
Village of Maple Rapids Park and Recreation Needs Assessment Questionnaire

The Village of Maple Rapids Community Outdoor Recreation Plan has expired. To be eligible for grant monies from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and other state and federal grant opportunities, the Plan must be updated and follow DNR guidelines. This instrument is one of the methods to be used by Village of Maple Rapids Park Plan Committee in its planning assistance for the Village to better understand the outdoor recreation needs of Maple Rapids residents and visitors and how those needs should be met over the next 5 years. The results of this survey will be used to further develop the Maple Rapids Park and Recreation needs.

One questionnaire has been provided for each household in Maple Rapids. Please take the 10 minutes necessary to respond and place your completed response in the drop box outside the Village Office. Your response is voluntary and you will remain anonymous. Your responses will be evaluated by the Village of Maple Rapids Park Plan Committee. **Please respond by July 31, 2019.** Thank you for taking the time to help guide the outdoor recreation future of the Village.

The Village has a complex of developed park areas that include the three ball fields, the community center, the basketball court, volleyball court, tennis courts, the picnic pavilion, the Veteran’s Memorial Park, and the triangle piece of land on the north of town by the bridge.

Current use of the Park Complex

These questions give insight to the current use of the Village parks.

1. Have one or more household members visited one or more portions of this park complex in the past 12 months?

- Yes
- No

1A. If NO, what is the ONE main reason your household doesn’t use the park?

1B. What ONE change would most encourage your household to use the Village Park?

1C. If YES, please check ALL the activities in which one or more members of your household participated while visiting the park area.

<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Soccer	<input type="checkbox"/> Walking/Hiking	<input type="checkbox"/> Village gathering
<input type="checkbox"/> Baseball/Softball	<input type="checkbox"/> Relaxing	<input type="checkbox"/> Nature Study	<input type="checkbox"/> Socialize
<input type="checkbox"/> Playground	<input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball	<input type="checkbox"/> In-line skating	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list

<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/> Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling	_____)
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1D. For your household, what is the ONE most important reason for visiting this park?

2A. Please check your rating of the facilities in the park.

- Very Good
- Good
- OK
- Poor
- Very Poor

2B. What is the ONE most important reason for your rating?

3A. Please check your rating of the level of maintenance at the park.

- Very Good
- Good
- OK
- Poor
- Very Poor

3B. What is the ONE most important reason for your rating?

4. What ONE most important improvement would you suggest for the park?

New Opportunities

These questions give the Planning Committee input from the community on what they would like to see for future growth of the park complex.

5. If the Village were to provide additional outdoor recreation opportunity to residents and visitors, please check the ONE type of outdoor recreation opportunity/facility/activity that your household would most strongly support.

- Another playground
- Additional trees in parks
- Another pavilion
- More teen oriented opportunities
- More outdoor recreation opportunities in general
- Walking/bicycle paths
- Anything for kids
- Other: _____

6. The Village owns land between Maple and Franklin on the north side of town near the river. Please check all that you believe would be appropriate recreation uses for that property.

- Skate park
- Restore flowing (artesian) well
- Playground
- Picnic pavilion
- Drinking fountain
- Soccer field
- Horseshoe pits
- Parking area
- Other

7. The previous community outdoor recreation plan suggested more non-motorized trail recreation and transportation (walk, bicycle, etc) opportunities, such as paved trails, lane for non-motorized use along selected roadways, etc. that have yet to be provided.

7A. Do you support providing such opportunities?

- Yes (go to Q7B)
- No (go to Q8)

7B. If yes, please check all the type(s) of use in which your household would participate?

- Walk/Hike
- Run/Jog
- Bicycle
- In-line skate
- Other (Walking dog, etc.) _____

About Your Household

These household questions help interpret how your views relate to others in like circumstances.

8. How many years have you lived in the Village of Maple Rapids? _____

9. What is the age of the person completing this survey? _____

10. Check whether you rent or own your home in Maple Rapids.

- Rent
- Own

11. How many people live in your household including you? _____

11A. How many members of your household fit into the following age categories?

- 0-5 _____
- 5-10 _____
- 10- 18 _____
- 19-25 _____
- 26-35 _____
- 36-45 _____
- 46-55 _____
- 56-65 _____
- >66 _____

12. If the park property at the north point was to be named, what would you suggest as a possible name?

12A. Why would you choose that name? _____

13. What would one major improvement that you would suggest for improving the parks?

13A. Why would you recommend these improvements? _____

14. Additional Comments

Please provide any other comments about park and recreation needs for Maple Rapids.

Thank you from the Village of Maple Rapids Park Plan Committee:

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Please put completed assessment in the drop box outside the Village Office by July 31, 2019.
