

County Planning Connection April 2022 News

Please Participate in the Livingston County Parks and Open Space Plan Survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9B63TXC>

Every five years the Livingston County Planning Department updates the Livingston County Parks and Open Space Plan, in partnership with the Livingston County Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee (a committee of the Livingston County Board of Commissioners).

The purpose of this 2023-2028 plan is to guide the parks, open space and recreation decision-making of Livingston County government over the next five years. Most local municipalities with Livingston County also adopt a 5-year parks plan. These plans follow the format required by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), and review and approval of the plan by the MDNR makes Livingston County government and local units of government eligible for several MDNR grants. For instance, Phase I development of Fillmore County Park was made possible in large part to a Land & Water Conservation Grant that was administered by MDNR Grants Management.

Public Participation is essential in this process, and it involves:

- A public survey
- A public review period for the draft plan, during which comments on the plan can be submitted.

To begin this public process, please participate in the Livingston County Parks and Open Space Plan Survey by using the link above (also in accompanying e-mail). The 2022 survey asks the same questions as the 2018 survey in order to establish a trend analysis that will demonstrate whether or not more people know about, and visit Livingston County Parks. Other survey questions ask about the overall quality and quantity of recreation opportunities in Livingston County and the types of outdoor activities that are of interest to recreation participants.

Thank you in advance for taking this survey that will help guide the content of the Parks and Open Space Plan!

Time to Vote on the Livingston County Parks Rock! contest

We have received some really great pictures and stories on the Livingston County Facebook page from residents that searched for hidden painted rocks in Fillmore and Lutz County parks during January, February and March.

Now is your opportunity to vote between Monday, April 4 and Friday, April 8th for the two best photographs; winners will receive \$25 dollar gift cards! <https://www.facebook.com/LivCoGov/posts/346774190822020>

Planning for Electric Vehicles Tools from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG)

A huge topic in transportation right now is the shift from Internal Combustion Engine vehicles to Electric Vehicles (EVs). This shift is bringing a huge increase in demand for EV charging infrastructure. A key question for decision-makers is, What comes first, EV infrastructure or EV vehicular use? SEMCOG has created a wonderful toolkit for local municipalities grappling with this important planning subject. Plan to utilize this helpful resource: <https://semcog.org/blog/planning-for-electric-vehicles-evs-here-is-what-you-need-to-know>