

City of Jonesville & Fayette Township Joint Recreation Plan



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Carl Fast Memorial Park clock tower | photo courtesy of Hillsdale Economic Development Partnership

Chapter 1

Community Description

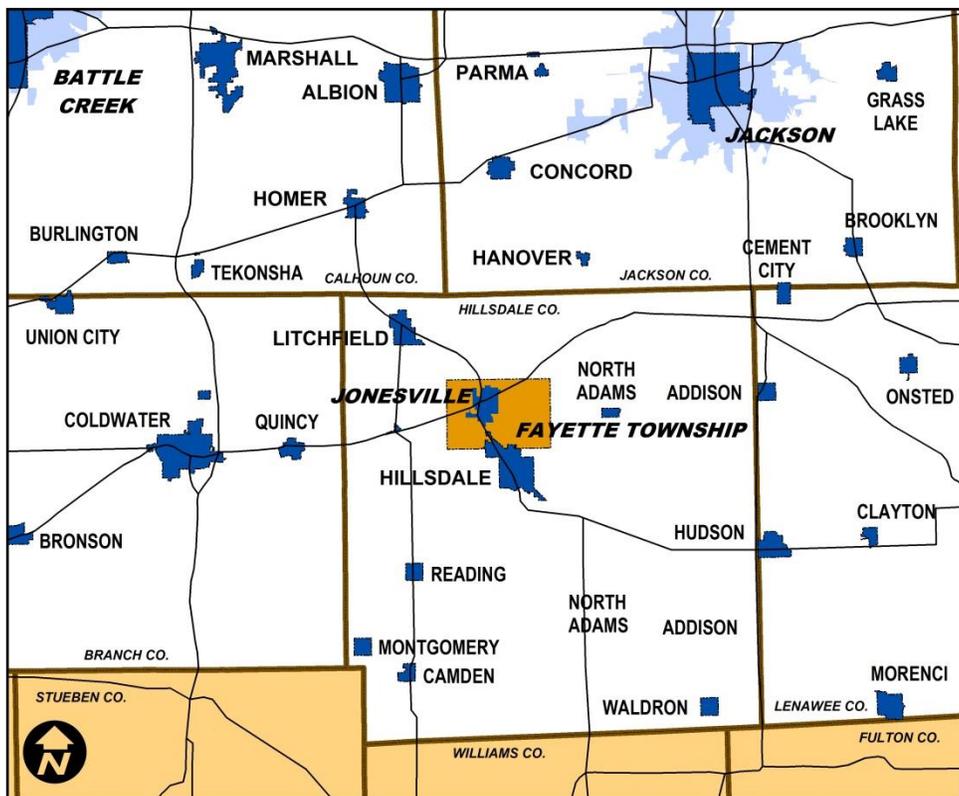
Jonesville & Fayette Township Joint Recreation Plan

A priority of the City of Jonesville and Fayette Township is to develop and implement a joint recreation plan which responds to the recreational desires of their citizens and to plan for enhancements to parks and recreation programs. A sincere effort was spent in developing this joint plan which represents the projected needs for recreation facilities and services in the City and Township during the latter half of the 21st Century's second decade. For example, the plan provides a clear picture of the recreational opportunities available to residents regardless of who provides them. Nontraditional recreation opportunities such as historic districts/structures and shopping opportunities are catalogued as well as traditional parks and recreation facilities.

Location

The City of Jonesville and Fayette Township are located in northwestern Hillsdale County, close to Michigan's border with Northwest Ohio and Northeast Indiana. United States Highway 12 (US-12) and Michigan Highway 99 (M-99) traverse the community. Those thoroughfares provide access to the urbanized areas of Jackson, Ann Arbor, Detroit, Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, and Grand Rapids.

Location



The City of Jonesville has an area of 2.9 square miles. Fayette Township encompasses 20.1 square miles. The Jonesville Area is surrounded by the following local units of government:

Adjacent Local Units of Government

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| City of Hillsdale | Litchfield Township |
| Adams Township | Moscow Township |
| Allen Township | Scipio Township |
| Hillsdale Township | |

A Brief Socioeconomic Summary

The demographic composition of the populations of the City of Jonesville and Fayette Township has an effect upon their recreational needs. Pertinent demographic components are listed below along with a brief paragraph describing the local situation. Each of the components is described in greater detail in Appendix A of this document.

- **Population History & Projections**

The 2010 population for the Jonesville Area was 3,226. City of Jonesville residents accounted for 2,258 (67.9%) of those inhabitants. The population of the Jonesville Area increased steadily between 1940 and 2000 although the percentage of Area residents living in the City decreased from 74.3% in 1930 to 69.8% in 2000. The populations of Fayette Township and Jonesville decreased slightly between 2000 and 2010. Based upon those patterns, the population in 2020 is projected to be between 2,182 and 2,246 in the City and 1,127 and 1,165 in the Township.

- **Age & Gender of the Population**

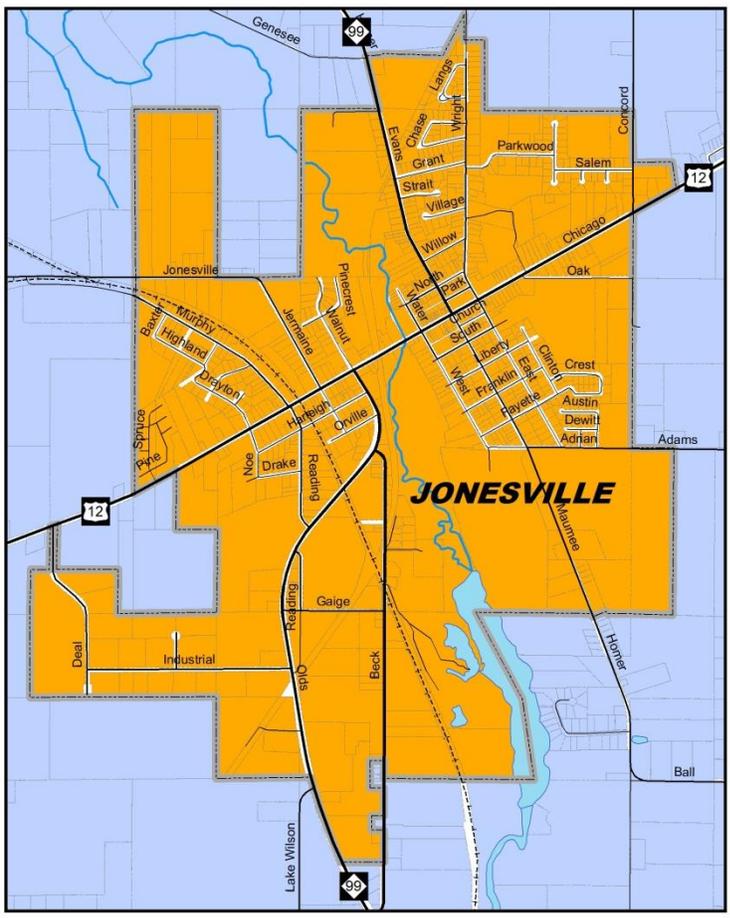
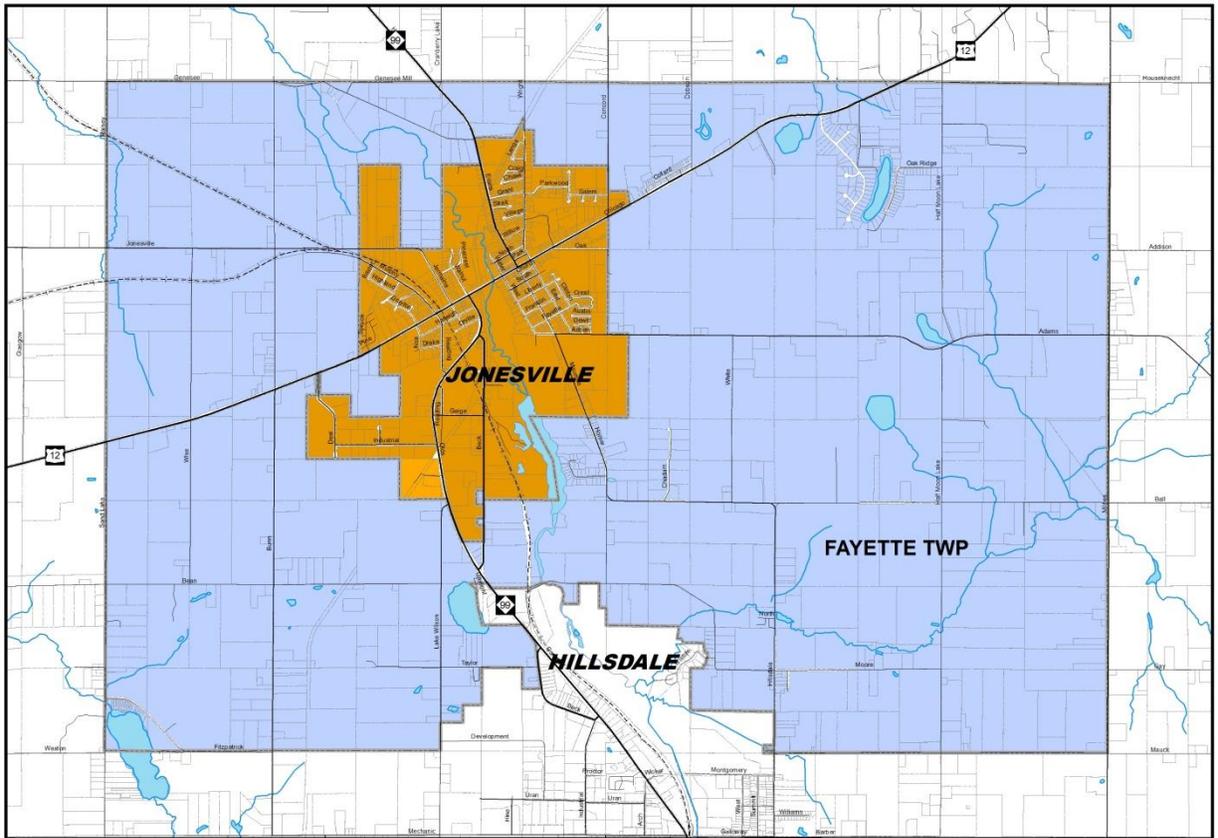
Baby Boomers (people aged 45 to 64 in 2010) and Millennials (people aged 5 to 24 in 2010) comprised an estimated 28.8% and 28.4%, respectively, of the Jonesville Area's population during the 2009-2013 time period. Older generations (people aged at least 65 in 2010) and Generation X (people aged 25 to 44 years in 2010) comprised an estimated 21.4% and 16.7%, respectively, of the population during that time period. An estimated 53.5% of Area residents were female.

- **Household & Family Composition**

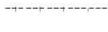
There were an estimated 1,319 Jonesville Area households during the 2009-2013 time period and 67.2% were located in the City. Families comprised an estimated 66.1% of Area households. An estimated 27.1% of Area households were comprised of single householders. Other non-family households comprised the remaining estimated 6.8% of households. The estimated average household size during the time period was an estimated 2.43 people in the Jonesville Area and the average family size was 2.98 people. The City's estimated average household and family sizes were 2.29 and 2.85 people, respectively.

- **Racial & Ethnic Composition**

Race and ethnicity are not significant components of the Jonesville Area's population given its homogeneity. Racial and ethnic minorities only comprised an estimated 3.1% and 2.4% of Area residents, respectively.



LEGEND

-  MUNICIPAL LIMITS
 -  PARCELS
 -  CITY
 -  TOWNSHIP
- TRANSPORTATION**
-  HIGHWAYS
 -  MAIN ROADS
 -  LOCAL ROADS
 -  RAILROADS
- WATER**
-  LAKES & PONDS
 -  RIVERS & STREAMS

CITY OF JONESVILLE & FAYETTE TOWNSHIP

BASE MAP



- **Disabilities of Residents**

Disabled residents are a significant component of the population. An estimated 5.1% of Jonesville Area residents between the ages of 5 and 17 had some type of disability during the 2009-2013 time period and an estimated 1.0% had an ambulatory disability. An estimated 18.3% of residents between the ages of 18 and 64 had some type of disability during the same time period and an estimated 10.1% had an ambulatory disability. An estimated 47.8% of Area residents at least 65 years old had some type of disability and an estimated 28.3% had an ambulatory disability.

- **Income**

The estimated median income for Jonesville Area households (\$40,234) was less than that for City households (\$40,521) or nationwide (\$53,046) during the 2009-2013 time period. The estimated family income for City of Jonesville families (\$49,107) was less than that for all Jonesville Area households (\$53,214) or nationwide (\$64,719). The estimated per capita income in the City (\$19,894) was also less than that for the entire Jonesville Area (\$20,284) or nationwide (\$28,155).

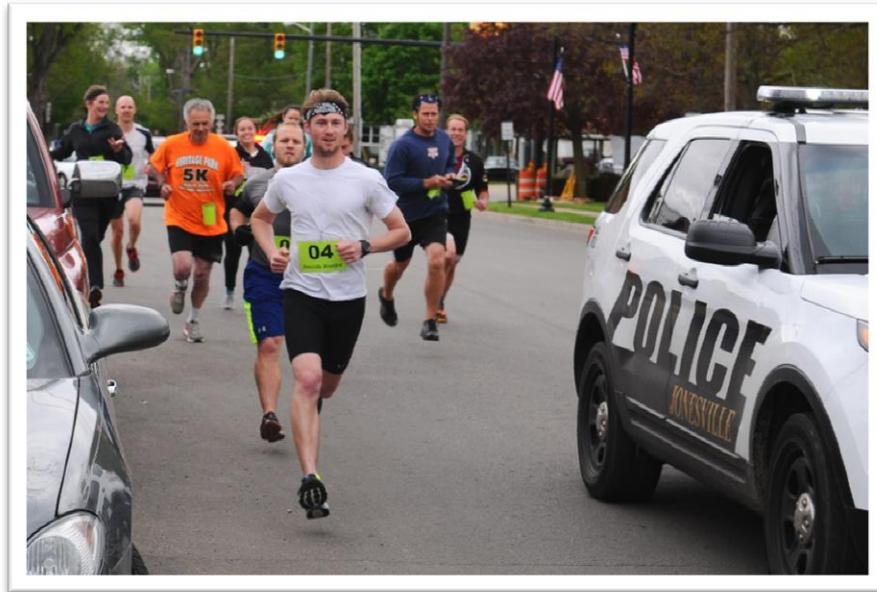
The Health of Residents

According to local health department estimates collected for the annual Michigan Behavioral Risk Factor Survey (MiBRF) conducted from 2011 through 2013, an estimated 38.6% of Branch, Hillsdale and St. Joseph counties residents were obese and another estimated 35.9% were overweight.¹ “Overweight and obesity substantially increase the risk for cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, hypertension, lipid disorders, stroke, gallbladder disease, osteoarthritis, sleep apnea, respiratory problems, psychological disorders, stress, incontinence, and cancers of the endometrium, breast, prostate and colon,” according to that report.² A couple factors of particular relevance to community growth, development, and planning contribute to unhealthy weight:

- “Inadequate community infrastructure limits the ability of people to be active. These include lack of accessible indoor and outdoor exercise facilities, neighborhood sidewalks, walking paths, and bicycle trails. Additionally, inclement weather, lack of adequate recreational opportunities, fear of unsafe neighborhoods, and unattractive/unpleasant local environments may prevent people from exercising.”
- “Programs and policies are necessary to promote smart community growth and the establishment of urban and rural environments supportive of physical activity. Active community environments provide access to safe favorable conditions for physical activity and promote the development of social support networks that encourage activity.”

¹ Table 6 of [Health Indicators and Risk Estimates by Community Health Assessment Regions & Local Health Departments | State of Michigan | Selected Tables | Michigan Behavioral Risk Factor Survey | 2011 – 2013](#) (www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/2011-2013_MiBRFS_Reg_LHD_Tables_FINAL_466326_7.pdf).

² [Promoting Healthy Weight in Michigan through Physical Activity and Nutrition](#), part of a series entitled “Informing the Debate: Health Policy: Options for Michigan Policymakers”.



Riverfest race | photo courtesy City of Jonesville

The report recommends cooperation among state and local units of government and residents in the promotion of active environments, including the following actions.

- “Develop walkable communities by widening and maintaining or building sidewalks, safe roadway crossings, and aesthetically pleasing areas.”
- “Encourage bicycling by developing, maintaining, and promoting the use of bike paths.”
- “Require [that] all urban planning and re-design incorporate the concepts of active community environments and thereby promote physical activity.”



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Chapter 2

Administrative Structure

Jonesville & Fayette Township Joint Recreation Plan

Authorization

In response to identified recreation needs, the Jonesville City Council and the Fayette Township Board formed a Joint Recreation Planning Advisory Committee to develop the second edition of the *Jonesville and Fayette Township Joint Recreation Plan* under the authority of Public Act 156 of 1917 (Recreation and Playgrounds). The City of Jonesville also maintains its own parks and recreation committee under the authority of the legislation. The act “authorizes cities, villages, counties, townships and school districts to operate systems of public recreation and playgrounds” (emphasis added) and allows them to:

- “operate a system of public recreation and playgrounds; acquire, equip and maintain land, buildings or other recreational facilities; employ a superintendent of recreation and assistants; vote and expend funds for the operation of such system.”
- “operate such a system independently or they may cooperate in its conduct in any manner which they may mutually agree; or they may delegate the operation of the system to a recreation board created by any or all of them, and appropriate money, voted for this purpose, to such board” (emphasis added).

The act also allows park systems to operate on “(1) property under its custody and management; (2) other public property;” and “(3) private property, with the consent of the owners.”

A copy of PA 156 of 1917 is available online at [http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(jvpdab552soxemek3mee3h55\)/documents/mcl/pdf/mcl-Act-156-of-1917.pdf](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(jvpdab552soxemek3mee3h55)/documents/mcl/pdf/mcl-Act-156-of-1917.pdf).

Organizational Structure

The following bodies are involved in the provision of municipal recreation:

- **City Recreation.** Jonesville’s Planning Commission serves as the City’s recreation committee and is responsible for planning, constructing, maintaining, programming, and administering all City parks. The Commission is also charged with studying various recreation needs, advising the City Council on recreation issues, and making appropriate budget requests.

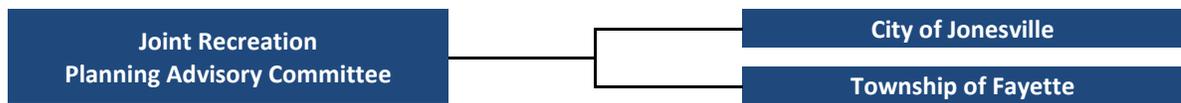
City Recreation Structure



The Planning Commission is comprised of the Mayor, 1 City Councilperson, 1 member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and 4 City residents. Maintenance concerns are directed to the City Manager who administers the municipality’s Department of Public Works. Recreational programs are coordinated through the part-time Parks Director. The City Council maintains final authority over the City of Jonesville’s recreation facilities and programs. The City Council is comprised of a Mayor and 6 Councilpersons. The City may utilize volunteers for specific projects.

- **Township Recreation.** Fayette Township does not have a recreation committee nor does it have any recreation facilities. The Township Board maintains final authority over all of the Township of Fayette’s facilities. The Township Board is comprised of 1 Supervisor, 1 Clerk, 1 Treasurer and 2 Trustees. The Township may utilize volunteers for specific projects.
- **Joint Recreation Planning.** The Joint Recreation Planning Advisory Committee is responsible for the development of the *Jonesville and Fayette Township Joint Recreation Plan*. The Joint Committee is also available to provide advice on recreation issues which impact the Township as well as the City on an as needed basis. Membership is comprised of the City of Jonesville’s parks and recreation advisory committee and two officials from Fayette Township. The Joint Committee is staffed by the City’s manager with assistance from the Region 2 Planning Commission.

Joint Recreation Structure



Sources of Funding

The City of Jonesville and Fayette Township identify several potential sources of revenue for their recreation facilities and programs:

- general tax fund dollars;
- grants awarded for specific projects; and
- donations from the general citizenry and philanthropic organizations.

General tax fund dollars are used for the maintenance and programming of City parks and recreation facilities and the City’s cemetery as well as their administration, including the cost of producing this Plan. Grants are generally awarded for the acquisition of parkland and the development of a park or recreational facility (e.g., trails, playgrounds, picnic shelters, sports facilities, etc.). Donations to be used at the discretion of the City and/or Township or for a specific facility or program are also accepted. A portion of the local match required of most grants may also come from the general fund or donations. Grants for parks and recreational facilities are likely to come from several sources:

- **The Michigan Department of Natural Resources**
 - The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund
 - The Land and Water Conservation Fund¹
- **The Michigan Department of Transportation**
 - The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)¹
- **The City of Jonesville and Hillsdale County Road Commission**
 - The 1% annual allocation of state transportation (Act 51) funds for non-motorized facilities.



¹ This is a Federal program administered locally by the State of Michigan.

Parks and Recreation Budgeting

The parks and recreation budget for the City of Jonesville is used almost entirely for the maintenance and programming of its parks. For example, the City's 2015 budget included \$15,175 for parks (i.e., maintenance) and \$40,965 for recreation (i.e., programming); budgets for future years are expected to be similar. Capital outlays are also made for projects including the development of this Plan, the preparation of grant applications, and the planning and construction of new recreation facilities. For example, the City's 2015 budget includes \$400,000 for the Jonesville Rail Trail (i.e., capital). Fayette Township does not have a parks and recreation budget at this time.

Relationships with Other Recreation Providers

The City is not the only supplier of parks and recreational opportunities to the residents of Jonesville and Fayette Township.

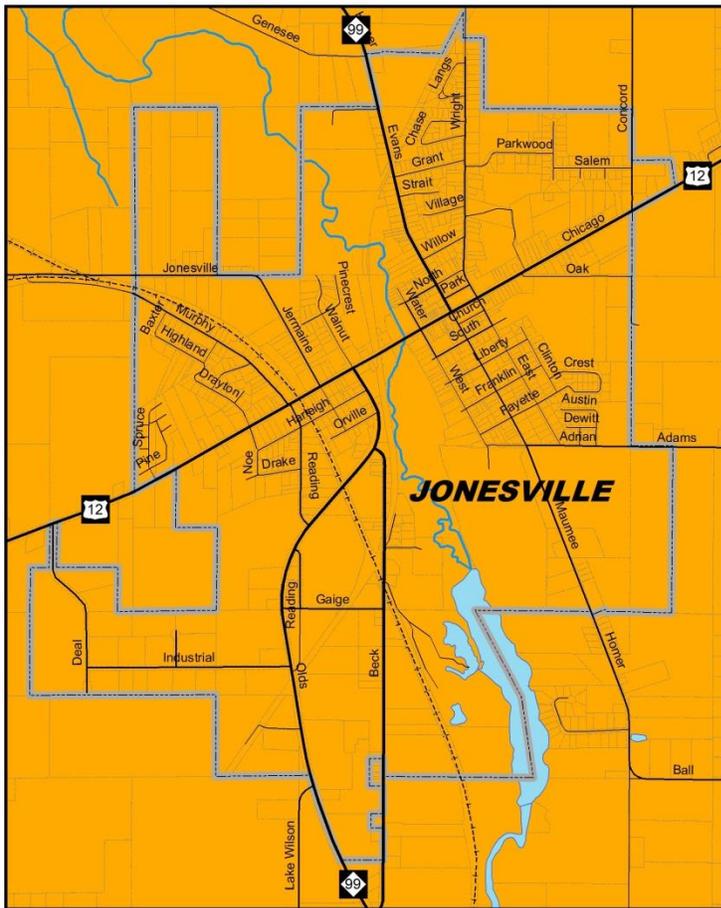
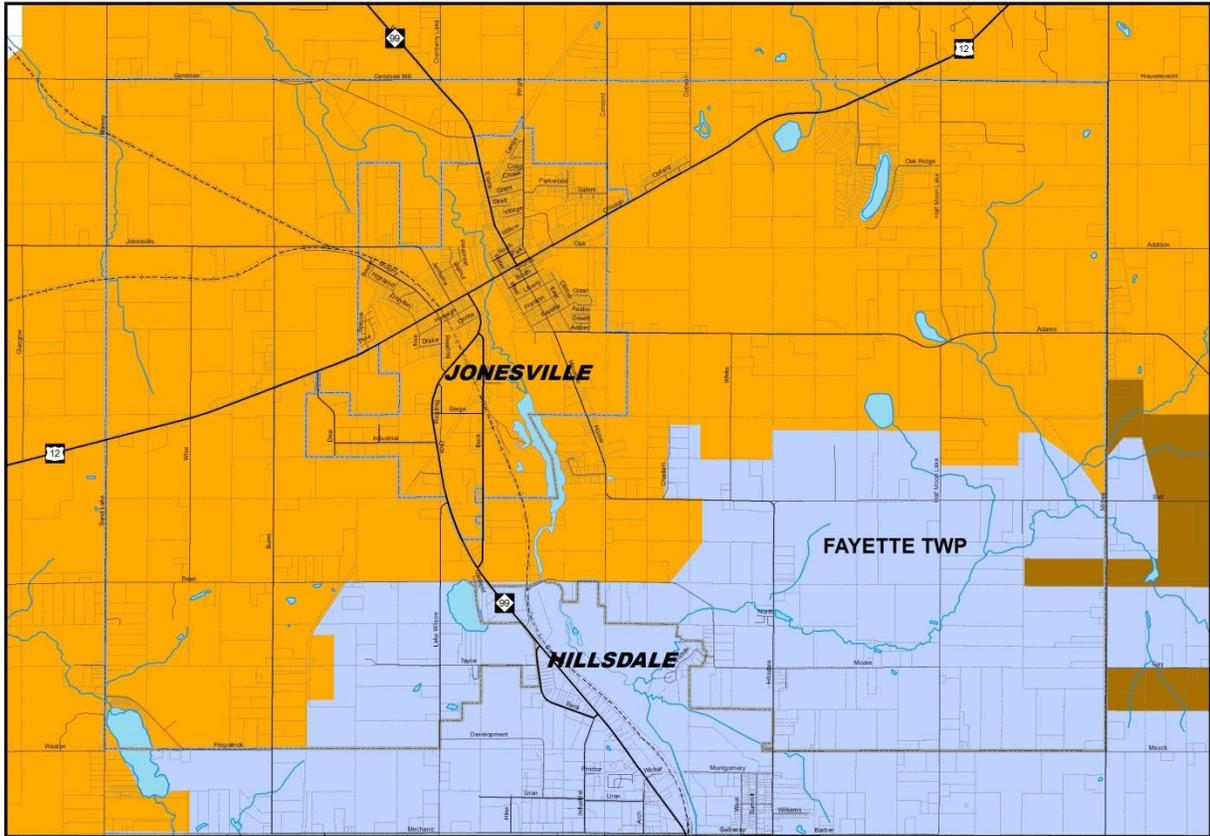
- **Schools.** Jonesville Community Schools is also a major supplier of parks and recreational opportunities to City and Township residents. Hillsdale Community Schools and North Adams-Jerome Schools also serve some Fayette Township students. However, they maintain no recreation facilities within the Township. The Hillsdale County Intermediate School District (which includes Jonesville Community Schools) provides educational services to residents and local school districts.



- **Local, County, State Government and Private Providers.** Hillsdale County and other nearby cities and villages, as well as some townships, maintain parks. The State of Michigan also provides a variety of recreational facilities in the form of state game, wildlife, and recreation areas; state historic parks; and state parks throughout the State (although none of those facilities are located in the Township). A variety of private entrepreneurs and quasi-public agencies also provide recreation facilities and programs in and around the Township. Recreational programs take place in all of the facilities listed above. Those programs are sponsored by a variety of public, quasi-public, and private boosters.
- **Headwaters Recreational Authority.** The City of Jonesville and Fayette Township have joined together with the City of Hillsdale and Hillsdale Township to create the Headwaters Recreational Authority. Incorporated in 2010, the purpose of the Authority is to develop a trail network throughout the four municipalities. The Authority approved its *Recreation and Pathway Plan* in 2013, which “represents the public’s guide for the development of a comprehensive pathway system in the greater Hillsdale/Jonesville Community” and “provides the framework under which the community will plan for and construct pathways, provide linkages to existing non-motorized infrastructure (e.g. sidewalks), and support alternate modes of transportation.”



Please refer to Chapter 3 for a more detailed description of recreation facilities in the Jonesville Area.



LEGEND

- JONESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
- HILLSDALE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
- NORTH ADAMS-JEROME SCHOOLS
- MUNICIPAL LIMITS
- PARCELS

CITY OF JONESVILLE
& FAYETTE TOWNSHIP

SCHOOLS





City youth recreation program | photo courtesy of City of Jonesville

Chapter 3

Recreation and Resource Inventories

Jonesville & Fayette Township Joint Recreation Plan

The recreation inventory is comprised of all of the parks and recreation facilities and programs provided in the City of Jonesville and Fayette Township, not just those owned and managed by the local units of government. The facilities and programs were identified through local knowledge and review of current and historic documents and maps.

Local Parks and Recreation Facilities

The City of Jonesville provides a total 6.2 acres of parkland and 1.4 miles of rail trail to its residents. Located in the heart of Downtown, Carl Fast Memorial Park functions as part of the Chicago Street (US-12) streetscape. Wright Street Park provides a variety of facilities for more active recreation. The cemetery also provides open space in Jonesville as well as opportunities for exercise. Fayette Township does not maintain any recreation facilities.

City of Jonesville

| | Name | Acres | Facilities | BFA |
|---|-------------------------|-------|--|-----|
| A | Carl Fast Memorial Park | 1.4 | Playgrounds; Picnic Tables & Shelter; Clock; Statue; and Benches | 2 |
| B | Wright Street Park | 4.8 | Tennis; Playgrounds; Picnic shelter with bathrooms; Basketball; Baseball; and connecting trail to the high school baseball fields | 2 |
| C | Jonesville Rail Trail | N/A | A 1.4 mile-long 10-foot wide Multi-Use Recreational Pathway, including an Interpretive Sign, Benches, Trash/Recycling Receptacles, and Plantings | 5 |

Jonesville Community Schools is the educator of the majority of children in the City and the Township although Hillsdale Community Schools and North Adams-Jerome Schools educate students living in the southeast part of Fayette Township. However, as a popular school of choice, children living outside of the district also attend Jonesville Community Schools. Consequently, Jonesville Community Schools is a major provider of recreation facilities to the City and Township as well as its students and boosters.

The Williams Elementary campus contains a variety of outdoor facilities. The High School campus contains practice fields for football and soccer. The Middle and High Schools share the athletic facilities adjacent to the Middle School. All three schools host gymnasiums and are located in the City.

Jonesville Community Schools

| | Name | Acres | Facilities |
|---|---------------------|-------|---|
| D | Williams Elementary | 86.6 | Playgrounds; Basketball; Gymnasium; & Track |
| E | Jonesville High | | Gymnasium & Football & Soccer Practice Fields |
| F | Jonesville Middle | 19.6 | Gymnasium & Softball Field |
| G | Athletic Facilities | | Football Field (lighted) & Baseball Field |

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is also a provider of recreation facilities. MDOT maintains rest areas along US-12 in Fayette Township and M-99 in Jonesville. MDOT's "Hill-Jo" Trail, runs through Jonesville, Fayette Township, and the City of Hillsdale along M-99.

Michigan Department of Transportation

| | Name | Acres | Facilities |
|---|---------------------|-------|----------------------------|
| H | US 12 Roadside Park | 5.5 | Picnic Tables & Out houses |
| I | M-99 Roadside Park | 0.2 | Picnic Tables |
| J | "Hill-Jo" Trail | 5 mi | Biking/Walking/Jogging |

A number of private and quasi-public institutions also provide recreation facilities within or near the City. For example, the Mill Race Golf Course, the Way-Back-In Campground, and the Jonesville Eagles provide easy access to important active recreation facilities. A community theater, a museum, and a public library are also available.

Private / Quasi-Public Facilities

| | Name | Acres | Facilities |
|---|-----------------------------|-------|--|
| K | Jonesville District Library | <0.1 | Summer Reading Program; Video Rentals; & a 28,000 Volume Library |
| L | Mill Race Golf Course | 72.3 | 9-Hole Course; Driving Range; Putting Green; Pro-Shop, Snack Bar; & Leagues |
| M | Jonesville Eagles | 12.8 | 4 Softball Fields; Snack Bar; & Clubhouse |
| N | Sauk Theater | 1.3 | Community Amateur Theater |
| O | Grosvenor House Museum | 0.3 | Group Tours; Craft Shows; & Holiday Celebrations |
| P | Way-Back-In Campground | 84.5 | Campsites (RV, Tent, Cabins); Playground; Basketball; Trails; and Canoe Rental |

Park Standards and Types

A park and recreation plan should also recognize and use appropriate park standards. The National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPRA) recommends a minimum of 10 acres per 1,000 persons. This means that Jonesville Area should have 33-34 acres of parkland in order to meet the needs of the population in 2015. The combined parkland and recreational facilities offered by public, quasi-public and private institutions exceed that standard. According to the NRPRA, school facilities generally function as community parks.

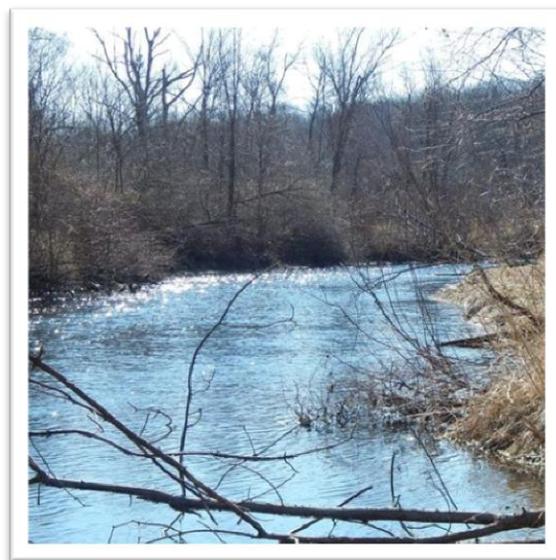
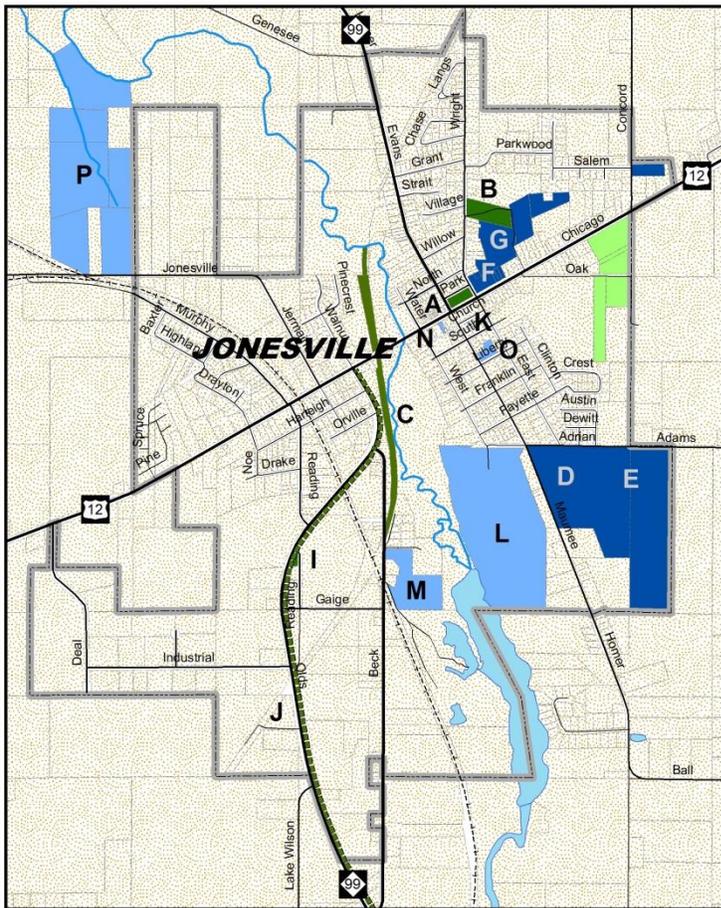
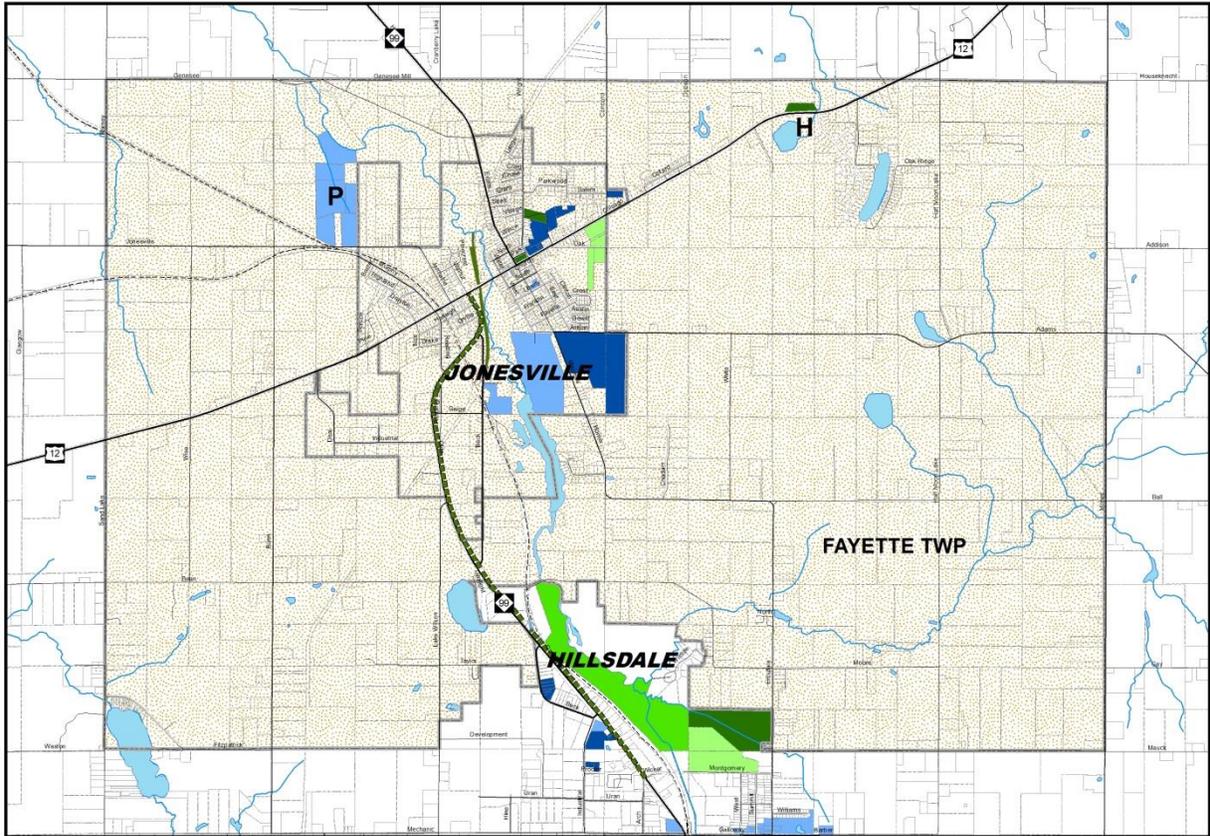


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- PARK & RAIL TRAIL
- ROADSIDE TRAIL
- PRESERVE
- CEMETERY
- EDUCATION
- PRIVATE



Recreational facilities located on school grounds generally function as community parks. The City's Wright Street Park and Carl Fast Park function partially as community parks and partially as neighborhood parks. MDOT's roadside parks in general function as mini-parks. The various private and quasi-public facilities have a community-wide or even a regional function.

Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities

The following recreation grants were awarded to the City of Jonesville through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Recreation Grant History

| Park Name | Proj. No. | Year | Usage |
|-----------------------|-----------|------|---|
| Wright Street Park | CM00-104 | 2000 | The park is used on a daily basis |
| Jonesville Rail Trail | TF13-037 | 2013 | The trail was constructed during the summer of 2015 |

Barrier-Free Access

It is important that the parks and recreation facilities operated by the City of Jonesville be accessible to people with disabilities. After all, over a quarter of all Fayette Township residents had at least one disability in the Year 2000. Accordingly, both of the City's parks and recreation facilities were also rated according to their level of barrier free access.¹ The number listed under the BFA column in those tables equates to the barrier-free rating listed below:

Barrier Free Access (BFA) Analysis

Key Description

1 = None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

2 = Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

3 = Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines

4 = The entire park meets accessibility guidelines

5 = The entire park was developed/renovated using the principal of universal design

Regional Parks and Recreation Facilities

A variety of other public agencies and private entrepreneurs also provide recreational opportunities to City and Township residents.

¹ The analysis of barrier free access was provided by the City of Jonesville, based upon its knowledge of the parks and understanding of barrier-free access. A professional analysis may produce different results.

State Parks

The State of Michigan maintains a number of recreational facilities within the region. For example, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) maintains the Lost Nation, Somerset, and Adams state game areas in Hillsdale County. Additional state game and recreation areas and state parks are located in neighboring counties. The DNR also maintains 9 boat launches in Hillsdale County.

State of Michigan Recreational Facilities

| State Parks | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Cambridge Historical (Lenawee Co.) | Walter J. Hayes (Lenawee Co.) |
| State Game Areas | |
| Adams (Mini) (Hillsdale Co.) | Sharonville (Jackson Co.) |
| Lost Nations (Hillsdale Co.) | Somerset (Hillsdale Co.) |
| Onsted (Lenawee Co.) | |
| State Recreation Areas | |
| Lake Hudson (Lenawee Co.) | Waterloo (Jackson Co.) |

County Parks

Hillsdale County also provides several regional recreational facilities which are accessible to City and Township residents.

Hillsdale County Parks

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Bird Lake (Jefferson Twp.) | Cambria (Cambria Twp.) |
| Gateway | Hemlock Beach (Reading Twp.) |
| Lewis Emery (Hillsdale Twp.) | Sugar Bush |

Lewis Emery County Park, the nearest facility to the Jonesville Area, contains ponds and fishing docks, a community center, covered picnic shelters, playground equipment, and nature trails. Bird Lake Park contains a swimming beach and boat launch. The County Fairgrounds are located nearby in Hillsdale.

City of Hillsdale Parks

The nearby City of Hillsdale also contains a variety of municipal parks. Together, they provide a wide variety of recreational facilities including: picnic areas, playgrounds and open areas, fishing access, a trail, and a variety of active recreational fields and courts.

City of Hillsdale Parks

| | |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Baw Beese Trail | Cold Springs Park |
| Field of Dreams | Kee Moose Park |
| Sam LoPresto Park | Orville Myer Parkway |
| Owen Memorial Park | Sandy Beach |
| Stocks Park | Waterworks Park |

Other Local Parks

Other local governments also provide parks and recreational facilities for their residents. Small cities and villages often provide a few recreation facilities. Townships may only provide one or two parks.

Local Colleges

City and Township residents can also avail themselves of the learning opportunities and recreational facilities and programs provided by nearby colleges. Hillsdale College contains Slayton Arboretum, which is open to the public, and serves as a venue for a variety of collegiate sports. Jackson Community College (JCC) maintains a local presence in Hillsdale County through its Clyde LeTarte Center.

Private and Quasi-Public Recreation Facilities

A wide variety of private entities also provide recreational facilities.

- **Golf Courses.** There are 16 golf courses within twenty miles of Jonesville, including the Mill Race Golf Course, according to golflink.com.²
- **Bowling Alleys.** L & J Lanes is located on M-99 between Jonesville and Litchfield. The facility hosts pool tables, a game room and snack bar, softball fields, and sand volleyball pits in addition to bowling lanes. Hillside Lanes is located on M-99 in Hillsdale.
- **Other Recreation Facilities.** The Silos and the Stadium Roller Rink are located in Hillsdale along M-99. The Silos contains a video arcade, go-karts and bumper boats, miniature golf, and a driving range. The Stadium Roller Rink offers opportunities for open skating and hockey.
- **Shopping and Eating.** Many people enjoy shopping and going out to eat, making Downtown Jonesville a recreation destination with its restaurants and shops. The proximity of Jonesville to the commercial areas in Hillsdale and other nearby communities increases the opportunities for this type of activity.

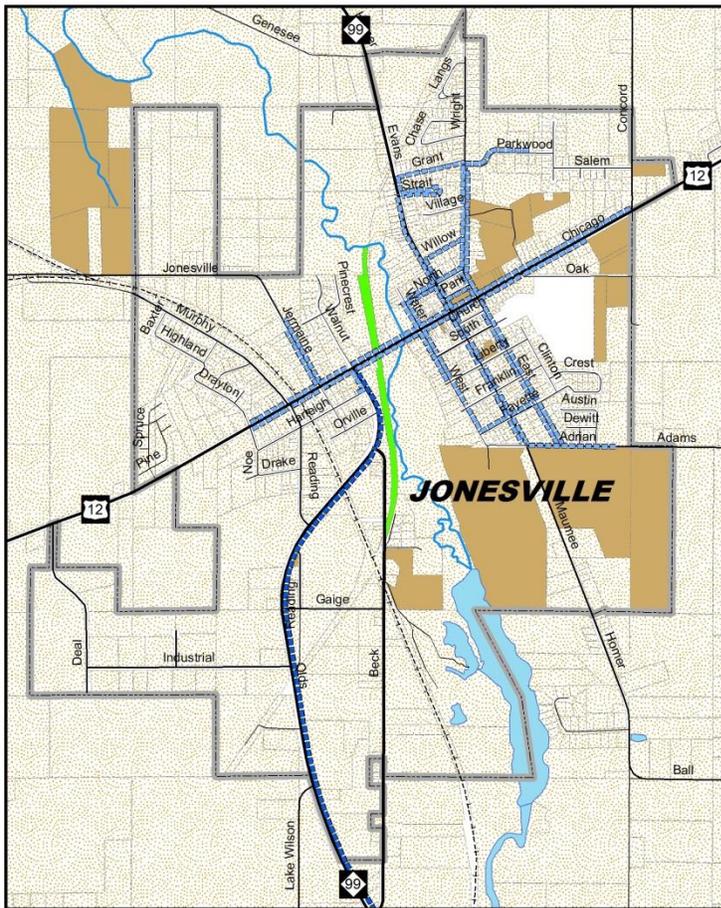
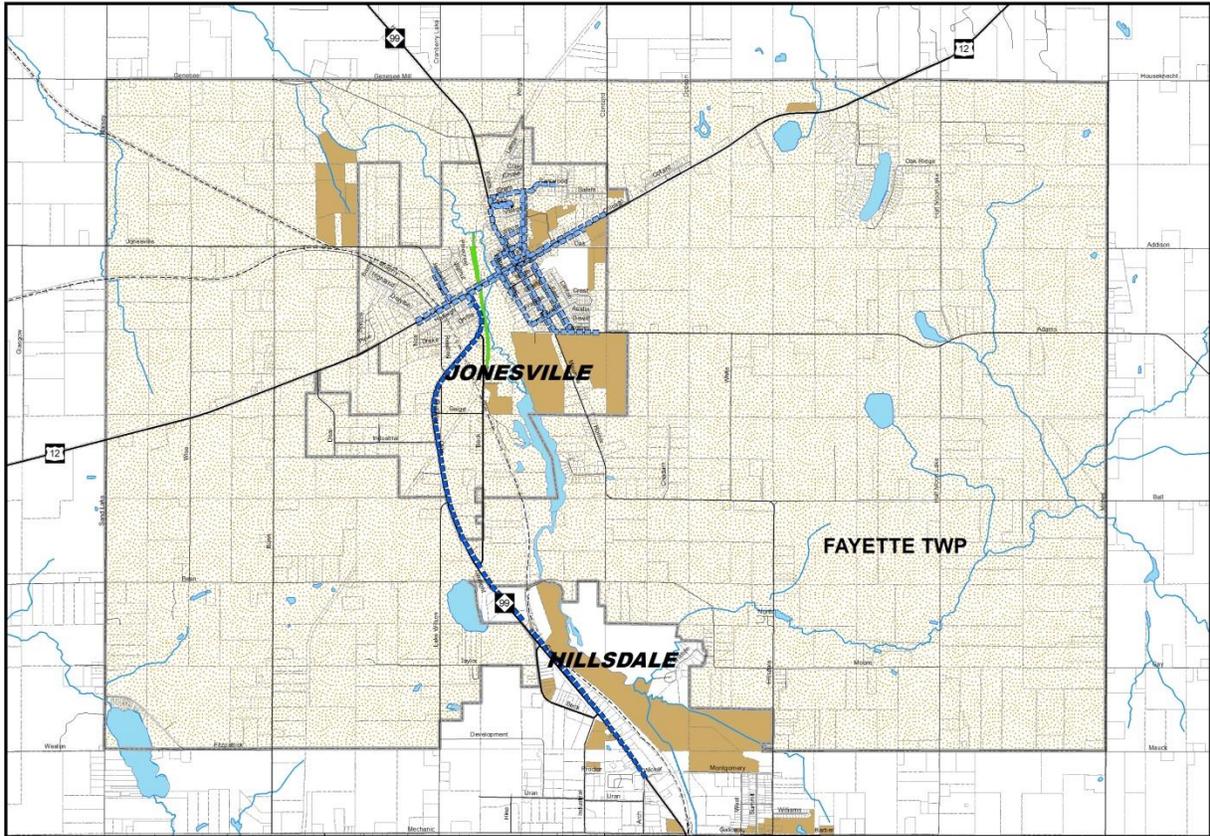


Saucy Dog's | photo courtesy of Hillsdale Economic Development Partnership

Sidewalks

Many of the main streets in the City of Jonesville include public sidewalks, which provide non-motorized access to some recreation facilities. The sidewalks also connect with the "Hill-Jo Trail," providing non-motorized access to Hillsdale.

² <http://www.golflink.com/golf-courses/course-directory.aspx>



LEGEND

-  CITY SIDEWALKS
-  HILL-JO (M-99) TRAIL
-  JONESVILLE RAIL TRAIL
-  RECREATION FACILITIES



National and State Historical Sites and Heritage Routes

Jonesville contains two historic sites that have state and national significance.³

National and State Historical Sites

| Structure | Address/Location | Registers* | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|------------|----|----|
| Grace Episcopal Church | 360 E. Chicago Street | NR | SR | HM |
| Grosvenor House | 211 Maumee Street | NR | SR | HM |

*NR = National Register ; SR = State Register; and HM = Historic Marker



Grosvenor House Museum | photo courtesy of US 12 Heritage Trail (Southwest Mich. Planning Comm.)

United States Highway 12 (US-12) was recognized as a Michigan Historic Heritage Route in 2004. The road began as a trail for mastodons and the Native Americans who hunted them approximately 10,000 years ago. The trail was converted into a federal highway —the second in the nation— in 1825.⁴

Resource Inventory

The Jonesville Area is also home to a wide variety of cultural and natural resources.

Recreational Programming

The City and various institutions provide the following recreation programs to the general public.

³ Michigan State Historic Preservation Office Historic

⁴ The information about the heritage route was gathered from www.us12heritagetrail.org

Recreation Programs

| Program | Sponsor | Ages | Description |
|-----------------------------|--|------|--|
| Track Fun Run | City of Jonesville | 5-15 | Held one week in July with ribbons awarded. |
| Gymnastics | City of Jonesville and the Hillsdale Gymnastics, Dance, and Cheer Center | 5-15 | One week program for children held at the Hillsdale Gymnastics, Dance, and Cheer Center. |
| Golf | City of Jonesville | 9-15 | Golf lessons are available as a one-week course at the Mill Race Golf Course. |
| Cheerleading | City of Jonesville | 5-15 | One week of cheerleading instruction. |
| Youth Softball and Baseball | City of Jonesville | 5-18 | Softball and baseball programs are offered to City of Jonesville residents and non-residents. There are four girl, and five boy leagues. |
| Adult Softball | L & J Lanes | 16+ | Regular League Play. |
| Sports Camps | Jonesville Community Schools | 8-18 | A variety of sports camps for girls and boys are held by Jonesville Community Schools each summer. |
| Bowling | L & J Lanes | All | Regular League Bowling. |
| Theater | Sauk Theater | All | Amateur Productions. |



City youth recreation program | photo courtesy of City of Jonesville

Jonesville Riverfest

Riverfest is held annually on the 3rd weekend in May. The event, which began in 1974, “draws many people to the [Jonesville Area] for the weekend with canoe races, [a] car show, music, food, and lots of fun” according to www.jonesvilleriverfest.org. Although Riverfest is nonprofit event, it would benefit from public access to the St. Joseph River within the City. A band shell located in or near Downtown Jonesville would also provide another music venue during the festival.



Riverfest bicycle race | photo courtesy of City of Jonesville and Larry Jose

Soils

The primary soil types within Jonesville are placed in the Fox-Boyer Association which is characterized as “nearly level to steep, very deep, well drained sandy loams and loamy sand outwash plains.” Soils in the remainder of Fayette Township are also placed in the Fox-Boyer Association or the Riddles-Hillsdale Association soils which is characterized as “gently sloping to steep, very deep, well drained, loamy soils on ground moraines and end moraines.”⁵

Water Resources

The St. Joseph Watershed covers the City of Jonesville as well as most of Fayette Township, although its northeastern corner is located in the Kalamazoo River Watershed. The St. Joseph River flows through Fayette Township and the City south to north and the Jonesville Mill Pond is an impoundment of the river (please see the hydrology map). North Sand Lake is located in the southwestern corner of the Township and a few other small lakes are scattered across the municipality. Wetlands are located primarily along the peripheries of local rivers and streams. Unfortunately, public access points to any of these important resources are not located in the City or the Township.

⁵ All information is adapted from the Soil Survey of Hillsdale County, Michigan. Table 10 of the Soil Survey provides imitations for the development of camp areas, picnic areas, playgrounds, and paths and trails.



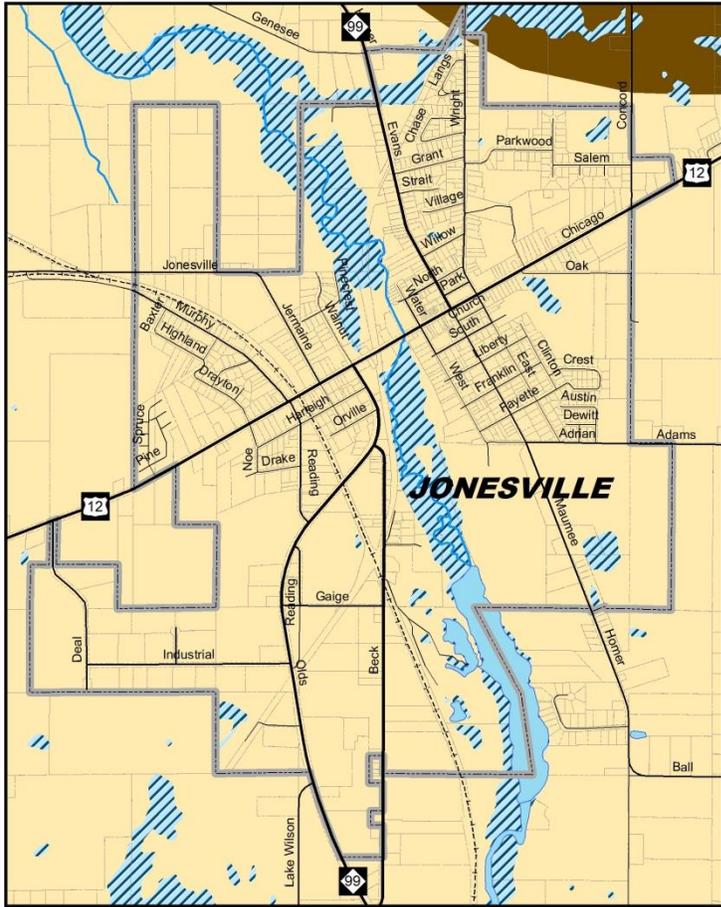
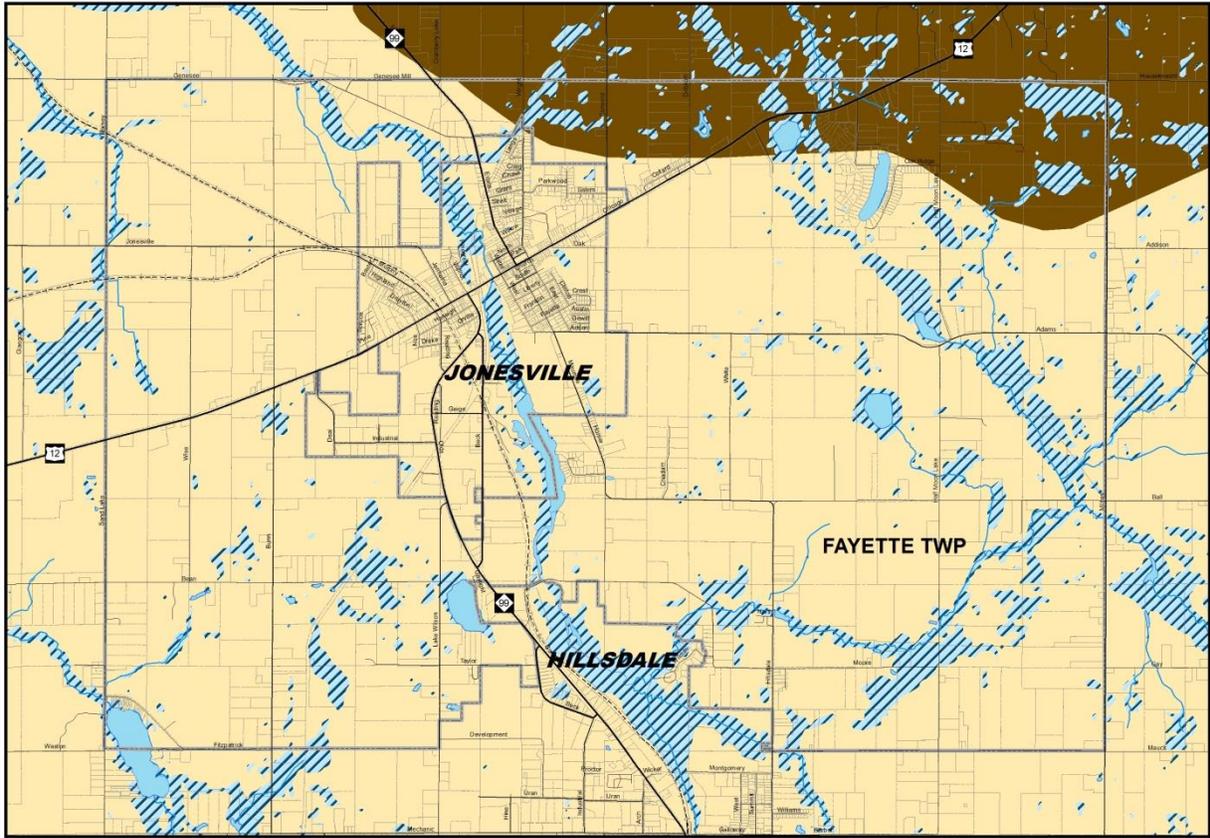
Riverfest canoe race | Photo courtesy of City of Jonesville and Larry Jose

Topography

The lowest areas of the Jonesville Area are along the St. Joseph River, especially near the northwest corner of the City, and to the southwest around North Sand Lake (elevations of 1,049 feet). The high points of the Area are located in its northeastern and southeastern corners (elevations of 1,197 feet) and along White Road between Adams and Ball Roads (elevation of 1,230 feet), southeast of the City.

Land Use

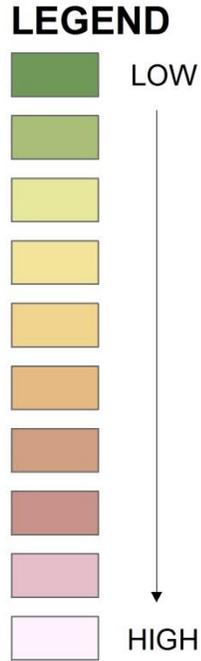
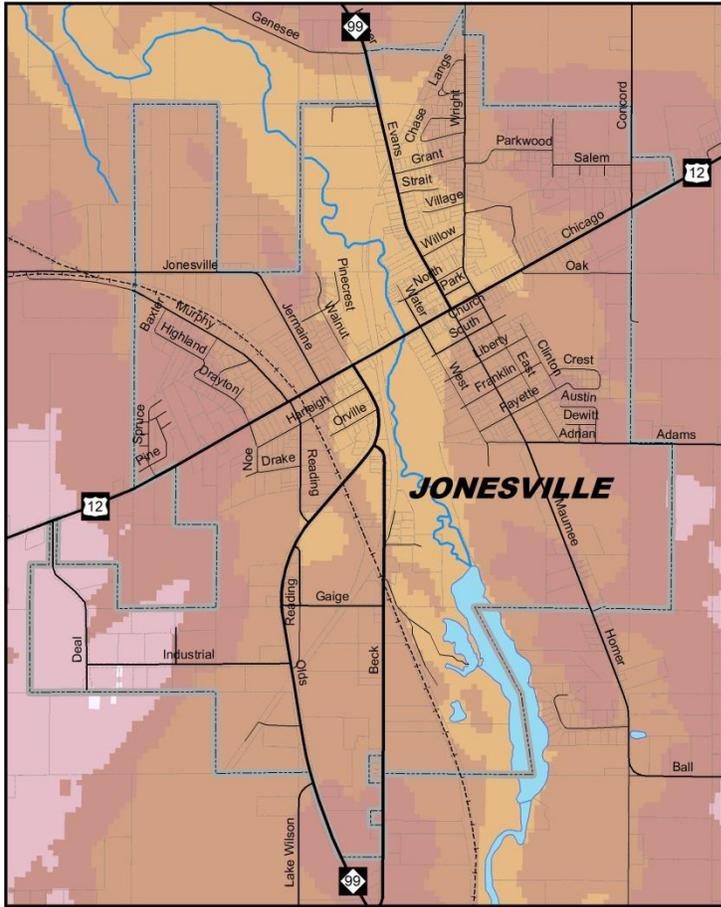
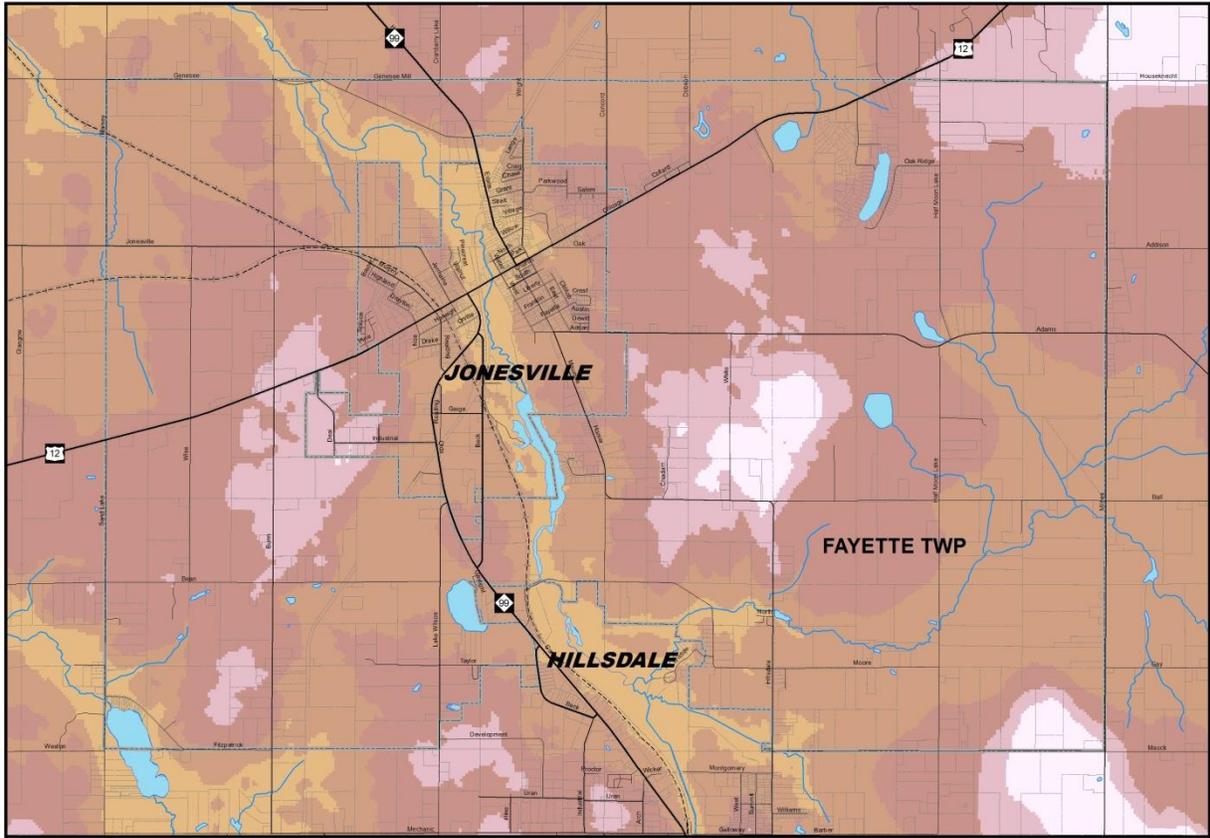
Commercial uses are clustered along US-12 and M-99, south of that corridor. The majority of industrial uses are located in the southwest corner of the City of Jonesville. Residential uses of various densities occupy the remainder of the City and the surrounding area. Areas of rural and low-density residential are located in Fayette Township is predominated by agriculture interspersed by wooded areas and rural and low-density residential neighborhoods.



LEGEND

-  LAKES & PONDS
-  RIVERS & STREAMS
-  WETLANDS
-  KALAMAZOO WATERSHED
-  ST. JOSEPH WATERSHED

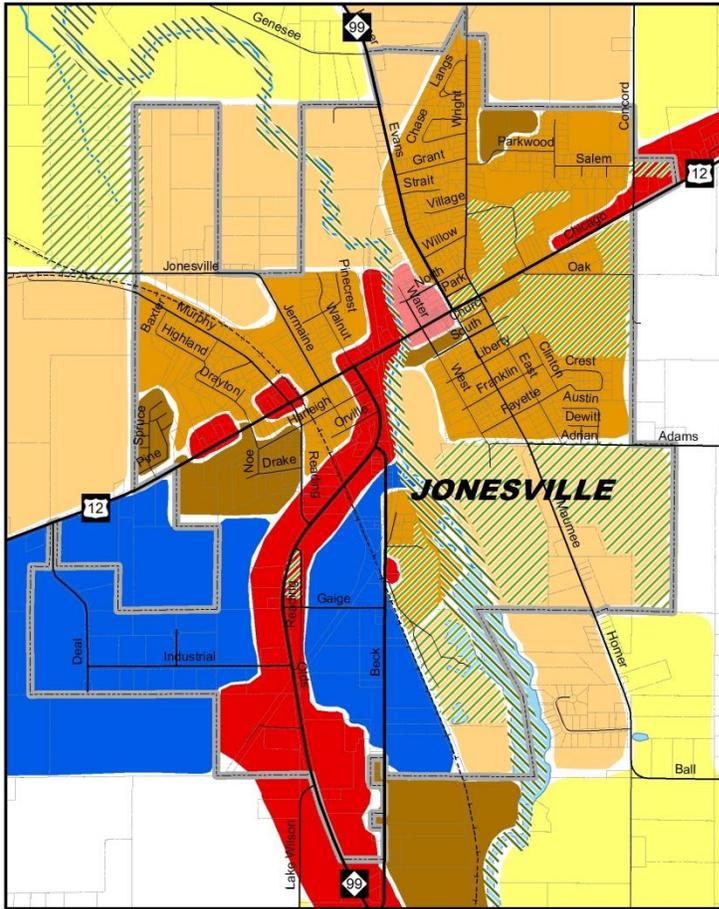
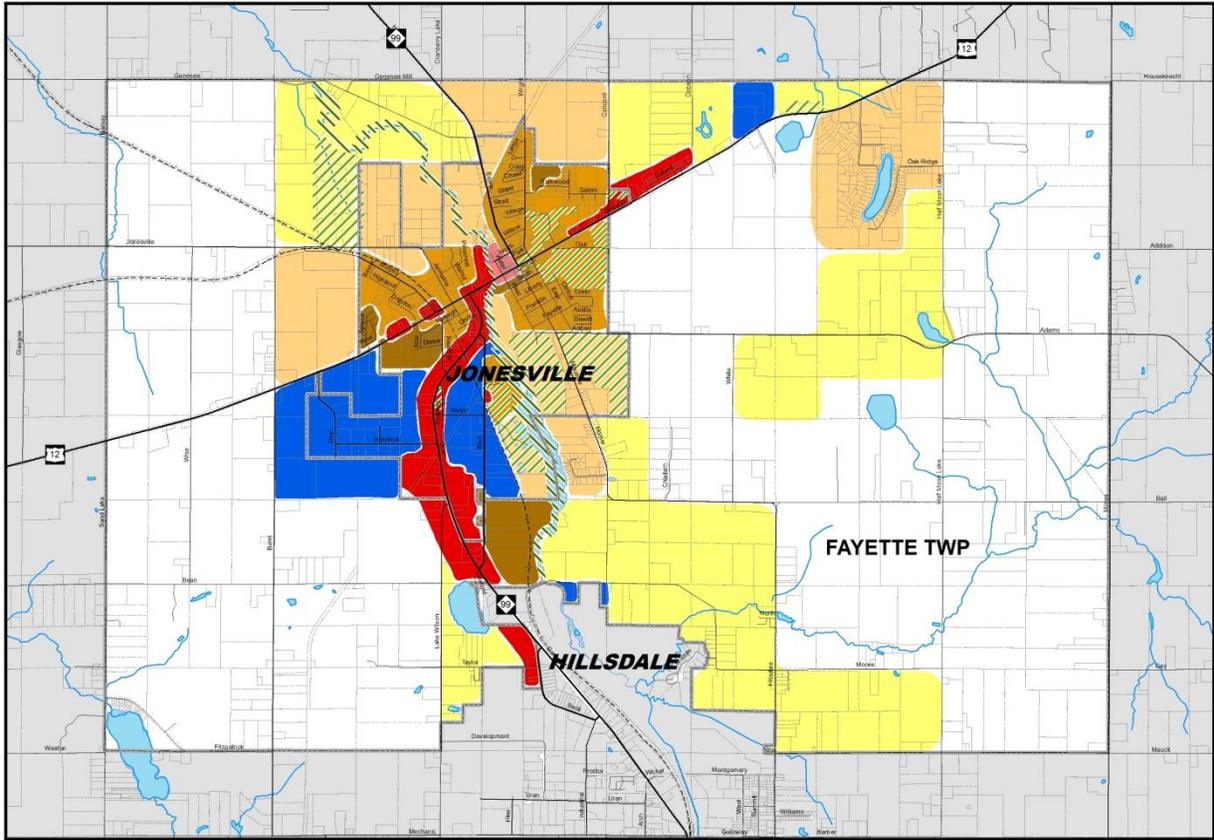




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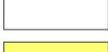
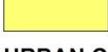
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-  LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL
-  MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL
-  HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL
-  CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT
-  HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL
-  LIGHT INDUSTRIAL
- OVERLAY CLASSIFICATIONS**
-  PUBLIC/QUASI-PUBLIC
-  CONSERVATION CORRIDOR





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Chapter 4

Descriptions of the Planning and Public Input Processes

Jonesville & Fayette Township Joint Recreation Plan

Description of the Planning Process

The development of the second edition of the *Jonesville & Fayette Township Joint Recreation Plan* included the following steps:

- The City of Jonesville recognized the need to update the Joint Recreation Plan
- Fayette Township and Jonesville Community Schools accepted the invitation of the City to participate in the joint recreation planning effort recognizing that Township and City residents and students use City parks
- The Joint Recreation Planning Advisory Committee was formed
- The City of Jonesville contracted with Region 2 Planning Commission staff to assist the Joint Recreation Planning Advisory Committee in the development of the 2015-2019 edition of the Joint Recreation Plan
- The Joint Recreation Planning Advisory Committee conducted a survey of Jonesville Area residents, business owners, and park and recreation consumers
- Region 2 staff updated the community description; administrative structure; recreation and resource inventories; and descriptions of the planning and public input processes chapters of the Plan, including revised mapping, and reported the findings to the Joint Recreation Advisory Planning Committee
- The Joint Recreation Planning Advisory Committee utilized the input collected from the various public involvement efforts and the information produced by Region 2 staff to revise the goals and objectives and action program chapters of the Plan
- The Joint Recreation Planning Advisory Committee provided the Plan for public review from July 22, 2015 through August 25, 2015
- The Joint Recreation Planning Advisory Committee held a public hearing on August 25, 2015, approving the Plan and recommended adoption by the City Council and Township Board
- The City Council adopted the Joint Recreation Plan on September 24, 2015 and the Township Board adopted it on September 14, 2015

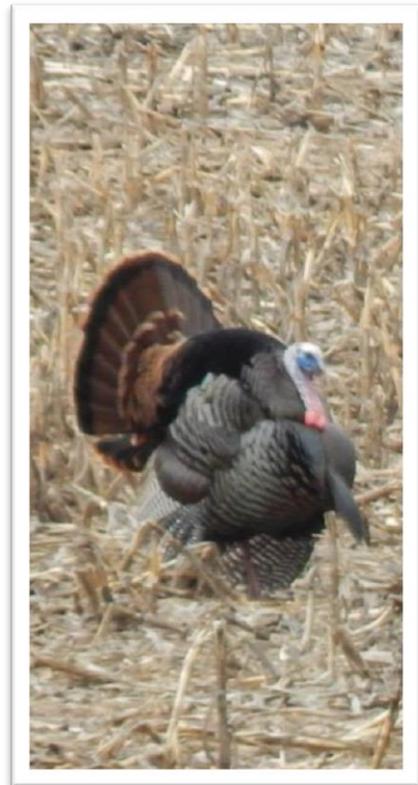


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Description of the Public Input Process

A variety of methods were employed to incorporate public input into the development of this Joint Recreation Plan:

Joint Recreation Planning Advisory Committee Meetings

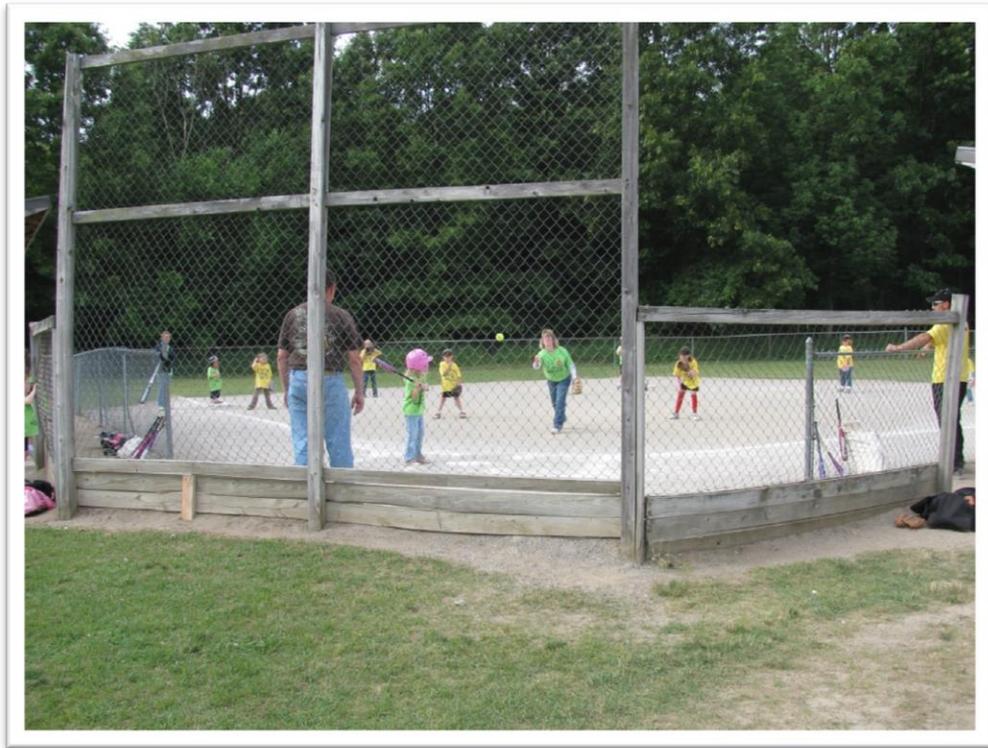
All meetings of the Joint Recreation Planning Committee are open to the public.

Recreation Survey

An online survey was conducted throughout March of 2015, supplemented by paper surveys. The 206 responses, including 76 paper surveys, can be summarized as follows (please see Appendix B):

- **The Respondents.** A good cross-section of the Jonesville Area's (and beyond) population was represented:
 - Approximately 50% were patrons of Area parks and recreation programs and approximately 69% were City (50%) or Township (19%) residents
 - Approximately 65% of respondents were 30-39 years old (44%) and 40-49 years old (21%), the age groups most likely to have children participating in the City's youth recreation programs
- **Visiting Area Parks.** Most respondents were active Area parks and recreation consumers:
 - Approximately 48% visiting an Area parks at least 15 times in the past year and an additional 10% visiting between 11 and 15 times
 - The most visited parks were Wright Street Park (79%); Jonesville Community Schools' playgrounds and ball fields (75%), Carl Fast Memorial Park (59%), and the St. Joseph River (35%)
 - The top reasons given for visiting those parks were city youth programs (70%), community events (65%), playgrounds (58%), walking (48%), and relaxing (34%)
- **Parks and Recreation Needs.** The consensus of respondents was that the City should concentrate on improving existing parks, possibly adding recreation facilities:
 - Most respondents (55%) felt there are enough Area parks and only 26% felt that more parks are needed
 - Walking and biking trails (52%), a dog park (35%), and playgrounds (31%) were the most popular choices for new recreation facilities
 - While only approximately 10% of respondents play tennis and support the renovation of the Wright Street Park courts, respondents who don't play but support their renovation comprised 45% of respondents and those who don't play or support their renovation comprised 25% of respondents

- When asked if they would support the construction of more trails within the Jonesville Area, approximately 91% checked “yes” while support additional sidewalks dropped to 42%; maintenance and safety concerns were also commented upon
- **Jonesville Recreation Programs.** The City’s youth softball and baseball programs are very popular among respondents:
 - Approximately 62% of respondents had a member of their household participating in the program and approximately 84% were satisfied (50%) or very satisfied (34%)
 - Approximately 74% of respondents thought that the cost of the programs was “about right” and only 9% thought they were “too expensive”
 - There was also support for the provision of additional programs for youth (77%) and adults/seniors (68%)



City youth recreation program | photo courtesy of City of Jonesville

One Month Review Period

The Joint Recreation Plan was submitted for public comment beginning on July 22, 2015 and ending on August 24, 2015. The plan was available for review in the City and Township offices as well as the Jonesville District Library. The Plan was also available for review online at www.jonesville.org. Members of the Joint Recreation Planning Advisory Committee briefed Area civic organizations during the comment period. No comments were submitted to the Joint Recreation Planning Advisory Committee

Public Hearing

A public hearing on the *Jonesville and Fayette Township Joint Recreation Plan* was held on August 25, 2015 at 7:00 pm in City Hall, during a meeting of the Joint Recreation Planning Advisory Committee. The hearing took place prior to the vote on the resolution recommending adoption of the Plan by the City Council and Township Board. No comments were made during the public hearing.

Hillsdale County and the Region 2 Planning Commission

The City and Township must provide a copy of the Joint Recreation Plan to Hillsdale County and the Region 2 Planning Commission. The Plan was transmitted to them on August 27, 2015.

Other Trail Planning Efforts

Several local, state, and national trail planning efforts also impact the Jonesville Area.

- Headwaters Recreational Authority
- Iron Belle Trail
- North Country National Scenic Trail

Summaries of those efforts are located in Appendix D.





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Chapter 5

Goals and Objectives

Jonesville & Fayette Township Joint Recreation Plan

Goals and Objectives

The following goals and objectives were developed for the joint recreation plan:

#1

Continue to develop the non-motorized network

- Partner with the Headwaters Recreational Authority and other organizations and institutions involved in planning efforts to expand the Jonesville Area’s non-motorized network
- Improve access to the St. Joseph River via trails and sidewalks (please see goal #3)
- Develop needed sidewalk connections throughout the City and surrounding area
- Connect with other nearby trail systems to create a regional non-motorized network whenever opportunities arise

#2

Focus on improving existing parks

- Renovate and maintain existing recreation facilities and park areas as necessary
- Evaluate the potential for converting the Wright Street Park tennis courts into multi-use recreation facilities (e.g., tennis, basketball, ice skating, etc.)
- Add and maintain new recreation facilities and parks areas where feasible
- Improve accessibility for everyone by increasing barrier-free access to existing recreation facilities and park areas and incorporating universal design standards into the construction of new recreation facilities and park areas whenever possible
- Consider the addition of new Jonesville Area parks as opportunities arise

#3

Provide access to the St. Joseph River

- Cooperate with local businesses and institutions in order to provide new or enhanced opportunities for canoeing, kayaking, and other riverine activities
- Provide connections between the river and the proposed non-motorized network whenever possible
- Continue to support projects that improve river access for Riverfest and other activities

Background Information

Input into developing the goals and objectives listed above included:

- existing recreation facilities available to City and Township residents, regardless of the provider
- the health, age, and disabilities of City and Township residents
- the 2009-2013 edition of the *Jonesville & Fayette Township Joint Recreation Plan*
- responses from the survey and the other opportunities for public comment

Continue to develop the non-motorized network

An overwhelming majority (i.e., 91%) of respondents to the survey conducted for this edition of the plan indicated their support for the addition of more paths. “Walking and biking trails” were included in the wish lists of 52% of respondents for additional facilities or amenities. When asked if “enough sidewalks,

too many sidewalks, or more sidewalks are needed”, 42% of respondents (i.e., the biggest response) indicated that “more sidewalks are needed”.

There are other non-motorized efforts ongoing in the Jonesville Area. The plan developed by the Headwaters Recreational Authority proposes new trails in the Cities of Jonesville and Hillsdale and the Townships of Fayette and Hillsdale. The developing North Country Scenic Trail traverses the Jonesville Area and will likely take advantage of existing and proposed pathways. Governor Snyder’s showcase Iron Belle Trail is located to the north of the Jonesville Area and takes advantage of the route of the North Country Scenic Trail. All of those efforts extend beyond the Jonesville Area and present opportunities for connecting with other non-motorized systems and the creation of a regional network.

The need for a non-motorized network was recognized in the 2009-2013 edition of the *Jonesville & Fayette Township Joint Recreation Plan*. For example, a goal of that edition was to “develop a linear park system”. An objective under another goal advocated placing “multiuse trails” in City parks.” The Jonesville Rail Trail was included in the action program and was constructed in 2015.

Focus on improving existing parks

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) advocates a minimum of 10 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. Based upon an estimated population of 3,309-3,411 in 2020, 33-34 acres are needed and the recreation inventory included in this document shows that there are at least 289 acres of parkland in the Jonesville Area. Carl Fast Memorial Park and Wright Street Park were assigned barrier free access (BFA) rankings of 2 for this plan, indicating that only “some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines”.

The need for improvements to existing parks was recognized in the 2009-2013 edition of the *Jonesville & Fayette Township Joint Recreation Plan*. For example, objectives of that edition included enhancing and improving existing parks “by updating existing facilities and providing new facilities where appropriate”. Another objective advocated placing “multiuse trails”, a “sledding hill”, an “ice skating park”, a “skateboard park”, a “water ‘spray’ park”, “volleyball courts”, and a “band shell” in parks.



Photo courtesy of City of Jonesville

The survey conducted for this edition of the plan also indicates that improvements to existing parks should take precedence over establishing new parks (under normal circumstances). For example, when asked if “there are enough parks in the Jonesville Area to meet the needs of residents, too many parks, or are more parks needed”, 55% of respondents answered “we have enough parks”. The renovation of the Wright Street Park tennis courts was also supported by 55% of respondents even though only 10% of respondents played tennis.

Provide access to the St. Joseph River

The need for improved access to the St. Joseph River was recognized in the 2009-2013 edition of the *Jonesville & Fayette Township Joint Recreation Plan*. For example, a goal of that edition was to “provide access to the St. Joseph River”. An objective under another goal was to “provide access to the St. Joseph River, the Jonesville Millpond [(which no longer exists)], and the other ponds located on the [the old City dumpsite] for fishing, swimming, and boating/canoeing”; a trail option in the non-motorized plan developed by the Headwaters Recreational Authority traverses the dumpsite. Another objective under the goal to “develop a linear park system” was to “develop a riverwalk/access to the St. Joseph River”.

The survey conducted for this edition of the plan also indicates that the St. Joseph River is already being utilized recreationally by Area residents and visitors. For example, when asked “which of the following parks and recreation facilities did you visit in the past year”, 35% of respondents identified the “St. Joseph River”. When asked “what were the reasons that you visited these park or recreational areas in the last year”, 9% of respondents identified “canoeing/kayaking”, 6% picked “fishing”, and 65% chose “events (e.g., Riverfest, US-12 Garage Sale, etc.)”.



Photo courtesy of City of Jonesville



Jonesville Rail Trail | photo courtesy of City of Jonesville

Chapter 6

Action Program

Jonesville & Fayette Township Joint Recreation Plan

Action Program

The following action program was developed for the joint recreation plan:

Priority (i.e., short-term) projects

The following projects are proposed for the current 5-year planning period. Please note that the projects are not prioritized, but simply organized by park or use (i.e., activity).

Improvements to Wright Street Park

1. Create a plan for the renovation and improvement of the Wright Street Park which may include new facilities, including baseball and softball diamonds
2. Improve barrier-free access to existing recreation facilities and park areas in the Wright Street Park and incorporate universal design standards into the construction of new facilities and park areas
3. Redevelop the existing Wright Street Park tennis courts into multi-use recreation facilities (e.g., tennis, basketball, ice skating, etc.)

Non-motorized network enhancements

4. Continue to coordinate with the Headwaters Recreational Authority—and other pertinent institutions—on the implementation of the developing non-motorized network as it traverses the Jonesville Area*
5. Identify important gaps in the existing non-motorized network as it traverses the Jonesville Area and make those connections*
6. Install sidewalks along Concord Road between US-12 and Salem Drive

* *These projects are not included on the Action Program map; please see the "Pathway Options Map" included in Appendix C for possible projects*

Improvements to Carl Fast Park

7. Replace Carl Fast Park's existing playground equipment
8. Consider alternative uses of the east end of Carl Fast Park
9. Improve barrier-free access to existing recreation facilities and park areas in Carl Fast Park and incorporate universal design standards into the construction of new facilities and park areas

Secondary (i.e., long-term) projects

The following projects are proposed beyond the current 5-year planning period. Please note that the projects are not prioritized, but simply organized by use (i.e., activity).

Improving St. Joseph River access

10. Continue to develop St. Joseph Riverfront access in the Jonesville Area as opportunities arise

Further enhancement to the proposed non-motorized network

11. Extend the North Country Scenic Trail north of the Jonesville Rail Trail and explore potential non-motorized connections westward to Allen and Quincy and northward to Concord

Developing a new park

12. Develop the old Jonesville dumpsite as a park and incorporate the riverside trail proposed by the Headwaters Recreational Authority into the design of the new park

Background Information

The Plan's goals and objectives are the basis for the projects listed in the above action program.

Developing trails and sidewalks

In recognition of goal #1—"continue to develop the non-motorized network"—3 of the 9 priority (i.e., short-term) projects propose further development of trails and sidewalks within the Jonesville Area. For example, proposed coordination "with the Headwaters Recreational Authority—and other pertinent institutions—on the implementation of the proposed non-motorized network as it traverses the Jonesville Area" fulfills the objective to "partner with . . . other organizations and institutions involved in planning efforts to expand the Jonesville Area's non-motorized network" (please see the "Pathway Options Map" included in Appendix C). Some of the various options identified in the master plan developed by the Headwaters Recreational Authority provide access to the river, fulfilling the objective to "improve access to the St. Joseph River via trails and sidewalks (please see goal #3)". The objective to "develop needed sidewalk connections throughout the City and surrounding area" is addressed by the proposals to "identify important gaps in the existing non-motorized network as it traverses the Jonesville Area and make those connections" and, more specifically, to "install sidewalks along Concord Road between US-12 and Salem Drive". Extending "the North Country Scenic Trail north of the Jonesville Rail Trail and explore connections with nearby non-motorized trails westward to Allen and Quincy and northward to Concord"—a secondary (i.e., long-term) project— satisfies the objective to "connect with other nearby trail systems to create a regional non-motorized network whenever opportunities arise".

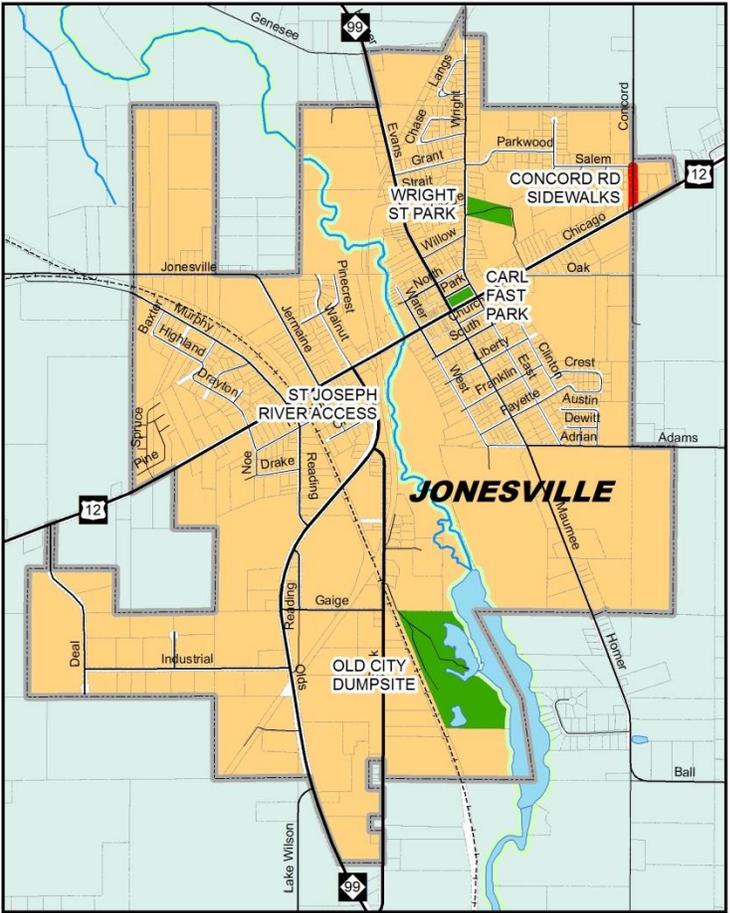
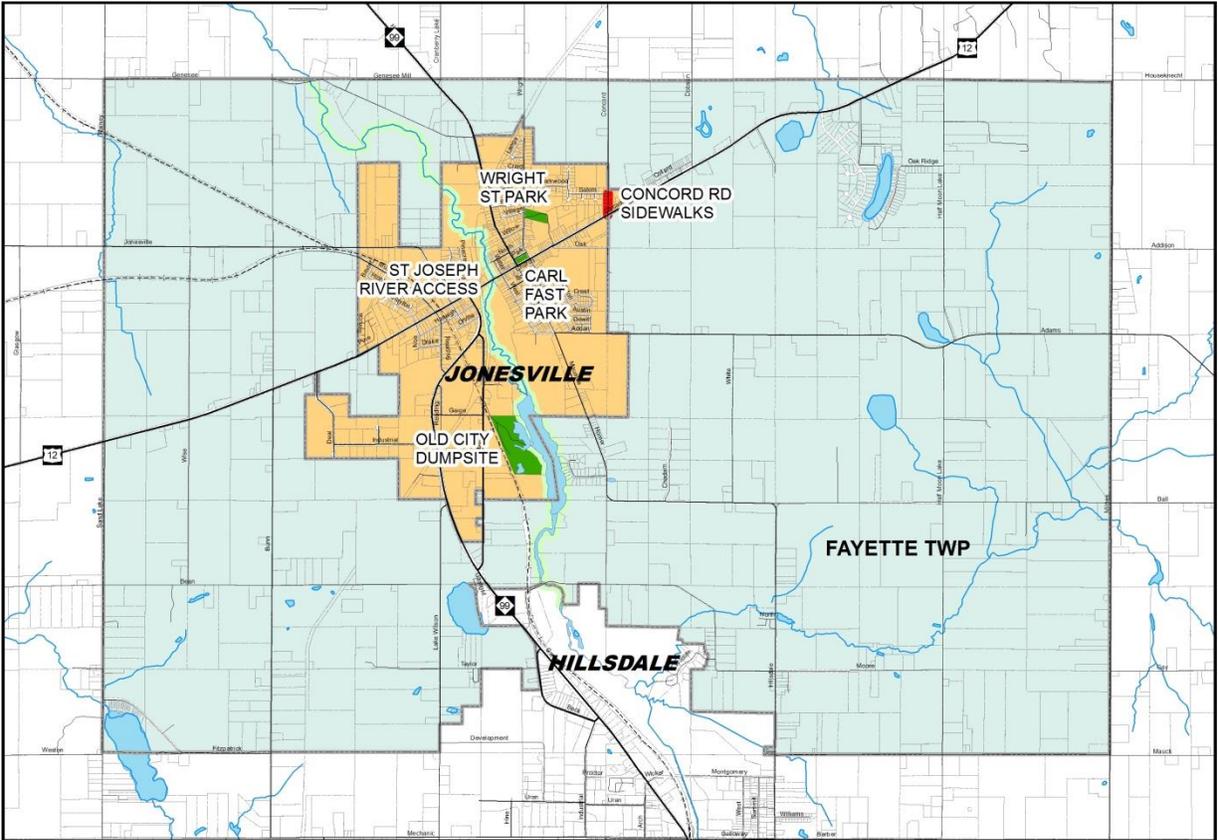
Improvements to existing parks

In recognition of goal #2—“focus on improving existing parks”—6 of the 9 priority projects propose various improvements to the City’s Wright Street and Carl Fast Parks (please see the Action Program map). For example, improvements are proposed in both parks in order to fulfill the objective to increase “barrier-free access to existing recreation facilities and park areas and [incorporate] universal design standards into the construction of new recreation facilities and park areas whenever possible”. The renovation of existing recreation facilities, the installation of new facilities, and facility maintenance are planned for both parks, as directed by the objectives to “renovate and maintain existing recreation facilities and park areas as necessary” and “add and maintain new recreation facilities and parks areas where feasible”. The proposal to “redevelop the existing Wright Street Park tennis courts into multi-use recreation facilities (e.g., tennis, basketball, ice skating, etc.)” fulfills the objective to “evaluate the potential” for that project. Finally, the development of a plan for the Wright Street Park will aid the City in fulfilling all goal #2 objectives as they relate to what is likely the Area’s most visited park (please see the survey).

St. Joseph River

In recognition of goal #3—“provide access to the St. Joseph River”—several priority and secondary projects will increase the general public’s accessibility to that important resource (please see the Action Program map). For example, developing “the old Jonesville dumpsite as a park and [incorporating] the riverside trail proposed by the Headwaters Recreational Authority into the design of the new park” will provide direct access to the St. Joseph River.¹ The proposal to “continue [developing] riverfront access in the Jonesville Area as opportunities arise” will also help to fulfill that goal. Incorporation of a Headwaters Recreational Authority trail into the proposed park accomplishes the objectives to “provide connections between the river and the proposed non-motorized network whenever possible” and “continue to support projects that improve river access for Riverfest and other activities”. The project will also help to satisfy the objective under goal #1 to “improve access to the St. Joseph River via trails and sidewalks (please see goal #3)”.

¹ It is important to note that this project does not conflict with goal #2—“focus on improving existing parks”—because 1 of its objectives allows for the “*addition of new Jonesville Area parks as opportunities arise*” (*emphasis added*).



LEGEND

-  MUNICIPAL LIMITS
-  PARCELS
-  CITY
-  TOWNSHIP
- TRANSPORTATION**
-  HIGHWAYS
-  MAIN ROADS
-  LOCAL ROADS
-  RAILROADS
- WATER**
-  LAKES & PONDS
-  RIVERS & STREAMS



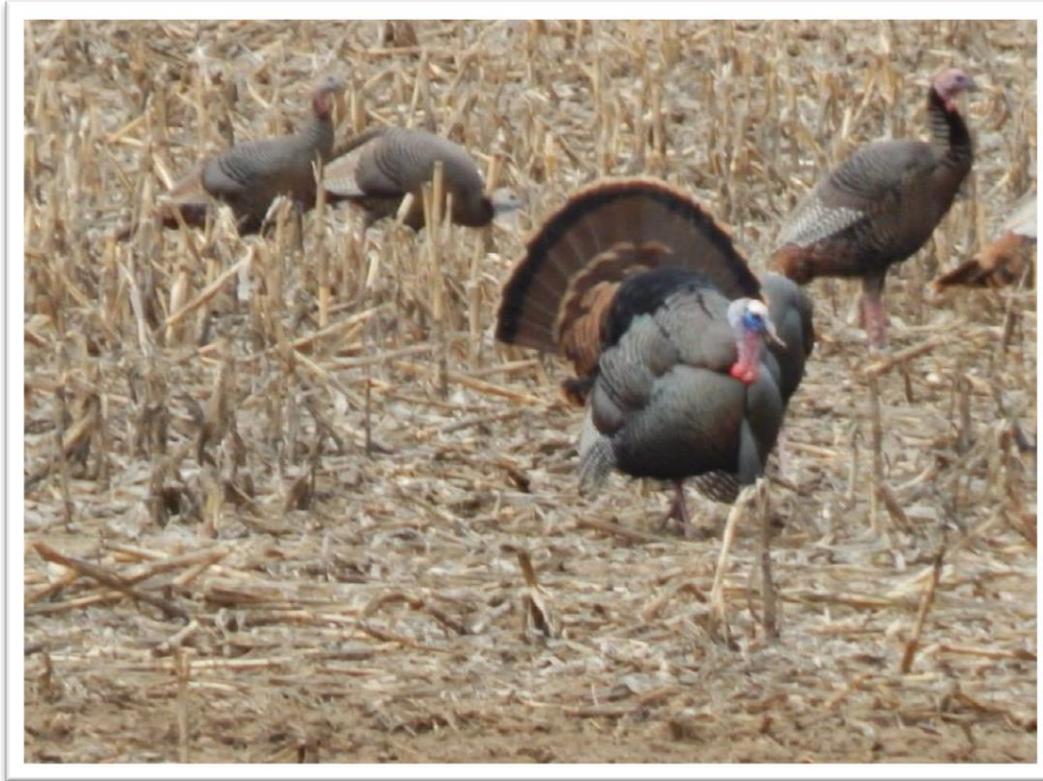


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Appendix A

Demographics

Jonesville & Fayette Township Joint Recreation Plan

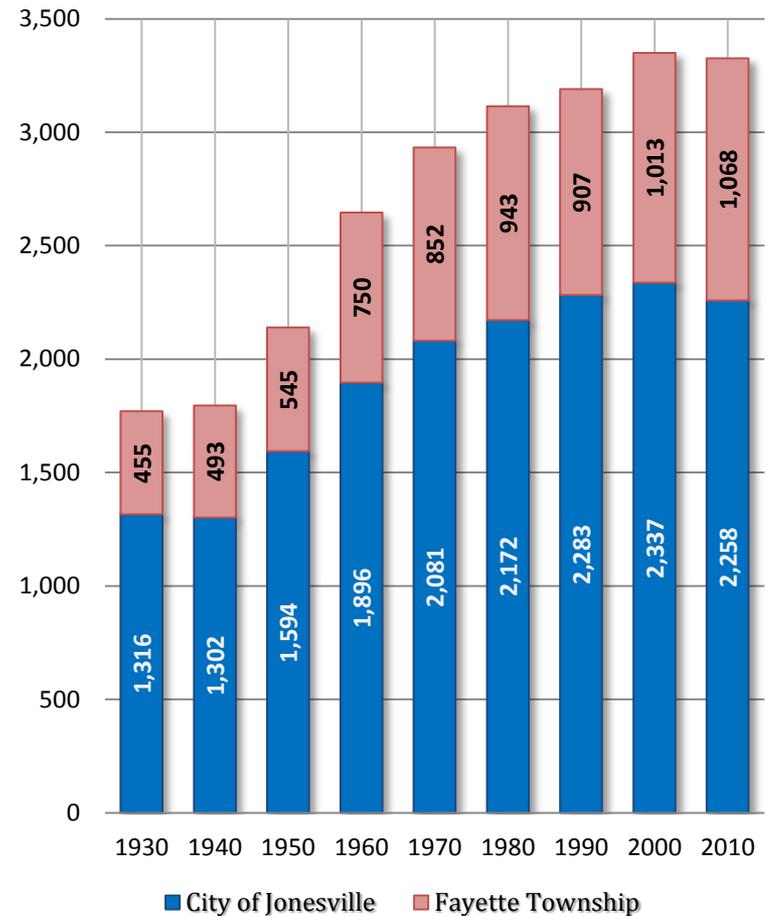
Demographic Composition & Recreation

The demographic composition of Township and City residents has an effect upon their recreational needs. For example:

- **Population History & Projections** – establish the need for general recreational facilities (standards for which are based upon the size of the population)
- **The Age & Gender of the Population** – further refine the need for general recreational facilities balanced among various age groups and gender interests
- **Household & Family Composition** – further refine the need for general recreational facilities balanced between family-oriented and individual activities
- **Racial & Ethnic Composition** – further refine the need for general recreational facilities balanced among the various interests of racial and ethnic groups
- **The Disabilities of Residents** – establish the need for special recreation facilities and disability accommodations to general recreation facilities
- **Income** – helps to illustrate the need for publicly-funded recreational facilities

Population History

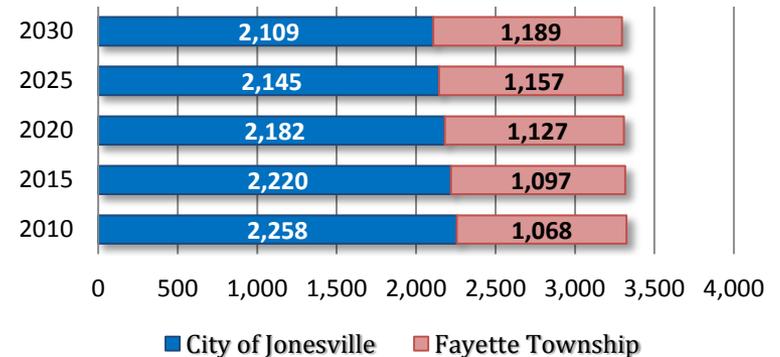
- The population of the Jonesville Area was comprised of 3,226 people in 2010 according to the U.S. Census
 - A total of 1,068 residents were counted in Fayette Township
 - The City's population was 2,258, 67.9% of the population of the Jonesville Area
- The adjacent figure shows:
 - Fairly steady population increases in both the City and Township between 1940 and 2000
 - Population loss between 2000 and 2010 in both municipalities
 - That the City's share of the Jonesville Area's population has decreased each decade since 1930.



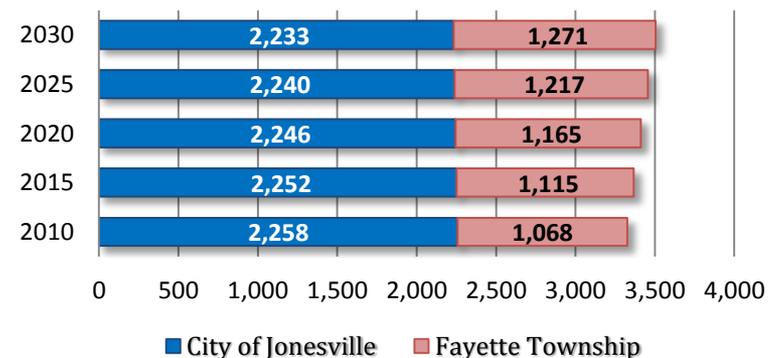
Population Projections

- Population projections are based on past trends of real growth
- The time-period used in this study is 2010-2030, or 20 years
- Population estimates were:
 - Projected at 5-year intervals in the adjacent figures
 - Using the Area's rate of population change over the last 10 years and 20 years, respectively
- Utilizing that information, it is reasonable to expect that:
 - Population change in the Jonesville Area by 2030 will fall between -0.84% and 5.53%
 - The 2015 population is projected to be between 3,317 and 3,367
 - The American Community Survey (ACS) estimates that the population of the Jonesville Area was 3,318 people between 2009 and 2013*
 - The 2020 population is projected to be between 3,309 and 3,411
 - The portion of the Area's population residing in the City will decrease to between 65.8% and 65.9% by 2020

Based on 10-Year Historic Change



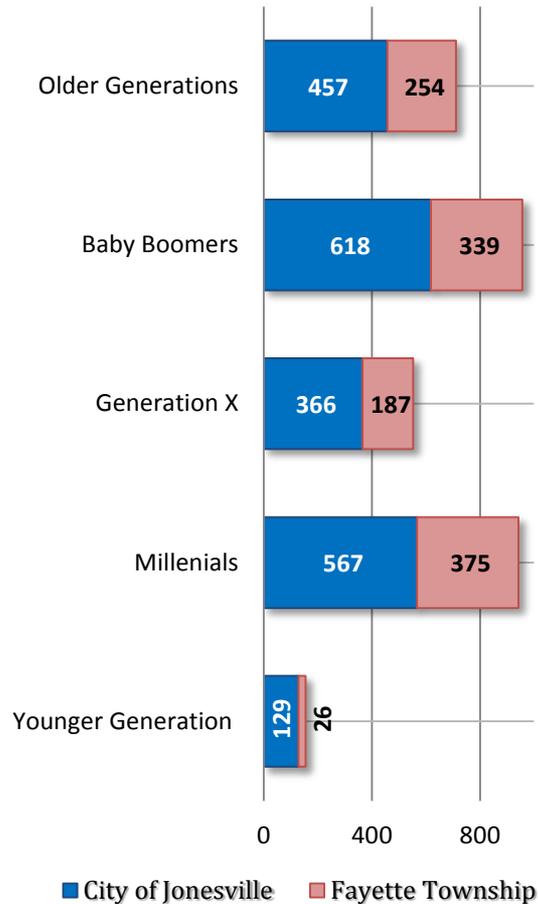
Based on 20-Year Historic Change



American Community Survey (ACS)

- The use of estimates provided by the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) provides more up-to-date demographics
- Reporting jurisdictions the size of the City of Jonesville and Fayette Township are provided five-year average estimates on a regular basis
- The reporting period available and utilized for this plan is 2009-2013
- Please note that the median age, household and family sizes, and household, family, and per capita incomes for Fayette Township include the population of the City of Jonesville
- The U.S. Census Bureau includes village populations in the populations of the townships of which they are a part and ACS estimates still categorize Jonesville as a village

Age & Gender: 2009-2013



- The estimated median age of Jonesville Area residents was fairly high when compared to the national median
 - 45.1 years for Township residents (please see the ACS note)
 - 45.2 years for City residents
 - 37.3 years nationally
- The adjacent figure illustrates the Jonesville Area's generations:
 - 28.8% -- 'Baby boomers' (people between 45 and 64 years of age in 2010)
 - 28.4% -- 'Millennials' (people between 5 and 24 years of age in 2010)
 - 21.4% -- Older generations (people 65 years of age or older in 2010)
 - 16.7% -- 'Generation X' (people between 25 and 44 years of age in 2010)
 - 4.7% -- The younger generation comprised 4.7%
- Finally, it is estimated that females comprised 53.5% of the Area's population

Household & Family Composition: 2009-2013

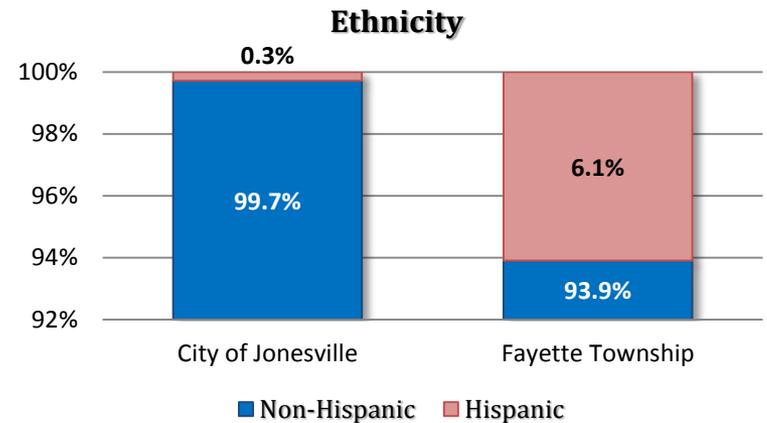
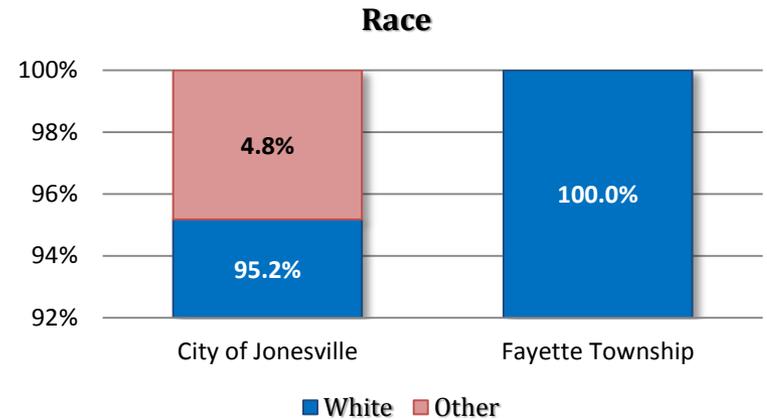


- There were an estimated 1,319 households in the Jonesville Area
 - The City accounted for an estimated 67.2% of the households and the Township accounted for the remaining 32.8%
- Families comprised an estimated 66.1% of all Area households as well as:
 - 68.8% of Township households
 - 64.8% of City households
- The remaining estimated 33.9% of Area households were non-family households
- An estimated 27.1% of Area households were comprised of a single person as well as:
 - 31.3% of City households
 - 18.5% of Township households
- Estimated average household and family size
 - Township -- 2.43 and 2.98 people, respectively (please see the ACS note)
 - City -- 2.29 and 2.85 people, respectively

Racial & Ethnic Composition: 2009-2013

Race and ethnicity are not significant components of the population

- An estimated 96.9% of the population of the Jonesville Area was white
 - 100% of Township residents were white
 - 95.2% of City residents were white
- An estimated 2.4% of Area residents considered themselves Hispanic
 - 6.1% of Township residents considered themselves Hispanic
 - 0.3% of City residents considered themselves Hispanic

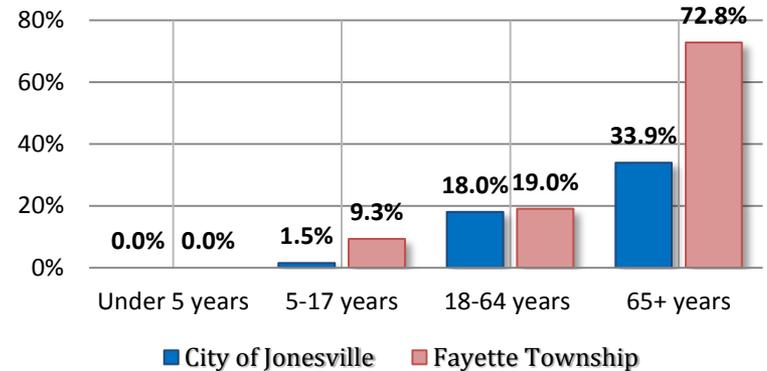


Disabilities: 2009-2013

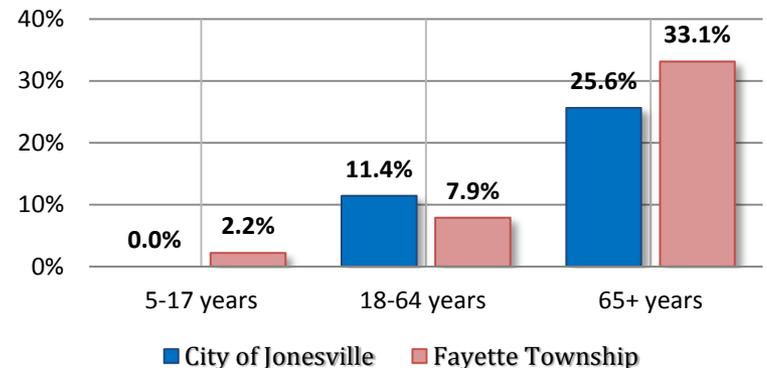
Disabled residents are a significant component of the population

- 5-17 years
 - Jonesville Area– 5.1% disabled and 1.0% ambulatory disability
 - City– 1.5% disabled and 0.0% ambulatory disability
 - Township– 9.3% disabled and 2.2% ambulatory disability
- 18-64 years
 - Jonesville Area– 18.3% disabled and 10.1% ambulatory disability
 - City– 18.0% disabled and 11.4% ambulatory disability
 - Township– 19.0% disabled and 7.9% ambulatory disability
- 65+ years
 - Jonesville Area -- 47.8% disabled and 28.3% ambulatory disability
 - City – 33.9% disabled and 25.6% ambulatory disability
 - Township– 72.8% disabled and 33.1% ambulatory disability

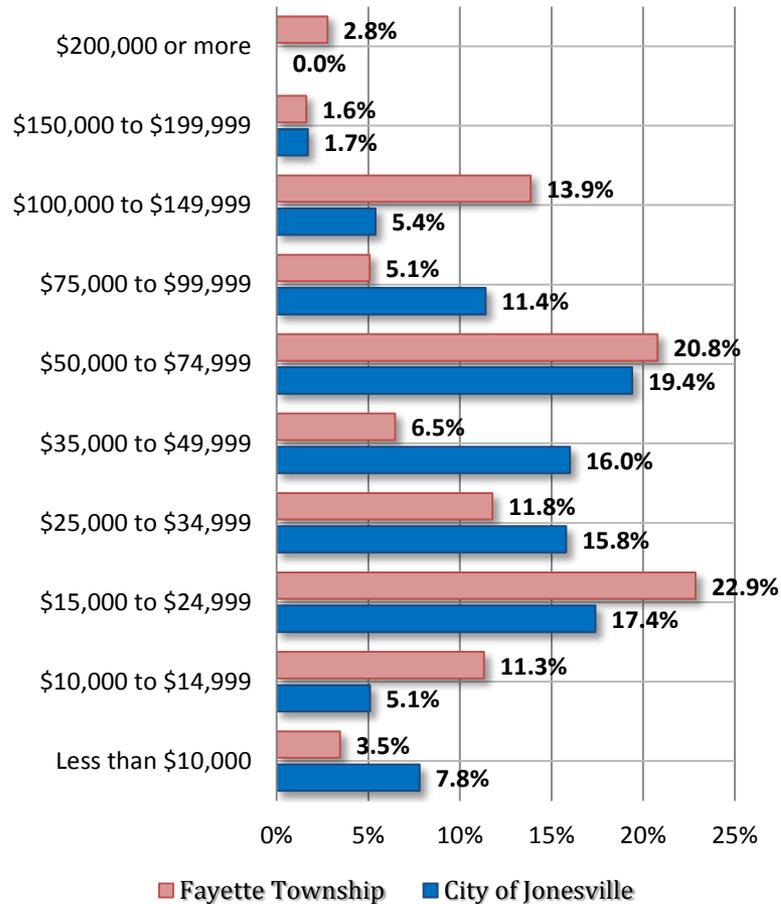
Some Type of Disability



Ambulatory Disability



Household Income: 2009-2013



- Median and mean household income:
 - Township -- \$40,234 and \$50,658 (please see the ACS note)
 - City -- \$40,521 and \$47,705
 - Nation -- \$53,046 and \$73,487
- Median and mean family income:
 - Township -- \$53,214 and \$61,961 (please see the ACS note)
 - City -- \$49,107 and \$56,004
 - Nation -- \$64,719 and \$85,588
- Per capita income:
 - Township -- \$20,284 (please see the ACS note)
 - City -- \$19,894
 - Nation -- \$28,155



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Appendix B

Parks and Recreation Survey

Jonesville & Fayette Township Joint Recreation Plan

The Survey Period

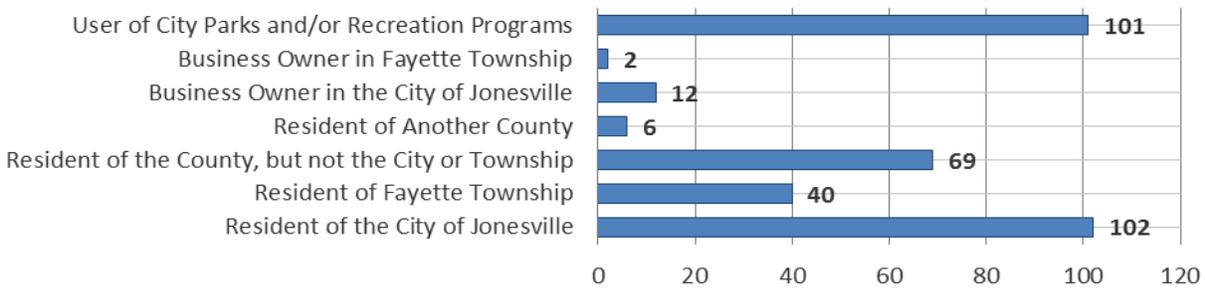
An online survey was conducted throughout March of 2015, supplemented by paper surveys. The online survey was available on Jonesville’s website (www.jonesville.org) and promoted via a press release and Facebook. The paper surveys were available at businesses throughout the City and Fayette Township as well as both municipal halls. There were 206 responses, including 76 paper surveys.

The Respondents

The survey requested some information about respondents. The following responses illustrate that a good cross-section of the Jonesville Area’s (and beyond) population was represented.

How would you describe yourself? (Check all that apply)

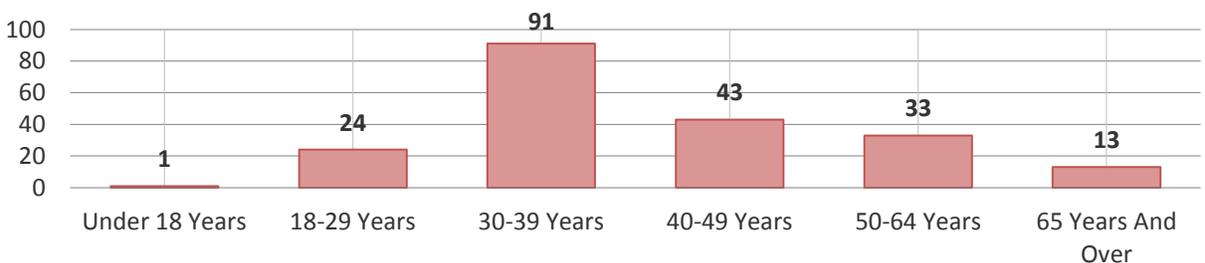
Users of Jonesville’s Parks and/or Recreation Programs accounted for 49.8% of responses. Jonesville residents accounted for 49.8% of responses and 19.5% of respondents lived in Fayette Township. People living elsewhere in Hillsdale County accounted for 33.7% of responses and 2.9% of respondents resided in another county. Business owners in the City and Township accounted for 5.9% and 1.0% of responses, respectively.



Respondents who answered the question: (n=205)
 Respondents who skipped the question: (n=1)

What is your age?

People between 30-39 years old accounted for 44.4% of responses and people aged between 40-49 years accounted for 21.0% of responses. People between 50-64 years old accounted for 16.1% of responses and people aged 18-29 years accounted for 11.7% of responses. People 65 years old or older accounted for 6.3% of responses and people under 18 accounted for 0.5% of responses.



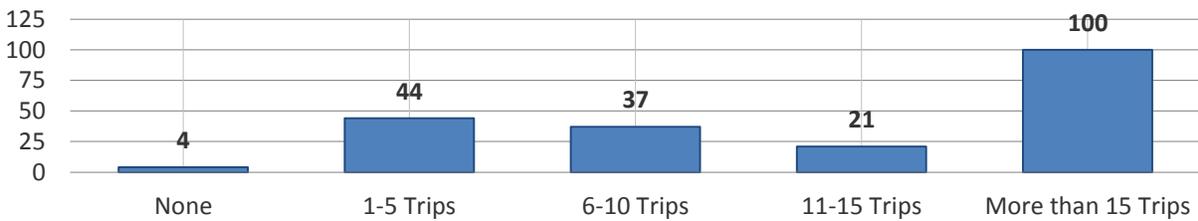
Respondents who answered the question: (n=205)
 Respondents who skipped the question: (n=1)

Visiting Area Parks

Several questions were asked about the usage of park and recreation facilities.

How many times have you visited a Jonesville Area park or recreation facility in the past 12 months?

People who visited an Area park or recreation facility more than 15 times—in the last 12 months—accounted for 48.5% of survey respondents and those who used a park 1-5 times accounted for 21.4% of respondents. People who visited a park or recreation facility 6-10 times—in the last 12 months—accounted for 18.0% of respondents and those who used a park 11-15 times accounted for 10.2% of respondents. Only 1.9% of respondents did not visit a park or recreation facility in the last 12 months.

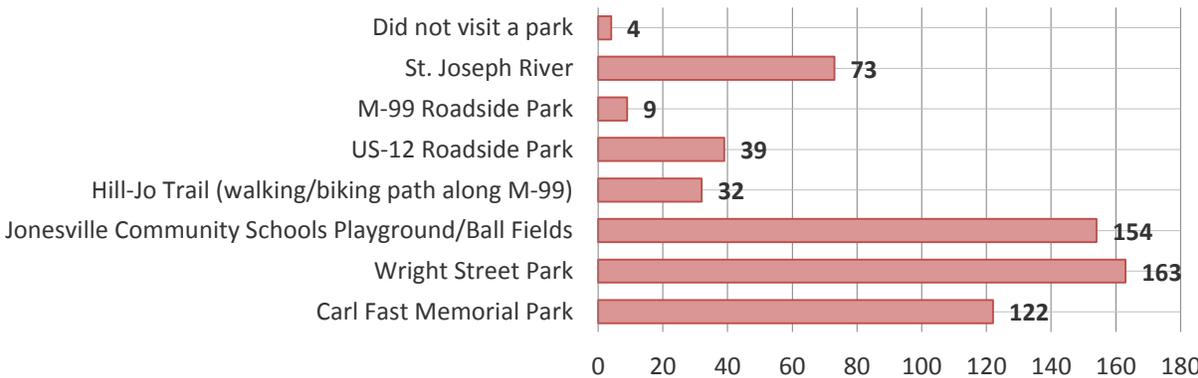


Respondents who answered the question: (n=206)

Respondents who skipped the question: (n=0)

Which of the following parks and recreation facilities did you visit in the past year? (Check all that apply)

Visitors to Jonesville’s Wright Street Park accounted for 79.1% of survey responses and those who visited a Jonesville Community Schools playground or ball field accounted for 74.8% of responses. Visitors to the City’s Carl Fast Memorial Park accounted for 59.2% of survey responses and those who visited the St. Joseph River accounted for 35.4% of responses. Visitors to the Michigan Department of Transportation’s US-12 Roadside Park, Hill-Jo Trail, and the City’s Carl Fast Memorial Park accounted for 18.9%, 15.5%, and 4.4% of survey responses, respectively. Several respondents (1.9%) did not visit any of those parks and 4 respondents visited other Area parks (see below).



Respondents who answered the question: (n=206)

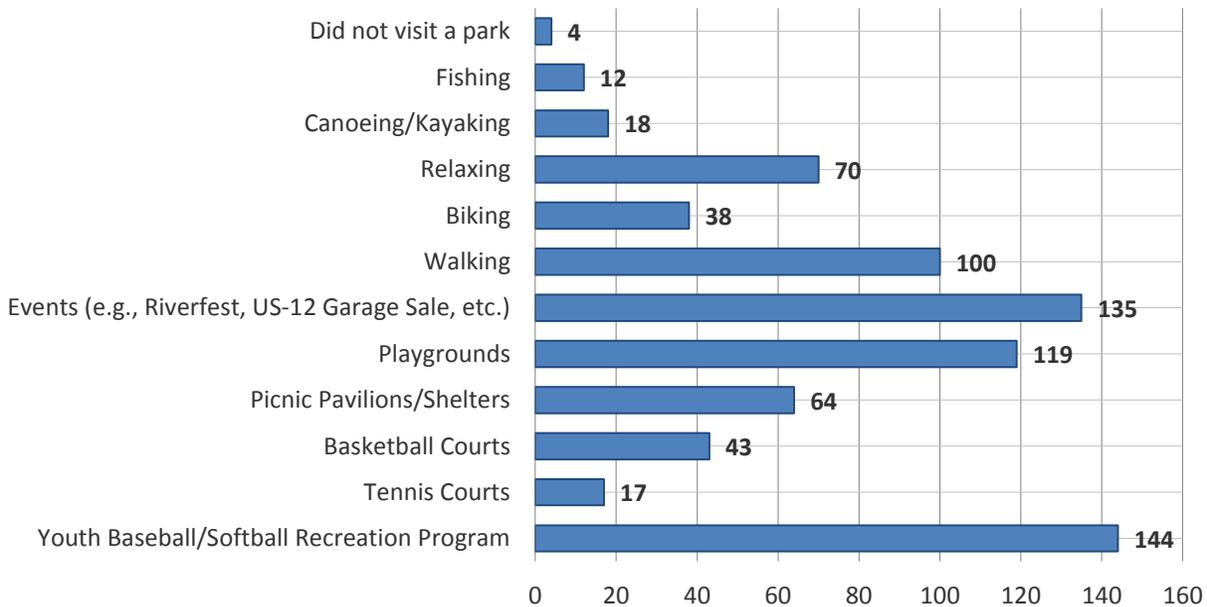
Respondents who skipped the question: (n=0)

Other (please specify)

- We love playing at Wright Street Park until the sand wasps come out. I've read they are harmless unless provoked but my daughter is scared of them.
- Carl Fast for dog walking, Wright St for ballgames and River for nature, gardens, dog walking and meditation. You need to do more along the river off West Street. US12...NATURE VIEWS: deer, swans, eagles, ducklings and migrating bird species can be seen any time of year.
- It's the park next to City Hall....not sure if the name is Carl Fast.
- Lewis Emery Park

What were the reasons that you visited these parks or recreational areas in the last year? (Check all that apply)

The City's youth baseball/softball program drew 69.9% of respondents to an Area park or recreation facility. Various community events attracted 65.5% of respondents to an Area park or recreation facility. Playgrounds were the reason given by 57.8% of respondents for visiting an Area park. Opportunities to walk, relax, and bike drew 48.5%, 34.0%, and 18.4%, respectively, to an Area park. Picnic pavilions/shelters attracted 31.3% of respondents to an Area park. Basketball courts and tennis courts were the reason given by 20.9% and 8.3% of respondents, respectively, for visiting an Area park. Canoeing/kayaking and fishing drew 8.7% and 5.8% of respondents, respectively, to Area parks. Only a few respondents (1.9%) did not visit a park and 15 people provided other reasons for visiting an Area park (see below).



Respondents who answered the question: (n=206)
 Respondents who skipped the question: (n=0)

Other (please specify)

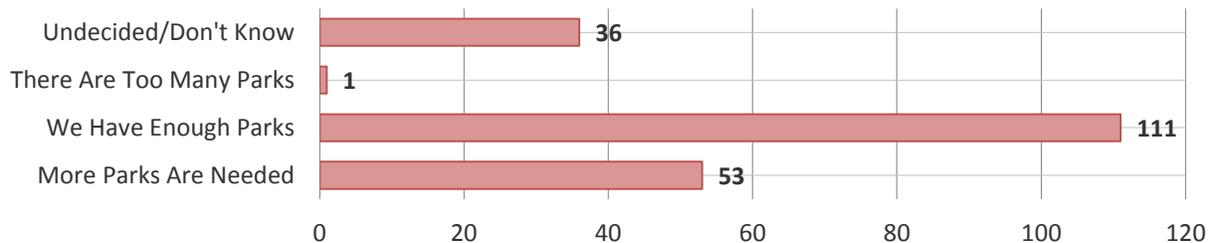
- Held practices in U.S. 12 Roadside Park for middle school cross country team.
- Ball games
- Relaxing, walking
- Softball, Riverfest
- Car show
- Walking, biking
- Grad. outdoor party
- Walking--
- Going for walks
- Sporting events
- Wish there was more community events.
- Tractor show
- I love the fact that there is Wi-Fi in the pavilion.
- Threw my son’s birthday party at Wright Street.
- My daughter and I love to eat lunch in the little park by the river. It’s a great spot for pictures too.

Parks and Recreation Needs

Respondents’ opinions regarding the need for parks and recreation facilities were also collected.

Do you think there are enough parks in the Jonesville Area to meet the needs of residents, too many parks, or are more parks needed?

When asked if there are enough parks in the Jonesville Area, 55.2% of respondents replied the “we have enough parks”. Those who thought “more parks are needed” included 26.4% of respondents. Undecided people included 17.9% of respondents. Only one respondent (0.5%) felt that “there are too many parks” and 25 people commented on where new parks are appropriate (see below).



*Respondents who answered the question: (n=201)
Respondents who skipped the question: (n=5)*

- **City Respondents.** When asked if there are enough parks in the Jonesville Area, 52.0% of City respondents replied that “we have enough parks”. Those who thought “more parks are needed” included 29.6% of respondents. Undecided people included 18.4% of respondents. No City re-

spondent (0.0%) felt that “there are too many parks” and 14 people commented on where new parks are appropriate.

- **Township Respondents.** When asked if there are enough parks in the Jonesville Area, 57.5% of Township respondents replied that “we have enough parks”. Those who thought “more parks are needed” included 20.0% of respondents. Undecided people included 22.5% of respondents. No Township respondent (0.0%) felt that “there are too many parks” and 4 people commented on where new parks are appropriate.

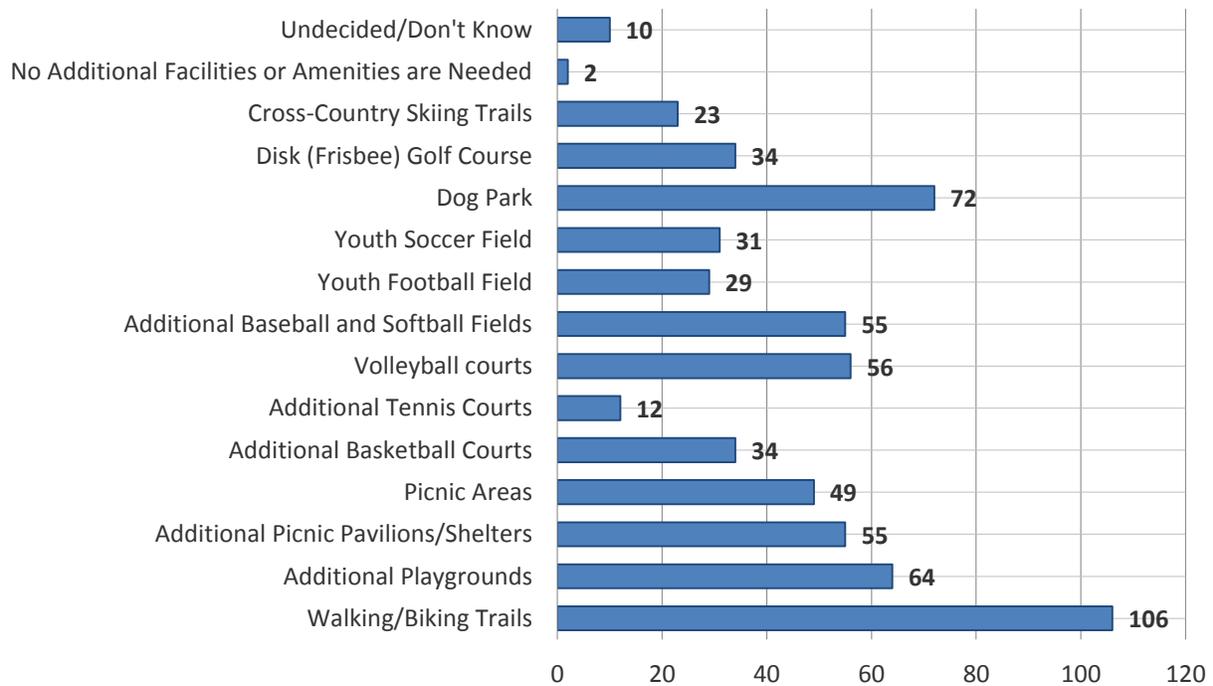
If you feel more parks are needed, please comment on where you feel they should be added.

- I like to see updated and improved playground equipment for younger children.
- Near high school. Purchase & redo Eagles Parks. Improved baseball/softball facilities. We have a huge summer program with not enough facilities to practice on & have to play 7 days / week to accommodate all of the kids.
- More or higher quality to existing parks . . . see below I'd really like to see the trail finished
- Need to improve the parks we have
- Anywhere would be fine. Jonesville is a small town. Any new park should be accessible to most.
- skateboard / park
- The ones we have just need some work, specifically the baseball fields. (Better facilities, improved grass, paint whiter, etc.)
- I would love a park area on the west end of city so the children could have a neighborhood park too!
- The bike trail needs to be expanded. We need areas with more trees. I hate walking in J'ville in the summer as we now have too few trees -- no cool spots for walking
- Like to go down the river in a kayak.
- Not that we really NEED more parks, but make them bigger! Never enough for the kids too get onto & they eventually get bored after 10 minutes
- More play parks for children.
- I think diversity could be great, like a splash pad park!
- Would love newer playground equipment.
- A dog park would be nice. Also, can you install a permanent ice skating rink so that all you have to do is flood in the winter months? We used to have these in MN...Tonka Bay and Shorewood are excellent city governments to get ideas from. Just sayin'.
- Need a park west of the river. I realize the rail trail is west of the river but there are no playgrounds/ parks on the west end of town.
- South side of US12. Maybe near the Manor property. And also southeast corner of town, near the old Heath's Market area. More accessibility for kids without having to cross the busy road.
- Enough parks but still have a need for trails ... motorized and non-motorized.
- more community tennis courts, more updated picnic areas near the water
- More youth ball fields are needed to create a more structured rec ball schedule.
- Update existing parks.

- Along the St Joe River
- Dog park ;)
- With Heritage Lane coming, a pocket park or dog park would be a welcome amenity.

What additional facilities or amenities would you like to see added to existing parks or included in new parks? (Check all that apply)

Walking and biking trails were included on the wish lists of 52.0% of respondents and a dog park was included on the lists of 35.3% of respondents. The need for additional playgrounds was noted by 31.4% of respondents. Volleyball courts and additional baseball and softball fields were on the wish lists of 27.5% and 27.0% of respondents, respectively. The need for additional picnic pavilions/shelters and picnic areas were noted by 27.0% and 24.0% of respondents, respectively. Additional basketball courts and disk (Frisbee) golf course were each included on the wish lists of 16.7% of respondents and youth soccer and football fields were on the lists of 15.2% and 14.2% of respondents, respectively. Cross-country skiing trails and additional tennis courts were identified by 11.3% and 5.9% of respondents, respectively. A couple of respondents (1.0%) felt that “no additional facilities or amenities are needed”, 4.9% of respondents were undecided, and 28 identified other facilities (see below).



Respondents who answered the question: (n=204)

Respondents who skipped the question: (n=2)

- **City Respondents.** Walking and biking trails were included on the wish lists of 57.4% of City respondents and a dog park was included on the lists of 42.6% of City respondents. The need for additional playgrounds was noted by 37.6% of City respondents. Volleyball courts and additional

baseball and softball fields were on the wish lists of 25.7% and 17.8% of City respondents, respectively. The need for additional picnic pavilions/shelters and picnic areas were noted by 30.7% and 25.7% of City respondents, respectively. Additional basketball courts and disk (Frisbee) golf course were included on the wish lists of 17.8% and 19.8% of City respondents, respectively, and youth soccer and football fields were on the lists of 11.9% and 10.9% of City respondents, respectively. Cross-country skiing trails and additional tennis courts were identified by 13.9% and 6.9% of City respondents, respectively. One City respondent (1.0%) felt that “no additional facilities or amenities are needed”, 3.0% of City respondents were undecided, and 17 identified other facilities.

- **Township Respondents.** Walking and biking trails were included on the wish lists of 62.5% of Township respondents and a dog park was included on the lists of 35.0% of Township respondents. The need for additional playgrounds was noted by 30.0% of Township respondents. Volleyball courts and additional baseball and softball fields were on the wish lists of 35.0% and 32.5% of Township respondents, respectively. The need for additional picnic pavilions/shelters and picnic areas were noted by 37.5% and 15.0% of Township respondents, respectively. Additional basketball courts and disk (Frisbee) golf course were included on the wish lists of 17.5% and 27.5% of Township respondents, respectively, and youth soccer and football fields were on the lists of 15.0% and 17.5% of Township respondents, respectively. Cross-country skiing trails and additional tennis courts were identified by 20.0% and 2.5% of Township respondents, respectively. No Township respondents (0.0%) felt that “no additional facilities or amenities are needed”, 5.0% of Township respondents were undecided, and 5 identified other facilities.

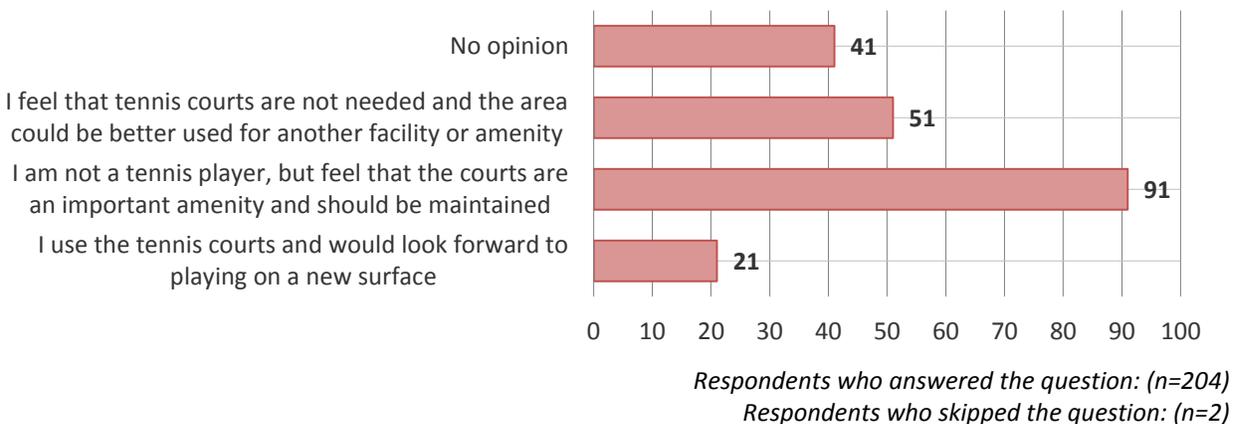
Other (please specify)

- Make the smaller basketball court bigger
- Restrooms. Restrooms opened more often so children have a place to go when playing at park.
- I like what is offered but wish there were more modern playground equipment and more trails to run/walk/bike.
- Outdoor chess/checkers games
- Restrooms
- More gardens / benches
- Just nicer [baseball and softball fields]. It will be nice when they finish the J’ville trail to St. Joe River. Also tidy up & improve the baseball fields (batting cage/realign bases) (lower the outfield fences to the ground) (holes in the outfield)
- A dog park would be wonderful for our furry children!
- Mini-Golf (Putt/Putt)
- Parking
- The bike trail finished from Jonesville to Hillsdale
- Snowshoeing areas or CC trails could be used A skate board park
- Skate park for kids
- Now we are a city we NEED a DOG PARK!!!
- River parks with kayak rentals

- I think diversity could be great, like a splash pad park!
- I would like to see more trails for bicyclists and skaters as well as joggers and walkers. By skaters, I mean inline....this is not a prejudice towards skateboarders. Skateboarding is NOT a crime. I just don't see them on the trails, maybe a long board or 2.
- It would be nice to have a park with play equipment suited to younger children (2-4 year olds) - it would be especially nice for that area to be fenced in or to have limited access.
- Street/ice hockey rink
- Pool
- I would like to see more maintenance the old bike trail so it doesn't look abandoned as you drive into town.
- Pickle Ball Court.
- More seating in the Wright St. Park. There is no place for parents to sit when watching their children.
- Pool, skate board park
- Restrooms need to stay open for use.
- Indoor basketball / volleyball / wally ball / racquetball
- Pool
- More parking

In the next few years, the tennis courts at the Wright Street Park are due to be resurfaced. Before we begin that project, we are interested to know your thoughts about the tennis courts. Which of the following statements most closely matches your opinion of the tennis courts?

“I am not a tennis player, but feel that the courts are an important amenity and should be maintained” was the answer provided by 44.6% of respondents. “I feel that tennis courts are not needed and the area could be better used for another facility or amenity” was the answer provided by 25.0% of respondents. “I use the tennis courts and would look forward to playing on a new surface” was the answer provided by 10.3% of respondents. “No opinion” was the answer provided by 20.1% of respondents and 26 respondents specified other facilities they would prefer (see below).



- **City Respondents.** “I am not a tennis player, but feel that the courts are an important amenity and should be maintained” was the answer provided by 42.0% of City respondents. “I feel that tennis courts are not needed and the area could be better used for another facility or amenity” was the answer provided by 30.0% of City respondents. “I use the tennis courts and would look forward to playing on a new surface” was the answer provided by 12.0% of City respondents. “No opinion” was the answer provided by 16.0% of City respondents and 16 City respondents specified other facilities they would prefer.
- **Township Respondents.** “I am not a tennis player, but feel that the courts are an important amenity and should be maintained” was the answer provided by 50.0% of Township respondents. “I feel that tennis courts are not needed and the area could be better used for another facility or amenity” was the answer provided by 32.5% of Township respondents. “I use the tennis courts and would look forward to playing on a new surface” was the answer provided by 10.0% of Township respondents. “No opinion” was the answer provided by 7.5% of Township respondents and 7 Township respondents specified other facilities they would prefer.

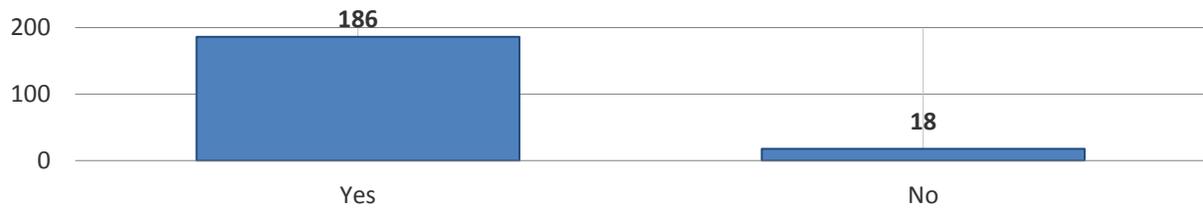
If you feel the tennis courts are not needed, please specify the facilities or amenities that you would prefer:

- Additional parking is desperately needed @ that park
- Use the space for another baseball field
- Parking for baseball/softball rec games
- volleyball court - restroom/concession stand - picnic area - more parking
- It could use a nice facelift
- Pavilion area / more playground equipment
- More parking for summer baseball & softball programs??
- I no longer play tennis but enjoyed when younger.
- Another basketball court or play area for younger aged children.
- I don't play tennis and not sure how much they are used, but maybe could be more basketball courts.
- I live on Wright Street and they don't get used very much at all. An additional basketball court would be used more and Parking is a nightmare!! So I vote for additional parking for safety reasons.
- I rarely have seen anyone on the courts, I think the space should be used for more playground equipment
- Put in a pool where the courts are.
- I think that there should only be on court not two to put in another basketball court or a sand box for kids
- How come nobody ever uses these courts? What if you offered lessons....nobody from Adrian College wants to come and teach? What if the nets are removed, bumpers installed and changed to a skating rink in the winter...not sure how this affects your resurfacing project...but until you get ideas from Tonka Bay, MN, this would be an adequate solution.

- I would prefer more open green spaces with picnic tables, seating, perhaps charcoal bbq units.
- What is the utilization of the courts? Need this info before a decision can be made.
- Do a Kids Kingdom type playground like they have in Coldwater. Those type of places are a destination for families
- Pickle Ball attracts an older athlete.
- I don't live close to that area so I don't know how many people use that facility. If it's only a few I would rather see the funds used for another purpose. If nothing else I've observed that parking is a problem on game nights.
- Considering how much space they take up, not many people use it. I would prefer more things for children to play with.
- Updated baseball and softball fields for youth to participate and be encouraged to participate in youth programs.
- Move the tennis courts and make that area a more efficient parking lot. With a 1 way in and out
- More ball fields
- Maybe an additional ball diamond would be helpful or even additional parking area.

In the spring and summer of 2015, the City of Jonesville will begin construction of a rail-trail (i.e., a paved path for walking and biking built on the abandoned railroad right-of-way). Non-motorized paths for walking and biking are a very popular addition in many communities. Would you support the addition of more paths throughout the City and/or Fayette Township?

Support for non-motorized paths was strong, with 91.2% of respondents answering yes to this question. Only 8.8% of respondents answered no to this question. Possible locations for other trails were provided by 31 respondents (see below).



Respondents who answered the question: (n=204)

Respondents who skipped the question: (n=2)

- **City Respondents.** Support for non-motorized paths was strong, with 91.1% of City respondents answering yes to this question. Only 8.9% of City respondents answered no to this question. Possible locations for other trails were provided by 18 City respondents.
- **Township Respondents.** Support for non-motorized paths was strong, with 90.0% of Township respondents answering yes to this question. Only 10.0% of Township respondents answered no to this question. Possible locations for other trails were provided by 10 Township respondents.

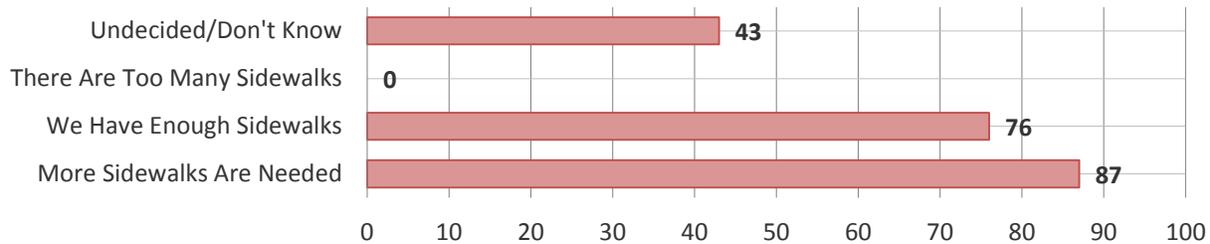
If you feel more trails are needed, please comment on their locations:

- This will be a great asset to the community! Maybe a police call box in future or a lighted trail possibly wouldn't hurt.
- As a runner and biker, I would love more paths. Also, as a track/cross country coach for JCS, it would provide safer areas for more children to run/walk/bike.
- Not sure due to private property rights / etc. Ideally, along St. Joe River Area.
- I enjoy walking (when warm enough) I would love there to be more trails [smiley face]
- Not needed - sidewalks are everywhere - the money could be used for activity center/ adults & kids- i.e. manor gym/exfit - update police dept. with [???
- Anywhere that makes sense but in country/country feeling is preferred.
- That would be great!
- From Jonesville to Litchfield
- Any place is fine, but what is important is that they are winter maintained. You can't even walk on the sidewalks in the winter! No one keep them clean and your ordinance says they need to shovel has no teeth of enforcement.
- North side of US12 along St. Joe River would be nice. Personally I hope someday the rail-trail could be lighted!
- Maybe between the parks and connecting the schools together
- Old RR areas going north to Litchfield & Concord
- Unsure
- Around and/or in the woods by Wright St park
- I would like to see something down 12
- More trails allow for a safer alternative then riding/running on the roads and also promotes the growth of a more active population
- Behind Wright St. Park would be nice.
- Need to learn town better but country trails are nice.
- I think this would be awesome!! The only thing is, I wouldn't want to have to cross US 12 at any point. Way too busy.
- Yes! Yes! Yes! I am training for a marathon and am new to the area. I would LOVE more trails around the community!
- Love this idea! This brings in dog parks and cool outdoor cafes where people can walk, or bike and then congregate - hell, you should open up a brewery. Maybe a winery?
- Would enjoy seeing a connection to Litchfield and/or another connection to Hillsdale close to the College.
- If made and maintained privately
- Consider having some limited parking near the head of these paths.
- As near Jonesville as possible.
- We need a lot more trails. Hillsdale has a trail that goes very far, we have nothing to compete with it. I'm sad that we have to ride along highway 99 from Wal-Mart on using the sidewalk.
- Through woods and town

- We should widen the shoulder of US 12 through Hillsdale County and make J’ville part of an East-West coast to coast bike trail in the southern part of MI.
- Yes more trails would be great!!
- Absolutely.
- I would like to see the biking/hiking trail go through Allen

Several Area streets have sidewalks along them to create more opportunities to walk and bike for recreation and transportation. Do you think that there are enough sidewalks, too many sidewalks, or are more sidewalks needed?

There was less support for additional sidewalks than non-motorized paths, with 42.2% of respondents answering “more sidewalks are needed”. “We have enough sidewalks” was the answer of 36.9% of respondents. No (0.0%) respondents answered that “there are too many sidewalks”, 20.9% of respondents were undecided, and 40 respondents commented on possible location of new sidewalks (see below).



Respondents who answered the question: (n=206)
 Respondents who skipped the question: (n=0)

- **City Respondents.** There was less support for additional sidewalks than non-motorized paths, with 48.0% of City respondents answering “more sidewalks are needed”. “We have enough sidewalks” was the answer of 40.2% of City respondents. No (0.0%) City respondents answered that “there are too many sidewalks”, 11.8% of City respondents were undecided, and 28 City respondents commented on possible location of new sidewalks.
- **Township Respondents.** There was less support for additional sidewalks, than non-motorized paths with 45.0% of Township respondents answering “more sidewalks are needed”. “We have enough sidewalks” was the answer of 42.5% of Township respondents. No (0.0%) respondents answered that “there are too many sidewalks”, 12.5% of respondents were undecided, and 8 respondents commented on possible location of new sidewalks.

If you feel more sidewalks are needed, please comment on their locations:

- Along 12 heading out of town. There are a lot of kids that walk to and from school that are forced to walk in the road.
- I believe that you can't go wrong with more sidewalks
- Any time children are off the roads, it becomes safer for them and pedestrians.

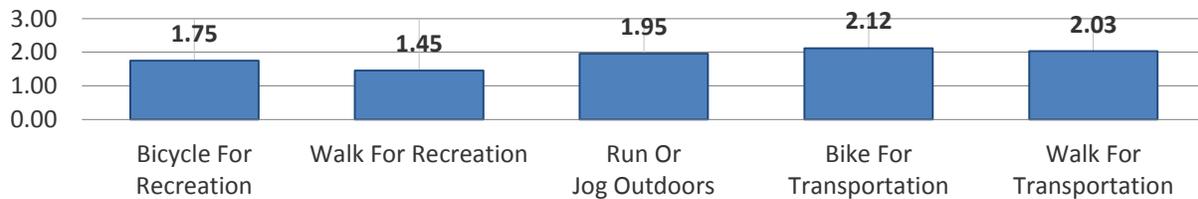
- Several streets are without sidewalks. Continue to add & improve sidewalks within the city is always important.
- I like sidewalks
- sidewalks close to elementary * high school
- By Mill Race Golf Course & across from high school / elementary school.
- biking MUST be restricted to streets -- too dangerous for walkers
- But, it would be great for a trail from Sweet Clover Hills to downtown [smiley face]. Just being selfish!!
- Parkwood needs to be extended all the way to Greenbriar. You need one on Concord Rd to Salem Dr. from the corner of 12 by the hot dog stand.
- All paved streets should have lighted sidewalks on at least one side - most to city limits, mine is new on one side - but not to city limits & there are houses.
- Sidewalks are very dangerous - sep along the Wright St. Park. This winter & spring - extremely icy! Trees have been removed along the side walk area - no shade for walking. Biking in street
- *U-12 (Concord Rd) corner @ Coney Hut to existing sidewalk past Citgo station. *Concord Rd corner @ Coney Hut to Salem Dr.
- Along the whole paved part of Wright St. concerned for people especially children safety when walking where there is no sidewalk. Cars speed down this road all the time.
- Not so much more sidewalks just repair and if the intentions are to use sidewalks for cycling they should be widened for safety through town (i.e., M99 US12) otherwise the city should consider bike lanes on main roads
- West Street / Adrian Rd to the school. Fayette St. and the street to the cemetery. Salem Drive neighborhood. Wright Street to the gravel.
- Too many kids walking in the street from Parkwood Drive and Wright St. north to Lang's Drive
- There should be sidewalks across from the elementary, high school & next to them as well.
- I think they need one all the way to the dirt road on Wright St.
- Along edges of golf course and on North Adams Rd between schools.
- How are we supposed to enjoy the 4 months of summer if we can't relive our childhoods by walking on the sidewalk?!
- It would be nice to have sidewalks all the way along Maumee Street.
- West of the River. We need to take a good look at all amenities in what I refer to the "water" district. (WOTR)...west of the river
- Improve and maintain the current ones. Many are in rough shape
- All of the side streets from downtown to the elementary school.
- Several parts of town are in needed of sidewalks for a safer community
- Several of the newer subdivisions do not have any sidewalks.
- On all streets in Jonesville where there are no sidewalks. Should be on at least one side of the street.
- I'd like to see a safe, non-motorized passage between Hillsdale and Jonesville
- Better maintenance of existing sidewalks is more important than adding more that will not be

maintained either. Several sidewalks are cracked, broken, and unable to smoothly push a stroller on.

- There are still streets that don't have sidewalks. Example, South Street past the Munro House and going west is lacking a sidewalk.
- Parkwood, Greenbriar, and Salem streets have no sidewalks and a large population relative to Jonesville.
- I feel like there are some sidewalks that need repair.
- Make the existing ones better
- Jermaine St. Also on North St behind the village parking lot by the AT&T building, seems silly that the village never connected the existing sidewalk to the corner of Water St.
- On the West side of town.
- Between Jonesville Rd and Murphy St.
- I know that Wright St. was offered a sidewalk at one time. I still think it should happen because of the amount of walkers we have, it is dangerous for the kids. Sometimes people drive very fast down this road, I mean like 50mph.
- People who run and ride bikes never use the sidewalk anyway.

If more sidewalks were constructed, how likely would you be to participate in any of the following?

Respondents were asked if they were “more likely”, “neither more nor less likely”, “less likely”, or “undecided” to participate in various activities if more sidewalks are constructed. Based upon those responses each question was then given an average rating—on a scale of 1 to 10—for each activity. “Bike for transportation” was given an average rating of 2.12 and “walk for transportation” was given an average rating of 2.03. “Run or jog outdoors” was given an average rating of 1.95. “Bike for recreation” was given an average rating of 1.75 and “walk for transportation” was given an average rating of 1.45.



*Respondents who answered the question: (n=201)
 Respondents who skipped the question: (n=5)*

- **City Respondents.** “Bike for transportation” was given an average rating of 2.03 and “walk for transportation” was given an average rating of 1.93. “Run or jog outdoors” was given an average rating of 1.94. “Bike for recreation” was given an average rating of 1.72 and “walk for transportation” was given an average rating of 1.39.
- **Township Respondents.** “Bike for transportation” was given an average rating of 1.83 and “walk for transportation” was given an average rating of 1.72. “Run or jog outdoors” was given

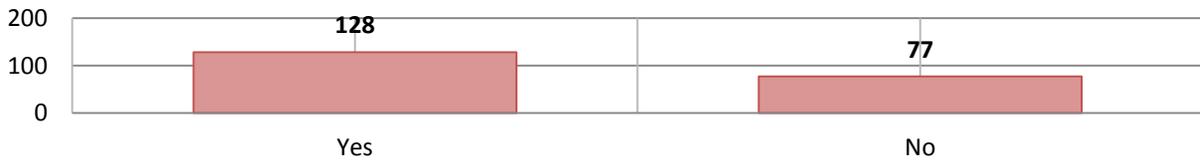
an average rating of 1.70. “Bike for recreation” was given an average rating of 1.44 and “walk for transportation” was given an average rating of 1.26.

Jonesville Recreation Programs

Several questions were asked about the City’s recreation programs.

Have you or anyone in your family participated in the Jonesville youth baseball or softball program in the last year?

Many of the respondents’ families had participated in Jonesville’s youth baseball and softball programs, with 62.4% indicating participation in the last year. Only 37.6% of respondents’ families had not participated in either program and 1 respondent provided a comment (see below).



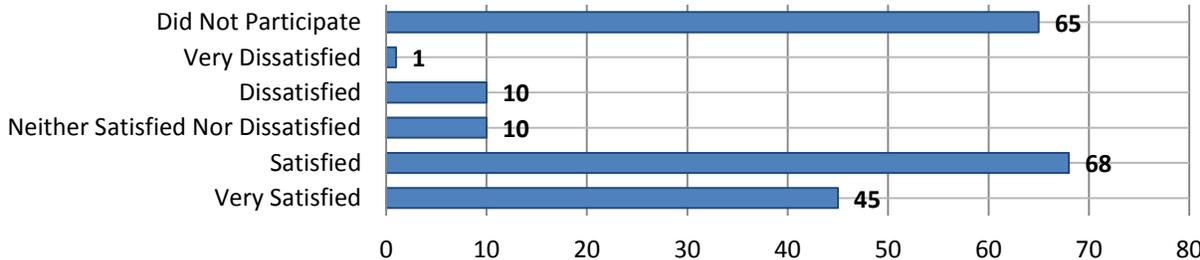
Respondents who answered the question: (n=205)
 Respondents who skipped the question: (n=1)

Comments:

- Retired & no family in town but have watched friend’s children great program] retired- but I'd give up any additional sidewalks to help fund these very important youth programs.

If you or anyone in your family participated in the Jonesville youth baseball or softball program, how satisfied are you with the program?

Of those respondents whose families had participated in Jonesville’s youth baseball and softball programs, 50.5% were “satisfied” and another 33.6% were “very satisfied.” Only 7.5% of respondents whose families had participated in either program were “neither satisfied nor dissatisfied”. Another 7.5% of respondents whose families had participated in either program were “dissatisfied and only 1 (0.7%) were “very dissatisfied”. There were 65 respondents whose families did not participate and 36 respondents provided comments (see below).



Respondents who answered the question: (n=199)
 Respondents who skipped the question: (n=7)

- **City Respondents.** Of those City respondents whose families had participated in Jonesville’s youth baseball and softball programs, 44.3% were “satisfied” and another 39.3% were “very satisfied.” Only 11.5% of respondents whose families had participated in either program were “neither satisfied nor dissatisfied”. Another 4.9% of City respondents whose families had participated in either program were “dissatisfied” and none (0.0%) were “very dissatisfied”. There were 37 City respondents whose families did not participate and 17 respondents provided comments.
- **Township Respondents.** Of those Township respondents whose families had participated in Jonesville’s youth baseball and softball programs, 66.5% were “satisfied” and another 27.6% were “very satisfied”. None (0.0%) of the Township respondents whose families had participated in either program were “neither satisfied nor dissatisfied”. Another 5.3% of those Township respondents whose families had participated in either program were “dissatisfied” and none (0.0%) were “very dissatisfied”. There were 9 Township respondents whose families did not participate and 7 respondents provided comments.

Comments:

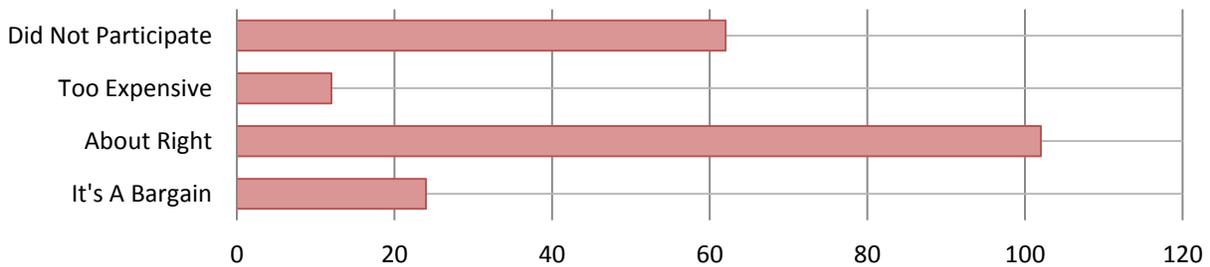
- I love coaching baseball. Been doing it for 8 yrs now and look forward to it every spring
- I love the program but, it should be equal. There are some coaches who "favor" teachers and friends children, no matter how well they can play.
- Stacked teams make it less fun for the teams that only have a few good players. Save the stacked teams for travel ball. I hate seeing the kids defeated before they even start playing.
- Don't like how teams are put together and how you can have a team on rec league who is a traveling team also - not fair
- My only complaint would be some coaches are not "coaching" like I believe they should be, specifically girls softball coach. Not being to all practices/games is not acceptable to me.
- Program is run well! There is just not enough space for the large number of families participating!
- Not with the organization per say - Cindy is amazing! However, again with the number of kids participating, facilities are inadequate & should be improved. "Build it & they will come!" [smiley face]
- So much better than the one in California, kudos Jonesville!
- The fields are dangerous for our kids to play on. I would not be dissatisfied if the fields were up to par.
- Coaches should teach more about the diff. parts of the game, not just hit the ball and run
- Too many games a week all crammed into the month of June. Especially when you have more than one child playing.
- Cindy does an Amazing job. However, it would benefit the programs to divide based on skill rather than age. Also -
- Last year was our first year and I felt last year’s coach was not very involved with the children more so the parents.
- Let’s realize soon the population will be more seniors than youth. They need ways to get around without a car! That's more important than baseball!

- More parking and maybe another field or two
- Coach Osborn should NOT be allowed to coach. He was almost beaten up last year by a father
- Teams need to be evenly divided
- Need more consistent umpires who understand the league. Hyper-competitive coaches need to be kept in check.
- Great program, very well ran
- Wish it was a little longer for kids enjoyment.
- Wish there were more fields.
- Better communication from the coaches when games and/or practice have schedule changes.
- I did not participate because I think all aluminum bats need to be dismantled and recycled as their clang is the worst. Please institute a wood only bat rule so that if we have to hear these godforsaken games, it will at least SOUND like Robert Redford is in my backyard. just kidding - softball people are the best but that sound is really grating....plus fat men need not wear tight, white slacks.
- Season should be longer and not crammed into 2 months. The younger teams need more practices to learn the game and how to play.
- Poorly phrased question. I did not participate so system should not force an answer.
- We like the program and our children have enjoyed playing, but one of the coaches is very hard to deal with and ruins the game.
- I believe it is a very popular program with youth. My understanding is that more people want more baseball and/or softball programs.
- I wish there was something available for younger children age 3 and 4
- I feel the children should be evaluated by the coaches at the end of the season and re drafted every year. It has been fun to see my children continue to play with their same friends and coaches; however the teams have become lopsided by doing this. Each child will progress from year to year and you may still have a stronger athletic team. Something different needs to be done. If not this perhaps making the age groups smaller even if they have to travel locally. Not everyone wants a tournament team with extensive travel. But I feel a rec team playing competitively with other local teams will better our children from skill level to confidence right on up to our high school programs.
- Drafting players is not a fair way to make teams. Kids should be placed on teams based on position. Pitchers, Catchers, Infield, Outfield. The current way leaves teams without players for the skilled positions and other teams with 4 or 5 pitchers. Age ranges need to be adjusted to match national little league ages.
- Cindy does an amazing job keeping it organized. But I think as much participation as the village gets, it could definitely use more fields and a longer season.
- Was very satisfied until last year when my son who's five was the only one on the team that did not receive a game ball!! He was disappointed and wasn't sure he wanted to play again!!!
- Cindy is great! Softball program could be revamped
- Coaching needs coached.
- Will be participating this year

- Baseball fields could use some maintenance.
- The program itself seems fine but parking is an issue especially for people who live in the neighborhood who have access to their property blocked by those using the fields.

If you or anyone in your family participated in the Jonesville youth baseball or softball program, what is your opinion of the fee to participate?

Of those respondents whose families had participated in Jonesville’s youth baseball and softball programs, 73.9% thought the programs were priced “about right” and another 17.4% replied that “It’s a bargain”. Only 8.7% of respondents whose families had participated in either program thought they were “too expensive”. There were 62 residents whose families did not participate and 23 respondents provided comments (see below).



Respondents who answered the question: (n=199)

Respondents who skipped the question: (n=7)

- **City Respondents.** Of those City respondents whose families had participated in Jonesville’s youth baseball and softball programs, 76.7% thought the programs were priced “about right” and another 18.3% replied that “It’s a bargain”. Only 5.0% of City respondents whose families had participated in either program thought they were “too expensive”. There were 37 City residents whose families did not participate and 11 City respondents provided comments.
- **Township Respondents.** Of those Township respondents whose families had participated in Jonesville’s youth baseball and softball programs, 69.0% thought the programs were priced “about right” and another 20.7% replied that “It’s a bargain”. Only 10.3% of Township respondents whose families had participated in either program thought they were “too expensive”. There were 8 Township residents whose families did not participate and 6 respondents provided comments.

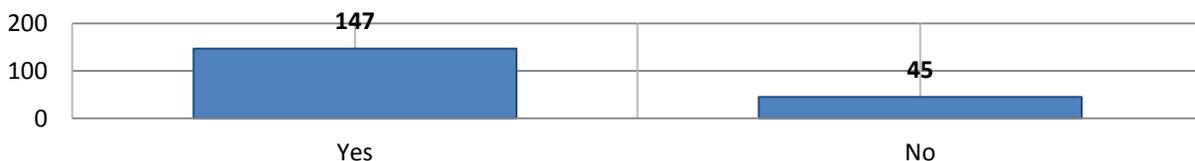
Comments:

- I am glad there is a per-family amount.
- Wish fee was the same for everyone . . . We have a Jonesville address, but are considered out-of-city limits so we pay more.
- \$30/kid is very reasonable. \$45/kid when I've coached three teams at times it a bit painful. Volunteers to coach w/price break.

- Believe it should be all 1 price for Jonesville School District kids not just because you live in town- School of choice kids should get the increase.
- The money should go into the baseball fields
- Could be a little cheaper or more games to get money worth.
- I think if children go to Williams Elementary and live outside the city they shouldn't have to pay a higher price. That stops some from being able to play.
- A little high but so are a lot of other fees. I think where ever you live, all fees should be the same but it is a good program younger kids group should be less than the older kids group. [smiley face]
- The fee keeps getting raised. \$15-\$20 would be more appropriate. It can't keep getting raised every year like it has been!
- I do not feel that non-city resident should be charged more
- Thanks for all your efforts
- I did not like (at one time - I don't know the current fees) if you lived inside the village limits the fee was less than if you resided in Fayette Township
- In the summer its best to walk late at night. Even the "new" sidewalk on Grant St. has dips. It's much safer to walk in the street with lights & a flat surface. (from #9: I walk almost every day. I'm interested in shade & scenery. Our sidewalk areas lack both.
- Thanks to all people involved, Except Osbourne!!
- Children who attend Jonesville Schools should get city registration prices
- But I feel if you attend J'ville schools. Price should be the same whether you live within the vil-lage limits or in the country
- I didn't join....but I can only imagine the fiasco of organizing it. Kudos to you fine folks and you should get paid.
- Barrett Insurance has been an active sponsor for over 10 years and enjoys contributing to this program.
- Need better and more parking
- I believe the price is acceptable for what is offered. Multiple kid discounts for larger families would help many families

Would you like to see more recreational programs and activities for youth?

There was support for more youth programs, with 76.6% respondents replying “yes”. Only 23.4% replied “no” and 59 respondents specified the types of programs they want (see below).



*Respondents who answered the question: (n=192)
 Respondents who skipped the question: (n=14)*

- **City Respondents.** There was support for more youth programs, with 76.6% respondents replying “yes”. Only 23.4% replied “no” and 33 respondents specified the types of programs they want.
- **Township Respondents.** There was support for more youth programs, with 71.1% respondents replying “yes”. Only 28.9% replied “no” and 9 responses specified the types of programs they want.

If yes, please specify the types of programs that are needed:

- There are a lot of kids who would love a hockey program
- Anything to keep them more active!
- I would like to see a soccer program not run by AYSO, but the city.
- Another to get kids active/involved in the outdoors or with recreation in general. Fishing group - St. Joe, Baw Beese, etc.
- Activity center
- community pool
- family, small child friendly activities
- Dodge ball, football camps baseball camps
- bowling
- maybe more things for girls
- summer basketball teams
- don't know
- volleyball
- Soccer fields need to be added not just for AYSO.
- Skating - both ice, roller, and boarding hockey league for youth?
- I would like to see more co-ed activities for the younger children.
- Many, many years ago, a daily program was offered - for instance, crafts one morning. I can't remember the rest because it was a very long time ago.
- Flag football Better soccer program
- Youth tennis
- Tennis
- Swimming, play groups
- Tennis lessons
- Football, basketball, summer basketball
- Not sure
- Would like to see better opportunity of soccer players.
- I would like to see Jonesville get a pool.
- Art in the park. Seasonal art projects
- Anything that gets the kids OUTSIDE!! Tree identification, birding, owl prowls, moth cloth parties. Building and maintaining trails for walking in the wooded areas of Jonesville. Possibly hosting campfires and teach the children some old patriotic songs

- Tennis basketball
- Swimming Soccer Football
- I have a 3year old. I would love programs (or information if they already exist) for her age group.
- I don't have kids, but they should be kept off the streets. How come you guys aren't on Twitter? Links to new recreation programs. When to move my car off the street, this is all valuable tweetable info!!!!!! New water bill etc.
- Winter activities. Sledding, skating, curling?
- Dodge ball and floor hockey
- Daytime organized activities, non-athletic.
- Soccer
- soccer, basketball, tennis, volleyball
- Skate parks?????
- Swimming, Golf.
- Flag football.
- The youth would have the best suggestions.
- I haven't seen any winter programs.
- Running/track, summer basketball
- T ball
- A community pool would be incredible! Something like Cold water has with a kiddie pool.
- Track and field
- Unknown just something
- Self-defense/martial arts
- Floor hockey swimming
- youth golf, youth soccer, youth cheer, youth track
- Volleyball would be nice.
- Swimming, but we don't have a pool.
- Volleyball, basketball, swimming
- Soccer (not AYSO), Longer track program (I believe it was only a one day event last year)-a running club would be great.
- More summer activities.
- Swimming pool
- I have no idea what it would be, but keeping kids busy is always a good idea.
- Kids need exercise

Would you like to see more recreational programs and activities for adults and seniors?

There was support for adult and senior programs, with 68.3% respondents replying “yes”. Only 31.7% replied “no” and 52 respondents specified the types of programs they want (see below).



Respondents who answered the question: (n=189)

Respondents who skipped the question: (n=17)

- City Respondents.** There was support for more adult and senior programs, with 72.6% respondents replying “yes”. Only 27.4% replied “no” and 33 respondents specified the types of programs they want.
- Township Respondents.** There was support for more adult and senior programs, with 67.6% respondents replying “yes”. Only 32.4% replied “no” and 9 responses specified the types of programs they want.

If yes, please specify the types of programs that are needed:

- Sand volleyball / indoor volleyball
- Unsure
- Adult basketball, canoe/kayak club
- Activity center
- Community pool
- Bingo dodge ball
- Softball - volleyball
- Volleyball
- Community garden space
- Adult softball/baseball teams are always fun
- Tai chi in the park, perhaps!
- Not so much type but, enforcement of rules to make it safe to walk or bike. Dogs are still not licensed & most are not let out on leash! Leash laws & licenses need to be enforced. [From end of survey - Please work on winter walking so it's safe. Work on dog control so walkers are not afraid to walk because they might be attacked by a dog! Work on some form of City transportation for elders to get to Walmart & Doctors.]
- Music (free or min.) in a park, every couple of weeks i.e., I go to Quincy now and they take on voluntary donation for veterans - we could - or it could go to parks & rec. I don't know if or how they pay musicians.
- Maybe horseshoes/corn hole/putt/putt
- I'm not personally interested in organized "Fun". I'm interested in the extension of the trail to Hillsdale for walking/biking. You can't bike on the Village sidewalks along the business areas now.
- Football "flag" for adults. a lot of former JHS players miss the game
- I am unaware of any programs

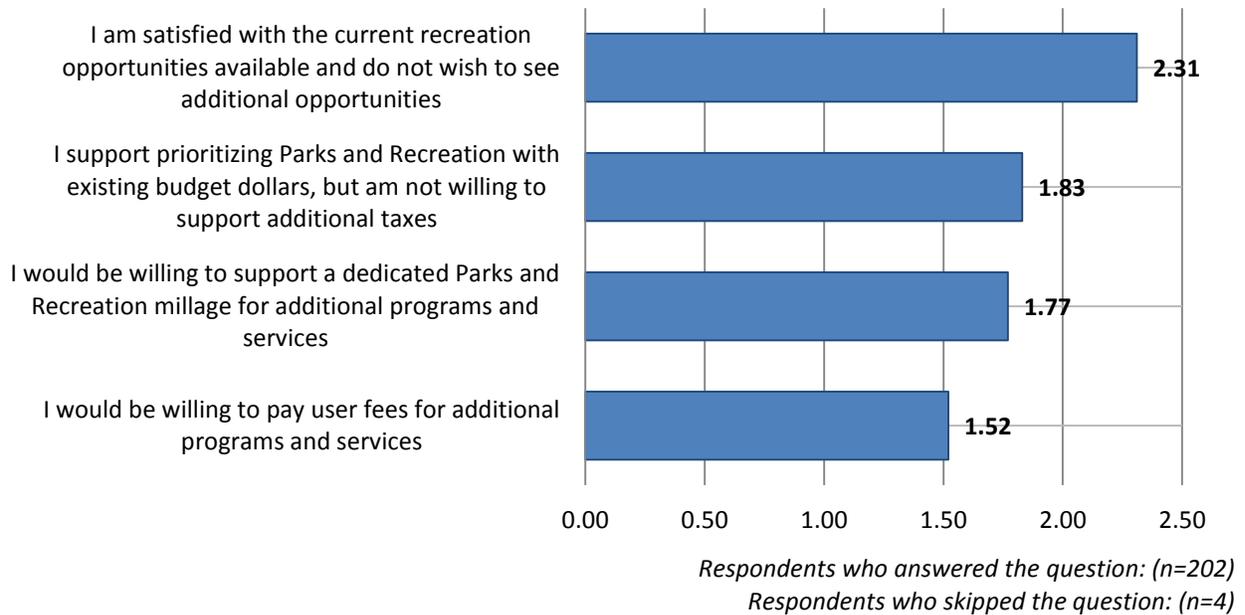
- Volleyball
- Exercise
- No answer.
- It would be great if there was a Pool Place here heated like the Y Programs / exercise
- Art classes, cooking classes, computer classes
- Teaching how to build and maintain Natural Wildlife Habitats gardens and yards. Utilize the local retired people to build nesting boxes, bird houses, butterfly gardens and assist with bird, bee and butterfly counts. Our riverfront with the new boardwalk could become a educational experience for young people and Jonesville City "could" become a Certified Wildlife Habitat City that can help improve property values
- Information being easy to get to
- Swimming Football
- I would participate in softball, soccer, or basketball programs.
- Tennis from previous answers. Yoga would be nice....as long as its not at 10 am....some of us work.
- Ultimate Frisbee games, other organized sports.
- Shuffleboard, more green space with better access for seniors.
- Slow-pitch softball, dodge ball
- Walking clubs
- golf, softball and beach volleyball
- baseball/softball league, kickball leagues, volleyball leagues
- Back to the walking trails and possible dog runs.
- A shooting range would be nice if we had a place for one.
- A place where seniors could go to to just play card and board games
- Over 40 softball league? Mush ball league? Pickle ball league? Flag football?
- There may only be limited interest, but perhaps some art, crafts or gardening.
- Walking paths/trails. Eventually, more tennis courts.
- Exercise, evenings activities
- Well I am unaware of any whatsoever, so more would be good.
- Rec basketball, 30+ 40+
- Unknown just something
- Self-defense, basic wood working, and other life skills.
- basketball volleyball
- Dodge ball, basketball and volleyball league
- Volleyball, softball
- Volleyball
- Volleyball
- Horseshoe pitching
- Seniors need to keep active. Tennis lessons walking groups.

Other Preferences

Survey respondents were also asked how they would like to fund new recreation programs, activities, and facilities as well as how they prefer to be contacted regarding recreation programs and activities.

New recreational programs, activities, and facilities can be important to the health and attractiveness of the Community. They also create costs. Please answer the following questions related to funding for new recreational programs and facilities:

Respondents were asked if they “agree”, “neither agree nor disagree”, or “disagree” with various methods for funding recreation programming, activities, and facilities. Based upon those responses each question was then given an average rating—on a scale of 1 to 10—for each method. “I am satisfied with the current recreation opportunities available and do not wish to see additional opportunities” was given an average rating of 2.31. “I support prioritizing Parks and Recreation with existing budget dollars, but am not willing to support additional taxes” was given an average rating of 1.83. “I would be willing to support a dedicated Parks and Recreation millage for additional programs and services” was given an average rating of 1.77. “I would be willing to pay user fees for additional programs and services” was given an average rating of 1.52. A single comment was made.



- City Respondents.** “I am satisfied with the current recreation opportunities available and do not wish to see additional opportunities” was given an average rating of 2.30 for City respondents. “I support prioritizing Parks and Recreation with existing budget dollars, but am not willing to support additional taxes” was given an average rating of 1.78 for City respondents. “I would be willing to support a dedicated Parks and Recreation millage for additional programs and services” was given an average rating of 1.71 for City respondents. “I would be willing to pay user fees for additional programs and services” was given an average rating of 1.46 for City respondents.

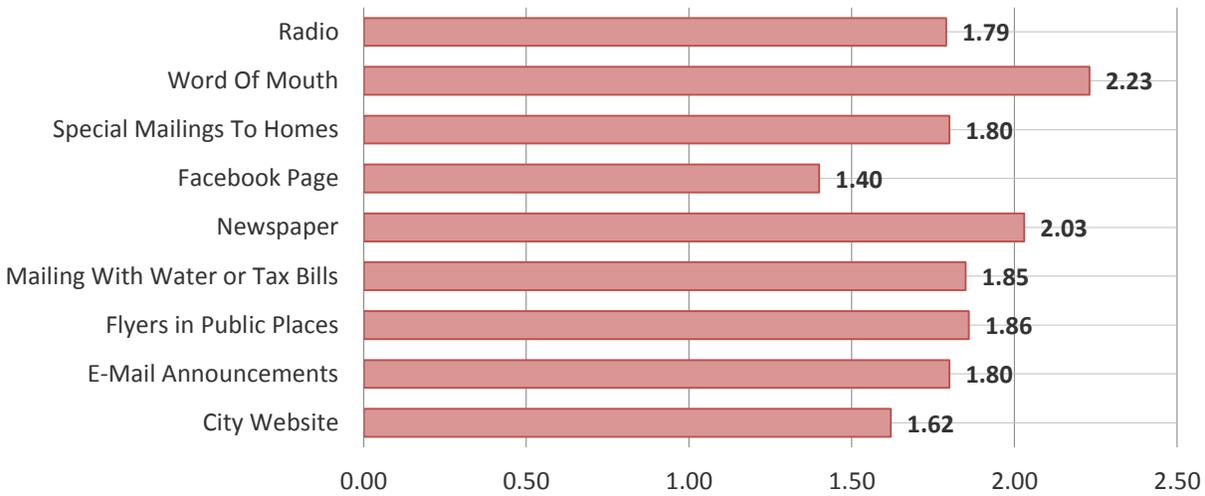
- Township Respondents.** “I am satisfied with the current recreation opportunities available and do not wish to see additional opportunities” was given an average rating of 2.34 for Township respondents. “I support prioritizing Parks and Recreation with existing budget dollars, but am not willing to support additional taxes” was given an average rating of 1.86 for Township respondents. “I would be willing to support a dedicated Parks and Recreation millage for additional programs and services” was given an average rating of 1.59 for Township respondents. “I would be willing to pay user fees for additional programs and services” was given an average rating of 1.54 for Township respondents.

Comment:

- Use what is collected & take donations or do a community fundraiser.

Please indicate your preferred method for receiving information:

Respondents were asked if they “most preferred”, “somewhat preferred”, or “not preferred” regarding various methods for receiving information regarding parks and recreation. Based upon those responses each question was then given an average rating—on a scale of 1 to 10—for each method. “Word of mouth” was given an average rating of 2.23. The “newspaper” was given an average rating of 2.03. “Flyers in public places” was given an average rating of 1.86. A “mailing with water or tax bills” was given an average rating of 1.85. “Special mailings to homes” and “e-mail announcements” were each given an average rating of 1.80. The “radio” was given an average rating of 1.79. The “city website” was given an average rating of 1.62. The City’s “Facebook page” was given an average rating of 1.40.



Respondents who answered the question: (n=204)
 Respondents who skipped the question: (n=2)

- City Respondents.** “Word of mouth” was given an average rating of 2.41 for City respondents. The “newspaper” was given an average rating of 2.17 for City respondents. The “radio” was given an average rating of 1.95. “Flyers in public places” was given an average rating of 1.92 for City

respondents. “E-mail announcements” were given an average rating of 1.77 for City respondents. “Special mailings to homes” were given an average rating of 1.64 for City respondents. The “city website” was given an average rating of 1.62. The City’s “Facebook page” was given an average rating of 1.52. A “mailing with water or tax bills” was given an average rating of 1.51.

- **Township Respondents.** “Word of mouth” was given an average rating of 2.03 for Township respondents. A “mailing with water or tax bills” was given an average rating of 2.00 for Township respondents. The “newspaper” was given an average rating of 1.81 for Township respondents. “Flyers in public places” was given an average rating of 1.77 for Township respondents. “E-mail announcements” were given an average rating of 1.76 for Township respondents. The “city website” was given an average rating of 1.62 for Township responders. “Special mailings to homes” were given an average rating of 1.61 for City respondents. The “radio” was given an average rating of 1.52. The City’s “Facebook page” was given an average rating of 1.24.



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Appendix C

Non-Motorized Trails

Jonesville & Fayette Township Joint Recreation Plan

Headwaters Recreational Authority

The City of Jonesville and Fayette Township have joined together with the City of Hillsdale and Hillsdale Township to create the Headwaters Recreational Authority. Incorporated in 2010, the purpose of the Authority is to develop a trail network throughout the four municipalities. The Authority approved its *Recreation and Pathway Plan* in 2013, which “represents the public’s guide for the development of a comprehensive pathway system in the greater Hillsdale/Jonesville Community” and “provides the framework under which the community will plan for and construct pathways, provide linkages to existing non-motorized infrastructure (e.g. sidewalks), and support alternate modes of transportation.”

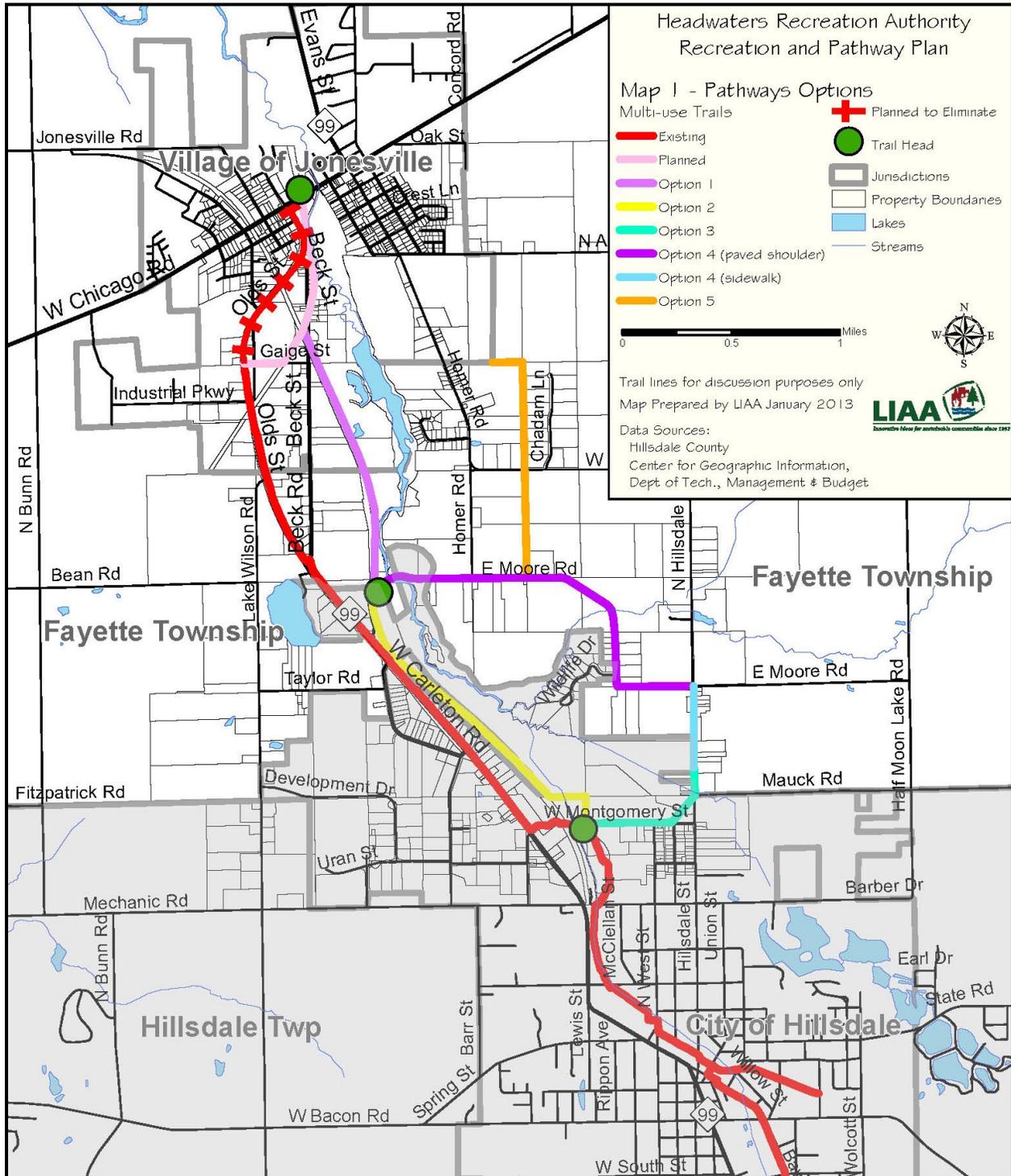


The non-motorized plan—funded through a grant provided by the Hillsdale Community Foundation—was “the result of several months of community-wide discussions and cooperative planning efforts. While [the] plan specifically focuses on trail development, it is also representative of a continual effort to build a collaborative environment in the greater Hillsdale/Jonesville Community.” For example, the Authority “kicked off a five-step public planning process” and—through “a [well-publicized] series of meetings and open dialogue, citizens and public officials”—“had many opportunities to shape a plan that is unique to the greater Hillsdale/Jonesville Community and reflective of the mission of the Recreation Authority.”

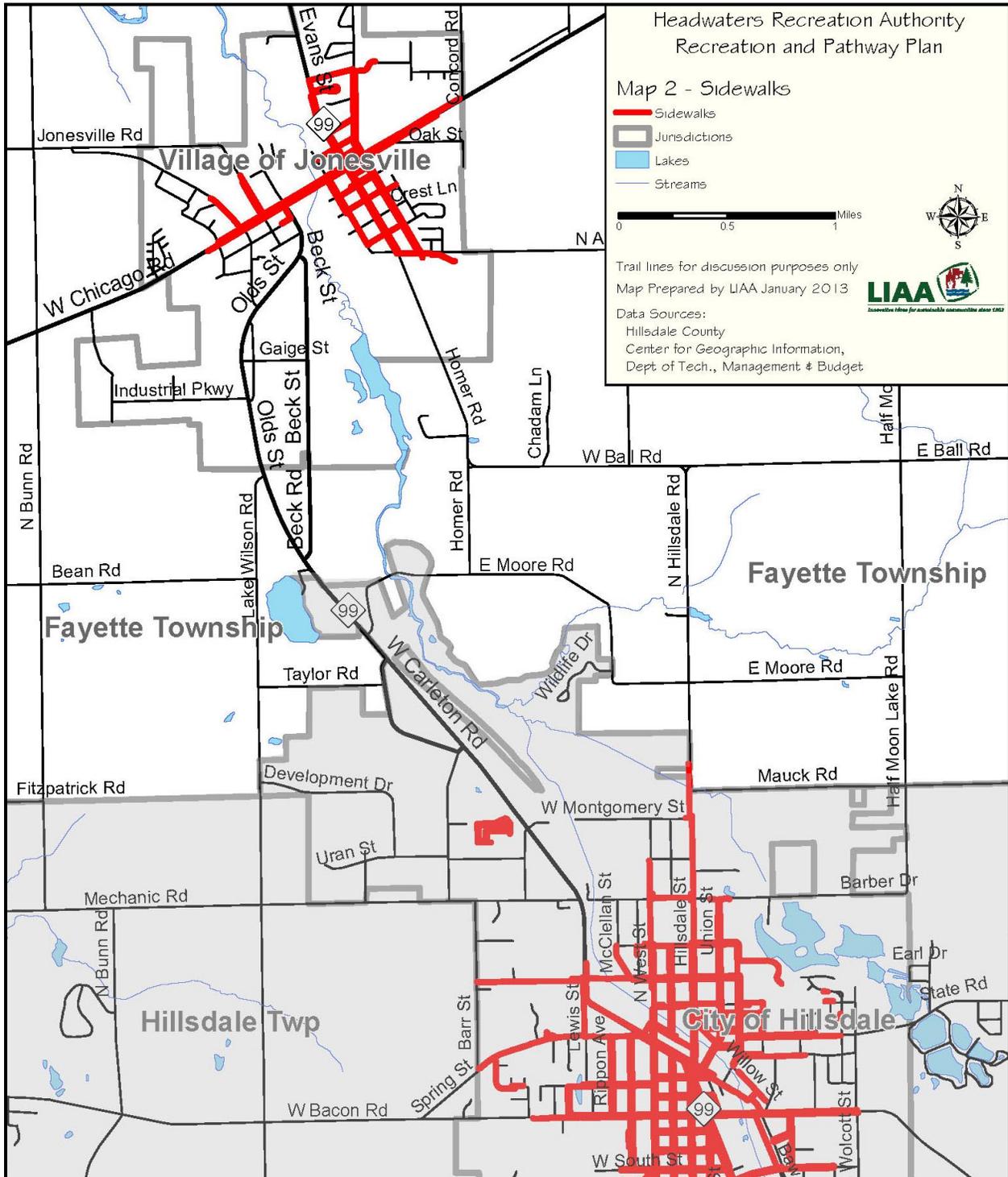
- **Step 1:** “[Identified] a comprehensive pathway inventory” and “preliminary pathway locations and connections to community assets”
- **Step 2:** “[More] clearly [identified] potential pathway locations, focusing primarily on connecting the new non-motorized pathway in Hillsdale with planned trail infrastructure in the [City] of Jonesville” and a physical inventory of the proposed corridor [was conducted], further identifying assets and potential challenges”
- **Step 3:** “[Engaged] the public in an effort to get feedback on the proposed trail locations” by:
 - “[Meeting] with property owners along the proposed pathway to gage their interest, address concerns and assess their willingness to grant an easement”
 - “[Soliciting opinions] at a large public meeting [which] . . . was well publicized through advertisements, a press release and [personal] invitations”
- **Step 4:** “Building on the input collected from private property owners and participants of the public meeting . . . worked to develop a *draft* recreation and trails plan for the community”
- **Step 5:** “Building on the collected public input and subsequent discussions . . . worked to develop a final draft recreation and trails plan for the community”

Included in this appendix are the “Pathway Options” and “Sidewalks” maps from the plan. The City of Hillsdale and Hillsdale Township have been shaded in gray to make the maps easier to read. The full 60-page plan can be downloaded from <http://headwaters-trails.org> which also provides additional information about the Authority.

Pathway Options Map



Sidewalks Map



North Country National Scenic Trail

The local trail corridor proposed by the Headwaters Recreational Authority is part of a much larger effort. The North Country National Scenic Trail will incorporate the trails constructed in Hillsdale County within its corridor. The North Country Trail stretches from New York to North Dakota, also traversing the states of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota.

North Country National Scenic Trail



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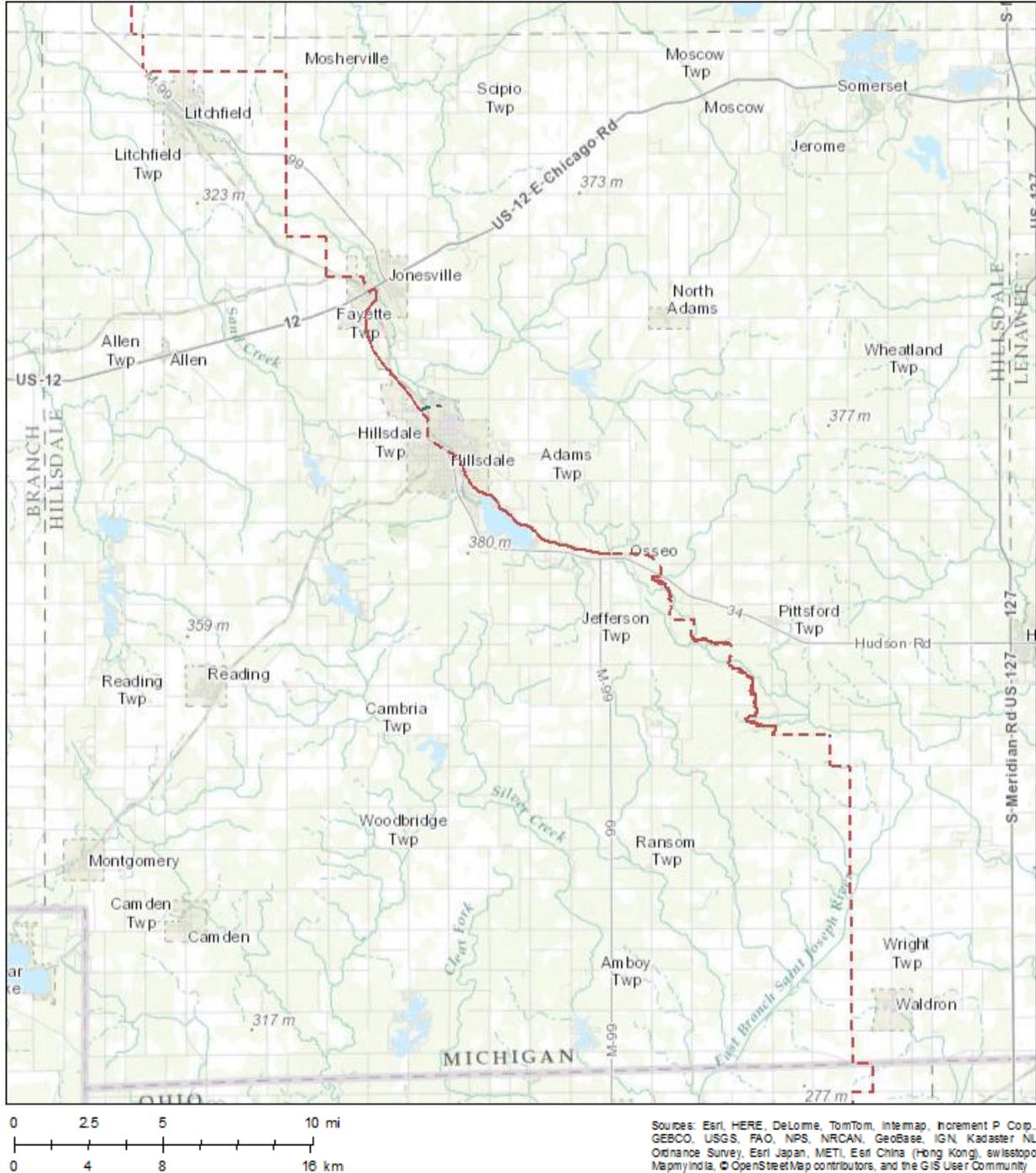
The trail was designated by the National Park Service, but “continues to grow through the efforts and cooperation of many partner organizations and agencies.”¹ In Michigan those partners include the Department of Natural Resources, several national forests, and the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. The North Country Trail Association through its “Chief Baw Beese Chapter is responsible for developing, maintaining, protecting and promoting their 70-mile section” which “spans from Hillsdale County to the Ohio border.”



<https://northcountrytrail.org/trail/states/michigan/explore-by-section/chief-baw-beese-chapter/>

¹ www.nps.gov/noco/index.htm

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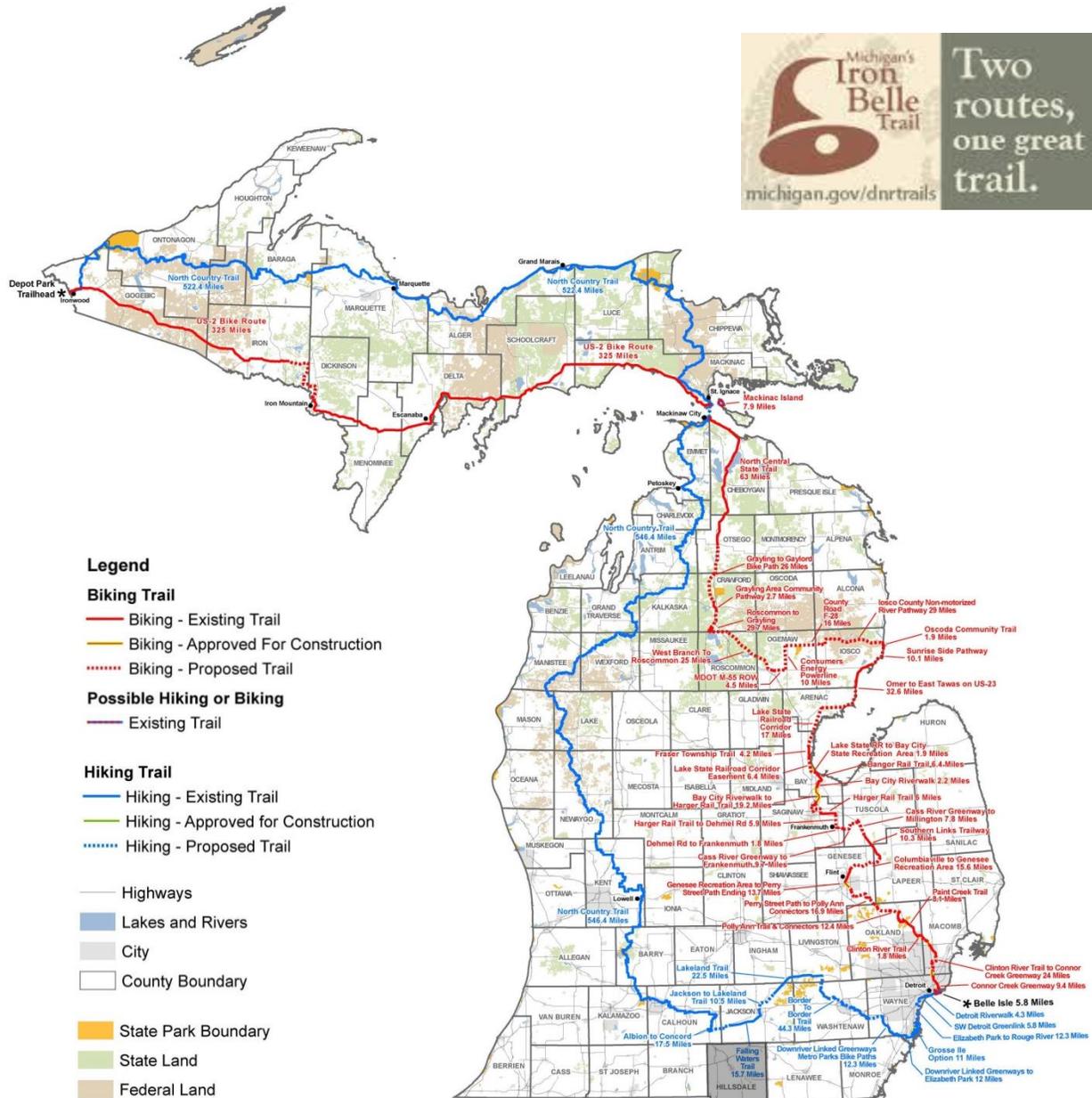


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Iron Belle Trail

The hiking route of the Governor’s showcase Iron Belle Trail utilizes a portion of the North Country Trail Corridor north of Hillsdale County. However, trails proposed for the Hillsdale/Jonesville Community will eventually link up with the Iron Belle Trail via the North Country Trail Corridor.

Iron Belle Trail



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