

WHAT IS BEING ASKED?

Critical support for creating a healthier community through expanded recreation programming for all ages and enhanced park amenities.

20-YEAR \$25 MILLION BOND FOR:

- A new, larger **CONNECT** community center for all ages
- Expanded programs for seniors
- Enhanced park amenities

SERVING 2X THE RESIDENTS SINCE 1970

- 65,000 residents and growing
- 50% are 50 or older

CURRENT SENIOR CENTER

- 9,000 square feet
- Temporary space
- Located off-site
- 600+ members
- 6,000+ visits since August 2023

CONNECTING COMMUNITY

NEW CONNECT CONCEPT

33,000-square-foot multigenerational facility on the Civic Center Campus

4X

More programming space



Dedicated lounge space for seniors



Indoor pickleball, table tennis, walking track + more



Focused on mental & physical wellbeing



Expanded nature center



More meeting & event space options

ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

NEW PLAYGROUNDS AT PINE LAKE, BLOOMER & MARSHBANK PARKS

PAVED WALKING PATH REPLACEMENT AT MARSHBANK PARK

EXPANDED PICKLEBALL COMPLEX AT DRAKE SPORTS PARK

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

A resident whose home has a taxable value of \$100,000 will be assessed approximately \$35 annually.

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YOUR WEST BLOOMFIELD PARKS: **CONNECTING COMMUNITY**

Continuously imagining the future of recreation, wellness and green spaces that will encourage our diverse community to develop connections with nature and one another, ultimately contributing to the vibrancy of life in West Bloomfield.



Nearly 600 acres of parkland



13 parks and 13 miles of trails



20,000 visits annually to Lily Pad Springs on average



27 annual community events



Dozens of fitness & wellness programs



40+ different summer camps

17,025 TOTAL NUMBER OF PROGRAM REGISTRATIONS IN 2023

West Bloomfield Parks tackles **BIG** projects with **BIG** results

From extensive renovations at Marshbank Park to creating the West Bloomfield Trail to opening the largest splash pad in Michigan, Lily Pad Springs, we have a proven track record of success.



COMMITTED TO NATURE EDUCATION

- 3 naturalists on staff
- 100+ annual educational programs, hikes and open hours



HOW WE'RE FUNDED

- Four operating millages and various grants
- Independent of the Township, so no general fund dollars used



INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

- \$1.45 million poured into capital projects in 2023
- \$300,000+ in grant funding dedicated to seniors

CRITICAL SUPPORT NEEDED

- Current funding is not enough to make needed investments to keep pace with increased resident demand

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