

# Helena Township Parks & Recreation Community Survey

## Welcome...

Helena Township is committed to improving the quality of life for our residents and providing a safe and enjoyable environment for all, now and into the future.

The recently re-established and re-energized Helena Township Parks & Recreation Committee has developed this survey to provide a format for gaining your insights and priorities as this committee works to develop a new five-year Parks & Recreation plan. The five-year plan is important because it is the minimum requirement for the township to submit grant applications with the State of Michigan's Department of Natural Resources allowing the community to potentially receive funding in support of the key initiatives outlined in the five-year plan. More importantly, by gaining your input and completing this plan, we can address the current and future needs of our residents and visitors.

We welcome all ideas and suggestions to ensure these public assets are optimized for all to enjoy.

Please help us ensure we capture your most sincere opinions by answering all the questions to the best of your ability. Your responses are anonymous, unless you would like to provide your contact information at the end of the survey, so you can feel comfortable providing your most candid feedback. Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey! Let's begin the survey now...

## 1. Please check the living situation that best describes you?

- My primary residence is located in Helena Township for greater than six (6) months per year
- I own property in Helena Township, but it is not my primary residence
- I don't reside or own property in Helena Township, but I utilize the park resources

## 2. If Helena Township is NOT your primary residence, please choose below how often you use this property/residence?

- I reside at this property/residence approximately 1 – 8 weeks per year
- I reside at this property/residence approximately 9 – 16 weeks per year
- I reside at this property/residence approximately 17 – 25 weeks per year

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## 3. Please tell us the number of persons living in your household, including yourself, who are:

Number of Household members for each age group

Under age 10	<input type="text"/>
Age 10-19	<input type="text"/>
Age 20-24	<input type="text"/>
Age 25-34	<input type="text"/>
Age 35-44	<input type="text"/>
Age 45-54	<input type="text"/>
Age 55-64	<input type="text"/>
Age 65+	<input type="text"/>

## 4. Please select the ways you learn about Helena Township parks and recreation programs, activities, and resources. (Please select all that apply)

- Program Guide
- Newspaper
- Flyer/Brochure
- Friends/Neighbors
- Helena Township Website
- Helena Township Representatives
- Local Businesses (e.g. "local watering hole")
- None of the above (I am generally not aware of any parks and recreation programs and/or activities)

Other (please specify) and/or Comment (optional)

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## 5. Please select for EACH Row (Helena Township Public Resource) that best indicates how important each of the following resource is to you/your family.

	Not Familiar	Not important	No Opinion (Neutral)	Important	Very important
Coy Mountain Preserve & Walking Trail	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Depot Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tennis Court Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ball Diamond Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Helena Twp. Community Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Harbor & Harbor Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public Road End Lake Accesses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify) and/or Comment (optional)

## 6. Please select for EACH ROW (Helena Township Public Resource) that best indicates how often in the past 12 months you have used each of the following resources?

	Not Familiar	Never	1 – 3 Times	4 – 6 Times	7 – 10 Times	> 10 Times
Coy Mountain Preserve & Walking Trail	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Depot Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tennis Court Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ball Diamond Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Helena Twp. Community Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Harbor & Harbor Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public Road End Lake Accesses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify) and/or Comment (optional)

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**7. When you think about your experience at any of Helena Township's park resources, what suggestions would you make to improve the community center, parks, trails, and/or lake accesses that you utilized. (Please skip this question and proceed to question 8 if you have not utilized any of Helena Township parks/recreation resources)**

**8. Please select for EACH ROW (Helena Township Public Resource) that best indicates your opinion of the condition and maintenance for each of the following resources?**

	Not Familiar	Poor	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Excellent
Coy Mountain Preserve & Walking Trail	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Depot Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tennis Court Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ball Diamond Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Helena Twp. Community Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Harbor & Harbor Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public Road End Lake Accesses	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify) and/or Comment (optional)

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## 9. If you seldom or never use the community center, parks, trails, and/or lake accesses in Helena Township, what are your reasons? (Please select all that apply)

- |                                                                 |                                                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not interested                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Do not have transportation                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No Time                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Do not know where they are                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feel unsafe                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Do not know what is available                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of facilities                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Too crowded                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poorly maintained                      | <input type="checkbox"/> I do not value our parks                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Too far away; not conveniently located | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable (I utilize some/all resources) |

Other (please specify) and/or Comment (optional)

## 10. Indicate your level of agreement with each of the following hypothetical actions to improve our park system.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	No Opinion (Neutral)	Agree	Strongly Agree
Acquiring land for future parks and/or open spaces	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Re-developing/upgrading existing parks to support a broader range of activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Better maintenance of existing parks and facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Provide recreation programs and activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Develop new trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
No additional parks or changes to current resources are needed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify) and/or Comment (optional)

## 11. Do you support the development of a recreational trail system in Helena Township?

- Yes
- No

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## 12. If you support the development of a trail system, what type of trail(s) should have the highest priority in Helena Township? (Please select your top TWO (2) choices)

- Trails that link community destinations
- Barrier free trails(accommodates all, including those with disabilities)
- Barrier free pathways that connect existing parks
- Nature trails for viewing plants and wildlife
- Trails with exercise stations along the way
- Trails that link with other existing trails
- Paved trails for walking, biking, etc...
- Trails that extend long distances (5+ miles)

Other (please specify) and/or Comment (optional)

## 13. Which groups do you believe are under-served by our current recreation resources and/or programs? (Please select all that apply)

- |                                              |                                                           |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preschoolers        | <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary youth    | <input type="checkbox"/> Families                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle school youth | <input type="checkbox"/> People from diverse cultures     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High school youth   | <input type="checkbox"/> People with disabilities         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adults              | <input type="checkbox"/> All groups are served adequately |

Other (Please specify) and/or Comment (optional)

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## 14. When you visit our community center, parks, trails, and/or lake accesses, what activities do you participate in? (Please select all that apply)

- |                                                    |                                                     |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming/Water Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunbathing                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biking                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Crafts              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mahjong                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnic                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Quilting/Knitting          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball                | <input type="checkbox"/> Using Playground Equipment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book Club/Reading         | <input type="checkbox"/> Kayaking/Boating           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting/Fishing/Trapping   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball/Softball         | <input type="checkbox"/> Kite flying                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yoga                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Playing catch              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball                | <input type="checkbox"/> Bingo                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking/Running/Hiking    | <input type="checkbox"/> Relaxing                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Badminton                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable             |

Other activities (please specify) and/or Comment (optional)

## 15. When you consider the above activity(s) and the community center, parks, trails, and/or lake accesses where you participated, how would you rate the overall quality of your experience? (Please select only one)

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- No Opinion
- Not Applicable (I do not utilize these resources)

Comment (optional)

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## 16. What are the recreation facilities/resources you would MOST like to see added in Helena Township to meet the needs of the members of your household? (Please select all that apply)

- |                                                                  |                                                                             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor concert stage                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboard/Roller Blade Park                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Baseball/Softball fields     | <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Volleyball Court(s)                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bike Paths/Trails                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Picnic/Group Facilities (Pavilions)     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BMX/Dirt Bike/Off-road Park             | <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Benches                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Park                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking/Jogging Paths                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Equestrian Facilities                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Basketball Courts                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Football Field(s)                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Wet playground                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Course/Driving Range               | <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Playgrounds/Tot-lots                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming Pool for Recreation or Lessons | <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Swimming areas                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer Field(s)                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Additional bathrooms/drinking fountains            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Tennis Court(s)              | <input type="checkbox"/> No additional facilities/resources should be added |

Other (please specify) and/or Comment (optional)



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## 17. What are the programs, classes, or activities your household would MOST like to see in Helena Township to meet the needs of the members of your household? (Please select all that apply)

- |                                                                             |                                                                                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult care                                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor concerts                                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aerobics, spinning, or fitness instruction/classes | <input type="checkbox"/> Parenting classes                                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts or crafts instruction or classes              | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal development/business classes                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Before or after school child care                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading, language, spelling, or writing classes             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camps for school-age children                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Science or nature classes                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking instruction or classes                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming lessons                                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance instruction or classes                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Scuba Diving/snorkeling lessons                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama instruction or classes                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Trips or excursions to different places or events           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drop-in playground program                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer opportunities                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early childhood development classes                | <input type="checkbox"/> Yoga, meditation, or stress relief classes                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational workshops or classes                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Shuffleboard                                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gymnastics instruction or classes                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Horseshoes                                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health/nutrition related workshops or classes      | <input type="checkbox"/> Frisbee golf                                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday/seasonal celebrations or fairs             | <input type="checkbox"/> Badminton leagues or lessons                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Martial arts instruction or classes                | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis leagues or lessons                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meal program for seniors                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth programs such as soccer, basketball, football, etc... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music instruction or classes                       | <input type="checkbox"/> None                                                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting/fishing/trapping instruction/classes       |                                                                                      |

Other (please specify) and/or Comment (optional)

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## 18. What are the most important priorities Helena Township Parks and Recreation should consider when providing services to our residents? (Please select the THREE (3) most important)

- |                                                                                   |                                                                                                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improved physical and mental health/wellness             | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide cultural education/opportunities                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fun for participants and observers                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide positive alternatives to unfavorable behavior                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enhance the economic climate for existing/new businesses | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide opportunities to enjoy nature/outdoors                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Positive change in personal attitude                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide opportunities for lifelong learning (all ages)                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Promote youth development                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Help seniors and disabled people remain active                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase in tourism                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Connect people together, building stronger families and neighborhoods |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural areas and the environment          | <input type="checkbox"/> Enhance community image and sense of pride                            |

Other (please specify) and/or Comment (optional)

## 19. Please provide any additional information, opinions, or comments related to Helena Township's Parks and Recreation resources (parks, trails, lake accesses and related facilities and activities) and/or the direction and priorities of the parks and recreation committee.

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## 20. (Optional) I would like to be contacted about:

- This survey/responses
- Future surveys
- Focus groups/Public forums
- Parks and recreation committee participation
- No thank you...I prefer to remain anonymous

Other (please specify) and/or Comment (optional)

## 21. (Optional) If you would like to be contacted regarding this survey, your survey responses or future surveys, focus groups or parks and recreation committee participation, please complete the following:

<b>Name:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Address:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Address 2:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>City/Town:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>State:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>ZIP:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Email Address:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Phone Number:</b>	<input type="text"/>

CONGRATULATIONS...YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE SURVEY!!!

On behalf of the Helena Township board and the Parks and Recreation committee members, we sincerely THANK YOU for your participation in the Helena Township Parks & Recreation Survey!

Please join us for a COMMUNITY PUBLIC FORUM to discuss this survey and gain further insights and comments relating to Helena Township's Parks and Recreation activities. The forum is intended to be scheduled in November, so be on the lookout in the local paper, postings around the township and our website for the date and location details. We look forward to seeing you soon!