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# **Clio Area Five Year Park and Recreation Plan 2023-2028 for the City of Clio**

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Clio Area Parks and Recreation Board representing the City of Clio, the Clio Area School District and the townships of Thetford and Vienna

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of the *Clio Area Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan 2023-2028 for the City of Clio* is to set the direction for the future acquisition, development and renovation of park facilities and the provision of recreational opportunities in the City of Clio consistent with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans IC1924 (Rev. 4/26/2021)*.

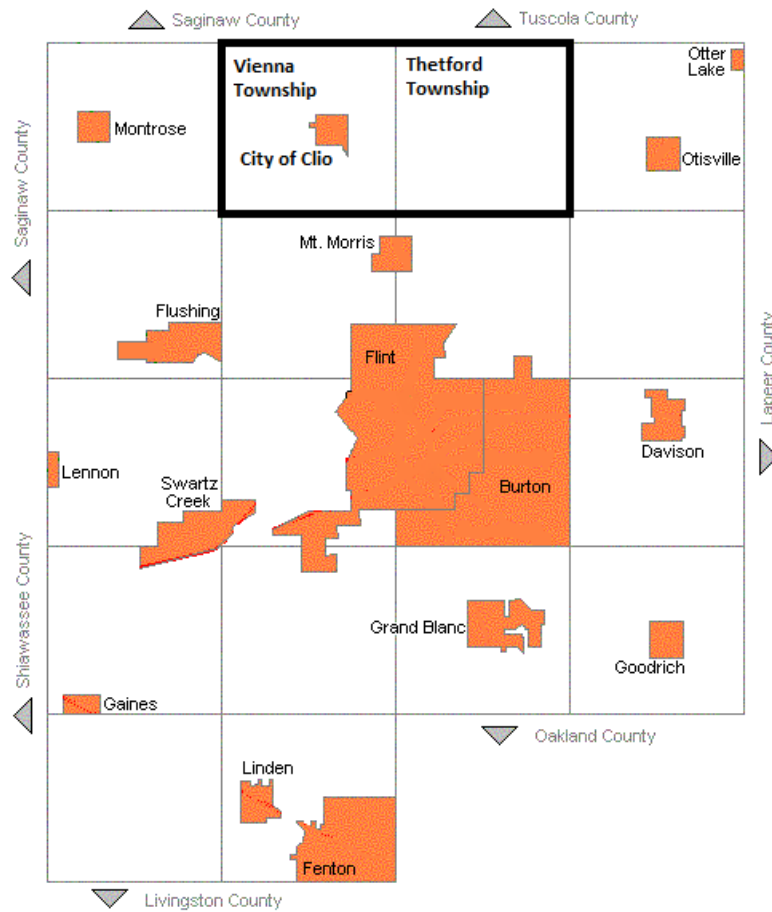
This *Plan* was developed by the City of Clio in conjunction with the Clio Area Parks and Recreation Board representing the City of Clio, the Clio Area School District and the townships of Thetford and Vienna.

# COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

## Location

The Clio Area Parks and Recreation Board represents an area located in the northern portion of Genesee County inclusive of the City of Clio and the townships of Thetford and Vienna and highlighted below in Exhibit 1; an area approximating 70.92 square miles with a population of 22,439 people.

**Exhibit 1: The City of Clio and the townships of Thetford and Vienna, Genesee County, Michigan**



This area is accessible from interstate I-75 which runs north and south through Vienna Township approximately 2 miles west of the City of Clio with a full interchange located at M-57. M-57 runs east and west through the City and the townships of Thetford and Vienna. The area is also accessible by M-54 which generally runs north and south approximately 1 mile east of the City through portions of the two townships.

**Population**

The City of Clio is home to 2,275 people in 2022; down 266 people or 10.47 percent from its 2017 population of 2,541 people (see Exhibit 2, below).

<b>Exhibit 2: Population Change 2018 - 2022</b>					
<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
2,541	2,524	2,421	2,036	2,106	2,275
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey					

**Sex**

The City of Clio’s 2022 population is divided 1,022 or 44.92 percent male and 1,253 or 55.08 percent female (see Exhibit 3, below).

<b>Exhibit 3: Sex, 2017</b>	
<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
1,022	1,253
44.92%	55.08%
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey	

## Median Age

Between 2017 and 2022, the average median age of the people who reside in the City of Clio increased 1.6 years from 41.50 years in 2017 to 43.10 years in 2022; however, a more meaningful picture of the City's age distribution is made possible by combining individual age categories to identifiable stages in the human life cycle. Selected categories and the stages in the human life cycle include: ages under 5, pre-school; ages 5 to 19, school age; ages 20 to 44, family foundation; 45 to 64, middle age; and ages 65 and above, seniors (see Exhibit 4, below).

Exhibit 4: Population Distribution, 2022		
Under 5 years	248	Pre-school, 10.90%
5 to 9 years	135	
10 to 14 years	105	School Age, 15.08%
15 to 19 years	103	
20 to 24 years	109	
25 to 34 years	267	Family Foundation, 27.03%
35 to 44 years	239	
45 to 54 years	256	
55 to 59 years	189	Middle Age, 24.57%
60 to 64 years	114	
65 to 74 years	311	
75 to 84 years	122	Seniors, 22.42%
85 years and over	77	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Recent trends indicate that quality of life issues including healthy living and recreational opportunities will play a major role in where people choose to raise families and retire. Trails provide an excellent opportunity for the entire family to become and remain active whether bicycling, running or walking. Age appropriate leagues provide children an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of sports and teamwork and adults the opportunity to remain active.

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## Household Income

The City of Clio is a modest community with a 2022 median household income of \$44,328. The City's median household income was \$12,675 or 22.24 percent below that of Genesee County's 2022 median household income and \$22,658 or 33.82 percent below the State of Michigan's 2022 median household income for the same year (see Exhibit 5, below).

<b>Exhibit 5: Median Household Income, 2022</b>	
City of Clio	\$44,328
Genesee County	\$57,003
State of Michigan	\$66,986
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey	

## Disabled Population

The United States Census Bureau, Quick Facts reports 13.7 percent of the population of Genesee County with a disability, under age 65 from 2018 to 2022.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

The Clio Area Parks and Recreation Board was established by resolution by each of the governing bodies of the City of Clio, the Clio Area School District and the townships of Thetford and Vienna in 1989. The Board consists of eight members; two appointed by the governing bodies of each of the four participating jurisdictions (see Exhibit 6, below).

The purpose of this Board is to coordinate and plan for the future acquisition, development, and renovation of park facilities and the provision of recreational opportunities in the City of Clio, the Clio Area School District, and the townships of Thetford and Vienna while each community retains separate control of its parks and recreational facilities.

**Exhibit: 6: Relationship of the Clio Area Parks and Recreation Board to Its Member Communities**



### City of Clio

The City of Clio's parks and recreational facilities are maintained by the City's Department of Public Service under the supervision of the City Administrator who is responsible to the Mayor and the City Commission.

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The City Commission establishes policy for the operations of the City's parks and recreational facilities by ordinance.

The City of Clio spent \$44,932 on "Parks and recreation" and \$31,763 on "Bike path" from its General Fund during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. The City budgeted \$55,341 for "Parks and recreation" and \$32,803 for "Bike path" for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and it anticipates maintaining this level of funding in the near term absent additional funding for capital improvements.

The City's recreation grant history is presented in Exhibit 7, below.

The City does not provide parks and recreational programming.

### Exhibit 7: City of Clio Recreation Grant History

Project No. 26-00634 Project Title: Clio Bathhouse Project Description: Bathhouse renovations.	Project Status: Closed	Project Year: 1975 Grant Amount: \$34,493.00
Project No. 26-01060 R3 Project Title: Clio City Park Project Description:	Project Status: Closed	Project Year: 1978 Grant Amount: \$34,223.12
Project No. 26-01410 Project Title: Clio Fitness Trail Project Description: Fitness trail.	Project Status: Closed	Project Year: 1985 Grant Amount: \$13,774.00
Project No. BF89-585 Project Title: Clio Area Recreation Improvement Project Description: Bike path.	Project Status: Closed	Project Year: 1989 Grant Amount: \$180,000.00
Project No. BF89-383 Project Title: Clio Recreation Improvement Project Description: Bike path.	Project Status: Closed	Project Year: 1989 Grant Amount: \$112,500.00
Project No. TF11-104 Project Title: Pine Run Creek Trail Improvement Project Description: Bike path reconstruction.	Project Status: Closed	Project Year: 2011 Grant Amount: \$45,000.00
Project No. TF11-110 Project Title: Pine Run Retaining Wall Stabilization Project Description: Bike path reconstruction.	Project Status: Closed	Project Year: 2011 Grant Amount: \$79,800.00
Project No. TF12-124 Project Title: Clio City Park Trolley Line Trail Project Description: Bike path reconstruction.	Project Status: Closed	Project Year: 2012 Grant Amount: \$127,500.00
Project No. TF16-0232 Project Title: Clio City Park Trailhead and Restroom Project Description: Bike path reconstruction.	Project Status: Active	Project Year: 2016 Grant Amount: \$262,500.00

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## RECREATION AND RESOURCE INVENTORY

Parks, recreational facilities, and greenways accessible to, or acquired and developed for, the public are identified in Appendix B and include...

### Clock Park:

Clock Park is a passive park facility of 0.08 acres located in the City's traditional downtown and is maintained by the Clio Area Chamber of Commerce. The Park is identified by its principal feature, a clock.

### Veterans Park:

The Veterans Memorial Park is another passive park that occupies an area of 0.19 acres in the City's traditional downtown and is maintained by the Clio Area Veterans Memorial Park Board. This Park was developed and is maintained to honor of, and to memorialize, those men and women who have served in the United State armed forces and the public safety professions.

### Clio City Park:

The Clio City Park is a community park approximating 21.59 acres located near the geographic center of the City and along the Pine Run Creek immediately north of its traditional downtown. This Park provides a range of recreational facilities and areas capable of supporting programs and activities not suitable in smaller parks to include an outdoor amphitheater (Clio Amphitheater) with seating for 2,000 patrons, an indoor hall (Rogers Lodge), four pavilions, a large play structure and miscellaneous playground accessories, horseshoe pits, a sand volleyball court, a skatepark, restrooms and parking (see Exhibit 8, below).

**Exhibit: 8 Clio City Park Facilities**

Amphitheater, outdoor (Clio Amphitheater)



Hall, indoor (Rogers Lodge)



Restrooms



Skatepark



Volleyball Court, sand



Horseshoe Pits



**Exhibit 8: Clio City Park Facilities (continued)**

Pavilions:

Pavilion #1



Pavilion #2



Pavilion #3



Pavilion #4



Garden (Alice L. Boyse Memorial Garden)



**Exhibit 8: Clio City Park Facilities (continued)**

Play Structures:

Children's Play Structure



Tot's Play Structure



Miscellaneous Playground Equipment



Swings

Children's Swings



Tot's Swings



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### Clio Trails:

The City of Clio maintains approximately 7.5 miles of trails along linear parks generally running east to west along the Pine Run Creek and north and south along the CSX Railroad and the Benjamin Run Creek (see map, right). These hard-surfaced trails are part of a regional network of trails that radiate from the Clio City Park into Vienna Township north to Willard Road and Saginaw County, south to Wilson Road, east to Neff Road, and West to Jennings Road offer year-round recreational opportunities for bicyclists, runners, and walkers and an alternate means of travel for area commuters.



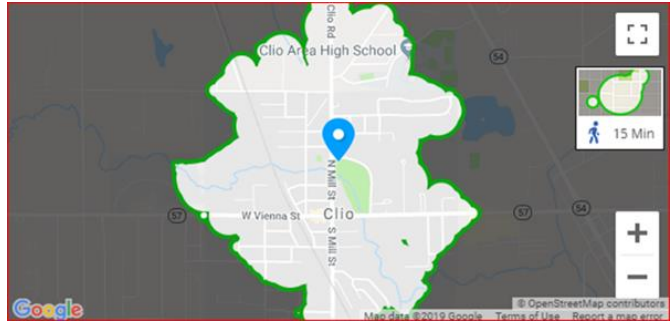
The City's network of trails may be accessed from the Clio City Park, the end of Park Street and Field Road.

Service Area:

The City of Clio, itself, is the primary service area of its centrally located Clio City Park and its network of trails (see Exhibit 9, below), however these facilities are open to the public at-large and service the needs of a much larger area.

**Exhibit 9: Service Area of the City of Clio's Parks and Trails**

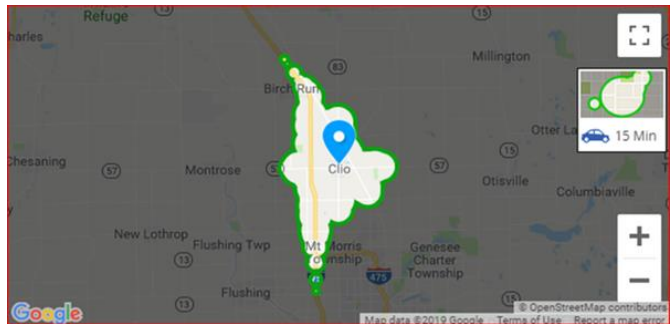
Most City neighborhoods and immediately adjoining areas of Vienna Township are within a **15-minute walk** of the City's parks and its network of trails.



The entirety of the City and areas of the townships of Thetford and Vienna extending east and west along the M-57 corridor and north and south along Clio Road and M-54 corridor are within a **15-minute bicycle ride** of the City's parks and its network of trails.



The entirety of the City and the townships of Thetford and Vienna and an area extending north and south along the I-75 corridor in the counties of Genesee and Saginaw are within a **15-minute drive** of the City's parks and its network of trails.



## Facilities

While only a guide, recreation standards provide a benchmark for evaluating the relative adequacy or inadequacy of recreational opportunities within the City of Clio. Exhibit 10 compares identified facilities located in the City to standards published a past *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* (see exhibit 4). This comparison specifically excludes facilities of the Clio Area School District due to their limited availability or restricted use.

<b>Exhibit 10: Facilities Evaluation</b>			
Activity/ Facility	Standard	City of Clio	
		Recommended	Existing
Badmitton	1:5,000	0.46	0
Basketball	1:5,000	0.46	0
Handball	1:20,000	0.11	0
Ice Hockey	1:100,000	0.02	0
Tennis	1:2,000	1.14	0
Volleyball	1:5,000	0.46	1
Baseball	1:5,000	0.46	0
Baseball, Lighted	1:30,000	0.08	0
Field Hockey	1:20,000	0.11	0
Football	1:20,000	0.11	0
Soccer	1:20,000	0.11	0
Golf Driving Range	1:10,000	0.23	0
Quarter Mile Running Track	1:20,000	0.11	0
Softball	1:5,000	0.46	0
Multiple Recreation Court	1:10,000	0.23	0
Trails	Regional	Regional	Regional
Archery Range	1:50,000	0.05	0
Combination Skeet and Trap Field	1:50,000	0.05	0
Golf, 9-hole Standard	1:25,000	0.09	0
Golf, 18-hole Standard	1:50,000	0.05	0
Swimming Pool	1:20,000	0.11	0

Source: *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans, IC1924 (Rev. 02/05/2009)*

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## Accessibility

Many communities are becoming more aware of the greater numbers of persons with disabilities and the challenges they face on a daily basis. This growing population is due, in part, to an increase in life expectancy increases resulting from advances in modern medicine that have increased the survival rate of those with significant injuries, illnesses, and birth defects. It is essential for social structure, awareness, and economic growth, that communities recognize this growing population and make a commitment to provide safe and accessible recreation to residents of all ages and abilities.

Generally, disabilities include mobility impairments, cognitive impairments, hearing impairments, and visual impairments, but consideration should not be limited to certain groups. The most effective approach to reach an overall community demographic is through universal design. Universal design is a fairly new concept that emerged from “barrier free” or “accessible design.” It can be defined as the design of products and environments to be useable by all people, to the greatest extent possible regardless of ability or disability.

Park and recreation facilities in the City of Clio were inspected for compliance with the 2010 Americans with Disability Act Standards for Accessibility Design and assigned a numeric rating from 1 to 5 (see Exhibit 11).

### **Exhibit 11: Accessibility Grading System for Parks and Recreation Facilities**

#### Accessibility Definition

- 1 None of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines.
- 2 Some of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines.
- 3 Most of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines.
- 4 The entire park meets accessibility guidelines.
- 5 The entire park was developed using the principles of universal design.

Source: Guidelines for the Development of Community Parks and Recreation Plans, IC1924 (Rev. 3/19/2021)

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Clio Bike Path:

A. Accessibility Rating: 2 (see Exhibit 13).

The City's network of trails generally follows the natural grade which may be challenging to those with disabilities. Water cascading across the trails from natural springs located along the floodplain may also present impediments to accessibility. In addition, the lack of appropriately spaced benches, or refuges, may discourage use among people accustomed to a sedentary lifestyle.



Signage along the Path does not consider the needs of those with sight limitations.

Finally, vegetative encroachment can limit the practical use of the trails and make people ill at ease.

B. Transition and Accessibility Plan -

Improvements to increase accessibility to, and use of, the City's network of trails will be made on an on-going basis subject to financing. To this end, the City has reduced some impediments to the use of its trails with the financial assistance of the Michigan Natural Resource Trust fund to include Pine Run Retaining Wall Stabilization (TF11-110), North Trolley Line Trail (TF12-124) and the Clio City Park Trailhead and Restroom Development (TF16-0232).



Clio City Park:

A. Accessibility Rating: 2 (see Exhibit 11).

Concrete sidewalks link a paved linear parking area and many of the recreational facilities in the Clio City Park to one another. However, there are gaps to some facilities and the sidewalks and parking area generally follow the Park's natural grade which may be challenging to those with. This includes the accent from (decent down to) the Park to (from) Center Street, East Vienna Street and North Mill Street.

Uneven grades and poor drainage can also inhibit the wide use of open spaces in the Park and pea gravel playing surfaces can prevent the full use of playgrounds and play accessories by the public.

The elevation of electrical outlets in the pavilions are not easily accessible to the public.

B. Transition and Accessibility Plan -

Improvements to increase accessibility to, and use of, the Clio City Park will be made on an on-going basis subject to financing. Priority will be given to increase access to the City Park, itself, which lies in a floodplain. Once access to the City Park is improved efforts will be made to increase accessibility to specific Park facilities based on necessity (restrooms) and popularity (pavilions and play equipment and structures). Older facilities designed or purchased at a time when universal access was not widely considered will be removed or replaced.

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Clock Park:

- A. Accessibility Rating: 4 (see Exhibit 11).

The Clock Park is a small landscaped area with brick walkways and benches.

- B. Transition and Accessibility Plan

There are no known issues with accessibility.

Veterans Park:

- A. Accessibility Rating: 3 (see Exhibit 11).

The Veterans Park is a landscaped area with brick walkways, displays, and benches. At grade accessibility is provided along Railway Street and the south downtown parking lot, but there is no signage to assist those with sight limitations.

- B. Transition and Accessibility Plan -

Signage should be installed to assist and direct those with sight limitations.

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## **PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS**

### **Method for Public Input**

The City of Clio and the Clio Area Parks and Recreation Board value the opinions of area residents. To this end, several opportunities were provided area residents to share their opinions.

On January 5, 2024, a link to a *Clio Parks and Recreation Survey*, was posted to the "City of Clio Michigan" Facebook page (see Appendix A, below). This *Survey* remained open for ten days. In addition, a draft copy of this *Clio Area Five Year Park and Recreation Plan 2023-2028 for the City of Clio* was made available for public comment and review at the Clio City Hall, 505 West Vienna Street, Clio with notice of its availability published on January 17, 2024.

A public hearing was held by the City Commission on January 22, 2024 prior to consideration of the adoption of this *Plan*.

## **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

### Goal 1: Develop partnerships and pursue grants to meet parks and recreational needs.

- Continue to seek partnerships with other parks and recreation providers and neighboring communities to share ideas and provide non-competing programs and facilities; and
- Apply for grants and seek other supplemental other funding to maintain and improve park facilities and trail improvements.

### Goal 2: Increase development of park facilities.

- Maintain and improve park facilities to improve access through universal design and functionality and use;
- Combat vandalism by expanding the existing closed circuit television system and lighting and crime prevention through environmental design;
- Remove and/or upgrade hazardous and/ or outdated playground equipment.

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Goal 3: Promote non-motorized connections within existing facilities and neighboring communities.

- Maintain and expand on existing sidewalks and trails to provide linkages among the City's traditional downtown, its residential neighborhoods, parks, and schools;
- Work to expand the Clio Area Bike Path and the M-57 Bike Path in partnership with the townships of Thetford and Vienna.;
- Maintain non-motorized routes as appropriate for all season use;
- Work with area partners to extend the Trolley Line Trail south to Mt. Morris and encourage its development in Saginaw County.

Goal 4: Establish key natural features / areas for conservation.

- Complete an inventory and proposed land-use overlay and policies for conservation easements. Developments should recognize limits of flood plain and forested land, outdoor recreation and green space and scenic, historic, educational and environmental significance. Judicious development should allow a close relationship with natural features without destroying them.

Goal 5: Improve communication between the City of Clio and the Clio Area Parks and Recreation Board and encourage Board development.

- Continue the City of Clio's participation in the Clio Area Parks and Recreation Board;
- Encourage Board development (i.e., conference attendance, training, etc.);
- Conduct yearly open houses to solicit public input and create awareness of recreation opportunities and achievements;
- Review park and recreation goals and objectives on an annual basis; and
- Investigate the merits of establishing a regional parks and recreation authority under P.A. 321 of 2000.

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## ACTION PLAN

The following recommendations are made for the future acquisition, development and renovation of park facilities and the provision of recreational opportunities in the City of Clio. These recommendations are based on the planning process and the goals and objectives of the City of Clio and the Clio Area Parks and Recreation Board and its member communities.

### A. Trails:

The network of non-motorized trails that exist within the City of Clio and Vienna Township are one of the greatest recreational assets in the area generally running east to west along the Pine Run Creek and north and south along the CSX Railroad and the Benjamin Run Creek. These hard-surfaced trails are part of a regional network of trails that radiate from the Clio City Park into Vienna Township north to Willard Road and Saginaw County, south to Wilson Road, east to Neff Road, and West to Jennings Road and along M-57.

It is a priority of the City to maintain and improve access along this network of trails through universal design and to provide linkages among the City's traditional downtown, its residential neighborhoods, parks, and area schools.

It is also a priority of the City of Clio to expand on this network of trails and create links extending north to the Village of Birch Run and Saginaw County and south to the City of Mount Morris as well as extend the M-57 Bike Path west into Montrose Township and east into Thetford Township to the Buell Lake County Park and the Ligon Outdoor Educational Center and north to the City of Frankenmuth. These priorities are also identified among the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission's *2023 Genesee County Trail Priorities* (see Exhibit 12, below).



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- ii. Reconstruction the vehicular access from North Mill Street and the vehicular parking area in the City Park to improve accessibility and best accommodate the public demand for the City Park.

2. Improve facilities.

Remove and/ or replace hazardous and/ or outdated playground equipment with playground equipment based on universal design with safe fall zones. Barrier-free access is to be provided all City Park facilities.

3. Improve drainage and remove debris from the Pine Run Creek.

Install drains and clear the Pine Run Creek of debris to improve the functionality of the City Park which is hampered by the lack of adequate drainage and the accumulation of debris in the Pine Run Creek.

4. Safety and security.

Improve safety and the physical security of the public who utilize the City Park with increased patrols, the expansion of the existing closed circuit television system and implementing crime prevention through environmental design.

E. Work with area partners:

1. Water Recreational Facility.

Construct an outdoor active water recreation facility such as a pool or spray park.

2. Land Acquisition:

The Clio area is underserved by the number and variety of public parks; additional suitable land ought to be acquired for park and recreation use that is located to best serve the needs of the public by its member communities.

3. Community Center:

Construct an indoor recreational facility to serve the needs of the public.

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4. Parks and Recreation Authority:

The City encourages the Clio Area Parks and Recreation Board wishes to investigate the creation of a parks and recreation authority pursuant to Public Act 312 of 1929 or Public Act 321 of 2000 to evaluate its merits.

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## **Appendix A: Survey**

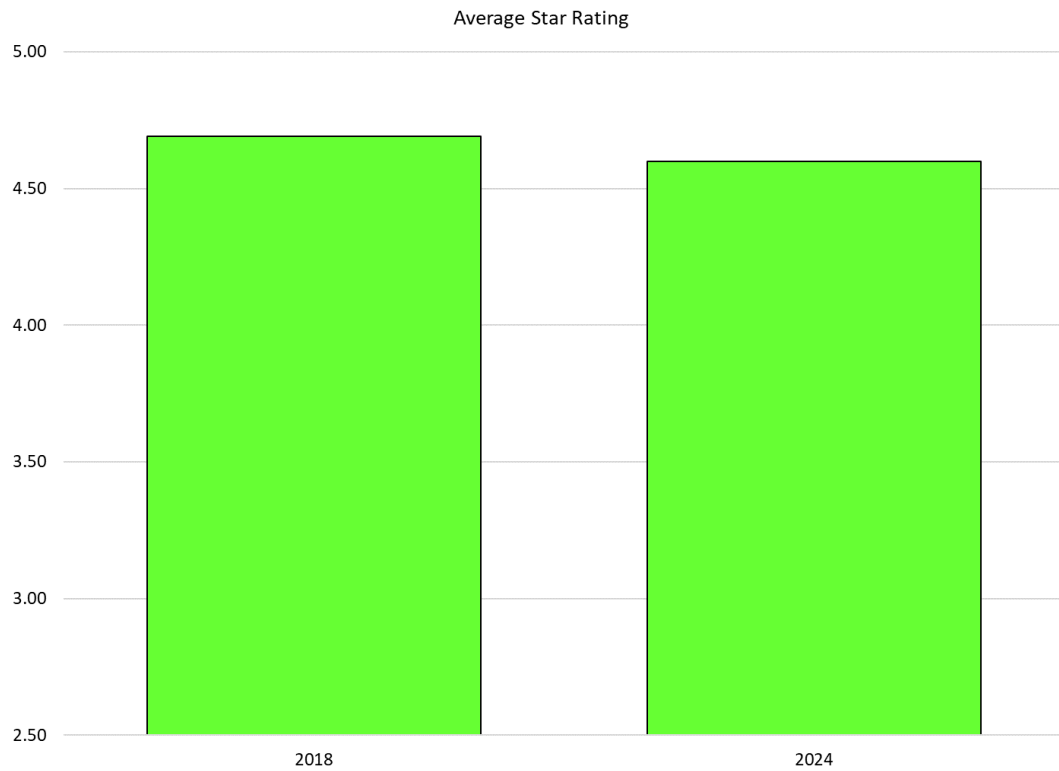
**Are you familiar with the Clio City Park?**

Yes 47  
No 0

Answered: 47

**On a scale of one star (Poor) to seven stars (Excellent), is the Clio City Park well maintained?**

Average Star Rating:  $\frac{2018}{4.69}$   $\frac{2024}{4.60}$



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**Please comment on the maintenance of the Clio City Park:**

Trail could use some work. City should do something to attract people.

Great

I really enjoy the bike path

The park is generally well maintained and seems safe to be in.

Good

I broke my ankle walking our dog because the sidewalk had deep edging on both sides.

Trail needs lots of work

Always looks good, however the bathrooms never seem to be open when we need them.

Could use some work, there is graffiti

Better maintenance

No comment

The park is trashy and instead of deterring vandalism, the city takes down vandalism targets so the people that use them are punished.

Too many deep and sometimes large "holes" in the grassy areas can be quite dangerous.

It is quite well maintained.

Seems to have vandalism. Ashamed that they haven't kept up on Clio amphitheater

Better drainage

Center St under walkway needs a better drainage system..

Usually lots of garbage in the river, sidewalks not the greatest

Side walks need to be fixed. More garbage cans.

It's ok. Pretty standard.

Poorly

Broken play equipment, outdated equipment, always flooding around the only swings

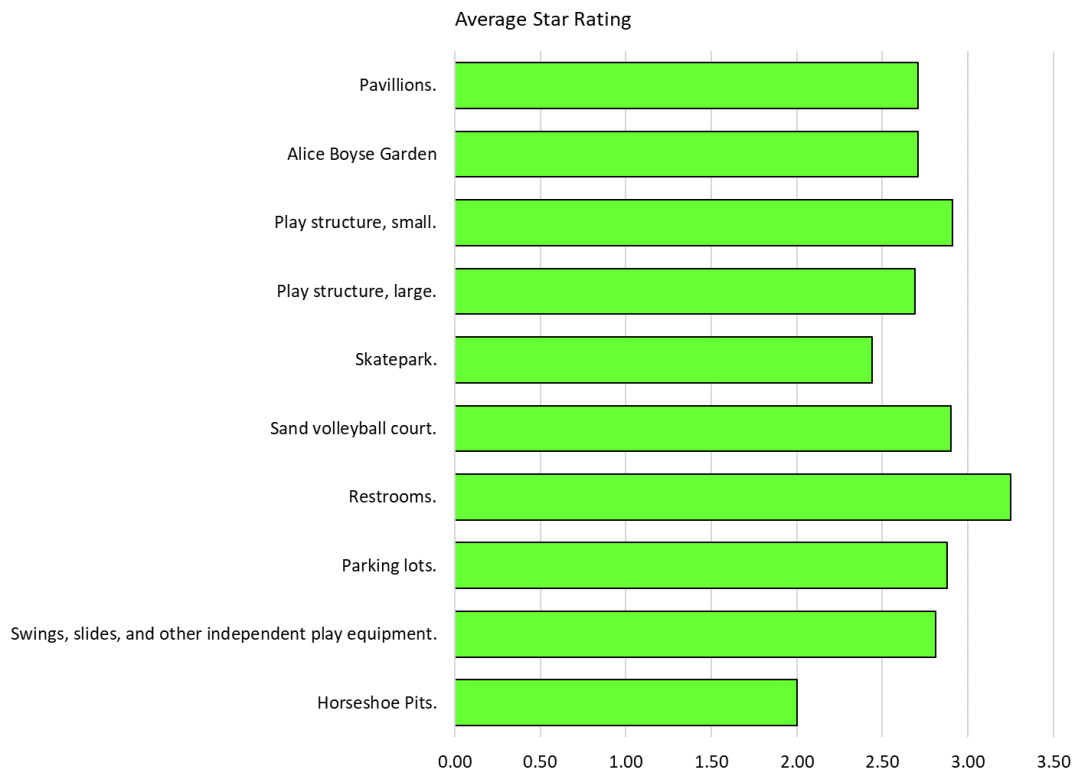
Most areas kept very clean, seems to be more tree, branches and rubble on the walkway towards Wilson Road

The walking path needs better cement.

Parking lots are in poor shape, lawn needs to be better tended, and sand volleyball court better maintained.

On a scale of one (Poor) to five (excellent), rate the Clio City Park facilities identified, below.

	Average Stars
Horseshoe Pits.	2.00
Swings, slides, and oth	2.81
Parking lots.	2.88
Restrooms.	3.25
Sand volleyball court.	2.90
Skatepark.	2.44
Play structure, large.	2.69
Play structure, small.	2.91
Alice Boyse Garden	2.71
Pavillions.	2.71



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**Comment on the Clio City Park facilities:**

Love the park, should be used more

Love summer concerts

I wished we had a dog park there!

Poor

It is beautiful and the creek is pretty. Half of the parking is new and useful. The other half is a hot mess with huge holes.

Fix the uneven sidewalk. Provide more seating for people around the playscape.

Driveway and first parking area needs work

like park to walk in...some sidewalks could be made more level...

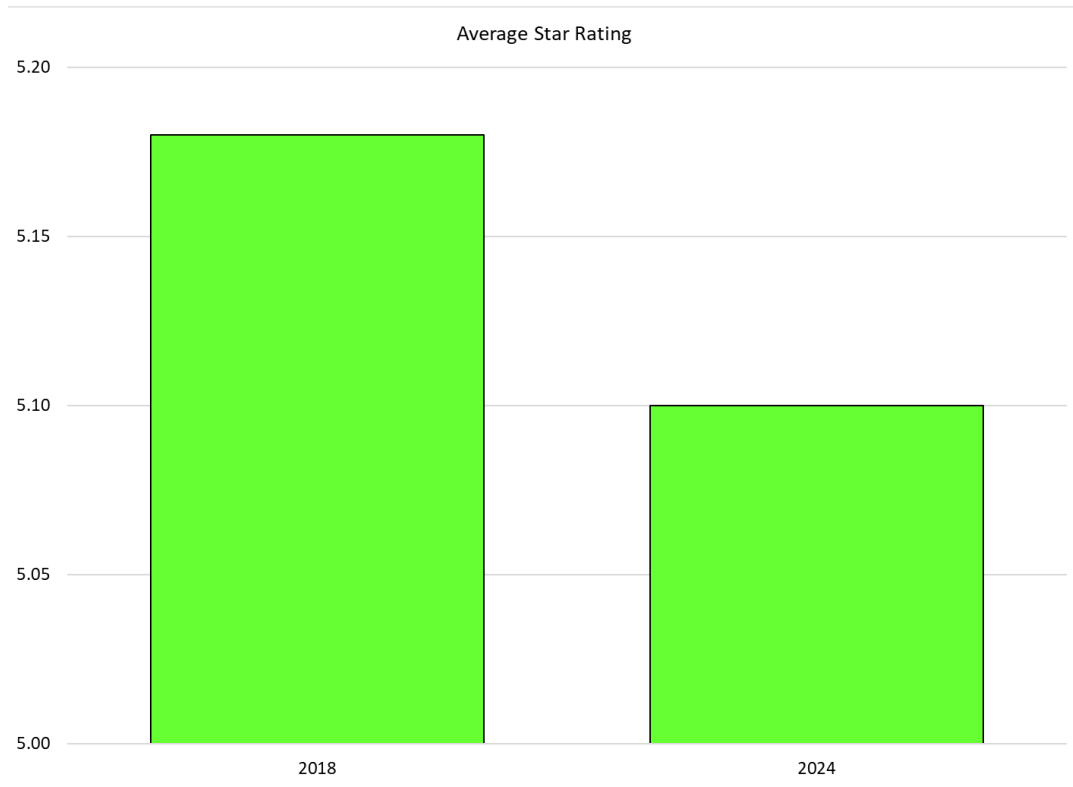
The park is decent. We go for the playground equipment, and the fact that there's no fence makes it hard to enjoy. We rarely play there and prefer Barber Park in Montrose.

Old we need new now

I don't know that anyone uses the horseshoe pits. Parking lots and the sand volleyball court are bad. Improvements or an update of the play structures would be nice.

On a scale of one star (Poor) and seven stars (excellent), the Clio City Park is a comfortable environment to me?

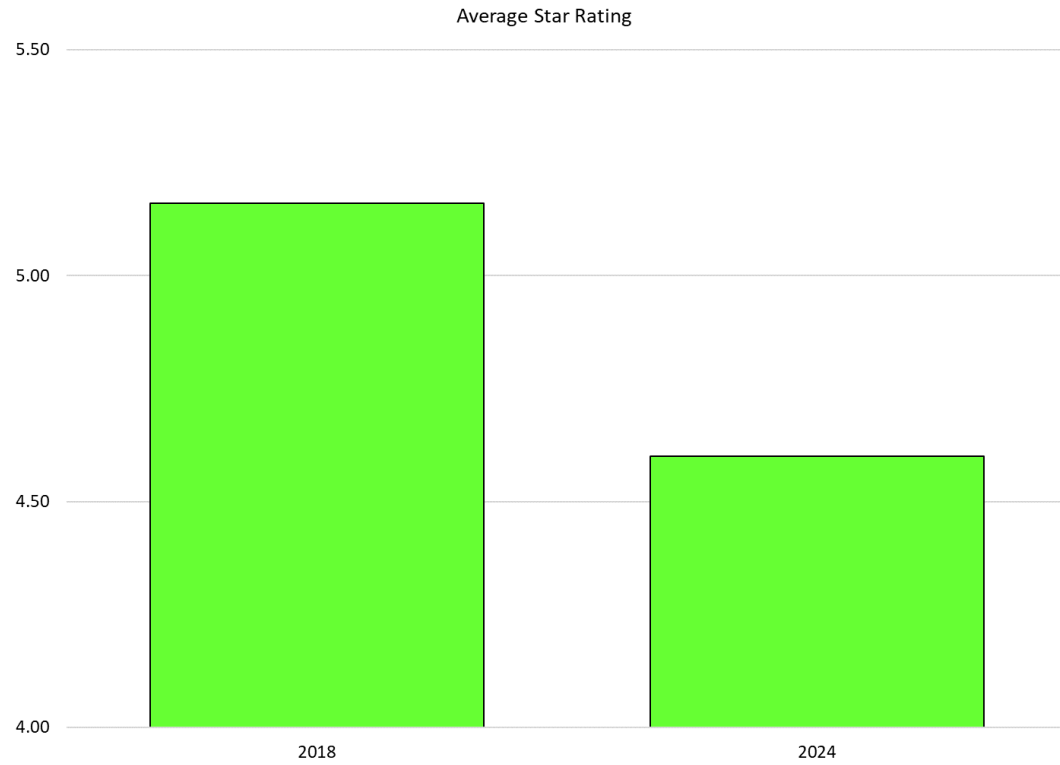
Average Rating:       $\frac{2018}{5.18}$        $\frac{2024}{5.10}$



Answered:      34

On a scale of one star (Poor) and seven stars (excellent), how safe do you feel in the Clio City Park?

Average Rating:       $\frac{2018}{5.16}$        $\frac{2024}{4.60}$



Answered:      33

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**Please comment on your safety in the Clio City Park:**

Would love to see cameras or more security presence

I feel mostly safe, but I always carry pepper spray

I never go when it is dark out. It would be nice to have patrols in the area

Need more lighting in certain areas

A lot of people do drugs in the skatepark

Too many kids using drugs at the skate park

I feel safe

Homeless living in the park, poorly maintained equipment,

My granddaughter found a broken glass crack pipe under a pavilion and picked it up before I could stop her. It was extremely upsetting, especially since there happened to be a City of Clio police officer driving by. I flagged her down and showed her and she said there was nothing that could be done about it.

It is mowed and trimmed often and is open and east to see all around. Good lighting.

Feel safe

not worried...

Could use more lights through the trails

More lighting throughout walkways.

Some areas of the path are more isolated, preferred to walk with someone rather than alone

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**How often do you visit the Clio City Park during the fair whether (non-winter) months?**

Daily.	0.00%
A few times a week, but less than daily.	0.00%
A few times a month, but less than a few times a week.	15.15%
A few times a season, but less than a few times a month.	36.36%

Answered: 33

**Why do you visit the Clio City Park?**

Family event, occasion, or reunion.	0.00%
Nature/ wildlife viewing.	6.25%
Meet with friends.	3.13%
A place to take my children.	25.00%
Exercise.	50.00%
Relation.	12.50%
Other (please specify)	3.13%
I stopped bringing my children because the park is gross.	

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**Does the Clio City Park meet your leisure and recreation needs?**

Yes 75.76%  
No 27.27%

Answered: 33

**How might the Clio City Park best be improved to meet, or better meet, your leisure and recreation needs?**

- I wish the trail was better maintained.
- Just attract family friendly events
- If we could bring in master gardeners and volunteer gardening programs to install native plant pollinator gardens or community vegetable gardens
- More use of the amphitheater
- I believe a splash pad would be an asset to the Clio area.
- Better mowing and fixing sidewalks
- Fenced in areas for young children play, adult sports facilities, anything to draw people to visit this dying city.
- Parking areas that have holes need fixing. More swings for adults. Clean out the creek W of Mill Street.
- More seating around the park, especially near the play area
- Many parts of the bike path need to be fixed. Water covering parts and is very slippery. And uneven cement
- Drainage so we can use the other half of the park
- maybe a bench or two near sidewalks...
- Up to date skatepark and play structures
- More plants/flowers/gardens. Better attention to garbage and cleaning up the river (at least the part of the river through the park). More garbage cans through the trails. Dog poop bag station in the trails.
- A fenced play area.
- More for the kids
- Less grass, more native plant species, more support for native pollinators.
- Easier access for bikes to the path
- The path ways need to be fixed

**Is the Clio City Park accessible to you (i.e., can you freely access and move about the Park without difficulty)?**

Yes 93.75%  
No 6.25%

Answered: 32

**How do you most often get to the Clio City Park?**

Drive (automobile or motorcycle). 58.06%  
Walk. 38.71%  
Bicycle. 3.23%  
Other (please specify). 0.00%

Answered: 31

**How might access to/ from, and about, the Clio City Park be improved?**

Fix the tunnel near the skate park. It's always flooded. It's impossible for wheelchairs or strollers to get through and going up that hill (that is often washed out) is not always possible.  
Perhaps some stairs to walk into the park  
Additional parking  
Fix some of the walking trails  
Try and fix some of the drainage issues  
I understand it is a flood plain but much of the park is not friendly for days after a heavy rain  
Good  
Improve the road leading to the new parking area.  
Fix parking area as you first enter the park and near amphitheater.  
Bike path walking.  
No good way to get in the park if you don't have a vehicle and are handicap or are otherwise limited in your mobility.  
keep roads in good condition  
Parking lot by the skate park is very steep, gets very muddy in that area.  
Get rid of the pebbles so wheelchair and walkers can actually watch the kids play  
Not good for wheel chairs on the path way  
ADA access off of North Mill Street and the intersection of East Vienna Street/ Rogers Lodge Drive. There is no good way to get down into the Clio City Park should a person be of limited mobility.

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**Universal design is the concept of designing all products and the built environment to be aesthetic and usable to the greatest extent possible by everyone, regardless of their age, ability, or status in life. How might the Clio City Park be improved to be usable to the greatest extent possible?**

More bathrooms other end of park. better play stuff play on.

Make it easier to get between the skatepark and the back half of the park through the tunnel area.

More handicap bathrooms

I think we need a dog park. Most communities have them these days and I feel it is a necessity considering the apartments and condos in the city and surrounding area.

Improve landscaping, increase parking, add a zipline, or splashpad.

Dog park!

Maybe let food trucks

Widen the sidewalk and fix the sidewalk areas where the cement is uneven

Improve parking in first half of park as was already done in the second half near new bathrooms and large playscape.

Bike path needs to be dried in many parts. Walk is slippery. And uneven cement. Happy the bridge is better.

keep sidewalks clear, maintain up keep, have a local patrol system in place...

Wide, ADA pedestrian ingress/egress with handrails.

Maybe more flowerbeds and cleaning of river in the main park.

Get rid of the pebble, make more family friendly, keep updating

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**Why do you most often frequent a park?**

Family event, occasions, or reunions.	6.45%
Nature/ wildlife viewwing.	41.94%
A place to take my children.	29.03%
Relax.	25.81%
Exercise.	58.06%
Other (please specify).	6.45%

Answered: 31

**What do you most enjoy doing at a park?**

Family event, occasions, or reunions.	9.38%
Nature/ wildlife viewwing.	34.38%
A place to take my children.	37.50%
Relax.	28.13%
Exercise.	59.38%
Other (please specify).	12.50%
Summer concerts.	
Walk the dog.	
PokemonGo.	
Improvement of skatepark and up keep on it.	

Answered: 31

**Please complete the following statement, I live...**

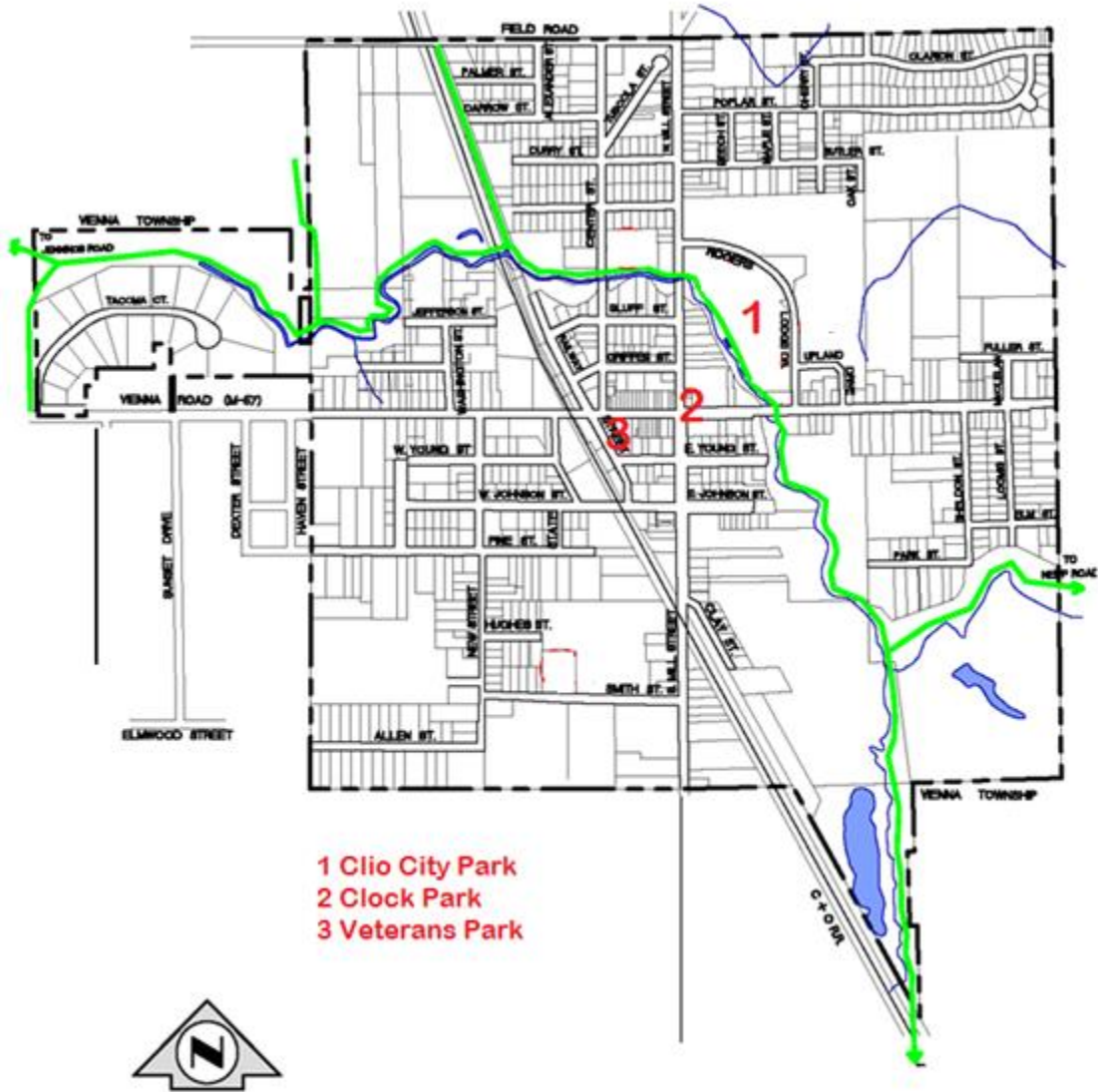
...more than five miles from the Clio City Park.	21.88%
...within five miles of the Clio City Park.	21.88%
...within a mile of the Clio City Park.	25.00%
...within a few blocks of the Clio City Park.	31.25%
Other (please specify).	0.00%

Answered: 32

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## **Appendix B: Facility Locations**

Clio Area Parks and Recreation Facilities Inventory – City of Clio



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## **Appendix C: Adoption Documentation**

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**Notice of Public Hearing**  
**Minutes from the Public Hearing**  
**Certified Resolution**

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## Notification to County Planning Agency and Regional Planning Agency



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March 28, 2024

GLS Region V Planning and Development Commission  
1101 Beach Street  
Room 223  
Flint, Michigan 48502-1470

RE: *Clio Area Five Year Park and Recreation Plan 2023-2028 for the City of Clio*

Please accept this letter transmitting adoption of the enclosed *Clio Area Five Year Park and Recreation Plan 2023-2028 for the City of Clio* by the Clio City Commission on January 22, 2024 to the County Planning Agency and Regional Planning Agency.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Wiederhold", is written over a horizontal line.

Eric Wiederhold  
City Administrator

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