



St. Clair County Parks

St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission Parks Fact Sheet

Please Remember to Vote August 6th



Unique Features

- Oldest Light House in Michigan - 1829 (Fort Gratiot Light Station)
- 3 Parks On Island Loop National Water Trail
- Home to the County Fair (Goodells County Park)
- 11 Spray feature Splashpad (Goodells County Park)
- Longest Trestle Train Bridge of its Kind - 460 ft long, 60 ft over the Mill Creek (Wadhams to Avoca Trail)

8 Watershed Parks

- Goodells County Park - Pine River
- Columbus County Park - Belle River
- Woodsong County Park - Black River
- Fort Gratiot County Park - Lake Huron
- Fort Gratiot Light Station - Lake Huron
- Wadhams to Avoca Trail - Mill Creek
- Blue Water River Walk County Park - St. Clair River
- North Channel County Park - St. Clair River



Did You Know

ST. CLAIR COUNTY OWNS 9 PROPERTIES DEVOTED TO PARKS & RECREATION ACTIVITIES • 8 PARKS • 1 TRAIL • Over 1,034 acres

- Goodells County Park 366 acres
- Columbus County Park 411 acres
- Fort Gratiot County Park 30 acres
- Woodsong County Park 44.5 acres
- Fort Gratiot Light Station 5 acres
- Blue Water River Walk County Park 5 acres
- Marine City Dredge Cut Access .34 acre
- Wadhams to Avoca Trail 160 acres
- 12+ miles long
- North Channel County Park 12 acres
- Managed & Maintained by**
- 16 Full-time
- 10 Part-time
- 18 Seasonal Employees

Park Amenities

- Splashpad - Goodells County Park
- 3 Mountain Bike Trails - Woodsong County Park, Goodells County Park & Columbus County Park
- 2 Historic Sites - Fort Gratiot Light Station & Goodells County Park
- 2 Bathing Beaches - Fort Gratiot County Park & Blue Water River Walk County Park
- 18-Hole Disc Golf Course - Columbus County Park



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Park Amenities

- 25 + Miles of Hiking Trails
- 30 Rental Facilities
- 2 Showmobiles (portable stages)
- 2 Sets of Bleachers
- Over 12 Partnerships with Non-Profit Organizations
- Sledding Hill and Winter Activities at Columbus County Park
- Ice Rink - Goodells County Park
- 3 Museum Partnerships & Historic Village

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Millage Distribution

This year marks the 30th year that the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) will distribute 25% of the County Parks and Recreation millage funds collected back to the local units of government.

The current millage rate is 0.4944 mils for 6 years. This has been the millage rate since the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission's inception in 1995, with no increases. In addition to the current millage, a .4944 maintenance millage is being proposed for three years, expiring in 2027, the same year as the existing millage. If voters approve the additional millage, the owner of a house assessed at \$100,000 will pay approximately \$50 per millage for at total of \$100 a year. Both millages expire in 2027.

The millage will generate approximately \$3,459,300 over three year for parks and recreation facilities and programs, with \$864,842 estimated distribution going back to 33 local units of government.

The 2024 Local Millage Distribution table (located to the right) includes the 2020 census figures used to calculate each community's share; the amount of millage funds distributed to each community for 2024; and the amount of projected funds that could be distributed to each local unit of government each year if the proposed millage passes.

In order for the 33 local units of government to receive their annual share of the County Parks and Recreation millage funds, each community's governing board must approve the submission of an annual Local Millage Distribution request form that outlines how the community has spent their share of the millage funds during the past year.



Community	2020 Population	2024 Distribution	Projected Distribution
Algonac	4,196	\$ 24,153	\$ 48,306
Capac	1,983	\$ 11,415	\$ 22,830
Emmett	258	\$ 1,486	\$ 2,972
Marine City	4,079	\$ 23,480	\$ 46,960
Marysville	9,997	\$ 57,544	\$ 115,088
Memphis	315	\$ 1,814	\$ 3,628
Port Huron	28,983	\$ 166,830	\$ 333,660
Richmond	3	\$ 18	\$ 36
St. Clair	5,464	\$ 31,452	\$ 62,904
Yale	1,903	\$ 10,954	\$ 21,908
Berlin Township	3,115	\$ 17,931	\$ 35,862
Brockway Township	1,897	\$ 10,920	\$ 21,840
Burtchville Township	4,077	\$ 23,468	\$ 46,936
Casco Township	3,990	\$ 22,967	\$ 45,934
China Township	3,509	\$ 20,199	\$ 40,398
Clay	8,446	\$ 48,617	\$ 97,234
Clyde Township	5,523	\$ 31,791	\$ 63,582
Columbus Township	4,112	\$ 23,670	\$ 47,340
Cottrellville Township	3,406	\$ 19,606	\$ 39,212
East China Township	3,704	\$ 21,321	\$ 42,642
Emmett Township	2,257	\$ 12,992	\$ 25,984
Fort Gratiot Township	11,242	\$ 64,711	\$ 129,422
Grant Township	1,829	\$ 10,528	\$ 21,056
Greenwood Township	1,490	\$ 8,577	\$ 17,154
Ira Township	4,967	\$ 28,591	\$ 57,182
Kenockee Township	2,405	\$ 13,844	\$ 27,688
Kimball Township	9,609	\$ 55,311	\$ 110,622
Lynn Township	1,117	\$ 6,430	\$ 12,860
Mussey Township	2,251	\$ 12,957	\$ 25,914
Port Huron Township	10,792	\$ 62,120	\$ 124,240
Riley Township	3,199	\$ 18,414	\$ 36,828
St. Clair Township	7,085	\$ 40,782	\$ 81,564
Wales Township	3,180	\$ 18,305	\$ 36,610
Grand Total	160,383	\$ 923,198	\$ 1,846,396