



City of Essexville

Community Description

The City of Essexville is located east of Bay City and west of Hampton Township. The City contains approximately 900 acres and most of the land is developed for residential use. There are significant industrial uses along the 1.4 mile stretch of the Saginaw River frontage in Essexville. According to the 2000 Census, Essexville has a population of 3,766.

Administrative Structure

The City of Essexville operates and maintains its municipal facilities under the auspices of the City Manager, in conjunction with the Department of Public Works. The Department of Public Works is responsible for park maintenance. Recreation facility planning is done with the assistance of the Recreation Committee. The Recreation Committee is composed of community residents who are appointed by the City Council. This committee reviews plans that the City is proposing in regards to recreation and makes suggestions to the city administration. The City of

Essexville does not provide any recreation programming and its recreation expenditures are used for capital improvements and maintenance.

Programming, Volunteers, and Cooperative Relationships

The Essexville - Hampton Public School District offers recreation programming to residents within the City of Essexville. These programs are coordinated through the Community Education Department. Recreation programs such as basketball, tennis, volleyball, swimming, and soccer are conducted on school facilities. The Community Education Department also offers an “Open Gym” for children and adults at various times during the year. The Essexville Little League Association sponsors baseball and softball programs for youth.

Budgets

The source of funding for parks and recreation in Essexville is the City general fund. The current and next year parks and recreation budgets are shown below.

| ESSEXVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGETS | | |
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| | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 |
| Operation & Maintenance | \$21,273 | \$25,630 |
| Programming (leagues, special events, etc.) | n.a. | n.a. |
| Capital Expenditures | 0 | 0 |

Recreation Inventory

Essexville has 4.58 acres of parkland. The recreation inventory was completed from the existing recreation master plan and updated as necessary by City staff. It should be noted that Essexville-Hampton School facilities are also used for local public recreation. The inventory is depicted on the following page.

Essexville has received two DNR grants in the past. The first was TF 91-254 for the development of Smith Park (\$69,000). The second was TF95-200 for the development of **Scheurmann** Street Pier Improvements (\$72,750).

| | Smith Park | Municipal Park | Main Street Boat Launch | Veterans Memorial Park | Woodside Right-of-Way Park | Woodside /Borton Plaza Park | Youth Memorial Park |
|-------------------------|------------|----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Park Type* | NP | MP | MP | MP | M P | MP | MP |
| Acreage | 2.04 | 0.1 | 0.77 | 0.12 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.38 |
| Accessibility* | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Service Area | City | City | City | ¼ mile | ¼ mile | ¼ mile | ¼ mile |
| Basketball Court | x | x | | | | | |
| Multi-use Path | | | | x | | | x |
| Pavilion | x | | | | | | |
| Picnic Area | x | | | | | | |
| Sand Volleyball | x | | | | | | |
| Boat Launch | x | | x | | | | |
| Grills | x | | x | | | | |
| Restrooms | x | | | | | | |

*NP =Neighborhood Park, MP = Mimi Park, See County inventory section for definitions of park type and accessibility.

Goals and Objectives

The City of Essexville developed the following goals and objectives for parks and recreation in the community.

GOAL 1

Increase recreation opportunities along the Saginaw River.

Objectives:

1. Develop a marina
2. Develop shore fishing and viewing areas
3. Link recreational opportunities with multi-use paths
4. Add a boat launch

GOAL 2

Provide recreation opportunities for Senior Citizens and the disabled.

Objectives:

1. Insure that all future improvements are ADA accessible.

GOAL 3

Improve the quality of Neighborhood Parks.

Objectives:

1. Provide more active recreational opportunities in Essexville.
2. Work on cooperative agreements with the school district to enhance outdoor recreation on existing school facilities.

GOAL 4

Provide recreation facilities in known recreation deficient zones.

Objectives

1. Acquire additional **park/open** space acreage to develop as a neighborhood park facility on the western side of the City.

GOAL 5

Provide more citywide recreation opportunities.

Objectives:

1. Add multi-use paths, focusing on areas near the Saginaw River and paths that will provide a linking trail network across the City.
2. Develop an **inline** skating and roller hockey rink facility.

ACTION PLAN

1. Prepare a master plan for Hughes Elementary School Park.
2. Main Street Overlook and Fishing Pier - Redevelopment of Main Street street-end to include a boat launch and ADA accessible fishing pier and viewing platform.
3. Smith Park - Renovation of Smith Park to include fishing pier, expanded boat launch and park improvement.
4. Hughes Elementary School - Secure property use through lease with School District.
5. Hughes Elementary School - Develop the elementary school property for a community park.
6. Investigate the availability of additional land on the west side of the city to develop into a neighborhood park.

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Park & Trail Locations

Legend

- Parks
- Golf Courses
- Schools
- Boat Ramps
- Existing Trails
- Railroad
- Local Roads
- State Trunklines
- Major Roads
- Streams & Drains
- Township City Boundaries
- Saginaw Bay



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