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have six full-sized soccer fields, two smaller fields, seven ball diamonds, tennis courts, restrooms, and concession areas. But the park, bought with state and city money, is only part of the city's overall recreation scheme.

Heritage Park, with its 212 acres of nature trails and natural beauty, offers residents a slice of the great outdoors within city boundaries.

"We found there was a lot of support for 'open space' within the city rather than for more development," Potter said.

Heritage, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads on the west side of Farmington Road, gets "heavy use" during holidays and is becoming a favorite for school classes, Scout troops and day campers.

The city will now focus on developing Founders Sports Park. That property, on Eight Mile near Gill across from Glen Eden Cemetery, will eventually become a sports recreation complex, but there is a lot of work ahead, Potter said.

Although the land, which was used to grow sod, appears from

Eight Mile as basically flat, there are plenty of swales and two creeks running through. The land will have to be "balanced" by digging up and then leveling the topsoil so that the playing fields are at the same level. And there's another problem.

"The drainage is not real good here," Potter said. "That was not a problem for a sod farm, but they can't do too much with it until things dry out."

The first phase, which will cost \$525,000, will provide three soccer fields, three baseball/softball diamonds, a 246-space parking lot, two half courts for basketball, a bocce ball court and horseshoe pits. It could be completed by the fall of 1994.

If approved, the second phase, which will cost about \$775,000, will include a comfort station, two more baseball fields, three more soccer fields, a trail system, and amenities for the existing fields. Up to \$681,250, or 76 percent, of the cost will come from the city's recreation bond. The rest will come from Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund money.



Like a rock: Students Lindsey Misch (left) and Melissa Nytty survey the area for the uses people have made of rock.



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Science project: Continuing an annual project, Longacre fifth graders test the water in the Heritage Park pond for acid rain.

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ON INCREASING PROPERTY TAX AND
PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

Pursuant to Public Act No. 5 of 1982 and Public Act No. 43 of 1963 (2nd Ex. Sess.), the Board of Education of Clarenceville School District will conduct public hearings on increasing property taxes for operating expenses and the proposed operating budget for 1993-94. The hearing will be held:

Thursday, May 13, 1993
Board of Education Offices
20210 Middlebelt Road
Livonia, MI 48152
at 7:30 P.M.

Under current law, the authorized rate for operating millage in the District is 41.40 mills. Public Act No. 5 of 1982 would limit the levy to 39.3684 mills. Section 31 of Article 9 of the Michigan Constitution would limit the levy to 40.5223 mills.

Under current law, the Board has the complete authority to levy 40.5223 mills. Subject to confirmation of the state equalized valuation of the School District, the Board of Education presently intends to levy 40.5223 mills for operating purposes. Revenues for operating purposes from ad valorem property tax levies would be increased by 3.5345%.

The proposed levy will be subject to review and possible revision following the special statewide election of June 2, 1993 to amend the Michigan Constitution.

Copies of the 1993-94 budget are available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Education.

The public is invited to attend the hearings.

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Dated: April 22, 1993 By: /s/ Vernice M. Dunklee
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