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Troy, MI 48084
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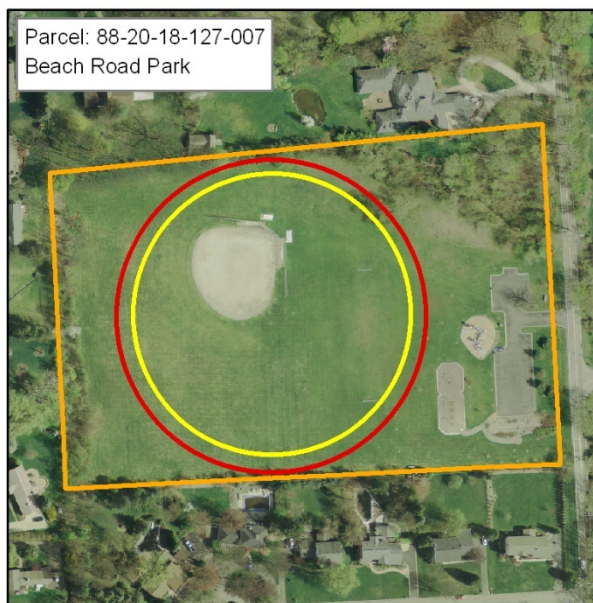
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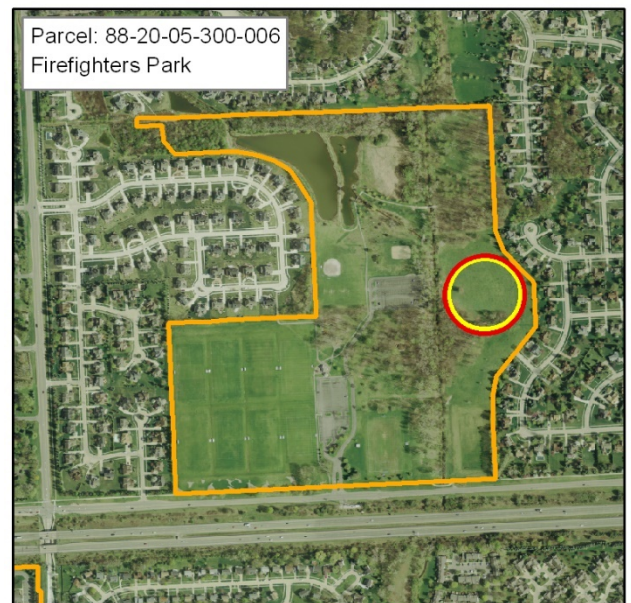
Subject: Cricket Field Report

According to the International Cricket Council, Cricket is a bat and ball game that has its earliest roots dating back to 1611. The game has evolved and is now enjoyed by people across the globe, including here in the City of Troy. The City of Troy has discussed the development of a Cricket field since the early 2000's. A Cricket Pitch was installed on two different vacant land parcels as a response to these discussions. Both locations posed significant challenges with no restroom facilities and disruption to the abutting neighbors. Both pitch areas have since been removed. In response to the continual demand, a partial practice field was developed in 2014 in the open space abutting the Community Center. Since the installment of the practice field, City of Troy staff have contemplated a permanent location and determined the only suitable location for a full-size field with the least amount of impact to other recreation opportunities is the 13-acre parcel located on John R. almost opposite of Raintree Park, also known as 3500 John R. 3500 John R. represents the most reasonable vacant parcel with the least amount of tree removal and least amount of infrastructure improvements. The following were sites evaluated in 2012:

Yellow circle: Minimum field size **Red circle:** Maximum field size



Beach Road Park- requires the elimination of A baseball field.



Firefighters Park- displaces Disc Golf.

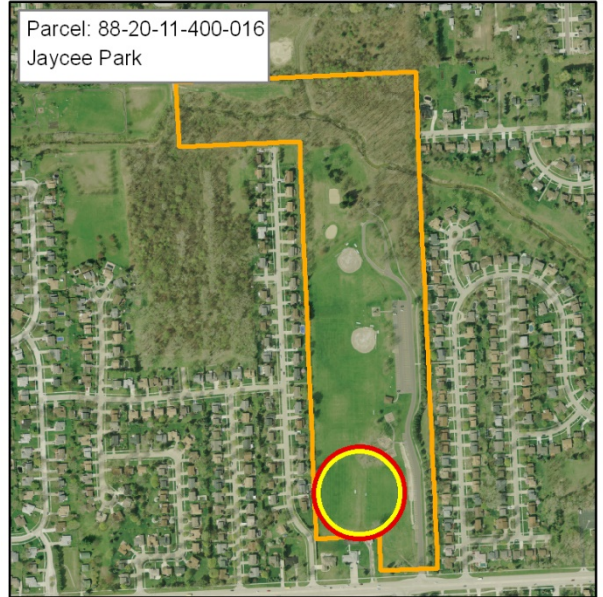
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Parcel: 88-20-21-277-012
Huber Park



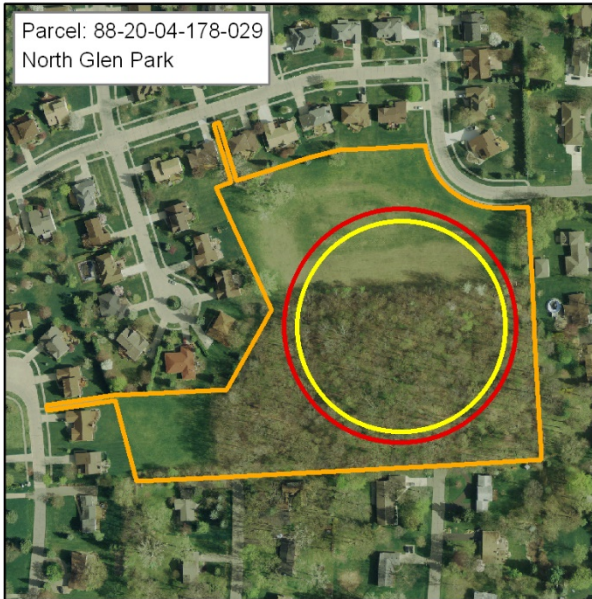
Huber Park- requires extensive tree removal.

Parcel: 88-20-11-400-016
Jaycee Park



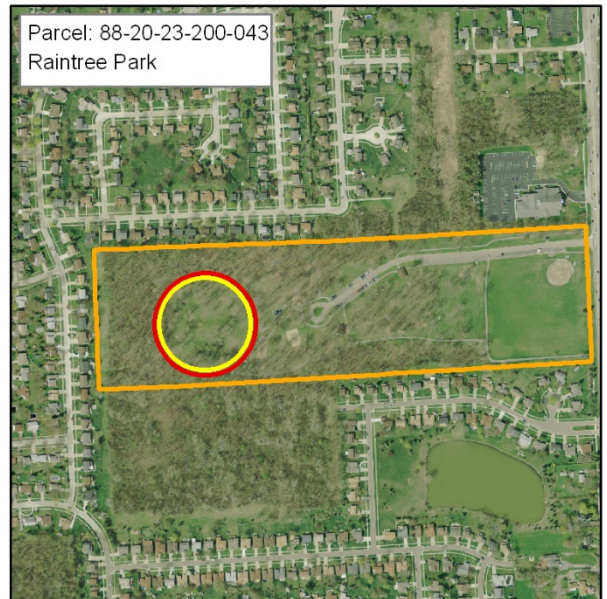
Jaycee Park- requires eliminating two soccer fields

Parcel: 88-20-04-178-029
North Glen Park



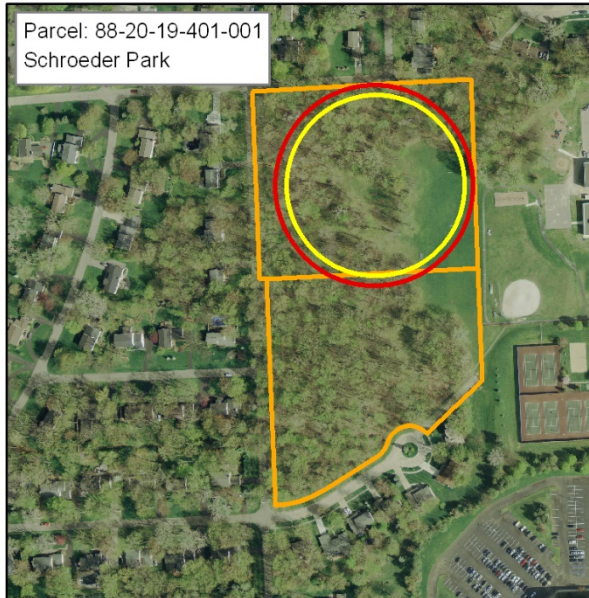
North Glen Park- requires extensive tree removal and regrading drainage area.

Parcel: 88-20-23-200-043
Raintree Park

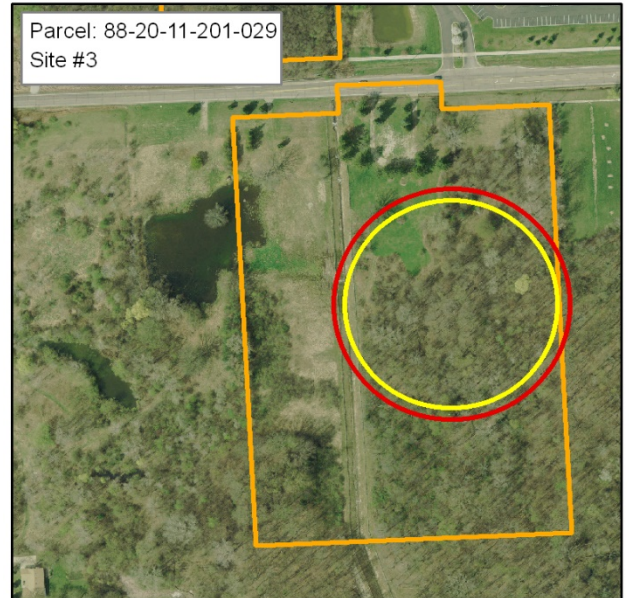


Raintree Park- displaces disc golf and extensive tree removal.

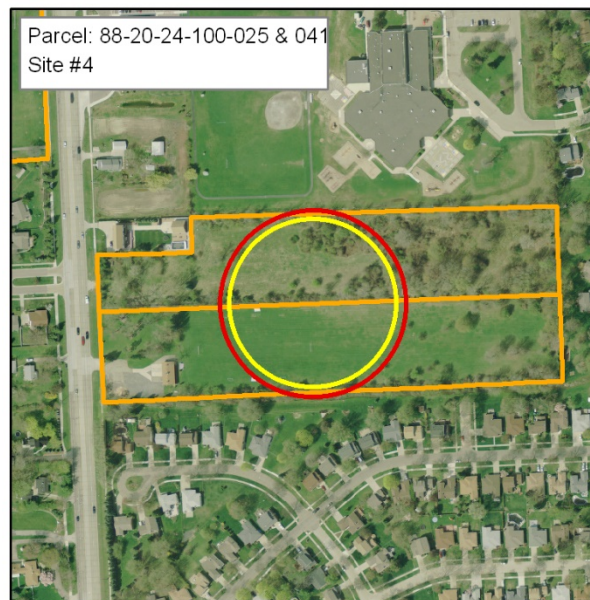
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Schroeder Park- extensive tree removal and wetland disruption.



Square Lake Vacant Parcel- extensive tree removal and rerouting drain.



Recommended site



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Other unsuitable locations included:

1. Big Beaver Trail Park: Shape of the park and existing pathways do not permit the minimum field size requirement.
2. Boulan Park: Parking lot and existing paths do not permit the minimum field size requirement and would require removal of existing fields.
3. Brinston Park: Field would cross existing concrete paths and require the removal of two soccer fields and a ball diamond.
4. Community Center: Field would cross existing concrete paths.
5. Fire Station #2: Site is too narrow.
6. Fire Station #6: Not enough open space.
7. Milverton Park: Park is too narrow.
8. Robinwood Park: Field would cross existing concrete paths.
9. Site #2 (88-20-02-451-010): Site is too narrow.
10. Site #8 (88-20-25-126-018 and 88-20-25-177-006): Site is too narrow.
11. Somerset North Park: Field would cross existing concrete paths.

The surveys completed through the 2020-2024 Parks and Recreation plan indicates that there is still a demand for a full-size Cricket Field. However, the demand represents a very small percentage when compared to other recreational opportunities such as paved and rustic walking paths, splash pad, and updated playground equipment.

Depending on the location and the amenities, such as a restroom, associated with the field will determine the cost to construct a full-size Cricket field. We must also consider the additional maintenance a new field will require and the costs associated with it. We look forward to continuing this conversation when developing the budget priorities during the upcoming study sessions.