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		<p>Bloomer Park (206.9 acres) – Bloomer Park is the largest park within the City of Rochester Hills. Once a State Park, Bloomer is now home to Michigan’s only velodrome (see image below). This velodrome is used for bicycle riding and racing, and was opened in 2002.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><i>Bloomer Park Entrance</i></p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><i>Velodrome at Bloomer Park</i></p> </div> </div>	



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		<p>Riverbend Park (70 acres) – Undeveloped, undesignated.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prepare concept plan for Riverbend Park and seek funding for development.
		<p>Thelma G. Spencer Park (113 acres) – Thelma G. Spencer Park has a 38-acre lake with swimming access and beach. This park contains play structures, a barrier-free fishing pier, a picnic shelter and picnic areas, and a concession stand.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><i>Beach and Fishing at Spencer Park</i></p> </div> <p>Boat rentals, two tennis courts, sand volleyball, horseshoe pits, two multi-purpose fields and trails are all additional draws to this park. New restrooms, concession stand, office, and first aid station were constructed in 2005.</p> <p>Wintertime offerings include ice-skating, ice fishing, and cross-country skiing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Replace and upgrade non-compliant playgrounds and surfacing. ▪ Pave parking lot, internal roads, the sports field parking lot, and cap the entrance drive. ▪ Install “splash pad” for increased usage. ▪ ADA Compliance. ▪ Construct storage addition to maintenance building. ▪ Increase parking lot. ▪ Enclose drainage ditch to increase picnic area. ▪ Surface one-mile paved pathway around lake.



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<p>Neighborhood Parks</p> <p><i>Location Criteria:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ ¼ to ½ mile distance and uninterrupted by non-residential roads and other physical barriers. <p><i>Size Criteria</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 5 acres is considered minimum size. 5 to 10 acres is optimal. 		<p>Helen V. Allen Park (9.9 acres) – Helen V. Allen Park is located on the eastern central edge of Rochester Hills. This park contains two softball fields.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><i>Helen V. Allen Park Entrance</i></p> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ADA compliance.
		<p>Tienken Road Property (10 acres) – This park property is currently undeveloped and undesignated.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prepare concept plan for Tienken Road Property.
		<p>Wabash Park (3.7 acres) – Wabash Park, located in the southeast quadrant of Rochester Hills, contains one multi-purpose field, picnic area, and a playground.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><i>Wabash Park Entrance</i></p> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pave parking lot. ▪ Add small picnic shelter/structure. ▪ Construct pathway loop. ▪ ADA Compliance.


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<p>School-Park</p> <p><i>Location Criteria:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Determined by location of school district property. <p><i>Size Criteria</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Variable—depends on function. 	<p><i>These parks are typically multiple-purpose facilities that provide areas for intensive recreation activities, such as field games, court games, crafts, playgrounds, skating, picnicking, etc. Neighborhood parks are generally 15 acres or less in size and serve a population up to 5,000 residents located within ¼ to ½ mile radius from the neighborhood they serve.</i></p>	<p>Avondale Schools, Holy Family Regional, Lutheran High Northwest, Oakland Steiner, Rochester Christian, Rochester Community Schools, and St. John Lutheran all maintain playing fields and/or playgrounds at their schools. These facilities are distributed throughout the community, and function as neighborhood parks in many instances (See Map 2).</p>	
<p>Special Use or Conservancy Parks</p> <p><i>Location Criteria:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Variable—dependent on specific use. <p><i>Size Criteria</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Variable 	<p><i>Special use recreation facilities are typically single-purpose recreation facilities, such as golf courses, nature centers, outdoor theaters, interpretative centers, or facilities for the preservation or maintenance of the natural or cultural environment. Protection and management of the natural/ cultural environment may be the primary focus with recreation use as a secondary objective.</i></p>	<p>Avon Nature Area and Environmental Education Center (97.4 acres) – Indoor informative displays, interactive exhibits, and ecosystem education resources and programs are available at this community amenity. Two miles of hiking trails, scenic overlooks, picnic areas and the City Hall Pond are additional available resources.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Avon Nature Area</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ADA compliance. ▪ Remove accumulated sediment in pond or install water quality forebay, rain gardens, bio-swales in the roadside swales. Restore native grasses and create emergent wetland for educational demonstrations.


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		<p>Pine Trace Park (190 acres) – The main recreation offering is Pine Trace Golf Course, an 18-hole championship golf course complete with clubhouse, pro shop, restaurant, driving range, and cross-country skiing in the winter.</p>	


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<p>Subdivision Open Space <i>Location Criteria:</i> ➤ Less than ¼ mile in residential setting</p> <p><i>Size Criteria:</i> ➤ Generally between 2500 sq. ft. and one acre in size.</p>	<p><i>The NRPA recommends 0.25 to 0.50 mini-park acreage per 1,000 residents.</i></p> <p><i>Subdivision open spaces are owned and maintained by various homeowner associations. Exclusive use of residents of subdivisions.</i></p>	<p>Neighborhood open spaces are areas set aside by subdivision developers to meet the requirements of the City’s Open Space Development option. These areas vary in size, are owned and maintained by the subdivision’s homeowners association, and are part of the Subdivision Plan or Condominium Plan. Some of these areas are wooded natural areas or wetland areas; others offer play areas or play equipment for children (See Map 2).</p> <p>A 24-acre parcel has been deeded to the Oakland Land Conservancy and designated as the Heron Rookery.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The City could provide technical support and best management practices for these areas if requested.