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Land Acquisition Committee of the Park Advisory Commission

This memo serves as an update on the Park Advisory Commission’s Strategic Planning Tool and GIS Report for use in parkland acquisitions. This report is intended to be used as one tool that the Park Advisory Commission and staff uses to make recommendations to City Council regarding park purchases, in addition to the PROS Plan, natural area priorities, Greenway Plan and staff and Commission expertise.

The City of Ann Arbor utilized GIS to generate data based on specific criteria in the PROS Plan to be used as a tool for parkland acquisitions. Through GIS, vacant parcels were identified and ranked based on their suitability for acquisition as a park. In addition, areas within the City that are underserved for neighborhood parks, or not within a ¼ mile walking distance to a park, were also identified. Using functions of GIS, a separate ranking schema was developed for each of the four types of parks (neighborhood parks, community/active recreation parks, urban parks, and natural areas).

Because of the size of the Strategic Planning Tool and GIS Report, a compact disc of the Report will be provided to the Mayor and Council members.

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