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**CITY OF JONESVILLE
PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
JONESVILLE CITY HALL**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. October 12, 2022 Meeting
- 5. PUBLIC HEARING AND SUBSEQUENT ACTION**
 - A. None
- 6. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Recreation Master Plan Update
- 7. OTHER BUSINESS**
 - A. Project Updates
- 8. ADJOURNMENT - Next meeting Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 7:00 pm**

[Discussion Item]

**CITY OF JONESVILLE
PLANNING COMMISSION
Minutes of October 12, 2022**

A City of Jonesville Planning Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at the Jonesville City Hall, 265 E Chicago Street, Jonesville, MI. Chair Christine Bowman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Jim Ackerson, Christine Bowman, Jerry Drake, Charles Crouch, Olivia Stemen, Annette Sands, and Marty Ethridge.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Jeff Gray, Mike Kyser and Stephen Bezold (R2PC)

Jerry Drake led the Pledge of Allegiance and the moment of silence.

A motion was made by Jerry Drake and supported by Annette Sands to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Marty Ethridge made a motion and was supported by Olivia Stemen approve the minutes from September 14, 2022. All in favor. Motion carried.

Stephen Bezold of R2PC was present and discussed the public input sessions, including the open house at Wright Street Park scheduled for Tuesday, October 25th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Discussion also ensued regarding the updated community survey.

Manager Gray provided updates.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cynthia D. Means
Clerk



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To: Jonesville Planning Commission
From: Jeffrey M. Gray, City Manager *JMG*
Date: November 9, 2022
Re: Manager Report and Recommendations – November 9, 2022 Planning Commission Meeting

6. A. Recreation Master Plan Update

[Discussion Item]

This agenda item is reserved for discussion of next steps in the update of the Recreation Master Plan. A compilation of comments received at the Park Open House event is attached, along with a summary of survey results as of October 31st. The survey closes on November 4th.

Also attached for review are the first 3 chapters of the draft plan for your review and comment.

Project planner Stephen Bezold will be in attendance to discuss the public input results, review progress on the plan update, and to discuss next steps. *Please refer to the attached compilation of open house comments and survey results, and draft chapters 1-3 of the Recreation Master Plan.*

7. A. Project Updates

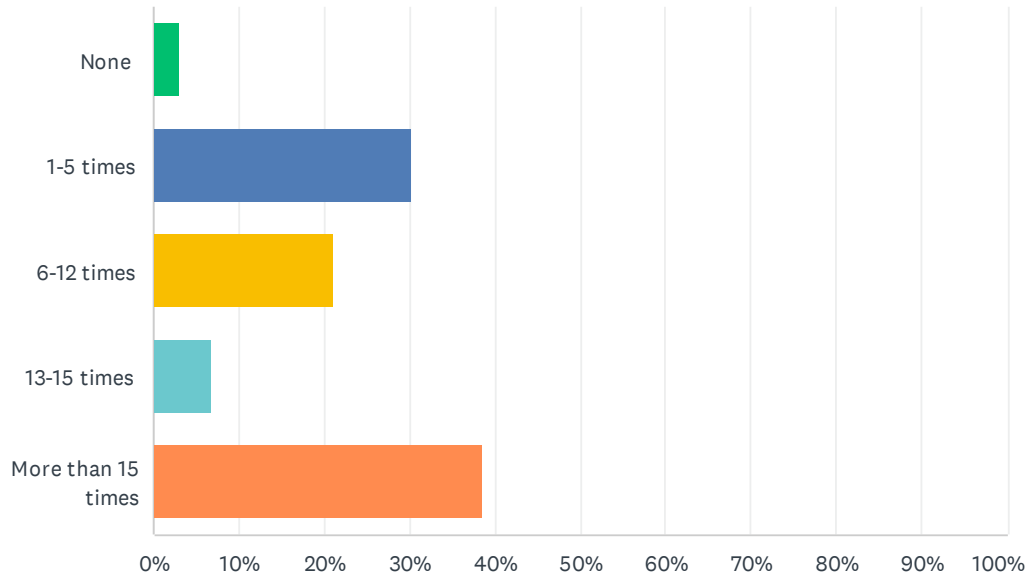
This section of the agenda is reserved for an update on current and pending projects in the City.

Comment Cards
I think a pickleball court would be a good addition to the park. It will attract people to Jonesville because the sport is getting popular around the world.
Walking trails, new play equipment, dog park, pickleball
Discuss what to do with the restrooms (locked or keep open)
I like the concepts proposed. They fit the needs for today. Dog park! Be sure there is adequate parking.
#2 Updated Parking equipment #1 Skateboard ramp #1 Splash Pad
#4 Incorporate bandshell into Riverfest activities, Outdoor theater? #1 Splash Pad brings people into town. Pickleball doesn't make sense, just removed similar courts. Additional court, gets most use of current layout. #2 Bathrooms in Carl Fast, Additional Sidewalks in Wright Street to connect areas, paving the rest of the Wright Street parking lot. #3 Dog park is attractive, curious how much use it will get?
My major interest is a band shell for Jonesville
Yes! To a dog park. I've been hoping for one that was near my home and this would be perfect. And yes to more equipment for kids to play on. We, as a nation, need more physical challenges and less TV/electronics
1. upgrade the playground equipment to have turf, so that kids won't get dirty when they are playing. 2. Splash pad would be phenomenal! 3. We need MORE PARKING! 4. I'm worried that the pickleball courts would not get used as the tennis courts use faded. 5. A bandshell would be a nice asset to the park. 6. Please plan on making parking for any of these ideas that will bring more people to this park.
1. make it parking and move basketball court over where courts were. 2. make it like Litchfield with astroturf. 3. Absolutely not, people can bring in mean dogs, not vaccinated, etc. I'd never use it. 4. Good idea, but very concerned about parking. Splash pad would be nice but concerned about expense, upkeep, and maintenance. Basically expand basketball court and do something about parking, its very dangerous to have everyone out on the street. If this issue is not addressed I wouldn't want anything added.
1/2/3 Could the dog park be where the tennis courts were and leave the beautiful trees alone? I would love for the wooded area to be a public natural space. Kids and adults need more natural spaces! 4. I also love the splash pad idea and amphitheater idea.
1. Dog park 3. Splash Pad 2. Band shell
Things I like free library at both parks. #4 band shell - movie nights - concerts - theater. Beach volleyball court. Improved parking. #2 Improved large jungle gym. Batting cages by the fields
Wright Street: - The middle school students love the merry go round, swings, and kickball. - Pickleball and a dog park are great ideas. - The middle school could use the band shell. - I would love to see a pollinator garden with milkweed for monarchs. - Walking trails and outdoor work out equipment would be fun. Carl Fast Park: - More play equipment for the middle schoolers (we use the park every day). - The trees are beautiful in every season! Maybe you could add labels (JMS local ecology class would be happy to help). - It is so pretty it is hard to think of any improvements. Bandshell comments: - If you have electric with a play, white wall or screen you can do movie events. More park ideas: - sand volleyball. - Gaga ball pit. - 9 square in the air. - Free library box. - Air pillow jumping thing.

Pickleball courts are a great idea. Extra property for a dog park is a bonus. A frisbee golf course could be added with little cost. Extra parking or alternative parking at the middle school is a good idea with a walking path between the park and parking lot. It is congested during Summer Ball games and it would be if a band shell is installed.
#1 I would love to see pickleball courts combined with splash pads - both would be nice. #2 Bigger pavillion at Carl Fast or additional parking at Wright Street can be improved. #3 Dog park - great idea! #4 Band shell - like enclosed bandshell with side walls - could also be used for outdoor theater. - would need more restrooms.
I would like to see more basketball hoops
Outdoor movies. Partner with Sauk Theater on outdoor plays (band shell). Hiking trail surrounding the park.
Things to have: 1. splash pad 2. Huge jungle gym with a zip line 3. Dog park 4. Band shell/movie night in the park 5. Improved parking 6. lines on the basketball court 7. garden 8. outdoor work out equipment 9. new bleachers 10. free library 11. free movies 12. Gaga ball pit 13. sand volley ball pit 14. 4 square 15. 9 square in the air 16. Air jumping pillow. Things not to have: 1. skate park 2. sand pit. Carl Fast Park: 1. improved equipment 2. it is very pretty
1. Pickleball court. 4. Band shell would draw crowds
1. splash pad for sure. Yay! Families use one in coldwater 2. keep the old equipment 3. No dog park near playground. Not all dogs are friendly. Liability! Not all people like dogs. 4. No comment. Like the walking path around park.
Like the splash pad. Keep old equipment, repair if necessary. Like the walk way. Dog park needs designated parking. Fence to separate park and dog park with separate walk way.
Love: dog park, splash pad, walking trail, play ground. Meh: band shell, pickleball

Q1 How many times have you visited a Jonesville Area park or recreation facility in the last year?

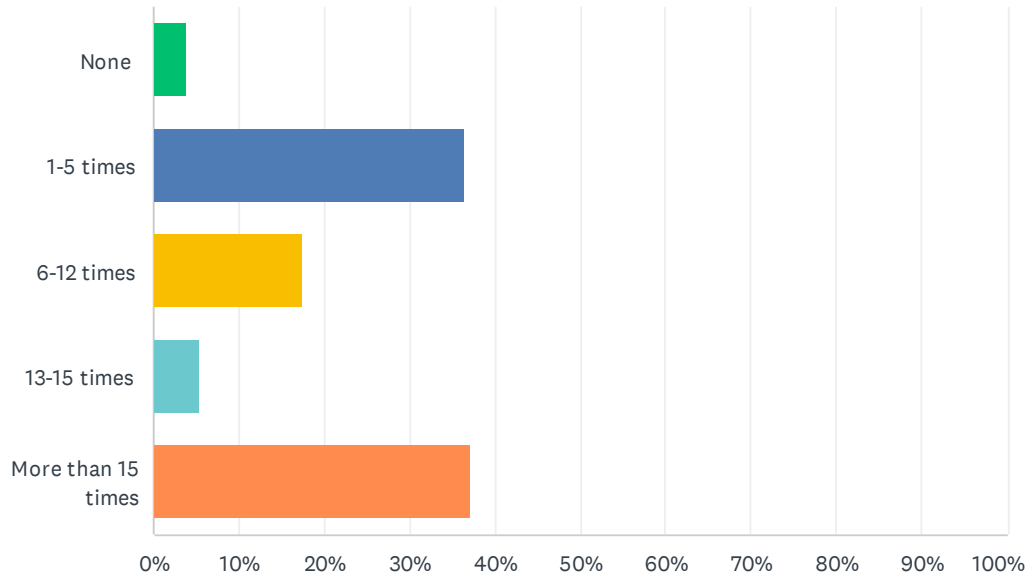
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None	3.03%	4
1-5 times	30.30%	40
6-12 times	21.21%	28
13-15 times	6.82%	9
More than 15 times	38.64%	51
TOTAL		132

Q2 How many times have you chosen to walk and/or bike to travel in the Jonesville Area in the last year?

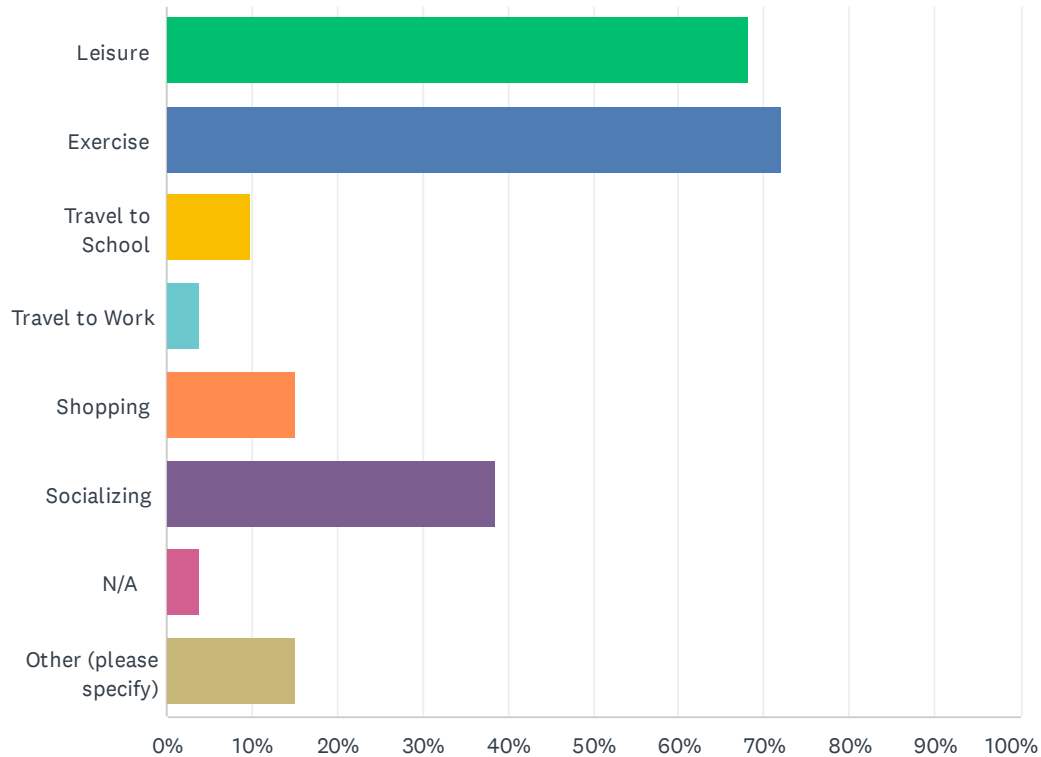
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None	3.79%	5
1-5 times	36.36%	48
6-12 times	17.42%	23
13-15 times	5.30%	7
More than 15 times	37.12%	49
TOTAL		132

Q3 For what reasons have you walked and/or biked in the last year? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 132 Skipped: 0



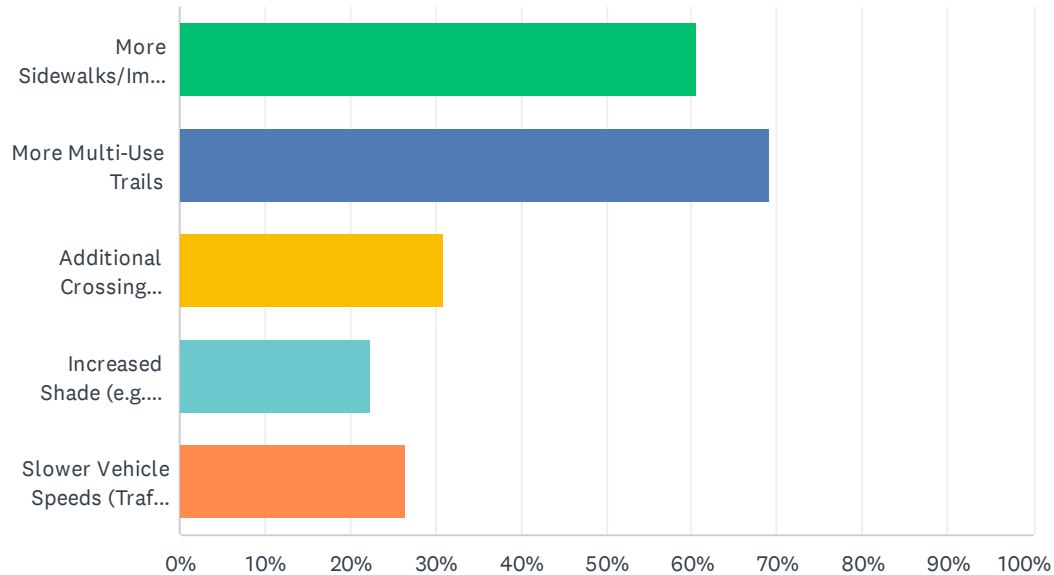
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Leisure	68.18%	90
Exercise	71.97%	95
Travel to School	9.85%	13
Travel to Work	3.79%	5
Shopping	15.15%	20
Socializing	38.64%	51
N/A	3.79%	5
Other (please specify)	15.15%	20
Total Respondents: 132		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	sports	10/29/2022 4:31 PM
2	To get udder side	10/25/2022 8:03 PM
3	Taking grandchildren to parks and hikes	10/25/2022 4:24 PM

4	Sports	10/24/2022 11:59 AM
5	Swim	10/21/2022 9:20 AM
6	Get the kids out of the house LOL	10/21/2022 8:26 AM
7	To get to McDonalds or my doctors appointment.	10/19/2022 5:58 PM
8	Jilly beans	10/19/2022 9:54 AM
9	to go to friends house	10/18/2022 5:51 PM
10	kid sporting events	10/18/2022 11:24 AM
11	walked my dogs	10/17/2022 5:14 PM
12	Attend sporting events, holiday events	10/17/2022 3:26 PM
13	attend sporting events	10/17/2022 3:21 PM
14	go to jelly beans or bakery and main street (pizza place)	10/17/2022 2:36 PM
15	Basketball	10/17/2022 2:08 PM
16	DOG WALKS	10/17/2022 12:16 PM
17	Baseball	10/17/2022 11:22 AM
18	Food	10/17/2022 10:46 AM
19	Practices	10/17/2022 10:45 AM
20	Udderside	10/15/2022 12:35 PM

Q4 Which of the following pedestrian improvements would you like to see in the City of Jonesville? (Check all that apply)

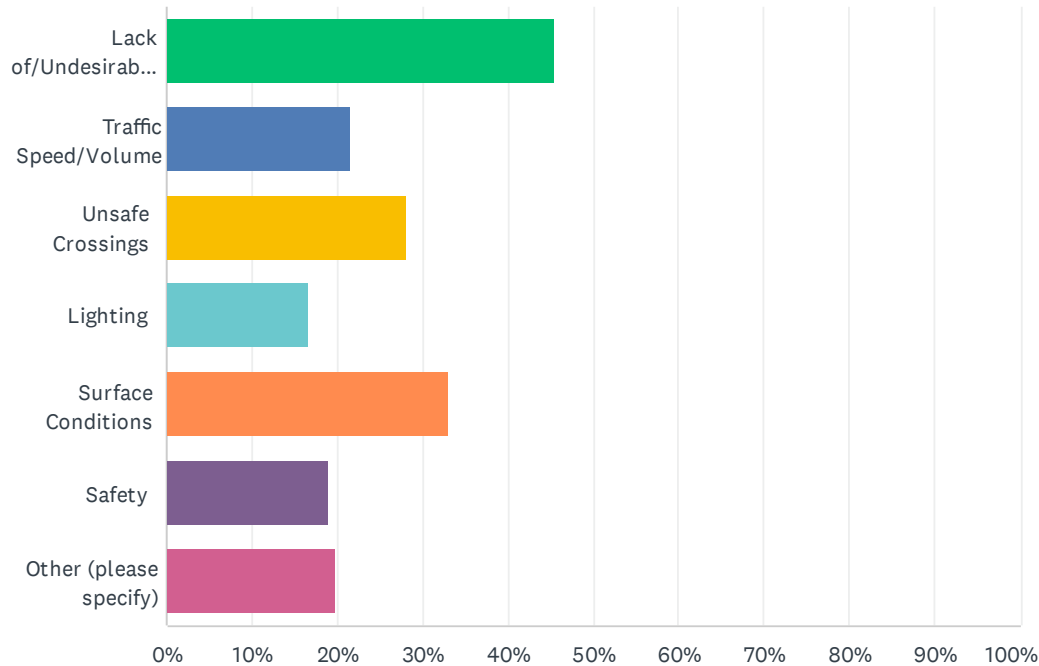
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More Sidewalks/Improvements to Existing Sidewalks	60.47%	78
More Multi-Use Trails	68.99%	89
Additional Crossing Opportunities/Improvements	31.01%	40
Increased Shade (e.g. Street Trees)	22.48%	29
Slower Vehicle Speeds (Traffic Calming)	26.36%	34
Total Respondents: 129		

Q5 What obstacles prevent you from walking and/or biking? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 121 Skipped: 11



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Lack of/Undesirable Facilities/Paths	45.45%	55
Traffic Speed/Volume	21.49%	26
Unsafe Crossings	28.10%	34
Lighting	16.53%	20
Surface Conditions	33.06%	40
Safety	19.01%	23
Other (please specify)	19.83%	24
Total Respondents: 121		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	need more and fun things	10/29/2022 4:31 PM
2	Apartments near downtown and Parkwood too close to the Wright St Park.	10/27/2022 6:29 PM
3	Parking areas	10/27/2022 11:39 AM
4	Please do not do away with 4 lanes of traffic on US-12. It's too much congestion now, especially when school starts and ends. School buses have a hard enough time getting around, farmers HAVE to use US-12 and we have way too many oversized loads that HAVE to use US-12. Detours would not apply to farmers or oversized loads.	10/26/2022 11:35 AM

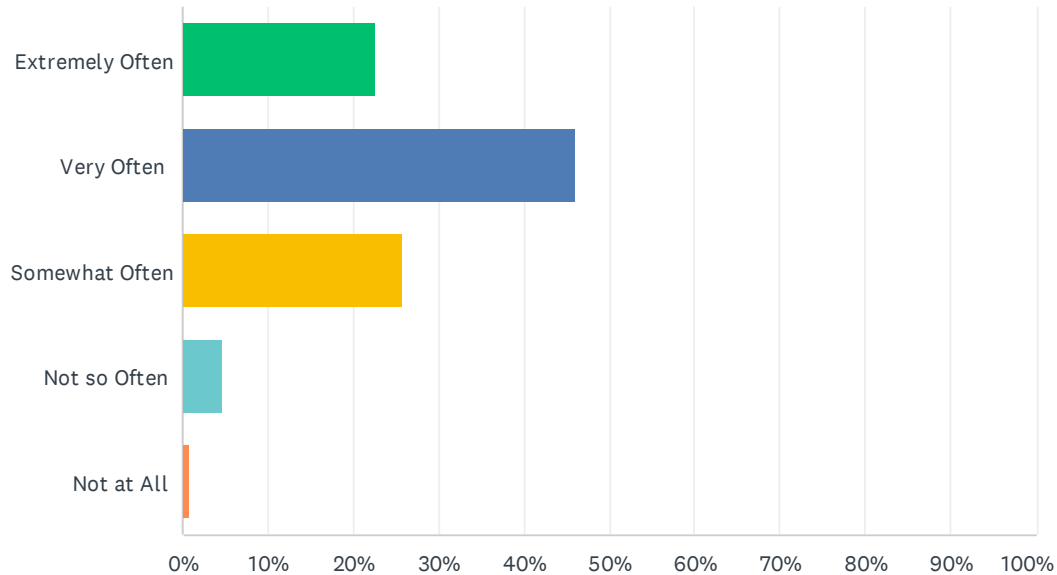
City of Jonesville Recreation Plan Public Input Survey

SurveyMonkey

5	Nothing to see	10/25/2022 8:03 PM
6	No Police on duty	10/25/2022 9:25 AM
7	Homeless are scary	10/25/2022 8:32 AM
8	Jonesville Rd is considered City, but we have no sidewalk to safety get to downtown area	10/21/2022 9:35 PM
9	Old RR Bridge needs repaired	10/21/2022 9:20 AM
10	No bike shoulder on US 12. It would be great to have a shoulder running from 127 to Coldwater.	10/18/2022 10:20 PM
11	I'd love for the rail trail to connect along the river across the bridge that is closed down for North Country Trail access.	10/18/2022 11:24 AM
12	Sidewalks aren't good. They could be wider also	10/17/2022 10:13 PM
13	uneven sidewalks are unsafe, but do not stop me from walking, just have to be very aware of the uneven parts	10/17/2022 6:57 PM
14	I don't walk/or ride my bike in Jonesville.	10/17/2022 5:54 PM
15	Paths are near buildings that do not up keep!! And not very good scenery.	10/17/2022 5:52 PM
16	would enjoy for more that accommodates my dogs needs.	10/17/2022 5:14 PM
17	downtown restrictions keep bikes off sidewalks	10/17/2022 5:02 PM
18	none i dont think.	10/17/2022 2:24 PM
19	big potholes and unfinished sidewalks	10/17/2022 2:08 PM
20	Paths and sidewalks are not cleared promptly of leaves, snow and ice	10/17/2022 10:57 AM
21	i have a car	10/17/2022 10:45 AM
22	Sidewalk along 99 has not been maintained and is too close to highway to take kids on bike ride	10/17/2022 10:25 AM
23	Homeless on the bike trail	10/17/2022 9:53 AM
24	My safety issue is a few people who appear to be homeless, are known drug addicts, or say vulgar things are constantly also walking/biking or hanging out that prevents me from feeling comfortable walking with my children or even alone.	10/14/2022 3:35 PM

Q6 How often would you walk and/or bike if these obstacles were addressed and improvements were implemented?

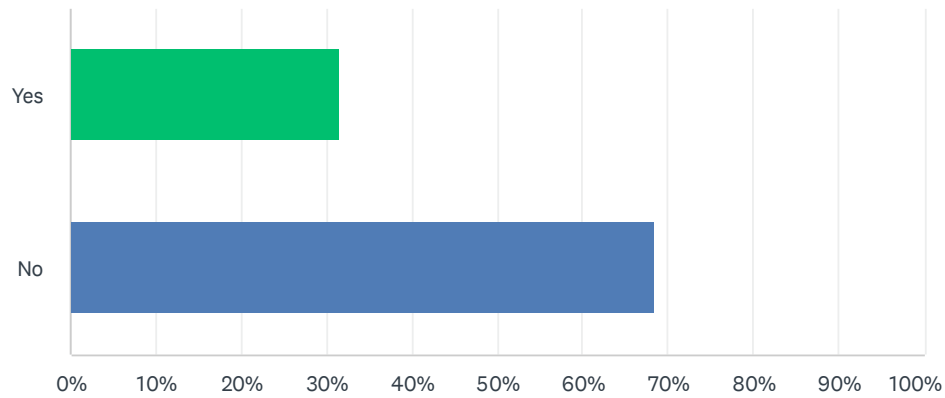
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely Often	22.66%	29
Very Often	46.09%	59
Somewhat Often	25.78%	33
Not so Often	4.69%	6
Not at All	0.78%	1
TOTAL		128

Q7 Are you or your family involved in city-operated Youth Leagues?

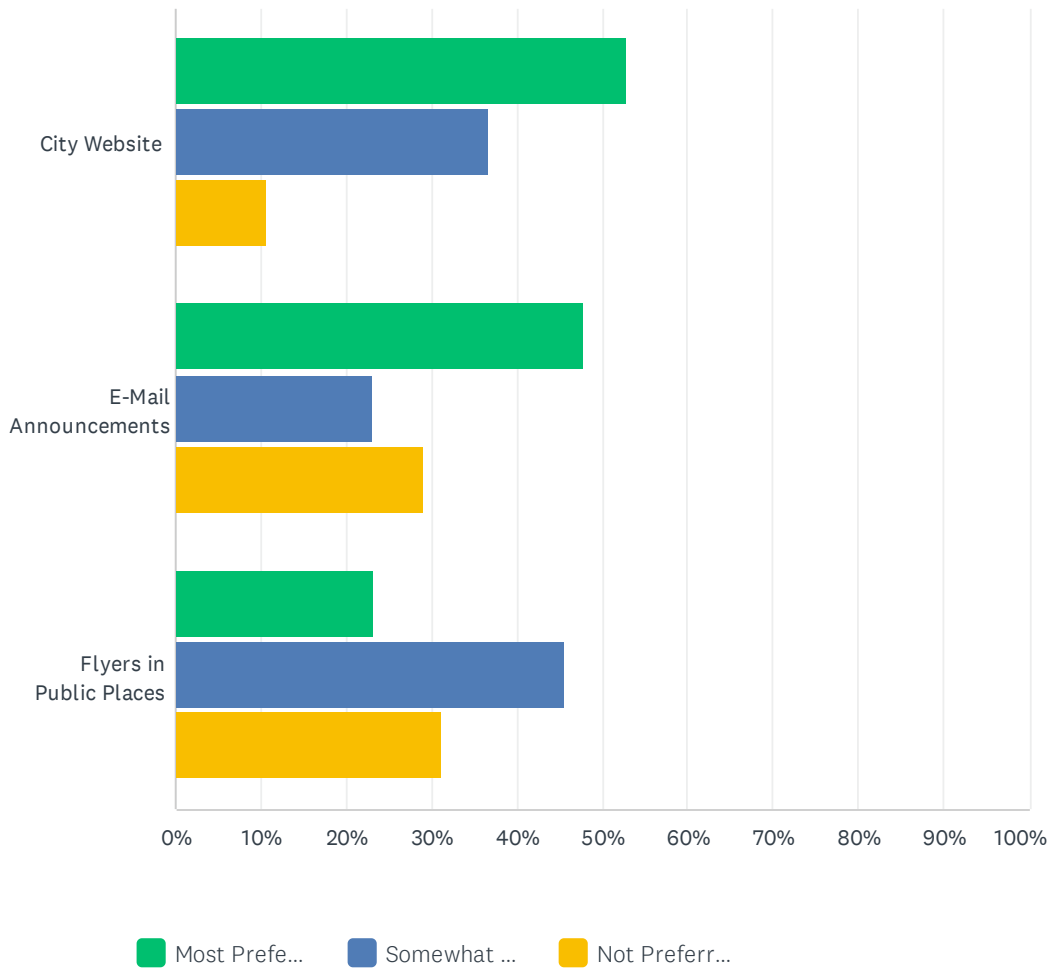
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	31.54%	41
No	68.46%	89
TOTAL		130

Q8 Please indicate your preferred method for receiving information.

Answered: 131 Skipped: 1

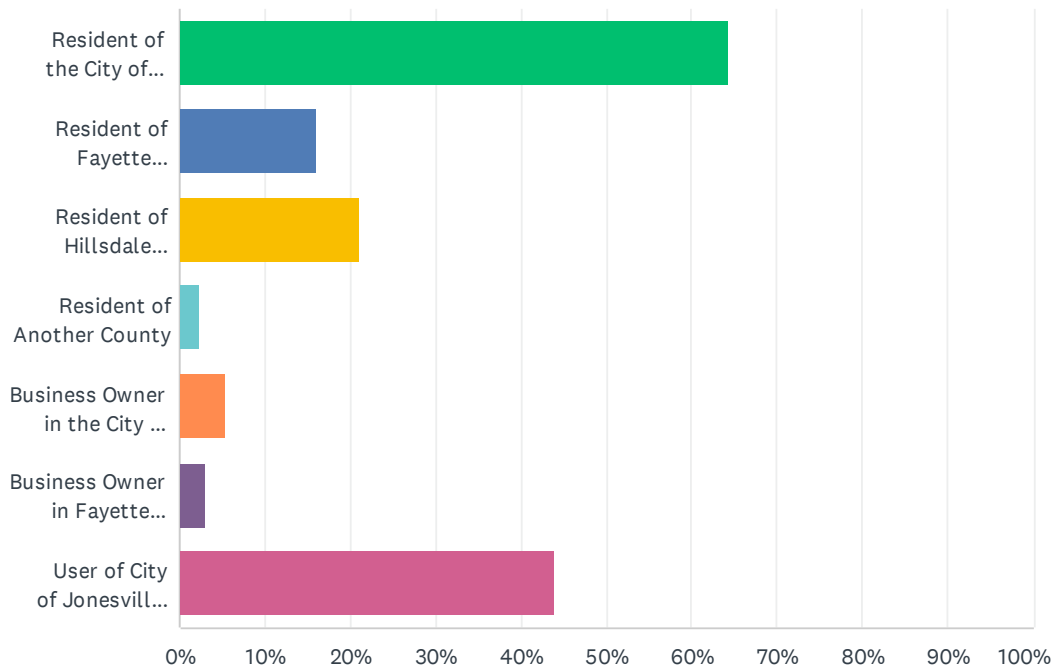


	MOST PREFERRED	SOMEWHAT PREFERRED	NOT PREFERRED	TOTAL
City Website	52.85% 65	36.59% 45	10.57% 13	123
E-Mail Announcements	47.86% 56	23.08% 27	29.06% 34	117
Flyers in Public Places	23.28% 27	45.69% 53	31.03% 36	116

#	IF YOU PREFER E-MAILS, PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS:	DATE
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Q9 How would you describe yourself? (Check all that apply)

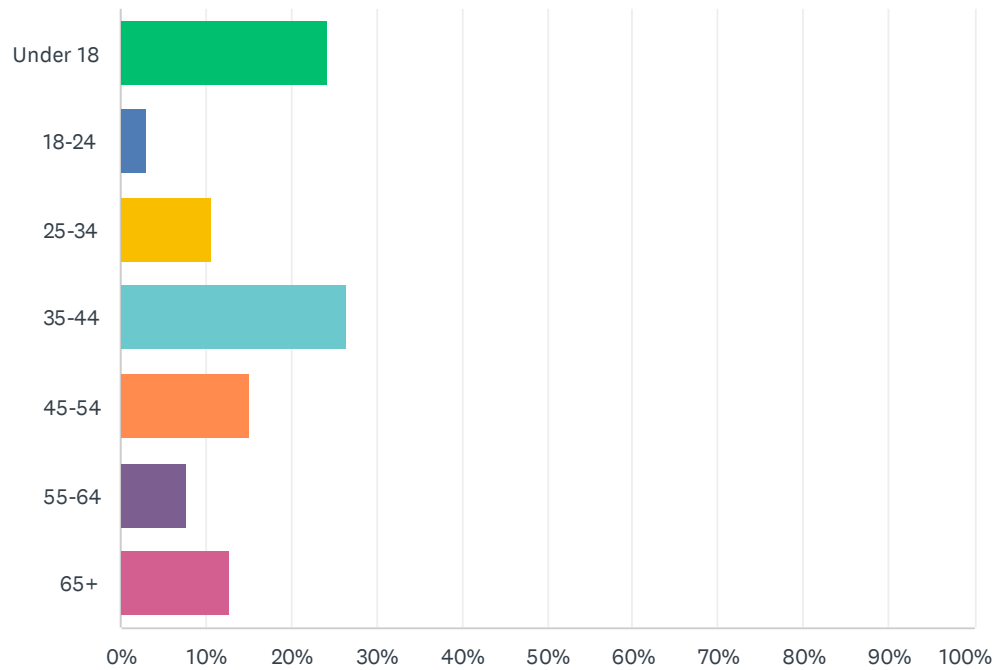
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Resident of the City of Jonesville	64.39%	85
Resident of Fayette Township	15.91%	21
Resident of Hillsdale County, but not the City or Township	21.21%	28
Resident of Another County	2.27%	3
Business Owner in the City of Jonesville	5.30%	7
Business Owner in Fayette Township	3.03%	4
User of City of Jonesville Parks and/or Recreation Programs	43.94%	58
Total Respondents: 132		

Q10 What is your age?

Answered: 132 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	24.24%	32
18-24	3.03%	4
25-34	10.61%	14
35-44	26.52%	35
45-54	15.15%	20
55-64	7.58%	10
65+	12.88%	17
TOTAL		132



Carl Fast Memorial Park

Chapter 1

Community Description

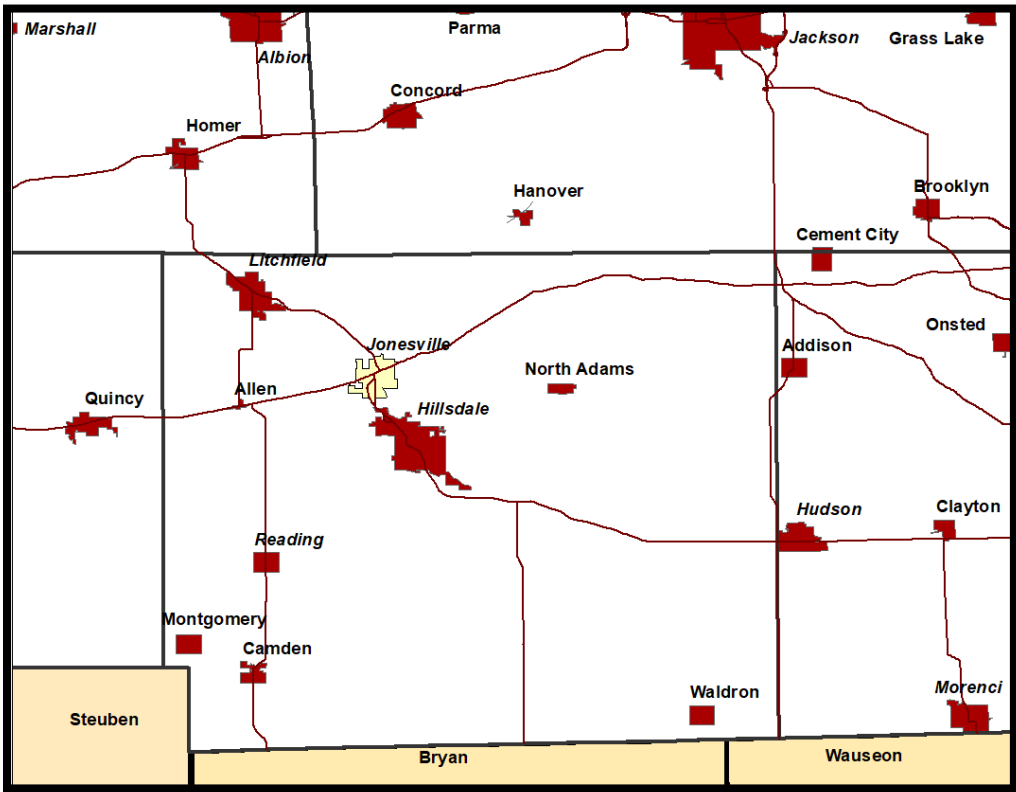
City of Jonesville 2023-2028 Recreation Plan

A priority of the City of Jonesville is to develop and implement a 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 Jonesville from 2023-2028. 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 is 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. The Jonesville Area is surrounded by the following local units of government:

Nearby Local Units of Government

City of Hillsdale	Hillsdale Township
Adams Township	Litchfield Township
Allen Township	Moscow Township
Fayette Township	Scipio Township

A Brief Socioeconomic Summary

The demographic composition of the populations of the City of Jonesville 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 2020 population for the City of Jonesville was 2,176. The population of the City of Jonesville increased steadily between 1940 and 2000 although the population has decreased from 2,337 in 2000 to 2,176 in 2020. The population of Jonesville decreased slightly between 2010 and 2020. Based upon those patterns, the population in 2030 is projected to be approximately 2,260. (Source: US Census Bureau)

- **Age & Gender of the Population**

The groups defined as School Age (people aged 5 to 17) and Young Adult (people aged 25 to 44) comprised an estimated 22.2% and 21.9%, respectively, of Jonesville's population during the 2015-2019 time period. Adult (people aged 45 to 64) and Preschool (people aged 0 to 4) comprised an estimated 20.8% and 14.2%, respectively, of the population during that same time period. The smallest age groups during this time period were Older Adult (people aged 65 and up) and College Age (people aged 18 to 24), those being 13.7% and 7.2%, respectively.

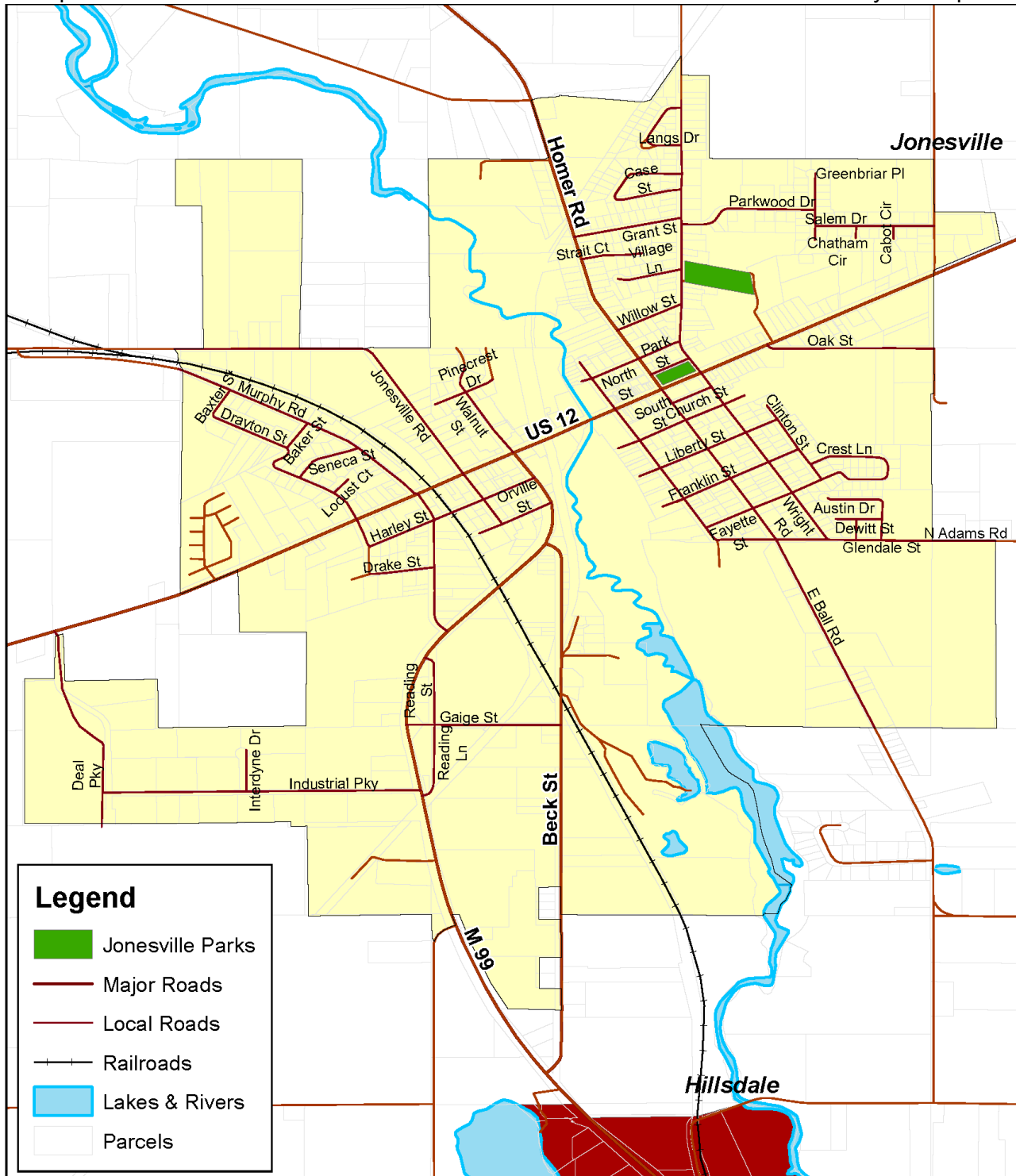
An estimated 50.2% of Jonesville residents were male. (Source: American Community Survey)

- **Household & Family Composition**

There were an estimated 966 households in Jonesville during the 2015-2019 time period. Families comprised an estimated 64% of Jonesville households. Other non-family households comprised an estimated 36% of households. An estimated 29.8% of Jonesville households were comprised of people living alone. The average household size during the time period was an estimated 2.65 people and the average family size was 3.39 people. (Source: American Community Survey)

- **Racial & Ethnic Composition**

Race and ethnicity are not significant components of Jonesville's population given its homogeneity. Racial and ethnic minorities only comprised an estimated 7.3% of Jonesville residents.



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BASE MAP



- **Disabilities of Residents**

An estimated 2.3% of Jonesville residents between the ages of 5 and 17 had some type of disability during the 2015-2019 time period, however, it was estimated that 0% had an ambulatory disability. An estimated 11.1% of residents between the ages of 18 and 64 had some type of disability during the same time period and an estimated 5.3% had an ambulatory disability. An estimated 5.4% of Jonesville residents at least 65 years old had some type of disability and an estimated 3.5% had an ambulatory disability.

- **Income**

The estimated median income for Jonesville households (\$44,211) was less than that for Hillsdale County households (\$51,535), Michigan households (\$59,234) and nationwide (\$64,994) during the 2015-2019 time period. The estimated median family income for Jonesville families (\$47,500) was less than that for all Hillsdale County households (\$62,223), Michigan households (\$75,470) and nationwide (\$80,069). The estimated per capita income in Jonesville (\$22,406) was also less than that for Hillsdale County (\$26,265), Michigan (\$32,854) and nationwide (\$35,384).

The Health of Residents

According to local health department estimates collected for the annual Michigan Behavioral Risk Factor Survey (MiBRF) conducted from 2018 through 2020, an estimated 37% of Branch, Hillsdale and St. Joseph counties residents were obese and another estimated 39.3% 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.”

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.”

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 | 2018 – 2020 (www.michigan.gov/documents/mdch/2018-2020_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”.



Carl Fast Memorial Park Playground

Chapter 2

Administrative Structure

City of Jonesville 2023-2028 Recreation Plan

Authorization

In response to identified recreation needs, the Jonesville Planning Commission have worked with the Region 2 Planning Commission to develop the City of Jonesville 2023-2028 Recreation Plan under the authority of Public Act 156 of 1917 (Recreation and Playgrounds). The City of Jonesville 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).

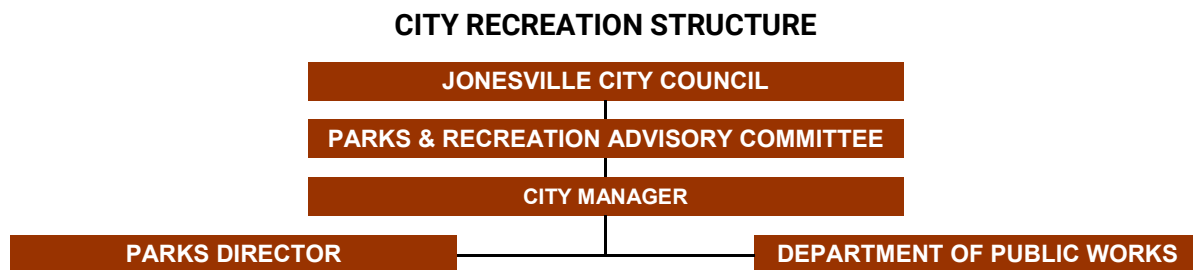
The act also allows park systems to operate on “(1) property under its custody and management; (2) other public property;” and “(3) private property, with the consent of the owners.”

A copy of PA 156 of 1917 is available online at [http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(jvpdab 552sox-emek3mee3h55\)/documents/mcl/pdf/mcl-Act-156-of-1917.pdf](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(jvpdab 552sox-emek3mee3h55)/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 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee is responsible for planning, constructing, maintaining, programming, and administering all City parks. The Advisory Committee is also charged with studying various recreation needs, advising the City Council on recreation issues, and making appropriate budget requests.



The Advisory Committee is comprised of 1 Councilperson, 1 Planning Commissioner, the Recreation Director, a representative from the Jonesville Community Schools, and a City resident. Maintenance concerns brought before the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee 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 President and 6 Trustees. The City may utilize volunteers for specific projects.

Sources of Funding

The City of Jonesville has identified 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 Township'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 Enhancement Program¹
- **The Hillsdale County Road Commission**
 - The 1% annual allocation of state transportation (Act 51) funds for non-motorized facilities.

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. 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.

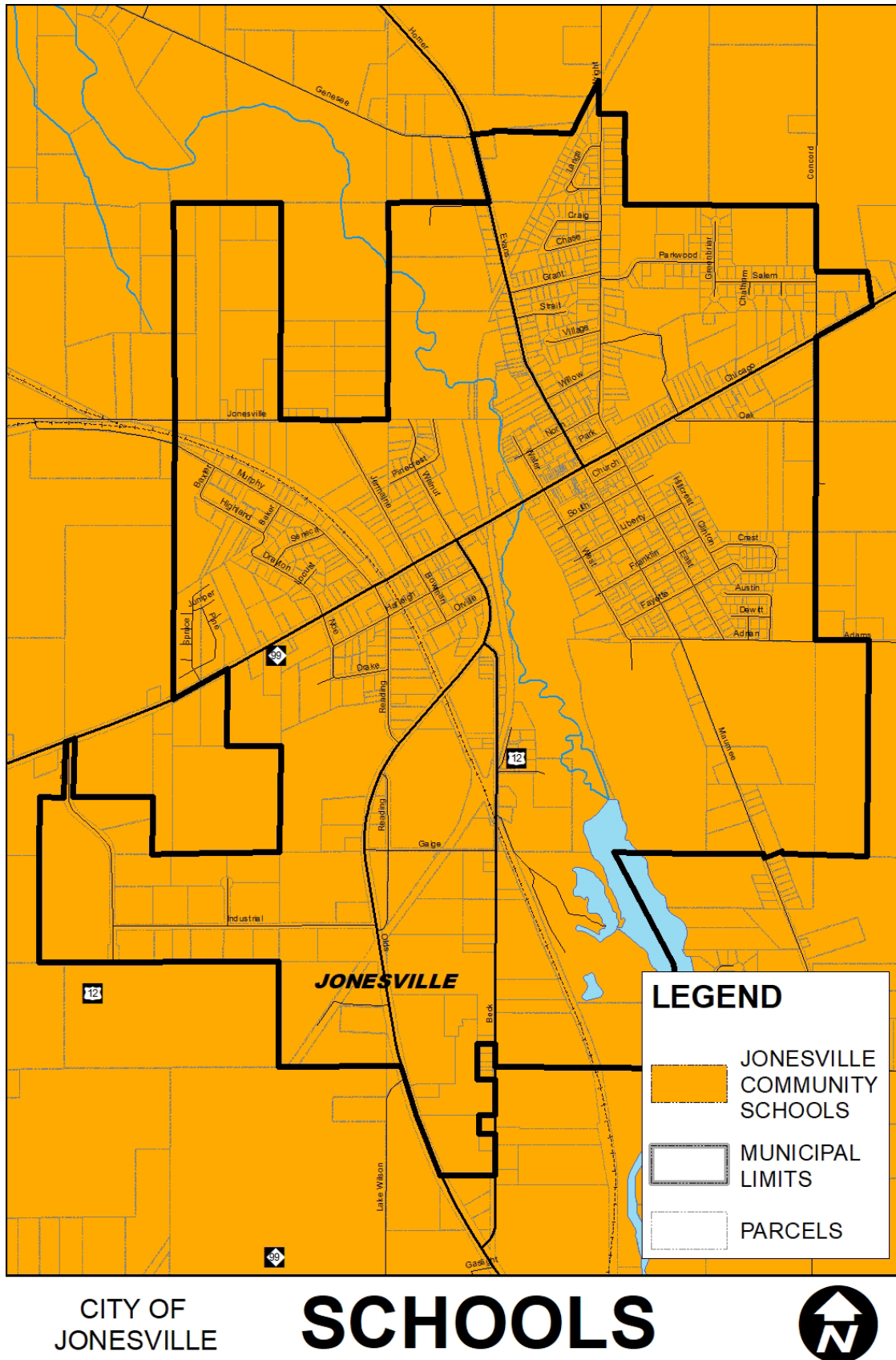
Relationships with Other Recreation Providers

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

- **Schools.** Jonesville Community Schools is also a major supplier of parks and recreational opportunities to City residents. 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.

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

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





City youth recreation equipment

Chapter 3

Recreation and Resource Inventories

City of Jonesville 2023-2028 Recreation Plan

The recreation inventory is comprised of all of the parks and recreation facilities and programs provided in the City of Jonesville, 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.

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	Jerry Russell 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 children for all of Jonesville. 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 a rest area along M-99 in Jonesville known as Hill-Jo Bicycle Park. MDOT's Hill-Jo Trail, runs through Jonesville, Fayette Township, and the City of Hillsdale along M-99. Within Hillsdale, it connects to the Baw Beese Trail.

Michigan Department of Transportation

	Name	Acres	Facilities
H	Hill-Jo Bicycle Park	0.2	Picnic Tables
I	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.

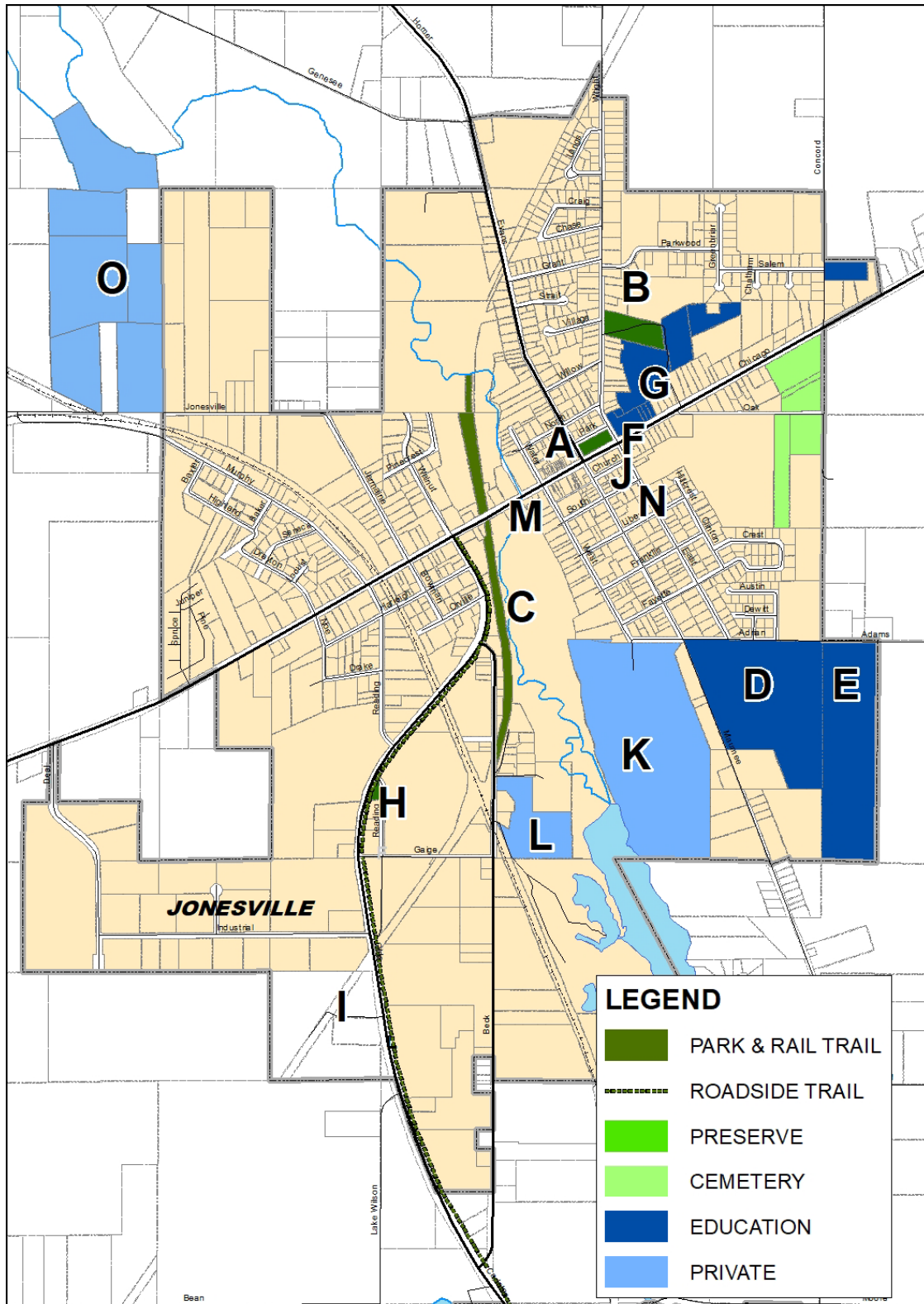
Private / Quasi-Public Facilities

	Name	Acres	Facilities
J	Jonesville District Library	<0.1	Summer Reading Program; Video Rentals; & a 28,000 Volume Library
K	Mill Race Golf Course	72.3	9-Hole Course; Driving Range; Putting Green; Pro-Shop, Snack Bar; & Leagues
L	Jonesville Eagles	12.8	4 Softball Fields; Snack Bar; & Clubhouse
M	Sauk Theater	1.3	Community Amateur Theater
N	Grosvenor House Museum	0.3	Group Tours; Craft Shows; & Holiday Celebrations
O	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 (NPRA) recommends a minimum of 10 acres per 1,000 persons. This means that Jonesville should have 21-22 acres of parkland in order to meet the needs of the population in 2022. The combined parkland and recreational facilities offered by public, quasi-public and private institutions exceed that standard. According to the NPRA, school facilities generally function as community parks.





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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 park, in general, functions as a mini-park. 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
Jerry Russell 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, 17.8% of all Jonesville residents had at least one disability in the Year 2020. 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 Jonesville residents.

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.

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 of Michigan Recreational Facilities

State Parks

Cambridge Historical (Lenawee Co.)	Walter J. Hayes (Lenawee Co.)
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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.)
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County Parks

Hillsdale County also provides several regional recreational facilities which are accessible to Jonesville residents.

Hillsdale County Parks

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

Lewis Emery County Park, the nearest facility to Jonesville, 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

Jonesville 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 College (JC) maintains a local presence in Hillsdale County through its Clyde LeTarte Center.

Private and Quasi-Public Recreation Facilities

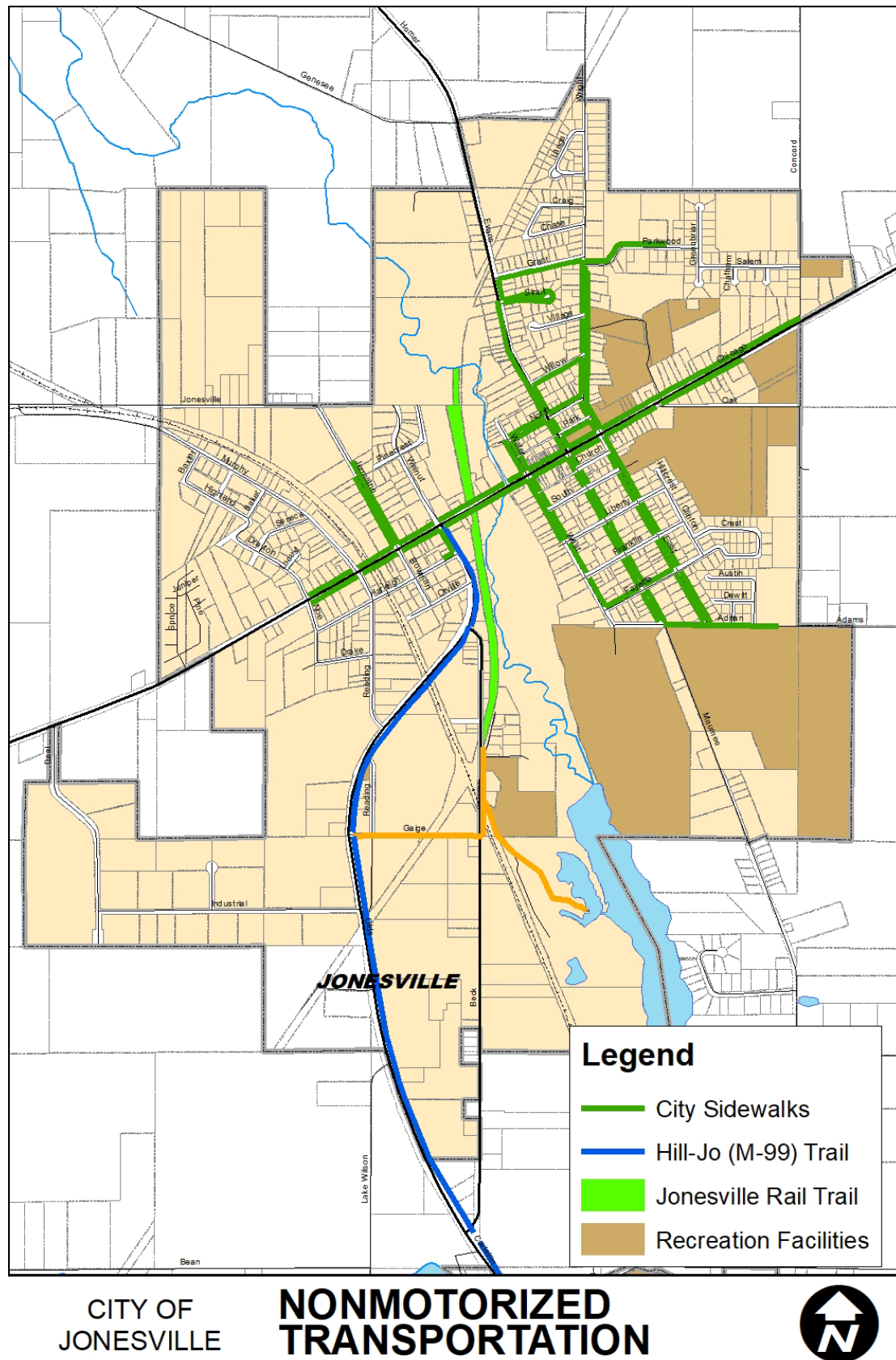
A wide variety of private entities also provide recreational facilities.

- **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.

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>



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

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

Recreational Programming

Jonesville 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 [Jonesville] 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.

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.”⁵

Water Resources

The St. Joseph Watershed covers the City of Jonesville. The St. Joseph River flows through the city south to north and the Jonesville Mill Pond is an impoundment of the river (please see the hydrology map). 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 Jonesville.

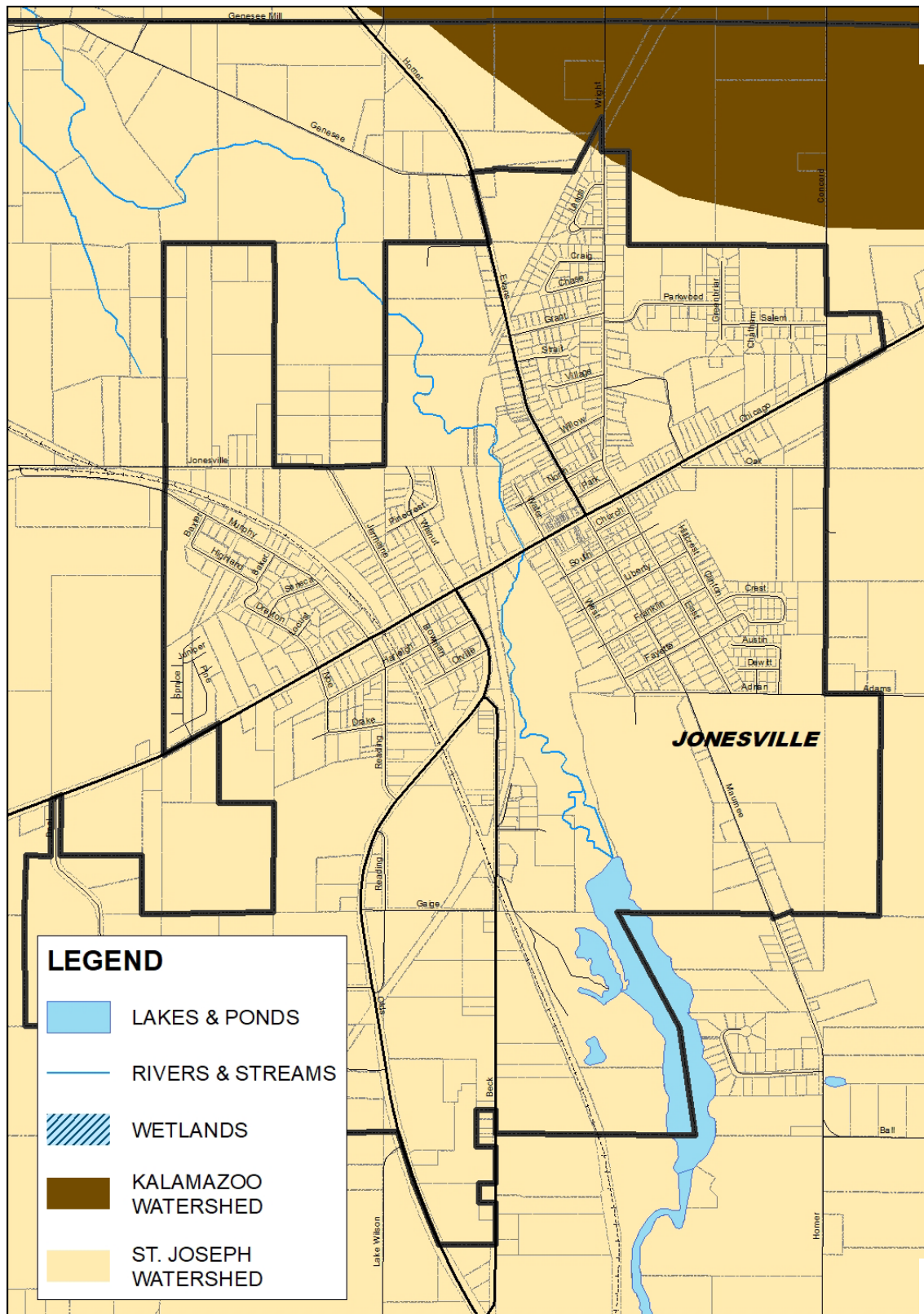
Topography

The lowest areas of Jonesville are along the St. Joseph River, especially near the northwest corner of the city (elevations of 1,049 feet). The high points of Jonesville are located in its southwestern corner (elevations of 1,197 feet) and south of Adams Road (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 Jonesville.

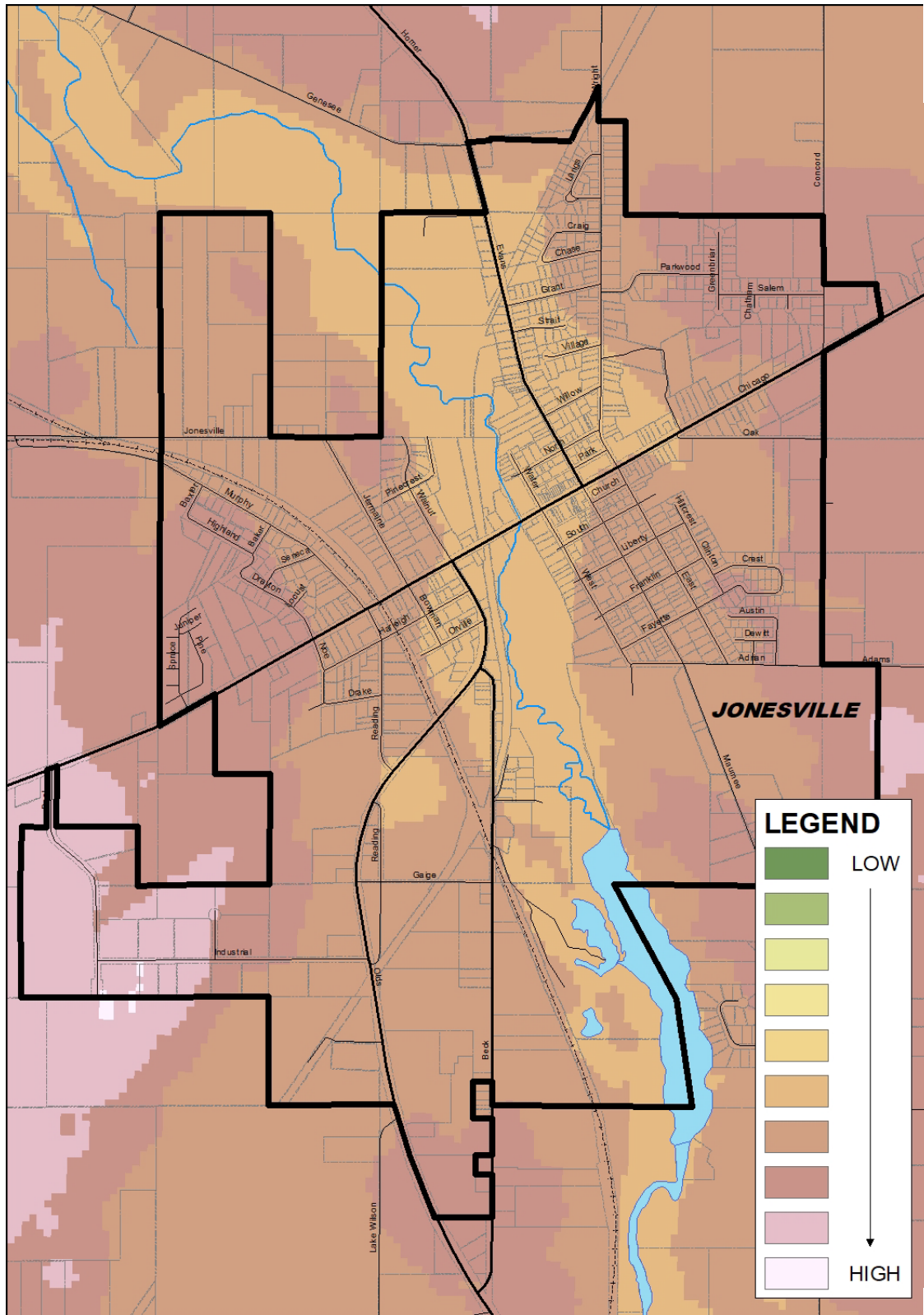
⁵ All information is adapted from the Soil Survey of Hillsdale County, Michigan. Table 10 of the Soil Survey provides imitations for the development of camp areas, picnic areas, playgrounds, and paths and trails.



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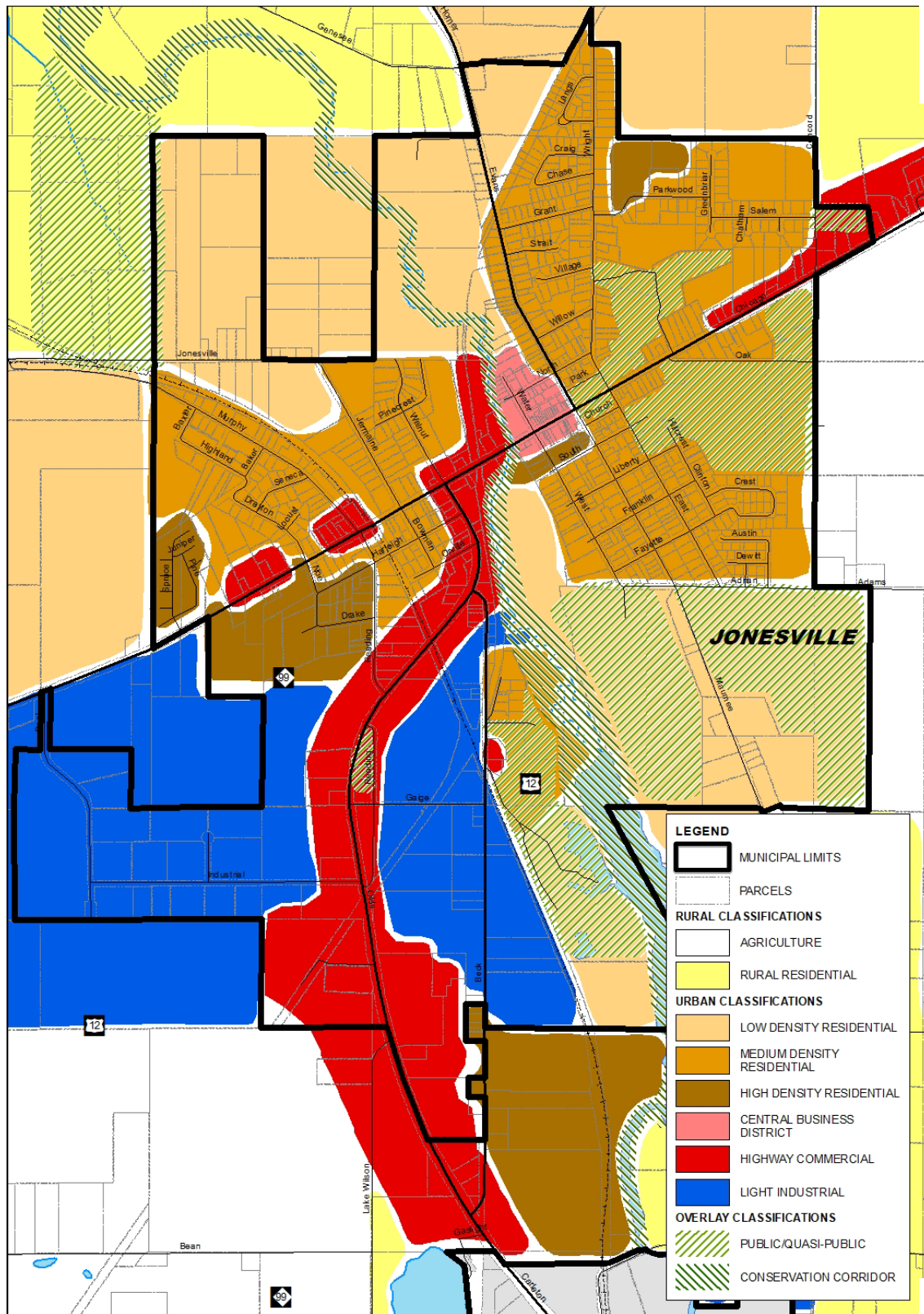




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