

INVENTORY OF EXISTING RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Classifying parks into categories helps define their role in the overall system, demonstrates their relationship to each other, highlights deficiencies, helps to develop an action program, and assists in allocating funding. Currently, Midland classifies parks into four groups: Regional/Metropolitan, Community, District, and Block Parks. This classification system is adapted from the National Recreation and Parks Association guide recommended by the MDNR for recreation standards. It recognizes types of parks based on size, service area, facilities, and use groups. Further, it lists definitions and sets of standards for the various park levels established for use in this Master Plan. These standards are based on nationally accepted criteria.

The numbers preceding each park on the following list identifies the location of these facilities on the Parks Inventory Map on Page 41, which in turn references the same park on the Existing Facilities Inventory that begins on Page 42.

Regional/Metropolitan Parks

The City of Midland has seven parks under this classification that provide outdoor recreation opportunities for an extended service area. These parks serve several communities within a one-hour driving time and are usually larger than 200 acres. Access is vehicular and parking is included on-site. Characteristics of typical uses usually include areas of natural or highly specialized outdoor recreation such as golf courses, water sports, or camping. See the Existing Facilities Inventory for a complete summary of available park amenities. See the Parks Inventory Map for these park locations.

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| 1. Barstow Woods | 5. Currie Golf Course |
| 2. Central Park | 6. Disc Golf Course |
| 3. Chippewassee Park | 7. Pere Marquette Rail Trail |
| 4. City Forest | 8. Emerson Park |

Community Parks

There are seven parks classified as Community Parks. These parks generally offer unique activities and attract visitors throughout the City and from the secondary service area (Figure 13), and are usually over 15 acres in size. Access is primarily vehicular and parking is generally included on-site. Characteristics of typical uses usually include major sports facilities, unique attractions, many natural features, swimming pools, and water bodies. See the Existing Facilities Inventory for a complete summary of

available park amenities. See the Parks Inventory Map for all Community Park locations.

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| 9. Northwest | 13. St. Charles |
| 10. Optimist Park | 14. Stratford Woods |
| 11. Plymouth Park | 15. Thrune |
| 12. Riverside Golfside Park | |

District Parks

Generally, the District Parks serve one or more of the surrounding neighborhoods, about a half-mile radius service area, and are anywhere from one to 25 acres in size. Some of these parks are undeveloped, while others provide active uses, including some programmed activities. Access is primarily pedestrian and by bicycle, and parking is generally limited on-site. Characteristics of typical uses usually include sports fields, courts, and playgrounds. See the Existing Facilities Inventory for a complete summary of available park amenities. See the Parks Inventory Map for District Park locations.

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| 16. Ann M. Winger | 26. Revere |
| 17. Blake | 27. Russell |
| 18. Briarwood | 28. Shipps Family Park |
| 19. Currie Bennett | 29. Smith-Barstow |
| 20. Fournie | 30. St. Mary's |
| 21. Grove | 31. Sunset |
| 22. Hart | 32. Valley |
| 23. Hillgrove | 33. Wallen |
| 24. Hintz Park | 34. Wyndemere |
| 25. Kaufman | |

Block Parks

Generally, the 36 Block Parks are intended to serve only the adjacent or nearby residences, about a quarter-mile radius service area, and range in size from 0.3 to 7.2 acres. Access is primarily pedestrian and by bicycle, with no on-site parking. Characteristics of typical uses usually include open space, pick-up games, and ice-skating. There are no programmed activities at these parks. See the Existing Facilities Inventory for all Block Parks and a summary of amenities, listed as parks #35 through #70. See the Parks Inventory Map for all Block Park locations.

Other City Recreation Areas

In addition to the Community, District, and Block Parks, the City maintains other recreational and open space areas. These areas include undedicated parks, the ice arena, the golf course, cemetery, and roadway medians and parkways. The more significant facilities, which serve as "Other City Recreation Areas," are included on the Existing Facilities Inventory.

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| 71. Caldwell Boat Launch | 73. Riverfront |
| 72. Midland Civic Arena | 74. Towsley Dike Park |

Environmental Conservation Areas

Environmental areas are located generally along rivers or streams, including floodplain areas. It is intended that these areas remain predominantly undeveloped. These areas also include parks which are undeveloped and planned for passive recreational activity in order to protect their natural state.

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| 75. Adams | 79. River Bend Park |
| 76. Chestnut Hill | 80. Siebert |
| 77. Huron | 81. Sturgeon Creek |
| 78. Meadowbrook | 82. Pine River |

Other Facilities

Recreational opportunities are not limited to facilities owned by or even located within the City. County, quasi-public, and privately owned facilities provide additional recreational and cultural resources of outstanding quality. See the Existing Facilities Inventory for a complete summary of available park amenities.

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| 83. Arbury Centennial Park | 90. Midland Community Center |
| 84. Gerstacker Spray Park | 91. Midland Community Tennis Center |
| 85. Bradley Home & Carriage
House/Herbert H. Dow Historical
Museum | 92. Midland Community Curling Center |
| 86. Chippewa Nature Center | 93. Midland Country Club |
| 87. Dow Gardens | 94. Midland County Fairgrounds |
| 88. Midland Center for the Arts | 95. Midland Soccer Facility |
| 89. Gerstacker Riverfront Park System | 96. Whiting Overlook |
| | 97. Midland Cemetery |

Public Schools

The Midland Public Schools provide facilities that complement those of the City park system. Though formal agreements do not exist, the coordination on an informal basis works well. Typically, the schools provide basketball courts, playground equipment, and open play fields. Several schools also have baseball diamonds, tennis courts, running tracks, and swimming pools. Indoor recreation is also accommodated at the schools through the use of the gyms, pools, and classrooms. Schools are listed on the Existing Facilities Inventory.

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| 98. Adams Elementary | 108. Longview Elementary |
| 99. Ashman Elementary | 109. Midland High |
| 100. Carpenter Elementary | 110. Northeast Middle |
| 101. Central Middle | 111. Parkdale Elementary |
| 102. Chestnut Hill Elementary | 112. Plymouth Elementary |
| 103. Chippewassee Elementary School | 113. Siebert Elementary |
| 104. Cook Elementary School Park | 114. State Elementary |
| 105. Dow High | 115. Sugnet Elementary |
| 106. Eastlawn Elementary | 116. Woodcrest Elementary |
| 107. Jefferson Middle | |