

Velodrome at Bloomer Park, Rochester Hills, Michigan.

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The Velodrome at Bloomer Park is an Olympic Style Bicycle Riding and Racing Oval Track. It was designed by V96SG, Inc. designers and builders of the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Velodrome, the 2002 Asian Games Velodrome in South Korea and several others in Mexico, Canada and in the U.S. The facility sits on 3 acres of land in Bloomer Park and includes the velodrome, tunnel into the infield, tiered hill side seating with a total capacity for approximately 2,000 spectators and athletes. The Velodrome is 1/8th mile in length for one lap. It has a steel undercarriage and custom cut wood/resin surface panels. It is 44 degrees in the turns and 13 degrees in the straights.

The Velodrome at Bloomer Park was designed for a wide range of users, from youth riders, to fitness riders, to sport racer to Elite racers. The Velodrome was built with monies donated by residents and neighboring residents in its entirety. Phase I was the velodrome structure and basic site work (Completed in 2002), Phase II was tunnel, hillside seating and, infield paving (completed in 2003), Phase III is our lighting program (to be completed in 2006). The Velodrome was built with total volunteer labor. After the Velodrome's construction was completed it was given to the City of Rochester Hills as a gift – at no cost to the city. It is maintained and operated by non-profit groups again at no cost to the city. All programming is executed by the non-profit again at no cost to the city. The city generates \$5 per vehicle going to the velodrome. Since the velodrome was built attendance is up along with park revenue.

The Velodrome at Bloomer Park is a partnership between the City of Rochester Hills (providing the land), the Mike Walden Velodrome Fund (non-profit building and operating entity) and the Community Foundation of Greater Rochester (the funding vehicle for all phases of the velodrome development).

The residents and neighboring residents received the benefits of opportunity for their kids to reach for the Olympic rings, for residents to enjoy fitness riding without concern for cars, trucks, potholes like when riding on the street and area racers gain the ability to hone their skills and compete in local, regional, national and international events. And spectators get to enjoy the excitement of both local and world class sport. Special bikes are required and are available thru the non-profit at nominal user fees. A yearly riding and racing pass is \$100 and, daily riding fees are \$10. And bike and equipment rental is \$5 per day. However, ALL KIDS 18 and UNDER are FREE. FREE riding, FREE racing, FREE bike rental, FREE COACHING and it even FREE to watch the World Class Races.