



TOWNSHIP OF SUMMIT
2018 RECREATION SURVEY

Summit Township is blessed with an abundance of recreation facilities within its boundaries and the surrounding area. Vandercook Lake Public Schools, Jackson Public Schools, various private schools, Jackson College, the City of Jackson, and Jackson County Parks maintain a wide variety of recreation facilities within or nearby the Township. The Jackson Intermediate School District, Jackson County Parks, and the City of Jackson also provide important recreation facilities and programs within the study area. Various private entities, such as *Quiet World Sports* (in Vandercook Lake County Park), also host recreation facilities within the Township and surrounding area.

Because of the wealth of recreation facilities available to Summit Township residents—few of which are provided directly by the municipality—past editions of the *Summit Township Recreation Plan* concluded that the most meaningful recreation contribution the Township can make to the Greater Jackson Community is trail development. Since that time, planning for water trails has also been initiated at the level of the Upper Grand River Watershed (which covers all of Summit Township). Without any parkland of its own—other than trails—the Township continues to feel that the best way to provide traditional recreation facilities for its residents is to facilitate such development in other parks by collaborating with other recreation providers whenever opportunities arise. Collaboration and facilitation will most likely take the form of technical and financial assistance in return for universal access to the new facility by Summit Township residents.

The next edition of the Summit Township Recreation Plan is now under development. An important part of the planning process is to collect the opinions, wants, and needs of local residents. Accordingly, the Township seeks to ascertain if the above approaches remain consistent with the wants and needs of its residents. Filing the recreation plan with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) will also make and maintain the Township's eligibility to apply for Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) and other grants administered by the MDNR through 2022. Those potential grants may put statewide dollars to work right here in Summit Township, substantially augmenting local investments. Please take the time to make your opinions, wants, and needs known by answering the following questions. **Your opinion matters!**

The survey period is from January 8, 2018, through March 19, 2018. Please mail or return completed surveys to the Summit Township Office (2121 Ferguson Road, Jackson, MI 49203) by March 19, 2018. Thank you!



1. Are you a Summit Township Resident? Yes No

Support for Non-Motorized Recreation:

2. Do you support the development of any of the following?

a. **Non-Motorized Trail Network.** Continuing the develop trail links to the MLK Equity Trail/Falling Water Trail Corridor as it traverses Summit Township. Yes No

b. **Upper Grand Water Trail.** Participate in the development of kayak/canoe launch sites and keeping the Grand River open for kayaking and canoeing. Yes No

Support for Other Recreation Facilities and Services:

3. Should Summit Township work with Jackson County Parks to provide or improve traditional local recreation facilities at Vandercook Lake and/or Cascades (Sparks Foundation) County Parks? Yes No

Please list the other traditional local recreation facilities you wish Township residents had access to, but which are currently not made available by other recreation providers.

4. If you have further comments, please provide them here:

Thank you for taking the time to inform Township officials of your opinions, wants, and needs regarding recreation! They will be an important component of the next edition of the *Summit Township Recreation Plan* which will guide future decisions regarding recreation. Filing the recreation plan with the MDNR will make Summit Township eligible to apply for MNRTF and other MDNR grants through 2022, potentially putting state recreation dollars to work locally right here in Summit Township.