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Community Input Sought as Part of the Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation PROS Plan Process

ANN ARBOR, Michigan, April 5, 2022 — The City of Ann Arbor is updating the Parks and Recreation Open Space (PROS) Plan to identify goals, needs, trends and priorities for the next five years and beyond. Beginning today, an online survey (<https://www.opentownhall.com/11734>) is available to allow the community to provide feedback on the future of Ann Arbor parks.

“Community input is very important to defining the priorities that will guide the future of park planning and development. The PROS Plan survey provides an opportunity for the community to voice their opinions and share their ideas for the future,” said Park Planner and Landscape Architect Hillary Hanzel.

Updating the PROS Plan helps to facilitate community discussion and evaluation of topics of importance and current issues. The online survey is one way for the community to participate during the PROS Plan process, and additional opportunities to engage, such as public meetings, will follow.

The PROS plan also plays an important role in qualifying for state and federal grant funding. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) requires that all municipalities applying for recreation grants have a current plan on file with the MDNR and to update that plan every five years.

The 2016-2020 PROS Plan was adopted by Ann Arbor City Council on Jan. 17, 2017. To view and read the plan, visit <https://www.a2gov.org/departments/Parks-Recreation/administrative/Documents/FINAL%202016-2020%20PROS%20PLAN.pdf>.

The survey will close Sunday, June 5. Questions or comments about the PROS plan update may be directed to Hillary Hanzel, park planner and landscape architect, at hhanzel@a2gov.org.

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