



**CITY of NOVI PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY COMMISSION**

**August 14, 2008**

**SUBJECT:** 2009-2013 Community Recreation Plan Update

**SUBMITTED BY:** Superintendent of Recreation Nancy Cowan

**PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY DIRECTORS APPROVAL:**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** As discussed at the July Commission Meeting, The Parks, Recreation and Forestry (PRF) Department has begun the process of developing a five-year comprehensive Community Recreation Plan. Since the July 10 Commission Meeting, I have developed a timeline for the CRP, which is attached for your information. The timeline includes the various sections of the CRP, their contents and dates for their targeted completion.

The information provided at the July Commission meeting on engaging the citizens is valuable and will be utilized in the development of the CRP. Furthermore, Director Randy Auler and I discussed combining the public input process of the CRP with Randy's current Signature Park Team Project. As you may be aware, Randy is currently leading a team to carry out a feasibility study for the development of a Signature Park in Novi. As a part of the Signature Park Team Project, a consultant will be sought to develop, carry out and analyze a statistically valid survey and public input process within the community. The survey and public input process for the Signature Park Project will seek from citizens, their needs and desires for Parks and Recreation within Novi. The current target date for survey completion and final results is the middle to end of November. The data collected will be thorough, statistically valid and consistent for both projects, and be the backbone of planning for the future, which is the role of the CRP. Therefore, the Signature Park Project survey results and public input process will be one in the same for the CRP.

Due to this development, the updated timeline for completion of the CRP is December, 2008. After the CRP is complete, a review period and public meeting will need to take place. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will be contacted within the week to ask for an extension of submitting the final version of the CRP by February 2009.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** None Applicable

