

WHY THE NEED?



Saugatuck Township is home to 4 parks, 2 undeveloped park properties, and 2.4 miles of paved pathway.



Current funding is not enough to keep pace with increased demand and projected growth.



A dedicated funding source will allow new parks & trails to be acquired and created.

HOW MUCH WILL THE MILLAGE COST?

0.5 MILL annually, over 10 years, if approved by voters.

HOW DOES THE MATH WORK?

0.5 mill = 0.5/1000 of a dollar, or \$0.0005

A mill is 1/1000 of a dollar or 1/10 of a penny (0.1¢). If a millage rate is 0.5 mill, a resident is taxed 0.05 cents for every dollar of taxable value (not market value) of the property.

EXAMPLE: A home with a \$100,000 taxable value would pay \$50 per year.



HOW MUCH WOULD IT GENERATE?

In the first year, the millage is expected to generate approximately \$200,000 in funding. Millage funds would also be leveraged by the Township to secure outside grant funding.

HOW WOULD THE MILLAGE FUNDING BE USED?

OUR CURRENT PARKS

Operations & maintenance, accessibility improvements, better restrooms and trash service, and capital improvements.

In 2023, the Township Park Plan will be updated with Public Input & Ideas.

Features added may include Playgrounds, Natural Spaces, Picnic Shelters, Sport Fields, Courts, and Trails.

NEW PARK OPPORTUNITIES

Acquire new properties & develop new parks.

Improve Public Access to the Kalamazoo River and Lake Michigan within the Township.

Seek Public Input on New Park Opportunities.

COMMUNITY TRAILS

New hiking & multi-use trails. Construct the planned trails at the Tails 'n Trails property. Improve trails and at River Bluff Park along the Kalamazoo River.

Note: Funds will not be used for new construction of the Blue Star Trail Paved Non-Motorized Trail.

