



## 2022 City of Troy Budget Engagement Study - DRAFT 3

Thank you for your participation in this study; we value your opinion. Please respond on behalf of your household. All answers will remain completely confidential.

### Budget Priorities

- Like families, the City of Troy must live within its budget. This means basing the City budget on priorities. Revenues (taxes, fees, etc.) to fund City services may not keep up with the cost of providing those services. If revenues were not adequate to maintain City services at current levels, please indicate the budgeting strategies you would support for each of the services listed below. (Mark all that apply.)

	Eliminate the Service	Reduce Service Levels	Raise Taxes	Impose User Fees	Combine Service with Another Community
Ambulance services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Park maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Police services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreation facilities and programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Storm water drainage/flood control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Street maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- Some residents have suggested a dedicated millage to protect funding for important programs and services. A dedicated millage pays for a specific program or service and cannot be used for other expenses. For example, a dedicated library millage has funded the Troy Public Library since voters first approved the millage in 2011.

The City needs to understand what residents want and what they are will to pay before asking voters to consider a new dedicated millage. Please review the options below and note what options you would support, oppose, or if you need more information. Please review the potential options below and note which options you would **support**, **oppose**, or if you **need more information**.

	Support	Oppose	Need more information
Ambulance services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fire services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Park maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Police services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recreation facilities and programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Street maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- Briefly, what would you like City leadership to understand about how you responded to the potential options above?

4. Before this study, were you aware of the following facts about the City of Troy?

The City of Troy keeps less than 30% of your summer property taxes: approximately 55% goes to fund schools and Oakland Community College. Approximately 15% goes to fund county services and S.M.A.R.T.

Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The City portion of Troy's 2021 average residential tax bill (\$1,333) was approximately 32% less than the average for cities in Oakland County (\$1,971)

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Approximately 60 percent of the City's General Fund expenses are for public safety services (police, fire, ambulance), and less than 20 percent are for general government services. This leaves approximately 20 percent to fund things like parks, recreation, and public works. The Troy Public Library is funded by a separate millage.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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### Parks and Recreation

5. Which City of Troy parks and recreation centers have you used in the last 12 months? (Mark all that apply.)

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|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boulan Park                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Raintree Park              | <input type="checkbox"/> Troy Historic Village |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daisy Knight Dog Park          | <input type="checkbox"/> Sanctuary Lake Golf Course | <input type="checkbox"/> Troy Racquet Club     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donald J. Flynn Park           | <input type="checkbox"/> Stage Nature Center        | <input type="checkbox"/> Troy Trails           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Firefighters Park              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sylvan Glen Golf Course    | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jaycee Park                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Troy Community Center      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jeanne M. Stine Community Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Troy Family Aquatic Center |  |

6. What programming/facility changes would you like to see for **Troy Historical Village**?

7. What programming/facility changes would you like to see for **Troy Nature Center**?

8. What programming/facility changes would you like to see for **Sanctuary Lake/ Sylvan Glen Golf Courses**?

9. Why do you choose to utilize Troy's parks, facilities and programs? (Mark the top three reasons.)

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|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mental wellness              | <input type="checkbox"/> My child's sports interest | <input type="checkbox"/> Social interaction/time with friends |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physical fitness             | <input type="checkbox"/> Family time                | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enrichment/skill development | <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting new people         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Time outdoors                | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment              |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> My sports interest           | <input type="checkbox"/> Community involvement      |   |

10. Which **age 50+ programs** do you, or have you, participated in? (Mark all that apply.)

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Crafts Classes     | <input type="checkbox"/> Congregate Hot Lunch | <input type="checkbox"/> Extended Trips |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Technology Classes | <input type="checkbox"/> Dance Classes        | <input type="checkbox"/> Groups & Clubs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concerts                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Day Trips            | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these  |

11. Next, rate Troy's **local parks and recreation** facilities and programs on the following attributes using a scale where 1 means "Poor" and 10 means "Excellent." If you haven't used the facilities or programs, mark "Don't Know."

	Poor= 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Excellent = 10	Don't Know
Parks/facilities meet your needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parks/facility maintenance and cleanliness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality of recreational programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Variety of recreational programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety/security	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Access for people with disabilities/mobility challenged	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Location convenience	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. How far do you currently live from your closest Troy Park?

<input type="checkbox"/> Less than a 5-minute walk	<input type="checkbox"/> 11-15 minutes walk	<input type="checkbox"/> I cannot safely walk to my closest park
<input type="checkbox"/> 6-10 minutes walk	<input type="checkbox"/> 16 or more minutes walk	

13. Which of the following would **increase your household's use of programs and events** the most? (Mark up to 5.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Change the timing of programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Lower cost	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical accessibility for disabilities
<input type="checkbox"/> Change the length of programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Parking closer to the venue	<input type="checkbox"/> Public transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Child care availability	<input type="checkbox"/> More parking in general	<input type="checkbox"/> Safe walk/bike routes to venues
<input type="checkbox"/> Feeling more welcome	<input type="checkbox"/> More program variety	<input type="checkbox"/> Scholarships or free programs
<input type="checkbox"/> Higher quality programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Programs more inclusive of diverse resident demographics	<input type="checkbox"/> None of these

14. Which parks and recreation **facilities and features** would you like to see added or enhanced in the future? (Mark up to 7.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Community gardens	<input type="checkbox"/> Park accessibility	<input type="checkbox"/> Safe routes to walk and bike from neighborhoods
<input type="checkbox"/> Directional signage	<input type="checkbox"/> Park restrooms	<input type="checkbox"/> Shade structures
<input type="checkbox"/> Dog parks	<input type="checkbox"/> Park shelters	<input type="checkbox"/> Sidewalks
<input type="checkbox"/> Electric vehicle charging stations	<input type="checkbox"/> Parking	<input type="checkbox"/> Splash pad
<input type="checkbox"/> General maintenance and repair	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnic areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Walking/biking trails
<input type="checkbox"/> Interpretive signage	<input type="checkbox"/> Playground equipment for people with disabilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Water bottle/drinking fountains
<input type="checkbox"/> Lighting	<input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds, indoor	<input type="checkbox"/> WiFi access
<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor event/performance space	<input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds, outdoor	<input type="checkbox"/> None needed
<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor fitness equipment		

15. Which **athletic spaces** below would you like to see added or enhanced in the future? (Mark up to 7.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Badminton (indoor)	<input type="checkbox"/> Disk golf	<input type="checkbox"/> Snowshoeing
<input type="checkbox"/> Baseball/softball	<input type="checkbox"/> Ice skating	<input type="checkbox"/> Soccer (indoor)
<input type="checkbox"/> Basketball (indoor)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pickleball (indoor)	<input type="checkbox"/> Soccer (outdoor)
<input type="checkbox"/> Basketball (outdoor)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pickleball (outdoor)	<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis (indoor)
<input type="checkbox"/> Bocce	<input type="checkbox"/> Rock climbing	<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis (outdoor)
<input type="checkbox"/> Cornhole	<input type="checkbox"/> Sand volleyball	<input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball (indoor)
<input type="checkbox"/> Cricket	<input type="checkbox"/> Shuffleboard	<input type="checkbox"/> None needed
<input type="checkbox"/> Cross-country skiing	<input type="checkbox"/> Skate park	
<input type="checkbox"/> Curling	<input type="checkbox"/> Sledding	

**16. Which *recreation programs* would most benefit your household? (Mark up to 7.)**

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adaptive fitness classes                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf lessons                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis lessons                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult fitness classes                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition education                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Water fitness programs              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult mind-body classes fitness programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool programs                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth fitness and wellness programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult sports programs                    | <input type="checkbox"/> School break day camps                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth learn to swim programs        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adventure recreation                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Ski programs                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth sports leagues                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family fitness opportunities             | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports sampler (intro to multiple sports) | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth sports programs               |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer camps                              | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these                       |

**17. Which *skill-building programs* would most benefit your household? (Mark up to 5.)**

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|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult performing arts               | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening/horticulture                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-defense/martial arts           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult visual art and dance programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Home improvement                         | <input type="checkbox"/> STEM/STEAM programs for youth       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Culinary/cooking programs           | <input type="checkbox"/> Investment                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth visual art and dance programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enrichment classes                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Music/theater/performing arts            | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneurship                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor education/nature -based programs |  |

**18. Which *social programs* would most benefit your household? (Mark up to 5.)**

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Before and after school care programs     | <input type="checkbox"/> Preschool programs                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth summer camp programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community special events                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs for individuals with disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs for veterans      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Culturally specific activities/programs   | <input type="checkbox"/> Social activities for adults               | <input type="checkbox"/> Support groups             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multicultural events                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Social activities for youth                | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Night/weekend programs for young children | <input type="checkbox"/> Teen programs                              |   |

**19. What other programming and/or facilities not listed above would most benefit your household in the future?**

**20. Consider all the potential improvements for you and your household that you identified above. What is the most you would be willing to pay per month to see those improvements implemented?**

- ☐ \$15/month
 ☐ \$10/month
 ☐ \$5/month
 ☐ \$2/month
 ☐ \$0

**The following optional questions are for analysis only and will not be used in any way to identify you.**

**21. How long have you been living in Troy?**

- ☐ Less than 1 year
 ☐ 1-5 years
 ☐ 6-10 years
 ☐ 10+ years

**22. What is your age group?**

- ☐ Under 18
 ☐ 18 to 24
 ☐ 25 to 34
 ☐ 35 to 44
 ☐ 45 to 54
 ☐ 55 to 64
 ☐ 65 or over

**23. Who lives in your home (other than yourself and/or a spouse). (Mark all that apply.)**

- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child(ren) age 6 or under | <input type="checkbox"/> Child(ren) age 13 to 18       | <input type="checkbox"/> Dependent parent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child(ren) age 7 to 12    | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult child(ren) age 19 to 30 | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these    |

**24. What is your employment status? (Mark all that apply.)**

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|---|---|--|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employed full time | <input type="checkbox"/> Employed part time | <input type="checkbox"/> Self employed | <input type="checkbox"/> Stay-at-home parent | <input type="checkbox"/> Retired    | <input type="checkbox"/> Student |
|   |   |  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed |                                  |

**25. Which category best describes your level of education?**

- ☐ Some high school or less
 ☐ High school graduate
 ☐ Some college
 ☐ College graduate
 ☐ Graduate degree(s)

**Thank you for your time. Please return this assessment in the postage-paid envelope provided.**