

Appendix A - Community Descriptions, Recreation Inventories, Administrative Structures and DNR Grant Awards

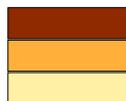
Each community within Manistee County holds specific features that residents and visitors identify with the area. In many cases these features are natural resource based, whether it is the high dunes of Lake Michigan, harbor or inland lakes, acres of beautiful State and National Forests or the cold waters of our rivers and streams. These unique features help one to identify with the area, and in most cases offer a natural resource base for which to pursue countless recreational opportunities.

This section of the plan provides the community description and recreation inventory for each of the municipalities within Manistee County. Each municipality is outlined within the Recreation Region within which it resides. The community description provided by each municipality provides a brief narrative of the community. The recreation inventory identifies each recreation site, and through a table provides the assets found at each site. Maps accompany each inventory table, and display all recreation site locations within the community as well as highlighting those sites which are considered a primary site for the municipality. All recreation sites are color-coded in the inventory table according to the ranking provided by each municipality.

Red cells within the tables denote primary recreation sites.

Orange cells within the tables denote secondary recreation sites.

Yellow cells within the tables denote tertiary recreation sites.



The total list of recreational assets which were inventoried during the planning process follows. It is important to note that the inventory tables for each municipality only list those assets which are found at any one site located within the municipality. For example, if an inventory table doesn't display the asset "Disc Golf" within the community inventory table, then that site asset isn't found at any recreation sites within the municipality.

- Recreation Site ID #
- Site Name
- Municipality
- Ownership
- Municipality Priority Ranking
- County-Wide Priority Site
- Park Type (See Adjacent Key)
- Fee Site
- ADA Access (Low, Med., High)
- Explore the Shores Site
- Explore the Shores Nominee
- Lighting
- Dark-Sky Candidate
- Parking Availability (1 = five spots or less) (2= five to ten spots) (3 = ten or more spots)
- Signage (Directional)
- Signage (Educational)

- Camping
- RV Compatible (Space Allowance)
- Utilities/Hook-ups
- Potable Water
- Restrooms (Flush Toilets)
- Outhouse (Pit Vault)
- Portable Toilet (portable)
- Shower Facility
- Garbage Receptacles
- Fire Pit
- Picnic Table
- Benches
- Grill
- Bike Rack
- Emergency Phone
- Water Access
- Beach
- Pier/Fishing Platform
- Canoe/Kayak Access
- Boat Launch
- Boat Parking (on water)
- Fish Cleaning Station
- Fishing Line Recycling Box
- Picnic Shelter
- Beach House
- Band Shell
- Dog Park
- Pet Waste Disposal Station
- Viewing Platform
- Trailhead (Water, Land)
- Trails (access to any off pavement trail)
- Bike Lane (Road Shoulder)
- Playground Equipment
- Baseball Field
- Tennis/Pickleball Court
- Volley Ball Net
- Basketball Court
- Soccer Field
- Football Field
- Shuffle Board
- Ice Arena
- Skate Park
- Disc Golf

Key for Manistee County Park Types

Abbreviation	Park Type
MP	Mini-Park: Generally less than 1 acre & less than 1/4 mile from residential areas; addresses limited, isolated or unique needs
NP	Neighborhood Park: 5-10 acres in size, serve as recreational/social focus of neighborhood or small town community
CP	Community Park: serve broader purpose, more amenities, serve two or more neighborhoods, can be large >25 acres in size
RP	Large Urban Park/Regional Park: generally >50 acres in size, serve regional needs as well as preserving landscape/open space
PT	Park Trail: multi-purpose trail located within park, greenway or natural area
SU	Special Use Park: geared towards a specific use
RDSU	Road End Special Use: public ROW which allow access to resources, typically water access
NRA	Natural Resources Area: land set aside for preservation of natural resources, open space, buffering or other natural area

Arcadia Township

Community Description

Arcadia Township is located adjacent to Lake Michigan. As of the 2019 ACS 5-year estimates, the township has a population of 639. Arcadia has an abundance of natural resources that form the base for the community’s environmental, social and economic well-being. Because of this, the community finds it critical to ensure that future generations have the same opportunities to utilize those resources as generations present and past. In addition, these natural resources provide both the economic and recreational growth opportunities that attract residents and visitors to the area in the first place. Recreation planning is an important process to help sustain Arcadia Township as an outdoors-oriented place, while still adapting to changes from internal and external factors over time such as population change and changes in the economy. In the development of the Arcadia Township master plan and recreation goals, the township recognizes the need to leverage and build upon community assets, diversify the economic base to promote sustainable development and to understand the township’s role as a regional resource for recreation.

Arcadia recognizes that quality recreation opportunities help the community to be socially, economically and environmentally sustainable. Socially, these opportunities promote a unified and healthy populace. This is something the Township has taken a stronger stance on reflected in its more recent adoption of a resolution of support for greater inclusivity. In terms of economic growth, opportunities are centered on utilizing the natural resource assets of the community as recreation avenues and building upon them so that other sectors within the local economy benefit. Environmentally, park and recreation planning can help to showcase the community’s natural assets, thereby supporting their stewardship.

Arcadia Township provides varied recreational sites and opportunities to fit most anyone’s interests. The Arcadia Beach Natural Area provides access to Lake Michigan with Universal Accessibility and various site amenities such as restrooms, benches and signage. Further access to Lake Michigan may be found at various road ends located within the municipality. The wide spectrum of recreational activities spans from foraging for local plants to swimming, bird watching, boating, biking, hiking, snow shoeing, fishing, paddle sports, cross country skiing, night sky viewing and many more.

Community parks with playground equipment and courts for tennis and basketball can be found within the population center of the unincorporated Village of Arcadia. Access to Arcadia Lake at the Veterans Memorial Park and Marina provides for the County’s first Universally Accessible kayak launch at this designated Explore the

Shores Site.

The Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy has land holdings within the Arcadia Marsh, which provides opportunities for hiking, bird-watching and hunting. The Conservancy also has land holdings along the northern boundary of the township which are intersected by trails that can be accessed by trailheads in Benzie County. Localized trail systems on Conservancy lands as well as the on-road facility along a portion of Glovers Lake Road provide localized trails that present opportunities for future connections. Support for establishment of connections to Bear Lake, Pleasanton and Onekama Townships as well as to Benzie County should remain a focus.

Administrative Structure

Municipality	Arcadia Township
Governing body responsible for recreation planning	Township Board, at the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee
Governing body authorized to commit funds	Township Board
Budget	\$25,000
Sources of funds	General Fund
Volunteers	30-50 volunteers who do maintenance, help with community projects and events, plant flowers, help with beautification efforts
Partnerships and/or collaborative agreements	Encourages recreation programming by the Pleasant Valley Community Center
Contributes to Manistee Recreation Association (MRA)	Yes
Contributes to Paine Aquatic Center	No



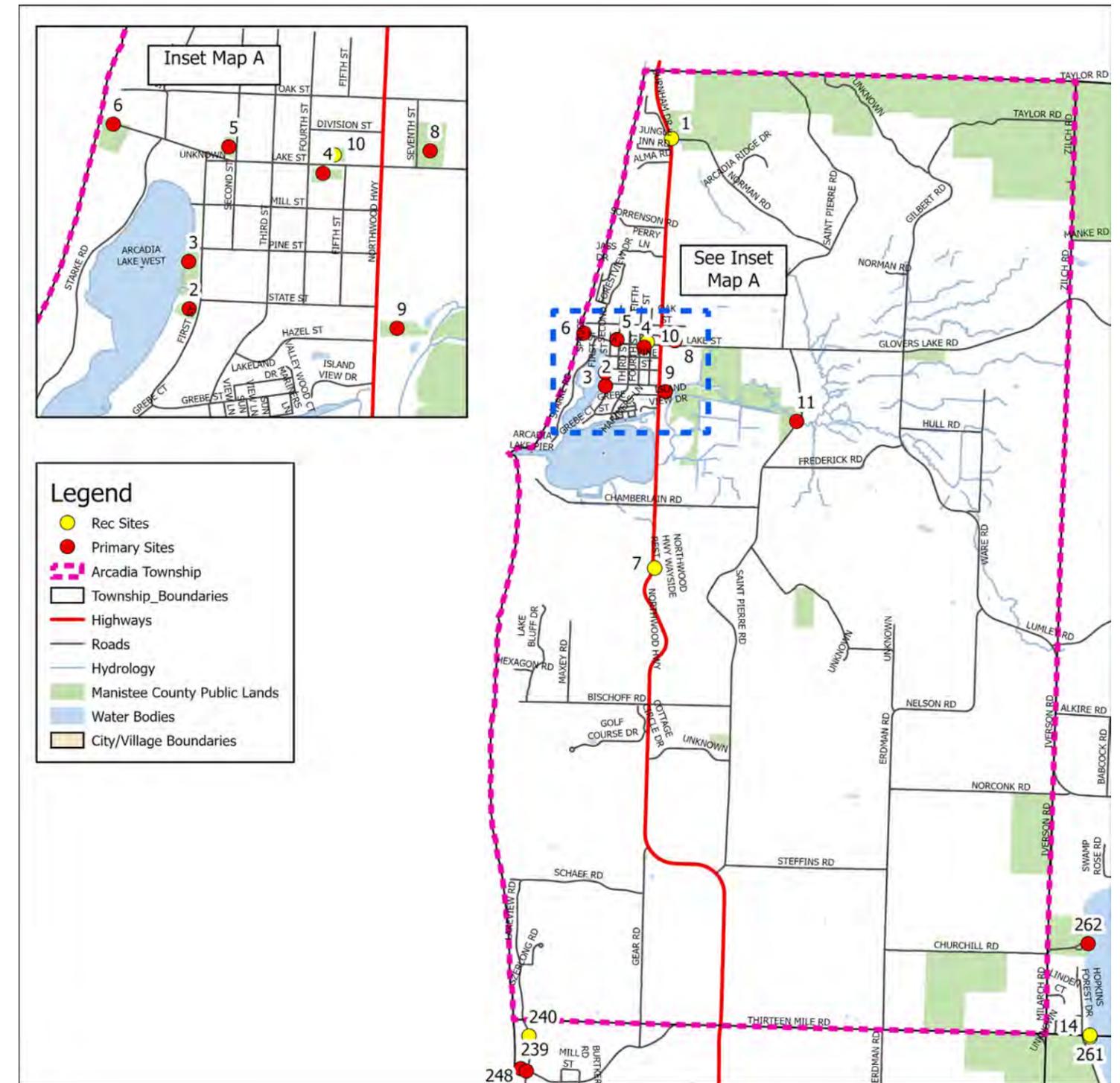
DNR-Awarded Grants

Project #	Applicant	Title	Year	Amount	Status	Description
26-01016	Arcadia Township	Arcadia Township Lake Michigan Park	1977	\$12,966.00	Withdrawn	Develop 1 ac Lake Michigan Park; includes restrooms, picnic shelter, parking area, landscaping
26-01010	Arcadia Township	Arcadia Mooring & Launching Facilities	1978	\$75,000.00	Closed	Develop piling, pier, launch ramp removal, new piles, piers and launch ramp, rip-rap, sidewalk, lighting, utilities, site improvement, landscaping
TF1027	Arcadia Township	Arcadia Township Marina Expansion	1985	\$95,000.00	Closed	Acquisition of .70 acres with 200 feet of Arcadia Lake frontage. The property is between the existing marina and Township park properties.
TF99-127	Arcadia Township	Arcadia South Beach	1999	\$834,759.00	Closed	Acquisition in fee simple of 10 acres for resource protection and public outdoor recreation. Site includes 1,369 feet of Lake MI shoreline.
RP11-425	Arcadia Township	Finch Park Improvements	2011	\$11,175.00	Closed	Development included renovation of parking lot and tennis courts.

Recreation Site Inventory

Recreation Site Map ID #	Site Name	Ownership	Municipality Priority Ranking	Park Type	Fee Site	ADA Access (Low, Mod., High)	Explore the Shores Site	Lighting	Dark Sky Candidate	Parking Availability	Signage Directional	Signage Educational	Utilities/Hook-Ups (Camping)	Potable Water	Restrooms (Flush Toilets)	Outhouse (Pit Vault)	Portable Toilet	Garbage Receptacle	Picnic Table	Benches/Chairs	Grill	Bike Rack	Emergency Phone	Water Access	Beach	Pier/Fishing Platform	Canoe/Kayak Access	Boat Launch	Boat Parking	Picnic Shelter	Pet Waste Disposal Station	Viewing Platform	Trailhead (Water, Land)		
2	Grebe Park	ARC	1	CP	H	•	•		3	•	•																								
5	Pickert Park	ARC	1	NP	L			•	1																										
6	Arcadia Beach & Natural Area	ARC	1	CP	L	•	•		3	•	•																							W	
8	Pleasant Valley Community Center	Plea.Valley	1	SU	H			•	3																										
3	Veterans Memorial Park & Marina	ARC	1	CP	•	M	•	•	3	•	•																							W	
4	Finch Park	ARC	1	NP	M			•	2																										
9	Arcadia Marsh Natural Area - M-22 Trailhead	Conservancy	1	NRA	H	•		•	2	•	•																							L	
11	Arcadia Marsh Natural Area - St. Pierre Trailhead	Conservancy	1	RDSU	L			•	1																									L	
10	Arcadia Twp Hall	ARC	2	SU	H		•		3					•	•																				
1	Trailhead F	Conservancy	3	RDSU	L				1																									•	L
7	M-22 Scenic Overlook	State	3	SU	M				2																										

Site Name	Trails (Off Pavement)	Bike Lane (Road Shoulder)	Playground Equipment	Tennis/Pickleball Court	Basketball Court
Grebe Park			•		
Pickert Park			•		
Arcadia Beach & Natural Area	•	•	•		
Pleasant Valley Community Center	•	•	•	•	•
Veterans Memorial Park & Marina	•	•			
Finch Park				•	
Arcadia Marsh Natural Area - M-22 Trailhead	•				
Arcadia Marsh Natural Area - St. Pierre Trailhead	•				
Arcadia Twp Hall					
Trailhead F	•				
M-22 Scenic Overlook					



Bear Lake Township

Community Description

Bear Lake Township is a rural residential community located in the Northern part of Manistee County. The township's population according to 2019 ACS 5-year estimates is 1,799. The community's greatest assets are the picturesque lakes and creeks. The largest lake in the community is the 1800-acre Bear Lake, of which approximately 590 acres are within the Township's 36 square miles. Bear Lake Township is also home to many other smaller kettle-hole lakes, as well as numerous creeks that span the landscape.

Today, over two thirds of the township is dedicated to either agriculture or forest, while about a quarter is used for residential purposes. The remaining land is divided among commercial, institutional and leisure purposes. In addition, the US-31 Commercial Corridor has business offering a variety of retail, medical services and leisure activities to the community.

This small rural community has been responsive to needs related to making improvements that will help increase long-term population and business growth. Bear Lake Township draws upon the vicinity of Bear Lake and the Bear Lake School Forest for many of the recreational assets within the Township. Several road ends along Bear Lake provide water access for swimming and launching watercrafts. The School Forest provides athletic fields and trails utilized by school teams for practice and sporting events, while also allowing public access for walking, hiking and team sports. Chief Lake along the south boundary of the Township provides further access to inland water resources. Chief lake is accessed primarily for fishing access during both winter and summer months.

Trail systems through the Township are lacking, but Bear Lake would like to see non-motorized connections to both Onekama and Arcadia Townships in the near future. Continual progress should be made for the development of trail systems connecting these municipalities.

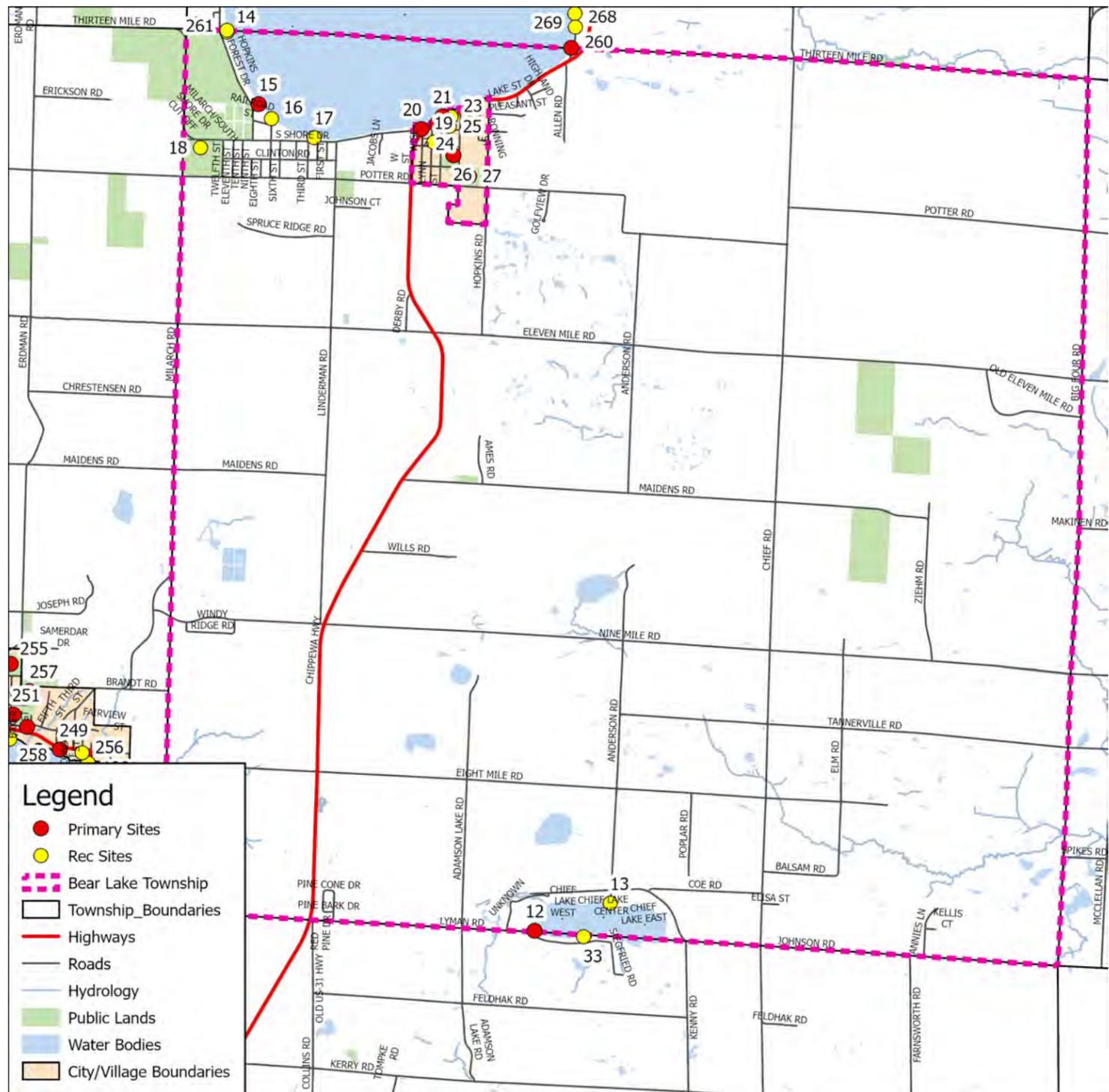
Administrative Structure

Municipality	Bear Lake Township
Governing body responsible for recreation planning	Planning Commission and Township Board
Governing body authorized to commit funds	Township Board
Budget	\$4,000
Sources of funds	General Fund
Volunteers	Volunteers recruited as needed
Partnerships and/or collaborative agreements	None
Contributes to Manistee Recreation Association (MRA)	Yes
Contributes to Paine Aquatic Center	No



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12	Chief Lake Access	BRL	1	RDSU	L	1	•						•	•	•		
15	Division St. Access-BL	MCRC	1	RDSU	L	1							•	•			
16	Seventh St Access-BL	MCRC	2	RDSU	L	1						•	•	•			
17	2nd St. Access-BL	BRL	2	RDSU	L	1	•						•	•			
14	Thirteen Mile Rd Access-BL	MCRC	3	RDSU	L	1	•						•	•			
18	Bear Lake School Athletic Fields	School	3	SU	L	3	•	•	•	•	•	•				•	•
13	Anderson Rd Access-CH	MCRC	3	RDSU	L	1							•	•			



Village of Bear Lake

Community Description

The Village of Bear Lake sits as a major gateway to northern Michigan. With its panoramic view of a scenic and healthy inland lake, it is home to 300 full time friends and neighbors. The population according to the 2019 ACS 5-year estimates is 203. As the heart of the Greater Bear Lake area, the Village of Bear Lake is poised to serve as a hub of recreational opportunities in the coming years. The Village emphasizes the need for better utilization of Hopkins Park by all stakeholders, increased usage of Harry Cosier Court (where pickleball is now played) and greater use of Village Park all need to be explored.

Although the Bear Lake area has a number of bicycle routes, the Northwest Michigan Regional Non-Motorized Strategy (2008) does not include a regional trail through or near the Village. Village Park sits ready to fulfill its mission as a “hub” for bicyclists, travelers, and residents. The Village has the foundation for excellent recreational facilities in Hopkins Park, Harry Cosier Court, Village Park, the boat launch, and the Hopkins Park Stair Access.

The Village, Bear Lake Township and Pleasanton Township all share access to Bear Lake, which is a draw for many year-round and seasonal residents. Although residents and visitors have access to area-wide lakes, local public schools and state and national forests, many of the communities lack basic recreational assets like playgrounds, bike paths and parks designed for outdoor events.

Bear Lake Village rests along the southern shores of Bear Lake. The primary recreational assets of the Village stem from access to Bear Lake. Hopkins Park Campground and Boat Launch provides abundant recreational assets for those wishing to stay and enjoy the shores and various water-related activities. Fishing and water recreational sports are the main draw of this location and the campground is a wonderful setting for enjoying these sites.

The Bear Lake Public Beach is the only public “beach” location along the shores of Bear Lake. This beach, although small, is enjoyed by both residents and visitors alike. The Bear Lake School provides athletic fields and playground equipment on the school campus. The terminus of the snowmobile trail system occurs just north of the Village in Pleasanton Township. Thought and support for linking the Village to this established trail system should be supported as well as support for continuing the trail system through Bear Lake Township to Onekama Township and the Village of Onekama.

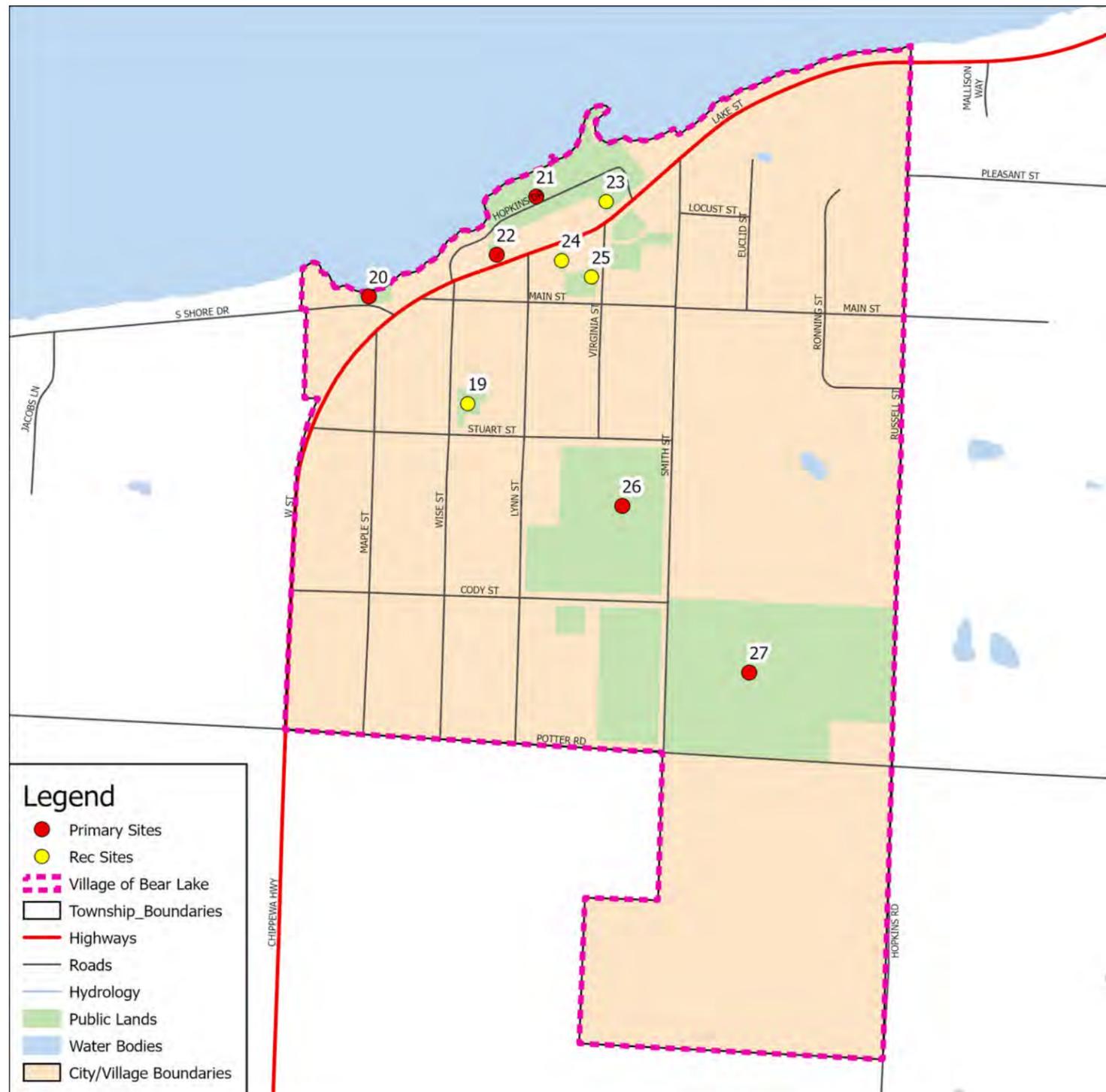
Administrative Structure

Municipality	Village of Bear Lake
Governing body responsible for recreation planning	Village Council at the recommendation of the Planning Commission
Governing body authorized to commit funds	Village Council
Budget	As needed for maintenance; usually between \$3-5,000 annually
Sources of funds	Village Park Revenue
Volunteers	Community cleanup; local events and celebrations; 20 volunteers
Partnerships and/or collaborative agreements	None
Contributes to Manistee Recreation Association (MRA)	No
Contributes to Paine Aquatic Center	No



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21	Hopkins Park Campground & Boat Launch	BLV	1	CP	•	L	•	3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	W	•	•						
20	Blarney Beach	BLV	1	MP		L	•	1	•									•	•	•	•	•												
22	Hopkins Park Stair Access	BLV	1	MP		L		3	•												•													
27	DPW Village Property	BLV	1	SU		L		1								•																		
26	School Athletic Fields	School	1	SU		L		3	•																				•	•	•	•	•	
19	Cosier Park	BLV	2	MP		L		1	•										•												•	•	•	
23	Veterans Memorial Park & Clock Tower	BLV	2	CP		M		3	•												•			•	•									
24	Pocket Park	BLV	2	MP		L		1		•									•	•														
25	Bear Lake Village Hall	BLV	2	SU		M		3						•	•	•																		



Brown Township

Community Description

Brown Township is a rural residential community located in the Manistee River Valley. The population according to the 2019 ACS 5-year estimates is 643. The township has a beautiful natural landscape of hills, woods, streams and lakes. A portion of the Township overlooks the Manistee River. The primary land uses in the Township are homes on large acreage and agriculture.

Brown Township will continue to actively support the rural residential lifestyle. The Township promotes and encourages lifestyle and land use practices that protect the natural environment and the rural character of the area. In addition, the community works diligently to ensure that open space, views, wildlife and water resources are preserved. This will be accomplished through careful land development and stewardship, as well as continuing to provide a responsive government and cost efficient rural services.

Brown Township is anchored by vast natural resources and abundant public land along the southern portion of the Township. Two river access locations on USFS lands, Bear Creek Access and Rainbow Bend Access, are the two lowest accesses to the Manistee River above the M-55 bridge crossing. Each of these accesses are very popular for river recreationists, and both benefit as established Explore the Shores sites.

Chief Lake to the north offers a recreational opportunity for water access in an area of the township that is predominantly in private ownership. Increased and improved access to the lake is desired, and working in conjunction with Bear Lake Township would offer the best opportunity for providing this access.

Trail systems through the Township are lacking, but the position of the township between population centers and abundant public land offer the opportunity for future trail establishment. The Manistee River provides a barrier for non-motorized trail users as well as snowmobile trail users. The community seeks to develop a bridge to cross the Manistee River to connect the municipalities north of the river to the south and west.

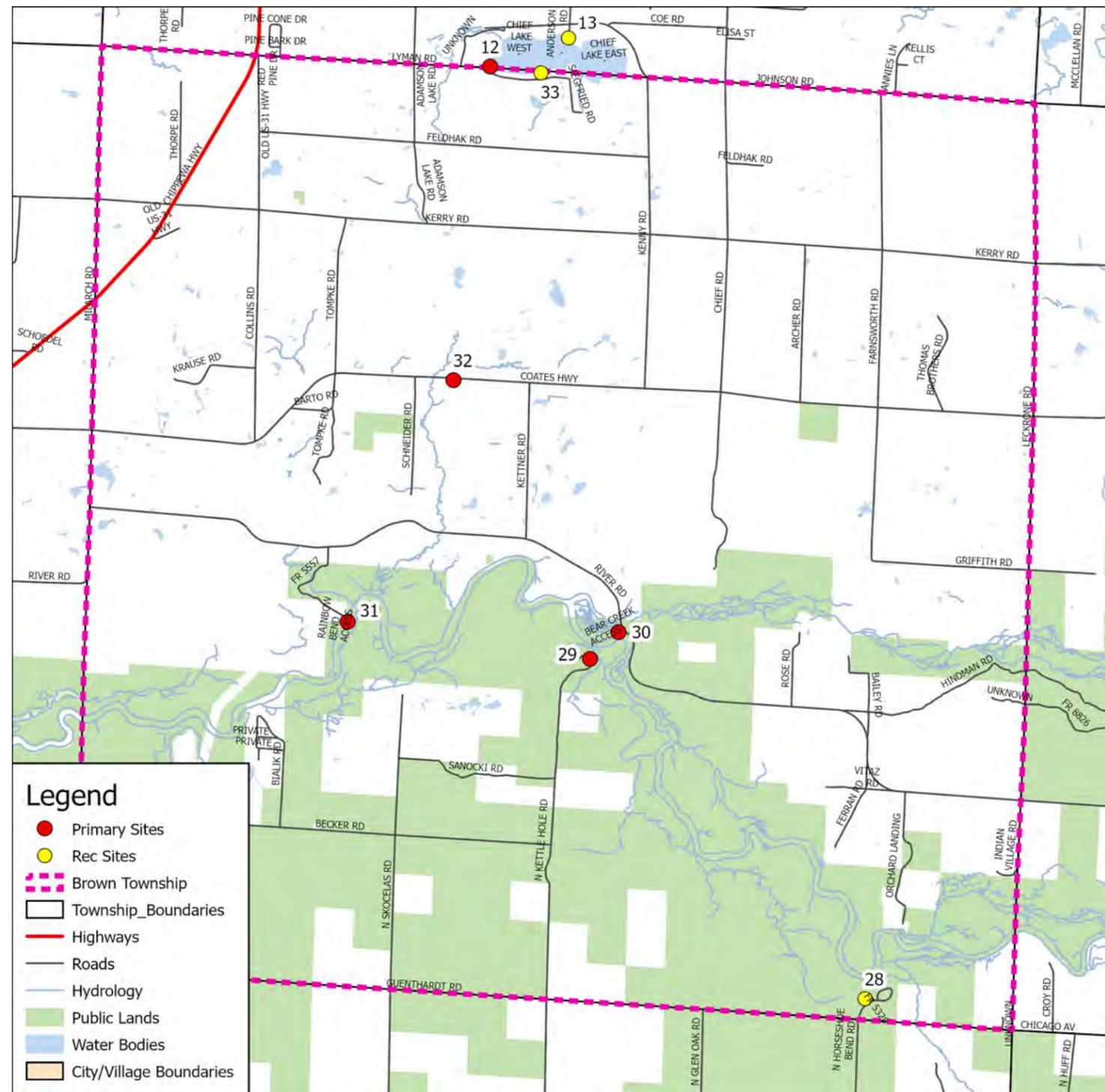
Administrative Structure

Municipality	Brown Township
Governing body responsible for recreation planning	Township Board at the recommendation of the Planning Commission
Governing body authorized to commit funds	Township Board
Budget	-
Sources of funds	General Fund
Volunteers	No volunteers
Partnerships and/or collaborative agreements	Yes - with the MRA
Contributes to Manistee Recreation Association (MRA)	Yes
Contributes to Paine Aquatic Center	No



Recreation Site Inventory

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31	Rainbow Bend Access	USFS	1	SU	•	H	•		•	•	3	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	W	•		
30	Bear Creek Access	USFS	1	SU	•	H	•		•	•	3	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	W	•		
32	Brown Twp. Hall	BRN	1	SU		M		•			3	•		•	•			•		•										•	
29	Kettlehole Rd Access-MR	MCRC	1	RDSU		L			•		2			•									•								
33	Lyman Rd Access-CL	MCRC	2	RDSU		L	•				1												•	•							
28	Udell Rollways Day Use Area	USFS	3	RP		L			•		3	•	•			•		•	•	•		•	•			•					•



Cleon Township

Community Description

Cleon Township is located in the northeast corner of Manistee County, farthest from the County seat in Manistee. The township's northeast corner represents the point where 4 counties meet. The southeastern border is the county line between Manistee County and Wexford County. The northeast border is the county line between Manistee County and Grand Traverse County. The northwest border is the county line between Manistee County and Benzie County.

Early settlers arrived in Cleon Township in 1865 to homestead. With the creation of a railroad, many villages sprang up in the area. Shortly after Cleon Township was settled, Wexford County established its courthouse in Sherman, north of Mesick. This was closer to Cleon Township than the Manistee County seat, so in 1868 Cleon Township was transferred to Wexford County. In 1881 Cleon Township became part of Manistee County again. In February of 1891, the Village of Copemish incorporated and was the first village to incorporate in Manistee County.

Children from the area attend Mesick Consolidated Schools or Benzie County Schools.

Transportation patterns have changed, with the four railroads going out of use and Cadillac Highway (M-115) bypassing the village. Cleon is a typical small town with a gas station, hardware store, bank, grocery store, beauty salon, auto repair shop, MR Products and a manufacturing plant. Cleon Township was first a lumbering settlement, then with the overabundance of good farmland, became an agricultural community. It is now largely defined as a bedroom community, approximately 30 miles in either direction from larger population centers such as Traverse City, Manistee and Cadillac.

Cleon Township is the lone municipality in Manistee County without a single recreation site found within the township borders outside of those contained within the Village of Copemish. The township has recreation lands and trails within its borders, but lacks identified recreational sites. The Township Hall is listed as a recreation site, but is actually contained within the Village of Copemish and is accounted for within that municipality's recreation inventory. Cleon Township works closely with the Village of Copemish and it is suggested that both municipalities plan for recreation together, as improvements to recreation sites within either municipality will have an effect on the other.

Cleon Township contains abundant public lands and existing trail systems which are important to their communities and Manistee County as a whole. Continual support for maintaining and increasing connections to adjacent communities and the neighboring resort of Crystal Mountain should remain a priority.

Administrative Structure

Municipality	Cleon Township
Governing body responsible for recreation planning	Township Board
Governing body authorized to commit funds	Township Board
Budget	-
Sources of funds	General Fund
Volunteers	No volunteers
Partnerships and/or collaborative agreements	None
Contributes to Manistee Recreation Association (MRA)	No
Contributes to Paine Aquatic Center	No
Contributes to Manistee County Baseball League	No



Village of Copemish

Community Description

The Village of Copemish is located in northeastern Manistee County and is landlocked by Cleon Township. Largely defined as a quiet bedroom community, the Village's population was 193 in 2019 according to US Census Bureau estimates. Copemish is conveniently located between the City of Manistee, Traverse City and the City of Cadillac. This means that residents enjoy easy access to larger population centers while still maintaining the nature-centric neighborhoods sought by many in the region.

Copemish was incorporated in 1891 soon after a boom in the local logging industry and the construction of two railroads that passed through the area. While neither railroad is functional presently, this has opened up a recreational opportunity for the community. The Betsie Valley Trailway, a transformed former railroad line, passes directly through Copemish along M-115. At the time of this writing, the trail is paved only in Benzie County and the section in Manistee is primarily used by snowmobilers. However, there are plans for the trail to be paved in order to better support non-motorized uses. Copemish would be one of the first Manistee jurisdictions to see trail improvements once local and regional plans for the trail bed are implemented. Described in this plan as well as Copemish's 2018 Master Plan, the Village would like to develop two trailheads along the Betsie Valley Trail once it has been acquired and paved; one trailhead for non-motorized uses and another for snowmobilers.

Copemish has two parks that differ in their user groups. Mish-a-Mish Park is located along M-115 and acts as a trailhead to First Creek Nature Trail, a 1.1 mile unpaved loop. Mish-a-Mish is a passive recreation site and primarily attracts visitors from outside of the community. In contrast, Lewis Park is frequented more often by Copemish residents. Lewis Park features playground equipment, a basketball court, a picnic shelter, seating and BBQ pits. Most of Copemish's local events occur at Lewis Park, which is located in the center of the community, adjacent to the Village Hall. The Village Hall itself is not widely used for non-governmental community events though improvements to the facility would help promote the site as a community recreational asset. Copemish also hosts the Cleon Township Hall and the Copemish Historic Museum & Library within its jurisdictional borders.

As a key connector along the soon-to-be-paved Betsie Valley Trail, there are abundant opportunities for the Village to strengthen its identity as a place for outdoor recreation in the coming years.

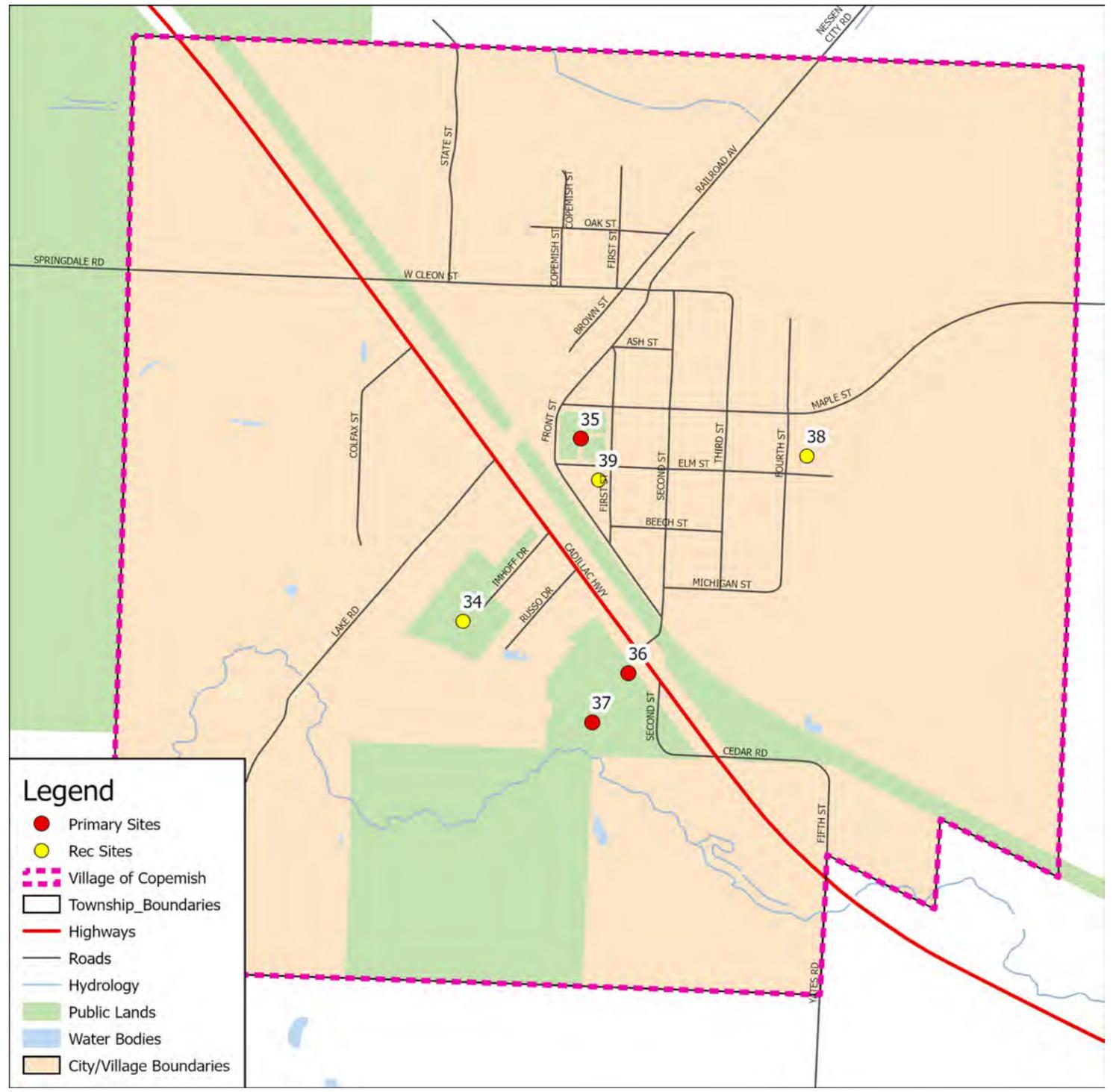
Administrative Structure

Municipality	Village of Copemish
Governing body responsible for recreation planning	Planning Commission
Governing body authorized to commit funds	Village Council
Budget	\$14,005.00
Sources of funds	Line Item
Volunteers	Volunteers for Copemish Days and any other community events such as the Easter Egg Hunt; beautification initiatives; local projects as needed
Partnerships and/or collaborative agreements	Working relationship with Betsie Valley Community Center; Cleon Twp and Village have written grants together
Contributes to Manistee Recreation Association (MRA)	No
Contributes to Paine Aquatic Center	No

Recreation Site Inventory

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35	Lewis Park	COP	1	NP	M	•	3	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•			•	•
36	Mish-A-Mish Park	COP	1	MP	L		2	•	•			•	•	•		•			L	•	•	
37	First Creek Nature Trails	COP	1	PT	L		2	•	•						•				L	•		
34	Cleon Twp. Hall	CLE	2	SU	M	•	3	•		•	•											
38	Copemish Historic Museum & Library	Cop. Hist.	2	SU	L	•	2	•														
39	Copemish Village Hall	COP	2	SU	M	•	3	•		•	•											





Dickson Township

Community Description

Dickson Township lies within the boundaries of the Manistee National Forest. The population, according to the 2019 ACS 5-year estimates is 899. The renowned Manistee River runs through the eastern and southern portions and Tippy Dam Pond, the site of the record Michigan Walleye catch, makes the township a Michigan fishing and vacation destination. State and Federal recreational land makes up a large portion of the township's 71.6 square miles, with 1.6 square miles made up of water. Numerous creeks and tributaries wind through the township.

Numerous outdoor activities await the outdoor enthusiast including, hunting, fishing, morel mushroom hunting, hiking, biking, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, boating, plus a favorite destination for retirees. The Village of Brethren sits just north of the Big Manistee River and is the hub for local activity and hosts various festivals throughout the year. Similar to other townships in Manistee, Dickson's ability to stage year-round recreational activities, as well as its close proximity to various larger population centers makes it a strong destination for outdoors enthusiasts.

Dickson Township is home to one of the most popular steelhead and salmon fishing locations in the State of Michigan with the Tippy Dam recreation site located on the Manistee River. This site sees some of the most angler hours per year of any site in the State according to the DNR. River access is further facilitated downstream of Tippy Dam at the Highbridge Access. Between these two sites, anglers and river users can access the majority of the river in Dickson Township below Tippy Dam.

The Hodenpyl stretch of the Manistee River, the area between Hodenpyl Dam in Marilla Township and the backwaters of Tippy Dam in Dickson Township, is an extraordinarily scenic stretch of river in Manistee County. Access at Red Bridge provides a location from which one can launch a boat and access the river or the backwaters of Tippy Pond. This location also serves as a take-out point for those floating down from below Hodenpyl Dam. The Township seeks to make this site universally accessible to increase its usage by the community. Tippy Pond is a popular location with abundant rustic campsites. This water body is very popular during the summer months.

Dickson Township is intersected with various trails including the North Country Trail, a snowmobile trail system and the Manistee River Trail along the Hodenpyl stretch of

the Manistee River. The combination of a segment of the North Country Trail and the whole of the Manistee River Trail provides a 23 mile loop that is very popular with backpackers wishing to experience a weekend back-country experience. Continued support of trail connections outside of the Township with established trails within the Township and County should remain a priority. Connections to population centers in the Village of Kaleva to the north are also a high priority.

Administrative Structure

Municipality	Dickson Township
Governing body responsible for recreation planning	Township Board and Planning Commission
Governing body authorized to commit funds	Township Board
Budget	Funds allocated as needed
Sources of funds	General Fund
Volunteers	No volunteers
Partnerships and/or collaborative agreements	None
Contributes to Manistee Recreation Association (MRA)	No
Contributes to Paine Aquatic Center	No



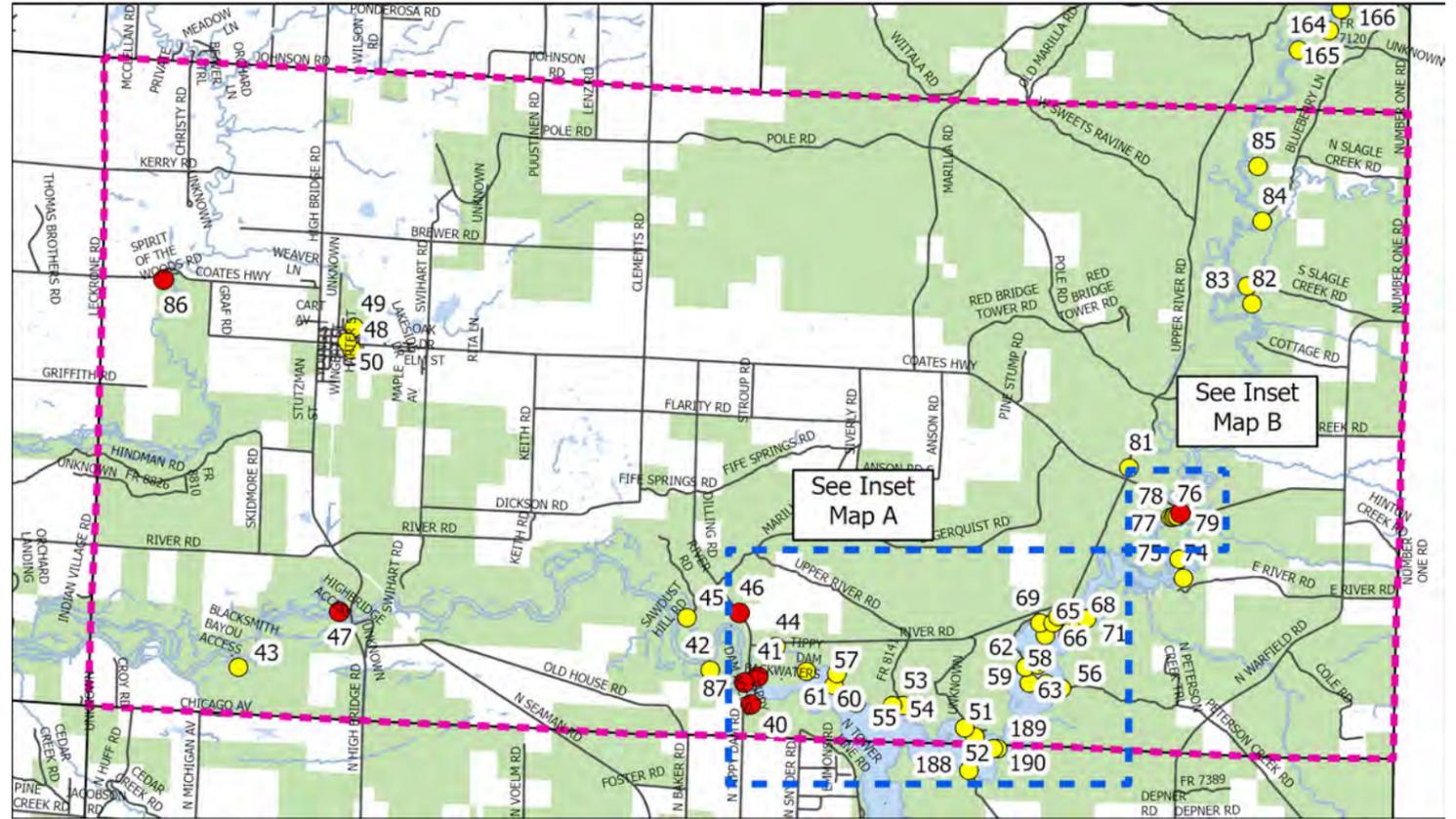
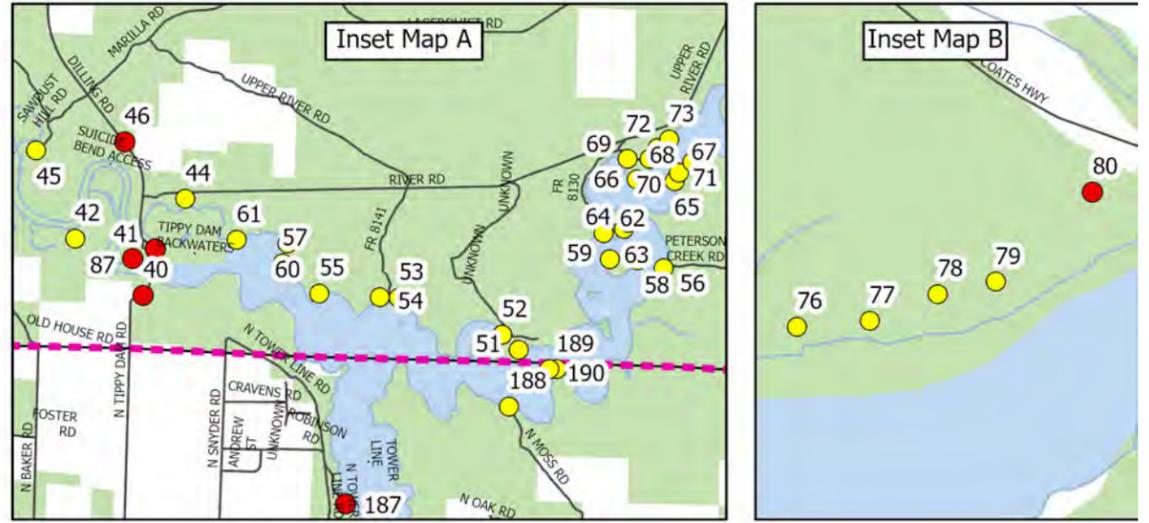
Recreation Site Inventory

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87	Tippy Dam Access	State	1	RP	•	H	•	•	•		3	•	•				•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
47	Highbridge Access	USFS	1	SU	•	L				•	3	•	•						•						•														
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46	Suicide Bend Access	USFS	1	NRA	L					•	3		•												•														
80	Red Bridge Access	USFS	1	RP	M		•			•	3	•	•	•			•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
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43	Blacksmith Bayou Access	USFS	2	RP	•	L				•	2	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

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44	Tippy Dam Campground	State	2	RP	•	L					3	•		•		•	•	•	•	•	•				•								•							
45	Sawdust Hole Access	USFS	2	NRA	•	L			•		3	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•			•										•					
49	Manikiwa Park Recreation Area	DIC	2	RP		L					2	•						•	•	•		•	•	•	•			•	•					•	•			•		
56	Peterson Creek Rd Access-MR	MCRC	2	RDSU		L			•		1			•							•				•															
81	Upper River Rd North Country Trail T.H.	USFS	2	PT		L			•		2	•																			L		•							
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42	Tunk Hole Access	USFS	3	NRA		L			•		3	•	•					•	•						•										•					
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Village of Eastlake

Community Description

Eastlake is defined in part by its setting along the lakeshore and by the natural resources that surround it, as well as its proximity to the City of Manistee and the surrounding region. This regional context and access to natural resources have been the drivers for much of the village's development and economic patterns, and continue to provide much of Eastlake's recreation, service and employment opportunities.

The rural character and access to water, forest and other natural resources have been the region's greatest economic drivers. Many Manistee communities, including Eastlake, were built up around the lumber industry or otherwise served as major hubs for water-based or rail-based transportation. Eastlake had its beginnings in the logging boom of the 19th century, with the construction of a sawmill on the shore of Manistee Lake in 1870. The Village, incorporated in 1912, later became a stop on the Pere Marquette Railroad, which supported the logging industry and contributed to the community's growth. The area's history as a thriving industrial center and commercial port resulted in a fairly stable population base in Manistee County.

As a result of the decline in logging and other industries, the population of Eastlake has dropped substantially since its peak in the late 19th century, when it was home to around 3,500 residents. With the end of the logging boom, the number of Eastlake residents dropped to 675 by 1920. Since that time, the population has fluctuated, with a low of 376 in 1950. The current population of Eastlake, according to 2019 ACS 5-year estimates is 463.

The Village of Eastlake rests along the shores of Manistee Lake and abuts the Manistee State Game Area. The village has various neighborhood parks as well as a larger regional park on Manistee Lake named Penny Park. Penny Park features a boat launch and campground and was one of the more recent parks within the county to be inducted into the Explore the Shores program. The park is a popular destination for those seeking to recreate on Manistee Lake or the Manistee River and is highly accessible.

A large tract of land owned by the Village is the site of the Eastlake Nature Trail. This green space, which already contains hiking trails, could be utilized as a connection for future regional trail connections. The property lies adjacent to USFS land holdings and could provide a link between Eastlake and DNR and USFS lands.

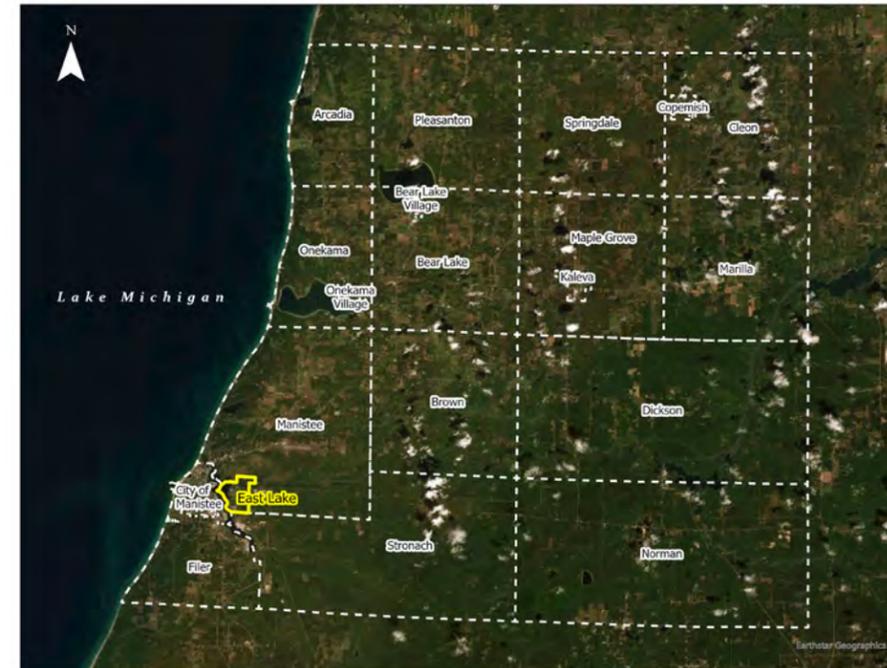
Members of the public have shown support for future trail development with regional connections, expansion into the Manistee Marsh and the potential to develop a trail around Manistee Lake. The Village should continue to plan appropriately with neighboring municipalities for the establishment of these trail facilities.

Administrative Structure

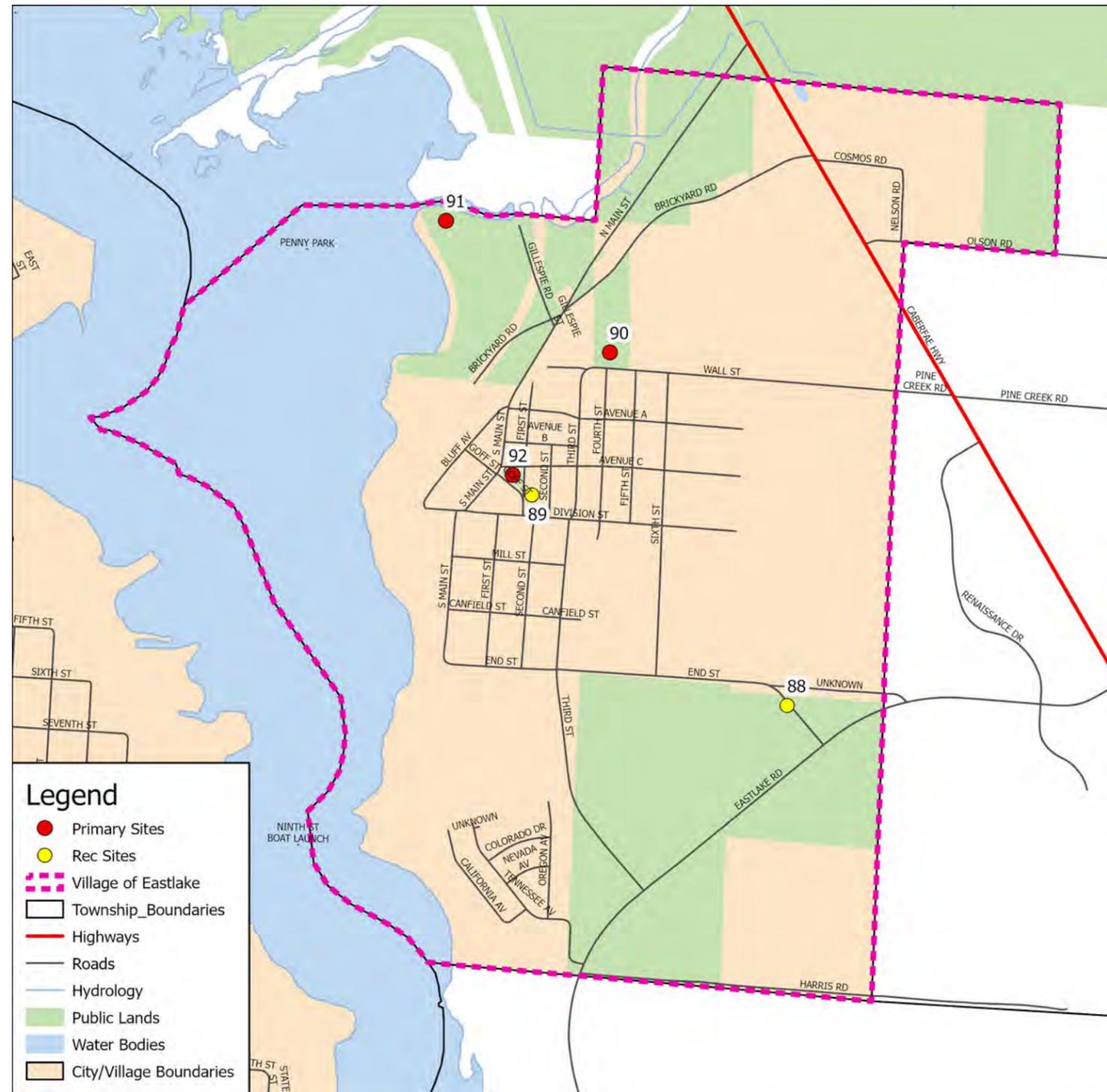
Municipality	Village of Eastlake
Governing body responsible for recreation planning	Village Council
Governing body authorized to commit funds	Village Council
Budget	\$33,058.00
Sources of funds	Line Item
Volunteers	Volunteers recruited as needed for events
Partnerships and/or collaborative agreements	Collaborative agreement with DNR for management of Penny Park (DNR owns Penny Park, Eastlake manages); Village allow Manistee Baseball League to use Johnson Field free of charge
Contributes to Manistee Recreation Association (MRA)	No
Contributes to Paine Aquatic Center	No

Recreation Site Inventory

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91	Penny Park	ELV	1	CP	•	H	•	•	3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	W	•	•		
92	Eastlake Vil. Hall	ELV	1	SU		M		•	2	•				•	•																	
90	Johnson Field	ELV	1	MP		L			3							•		•												•	•	•
89	Eastlake Playground	ELV	2	MP		L			1	•										•										•		
88	Eastlake Nature Trail	ELV	2	PT		L			2	•											•						L	•				



Project #	Applicant	Title	Year	Amount	Status	Description
TF12-090	Village of Eastlake	Penny Park Renovation	2012	\$141,000.00	Open	Development to include replacement of bath house, upgrading boat launch/skid pier, installation of playground, upgrading parking area and entrance drive.



Charter Township of Filer

Community Description

The Charter Township of Filer provides residents with a high quality of life in a varied four-season climate. The township is located on the shores of Lake Michigan in Manistee County's southwest corner. Filer Township consists of 16.5 square miles, including four miles of shoreline on Lake Michigan and two miles on Manistee Lake. The township's natural beauty is a product of the glaciers, resulting in some of the finest fresh water recreation opportunities in northwestern Michigan. Filer's population according to the 2019 ACS 5-year estimates is 2,641.

Magoon Creek Park offers 97 acres on the shores of Lake Michigan. Visitors can enjoy stunning views from the shoreline bluffs, picnicking, hiking trails and swimming in a beautiful park setting. This park also features snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, as well as the opportunity to collect beach glass and Petoskey stones. Nearby Sundling Park provides a 66 foot easement to a pristine swimming beach on Lake Michigan. Two small parks located in the Oak Hill and Filer City neighborhoods offer playground equipment. Oak Hill hosts tennis and basketball courts. The township's recreation center is used for exercise classes and community meetings. It can also be rented for family reunions, wedding receptions, parties and other activities.

Filer Township partners with Manistee Area Public Schools to support the community pool and the Manistee Recreation Association, which offers a wide variety of recreational activities. Partially paved road shoulders used by bicyclists and pedestrians connect Filer Township to adjoining neighbors. The US-31 Commercial Corridor has many businesses offering a variety of retail, banking, medical services and leisure activities to the community. The Lakefront Industrial Area has been able to adapt to the changing economy, improve its environmental footprint, all while employing hundreds of residents in secure and well-paid positions.

Filer Township rests between Lake Michigan and the southern arm of Manistee Lake. The Township provides access to Lake Michigan through two recreation sites: Magoon Creek and Sundling Park. Magoon Creek is a primary site with various amenities such as restrooms, picnic areas and shelters. The beachfront can be accessed by following various trails (2.5 miles) to the water which wind through the park or by driving to the beach parking lot and taking the short trail to the beach below the bluffs. Here, one can enjoy the sandy beach and spectacular northern

Michigan sunsets. Sundling Park is a largely undeveloped site with a beautiful swimming beach, a small parking area and picnic table. Access to Canfield Lake via a DNR boat launch provides additional water access within the Township.

Trail systems within the Township include the localized trails of Magoon Creek and also the on-road bike facility along Red Apple Road that extends north to the City of Manistee along Cherry Street. There is a desire to see further trail development and regional connections, with the added possibility of snowmobile trail connections. The township has an ORV ordinance in place. These efforts are supported by the community and should remain a priority for future park and recreation improvements. Filer Township is committed to helping the county-wide community implement the Manistee Lake Area Non-Motorized Plan (2020).



Administrative Structure

Municipality	Charter Township of Filer
Governing body responsible for recreation planning	Township Board and Parks Department
Governing body authorized to commit funds	Township Board
Budget	\$45,000
Sources of funds	General Fund
Volunteers	No volunteers
Partnerships and/or collaborative agreements	Yes
Contributes to Manistee Recreation Association (MRA)	Yes - \$10,000
Contributes to Paine Aquatic Center	Yes - \$13,000

DNR-Awarded Grants

Project #	Applicant	Title	Year	Amount	Status	Description
TF390	Filer Charter Township	Magoon Creek	1980	\$150,000.00	Closed	Acquisition of 97 acres with approximately 2,200 feet of Lake Michigan shoreline for fishing and other passive recreation.

Village of Kaleva

Community Description

The Village of Kaleva is located in the heart of Manistee County. Kaleva was established in 1900 by Finnish immigrants who with hard work and ‘sisu’, a Finnish word meaning perseverance, built a quaint community surrounded by some of the best nature Michigan has to offer. Many of the village’s street names, and the name Kaleva itself, are taken from the Finnish epic poem, “The Kalevala”. The Bottle House and Railroad Depot Station Museums are important historic attractions in the community.

Kaleva has a civically active citizenry. Social organizations such as the Lions Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Historical Society, Beautification Team, Relay for Life, Manistee-Benzie Snowbirds Club and Big Bear Sportsman’s Club can be found in the village. Two churches, one Baptist and one Bible, also call Kaleva home.

Kaleva is a hub for year-round recreational activities, with nearby access to the Manistee National Forest and numerous fresh water streams and lakes. During the warmer months, there are plentiful opportunities for hunting, fishing, hiking and swimming. During the winter months outdoor activity continues with ice-fishing, skiing and snowmobiling. The Village of Kaleva lies along one of the county’s most heavily utilized snowmobile trails. With Kaleva’s current position as a trail hub and

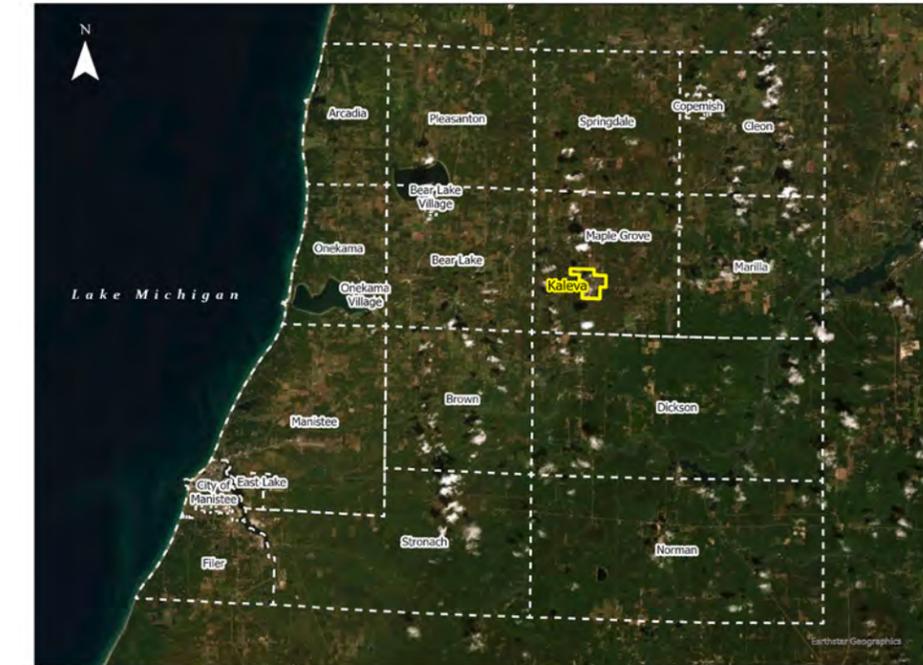
connector, continued support for additional trail development, both motorized and non-motorized, can link this population center with other communities to the south and west.

The Kaleva Village Roadside Park and Campground hosts community events throughout the year: Kaleva Days on the 3rd weekend in July, reunions and picnics. Overnight camping spots are available for hunters, fishermen and recreational campers. The roadside campground is especially popular during the fall salmon and spring steelhead runs where it acts as a central location for accessing many excellent rivers in the region. However, it is well-visited throughout the year as a destination for outdoor enthusiasts wanting to spend time in the thousands of acres of public land and miles of streams and rivers that traverse this portion of the county.

Important assets as well, the Kaleva Railroad Depot Museum and Centennial Walkway provide a trailhead for non-motorized travel during warm-weather months and winter-time snowmobile traffic. The site also features sculptures spread along the Centennial Walkway, which reference the rich Finnish heritage of the area.

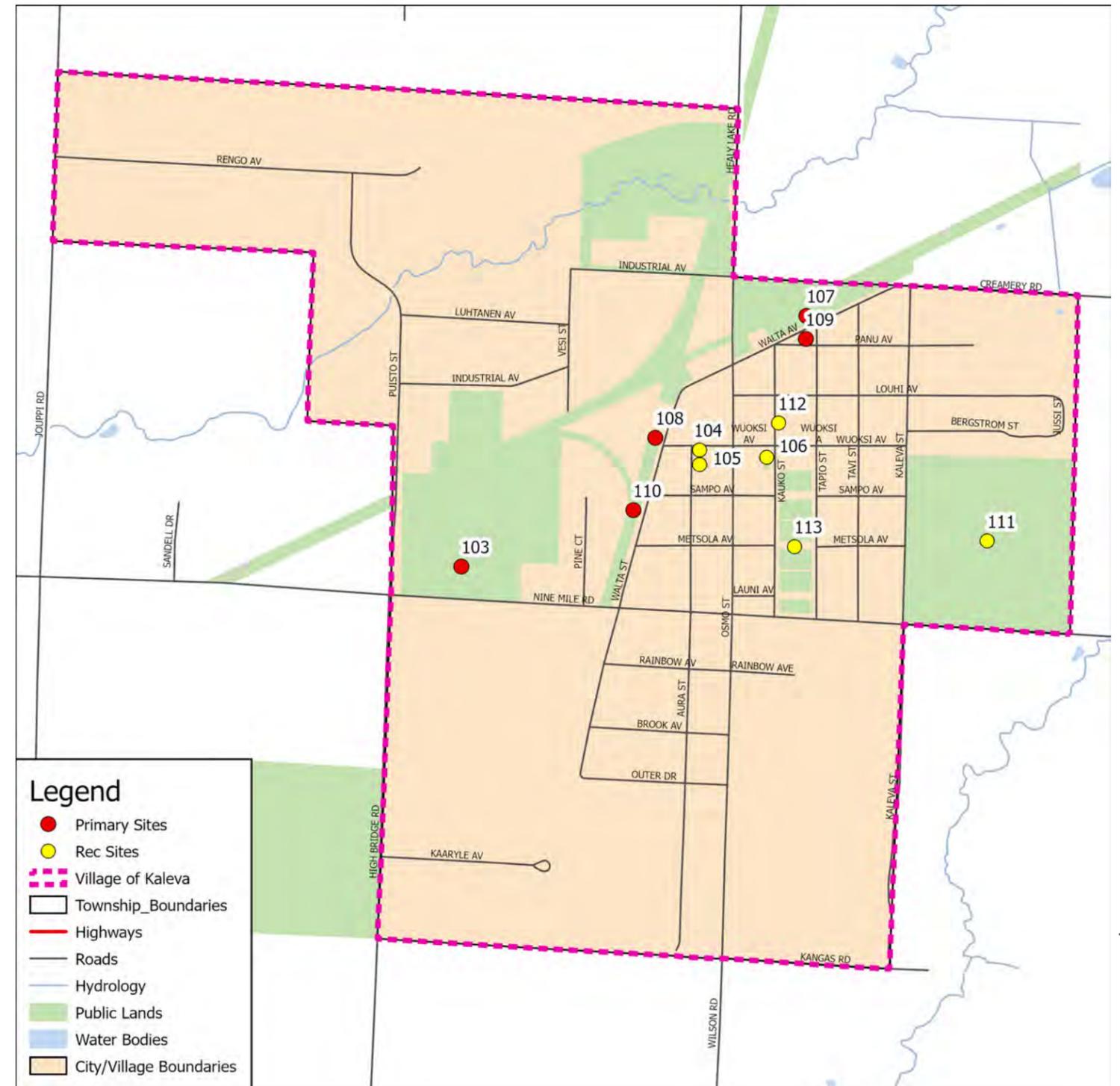
Administrative Structure

Municipality	Village of Kaleva
Governing body responsible for recreation planning	Village Council
Governing body authorized to commit funds	Village Council
Budget	???
Sources of funds	General Fund
Volunteers	100 volunteers who coordinate joint recreational activities with the Lions Club, Fireman’s Association, Historical Society, Kaleva Beautification Team, Snowbirds Club
Partnerships and/or collaborative agreements	Kaleva, Norman, Dickson School District partnership to maintain recreational facilities at the old school building; Joint recreation committee with Village of Kaleva; joint Planning Commission
Contributes to Manistee Recreation Association (MRA)	No
Contributes to Paine Aquatic Center	No
Contributes to Manistee County Baseball League	No



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103	Kaleva Village Roadside Park/Campground	KAL	1	RP	•	M	•	3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
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109	Historic Log Cabin	KAL	1	SU		L		3	•	•																						
110	Centennial Walkway	KAL	1	PT		L		3	•	•													L	•								
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112	Asiala Park	KAL	2	NP		M	•	3													•	•										
113	Maple Grove Township Community Center	MGT	3	CP		H	•	3	•						•		•	•							•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
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104	Kaleva Village Hall	KAL	3	SU		M	•	2	•					•	•																•	•



105 - Maple Grove Township Hall

City of Manistee

Community Description

It is the beauty and natural wonder that abounds in the region’s forests, lakes and rivers that remain a constant factor and will always make Manistee a special place to live and visit. The city is located at the mouth of the Manistee River on Lake Michigan, a part of northwestern Michigan where the ancestors of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians were the original inhabitants of these great lands. Historic Manistee, the Victorian port city, has a river walk running through downtown to Lake Michigan to enjoy. You will find activities for all personalities, from the adventurous winter sports to the casual strolls along the beach. Manistee is your four season’s destination for adventures, excitement and relaxation. The city is a paradise for water and sports enthusiasts and is known as the “Fishing Capitol of the Midwest.” The abundance of nearby outdoor activities, beaches and trails are second to none.

Manistee has a vast natural beauty and a “hometown” feeling, and cultural arts include the historic Ramsdell Theatre, Manistee Symphony Orchestra, Manistee Art Institute, dance studios, and art galleries. The city is also home to nearly 150 businesses and community resources. River Street features an eclectic mix of retail shops, antique stores and restaurants.

The City of Manistee contains the largest population within Manistee County. Abundant recreation sites can be found throughout the community in the form of neighborhood and regional parks, as well as preservation of beach access for the public and linear trails and walkways through the City.

Both the Douglas Recreation Area/ 1st St. Beach and the 5th Ave. Beach provide abundant access to Lake Michigan. The City was wise in preserving shoreline and beach assets for the public as this is a major draw to the City for visitors, but is also welcomed by residents. Each of these sites offers various amenities in terms of ball field, courts, concessions, playground equipment and in the case of Douglas Rec. Area, a boat launch.

Trail development in the City has been on-going through the leadership of the Non-motorized Trail Committee. The committee has worked for the development of on-road bike facilities as well as the establishment of the Zimmerman Pathway (located in Manistee Twp.), and the City’s non-motorized trail park (located in Manistee Twp.)

The riverwalk, a boardwalk along the Manistee River channel through the City of Manistee provides a great location for a stroll down the river, with historic

information, parks linked along the linear trail and seating for those wishing to take in the view.

Trail development has been successful and increased opportunities for making regional connections to adjacent municipalities is something that should be pursued into the future. Support is in place for trail development and momentum in carrying that development forward should be sustained.

Administrative Structure

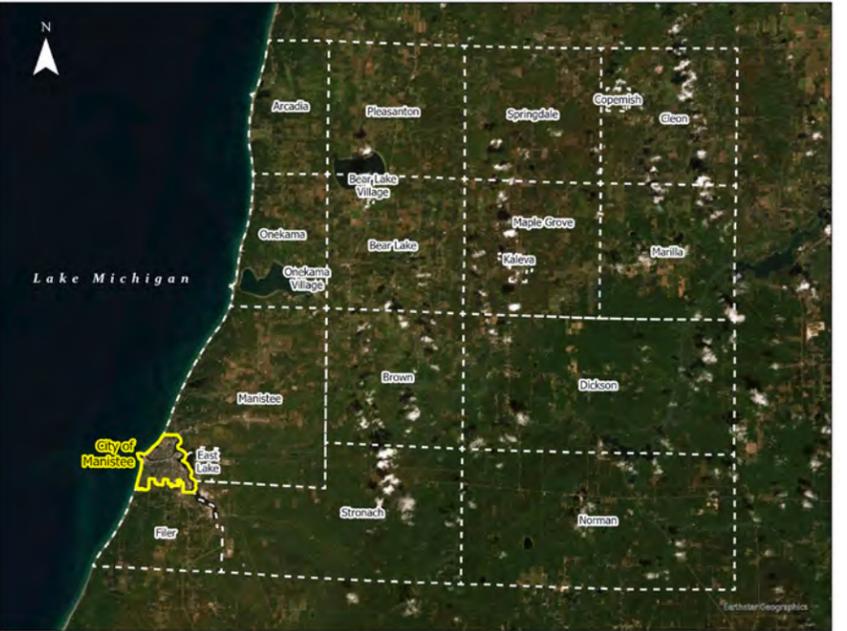
Municipality	City of Manistee
Governing body responsible for recreation planning	Parks Commission; Parks & Recreation Department
Governing body authorized to commit funds	City Council
Budget	\$414,000
Sources of funds	Line Item
Volunteers	Volunteers from Lions Club, Local Veterans, Jaycees assist with various parks, Friends of Manistee Parks, Blossom Boulevard, Manistee Proud, Disc Golf Club, MRA volunteers, Armory Youth Project, Alternatives for Area Youth. An “Adopt-a-Park” program has been enacted
Partnerships and/or collaborative agreements	Yes
Contributes to Manistee Recreation Association (MRA)	Yes
Contributes to Paine Aquatic Center	Yes

Project #	Applicant	Title	Year	Amount	Status	Description
26-0012B	City of Manistee	First Street Beach Ramp	1972	\$81,450.00	Closed	Development of parking lot, comfort station, lift station, underground wiring and landscaping at boat launch.
26-00244	City of Manistee	Manistee City Marina Park	1972	\$98,500.00	Closed	Acquire two parcels of land to develop for grading, landscaping, sidewalks and steps, retaining wall, benches, waste receptacles & picnic tables.
26-01101 F	City of Manistee	Sands Park	1980	\$16,750.00	Closed	Two fenced tennis courts, drinking fountain, playground, landscaping.
BF89-461	City of Manistee	Sands Park Restoration	1989	\$34,650.00	Closed	Replace shelter house & lighting, restrooms, fencing, irrigation system.
26-01504	City of Manistee	Barrier Free Marina Project	1991	\$81,000.00	Closed	Renovation of bathhouse, marina access ramp/ walkway, replace fuel tanks.
TF91-147	City of Manistee	Manistee Riverwalk West	1991	\$375,000.00	Closed	Develop 3,000’ elevated lighted boardwalk from Manistee Marina to First Street Beach on Lake Michigan.
TF94-240	City of Manistee	Manistee Riverfront Park	1994	\$375,000.00	Closed	Develop additional 550 of lighted riverwalk including handicapped access area, benches, signage, shore protection/ landscaping to east of US-31
BF98-294	City of Manistee	Lake Michigan Public Access	1998	\$40,000.00	Closed	Build trail and parking lot to provide additional access to a mile of City-owned Lake Michigan shoreline.
TF07-040	City of Manistee	Man Made Lake Acquisition	2007	\$2,015,000.00	Closed	Acquisition of 23 acres, with 1,350 feet of frontage on Lake Michigan and 1,700 feet of frontage on the 10 acre Man Made lake for passive rec.
TF11-06	City of Manistee	Manistee First St. Beach House	2011	\$280,000.00	Closed	Development to include removal and replacement of First St. Beach House in Douglas Park. Universally accessible.
26-01731	City of Manistee	Rotary Park Play Area	2013	\$48,000.00	Closed	Universally accessible, ADA-compliant play area for children.

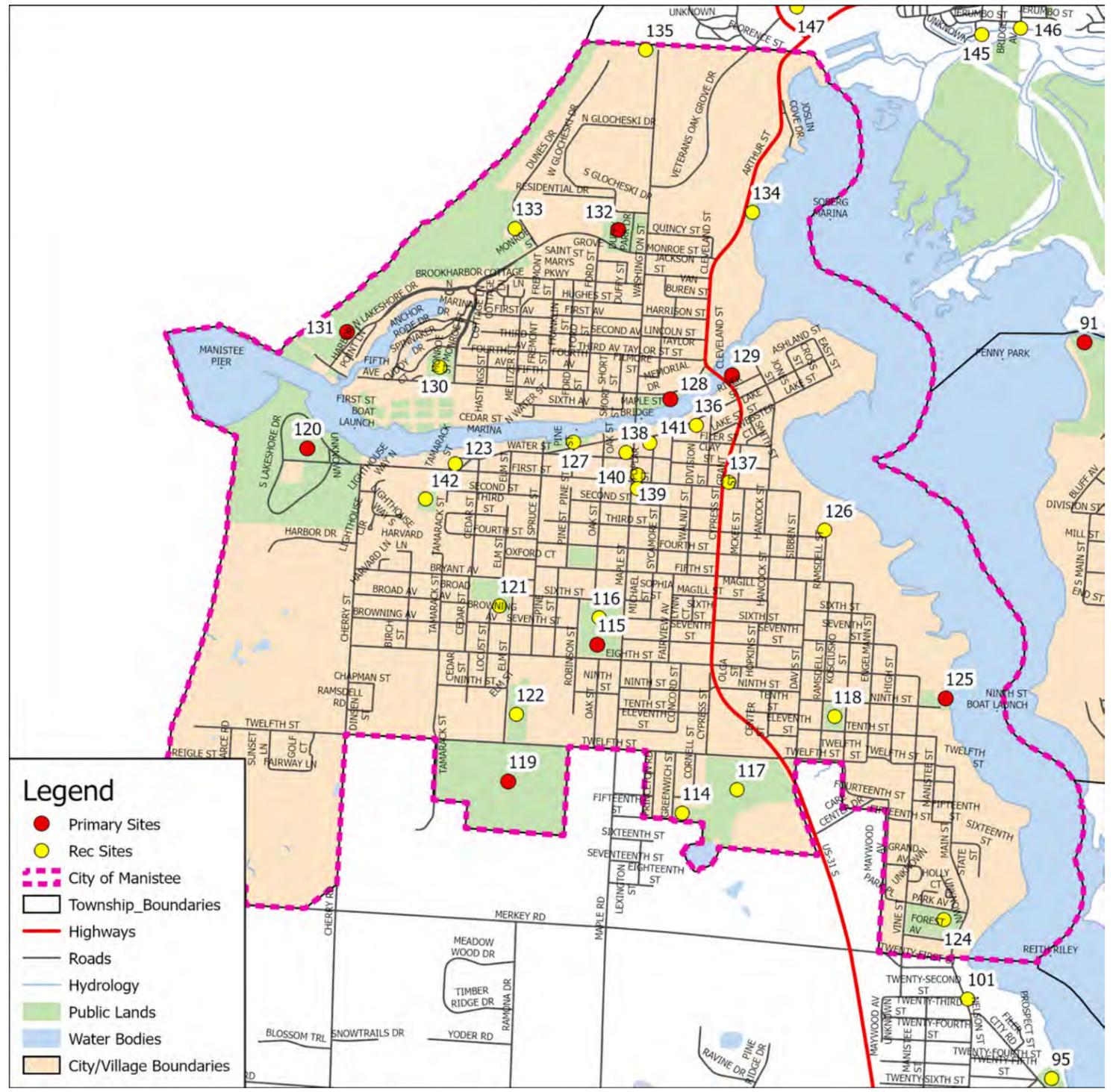
Recreation Site Inventory

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120	Douglas Rec Area/ 1st St Beach	CITY	1	CP	•	H	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			
129	The Riverwalk	CITY	1	PT		H				•													•												
131	Fifth Ave Beach	CITY	1	CP		H	•	•		•	•	•			•	•	•					•	•	•	•	•						•	•		
115	Sands Park	CITY	1	NP		L		•		•													•												
119	MHS/MMS/Paine Aquatic Cen.	School	1	SU	•	L		•		•	•	•			•	•																			
132	Duffy Park	CITY	1	NP		L				•	•				•	•							•										•		
128	Veterans Memorial Park & Riverwalk	CITY	1	PT		L		•		•	•	•			•	•										•									
125	Ninth St Boat Launch	CITY	1	SU		L		•		•					•									•			•	•	•						
114	Mack Park	CITY	2	NP		M				•				•	•																				
116	Kennedy School Gym	School	2	SU																															
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122	Centennial Track	School	2	SU																															
126	Morton Park	Morton	2	MP		L												•	•																
130	Red Szymarek Park	CITY	2	NP		L				•					•	•							•												
133	Man Made Lake	CITY	2	NP		L				•	•	•			•								•				•								
134	Arthur St Boat Launch	CITY	2	SU		H		•		•	•	•		•	•							•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•						
135	North Beach Access Park	CITY	2	MP		L			•	•					•								•	•											
136	Art Park	CITY	2	MP																															
137	Visitors Bureau	M.C.	2	SU				•		•				•	•																				
138	Manistee City Hall	CITY	2	SU				•		•	•			•																					
139	Manistee Public Library	M.C.	2	SU				•		•				•	•																				
142	Hamlin Field	CITY	2	NP		L				•	•			•	•																				
117	MCC Playground/Gym	School	3	NP																															
118	Maxwelltown Comm. Park	CASMAN	3	NP						•	•				•																				•
123	Waterworks Museum	CITY	3	SU																															
124	Reitz Park	CITY	3	NP		M		•		•	•	•		•	•																				
127	Manistee Municipal Marina	CITY	3	SU	•	H		•		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•		•											
140	Ramsdell Theatre	CITY	3	SU				•		•					•																				
141	Vogue Theatre	CITY	3	SU				•		•					•																				
143	Manistee Non-motorized Trail Park*	CITY	3	PT		L																													

Site Name	Band shell	Dog Park	Pet Waste Disposal Station	Viewing Platform	Trailhead (Water, Land)	Trails (Off Pavement)	Bike Lane (Road Shoulder)	Playground Equipment	Baseball Field	Tennis Court	Volley Ball	Basketball Court	Soccer Field	Football Field	Shuffle Board	Ice Arena	Skate Park	Disc Golf
Douglas Rec Area/ 1st St Beach	•	•	•	•	W		•	•	•	•	•	•						
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Sands Park								•	•	•		•				•	•	
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Manistee Township

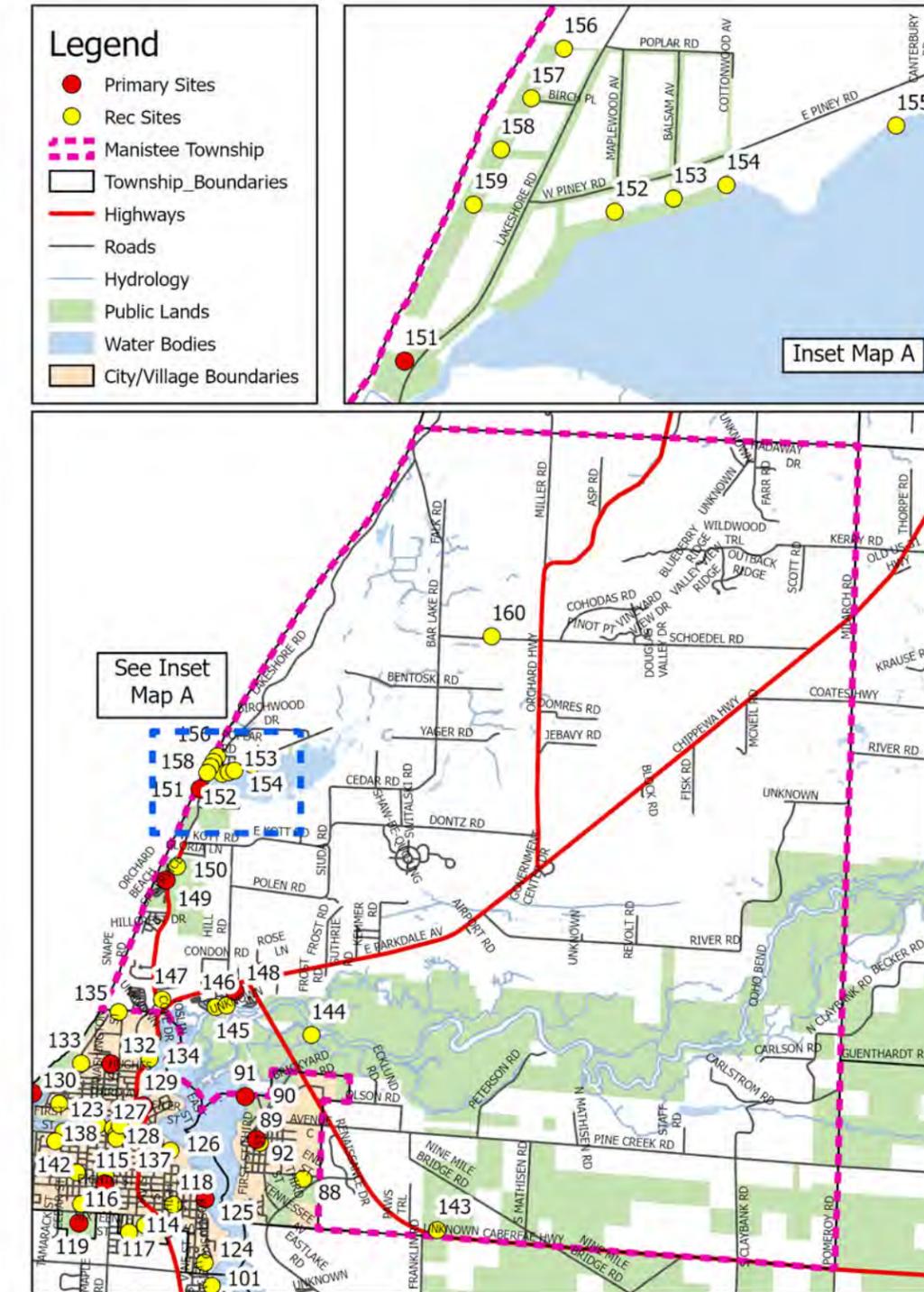
Community Description

Manistee Township, located in the southwest portion of Manistee County is characterized by a wide variety of land uses both rural and urban. The population, according to 2019 ACS 5-year estimates is 4,076. Access to the Township is via US 31, M-55 and M-22. Manistee is home to the County's largest employer, the Little River Casino Resort, Oaks Correctional Facility, West Shore Hospital, Elmers and Meijer. The well-known M-22 Scenic Byway begins in Manistee Township. Residents appreciate the natural beauty of the area and the quiet laid back atmosphere as well as the convenience of shopping, employment and a wide variety of housing types.

County facilities in the township include Manistee-Blacker Airport, the County Sheriff's Department and Jail, West Shore Medical Center and the County Medical Care Facility. Other employment opportunities exist in the township's urban area including an industrial renaissance zone and small businesses. In rural areas of the township there are a variety of farms, forestry and a vineyard and small homesteads. Manistee Township works cooperatively with neighboring governments and is preparing for growth along the US 31 corridor. It partnered with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians for sewer service and the City of Manistee to provide a municipal water supply.

Manistee Township has abundant natural resources with which to focus resource based recreational activities. Orchard Beach State Park lies within the municipal boundary, providing hiking trails, camping and access to Lake Michigan. Additionally, recreational opportunities abound with the natural resources of Lake Michigan and the Big Manistee River. Lake Michigan to the west provides opportunities for beach and "big" lake recreational activities, including swimming, sunbathing, boating and fishing. Lake Michigan is accessed via the Bar Lake Outlet recreation site as well as other road ends in the immediate vicinity of Bar Lake. Along the southern portion of the township the Big Manistee River flows through the Manistee State Game Area and empties into the Manistee Marsh and Manistee Lake. Outdoors enthusiasts will also find large swaths of State and Federal forest lands within Manistee as well.

Manistee Township contains the only off-road, large-width, paved non-motorized pathway in Manistee County. This pathway, located between Lakeshore Drive and Hill Road, is well-used by the public. Further trail segments of this nature are desired by residents. The Township supports further expansion of non-motorized pathways on public lands and existing rights-of-way and would like to connect routes to neighboring communities. The DNR-managed Manistee Marsh holds potential for connecting trail routes and discussions with the DNR should continue regarding trail route development. In terms of motorized paths, the Township allows ORV's on designated roads.



Recreation Site Inventory

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149	Orchard Beach State Park	State	1	RP	•	L		•				•	•	•	•	•	•	•					•	•	•	•								•
148	Manistee Twp Park at the Twp Hall	MAN	1	MP		L													•		•													
151	Bar Lake Outlet Beach	MAN	1	NRA		H	•	•	•				•													•	•	•	•	•	•	W	•	
143	Manistee Non-motorized Trail Park	CITY	2	PT		L																										L	•	
146	Bridge St Access-MR	MCRC	2	RDSU		L																				•	•	•				W	•	
147	Zimmerman Lane Trailhead	MCRC	2	PT		H				•		•																				L	•	
158	Access-MI	MCRC	2	RDSU		L				•																•	•	•						
160	Newland School	MCRC	2	SU		L		•									•	•					•											
159	Access-MI	MCRC	2	RDSU		L				•																•	•	•						
145	Park Ave Access-MR	MCRC	3	RDSU		L																				•	•							
152	Maplewood Ave Access-BA	MCRC	3	RDSU		L				•																•	•	•						
153	Balsam Ave Access-BA	MCRC	3	RDSU		L																				•	•	•						
155	Bar Lake Unimproved Boat Launch	MCRC	3	SU		L																				•	•	•	•					
156	Poplar Rd Access-MI	MCRC	3	RDSU		L				•																•	•	•						
157	Birch PL Access-MI	MCRC	3	RDSU		L				•																•	•	•						
144	M-55 Man. River Wildlife Platform	State	3	NRA		L	•					•																			•	•		
154	Cottonwood Ave Access-BA	MCRC	3	RDSU		L																				•	•	•						
150	Beech-Hemlock Nature Trailhead	State	3	PT		L				•		•													•						L	•		

DNR-Awarded Grants

Project #	Applicant	Title	Year	Amount	Status	Description
TF1050	Manistee Township	Bar Lake Outlet	1985	\$17,500.00	Closed	Acquisition of 1.5 acres w/ 400 feet of Bar lake frontage and outlet.
12-9192	Manistee Township	Bridge Street Boat Launch	2012	\$36,950.00	Closed	

Administrative Structure

Municipality	Manistee Township
Governing body responsible for recreation planning	Township Board and Planning Commission
Governing body authorized to commit funds	Township Board
Budget	\$22,000
Sources of funds	General Fund
Volunteers	Pickleball group fundraises for and maintains courts; volunteers maintain the Zimmerman Trail
Partnerships and/or collaborative agreements	Yes
Contributes to Manistee Recreation Association (MRA)	Yes
Contributes to Paine Aquatic Center	No

Maple Grove Township

Community Description

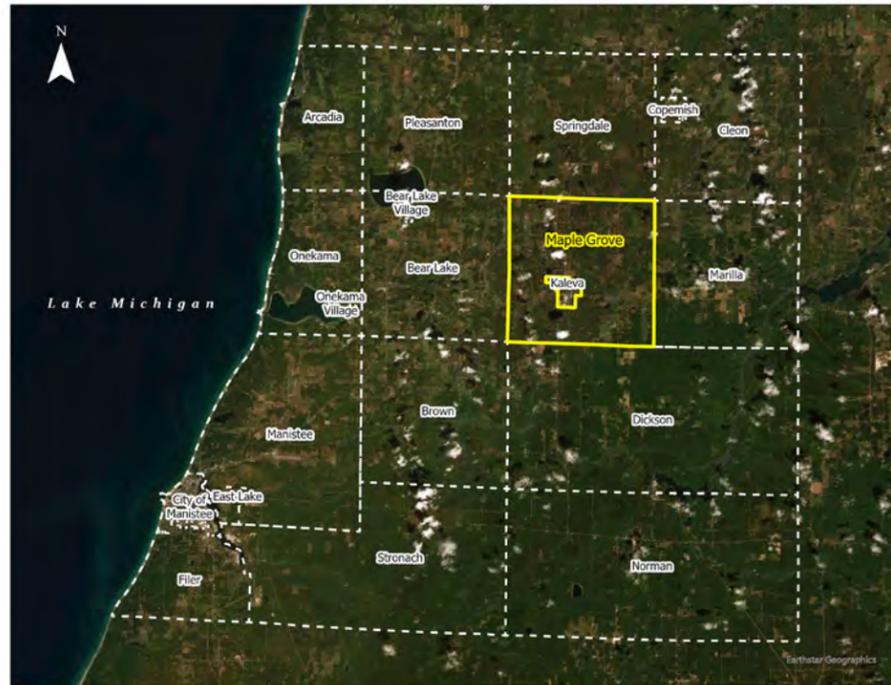
Maple Grove Township's history can be traced back to the lumbering activity that began in the area during the 1850's. The community's vast supply of timber helped establish the local economy as much of the land was purchased by outside timber investors. Later, homesteaders moved into the area following the American Civil War period. The Township was established in October of 1878. The population in Maple Grove grew slowly as the primary source of income during those early days continued to come from timber operations. A significant boom occurred in 1888 when two railroads were built through the Township. At the turn of the century, lumbermen in the area began marketing cut-over lands through the New York National Land Company. One of the sites was the point at which two railroads crossed, known as Manistee Crossing, located in present-day Maple Grove Township. This location became the company's first major development. During this time, the community saw increased growth, especially from Finnish Immigrants. The central village was named "Kaleva" after "Kalevala", a Karelian and Finnish epic poem written in the 19th Century.

Through the years, Maple Grove Township experienced some agricultural activity though this ultimately declined over time due to the area's relatively poor soils. However, these same sandy soils filtered abundant groundwater through the area's many wetlands, which fed into local cold-water streams. These streams were subsequently stocked with species of trout and salmon leading to a well-functioning fishery in the community.

Maple Grove Township provides recreational opportunities on State and School Forest land holdings within the Township. Portions of land within the Township were held by the State of Michigan and became part of the Pere Marquette State Forest. These forested lands offer recreational opportunities for locals and visitors alike. The three recreation sites listed in this document for Maple Grove Township each provide water access, an important recreational asset for the community. Two of the recreation sites are located adjacent to each other along Bear Creek and Beaver Creek, a tributary of Bear Creek. One site owned by the State of Michigan along Bear Creek has been identified by the DNR as an important access site for the water body. The DNR recently developed a canoe and kayak launch there. The School Forest Access site is located on property owned by the Kaleva Norman

Dickson (KND) School System. The property has frontage on Beaver Creek and is immediately adjacent to acres of State-owned land. Each of these sites are important access points for small stream water access, and each is utilized primarily by fishing enthusiasts. The Lemon Lake Access Road is another important location for water access during both the summer and winter months with the largest amount of use during the winter for ice-fishing.

The Township has worked closely with the Village of Kaleva and the KND school system when planning for parks and recreation. This established relationship is important to successfully implementing recreation activities and planning site improvements for greater community and Manistee County. Both Maple Grove and Kaleva anticipate collaborating with nearby jurisdictions and the County on trail connections, especially when plans for extending the Betsie Valley Trail are ready to implement.

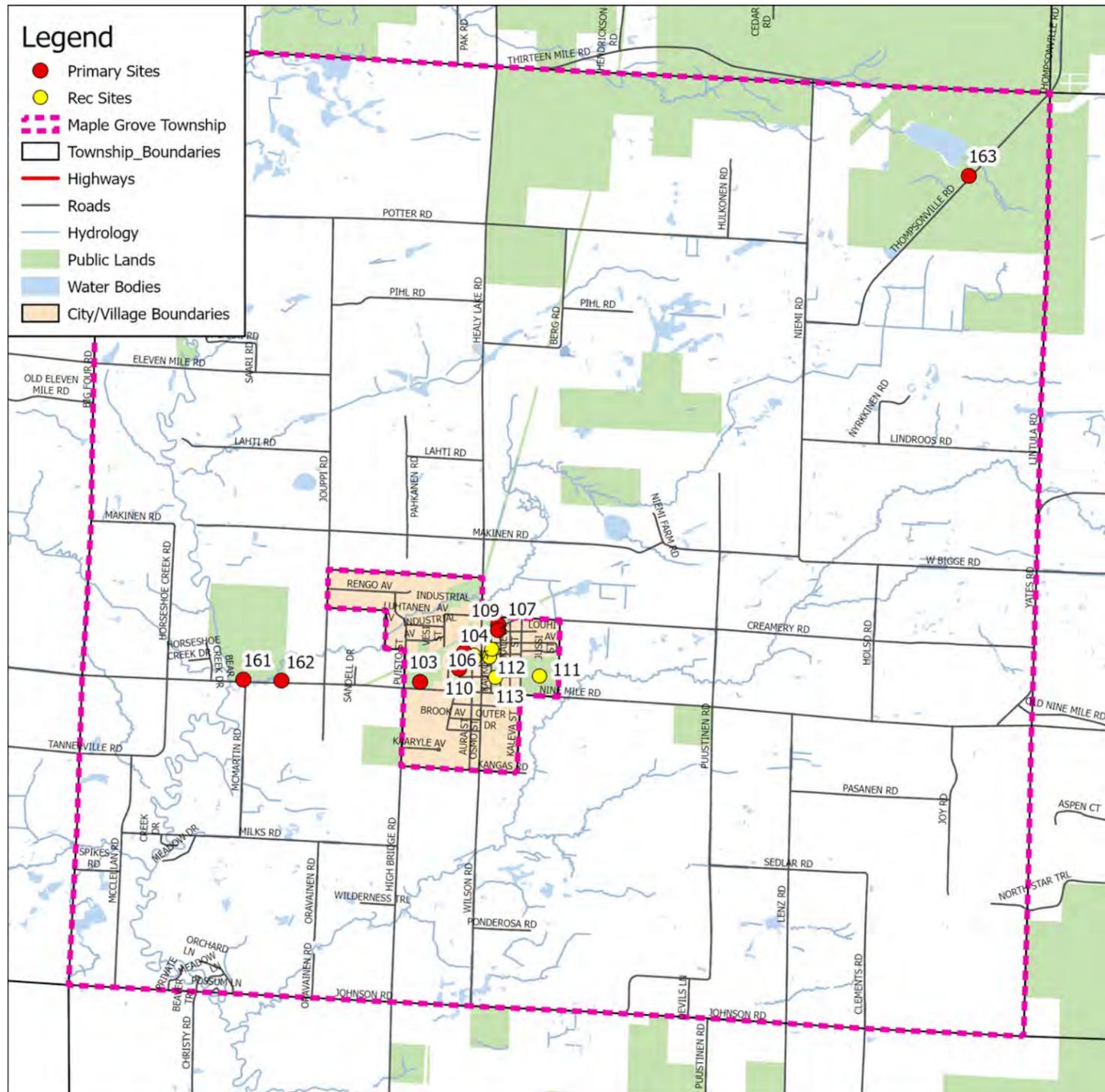


Administrative Structure

Municipality	Maple Grove Township
Governing body responsible for recreation planning	Township Board
Governing body authorized to commit funds	Township Board
Budget	-
Sources of funds	Line Item
Volunteers	Up to 150 volunteers regularly staff museum, provide beautification; Community Center committee; Kaleva Days; road cleanup; Firemen's Association; Big Bear Sportsmen's Club; Snowbirds Club
Partnerships and/or collaborative agreements	Kaleva, Norman, Dickson School District partnership to maintain recreational facilities at the old school building; Joint recreation committee with Village of Kaleva; joint Planning Commission
Contributes to Manistee Recreation Association (MRA)	Yes
Contributes to Paine Aquatic Center	No
Contributes to Manistee County Baseball League	No

Recreation Site Inventory

Recreation Site Map ID #	Site Name	Ownership	Municipality Priority Ranking	Park Type	ADA Access (Low, Mod., High)	Explore the Shore Nominee	Dark Sky Candidate	Parking Availability	Water Access	Canoe/Kayak Access
161	Bear Creek Access	State	1	NRA	L	•		1	•	•
163	Lemon Lake Access Road	State	1	NRA	L		•	2	•	•
162	School Forest Access	School	1	NRA	L	•		1	•	



Marilla Township

Community Description

Marilla Township is located in the southern portion of the northeast corner of Manistee County along the Lake Michigan shoreline. Its population according to the 2019 ACS 5-year estimates is 336. Marilla Township was originally part of Brown Township. The Manistee County Board of Supervisors accepted the petition of Marilla Township on January 4, 1870. Marilla Township is served by three school districts: Mesick Consolidated; Kaleva, Norman, Dickson KND; and Benzie County Central.

Close proximity to the Manistee River made Marilla an attractive place for early lumber barons. The River branch of the Manistee & Northeastern Railroad ran through Marilla from east to west. Much of the logged over areas became part of the Manistee National Forest, where the Marilla Trailhead of the North Country Trail established a popular place for hiking. In the early 1920's a new consolidated Standard School was built. The two room school ceased operating in the 1940's. The building now serves as a township hall, a community building and the Marilla Museum located in the lower level. The Marilla Museum and Pioneer Place, maintained and run by the Marilla Historical Society, consists of a restored log building, a restored 1900 barn and the first built, historical log home moved to this location log by log and re-fabricated. Marilla Township Park was established and is still maintained by the township.

Marilla Township recreational features stem from local sites such as the Township Hall and Pioneer Museum and Township Forest to sites located on USFS and Consumer Power lands along the Manistee River. Marilla has much to offer in terms of outdoor recreation and these sites are varied throughout the township. The Township Forest sits adjacent to the Township Cemetery and currently has unmarked trails utilized by locals. This section of forest is desired to be further enhanced with localized trails.

USFS and Consumer Power land holdings along the Manistee River provide access to Hodenpyl Pond and the Manistee River below Hodenpyl Dam. The river is a designated Blue Water trail, and the Manistee River and North Country Trail (land trails) also traverse this area. Access to the Manistee River in this area is a priority and increased Universal Accessibility is desired. Marilla Township is in a position to continue to facilitate further trail development with increased connections within and outside Manistee County.

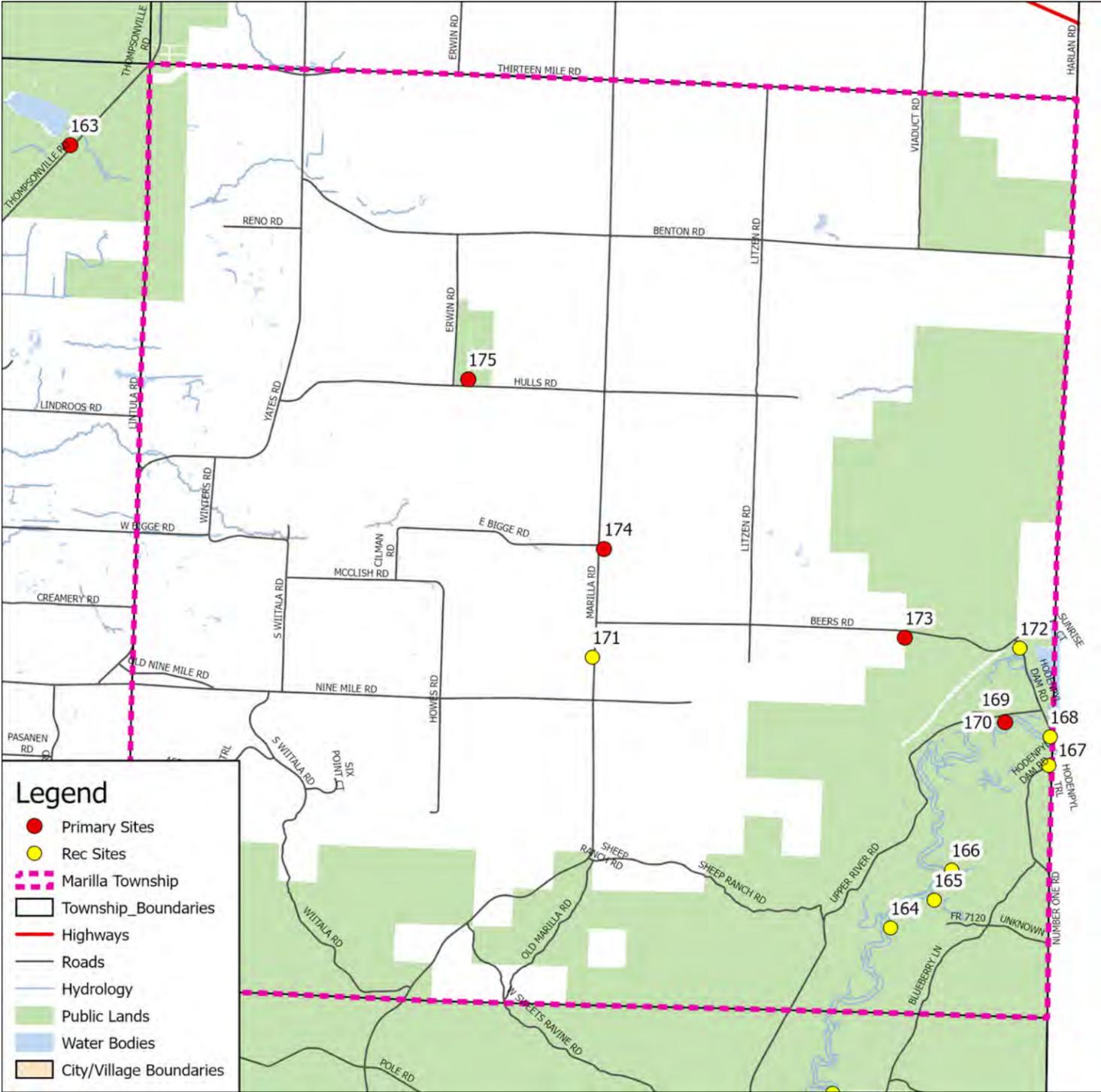
Administrative Structure

Municipality	Marilla Township
Governing body responsible for recreation planning	Township Board; Planning Commission
Governing body authorized to commit funds	Township Board
Budget	\$0 - projects budgeted as needed
Sources of funds	General Fund
Volunteers	Volunteers for event staffing; Marilla Historical Society
Partnerships and/or collaborative agreements	Arts & Culture Alliance of Manistee County
Contributes to Manistee Recreation Association (MRA)	No
Contributes to Paine Aquatic Center	No



Recreation Site Inventory

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174	Marilla Twp Pioneer Hall Place and Museum	MAR	1	SU	L		•		3	•	•		•	•										
175	O.D. Memorial Forest	MAR	1	NRA	L				1	•														
170	Manistee River Suspension Bridge	USFS	1	SU	L			•	2													•		
173	Marilla North Country Trail Trailhead	USFS	1	PT	•	L			2	•	•				•	•						L	•	
171	Marilla Twp Park	MAR	2	NP	L				2															
167	Hodenpyl South Trail water Access	Con	2	SU	L				3	•											•	W	•	
168	Hodenpyl North Trail water Access & Canoe Portage	Con	2	SU	L	•			3	•	•				•	•					•	•	W	•
169	Woodpecker Creek Access	Con	2	SU	L	•		•	2	•											•	•	W	•
164	Upper Manistee River Backcountry Campsite	USFS	3	SU	L				0	•											•		•	
165	Upper Manistee River Backcountry Campsite	USFS	3	SU	L				0	•											•		•	
166	Upper Manistee River Backcountry Campsite	USFS	3	SU	L				0	•											•		•	
172	North Country Trail Access	Con	3	PT	L			•	2	•	•					•						L	•	



Norman Township

Community Description

Norman Township is rural and rich in natural beauty, with extensive natural resources including national forestlands; hundreds of miles of inland lake, river and stream frontage; diverse wildlife habitat; forested hills; open meadows and numerous wetlands. These natural resources contribute to a beautiful, mostly rural setting for people to live, work and recreate within the township. The population of Norman, according to ACS 5-year estimates, is 1,390. Norman Township has experienced a significant population decline over the past decade. Seasonal residents, visitors to private homes and rental cottages and day tourists add to the township’s population and economic base during the summer months.

There is no incorporated village or city within the jurisdictional boundaries of Norman Township, but the unincorporated village of Wellston may be considered the township’s population center. The intersection of M-55 and Seaman Road is likely the busiest area within Norman. Although historically a larger settlement, land uses now at and in the vicinity of this area include a convenience store, auto repair shops, the Township Hall and Library and outdoor stores tailored to the area’s fishing interests.

Norman Township rests in the heart of the Manistee National Forest, with abundant USFS lands throughout. The Pine River and the south arm of Tippy Pond extend into the Township offering water resources for various recreational activities. The

Township also now owns all property around Crystal Lake and intends to develop the site as a key recreational asset for residents and visitors of various ages and interests.

The Pine River hosts two well known recreation sites in close proximity to one another. The Cooley Bridge State Roadside Park and the Low Bridge Canoe Landing are primary sites which the Township would like to see continued focus on improving amenities and promoting access. In addition, the Township operates a public access on the south arm of Tippy Pond in the Norman Township Tippy Pond Boat Launch. This popular boat launch is located on Consumers Energy property which is managed by the Township through a cooperative agreement. Additionally, the township features Loomis Landing, which provides access to the Pine River. The sand bar at this site is moving outwards and engineering solutions will need to be implemented in the coming years to make the site more easily utilized by the public.

Norman Township has land trails in place which provide connections to neighboring Townships and extend into Lake County to the south. Support for increased trail connections and for the establishment of a loop backpacking trail system around the Pine River has emerged and should continue to be a focus for the Township. Norman would also like to see additional areas designated for ORV’s with the possibility of a connecting path to nearby Lake County.

Project #	Applicant	Title	Year	Amount	Status	Description
26-01023B1	Norman Township	Norman Township Park	1977	\$9,250.00	Closed	Development of two tennis courts

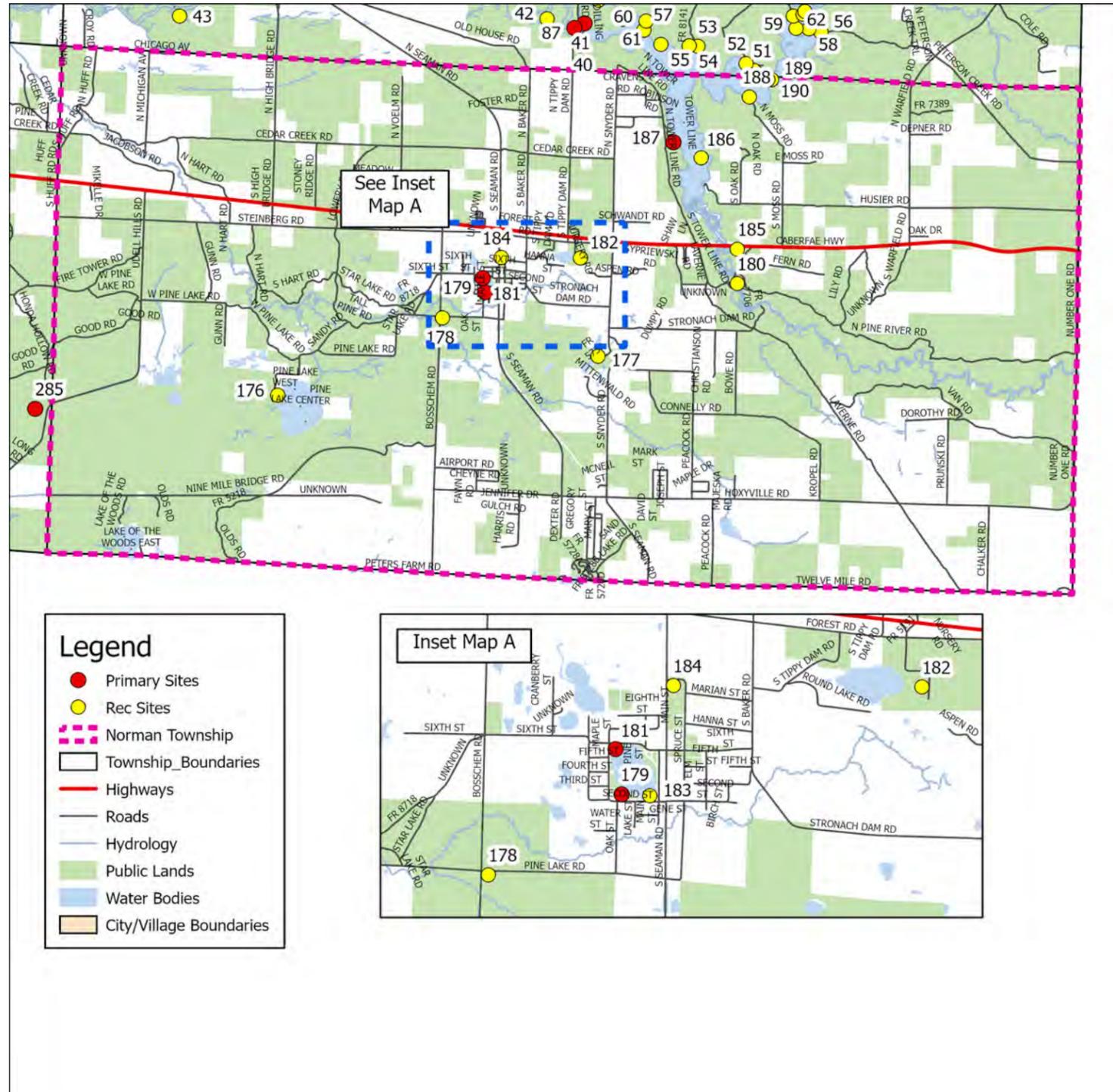
Administrative Structure

Municipality	Norman Township
Governing body responsible for recreation planning	Township Board
Governing body authorized to commit funds	Township Board
Budget	\$10,000
Sources of funds	General Fund
Volunteers	Volunteers for 4th of July fireworks; beautification efforts; community garden at Township Hall; assistance with parks improvements; Wellston Boosters; Wellston Excel (fundraising)
Partnerships and/or collaborative agreements	Township shares baseball field with the school district
Contributes to Manistee Recreation Association (MRA)	No
Contributes to Paine Aquatic Center	No



Recreation Site Inventory

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187	Nor. Twp Tippy Pond Boat Launch	1	RP	L	•	•	•	•	•	3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
179	Crystal Lake Park	3	NP	L	•	•	•	•	•	3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
181	Crystal Lake Beach	3	SU	L	•	•	•	•	•	3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
180	Low Bridge Canoe Landing	1	RP	•	M	•	•	•	•	3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
185	Cooley Bridge State Roadside Park	1	SU	H	•	•	•	•	•	3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
178	Arboretum Trailhead	1	NRA	L	•	•	•	•	•	1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
183	Fishing Dock	1	SU	L	•	•	•	•	•	2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
177	Dorner Lake Recreation Area	2	NRA	L	•	•	•	•	•	3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
176	Pine Lake Recreation Area	3	NRA	•	L	•	•	•	•	3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
184	Norman Township Hall	3	SU	M	•	•	•	•	•	3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
186	Upper Man. River Rustic Campsite	3	SU	L	•	•	•	•	•	0	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
188	Moss Rd Access-MR	3	RDSU	L	•	•	•	•	•	1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
189	Upper Man. River Rustic Campsite	3	SU	L	•	•	•	•	•	0	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
190	Upper Man. River Rustic Campsite	3	SU	L	•	•	•	•	•	0	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
182	Manistee National Forest Service Office	3	USFS	M	•	•	•	•	•	3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	



Onekama Township

Community Description

In the late 1800's, near the end of the lumbering era, Portage Lake developed into a significant resort community. Orchards and fruit farming became prevalent. Since that time, Onekama Township has become home to many long-term residents and is a sought after destination for tourists, especially during the summer months. According to the 2019 American Community Survey (ACS), Onekama Township has 1,320 residents. Of the community's estimated 1,357 housing units, 717 are considered seasonal, recreational or occasional use.

Onekama Township is located along the Lake Michigan shoreline on the western edge of Manistee County. Portage Lake, the central feature of the Township, covers 2,116 acres. The Channel connecting Portage Lake to Lake Michigan, as well as Lake Michigan itself, provides for fishing, boating, swimming and other activities. Its shores are around 10 miles in length. Access to Portage Lake is available at road ends scattered along the shores of the lake as well as through two boat launches. One boat launch, in addition to a new Universally Accessible kayak and canoe launch, is located within the Township on North Point, owned by the DNR. The dune-lined Lake Michigan shores extend more than 16 miles. The Lake Michigan shores sweep northward to Pierport, a former Lake Michigan port and lumbering town, which also has shoreline recreational facilities that are included in this Five-Year Plan.

Lake Michigan acts as a backdrop to Portage Lake, and can be accessed via boat from the channel or by foot from the various road ends which terminate into the "Big Lake". Captain John Langland Park acts as the primary Lake Michigan beach access with improvements and available assets. The north pier head is readily reachable from this park. The Manistee County Fairgrounds are located within Onekama Township. The grounds serve as the annual location for the fair, but also are available for other community events.



Administrative Structure

Municipality	Onekama Township
Governing body responsible for recreation planning	Community Parks & Recreation Committee
Governing body authorized to commit funds	Township Board
Budget	\$218,000
Sources of funds	General Fund and Donation Fund; Michigan Audubon Society
Volunteers	Partnerships for programs such as scavenger hunts, run/walk event, and recreation centered around community events such as Onekama Days and the Onekama Block Party
Partnerships and/or collaborative agreements	Works with the Onekama School District; Manistee Conservation District; Manistee ISD; Black Cap Farms; Portage Lake Garden Club
Contributes to Manistee Recreation Association (MRA)	Yes
Contributes to Paine Aquatic Center	No

DNR-Awarded Grants

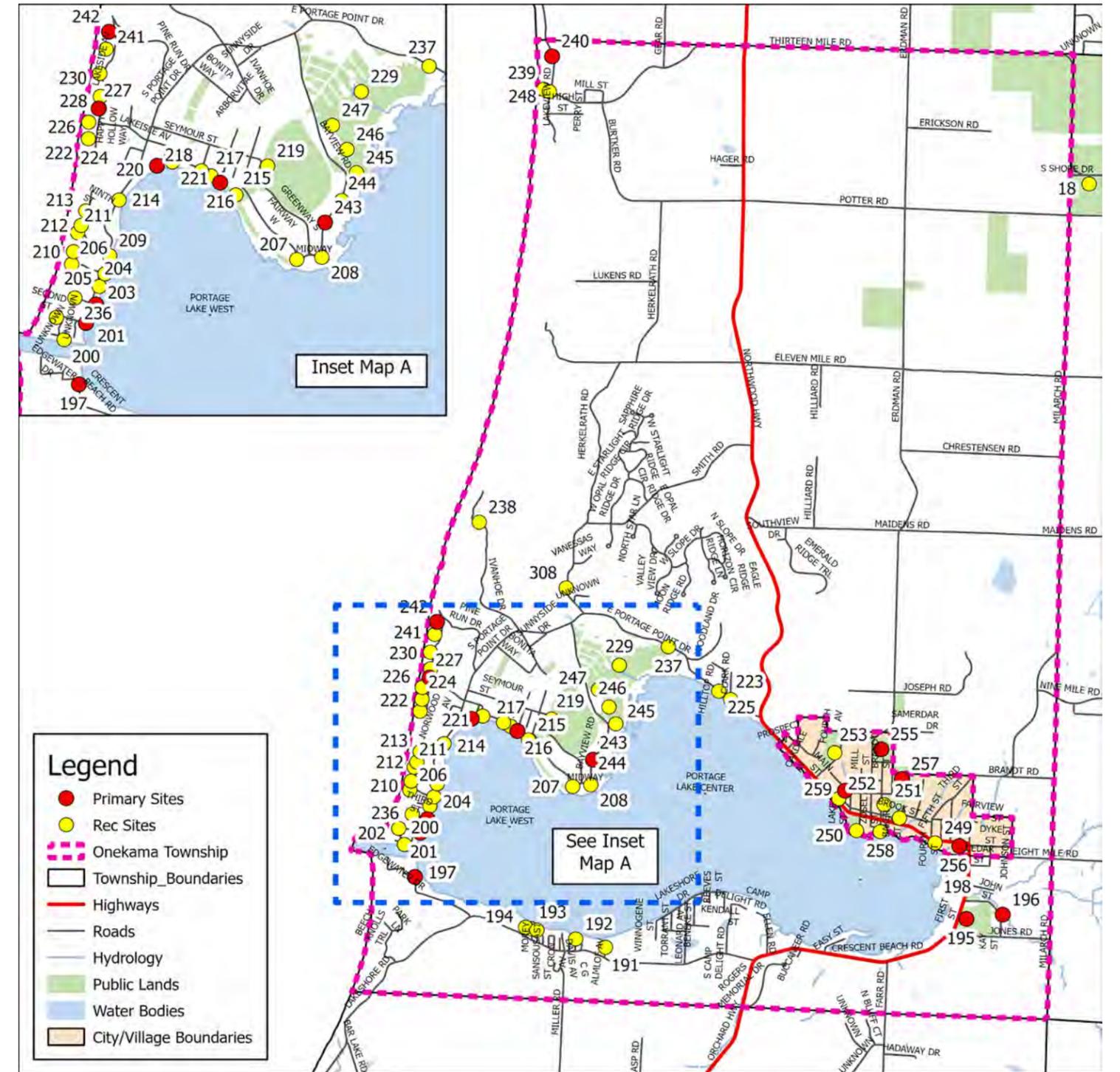
Project #	Applicant	Title	Year	Amount	Status	Description
TF16-0187	Onekama Township	Portage Lake Kayak & Canoe Launch/Trailhead - North Point	2017	\$101,200.00	Active	Universally accessible kayak and canoe launch on Portage Lake and DNR boat launch

Recreation Site Inventory

Recreation Site Map ID #	Site Name	Ownership	Municipality Priority Ranking	Park Type	Fee Site	ADA Access (Low, Mod., High)	Explore the Shores Site	Explore the Shore Nominee	Lighting	Dark Sky Candidate	Signage Directional	Signage Educational	Potable Water	Restrooms (Flush Toilets)	Outhouse (Pit Vault)	Portable Toilet	Garbage Receptacle	Fire Pit	Picnic Table	Benches	Water Access	Beach	Pier/Fishing Platform	Canoe/Kayak Access	Boat Launch	Boat Parking	Pet Waste Disposal Station	Trailhead (Water, Land)	Trails (Off Pavement)	Playground Equipment		
195	Manistee County Fairgrounds	M.C.	1	SU	•	L			•		•	•	•	•		•	•		•	•											•	
202	Captain John Langland Park	ONE	1	CP		L	•		•	•	•	•			•		•	•		•	•	•	•				•	W		•		
219	North Point Park	ONE	1	RP		H					•	•				•	•		•	•							•	L		•		
215	Portage Lake Boat Launch	State	1	RP		L	•		•		•	•		•							•			•	•	•		W		•		
196	Carden Park	ONE	1	NRA		L															•											
199	Feldhak Park	ONE	1	NRA		L																										
253	Glen Park	ONE	1	NP		L					•	•																L		•		
226	Sunset House/Lake Isle Ave Access-MI	MCRC	1	RDSU		L															•	•	•									
197	Crescent Beach Rd Access - South Pier	ONE	1	SU		M															•		•									
200	First St North Pier Access	ONE	1	RDSU		L																•	•									
239	Thirteen Mile Rd Access-MI	MCRC	1	RDSU		L																•	•									
213	Ninth St Access-MI	MCRC	1	RDSU		L																•	•		•							
218	Ardmore Dr Access-PL	ONE	2	RDSU		L																										
223	Clark Rd Access-PL	ONE	2	RDSU		L																										
225	Hilltop Rd Access-PL	ONE	2	RDSU		L																										
211	Seventh St Access-MI	ONE	2	RDSU		L																•	•		•							
214	Twelfth St Access-PL	ONE	2	RDSU		L																										
217	Arborvitae Dr Access-PL	ONE	2	RDSU		L																•			•							

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224	Avenue C Access-MI	ONE	2	RDSU		L																•	•		•						
208	Midway Dr Access-PL	ONE	2	RDSU		L																•		•							
198	Eagles View Wetlands	ONE	2	NRA		L																									
229	Portage Wetlands Park	ONE	2	NRA		L																									
247	Willow Way Access-PL	MCRC	2	RDSU		L																•									
203	Third St Access-PL	MCRC	2	RDSU		L																		•							
204	Fourth St Access-PL	MCRC	2	RDSU		L																	•		•						
205	Fifth St Access-PL	MCRC	2	RDSU		L																	•		•						
206	Fifth St Access-MI	MCRC	2	RDSU		L																	•	•		•					
209	Sixth St Access-PL	MCRC	2	RDSU		L	•																•		•						
240	Burnham St Access-MI	MCRC	2	RDSU		L																	•								
191	Almlof Ave Access-PL	MCRC	3	RDSU		L																	•		•						
192	Secor Ave Access-PL	MCRC	3	RDSU		L																	•		•						
193	Campbell St Access-PL	MCRC	3	RDSU		L																	•		•						
194	Cedar Grove Access-PL	MCRC	3	RDSU		L																	•		•						
201	Second St Access-PL	MCRC	3	RDSU		L																	•		•						
207	West Fairway St Access-PL	MCRC	3	RDSU		L																	•		•						
210	Sixth St Access-MI	MCRC	3	RDSU		L																	•	•		•					
308	Portage Point Woods Preserve	PVT	3	NRA		L					•	•																L		•	

Recreation Site Map ID #	Site Name	Ownership	Municipality Priority Ranking	Park Type	Fee Site	ADA Access (Low, Mod., High)	Dark Sky Candidate	Potable Water	Water Access	Beach	Canoe/Kayak Access
237	Artesian Well (Little Eden)	ONE	1	SU		L		•			
248	Artesian Well (Old Face Full)	ONE	1	SU		L		•			
212	Eighth St Access-MI	ONE	2	RDSU		L			•	•	•
216	Juniper Way Access-PL	ONE	2	RDSU		L			•		•
222	Avenue B Access-MI	ONE	2	RDSU		L			•	•	•
227	Avenue E Access-MI	ONE	2	RDSU		L			•	•	•
230	Lakeside Ave Access-MI	ONE	2	RDSU		L			•	•	•
236	Third St Access-MI	ONE	2	RDSU		L			•		
238	Ivanhoe Rd Access-MI	ONE	2	RDSU		L			•		
241	Alley G Access-MI	ONE	2	RDSU		L			•		
242	Alley H Access-MI	ONE	2	RDSU		L			•		
244	Batesmore Way Access-PL	ONE	2	RDSU		L			•		
245	Sylvan Way Access-PL	ONE	2	RDSU		L			•		
220	Beachward Ave Access-PL	MCRC	3	RDSU		L			•		•
221	Lakeview Rd Access-PL	MCRC	3	RDSU		L			•		•
228	Avenue F Access-MI	MCRC	3	RDSU		L			•	•	•
235	Rosewood St Access-PL	MCRC	3	RDSU		L			•		
243	Golfmore Way Access-PL	MCRC	3	RDSU		L			•		
246	Merlin Way Access-PL	MCRC	3	RDSU		L			•		



Village of Onekama

Community Description

The Village of Onekama, formerly a lumbering town, is on the northeast shore of Portage Lake. In the late 1800's near the end of the lumbering era, Portage Lake developed into a significant resort community. Orchards and fruit farming also became prevalent. The population, according to the 2019 ACS 5-year estimates is 461. The Onekama School, with around 400 students, is within the Village. The school is included in this plan because of the extensive recreational facilities it provides to the public. A \$14.1 million building project was dedicated in 2010.

The village provides quaint neighborhood parks, larger school athletic fields and courts and a more expansive Village Park which adorns the shore of Portage Lake. Portage Lake, the central feature of the community, covers 2,116 acres. This inland lake, the channel and Lake Michigan, to which Portage Lake is connected, provide fishing, boating, swimming and other activities. Its shores are around 10 miles in length; the dune-lined Lake Michigan shoreline extends more than 16 miles along Onekama Township. The Lake Michigan shores sweep northward to Pierport, a former Lake Michigan port and lumbering town, which also has shoreline recreational facilities that are included in this Five-Year Plan.

The Onekama Village Park and Boat Launch acts as a central community park with various assets such as playground equipment, beach area, a picnic shelter and a band shell. This park serves as a primary access to Portage Lake with a fishing dock and boat launch.

The Onekama Consolidated School District works in collaboration with the Village for the management of school athletic space for the allowance of use by community residents. The Village understands the benefit of shared use of facilities as it promotes collaboration, cost-sharing and increased use by community members.

Land trail systems are lacking within the community. Support for trails is evident, and consideration should be made for connections to Bear Lake Township, Arcadia Township and Manistee Township.

DNR-Awarded Grants

Project #	Applicant	Title	Year	Amount	Status	Description
TF12-088	Village of Onekama	Onekama Village Park	2012	\$97,300.00	Active	Peron steps, barrier-free beach access, mobi mat, beach nourishment

Administrative Structure

Municipality	Village of Onekama
Governing body responsible for recreation planning	Onekama Village Recreation Committee
Governing body authorized to commit funds	Village Council
Budget	\$44,041.00
Sources of funds	Line Item
Volunteers	No volunteers
Partnerships and/or collaborative agreements	Partners with Onekama Township Parks & Recreation Committee
Contributes to Manistee Recreation Association (MRA)	No
Contributes to Paine Aquatic Center	No



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249	Farr Center	ONV	1	SU	M				•							•	•																				
250	Onekama Vil.Park/ Boat Launch	ONV	1	CP	M	•			•			•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	W	•	•	•						
251	School Basketball Courts	School	1	SU	L				0							•	•															•				•	
254	School Tennis Courts	School	1	SU	L				0								•																			•	
255	School Ball Fields	School	1	SU	M				•				•	•		•	•																				•
257	School Stadium and Track	School	1	SU	• M		•	•	•			•	•			•	•																				
252	Rotary Park	ONV	2	MP	L				0	•	•					•	•	•	•																		•
258	Zosel St Walk-in Park	ONV	2	MP	L				•											•				•													
259	Triangle Park	ONV	2	MP																																	



Pleasanton Township

Community Description

Pleasanton Township is home to many recreational opportunities that take advantage of recreational sites and natural features within the community. The population, according to 2019 ACS estimates, is 727. The township's recreation features include playground equipment, a ball diamond, a tennis and pickleball court; and a picnic area at the Township Hall; May Buell Park; four public access sites on Bear Lake; and the open space at the Township park on Lakeside Avenue. Additionally, there is public access on Glovers Lake to the north in Township. The State of Michigan owns 2,164 acres of the township's land, and the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy holds 1,428 acres of land for recreation and other conservation purposes which provide multi-user trails, wildlife viewing and general enjoyment of nature.

Recreational opportunities are plentiful. Part of the recreational experience in Pleasanton includes the visual corridors where people can look over the vistas and view Bear Lake, state forest lands and ample wildlife. Pleasanton's most prominent trail connection is the west end of snowmobile Route 386 that follows Lumley Road east from US-31 toward Springdale Township. A new snowmobile trailhead was recently designated at the corner of 13 Mile Road and US-31. It joins the 213-mile-long Trail 3 at the end of its 9-mile run, establishing connectivity among five counties stretching from Leelanau in the north to Newaygo in the south. The Arcadia Dunes Preserve biking and hiking trail grazes the northwest corner of the Township, and the preserve itself extends inland even further.

The open spaces of Pleasanton Township provide an aesthetic beauty which acts as the backdrop for recreational assets derived from the Northern shores of Bear Lake to the forested lands of the Pere Marquette State Forest to the east, and Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy land holdings in the north.

Access to Bear Lake at various public road ends, and Township owned properties provides for kayak and canoe access as well as areas for fishing and picnicking. The DNR Boat Launch along the northwestern shore of the lake is one of only two public launches on Bear Lake. The DNR also manages a launch on Glovers Lake.

The snowmobile trails and the trailhead adjacent to the Township Hall are the furthest west designated trail locations within Manistee County. These trails are important to the region, and can serve as sites for future trail connections to the communities of Arcadia, Bear Lake and Onekama.

Administrative Structure

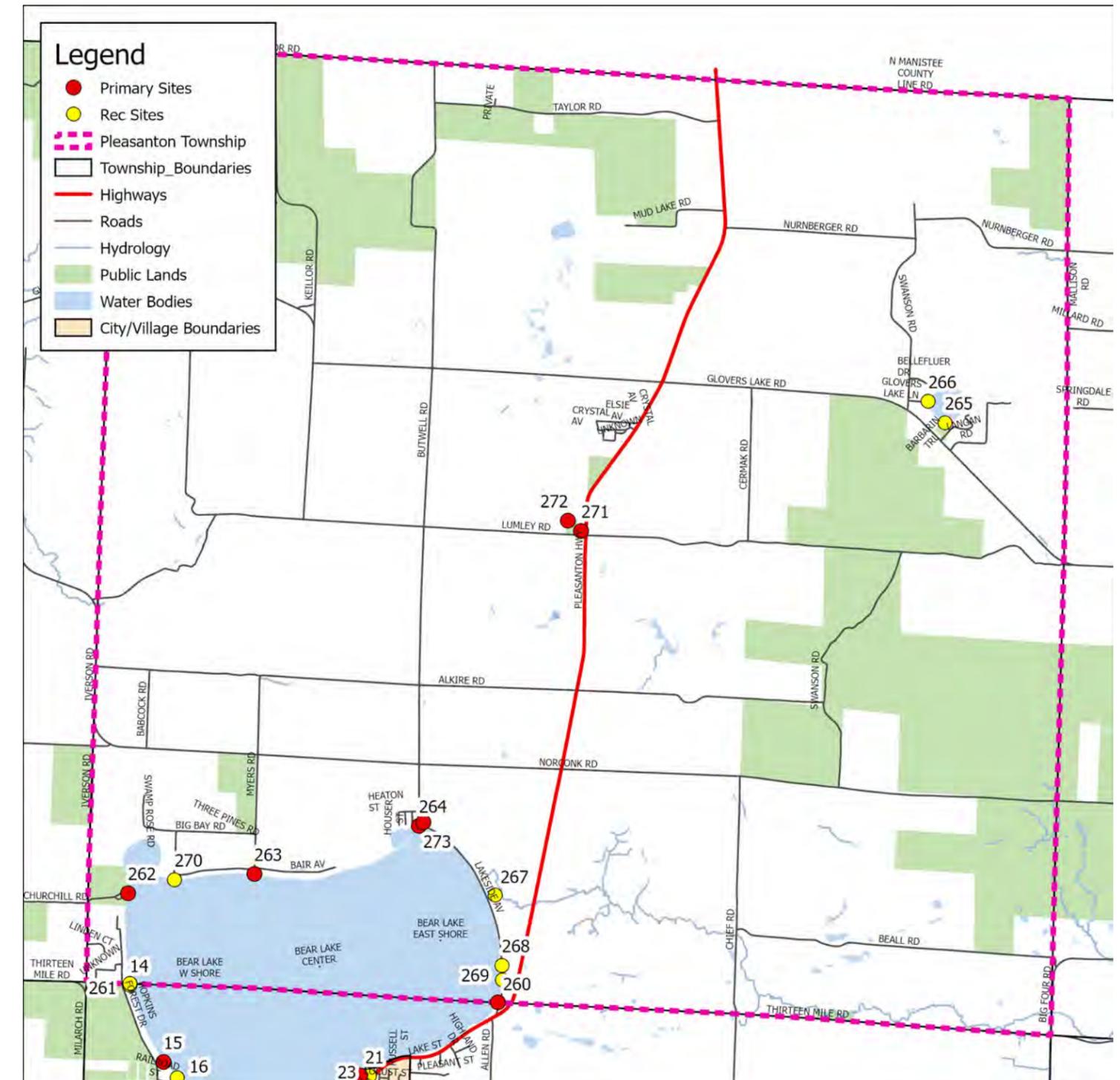
Municipality	Pleasanton Township
Governing body responsible for recreation planning	Township Board
Governing body authorized to commit funds	Township Board at the recommendation of the Recreation Committee & Planning Commission
Budget	\$16,200.00
Sources of funds	Line item
Volunteers	Volunteers recruited as needed for events
Partnerships and/or collaborative agreements	Water trail agreement with the Village of Bear Lake; Retains member on the SMARTrails committee
Contributes to Manistee Recreation Association (MRA)	Yes
Contributes to Paine Aquatic Center	No
Contributes to Manistee County Baseball League	No



Project #	Applicant	Title	Year	Amount	Status	Description
TF16-0034	Pleasanton Township	Acquisition of Land for May Buell Park	2016	\$124,040.23	Closed	Purchase of land from Buell family to support development of a new township park.
RP20-0039	Pleasanton Township	Development of May Buell Park	2020	\$118,600.00	Open	Improvements for May Buell Park to include picnic area, beach, fencing, parking, restrooms & ADA accessibility.

Recreation Site Inventory

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273	May Buell Park	PLE	1	NP	H	3	•	•			•		•	•	•	•	•				W	•							•
260	13 Mile Rd Access-BE	PLE	1	RDSU	L	1	•										•	•											
272	Snowmobile Trailhead	PLE	1	SU	L	2															L	•							
263	Meyers Rd Access-BE	MCRC	1	RDSU	L	1	•							•			•	•											
264	Butwell Rd Access-BE	MCRC	1	RDSU	L	1	•							•			•	•											
271	Pleasanton Twp Hall	PLE	1	SU	M	3	•	•	•					•						•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
262	Bear Lake Boat Launch	State	1	SU	L	•	2	•	•			•					•	•	•		W	•							
267	Pleasanton Twp Park	PLE	2	CP	L	1	•							•			•					•							
268	Bear Lake Access-BE	PLE	2	SU	L	1	•										•	•											
269	Bear Lake Access-BE	PLE	2	SU	L	1	•										•	•											
261	13 Mile Rd Access-BE	PLE	3	RDSU	L	1	•										•	•											
265	Glovers Lake Boat Launch	State	3	RU	L	2	•				•						•	•	•										
266	Glovers Lake Ln Access-GL	PLE	3	RDSU	L	1	•										•	•											
270	Bear Lake Access-BE	PLE	3	SU	L	1	•										•	•											



Springdale Township

Community Description

Springdale Township covers approximately 35.7 square miles; roughly half is state-managed land. The 2019 ACS 5-year population estimate is 949.

The first settlers were the Algonquians, inhabiting the bluffs above the Bec Scies River (Betsie) 5,000 years ago. The big push of settlers into the area came on the heels of the 1863 Homestead Act. The Springdale Township government was first created on April 3rd, 1871 at the home of Titus Glover, just 6 months after the Manistee Board of Supervisors formally designated Springdale a township.

Springdale Township is fortunate to have the Betsie River and the Healy Lake State Forest Campground and many acres of public land, providing abundant opportunities for recreation activities. The Betsie River is the main recreational attraction in the township for many people. The Betsie River was designated a wild and scenic river in 1973 under the Michigan Natural Rivers Act. It offers excellent paddling, trout and salmon fishing and unparalleled scenic beauty. There are numerous small creeks that support a healthy brook trout population. The creeks and river are supported by many ground springs, which is why the area was named Springdale. The Healy Lake State Forest Campground offers 24 secluded rustic campsites with access to boating and fishing on beautiful Healy Lake. The abundant state land offers open fields and the heavily forested areas provide excellent natural wildlife habitat making the area prime for hunting and wildlife viewing. Farms, both large and small, still dot the landscape of Springdale Township, keeping the agricultural spirit alive, once the main catalyst to developing this area.

Springdale Township contains thousands of acres of Pere Marquette State Forest through which the Betsie River winds its way as it traverses a portion of Manistee County. With these grand natural resources within the confines of the township, recreational opportunities abound.

The township now has four identified recreation sites: Healy Lake State Forest Campground, the Township Park located at the Township Hall and two DNR-managed access sites to the Betsie River. Healy Lake State Forest Campground is a popular destination within northeast Manistee County. The campground, located on State land, is managed by Springdale Township through a cooperative agreement with the DNR. The campground provides beautiful wooded sites and a boat launch adjacent to thousands of acres of State Forest.

The Township Hall Park provides a tennis court, a baseball field, basketball courts, picnic area and playground equipment. This park has the only playground and athletic facilities located within the Township. There are plans to add pickleball to

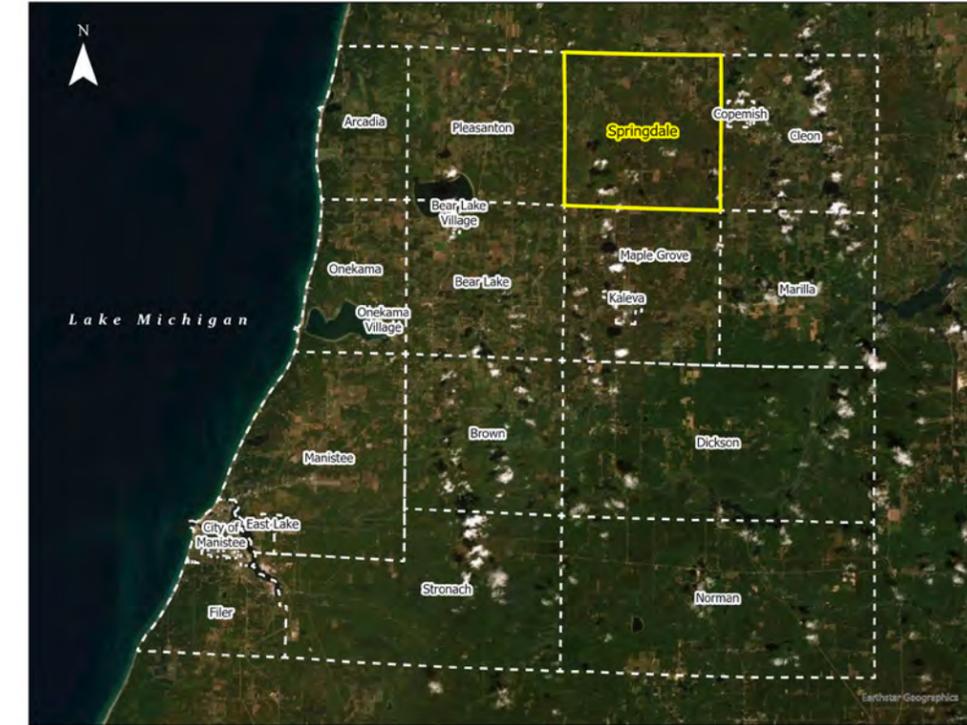
the tennis court.

There is a desire to provide further access to the Betsie River within. With Springdale Township containing the most mileage of the Betsie River within any community in Manistee County, coupled with tracks of State land adjacent to the river, the Township is in a position to identify and create that access. Discussions with Benzie County are ongoing concerning the establishment of the Betsie River as a Blue Water Trail.

Support for expanded trail systems within the Township, providing linkages to the west will garner continued support. Additionally, potential exists to link Healy Lake State Forest Campground as a destination along a trail system.

Administrative Structure

Municipality	Springdale Township
Governing body responsible for recreation planning	Township Board
Governing body authorized to commit funds	Township Board
Budget	Funds allocated as needed
Sources of funds	General Fund
Volunteers	Volunteers recruited as needed for events
Partnerships and/or collaborative agreements	None
Contributes to Manistee Recreation Association (MRA)	No
Contributes to Paine Aquatic Center	No



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274	Healy Lake State Forest Campground/ Boat Launch	State	1	RP	•	L	•	•	•	3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
275	Springdale Twp Hall and Park	SPR	2	NP		H		•		3	•			•	•	•			•					•		•	•	•	•	

Stronach Township

Community Description

Stronach Township is located within south-central Manistee County, where it borders Mason County. The population, according to the 2019 ACS 5-year estimates is 825. Stronach is a double township meaning that it contains almost twice the area of a normally bound 36 square mile township. The township extends east from the shoreline of Manistee Lake to the western boundary of Norman Township located to the east.

Stronach was organized in 1855 as a three parent township. In 1868, Stronach Township saw the last split of land area from the original parent in the form of Filer Township, located to the west. After that time, Stronach Township contained the land area that is currently represented by its jurisdictional boundaries.

Stronach Township is home to the segment of the Little Manistee River that passes through Manistee County before entering Manistee Lake. The river is one of the best steelhead fisheries in the State of Michigan and boasts a healthy population of resident brown trout as well. Many rustic river access locations can be found along the river throughout the township along with more developed sites such as the DNR weir.

The Big M Trail System, located within the Udell Hills, is a world class mountain biking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing trail system. This extensive localized trail network is augmented by the linear North Country Trail, which transacts the Stronach and provides connections to Norman and Dickson Township, as well as to Mason County to the south. The Marzinski Horse Trailhead and Campground is the only equestrian trail system within Manistee County. The loop trail system offers horseback riding routes that wind through USFS lands.

The established trail systems within the township lend themselves to a county-wide trail planning effort, as many routes and connections to neighboring communities are in place. Further work for connections to Filer Township and the City of Manistee to the west should remain a priority.

Administrative Structure

Municipality	Village of Onekama
Governing body responsible for recreation planning	Onekama Village Recreation Committee
Governing body authorized to commit funds	Village Council
Budget	\$44,041.00
Sources of funds	Line Item
Volunteers	No volunteers
Partnerships and/or collaborative agreements	Partners with Onekama Township Parks & Recreation Committee
Contributes to Manistee Recreation Association (MRA)	No
Contributes to Paine Aquatic Center	No



Recreation Site Inventory

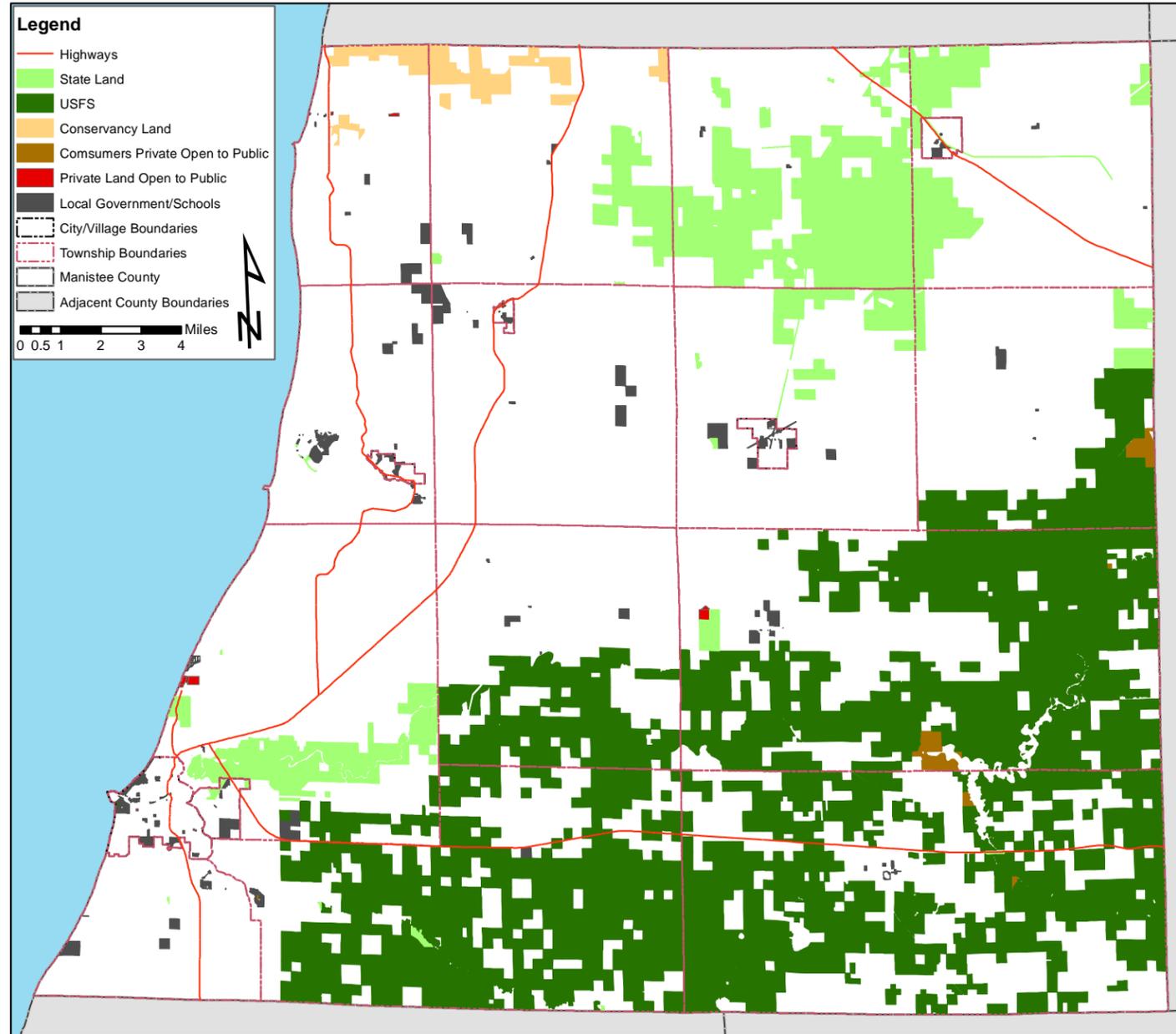
Recreation Site Map ID #	Site Name	Ownership	Municipality Priority Ranking	Park Type	Fee Site	ADA Access (Low, Mod., High)	Explore the Shores Site	Lighting	Dark Sky Candidate	Parking Availability	Signage Directional	Signage Educational	Camping	RV Compatible (Camping)	Potable Water	Restrooms (Flush Toilets)	Outhouse (Pit Vault)	Garbage Receptacle	Fire Pit	Picnic Table	Benches	Grill	Water Access	Pier/Fishing Platform	Canoe/Kayak Access	Boat Launch	Fishing Lie Recycle Box	Picnic Shelter	Viewing Platform	Trailhead (Water, Land)	Trails (Off Pavement)	Playground Equipment	Baseball Field	Basketball Court
285	Big M Trailhead	USFS	1	RP	•	M		•	3	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•							•	L	•				
289	Udell North Country Trail Trailhead	USFS	1	PT		L			2	•	•	•			•	•	•	•		•	•								L	•				
287	Claybank Park	STR	1	CP		M			2	•					•	•	•	•									•			•			•	
288	Marzinski Horse Trail & Campground	USFS	1	SU	•	L			3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•									L	•				
291	Stronach Twp Hall & Community Center	STR	1	SU		M		•	3	•				•	•																			
292	Stronach Twp Park	STR	1	NP		M		•	3	•				•	•	•	•			•	•						•			•	•			
303	Little Manistee River Weir Facility	State	1	SU		H	•	•	3	•	•	•			•	•				•			•				•	W	•					
279	9 Mile Bridge	State	1	SU		L			2	•													•		•		W	•						
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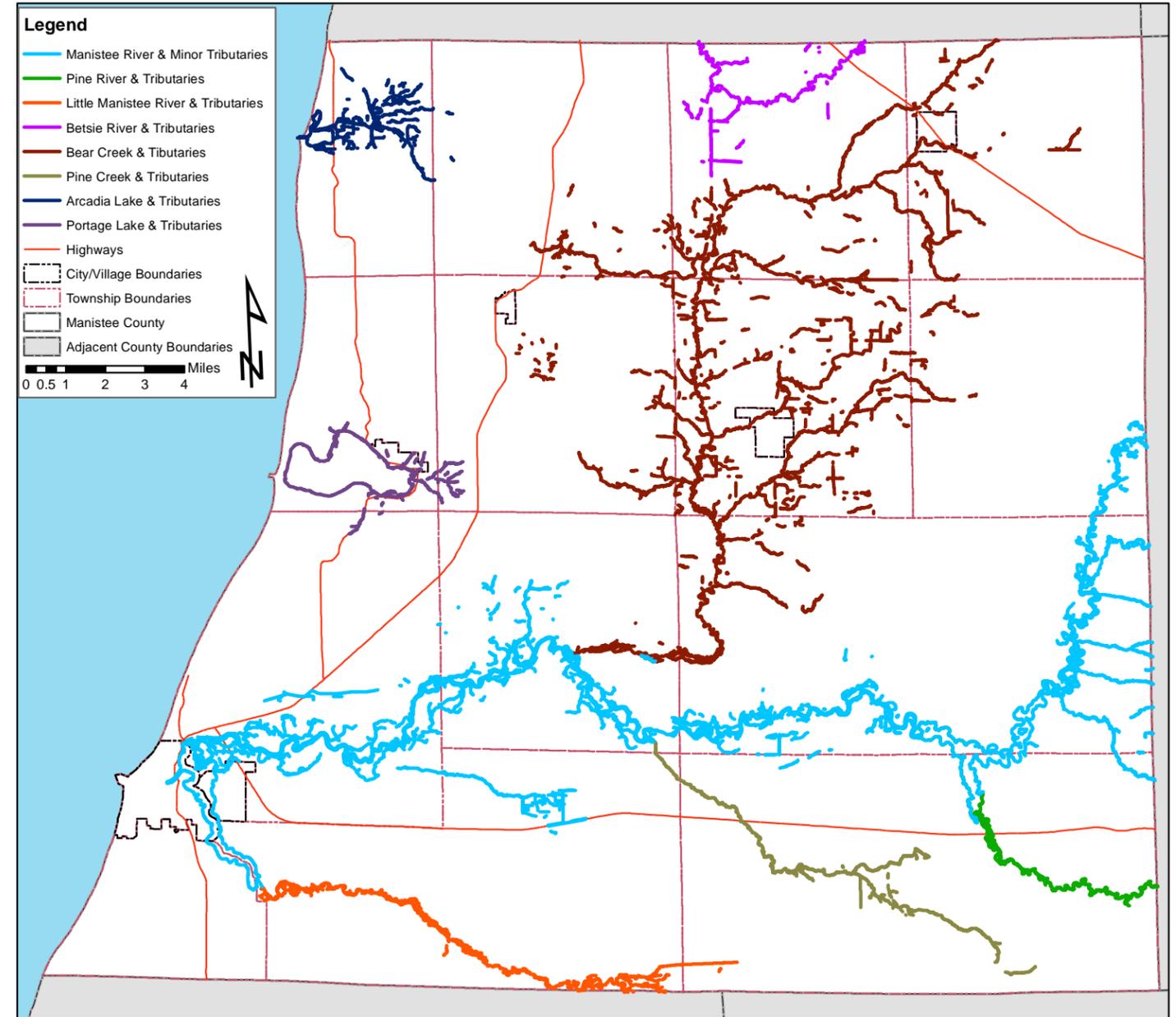
Appendix B - County-Wide Natural Resources

Map B-1 - Public Lands



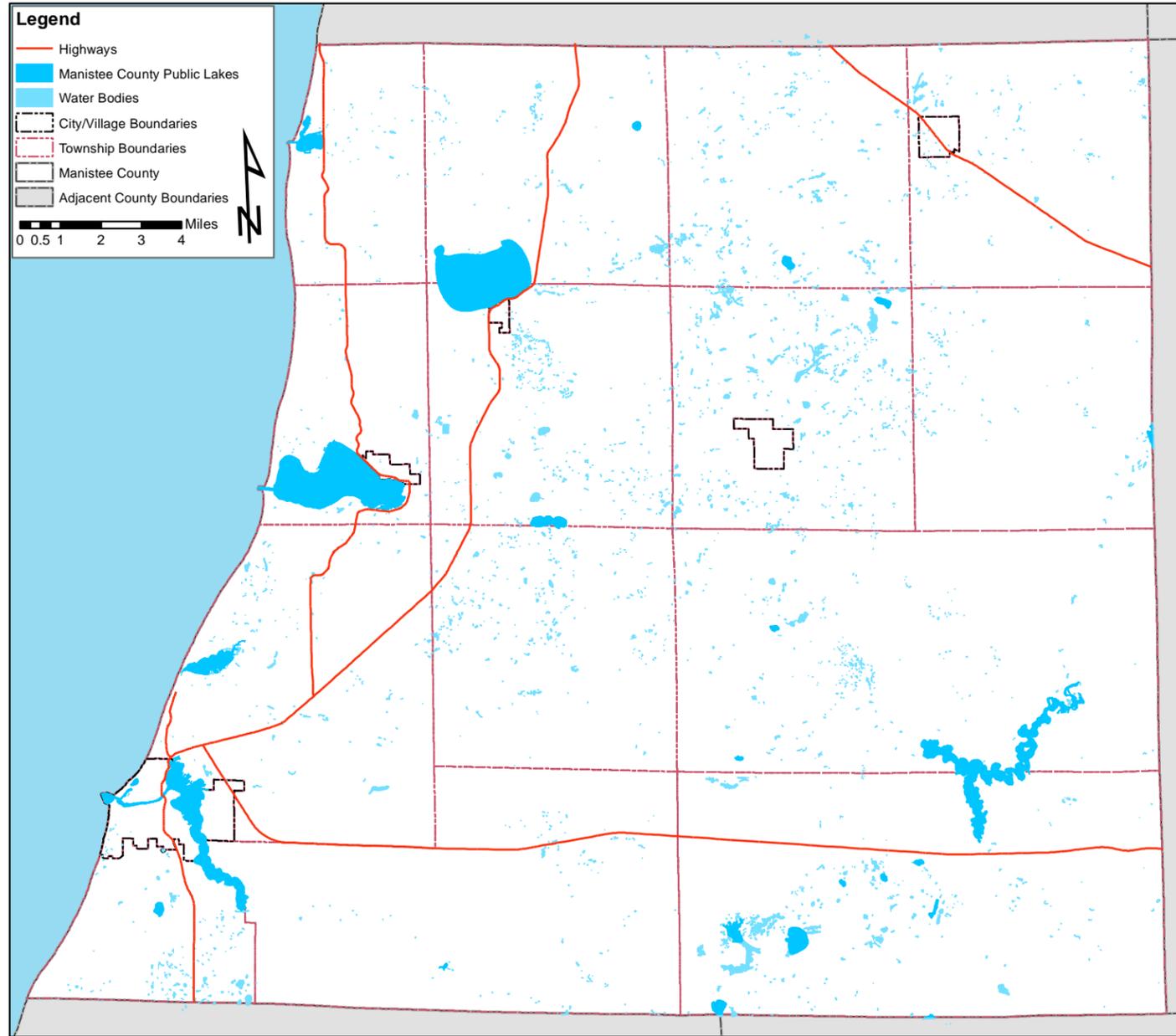
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Map B-2 - Rivers and Streams



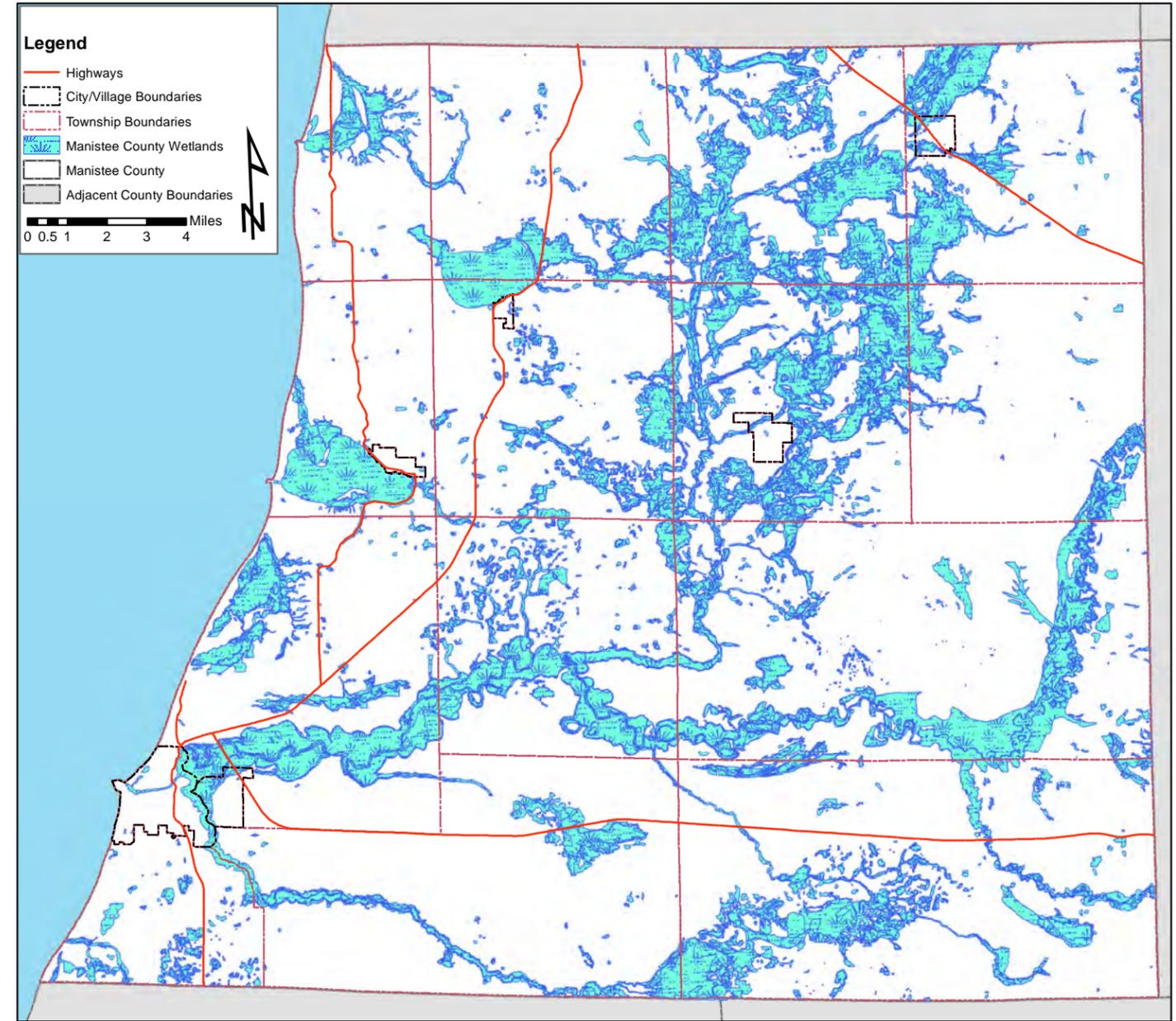
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Map B-3 - Water Bodies



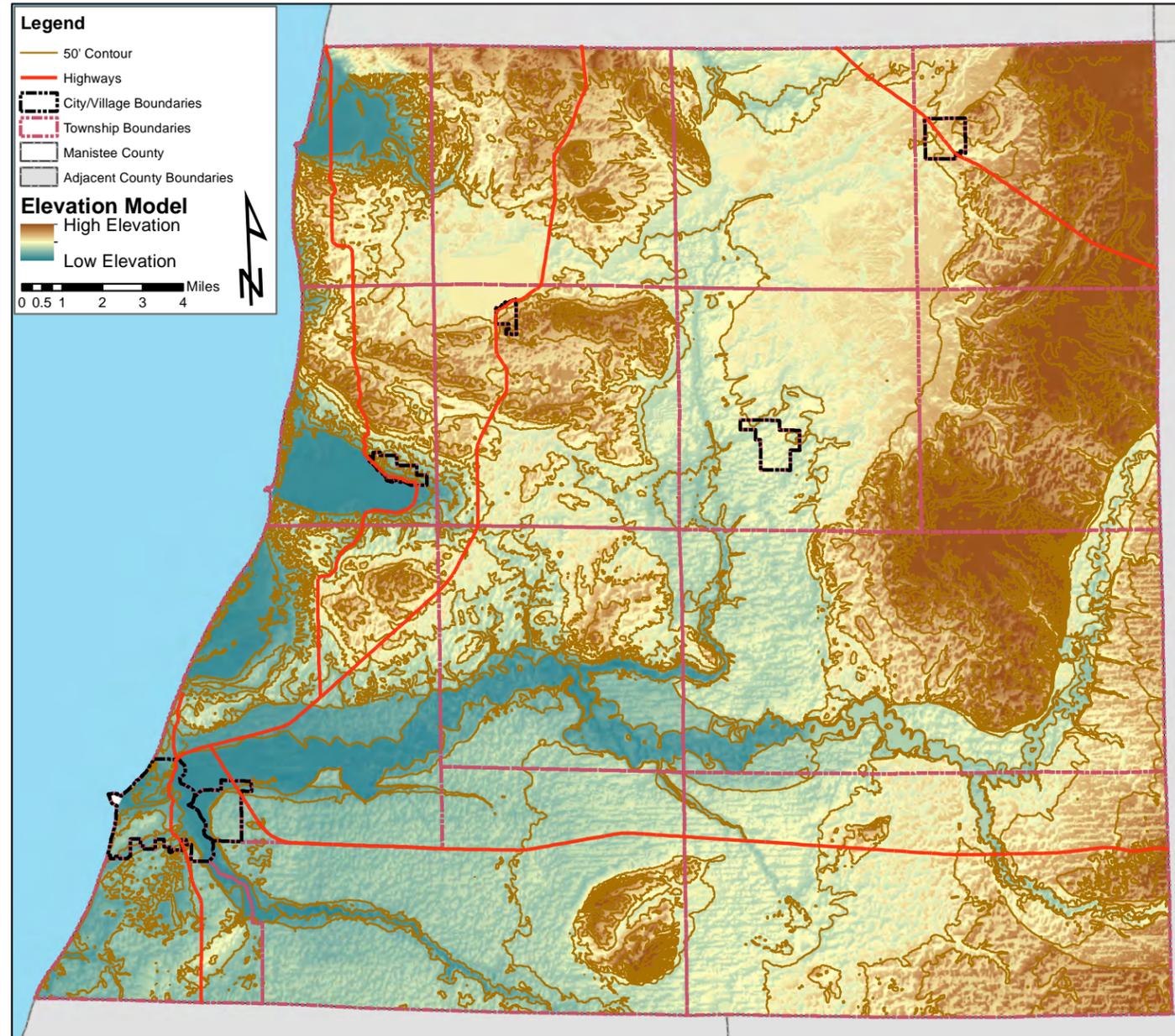
Appendix B - County-Wide Natural Resources

Map B-4 - Wetlands



Appendix B - County-Wide Natural Resources

Map B-5 - Topography



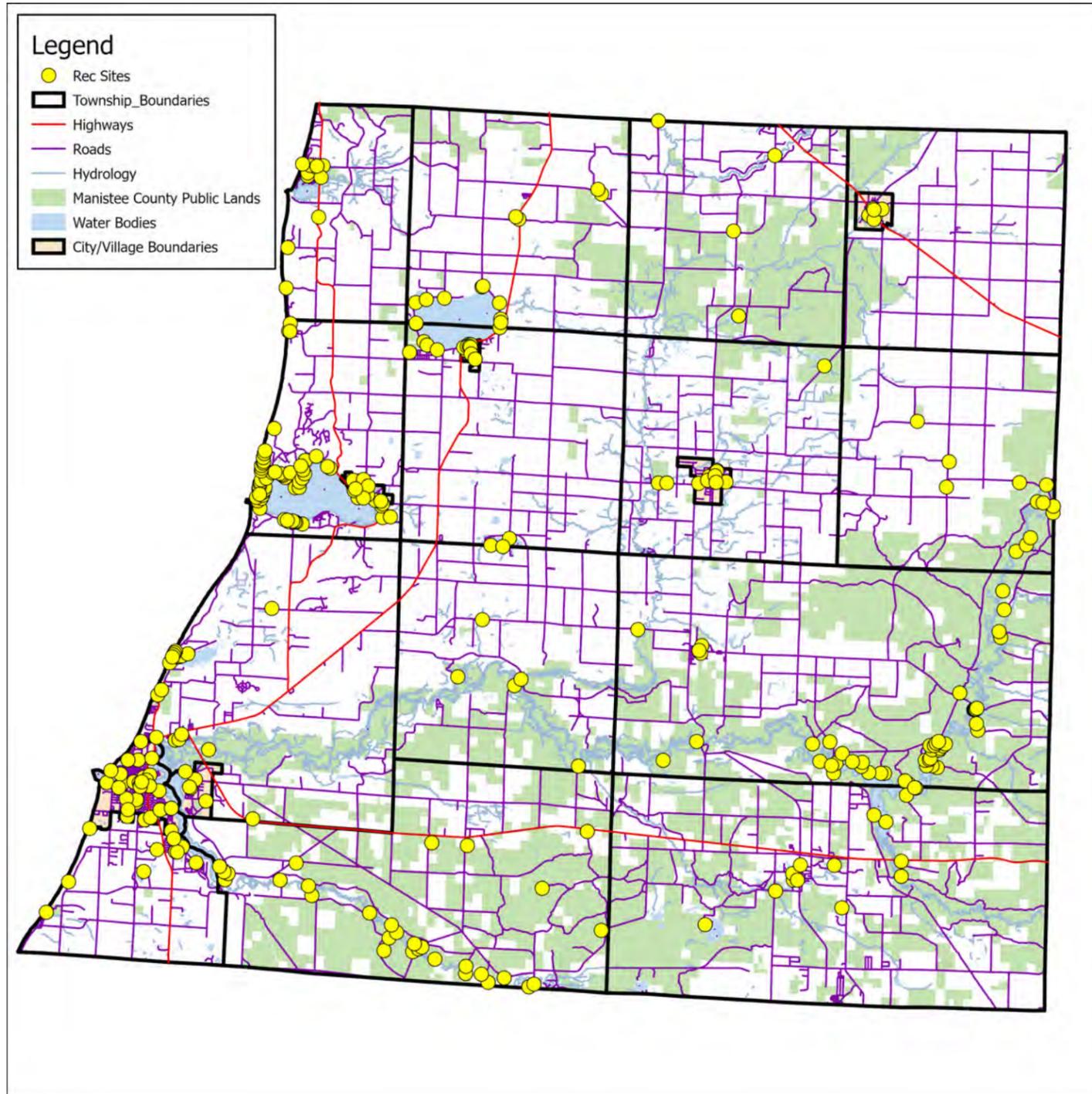
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Appendix C - Manistee County Recreation Sites

Map C-1 - Public Recreation Sites

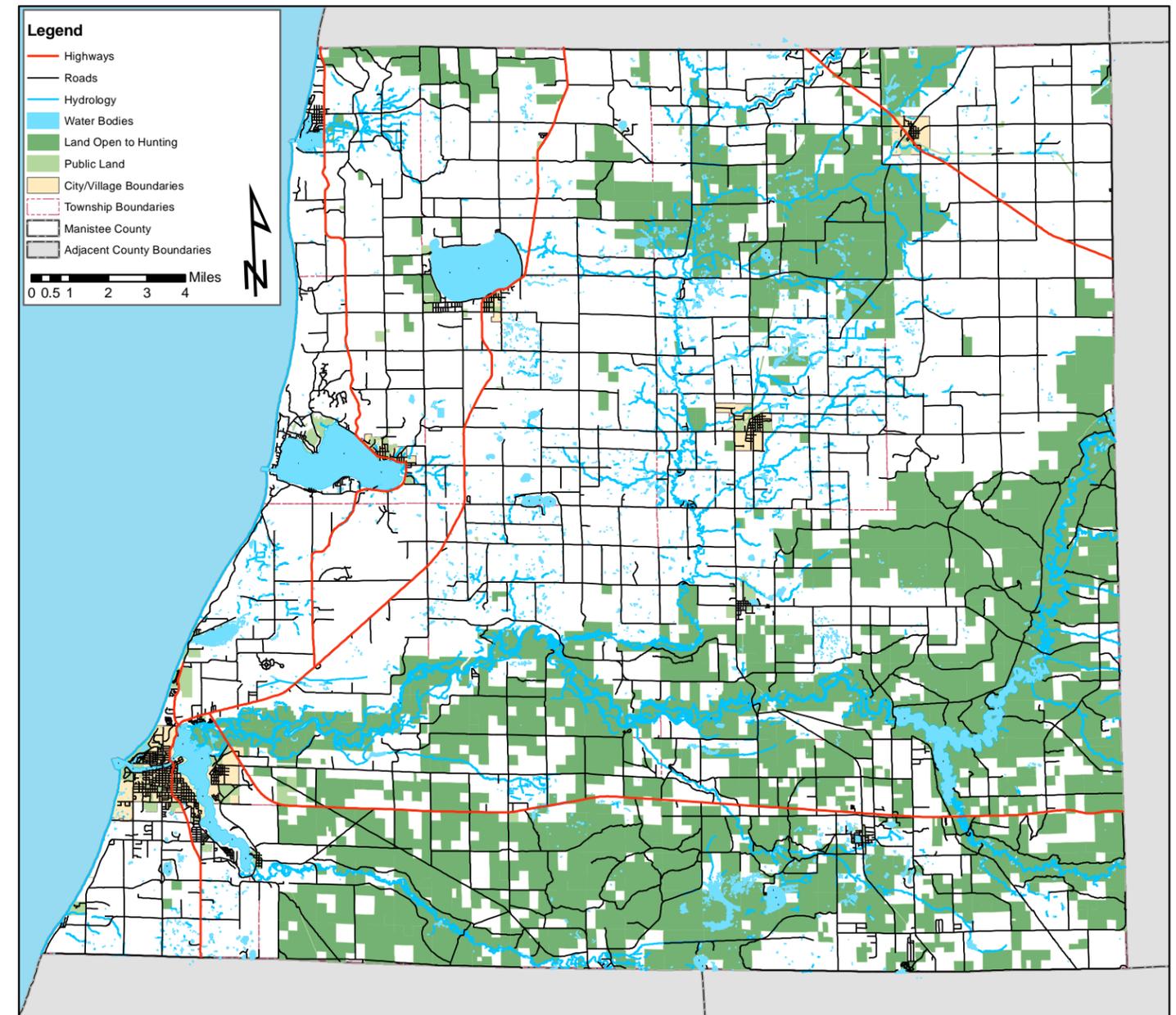
All public recreation sites within Manistee County are displayed on Map C-1.



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Map C-2 - Public Lands Open to Hunting

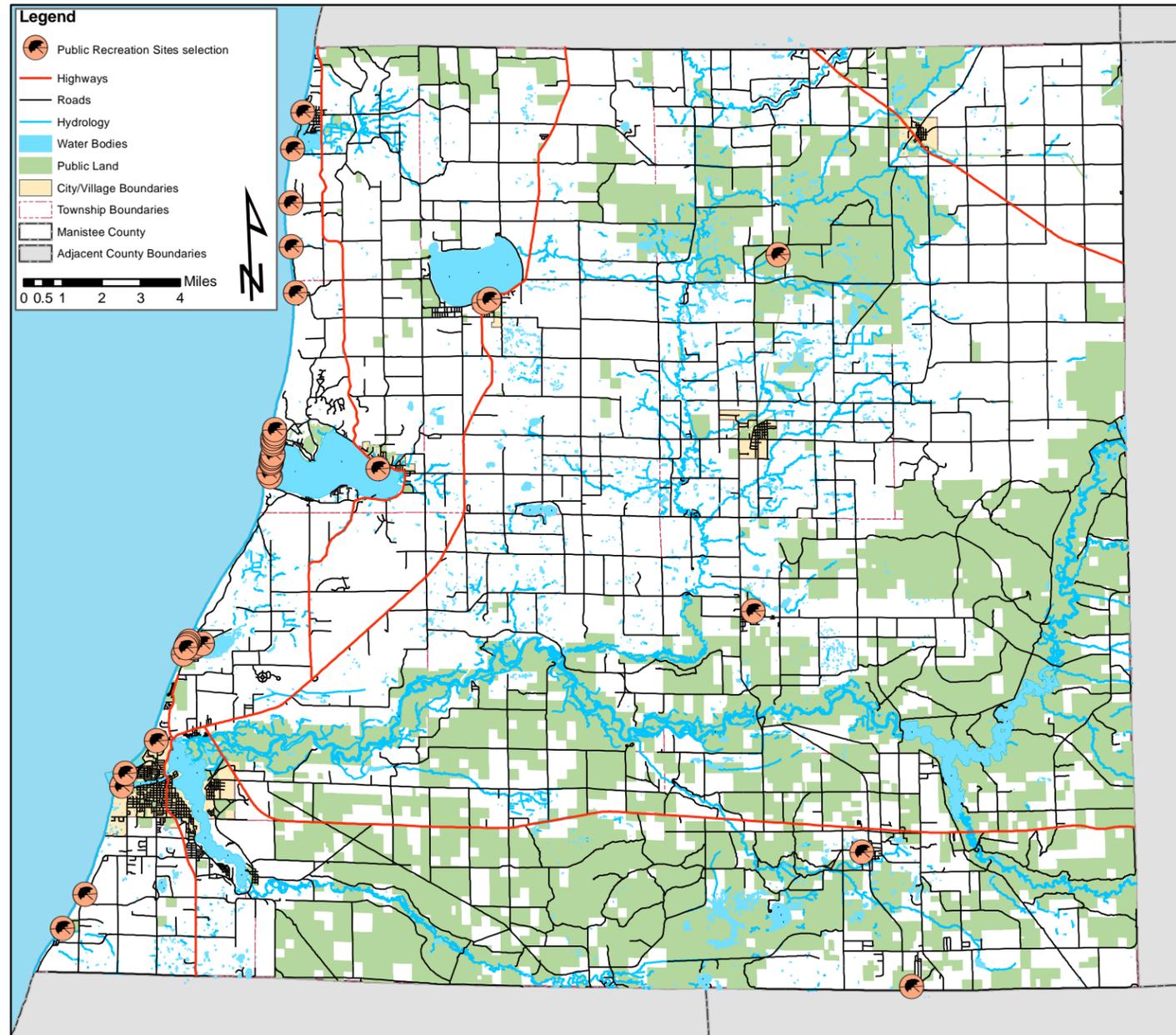
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Map C-3 - Public Beach Access Sites

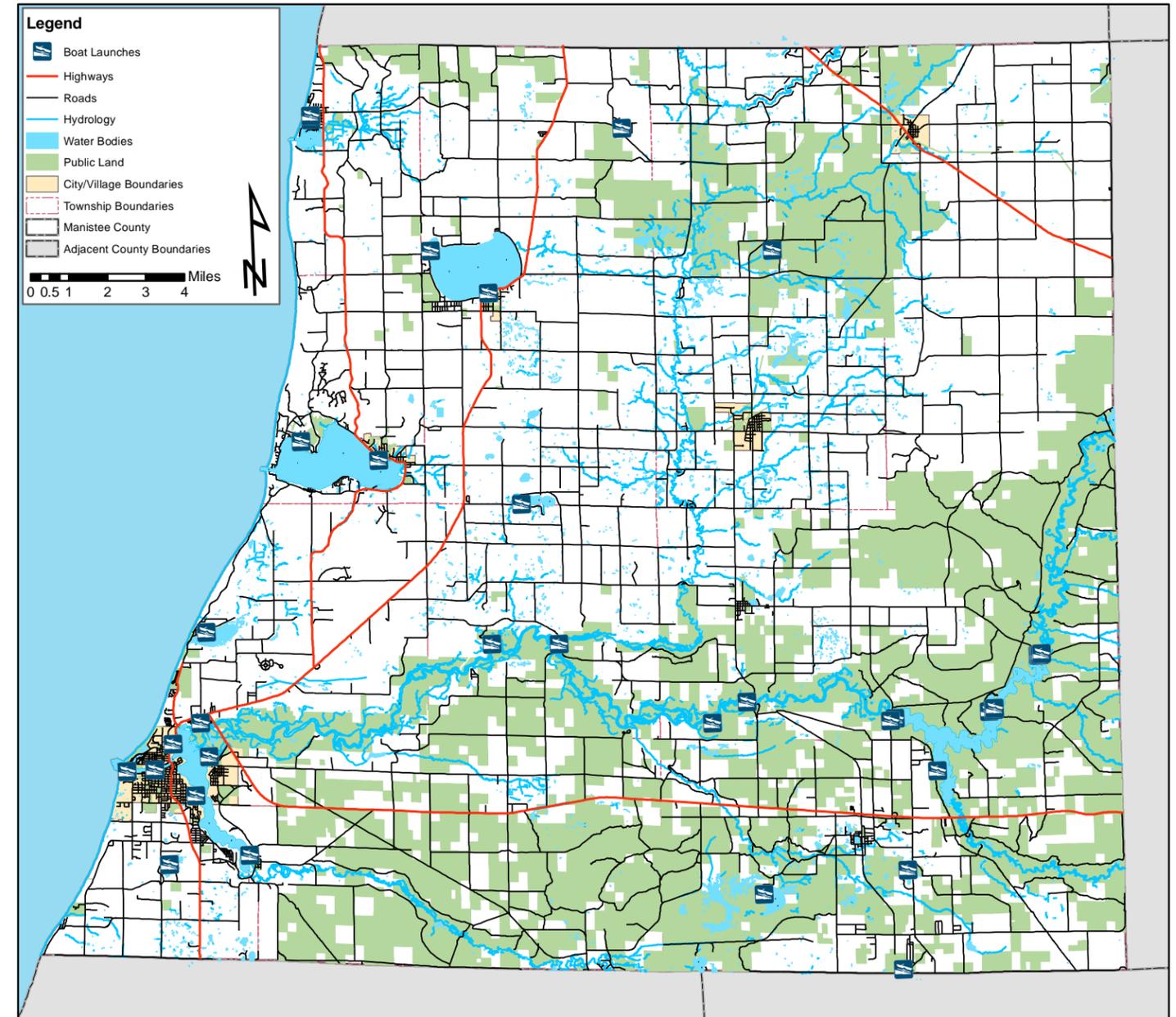
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Map C-4 - Public Boat Launch Sites

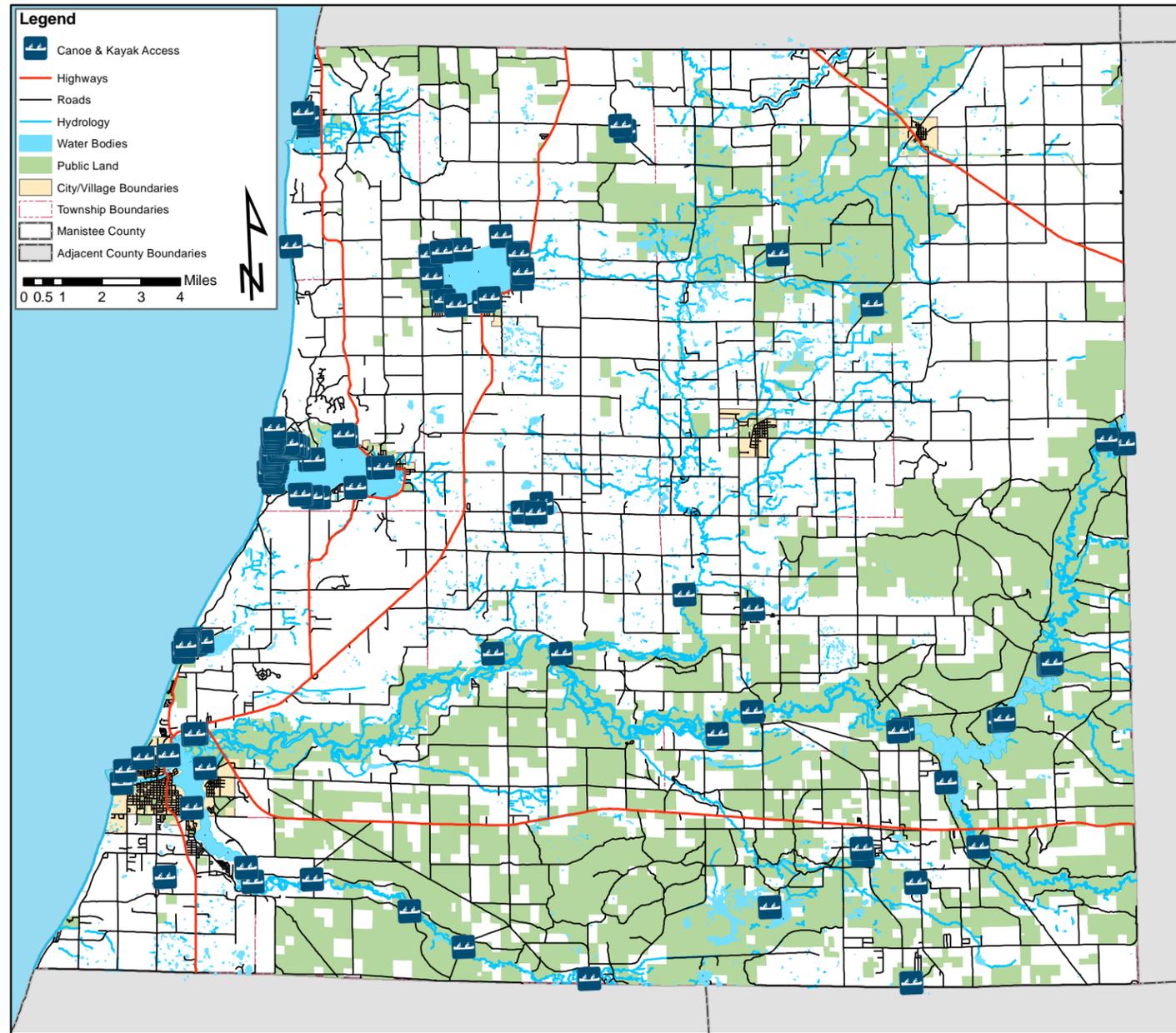
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Map C-5 - Public Canoe and Kayak Access Sites

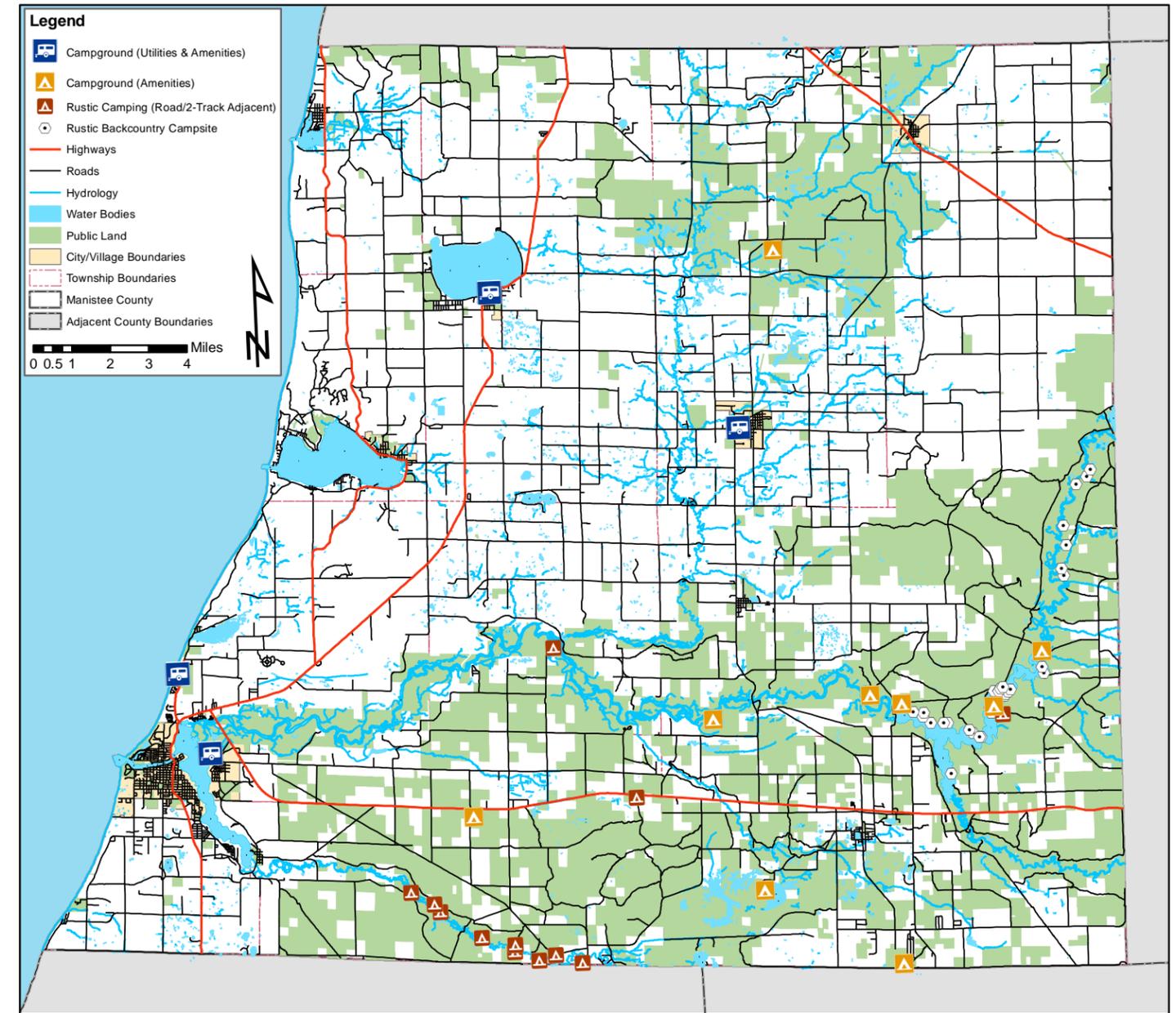
All public canoe and kayak access locations are displayed on Map C-5.



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Map C-6 - Public Campgrounds and Camping Sites

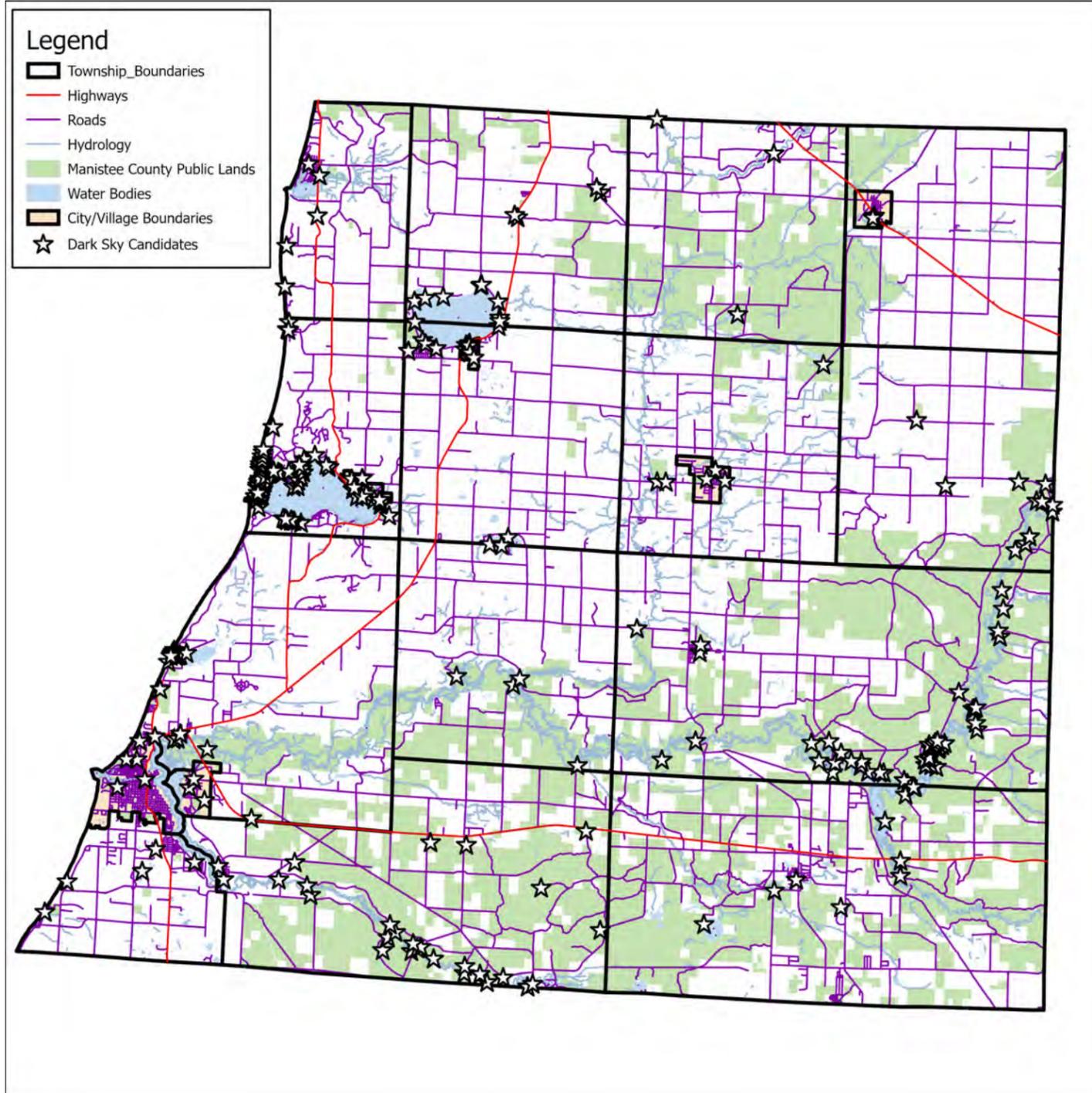
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Map C-7 - "Dark Sky" Candidate Locations

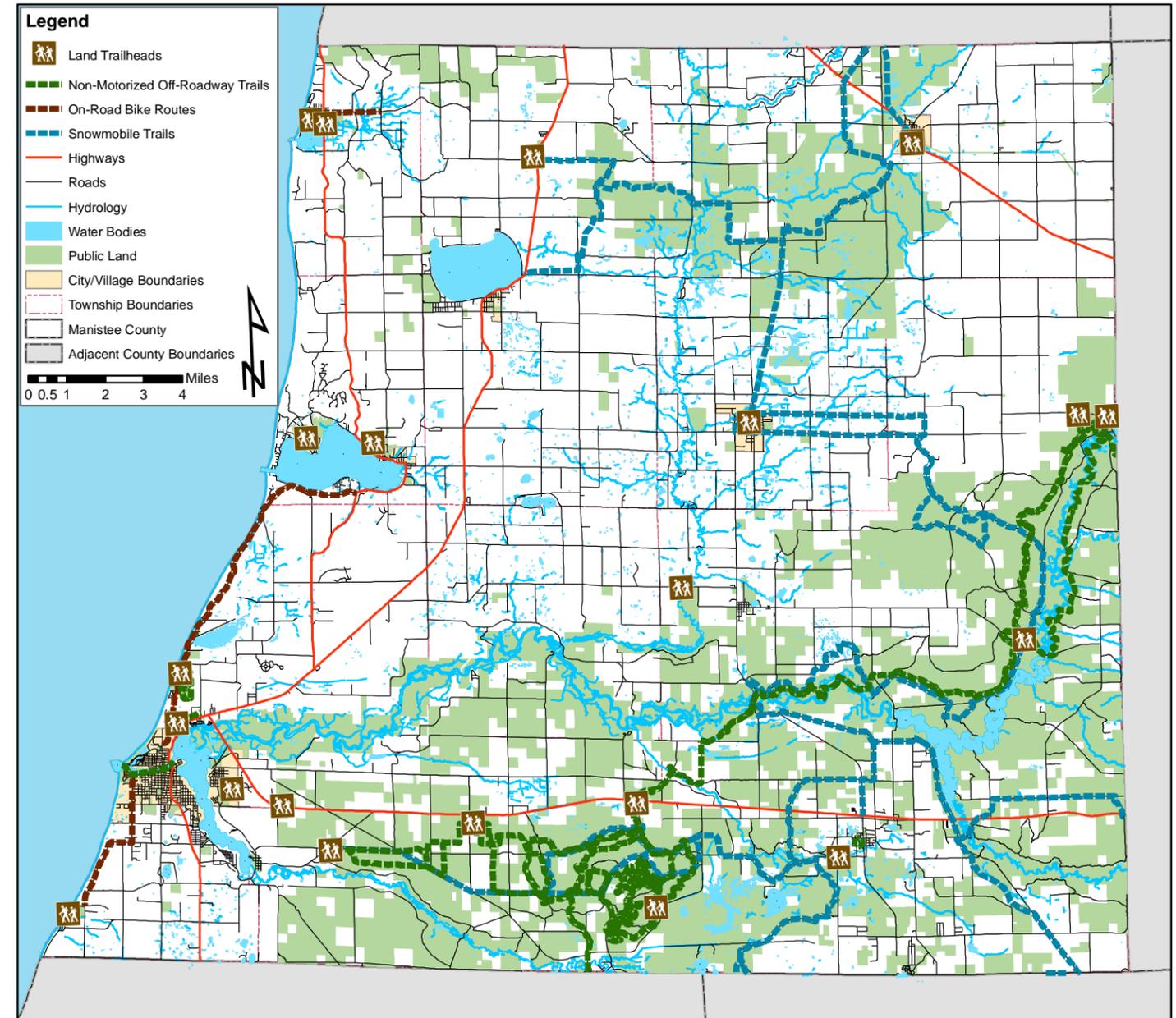
All recreation sites that don't have lighting on site are displayed on Map C-7. These sites should be further investigated after dark to identify if light pollution from neighboring areas impacts night sky viewing. Dark sky candidate locations should then be narrowed down to identify potential night sky viewing areas.



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Map C-8 - Land Trails and Trailheads

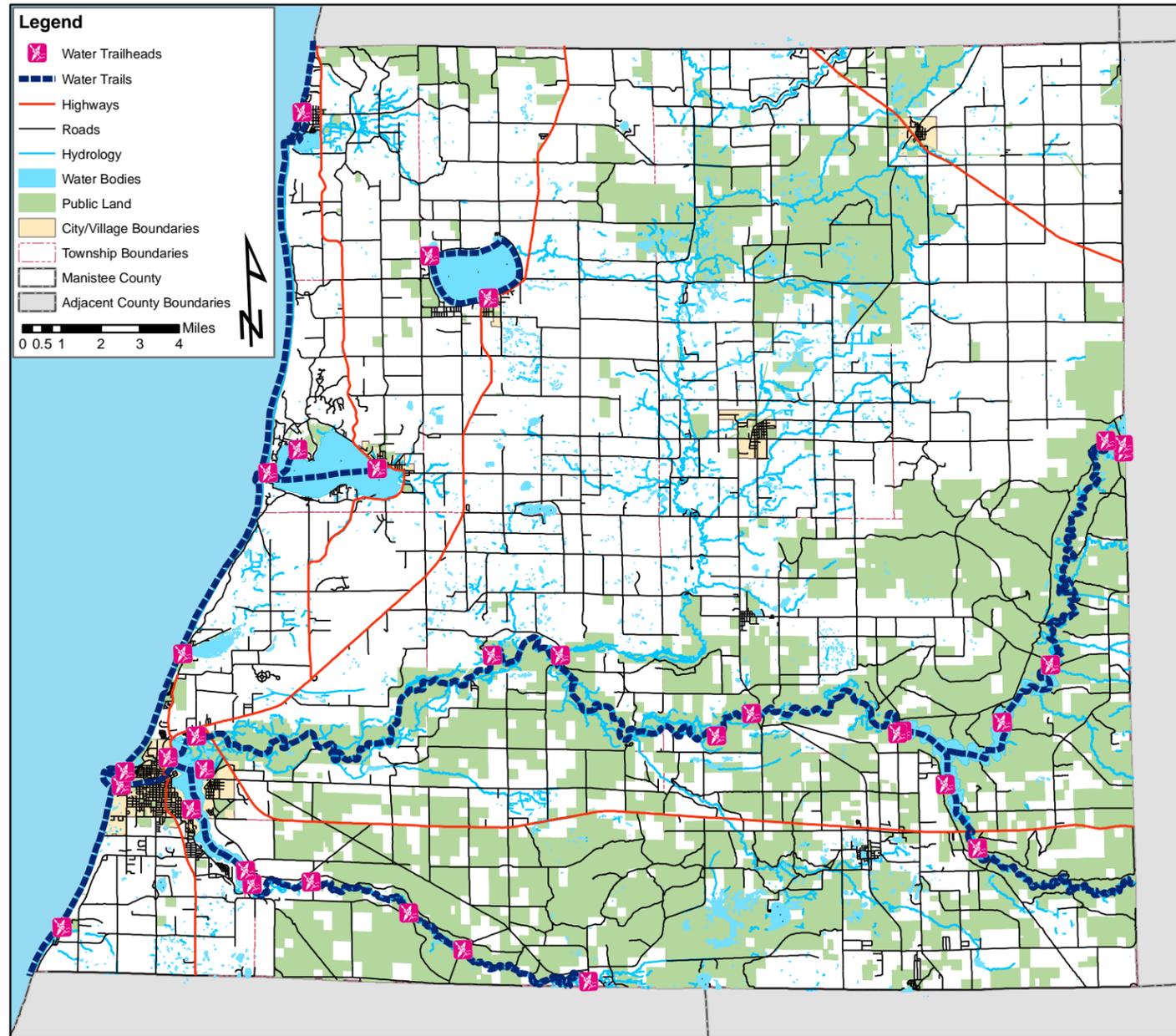
All land trails and trailheads are displayed on Map C-8. Further trail information can be found in Chapter 3.



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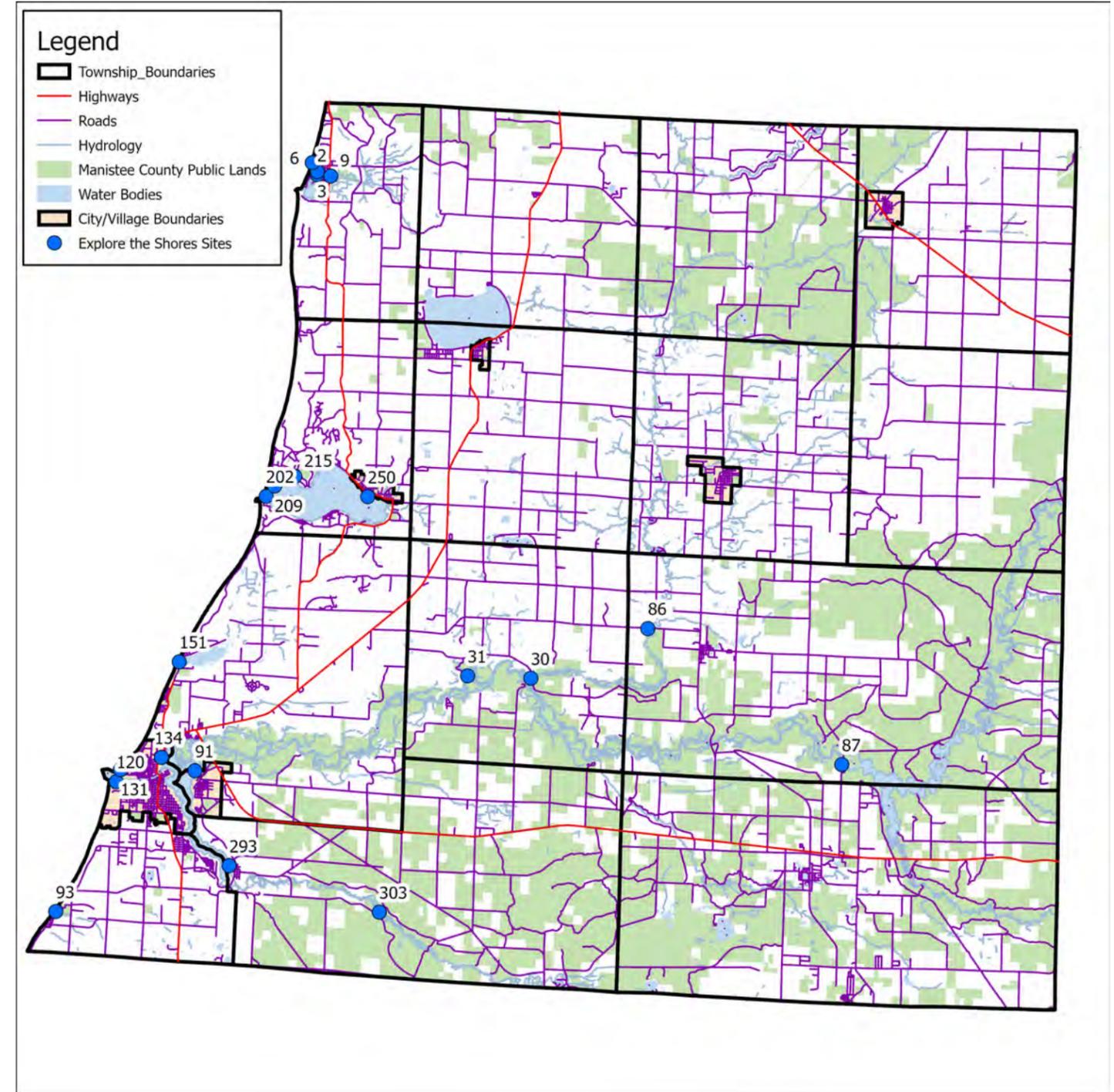
Map C-9 - Water Trails and Trailheads

All water trails and trailheads are displayed on Map C-9. Further trail information can be found in Chapter 3.



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Map C-10 - Explore the Shores Program Sites



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Appendix D - Trail Planning in Manistee County

History & Background

Trails and trail use have been activities associated with Manistee County for decades. From narrow paths to favorite water accesses and fishing holes to extended shoulder bike lanes and snowmobile trails, many types of trails exist throughout the County. Processes and initiatives of the past have developed some isolated trail parks in locations of the County, and have facilitated expansion of snowmobile routes that seek to connect our communities while spanning extensive sections of public forests. Support for trails and trail planning efforts extend back many years, and can easily be found in Master Plan documents from local units of government and the County over the past 30 to 40 years.

Initiated in 2014, a County-Wide approach to recreation planning outlined much of the same support and goals for trail development that had been found in previous plans. The difference with this specific endeavor was the community collaboration and consensus building of a singular plan with a more focused approach that spanned the entirety of the County. The completion of the planning process in 2016 provided sound public support for the development of trails and began a trajectory for a passionate group of residents to begin the necessary steps towards implementation of that shared vision.

The foundation for achieving success in trail planning and development began with the completion of necessary actions. These actions include:

- Completion of the 2016 County-Wide Recreation Plan with local and State approval;
- Establishment of broad brush stroke trail routes and trail hubs;
- Establishment of the Manistee County Recreation Commission;
- Establishment of the 501 c3 Friends of SMARTrails;
- Refinement of trail routes and prioritization of section implementation;
- Completion of individual stand-alone non-motorized and regional trail route planning documents;
- Communication with the State of Michigan on localized efforts and their support of those efforts;
- Revision of the Recreation Plan in 2021 for recertification and approval by the State; and
- Inclusion of individual regional trail and non-motorized plans within a single primary document appendix that presents a full comprehensive plan for recreation and trail development in Manistee County.

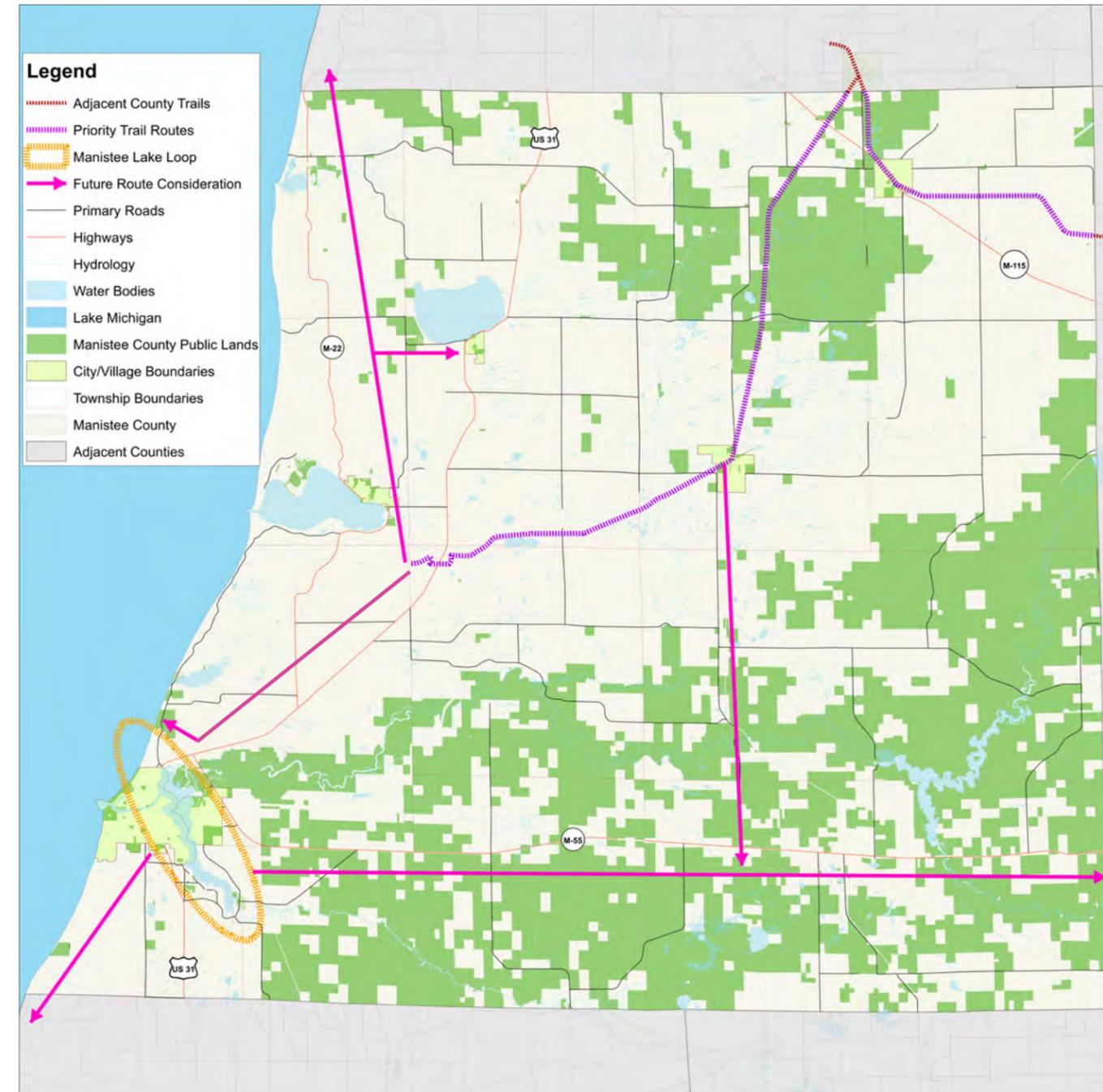


Methodology

Extremely comprehensive in nature, the existing efforts for trail planning shape the methodology of this appendix. Since 2016 a steering committee of Manistee County residents has led efforts for trail implementation guided by information and assistance provided by County Planning Department Staff. Initial trail planning as outlined in the 2016 County-Wide Recreation Plan was superficial in nature and directed the County towards more in-depth trail planning in several areas that included both trail types/uses as well as the appropriate structure and process for implementation efforts. This led to the establishment of the County Recreation Commission and the Friends of SMARTrails, focused attention on multi-use trail route delineation, outlined non-motorized transportation planning in the vicinity of Manistee Lake, continued to advocate for increased single-track back-country loops and connections within the vast public lands of Manistee County, and increasing knowledge of ORV users on established and available routes. Each of these tasks was touched upon in the time between 2016 and 2021.

Movement into the 2021 County-Wide Recreation Plan update process has outlined a need for the condensing of all information pertaining to recreation, particularly including and organizing the information and efforts within the last five years. This section will reinforce the lessons learned, current progress and identify necessary next steps.

Map D-1. Broad Brush Stroke Trail Connections



Note: The broad brush stroke map and related property ownership maps in Appendix E vary from Map D-1 for the Manistee Township portion. Manistee Township has elected to forego adopting Appendix E in order to verify trail sections within its boundaries.

Support Structure & Advocacy

Recreation Commission

The Manistee County Recreation Commission is a formal advisory body to the Manistee County Board of Commissioners. They are an appointed body of ten members that is established under the authority of the County and Regional Parks Act 261 of 1965. The body membership includes 6 at large seats which are appointed by the County Board upon submittal of an application, with 4 statutorily required seats to be filled by a member of the County Board, a representative of the Road Commission, a Planning Commission member and the Drain Commissioner. The Recreation Commission acts in the following capacities:

- The formal body that is charged with seeking and obtaining grant monies for implementation of projects;
- Provide coordination with other County entities and departments; and
- Recommendation of approval of Recreation Plans and efforts to the formal legislative body.

This governmental commission functions in the public realm, therefore meetings must be advertised and open to the public. The County Board of Commissioners establishes the budget of the Recreation Commission. A well-functioning Recreation Commission is supported with staff.

Friends of SMARTrails (501c3 non-profit):

The Friends of SMARTrails is a formally established non-profit that is charged with advocacy for trail development fundraising and maintenance. The organizational structure is led by a formal Board of Directors, with additional participation of members of the public as non-board member participants. The Friends group acts in multiple capacities:

- They keep a pulse on the community as they interact with neighbors and visitors supporting advocacy for trail development;
- They communicate with local governmental elected and appointed officials;
- They strategize and prioritize for implementation efforts, acting as advisors to the Recreation Commission;
- They hold and attend events to spread awareness of the benefits of trails to the community;

- They fundraise for grant matches and trail maintenance efforts; and
- They assist with maintenance efforts as able.

The Friends of SMARTrails is a non-public body and therefore is not held to the same requirements as the Recreation Commission. Agendas, minutes and meetings are not required to be open to the public, allowing the group to discuss more sensitive subjects of landowner concerns or funding of efforts outside of the public eye. There is sometimes a need for closed door discussions for sensitive subjects, but it is advised that this support organization act largely within view of the public with abundant transparency in order to establish and maintain trust of the residents of Manistee County.



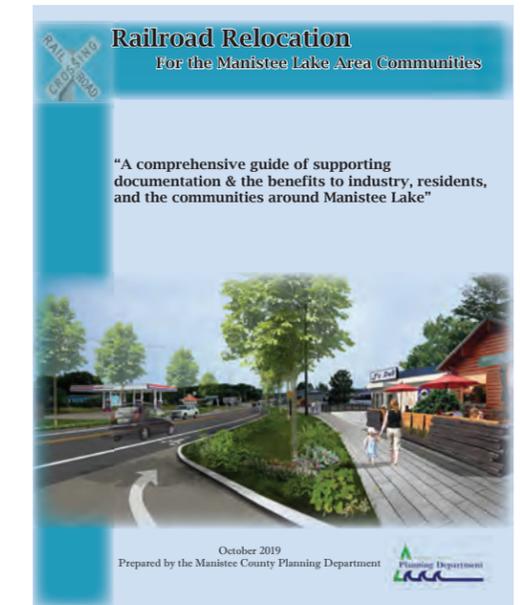
Trail & Non-Motorized Multi-Modal Opportunities

Localized Manistee Lake Area Communities Non-Motorized Improvements

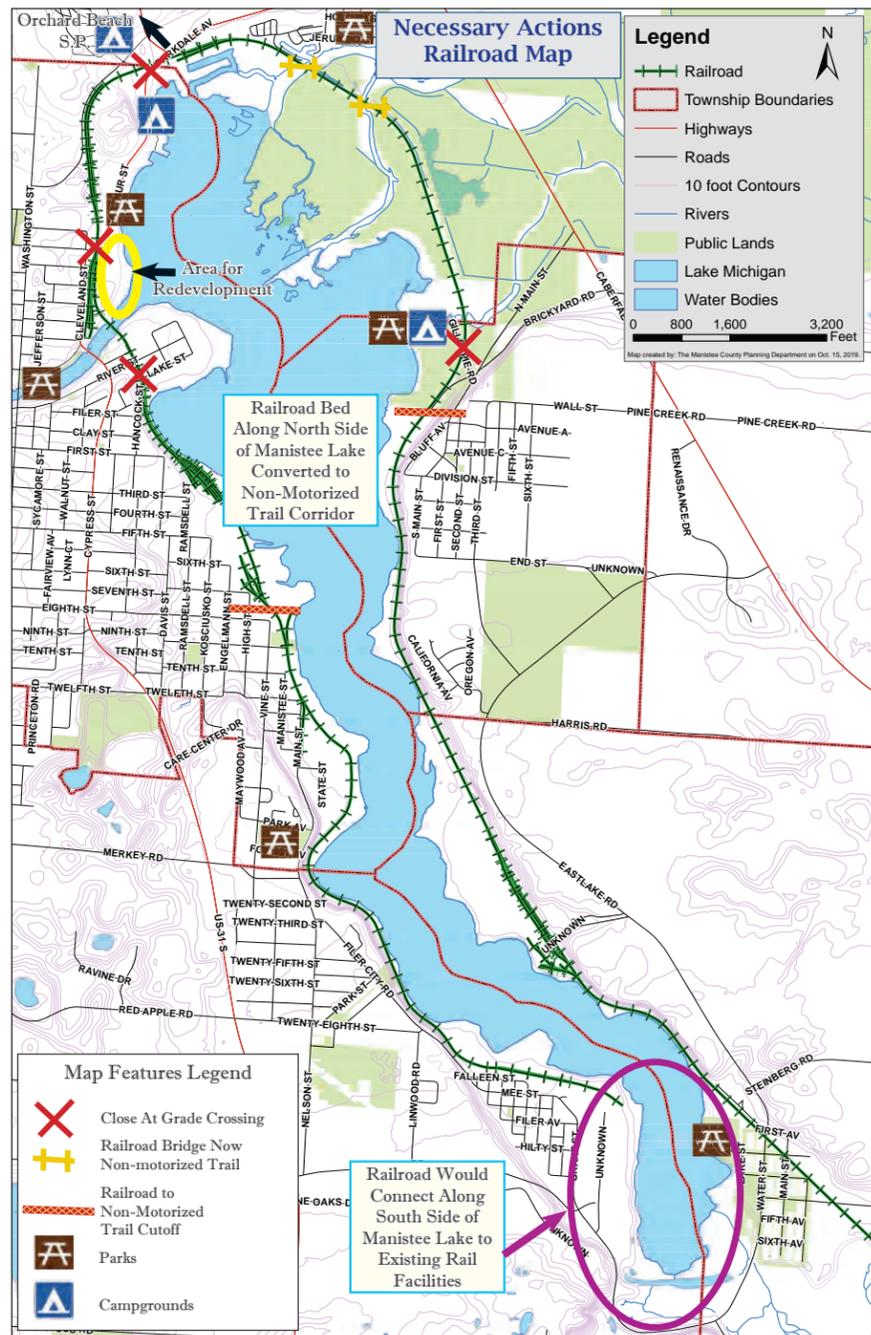
The Manistee Lake Area contains the largest population concentration within Manistee County within the jurisdictions of the City of Manistee, Manistee Township, Village of Eastlake, Stronach Township and the Charter Township of Filer. A planning effort undertaken with collaboration of these entities and area stakeholders in 2019, led to the development of the Manistee Lake Area Non-Motorized Trail Plan. This plan outlined localized improvements to non-motorized facilities and also included desired connections of the regional multi-use trail system to the area.

The efforts of the document were founded in strong public and stakeholder participation which led to the identification and desired location of the improvements. Improvements in part drew upon on-going recommendation for relocation of the railroad from a significant portion of the Manistee Lake shoreline, opening up an expansive linear corridor around the lake that could be converted to a non-motorized pathway that would connect to existing and future facilities. The recommendation for relocation of the railroad can be extensively reviewed in the Railroad Relocation Guide:

- Recommended improvements are numerous for this area and those that are most noteworthy are identified below:
- Relocation of railroad and conversion to non-motorized pathway
- Placement of a sidewalk along US 31 from the north side limits of the City of Manistee to the Manistee Blacker Airport
- Placement of a sidewalk along US 31 from the south side limits into Filer Township to Merkey Rd.
- Placement of numerous pedestrian crossings across US 31 with signage and refuge islands in Filer and Manistee Townships and the City of Manistee
- Expansion of sidewalks in areas of residential land uses in the City of Manistee, Filer Township and Manistee Township
- Connection of multi-use trails to the edge of the urban areas of these communities to facilitate snowmobile access during the winter and non-motorized access during warm months.



Map D-2. Necessary Actions Railroad Map



Each of the identified improvements is a recommendation for incorporation; thus each is considered a technical improvement that aligns with goals that are structured to “improve” non-motorized assets, features and overall functionality. For a complete visual guide to the recommended improvements please reference Map D-2

Regional Multi-Use Trail Development Routes & Connections

Establishment of off-road or separated trails for multi-use (snowmobile in winter, non-motorized during warm months) and providing regional connections continues to be a primary objective of the Friends of SMARTrails and the Recreation Commission. With many months spent planning and establishing the locations of routes throughout the County, first as broad-brush strokes and then refined to identify recommended placement on the land, the initial priority routes were established.

Priority Route Segments

There are three primary prioritized segments of multi-use regional trails that are in a position for implementation efforts at this time. They are:

1. The Betsie Valley Trail extension from Thompsonville, Southeast and East along the abandoned railroad corridor into Cleon Township and the Village of Copemish, exiting east into Wexford County towards Mesick.
2. The Betsie Valley Trail extension from Thompsonville, South along the abandoned railroad corridor into Springdale Township, continuing South into Maple Grove Township and the Village of Kaleva.
3. The extension of the priority trail route # 2 from Kaleva to the West and Southwest into Brown Township and Northern Manistee Township turning south towards Tribal areas of the Little River Band and terminating in Southern Manistee Township near the City of Manistee.

Priority segments 1 and 2 are under full public ownership with property records detailing that the abandoned railroad corridor is owned by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Priority segment 3 has a combination of public and private ownership along its course. Discussions with landowners have been ongoing thanks to the efforts of the Benzie-Manistee Snowbirds snowmobile organization, therefore the route is drafted as a fixed location. Each of these segments are presented in Appendix E with aerials, roadways, streams, wetlands, steep slopes and property owner information to assist with implementation efforts.

While implementation efforts are on-going for the preceding priority routes, it is recommended that Manistee County and the Local Units of Government begin work on determining routes that are currently only identified by a broad-brush stroke. Successful determination of the appropriate placement of a route is a process that needs to be conducted with full transparency. Local community leaders must work together coordinating meetings that seek the input of residents and property owners. Stakeholders included in this process should include local snowmobile and cycling clubs, Friends of SMARTrails, County Road Commission, MDOT when applicable along with other interested parties. The following routes have been identified as desired connections but have not made it past the broad-brush stroke stage. Feasibility of each route is largely dependent on landownership, natural features, community support and anticipated costs.

- There is strong community support for a lakeshore route that would connect the City of Manistee, Onekama Township and Arcadia Township continuing North towards Frankfort. Determining a route is particularly challenging as the lakeshore has very limited public land when compared to the interior portions of the County. One option is to work with road agencies for utilization of road right-of-way, with another option to work with utility easements that may allow for trail placement.
- In the southern portion of the County there is opportunity for a West to East route that would span Stronach and Norman Townships. This route is very feasible with abundant public land contained within the Manistee National Forest. Connections from Manistee to Wellston could be planned more easily with this public land in mind. The route could allow for connections towards the East into Wexford County.
- In the central Eastern portion of the County a route can be planned for a South to North connection that would provide linkages from Wellston North through Brethren and connecting to the segment of trail in Kaleva.
- Linkage to the Bear Lake area. It largely makes sense to connect Bear Lake along the lakeshore trail. There are a couple of options from creating a separate connector trail to routing the trail away from the lakeshore into Bear Lake. A third option is to create an entirely new trail segment that would connect the lakeshore trail to Bear Lake and continuing into the interior of the County towards Kaleva and Copemish.

The Manistee River Loop, a 20 mile loop trail that circumvents the Hodenpyl stretch of the Manistee River via the Manistee River Trail and a section of the North Country Trail, has become a huge draw to our area in the last 10 years. The primary use is for overnight backpacking treks along the loop, but also provides opportunity for shorter in and out day hikes. The loop has become a symbol of “Loving a natural area

death,” with the amount of use that it currently receives. A typical weekend will find all parking areas filled to capacity with Coates Highway containing overflow along the shoulders of the roadway. In recent years during mid-week the parking areas have continued to fill to capacity.

The extensive existing public use along with public input from work sessions and surveys has identified a strong desire for loop backpacking routes within the County. Existing recommendations from the 2016 plan identified a need to work with the United States Forest Service in support of implementation of these trail types. The existing plan called for exploration of backcountry trails that circumvented the Little Manistee River and Pine Rivers. These projects should continue to be supported, but it may be beneficial to work with the USFS in developing a backcountry trail forest use plan. Connection of the Little Manistee, Pine and Manistee River corridors with overland routes that connect Big M. and other areas of extensive forest in Manistee County would be a huge draw for users and would spread use out across the forest instead of the continued extensive use of the Red Bridge area.

The ORV community is a strong vocal supporter of trails and road use for various street legal and licensed ORV’s. Through surveys and public input from community events gathered during the summer of 2019, it is evident that a significant sector of the permanent and visiting population wishes to utilize ORV’s in Manistee County. Case studies have displayed a need for separation of trail users in regard to ORV and hiking/biking (source: <https://ghtrails.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Gandy-Dancer-study.pdf>).

Moving forward with implementation and trail planning efforts it would be good practice to work towards development of an informational pamphlet that contained routes available for ORV use and also promotes local businesses within the communities that are accessible by ORV. Local Units of Government in Manistee County have opened up the shoulders of certain local roads for ORV use, and the State of Michigan has opened up significant segments of forest roads within the Pere Marquette State Forest. A process of reviewing the feasibility of establishing some fixed routes that incorporate loops that connect communities and provide riders with opportunities to view the country-side and access sections of State Forest is highly recommended.

Planning efforts that lead to established routes for ORV use will remove the issue of necessity of allowing or establishing ORV use on trails being developed for hiking/biking and snowmobiling. There is abundant data established in GIS datasets with Manistee County that identifies roads in communities that are open to ORV use. Communication and planning with the Manistee County Convention and Visitor’s Bureau could lead to funding that can make these pamphlets and maps a reality.

Future Route Planning

Manistee County Trails Discussion

There is consensus for trail development within Manistee County and support for snowmobile trails as well as non-motorized trails (hiking, biking, equestrian, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing) development is evident. All future trail development should focus on these user groups, and consideration for collaboration for the development of multi-user trails is a priority. Examples of shared use for trails allowing snowmobiling as well as non-motorized use exist outside our County, and these best management practices should be reviewed for consideration for within Manistee County.

Trailheads:

Trailhead placement and proper development is of utmost importance to trail design and implementation. Consideration of parking, amenities such as restrooms, picnic tables or seating, potable water source, informational signage and bike racks and canoe/kayak cradles is very important dependent upon the trailhead use and location. Trailhead design should have some uniformity throughout the County so that a common theme is easily distinguishable. These types of themes are already present across the Manistee National Forest at USFS Recreation Sites. A theme can assist with identification and promotion of sites and allows people to know that they have arrived.

Way-finding:

Way-finding is an important consideration during trail implementation efforts. Through directional maps, signage and trail markers or blazes; trail use is planned, route choice is determined, and identification of location is known.. Thoroughly identified routes ensure that trail users can reasonably find there way from one destination to another, without wrong turns occurring at junctions, or wrong route selection. Similar to trailheads, way-finding signage should carry common themes which are specific to individual routes or trail types. Through unique characteristics one can more easily identify when they are utilizing a specific trail or trail type.

Land Trail Type Discussion:

There are many different trail types pertaining to the design, construction and makeup of the trail surface. Different uses require different widths, surfaces, grades and design. What follows are the most common constructed trail types recommended to be utilized within Manistee County for various trail routes and segments.

Single Track Natural Surface Trail:

Single track natural surface trails are most often utilized for hiking, backpacking and biking during the summer months and snowshoeing during the winter months. Single tracks are designed for the width of a single person or biker so the tight confines of the space limit snowmobile use and become congested quicker in areas of high use.

Natural Surface Trail 4'-8':

4'-8' natural surface trails are often utilized in areas for cross-country skiing and snowmobile use during the winter (allowance for grooming equipment) and unimproved non-motorized uses such as hiking and biking which facilities easier travel compared to single track trails in many cases This also affords room for multiple users to hike or ride side by side as well as for allowance for easier passage in opposing directions.

Hard Packed Surface Trail 8'-12':

8'-12' hard packed trails are designed and constructed to provide ease of travel for the user and to allow for both snowmobile use as well as non-motorized uses during the summer months. Hard packed often refers to crushed limestone, but can also consist of road gravel, crushed concrete or other suitable packable stable material. These trails are often constructed along trail segments further away from population centers and popular recreation sites, where paved trails should be utilized to facilitate universal accessibility. The cost of hard-packed vs. paved trails should be explored for more remote trail segments, as maintenance for hard packed may be significantly less than costs of resurfacing paved trails.

Paved Trail 8'-12':

8'-12' paved trails are utilized for non-motorized use as well as being available to snowmobile use. Often constructed in high use routes, populated areas and adjacent to popular recreation sites, these trails provide for universal accessibility as they provide a very stable platform for transportation.

Extended Road Shoulder 1-4':

Extended road shoulders are often added to roads to facilitate on-road bicycle use. For experienced riders extended road shoulders are easily and comfortably utilized, but they are seen as less desirable by less experienced riders as well as young riders and families. Road shoulders should continue to be pursued for designated on-road

bike routes, although more support for establishment of off-road facilities is evident through public input gathered in Manistee County.

Land Trail maintenance:

Maintenance of trail systems is an important consideration during trail implementation. Agencies tasked with management and upkeep of public lands often lack budget funding for the addition of miles of land trails, and can be cautious of adding additional trail miles to public lands. This caution is warranted and discussions early on in a process concerning maintenance and how it will be paid for with monetary funds and/or volunteer hours can ease the implementation and construction of trail segments.

- Trail maintenance tasks include:
- Clearing debris and garbage
- Maintaining pavement
- Grading of hard surfaces
- Mowing of vegetation
- Grooming of snow

Developing a Framework for Implementation:

As the need, desire, and support is established by this recreation plan to develop multi-use trails, work needs to commence to plan a well designed trail system. By doing so, trail planners have continuously found that good advance planning will result in decreased long term maintenance costs, thoughtful connections and preservation of natural and cultural resources; as well as having a more meaningful economic development impact on the local economy. Meeting the recreational and destination needs, as promoting a healthy lifestyle, of residents is very important. Using the trail system to help promote our communities in order to increase prosperity is also a very important factor. Ultimately, communities will work together to plan and implement the trail plan in a collaborative manner unlike previously seen in Manistee County.

Implementation Framework:

Utilizing the information collected within this plan and synthesized within this chapter, leadership members for trail implementation have a tool box with which to move forward. Moving forward requires utilizing these tools and the framework for future

steps for regional trail planning which are broken into the three categories of: visioning, collaboration, implementation.

Visioning:

Identifying and analyzing:

- More refined locations of the trail corridors
- Potential funding sources
- Trail layout, design, and trail use
- Landowner/ stakeholder identification and outreach

Collaboration:

Identifying stakeholders to collaborate and partner with and seeking to:

- Understand different user groups, their interests and concerns
- Reconcile different goals and needs.
- Obtain ideas for design, locations, and types of uses for the trails

Implementation:

Building the trail planned for will require the following issues/goals accomplished:

- Purchasing of land, receiving donations, or obtaining easements for trail segments.
- Liability issues resolved.
- Accessibility, including being compliant with the American Disability Act, issues highlighted and resolved.
- A trail maintenance and operations policy which includes seeking and cementing a strong trail volunteer group who will assist in day to day operations of caring for the trail system.
- Jurisdictional issues will need to be resolved.
- A general management structure in place for various tail segments.
- The development of a way-finding system.
- Ensuring that the Visitor's Bureau and other methods of promoting the County are involved and have all the most update information available.

Identified Loops Non-motorized Loops

Non-motorized loop trail systems are desired of residents and visitors. Loop trails are desired as they provide for continuous travel along a linear trail providing unique views along the entire route while returning to the initial starting point. Public input as well as the local knowledge of leadership team members identified two locations for desired loop trail implementation.

Manistee Lake Trail Loop:

The Manistee Lake Trail is suggested as a non-motorized trail route which would encompass the entirety of Manistee Lake, linking all communities which surround the Lake. Discussions concerning the establishment of a loop trail around Manistee Lake need to include all municipalities which surround the lake, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, the railroad company, all industries along the lake, the DNR, as well as local residents. (See Map D-3)

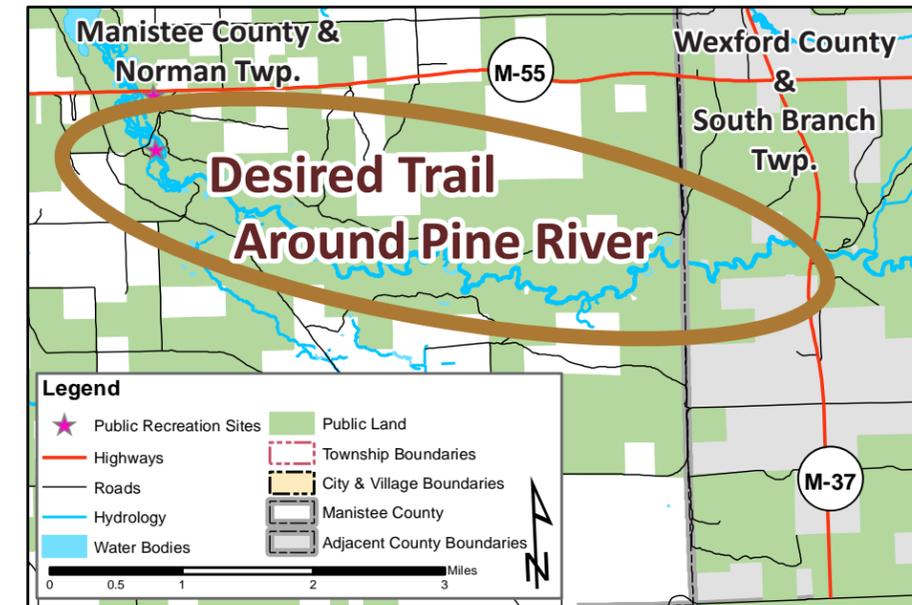
Map D-3. Manistee Lake Loop



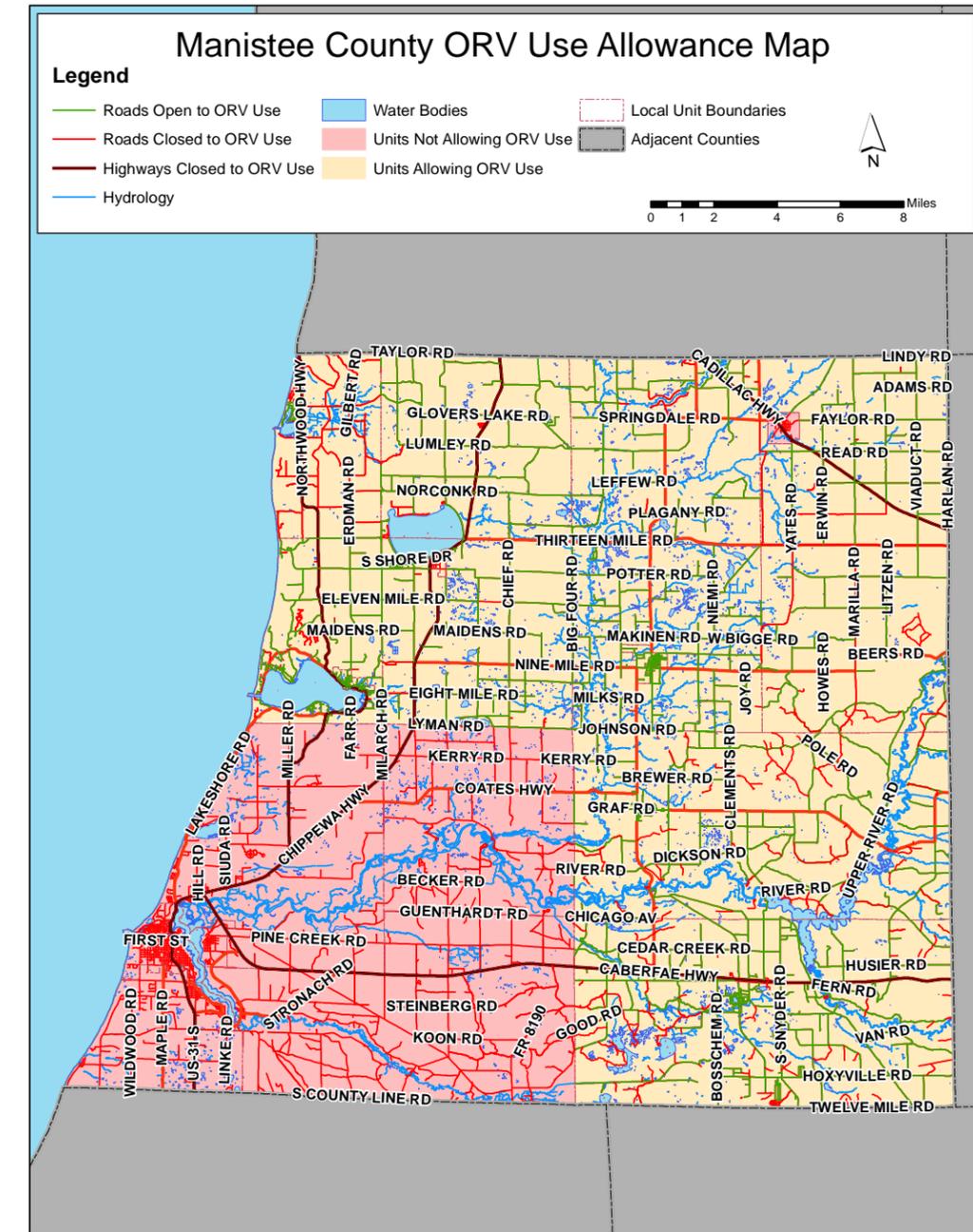
Pine River Trail:

With the popularity of the Manistee River Trail-NCT Trail loop with hikers and particularly overnight backpacking enthusiasts, it is suggested that a natural surface single track loop trail along the Pine River Corridor in Manistee and Wexford Counties be explored. This beautiful river valley landscape which is contained within the Pine River Corridor, has special regulations for use and any trail implementation efforts must first approach the USFS to initiate conversation. Full collaboration with the USFS is required as the vast majority of land within the corridor is contained within the Manistee National Forest. Collaboration between Manistee and Wexford Counties as well as Norman and South Branch Townships is advised as the trail would likely fall within these municipalities. (See Map D-4)

Map D-4. Pine River Loop



Map D-5. ORV Map



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Appendix E - Regional Priority Trail Route

Appendix Note: During the planning process, Manistee Township identified a need to revisit the portion of Priority Route 3 that passes through its jurisdictional boundaries. For this reason, maps and other information relating to Manistee Township in this appendix have been redacted.

Trail planning is a complex endeavor, due to the multiple inputs that must be considered through the process to hopefully lead to successful implementation. Consideration of route connections (population areas & communities, centers of commerce, recreation and historic sites, feasibility of routes due to topography and natural features as well as the existence of historic or accepted paths) all lend themselves and should be considered during planning and implementation. Consideration of each of these inputs during a planning process will save time and expense and generally lead to a more successful implementation strategy for the project(s).

Past planning efforts in the form of the Manistee County-Wide Recreation Plan 2016, the US 31 Corridor Plan 2017, and various other local unit Master Plans, have identified and set public support for trails. Thorough work by the Manistee County Multi-Use Trail Committee and its successor's the Manistee County Recreation Commission and the Friends of SMARTrails continued that valuable work in seeking to identify priorities and those opportunities which present themselves as "low hanging", or most feasible for immediate implementation.

This document seeks to present the trail route priorities and future priority route objectives that have been in discussion and process over the last several years. It is important to note that the feasibility of routes included discussion with State Agencies such as the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Transportation, and was led in a large part by local groups such as the Benzie -Manistee Snowbirds, whom have worked tirelessly towards creating interconnected multi-use trails that would expand towards the lake-shore in Manistee County.

Priority Trail Routes

The map to the right (See Map 1) displays delineated priority routes and future route objectives. Priority routes are displayed as the hashed purple line that extends from the existing "Betsie Valley Trail" in Thompsonville in Southern Benzie County into Manistee County. The trail extends from the single route in Benzie County to two routes in Manistee County.

One branch of the trail leads East through the Village of Copemish and Cleon Township and into Wexford County. This trail is envisioned to connect Mesick to Yuma to Cadillac, connecting to the White Pine Trail. Allowing for connection of the White Pine Trail to the Betsie Valley Trail.

The Second branch leads South out of Thompsonville and connects to the Village of Kaleva, then turns West passing through Chief, running just south of Onekama and ultimately passing through Tribal Lands of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians before ultimately connecting to the City of Manistee. This routes is also envisioned to have a spur linking the trail to Orchard Beach State Park.

Each of these routes earned their priority designation through the connections they facilitated to existing trail systems, communities, large swaths of the trail corridors being under public ownership and the solid railroad bed that is existing from the former, now-removed, railroad line. These priority routes are seen as the most feasible for immediate implementation, due to the characteristics noted previously, but also due to landowner conversations that have and are occurring in regard to trail placement.



Map 1

Delineated Priority Routes Ownership

Future Route Objectives

There has been directive from all areas of the County to explore numerous routes and trail corridors within Manistee County. Utilizing the information displayed on Map 1, future route objectives include a loop trail around Manistee Lake, a Lake-shore Trail Route which extends North through Onekama with a spur to Bear Lake and continuing on North through Arcadia eventually linking with the Crystal Lake area and Frankfort, a connection South out of Manistee towards Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness and Ludington State Park, a route heading due East (parallel to M-55) from Manistee Lake through Stronach and Norman Townships and onto the Southern portion of Wexford County and the Caberfae Trail system and a route that provides a connection between Kaleva and the M-55 parallel route.

These future route objectives are on the radar and have vocal support from the community and user groups, but much work must be accomplished through the Manistee County Multi-Use Regional Trail Plan (expected draft late fall 2020), to identify the exact placement of the routes through local public input.

Delineated Priority Routes Ownership

The priority routes delineated on Map 2, outline the existing historic railroad corridor and the outlay of ownership along the corridor. One can see that large portions of the rail corridor are currently under public ownership (which includes sections under ownership of the Benzie-Manistee Snowbirds), with other sections of the corridor owned by private citizens, the Manistee County Road Commission, a Railroad Company and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. The table below outlays the ownership length in feet and miles for the priority corridors.

Ownership	Length (feet)	Length (miles)
Public	109692	20.8
Private	49391	9.4
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians	15286	2.9
Manistee Co. Road Commission	11020	2.1
Railroad Company	17754	3.4

Priority Route Ownership

The priority routes and route sections displayed over the following pages include the characteristics of the proposed trail corridors, including infrastructure, ownership, public lands, steep slopes, community boundaries and hydrology, overlaid over an aerial.

Routes 1 & 2, displayed on maps 3-5 are located primarily on publicly owned land.

Route 3, displayed on maps 6-7 is located primarily on land owned by private citizens or the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Route 3 is broken down further into landowner maps to assist with facilitation of landowner discussions for future placement of a trail.

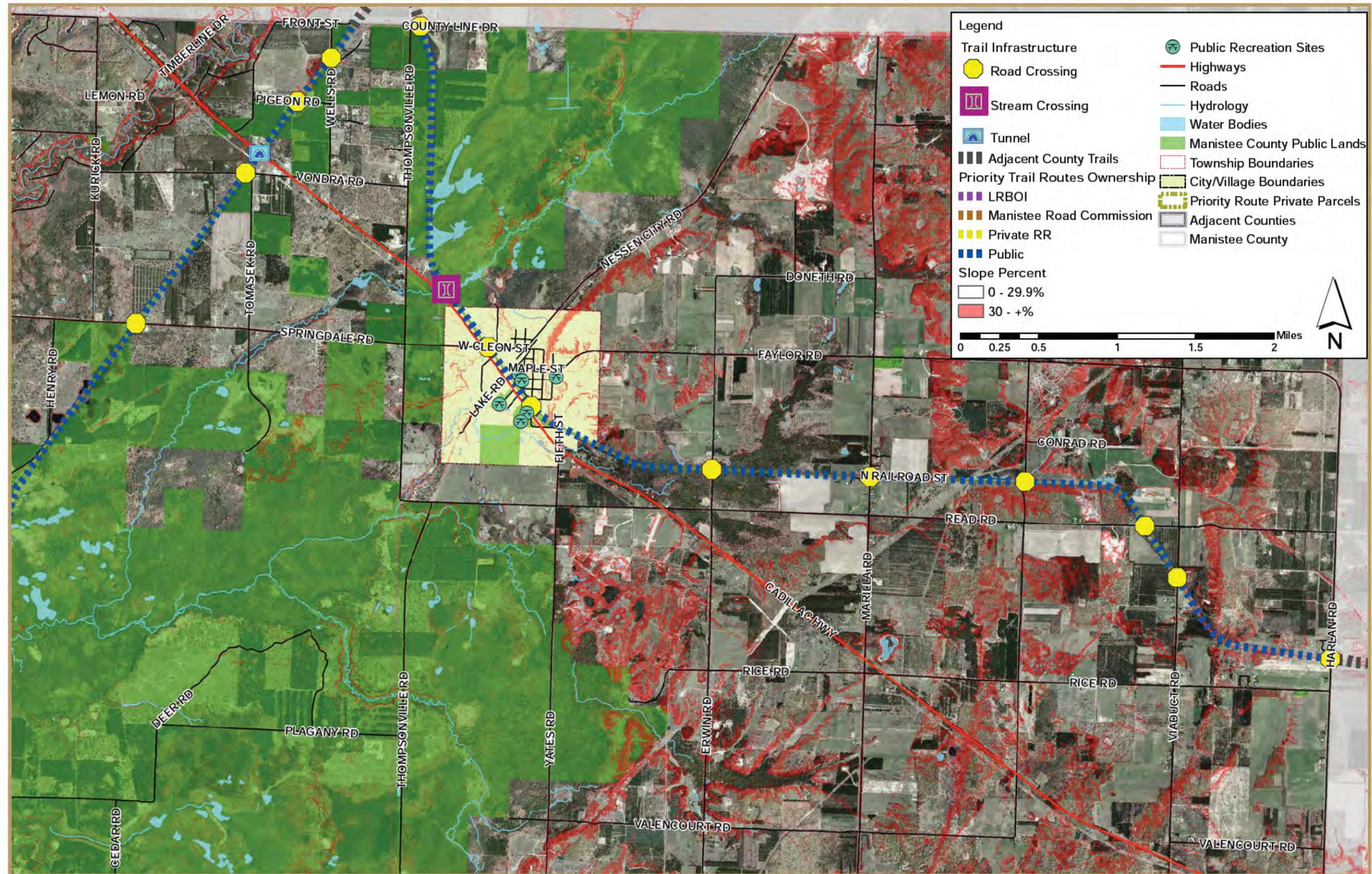
Priority Trail Route 1 (Thompsonville to Wexford County)

Route 1 Narrative

This priority trail route extends the Betsie Valley Trail from its terminus in Thompsonville, MI into Manistee County. The trail enters Cleon Township from the North and turns Easterly through the Village of Copemish (see Map 3). It then continues East towards Wexford County and the Village Mesick. This route is critical to extending the connection with the White Pine Trail. A connection to the White Pine will link our County with many communities in the central part of State from the Tip of the Mitt to Grand Rapids. This route is under public ownership.

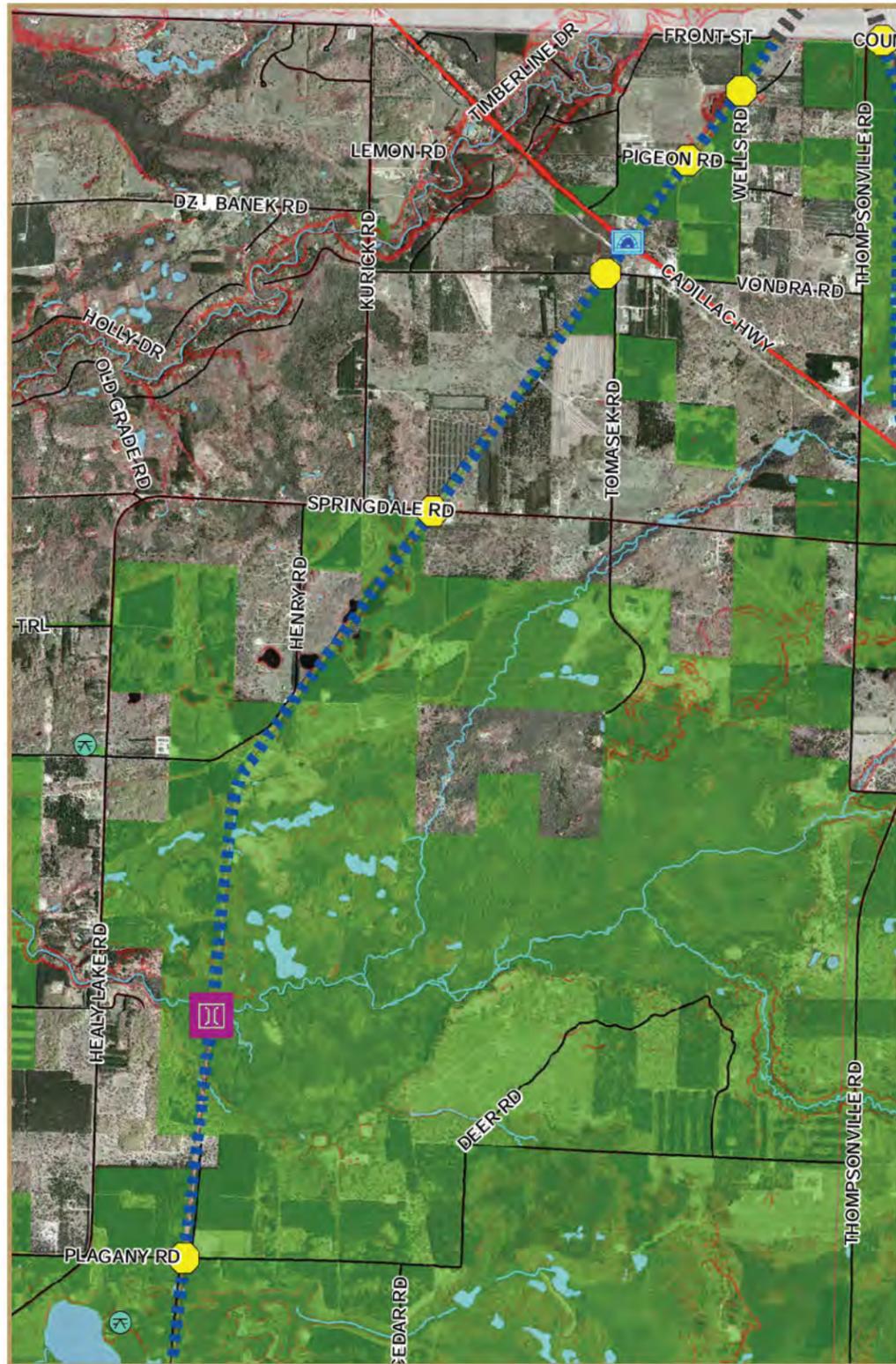
Route 1 Characteristics

- Old Railroad Bed
- Tracks Removed
- Under Public Ownership
- 9 at Grade Road Crossings
- 1 Bridge Over Dutchman Creek
- Total Length :
 - ◊ 44,157 feet
 - ◊ 8 miles

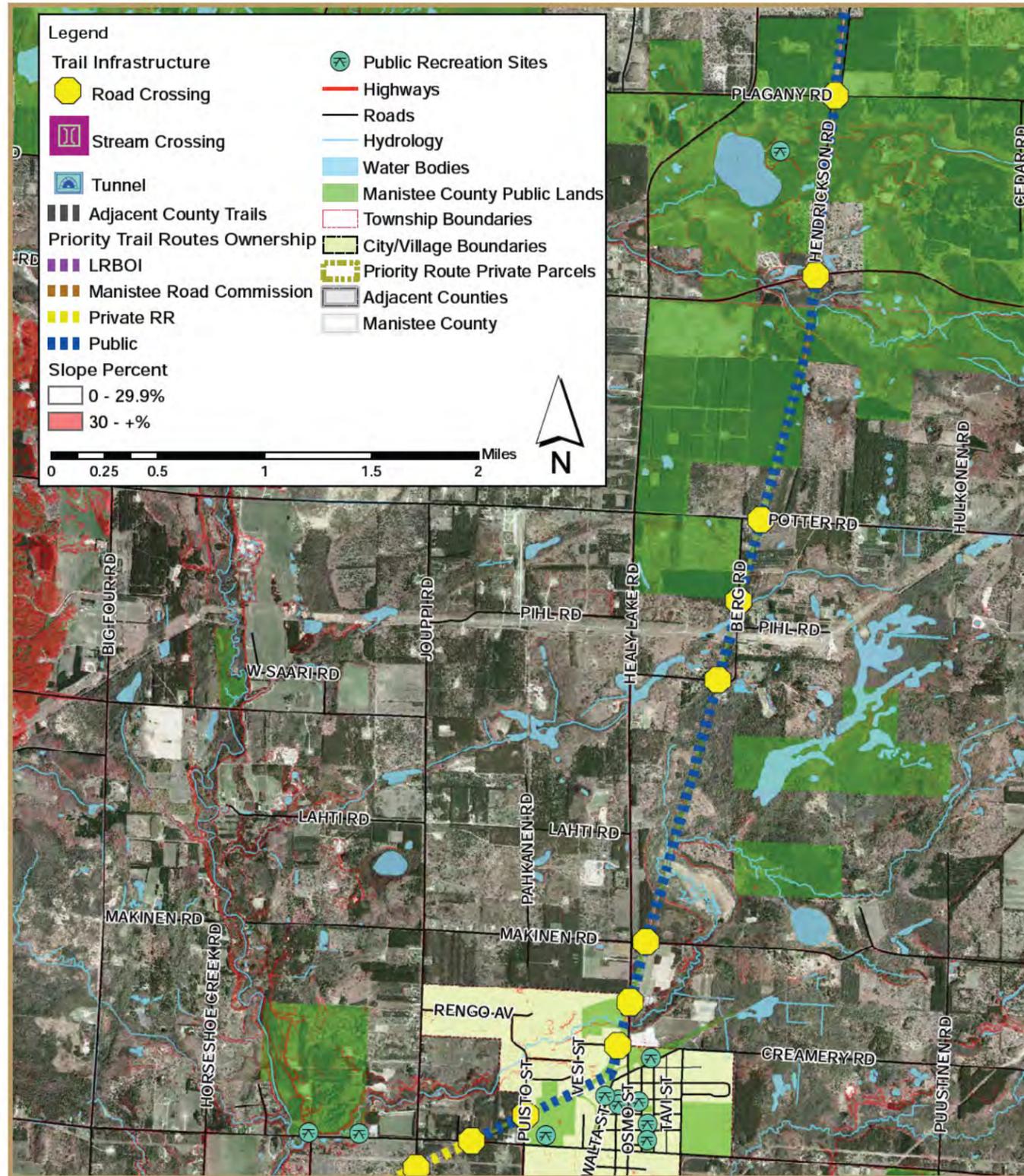


Map 3

Priority Trail Route 2 (Thompsonville to Kaleva “North Segment” & “South Segment”)



Map 4



Map 5

Route 2 Narrative

This priority trail route extends the Betsie Valley Trail from its terminus in Thompsonville, MI into Manistee County. The trail enters Cleon Township from the North and turns Southwest entering Springdale Township. The trail then heads South through the Pere Marquette State Forest, passing Healy Lake State Forest Campground before arriving in the Village of Kaleva. This route is critical to providing a length of trail that extends the Betsie Valley Trail into the interior of the County. From the Village of Kaleva, this route will extend West towards the lake-shore where it can join several key population centers. This route is under public ownership. The route maps are broken into a “North Segment” (see map 4) and a “South Segment” (see map 5).

Route 2 Characteristics

- Old Railroad Bed
- Tracks Removed
- Under Public & Snowbird Ownership
- 12 at Grade Road Crossings
- 1 Tunnel under M-115
- 1 Bridge over Bear Creek
- Total Length:
 - ◊ 58,331 feet
 - ◊ 11 miles

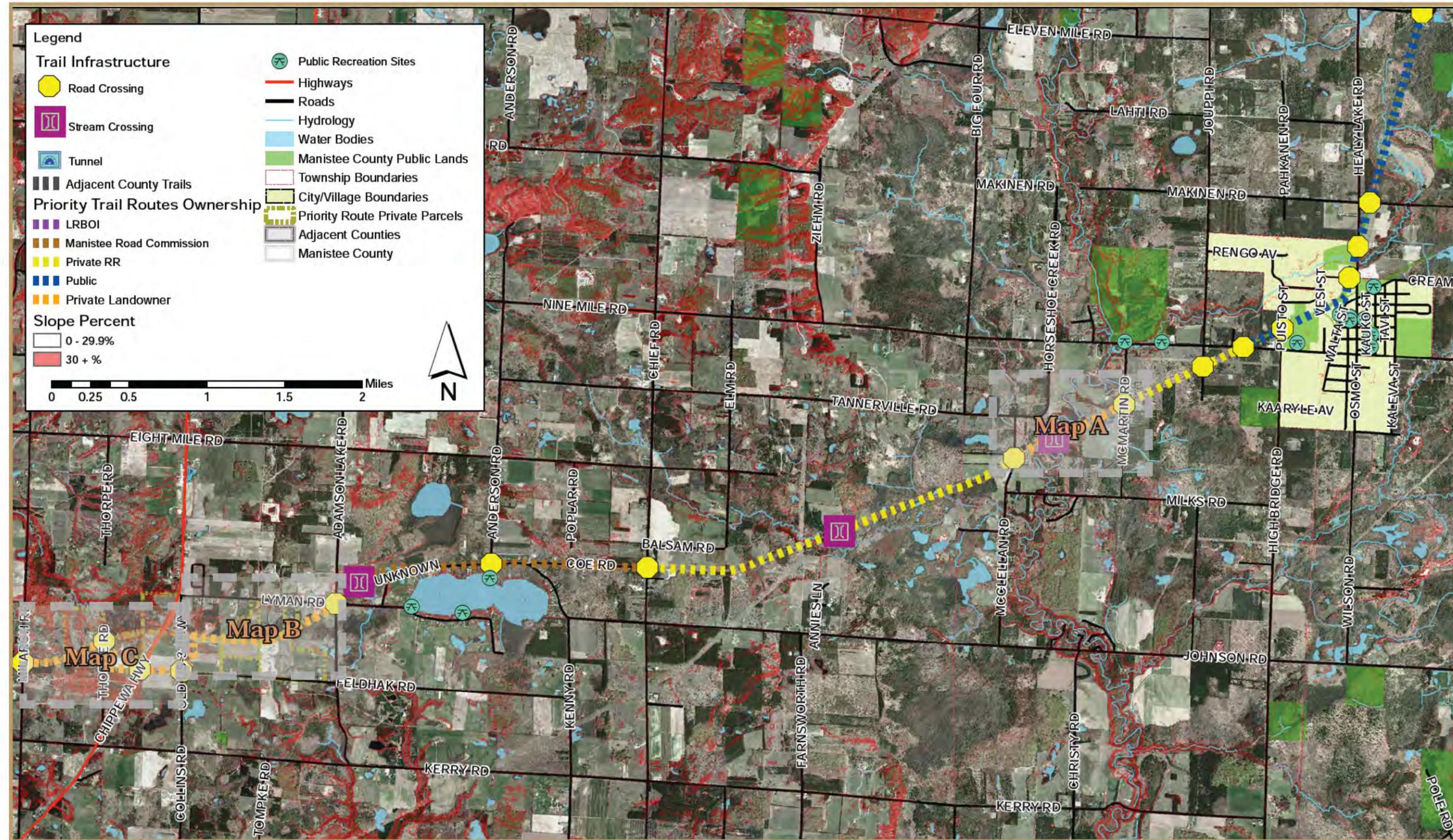
Priority Trail Route 3 (Kaleva to City of Manistee “East Segment”)

Route 3 Narrative “East Segment”

Priority Trail Route 3 extends from the Village of Kaleva South-west past Chief Lake into Brown Township and Manistee Township in the “East Segment”. The trail continues to follow the historic railroad bed, and there is a mix of private railroad ownership, private citizen ownership as well as a segment that follows County Road Commission right-of-way. This route is critical to extending existing neighboring multi-use trails towards high population areas of Manistee County along the lakeshore. This segment is broken down further into property owner maps with accompanying data over the following pages.

Route 3 Characteristics “East Segment”

- Old Railroad Bed
- Tracks Removed
- Under a mix of public & private ownership
- 10 at Grade Road Crossings
- 1 Bridge Over Bear Creek
- 1 Culvert Over Little Beaver Creek
- 1 Culvert Wetland Area (Vicinity of Lyman Rd.)
- Total Length “Both Segments” :
 - ◊ 97,053 feet
 - ◊ 20 miles



Map 6

Priority Trail Route 3 (Kaleva to City of Manistee “West Segment”)

Route 3 Narrative “West Segment”

Priority Trail Route 3 extends into Manistee Township from the “East Segment”, just south of Onekama Township, turning South in the vicinity of Douglas Valley Winery. The route connects to lands of the LRBOI, and continues to the City of Manistee, within close proximity of Orchard Beach State Park. The trail continues to follow the historic railroad bed, and there is a mix of, private citizen ownership, tribal ownership and a finished paved public segment. This route will connect high population areas as well as provide a link to the State Park. This segment is broken down further into property owner maps with accompanying data over the following pages.

Route 3 Characteristics “East Segment”

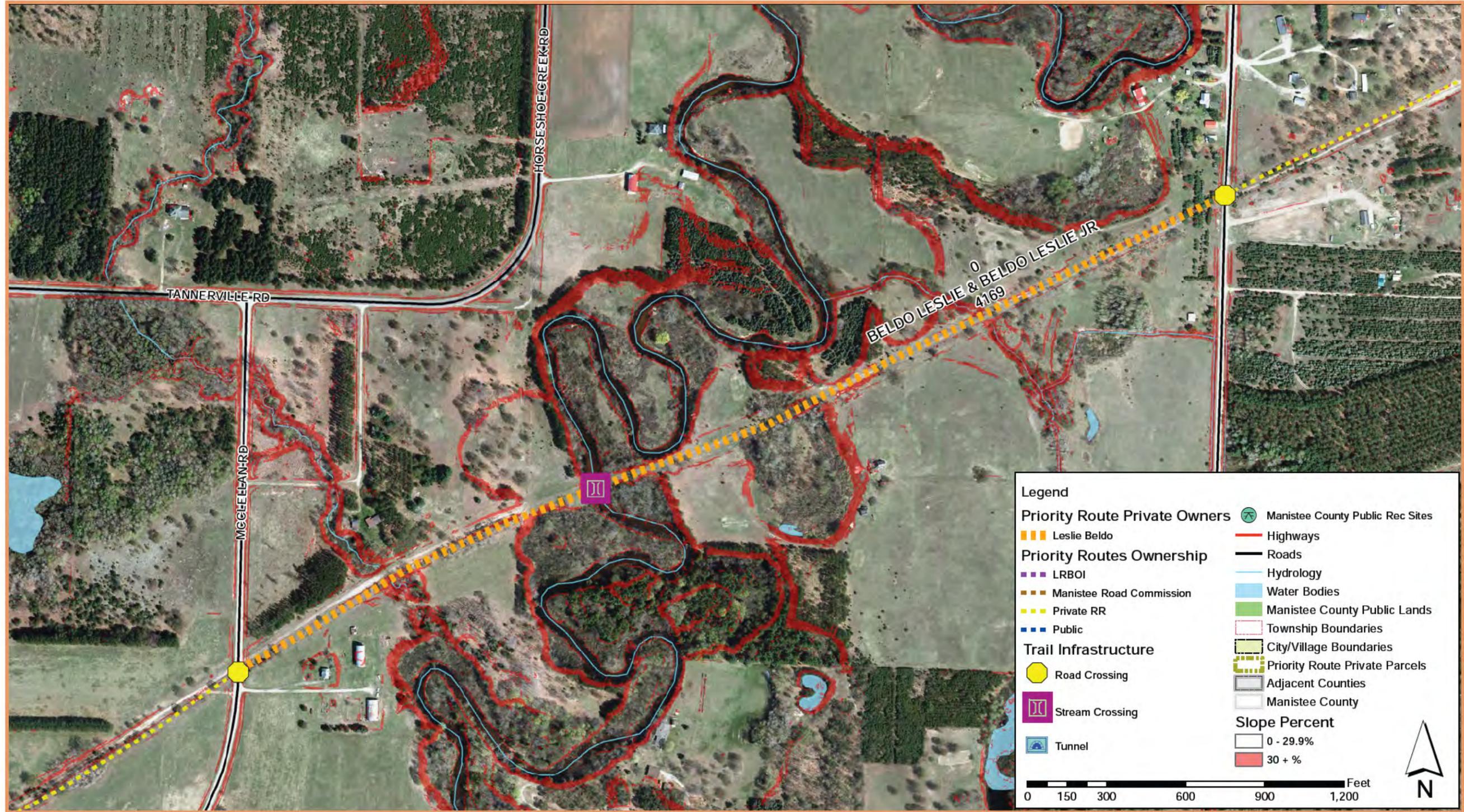
- Old Railroad Bed
- Tracks Removed
- Under a mix of private ownership, 1 small segment of public ownership.
- 10 at Grade Road Crossings
- Total Length “Both Segments” :
 - ◇ 97,053 feet
 - ◇ 20 miles

Map 7

Landowner Maps - Priority Route 3 (Map A)

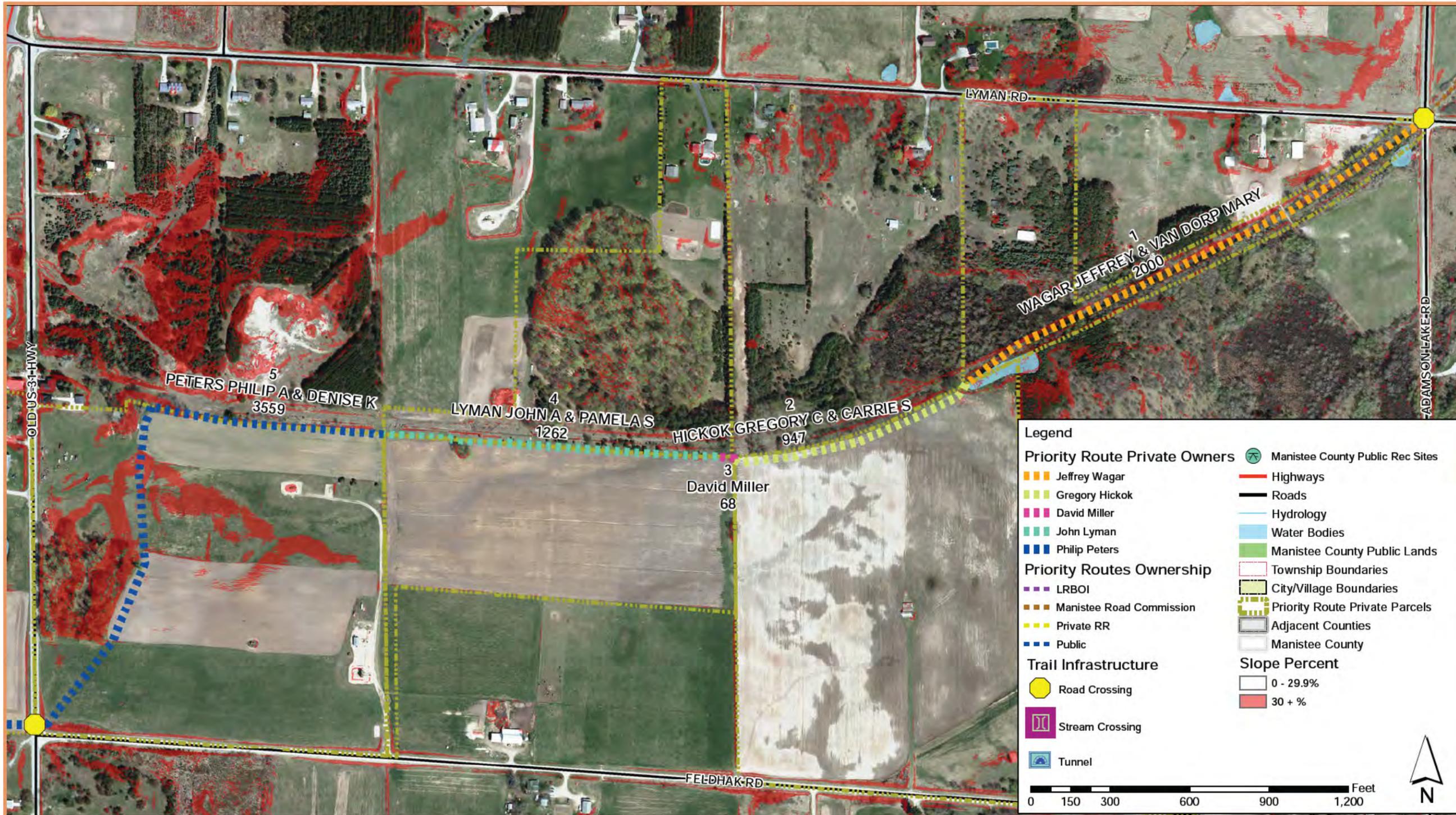
Map A Information

- Single Private land owner
- Neighboring segments owned by Railroad Company
- 1 Bridge Crossing (Bear Creek)



ID	Owner Name	Address	City	State	Zip-code	Segment Length (ft)	Cost Estimate
0	BELDO LESLIE & BELDO LESLIE JR	9267 KALEVA ST	KALEVA	MI	49645	4169	?

Landowner Maps - Priority Route 3 (Map B)



Map B Information

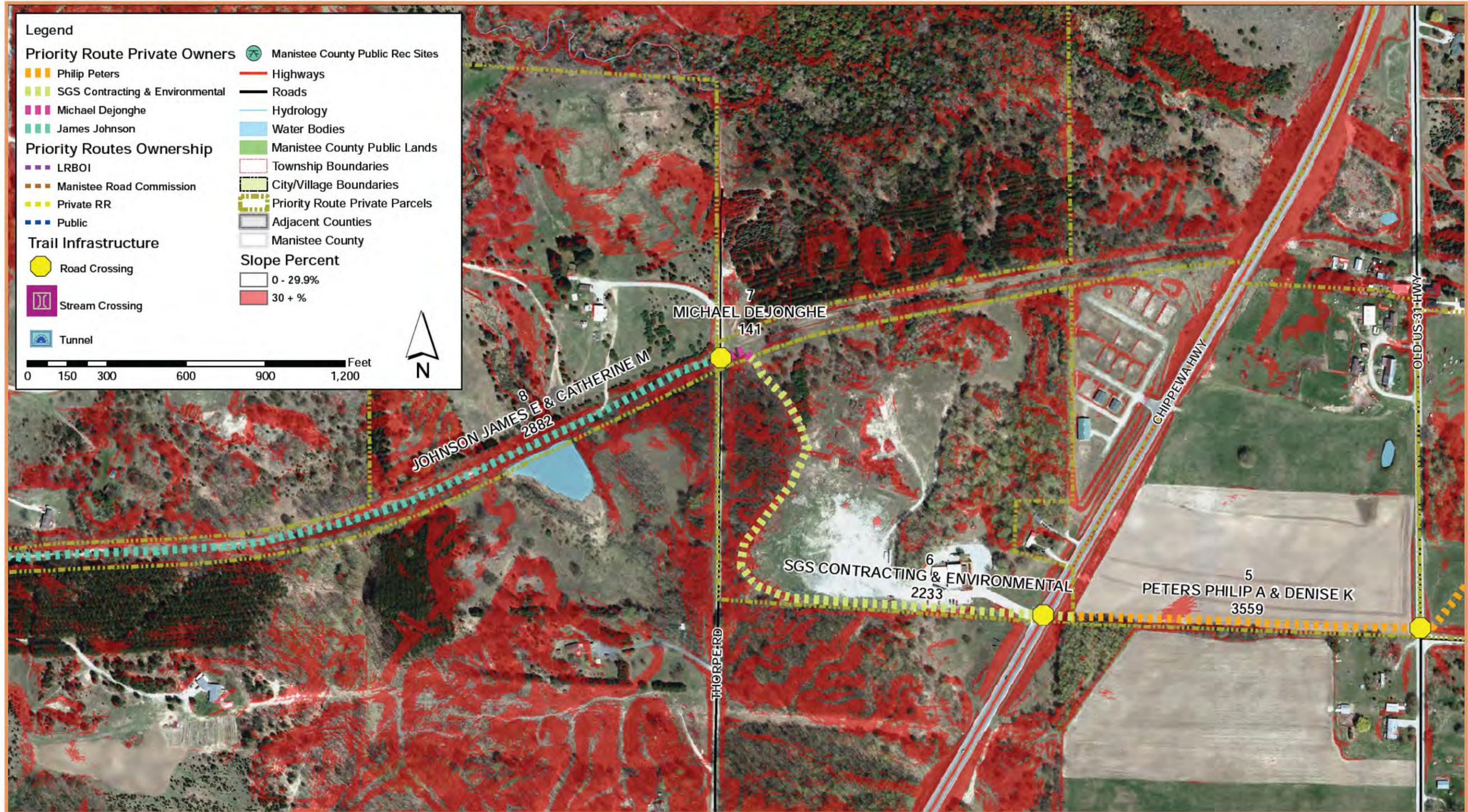
- 5 Private land owners
- East connecting segment owned by Manistee County Road Commission
- West connecting segment, see Private Ownership Map C

ID	Owner Name	Address	City	State	Zip-code	Segment Length (ft)	Cost Estimate
1	WAGAR JEFFREY & VAN DORP MARY	7889 LYMAN RD	KALEVA	MI	49645	2000	?
2	HICKOK GREGORY C & CARRIE S	10658 W GRAND RIVER HWY	GRAND LEDGE	MI	48837	947	?
3	MILLER DAVID & CHERYL	7377 FELDHAK RD	KALEVA	MI	49645	68	?
4	LYMAN JOHN A & PAMELA S	PO BOX 117	ONEKAMA	MI	49675	1262	?
5	PETERS PHILIP A & DENISE K	6738 OLD US 31	MANISTEE	MI	49660	3559	?

Landowner Maps - Priority Route 3 (Map C)

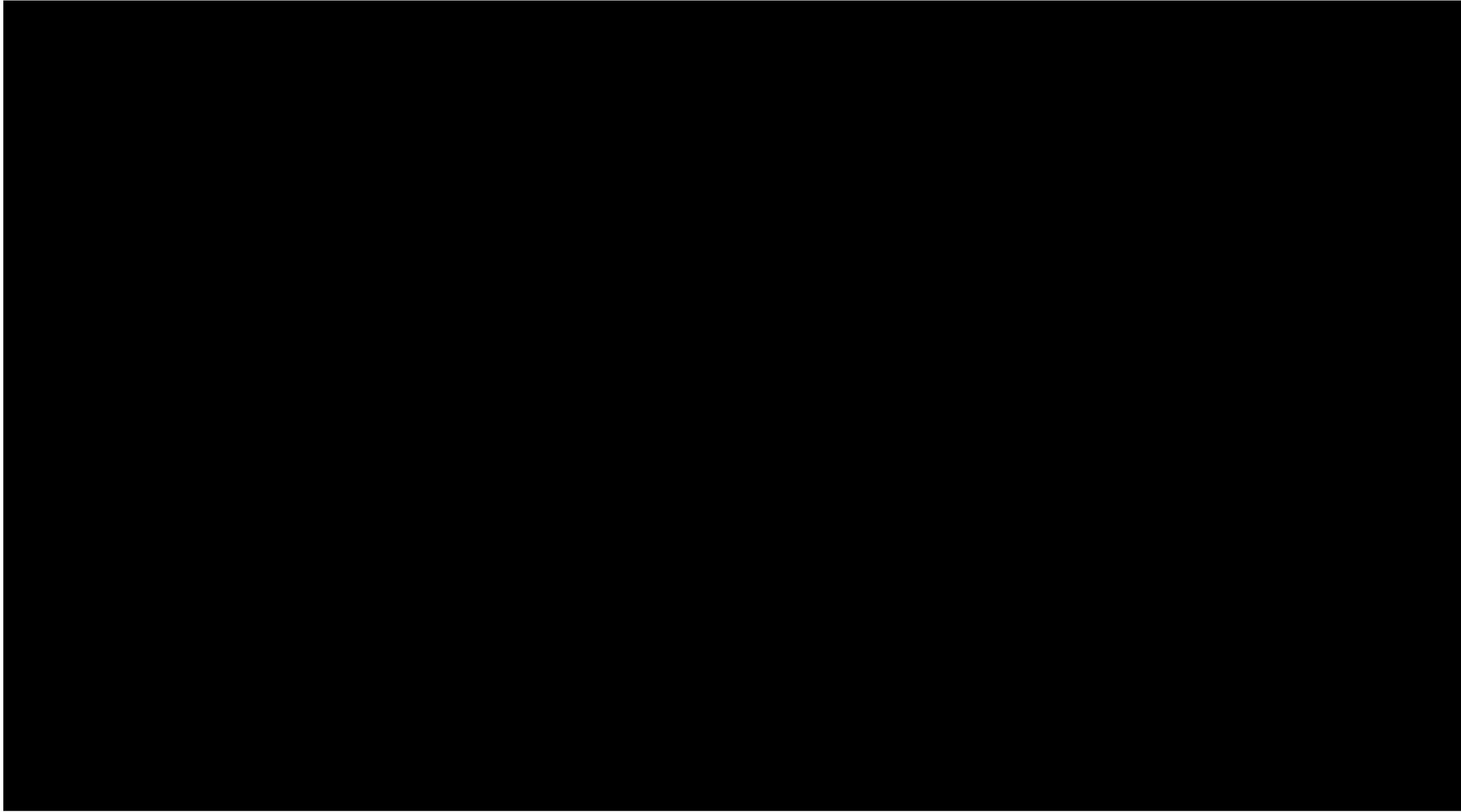
Map C Information

- 4 Private land owners (1 landowner spans from Map B)
- East connecting segment (see Private Ownership Map B)
- West connecting segment (see Private Ownership Map B)
- Highway US 31 at grade crossing

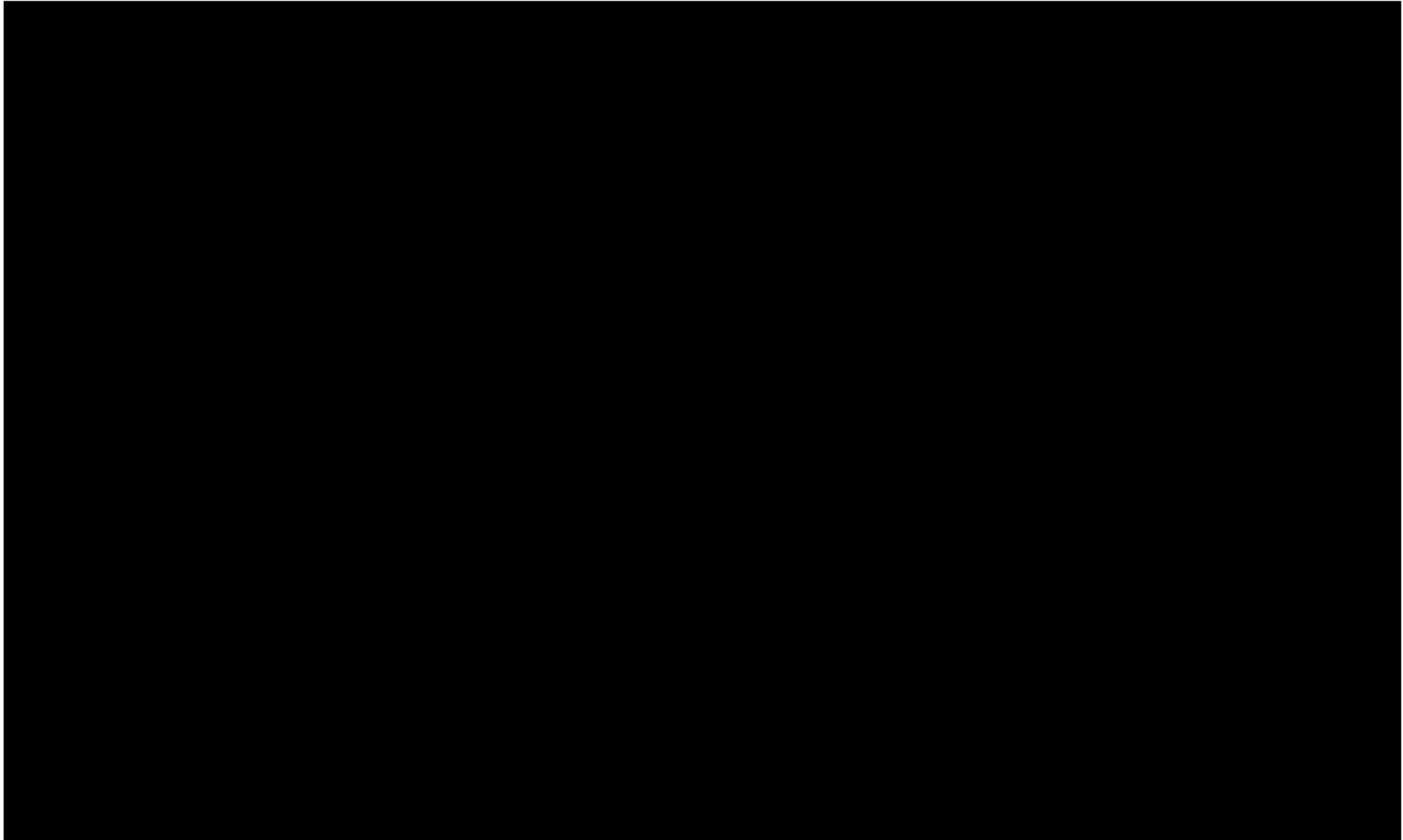


ID	Owner Name	Address	City	State	Zip-code	Segment Length (ft)	Cost Estimate
5	PETERS PHILIP A & DENISE K	6738 OLD US 31	MANISTEE	MI	49660	3559	?
6	SGS CONTRACTING & ENVIRONMENTAL	6520 CHIPPEWA HWY	MANISTEE	MI	49660	2233	?
7	DEJONGHE MICHAEL	2053 HOLLYWOOD	GROSSEPOINTE WOODS	MI	48236	141	?
8	JOHNSON JAMES E & CATHERINE M	6786 THORPE RD	MANISTEE	MI	49660	2882	?

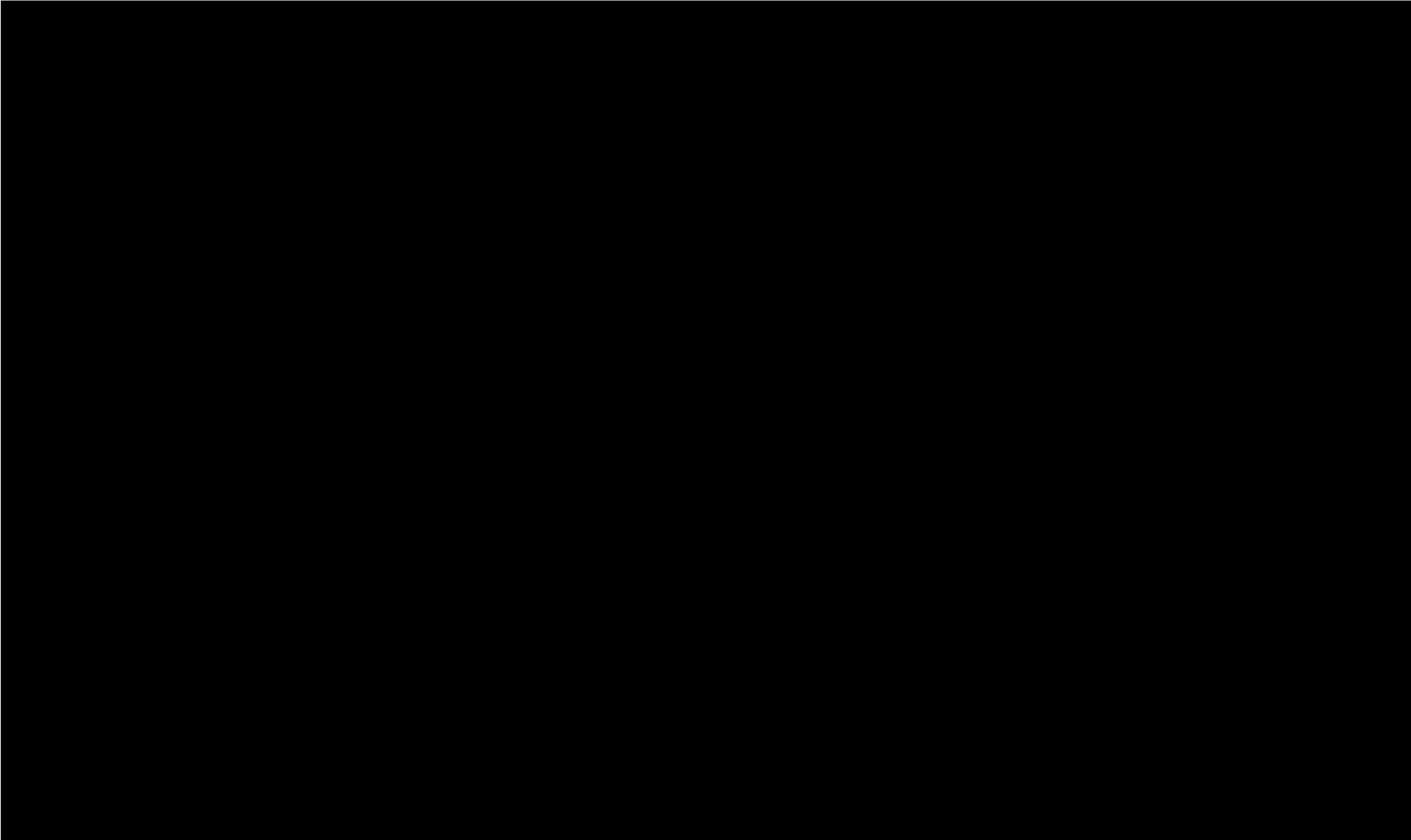
Landowner Maps - Priority Route 3 (Map D)



Landowner Maps - Priority Route 3 (Map E)

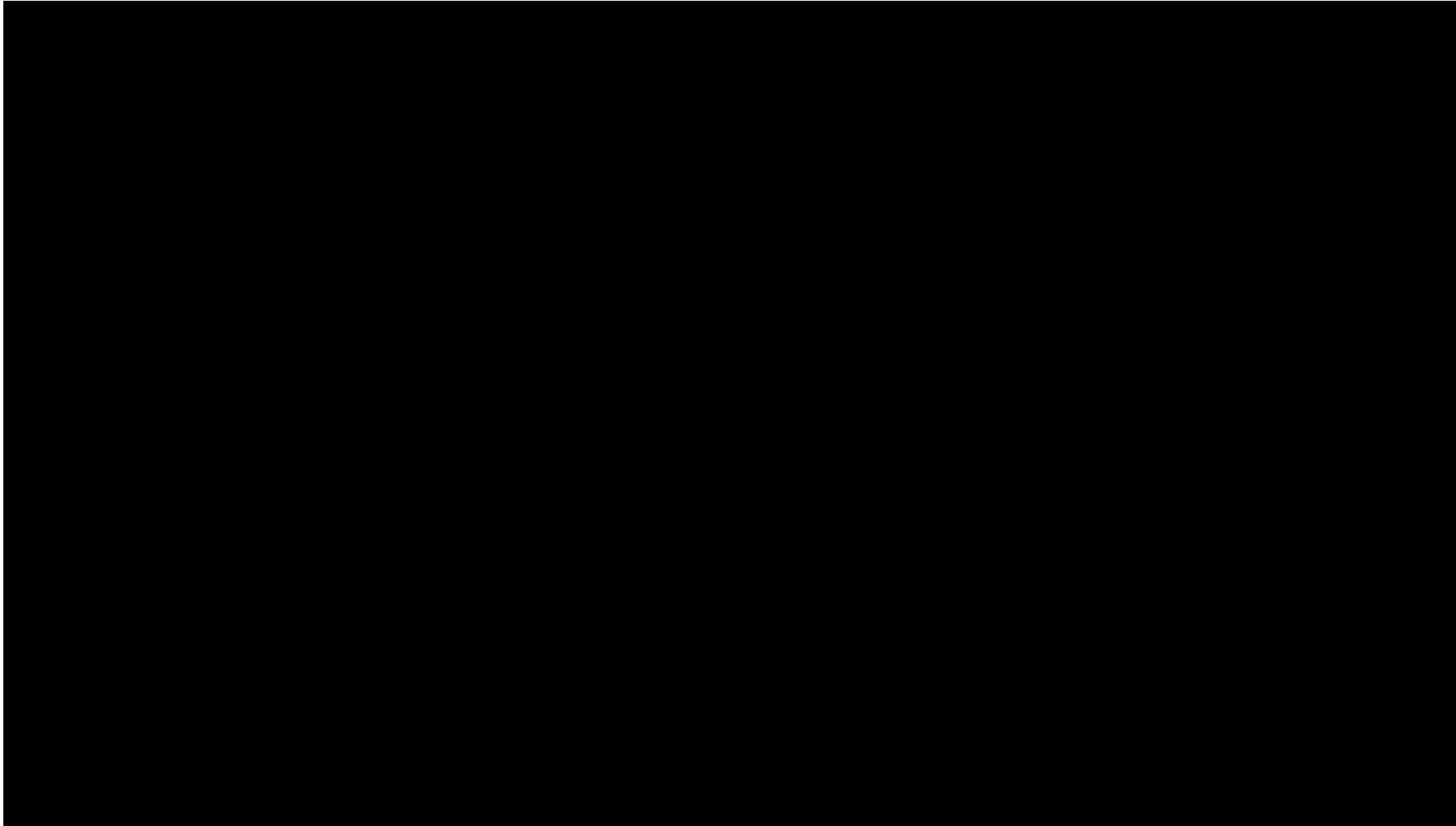


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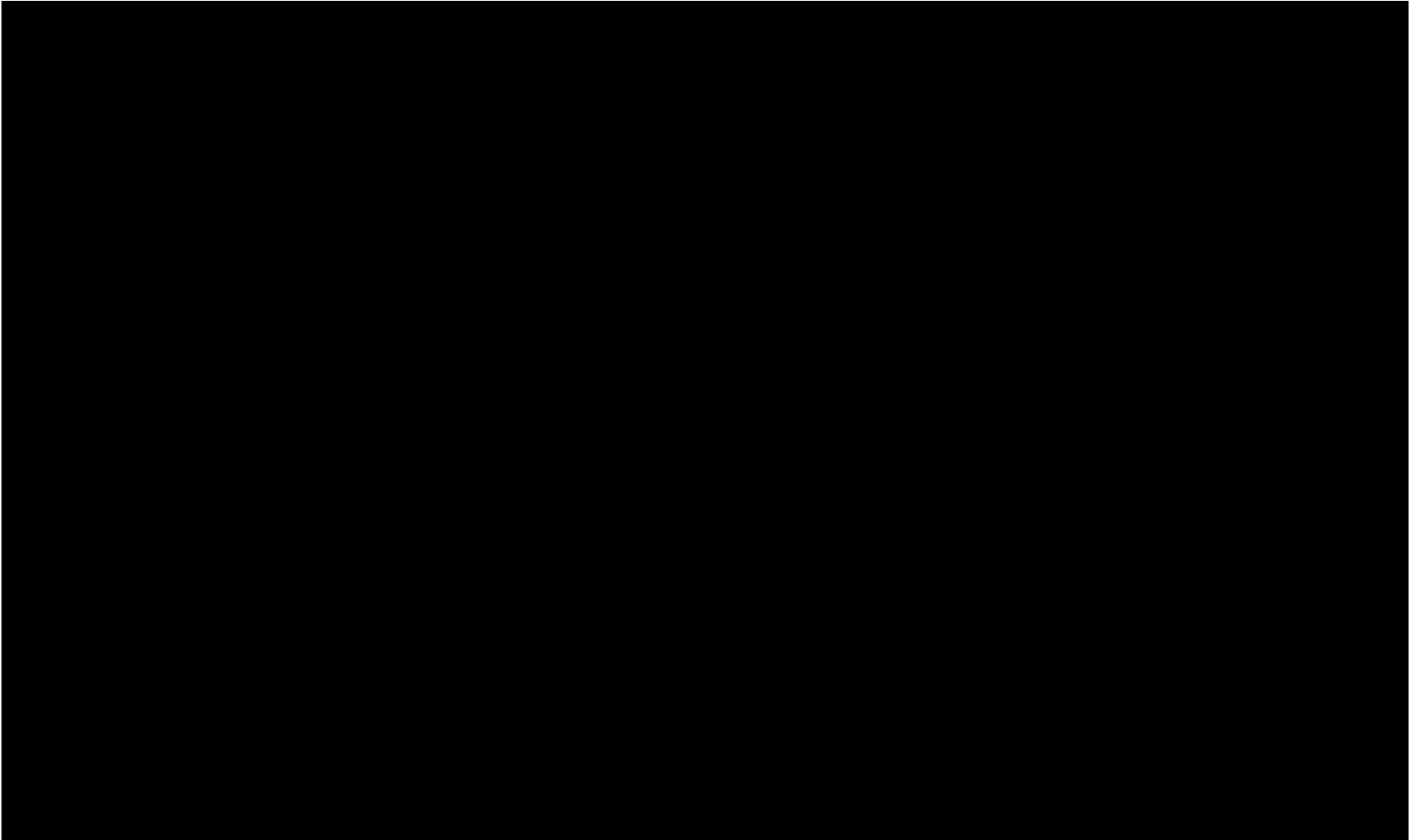




Landowner Maps - Priority Route 3 (Map I)



Landowner Maps - Priority Route 3 (Map J)



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Appendix F - Local Jurisdiction Goals & Objectives

Arcadia Township

Goal 1: Develop multi-use trails that link local community assets and connect Arcadia to a county-wide trail system.

- Collaborate with SMARTrails, the Manistee County Planning Department, the Manistee County Recreation Commission and neighboring jurisdictions on multi-use trail development efforts.
- Develop a snowmobile trail that connects Arcadia to the county-wide system.
- Provide user amenities at the trailheads that include trash receptacles, signage, pavilions, ADA compliant bathrooms, potable water, seating, lighting, fitness stations and bike repair stations. Current trailheads are at the Pleasant Valley Community Center (PVCC), Finch Park, Arcadia Beach & Natural Area and Grebe Park.
- Develop a clearly marked and communicated snowshoe and cross-country ski route; the route may coincide with the non-motorized trail system but may also utilize Township-owned property on Erdman Road and 13 Mile Road, as well as Onekama School District property on Norconk Road.
- Prioritize trail route development that would connect existing neighborhoods, parks, community and economic centers and Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy lands within the township. These routes may consist of on-road connections, separated paths, easements across private property and linkages to existing trails.

Goal 2: Improve existing park and recreational facilities within Arcadia so that they meet all safety standards, are designed to be used by all types of users, are well maintained and relevant.

- Continue to Implement the park improvement plans that were established for Sunset Station, Arcadia Beach & Natural Area and Veterans Memorial Park & Marina.
- Develop site specific park plan for Pickert Park that includes, but is not limited to, improving landscaping, adding a pavilion, replacing the play structure, replacing the swing set to also include an ADA compliant child seat and reusing existing features in a new creative way.
- Develop a site specific park plan for Finch Park that includes, but is not limited to, improving landscaping, replacing and/or improving restrooms, improving seating, creating a pickleball court on the tennis court, making the site ADA accessible, improving lighting and developing a venue for community concerts.
- Ensure recreation sites have appropriate lighting and are universally accessible.
- Develop picnic table shelters at recreation sites, especially along the beachfront.
- Expand water resources to parks (potable and non-potable as appropriate).
- Replace signage at Arcadia’s recreation sites so that it includes site information and is displayed with a unified theme and color palette.

- Work with the Army Corps of Engineers and EGLE to secure dredging spoils from the Arcadia Lake Channel dredging to supplement beach sand at Arcadia Beach & Natural Area.
- Provide WiFi connectivity at recreation sites.
- Add showers and a generator at the PVCC.
- Extend North Pier to reduce dredging needs.
- Promote dark sky viewing in the township, including the potential addition of an observatory.
- Support efforts to implement WiFi accessibility in public spaces.
- Plant trees throughout the community and replace trees nearing end-of-life.
- Improve sidewalks throughout the township.

Goal 3: Develop new park and recreational facilities that are tailored toward both organized and individual recreational opportunities, that are accessible by all users and meet the needs of a wide variety of resident recreation interests.

- Facilitate meetings with members of the public, community groups (e.g. Lions Club, GTRLC, PVCC, Arcadia Garden Club, Camp Arcadia, Amway Co., etc.) to understand their recreation goals as they relate to this plan and the Township Master Plan in order to identify priorities that can be worked on collaboratively.
- Place adult porch swings and other seating throughout the township, especially near areas of higher pedestrian activity.
- Develop the following new facilities at the PVCC or on other suitable Township-owned property: ice skating rink, outdoor pickleball court, fish cleaning station, sports fields/ courts, disc golf and community garden.
- Develop a trailhead and information hub at a public space for the trail system, Arcadia Marsh, Arcadia Beach & Natural Area and any other natural area that promotes environmental education. This information kiosk should be an outdoor, simple roof structure that is self-guided.
- Develop the Arcadia Campground property on Arcadia Lake in keeping with this Recreation Plan and the Master Plan.
- Add turnouts on M-22 to make launching, fishing and wildlife viewing safer.

Goal 4: Develop and implement Township policies, initiatives and partnerships that support recreation.

- Continue to identify the potential purchase of properties that are adjacent to Lake Michigan and Arcadia Lake, would link existing recreation sites or would otherwise support environmental stewardship in Arcadia while providing recreation opportunities to residents and visitors.
- Formalize a collaborative partnership with the PVCC to recognize their role as a catalyst for the development of recreation initiatives and programming. The PVCC is also a suitable location for recreation scheduling and a point of communication for residents regarding recreational opportunities.
- Work with the PVCC to assess the possibility of funding a part-time staff member for programming throughout the township and at the PVCC. Programming opportunities may include a farmer's market, antique fair, community garage sale, art show and other opportunities identified by the public.
- Enhance the safety and aesthetic quality of pedestrian paths in the community through streetscape improvements such as the addition of crosswalks, vegetation and landscaping, ADA compliance, signage and sidewalk repairs.
- Coordinate with MDOT on potential traffic calming measures along the M-22 corridor.
- Seek out regional collaborative partners to identify opportunities for developing recreational opportunities that cross municipal boundaries such as trail systems (land and water), harbor dredging and program development.
- Coordinate with the State Waterways Commission for marina management.

Goal 5: Create and improve recreational programming and opportunities.

- Improve the parks so that youth of all ages have more recreational opportunities.
- Increase the Manistee Recreation Area's presence by conducting a meeting with families in the community to educate them about the MRA and find out what their needs are in order to strengthen the MRA programming.
- Evaluate, collaborate and improve recreational programming at the PVCC. This effort may require the hiring of part-time staff to supplement the all volunteer organization (see Goal 4).
- Create a subcommittee made up of residents to develop a concert series that would be primarily hosted at Finch Park.
- Create a subcommittee to develop an organized, well communicated driving and/or walking tour route of the Township titled "Explore Arcadia" that leads view seekers to clearly identified locations to view the scenic rural character, Arcadia marsh, Lake Michigan, the night (dark) sky while also providing opportunities to connect to non-motorized trail systems. A similar self-walking trail may be developed for pedestrian traffic.
- Update the Township website and other social media so that it provides a single source of information regarding recreation related community events, recreational assets, recreational opportunities and activity schedules. Work with the PVCC to ensure this information is posted regularly. (visitarcadiami.com)
- Add useful links to the Township webpage, including but not limited to, the Manistee Recreation Authority and the Council on Aging.
- Provide adult education and fitness classes at the PVCC.

Bear Lake Township

Goal 1: Develop multi-use trails that are connected to a County wide trail system.

- Develop a trail connection that would use Potter Road to connect US-31 to M-22.
- Create a way-finding signage system that would show water access points, parks and other recreational, cultural and historical sites on maps within the township (including the cemetery).

Goal 2: Develop facilities and purchase land that will be used for increasing recreational opportunities while also serving other municipal purposes and goals.

- Build a new Township Hall that would allow for the development of recreation facilities and activities such as ball fields, shelters, a picnic area, bird watching, an informational kiosk, a playground and others as supported by the community.
- Identify sites on Bear Lake and Chief Lake to purchase.

Goal 3: Plan for recreational development of vistas and dark sky initiatives.

- Identify sites that preserve scenic vistas as well as cultural and historic sites.
- Prepare a viewshed map of the community.
- Special consideration for preservation efforts should be given to Windy Ridge, Potter Road, Spruce Ridge, 9 Mile, 11 Mile, Maidens Road, and Chief Road. Create the regulatory mechanisms (zoning) to preserve these vistas.
- Identify sites that may be used for the development of a Dark Sky Park.

Goal 4: Improve recreational opportunities for youth.

- Conduct a survey of local youth to identify recreational interests and gaps in recreation programming and facilities.
- Maintain existing park spaces and equipment which are utilized by youth. Support ongoing maintenance of the Bear Lake School Athletic Fields.

Goal 5: Improve access to Bear Lake and Little Beaver Creek.

- Identify access points on the Little Beaver Creek that may also be universally accessible. Consider sites on Chief Road and 8 Mile Road east of Chief Road.
- Partner with Explore the Shores Program to develop the access sites to be compliant for all types of users.

Goal 6: Develop an eco-tourism economy.

- Meet with the County Visitors Bureau to improve marketing of the township to increase tourism.

Goal 7: Maintain good stewardship of the natural resources within the township while also developing recreational opportunities.

- Set up a boat power washing cleaning station at a public access site to Bear Lake and Chief Lake in order to combat Aquatic Invasive Species.

Village of Bear Lake

Goal 1: Develop multi-use trails that are connected to a County wide trail system.

- Collaborate with SMARTrails, the Manistee County Planning Department, the Manistee County Recreation Commission and neighboring jurisdictions on multi-use trail development efforts.
- Delegate a representative from Bear Lake to participate on the SMARTrails committee.
- Link recreation sites in the Village through non-motorized trails.

Goal 2: Increase the use of Hopkins Park through site improvements.

- Develop parking areas for boaters.
- Add a new bath house and showers.
- Provide potable water to campsites.
- Improve or replace existing beach pavilion.
- Add a mobi mat or other accessible pathway on the beach.
- Improve the playground equipment.

Goal 3: Improve the quality and quantity of recreational opportunities for residents and visitors.

- Develop or enhance spaces that appeal to a younger demographic.
- Evaluate and improve gaps in programming for adults.
- Develop athletic fields in the community.
- Plan for and create a new community center, playground, sidewalk connections to points of interest and a splash pad.
- Add canoe and kayak launches on Bear Lake.
- Improve ADA accessibility at Village recreation sites.
- Assist in implementing the US-31 Corridor Plan (2017).

Goal 4: Develop an eco-tourism economy.

- Meet with the Visitors Bureau to educate them about the Village recreational opportunities in order to improve marketing to increase tourism.
- Attract and retain a recreation-oriented business or businesses on Bear Lake.

Brown Township

Goal 1: Improve access to the Manistee River, Chief Lake and other inland lakes.

- Coordinate with Bear Lake Township to establish an Explore the Shores site on Chief Lake.
- Improve recreational offerings at the Chief Lake public access site by improving landscaping, install a seasonal dock, create a beach area, install benches, picnic tables, grills, improve existing parking to a larger area and ensure that the facility meets Universal Design Standards.
- Support the USFS restructuring of Bear Creek Boat Launch on the Manistee River.

Goal 2: Create a community recreational gathering place.

- Improve the Township Hall in order to make it the place to gather for recreational purposes. Improvements may include, but are not limited to, ensuring ADA access, building a picnic shelter, adding playground equipment, resurfacing the parking lot and building a retaining wall on the north side near Coates Highway.

Goal 3: Continue to assess opportunities to add recreation assets and opportunities in the community.

- Acquire land adjacent to the Township Hall on the west side (≈ 3 Acres) that abuts Chief Creek.
- Identify land abutting the Manistee River that could be acquired for recreational use.
- Support and encourage agritourism provisions in the zoning ordinance.
- Collaborate with Manistee County and adjacent jurisdictions on recreation programming and site development.
- Develop a frisbee golf course in Brown Township.

Goal 4: Support the development of multi-use trails that are connected to a County-wide trail system and that connect local amenities.

- Collaborate with SMARTrails, the Manistee County Planning Department, the Manistee County Recreation Commission and neighboring jurisdictions on multi-use trail development efforts.
- Link recreation sites in the township through non-motorized trails.
- In order to make connections in the trail system running through Manistee County and through Brown Township, build a bridge in the vicinity of Bear Creek and develop a continuous trail from the Bear Creek access to Kettlehole Road. Assess the feasibility of constructing bridges to the island near White Fence on the Manistee River. If the island in section 22 near White Fence is connected with bridges, improve the island with picnic and camping amenities.
- Coordinate with the USFS on trail development, improvements and maintenance.
- Incorporate existing snowmobile trails into the township with spur trails.

Cleon Township

Goal 1: Develop multi-use trails that are connected to a County wide trail system.

- Use the railroad grade as a trail for connections to Wexford County and Benzie County.
- Locate a trail hub that will serve the convergence of trails from three counties. Develop this trailhead with amenities that may include, but are not limited to, seating, signage, a roadside park, restrooms and potable water.
- Support the Betsie River Blue Water Trail system.
- Connect to the Betsie Valley Trail in Benzie County.
- Continue to coordinate with the DNR on allowing ORV usage along the rail bed. Place signage to demarcate private and public lands.

Goal 2: Work collaboratively with Copemish Village to plan for, implement and maintain recreation sites that serve the village and the township.

- Meet annually or biannually with the Village to discuss park improvements and to offer support.
- The Village Parks located in Copemish serve the greater area of Cleon Township. Show support for park improvements by supporting grant applications with letters of support.
- Establish community and volunteer events centered around recreation.

Goal 3: Establish recreation sites within Cleon Township.

- Develop a picnic area at the Township Hall and Fire Station with a pavilion shelter and picnic tables.
- Improve the Township Hall property with additional recreational infrastructure including, but not limited to, ball fields, a skate park and walking trails.

Village of Copemish

Goal 1: Cultivate a strong sense of place in Copemish by enhancing recreation sites and bolstering programming.

- Host more public events that celebrate the community’s history and unique attributes (similar to Copemish Heritage Days).
- Host smaller events and workshops that appeal to various recreational interests, age groups and physical abilities.
- Periodically solicit feedback from the public regarding parks and recreation in Copemish. This may be through surveys, focus groups or public meetings.
- Add informational signage at historically significant sites throughout the Village.
- Regularly update the Village’s website to promote local events throughout the calendar year.
- Continue to coordinate with media outlets in the area to market events in Copemish.
- Honor service members in the community.

Goal 2: Maintain and improve park facilities so that they are accessible and attractive to a wide user group.

- Improve ADA accessibility at Village-operated recreation sites.
- Make improvements to the Village Hall to allow for increased usage by the community.
- Add restrooms as needed at park facilities.
- Research potential opportunities to add unique recreational experiences into Copemish’s public spaces. Examples may include, but may not be limited to, a splash park, zip lines, murals or outdoor sculptures. Engage members of the community to gauge interest in these types of projects.
- Add more playground equipment to Lewis Park and Mish-a-Mish Park.
- Provide drinking fountains at Lewis Park and Mish-a-Mish Park.
- Improve lighting at park facilities.
- Add a covered picnic structure at Mish-a-Mish Park.
- Include directional signage, benches, and improved trail surfaces at First Creek Nature Trails.

Goal 3: Continue to support improvements to the Betsie Valley Trail. Take advantage of the regional trail’s contribution to Copemish’s economy, sense of community and appreciation for the area’s natural assets.

- Collaborate with Manistee County and SMART Trails to acquire use of the abandoned railroad bed to improve the Village’s trail segment that connects to the county-wide trail system and the Betsie Valley Trail system.
- Continue to participate and retain a member with SMARTrails, the county-wide trail committee.*
- Continue to collaborate with SMARTrails, the Manistee County Planning Department, the Manistee County Recreation Commission and neighboring jurisdictions on multi-use trail development efforts.
- Develop separate trailheads for non-motorized uses and snowmobiles at the locations identified on the Future Land Use Map.*
- Highlight the Betsie Valley Trail and its connection to Copemish on the Village website.
- Add directional signage along the Betsie Valley Trail segment that lies within Copemish to endorse local points of interest and to further link the trailway to the village.
- Improve non-motorized connectivity and safety between Lewis Park and the nearby non-motorized trailhead.
- Upon improvement of the Betsie Valley Trail, include seating, restrooms, water and bike repair amenities at trailhead sites.

*Found in the Village Master Plan

Dickson Township

Goal 1: Improve park facilities in the township.

- Install lighting at the baseball diamond.
- Install volleyball courts with a sand court.
- Incorporate a campground into the Manikiwa Park in the township.

Goal 2: Develop multi-use trails that are connected to a County wide trail system.

- Collaborate with SMARTrails, the Manistee County Planning Department, the Manistee County Recreation Commission and neighboring jurisdictions on multi-use trail development efforts.

Goal 3: Improve access to the Manistee River.

- Develop river fishing platforms at key points on the Manistee River for easier access to the water.
- Plow the boat launch in the winter months at Blacksmith Bayou and improve the site with amenities to encourage winter usage.
- Add fishing platforms at Blacksmith Bayou.
- Further develop the Explore the Shores site at Tippy Dam to include a Universally Accessible Kayak Launch.
- Create an Explore the Shores site at the USFS High Bridge Access that includes a Universally Accessible Kayak Launch.

Village of Eastlake

Goal 1: Improve the Village of Eastlake’s recreation sites.

- Improve Penny Park by developing an ADA accessible fishing pier, paving and further improving the parking lot and adding an additional dock for the bayou.
- Stabilize the shoreline at Penny Park.
- Improve Johnson Field by installing cameras, ensuring accessibility for all users, providing adequate parking, improving landscaping, improving lighting, building a gazebo, .
- Improve the Nature Walk by maintaining the trails, providing adequate parking, adding seating and developing a gazebo or picnic area.
- Provide accessible features at Eastlake’s recreation sites.
- Improve the Village Hall’s brick foundation, exterior siding and repair the upstairs interior of the building.

Goal 2: Develop multi-use trails that are connected to a county-wide trail system.

- Collaborate with SMARTrails, the Manistee County Planning Department, the Manistee County Recreation Commission and neighboring jurisdictions on multi-use trail development efforts.
- Explore and consider the implementation of a trail or walkway providing access to Penny Park and the Manistee Lake shoreline from the village’s residential areas.

Goal 3: Provide cost-effective, responsive and efficient recreation services and facilities.

- Maintain an advisory committee to the Village Council for recreation improvements, opportunities and grants.

Charter Township of Filer

Goal 1: Improve parks and recreation facilities in the township.

- See the Filer Township Park Improvements 2022 table for specific park improvements. The park improvements listed are improvements that need to be made to improve the specific park mentioned (See Table F-1).
- Include full cutoff lighting fixtures at park facilities to reduce light pollution.
- Improve access to water throughout the township.

Goal 2: Develop multi-use trails that are connected to a County wide trail system.

- Implement bike paths separate from roads.
- Improve safety by creating safe crossing areas across large roads
- If the existing railroad is relocated or other old railroad beds become available (Indian Trail), utilize the land for trails.
- Create a looped paved road shoulder trail loop that connects Red Apple Road, Fox Farm Road and Wildwood Roads.
- Create trail connections throughout the community to school facilities.

Goal 3: Create a system of way-finding to help people navigate throughout the community in order to connect them with recreational opportunities.

- Form a Way-finding Ad Hoc Committee that will work with the Planning Commission, DDA, and Township Board to create a unified system of signage throughout the community.

Table F-1. Filer Township Park Improvements

Park Improvements Desired	Benches	Bike Rack	Boardwalk & Observation Deck	Building Repair/ Additions/ Update	Changing House	Emergency Phone	Parking Barricade Replacement	Parking Lot Improvements/ Addition	Pet Waste Stations	Playground Equipment	Restrooms	Shelter House for Winter Use	Signage	Trails Trash Receptacles
Canfield Lake Boat Launch	X								X					X
Filer City Park	X	X												
Filer Township Hall	X	X												
Filer Township Rec Center	X	X		X						X	X			
Magoon Creek		X	X		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X
Oak Hill Park	X	X												
Sundling Park	X	X									X			

Village of Kaleva

Goal 1: Develop multi-use trails that are connected to a County wide trail system and that connect local amenities.

- Collaborate with SMARTrails, the Manistee County Planning Department, the Manistee County Recreation Commission and neighboring jurisdictions on multi-use trail development efforts.
- Highlight the Betsie Valley Trail and its connection to Kaleva on the Village website.
- Add directional signage along the Betsie Valley Trail segment that lies within the Village to endorse local points of interest and to further link the trailway to the community.
- Link recreation sites in the Village through non-motorized trails.

Goal 2: Promote the cultural and natural assets in Kaleva to encourage greater tourism visitation.

- Meet with the Manistee County Visitors Bureau, the Arts & Culture Alliance of Manistee County and the Kaleva Historical Society to educate them about Kaleva recreational opportunities.
- Develop marketing materials to increase tourism. Distribute marketing materials on the Village website and through pamphlets at Michigan Welcome Centers and MDOT rest stops across the state.
- Add historical signage at the cultural sites in the Village.
- Add wayfinding signage to the Village's various points of interest.
- Add lighting at park facilities.
- Add references to the municipal website on park signage.

Goal 3: Develop recreation site improvements at the Kaleva Village Roadside Park and Campground.

- Develop a service building with flush toilets, showers and electricity.
- Provide electricity to more campsites.
- Assess the feasibility of adding a pool on-site.
- Add playground equipment.
- Increase marketing efforts for the Roadside Park and Campground in conjunction with the projects listed in Goal 2.
- As the Village of Kaleva is identified as a trail hub for the planned Betsie Valley Trail extension, the park should be recognized as a potential staging area for area trails.

Manistee Township

Goal 1: Improve public access to Lake Michigan and the Manistee River.

- Improve parking at Bar Lake Outlet by creating a safer parking area.
- Work in collaboration and support the DNR as they work to revitalize the Manistee Marsh. Support DNR improvements for access and parking to the Manistee State Game Area wildlife viewing platform.
- Explore options for increasing access to Lake Michigan. Increased access to Lake Michigan at Orchard Beach State Park would alleviate excessive use of the Bar Lake Outlet.

Goal 2: Develop multi-use trails that are connected to a County-wide trail system.

- Create paths that will accommodate cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling trails.
- Improve safety by creating safe crossing areas across large roads.
- Extend snowmobile trails from M-22 to the northeast.

Goal 3: Promote safe pedestrian and non-motorized mobility throughout the township, especially between recreation sites and local points of interest.

- Collaborate with SMARTrails, the Manistee County Planning Department, the Manistee County Recreation Commission and neighboring jurisdictions on multi-use trail development efforts.
- Coordinate with MDOT and community members to implement traffic calming measures and pedestrian amenities along US-31.

Goal 4: Improve existing recreation facilities.

- Inventory recreation sites for frequency of usage, user needs and opportunities to expand the types of recreation offered at each site.
- Improve parking at water access sites including those at Poplar Street, Birch Street, Maplewood Avenue and Balsam Avenue.
- At the Manistee Township Hall, improve pickleball courts, the picnic area, the ball field, add playground equipment and develop a soccer field.
- Enhance accessibility at Bar Lake Park. Add mobi mats on the beach.
- Add restrooms at the Manistee Township Park at the Township Hall.
- Manistee Township seeks to work collaboratively and act as a grant applicant with support from the Friends of Orchard State Park on mutually agreed upon grant applications for recreational improvements at Orchard Beach State Park.

City of Manistee

Goal 1. Implement improvements to the City's parks and other recreation sites.

- See the City of Manistee Park Improvements - 2022 Table for specific park improvements. The park improvements listed are improvements that need to be taken to improve the specific park mentioned.

Goal 2: Identify and acquire land for future recreational opportunities.

- Acquire existing railway bed on the southern and northern end of Manistee River to work towards creating a continuous trail route around Manistee Lake ensuring that the trail is connected to the Riverwalk and the County wide trail system.
- Acquire property to build a splash pad park.
- Acquire the Consumers Property- Arthur Street Parcel #51-101-300-01 which is a 13.6 acre parcel for the purpose of overflow parking for the Arthur Street Boat Launch and possible location for a trail segment. If acquisition by the City is not feasible, coordinate with Consumers Energy to support the site as a recreational resource for the community.
- Coordinate with Morton Salt Inc. to support their property (portion that is south of the park; parcel #06-424-709-01) to allow for improvements and expanded uses as outlined in the park's master plan.
- Acquire the Consumers Power Company Parcel #51-712-475-01 in order to make improvements to the Ninth Street Boat Launch and in reserve for the adjacent City of Manistee Waste Water Treatment Facility located north of the launch.
- Acquire the property west of Washington Street to Harbor Village Channel to extend the Riverwalk to the Harbor Village Channel.
- Acquire the Consumers Energy property(s), or establish easements, along the river channel to Manistee Lake, just east of the US-31 bridge. This initiative would complete the riverwalk through and around the peninsula to the east portion of Manistee Lake. This should eventually result in connections to a county-wide trail system.

Goal 3: Develop multi-use trails that are connected to a county-wide trail system.

- Create a network of trails and bike paths, including on-road and off-road routes, that connect points of interest such as Lake Michigan, neighborhoods, parks, businesses and natural areas.
- Continue to work collaboratively with SMARTrails and neighboring jurisdictions in developing a county-wide trail system.
- Improve safety by creating safe crossing areas across large roads with specific focus on US-31 between 1st Street and 8th Street. Coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions on pedestrian traffic concerns along roadways that cross through the City.
- Become a part of the Blue Water Trail network. The first step will be establishing a water trailhead within the city.
- Develop a snowmobile route with way-finding signage that is connected to the great Manistee County Snowmobile Trail System.
- Continue to support improvements and marketing efforts for Bike Highway 35.

Goal 4: Improve access to the community's water resources.

- Create a zero entry boat launch and undertake other improvements at Arthur Street Boat Launch, Fifth Avenue Beach, the Municipal Marina and the Ninth Street Boat Launch.
- Implement ADA accessible features to support expanded use of Manistee's water resources.
- Create a canoe and kayak launch at the south portion of the riverwalk or at any other suitable launch sites.
- Create an area within the city for crewing.
- Create a pier on Man Made Lake and improve the pier at Douglas Park and the Ninth Street Boat Launch.

Goal 5: Develop an eco-tourism economy.

- Attract more, and continue to support existing, outdoor rental businesses.
- Continue to meet with the visitors bureau to promote Manistee’s recreation sites through various forms of marketing.

Goal 6: Improve recreational programming.

- Evaluate and improve gaps in programming for youth.
- Evaluate and improve gaps in programming for adults.
- Evaluate and improve gaps in programming for those with disabilities.

Goal 7: Create new recreational opportunities.

- Create a community ice arena.
- Create a specific park accessible for all kids with no barriers and a wheelchair accessible playground structure
- Build an outdoor amphitheater.
- Build an outdoor pool.
- Build a community recreation center with a climbing wall, indoor pool, childcare, etc.
- Identify potential sites for an outdoor fitness center and develop these amenities for public use..
- Develop a disc golf course within the city.
- Develop a dog park at Morton Park.

Table F-2. City of Manistee Park Improvements

	Arthur Street Boat Launch	Douglas Park	Duffy Park	Fifth Avenue Beach	Mack Park	Man Made Lake	Municipal Marina	Morton Park	Ninth Street Boat Launch	North Beach Access	North Riverwalk/Memorial Park	Red Szymarek Park	Reitz Park	Sands Park	South Riverwalk
Ball field:improvements/add		x						x					x		
Basin bank stablization		x													
Batting cages			x												
Benches	x	X		x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	
Benches								x							
Bike lanes		x								x					
Bike rack		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Bleachers			x												
Blue Trail Access Point	x														
Boardwalk improvements		x													
Boat launch-new zero	x			x			x		x						
Canoe/Kayak Launch															x
Crewing/rowing facilities-new									x						
Cruise Ship Accessibility to															x
Disk golf		x						x				x			
Docks-							x								
Dog park &/or Run					x			x							
Drinking water	x			x					x		x	x			x
Fencing		x	x												
Fish cleaning station	x								x						
Flag pole		x													
Green space area		x													
Grills	x	x	x	x	x	x		x				x			
Landscaping				x					x			x	x		
Lighting-improvements/add											x	x	x		
Marina		x					x								
Parking lot: improvements/add		x	x	x	x	x		x	x			x	x		
Pavilion at "kite flying" area		x													
Pavillion/Gazebo/Shelter		x	x	x		x		x				x	x		
Picnic area-		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				x	x	
Pier improvements/addition		x				x			x						
Playground equipment:			x	x	x			x				x	x	x	
Ramp improvements		x													
Restrooms		x			x	x		x	x	x		x			
Retaining wall/erosion control				x											
Road infrastructure improvement		x													
Rollerblade area		x		x											
Round-About Landscaping		x													
Shuffle boards				x				x							
Sidewalks-repair existing													x		
Sign improvements	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
Soccer Field								x					x		
Splash pad		x			x							x			
Sprinler System											x				
Telescope		x		x											
Tennis court: improvement/add		x										x			
Trail: within park/connected		x	x			x						x			
Universal accessibility at		x													
Vending Machines					x			x					x		x
Volley ball- add/ improvement		x	x				x	x							

Maple Grove Township

Goal 1: Improve access points along Bear Creek to enhance the user experience while maintaining stewardship of the natural ecosystem.

- Improve Site #160 (Bear Creek Access) to provide more parking, seating and signage that describes the site’s unique ecological features.
- Improve Site # 162 (Lemon Lake Access Road) to provide an ADA accessible launch, seating, more parking and better road conditions.

Goal 2: Develop multi-use trails that are connected to a county-wide trail system.

- Collaborate with SMARTrails, the Manistee County Planning Department, the Manistee County Recreation Commission and neighboring jurisdictions on multi-use trail development efforts throughout the planning process.
- Highlight the Betsie Valley Trail and its connection to Maple Grove on the Township website.
- Add directional signage along the Betsie Valley Trail segment that lies within the Township to endorse local points of interest and to further link the trailway to the community.

Goal 3: Connect visitors to recreational points of interest using wayfinding signage and continuous marketing.

- Create a system of wayfinding to help people navigate throughout the community, connecting them to local recreation sites.
- Form a Wayfinding Ad Hoc Committee that will work with the Planning Commission and Township Board to create a unified system of signage throughout the community.
- Continue to partner with MDOT to market the community through informational pamphlets at rest stops throughout the state.
- Highlight recreation sites and local events on the municipal website.

Goal 4: Continue to develop partnerships with organizations in the community that contribute to the area’s recreation opportunities, as well as those that support conservation efforts.

- Improve the KND property for multi-use trails, snow shoeing, restroom facilities, shelter, parking, and to harvest the timber for revenue. This is the 40-acre parcel in Section 29.
- Improve the KND property for multi-use trails, informational signage, restroom facilities, parking, fishing, placed-based learning opportunities, bird watching and events. This is the 160-acre parcel in Section 19.

Marilla Township

Goal 1: Improve access to the Manistee River.

- Improve the suspension bridge on the Manistee River Trail to ensure it is ADA compliant with improved parking.
- Improve access at Woodpecker Creek by enhancing the boat slide and adding parking.
- Develop an Explore the Shores site on the Hodenpyl Stretch.
- Upgrade boat launches at the Hodenpyl North Tailwater Access and Canoe Portage to allow for easier access for canoes and drift boats.
- Identify opportunities to make river access ADA accessible.

Goal 2: Develop multi-use trails that are connected to a County-wide trail system and that connect local points of interest.

- Continue to work collaboratively in developing the County-wide trail system
- Link existing trails to the Marilla Township Hall.
- Develop a trail connection between Memorial Forest to the Marilla Cemetery. Utilize either site as a trailhead with improved lighting, parking, restrooms, seating and signage.
- Coordinate with the USFS on trail maintenance needs.

Goal 3: Promote and maintain recreational opportunities so that the Township is a year-round tourist destination.

- Create and produce materials which point out the recreational opportunities within the Township.
- Feature community events and recreation opportunities on the municipal website.

Goal 4: Improve existing recreation facilities and expand recreation opportunities in the community.

- Develop hiking, snowshoe, and cross-country ski trails on the Township owned 80 acres of land at O.D. Stark Memorial Forest. Include restrooms and signage on-site.
- At the Marilla Township Hall, include a walking path, playground equipment, grills, a pavilion, seating, outdoor restrooms and fitness equipment.
- Improve existing parking, restrooms and eliminate parking fees at the Marilla County Trailhead.
- Acquire land for new recreation opportunities or to expand existing recreation sites including playgrounds, walking paths, picnic areas, restrooms and covered pavilions.
- Identify a location for athletic fields and courts, preferably adjacent to an existing recreation site.

Norman Township

Goal 1: Increase awareness about natural resources and recreational opportunities in Norman Township.

- Meet with the Visitors Bureau to further educate them about the Township's recreational opportunities.

Goal 2: Support work for establishment of trail connections to neighboring communities.

- Continue to work collaboratively with neighboring jurisdictions, Manistee County and SMARTrails to develop a county-wide trail system.
- Continue to support and have a representative serve on a trail planning and implementation team.
- Identify opportunities to link ORV trails to points of interest and neighboring communities in a manner that does not interfere with other uses.

Goal 3: Improve Norman Township's park amenities.

- At the Norman Township Tippy Pond Boat Launch, support development of a universally accessible fishing platform, a paved walkway to the waterfront, parking improvements, a boat launch, lighting, grills and seating.
- Create plans for ball fields and courts at the township-owned property on 6th Street.
- Implement the following features at Crystal Lake Park: a trail that circles the lake; a walking trail within the park; seating; a playground; a memorial for veterans and firefighters; parking; a new retaining wall at the beach; improved volleyball courts; an ADA kayak/canoe launch; a restroom and washing facility; BBQ pits; a pavilion or gazebo; an event staging area for a farmers market and other public uses; new basketball courts; replace the fishing dock; and improved ADA accessibility on the entire site and especially to the dock.
- Develop an athletic center within the township.

Goal 4: Maintain, market and improve the community's rustic trails and blueways.

- Encourage and support development of a back-country loop trail with campsites on USFS lands around the Pine River.
- Further promote the beauty of the Pine River as a blueway trail.
- Support education efforts for "leave no-trace" practices for visitors and residents.

Onekama Township

Goal 1: Continue to manage parks and road ends within the Township in a manner that balances user needs, intended uses and ecological stability.

- Develop and implement a master plan for each park in Onekama Township.
- Conduct an inventory of each park using the Parks Management Plan.
- Keeping original intended uses and purposes of each park in the system in mind solicit public feedback and input regarding parks and recreation at public meetings.
- Implement a Park Watchers and Park Advocates program to monitor park properties regularly. Engage members of the community to recruit volunteers. Encourage the Advocates to participate in park planning processes.
- Add signage at road ends that describe their intended uses and designations.
- Add wayfinding, informational and historic signage throughout the community.
- Conduct assessments of the community's road ends to evaluate violations.
- Based on the road ends assessments, prioritize enforcement efforts and present these efforts to the Township Board for review.
- In order to promote appropriate uses at individual parks, add informational signage, wayfinding signage and interpretive signage. Supported activities at individual parks will also be listed on the municipal website.
- Employ a part-time employee to maintain Onekama Township's parks.

Goal 2: Collaborate with other local units of government, Manistee County, businesses, and civic organizations to improve existing park facilities and to identify new parks and recreation opportunities.

- Encourage collaboration between Onekama Township and the Village of Onekama when budgeting and planning for parks and recreation.
- Township Board to seek out and appoint member of the Onekama Township Parks and Recreation Committee, or other interested volunteers, to engage with parks and recreation stakeholders to foster ongoing collaborative relationships.
- Work with neighboring jurisdictions, Manistee County and other relevant stakeholders to identify and implement trail connections.
- Identify opportunities to reduce municipal expenditures on parks and recreation maintenance by sharing services with the Village of Onekama.
- Support the Portage Lake Management Plan for the control of Invasive Species both in and around Portage Lake.
- Work with the Manistee Recreation Association, Onekama Consolidated Schools, Manistee ISD and other organizations to provide programs for residents, youth and those with disabilities.

Goal 3: Enhance and expand upon the parks and recreation sites in Onekama Township.

- Where feasible and appropriate, provide seating, potable water, restrooms and lighting at park facilities.
- Develop a bike path or trail around Portage Lake.
- Provide ADA accessibility at recreation sites.
- Continue to support the ongoing stewardship of the Portage Lake Watershed.
- Continue to identify and acquire land that contributes to environmental preservation, education, viewsheds and recreation experiences.
- Support public education efforts regarding invasive species and septic system monitoring.
- Improve parking access at recreation sites.
- Develop additional hiking trails at park sites in addition to supporting non-motorized connections between recreation sites.
- Investigate new recreation infrastructure for activities not currently offered in the community. These may include, but are not limited to, a pickleball court, ice skating and fitness equipment.
- Continue to budget and fund annually for parks and recreation.

Goal 4: Encourage the use of recreation sites by members of the community through effective public engagement, marketing and partnerships.

- Continue to promote and provide recreation programming for Township residents via nature walks, birding, pollinators, dark sky and beach activities.
- Install a map of Onekama Recreation sites at a site with pedestrian traffic.
- Continue to publish a brochure of parks and recreation of sites for residents and visitors. These should be placed at the library, Township Hall, bank, restaurants, lodging and other highly visible sites in the community.
- Publish a parks and recreation newsletter for donors and local taxpayers.
- Consider justification for parks and recreation funding via a local Township Parks Millage.

Village of Onekama

Goal 1: Highlight, preserve and enhance the community’s natural resources to glean their contributions to the environmental, social and economic well-being of Onekama.

- Continue to support Portage Lake’s water quality and pollution monitoring by the Portage Lake Watershed Forever organization, Onekama Township and Onekama Consolidated Schools.
- Support the enforcement of the county-wide septic system monitoring program.
- Support the extension of the sewer system into areas where septic systems are endangering the ecological quality of Portage Lake and other bodies of water in the community.
- Support educational initiatives that foster environmental stewardship, such as describing the risks that invasive species pose and best practices for their prevention, management and eradication.
- Involve community organizations in efforts to protect and enhance environmental quality, such as by identifying and controlling invasive species in and around Portage Lake.
- Support the Portage Lake Management Plan and its goals for public health, aquatic ecosystems, water-based recreation, natural resource and cultural assets, and the control of invasives both in and around Portage Lake.
- Continue to support the Portage Lake Overlay Zone in the Village Zoning Ordinance.

Goal 2: Provide opportunities for enjoying lake views, utilizing the beach and accessing Portage Lake for recreation.

- Explore the possibilities of further dredging and plan a dock extension to improve shore fishing in the Onekama Village Park.
- Support a campaign for legislation to provide Federal funding for dredging of the channel and for necessary pier renovations in the future.
- Continue to use the donation box for use of the Village boat launch.
- Preserve, enhance and promote access and use of scenic vistas.

Goal 3: Administer and publicize Onekama Village parks and recreation to the greatest benefit of the community.

- Hold regularly scheduled meetings with the planning commissions of neighboring jurisdictions to develop shared visions for community recreation and to identify opportunities for collaboration and cost-sharing.
- Install a large map of Onekama recreation sites at the Onekama Village Park.
- Continue to budget annually for parks and recreation.
- Inform donors and community members of improvements in, and the current status of, parks and recreation, particularly in instances where donated funds have been used.
- Promote parks fundraising events and activities.
- Continue to collaborate with other local units of government for parks and recreation planning.
- Support the MRA and its ability to provide recreation lessons, events and programming.
- Support the year-round presentation of concerts by local and regional artists.
- In association with the Manistee Recreation Association, the Onekama Consolidated Schools, and other organizations, provide recreation programs for residents, seasonal youth and those with disabilities.

Goal 4: Improve and enhance Onekama Village’s parks and recreation facilities for optimal use by residents, seasonal residents and visitors.

- Cut and replace trees as needed.
- Plan for future needs and upgrades in the Onekama Village Park by garnering public input, followed by the creation of a clear implementation strategy.
- Continue to mechanically groom beaches.
- Continue to maintain the Butterfly Park and other green spaces around Farr Center.
- Support multi-use trail planning efforts locally and regionally.
- Install directional, educational and historical signage as needed.
- Support pickleball court maintenance efforts and usage.

Pleasanton Township

Goal 1: Develop multi-use trails that are connected to a county-wide trail system and that work to connect local points of interest.

- Collaborate with SMARTrails, the Manistee County Planning Department, the Manistee County Recreation Commission and neighboring jurisdictions on multi-use trail development efforts.
- Work with the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy to develop an equestrian trail system that allows for horseback riding, horse carts, and camping with a horse trailer.
- Improve safety for trail users by developing safe crossing points on major roads.
- Ensure a well connected snowmobile trail throughout the township.
- Develop a designated trail that circles Bear Lake including mile markers to help measure distance.
- Identify roadways that could feature widened shoulders to allow for non-motorized paths.
- Implement a designated non-motorized connection between May Buell Park and the Township Hall.
- Improve snowmobile trail surfaces for adaptive uses (motorized and non-motorized).
- Develop a walking trail loop at Pleasanton Township Hall.

Goal 2: Improve the use of Pleasanton Township parks.

- Improve the park facilities at the Township Hall Park including updating the lighting at the sports field, improving the playground equipment, developing an outdoor restroom, providing frost-free drinking water, creating a trailhead with signage for snowmobile use and other multi-use trail users and improving seating.
- Develop restroom facilities at Pleasanton Township Park.
- Improve parking, playground equipment and seating at Pleasanton Township Park.
- Implement picnic pavilions at township recreation sites.

Goal 3: Create and improve access opportunities to Bear Lake.

- Continue to identify potential property acquisitions that would promote public access to Bear Lake.
- Support efforts to monitor and steward the ecological quality of Bear Lake.

Springdale Township

Goal 1: Improve access to surface water resources.

- Support improvements to the Michigan DNR’s Betsie River access sites at Moore Road & County Line Road and at Dzuibanek & Kurick Roads.
- Support the development of access site’s to the DNR-owned properties at Kurick Road and N County Line Road.
- Make Healy Lake universally accessible for all users.
- Consider making Healy Lake State Forest Campground part of the Explore the Shores program.
- Renew the Township’s lease with the State of Michigan for Healy Lake State Forest Campground.
- Develop an on-shore fishing platform at Healy Lake for improved access to the water.

Goal 2: Improve recreation sites within Springdale Township.

- Provide electrical hookups to the Healy Lake State Forest Campground.
- Install a new electric water pump and well at the Healy Lake State Forest Campground.
- Improve and develop ball fields and athletic equipment at Springdale Township Park.
- Develop pickleball courts at Springdale Township Park.

Goal 3: Develop multi-use trails that are connected to a county-wide trail system.

- Make the railroad grade a priority in developing the trail connections.
- Continue to work collaboratively in developing the county-wide trail system.
- Once trail improvements are made to the Betsie Valley Trail, develop Healy Lake State Forest Campground as an established trailhead.
- Coordinate with Manistee County to establish trails for Off-road Vehicles (ORV).

Goal 4: Plan for maintenance and funding of recreational facilities, programming, and future opportunities.

- Create a line item in the budget that funds recreation.
- Create a savings mechanism to save funds for recreational purposes.
- Seek out funding sources (grants, endowments) and actively pursue obtaining funding awards.
- Apply for grants that support park and recreation improvements through the County’s Recreation Commission.

Stronach Township

Goal 1: Increase awareness about natural resources and recreational opportunities in Stronach.

- Meet with the Visitors Bureau to educate them about the township's recreational opportunities.
- Explore ways that the Township can use technology to promote recreation.

Goal 2: Develop multi-use trails that are connected to a county-wide trail system.

- Continue to work collaboratively to develop a county-wide trail system.
- Expand and improve the shoulder on Skocelas Road to use for a bike lane.

Goal 3: Improve parks and recreation sites in the township to improve quality and offer more recreation opportunities.

- Add bleachers, develop ADA accessible restrooms and improve parking at Stronach Park with a paved parking area along Stronach Road.
- Improve Claybank Park by adding grills, graveling the parking lot and driveway and developing the park as a trailhead.
- Continue to plan for the maintenance and funding of recreational facilities.
- Develop a fish cleaning station at the boat launch which would be convenient for those fishing Manistee Lake and the Little Manistee River.

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Appendix G: Plan Preparation & Adoption Documentation

Public Hearing Notices for 21 Municipalities

October 1, 2021 Public Hearing Notice in the Manistee News Advocate, Initiating the 30-Day Public Review Period

October 21, 2021 Public Hearing Notice in the Manistee News Advocate

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30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD FOR THE MANISTEE COUNTY-WIDE PARK AND RECREATION PLAN

Notice of availability of the 2022-2026 Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan which contains all necessary information for approval of Park and Recreation plans for 20 local units of government within Manistee County, as well as for Manistee County.

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Please send comments via email to zach.vega@networksnorthwest.org

Municipality	Location	Date
Arcadia Township	3422 Lake Street, Arcadia MI 49613	11/11 @ 7pm
Bear Lake Township	7771 Lake Street, Bear Lake, MI	TBD
Village of Bear Lake	12376 Virginia Street, Bear Lake, MI 49614	TBD
Brown Township	8025 Coates Highway, Manistee, MI 49660	11/10 @ 7pm
Cleon Township	16505 Imhoff Drive, Copemish, MI 49625	TBD
Village of Copemish	16798 First Street, Copemish, MI 49625-0207	12/14 @ 7pm
Dickson Township	14270 Brethren Blvd., Brethren, MI 49619	TBD
Village of Eastlake	175 South Main Street, Eastlake, MI, 49626	TBD
Filer Township	2505 Filer City Road, Manistee, MI 49660	11/4 @ 5:30pm
Village of Kaleva	9219 Aura Street, Kaleva, MI 49645	TBD
City of Manistee	70 Maple Street, Manistee, MI 49660	11/16 @ 7pm
Manistee Township	410 Holden Street, Manistee, MI 49660	11/3 @ 7pm
Maple Grove Township	9213 Aura Street, Kaleva, MI 49645	11/8 @ 6:45pm
Marilla Township	9991 Marilla Road, Copemish, MI 49625	11/9 @ 6:30pm
Norman Township	1273 South Seaman Road, Wellson, MI 49689	12/14 @ 7pm
Onokama Township	5435 Main Street, Onokama, MI 49675	11/10 @ 4pm
Village of Onokama	5283 Main Street, Onokama, MI 49675	11/7 @ 6:30pm
Pleasanton Township	8958 Lumley Road, Bear Lake, MI 49614	11/9 @ 6pm
Springdale Township	14992 Glovers Lake Road, Bear Lake, MI 49614	11/8 @ 7:30pm
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Manistee County	415 Third Street, Manistee, MI 49660	TBD

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Arcadia Township

Resolution of Support

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**A Resolution Supporting an Update of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan
Arcadia Township**

Date: 2-11-2021

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources has established a standard process for municipal governments to follow to receive State approval of a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan meet State guidelines and approval to be eligible for grant funding through the Natural Resources Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County Recreation Commission in conjunction with the Manistee County Planning Department and Networks Northwest are leading a process to update the 2016-2021 Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan that will meet the requirements and approval of the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements met by the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will accomplish the same for each participating municipality within Manistee County, thereby updating a total of 21 approved plans under the umbrella of the County-Wide Plan; and

WHEREAS, Arcadia Township recognizes the significant and positive economic impact that recreation presents to Manistee County and all local municipalities contained within; and

WHEREAS, the development, improvement and creation of recreational sites and assets provides opportunities for increased tourism and recreation site participation, in addition to these sites' contribution to the development of a sense of community and improved health; and

WHEREAS, support and participation within the planning process requires a \$1,000 contribution; and

WHEREAS, Arcadia Township recognizes that the County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will involve a mix of stakeholder and local official input throughout the process to update required information, goals and the action program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Arcadia Township supports the development of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan and seeks to participate throughout the process, and subsequently adopting said plan if it meets the intent and desire of the residents of Arcadia Township.

Janice M. McVerner

Signatory Name (Print)

Janice M. McVerner

Signatory Name (Sign)

Pat Wilson

Clerk (Print)

Pat Wilson

Clerk (Sign)

Date: 2-11-2021

Date: 2-11-2021

Bear Lake Township

Resolution of Support

A Resolution Supporting an Update of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan

Bear Lake Township

Date: FEB 16, 2021

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WHEREAS, Bear Lake Township recognizes the significant and positive economic impact that recreation presents to Manistee County and all local municipalities contained within; and

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WHEREAS, Bear Lake Township recognizes that the County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will involve a mix of stakeholder and local official input throughout the process to update required information, goals and the action program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Bear Lake Township supports the development of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan and seeks to participate throughout the process, and subsequently adopting said plan if it meets the intent and desire of the residents of Bear Lake Township.

JEFFREY HARTHUN

Signature Name (Print)

Jeffrey Harthun

Signature Name (Sign)

Date: 2-16-21

DEANNA PATTISON

Clerk (Print)

Deanna Pattison

Clerk (Sign)

Date: 2-16-21

Resolution of Adoption

Bear Lake Township Board Resolution for Adoption of the Bear Lake Township Park & Recreation Plan Resolution # 6 of 2021

WHEREAS, the Bear Lake Township has undertaken a planning process to plan for recreation for the community, called the Bear Lake Township Park & Recreation Plan, while simultaneously participating in preparing a greater collaborative County-Wide recreation plan called the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Bear Lake Township Park & Recreation Plan is a component of the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, when referring to the Bear Lake Township Park & Recreation Plan all the common components of the greater Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan is considered with the exception of, and excluding, sections specific to other communities, and

WHEREAS, the sections that are specific to Bear Lake Township include pages A-6 through A-8 and F-6 through F-7 of Appendix F, and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, of which the Bear Lake Township Park & Recreation Plan is a component, was prepared in partnership and collaboration with all Manistee County municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the collaborative planning process was to determine the recreation and natural resource needs and desires of Manistee County residents, with the Bear Lake Township component addressing specifically Bear Lake Township residents, during a five-year period covering the years 2022-2026, and

WHEREAS, the combined area of the aforementioned local unit of government constitutes the planning area, and

WHEREAS, the Bear Lake Township Board is the official governing body solely responsible for recreation planning in Bear Lake Township, and

WHEREAS, the Bear Lake Township Board completed the process of developing a community recreation and natural resources plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for thirty (30) days, and

WHEREAS, opportunities for public input for all residents of the community to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation plan were made available by taking advantage of any or all of the following opportunities: by attending any of the public input sessions held at each Manistee County jurisdiction during 2021, by taking an on-line survey that was available from April-August 2021, and the final public comment session held on November 16, 2021 at the Bear Lake Township Hall to provide a final opportunity for comment, and

WHEREAS, the Bear Lake Township Board has participated in the development of the Plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for Bear Lake Township, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing and during a scheduled Township Board meeting, the Bear Lake Township Board voted to adopt said recreation plan, and

WHEREAS, final edits to the plan will be incorporated as noted in the Bear Lake Township Board meeting minutes for the meeting that took place on November 16, 2021, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Bear Lake Township Board hereby adopts the Bear Lake Township Park & Recreation Plan as defined.

Yeas: WOOD-SMITH, MAY, HARTHUN, PATTISON
Nays: NONE
Absent: RINGEL

I, DEANNA PATTISON, Bear Lake Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Bear Lake Township Board at the regular meeting thereof held on November 16, 2021.

Signature: *Deanna Pattison* Date: 11-16-21
Bear Lake Township Clerk

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP MINUTES
7771 Lake St., Bear Lake, MI
REGULAR MEETING
November 16, 2021

Regular meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Harthun, Pattison, Wood-Smith, and May.

Absent: Ringel.

Others present: Sean Adams, Katie Mehl, Chelsea Cooper, Belinda Jabrocki, Leon Jabrocki, and Sarah Archer.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was said.

Board members received copies of the Agenda, October regular meeting minutes, and List of Bills for the month and Budget.

Changes/Additions to Agenda: Wood-Smith made motion to add Sewer Articles of Incorporation to the agenda. May seconded. Motion carried.

No public comments.

Minutes: May made motion to accept the October regular meeting minutes. Wood-Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Chelsea Cooper, spoke regarding Manistee Conservation District.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Adams read report.

• Harthun made motion to accept the resignation of Dillion Vanderbie from the fire department. Pattison seconded. Motion carried.

Planning Commission: No report.

Assessor reports: Report placed on file.

2LK Sewers: Harthun stated Authority will seek questions about the project.

Bldg Committee: Harthun will consult another architect.

Bills: May made the motion to pay all bills listed, including \$375.00 Lighthouse Title, \$35.00 Sean Adams, \$487.51 Manistee County Revenue Sharing Board, and any other routine bills. Wood-Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

• Wood-Smith made motion to approve Bear Lake Township Lake Access and Mooring Ordinance No 1 of 2021. May seconded. Pattison aye, Wood-Smith aye, May aye, Harthun aye. Ringel absent. Supervisor declared Ordinance adopted.

New Business:

• Harthun made motion to accept the Bear Lake Board Resolution No 6 of 2021 for Adoption of the Bear Lake Township Park & Recreation Plan and the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan as submitted. May seconded. Wood-Smith aye, May aye, Harthun aye, Pattison aye. Ringel absent. Resolution passed.

• Pattison made motion to accept the Nancy Ann Memorial Fire Department Donation of \$2,496.00. Harthun seconded. Motion carried.

• Wood-Smith made motion to accept the Manistee County Recycling Program Interlocal Agreement effective January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. Pattison seconded. Motion carried.

• Wood-Smith made motion to complete the property purchase located in Wildwood and to allow Jeff Harthun and/or Deanna Pattison to sign at closing of the West Edge Park property purchase. May seconded. Motion carried.

• Harthun made motion to accept Two Lake Collaborative Sewer Authority Articles of Incorporation as amended 2019. Wood-Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Bear Lake Township
November 16, 2021
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Heard public comments.

The next regular Township Board meeting is, December 14, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

No other business...Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Pattison Bear Lake Township Clerk

BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP
7771 Lake St., Bear Lake, Michigan
Public Hearing Minutes
November 16, 2021

The public hearing regarding Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan called to order by Supervisor Harthun at 6:31 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said to the American flag.

Bear Lake Township Board members answering roll call, Treasurer Wood-Smith, Clerk Pattison, Supervisor Harthun, and Trustee May. Absent Trustee Ringel.

Others present, Katie Mehl, Belinda Jabrocki, and Leon Jabrocki.

The Supervisor stated the purpose of this hearing is to accept public comment on the draft of the proposed Manistee County-Wide 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan.

No public comments given at this time.

Pattison made motion to adjourn the meeting. Harthun seconded. Motion carried.

The Supervisor declared the Public Hearing adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Deanna Pattison, Bear Lake Township Clerk

Village of Bear Lake

Resolution of Support

A Resolution Supporting an Update of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan

Village of Bear Lake

Date: 17 February 2021

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WHEREAS, support and participation within the planning process requires a \$500 contribution; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Bear Lake recognizes that the County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will involve a mix of stakeholder and local official input throughout the process to update required information, goals and the action program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Bear Lake supports the development of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan and seeks to participate throughout the process, and subsequently adopting said plan if it meets the intent and desire of the residents of the Village of Bear Lake.

Marla M Evans
Signatory Name (Print)
Marla M Evans
Signatory (Sign)

Date: 17 Feb 2021

Cindi McPherson
Clerk (Print)
Cindi McPherson
Clerk (Sign)

Date: 17 Feb 2021

Resolution of Adoption

Village of Bear Lake, Village Council Resolution for Adoption of the Village of Bear Lake Park & Recreation Plan Resolution # 3 of 2021

WHEREAS, the Village of Bear Lake has undertaken a planning process to plan for recreation for the community, called the Village of Bear Lake Park & Recreation Plan, while simultaneously participating in preparing a greater collaborative County-Wide recreation plan called the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Bear Lake Park & Recreation Plan is a component of the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

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WHEREAS, the sections that are specific to Village of Bear Lake include pages A-10 through A-12 of Appendix A and F-8 of Appendix F, and

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WHEREAS, Village of Bear Lake, Village Council began the process of developing a community recreation and natural resources plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

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WHEREAS, opportunities for public input for all residents of the community to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation plan were made available by taking advantage of any or all of the following opportunities: by attending any of the public input sessions held at each Manistee County jurisdiction during 2021, by taking an on-line survey that was available from April-August 2021, and the final public comment session held on November 17, 2021 at the Village of Bear Lake Hall to provide a final opportunity for comment, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Bear Lake, Village Council has participated in the development of the Plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for Village of Bear Lake, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing and during a regularly scheduled Village Council meeting, the Village of Bear Lake, Village Council voted to adopt said recreation plan, and

WHEREAS, final edits to the plan will be incorporated as noted in the Village of Bear Lake, Village Council meeting minutes for the meeting that took place on November 17, 2021, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Village of Bear Lake, Village Council hereby adopts the Village of Bear Lake Recreation as defined.

Yes: _____ Nays: _____ Absent: _____

I, Cindi McPherson, Village of Bear Lake Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Village of Bear Lake Village Council at a regular meeting thereof held on November 17, 2021.

Signature Cindi McPherson Date 17 November 2021
Village of Bear Lake Clerk

Resolution of Adoption

Village of Bear Lake
Planning Commission

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Types a correction of Park & Rec Plan.

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Meeting Minutes

VILLAGE OF BEAR LAKE COUNCIL
12376 Virginia Street
Bear Lake Village Hall

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 17, 2021
Approved minutes with correction, cmc

The regular monthly meeting for the Bear Lake Village Council was called to order by President Marla Evans at the Village Hall at 7:25pm. Meeting was delayed due to two council members arriving late and two council members absent. Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Guests: Jim Thompson, Katie Mehl (Manistee County Planning), Char Myers, one guest called in

ROLL CALL:

President: Marla Evans Council: Rodney Gee, Shelly Lynnes, John Pelmeare, David Ross

Treasurer: Sally King Clerk: Cindi McPherson Staff: Josh Newsom – call in

Absent: Andrea Ware & Natalie Ware

Park Manager: April Maddox - absent

Planning Commissioner: Barb Farsfing - absent

County Commissioner: Pauline Jaquish

Motion to adopt the agenda with correction by Pelmeare and seconded Gee, motion carried.

Ayes: Gee, Lynnes, Pelmeare, Ross & Evans

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: A. Ware & N. Ware

Correction: Bills To Be Paid – MML invoice amount should be \$1281.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

• Clerk presented information from Michigan Department of Health & Human Services on Low Income Household Water Assistance Program. Designed to assist Village residents in paying their Village water bills.

• President Evans stated a village resident had asked why the Village water leakage was not reflected in the September minutes under the Maintenance Report. They felt this was an important issue that Village residents should know about. This will be discussed under Reports; Maintenance Report.

PUBLIC HEARING – Manistee County Park & Recreation Plan, Village of Bear Lake

Public Hearing opened at 7:30pm

Katie Mehl from Manistee County Planning facilitated the meeting.

Council & guests were asked if they had any questions or concerns regarding the updated Manistee County Park & Recreation Plan, Village of Bear Lake section. Networks Northwest worked with Village of Bear Lake Planning Commission on updates. Discussion was held.

Public Hearing ended at 7:36pm

Motion was made to accept the updated Manistee County Park & Recreation, Village of Bear Lake with a list of typo corrections presented, by Lynnes and seconded by Gee, motion carried.

Ayes: Gee, Lynnes, Pelmeare, Ross & Evans

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: A. Ware & N. Ware

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Motion to approve October 20, 2021 minutes were tabled due to lack of quorum of council members who attended the October meeting.

REPORTS:

MAINTENANCE REPORT: report read by Newsom, DPW Manager, report on file.

➢ Discussion was held on water leakage found the Villages as the result of the new water well system. Newsom explained the leakage was found due to the Village monitoring the usage of water within the Village. Newsom said, this is a common thing but the village's leakage is a little higher than normal. There could be a lot of little leaks due to old service lines. Looking back at old water usage records, leaks could have been in progress 8 – 9 years ago. Some of these leaks could be home owner's responsibility, depending on where the leak is on the line. Newsom will be contacting companies for quotes

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on the cost to determine where the leaks are and repairing them. Looking into grants and/or infrastructure state funding.

This project will be in the 2021 – 2022 Budget.

➢ Discussion was held on the repairs (approx. \$3,300) of the Village's brown truck vs the purchase of a new plow (approx. \$6,500) for the Village grey truck. Pelmeare made a motion to purchase a new snow plow for the grey Village truck but rescinded the motion due to lack of support. Gee will help Newsome repair some of the parts needed for safety on the brown Village truck. Some council members felt the cost of purchasing a new snow plow was not a good way to use the village money at this time.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Reviewed by Treasurer Sally King. Written report on file in the 2021 Minutes binder.

August 31, 2021 Fund Balances:

General checking 81,797.78

Water

Op & Maint (checking) 1,859.87

Receiving (savings) 26,874.21

Water Project Required Accounts 21,240.90

Bond Reserve Acct 48,849.79

RRI Fund

USDA Required Accounts 28,853.76

USDA Repayment -Savings 10,447.16

DPW Repayment – checking 18,337.73

Park checking 78,098.07

Major Street checking 3,667.73

Minor Street checking 31,441.03

Equipment Fund checking

FILER CREDIT UNION ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION BALANCES

General

Checking \$95.00

Savings \$5.00

Water

Op & Maint (checking) \$70.00

Savings \$5.00

Receiving \$5.00

USDA required accounts

Bond Reserve Acct. \$5.00

RRI Fund \$5.00

Repayment Accounts

USDA Repayment – savings \$5.00

DPW Repayment – Savings \$5.00

Hopkins Park

Checking \$95.00

Savings \$5.00

Major Streets

Checking \$95.00

Savings \$5.00

Local Streets

Checking \$95.00

Savings \$5.00

Equipment

Checking \$95.00

Savings \$5.00

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented by Lynnes, seconded by Gee, motion carried.

Aye: Gee, Lynnes, Pelmeare, Ross, Evans

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: A. Ware & N. Ware

Motion to approve the Amendments as presented by Lynnes, seconded by Ross, motion carried.

Aye: Gee, Lynnes, Pelmeare, Ross, Evans

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Nay: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: A. Ware & N. Ware

Amendments are attached to minutes.
 Treasurer asked the council for approval to apply for a Filer Credit Union Credit Card for Village use only.
Motion to proceed with application for FCU credit card by Pelmear, seconded by Gee, motion carried.

Aye: Gee, Lynnes, Pelmear, Ross, Evans
 Nay: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: A. Ware & N. Ware

Treasurer asked council for approval of taking on-line water bill payments.
Motion to proceed with on-line water bill payments through Filer Credit Union by Pelmear, seconded by Ross, motion carried.

Aye: Gee, Lynnes, Pelmear, Ross, Evans
 Nay: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: A. Ware & N. Ware

Bills to be paid presented by the Clerk. List attached and on file.
Motion to pay the bills, by Ross, seconded by Gee. Motion carried.

Aye: Gee, Lynnes, Pelmear, Ross Evans
 Nay: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: A. Ware & N. Ware

Clerk asked for approval additional invoices for payment; MML \$1281.00 – Workers Compensation audit and West Coast Farm Services \$3,582.00 – Sterling
Motion to pay additional invoices, by Ross, seconded by Lynnes. Motion carried.

Aye: Gee, Lynnes, Pelmear, Ross Evans
 Nay: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: A. Ware & N. Ware

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:
PARK:

- Park report – Treasurer reported campground sales of approx. \$59K
- Clerk asked for permission to start the process with the campground on-line reservation system.

Motion to proceed with online reservation system for Hopkins Campground, by Lynnes, seconded by Ross. Motion carried.

Aye: Gee, Lynnes, Pelmear, Ross Evans
 Nay: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: A. Ware & N. Ware

- Reed’s property and Hopkins Park – survey will be put in the 2022-2023 Budget.

WATER:

- Included in the DPW Maintenance Report

STREETS, TREES, SIGNS, LIGHTS, SIDEWALKS:

- None

BUILDINGS, GROUNDS AND EQUIPMENT

- Gee said they are waiting on Cole to give them a quote on repairs needed on the Municipal Building to determine what the best solution is to repair or take top portion off.
- Coiser Park – pickleball nets are down - bench & basketball systems still need to be done.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Pauline Jaquish – reported on staffing shortage at the county Medical Care Facility due to COVID.
 Eric ~~Sylvia~~ **Sullivan** from Manistee is helping with veterans in a positive way. His office is located in the West Shore Community College building.

Sparkle in the Park is moving along nicely. No opening night event again this year. There will be light decoration contest, winners for residential, business & sites of Sparkle.

BEAR LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD: A. Ware no report. Next meeting December 2, 2021
TWO LAKES SEWER AUTHORITY: Evans reviewed TLSA minutes, found on Onekama Township website.
 Evans asked council for approval of Village President & Clerk to sign the Articles of Incorporation for the Two Lake Sewer Association as amended. Amendment needed to removing the tribe off the Articles of Incorporation.

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Minor (2727)	202-463-943	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26.82	\$ -	\$ 26.82
Gen		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 93.88	\$ -	\$ 93.88
TOTALS		22.42	67.64	465.06	176.11	731.23
			D. Reed Park - 45.22		D. Reed Gen \$4.18	

Wage Transfers

		Oct-21					
Wages for period		2743	2719	2727	2735		
Honor #'s		Water	Major	Minor	Parks	General	Total
Josh Newsom's Timesheets							
Check date:	10/6/2021	129.75				735.25	865.00
	10/13/2021	103.80				761.20	865.00
	10/20/2021	392.00	33.60	33.60	358.40	302.40	1120.00
	10/27/2021	414.40	11.20	11.20	414.40	268.80	1120.00
Total Wages		1,039.95	44.80	44.80	772.80	2,067.65	3970.00
FICA		79.56	3.43	3.43	59.12	158.18	303.71
Total from transfer		1,119.51	48.23	48.23	831.92		2047.88
transfer to QB #'s	000-702	463-702	463-702	000-702			
Transfer and post to 101-265-702		44.80	44.80	772.80		n/a	
Transfer and post to 101-690-000		79.56	3.43	3.43	59.12	n/a	
Other Timesheets		Water	Major	Minor	Parks	General	Total
		2743	2719	2727	2735		
From Quickbooks "Wages to Transfer"		500.00			234.00	-	734.00
Total Wages		500.00	-	-	234.00	-	734.00
FICA		38.25	-	-	17.90	-	56.15
Total to transfer		538.25	-	-	251.90		790.15
transfer from each QB acct	000-702	463-702	463-702	000-702			
Transfer and post to Transfers Out -999		500.00	-	-	234.00	n/a	
Transfer and post to 101-690-000		38.25	-	-	17.90	n/a	

Clerk Report

2021		1-Nov		
Fund	Payee	Amount	Account #	Notes
General			101-	
			265-930	Rep & Maint traps, concrete, sand paper, oil, bulbs & light
	Bear Lake Hardware	\$62.63	265-930	
	Young, Graham & Wendling	\$200.00	265-801	Monthly retainer \$200
	Jackpine Business Center	\$50.99	215-727	Toner
	Inacomp	\$30.00	265-801	Cloud back-up
		\$343.62		
Water			591-	
	Haviland	\$267.50	000-751	Supplies
	SOS Analytical	\$1,180.00	000-801	out sourcing water sampling - October
		<u>\$75.00</u>	000-801	out sourcing water sampling - October

Motion to approval signing the Articles of incorporation Two Lake Sewer Authority as Amended., by Lynnes, seconded by Ross. Motion carried.

Aye: Gee, Lynnes, Pelmear, Ross Evans
 Nay: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: A. Ware & N. Ware

- Clerk presented information on Two Lakes Collaboration Sewer Authority Seeking Community Input About Sewer Project. Residents within the authority are encouraged to ask questions regarding the Sewer Authority. Area collection boxes will be available with paper & pens in high traffic areas.

PLANNING COMMISSION: no report.

- Lake access & mooring of boats – tabled until December.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The American Rescue Plan (Covid money) information was resubmitted

NEW BUSINESS:

- Clerk presented council with having the Bear Lake Historical Society handle the selling of the bricks at the Tower Clock area. Discussion was held.

Motion to approve the Bear Lake Area Historical Society handling the sale of bricks at the Tower Clock area, by Ross, seconded by Pelmear. Motion carried.

Aye: Gee, Lynnes, Pelmear, Ross Evans
 Nay: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: A. Ware & N. Ware

- Clerk gave the quarterly report from the Blight Elimination Fund - \$9,756.32

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

COUNCIL COMMENT:

- None

UPCOMING EVENTS or ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Two Lakes Sewer Authority meets 1st Wednesday of ea. month 7pm at Bear Lake Township Hall
- Bear Lake Improvement Board Meeting December 2, 7pm at Bear Lake Township Hall
- Bear Lake Promoters Meeting 1st Wednesday of each month, 8:00am at Grille 44
- Bear Lake Township meeting 3rd Monday of each month, at 7pm. Township Hall.
- Manistee Land Bank – 2nd Monday at 3pm. Location: Board of Commissioners' meeting room at the Manistee County Courthouse & Government Center, 415 3rd Street, Manistee, MI 49660.
- SMARTTrails – meetings on hold.

Motion to adjourn the regular monthly meeting was made by Pelmear, seconded by Gee. Motion carried.

Aye: Gee, Lynnes, Pelmear, Ross, Evans
 Nay: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: A. Ware & N. Ware

Meeting adjourned at 9:50p.m.

Next meetings:
 Next council regular monthly meeting, December 15, 2021.

Respectfully submitted by
 Cindi McPherson, Clerk

Equipment Rental

FUND	Equipment Rental	10/6/2021	10/13/2021	10/20/2021	10/27/2021	TOTALS
Water (2743)	591-000-943	\$ 22.42	\$ 22.42	\$ 126.28	\$ 50.45	\$ 221.57
Park (2735)	531-463-943	\$ -	\$ 45.22	\$ 191.26	\$ 125.66	\$ 362.14
Major (2719)	203-463-943	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26.82	\$ -	\$ 26.82

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				\$1,522.50	
Park					531-
Major					203-
Minor					202-
Equipment					649-
Auto Value		\$42.97	000-782	Rep & Maint - Brown truck	
		\$42.97			
Total Bills to be Paid		\$1,909.09			

Proposed budget amendments – November 2021 meeting

General Fund			
Revenue:	Increase Property Tax to \$70,000	(up \$10,000)	
Expenses:	Increase Wages to \$21,000	(up \$10,000)	
	Increase Insurance to \$2950	(up 100.)	
	Increase Repair & Maint. to \$8500	(up\$6,000)	
	Increase Trash Bag Exp. To \$185	(up\$587.)	

The 10K increase to property tax income is offset by the increase in wages.
 The General Fund has a \$14K+ positive un-budgeted balance which will cover the remaining \$6687 in increases.

Water Department			
Revenue:	Increase Transfers In to \$11,353	(up \$11,353)	
Expenses:	Increase Postage to \$500	(up \$150.)	
	Increase Interest Exp. to \$35,060	(up \$8,812)	

Under Revenues, you will note Transfers In has no budget figure currently. The monies deposited to this account are all for the DPW Building repayment which have been transferred from General, Water, Park and Equipment.
 In reviewing the next payment, I found we had to increase Interest Expense to account for two DPW interest payments and two water interest payments.

Hopkins Park			
Revenue:	Increase Receipts to \$59,000	(up\$6,000)	
Expenses:	Increase Salaries to \$18,000	(up \$3,000)	
	Increase Gas & Oil to \$800.	(up \$100)	
	Increase Garbage Coll. to \$1700	(up \$400)	
	Increase Park Improve. to \$300	(up \$300)	
	Increase Utilities to 12,000	(up \$1,000)	

Increase in receipts will more than cover increase in costs.

Major Streets			
Expenses:	Increase DPW Bldg Reprmt to \$1300	(up \$600)	
	Increase Office Supplies to \$45	(up \$45)	

We have a \$295 positive un-budgeted balance which will cover these two increases.

Local Streets			
Expenses:	Move \$45 from Insurance to Office Supplies		
	Move \$2000 from General Fund to Local Streets		
	\$400 to Tree Removal		
	\$800 to Repair & Maintenance		
	\$800 to Salaries		

We need to move monies from General Fund as Local Streets does not have sufficient income.

Equipment			
Expenses:	Increase Supplies to \$1300	(up \$600)	
	Increase Miscellaneous to \$200	(up \$200) [Rev. Shar. Grant preparation cost]	

We have a \$4410 positive un-budgeted balance which will cover these two increases.

Brown Township

Resolution of Support

A Resolution Supporting an Update of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan

Brown Township

Date: 2-10-21

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources has established a standard process for municipal governments to follow to receive State approval of a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan meet State guidelines and approval to be eligible for grant funding through the Natural Resources Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County Recreation Commission in conjunction with the Manistee County Planning Department and Networks Northwest are leading a process to update the 2016-2021 Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan that will meet the requirements and approval of the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements met by the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will accomplish the same for each participating municipality within Manistee County, thereby updating a total of 21 approved plans under the umbrella of the County-Wide Plan; and

WHEREAS, Brown Township recognizes the significant and positive economic impact that recreation presents to Manistee County and all local municipalities contained within; and

WHEREAS, the development, improvement and creation of recreational sites and assets provides opportunities for increased tourism and recreation site participation, in addition to these sites' contribution to the development of a sense of community and improved health; and

WHEREAS, support and participation within the planning process requires a \$1,000 contribution; and

WHEREAS, Brown Township recognizes that the County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will involve a mix of stakeholder and local official input throughout the process to update required information, goals and the action program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Brown Township supports the development of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan and seeks to participate throughout the process, and subsequently adopting said plan if it meets the intent and desire of the residents of Brown Township.

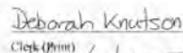


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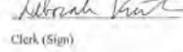


Signatory Name (Sign)

Date: 2-10-2021



Clerk (Print)



Clerk (Sign)

Date: 2-10-2021

Resolution of Adoption

Brown Township Board Resolution for Adoption of the Brown Township Park & Recreation Plan Resolution # 1-2021 of 2021

WHEREAS, the Brown Township has undertaken a planning process to plan for recreation for the community, called the Brown Township Park & Recreation Plan, while simultaneously participating in preparing a greater collaborative County-Wide recreation plan called the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Brown Township Park & Recreation Plan is a component of the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, when referring to the Brown Township Park & Recreation Plan all the common components of the greater Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan is considered with the exception of, and excluding, sections specific to other communities, and

WHEREAS, the sections that are specific to Brown Township include pages A-14 through A-16 and F-10 of Appendix F, and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, of which the Brown Township Park & Recreation Plan is a component, was prepared in partnership and collaboration with all Manistee County municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the collaborative planning process was to determine the recreation and natural resource needs and desires of Manistee County residents, with the Brown Township component addressing specifically Brown Township residents, during a five-year period covering the years 2022-2026, and

WHEREAS, the combined area of the aforementioned local unit of government constitutes the planning area, and

WHEREAS, the Brown Township Board is the official governing body solely responsible for recreation planning in Brown Township, and

WHEREAS, the Brown Township Board completed the process of developing a community recreation and natural resources plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for thirty (30) days, and

WHEREAS, opportunities for public input for all residents of the community to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation plan were made available by taking advantage of any or all of the following opportunities: by attending any of the public input sessions held at each Manistee County jurisdiction during 2021, by taking an on-line survey that was available from April-August 2021, and the final public comment session held on November 10, 2021 at the Brown Township Hall to provide a final opportunity for comment, and

WHEREAS, the Brown Township Board has participated in the development of the Plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for Brown Township, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing and during a scheduled Township Board meeting, the Brown Township Board voted to adopt said recreation plan, and

WHEREAS, final edits to the plan will be incorporated as noted in the Brown Township Board meeting minutes for the meeting that took place on November 10, 2021, and

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of Brown Township Public Hearing

Brown Township Hall

November 10, 2021

The public hearing was opened by the Supervisor, Paul Adamski at 7:12 p.m.

Present: Paul Adamski, Supervisor; Deborah Knutson, Clerk; Lani Millsap, Treasurer; Timothy Joseph, Trustee; Paul Wondolowski, Trustee; Others in attendance: Rob Carson from Networks Northwest and Sandy Nelson.

The subject of this advertised public hearing is to allow comments from the public about the Brown Township Park and Recreation Plan.

There was discussion about adding Frisbee Golf to the plan. There was no verbal comment or written correspondence by the public in regards to this hearing.

At 7:30 p.m. the Supervisor closed the public hearing and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Deborah Knutson, Clerk. Minutes approved – December 8, 2021

Minutes of the (Regular) Meeting of the Brown Township Board November 10th, 2021

- 1. Call to Order**
Paul Adamski called the regular business meeting of the Brown Township board to order at 7:07 p.m. on November 10th, 2021.
- 2. Roll Call**
Paul Adamski conducted a roll call. Paul Adamski, Deborah Knutson, Lani Millsap, Tim Joseph and Paul Wondolowski were present. Others in attendance were Rob Carson from Networks Northwest and Sandy Nelson from the Planning Commission.
- 3. Approve the Agenda**
Tim Joseph made a motion to approve the meeting agenda; Lani Millsap seconded. Motion carried.
- 4. Public Comment**
No public comment.
- 5. Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting**
Tim Joseph made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 13th, 2021 minutes; Lani Millsap seconded. Motion carried.
- 6. Public Hearing – Brown Township Park and Recreation Plan**
Paul Adamski closed the regular business meeting at 7:12 p.m. See attached Public Hearing minutes for the Brown Township and Recreation Plan. The regular business meeting reconvened at 7:38 p.m. See new business below.
- 7. Reports**
 - Supervisor** – Paul Adamski reported he has one special use permit for adding on to a wood shed (#1438).
 - Clerk** – Deborah Knutson reported that the November 2nd Election went really well. There were 75 voters.
 - Treasurer** – Lani Millsap presented financial reports showing check #13935 to #13962 for payments. Total disbursements of \$10,004.00. Tim Joseph made a motion to pay October's bills; Paul Wondolowski seconded. Motion passed. The Treasurer's Report was received showing a current passbook balance of \$357,291.85. She also reported that she received the first half of the ARPA funds of \$38,675.00. She is getting ready to send out winter tax bills. She is also working with Deborah Knutson to pass on managing and reconciling the bank accounts minus the tax account. She and Deborah are also getting ready for the audit on November 24th.
 - Assessor** – Board of Review is to meet in December.
 - Planning Commission** – Tim Joseph reported that they have gotten through the whole zoning ordinance. A lot stayed the same but some things were changed or reworked. Next step is getting the whole revised version on PDF. Then making sure that there are no errors and sending on to the lawyer. Then there will be a Public Hearing and then sent on to the County

and then finally the Township Board. Once this is finalized they will move on to the Master Plan and ORV's.

- 8. New Business**
 - Brown Township Park and Recreation Plan** – Tim Joseph moved to adopt the Parks and Recreation Plan with the addition of frisbee golf added to the plan; Paul Wondolowski seconded. 5 - yeas; 0 - nays; 0 - absent. Resolution 1-2021 passed. The Clerk signed the resolution.
 - PNC Bank Accounts** – Lani Millsap has been noticing increasing fees for the bank accounts at PNC Bank where the Township has their General Fund, Fire and Rescue and Roads accounts. If she changes to a different account better suited for the Township, it would save between \$60 to \$100 a month in fees. She also mentioned that they have a remote scanning machine that she could scan in checks right from home. This would cost \$25 a month to have this machine. Paul Adamski brought up that it is terrible to have to pay fees on an account that has the amount of money that it does in it. After some discussion it was decided to wait and check other banks on what they charge for fees. Paul Wondolowski made a motion to table the PNC bank account changes till next month; Deborah Knutson seconded; Motion passed.

- 9. Discussion Period**
 - American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA)** – Some discussion was had about what could be done with ARPA funds. Rob Carson mentioned they can be used for things such as roads, broadband internet, utilities, Township Hall improvements, recreation and much more. The funds have to be used by 2026 and it is important to keep good records and receipts of the monies spent.
 - Marijuana – Restricted Funds** – Deborah Knutson is trying to figure out a way to keep track of the money that is used for Marijuana expenses. After some discussion it was concluded that the best way is to use a form for each month for the money that is spent on Marijuana and to reimburse the general fund. This is done only for accounting reasons and no money is being moved in the bank account.
 - Cemetery** – Paul Adamski reported that he had the Talon Group do a title search for the old cemetery off of River Road and Millarch and there is no easement. The Township would either have to buy property or get easement from an adjoining property.

Lani Millsap brought up the floors in the Hall and they are in pretty rough shape and cleaning them really won't help the situation. Paul Adamski thinks there are wood floors under the tile that could possibly be redone. Deborah Knutson will make some phone calls to a few places to see about redoing the floors or new floors.

10. Upcoming Events – Next Board Meeting – December 8th, 2021 7:00 p.m.

- 11. Adjournment** – Tim Joseph made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m., seconded by Paul Wondolowski

Minutes recorded by Deborah Knutson, Clerk.
Minutes approved – December 8, 2021

Cleon Township

Resolution of Support

A Resolution Supporting an Update of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan Cleon Township

Date: 2021-10-17

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources has established a standard process for municipal governments to follow to receive State approval of a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan; and

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Cleon Township supports the development of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan and seeks to participate throughout the process, and subsequently adopting said plan if it meets the intent and desire of the residents of Cleon Township.

David Myers

Signatory Name (Print)

David Myers

Signatory Name (Sign)

Date: 2-17-21

Amy Herrst

Cleon (Print)

Amy Herrst

Clerk (Sign)

Date: 2/17/21

Resolution of Adoption

Cleon Township Board Resolution for Adoption of the Cleon Township Park & Recreation Plan Resolution #11021 of 2021

WHEREAS, the Cleon Township has undertaken a planning process to plan for recreation for the community, called the Cleon Township Park & Recreation Plan, while simultaneously participating in preparing a greater collaborative County-Wide recreation plan called the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

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WHEREAS, final edits to the plan will be incorporated as noted in the Cleon Township Board meeting minutes for the meeting that took place on November 10, 2021, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Cleon Township Board hereby adopts the Cleon Township Park & Recreation Plan as defined.

Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

I, Amy Herrst, Cleon Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Cleon Township Board at the regular meeting thereof held on November 10, 2021

Signature: Amy Herrst Date: 11/10/21
Amy Herrst, Cleon Township Clerk

Meeting Minutes

CLEON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING DATE NOVEMBER 10, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor, Dave Myers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Cleon Township Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL Board Members present: Dave Myers-Supervisor, Linda Cudney - Treasurer, Gary Porter-Trustee, Amy Herrst-Clerk, Abraham Canfield-Trustee

GUESTS and/or VISITORS: Bill Mathes, Josh Palmer, Todd Humphrey and Patrick Milliron

PUBLIC COMMENT:

SET/AMEND THE AGENDA: Motion by Gary Porter, seconded by Abe Canfield to Set/Amend the Agenda. AIF

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Sept 8, 2021 Board Meeting minutes: Motion by Linda Cudney, seconded by Abe Canfield, to accept the meeting minutes. AIF

TREASURERS REPORT:

We received a check from State of MI for Nov 2020 Election reimbursement in the amount of \$200. We received a refund of 941 taxes for \$150. We received a State Revenue Sharing check in amount of \$13,976.

Motion by Gary Porter, seconded by Amy Herrst to approve treasurer's report. AIF

BUDGET AMENDMENT/PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Payment of bills: Motion by Linda Cudney, seconded by Abe Canfield to accept the Payment of bills AIF.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

A. TRUSTEES

Gary Porter: Opening day is Monday the 15th. Be safe and remember no baiting. Also note there is a cow on the loose in the area. Grocery store bids have stalled and now the building is looking to be sold for storage or possibly Thrive Cannabis is looking to buy with the stipulation that Cleon and the Village opt in to allow cannabis in the area. Within 5yrs there may be enough profit earned to turn around and help support a new townhall and a grocery/deli in the existing township hall location.

Abe Canfield: Nothing to report

B. TREASURER: Tax bills will be going out soon. Give me any info you want in the newsletter. State of MI had two more denials for exemption status. We had a huge success with the Feeding America truck: See attached notes and statistics. Next event is set for Dec 17 at 11 am. Smart Trails meet and accomplished lots of things. See attached.

Mark recommends that we use Fred Campbell with JML Design to give us some design options and then those could go to a public hearing. Mark will contact him. Linda will check on the last survey done on the property.

- Website: Amy got two proposals from MS Creative in Manistee and STG in Lansing. After comparing the two Amy would recommend MS because it is slightly less money in the long-term outlook and it is a local Manistee company. A motion by Amy Herrst seconded by Linda Cudney to move forward with the development of a website for Cleon township using MS Creative Services. Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays AIF
- Milarch's gave us a bid for the snow removal this winter. Amy will send them the updated contract. A motion by Linda Cudney seconded by Gary Porter to accept Milarch's plowing proposal for 2021-2022 winter season. Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays AIF

NEW BUSINESS:

- Parks and Rec Resolution:** A motion by Linda Cudney seconded by Gary Porter for resolution to adopt the Cleon Township Parks and Rec plan with resolution #111021 of 2021. Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays AIF

CORRESPONDENCE: See attached

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Gary Porter, seconded by Abe Canfield AIF
TIME: 8:26 PM

Next Board Meeting scheduled for December 8th, 2021 at 7 PM
Amy Herrst -Cleon Township Clerk

BOARD MEMBER ACTION PLAN:

Dave:
Will remove main flags in Cemetery after Nov 11
Will insulate the cemetery pump house

Amy:
Will move forward with website options for the township.
Will send thank you to Gene and Gus.
Will send a contract to Jared Milarch

Linda:
Will continue creating a pandemic action plan for our township.
Will Contact USDA and inform them of our decision to pursue and get a timeline/checklist

Gary:
Abe:

MTA meeting was in Stronach it also included our board field trip to look at the Stronach Fire Hall for ideas on our new building.

C. CLERK: I made a thank you for Gene to send with a picture of the cemetery signage. I will also send one to Gus Hanson, who helped as well. We received a letter from the Connecting Manistee Broadband Committee asking for help with creating RFP for the feasibility study. Unfortunately, I do not have the extra time to put into that newly formed group. I will keep you updated if anything new arises.

D. SUPERVISOR: CEMETERY UPDATE: I have asked Gene for a list of reimbursement costs. Zoning sign vandalism is being pursued by a Manistee co sheriff detective. Door was put on the pump house to seal properly. Insulation will come soon. COPEMISH VILLAGE UPDATE: Speed bumps are now gone and radar signs will now be looked into as an option.

E. ZONING: Barb not present but Linda stated they had 1 permit last month.

F. PLANNING: Meeting set for December 1st 2021.

G. FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Cleon Township Fire Dept. monthly report: See attached
Halloween brought about 30 kids who trick or treated to the fire truck. Maple syrup get together will happen just not at Griner Sugar Shack. I have been asked about safety concerns in the dollar general but we have no jurisdiction in there. If you want to voice concerns to corporate HQ, please do so.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Board Member Action Plan Items:

- Dave spoke with and Jamie Milarch will be fixing the entrance in the next week. ASAP
 - Dave did fix pump door and is planning to still insulate the pump house.
 - Linda will continue work on pandemic protocol.
2. Cannabis Regulatory Committee has been meeting and voted on ordinances to move forward with. With a 6-0 vote they will include: Grow Operations, Processing, Safety, and Transportation. With a 5-1 vote they will include Micro Business/Dispensary. Benzonia township is being used in conjunction with others as the springboard for our verbiage and content with two separate medical and recreational. Bill as a part of Thrive Cannabis would like to put on educational seminars at the Legion starting in January and going through April. They will need help getting the word out to the public.
3. Township Hall Plans: A budget will need to be developed. Linda has contacted USDA and Honor Bank about financing options. We will need a bond council attorney which they have at Mika Myers. USDA has an option for 30 yrs. at 2.125% with a yearly payment of \$22,625 or 40 yrs. same rate with a yearly payment of \$18,625. Honor Bank for a \$500,000 loan would want \$100,000 down and monthly payments at the rate of 3.25%. With our current mills at .61 we took in during 2018 \$19,248, 2019 \$19,876 2020 \$20,314. We currently owe \$63,000 still on our current USDA loan and that needs to be paid first. Professional services for the new building financing should come from the general fund and would be around \$20,000. A motion by Gary Porter seconded by Abe Canfield to move forward with the financing of a new building for Cleon township through USDA. Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes 0 Nays AIF

CLEON TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 10TH, 2021 AT 6:30PM

THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO ALLOW PUBLIC INPUT/HEARING REGARDING ADOPTION OF THE MANISTEE COUNTY-WIDE PARK & RECREATION PLAN AS PRESENTED THROUGH NETWORKS NORTHWEST.

- MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 6:31PM
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- ROLL CALL: Linda, Amy, Dave, Gary, Abe
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Motion by Linda Cudney to approve agenda, seconded by Amy Herrst. AIF
- PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA: None
- PUBLIC HEARING: Zach let us know that the county will meet on Dec 21st to approve resolution. After that township can upload necessary documents to MIGrants by Feb 1st. Zach will supply login info if needed and Linda is designated as our authorized official.
- ADJOURN: Motion by Gary Porter to adjourn, seconded by Abe Canfield. 6:38PM

Village of Copemish

Resolution of Support

A Resolution Supporting an Update of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan

Village of Copemish

Date: 2-11-21

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources has established a standard process for municipal governments to follow to receive State approval of a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan meet State guidelines and approval to be eligible for grant funding through the Natural Resources Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County Recreation Commission in conjunction with the Manistee County Planning Department and Networks Northwest are leading a process to update the 2016-2021 Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan that will meet the requirements and approval of the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements met by the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will accomplish the same for each participating municipality within Manistee County, thereby updating a total of 21 approved plans under the umbrella of the County-Wide Plan; and

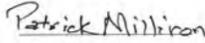
WHEREAS, the Village of Copemish recognizes the significant and positive economic impact that recreation presents to Manistee County and all local municipalities contained within; and

WHEREAS, the development, improvement and creation of recreational sites and assets provides opportunities for increased tourism and recreation site participation, in addition to these sites' contribution to the development of a sense of community and improved health; and

WHEREAS, support and participation within the planning process requires a \$500 contribution; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Copemish recognizes that the County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will involve a mix of stakeholder and local official input throughout the process to update required information, goals and the action program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Copemish supports the development of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan and seeks to participate throughout the process, and subsequently adopting said plan if it meets the intent and desire of the residents of the Village of Copemish.

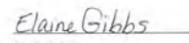


Signatory Name (Print)

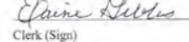


Signatory (Sign)

Date: 2-11-21



Clerk (Print)



Clerk (Sign)

Date: 2-11-21

Resolution of Adoption

Village of Copemish, Village Council Resolution for Adoption of the Village of Copemish Park & Recreation Plan Resolution #3 of 2021

WHEREAS, the Village of Copemish has undertaken a planning process to plan for recreation for the community, called the Village of Copemish Park & Recreation Plan, while simultaneously participating in preparing a greater collaborative County-Wide recreation plan called the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Copemish Park & Recreation Plan is a component of the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, when referring to the Village of Copemish Park & Recreation Plan all the common components of the greater Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan is considered with the exception of, and excluding, sections specific to other communities, and

WHEREAS, the sections that are specific to Village of Copemish include pages A-20 through A-22 of Appendix A and F-14 through F-15 of Appendix F, and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, of which the Village of Copemish Park & Recreation Plan is a component, was prepared in partnership and collaboration with all Manistee County municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the collaborative planning process was to determine the recreation and natural resource needs and desires of Manistee County residents, with the Village of Copemish component addressing specifically Village of Copemish residents, during a five-year period covering the years 2022-2026, and

WHEREAS, the combined area of the aforementioned local unit of government constitutes the planning area, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Copemish, Village Council is the official governing body solely responsible for recreation planning in Village of Copemish, and

WHEREAS, Village of Copemish, Village Council began the process of developing a community recreation and natural resources plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for thirty (30) days, and

WHEREAS, opportunities for public input for all residents of the community to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation plan were made available by taking advantage of any or all of the following opportunities: by attending any of the public input sessions held at each Manistee County jurisdiction during 2021, by taking an on-line survey that was available from April-August 2021, and the final public comment session held on December 14, 2021 at the Village of Copemish Hall to provide a final opportunity for comment, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Copemish, Village Council has participated in the development of the Plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for Village of Copemish, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing and during a regularly scheduled Village Council meeting, the Village of Copemish, Village Council voted to adopt said recreation plan, and

WHEREAS, final edits to the plan will be incorporated as noted in the Village of Copemish, Village Council meeting minutes for the meeting that took place on December 14, 2021, and

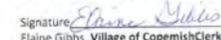
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Village of Copemish, Village Council hereby adopts the Village of Copemish Recreation as defined.

Yeas: 3

Nays: 0

Absent: 2

I, Elaine Gibbs Village of Copemish Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Village of Copemish Village Council at a regular meeting thereof held on December 14, 2021.

Signature:  Date: December 14, 2021.

Elaine Gibbs, Village of Copemish Clerk

Meeting Minutes

VILLAGE OF COPEMISH MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES December 14, 2021

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: by President Patrick Milliron at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Patrick (P) Elaine (P) Suzique (A) Mike (P) Suzanna (A) Earl (P)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:03

VISITORS: Zack Vega, Dave & Jan Myers, Bob and Marilyn Edgington, Matt Hughey, Bill Mathes, Tammy Grant

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

AMEND/SET AGENDA: Earl made a motion to set the agenda; Mike seconded. All in favor, passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Mike and seconded by Earl to accept the meeting minutes of November 9. All in favor, passed.

THE PUBLIC HEARING IS OPENED AT 7:13 PM

The purpose of this public meeting is to adopt the Manistee County-Wide Recreation Plan. A motion to open the hearing was made by Earl and seconded by Mike. All in favor. No written correspondences have been received. No members of the public provided comment.

Motion to adjourn public meeting made by Earl and seconded by Mike. All in favor. Public Hearing is closed at 7:17 p.m.

PRESIDENT COMMENTS: Pat has looked into getting automated speed signs in the Village. The cost would be about \$3,200.00 plus \$100.00 extra if we want the flashing lights. We would need to budget it for the 2022/2023 year. Dave Myers stated that he would probably donate some funding for it.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bob Edgington commented on the blight in the Village, specifically the CSC and the second-hand store. They are trying to sell the Copemish Market building and have had buyers back out because of the conditions of the two. Also Tammy Grant from the Bear Claw Restaurant feels that the blight is turning away business.
*Bill Mathes asked for a vote from the Council on opting in on allowing marijuana establishments in the Village. The Village opted out in January 2019. Bill explained what it would mean to the Village in income, employment opportunities (15-20 jobs), 1 dispensary and 1 grow operation. He would also be purchasing the Copemish Market building and revamping it. *President Milliron called for a vote to repeal Ordinance No. 2019-01. **President Milliron:** "I need a roll call vote. The Village of Copemish ordains pursuant to the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act Section 6.1, the Village elects to allow marijuana establishments within its boundaries."
"I need a roll call vote:" Mike Longo-Yes Earl Witkop-No Patrick Milliron-Yes

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Earl made a motion to adjourn at 8:12, Mike seconded. AIF, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Elaine Gibbs, Village of Copemish Clerk

NEW BUSINESS: President Milliron requested a motion to approve the County Recreation Plan. Council had no questions/concerns. Mike made a motion to accept the Manistee County Recreation Plan as provided. President Milliron called for a roll call vote. Secretary took vote: Mike Longo in favor, Earl Witkop in favor, Patrick Milliron in favor. President Milliron announced that the plan is approved.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Earl made a motion to pay bills due; Mike seconded. AIF, passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Earl made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports for October and November. Mike seconded. AIF, passed.

STREET ADMIN. REPORT: *There are still ongoing problems with compliance at the Copemish Service Center. The hoist is not enclosed completely and there are too many vehicles there for long amounts of time. Signs need to be picked up and installed. Pat saw someone taking pictures of the CSC. It was also brought up to Earl that there are no handicap parking signs at the service center or at Junk & Necessities. Dennis Myers also parks his large vehicles on the road in front of the store and Walt is unable to snow plow part of the road. *The tree near Suzanna Fink's house is almost entirely on road right-of-way, so the Village will have it taken down as soon as possible. *All Village vehicles are running well for the winter!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Dickson Township

Resolution of Support

A Resolution Supporting an Update of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan Dickson Township

Date: _____

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WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements met by the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will accomplish the same for each participating municipality within Manistee County, thereby updating a total of 21 approved plans under the umbrella of the County-Wide Plan; and

WHEREAS, Dickson Township recognizes the significant and positive economic impact that recreation presents to Manistee County and all local municipalities contained within; and

WHEREAS, the development, improvement and creation of recreational sites and assets provides opportunities for increased tourism and recreation site participation, in addition to these sites' contribution to the development of a sense of community and improved health; and

WHEREAS, support and participation within the planning process requires a \$1,000 contribution; and

WHEREAS, Dickson Township recognizes that the County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will involve a mix of stakeholder and local official input throughout the process to update required information, goals and the action program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Dickson Township supports the development of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan and seeks to participate throughout the process, and subsequently adopting said plan if it meets the intent and desire of the residents of Dickson Township.

Signatory Name (Print)

Wendy Maier
Clerk (Print)

Signatory Name (Sign)

Wendy Maier
Clerk (Sign)

Date: _____

Date: 5-10-2021

Resolution of Adoption

Dickson Township Board Resolution for Adoption of the Dickson Township Park & Recreation Plan Resolution # 05 of 2021

WHEREAS, the Dickson Township has undertaken a planning process to plan for recreation for the community, called the Dickson Township Park & Recreation Plan, while simultaneously participating in preparing a greater collaborative County-Wide recreation plan called the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Dickson Township Park & Recreation Plan is a component of the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, when referring to the Dickson Township Park & Recreation Plan all the common components of the greater Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan is considered with the exception of, and excluding, sections specific to other communities, and

WHEREAS, the sections that are specific to Dickson Township include pages A-24 through A-28 and F-16 of Appendix F, and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, of which the Dickson Township Park & Recreation Plan is a component, was prepared in partnership and collaboration with all Manistee County municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the collaborative planning process was to determine the recreation and natural resource needs and desires of Manistee County residents, with the Dickson Township component addressing specifically Dickson Township residents, during a five-year period covering the years 2022-2026, and

WHEREAS, the combined area of the aforementioned local unit of government constitutes the planning area, and

WHEREAS, the Dickson Township Board is the official governing body solely responsible for recreation planning in Dickson Township, and

WHEREAS, the Dickson Township Board completed the process of developing a community recreation and natural resources plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for thirty (30) days, and

WHEREAS, opportunities for public input for all residents of the community to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation plan were made available by taking advantage of any or all of the following opportunities: by attending any of the public input sessions held at each Manistee County jurisdiction during 2021, by taking an on-line survey that was available from April-August 2021, and the final public comment session held on December 8, 2021 at the Dickson Township Hall to provide a final opportunity for comment, and

WHEREAS, the Dickson Township Board has participated in the development of the Plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for Dickson Township, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing and during a scheduled Township Board meeting, the Dickson Township Board voted to adopt said recreation plan, and

WHEREAS, final adoption of the plan will be incorporated as an item to the Dickson Township Board meeting minutes for the meeting that took place on December 8, 2021, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Dickson Township Board hereby adopts the Dickson Township Park & Recreation Plan as defined.

Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

I, Wendy Maier, Dickson Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Dickson Township Board at the regular meeting thereof held on December 8, 2021.

Signature: Wendy Maier Date: 12-14-2021

Dickson Township Clerk

Meeting Minutes

Zimbra

dickson@kalteinet.net

Meeting minutes December 8, 2021

From : smalltowngirlusa@yahoo.com

Wed, Dec 15, 2021 09:28 AM

Subject : Meeting minutes December 8, 2021

To : dickson@kalteinet.net

Dickson Township Board Meeting
December 8, 2021

Sharon, Bertha, Koreen, Tracy present. Wendy absent.

Kathy Miller, Gene Lagerquist and Mike Szokola also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance given

Treasurers report given by Bertha. Motion to accept Sharon. Second Koreen. Motion carried.

Minutes and bills reviewed. Motion to accept Koreen. Second Tracy. Motion carried.

Assessors report in packet.

Zoning report given by Kathy. 3 land use permits issued. Discussion on travel trailer ordinances. Kathy talked with several people to clarify.

Public meeting regarding Dickson Township's participation in the County Recreation Plan opened at 7:12 pm

Mike Szokola, County of Manistee Planner 1, CIS Specialist, went over our participation goals. Our access to a grant writer for gas and oil grants was explained. A grant writer is not hired at this time but when one is we would have the opportunity to utilize their services for grants. All previous goals set were discussed. Bertha inquired about improvements at Mankiwa Park. Camping sites will need to be investigated to not compromise the integrity of it being a Historical Park. Improvement at Black Smith Bayou were discussed. This is included in our plan.

Mike explained the process of how grants could be written for our goals. He explained they would help us with our targeted goals. When our participation agreement is signed we can proceed with our plan.

Gene Lagerquist asked who was currently on Dickson Township Parks and Recreation Committee. We only have one member at this time. Gene volunteered to be on the committee. The board accepted his participation. Gene reported that the Spirit of Woods organization is attempting to work with the DNR to expand hiking trails by approximately 3 miles. They have yet to hear back from the DNR on this project. Mike explained the possibility of future grants helping with the expansion.

Mike suggested Gene get in contact with Rob Carson. He is the Chair of Friends of Smart Trails. Public Hearing closed at 7:30pm

Old Business

Neil Somsel reached out about Scattering Grounds for his family plot. The board would like to further information. Sharon tabled this for more research.

Consumers Power will be coming through to check our power poles for upgrades for our Christmas Decorations. Currently only a few light up. Waiting for cost of upgrades.

Poverty Exemption Guidelines were reviewed. Motion to accept Bertha. Second Koreen. Motion passed.

2022 Meeting dates reviewed. Board of Review July 19, 2022 and December 13, 2022 time changed to 5pm. Motion to accept dates and times with mentioned time changes made by Daisy. Second Koreen. Motion passed.

Participation and acceptance of goals for Manistee County Parks and Recreation Plan made by Sharon. Second Koreen. Motion carried.

Roll call vote

Sharon-Yes

Bertha-Yes

Koreen-Yes

Tracy-Yes

Gene inquired about the COVID relief money our Township received. Plan to upgrade Dickson Township Park explained. Additional funds could possibly be acquired by applying for a grant with Manistee County Revenue Sharing. This project is a public safety upgrade.

Motion to adjourn Sharon, Second Bertha. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Wilks

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Village of Eastlake

Resolution of Support

A Resolution Supporting an Update of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan

Village of Eastlake

Date: 3-10-21

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WHEREAS, the Village of Eastlake recognizes the significant and positive economic impact that recreation presents to Manistee County and all local municipalities contained within; and

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WHEREAS, support and participation within the planning process requires a \$500 contribution; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Eastlake recognizes that the County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will involve a mix of stakeholder and local official input throughout the process to update required information, goals and the action program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Eastlake supports the development of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan and seeks to participate throughout the process, and subsequently adopting said plan if it meets the intent and desire of the residents of the Village of Eastlake.

Wendy Banicki
Signatory Name (Print)

Wendy Banicki
Signatory (Sign)

Date: 3-10-21

Sherry L Stamp
Clerk (Print)

Sherry L Stamp
Clerk (Sign)

Date: 3-10-21

Resolution of Adoption

Village of Eastlake, Village Council Resolution for Adoption of the Village of Eastlake Park & Recreation Plan Resolution # 94 of 2021

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WHEREAS, when referring to the Village of Eastlake Park & Recreation Plan all the common components of the greater Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan is considered with the exception of, and excluding, sections specific to other communities; and

WHEREAS, the sections that are specific to Village of Eastlake include pages A-30 through A-32 of Appendix A and F-18 of Appendix F; and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, of which the Village of Eastlake Park & Recreation Plan is a component, was prepared in partnership and collaboration with all Manistee County municipalities; and

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WHEREAS, the Village of Eastlake, Village Council is the official governing body solely responsible for recreation planning in Village of Eastlake; and

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WHEREAS, after the public hearing and during a regularly scheduled Village Council meeting, the Village of Eastlake, Village Council voted to adopt said recreation plan; and

WHEREAS, final edits to the plan will be incorporated as noted in the Village of Eastlake, Village Council meeting minutes for the meeting that took place on November 10, 2021; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Village of Eastlake, Village Council hereby adopts the Village of Eastlake Recreation as defined.

Yeas: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

I, Sherry Stamp Village of Eastlake Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Village of Eastlake Village Council at a regular meeting thereof held on November 10, 2021.

Signature: Sherry Stamp Date: 11-10-21
Village of Eastlake Clerk

Meeting Minutes

Village of Eastlake Council Meeting November 10, 2021

The Village of Eastlake Council Meeting was called to order by Trustee/President Pro-Tem Jason Stamp after the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00PM.

Board members present: Rob Banicki, Jason Stamp, Jim Adamski, Amy Grant, Gordon Grant, with Janet Golden arriving late. Also present: Clerk Sherry Stamp, Treasurer Bonnie Dutkavich. Absent: President Wendy Banicki.

Jason Stamp opened the public hearing regarding the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan at 7:02PM. There had been no written correspondence received. When Jason Stamp asked for public comment, none was given. Public hearing closed at 7:06PM.

Jim Adamski motioned to approve the Eastlake Village Council Resolution for Adoption of the Village of Eastlake Park & Recreation Plan as provided, seconded by Gordon Grant. All in favor, motion approved.

Rob Banicki motioned to approve the minutes from October 13, 2021, seconded by Amy Grant. All in favor, motion approved.

Rob Banicki motioned to approve the October financial report, seconded by Gordon Grant. All in favor, motion approved.

Rob Banicki motioned to approve the warrants for November, seconded by Amy Grant. All in favor, motion approved.

Jim Adamski gave the Fire Chief's report. There were four medical runs and one fire run. Grant requests were made to the revenue sharing board.

Board member business-

Rob Banicki thinks we had a good season for getting projects done. Wants to get things ready for winter next week.

Jim- there were a few citations issued regarding zoning violations and asked for information on someone repairing cars at the Traffic Jamz building.

John Reid has been working on pushing back brush at the dump and doing some painting. Wondered about closing the park.

Public comment- Eleanor DeYoung spoke as a member of the Manistee County Planning Commission, reminding the board if there are any questions regarding the county-wide recreation plan, they can call the Planning Department.

Rob Banicki motioned to adjourn at 7:17pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sherry Stamp, Clerk
Village of Eastlake

Charter Township of Filer

Resolution of Support

A Resolution Supporting an Update of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan

Charter Township of Filer

Date: 2-11-21

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources has established a standard process for municipal governments to follow to receive State approval of a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan meet State guidelines and approval to be eligible for grant funding through the Natural Resources Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County Recreation Commission in conjunction with the Manistee County Planning Department and Networks Northwest are leading a process to update the 2016-2021 Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan that will meet the requirements and approval of the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements met by the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will accomplish the same for each participating municipality within Manistee County, thereby updating a total of 21 approved plans under the umbrella of the County-Wide Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Filer recognizes the significant and positive economic impact that recreation presents to Manistee County and all local municipalities contained within; and

WHEREAS, the development, improvement and creation of recreational sites and assets provides opportunities for increased tourism and recreation site participation, in addition to these sites' contribution to the development of a sense of community and improved health; and

WHEREAS, support and participation within the planning process requires a \$1,000 contribution; and

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Filer recognizes that the County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will involve a mix of stakeholder and local official input throughout the process to update required information, goals and the action program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Charter Township of Filer supports the development of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan and seeks to participate throughout the process, and subsequently adopting said plan if it meets the intent and desire of the residents of the Charter Township of Filer.

Terry Walker

Signatory Name (Print)

Terry Walker

Signatory Name (Sign)

Date: 2-11-21

Shirley Ball

Clerk (Print)

Shirley Ball

Clerk (Sign)

Date: 2-11-21

Resolution of Adoption

Filer Township Board Resolution for Adoption of the Filer Township Park & Recreation Plan Resolution #6 of 2021

WHEREAS, the Filer Township has undertaken a planning process to plan for recreation for the community, called the Filer Township Park & Recreation Plan, while simultaneously participating in preparing a greater collaborative County-Wide recreation plan called the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Filer Township Park & Recreation Plan is a component of the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, when referring to the Filer Township Park & Recreation Plan all the common components of the greater Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan is considered with the exception of, and excluding, sections specific to other communities, and

WHEREAS, the sections that are specific to Filer Township include pages A-34 through A-37 and F-20 through F-21 of Appendix F, and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, of which the Filer Township Park & Recreation Plan is a component, was prepared in partnership and collaboration with all Manistee County municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the collaborative planning process was to determine the recreation and natural resource needs and desires of Manistee County residents, with the Filer Township component addressing specifically Filer Township residents, during a five-year period covering the years 2022-2026, and

WHEREAS, the combined area of the aforementioned local unit of government constitutes the planning area, and

WHEREAS, the Filer Township Board is the official governing body solely responsible for recreation planning in Filer Township, and

WHEREAS, the Filer Township Board completed the process of developing a community recreation and natural resources plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for thirty (30) days, and

WHEREAS, opportunities for public input for all residents of the community to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation plan were made available by taking advantage of any or all of the following opportunities: by attending any of the public input sessions held at each Manistee County jurisdiction during 2021, by taking an on-line survey that was available from April-August 2021, and the final public comment session held on November 4, 2021 at the Filer Township Hall to provide a final opportunity for comment, and

WHEREAS, the Filer Township Board has participated in the development of the Plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for Filer Township, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing and during a scheduled Township Board meeting, the Filer Township Board voted to adopt said recreation plan, and

WHEREAS, final edits to the plan will be incorporated as noted in the Filer Township Board meeting minutes for the meeting that took place on November 4, 2021, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Filer Township Board hereby adopts the Filer Township Park & Recreation Plan as defined:

Yeas: Shirley Ball, Terry Walker, Tom Stege, Brian Krus, Tom Chycinski
Nays: None
Absent: Dale Kolanowski, Dean Kruse

I, Shirley Ball, Filer Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Filer Township Board at the regular meeting thereof held on November 4, 2021.

Signature: Shirley Ball, me Date: 11-5-2021

Shirley Ball, Filer Township Clerk

Meeting Minutes

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FILER BOARD OF TRUSTEES MANISTEE COUNTY-WIDE PARK AND RECREATION PLAN PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES NOVEMBER 4, 2021 2505 FILER CITY ROAD, MANISTEE, MI 49660

Present: Tom Chycinski, Brian Krus, Tom Stege, Terry Walker, Shirley Ball

Absent: Dale Kolanowski, Dean Kruse

Also Present: Zach Vega of Networks Northwest and Mike Sokola, Manistee County Planning Director

Hearing was called to order by Supervisor Walker at 5:32 p.m.

The purpose of the hearing is to accept public comment on the public draft of the proposed Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation 5-Year Plan.

Motion by Chycinski, seconded by Krus to open the Public Hearing for comment. All in favor. M/C

Public Comment

None given at this time.

Motion by Walker, seconded by Chycinski to adjourn the hearing. All in favor. M/C

The Supervisor declared the Public Hearing adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Submitted,

Shirley Ball
Charter Township of Filer Clerk

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FILER 2505 FILER CITY ROAD, MANISTEE, MI 49660 BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 4, 2021

Present: Shirley Ball, Terry Walker, Tom Stege, Brian Krus, Tom Chycinski

Absent: Dean Kruse, Dale Kolanowski

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Walker at 6:02 p.m.

Motion by Stege, seconded by Krus to approve the meeting agenda as presented. All in favor. M/C

Motion by Krus, seconded by Stege to approve the consent agenda as presented. All in favor. M/C

Presentation:

Mike Sokola, Manistee County Planning Director, presented the Township Board with information regarding a new Housing Solutions for Northwest Michigan program currently forming. A representative from Filer Township to be put on the committee was requested.

Motion by Stege, seconded by Chycinski to appoint Shirley Ball as the Filer Township representative on the Housing Solution for Northwest Michigan committee. All in favor. M/C

Public Comment: None offered at this time.

New Business:

Motion by Walker, seconded by Krus to approve the presented Resolution Adopting the Manistee County-Wide Recreation Plan as presented. Roll Call Vote: Krus-yes, Ball-yes, Stege-yes, Walker-yes, Chycinski-yes. 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. M/C

Motion by Krus, seconded by Chycinski to approve the acceptance of a donated memorial bench in honor of Jessica Sharp to be placed in Maggon Creek Park. All in favor. M/C

Public Comment: The new blue trash can system is much appreciated.

Motion by Chycinski, seconded by Krus to hire an attorney to review the zoning ordinance non-conforming use section 31-67-6704 regulations and standards sub sections G & H. Roll Call Vote: Chycinski-yes, Walker-yes, Krus-yes, Ball-yes, Stege-No, 4 Yeas, 1 Nays. M/C

Letter from Larry Thompson dated November 4, 2021 was received.

Motion by Stege, seconded by Krus to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. M/C

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted,

Shirley Ball
Charter Township of Filer Clerk

Village of Kaleva

Resolution of Support

Resolution of Adoption

Meeting Minutes

A Resolution Supporting an Update of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan

Village of Kaleva

Date: 18 May 2021

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources has established a standard process for municipal governments to follow to receive State approval of a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan meet State guidelines and approval to be eligible for grant funding through the Natural Resources Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County Recreation Commission in conjunction with the Manistee County Planning Department and Networks Northwest are leading a process to update the 2016-2021 Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan that will meet the requirements and approval of the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements met by the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will accomplish the same for each participating municipality within Manistee County, thereby updating a total of 21 approved plans under the umbrella of the County-Wide Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Kaleva recognizes the significant and positive economic impact that recreation presents to Manistee County and all local municipalities contained within; and

WHEREAS, the development, improvement and creation of recreational sites and assets provides opportunities for increased tourism and recreation site participation, in addition to these sites' contribution to the development of a sense of community and improved health; and

WHEREAS, support and participation within the planning process requires a \$500 contribution; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Kaleva recognizes that the County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will involve a mix of stakeholder and local official input throughout the process to update required information, goals and the action program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Kaleva supports the development of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan and seeks to participate throughout the process, and subsequently adopting said plan if it meets the intent and desire of the residents of the Village of Kaleva.

Kim Jansel
Signatory Name (Print)

Kim Jansel
Signatory (Sign)

Date: May 18, 2021

Karen M. Dupresic
Clerk (Print)

Karen M. Dupresic
Clerk (Sign)

Date: 18 May 21

Manistee County

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Board of Commissioners

CHAIRPERSON
Jeffrey Dantz

VICE-CHAIRPERSON
Karen Goodman

Margaret Batzer
Eric Gustad
Pauline Jaquish
Nikki Koons
Richard Schmidt

RESOLUTION #2021-3

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN UPDATE OF THE MANISTEE COUNTY-WIDE PARK AND RECREATION PLAN

At a regular meeting of the Manistee County Board of Commissioners held in the Manistee County Courthouse & Government Center, 415 Third Street, Manistee, Michigan, on the 16th Day of February, 2021.

PRESENT: Batzer, Dantz, Goodman, Gustad, Jaquish, Koons, Schmidt

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Schmidt and seconded by Batzer:

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources has established a standard process for municipal governments to follow to receive State approval of a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan meet State guidelines and approval to be eligible for grant funding through the Natural Resources Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County Recreation Commission in conjunction with the Manistee County Planning Department and Networks Northwest are leading a process to update the 2016-2021 Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan that will meet the requirements and approval of the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements met by the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will accomplish the same for each participating municipality within Manistee County, thereby updating a total of 21 approved plans under the umbrella of the County-Wide Plan; and

WHEREAS, Manistee County recognizes the significant and positive economic impact that recreation presents to Manistee County and all local municipalities contained within; and

WHEREAS, the development, improvement and creation of recreational sites and assets provides opportunities for increased tourism and recreation site participation, in addition to these sites' contribution to the development of a sense of community and improved health; and

WHEREAS, support and participation within the planning process requires an \$8,000 in-kind contribution; and

WHEREAS, Manistee County recognizes that the County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will involve a mix of stakeholder and local official input throughout the process to update required information, goals and the action program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Manistee County supports the development of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan and seeks to participate throughout the process, and subsequently adopting said plan if it meets the intent and desire of the residents of Manistee County.

I, Lindsey Marquardt, Chief Deputy County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Manistee County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on the 16th Day of February, 2021, by the following vote:

YEAS: Batzer, Dantz, Goodman, Gustad, Jaquish, Koons, Schmidt

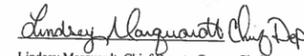
NAYS: None

NOT VOTING: None

I further certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true, correct and complete transcript of the original of said Resolution appearing on file and of record in my office. I further certify that the meeting was held and the minutes therefore were filed in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the County of Manistee this 16th Day of February, 2021.

CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION
MANISTEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN


Lindsey Marquardt, Chief Deputy County Clerk

Manistee Township

Resolution of Support

Resolution No. 2021-09

A Resolution Supporting an Update of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources has established a standard process for municipal governments to follow to receive State approval of a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan meet State guidelines and approval to be eligible for grant funding through the Natural Resources Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County Recreation Commission in conjunction with the Manistee County Planning Department and Networks Northwest are leading a process to update the 2016-2021 Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan that will meet the requirements and approval of the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, The Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements met by the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will accomplish the same for each participating municipality within Manistee County, thereby updating a total of 21 approved plans under the umbrella of the County-Wide Plan; and

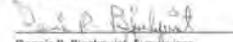
WHEREAS, Manistee Township recognizes the significant and positive impact that recreation presents to Manistee County and all local municipalities contained within; and

WHEREAS, the development, improvement and creation of recreational sites and assets provides opportunities for increased tourism and recreation site participation, in addition to these sites' contribution to the development of a sense of community and improved health; and

WHEREAS, support and participation within the planning process requires a \$1,000.00 contribution; and

WHEREAS, Manistee Township recognizes that the County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will provide a mix of stakeholder and local official input throughout the process to update required information, goals and the action program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Manistee Township supports the development of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan and seeks to participate throughout the process, and subsequently adopting said plan if it meets the intent and desire of the residents of Manistee Township.


Dennis R. Bjorkquist, Supervisor

2-11-2021
Date


Dianne Taylor, Clerk

2-11-2021
Date

Resolution of Adoption

Manistee Township Board Resolution No. 2021-19

Adoption of the Manistee Township Park & Recreation Plan

WHEREAS, the Manistee Township has undertaken a planning process to plan for recreation for the community, called the **Manistee Township Park & Recreation Plan**, while simultaneously participating in preparing a greater collaborative County-Wide recreation plan called the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the **Manistee Township Park & Recreation Plan** is a component of the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, when referring to the **Manistee Township Park & Recreation Plan** all the common components of the greater Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan has been considered with the exception of, and excluding, sections specific to other communities, and

WHEREAS, the sections that are specific to **Manistee Township** include **pages A-48 through A-51 and F-24 of Appendix F**, and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, of which the **Manistee Township Park & Recreation Plan** is a component, was prepared in partnership and collaboration with all Manistee County municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the collaborative planning process was to determine the recreation and natural resource needs and desires of Manistee County residents, with the **Manistee Township** component addressing specifically **Manistee Township** residents, during a five-year period covering the years 2022-2026, and

WHEREAS, the combined area of the aforementioned local unit of government constitutes the planning area, and

WHEREAS, the **Manistee Township Board** is the official governing body solely responsible for recreation planning in **Manistee Township**, and

WHEREAS, the **Manistee Township Board** completed the process of developing a community recreation and natural resources plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for thirty (30) days, and

WHEREAS, opportunities for public input for all residents of the community to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation plan were made available by taking advantage of any or all of the following opportunities: by attending any of the public input sessions held at each Manistee County jurisdiction during 2021, by taking an on-line survey that was available from April-August 2021, and the final public comment session held on **November 9, 2021** at the **Manistee Township Hall** to provide a final opportunity for comment, and

WHEREAS, the **Manistee Township Board** has participated in the development of the Plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for **Manistee Township**, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing and during a scheduled **Township Board** meeting, the **Manistee Township Board** voted to adopt said recreation plan except Appendix E and with the removal of pages D, E, F, H, I, J for publication and distribution, and

WHEREAS, final edits to the plan, as noted in the **Manistee Township Board** special meeting minutes for the meeting that took place on **November 9, 2021**, have been incorporated, and

Whereas, Mr. Dontz made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-19 and Mr. Finout seconded, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the **Manistee Township Board** hereby adopts the **Manistee Township Park & Recreation Plan** as defined.

Yeas: Finout, Jankwietz, Taylor, Dontz, Bjorkquist Nays: None Absent: None

I, **Dianne Taylor, Manistee Township Clerk**, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the **Manistee Township Board** at the regular meeting thereof held on **December 9, 2021**.

Signature _____/s/_____ Date: December 9, 2021

Dianne Taylor, Manistee Township Clerk

Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

Accepted Minutes

The Manistee Township Board held a public hearing on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were Dennis Bjorkquist, John Dontz, Guy Finout, Connie Jankwietz, and Dianne Taylor. Others present included Karen Clouse, Township Zoning Administrator, and Rob Carson of Networks Northwest. The meeting had been posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Posting attached.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bjorkquist followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Supervisor Bjorkquist gave a brief overview of the purpose of the public hearing on the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan and opened the public hearing.

Discussion of the Manistee Township portion of the Plan ensued. Change and correction requests include the following:

Appendix D: *Remove the trail from Manistee Township on Map D-1
*Remove all of the landowner sub-maps that are within the Township
*Add a statement on the Township map that says "Future Planning of Trail Route Locations Needed"

Appendix E: Not approved

Appendix F: *Goal No. 2 Remove first bullet
(*Create a separate bike path from the roads giving careful consideration to Zimmerman Lane*)

*Goal No. 3 Remove second bullet
(*Extend the Zimmerman Trail to the east along the abandoned rail bed and develop a trailhead at the school when this trail addition is completed*)

*Goal No. 4 Add bullet
Manistee Township seeks to work collaboratively and act as a grant applicant with support from the Friends of Orchard Beach State Park on mutually agreed upon grant applications for recreational improvements at Orchard Beach State Park.

Upon review of the 30-Day Public Comment Notice published in the newspaper, it was discovered that the date of the public hearing was incorrect; therefore, the public hearing for Manistee Township must be re-scheduled. The new date is Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the Manistee Township Hall.

There being no further business or public comment, a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Finout, seconded by Trustee Dontz, at 6:55 pm. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Manistee Township
410 Holden Street
Manistee, MI

Date of Meeting – November 9, 2021

Time of Meeting – 6:00 PM

Place of Meeting – Manistee Township Hall

Purpose of Meeting: A Public Hearing for the Manistee County-Wide Recreation Plan to discuss, review, and possibly take action on the proposed Plan.

This notice is posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended, MCL 41.72a(2) and (3), and the Americans with Disabilities Act because three (3) or more members of each Township Board may be present at this community meeting.

The Manistee Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon **5 days notice** to the Manistee Township Board. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Board by writing or calling the following:

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk
410 Holden Street
Manistee, MI 49660
231 723 6507
Posted on 11/8/2021 @ 1:30 PM

Signature of Clerk _____/s/_____

Copy of this notice is available in the Clerk's office

Regular Meeting Minutes

Proposed Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Manistee Township Board was held on Thursday December 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., at the Manistee Township Hall. Board members present were Supervisor Dennis Bjorkquist, Trustee Guy Finout, Trustee John Dontz, Treasurer Connie Jankwietz, and Clerk Dianne Taylor. Also present were Fire Captain Sam Koscinski, Deputy Clerk Melanie Skory, Zoning Administrator Karen Clouse, Duane Anderson, Arielle Breen, Larry Ronning, Doug Barry, Rob Carson, Frank Post, and Barry Lind. Not present were County Commissioner Jeff Dontz and Liquor Inspector Rick Clouse.

Supervisor Dennis Bjorkquist called the meeting to order. All attending stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

Minutes of the November 9, 2021 Manistee Township Special Board meeting and the Regular Board meeting were provided. Trustee John Dontz made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Treasurer Jankwietz. All in favor; motion carried.

Minutes of the November 29, 2021 were provided. Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Dontz. All in favor; motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was provided for the month of November 2021. The receipts were \$8,037.53; expenditures were \$92,787.98, leaving a balance of \$76,294.16 in the General Fund as of November 2021. Treasurer's report was placed on file.

Approved minutes from the November 3, 2021 Planning Commission meeting were presented to the Board and placed on file.

There were no public comments at this time.

County Commissioner Jeff Dontz was absent.

Zoning Administrator Clouse reported on the activity in the Zoning office for November. There were no new complaints. There were (5) five requests for zoning permits and (11) eleven requests for new construction permits as well as (1) one reinspection fee paid. The old Kennedy School property may be sold in 2022; waiting on proof of a signed purchase agreement. The Planning Commission has agreed to keep their regular scheduled meeting dates on the first Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. The Master Plan has been adopted by the Planning Commission and recommends the Manistee Township Board do the same. The LaGuire development off of M-22 and Kerry Road may be in violation of the private street standards of the Zoning Ordinance. Wildwood Trail runs the length of the development and currently has 4 homes on it; however, 2 other homes are being built on roads branching off Wildwood. The limit is 5 according to our Ordinance. Zoning Administration Clouse then gave a report of the Zoning office activities for the year 2021.

Fire Captain Sam Koscinski reported (4) four meetings and/or training sessions, (9) nine medical runs, and (2) two fire runs. Truck 131 A/C is not working; it is covered by

WHEREAS, the MPEA authorizes the Township Board to assert by resolution its right to approve or reject the proposed Master Plan;

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

- Adoption of 2020 Master Plan.** The Township Board hereby approves and adopts the proposed 2020 Master Plan, including all of the chapters, figures, maps and tables contained therein. Pursuant to MCL 125.3843 the Township Board has asserted by resolution its right to approve or reject the proposed Master Plan and therefore the approval granted herein is the final step for adoption of the plan as provided in MCL 125.3843 and therefore the plan is effective as of December 9, 2021.
- Distribution to Notice Group.** The Township Board approves distribution of the adopted plan to the Notice Group.
- Findings of Fact.** The Township Board has made the foregoing determination based on a review of existing land uses in the Township, a review of the existing Master Plan provisions and maps, input received from the Planning Commission and public hearing, and with the assistance of a professional planning group, finds that the updated Master Plan will accurately reflect and implement the Township's goals and strategies for the use, preservation, and development of lands in Manistee Township.
- Effective Date.** The Master Plan shall be effective as of the date of adoption of this resolution.

It was moved by Mr. Finout and supported by Ms. Jankwietz that the resolution be adopted.

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted:

Voting in Favor: Dontz, Finout, Jankwietz, Taylor, Bjorkquist

Voting Against: None

Absent: None

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

I, the undersigned, the Clerk of the Township of Manistee, Manistee County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the duly adopted resolution adopted at the regular meeting of the Manistee Township Board, and a true and correct copy is included in the December 9, 2021 Manistee Township Board Minutes.

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk

The Manistee Township Parks and Recreation Plan is complete and ready for adoption as recommended by the Planning Commission. The Plan will be included in the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan covering a 5-year period from 2022 – 2026. It was

warranty; it will be repaired in 2022. Truck 137 has a jump line that needs to be replaced. The station generator is up and running. Fire Chief Chuck Barron and Firefighter Ben Blakeslee have resigned from the department. The search for a new Fire Chief has begun and there is someone interested in the position who has the qualifications. Supervisor Bjorkquist expressed his thanks to the fire fighters for all of their hard work.

Supervisor Bjorkquist reported, in Liquor Inspector Rick Clouse absence, for November. There were no citations or violations at any establishments.

Supervisor Bjorkquist gave an update on the Township. The M-55 bridge project is nearing completion, one more concrete pour is needed as well as the installation of the guard rails; the sealing will be done in the Spring. The roundabout project on M-22 and US-31 construction is expected to begin in the Spring of 2022.

The Manistee Township Board received a letter of resignation from Fire Chief Chuck Barron. Supervisor Bjorkquist took this opportunity to thank Fire Chief Chuck Barron for his (20) twenty years of service, including (8) eight years as Fire Chief, to Manistee Township.

The Manistee Township Master Plan was presented after being adopted by the Planning Commission. The Master Plan will be in effect until 2025. It was moved by Trustee Finout and supported by Treasurer Jankwietz that **Resolution No. 2021-18 Township Board Resolution to Adopt Master Plan** be adopted. In a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Trustee Dontz, Trustee Finout, Treasurer Jankwietz, Clerk Taylor, and Supervisor Bjorkquist. None voting against. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

County of Manistee, Michigan
Resolution No. 2021-18
Township Board Resolution to Adopt Master Plan
WHEREAS , the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (MPEA) authorizes the Planning Commission to prepare a Master Plan for the use, development and preservation of all lands in the Township; and,
WHEREAS , the Planning Commission prepared a proposed updated Master Plan and submitted the plan to the Township Board for review and comment; and
WHEREAS , on September 9, 2021, the Manistee Township Board received and reviewed the proposed Master Plan prepared by the Planning Commission and authorized distribution of the Master Plan to the Notice Group entities in the MPEA; and
WHEREAS , notice was provided to the Notice Group entities in the MPEA; and
WHEREAS , the Planning Commission held a public hearing on December 1, 2021 to consider public comment on the proposed updated Master Plan, and to further review and comment on the proposed updated Master Plan; and
WHEREAS , the Township Board finds the proposed updated Master Plan is desirable and proper and furthers the use, preservation, and developmental goals and strategies of the Township;

moved by Trustee Dontz and supported by Trustee Finout that **Resolution No. 2021-19 Adoption of the Manistee Township Park and Recreation Plan** be adopted *with the removal of Appendix E, pages D, E, F, H, I, J, for publication and distribution*. In a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Trustee Finout, Treasurer Jankwietz, Clerk Taylor, Trustee Dontz and Supervisor Bjorkquist. None voting against. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Manistee Township Board Resolution No. 2021-19

Adoption of the Manistee Township Park & Recreation Plan

WHEREAS, the **Manistee Township** has undertaken a planning process to plan for recreation for the community, called the **Manistee Township Park & Recreation Plan**, while simultaneously participating in preparing a greater collaborative County-Wide recreation plan called the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the **Manistee Township Park & Recreation Plan** is a component of the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, when referring to the **Manistee Township Park & Recreation Plan** all the common components of the greater Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan has been considered with the exception of, and excluding, sections specific to other communities, and

WHEREAS, the sections that are specific to **Manistee Township** include **pages A-48 through A-51 and F-24 of Appendix F**, and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, of which the **Manistee Township Park & Recreation Plan** is a component, was prepared in partnership and collaboration with all Manistee County municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the collaborative planning process was to determine the recreation and natural resource needs and desires of Manistee County residents, with the **Manistee Township** component addressing specifically **Manistee Township** residents, during a five-year period covering the years 2022-2026, and

WHEREAS, the combined area of the aforementioned local unit of government constitutes the planning area, and

WHEREAS, the **Manistee Township Board** is the official governing body solely responsible for recreation planning in **Manistee Township**, and

WHEREAS, the **Manistee Township Board** completed the process of developing a community recreation and natural resources plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for thirty (30) days, and

WHEREAS, opportunities for public input for all residents of the community to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation plan were made available by taking advantage of any

or all of the following opportunities: by attending any of the public input sessions held at each Manistee County jurisdiction during 2021, by taking an on-line survey that was available from April-August 2021, and the final public comment session held on **November 9, 2021** at the **Manistee Township Hall** to provide a final opportunity for comment, and

WHEREAS, the **Manistee Township Board** has participated in the development of the Plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for **Manistee Township**, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing and during a scheduled **Township Board** meeting, the **Manistee Township Board** voted to adopt said recreation plan except Appendix E and with the removal of pages D, E, F, H, I, J for publication and distribution, and

WHEREAS, final edits to the plan, as noted in the **Manistee Township Board** special meeting minutes for the meeting that took place on **November 9, 2021**, have been incorporated, and

Whereas, Mr. Dontz made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-19 and Mr. Finout seconded, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the **Manistee Township Board** hereby adopts the **Manistee Township Park & Recreation Plan** as defined.

Yeas: Finout, Jankwietz, Taylor, Dontz, Bjorkquist Nays: None Absent: None

I, **Dianne Taylor, Manistee Township Clerk**, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the **Manistee Township Board** at the regular meeting thereof held on **December 9, 2021**.

Signature _____ Date: December 9, 2021

Dianne Taylor, Manistee Township Clerk

The City Sanitary Sewer Service Compliance Ordinance No. 2021-04 was presented to the Board. After a brief discussion, it was moved by Treasurer Jankwietz and supported by Trustee Dontz to adopt **Resolution No. 2021-04 City Sanitary Sewer Service Compliance Ordinance**. In a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Treasurer Jankwietz, Clerk Taylor, Trustee Dontz, Trustee Finout and Supervisor Bjorkquist. None voting against. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Frank Post, EMS Captain with the Manistee Township Fire Department, presented a FEMA grant request to the Board. The grant would provide the department with necessary extrication equipment to protect township residents. The grant request is estimated to be \$65,513.00, with the township cost being 5%, estimated at \$3,275.65. It was moved by Trustee Dontz to adopt **Resolution No. 2021-20 to Approve FEMA Grant Submission for Fire Department Vehicle Extraction Equipment** and supported by Treasurer Jankwietz. In a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Clerk Taylor, Trustee Dontz, Trustee Finout, Treasurer Jankwietz, and Supervisor Bjorkquist. None voting against. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

the Summer Tax Collection Contract, seconded by Clerk Taylor. All in favor; motion carried.

The Board Members received a copy of the proposed annual Township calendar for 2022. Treasurer Jankwietz made the motion to approve the annual Township calendar as presented for 2022, seconded by Trustee Dontz. All voted in favor; motion carried.

The November bill payment has been provided. Trustee Dontz made the motion to pay the bills for November as provided and any bills as they are received; Trustee Finout seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Manistee County MTA Meeting will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Arcadia Township Hall, 3422 Lake Street, Arcadia, MI 49613.

Manistee Township Board of Review will meet on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to correct errors and omissions.

Manistee Zoning Board of Appeals will meet Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Manistee Township Hall (if there is an appeal).

Manistee Township Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Manistee Township Hall.

Next regular meeting of the Manistee Township Board will be held on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Manistee Township Hall, 410 Holden Street.

Supervisor Bjorkquist wished everyone a Merry Christmas, stay safe and healthy, and Happy New Year. Be sure the check your smoke alarms and chimneys.

There being no further business or public comment to come before the board, it was moved by Trustee Dontz seconded by Clerk Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk

Resolution No. 2021-20

A Resolution to Approve FEMA Grant Submission for Fire Department Vehicle Extrication Equipment

WHEREAS, The Township of Manistee recognizes the need for supplying the Fire Department with the necessary equipment to protect township residents and firefighters, and to help with rescuing an entrapped victim as quickly as possible; and,

WHEREAS, there may be funding available through the 2021 FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) that would allow the Fire Department to upgrade its vehicle extrication equipment by purchasing (1) Battery Powered Extrication Tools consisting of a Spreader, Cutter, Ram (with Ram support) and Combination Tool (a Cutter and Spreader, (2) Tele Crib Strut Jacks (2 strut supports), and (3) a Cribbing Kit; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED the Manistee Township Board approves the submission of a 2021 FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) application for the purchase of Vehicle Extrication Equipment to be used by the Manistee Township Fire Department. The cost of the equipment is estimated to be \$65,513.00; the required Township share of the cost is five percent (5%) and is estimated to be \$3,275.65, if awarded.

Mr. Dontz made the motion to approve the resolution, Ms. Jankwietz seconded.

Yeas: Taylor, Dontz, Finout, Jankwietz, Bjtquist

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Supervisor declared the Resolution adopted.

I, Dianne Taylor, the duly appointed and acting Clerk of Manistee Township do hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the duly adopted resolution adopted at the regular meeting of the Manistee Township Board, and a true and correct copy is included in the December 9, 2021 Manistee Township Board Minutes.

Dianne Taylor
Manistee Township Clerk

Copies of the 2022 Tax Maps and Assessment Roll Maintenance, Tax Rolls, Tax Bills, and Computer Services Contract were reviewed by the Board Members. The cost per parcel for 2022 is \$4.22. Treasurer Jankwietz made a motion to approve the Contract for 2022, seconded by Trustee Dontz. All in favor; motion carried.

The 2022 SET Summer Tax Collection contract between Manistee County and Manistee Township was reviewed by the Board. Treasurer Jankwietz made a motion to approve

City of Manistee

Resolution of Support

City of Manistee, Resolution Supporting an Update of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan Resolution # 21 of 2021

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources has established a standard process for municipal governments to follow to receive State approval of locally developed Park and Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan meet State guidelines and approval to be eligible for grant funding through the Natural Resources Trust Fund, and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County Recreation Commission in conjunction with the Manistee County Planning Department and Networks Northwest are leading a process to update the 2016-2021 Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan that will meet the requirements and approval of the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements met by the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will accomplish the same for each participating municipality within Manistee County, thereby updating a total of 21 approved plans under the umbrella of the County-Wide Plan, and

WHEREAS, City of Manistee recognizes the significant and positive economic impact that recreation presents to Manistee County and all local municipalities contained within, and

WHEREAS, the development, improvement and creation of recreational sites and assets provides opportunities for increased tourism and recreation site participation, in addition to these sites' contribution to the development of a sense of community and improved health, and

WHEREAS, support and participation within the planning process requires a \$1,500 contribution, and

WHEREAS, the City of Manistee recognizes that the County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will involve a mix of stakeholder and local official input throughout the process to update required information, goals and action program, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City of Manistee, City Council hereby supports the development of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan and seeks to participate throughout the process, and subsequently adopting said plan if it meets the intent and desire of the residents of the City of Manistee.

YEA: 6 NAYS: 0 Absent: 1

I, Heather Pefley, City of Manistee Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the City of Manistee City Council at a regular meeting thereof held on April 6th, 2021.

Signature: Heather Pefley Date: 4/6/2021
City of Manistee Clerk

Signature: Dean Schulz Date: 4/6/21
City of Manistee Mayor

RES 21-07

Resolution of Adoption

City of Manistee, City Council Resolution for Adoption of the City of Manistee Park & Recreation Plan Resolution # 21 of 2021

WHEREAS, the City of Manistee has undertaken a planning process to plan for recreation for the community, called the City of Manistee Park & Recreation Plan, while simultaneously participating in preparing a greater collaborative County-Wide recreation plan called the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the City of Manistee Park & Recreation Plan is a component of the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, when referring to the City of Manistee Park & Recreation Plan all the common components of the greater Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan is considered with the exception of, and excluding, sections specific to other communities, and

WHEREAS, the sections that are specific to City of Manistee include pages A-42 through A-46 of Appendix A and F-26 through F-29 of Appendix F, and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, of which the City of Manistee Park & Recreation Plan is a component, was prepared in partnership and collaboration with all Manistee County municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the collaborative planning process was to determine the recreation and natural resource needs and desires of Manistee County residents, with the City of Manistee component addressing specifically City of Manistee residents, during a five-year period covering the years 2022-2026, and

WHEREAS, the combined area of the aforementioned local unit of government constitutes the planning area, and

WHEREAS, the City of Manistee, City Council is the official governing body solely responsible for recreation planning in City of Manistee, and

WHEREAS, City of Manistee, City Council began the process of developing a community recreation and natural resources plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for thirty (30) days, and

WHEREAS, opportunities for public input for all residents of the community to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation plan were made available by taking advantage of any or all of the following opportunities: by attending any of the public input sessions held at each Manistee County jurisdiction during 2021, by taking an on-line survey that was available from April-August 2021, and the final public comment session held on November 16, 2021 at the City of Manistee Hall to provide a final opportunity for comment, and

WHEREAS, the City of Manistee, City Council has participated in the development of the Plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for City of Manistee, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing and during a regularly scheduled City Council meeting, the City of Manistee, City Council voted to adopt said recreation plan, and

WHEREAS, final edits to the plan will be incorporated as noted in the City of Manistee, City Council meeting minutes for the meeting that took place on November 16, 2021, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City of Manistee, City Council hereby adopts the City of Manistee Recreation as defined.

Yea: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

I, Heather Pefley, City of Manistee Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the City of Manistee City Council at a regular meeting thereof held on November 16, 2021.

Signature: Heather Pefley Date: November 16, 2021
Heather Pefley, CMC/MIPMC II, City of Manistee Clerk

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL – NOVEMBER 16, 2021

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by her honor, Mayor Lynda Beaton on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 70 Maple Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: David Bachman, Lynda Beaton, Cindy Lundberg, Jermaine Sullivan, Michael Szymanski, James Grabowski, and Erin Martin Pontiac

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Bill Gambill, City Attorney – George Saylor, City Clerk – Heather Pefley, Planning & Zoning Director – Mike Szokola, Planner – Zachary Sompels, Police Chief – Josh Glass, and City Engineer – Shawn Middleton

AMEND AGENDA

MOTION by Sullivan, second by Lundberg to amend the agenda to add item VIII. New Business a.) Economic Development Council Update.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Bachman, Beaton, Lundberg, Sullivan, Szymanski, Grabowski, and Martin Pontiac
NAYS: None

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE COUNTYWIDE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN.

Networks Northwest has been working with local governments in Manistee County to update the five-year recreational master plans. This cohesive planning effort helps to ensure that the County continues to be a quality place for people to live, visit, work and play. The State of Michigan DNR requires that municipalities have a current 5-year recreation plan to be eligible for various funding opportunities. A thirty-day public review, which concluded at the end of October, followed by this public hearing to gather community input, are requirements of the process to approve a new 5-year parks and recreation master plan.

Tom O'Connor, 330 Fourth Avenue – Parks Commission Chair / would like to see additional language added to the community description of the master plan to include that the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians were the original inhabitants of these great lands.

Public hearing ended 7:05 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ESTABLISHING A COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION DISTRICT.

Section 207.843 of the Michigan Commercial Rehabilitation Act (Act 210 of 2005) states that a public hearing must be held prior to adopting a resolution establishing a commercial rehabilitation district. The proposed district would be a 3-acre site to include the Lakeshore Motel

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property as well as retention area to the south.

Thomas Dame, Manistee / spoke against the proposed commercial rehabilitation district.

Public hearing ended 7:10 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes November 3, 2021 Regular Meeting
November 9, 2021 Organizational Meeting

- Financial Reports Payroll Invoices October 2021
October 2021

- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – November 23, 2021, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers.
A discussion will be conducted on the sign ordinance and SAFEbuilt; and such business as may come before Council.

MOTION by Szymanski, second by Grabowski to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Bachman, Beaton, Lundberg, Sullivan, Szymanski, Grabowski, and Martin Pontiac
NAYS: None

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL UPDATE

Dennis P. McCarthy - Blarney Castle Oil & Propane, Jeff Dontz - Manistee County Commissioner District 5, and Stacie Bytwork - Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce CEO spoke on behalf of the Economic Development Council.

Mr. McCarthy acknowledged the partnership between the City and various entities within the County. He thanked the City Council for their support and for everything they have done to aid economic development in the City and County. Mr. McCarthy explained the unique partnership model in Manistee between government, local business, and private enterprise.

Mr. Dontz spoke on the successful cooperation between the City and various entities within the County.

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Ms. Bytwork stressed the importance of the City’s partnerships within the community and the significance of the decisions being made by Council. She stated the State of Michigan is watching the decisions being made by our local government to determine the future direction of our community.

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2022-2026 MANISTEE COUNTY-WIDE PARK AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN.

Networks Northwest has been working with local governments in Manistee County to update our five-year recreational master plans; the sections that are specific to City of Manistee include pages A-42 through A-46 of Appendix A and F-26 through F-29 of Appendix F. The State of Michigan DNR requires that municipalities have a current 5-year recreation plan to be eligible for various funding opportunities.

MOTION by Martin Pontiac, second by Bachman to adopt the City of Manistee Park and Recreation Master Plan Resolution.

MOTION by Szymanski, second by Sullivan to AMEND the original motion to add “The ancestors of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians were the original inhabitants of these great lands” to the Community Description of the Master Plan.

With a roll call vote this motion to AMEND the previous motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Bachman, Beaton, Lundberg, Sullivan, Szymanski, Grabowski, and Martin Pontiac
NAYS: None

Roll call vote was then taken on the original amended motion. Motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Bachman, Beaton, Lundberg, Sullivan, Szymanski, Grabowski, and Martin Pontiac
NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION DISTRICT.

Pursuant to PA 210 of 2005, the City of Manistee has the authority to establish “Commercial Rehabilitation Districts” within the City of Manistee at request of a commercial business enterprise. Hotel Ventures Manistee, LLC has filed a written request with the clerk of the City of Manistee requesting the establishment of the Commercial Rehabilitation District for an area in the vicinity of 101 Lakeshore Drive located in the City of Manistee.

MOTION by Grabowski, second by Szymanski to adopt the resolution establishing a Commercial Rehabilitation District.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

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AYES: Bachman, Beaton, Lundberg, Sullivan, Szymanski, Grabowski, and Martin Pontiac
NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION OF THE PURCHASE OF (14) SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS FOR THE MANISTEE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The City of Manistee Fire Department pursued a FEMA grant for the purchase of (14) Self Contained Breathing Apparatus to replace the current outdated air packs to the current standard. The department was successful in its application and was awarded the FEMA grant in the amount of \$93,330.00. Phoenix Safety Outfitters provided the low bid for the updated (14) Self Contained Breathing Apparatus.

City Manager Bill Gambill asked that Council postpone this item.

MOTION by Sullivan, second by Martin Pontiac to postpone this item to a future meeting.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Bachman, Beaton, Lundberg, Sullivan, Szymanski, Grabowski, and Martin Pontiac
NAYS: None

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE 21-19 TO AMEND CHAPTER 863, FOOD VENDORS, OF THE CITY OF MANISTEE, MICHIGAN CODIFIED ORDINANCES.

The Downtown Development Authority requested an amendment to the Chapter 863 Food Vendor Ordinance to allow for short term food truck opportunities in the downtown district.

As an ordinance two separate readings are required. If this ordinance is introduced at this time, it could be adopted at the next regular meeting.

MOTION by Grabowski, second by Szymanski to introduce Ordinance 21-19 amending Chapter 863 Food Vendors.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Bachman, Beaton, Lundberg, Sullivan, Szymanski, Grabowski, and Martin Pontiac
NAYS: None

A REPORT FROM THE PEG COMMISSION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

Mr. Barry Lind reported on the activities of PEG Commission and responded to any questions the Council had regarding their activities.

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Mr. Marc Miller gave the quarterly Economic Development report and responded to any questions the Council had regarding activities.

CITIZEN COMMENT

None

OFFICIALS AND STAFF

Gambill stated water filters are available for qualified residents and listed requirements; also said water testing kits are available at cost to residents and asked that results be shared with the water department.

Middleton gave an update on the Riverbank and Jackson/VanBuren projects that are nearing completion.

Sompels provided follow up from a previous work session discussion on the Planning Commission review of the ordinance referencing boats and RVs.

Szokola updated Council on the RRC program and stated the City was recertified last year and the certification is through 2025.

COUNCILMEMBERS

Lundberg asked for additional information on the lead and copper testing that was performed in the city.

Grabowski questioned the cost the City pays for streetlights and stated there are several lights out in the City. He asked Chief Glass to have officers make a list of lights they notice are out in the city.

Szymanski inquired on last call for leaf pick up and asked that notice be given to residents.

Beaton asked if the public restrooms are all being locked at night; thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

ADJOURN

MOTION by Szymanski, second by Grabowski to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Heather Pefley CMC, MiPMC II
City Clerk

Maple Grove Township

Resolution of Support

A Resolution Supporting an Update of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan

Maple Grove Township

Date: 2-9-2021

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources has established a standard process for municipal governments to follow to receive State approval of a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan meet State guidelines and approval to be eligible for grant funding through the Natural Resources Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County Recreation Commission in conjunction with the Manistee County Planning Department and Networks Northwest are leading a process to update the 2016-2021 Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan that will meet the requirements and approval of the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements met by the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will accomplish the same for each participating municipality within Manistee County, thereby updating a total of 21 approved plans under the umbrella of the County-Wide Plan; and

WHEREAS, Maple Grove Township recognizes the significant and positive economic impact that recreation presents to Manistee County and all local municipalities contained within; and

WHEREAS, the development, improvement and creation of recreational sites and assets provides opportunities for increased tourism and recreation site participation, in addition to these sites' contribution to the development of a sense of community and improved health; and

WHEREAS, support and participation within the planning process requires a \$1,000 contribution; and

WHEREAS, Maple Grove Township recognizes that the County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will involve a mix of stakeholder and local official input throughout the process to update required information, goals and the action program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Maple Grove Township supports the development of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan and seeks to participate throughout the process, and subsequently adopting said plan if it meets the intent and desire of the residents of Maple Grove Township.

H. WAYNE BELDO

Signatory Name (Print)

H. Wayne Beldo

Signatory Name (Sign)

Date: 2/17/2021

FRANCIS J. BELDO

Clerk (Print)

Francis J. Beldo

Clerk (Sign)

Date: 2-9-2021

Resolution of Adoption

Maple Grove Township Board Resolution for Adoption of the Maple Grove Township Park & Recreation Plan Resolution # 4 of 2021

WHEREAS, the Maple Grove Township has undertaken a planning process to plan for recreation for the community, called the **Maple Grove Township Park & Recreation Plan**, while simultaneously participating in preparing a greater collaborative County-Wide recreation plan called the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the **Maple Grove Township Park & Recreation Plan** is a component of the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, when referring to the **Maple Grove Township Park & Recreation Plan** all the common components of the greater Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan is considered with the exception of, and excluding, sections specific to other communities, and

WHEREAS, the sections that are specific to **Maple Grove Township** include pages A-52 through A-54 and F-30 of Appendix F, and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, of which the **Maple Grove Township Park & Recreation Plan** is a component, was prepared in partnership and collaboration with all Manistee County municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the collaborative planning process was to determine the recreation and natural resource needs and desires of Manistee County residents, with the **Maple Grove Township** component addressing specifically **Maple Grove Township** residents, during a five-year period covering the years 2022-2026, and

WHEREAS, the combined area of the aforementioned local unit of government constitutes the planning area, and

WHEREAS, the **Maple Grove Township Board** is the official governing body solely responsible for recreation planning in **Maple Grove Township**, and

WHEREAS, the **Maple Grove Township Board** completed the process of developing a community recreation and natural resources plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for thirty (30) days, and

WHEREAS, opportunities for public input for all residents of the community to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation plan were made available by taking advantage of any or all of the following opportunities: by attending any of the public input sessions held at each Manistee County jurisdiction during 2021, by taking an on-line survey that was available from April-August 2021, and the final public comment session held on **November 8, 2021** at the **Maple Grove Township Hall** to provide a final opportunity for comment, and

WHEREAS, the **Maple Grove Township Board** has participated in the development of the Plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for **Maple Grove Township**, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing and during a scheduled **Township Board** meeting, the **Maple Grove Township Board** voted to adopt said recreation plan, and

WHEREAS, final edits to the plan will be incorporated as noted in the **Maple Grove Township Board** meeting minutes for the meeting that took place on **November 8, 2021**, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the **Maple Grove Township Board** hereby adopts the **Maple Grove Township Park & Recreation Plan** as defined.

Yeas: _____ Nays: _____ Absent: Catherine Jezowski

I, Francis J. Beldo, Maple Grove Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the **Maple Grove Township Board** at the regular meeting thereof held on **November 8, 2021**.

Signature: Francis J. Beldo Date: 11-8-2021
Maple Grove Township Clerk

Meeting Minutes

MAPLE GROVE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING November 8, 2021 - 7:00 PM

1. Public Hearing - Call to the Public. None present. Network Northwest came to a public meeting to discuss the new Manistee County Recreation plan. Since no one came, the Board members explained some of the Township's residents were concerned that bikes and/or walkers would trespass on their property as well as ATVs. Mr. Vega stated that is a common concern and that ATVs are not allowed on this walkway.

Wayne stated that each Board member and Joint Planning Commission received a packet with the material from Network Northwest. Stated that the Board will discuss the Plan and update Network Northwest with results. The Master Plan between Township.

Motion by Wayne to close the Public Hearing and Open the Regular Township Board Meeting.

2. Call to Order. The Maple Grove Township Board was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with the following members present Supervisor H. Wayne Beldo, Trustee Gary Bowling via telephone, Trustee Joe Barnett, and Clerk Fran Beldo, Jason Vess, Fire Chief: absent Treasurer Cathryn Jezowski.

3. Changes or Corrections to Agenda. None. Motion by Joe, seconded by Fran. AIF Aye.

A. Networks North – Resolution to approve the Manistee Parks and Recreation Plan as updated. Motion by Joe, supported by Fran. Roll call Joe, yes; Gary, yes; Wayne, yes; Fran, yes. Four - Yes – Resolution approved.

4. Call to the Public. – None.

5. Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda consisting of minutes of regular meeting, 10/11/2021, approval of bills for November 1st through November 30th in the amount of \$5,591.32 and payroll for November in the amount of \$6,131.71. November Treasurer's Financial Statement. Consent Agenda as presented. Motioned by Joe, Supported by Fran, any discussion. AIF. Motion carried.

6. Fire Department Report - No Report. Jason stated business as usual. Fran mentioned to Jason the monies that we will receive from grant is only what was actually sent around \$5,000.

7. Zoning Administrator – Received report. Any questions, permits and letters. Some items have been cleaned up. Wayne stated that the bylaws of the Joint Planning Commission in the absence of the ZA Wayne will handle Township issues and Kim Somsel will handle Village.

8. Supervisor's Report

A. Old Business.

- **Cathy Jezowski** – is ill and Wayne will talk with her about her condition. As for Wayne his wife is on a ventilator. Saturday, November 13th to meet at school at 10 AM to go through the building. State Police will then schedule a time to view school.
- **Siren** – Nothing done at this time.

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➤ **Old Township Hall** – Have a few bids and they are expensive. Wayne and Joe will meet to look at the building.

9. New Business.

A. Mileage – There will be an increase in time and mileage for banking.

B. MTA Meeting – David Beldo attended the MTA meeting with me, and Fran asked if he can be paid for attending. Wayne stated Yes.

10. Correspondence - None.

11. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:40 pm. Joe, Support Fran, AIF Aye. Motion carried. **Next Meeting** December 13th at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances J. Beldo
Maple Grove Township Clerk

Marilla Township

Resolution of Support

A Resolution Supporting an Update of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan Marilla Township

Date: 2-09-2021

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources has established a standard process for municipal governments to follow to receive State approval of a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan meet State guidelines and approval to be eligible for grant funding through the Natural Resources Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County Recreation Commission in conjunction with the Manistee County Planning Department and Networks Northwest are leading a process to update the 2016-2021 Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan that will meet the requirements and approval of the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements met by the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will accomplish the same for each participating municipality within Manistee County, thereby updating a total of 21 approved plans under the umbrella of the County-Wide Plan; and

WHEREAS, Marilla Township recognizes the significant and positive economic impact that recreation presents to Manistee County and all local municipalities contained within; and

WHEREAS, the development, improvement and creation of recreational sites and assets provides opportunities for increased tourism and recreation site participation, in addition to these sites' contribution to the development of a sense of community and improved health; and

WHEREAS, support and participation within the planning process requires a \$1,000 contribution; and

WHEREAS, Marilla Township recognizes that the County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will involve a mix of stakeholder and local official input throughout the process to update required information, goals and the action program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Marilla Township supports the development of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan and seeks to participate throughout the process, and subsequently adopting said plan if it meets the intent and desire of the residents of Marilla Township.

DOUGLAS A. GLICK
Signatory Name (Print)

DAG
Signatory Name (Sign)

Date: 2/9/2021

BETTY BUDA-JOY
Clerk (Print)

Betty Buda-Joy
Clerk (Sign)

Date: 2-23-2021

Resolution of Adoption

Marilla Township Board Resolution for Adoption of the Marilla Township Park & Recreation Plan Resolution # ___ of 2021

WHEREAS, the Marilla Township has undertaken a planning process to plan for recreation for the community, called the Marilla Township Park & Recreation Plan, while simultaneously participating in preparing a greater collaborative County-Wide recreation plan called the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Marilla Township Park & Recreation Plan is a component of the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, when referring to the Marilla Township Park & Recreation Plan all the common components of the greater Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan is considered with the exception of, and excluding, sections specific to other communities, and

WHEREAS, the sections that are specific to Marilla Township include pages A-56 through A-59 and F-32 of Appendix F, and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, of which the Marilla Township Park & Recreation Plan is a component, was prepared in partnership and collaboration with all Manistee County municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the collaborative planning process was to determine the recreation and natural resource needs and desires of Manistee County residents, with the Marilla Township component addressing specifically Marilla Township residents, during a five-year period covering the years 2022-2026, and

WHEREAS, the combined area of the aforementioned local unit of government constitutes the planning area, and

WHEREAS, the Marilla Township Board is the official governing body solely responsible for recreation planning in Marilla Township, and

WHEREAS, the Marilla Township Board completed the process of developing a community recreation and natural resources plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for thirty (30) days, and

WHEREAS, opportunities for public input for all residents of the community to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation plan were made available by taking advantage of any or all of the following opportunities: by attending any of the public input sessions held at each Manistee County jurisdiction during 2021, by taking an on-line survey that was available from April-August 2021, and the final public comment session held on November 9, 2021 at the Marilla Township Hall to provide a final opportunity for comment, and

WHEREAS, the Marilla Township Board has participated in the development of the Plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for Marilla Township, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing and during a scheduled Township Board meeting, the Marilla Township Board voted to adopt said recreation plan, and

WHEREAS, final edits to the plan will be incorporated as noted in the Marilla Township Board meeting minutes for the meeting that took place on Dec. 14, 2021, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Marilla Township Board hereby adopts the Marilla Township Park & R Plan as defined.

Yeas: Douglas Glick
Janet Howes
Misty Audney
Nays: None Absent: Camee Bay
Bruce Baker

I, Misty S. Audney, Marilla Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and copy of a resolution adopted by the Marilla Township Board at the regular meeting thereof held on December

Signature Misty S. Audney Date Dec 14, 2021
Marilla Township Clerk

Meeting Minutes

Norman Township

Resolution of Support

A Resolution Supporting an Update of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan

Norman Township

Date: MAY 11, 2021

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources has established a standard process for municipal governments to follow to receive State approval of a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan meet State guidelines and approval to be eligible for grant funding through the Natural Resources Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County Recreation Commission in conjunction with the Manistee County Planning Department and Networks Northwest are leading a process to update the 2016-2021 Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan that will meet the requirements and approval of the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements met by the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will accomplish the same for each participating municipality within Manistee County, thereby updating a total of 21 approved plans under the umbrella of the County-Wide Plan; and

WHEREAS, Norman Township recognizes the significant and positive economic impact that recreation presents to Manistee County and all local municipalities contained within; and

WHEREAS, the development, improvement and creation of recreational sites and assets provides opportunities for increased tourism and recreation site participation, in addition to these sites' contribution to the development of a sense of community and improved health; and

WHEREAS, support and participation within the planning process requires a \$1,000 contribution; and

WHEREAS, Norman Township recognizes that the County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will involve a mix of stakeholder and local official input throughout the process to update required information, goals and the action program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Norman Township supports the development of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan and seeks to participate throughout the process, and subsequently adopting said plan if it meets the intent and desire of the residents of Norman Township.

Signatory Name (Print)

MARY E SOULE

Clerk (Print)

Signatory Name (Sign)

Mary E Soule
Clerk (Sign)

Date: _____

Date: May 11, 2021

Resolution of Adoption

Norman Township Board Resolution for Adoption of the Norman Township Park & Recreation Plan Resolution #12-01 of 2021

WHEREAS, the Norman Township has undertaken a planning process to plan for recreation for the community, called the Norman Township Park & Recreation Plan, while simultaneously participating in preparing a greater collaborative County-Wide recreation plan called the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Norman Township Park & Recreation Plan is a component of the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, when referring to the Norman Township Park & Recreation Plan all the common components of the greater Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan is considered with the exception of, and excluding, sections specific to other communities, and

WHEREAS, the sections that are specific to Norman Township include pages A-60 through A-63 and F-34 of Appendix F, and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, of which the Norman Township Park & Recreation Plan is a component, was prepared in partnership and collaboration with all Manistee County municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the collaborative planning process was to determine the recreation and natural resource needs and desires of Manistee County residents, with the Norman Township component addressing specifically Norman Township residents, during a five-year period covering the years 2022-2026, and

WHEREAS, the combined area of the aforementioned local unit of government constitutes the planning area, and

WHEREAS, the Norman Township Board is the official governing body solely responsible for recreation planning in Norman Township, and

WHEREAS, the Norman Township Board completed the process of developing a community recreation and natural resources plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for thirty (30) days, and

WHEREAS, opportunities for public input for all residents of the community to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation plan were made available by taking advantage of any or all of the following opportunities: by attending any of the public input sessions held at each Manistee County jurisdiction during 2021, by taking an on-line survey that was available from April-August 2021, and the final public comment session held on December 14, 2021 at the Norman Township Hall to provide a final opportunity for comment, and

WHEREAS, the Norman Township Board has participated in the development of the Plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for Norman Township, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing and during a scheduled Township Board meeting, the Norman Township Board voted to adopt said recreation plan, and

WHEREAS, final edits to the plan will be incorporated as noted in the Norman Township Board meeting minutes for the meeting that took place on December 14, 2021, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Norman Township Board hereby adopts the Norman Township Park & Recreation Plan as defined.

Yeas: SKIERA, MOBLEY, FRALEY, TIGHE, SOULE Nays: NONE Absent: NONE

I, MARY E SOULE, Norman Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Norman Township Board at the regular meeting thereof held on December 14, 2021.

Signature Mary E Soule Date 12/14/21

Norman Township Clerk

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NORMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES DRAFT REGULAR MEETING December 14, 2021

Mobley led pledge of allegiance to the flag.

PUBLIC HEARING – MANISTEE COUNTYWIDE PARK & RECREATION PLAN

Call to Order – Members present Fraley, Soule, Mobley, Tighe and Skiera.

Mobley opened public hearing at 7:10 PM.

Mobley explained Manistee Countywide Park & Recreation Plan/Norman Township Park & Recreation Plan Public comment – There were no public questions or comments.

Mobley closed public hearing at 7:12 PM.

****Motion by Skiera, second by Tighe to approve Resolution 2021-12-01, Resolution to adopt Norman Township Park & Recreation Plan as part of the Manistee Countywide Park & Recreation Plan. Those in favor: Skiera, Mobley, Fraley, Tighe and Soule. Those opposed: None. Those absent or abstaining: None. Resolution adopted.**

BOARD OF TRUSTEE REGULAR MEETING

Mobley called regular meeting to order at 7:13 PM.

Members present: Skiera, Tighe, Mobley, Soule & Fraley

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Skiera, second by Tighe to approve consent agenda which consists of Regular Meeting minutes for November 9, 2021, expense vouchers and Treasurer's report for December 2021. Motion carried 5-0.

Reports:

1. Fire Department – Vanderbie reported it continues to be very busy having responded to over 320 calls so far.
2. Ambulance – Vanderbie explained need to upgrade ambulance cot at a cost of \$2600.
3. Assessor – Meister's report is on file.
4. Custodian – Kortman reported he is learning his way around his duties and had a suggestion on solving garbage shed problem.
5. Transfer Station – Everything is going OK.
6. Management Council – Brown's report is on file.
7. Park & Recreation – No report.
8. Planning – Planning Commission met, elected officers and set plans for upcoming year.
9. Zoning – No report.

Public comment/communication – There was no public comments or communication.

Unfinished Business

1. Non-Resident Ambulance Service Direct Billing – Mobley still researching.
2. Garbage Shed – Will repair in spring rather than build new.

New Business

1. Resolution 2021-12-01 – Manistee Countywide Park & Recreation Plan **See above
2. Resolution 2022-01-01 – Resolution to Establish Poverty Guidelines for Exemption from Property Tax Contributions.

Motion by Mobley, second by Soule to adopt Resolution 2022-01-01. Those in favor: Fraley, Soule, Tighe, Skiera and Mobley. Those opposed: None. Those absent or abstaining: None. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Soule, second by Skiera to approve Manistee County Contractual Services Agreement to provide Tax Maps, Assessment Roll Maintenance, Tax Rolls, Tax Bills, Computer Services and S.E.T. Summer Tax Collection for \$4.22 per parcel and \$1.00 per parcel for summer tax collection. Motion carried 5-0.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE REGULAR MEETING cont'd

4. Change January 2022 Meeting Date

Motion by Mobley, second by Soule to change Regular Meeting of Board of Trustee regularly scheduled for Tuesday, January 11, 2022 to Monday, January 10, 2022. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Fraley, second by Skiera to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E Soule

Onekama Township

Resolution of Support

A Resolution Supporting an Update of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan

Onekama Township

Date: 03/10/2021

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources has established a standard process for municipal governments to follow to receive State approval of a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan meet State guidelines and approval to be eligible for grant funding through the Natural Resources Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County Recreation Commission in conjunction with the Manistee County Planning Department and Networks Northwest are leading a process to update the 2016-2021 Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan that will meet the requirements and approval of the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements met by the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will accomplish the same for each participating municipality within Manistee County, thereby updating a total of 21 approved plans under the umbrella of the County-Wide Plan; and

WHEREAS, Onekama Township recognizes the significant and positive economic impact that recreation presents to Manistee County and all local municipalities contained within; and

WHEREAS, the development, improvement and creation of recreational sites and assets provides opportunities for increased tourism and recreation site participation, in addition to these sites' contribution to the development of a sense of community and improved health; and

WHEREAS, support and participation within the planning process requires a \$1,000 contribution; and

WHEREAS, Onekama Township recognizes that the County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will involve a mix of stakeholder and local official input throughout the process to update required information, goals and the action program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Onekama Township supports the development of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan and seeks to participate throughout the process, and subsequently adopting said plan if it meets the intent and desire of the residents of Onekama Township.

David Meister
Signatory Name (Print)

David Meister
Signatory Name (Sign)

Date: 03/10/2021

Shelli Johnson
Clerk (Print)

Shelli Johnson
Clerk (Sign)

Date: 03/10/2021

Resolution of Adoption

Onekama Township Board Resolution for Adoption of the Onekama Township Park & Recreation Plan Resolution # 19 of 2021

WHEREAS, the Onekama Township has undertaken a planning process to plan for recreation for the community, called the Onekama Township Park & Recreation Plan, while simultaneously participating in preparing a greater collaborative County-Wide recreation plan called the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Onekama Township Park & Recreation Plan is a component of the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, when referring to the Onekama Township Park & Recreation Plan all the common components of the greater Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan is considered with the exception of, and excluding, sections specific to other communities, and

WHEREAS, the sections that are specific to Onekama Township include pages A-64 through A-69 and F-36 through F-37 of Appendix F, and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, of which the Onekama Township Park & Recreation Plan is a component, was prepared in partnership and collaboration with all Manistee County municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the collaborative planning process was to determine the recreation and natural resource needs and desires of Manistee County residents, with the Onekama Township component addressing specifically Onekama Township residents, during a five-year period covering the years 2022-2026, and

WHEREAS, the combined area of the aforementioned local unit of government constitutes the planning area, and

WHEREAS, the Onekama Township Board is the official governing body solely responsible for recreation planning in Onekama Township, and

WHEREAS, the Onekama Township Board completed the process of developing a community recreation and natural resources plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for thirty (30) days, and

WHEREAS, opportunities for public input for all residents of the community to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation plan were made available by taking advantage of any or all of the following opportunities: by attending any of the public input sessions held at each Manistee County jurisdiction during 2021, by taking an on-line survey that was available from April-August 2021, and the final public comment session held on November 10, 2021 at the Onekama Township Hall to provide a final opportunity for comment, and

WHEREAS, the Onekama Township Board has participated in the development of the Plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for Onekama Township, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing and during a scheduled Township Board meeting, the Onekama Township Board voted to adopt said recreation plan, and

WHEREAS, final edits to the plan will be incorporated as noted in the Onekama Township Board meeting minutes for the meeting that took place on November 10, 2021, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Onekama Township Board hereby adopts the Onekama Township Park & Recreation Plan as defined.

Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

I, Shelli Johnson, Onekama Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Onekama Township Board at the regular meeting thereof held on November 10, 2021.

Signature Shelli Johnson Date 11/10/2021
Shelli Johnson, Onekama Township Clerk

Meeting Minutes

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP BOARD SPECIAL MEETING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2021 8:00 A.M.

Meeting called to order by Supervisor David Meister at 8:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: Al Taylor, Bob Blackmore, Ed Bradford, Shelli Johnson, and Meister

Amend Agenda: Taminga Added

Public Comment: Comment received from Dave Wallace to remove CG Davis, Cron, Morey, and William Forth out of the Ordinance and Plan as they are not Road Ends and were removed from the list.

Goal Review on Manistee County Parks and Recreation Resolution: Lengthy Discussion on the verbiage submitted as discussed in the regular board meeting earlier this week vs what the Parks and Rec. Committee discussed on passing.

Motion by Johnson, Second by Blackmore to remove Morey, CG Davis, Cron, and William Forth from the Road End list and from the Rec Plan. M/C

Motion by Johnson, Second by Blackmore to accept the Manistee County Recreation Plan as provided with the Goals that the Onekama Park and Recreation Department sent to Zach Vega on 10/29/21 with the adopted changes, per attached below: Roll Call Vote: Yes: Taylor, Blackmore, Meister, Johnson, Bradford. Nay: None M/C

Goal 1: Continue to manage parks and road ends within the Township in a manner that balances user needs, intended uses and ecological stability.

- Develop and implement a master plan for each park in Onekama Township.
- Conduct an inventory of each park using the Parks Management Plan.
- Keeping original intended uses and purposes of each park in the system in mind, solicit public feedback and input regarding parks and recreation at public meetings.
- Implement a Park Watchers and Park Advocates program to monitor park properties regularly. Engage members of the community to recruit volunteers. Encourage the Advocates to participate in park planning processes.
- Add signage at road ends that describe their intended uses and designations.
- Add wayfinding, informational and historic signage throughout the community.
- Conduct assessments of the community's road ends to evaluate violations.
- Based on the road ends assessments, prioritize enforcement efforts and present these efforts to the Township Board for review.
- In order to promote appropriate uses at individual parks, add informational signage, wayfinding signage and interpretive signage. Supported activities at individual parks will also be listed on the municipal website.
- Employ a part-time employee to maintain Onekama Township's parks.

Goal 2: Collaborate with other local units of government, Manistee County, businesses, and civic organizations to improve existing park facilities and to identify new parks and recreation opportunities.

- Encourage collaboration between Onekama Township and the Village of Onekama When budgeting and planning for parks and recreation.
- Township Board to seek out and appoint member of the Onekama Township Parks and Recreation Committee, or other interested volunteers, to engage with parks and recreation stakeholders to foster ongoing collaborative relationships.
- Work with neighboring jurisdictions, Manistee County and other relevant stakeholders to identify and implement trail connections.
- Identify opportunities to reduce municipal expenditures on parks and recreation maintenance by sharing services with the Village.
- Support the Portage Lake Management Plan for the control of Invasive Species both in and around Portage Lake.
- Work with the Manistee Recreation Association, Onekama Consolidated Schools, Manistee ISD and other organizations to provide programs for residents, Youth, and those with disabilities.

Goal 3: Enhance and expand upon the parks and recreation sites in Onekama Township.

- Where feasible and appropriate, provide seating, potable water, restrooms and lighting at park facilities.
- Develop a bike path or trail around Portage Lake
- Provide ADA accessibility at recreation sites.
- Continue to support the ongoing stewardship of the Portage Lake Watershed.
- Continue to identify and acquire land that contribute to environmental preservation, education, viewsheds and recreation experiences.
- Support public education efforts regarding invasive species and septic system monitoring.
- Improve parking access at recreation sites.
- Develop additional hiking trails at park sites in addition to supporting non-motorized connections between recreation sites.
- Investigate new recreation infrastructure for activities not currently offered in the community. These may include, but are not limited to, a pickleball court, ice skating and fitness equipment.
- Continue to budget and fund annually for Parks and Rec

Goal 4: Encourage the use of recreation sites by members of the community through effective public engagement, marketing and partnerships.

- Continue to promote and provide recreation programming for Township residents via nature walks, birding, pollinators, dark sky and beach activities.
- Install a map of Onekama Recreation sites at a site with pedestrian traffic
- Continue to publish a brochure of parks and recreation of sites for residents and visitors. These should be placed at the library, Township Hall, bank, restaurants, lodging and other highly visible sites in the community.
- Publish a parks and recreation newsletter for donors and local taxpayers.
- Consider Justification for Parks and Rec funding via a local Township Parks Millage.

Taminga: Discussion on Taminga PUD over confusion on number of buildings.

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned 9:10 a.m.

Shelli Johnson
Shelli Johnson, Clerk

Village of Onekama

Resolution of Support

A Resolution Supporting an Update of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan

Village of Onekama

Date: March 17, 2021

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources has established a standard process for municipal governments to follow to receive State approval of a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan meet State guidelines and approval to be eligible for grant funding through the Natural Resources Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County Recreation Commission in conjunction with the Manistee County Planning Department and Networks Northwest are leading a process to update the 2016-2021 Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan that will meet the requirements and approval of the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements met by the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will accomplish the same for each participating municipality within Manistee County, thereby updating a total of 21 approved plans under the umbrella of the County-Wide Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Onekama recognizes the significant and positive economic impact that recreation presents to Manistee County and all local municipalities contained within; and

WHEREAS, the development, improvement and creation of recreational sites and assets provides opportunities for increased tourism and recreation site participation, in addition to these sites' contribution to the development of a sense of community and improved health; and

WHEREAS, support and participation within the planning process requires a \$500 contribution; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Onekama recognizes that the County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will involve a mix of stakeholder and local official input throughout the process to update required information, goals and the action program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Onekama supports the development of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan and seeks to participate throughout the process, and subsequently adopting said plan if it meets the intent and desire of the residents of the Village of Onekama.

ROGER BURGER
Signatory Name (Print)

Roger Burger
Signatory (Sign)

Date: 3/17/21

Ruth M Hudson
Clerk (Print)

Ruth M Hudson
Clerk (Sign)

Date: 3-17-21

Meeting Minutes from Nov. 17 Meeting

VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES November 17, 2021

NOTE: Al Taylor was in the audience video-taping meeting.

Public Hearing-Manistee County Wide, Park & Recreation Plan

President Burger opened public hearing at 6:30 p.m. and began by asking for questions and/or comments from the public. Lara Treemore Spears (member of the Plan. Comm) had a few minor suggestions that she thought would help the Village when applying for grants relating to the watershed plan, by addressing more of the overlapping goals in the watershed plan. Other suggestions from the public: designate beach swim area with buoys and installing public docks.

No more comments or questions, President closed public hearing at 6:56 p.m.

Call to Order: President Burger called council meeting to order at 6:56 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: was given

ROLL CALL: Trustees Present: A. Arthur, R. Drumm, S. Halloran, R. Hudson, W. Miller & S. Schwing. Also present Clerk Hudson & Treasurer, N. Jach

SET-AMEND AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

County Commissioner: no report

MINUTES: Trustee Schwing moved, Trustee Arthur supported to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2021 regular council meeting as presented. M/C.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Arthur moved, Trustee Halloran supported to accept the Oct 31, 2021 Statement of Accounts as presented. M/C.

TREASURER'S REQUEST: Trustee Drumm moved, Trustee Arthur supported to amend the budget as requested by the Treasurer. M/C.

BILLS / TRANSFERS: Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Drumm supported to pay the bills and make the transfers for November. President Burger called for a roll call vote. Arthur, Burger, Drumm, Halloran, Hudson, Miller & Schwing. /yes, M/C.

-COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING: Mike Szokola, planner and zoning issues person for the Village of Onekama, reported things have been quiet due to the lateness of the year but still getting questions for future projects. Was happy to hear vacancies on the ZBA were being filled and he would set up training for the new members if they wanted.

Appointment of ZBA members:

Two verbal applications were received: Cecelia Huebner and Randy Arthur. Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Miller supported to approve the appointment of C. Huebner to the ZBA. M/C. Trustee Hudson moved, Trustee Schwing supported to approve the appointment of R. Arthur to the ZBA. M/C. President Burger asked for support to remove current member S. Schwing from the ZBA due to the fact her son also sits on the ZBA which isn't appropriate. Consensus of council to support this action.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No November meeting due/ no quorum. Next meeting -December 7.

SEWER:

--USDA RD Sewer Funding grant work continues and irrigation has stopped for the year. Planning Commission member, Nola Teye sent e-mail asking to have her current sewer assessment re-evaluated. All council members have copy of e-mail. She was not in attendance to discuss this issue.

STREETS:

--clerk ordered sand and salt for the season.
--a small sander (mounted in the bed) has been ordered for the red truck.
--M-Dot reports have been submitted.

PARKS AND THE FARR CENTER

Parks

Adoption of Manistee County Recreation Plan

Trustee Arthur moved, Trustee Drumm supported to approve the Manistee County Recreation Plan, with the suggestions of Lara Treemore Spears be added to the goals section for the Village of Onekama, as follows: (in bold print) Goal 1: Highlight, preserve and enhance the community's natural resources to glean their contributions to the environmental, social and economic well-being of Onekama.

•Continue to support Portage Lake's water quality and pollution monitoring by the Portage Lake Watershed Forever organization, Onekama Township and Onekama Consolidated Schools. •Support the enforcement of the county-wide septic system monitoring program. •Support the extension of the sewer system into areas where septic systems are endangering the ecological quality of Portage Lake and other bodies of water in the community. •Support educational initiatives that **foster environmental stewardship, such as describing** the risks that invasive species pose and best practices for their prevention, management and eradication. •Involve community organizations in efforts to **protect and enhance environmental quality, such as by identifying and controlling** invasive species in and around Portage Lake. •Support the Portage Lake Management Plan **and its goals for public health, aquatic ecosystems, water-based recreation, natural resource and cultural assets, and** the control of invasives both in and around Portage Lake. •Continue to support the Portage Lake Overlay Zone in the Village Zoning Ordinance.

Goal 2: Provide opportunities for enjoying lake views, utilizing the beach and accessing Portage Lake for recreation.

•Explore the possibilities of further dredging and plan a dock extension to improve shore fishing in the Onekama Village Park. •Support a campaign for legislation to provide Federal funding for dredging of the channel and for necessary pier renovations in the future.

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•Continue to use the donation box for use of the Village boat launch. •**Preserve, enhance and promote access and use of scenic vistas.**

Goal 3: Administer and publicize Onekama Village parks and recreation to the greatest benefit of the community.

•Hold regularly scheduled meetings with the planning commissions of neighboring jurisdictions to develop shared visions for community recreation and to identify opportunities for collaboration and cost-sharing. •Install a large map of Onekama recreation sites at the Onekama Village Park. •Continue to budget annually for parks and recreation. •Inform donors and community members of improvements in, and the current status of, parks and recreation, particularly in instances where donated funds have been used. •Promote parks fundraising events and activities. •Continue to collaborate with other local units of government for parks and recreation planning. •Support the MRA and its ability to provide recreation lessons, events and programming. •Support the year-round presentation of concerts by local and regional artists. •In association with the Manistee Recreation Association, the Onekama Consolidated Schools, and other organizations, provide recreation programs for residents, seasonal youth and those with disabilities.

Goal 4: Improve and enhance Onekama Village's parks and recreation facilities for optimal use by residents, seasonal residents and visitors.

•Cut and replace trees as needed. •Plan for future needs and upgrades in the Onekama Village Park by garnering public input, followed by the creation of a clear implementation strategy. •Continue to mechanically groom beaches. •Continue to maintain the Butterfly Park and other green spaces around Farr Center. •Support multi-use trail planning efforts locally and regionally. •Install directional, educational and historical signage as needed. •Support pickle ball court maintenance efforts and usage.
--Trustee Drumm (chairperson, parks committee) reported boat ramp has been repaired and will be removed soon for the season.

Township Parks & Rec report:

Trustee Arthur, (Village Rep.) reported that chairperson Rich Lipinski resigned, Township has adopted the Manistee County Wide Rec Plan and the Watershed is work on a grant for stream maintenance (by the Blue Slipper) and working to get support from the land owners for this endeavor. Farr Center Chairperson/Trustee Schwing purchased a Christmas tree and lamp post decoration for FC due to the fact the tree that is usually in FC from the garden club was put up in the library because lack of activity in hall, no Santa Clause(due to covid) and Christmas Village was not being put up this year. Thank-you Trustee Schwing for your generous donation. She also reported that the two shades in the hall that are broken will be replaced and some painting will be done on the walls that need it in the hall.

CEMETERY:

Flags will be removed for the season. Work continues on getting funds to take care of the trees that need to be removed. Something to discuss at budget time.

TOWNSHIP REPORT: On line

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

CORRESPONDENCE: Nola Teye Beckett & Radar Networks Northwest

PUBLIC COMMENT: Marcia Rogers/Portage St alley.

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS: PLA is donating \$1400. to remove and plant trees in the park.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully:
Ruth Hudson

Meeting Minutes & Resolution of Adoption from Dec. 15 Meeting

VILLAGE OF ONEKAMA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES December 15, 2021

Call to Order: President Burger called council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: was given

ROLL CALL: Trustees Present: A. Arthur, R. Drumm, S. Halloran, R. Hudson, W. Miller & S. Schwing.
Also present Clerk Hudson & Treasurer, N. Jach

SET-AMEND AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT: Nola Teye/asked to be put on agenda to discuss her current sewer assessment. President Burger said this can be addressed under additional board items.

County Commissioner: no report

MINUTES: Trustee Arthur moved, Trustee Halloran supported to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2021 regular council meeting with the addition to Parks report: "dock" to be removed for the season and to highlight Farr Center report. M/C.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Miller moved, Trustee Arthur supported to accept the Nov 30, 2021 Statement of Accounts as presented. M/C.

TREASURER'S REQUEST: Trustee Arthur moved, Trustee Halloran supported to have the Treasurer open a new savings account at West Shore Bank as requested by the Treasurer for the Covid Local Fiscal Recovery Fund monies that the village received (\$21,143). M/C. This money can only be used for certain expenditures, Covid related.

BILLS / TRANSFERS: Trustee Schwing moved, Trustee Arthur supported to pay the bills and make the transfers for December. President Burger called for a roll call vote. Arthur, Burger, Drumm, Halloran, Hudson, Miller & Schwing. /yes, M/C.

-COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING:

Trustee Halloran requested a list of current zoning infractions. President Burger will get her a list.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No December meeting due/ no quorum.

SEWER:

--USDA RD Sewer Funding grant application is in process. Generators were used at the lift stations due to power outages during the recent high wind storm. There was also a single phase issue at LS #3.

STREETS:

--M-Dot reports have been submitted.

--M-Dot is scheduling to complete universal access work at the park in 2022.

PARKS AND THE FARR CENTER

Parks

Adoption of Parks & Rec Resolution:

Village of Onekama, Village Council Resolution for Adoption of the Village of Onekama Park & Recreation Plan Resolution # _____ of 2021 12-15-2021

WHEREAS, the Village of Onekama has undertaken a planning process to plan for recreation for the community, called the Village of Onekama Park & Recreation Plan, while simultaneously participating in preparing a greater collaborative County-Wide recreation plan called the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Onekama Park & Recreation Plan is a component of the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, when referring to the Village of Onekama Park & Recreation Plan all the common components of the greater Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan is considered with the exception of, and excluding, sections specific to other communities, and

WHEREAS, the sections that are specific to Village of Onekama include pages A-70 through A-72 of Appendix A and F-38 through F-39 of Appendix F, and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, of which the Village of Onekama Park & Recreation Plan is a component, was prepared in partnership and collaboration with all Manistee County municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the collaborative planning process was to determine the recreation and natural resource needs and desires of Manistee County residents, with the Village of Onekama component addressing specifically Village of Onekama residents, during a five-year period covering the years 2022-2026, and

WHEREAS, the combined area of the aforementioned local unit of government constitutes the planning area, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Onekama, Village Council is the official governing body solely responsible for recreation planning in Village of Onekama, and

WHEREAS, Village of Onekama, Village Council began the process of developing a community recreation and natural resources plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for thirty (30) days, and

WHEREAS, opportunities for public input for all residents of the community to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation plan were made available by taking advantage of any or all of the following opportunities: by attending any of the public input sessions held at each Manistee County jurisdiction during 2021, by taking an on-line survey that was available from April-August 2021, and the final public comment session held on November 17, 2021 at the Village of Onekama Hall to provide a final opportunity for comment, and

WHEREAS, the Village of Onekama, Village Council has participated in the development of the Plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for Village of Onekama, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing and during a regularly scheduled Village Council meeting, the Village of Onekama, Village Council voted to adopt said recreation plan, and

WHEREAS, final edits to the plan will be incorporated as noted in the Village of Onekama, Village Council meeting minutes for the meeting that took place on November 17, 2021, and

by certify that the above is a true and original copy of the resolution adopted by the Village Council at a regular meeting held on December 15, 2021.

Township Parks & Rec report:

Trustee Arthur, (Village Rep.) reported last month that Chairperson Rich Lipinski resigned and they are now in the process of looking for a replacement.

FARR CENTER:

Chairperson/Trustee Schwing wished to thank Bea Capper, Lara Treemore Spears and Maryjo McElroy for decorating the Farr Center tree. Trustee Schwing resigned as of this meeting as the chairperson of the Farr Center Committee. Reasons for her resignation were explained on paper given out to the board.

CEMETERY:

Flags were removed by Clerk Hudson and her husband, trustee Rod Hudson.

TOWNSHIP REPORT: On line

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget Work Session

--first one will be Jan 7 6p.m.

--second: Jan 28 6p.m.

Contractual Service Agreement Manistee County/printing of taxes

--Trustee Schwing moved, Trustee Arthur supported to have President Burger sign this agreement/C.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nola Teye

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

ADDITIONAL BOARD ITEMS: Onekama Guild gave a donation of \$200. For maintenance of Farr Center Hall. Onekama Marine dropped off beautiful Christmas cookies for the Village Council meeting. Thank-you will be sent to both.

Nola Teye/sewer assessments

Ms. Teye wanted to discuss reducing her sewer charges due to the fact she stated she was not a Bed & Breakfast. She is the owner of Nola's Hideaway and rents out rooms in her home. Discussion started but when the board was made aware of the fact she had talked to her friend that is an attorney regarding this request all discussion stopped.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully:

Ruth Hudson

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Village of Onekama, Village Council hereby adopts the Village of Onekama Recreation as defined:

Yays: _____ Absent: _____

I, _____ Village of Onekama Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Village of Onekama Village Council at a regular meeting thereof held on November 17, 2021. Date: 12/15

Signature _____ Date _____
_____, Village of Onekama Clerk

Trustee Arthur moved, Trustee Drumm supported to approve the adoption of resolution # 12-15-2021, as shown above. YEAS; Andrea Arthur, Ralph Drumm, Roger Burger, Susan Halloran, Rod Hudson, Wayne Miller and Suzanne Schwing. Nays: none Absent: none. I Ruth Hudson Village of Onekama Clerk, do here

Pleasanton Township

Resolution of Support

A Resolution Supporting an Update of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan

Pleasanton Township

Date: 5-11-2021

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources has established a standard process for municipal governments to follow to receive State approval of a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan meet State guidelines and approval to be eligible for grant funding through the Natural Resources Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County Recreation Commission in conjunction with the Manistee County Planning Department and Networks Northwest are leading a process to update the 2016-2021 Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan that will meet the requirements and approval of the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements met by the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will accomplish the same for each participating municipality within Manistee County, thereby updating a total of 21 approved plans under the umbrella of the County-Wide Plan; and

WHEREAS, Pleasanton Township recognizes the significant and positive economic impact that recreation presents to Manistee County and all local municipalities contained within; and

WHEREAS, the development, improvement and creation of recreational sites and assets provides opportunities for increased tourism and recreation site participation, in addition to these sites' contribution to the development of a sense of community and improved health; and

WHEREAS, support and participation within the planning process requires a \$1,000 contribution; and

WHEREAS, Pleasanton Township recognizes that the County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will involve a mix of stakeholder and local official input throughout the process, and subsequently adopting said plan if it meets the intent and desire of the residents of Pleasanton Township.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Pleasanton Township supports the development of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan and seeks to participate throughout the process, and subsequently adopting said plan if it meets the intent and desire of the residents of Pleasanton Township.

Signatory Name (Print)

Signatory Name (Sign)

Date:

Amy Cross
Clerk (Print)

Amy Cross
Clerk (Sign)

Date: 5/12/2021

Resolution of Adoption

Pleasanton Township Board Resolution for Adoption of the Pleasanton Township Park & Recreation Plan Resolution 12-14-2021

WHEREAS, the Pleasanton Township has undertaken a planning process to plan for recreation for the community, called the Pleasanton Township Park & Recreation Plan, while simultaneously participating in preparing a greater collaborative County-Wide recreation plan called the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Pleasanton Township Park & Recreation Plan is a component of the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, when referring to the Pleasanton Township Park & Recreation Plan all the common components of the greater Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan is considered with the exception of, and excluding, sections specific to other communities, and

WHEREAS, the sections that are specific to Pleasanton Township include pages A-74 through A-77 and F-40 of Appendix F, and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, of which the Pleasanton Township Park & Recreation Plan is a component, was prepared in partnership and collaboration with all Manistee County municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the collaborative planning process was to determine the recreation and natural resource needs and desires of Manistee County residents, with the Pleasanton Township component addressing specifically Pleasanton Township residents, during a five-year period covering the years 2022-2026, and

WHEREAS, the combined area of the aforementioned local unit of government constitutes the planning area, and

WHEREAS, the Pleasanton Township Board is the official governing body solely responsible for recreation planning in Pleasanton Township, and

WHEREAS, the Pleasanton Township Board completed the process of developing a community recreation and natural resources plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for thirty (30) days, and

WHEREAS, opportunities for public input for all residents of the community to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation plan were made available by taking advantage of any or all of the following opportunities: by attending any of the public input sessions held at each Manistee County jurisdiction during 2021, by taking an on-line survey that was available from April-August 2021, and the final public comment session held on November 9, 2021 at the Pleasanton Township Hall to provide a final opportunity for comment, and

WHEREAS, the Pleasanton Township Board has participated in the development of the Plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for Pleasanton Township, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing and during a scheduled Township Board meeting, the Pleasanton Township Board voted to adopt said recreation plan, and

WHEREAS, final edits to the plan will be incorporated as noted in the Pleasanton Township Board meeting minutes for the meeting that took place on November 9, 2021, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Pleasanton Township Board hereby adopts the Pleasanton Township Park & Recreation Plan as defined at a meeting held Tuesday, December 14, 2021 with a motion by Given, supported by Monk;

Yeas: Given, Schweyer, Monk, Merrill, Cross. Nays: None Absent: None

I, Amy Cross, Pleasanton Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Pleasanton Township Board at the regular meeting thereof held on December 14, 2021.

Signature Amy Cross Date 12/14/2021
Pleasanton Township Clerk

Meeting Minutes

Pleasanton Township

November 9, 2021

Approved Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6 p.m.

Roll call: Schweyer, Monk, Merrill, Given; Absent: Cross

Public Present: Deb Jackson, Don Raiff, Rochelle Rollenhagen

Guest: Zach Vega, Networks Northwest, County-wide Parks and recreation Plan Representative

Motion by Monk, supported by Schweyer to approve agenda as presented; AIF; Motion carried.

Open Public Hearing:
RE COUNTY-WIDE PARKS & RECREATION PLAN 6:02 p.m.

Zach Vega, Networks Northwest, County-wide Parks and Recreation Plan Representative discussed plan.

Timeline for document to be submitted to the DNR is 12/21/2021.
Schedule of public hearings for all municipal entities is on the web site.

- Question on difference between Smart Trails Committee & County Recreation Committee
- Question on non-motorized trails vs motorized trails
- Noted removal of leasing park areas to county
- Noted removal of county doing all grant righting for municipalities except where multiple would apply as a group.
- Dark sky notation in plan discussed
- Noted suggestion of adding Dial A ride for grants or funding due to county residences not having transportation to get to the trails or parks within the county. Suggested some type of regular route/time.
- County Recreational Commission developed for the purpose of trails.

Closed Public Hearing: 6:18 p.m.

Public comment opened/closed

Motion by Schweyer, supported by Given, to approve the October board minutes; AIF; Motion carried.

Motion by Merrill, supported by Monk, to approve Supervisor's receipt of the Treasurer's Report; AIF; Motion carried.

Motion by Merrill, supported by Schweyer, to approve paying the bills and any other remaining routine payroll/bills for the month; AIF; Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – Networks Northwest parks & rec plan info; Conservation District fall newsletter, Community Foundation, Nick Billings letter to Josh Mills.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Two Lakes Sewer Authority – Given noted new articles of incorporation were needed. The prior one was approved in 2017 and included the Tribe and Arcadia. This needed to be updated for the paperwork to be submitted to the DNR.

Motion by Monk, second by Given to approve Supervisor signing if the replacement document is 'word for word' the same as the 2017 document except for the following:

- Three lakes changed to Two lakes
- Tribal information removed and no longer noted in the new document.
- Arcadia removed from new document.

Roll call vote: Merrill – Yes, Monk – Yes, Given – Yes, Schweyer – Yes.

Merrill noted map that was published in the local paper in October notes the pipeline running down Myer, Norconk and Butwell roads. The pipeline would be going down 6 feet and destroy trees along the road right of way. Residents in this area are very upset with this news. It was noted that soil samples were taken, around the Dayton club and deemed not good for the pipeline. Further discussion resulted and Given/Schweyer will ask for more detail information regarding other options of this pipeline.

OTHER BUSINESS

Merrill noted the Leaf Vacuum has been sold.

Still working on the markers for the cemetery.

Sexton Advertisement will be in the spring once a job description is created.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rollenhagen noted concern regarding the sewer pipeline on Norconk, Myer and Butwell and thanked Merrill for bringing up.

Raiff noted issue with pipeline and encouraged it be taken care of before any hearing for the sewer is completed. Also suggested during the future public hearing issues and comments be identified for payer's vs non-payers of the sewer. Raiff also suggested additional review of Dayton Club and surrounding areas for pipeline as there are areas that are driven on and storage kept, as well as surrounding property concerns.

PLANNING – Report given by Brenda Monk
RECREATION COMMITTEE - Report given by Carol Merrill

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Monk
Brenda Monk; Carol Merrill for Amy Cross, Clerk

Springdale Township

Resolution of Support

A Resolution Supporting an Update of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan

Springdale Township

Date: March 8, 2021

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources has established a standard process for municipal governments to follow to receive State approval of a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan meet State guidelines and approval to be eligible for grant funding through the Natural Resources Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County Recreation Commission in conjunction with the Manistee County Planning Department and Networks Northwest are leading a process to update the 2016-2021 Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan that will meet the requirements and approval of the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements met by the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will accomplish the same for each participating municipality within Manistee County, thereby updating a total of 21 approved plans under the umbrella of the County-Wide Plan; and

WHEREAS, Springdale Township recognizes the significant and positive economic impact that recreation presents to Manistee County and all local municipalities contained within; and

WHEREAS, the development, improvement and creation of recreational sites and assets provides opportunities for increased tourism and recreation site participation, in addition to these sites' contribution to the development of a sense of community and improved health; and

WHEREAS, support and participation within the planning process requires a \$1,000 contribution; and

WHEREAS, Springdale Township recognizes that the County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will involve a mix of stakeholder and local official input throughout the process to update required information, goals and the action program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Springdale Township supports the development of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan and seeks to participate throughout the process, and subsequently adopting said plan if it meets the intent and desire of the residents of Springdale Township.

Brian Moore
Signatory Name (Print)

B. Moore
Signatory Name (Sign)

Date: 3-12-2021

Penny Nelson
Clerk (Print)

Penny Nelson
Clerk (Sign)

Date: 3/8/2021

Resolution of Adoption

Springdale Township Board Resolution for Adoption of the Springdale Township Park & Recreation Plan Resolution # ___ of 2021

WHEREAS, the Springdale Township has undertaken a planning process to plan for recreation for the community, called the Springdale Township Park & Recreation Plan, while simultaneously participating in preparing a greater collaborative County-Wide recreation plan called the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Springdale Township Park & Recreation Plan is a component of the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, when referring to the Springdale Township Park & Recreation Plan all the common components of the greater Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan is considered with the exception of, and excluding, sections specific to other communities, and

WHEREAS, the sections that are specific to Springdale Township include pages A-78 through A-80 and F-42 of Appendix F, and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, of which the Springdale Township Park & Recreation Plan is a component, was prepared in partnership and collaboration with all Manistee County municipalities, and

WHEREAS, the collaborative planning process was to determine the recreation and natural resource needs and desires of Manistee County residents, with the Springdale Township component addressing specifically Springdale Township residents, during a five-year period covering the years 2022-2026, and

WHEREAS, the combined area of the aforementioned local unit of government constitutes the planning area, and

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WHEREAS, the Springdale Township Board has participated in the development of the Plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for Springdale Township, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing and during a scheduled Township Board meeting, the Springdale Township Board voted to adopt said recreation plan, and

WHEREAS, final edits to the plan will be incorporated as noted in the Springdale Township Board meeting minutes for the meeting that took place on November 8, 2021, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Springdale Township Board hereby adopts the Springdale Township Park & Recreation Plan as defined.

Yeas: Five Nays: none Absent: none

I, Penny Nelson, Springdale Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Springdale Township Board at the regular meeting thereof held on November 8, 2021.

Signature Penny Nelson Date 11/8/2021

Penny Nelson, Springdale Township Clerk

Meeting Minutes



Manistee County

Regular Board Meeting Minutes November 8, 2021 – 7:30 p.m.

Meeting call to order by Supv. Brian Moore, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance: Brian Moore, Kimberly Jones, Judy Wheelock, Keith Moore, Penny Nelson

Additions or corrections to the agenda by Board and/or audience. K. Moore: additions to old business- Healy Lake playground equipment. B. Moore: New business - What type of township is Springdale. Motion by K. Moore; 2nd K. Jones to approve agenda with additions. Carried.

Motion by K. Moore; 2nd K. Jones to approve minutes of the October 11, 2021 regular meeting. Carried.

Fire department report. Capt. Dave Saunders reviewed October activities.

Treasurer's report.

- Online payment of property taxes status. K. Jones briefed board on progress. Hoping to have it "live" for the December tax bills.
- Motion by K. Moore; 2nd J. Wheelock to pay all bills presented using checks #8715 – 8737. Carried.

Parks and Recreation Public Hearing.

7:39 p.m. Motion by K. Moore; 2nd K. Jones to open a public hearing about Springdale Township's revised Parks and Recreation Plan to be submitted to the DNR. Carried. Zach Vega (Networks Northwest) explained the purpose of the plan as DNR grant requests only accepted if a current plan is on file. He answered numerous questions from the audience, explaining what the plan entailed. Questions about Betsie River access were made. Motion by K. Moore; 2nd K. Jones to adopt the resolution. Carried.

Yes: K. Moore; P. Nelson, J. Wheelock; K. Jones; B. Moore. No: None. Accepted.

Motion by K. Moore; 2nd P. Nelson to close the public hearing at 7:50 p.m. Carried.

New business.

- QuickBooks/Intuit requirement for account access verification for Kim and Penny. Explanation letter read and signed to Intuit. Clerk explained what Intuit needed to make changes.
- Motion by K. Moore; 2nd J. Wheelock to accept hot water tank replacement bid from J&J Plumbing for \$838.61. Accepted.
- The need for a replacement of the treasurer's old laptop requested by clerk. Board agreed that with online billing, a new laptop is critical. The clerk is monitoring the market and will purchase a replacement.
- What type of township is Springdale. B. Moore asked whether we're a general law or a charter township. Research needed.

Library report. Received via email and distributed.

Correspondence. Focus magazine. Letter from unknown taxpayer.

Old business.

- Cannabis committee update. No report.
- Healy Lake playground equipment. K. Moore distributed copies of two different equipment suggestions. Motion by J. Wheelock; 2nd K. Jones to accept bid of \$40,309 from Great Lakes Recreation Company. Carried.

Public comments. Suggestion that the storage/office room lock be replaced with a Level 2 lock for enhanced security.

Board comments.

Adjournment 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Nelson

Penny Nelson
Township Clerk

Springdale Township Board Resolution for Adoption of the Springdale Township Park & Recreation Plan Resolution # ___ of 2021

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Signature Penny Nelson Date 11/8/2021

Penny Nelson, Springdale Township Clerk

Stronach Township

Resolution of Support

A Resolution Supporting an Update of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan Stronach Township #6921-1

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources has established a standard process for municipal governments to follow to receive State approval of a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan meet State guidelines and approval to be eligible for grant funding through the Natural Resources Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County Recreation Commission in conjunction with the Manistee County Planning Department and Networks Northwest are leading a process to update the 2016-2021 Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan that will meet the requirements and approval of the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requirements met by the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will accomplish the same for each participating municipality within Manistee County, thereby updating a total of 21 approved plans under the umbrella of the County-Wide Plan; and

WHEREAS, Stronach Township recognizes the significant and positive economic impact that recreation presents to Manistee County and all local municipalities contained within; and

WHEREAS, the development, improvement and creation of recreational sites and assets provides opportunities for increased tourism and recreation site participation, in addition to these sites' contribution to the development of a sense of community and improved health; and

WHEREAS, support and participation within the planning process requires a \$1,000 contribution; and

WHEREAS, Stronach Township recognizes that the County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will involve a mix of stakeholder and local official input throughout the process to update required information, goals and the action program; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Stronach Township supports the development of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan and seeks to participate throughout the process, and subsequently adopting said plan if it meets the intent and desire of the residents of Stronach Township.

PHILIP VADEBONCOEUR

Signature Name (Print)

Philip Vadeboncoeur

Signature Name (Sign)

Date: June 9, 2021

Barbara Rishel

Clerk (Print)

Barbara Rishel

Clerk (Sign)

Date: June 9, 2021

Resolution of Adoption

Stronach Township Board Resolution for Adoption of the Stronach Township Park & Recreation Plan Resolution # 12-8-2021-1

WHEREAS, the Stronach Township has undertaken a planning process to plan for recreation for the community, called the Stronach Township Park & Recreation Plan, while simultaneously participating in preparing a greater collaborative County-Wide recreation plan called the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Stronach Township Park & Recreation Plan is a component of the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, when referring to the Stronach Township Park & Recreation Plan all the common components of the greater Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan is considered with the exception of, and excluding, sections specific to other communities; and

WHEREAS, the sections that are specific to Stronach Township include pages A-82 through A-85 and F-44 of Appendix F, and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan, of which the Stronach Township Park & Recreation Plan is a component, was prepared in partnership and collaboration with all Manistee County municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the collaborative planning process was to determine the recreation and natural resource needs and desires of Manistee County residents, with the Stronach Township component addressing specifically Stronach Township residents; during a five-year period covering the years 2022-2026; and

WHEREAS, the combined area of the aforementioned local unit of government constitutes the planning area; and

WHEREAS, the Stronach Township Board is the official governing body solely responsible for recreation planning in Stronach Township; and

WHEREAS, the Stronach Township Board completed the process of developing a community recreation and natural resources plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities; and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for thirty (30) days; and

WHEREAS, opportunities for public input for all residents of the community to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation plan were made available by taking advantage of any or all of the following opportunities: by attending any of the public input sessions held at each Manistee County jurisdiction during 2021, by taking an on-line survey that was available from April-August 2021, and the final public comment session held on December 8, 2021 at the Stronach Township Hall to provide a final opportunity for comment; and

WHEREAS, the Stronach Township Board has participated in the development of the Plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for Stronach Township; and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing and during a scheduled Township Board meeting, the Stronach Township Board voted to adopt said recreation plan; and

WHEREAS, final edits to the plan will be incorporated as noted in the Stronach Township Board meeting minutes for the meeting that took place on December 8, 2021; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Stronach Township Board hereby adopts the Stronach Township Park & Recreation Plan as defined.

Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

I, Barbara Rishel, Stronach Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Stronach Township Board at the regular meeting thereof held on December 8, 2021.

Signature: Barbara Rishel Date: December 8, 2021
Stronach Township Clerk

Meeting Minutes



TOWNSHIP OF STRONACH
(Manistee County)
2471 Main St RR3
Manistee Michigan, 49660

December 8, 2021

Public Hearing

Manistee County Parks and Recreation/ Stronach township park and recreation plan

Minutes Draft

Public Hearing called to order by Mr. Vadeboncoeur at 6:30 pm.
Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Members present: Mr. Vadeboncoeur, Mr. Sell, Mr. Lindeman, Mr. Landis Ms. Rishel
Members absent: none.

Motion Mr. Landis to approve the agenda for the hearing as presented 2nd Mr. Lindeman. All in favor MC

Mr. Vadeboncoeur stated the purpose of the hearing being to gather input on the Stronach township Park and Recreation Plan -in collaboration with the Manistee County -wide park and recreation plan

Written Correspondence: Mr. Vadeboncoeur stated there was no written correspondence received for the purpose of the hearing.

Public Comments: Mr. Rishel thanked Mr. Carson for his help with the project and Stronach being at the start of it all in 2013. Mr. Carson reviewed the locations of the public areas in the township. Mr. Vadeboncoeur on the age ratio to other areas. Mr. Lindeman inquired on the \$1 for 100 years. Open discussion followed on it being a tool in the tool kit and being optional and examples of its use. Mr. Lindeman asked about the Manistee loop reference. Open discussion on railroad relocation possibly being looked at. With the possibility of the abandoned railroad tracks being converted and used as trails. With no further public comment received or objections.

Mr. Vadeboncoeur Thanked those for coming and declared the public hearing adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Barbara Rishel



TOWNSHIP OF STRONACH
(Manistee County)
2471 Main St RR3
Manistee Michigan, 49660

Board Meeting December 8, 2021 draft
Minutes

Meeting Called to Order: by Mr. Vadeboncoeur. 7pm. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Roll Call: present Mr. Sell, Mr. Vadeboncoeur, Mr. Lindeman, Mr. Landis, Ms. Rishel absent: none

Motion Mr. Landis to approve the agenda 2nd Mr. Lindeman with All in Favor. MC

Review of consent agenda

1) minutes- November 10, 2021. 2) Treasurers report. 3) bills for the month

Motion Mr. Lindeman to approve the consent agenda items 2nd Mr. Landis. with All in Favor MC

Correspondences:

1) Manistee county controller/Administrator
a- invoice for the 2021 tax maps, rolls and maintenance in the amount of \$4,840.59 Motion Mr. Lindeman to pay the \$4,840.59 2nd Mr. Landis RC vote Mr. Lindeman-yes, Mr. Landis-yes, Mr. Sell-yes, Ms. Rishel-yes, Mr. Vadeboncoeur-yes. MC

b- 2022 contractual services agreement between Manistee Co. and Stronach twp. for Tax maps, assessment roll maintenance, tax rolls, tax bills, and computer services. Motion Mr. Landis to accept the 2022 contract for services. 2nd Mr. Lindeman RC vote: Mr. Lindeman-yes, Mr. Landis-yes, Mr. Sell-yes, Ms. Rishel-yes, Mr. Vadeboncoeur-yes. MC

c- S.E.T. summer tax collection contractual services agreement for 2022. Motion Mr. Lindeman to accept the agreement for the S.E.T. summer tax collection 2nd Mr. Landis. RC vote: Mr. Lindeman-yes, Mr. Landis-yes, Mr. Sell-yes, Ms. Rishel-yes, Mr. Vadeboncoeur-yes. MC

Fire Department Report: Chief Lindeman submitted bill for AD battery. Calls remain up. Required to wear N95 masks will need to acquire more for the dept. Skocelas location needs the snow to be plowed.

Public Comment: none

Unfinished Business: none

Committee Reports:

Planning: Chairman Rishel submitted info for Mr. Thompson to be registered for Zoning Administrator certification classes at M.S.U. Mr. Thompson possibly see if Filer twp will split cost. Limited seating, deadline to reserve 12-22-21
River Committee: Committee members met with Mr. Carson re: possibilities for applying for grants. Mr. Lindeman received an estimate bid for the elevation work from Matt Dantz for the amount of \$2200.00 Motion Mr. Sell to approve the bid for \$2200.00 2nd Mr. Landis RC vote Mr. Sell-yes, Mr. Landis-yes, Mr. Lindeman-yes, Ms. Rishel-yes, Mr. Vadeboncoeur-yes. MC

Board of Review: Chairman Waldon - Board of review will meet Tuesday December 14th at 2pm.

New Business:

1) Manistee county parks and recreation plan / resolution # 12-8-2021-1 Motion Mr. Landis to adopt the Manistee county recreation plan as presented/ Stronach township board resolution for adoption of the stronach township park & recreation plan resolution #12-8-2021-1. 2nd by Mr. Lindeman RC Vote: Mr. Landis-yes, Mr. Lindeman-yes, Mr. Sell-yes, Ms. Rishel-yes, Mr. Vadeboncoeur-yes. MC

2) appointments for (2) Planning and (1) Zoning board of appeals. One letter of interest received from Mr. Rishel for planning. Motion Mr. Vadeboncoeur to appoint Mr. Rishel to the planning commission term begins Jan-2022 and expires Jun-2025 2nd Mr. Landis. RC vote: Mr. Vadeboncoeur-yes, Mr. Landis-yes, Mr. Sell-yes, Ms. Rishel-yes, Mr. Lindeman-yes. MC. Remaining positions. Action: rerun notice in the paper for one planning and one zoning board of appeals and also one alternate for the zoning board of appeals terms beginning Jan. 2022 ending Jan 2025.

3) Board of trustees meeting schedule for 2022 resolution #12-8-21-2 Motion Mr. Sell to keep the meetings the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm as presented, 2nd Mr. Landis. RC vote: Mr. Sell-yes, Mr. Landis-yes, Mr. Lindeman-yes, Ms. Rishel-yes, Mr. Vadeboncoeur-yes. MC

4) hall rentals discussion held. Action to leave closed for this month and revisit next month.

Agenda for next meeting:

- 1) appointments for Planning and BOA
- 2) hall rental
- 3) update on new webpage

With no further business before the board.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Barbara Rishel, Clerk

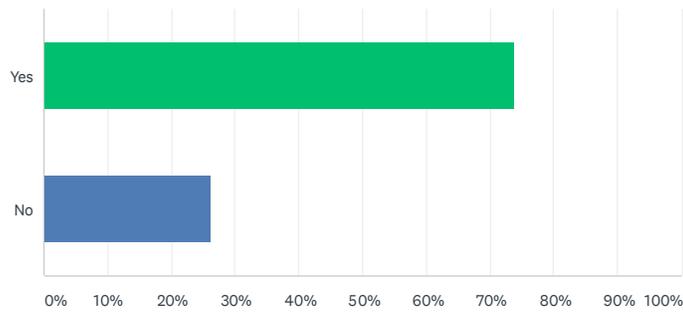
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Appendix H - Survey Results

Q1 Are you a permanent resident of Manistee County?

Answered: 395 Skipped: 0

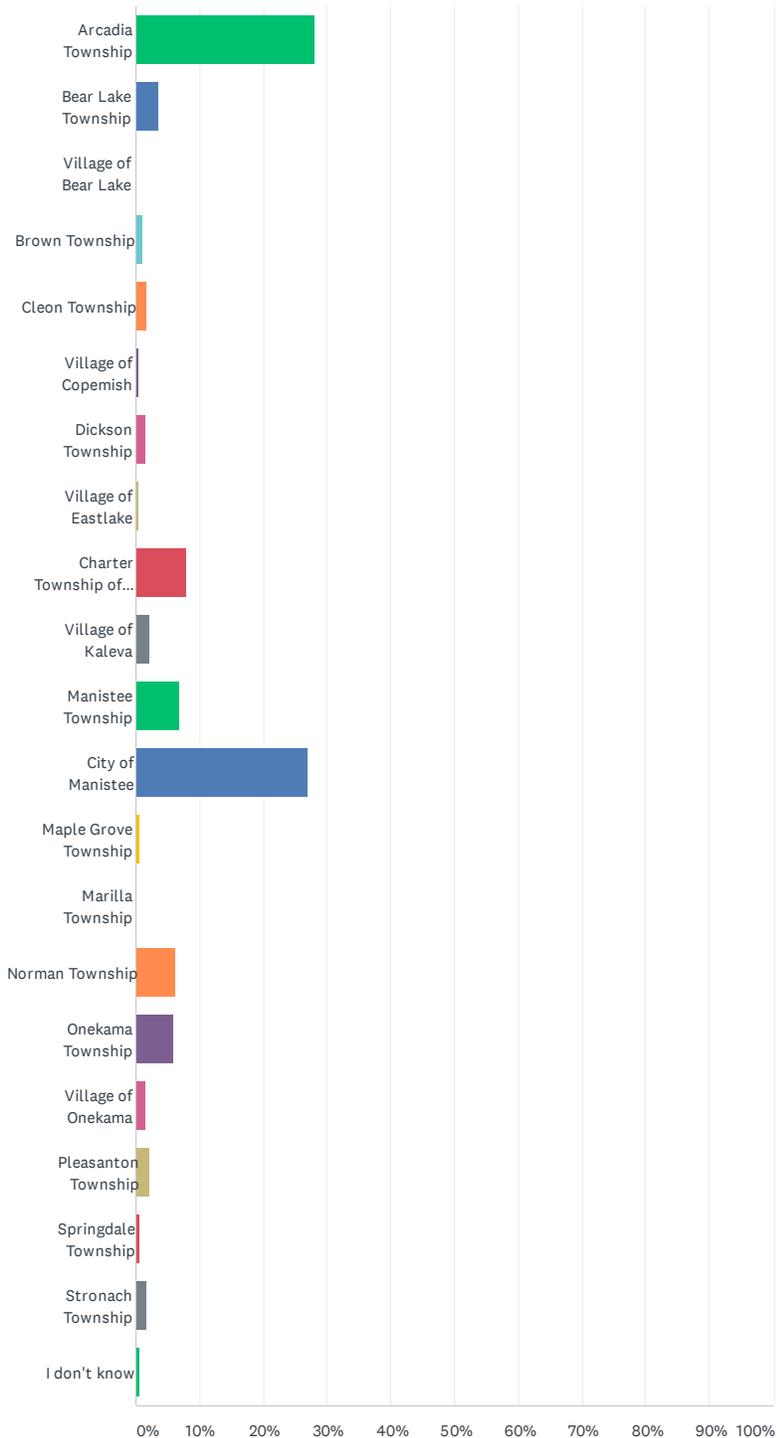


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	73.92%	292
No	26.08%	103
TOTAL		395

Q2 Where in Manistee County do you live?

Answered: 288 Skipped: 107

Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan

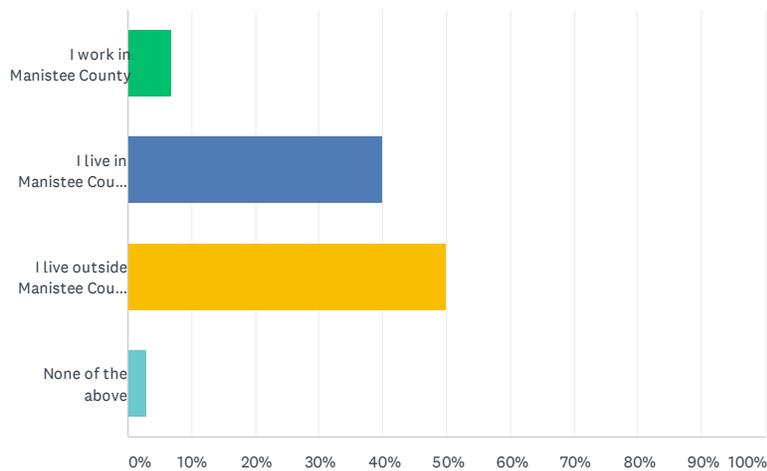


Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Arcadia Township	28.13%	81
Bear Lake Township	3.47%	10
Village of Bear Lake	0.00%	0
Brown Township	1.04%	3
Cleon Township	1.74%	5
Village of Copemish	0.35%	1
Dickson Township	1.39%	4
Village of Eastlake	0.35%	1
Charter Township of Filer	7.99%	23
Village of Kaleva	2.08%	6
Manistee Township	6.94%	20
City of Manistee	27.08%	78
Maple Grove Township	0.69%	2
Marilla Township	0.00%	0
Norman Township	6.25%	18
Onekama Township	5.90%	17
Village of Onekama	1.39%	4
Pleasanton Township	2.08%	6
Springdale Township	0.69%	2
Stronach Township	1.74%	5
I don't know	0.69%	2
TOTAL		288

Q3 Which of the following best describes your affiliation with Manistee County?

Answered: 100 Skipped: 295



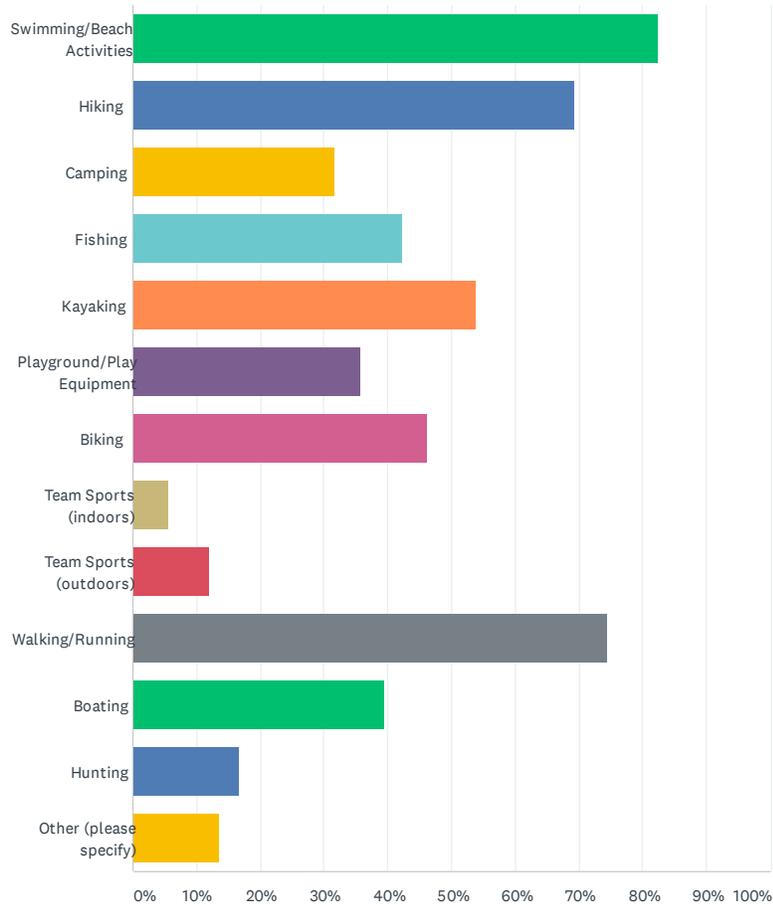
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I work in Manistee County	7.00%	7
I live in Manistee County for part of the year (seasonal resident)	40.00%	40
I live outside Manistee County but visit Manistee County's recreation sites	50.00%	50
None of the above	3.00%	3
TOTAL		100

Q4 If you are not a permanent resident of Manistee County, where do you live?

Answered: 91 Skipped: 304

Q5 Which of the following recreation activities do you participate in within Manistee County during the warm-weather months? (choose all that apply)

Answered: 377 Skipped: 18

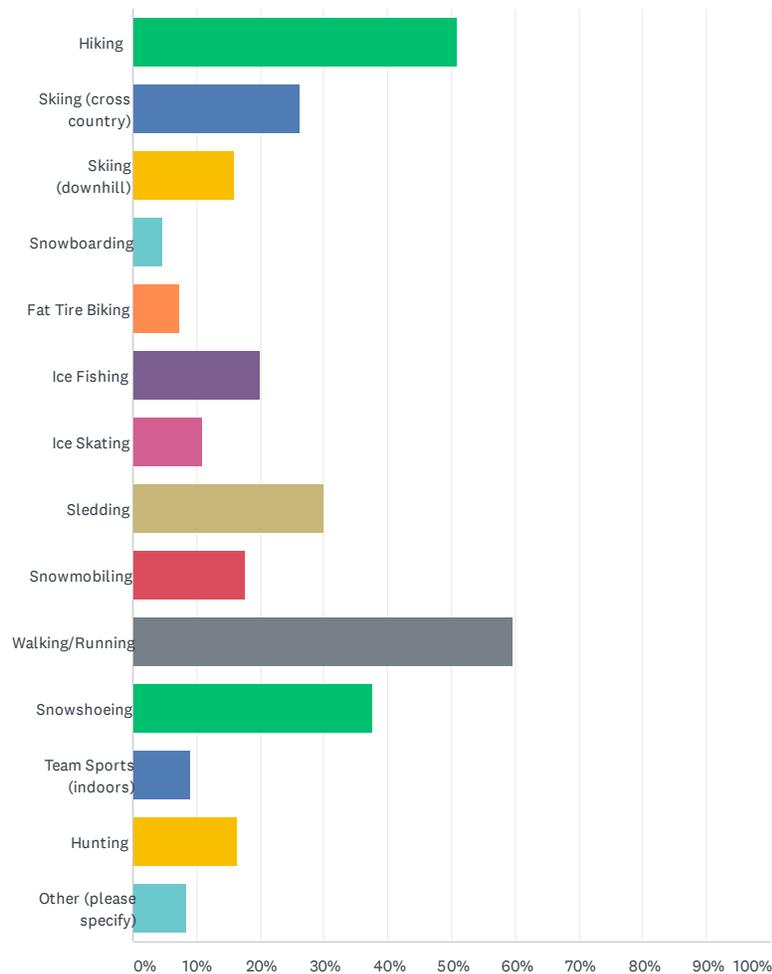


Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Swimming/Beach Activities	82.49%	311
Hiking	69.23%	261
Camping	31.56%	119
Fishing	42.18%	159
Kayaking	53.85%	203
Playground/Play Equipment	35.81%	135
Biking	46.15%	174
Team Sports (indoors)	5.57%	21
Team Sports (outdoors)	11.94%	45
Walking/Running	74.54%	281
Boating	39.52%	149
Hunting	16.71%	63
Other (please specify)	13.53%	51
Total Respondents: 377		

Q6 Which of the following recreation activities do you participate in within Manistee County during the winter months? (choose all that apply)

Answered: 332 Skipped: 63

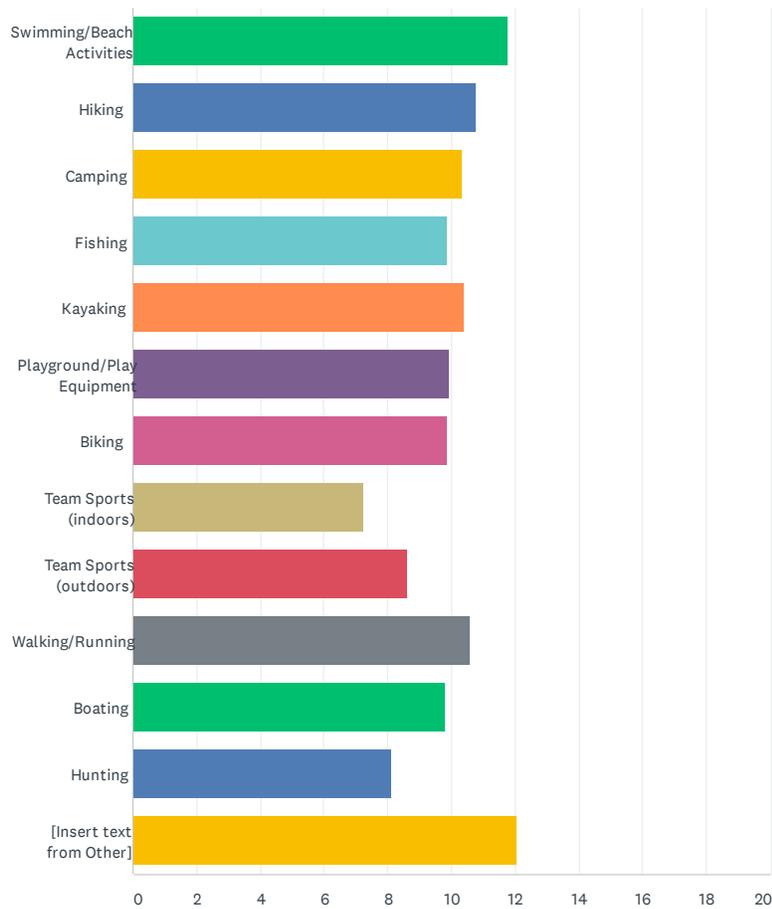


Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Hiking	50.90%	169
Skiing (cross country)	26.20%	87
Skiing (downhill)	15.96%	53
Snowboarding	4.52%	15
Fat Tire Biking	7.23%	24
Ice Fishing	19.88%	66
Ice Skating	10.84%	36
Sledding	29.82%	99
Snowmobiling	17.47%	58
Walking/Running	59.64%	198
Snowshoeing	37.65%	125
Team Sports (indoors)	9.04%	30
Hunting	16.27%	54
Other (please specify)	8.43%	28
Total Respondents: 332		

Q7 Pleas rank your favorite warm-weather activities - with 1 being your favorite.

Answered: 325 Skipped: 70



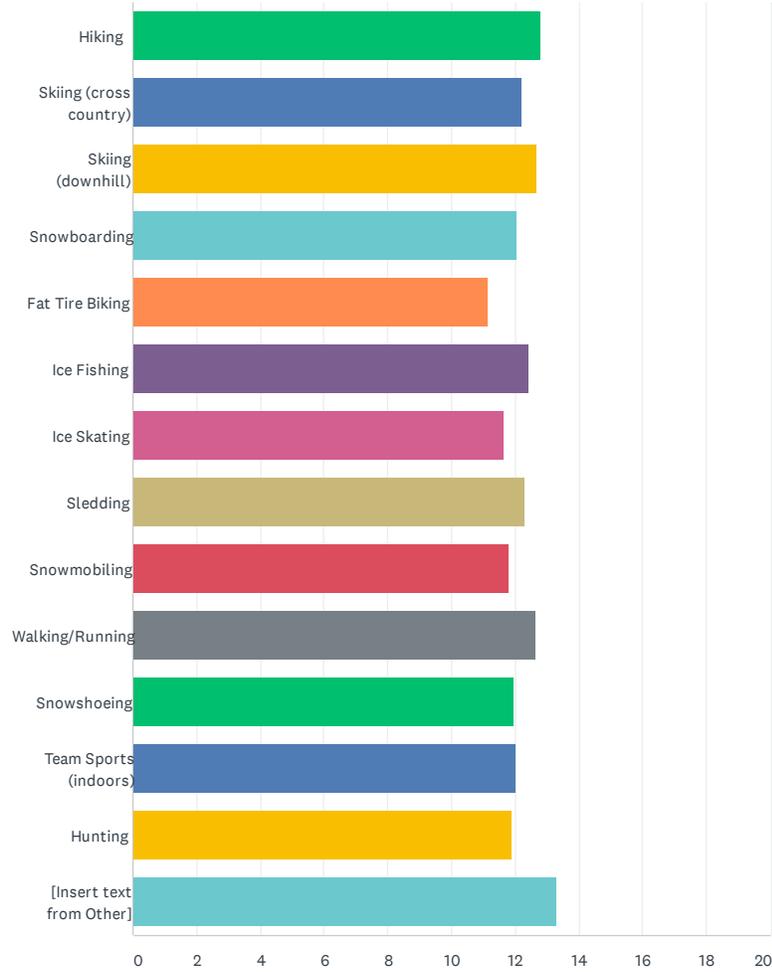
Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan

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Swimming/Beach Activities	43.77% 116	21.89% 58	14.34% 38	10.94% 29	4.53% 12	3.02% 8	0.75% 2	0.75% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	
Hiking	15.04% 34	23.89% 54	20.80% 47	20.80% 47	9.73% 22	5.75% 13	2.21% 5	0.88% 2	0.00% 0	0.44% 1	0.44% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	
Camping	13.73% 14	21.57% 22	16.67% 17	13.73% 14	15.69% 16	9.80% 10	4.90% 5	2.94% 3	0.98% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	
Fishing	15.04% 20	10.53% 14	15.79% 21	13.53% 18	17.29% 23	15.04% 20	9.02% 12	1.50% 2	1.50% 2	0.75% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	
Kayaking	12.15% 22	20.99% 38	13.81% 25	19.89% 36	18.23% 33	10.50% 19	2.21% 4	2.21% 4	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	
Playground/Play Equipment	9.73% 11	21.24% 24	13.27% 15	14.16% 16	15.93% 18	10.62% 12	8.85% 10	2.65% 3	0.88% 1	2.65% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	
Biking	13.55% 21	9.68% 15	20.00% 31	16.77% 26	14.19% 22	11.61% 18	8.39% 13	2.58% 4	1.94% 3	0.00% 0	0.65% 1	0.65% 1	0.00% 0	
Team Sports (indoors)	0.00% 0	5.88% 1	5.88% 1	11.76% 2	11.76% 2	0.00% 0	23.53% 4	11.76% 2	17.65% 3	5.88% 1	5.88% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	
Team Sports (outdoors)	5.56% 2	8.33% 3	13.89% 5	5.56% 2	8.33% 3	25.00% 9	13.89% 5	13.89% 5	5.56% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	
Walking/Running	17.00% 42	21.86% 54	23.48% 58	13.36% 33	8.91% 22	5.67% 14	3.64% 9	3.24% 8	2.02% 5	0.81% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	
Boating	9.16% 12	14.50% 19	19.08% 25	13.74% 18	12.98% 17	12.98% 17	12.21% 16	3.82% 5	1.53% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	
Hunting	11.54% 6	7.69% 4	9.62% 5	5.77% 3	7.69% 4	5.77% 3	11.54% 6	21.15% 11	9.62% 5	7.69% 4	1.92% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	
[Insert text from Other]	59.52% 25	16.67% 7	9.52% 4	4.76% 2	7.14% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	2.38% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	

Q8 Please rank your favorite winter recreation activities - with 1 being your favorite.

Answered: 287 Skipped: 108

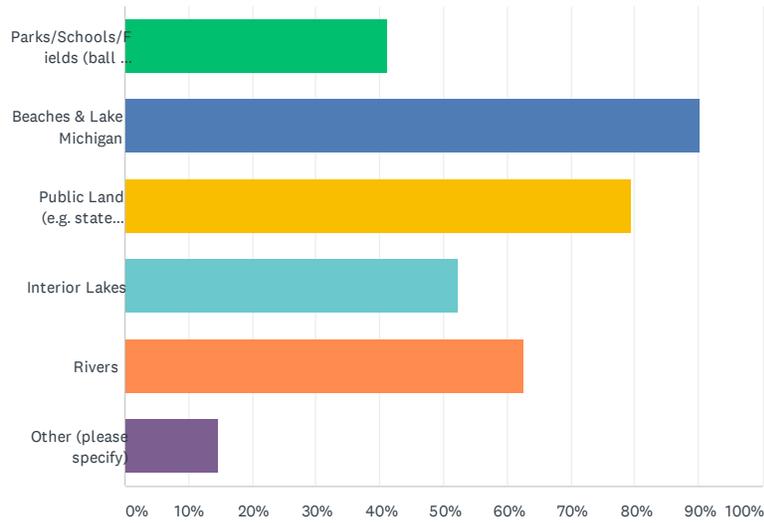
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Hiking	33.79% 49	34.48% 50	17.24% 25	8.97% 13	2.76% 4	2.76% 4	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0
Skiing (cross country)	23.68% 18	23.68% 18	23.68% 18	18.42% 14	6.58% 5	1.32% 1	0.00% 0	1.32% 1	1.32% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0
Skiing (downhill)	45.65% 21	17.39% 8	13.04% 6	15.22% 7	4.35% 2	2.17% 1	0.00% 0	2.17% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0
Snowboarding	35.71% 5	21.43% 3	21.43% 3	7.14% 1	0.00% 0	7.14% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	7.14% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0
Fat Tire Biking	15.00% 3	5.00% 1	35.00% 7	20.00% 4	0.00% 0	5.00% 1	15.00% 3	5.00% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0
Ice Fishing	28.07% 16	36.84% 21	10.53% 6	10.53% 6	8.77% 5	1.75% 1	1.75% 1	0.00% 0	1.75% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0
Ice Skating	16.67% 5	30.00% 9	20.00% 6	3.33% 1	13.33% 4	0.00% 0	13.33% 4	3.33% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0
Sledding	27.06% 23	23.53% 20	22.35% 19	11.76% 10	10.59% 9	3.53% 3	1.18% 1	0.00% 0						
Snowmobiling	26.53% 13	8.16% 4	28.57% 14	14.29% 7	10.20% 5	6.12% 3	4.08% 2	0.00% 0	2.04% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0
Walking/Running	39.18% 67	28.07% 48	14.62% 25	7.60% 13	5.26% 9	1.17% 2	0.58% 1	2.34% 4	0.58% 1	0.58% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0
Snowshoeing	22.81% 26	20.18% 23	24.56% 28	16.67% 19	7.89% 9	2.63% 3	1.75% 2	0.88% 1	0.88% 1	0.88% 1	0.88% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0
Team Sports (indoors)	37.50% 9	16.67% 4	12.50% 3	12.50% 3	4.17% 1	4.17% 1	8.33% 2	0.00% 0	4.17% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0
Hunting	28.89% 13	31.11% 14	11.11% 5	0.00% 0	6.67% 3	13.33% 6	0.00% 0	6.67% 3	0.00% 0	2.22% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0
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Q9 Where do you go in Manistee County to recreate? (choose all that apply)

Answered: 337 Skipped: 58



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Parks/Schools/Fields (ball & soccer)	41.25% 139
Beaches & Lake Michigan	90.21% 304
Public Land (e.g. state forests)	79.53% 268
Interior Lakes	52.23% 176
Rivers	62.61% 211
Other (please specify)	14.54% 49
Total Respondents: 337	

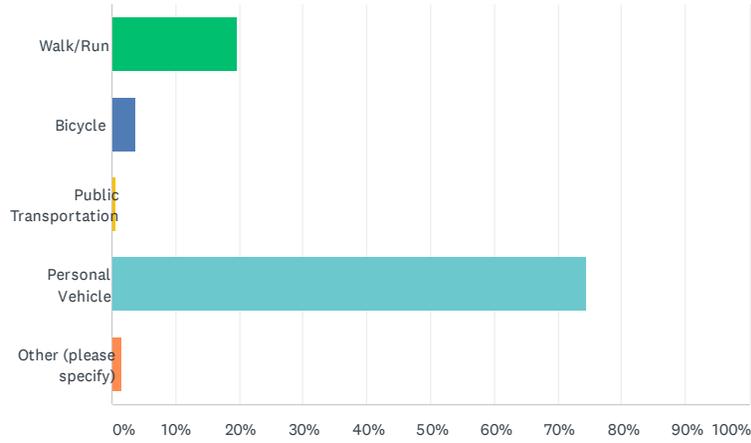
Q10 Please specify which recreation sites you visit most often in Manistee County.

Answered: 303 Skipped: 92

Q11 How do you access recreation sites in Manistee County, for the most part?

Answered: 337 Skipped: 58

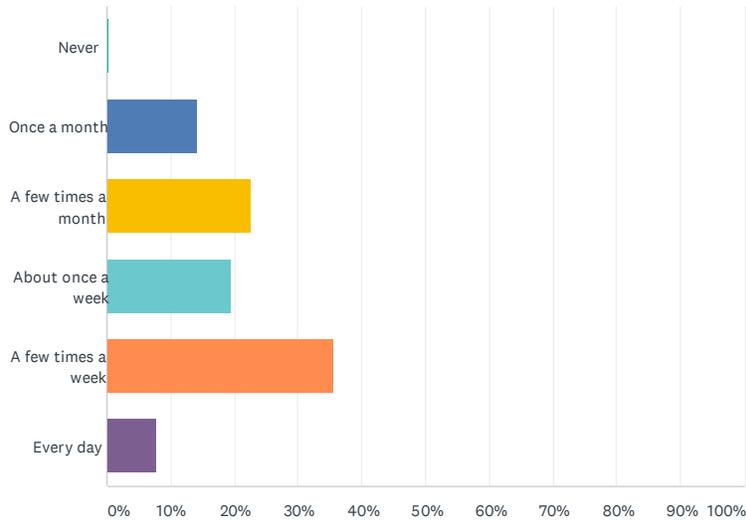
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walk/Run	19.58%	66
Bicycle	3.86%	13
Public Transportation	0.59%	2
Personal Vehicle	74.48%	251
Other (please specify)	1.48%	5
TOTAL		337

Q12 How often do you visit a public park, beach, trail or other recreation site in Manistee County?

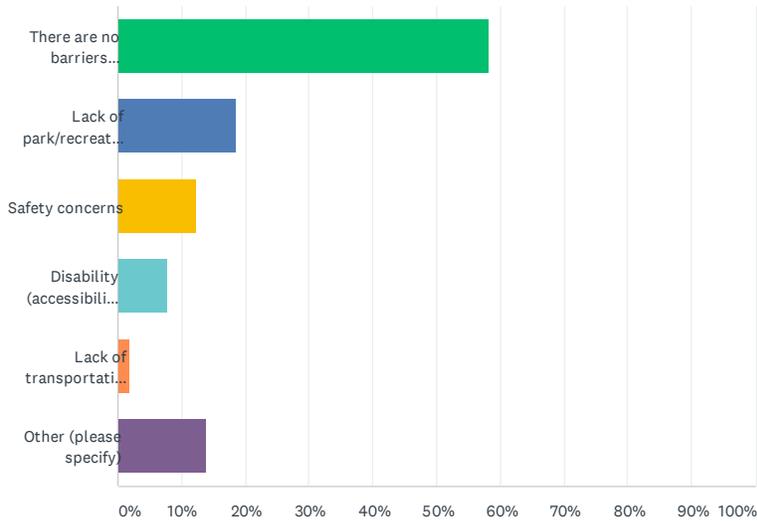
Answered: 335 Skipped: 60



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Never	0.30%	1
Once a month	14.33%	48
A few times a month	22.69%	76
About once a week	19.40%	65
A few times a week	35.52%	119
Every day	7.76%	26
TOTAL		335

Q13 What types of barriers prevent you from participating in recreation within Manistee County.

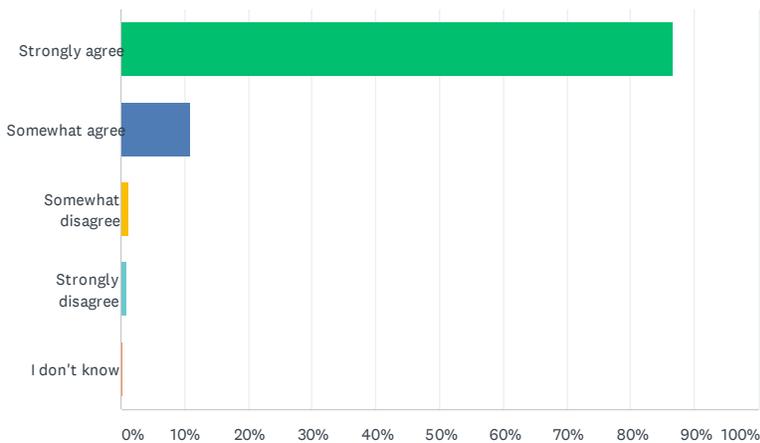
Answered: 332 Skipped: 63



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
There are no barriers preventing me from participating in recreation within Manistee County.	58.13%	193
Lack of park/recreation features I'm interested in	18.67%	62
Safety concerns	12.35%	41
Disability (accessibility barriers)	7.83%	26
Lack of transportation to recreation site(s)	1.81%	6
Other (please specify)	13.86%	46
Total Respondents: 332		

Q14 Manistee County should make it a priority to preserve natural areas and water access.

Answered: 337 Skipped: 58

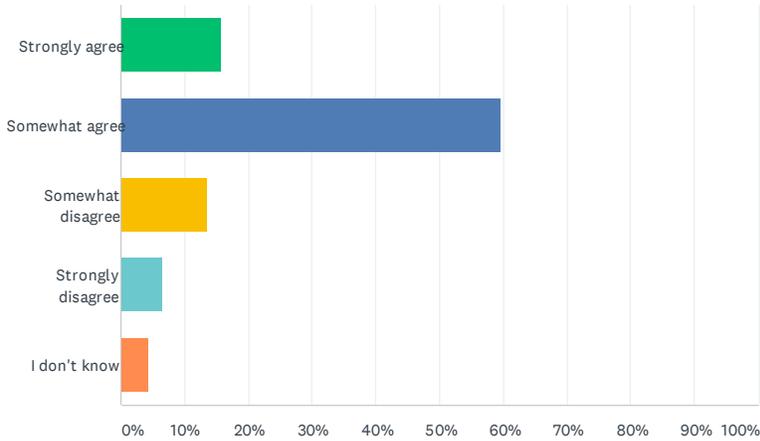


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	86.65%	292
Somewhat agree	10.98%	37
Somewhat disagree	1.19%	4
Strongly disagree	0.89%	3
I don't know	0.30%	1
TOTAL		337

Q15 Parks in Manistee County are well-maintained.

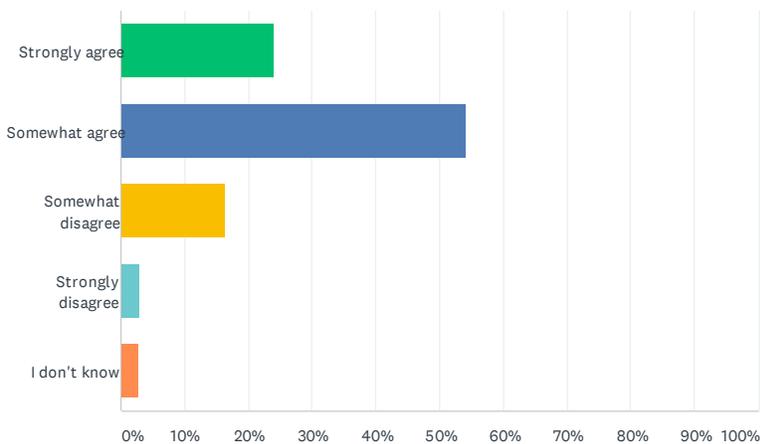
Answered: 337 Skipped: 58



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	15.73%	53
Somewhat agree	59.64%	201
Somewhat disagree	13.65%	46
Strongly disagree	6.53%	22
I don't know	4.45%	15
TOTAL		337

Q16 Parks in Manistee County offer amenities that appeal to my recreation interests.

Answered: 338 Skipped: 57

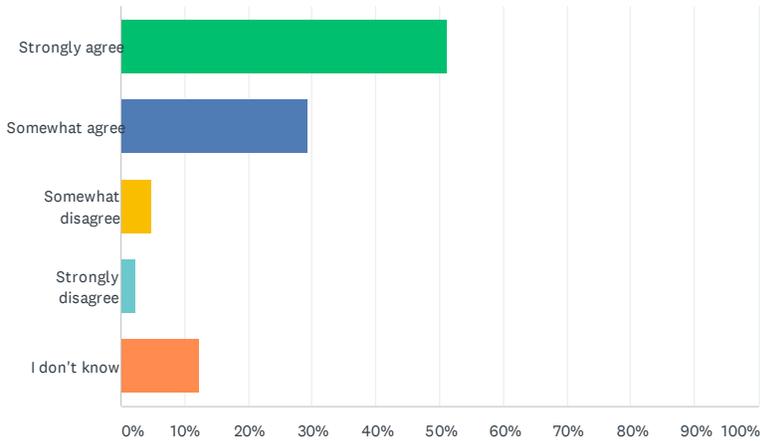


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	23.96%	81
Somewhat agree	54.14%	183
Somewhat disagree	16.27%	55
Strongly disagree	2.96%	10
I don't know	2.66%	9
TOTAL		338

Q17 Manistee County should implement more non-motorized trail connections.

Answered: 335 Skipped: 60



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	51.34%	172
Somewhat agree	29.25%	98
Somewhat disagree	4.78%	16
Strongly disagree	2.39%	8
I don't know	12.24%	41
TOTAL		335

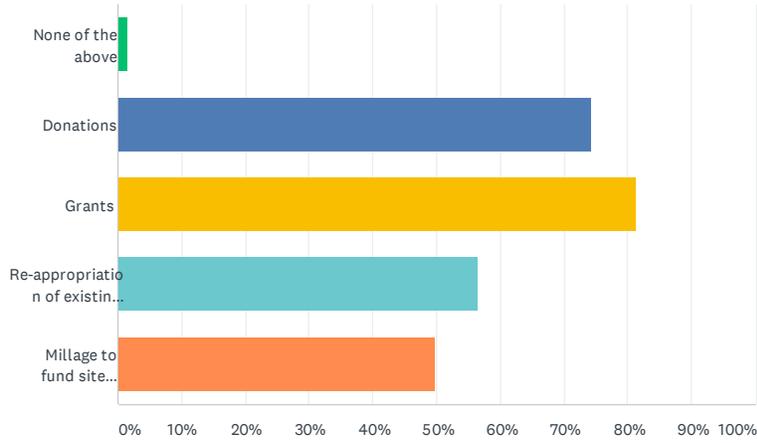
Q18 What programs or recreation amenities do not currently exist in Manistee County that you would like to see implemented?

Answered: 217 Skipped: 178

Q19 Which recreation funding methods do you support for parks and recreation in Manistee County?

Answered: 326 Skipped: 69

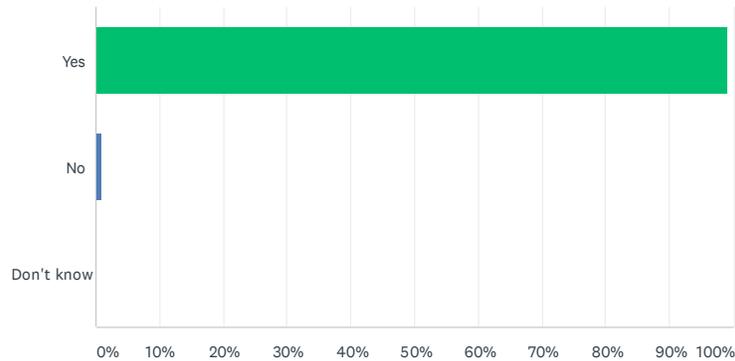
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	1.53%	5
Donations	74.23%	242
Grants	81.29%	265
Re-appropriation of existing taxpayers funds	56.44%	184
Millage to fund site improvements	49.69%	162
Total Respondents: 326		

Q20 Do you have access to a personal vehicle?

Answered: 329 Skipped: 66

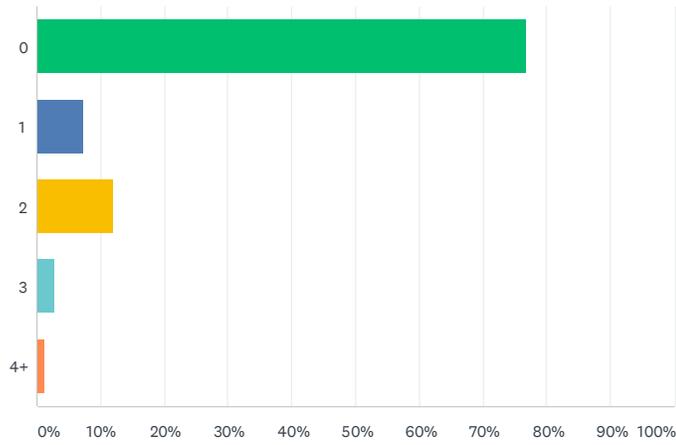


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	99.09%	326
No	0.91%	3
Don't know	0.00%	0
TOTAL		329

Q21 How many children under the age of 18 live in your household?

Answered: 328 Skipped: 67

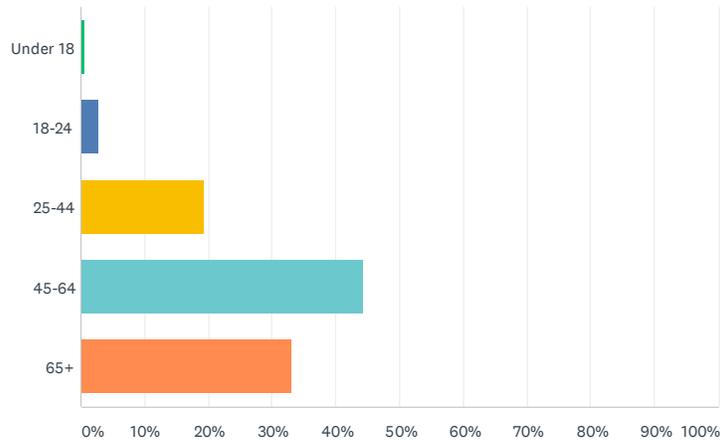
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
0	76.83% 252
1	7.32% 24
2	11.89% 39
3	2.74% 9
4+	1.22% 4
TOTAL	328

Q22 What is your age?

Answered: 327 Skipped: 68

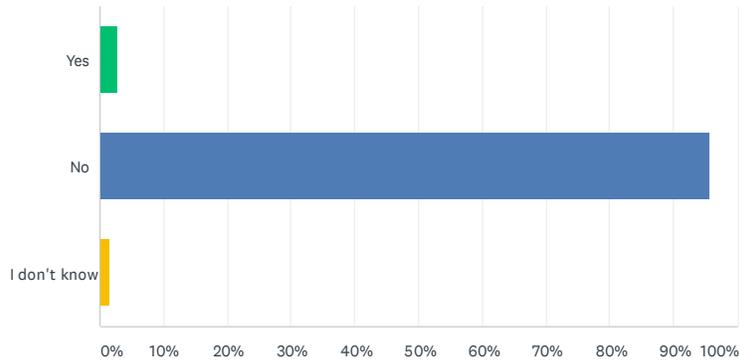


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Under 18	0.61% 2
18-24	2.75% 9
25-44	19.27% 63
45-64	44.34% 145
65+	33.03% 108
TOTAL	327

Q23 Are you or is any member of your household of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish descent?

Answered: 324 Skipped: 71

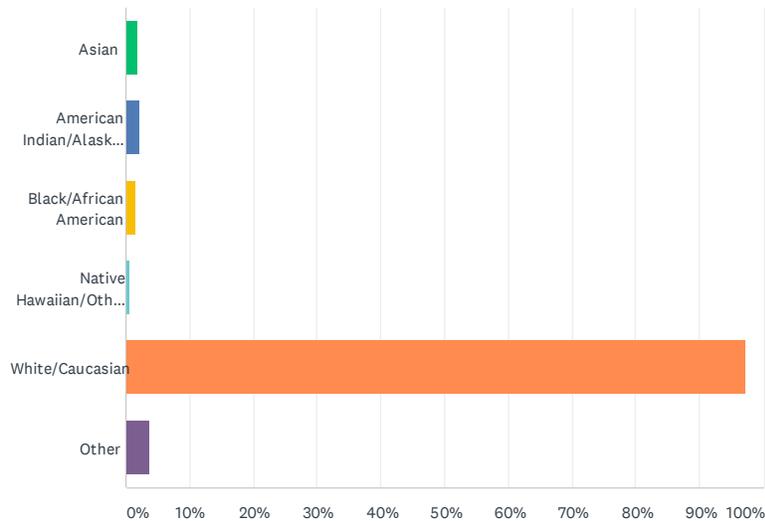
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	2.78% 9
No	95.68% 310
I don't know	1.54% 5
TOTAL	324

Q24 What race(s) are represented by the people who live in your household (check all that apply)

Answered: 322 Skipped: 73

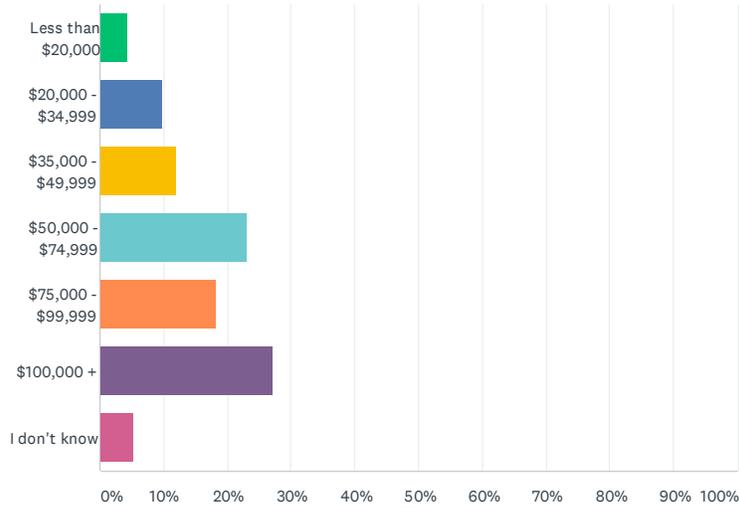


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Asian	1.86% 6
American Indian/Alaska Native	2.17% 7
Black/African American	1.55% 5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0.62% 2
White/Caucasian	97.20% 313
Other	3.73% 12
Total Respondents: 322	

Q25 What is your yearly household income?

Answered: 312 Skipped: 83

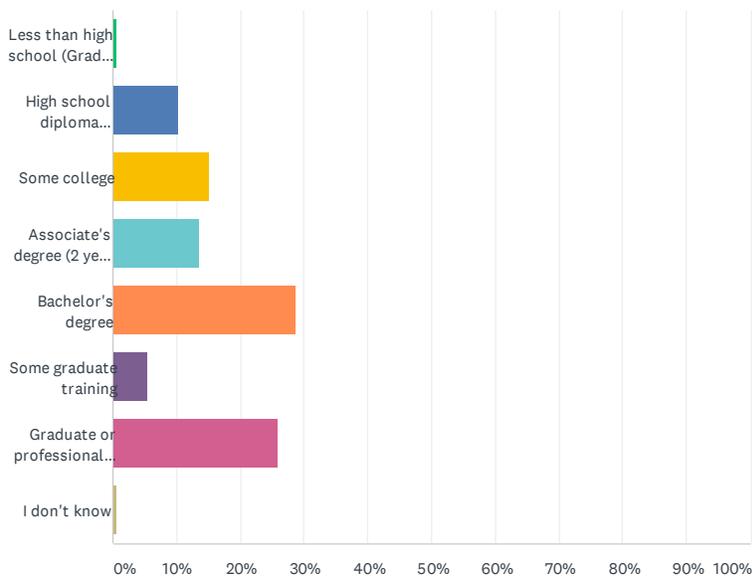
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than \$20,000	4.49%	14
\$20,000 - \$34,999	9.94%	31
\$35,000 - \$49,999	11.86%	37
\$50,000 - \$74,999	23.08%	72
\$75,000 - \$99,999	18.27%	57
\$100,000 +	27.24%	85
I don't know	5.13%	16
TOTAL		312

Q26 What is the highest grade of school or year of college you have completed?

Answered: 325 Skipped: 70



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than high school (Grade 11 or less)	0.62%	2
High school diploma (including GED)	10.15%	33
Some college	15.08%	49
Associate's degree (2 year) or specialized technical training	13.54%	44
Bachelor's degree	28.62%	93
Some graduate training	5.54%	18
Graduate or professional degree	25.85%	84
I don't know	0.62%	2
TOTAL		325

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