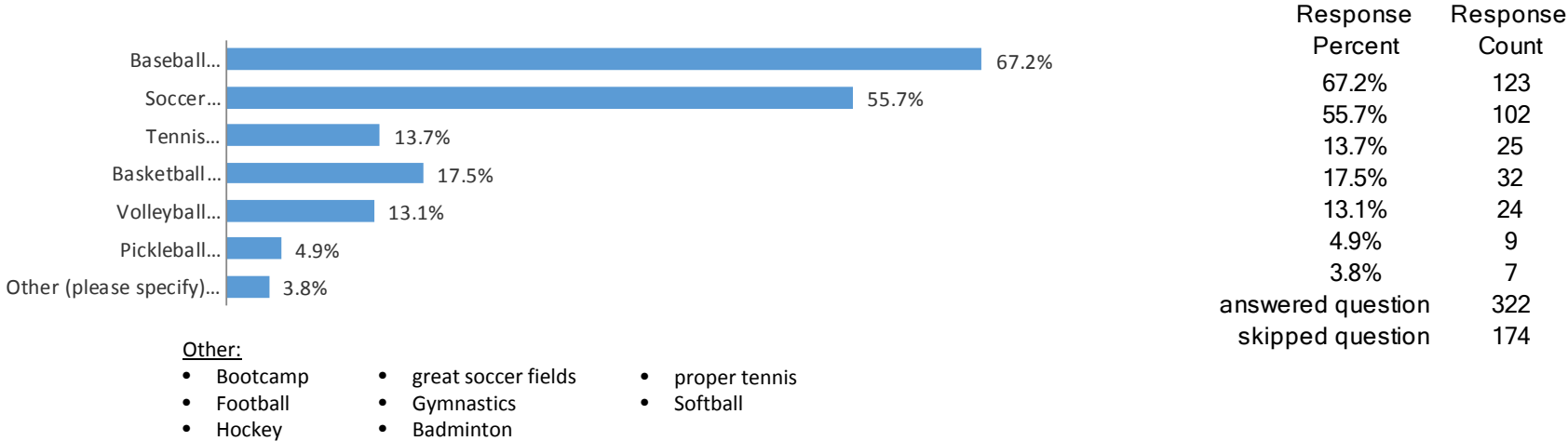
35. Would you like to skip the questions on "Sportsfields". If you select "Yes", you will have reached the end of the survey.



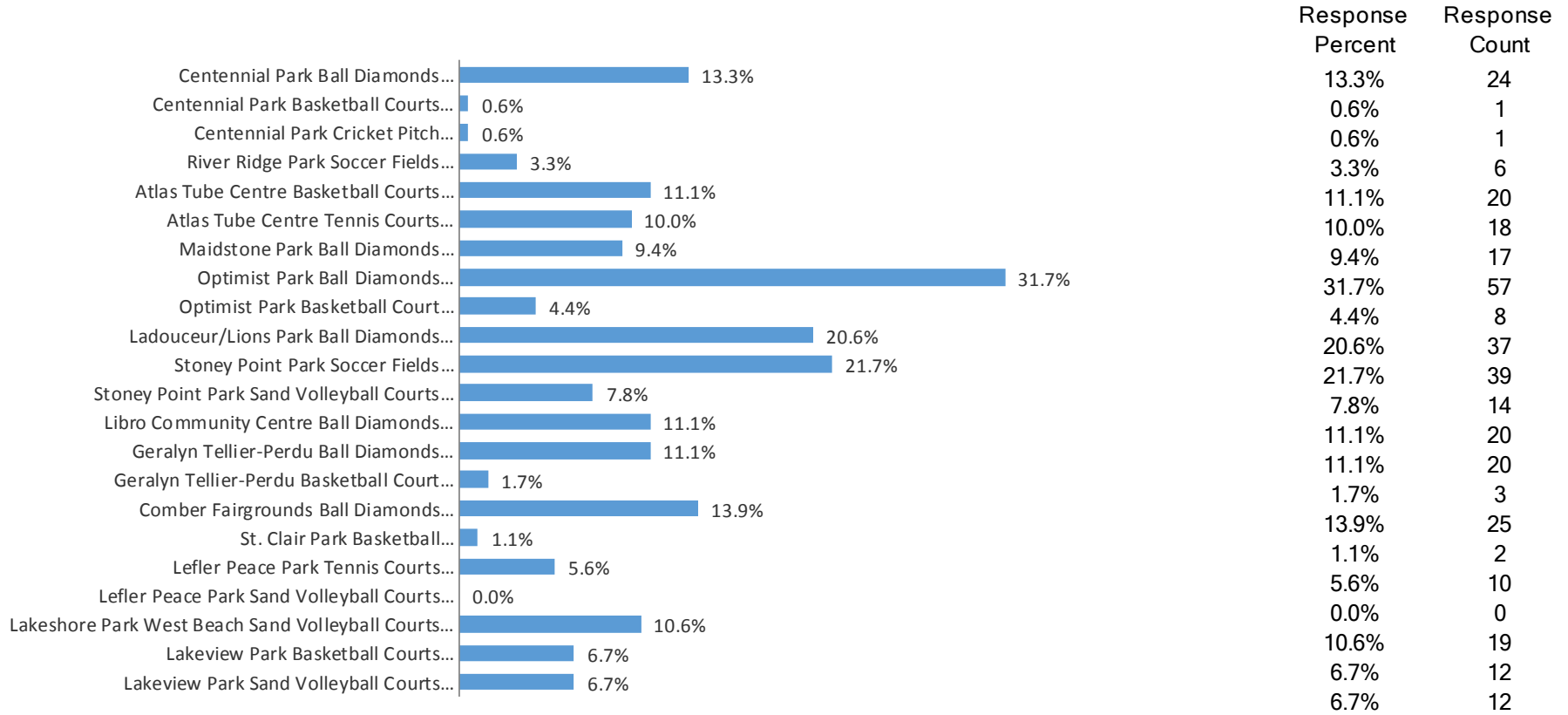
SECTION E: ABOUT YOUR SPORTSFIELDS

Questions 36 through 41 are intended to obtain information about sportsfields. Sportsfields are areas for organized sports such as baseball and soccer but could include non-team sports such as Tennis

36. In what park-based organized sports do you or your family participate? Check all that apply.



37. What sportsfields / courts do you or members of your family tend to use? Pick as many as you like.

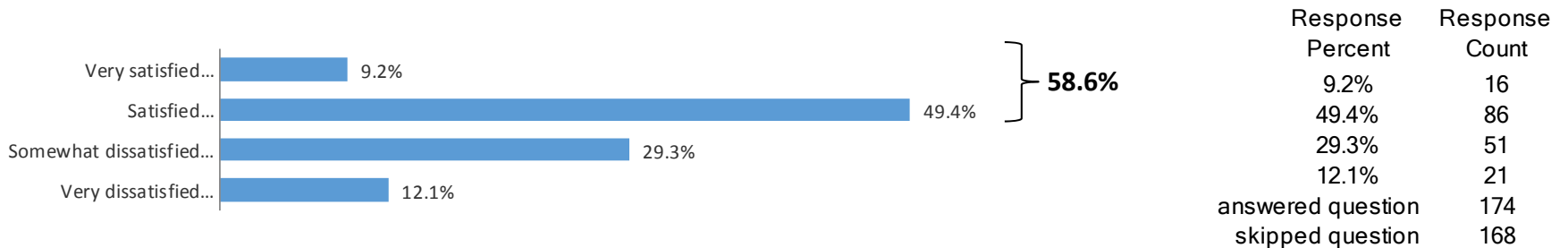


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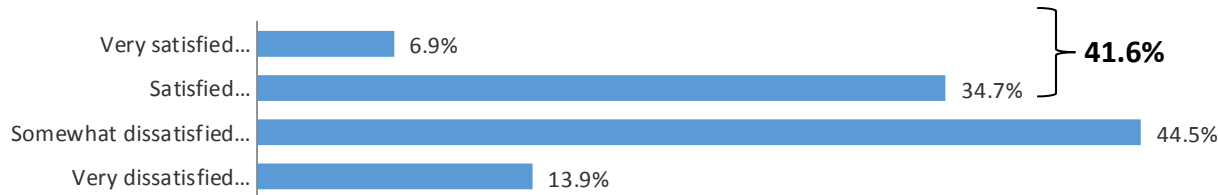
- Woodslee Ball Diamond on Oriole Park Drive

answered question 365
skipped question 188

38. How satisfied are you with the condition of the sportsfield or games court itself?



39. How satisfied are you with the amenities that are provided such as player's benches, stands, parking?



	Response Percent	Response Count
	6.9%	12
	34.7%	60
	44.5%	77
	13.9%	24
answered question		173
skipped question		173

Comments

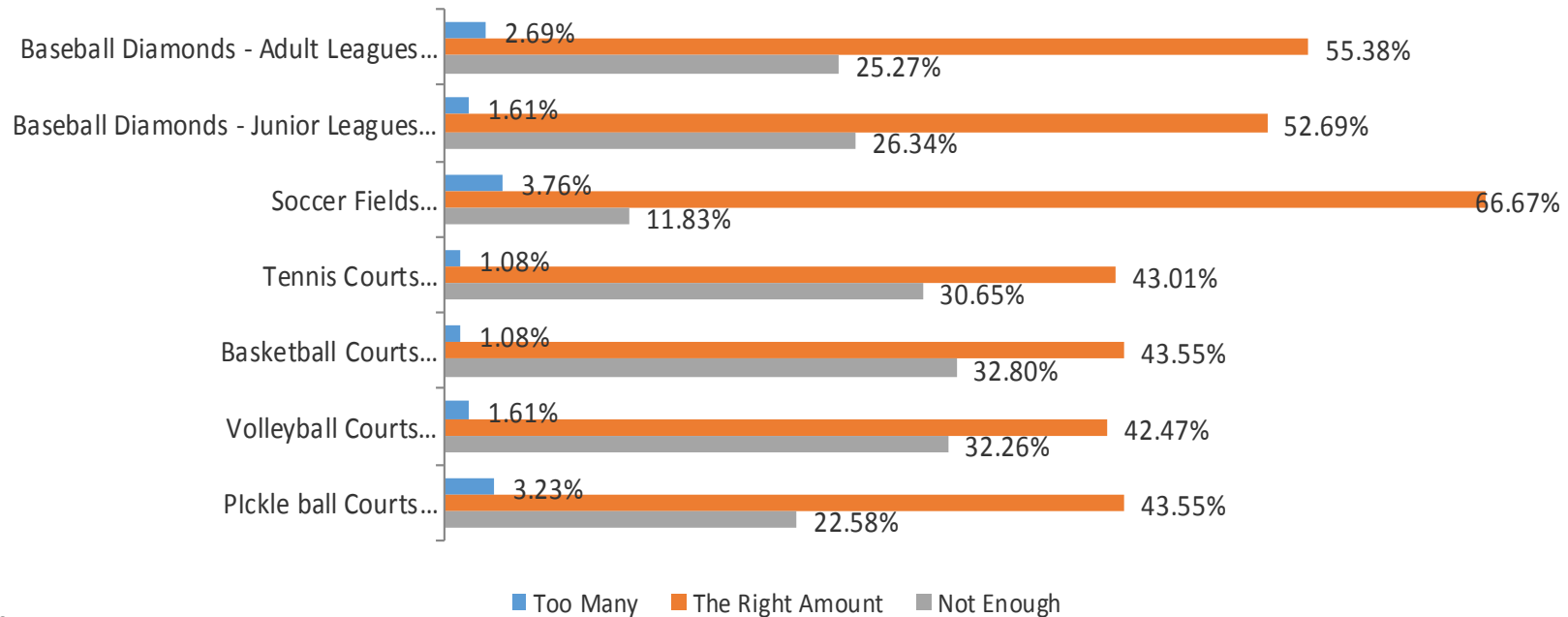
- Better washrooms and maintenance
- More trees
- Parking at Optimist Park is too small.
- Atlas Tube tennis courts are not useable ... ball bounces too high. Not proper surface. Leffler is only good useable courts ...(2)
- GerylN Tellier Perdu – cement pads at entrance of dugouts
 - hand dryer in washrooms.
- More convenient parking ... more parking.
- Shade buildings.
- Bathrooms in the centre of the park (Stoney Point) with a food area.
- (Stoney Point Park) player benches need to be inspected and repaired.
- Need spectator stands.
- Bathrooms are too far from soccer fields ... need centralized building.(3)
- No Lights on back diamond in Comber ... can't play past dusk (4)
- Back stands (Comber) are falling apart.
- More benches near Lakeview Park courts.
- Stands need to be replaced
- Dugouts and backstops need to be replaced/improved.
- Would like walking trail from Millen Centre to North Woodslee.
- Needs more benches
- Many of the benches need boards replaced.
- benches or seating at fields would be ideal
- No bench
- Need new benches and lighting at the back diamond .
- There are no benches available at the ATC basketball and tennis courts.
- Nearest baseball/softball diamond is 20 minute drive away. I play softball regularly in a summer league, as well as a fall league, in addition to numerous tournaments. All of my softball is played outside of the town I live in (Lakeshore), because there is no facility close enough to me and the nearest leagues/diamonds in Lakeshore are at capacity.
- Concession Stand or Ice Cream Stand.
- More shade along sitting areas of soccer fields would be nice
- GerylN - Perdu park has so much potential and is not used....our children don't even play on diamonds, they have to play on the grass!
- Soccer fields at Atlas Tube are hard, uneven, no seating, no washrooms and very little shade. Proper fencing to prevent balls from going on road or in ditch. Gravel parking could be improved.
- It would be nice to have benches closer to the basketball courts at Lakeview Park. Additionally, it seems as though there are never basketball nets which really looks bad. I understand that people rip the nets down bit it would be worth trying to find out who does it and fine them. Additionally, a budget of 1 net per month could at least keep a net on one side of the court which is better than none.

Comments

- Quality of the stone/dirt used in the ball diamonds is poor. Lighting is only available in some diamonds.
- Parking laws should be enforced, as should the picking up of debris from the adults playing ball.
- Old and Dirty
- Parking lot should be centralized, not so close to the residential private property abutting the east side of the park.
- Why is Belle River Soccer field missing?
- The players benches and ground beneath them are uneven and young players fall on the uneven ground in the dugout and entering the dug out.
- Signs were added onto all backdrop fencing in lakeshore. They were put up at eye level and interrupt our ability to see the infield. They should be moved either closer to the ground, or up above eye level.
- There is not enough stands at Libro Center, and the wooden ones are falling apart and give the kids slivers when they sit on them.
- Most importantly, there is no shade in which to sit and watch a game on 2 of the 3 diamonds."
- parking isn't good we need more parking not enough space when karate and baseball going on at the same time. Sometimes when have 60 or so kids play ball at once. Dugouts and new fences would be great.
- It would be appreciated if someone could tend to the diamonds when there is rainfall to reduce the likelihood of having to cancel games due to rain...
- New benches and dug outs are needed for the baseball diamonds, the fences are falling apart, the dug outs are null and void essentially, the portable washrooms at the parks are totally gross and nasty, its as if they never get switched out or dumped.
- The weeds along the fences are an eye soar and possibly dangerous to kids and dogs.
- washrooms at ball diamonds need washrooms open longer or more port a johns
- The players benches are not very straight anymore and there is nothing covered to hide under in a downpour during a game only at the front of the park
- As already indicated, soccer fields could use a bit more maintenance, overall they are so much better than a few years ago. COMBER needs lights at the back ball diamond and grass maintenance and drainage needs to be better
- "I would like to see the Town purchase the empty lot just west of the Millen [Libro] Community Park's baseball diamonds to increase parking. It would be great for baseball tournaments and other large social events like Canada Day parade and celebrations/fireworks, which occurs every 4 years on a rotating basis.
- I would also like to see more park benches beneath shade trees."
combers back diamond bleachers are small old and uncomfortable. stoney points soccer fields need to be rolled to make the ground level and safer for players.
- benches, drinking fountains, washrooms should be update and use better cleaning products. sunny protection area
- There is not enough parking, there are no water fountains, and there is not enough shade.
- Dug outs would be beneficial for the minor Ball league. Since there are no shaded areas available on hot nights.

- The courts at Lefler are great but the courts at Atlas are not proper in that they are just asphalt without the special coating that makes the ball bounce properly. Also, two proper tennis courts for all of lakeshore is terrible. There are always line ups and you have to drive really far to play tennis. Even Lefler has pickle ball lines drawn on the court. You never see people playing pickle ball there and it just makes the courts not as nice.
- Need more stands
- Parking at Lions needs to be addressed.
- "Dugouts need improvements
- Picnic tables need updating "
- The tennis courts are great. The baseball facilities are embarrassing.
- Unable to see the game when sitting in lawn chairs because of the black tubing on the fence right at eye level. Can anything be done about this? It would be nice if the diamonds were also better maintained.
- We travel to many different baseball fields and wish we could have the same in belle River. Woodslee orioles park is absolutely awesome - we need that for our belle River braves!!
- Not enough parking in stoney point on soccer days
- A lot of the benches are in the wide open sun.
- We often use optimist park for my kid's baseball games. The entrance is very tight and should be reviewed and widened or offer another point of entry/exit to the park.
- The maintenance building beside the diamond is not very well kept- is very dirty and often used for outdoor storage.
- The dugouts for baseball need updating, very little shade or storage. Fences around the fields would be useful for the players. More shade for the spectators.
- Soccer fields are worse, there are no benches/areas for the players. No Shade, no permanent washrooms for the kids, unless they go into the arena."

40. Indicate whether you have too many, the right amount, or not enough of the following on a community wide basis?



Comments

- I realize it's not this dept. but need girls softball in B.R. .
- More good tennis courts like Leffler are needed.
- (More) skateboard park(s)
- There appears to be a good balance.
- Hard surface for hockey ... with sides to contain ball.
- More lighting
- Rugby fields would be good.
- Tennis courts with lighting
- It may not be that there are not enough tennis courts, but the ones we have are in poor condition. Where are the Atlas Tube Tennis Courts mentioned above? I haven't seen them. Are they indoor?
- It would be terrific if there was outdoor gym equipment at the Lakeview Park beach. Similar to that of muscle beach in Santa Monica California.
- roller hockey pad
- "pickleball would be great"
- Outdoor hockey rink in the winter (roller or ball hockey in the summer)
- We have a good amount of volley ball courts, however the one we have is not maintained.
- What's is Pickle ball and where is it played
- "remote control car tracks and or water for remote control boats. many seniors and young adults participate in this fun activity. We could hold spring, summer and or fall tournaments to attract more tourist. The skate parks should be improved, we enjoy this too.
- Add some BMX bike tracks."
- "Please keep and maintain the skateboard park. It is used very often.
- I have heard people request that they would like a tennis court."
- Badminton
- It would be nice to host spn or spo baseball tournaments in this area if we had several good diamonds in one vicinity.
- Pinwheel baseball diamonds, 4 diamonds in one location.

41. Are there improvements to make so that the existing fields (courts) will be more playable.

Comments

- Trees
- Washrooms
- Snack Shops
- Better Drainage for baseball fields (2) and on walking paths
- Turf condition upgrades
- Atlas courts need a surfacing for tennis. They are not useable as is. (2)
- Atlas soccer fields more spread out
- Many rocks in Puce diamonds
- Fix the drainage of the front diamond at Maidstone... back diamond is better now that it was re-worked.
- Fields need work for soccer, level the ground (2)
- Spectator stands for soccer
- Update cement and benches (at skateboard parks)
- Better benches at Millen Park
- Grass too long in spring and/or too many clippings – Millen Park
- Light back diamond at Comber Park (3)
- Cut grass on soccer fields more regularly
- Fixed Pavilion at Atlas Tube soccer fields as a shade area.
- Maintain the tennis courts and provide some level of security.
- Soccer fields could be levelled and/or tiled for better grass growth and less pot holes.
- "Diamonds are very poor, need equipment at each diamond in job boxes, new equipment needed also. Other facilities in other townships are much more equipped. Would be great if we could host tournaments to bring in money for the town. Our concession stand is never open at Lions park. How can we make money when it's closed.
- Would love to see improvements made on our baseball parks. Our family loves baseball and we play all summer long "
- "More Lights!!"
- Seating areas.
- Many kids complain the turf is rough at many of the soccer fields.
- Maintenance for all diamonds could be better
- Drainage in soccer fields
- The tennis courts we have are in poor condition. Where are the Atlas Tube Tennis Courts mentioned above? I haven't seen them. Are they indoor? Also I think the town should consider modifying a baseball diamond so that it is playable for the older age groups (11 to 18). This would require some lighting, a nice pitchers mound, grass infield, outfield fence roughly 300+ feet in depth. This would create an opportunity for the Baseball program in Lakeshore to field semi-competitive travel teams at these age groups rather than the situation we currently have where some players look at other centres while those who don't, maybe because they are not as talented etc., lose out on the chance to play all together. This would also allow the High School to host its games on a proper field.
- Like the fact tennis courts are keyed so they are protected. Would like to see more organized training.
- The volley ball courts at Lakeview park have many rocks in the sand, making it difficult to play volleyball.
- More garbage and recycling
- more shade
- "better maintenance of the diamonds, gravel brought in to fill the holes
- the benches are getting worn
- the fences should be reviewed “
- Indoor practice facilities
- It would be nice to see a little more red dirt(chirt) placed on the ball diamonds. I think we need to look at getting these diamonds chalked prior to baseball games. We only have so many volunteers to coach and take care of running the baseball leagues. This would be a huge relief for these volunteers.

41. Are there improvements to make so that the existing fields (courts) will be more playable.

Comments

- Soccer fields are rough, hard and dangerous at times
- Everything just needs to be updated. Things are falling apart. Back stops, fencing, even the lighting is poor.
- need a couple of ball diamonds fenced and designed for certain age groups. For example, make Lions park a fenced in bantam or midget age ballpark. Put a fenced diamond for pee wee and under too, Optimist park could be used. or, make two small fenced in parks at lions and a nice bigger diamond at the atlas tube centre. Woodslee has a beautiful fenced park but it is constantly used, belle river area could use a park like that hopefully garner more interest in competitive baseball.
- Turf improvements and infield work.
- The entrance to the lions diamond 2 and 3 are in need of some landscape repairs to fix the ground.
- "Soccer fields should be rolled - someone is going to break an ankle on the Stoney Point fields.
- Volleyball court is not well maintained. "
- Working lights at all diamonds (Optimist and Lions Park) to play night games. Have concession stand open during all games at Lions Park. Bathrooms at Optimist park, not porta potties!
- The soccer fields have holes in them lots of ankle injuries. Volleyball sand needs to be cleaned more often, they have pickers in them can't be used!
- Lighting at some ball diamonds
- Maintaining them and upgrading them
- improve the lines
- lighting on 2nd ball diamond
- Baseball fields at Stoney point park
- Lights on the back diamond at the Comber fairgrounds. I don't league and mine are falling have to turn away players because there are no lights on this diamond
- Baseball field
- Atlas tennis courts are just asphalt and do not have the coating on top that makes them actual tennis courts. We were so excited to have courts closer to where we live (still not close). Also, as it is, there are only 2 tennis courts that are properly maintained in all of lakeshore and that is lefler.
- Weed control, fence repairs.
- The ball diamonds at centennial park in puce are like concrete. My husband's league has to use an electric drill to make a hole to hammer the base pegs in. What about getting permanent base pegs and bases that can be kept in lock boxes like other municipalities?
- Parking around lion's park, more ball diamonds for the kid's to play on my child has to play on the grass because BRMBA cannot accommodate everyone. New batting cages would be amazing theirs is a hazard
- Uneven and hard ground.
- "Would like to see some money put towards fencing the Diamond's in and better maintenance of the fields.
- A new clubhouse and bathroom area as well as concession stands.
- Batting cages need maintenance.
- Storage for bases and equipment at each diamond. "
- More so all teams can play on real diamonds.
- St.Joachim and behind the old arena the fields are very uneven and should be rolled more frequently.
- The ball diamonds behind the old Belle River arena (which I did not see listed above) need work. Especially the north diamond. Several injuries there lately. Players rounding third to home are unable to stay in the infield when making the turn due to distance between the grass and the field (where they meet) causing people to have to run on the grass from third to home plate. The grass is very uneven and several people have rolled their ankles and have even fallen while running from third to home plate. This should be fixed immediately as someone is going to be seriously hurt.
- Bathrooms, bleachers and lights
- Signs were put up for rental info right where ppl sit and we cant see the game its really annoying!!!! The area where the players go into the dugouts is always a mess when it rains maybe putting something better down
- Add more dirt in at the ball diamonds in St-Joachim and at the ball diamonds at Maidstone park
- Aging back stops and dugouts need to be replaced.

Analysis

DISCUSSION

When asked what park-based organized sports their family participate in, baseball (67.2 %) and soccer (55.7 %) were by far the most popular. Other popular activities are Basketball (17.5 %), Tennis (13.7 %) and Volleyball (13.1 %).

Optimist Park ball diamonds, at almost 32 percent, were indicated as the most used with Stoney Point Park soccer fields (21.7 %) and Ladouceur Park ball diamonds (20.6 %) getting a lot of use. Also getting a fair amount of use are Comber Fairgrounds Park ball diamonds (13.9 %) and Centennial Park ball diamonds (13.3 %).

There is a fair level of satisfaction (58.6 %) with the condition of the sportsfields and courts in Lakeshore. Unfortunately 41.4 percent are either somewhat or very dissatisfied. Somewhat fewer (41.6 %) are satisfied or very satisfied with availability of amenities such as players benches, stands and parking. Some requests for additional facilities include (better) washrooms, parking, bleachers, sports lighting more benches near courts and fields, shade for both spectators and players, and specific improvements to basketball and tennis courts. A complete list can be found with question 39 of the survey (this appendix).

CONCLUSIONS

The level of satisfaction on the condition of fields and courts has room for improvement as do the associated facilities. Effort should be directed to field and court maintenance improvements by freeing up or adding staff. A facilities and amenity review should be conducted to identify needs. The Town should continue to work with the user groups to improve the facilities.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendations for this section will be drawing from this information as well as other sections of the report and found under the discussion of each park

SECTION F: ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Respondents were able to submit any additional comments. Please review to Appendix A for comments and full survey results.

42. Do you have any additional comments or concerns about the parks system in Lakeshore?

- Plant more Locust trees for fast growth and shade!
- Distribute funding equally among communities.
- Too bad one diamond couldn't be converted to one like Rotary Park in Chatham.
- More tennis courts
- Coordinate Towns facilities and private facilities
- Look at the facilities not mentioned here ex. Oriol Park Ball Diamond Woodslee
- Passive enjoyment is valuable – watch baseball
- Parkettes should be secondary priority in the scheme of parks
- More social media campaigns to get more people at parks / knowing all options in Lakeshore.
- More diamonds to play on ...3 league divisions have at least a 2 team waiting list.
- Re-build Stoney Point diamonds – utilize existing lights.
- We need more park staff.
- Don't put everything at Atlas Tube Centre... there are parks and community centres that go unused.
- More grass cutting in May and June.
- More efficient planning would increase productivity.
- The splaspad at Lakeview Park needs to be updated.
- Add playground equipment and pavilion to West Beach green area.
- Add a trail that leads along Caille Ave. to West Beach for access from Grandview Gardens area.
- "Yes. The parks system is too concentrated in Belle River and the subdivisions of Puce and Emeryville. We are fortunate to live close enough that we are at least able to drive to some parks, but not close enough to walk to them, let alone have children walk to them safely. More parks are needed in Lakeshore.
- More diverse sports offerings and activities are needed as well."
- The ATC is missing a trail: The current trail is precisely 1.98km. The so-called "5km" trail lacks precisely 3.02km. In addition, there is no way to safely access the ATC via a trail or path system (e.g. walking, biking, running) which seems counter to the idea of a recreation facility. Only those approaching via Puce Road onto the 1.98km trail are able to do so safely. There needs be a designated pathway that continues from the paramedic base on Rourke, separated from the road, and available for recreational users to safely access the centre.
- The parks system in Woodslee is ok. It would be nice though to have more bike trails, bicycle lanes and be connected with CWATS with the rest of the county.
- It is a shame the old arena on Rourke line is wasting away it would make an excellent indoor soccer facility with two rinks that could be easily turned into soccer fields. This project would be beneficial as there is such a need for indoor soccer space.
- "Continuation of bike/walking path along lakefront
- More bike lanes to connect residential areas to parks/schools/businesses in Emeryville/Puce
- More information about activities (hiking trails?) and access in existing conservation areas is needed.
- Thanks for doing this survey, community involvement is much appreciated!!"
- "We would enjoy more trail systems for walking and immersing our children in nature. Trees to climb, rocks for jumping, ponds for exploring etc.
- A little bit of a different idea: a farm/petting zoo where kids can learn about where their milk, eggs and bacon come from would be wonderful as today we are so disconnected from our food sources.
- Thank you for giving us a chance to have our opinions heard!"
- Only that we get a new skatepark.

42. Do you have any additional comments or concerns about the parks system in Lakeshore?

- The upkeep of many of the baseball diamonds could be done to a higher standard.
- Washrooms needed in more parks, especially Optimist Park
- In woodslee we have 2 parks I would suggest selling Memorial park and to use the funds to upgrade Libro. Which would also reduce maintenance costs no longer needed at memorial. Libro needs a major over haul and upgrade. Volley ball court poorly located relocate and upgrade landscaping improve play ground equipment and ball diamonds
- The park on Oakwood by the old Arena need some.new equipment. It is quite old and the slide seems unsafe at times (the metal slides). Thanks for the survey!
- Trail from Deerbrook to Stoney Point. No access and nit friendly to pedestrian or bikes
- parks need to be updated fairly in areas where families are present. NEW updates should not be happening in parks that have already had updated equipment. Maidstone Park equipment is dangerous and NEEDS to be updated. This park is in a location with multiple young families that would like to know their children are safe while playing and I believe the park would be used more if the Play equipment was updated
- Lakeshore does a good job however in some areas there are extra parks while others have none or only one. Should look at where the parks should be to accommodate everyone.
- BETTER CONNECT THE PARKS WITH BIKING TRAILS
- Seeing all the fields, pools, arena, facility's going to the atlas tube centre which is not easily accessible to us then have the town suggest that we should pay more in taxes to have improvements to our local parks really upsets me. The taxes put to the centre should have been divided equally in the first place. Not paying more for poor planning. Kids around the atlas tube centre are not the only kids in lakeshore who deserve nice new park facilities or easy access to them.
- Please, please try to make the park system more naturalized. Everything is so barren! Please don't focus only on sports. Please provide trails for walking, running and biking that aren't on the road. Please provide sun coverage for existing park areas.
- More trails in Belle River and sidewalks along Blake Avenue or a trail along there
- "Permanent washrooms
- "
- " The cost per player, that goes to Lakeshore continues to go up every year. Yet we see the same level of service. If this is a pay for use kind of thing, I understand. Next I think we should have a toll booth at all of these trails to maintain them.

- I hope we have an accessible park system that all the independent communities in Lakeshore can enjoy. The kids need activities in there own area park to do. Not everyone can hop on bike or get a ride to ATC. Especially in the summertime, when their parents are working and they are staying home alone, its would be nice for them to have access to activities in their backyard. When the kids are active and interested in their community, we are all better off. They are healthier and less likely to get into trouble. Thank you for your time"
- Thank you for taking the time to hear the needs of our community.
- "The parks are well-maintained. Provide (and empty) litter containers. Parks are important to the community, but don't overthink it. They're big, open green areas. The most-used piece of playground equipment in Centennial Park is a hill.
- Don't expropriate parkland for other purposes.
- Don't over-complicate it. Do you really get many complaints about the parks in Lakeshore, or is it just ""survey time""?"
- Install a drinking fountain in the Lakeview park
- I have a safety concern with an unofficial pathway installed by the town on railway property. It joins Valentino Beach and Ross Beach. The town either installed a fence or allowed a fence to be built. A sign was posted and a gravel pathway built. That path is now a blind corner for the dozens of people that use it daily. It is always a gamble when you walk or cycle through. My young son has taken to shouting out when he approaches. Neighbours that have contacted the town have been ignored. I will also be contacting the railway with my concerns.
- Need more shaded areas
- Please add a splash pad to Libro community centre park
- would like to see the other parks getting some attention instead of just belle river and the marina
- Please do not remove any of the current adult baseball diamonds in Lakeshore! Multiple leagues rely on playing at Maidstone park behind the old arena, and if this needs to close, additional diamonds should be built elsewhere nearby (i.e. Atlas Tube?)
- Please maintain the walking paths in the winter time. Winter in lakeshore is beautiful and should be marketed as such. It is beneficial both to individuals and to communities to have people recreating in the winter rather than seeing the winter as a long season with nothing to do but escape to some place warm. Outdoor parks and rec should be a 4 season system.

42. Do you have any additional comments or concerns about the parks system in Lakeshore?

- I would like to see an ATV trail for the summer riders that extends from Tecumseh all the way to Light House Cove, I believe that this would get more families out together enjoying the outdoors and nature, rather than their heads in cell phones and computers. Something needs to be done to get more families out enjoying the natural beauty we have in Lakeshore.
- Bathrooms. Stoney Point park has two outhouses- which is great because the other bathroom is so far away from the adult league fields and always locked.
- Stop spending my taxes on Belle River! Start paying attention to the other communities around Lakeshore
- Porta potties need to be closer to play equipment in Comber, or an additional one is needed as the washrooms are not open everyday
- "1) Link parks to the "Lakeshore Greenway" (the old rail line that runs from Essex to Tilbury). Signs that direct greenway users to parks/facilities would be an added bonus. Ensure that no ATVs can enter parks or they will destroy the grass and baseball diamonds!
- 2) Don't sell ANY of the "Woodslee Memorial Park". Add benches and picnic tables to enhance this park. It is in a flood plain, so building a house/estate at that location is not advisable. No one wants to build beside a sewage treatment plant, anyways. Sell off the "Russell Woods Parkette" instead!
- 3) The "Libro Community Centre Park" is actually called the "Millen Community Park". Again, I would like to see the Town purchase the empty lot just west of the Millen Community Park's baseball diamonds to increase parking. It would be great for baseball tournaments and other large social events like the Canada Day parade and the celebrations/fireworks afterwards, which occurs every 4 years on a rotating basis.
- 4) You forgot to add "Maidstone Conservation Area". It is a popular site used by many.
- 5) Ensure that ACCESSIBILITY is kept in mind when designing ALL things in the town. Lakeshore recently passed a bylaw which says that it 'will go above and beyond' what is required by present law, the Ontario Building Code, to ensure that it is completely accessible. Examples are Automatic Door Openers, Automatic Fixtures in washrooms, Grab Bars, Adult Change Tables, etc.
- 6) Mobi-Mat is needed at the West Beach.
- 7) Do not remove playground equipment just because it has sand or pea stone underneath. We cannot afford to put in those rubber floors beneath everything! "
- maintenance is one of the biggest problems and better security. Add the CAMERAS, they are so reasonably priced now.
- Should be closed down.
- Keep the beaches, playgrounds, playground equipment clean and accessible
- I'm not sure why the tennis courts at Atlas tube wouldn't be made into proper tennis courts. There are so few courts in Lakeshore, we really need more. Tennis lessons are taught there, and you can't learn tennis properly on asphalt courts that don't have the proper surface on top.
- need the rubber matting at the parks, more lighting and more options
- Seems like Comber is not a priority to the town of Lakeshore. Belle River gets everything.
- Better ball diamond maintenance. Chalk lines.
- Portable washrooms need more frequent cleaning
- I did not see a question regarding accessibility for us to the park but I wanted to voice a concern. There is no walkway or trail to get to the park for us causing our children/families to walk on road. With one trucking company already on the road (South Middle) and another said to be moving in soon I feel the safety of our families needs to be addressed. The last thing we need is someone getting hit by a vehicle. We are definitely worried about the doubling of truck traffic in our area and added to our already busy road. We live east of the Libro Community Centre on South Middle Rd..

Discussion

When given the opportunity for open-ended comments, many took the opportunity to praise the park system in Lakeshore. "I LOVE, LOVE, LOVE that the county will be connected by trails ...", "Thanks for making me LOVE LAKESHORE.", "We think Lakeshore has done a great job creating parks.", and "Overall satisfied" all point to a high level of support. Even comments with complaints or concerns were generally specific to a particular park or facility and don't point to any dissatisfaction with the park system in general.

Very few respondents mention concern with the cost of maintaining and developing parks.

43. Email Comments received during public consultation.

- June 15, 2016 ... from Council – start to shift focus towards a new Youth program ... for youth that might not be great at sports or financially disadvantaged.
- June 15, 2016 ... information provided regarding inquiries made to ERCA regarding a wooded parcel of land north of Maidstone Park.

From ERCA - The property does appear to contain natural heritage features. The significance of these features has not yet been evaluated. Any proposed development on the subject parcel requiring *Planning Act* approvals (consents, minor variances, draft plans of subdivision, zoning by-law amendments, etc.) would be required to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), demonstrating no negative impact on the significant natural heritage features and functions in accordance with the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) natural heritage policies...However, anyone proposing any activity (removal of vegetation, filling in of the pond, etc.) within the natural feature on the subject parcel is still required to consult with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) to determine if the site may be considered regulated habitat under the Ontario *Endangered Species Act (ESA)*...

- August 04, 2016 ... request for winter garbage collection for Strong Road and Golfview Parkettes.
- August 05, 2016 ... email and air photo from staff confirming that the Town owns a 7.25 a parcel of partially forested land south east of Geralyn Tellier-Predu Memorial Park.
- August 07, 2016 ... need for seating by the swing at Memorial Park... weeds where they removed playground ... could be a butterfly garden with benches ... need evergreens to buffer sewage plant... not sure why bathrooms are not in use... the train track path would be a great trail
- August 08, 2016 ... list of recommendations received:
 - all ball diamonds should have lights.
 - remove snow from paths.
 - drinking fountains with fillers for dog dish.
 - exercise equipment in all parks.
 - More trees 'around premises and near bleachers'.
 - Bleachers behind the baseball diamond's batter's/catcher's area.
 - At ATC ... 'entrance to pool in that location'.
 - Better kayak launching access at West Beach.
 - Wheelchair accessibility at West Beach.
 - Kids activities at West Beach.
- August 09, 2016 ... email, with map and photo's referencing 'facts and figures' comparing various pathway materials and the Mobi-Math Pathway System ... Mobi Mat System is easiest to maintain, sand filters through, weather resistant, and most proficient. 2012, 2013 LAAC willing to help fund to become the first Municipal Beach to have Accessible 4 All... now we are one of the last.
- August 16, 2016 ... Town's Facebook Page Comments and/or requests:
 - Large, planned dog park.
 - New playground and basketball courts at Duck Creek Park.
 - Maintain roads and not increase parks.
 - Splashpads, bike trails and walking paths.
 - Make the demo pit in Comber Park a natural skating rink.
 - ... fire department can supply the water.
 - Improve Comber Park ... would like splashpad.
 - Improvements to park near Willowood Subdivision ... not just coat of paint.
 - Big dog park with area for small dogs. Existing not big enough for large dogs ... gets very muddy ... suggestion to look at 'big field the other side of the parking lot next to the old arena. Half is fenced already."
 - Winter skating rink at Comber...
 - Park near the old area needs updating.
 - Themed parks, splashpad, bike trails, more trees in current parks.
 - Splashpads at Stoney Point and Comber.
 - The area by the old arena needs to be updated ... get rid of the pea stone.
 - Beaches that are clean and safe for swimming.

43. Email Comments received during public consultation. (con't)

- After talking to Wave Direct I think I could negotiate FREE internet service for the park. In exchange for Lakeshore allowing them to use the tower by the fire hall as a repeater for their to service Comber area.
- September 06, 2016 ... Suggested changes and upgrades to Millen Park
 - Add a basketball hoop/court to Millen Park
 - The curve in the entrance drive is too narrow
 - Purchase vacant land to the west for additional parking.
 - Connect both Woodslee Parks to the bike/walk path on the old railway line when it is finished.

44. Email Comments received prior to start of public consultation.

- April 04, 2016 ... an updated park layout and facilities list for Stoney Point Park was sent to the Town by the soccer club.
- April 21, 2016 ... request for 'start of the season' improvements/maintenance for Stoney Point Park . i.e. new benches for novice soccer, repair benches at tyke field, spray building for bees, extra garbage and recycling containers, portable bathrooms.
- April 26, 2016 ... request (and map) for a bike/walking trail for residents in the area of the light house.
- May 15, 2016 ... a proposal for water craft rental at West Beach.
- Early Summer 2016 ... a complaint was received regarding kids jumping or lifting fences to retrieve baseballs from neighbouring back yards.

Community Services

A meeting with Community Services Advisory Group and Bezaire & Associates was held on September 06, 2016.

Below are the minutes from that meeting:

1. Introduction outlining the process, the three open houses and the acceptable level of responses being 350 responses for a community of the size of Lakeshore
2. Online survey will close this Friday September 9, 2016. Another Facebook messages was posted reminding the community of the survey deadline.
3. Sports organizations have been contacted on an individual basis.
4. Consultant presented the process to the community and identified where we were and recommended we wait for the survey response prior to initiating additional techniques to acquire more feedback.
5. The Elmstead neighbourhood was identified as a major deficiency. We will review survey comments once completed to review specific comments relating to this community area.
6. Alternative media considerations were discussed to increase community response. High confidence in the number of responses base on sound planning techniques. Survey results will be reviewed and a recommendation will be made if additional input will be required.
7. High level of traffic on the latest post on the Town Facebook page regarding the survey deadline. 700 review I the first day of posting.
8. The committee identified the lack of staff to adequately support the parks system. This may require an operational recommendation to adequately support the future parks system.
9. The restroom limitations were discussed, and Porta-Johns were identified as an alternative. This solution will need to be review and resolved with the appropriate recommendation.
10. The farmers market in Optimist Park, struggles with restroom facilities.
11. Committee identified full season access to the parks. Issue of snow, waste and restroom facilities will need to be addressed.
12. Toboggan hill at Stoney Point is almost inaccessible during the winter months. Lakeshore is currently unable to clear parking field snow.
13. Parkland dedication will need to be addressed to ensure required parkland for subdivision development is properly utilized to provide the right level of service. Small lot playgrounds such as Helena park or Terra Lou Park need to be reviewed and perhaps recommendations to consolidate parkland to better support neighbourhoods.

Youth Services

A meeting with Youth Services Advisory Committee and Bezaire & Associates was held on September 06, 2016.

The following questions were asked to facilitate discussion:

1. Where do the youth prefer to “hangout” in Lakeshore?
2. How do you get to the parks?
3. How well are the parks connected, and does that matter?
4. What do you prefer to do in your parks?
 - a. Organized sports?
 - b. Passive recreation?
5. Is Lakeshore Park West or Lakeview Park important to the youth of Lakeshore?
6. Where is the coolest park in Lakeshore?
7. What would be the coolest activity to introduce to any park in lakeshore?

Below is a list of points taken from that meeting:

1. Preferred youth activities
 - a. Run, walk socialize outdoors
2. Limitations – lack of water refilling stations
3. Preferred hang out in town – Tim Hortons
4. Snack Shack on the beach is popular
5. Enjoy spending time at Lakeview utilizing secondary seating opportunities to create a destination for social interaction
6. Beach volleyball is popular- high desire to play night volleyball at the beach
7. Wi-Fi access at the beach would be cool
8. Parks make for a great destination for interaction
9. Trail need to be wide enough to walk with friends
10. Trees are the best area for seating at the park
11. Kids avoid Optimist because of the adjacency to the OPP station, particular conflict with the skate park
12. Optimist willows create a wonderful sense of place

13. Other parks in the system are not utilized to no organized uses.
14. Turf grass and shade are important factors for park usage
15. After dark access to waterfront park would be nice, adequate lighting, festival lighting (festoon light)
16. After dark volleyball at the beach – Cool hang out
17. Tables and seating on the slopes of Lakeview Park would be nice
18. Secondary seating throughout the park to support youth, unorganized activities
19. Movie night in the park is successful (promotes the youth to use the park)
20. More trees for shelter at all parks
21. Make the Lakeview or West Beach Park better for hosting activities
22. for the youth in the community
 - a. Fun runs
 - b. Colour runs
 - c. Amazing race style events
22. Gaga Ball

CONCLUSIONS

Desire for the youth of Lakeshore to hang out at the Town's greatest asset, the waterfront.

Accessibility Committee

A meeting with Accessibility Advisory Committee and Bezaire & Associates was held on September 07, 2016. An accessibility audit and report on the Towns parks was provided.

Below are the meeting minutes:

1. Process in data collection, open houses, online survey
2. Meeting to focus on access to and thru the parks
3. Maintain activity in the parks for all users
4. Create change throughout Lakeshore
5. Good cross section of data
6. Next steps will overlay the planning effort, what is the right size and distribution of amenities throughout the parks system
7. Policy change for universally accessible
8. Information required for every Park, we will review the entire scope of the work to be included
9. Review accessibility information received by Lakeshore
10. Full accessibility for access, how do children play
11. All-inclusive play, do not segregate play activities
12. Play structures are problematic, capital and maintenance
13. Lakeshore is experimenting with a new chip system at L. Lions Parks
14. Wood chips can work
15. West beach signage for barrier free parking needs replacement
16. Parking- is always an issue
17. Accessibility in every park, share services for programming
18. Amy Croft, Russell Woods, Staples Community.....
19. 5 Communities centers in Lakeshore
20. Walking the path around the river is enjoyable
21. Programming for the parks should be standardized
22. Access for parkland for residential – important for all in the community
23. Park number 20 is Legion Park (8 is Oakwood)
24. Communication strategy for parks
25. Trails are great for connectivity and recreation
26. Trail system Coppers Mill - trail started in the woods
27. County Road CWATS plan

Accessibility Committee

28. Width of path standards 10' min.
29. Scooter space between speed road bumps openings for scooter
30. Bathrooms
31. Lights parkettes
32. Where are the Cooper Mills Parks
33. Storm water pond, wanted to enhance the storm water area, require new berms
34. Restrooms, Comber all are accessible
35. Optimist park requires a restroom. 11- restrooms in the community to be reviewed
36. Lighting issues in all restrooms
37. Should the marina proper be part of the plan
38. The marina is a commercial enterprise
39. Gate access at the marina, everything should be accessible (Access. Standards)
40. Legislation for retro fits
41. Practical solutions

CONCLUSIONS

Universal accessibility will become a foundation for the planning decisions moving forward. Ensure all deficiencies from the Town of Lakeshore Accessibility Plan are incorporated and accounted for in the Parks Condition Report.

Meetings With Sports Groups

A meeting was held with **Rochester Slow Pitch League** on September 09, 2016.

Below are the meeting minutes:

Feedback regrading the current facilities for sporting activities

Kelly Laduc

- Have 14 teams Rochester Slo-Pitch League 3 teams waiting to join
- Need more diamonds
- Sunday mix league needs more diamonds Chris Fenton
- Men's league (husband) need more diamonds
- Large demographic playing baseball

1. Quality and capacity of the facilities?

- Need more diamonds

2. Growth for future development? No of teams.... Limitations to size of organization

- Limited play time

3. Tournaments, can you host them. Optimum size for a tournament.

- In house tournament

4. Maintenance?

- Liability issue with the town, cannot maintain diamonds

5. Time of play?

- limited

CONCLUSIONS

Baseball is well supported in the community. Benchmarking facilities against provincial standards may create a conflict that will not support additional diamonds as the plan will look to provide equitable play for all spots across the system.

Meetings With Sports Groups

Discussions were held with representative(s) from the **Cricket Club**

Below points taken from those discussions:

1. Quality and capacity of the facilities?
 - Facility turf is less than ideal
 - Restrooms
 - Shade
 - Pavilion, for family outings. Matches are typically several hours long.
 - Only bowl in one direction
2. Growth for future development? No of teams.... Limitations to size of organization
 - Better pitch would allow US teams to compete in Lakeshore
 - Better clearance zone, swings have encroached on play, Unsafe condition
3. Tournaments, can you host them. Optimum size for a tournament.
 - They host many teams from out of town
 - They play this Friday at 6pm
 - Off to London Sunday
4. Maintenance?
 - Pitch turf is expensive
 - A higher level pitch would allow teams from the US to participate
 - Stabilized crushed aggregate surface behind wickets
 - 10' area adjacent to pitch area, short grass better transition between natural turf and synthetic surface
5. Time of play?
 - Play during the summer, need warm weather for bowling and hitting
 - North south orientation preferred for setting sun to be out of bowler or hitters eyes

CONCLUSIONS

As River Ridge has developed, new conflicts have been created limiting the use of the cricket pitch. Building on other recommendations, a new master site design and re-classification of River Ridge park may provide an opportunity to eliminate the current conflicts and open up both end of the cricket pitch for proper, safe play.

Meetings With Sports Groups

An Email questionnaire was completed on behalf of **Stoney Point Soccer**.

The resulting discussion is below:

1. Topic - Quality and capacity of the facilities?
Discussion - Currently have 8 soccer fields (3 full size for ages 10 and up, 3 mid size tyke fields for ages 7 to 9, and 2 novice size fields for ages 4 to 6). Quality of our fields is average as they could use some attention levelling and reseeding.
2. Topic - Growth for future development?
Discussion - Number of teams.... Limitations to size of organization - Currently we have 420 players throughout our divisions. House League is 315 players and 46 coaches across 22 teams. Travel League is 80 players (prior house league players) on 4 teams. Adult Co-ed League is 100 players across 6 teams. We have been consistently increasing our Club size over the past 3 years and have the ability to continue growing. To our Club we register families from Stoney Point, Belle River, St. Joachim, Comber, Woodslee, Tilbury. For our Adult League we have players travelling from across Essex County (i.e. Leamington, Amherstburg, LaSalle) and Windsor to play in Stoney Point.
3. Topic - Tournaments, can you host them?
Discussion - Optimum size for a tournament. Our Day of Champions is set up like a one-day tournament every year but we have never hosted a tournament with outside teams or centers participating. We have considered hosting a tournament as our travel teams are part of the Sun County Soccer League consisting of Essex County teams and some teams in Chatham Kent.

4. Topic - Maintenance?

Discussion - Currently the only maintenance that we require is grass cutting. We receive assistance from the Town of Lakeshore purchasing the soccer nets for our goals. We are extremely grateful for the work the Town of Lakeshore did for our Club last year putting a new roof on the park building that houses our soccer Club and equipment.

5. Topic - Time of play?

Discussion - House League soccer season starts at the end of April until the end of June on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings. Adult Co-ed League soccer starts mid May until the end of August on Monday evenings. Travel soccer teams begin practicing mid June and playing games and practices from late June thru mid August. Travel games and practices can be played any weeknight and sometimes weekends. The two local elementary schools St. Paul and Annunciation use two of the soccer fields until early October for their school teams.

CONCLUSIONS

The Town of Lakeshore should explore partnership opportunities with sports organization to facilitate enhance maintenance and potential funding opportunities.

Feedback regrading the current facilities for sporting activities

Belle River Minor Soccer -Phone discussion August 31, 2016

Rad Stevanovic

1. Quality and capacity of the facilities?

quality of the fields is poor condition according to Rad

Capacity of available fields is down, however the new pitches on the west side of ATC will increase capacity for play

Quality of the fields is substandard, field require irrigation

2. Growth for future development?

No: of teams.... Limitations to size of organization 1200 participants

Currently have 16 pitches, adding 12 more on the west of ATC

Consolidation of all pitches would be preferred

Do not like the 16 pitches on the east being separated from the 12 new pitches on the west

Family members try to watch various age groups on the same day is difficult

POTENTIAL RECOMMENDATION

Create a new soccer area on the west side of the ATC site, open the east for other sports (future baseball or cricket)

3. Tournaments, can you host them?

Optimum size for a tournament. Cannot host class A travel – requires artificial turf playing surface

Canteen pavilion, between facilities or centralized would support all fields

4. Maintenance?

would like some irrigation on the main pitches (cost issue)

Feel storage space is inadequate

5. Time of play?

Time of play is adequate

River Ridge Park was not an ideal situation, once ATC west site is online, River Ridge park will cease to support BRMS



Feedback regarding the current facilities for sporting activities

St. Clair Sailing Club

1. Quality and capacity of the facilities?
 - New Service building
 - Washrooms, showers and laundry 24hr pin access
 - Outdoor patio
 - Privacy gates
 - Security
 - Upgraded gas docks
 - 5000 lbs hoist, gin pole, dinghy ramp
 - Private docking SCSC members
 - Kids sailing program

2. Growth for future development? No: of crew registrations.... Limitations to size of organization
 - office and meeting rooms for organization

3. Regattas, can you host them. Support facilities, lifts gin poles etc.

4. Maintenance, permanent docks, transient capacity?
 - 24 hr security, code access to facilities

Feedback regrading the current facilities for sporting activities

Belle River Minor Baseball -emailed August 12, 2016, August 23, 2016 (additional questions)

September 6th 1pm Belle River

1. Quality and capacity of the facilities?
 - -3 diamonds at Lions, 2 at Optimist
 - Need better t-ball and first pitch diamonds
 - Diamonds in fait to good condition
 - More shelter for spectators
 - Perhaps a grand stand
 - Premiere facility
 - Ball tower on main field for player announcement
2. Growth for future development? No of teams.... Limitations to size of organization
 - 350 participants, see more growth
 - Practice facility – all year
 - Who own property to the south of Lions
3. Tournaments, can you host them. Optimum size for a tournament.
 - Limited overnight stay hospitality in the area for tournaments
4. Maintenance?
 - Prepared to create and work with the town to establish a lease agreement, to open up potential funding sources
 - Batting cages need some attention
 - Synthetic infield on the premiere diamond
 - Restroom issue on east end of park
 - Add misters and shade (Perhaps shade sails)
5. Time of play?
 - Covert to LED

Appendix H

Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update Open House Panels

What is a **Parks Masterplan?**

A Parks Masterplan is a review of existing parks and parks facilities including:

- Neighbourhood Parks
- Community Parks
- Natural Areas/Woodlots
- Trails & Linkages
- Sports Fields

It will also determine the need for new facilities based on population, community needs, and new trends in recreation.

Why Do we Need it?

A Parks Masterplan provides an opportunity to periodically assess the **changing recreation needs** of the community and **determine if those needs are being properly met.**

The result of the planning process is a series of **recommendations** that will be considered by Town Council, and if adopted will be the **road map** for the next decade or more.

What it **is** and what it **isn't!**

It isn't an actual site plan for each park. Things won't necessarily be built exactly where and as shown.

It is a masterplan or a set of design guidelines to be considered as part of future design work.

It includes the **types of ways that people will experience their parks and what's required to support that.**

Why this **meeting?**

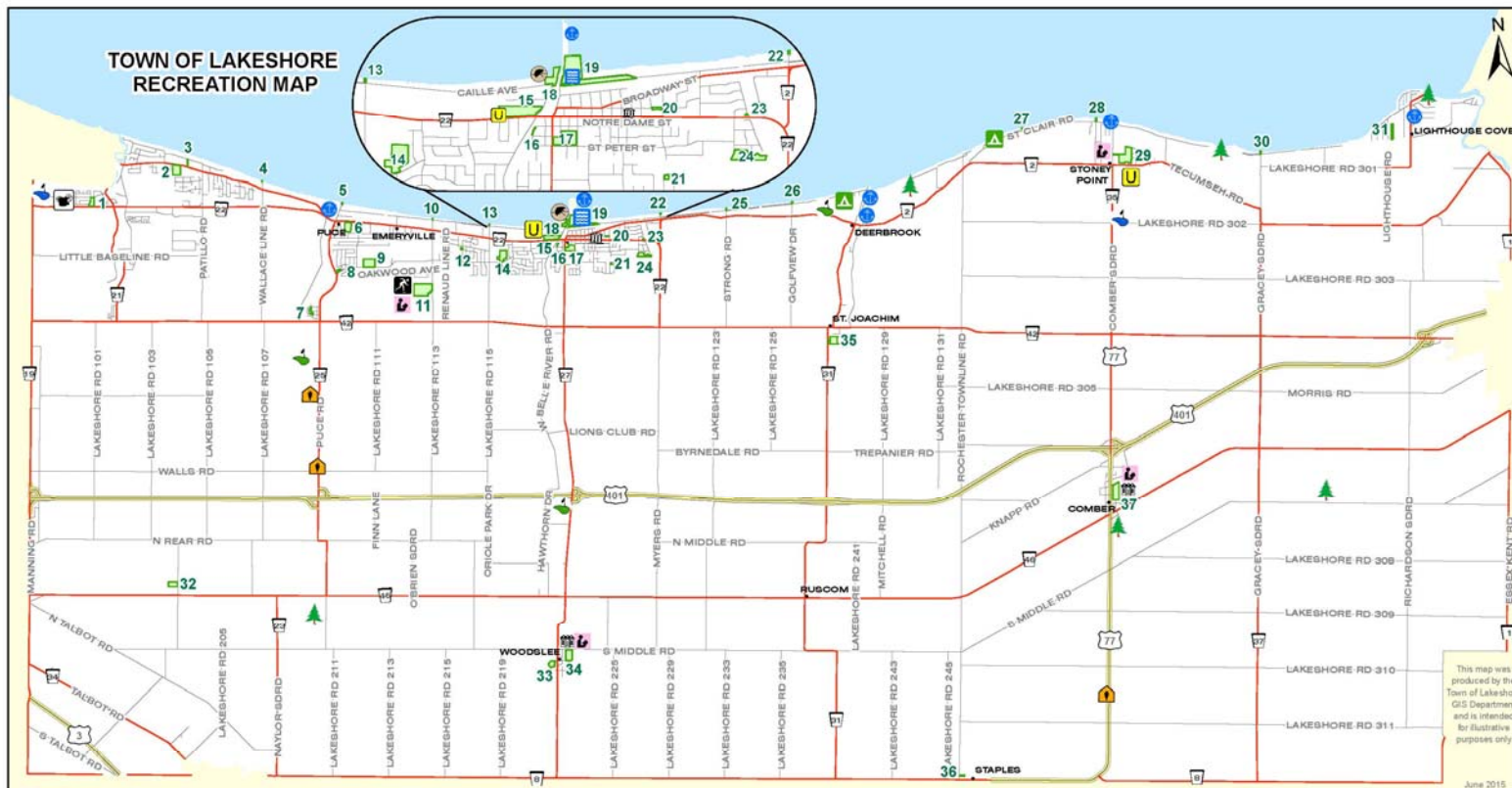
A previous Community Services Masterplan touched on Parks and Recreation issues to some extent.

However, **this is the first true Parks Masterplan** to be prepared for Lakeshore.

This meeting is **your opportunity to have input** into the plan. Your opinion is important.

Please tell us what you think!

TOWN OF LAKESHORE PARKS



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June 2015

ARENA	GOLF COURSE	PARK INDEX	
BEACH	LIBRARY	1, ST CLAIR SHORES PARK	10, RENAUD LINE LAKEFRONT PARKLETTE
CAMPGROUND	MARINA	2, LEFFLER PEACE PARK	11, ATLAS TUBE CENTRE
CINEMA	MUSEUM	3, RUSSEL WOODS PARKETTE	12, GIRARD PARK
COMMUNITY CENTRE	SKATE PARK	4, WALLACE LINE LAKEFRONT PARKLETTE	13, ROURKE LINE LAKEFRONT PARKLETTE
CONSERVATION AREA	SPLASH PAD	5, PUCE ROAD LAKEFRONT PARKLETTE	14, MAIDSTONE PARK
DRIVING RANGE	TOWN HALL	6, CENTENNIAL PARK	15, OPTIMIST PARK
		7, RIVER DOWNS PARK	16, JOHNSON RIVERVIEW PARK
		8, OAKWOOD PARK	17, LADOUCEUR/LIONS PARK
		9, RIVER RIDGE PARK	18, LAKESHORE PARK WEST BEACH
			19, LAKEVIEW PARK
			20, LEGION PARK
			21, HELENA PARK
			22, STUART LANE LAKEFRONT PARKLETTE
			23, TERRA LOU PARK
			24, DUCK CREEK PARK
			25, STRONG ROAD LAKEFRONT PARKLETTE
			26, GOLFVIEW DRIVE LAKEFRONT PARKLETTE
			27, ST CLAIR ROAD LAKEFRONT PARKLETTE
			28, STONEY POINT LAKEFRONT PARKLETTE
			29, STONEY POINT PARK
			30, GRACEY SIDEROAD LAKEFRONT PARKLETTE
			31, LIONS PARK
			32, PLEASANT PARK
			33, WOODSLEE MEMORIAL PARK
			34, LIBRO COMMUNITY CENTRE & LIBRARY
			35, GERALYN TELLIER-PREDU MEMORIAL PARK
			36, STAPLES COMMUNITY PARK
			37, COMBER FAIRGROUNDS PARK

PARK	PLAY AREAS				FURNISHINGS				STRUCTURES				PARKING				MISCELLANEOUS						
	Play Equipment	Open Play Area	Hard Surface Play Area	Soft Surface Play Area	Wood Benches	Steel Benches	Tables	Trash Receptacle	Dog Waste Bags	Dog Waste Receptacle	Recycle Station	Amphitheatre	Pavilion	Park Lighting	On-Site Parking	Street Parking	Bicycle Parking	Basketball	Park Lighting	Flag Pole	Trees	Other Plantings	Walking Paths
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2, Leffler Peace Park																							
3, Russel Woods Parkette																							
4, Wallace Line Lakefront Parkette																							
5, Puce Road Lakefront Parkette																							
6, Centennial Park																							
7, River Downs Park																							
8, Oakwood Park																							
9, River Ridge Park																							
10, Renaud Line Lakefront Parkette																							
11, Atlas Tube Centre																							
12, Girard Park																							
13, Rourke Line Lakefront Parkette																							
14, Maidstone Park																							
15, Optimist Park																							
16, Johnson Riverview Park																							
17, Lakeshore/Lions Park																							
18, Lakeshore Park West Beach																							
19, Lakeview Park																							

PARK FEATURES

PARK	Play Equipment	Open Play Area	Hard Surface Play Area	Soft Surface Play Area	Sports Facilities	Natural Features	Wood Benches	Steel Benches	Tables	Trash Receptacle	Dog Waste Bags	Dog Waste Receptacle	Recycle Station	Amphitheatre	Pavilion	Park Lighting	On-Site Parking	Street Parking	Bicycle Parking	Basketball	Park Lighting	Flag Pole	Trees	Other Plantings	Walking Paths	
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TOWN OF LAKESHORE TRAILS MASTERPLAN

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

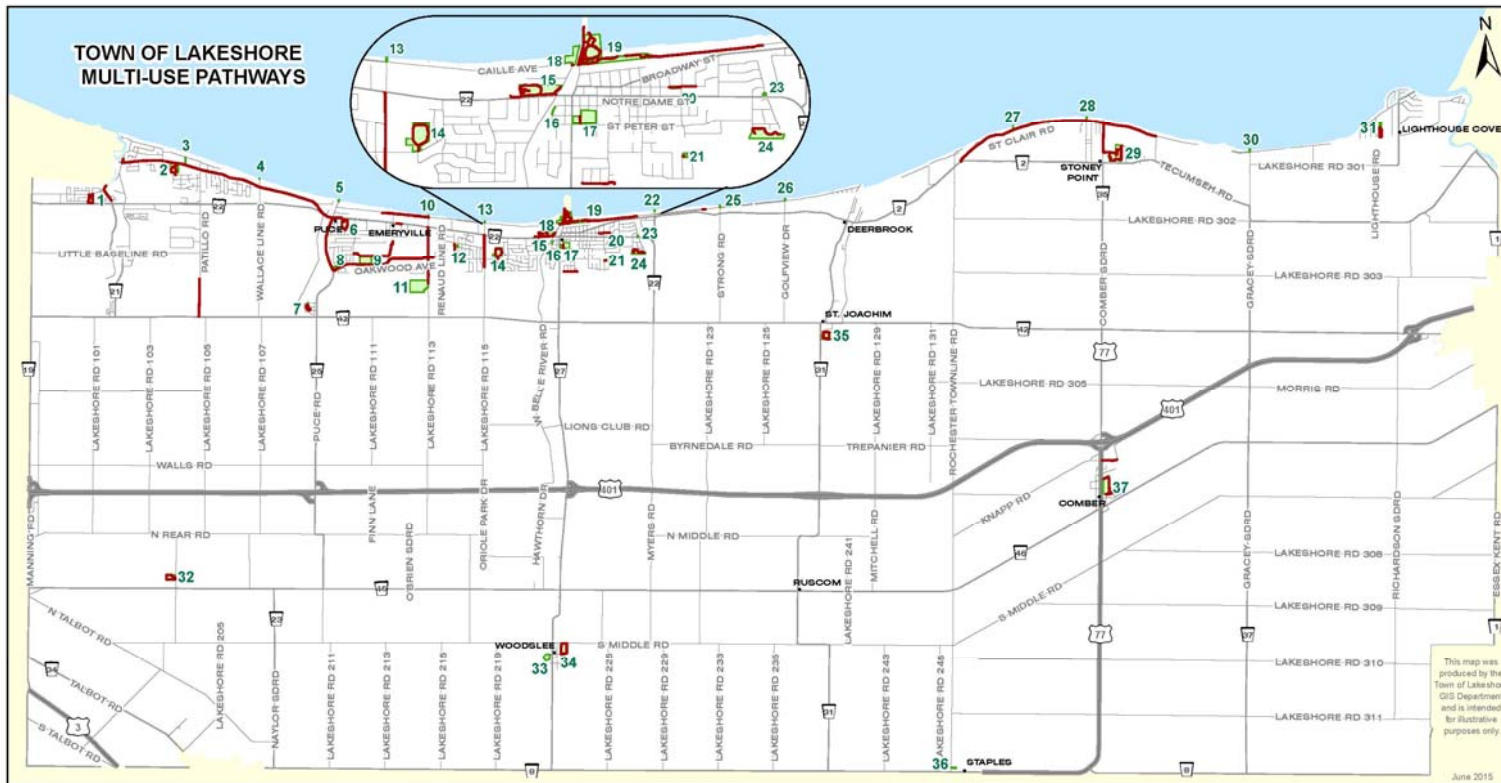
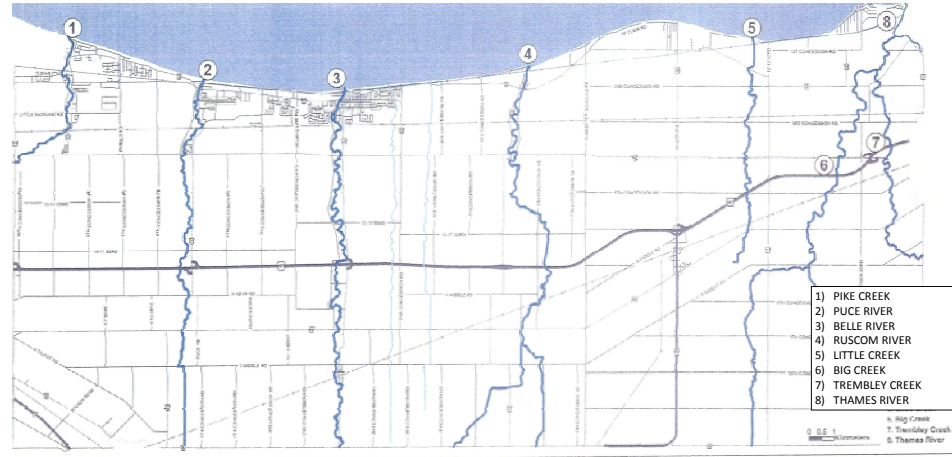
GOALS:

- To develop a town-wide, non-motorized trail system by identifying, acquiring, securing access and maintaining trail opportunities, such as floodplains, railroad right-of-ways, utility line maintenance paths, rural roads – right of ways, waterways and other open spaces which offer unique opportunities for the creation of lands and water-based (Blue Trails) independent trails which should be set aside for future development.
- To ensure access to trails on public lands and waterways and develop a system that will be safe and readily accessible.
- To provide an alternative mode of transportation for residents, visitors and tourists.

OBJECTIVES:

- Provide multi-use, non-motorized recreation and leisure opportunities within the trails/trail access system, including pedestrian, equestrian, bicycle, water-based and special needs trails
- Develop a specific area for motorized trails, if possible.
- Encourage the acquisition of lands for trails and linkages to surrounding municipalities and other trails.
- Preserve existing historic trails including those on public lands and waterways.
- Support the access needs of residents with physical, mental or other challenges.

TRAILS MASTERPLAN POTENTIAL WATER ROUTES



TOWN OF LAKESHORE SPORTS FACILITIES

- 6) CENTENNIAL PARK**
- 2 BASEBALL DIAMONDS WITH DUGOUTS AND BLEACHERS
 - 1 CONCRETE BASKETBALL COURT
 - 1 CRICKET PITCH



- 9) RIVER RIDGE PARK**
- 3 SOCCER FIELDS



- 11) ATLAS TUBE CENTRE**
- SOCCER FIELDS
 - TENNIS COURTS
 - BASKETBALL COURTS



- 14) MAIDSTONE PARK**
- 2 BASEBALL DIAMONDS WITH DUGOUTS AND BLEACHERS
 - SAND VOLLEYBALL
 - TENNIS COURT



- 15) OPTIMIST PARK**
- 2 BASEBALL DIAMONDS WITH DUGOUTS AND BLEACHERS



- 17) LADOUCEUR/LIONS PARK**
- 3 BASEBALL DIAMONDS WITH DUGOUTS AND BLEACHERS



- 29) STONEY POINT PARK**
- 8 SOCCER FIELDS
 - SAND VOLLEYBALL



- 34) LIBRO COMMUNITY CENTRE**
- 3 BASEBALL DIAMONDS WITH DUGOUTS AND BLEACHERS



- 35) GERALYN TELLIER-PERDU MEMORIAL PARK**
- 3 BASEBALL DIAMONDS WITH DUGOUTS AND BLEACHERS
 - BASKETBALL COURT



- 37) COMBER FAIRGROUNDS PARK**
- 2 BASEBALL DIAMONDS WITH DUGOUTS AND BLEACHERS



- 1) ST. CLAIR PARK**
- BASKETBALL COURT



- 2) LEFFLER PEACE PARK**
- 2 TENNIS COURTS
 - SAND VOLLEYBALL



- 18) LAKESHORE PARK WEST**
- SAND VOLLEYBALL ON BEACH



- 19) LAKEVIEW PARK**
- BASKETBALL COURT
 - 2 SAND VOLLEYBALL COURTS



TOWN OF LAKESHORE PARKS

1) ST. CLAIR SHORES PARK



AMENITIES/FEATURES:

- PLAY EQUIPMENT
- BASKETBALL COURT
- OPEN PLAY AREA
- SEATING AND TABLES
- WALKING PATH
- ON SITE PARKING



2) LEFFLER PEACE PARK



AMENITIES/FEATURES:

- ACCESSIBLE PLAY EQUIPMENT
- OPEN PLAY AREA
- SINGLE BASKETBALL NET
- SEATING AND TABLES
- PAVILION
- PARK LIGHTING
- TENNIS COURTS
- SAND VOLLEYBALL
- WALKING PATHS
- WASHROOM
- ON SITE PARKING



3) RUSSEL WOODS PARKETTE



AMENITIES/FEATURES:

- BENCHES
- OPEN SPACE
- PASSIVE PARK



4) WALLACE LINE LAKEFRONT PARKETTE



AMENITIES/FEATURES:

- PASSIVE PARKETTE
- BENCH SEATING
- LAKE VIEW
- STONE PATH TO LAKE
- PARKING



5) PUCE ROAD LAKEFRONT PARKETTE



AMENITIES/FEATURES:

- PASSIVE PARKETTE
- BENCH SEATING
- LAKEVIEW
- STONE PATH TO LAKE
- PARKING

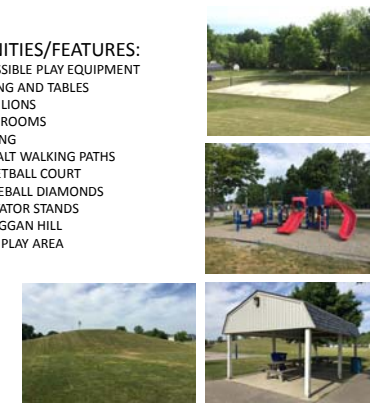


6) CENTENNIAL PARK



AMENITIES/FEATURES:

- ACCESSIBLE PLAY EQUIPMENT
- SEATING AND TABLES
- 2 PAVILIONS
- WASHROOMS
- PARKING
- ASPHALT WALKING PATHS
- BASKETBALL COURT
- 2 BASEBALL DIAMONDS
- SPECTATOR STANDS
- TOBOGGAN HILL
- OPEN PLAY AREA



TOWN OF LAKESHORE PARKS

7) RIVER DOWNS PARK



AMENITIES/FEATURES:

- PLAY EQUIPMENT
- SEATING
- WALKING PATH
- POND



8) OAKWOOD PARK



AMENITIES/FEATURES:

- PLAY EQUIPMENT
- SEATING
- OPEN PLAY AREA
- PARKING



9) RIVER RIDGE PARK



AMENITIES/FEATURES:

- PLAY EQUIPMENT
- OPEN PLAY AREA
- PARKING
- SEATING AND TABLES
- PARKING
- ASPHALT WALKING PATH
- SOCCER FIELDS
- CRICKET FIELD



10) RENAUD LINE LAKEFRONT PARKETTE



AMENITIES/FEATURES:

- PASSIVE PARKETTE
- BENCH SEATING
- LAKE VIEW
- STONE PATH TO LAKE
- PARKING



11) ATLAS TUBE CENTRE



AMENITIES/FEATURES:

- 16 SOCCER FIELDS
- 4 TENNIS COURTS
- HARD SURFACE COURTS
- SPLASH PAD
- 5k MULTI-PURPOSE TRAIL



TOWN OF LAKESHORE PARKS

12) GIRARD PARK



- AMENITIES/FEATURES:**
- PLAY EQUIPMENT
 - SEATING



13) ROURKE LINE LAKEFRONT PARKETTE



- AMENITIES/FEATURES:**
- PASSIVE PARKETTE
 - BENCH SEATING
 - SAND BEACH
 - STONE PATH TO LAKE
 - PARKING



14) MAIDSTONE PARK



- AMENITIES/FEATURES:**
- PLAY EQUIPMENT
 - SEATING
 - WASHROOMS
 - PARK LIGHTING
 - ASPHALT WALKING PATH
 - 2 BASEBALL DIAMONDS
 - SPECTATOR SEATING
 - PARKING
 - SAND VOLLEYBALL



15) OPTIMIST PARK



- AMENITIES/FEATURES:**
- SEATING AND TABLES
 - PAVILION
 - GAZEBO AT HEALING GARDEN
 - PARKING
 - BARBECUES
 - DOG PARK
 - ACCESSIBLE PLAY EQUIPMENT
 - EXERCISE EQUIPMENT
 - 2 BASEBALL DIAMONDS
 - SPECTATOR SEATING
 - SKATEBOARD PARK



16) JOHNSON RIVERVIEW



- AMENITIES/FEATURES:**
- RIVERFRONT TRAIL
 - GAZEBO
 - PICNIC TABLE
 - SEATING
 - OPEN SPACE
 - PASSIVE PARK



17) LADOUCEUR/LIONS PARK



- AMENITIES/FEATURES:**
- 3 BASEBALL DIAMONDS
 - SPECTATOR STANDS
 - PLAY EQUIPMENT
 - SEATING
 - PICNIC TABLES
 - PAVILION
 - WASHROOMS



TOWN OF LAKESHORE PARKS

18) LAKESHORE PARK WEST BEACH



AMENITIES/FEATURES:

- SAND BEACH
- SEATING
- PICNIC TABLES
- PAVILION
- WASHROOMS
- SNACKBAR
- SAND VOLLEYBALL
- BEACH



19) LAKEVIEW PARK



AMENITIES/FEATURES:

- ACCESSIBLE PLAY EQUIPMENT
- BASKETBALL COURT
- 2 SAND VOLLEYBALL
- SPLASH PAD
- SEATING AND TABLES
- AMPHITHEATRE/PAVILION
- FISHING PLATFORM
- GAZEBO
- WASHROOMS
- OPEN PLAY AREA
- PARKING
- PARK LIGHTING
- BARBEQUES
- WALKING PATHS LINKED TO TOWN TRAILS



20) LEGION PARK

AMENITIES/FEATURES:

- ASPHALT WALKING PATH



21) HELENA PARK



AMENITIES/FEATURES:

- PLAY EQUIPMENT
- BENCH SEATING
- OPEN PLAY AREA



22) STUART LANE LAKEFRONT PARKETTE



AMENITIES/FEATURES:

- BENCH SEATING
- LAKE VIEW
- SAND BEACH
- STONE PATH TO LAKE
- PARKING



TOWN OF LAKESHORE PARKS

23) TERRA LOU PARK

- AMENITIES/FEATURES:
- PLAY EQUIPMENT
 - PICNIC TABLE



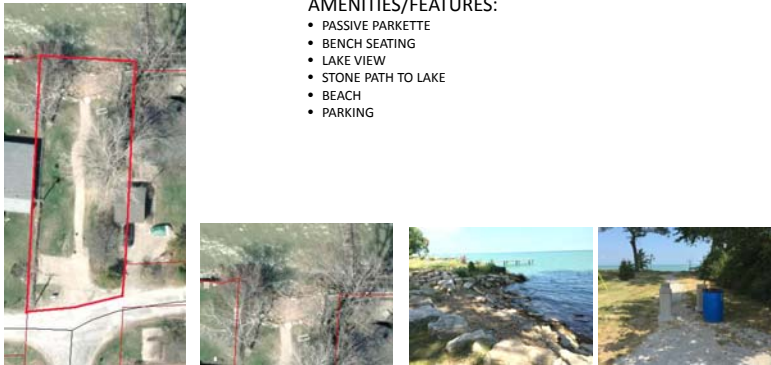
24) DUCK CREEK PARK

- AMENITIES/FEATURES:
- PLAY EQUIPMENT
 - RETENTION POND
 - OPEN PLAY AREA
 - SEATING
 - WALKING PATH
 - TOBOGGAN HILL



25) STRONG ROAD LAKEFRONT PARKETTE

- AMENITIES/FEATURES:
- PASSIVE PARKETTE
 - BENCH SEATING
 - LAKE VIEW
 - STONE PATH TO LAKE
 - BEACH
 - PARKING



26) GOLFOVIEW DRIVE LAKEFRONT PARKETTE

- AMENITIES/FEATURES:
- PASSIVE PARKETTE
 - BENCH SEATING
 - LAKE VIEW
 - STONE PATH TO LAKE
 - PARKING



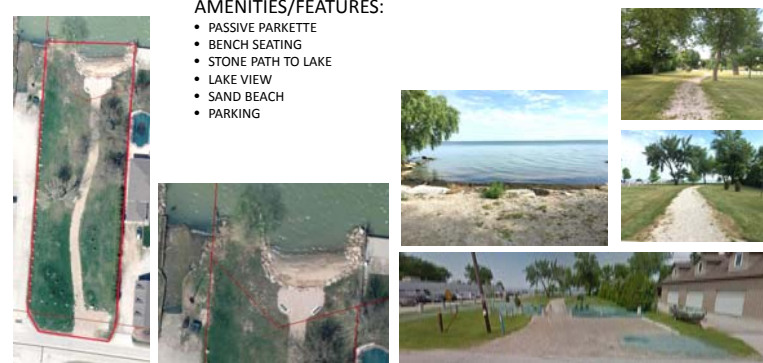
27) ST. CLAIR ROAD LAKEFRONT PARKETTE

- AMENITIES/FEATURES:
- PASSIVE PARKETTE
 - BENCH SEATING
 - LAKE VIEW
 - STONE PATH TO LAKE
 - BEACH
 - PARKING



28) STONEY POINT LAKEFRONT PARKETTE

- AMENITIES/FEATURES:
- PASSIVE PARKETTE
 - BENCH SEATING
 - STONE PATH TO LAKE
 - LAKE VIEW
 - SAND BEACH
 - PARKING



TOWN OF LAKESHORE PARKS

29) STONEY POINT PARK



AMENITIES/FEATURES:

- ACCESSIBLE PLAY EQUIPMENT
- SEATING AND TABLES
- PAVILION W/ HYDRO
- KITCHEN FACILITIES
- BARBEQUES
- WASHROOMS
- ASPHALT WALKING PATH
- SAND VOLLEYBALL
- 8 SOCCER FIELDS
- SPECTATOR STANDS
- TOBOGGAN HILL
- SKATEBOARD PARK
- PARKING



30) GRACEY SIDEROAD LAKEFRONT PARKETTE



AMENITIES/FEATURES:

- PASSIVE PARKETTE
- BENCH SEATING
- LAKE VIEW
- STONE PATH TO LAKE
- PARKING



31) LIONS PARK



AMENITIES/FEATURES:

- PLAY EQUIPMENT
- TABLES
- PAVILLION W/ HYDRO
- WASHROOMS
- PARKING
- PARK LIGHTING
- WALKING PATHS
- WATERFRONT BOARDWALK
- OPEN PLAY AREA



32) SHANAHAN PARK (formerly PLEASANT PARK)



AMENITIES/FEATURES:

- PLAY EQUIPMENT
- SEATING AND TABLES
- PAVILLION
- WASHROOMS (AT FIREHALL)
- OPEN PLAY AREA
- ASPHALT WALKING PATH
- PARKING



33) WOODSLEE MEMORIAL PARK



AMENITIES/FEATURES:

- PLAY EQUIPMENT
- PAVILLION W/ BARBEQUE
- WASHROOMS
- OPEN PLAY AREA
- TREED AREA
- ADJACENT TO NATURAL AREA



34) LIBRO COMMUNITY CENTRE & LIBRARY



AMENITIES/FEATURES:

- PLAY EQUIPMENT
- SEATING AND TABLES
- SNACK BAR
- WASHROOMS
- 3 BASEBALL DIAMONDS
- SPECTATOR SEATING
- ASPHALT WALKING PATH
- ADJACENT LIBRARY & COMMUNITY CENTRE
- PARKING



TOWN OF LAKESHORE PARKS

35) GERALYN TELLIER-PERDU MEMORIAL PARK



- AMENITIES/FEATURES:**
- PLAY EQUIPMENT
 - SEATING AND TABLES
 - PAVILION W/ HYDRO
 - SNACK BAR
 - KITCHEN FACILITIES
 - WASHROOMS
 - 3 BASEBALL DIAMONDS
 - SPECTATOR STANDS
 - BASKETBALL COURT
 - ASPHALT WALKING PATH
 - PARKING
 - TIME CAPSULE



36) STAPLES COMMUNITY PARK

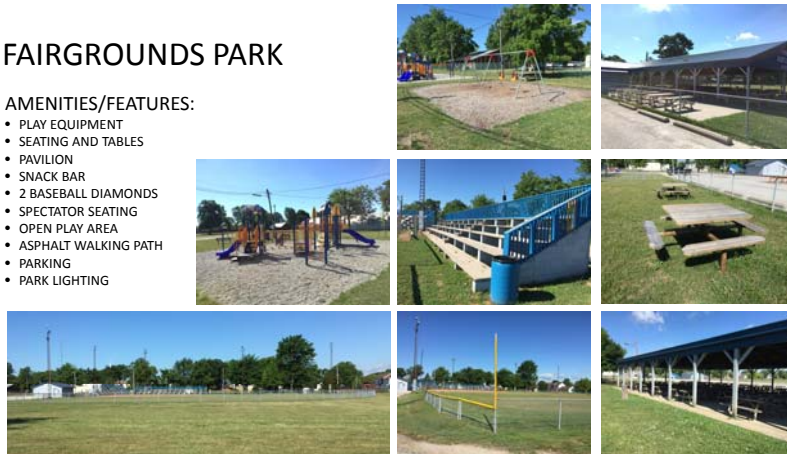


- AMENITIES/FEATURES:**
- PLAY EQUIPMENT
 - PARKING
 - OPEN PLAY AREA

37) COMBER FAIRGROUNDS PARK



- AMENITIES/FEATURES:**
- PLAY EQUIPMENT
 - SEATING AND TABLES
 - PAVILION
 - SNACK BAR
 - 2 BASEBALL DIAMONDS
 - SPECTATOR SEATING
 - OPEN PLAY AREA
 - ASPHALT WALKING PATH
 - PARKING
 - PARK LIGHTING



TOWN OF LAKESHORE CONSERVATION AREAS

1) TREMBLAY BEACH CONSERVATION AREA



- AMENITIES/FEATURES:**
- ON LAKE ST. CLAIR
 - LITTLE CREEK ON EAST SIDE
 - TRAILS ALONG THE LAKE AND CREEK
 - VIEWING TOWER OVERLOOKING MARSH
 - PARKING
 - PORTABLE WASHROOMS
 - PICNIC TABLES



2) RUSCOM SHORES CONSERVATION AREA



- AMENITIES/FEATURES:**
- 48 h NATURAL MARSHLAND
 - ALONG LAKE ST. CLAIR
 - MANAGED/MAINTAINED TRAILS
 - TALLGRASS PRAIRIE
 - SPRING BIRDING
 - WATERFOWL AND SHOREBIRDS
 - PARKING
 - VIEWING TOWER
 - PAVILLION
 - PORTABLE WASHROOMS



3) BIG O CONSERVATION AREA



- AMENITIES/FEATURES:**
- 48.5 h NATURAL AREA
 - NATURE TRAILS
 - BIRDING
 - PARKING



4) LIGHTHOUSE CONSERVATION AREA



- AMENITIES/FEATURES:**
- 1 h NATURAL AREA
 - LOCATED AT THE MOUTH OF THE THAMES RIVER AT LAKE ST. CLAIR
 - 200 YEAR OLD LIGHTHOUSE

5) ROWSOM'S TILBURY WEST CONSERVATION AREA



- AMENITIES/FEATURES:**
- 25.5 h NATURAL AREA
 - PICNIC SHELTERS
 - FISHING
 - HIKING TRAILS
 - WETLAND HABITAT
 - DESIGNATED MEMORIAL FOREST



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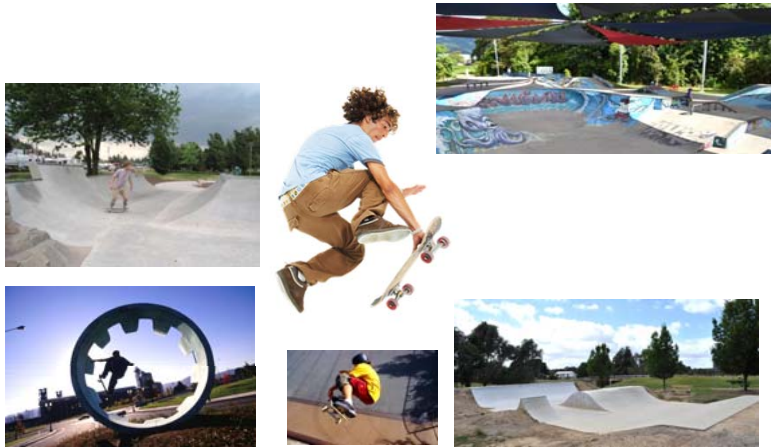
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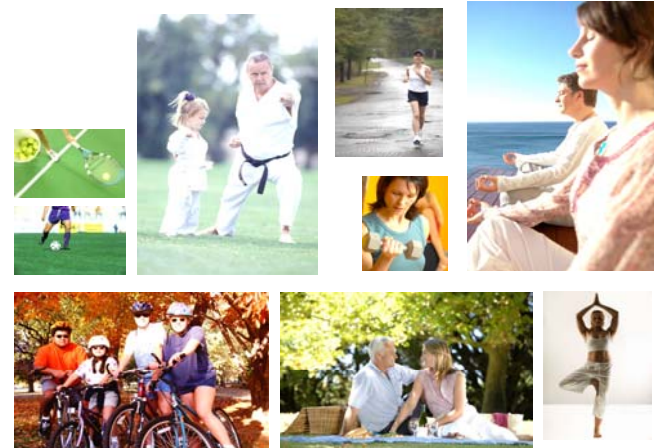
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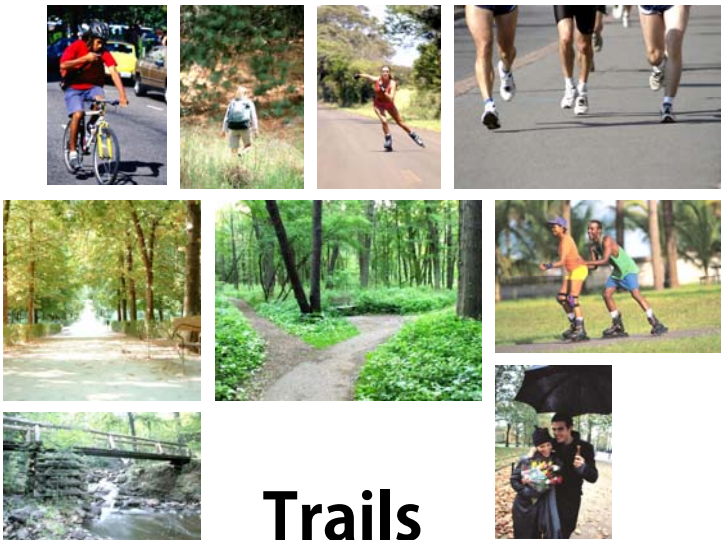




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