



Parks & Recreation Plan Community Survey

Thank you for taking the time to help us better understand the recreation needs for the City of Melvindale. The results of this survey will be used to inform the recommendations of the 2027 - 2031 Recreation Plan. Your responses will have a direct impact on how parks and recreation services are developed in the City.

The survey is broken into five sections: Demographics, Parks, Trails, Programming, and Finance/Other. The survey should take less than ten minutes to complete. Please note that your responses are completely confidential.

If you prefer to take the survey electronically, please visit: <https://survey.sogolytics.com/r/MelvindaleRecPlan> or scan the QR code to the left.



DEMOGRAPHICS

Q1: Are you a Melvindale resident?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No
☐ No, I live in another community (please specify)

Q2: Which of the following categories best describe your household? Choose all that apply.

- ☐ With seniors 65+ ☐ 2 persons or more, with children 13 to 18 years
☐ Without seniors ☐ 2 persons or more, with children under 13
☐ Senior citizen (65+) living alone ☐ 2 persons or more, no children in the household
☐ Live alone, under the age of 65

Q3: Please describe your current living situation.

- ☐ Single-family home ☐ Manufactured/Mobile Home
☐ Apartment ☐ Other (Please Specify)
☐ Condominium/Townhome

PARKS

Q4: How important are the following items to you and your family?

	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important
a) Maintain and develop existing parks	☐	☐	☐	☐
b) Access to active-use facilities (e.g. soccer, football, baseball, tennis, etc.)	☐	☐	☐	☐
c) Protecting natural resources	☐	☐	☐	☐
d) Access to passive-use facilities (e.g. picnic facilities, playgrounds)	☐	☐	☐	☐
e) Access to paths and trails	☐	☐	☐	☐
f) Access to recreation programming and events (e.g. special events, classes, sports leagues, etc.)	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q5: The City of Melvindale owns and operates eleven recreation properties (see map on back of survey). Does Melvindale have too few, too many, or the right amount of parks?

- ☐ Too few ☐ Too many ☐ The right amount

Q6: How satisfied are you with Melvindale's parks and recreation facilities?

	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Somewhat unsatisfied	Very unsatisfied	Don't know/haven't visited
Cardinal Park	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Coogan Park	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
DeLuca Field	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Art Fontana Tot Lot	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
John K. Kessey Fieldhouse	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Kiwanis Reading Park	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Lankford Park	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
McGinty Park	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Melvindale Pool & Skate Park	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Melvindale Senior Center	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Plonka Town Tot Lot	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q7: If you were unsatisfied with any of Melvindale's recreation properties, please tell us why and what we can do to improve.

Q8: How well do Melvindale's parks and recreation facilities meet your family's needs?

	Completely	Adequately	Somewhat	Not very well	Not at all
Cardinal Park	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Coogan Park	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
DeLuca Field	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
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Melvindale Senior Center	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Plonka Town Tot Lot	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q9: In the past year, how many times have you visited Melvindale's recreation facilities?

	Daily	Once per week	Once per month	Once per year	Not at all
Cardinal Park	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Coogan Park	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
DeLuca Field	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Art Fontana Tot Lot	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
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Melvindale Senior Center	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Plonka Town Tot Lot	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q10: How do you typically travel to Melvindale's recreation facilities?

- ☐ Walk
 ☐ Bike
 ☐ Drive
 ☐ Other (please specify)

Q11: Do you and your family visit parks in neighboring communities or county or state parks?

- ☐ Yes
 ☐ No

Q12: If yes, which facilities do you visit and what do you like or dislike about them?

Q13: What types of activities do you or your family members participate in? Note that this can include any facility, not just Melvindale's. Choose all that apply.

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| ☐ Aquatics (e.g. swimming, splash pad) | ☐ Kite flying |
| ☐ Art (e.g. painting, photography, sculpture, etc.) | ☐ Low-impact cardio (e.g. cardio drumming, yoga, etc.) |
| ☐ Canoeing / kayaking | ☐ Mountain biking |
| ☐ Community gardening | ☐ Movie nights / concerts in the park |
| ☐ Community special events (e.g. Melvindale Days, Trunk or Treat, etc.) | ☐ Nature activities (e.g. nature walks, bird watching, stargazing, etc.) |
| ☐ Court sports (e.g. tennis, basketball, pickleball, volleyball, etc.) | ☐ Off-trail / Hiking |
| ☐ Field sports (e.g. football, baseball, soccer, etc.) | ☐ Outdoor park activities / playground |
| ☐ Disc Golf / Frisbee Golf | ☐ Picnicking |
| ☐ Dog park / dog walking | ☐ Senior programs |
| ☐ Educational programming (e.g. skills workshops, nature ID, etc.) | ☐ Skateboarding |
| ☐ Farmer's market | ☐ Skiing (cross country or alpine) |
| ☐ Field sports (e.g. football, baseball, soccer, etc.) | ☐ Sledding |
| ☐ Geocaching | ☐ Street or casual biking |
| ☐ Golf | ☐ Walking & trail sports (e.g. walking, jogging, cycling, rollerblading, etc.) |
| ☐ Hockey / Figure skating | ☐ None of the above |
| | ☐ Other (please specify) |

Q14: Which of the following amenities would you like to see more of or improved in Melvindale parks? Choose all that apply.

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| ☐ Baseball / softball fields | ☐ Fishing dock | ☐ Playground structures |
| ☐ Basketball courts | ☐ Fitness / exercise trails | ☐ Pocket Parks |
| ☐ Bathrooms | ☐ Garbage / recycling receptacles | ☐ Pools |
| ☐ Bike racks | ☐ Landscaping / tree plantings | ☐ Sand volleyball courts |
| ☐ Boat ramps | ☐ Linear Parks / trails | ☐ Soccer fields |
| ☐ Community / Demonstration Gardens | ☐ Multi-use walking/biking paths (e.g. 10'-wide paved pathways) | ☐ Splash pad |
| ☐ Community Center | ☐ Natural areas | ☐ Sports training center (batting cages, indoor track, etc.) |
| ☐ Cross-country ski trails | ☐ Pickleball courts | ☐ Tennis courts |
| ☐ Disc golf | ☐ Picnic areas and pavilions | ☐ Other (please specify) |
| ☐ Drinking fountains | | |
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NON-MOTORIZED FACILITIES

Q15: How frequently do you walk, jog, or cycle for exercise or recreation?

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| ☐ Daily | ☐ Once or twice monthly |
| ☐ Once or twice weekly | ☐ Rarely or never |

Q16: Should Melvindale work with the Downriver Greenways Initiative to evaluate non-motorized connections to regional trail networks?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Q17: If yes, are there any specific routes you think should be evaluated?

PROGRAMMING

Q18: Do you participate in programs and special events offered in Melvindale? This may include programs offered by leagues or other entities other than Melvindale Parks and Recreation.

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Q19: If yes, which programs or events do you participate in?

Q20: Which programs would you like to see more of? Check all that apply.

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| ☐ Adult fitness classes (dance, walking, classic cardio, Zumba, etc.) | ☐ Karate | ☐ Therapeutic recreation |
| ☐ Adult programs | ☐ Language arts | ☐ Travel and excursions |
| ☐ After-school programs | ☐ Music | ☐ Volleyball |
| ☐ Art programs | ☐ Pickleball | ☐ Yoga |
| ☐ Babysitting | ☐ Preschool programs | ☐ Youth sports - elementary school level |
| ☐ Baseball | ☐ Programs for Seniors (50+) | ☐ Youth sports - middle school level |
| ☐ Basketball | ☐ Safety classes | ☐ Youth sports - preschool age |
| ☐ Bowling | ☐ Senior computer classes | ☐ Other (Please specify) |
| ☐ Concerts and shows | ☐ Senior fitness | <hr/> |
| ☐ Craft / Cooking Classes | ☐ Senior lunch/meal programs | <hr/> |
| ☐ Dance | ☐ Soccer | <hr/> |
| ☐ Exercise and fitness | ☐ Special events | <hr/> |
| ☐ Family programs | ☐ Summer camp | <hr/> |
| ☐ Football | ☐ Swimming | <hr/> |
| ☐ Frisbee / Disc Golf | ☐ Teen programs | <hr/> |
| ☐ Gardening | ☐ Tennis | <hr/> |

Q21: How do you feel about the fees charged for recreation programming?

- ☐ Too high ☐ About right
- ☐ Too low ☐ Don't know / haven't used

Q22: What times work best for you to participate in recreation programs? Check all that apply.

- ☐ Weekdays - daytime year round
 - ☐ Weekdays - daytime during summer only
 - ☐ Weekdays - daytime after school
 - ☐ Weekdays - evenings
 - ☐ Saturday - daytime
 - ☐ Saturday - evening
 - ☐ Sunday - daytime
 - ☐ Sunday - evening
 - ☐ None of the above

FINANCING & OTHER

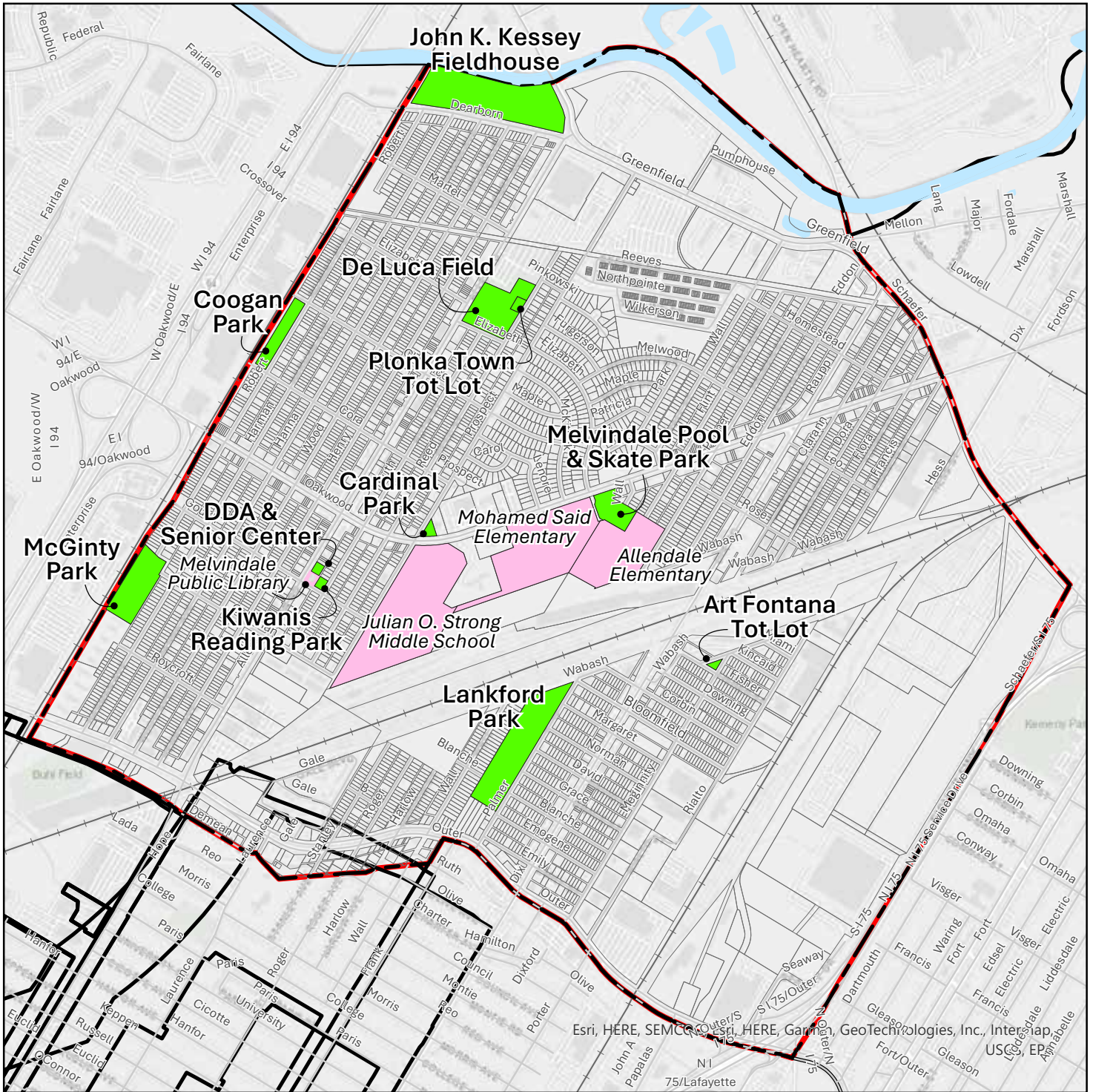
Q23: Maintaining and developing quality parks and recreation facilities requires adequate financing. A millage (or mill rate) is the amount of tax charged per \$1,000 of a property's assessed value, so 1.0 mill would equate to \$50 annually for a property valued at \$50,000, \$100 annually for a property valued at \$100,000, and so on. Would you support a bond or millage to help with financing Melvindale's parks and recreation?

- ☐ Yes, up to 0.50 mill (\$50 annually per \$100,000 of property value)
- ☐ Yes, up to 1.0 mill (\$100 annually per \$100,000 of property value)
- ☐ Yes, up to 2.0 mill (\$200 annually per \$100,000 of property value)
- ☐ No, I would not support an additional millage

Q24: Are there any other recreation-related items you would like to bring to our attention?

Please return completed surveys to the Municipal Offices, 3100 Oakwood Boulevard., Melvindale, MI 48122 by the morning of **Monday, July 20, 2026**. Responses received after that time will not be included in the results.

Thank you again for completing this survey. Your valuable time and input is greatly appreciated!



Existing Parks & Recreation Facilities

City of Melvindale, Michigan

- City park / facility
- Public school property

Source: Wayne County, SEMCOG, City of Melvindale
 Carlisle/Wortman Associates
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