Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan

The Communities Contained Within This Planning Document Are:

Manistee County

Arcadia Township
Pleasanton Township
Onekama Township
Onekama Village
Bear Lake Township
Bear Lake Village
Springdale Township
Cleon Township
Copemish Village
Maple Grove Township

Kaleva Village
Marilla Township
Brown Township
Dickson Township
Stronach Township
Norman Township
Manistee Township
Eastlake Village
City of Manistee
Charter Township of Filer

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- Pleasanton Township Board
- Pleasanton Township Planning Commission
- Onekama Township Board
- Onekama Township Planning Commission
- Onekama Village Council
- Onekama Village Planning Commission
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- Manistee Township Planning Commission
- Eastlake Village Council
- Eastlake Village Planning Commission
- Manistee City Council
- Manistee City Planning Commission
- Manistee City Non-Motorized Committee
- Manistee City Parks Commission
- Filer Township Board
- Filer Township Planning Commission
- Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
- State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- United States Forest Service
- Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy
- Benzie Manistee-Snowbirds
- Big Bear Sportsman Club
- Manistee Area Public Schools (MAPS)
- Onekama Consolidated School District
- Kaleva Norman Dickson School District
- Benzie School District
- Manistee Catholic Central
- Casman Academy
- Cross Country Ski Council
- Shoreline Cycle Club
- Manistee County Chamber
- Manistee County Visitors Bureau
- Manistee Healthy Coalition
- North County Trail Association
- Manistee Recreation Association (MRA)
- Manistee County Fair Board
- Bear Lake Watershed Alliance
- Bear Creek Watershed Council
- Portage Lake Watershed Forever
- Arcadia-Pierport Watershed
- Little Manistee Watershed Conservation Council
- Betsie River Watershed Restoration Committee
- Bear Lake Promoters
- Portage Lake Association
- Portage Point Yacht Club
- Manistee Muzzle Loading Club
- Rolling Thunder
- Spirit of the Woods Conservation Club
- Boy and Girl Scouts
- Bear Lake Property Owners Association
- Crystal Mountain
- Manistee Area Service Organizations
- Caberfae
- Manistee Council on Aging
- Area Wide Golf Courses
- Area Wide Marinas
- Pleasant Valley Community Center
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- Twisted Trails Off-Road Park
- Northern MI Drag-strip
- Big Bear Sportsman Club
- Consumers Energy Company
- West Shore Medical Center
- Camp Arcadia
- Audubon Society
- Ducks Unlimited
- Northern Michigan Dragway
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The Manistee County Park and Recreation Plan tells a story of community engagement, consensus building, data and information gathering, and plan development. The development of the plan is the cumulative effort of leadership from 21 municipalities, as well as input provided by many stakeholders and the public. The plan meets each requirement of the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources 5-Year Park and Recreation Guidelines for each of the 21 municipalities within Manistee County. The document will be utilized to guide policy and decision making processes oriented around recreation within Manistee County, while laying the framework for specific projects and site improvements and creating opportunities for funding and fund development.

The importance of the planning document is only overshadowed by the collaboration and consensus building which occurred over the 22 month planning process. Bringing representation from each municipality to a single table to collaborate on a unified recreation plan had not occurred in Manistee County, and as far as we are aware a similar effort has not been conducted within a County in the State of Michigan. The momentum gained through working together will serve well the implementation phase of the planning process. This document is only as strong as the implementation which occurs towards the goals contained within, so it is of utmost importance to continually strive to meet each goal.

This plan has been adopted by all twenty-one communities contained within and including Manistee County, through a well advertised public hearing process.

Disclaimer:

All information contained within this plan is intended for Recreation Planning Purposes. Information on public lands, recreation sites, trails, fishing locations, hunting areas as well as all water access sites may have specific rules in place which must be adhered to, dependent upon the recreational activity one is pursuing. Please contact the appropriate, municipality, agency, landowner or policy which governs the land on which the recreational activity is pursued to ensure all applicable regulations are being followed.

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Chapter 1: Introduction

1.1 Description and Methodology of the Manistee County Parks, Recreation and Trail Plan

Manistee County has poised itself as a recreational destination drawing upon the abundant natural resources found within the County. Whether residents and visitors are enjoying sugar sand beaches towered over by coastal dunes, hiking, biking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing or snowmobiling miles of established trails, fishing, floating or boating inland lakes and streams or just enjoying the thousands of acres of public forest, there is always a resource at hand that can lend itself to adventure.

Recreation Planning and specifically the production of a State of Michigan DNR approved 5-year Park & Recreation Plan is a requirement of eligibility for Natural Resource Trust Fund Grants. Though the production of a plan provides avenues for grants for recreational site improvements and land acquisition, the purpose of the plan is much greater in scope. This planning document is the cumulation of months of effort by community leaders from each municipality within Manistee County. The plan is the cornerstone of the collaborative effort to bring cohesiveness across jurisdictional boundaries for recreation planning in Manistee County.

1.1.1 Regional Focus while Honoring Community Individuality

Collaboration for a County-wide focus for recreation was a theme presented through initial scopes outlining the need for this specific planning process. The idea that a "single" recreation improvement in one community has a positive effect on neighboring communities and the County as a whole is a fact that is widely accepted, as those who visit and recreate in our County often spend time spread across several municipalities.

The idea of a singular County-wide plan for recreation sets a baseline for periodic plan updates which will continue to maintain approval of plans within each municipality and the County as a whole. As important as it is to collaborate across jurisdictional lines, and to continue to work towards common goals as well as establishing a support network among our municipalities; it is just as important to recognize the unique character of each of our local municipalities, and to provide a document which identifies with the community and supports individuality.

The structure of this County-Wide Recreation Plan seeks to meet both a unified document supported and built upon the grass roots effort of our local municipalities, but also to contain the information needed which outlines and meets the requirements of the DNR Recreation Planning Process for each individual municipality.

1.1.2 Interns and University Student Contributions

Planning processes of this magnitude only achieve success when provided sufficient time, energy, coordination and through hard work of those involved in creating the plan. This recreation planning process of 20 months, which can be standard for a large plan, requires abundant time be spent preparing data, polling the public, working with community leaders and developing plan text, maps, graphs and charts. Hard working staff and volunteers are needed in preparing this information, and this process has benefited from participation of young enthusiastic students.

Interns:

Students from Manistee Catholic Central volunteered their time during the summer of 2014 to see that data for this planning effort was well-collected and organized. The recreation inventory of this planning document required site visits throughout Manistee County for the inventorying of not only actual recreation sites, but also the assets found at each site. An inventory of this nature and degree had never been conducted in Manistee County. This was a monumental task of which the interns took hold and performed a valuable service to their community. The entire leadership team and staff of Manistee County and The Alliance for Economic Success wish a heartfelt thank you to:

- Anna Buswinka
- Mia Hogan
- Joseph Slivka

Without the hard work of these interns during the inventory data gathering phase, this planning process would have likely taken additional time if reliant solely upon staff.

Michigan State University Urban Planning Practicum Course Student Group:

Michigan State University as a requirement for Urban & Regional Planning Students has a senior capstone course called Practicum. This course seeks to have student groups work with a municipality, agency or non-profit through an actual planning process for the development of a plan, design manual or other planning related document.

Manistee County was fortunate to be approved for the Practicum program and was assigned a student group which would assist with development of the Manistee County Park, Recreation and Trail Plan. The student group was

comprised of 5 Planning Students:

- Nick Tafelsky
- Cassi Meitl
- Matt Oliver
- Xiangyun Li
- Ge Shi

Their work began on the planning process in January 2015. The scope of work they developed captured requirements of the DNR, and also provided additional information. In all, the Practicum team surveyed and inventoried data for the Administrative Structure for each municipality, held a public input session with local high school students, developed maps from available recreation inventory data and identified goals for their portion of the planning document.

Staff and leadership team members were very happy to have the students working on a portion of the plan, and the outcome was a valuable amount of data and information which would be folded into the final Manistee County Park and Recreation Plan. We are very thankful for the hard work these future planners put toward development of the document and the professionalism they portrayed throughout the planning process.



Image 1.1: MSU Practicum Team w/Staff

1.1.3 Leadership Team

The backbone and heart of any planning process is derived from the community members who volunteer their time to sit on a committee which works through and oversees the plan development. Staff reasoned that the county-wide recreation planning effort which draws together each municipality within the county, is only as strong as the community members who help guide the process. This county planning process was fortunate to have sound representation from each community. The leadership team formed for the process was enthusiastic and timely in meeting attendance and public input sessions. Leadership team member assignments outlining the gathering of community specific information was of great assistance to staff, as information was gathered and shared from each community representative. The plan development would never have been as smooth and all encompassing without the hard work of the leadership team.

We would like to thank the following individuals for their community leadership throughout the planning process.

- Joe Frederick, Arcadia Twp.
- Julie Griffis, Bear Lake Twp.
- Jackie Thomas, Bear Lake Vil.
- Paul Adamski, Brown Twp.
- Linda Cudney, Cleon Twp.
- Elaine Gibbs, Copemish Vil.
- Terry Vuksanovic, Dickson Twp.
- Karen Kolk, Filer Twp.
- Shirley Ball, Filer Twp.
- Clara Kraus Saari, Manistee County
- Linda Finout, Manistee Twp.
- Jeff Mikula, Manistee Twp.
- Eleanor DeYoung, Eastlake Vil.
- Wayne Beldo, Maple Grove Twp.
- Gary Bowling, Maple Grove Twp.
- Karla Kasten, Kaleva Vil.
- Louish Hughes, Marilla Twp.
- Terry Chollette, Marilla Twp.
- Gene Schiling, Norman Twp.
- Dick Stapely, Norman Twp.
- Mary Reed, Onekama Twp. & Vil.
- Jon Phillips, Onekama Twp. & Vil.
- Jacque Erdman, Pleasanton Twp.
- Carol Merrill, Pleasanton Twp.
- Jack Cramer, Springdale Twp.
- Phil Landis, Stronach Twp.
- Maureen Barry, City of Manistee
- Judd Brown, City of Manistee
- Erin Pontiac, City of Manistee
- Denise Blakeslee, City of Manistee
- John Girven, Benzie/Manistee Snowbirds
- David Somsel, Benzie/Manistee Snowbirds
- Randy Sanovic, Benzie/Manistee Snowbirds
- Dick Riisberg, Benzie/Manistee Snowbirds
- Mark Coe, Benzie/Manistee Snowbirds
- Joe Snoenik, City of Manistee Non-motorized Committee
- Ed Jones, City of Manistee Non-motorized Committee
- Ken Blakey-Shell, Non-motorized Committee
- Steve Parsons, LRBOI
- Frank Beaver, LRBOI
- Rochelle Rollenhagen, LRBOI



Image 1.2: Leadership Team Meeting

1.1.4 Role of Local Government

Local government plays a vital role in the establishment of recreation plans within the State of Michigan. Guidelines established by the Department of Natural Resources for the production of Park and Recreation Plans outline that local municipalities must support the establishment of a planning process through a resolution of support, as well as participate throughout the process ultimately meeting the requirements of the DNR guidelines so that the plan can be formally adopted by the jurisdiction and approved by the State of Michigan.

Though considered a County Plan in terms of a regional focus, the basis of the plan was the establishment of language and information in order to receive an approved plan for each local unit of government within Manistee County. Through working together (all local municipalities and the County) a baseline plan would be established which is built upon collaboration between all local units of government.

1.1.5 Collaboration

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." (Helen Keller) This quote concisely sums up the motivation behind this collaborative planning process which was embarked upon by 21 governmental units for the development of the Manistee County Park and Recreation Plan. Collaboration brought together each municipality to a round table format of meetings which were held monthly through the development of the plan. These monthly meetings forged relationships of leadership team members from throughout the municipalities of Manistee County. These relationships would be the primary function of assisting a mostly seamless planning process.

The thought of collaboration wasn't a foreign concept in Manistee County. The Michigan Township Association meets regularly during the year to bring together representatives of townships for discussions on the important matters of the day. Manistee County has held a regional summit for a number of years which has worked to bring together members of all local municipalities, State and Federal agencies, Tribal government and other local agencies for the discussion of regional issues. Most recently a planning effort between coastal communities in Manistee and Benzie Counties, the "Lakes to Land Regional Initiative" brought together local municipalities across county lines for a successful collaborative master planning effort. This collaborative process was a bit different from those that led before in that it sought to include all local municipalities in a planning process which would generate a State approved planning document for each local municipality.

Building upon past collaborative planning endeavors, this County-Wide collaborative recreation plan began with the establishment of the leadership team. Upon completion of the plan, corroboratively the County will further the goals and projects laid out in a collaborative effort under the guidance of a leadership team. The idea of collaboration has been embraced by the leadership team members and the municipalities they represent; the idea of improvements which occur in a singular municipality having an effect on other local municipalities and the County as a whole is well received and realistic.

1.1.6 Incorporation of Existing Community Recreation Plans

Prior to the establishment of this planning process for the development of 21 Park and Recreation Plans within a singular document, several local municipalities including Manistee County had State approved Park and Recreation Plans. Important to this current planning process was the honoring of each of these plans. Utilization of information from within the established plans was crucial for the development of this plan. Information such as Administrative Structures, Community Descriptions, Public Input, Recreation Inventories and Plan Goals and Objectives would help to lay a framework for those communities within this planning process.

The following municipality's Park and Recreation Plans were utilized during the production of this plan:

- Manistee County Park and Recreation Plan, 2008
- Portage lake Community Five-Year Plan for Park and Recreation (Onekama Twp. & Onekama Vil.), 2014
- Arcadia Township Park and Recreation Plan, 2015
- Manistee Township Park and Recreation Plan, 2008
- Eastlake Village Park and Recreation Plan, 2012
- Filer Township Master Plan (Recreation Section), 2009
- City of Manistee Community Parks and Recreation Plan, 2012-2017
- Stronach Township Park and Recreation Plan, 2012
- Marilla Township Park and Recreation Plan, 2013
- Maple Grove Twp. and the Village of Kaleva completed works towards a Park and Recreation Plan, 2013
- Bear Lake Township Park and Recreation Plan, 2014

1.2 Document Organization

There was much discussion concerning the organization of a regional recreation plan which contained the necessary information for the completion of a Park and Recreation Plan for each of the 21 municipalities involved within the planning process. Scopes of Work were developed and revised multiple times. Once an agreed upon draft scope of work was completed, working towards the organization of the contents of the plan was the next order of business. Draft table of contents were developed, and discussions with the State of Michigan

Department of Natural Resources were conducted.

There really wasn't an established framework for this type of planning process, as there wasn't a planning process that could be looked upon which had been completed in this manner. Exciting as it was to be working towards a completed plan which had likely never been developed in the State of Michigan, there was concern that the process and development of the plan may be difficult, due to producing and analyzing so much information for so many local municipalities. Through steady communication with the State of Michigan, a course of action was developed for organization of the document.

Rather than trying to build 21 different plans, which would be placed in succession to one another within a singular document, the decided upon best approach was for the table of contents to follow the State of Michigan 5-Year Park and Recreation Guidelines. The guidelines establish chapters which must be contained within the plan, these chapters include Administrative Structure, Community Description, Public Input Process, Planning Process, Recreation Inventory, Goals and Objectives and an Action Program among others. The municipalities would have their appropriate information contained within each of the chapters, and in some cases additional data would be placed in appendices. This course of action was thought to be the easiest method to convey this amount of information, and would provide those reviewing the plan the easiest method to ensure all plan elements were met for each municipality.

1.2.1 Recreation Regions

The Manistee County Visitors Bureau, through development of Visitor's Guides for County-wide attractions, developed a regional approach to viewing areas of Manistee County. (See Image 1.3) This approach developed 4 specific regions, containing the following municipalities:

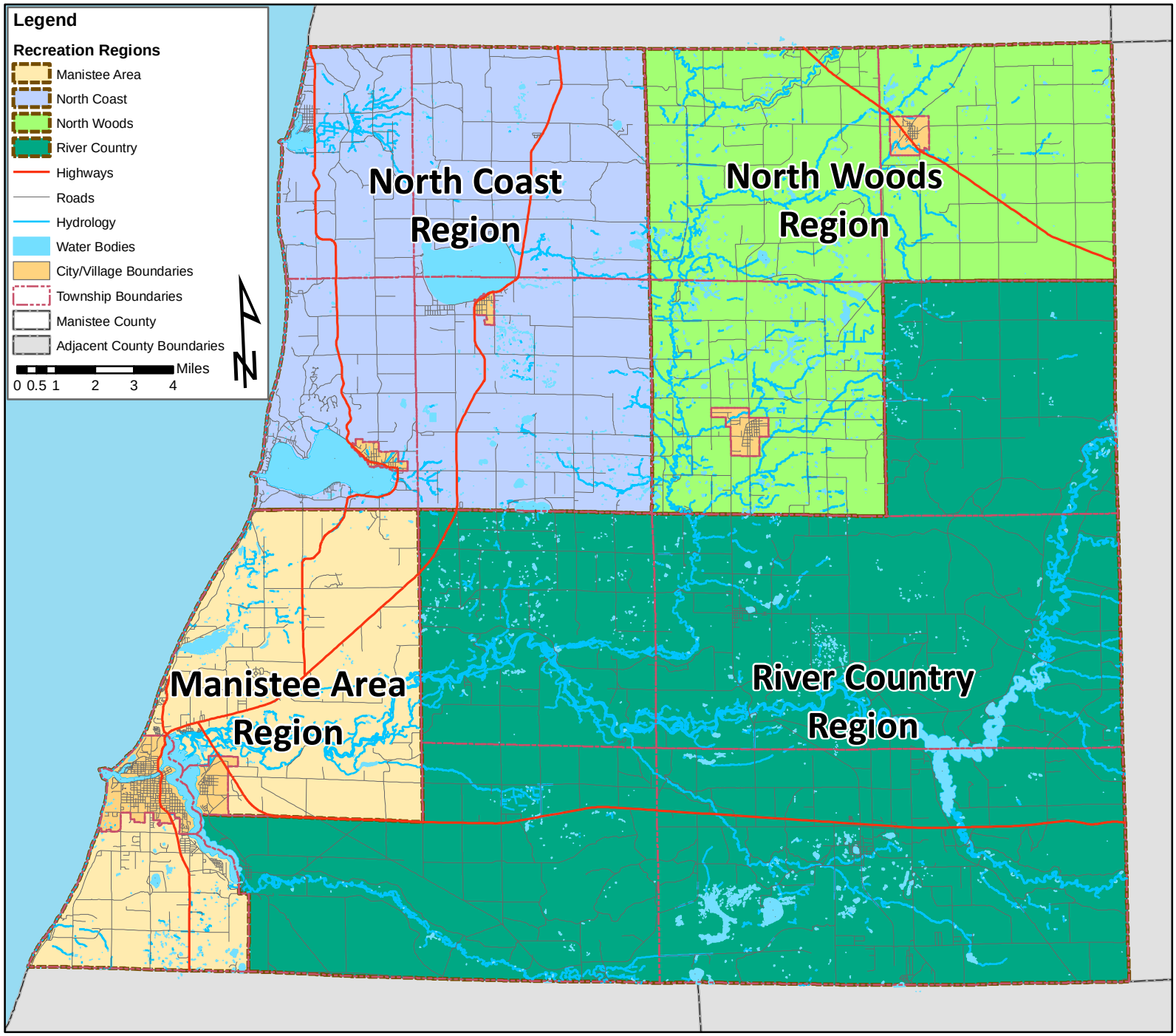
- ***North Coast***
  - Arcadia Township
  - Pleasanton Township
  - Onekama Township
  - Onekama Village
  - Bear Lake Township
  - Bear Lake Village
- ***North Woods***
  - Springdale Township
  - Cleon Township
  - Copemish Village
  - Maple Grove Township
  - Kaleva Village
- ***River Country***
  - Marilla Township
  - Brown Township
  - Dickson Township
  - Stronach Township
  - Norman Township
- ***Manistee Area***
  - Manistee Township
  - Eastlake Village
  - City of Manistee
  - Charter Township of Filer

Discussions concerning plan development sought to be as cohesive as possible with existing plans and projects of local municipalities and also with other local agencies such as the Visitor's Bureau. The utilization of recreation regions fit nicely into the Visitor's Guide and clearly were well established to identify with and closely follow established natural resource features thereby providing a logical manner in which to view the County's many assets. With the recreation regions in use in different avenues, the recreation planning process embraced the idea of regions and staff felt that it would be best to organize the municipalities within each required chapter of the planning document by the region in which they reside. The organization of this document then follows the format of recreation regions and placing those municipalities together which share a region. (See Map 1.1 & 1.2)



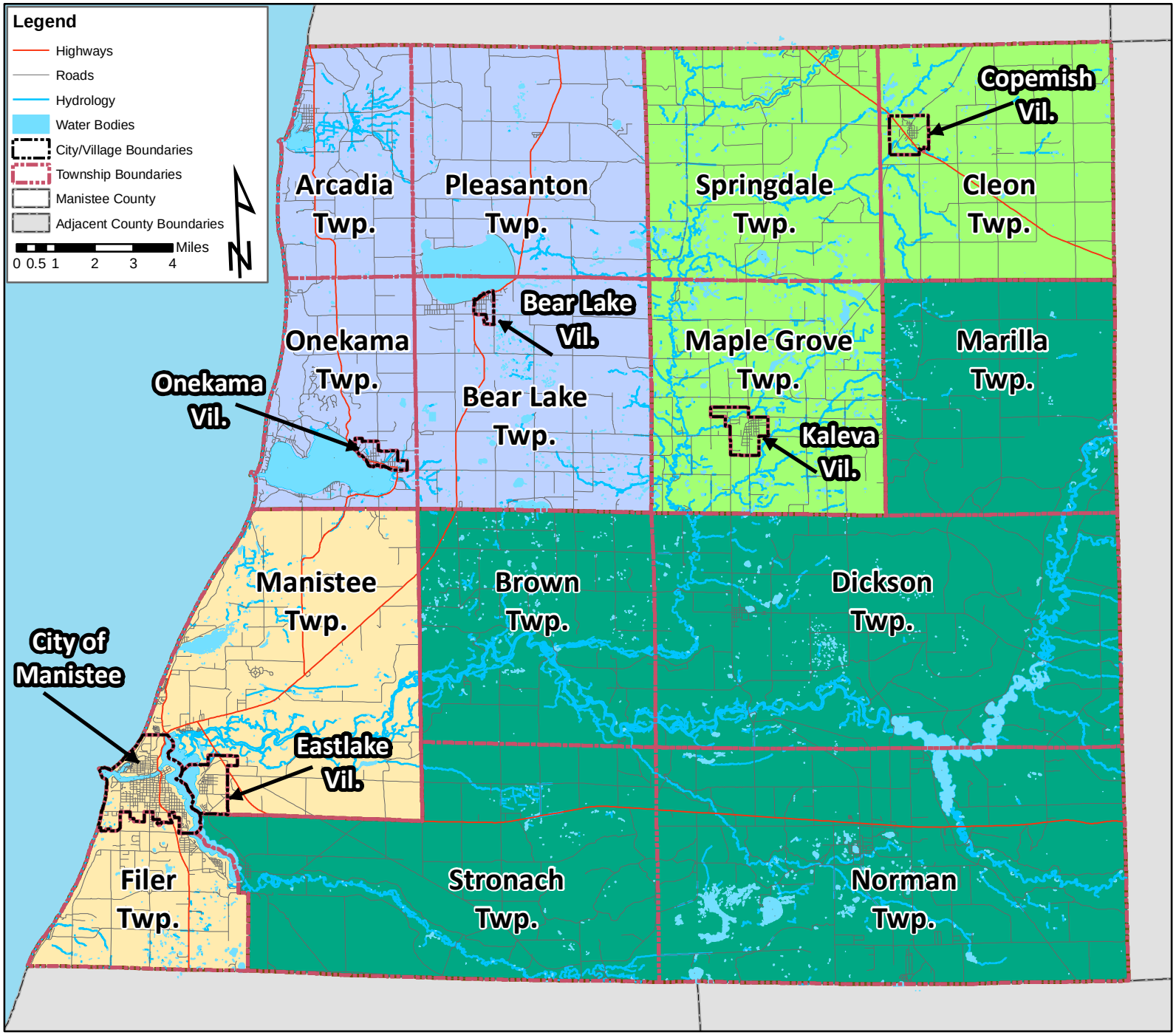
Image 1.3: 2015 Manistee County Visitors Guide

Manistee County Recreation Regions



Map 1.1: Manistee County Recreation Regions

Manistee County Local Municipalities



Map 1.2: Manistee County Municipalities

Chapter 2: Description of the Planning Process

2.1 The Planning Process

Initiated in 2013, the Recreation Planning Process emerged from discussions around the need and desire for a more trail oriented community driven recreation plan. Envisioned was a document which would meet approval of State recreation guidelines for all local municipalities, and was developed through a successful collaborative effort. Discussions were initiated with various agencies, and presentations were given to local municipalities who would need to be heavily involved in the development of the document for the process to be deemed a success.

The recreation planning process for the Manistee County Park and Recreation Plan can be divided into four segments:

- Data Collection and Consensus Building
- Plan Contributions, Public Input and Stakeholder Outreach
- Data Analysis, Plan Structuring and Public Review
- Plan Adoption and State Approval

Each of these segments of the process included many individuals who worked diligently towards development of the Plan.

2.1.1 Data Collection and Consensus Building

Data collection began in 2014 with the analysis of existing recreational data in both available GIS Shapefiles and tabulated lists from approved local recreation plans; this was further added to, through knowledgeable locals and agency staff. Maps of each municipality were created with recreation sites, trails, lands and water bodies denoted. The maps were reviewed and revised until deemed accurate by the municipality. An inventorying of assets for each recreation site was then completed with the assistance of several local high school students.

While capturing data for the recreation inventory, staff was also attending local municipality meetings to garner support for the plan development. Each municipality would have a representative which would serve on a leadership team which would help drive the process. In late 2014 with approved recreation databases which would serve as the data for the recreation inventory and appointed municipality residents secured for the leadership team; the planning process began with an initial leadership team meeting held at the Big Bear Sportsman Club in the Village of Kaleva.

2.1.2 Plan Contributions, Public Input and Stakeholder Outreach

The requirements of the State of Michigan for Recreation Plans are very straightforward as outlined in the State of Michigan Guidelines for Park and Recreation Plans. The guidelines stipulate specific information which must be contained within a plan for each municipality in order to receive State plan approval. Data required of the guidelines can be extensive and synthesizing that information can be a large task. Fortunately the planning process was well supported by a sound leadership team, and additional assistance would be provided by Michigan State University Urban and Regional Planning Students.

MSU Urban and Regional Planning Students worked as a course requirement on portions of the plan proving themselves to be valuable addition to the process. The students produced the survey and tallied results for the Administrative Structure Chapter of the plan, they provided and analyzed data pertaining to recreation within Manistee County, and they administered a public input session for High School students in February, 2015.

Leadership Team members met regularly starting in December 2014. The leadership team was very important to the process, as they provided data for review and analysis and eventual insertion into the planning document. The “assignments” completed and contributed by leadership team members formed much of the information you will find throughout this document.

Public Input Sessions and stakeholder outreach are critically important to the planning document. A survey administered online from April through July 2015 was advertised and promoted across the communities. Additional student input sessions similar to the one administered by the MSU students were held in April 2014, and a series of public input sessions were held in June in order to try and capture both permanent and seasonal residents. Each of these measures to garner public input would help to shape the goals and projects of the plan.

Stakeholder outreach was important as there are many local agencies, governmental units, non-profits, clubs, businesses and groups interested in recreation within Manistee County. With the assistance of the leadership team a stakeholder list was developed. The identified stakeholders were then notified of pubic input sessions and with certain governmental entities (USFS, DNR, Tribe) as well as larger land owners (Consumers Power, Conservancy) were met with to specifically identity their needs. In all stakeholder contributions and input for the plan was a strengthening factor, and further helped to shape goals and projects of the plan.

2.1.3 Data Analysis, Plan Structuring and Public Review

By July of 2015 information and data had been collected and was being sorted

through by staff in preparation of plan structuring and writing. Previous conversations with the DNR about the layout of the plan had provided a draft Table of Contents which provided all the information for each of the 21 units of government in a manner which would simplify review of the plan by the DNR. The plan structure was to follow a chapter layout with each chapter capturing a requirement of the planning process as outlined by the State of Michigan Recreation Plan Guidelines. Each of the municipalities was organized into the recreation region within which they resided and the regions were then laid out within each chapter which required municipality specific information.

Plan writing was delegated to staff of the Manistee County Planning Department and the Alliance for Economic Success. Staff split up chapters and sections of the plan for development, and intensive work towards writing draft chapters and sections began. Analysis of data was fundamental to development of each chapter and section with each chapter building information which would lend itself to following chapters of the plan. As chapters were completed in draft form, they were shared amongst staff for initial review. Revisions to text and information as well as initial corrections to grammatical and content errors were made and the draft document began to take shape. Cloud based sharing programs were utilized in order to ease the sharing of information and drafts.

Completion of draft chapters and sections began the document construction/ formatting phase for the plan. The use of Adobe InDesign eased formatting of the plan and allowed for easy exporting of the document as an Adobe PDF which could also be converted to Microsoft Word.

Completion of an initial draft plan occurred by November 2015. This draft of the plan contained some errors, but was arguably ready for initial review by leadership team members, stakeholders and government agencies. It was thought best to release the plan for a review by these individuals and entities in order to make immediate revisions prior to a formal release to the public for the formal 30-day review period required by the State of Michigan.

Comments concerning revisions were received and the plan was revised accordingly mid November 2015. Upon completion of this second draft of the plan, the document was now ready for formal introduction to the public through a newspaper ad, notifications on websites, social media, those placed at public notification boards as well as being posted at all municipality buildings who were contained within the plan as required by the State of Michigan.

The Manistee County Park and Recreation Plan was formally released for public review on November 30th, 2015. The release was publicized as stated in the previous paragraph and those wishing to review the plan were provided both an opportunity to view the plan as a digital document via website PDF download as well as being able to view a hard copy of the plan which was made available at the hall for each local unit of government contained within the plan. The public review period closed on December 30th, 2015, with all comments required to be received by December 31st, 2015.

Comments received were then integrated into the plan as revisions immediately following the closure of the public review period. A final version of the plan was then developed and provided to each of the local municipalities prior to their respective public hearing dates.

2.1.4 Plan Adoption and State of Michigan Approval

The months of January and February in 2016 were slated as the time frame for receiving formal approval by a Resolution of Adoption by each of the municipalities. Municipality public hearing for adoption were advertised within the local newspaper as well as being posted on websites and at respective halls. Staff would be on-hand at the meetings to provide a presentation on the plan and to answer any questions posed by residents, elected and appointed officials. Public hearing notifications as well as the formal resolution for adoption for each municipality can be found in Chapter 10.

Approval and formal adoption by each municipality was received during the months of January and February 2016. Insertion of all formal adoption documentation within the plan occurred shortly thereafter. The plan was then submitted to the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources for their formal review and final State of approval of the plan. The plan was formally approved by the State of Michigan on ??????.

Chapter 3: Community Description & Recreation Inventory

3.1 Description of Methods Used to Conduct Recreation Inventory

The inventorying of recreation sites within each municipality throughout Manistee County was a time intensive process which was critical to establishment of a baseline for all recreation planning efforts moving forward with this plan and future planning documents. The utilization of GIS software with a companion GPS Trimble Unit allowed for the development of 4 separate GIS shapefile datasets.

1. Recreation Site Point File Database: The shapefile contains all public recreation sites within Manistee County with attribute data.
2. Recreation Trail Polyline File Database: The shapefile contains all publicly accessible bike routes, motorized and non-motorized trails within Manistee County with attribute data.
3. Recreation Water Body Polygon File Database: The shapefile contains all publicly accessible lakes within Manistee County with attribute data.
4. Recreation Land Polygon File Database: The shapefile contains all publicly owned land within Manistee County with attribute data.

The datasets were established first through the merging of available existing Local, State, Federal and Tribal GIS datasets. Existing local recreation plans were then reviewed and sites, trails and land were edited into the GIS datasets which were not contained within the draft GIS datasets.

Upon completion of the draft GIS datasets, maps of all identified sites, trails and public land were then printed for use as work maps for members of the community to review. The maps were critiqued and revisions were then provided for correction of site data and/or the addition of sites. Once all sites were accounted for and the final recreation site list was developed, staff and interns visited each site and begin to inventory the assets of each. The assets were then cataloged within the recreation site database. All site assets were provided to the local municipalities through the leadership team members for review of completeness and accuracy. Once the database for each individual site was approved, the draft dataset was deemed accurate and complete.

It is important to note that the this type of thorough and comprehensive inventory had been completed before in Manistee County. Such accuracy and thoroughness will make future plan updates more accurate and less time consuming.

3.1.1 Prioritization of Recreation Sites

Local Planning Commissions, Boards and Councils completed the task of ranking recreation sites through a 3-tiered system of (primary, secondary and tertiary sites). The ranking of recreation sites was completed for those sites within each community boundary. The ranking followed a formula of identifying the most utilized sites, those which were in need of improvement, sites which could serve as trail heads or stops along a trail route, and those desired to become an important location for activity within the municipality. The ranking of each site was recorded and is provided within the recreation site inventories for each community within this Chapter. The purpose of this methodology is to receive a firm grasp on what recreation assets are important to the residents of the County so that resources may be more effectively directed and a grate impact will be achieved. Arguably, when resources are found to make improvements to any site they will be applied no matter the priority ranking of the site.

There are a total of 312 identified recreation sites within Manistee County. Of those, 94 sites are considered primary, 73 are considered secondary and 144 are tertiary. (See Appendix A for aerial site maps of all Primary Recreation Sites)

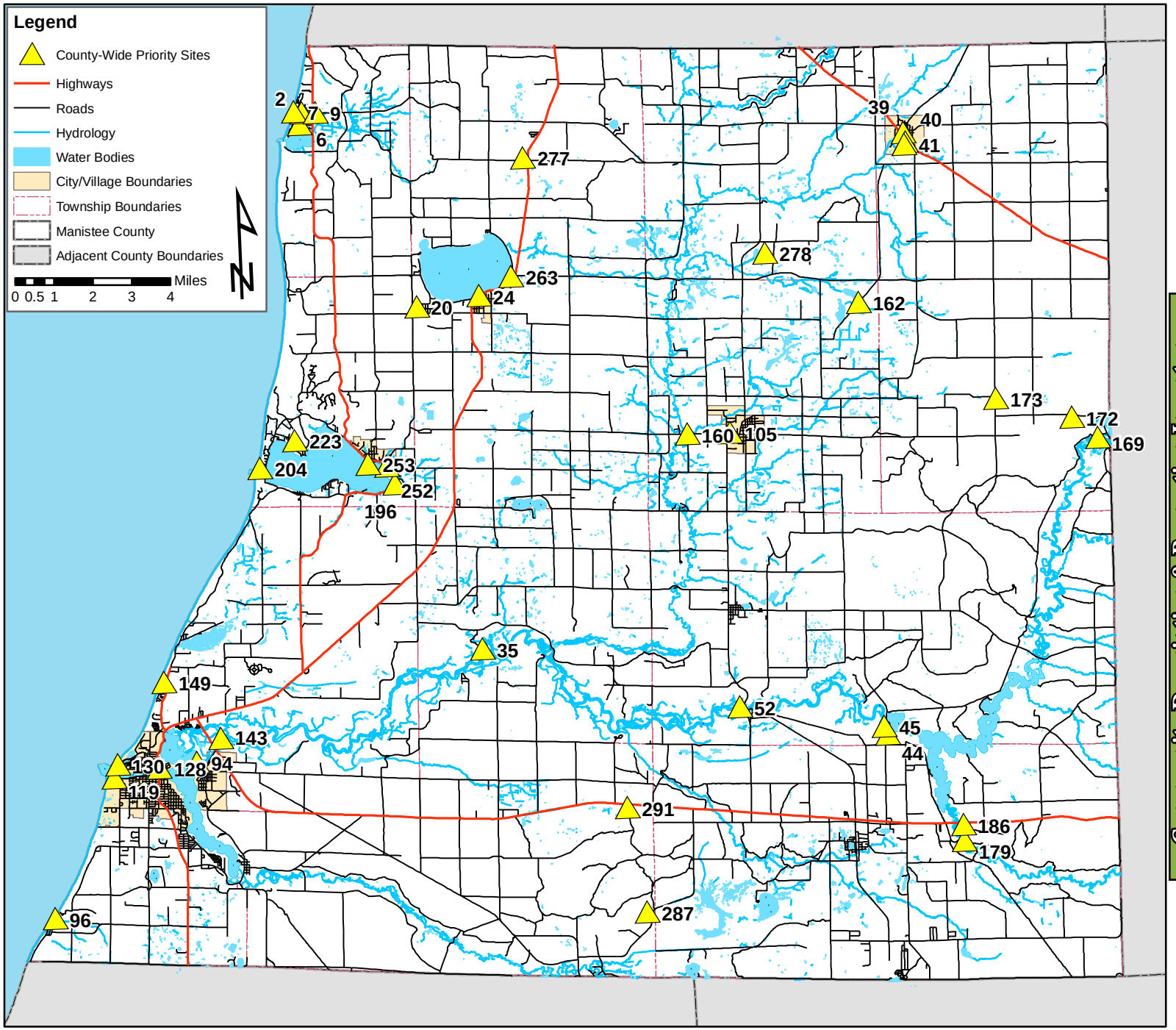
3.1.2 County-Wide Priority Sites

Upon completion of the ranking of recreation sites by each local unit of government, the leadership team was then asked to review the complete list of recreation sites designated as primary by each municipality. Leadership Team members were asked to think about the County as a whole and identify those primary recreation sites which should be considered as Priority Sites for all of Manistee County. Priority Sites are identified by recreation ID # in this section and are noted on map 3.1. (See Map 3.1)

- **Site 2:** Grebe Park (Arcadia Twp.)
- **Site 6:** Pickert Park (Arcadia Twp.)
- **Site 7:** Arcadia Beach Natural Area (Arcadia Twp.)
- **Site 9:** Pleasanton Valley Community Center (Arcadia Twp.)
- **Site 20:** School Athletic Fields (Bear Lake Twp.)
- **Site 24:** Hopkins Park Campground & Boat Launch (Bear Lake Vil.)
- **Site 35:** Rainbow Bend Access (Brown Twp.)
- **Site 39:** Lewis Park (Copemish Vil.)
- **Site 40:** Mish-A-Mish Park (Copemish Vil.)
- **Site 41**: First Creek Nature Trails (Copemish Vil.)
- **Site 44:** Tippy Dam South Access (Dickson Twp.)
- **Site 42:** Highbridge Access (Dickson Twp.)
- **Site 45:** Tippy Dam Access (Dickson Twp.)
- **Site 94:** Penny Park (Eastlake Vil.)
- **Site 96:** Magoon Creek Natural Area (Filer Twp.)

- **Site 105:** Kaleva Village Roadside Park & Campground (Kaleva Vil.)
- **Site 119:** Douglas Recreation Area/First St. Beach (City of Manistee)
- **Site 128:** Riverwalk East Entrance (City of Manistee)
- **Site 130:** Fifth Ave. Beach (City of Manistee)
- **Site 143:** M-55 Manistee River Wildlife Viewing Platform (Manistee Twp.)
- **Site 149:** Orchard Beach State Park (Manistee Twp.)
- **Site 160:** Bear Cr. Access (Maple Grove Twp.)
- **Site 162:** Lemon Lake Access Road (Maple Grove Twp.
- **Site 169:** Manistee River Trail Suspension Bridge (Marilla Twp.)
- **Site 172:** Marilla Twp. North Country Trail Head (Marilla Twp.)
- **Site 173:** Marilla Twp. Pioneer Hall Place & Museum (Marilla Twp.)
- **Site 179:** Low Bridge Canoe Landing (Norman Twp.)
- **Site 186:** Cooley Bridge State Roadside Park (Norman Twp.)
- **Site 196:** Manistee County Fairgrounds (Onekama Twp.)
- **Site 204:** Captain John Langland Park (Onekama Twp.)
- **Site 223:** North Point Park (Onekama Twp.)
- **Site 252:** Farr Center (Onekama Vil.)
- **Site 253:** Onekama Vil. Park & Boat Launch (Onekama Vil.)
- **Site 263:** 13 Mile Road Access (Pleasanton Twp.)
- **Site 277:** Snowmobile Trailhead (Pleasanton Twp.)
- **Site 278:** Healy Lake State

County-Wide Priority Sites Map



Map 3.1: County-Wide Priority Sites

Forest Campground & Boat Launch (Springdale Twp.)
- **Site 287:** Big M Trailhead (Stronach Twp.)
- **Site 291:** Udell North Country Trail Trailhead (Stronach Twp.)

3.2 Explore the Shores Program

The establishment of the Explore the Shores Program in 2008 within Manistee County began an endeavor which seeks to develop Universally Accessible Water Access Sites throughout Manistee County.

"Manistee County's Explore the Shores program is a fine example of where life meets water. Borne from a county-wide visioning project and a follow effort involving Michigan National Easter Seals organizations, Explore the Shores destinations are placed on Manistee County rivers, lakes, and Lake Michigan shoreline that offer outstanding access to Manistee County's rich water resources for people of all needs, ages and abilities, most featuring universal design. Since 2008, over $2 million has been allocated from a number of sources to create 50+ Explore the Shores sites by 2020 with a goal of attracting 1 million new visitors to enjoy, share and learn from our treasured waters." (Explore the Shores website)

Successful establishment and continued expansion of the Explore the Shores program has been a success for recreation in Manistee County. Further enhancement and addition of sites into the program is sought in order to continue to make strides towards the goal of 50+ sites by 2020. The recreation planning process and Leadership Team embrace the program and have supported the nomination of sites for inclusion within the program.

3.2.2 Current Explore the Shore Sites

The Explore the Shores Program currently contains the following recreation sites. The sites are referenced by site number, name and municipality in which they are located. Please refer to the Explore the Shores Site Map for site reference numbers. (Please Refer to Map 3.2)

- Site 34: Bear Creek Access (Brown Twp.)
- Site 35: Rainbow Bend Access (Brown Twp.)
- Site 119: Douglas Rec. Area/First St. Beach (City of Manistee)
- Site 295 Lower Manistee Boat Launch (Stronach Twp.)
- Site 305: Little Manistee River Weir Facility (Stronach Twp.)
- Site 94: Penny Park (Village of Eastlake)
- Site 130: Fifth Ave. Beach (City of Manistee)
- Site 133: Arthur St. Boat Launch (City of Manistee)
- Site 151: Bar Lake Outlet (Manistee Twp.)
- Site 204: Captain John Langland Park (Onekama Twp.)
- Site 211: Sixth St. Access (Onekama Twp.)
- Site 2: Grebe Park (Arcadia Twp.)
- Site 3: Veterans Memorial Park & Marina (Arcadia Twp.)
- Site 7: Arcadia Beach and Natural Area (Arcadia Twp.)
- Site 10: Arcadia Marsh Natural Area (Arcadia Twp.)
- Size 253: Onekama Village Park and Boat Launch (Village of Onekama)
- Site 310: Spirit of the Woods Conservation Club (Dickson Twp.)
- Site 45: Tippy Dam Access (Dickson Twp.)

3.2.3 Nominated Explore the Shore Sites

Site nominations for the Explore the Shores program were considered through careful review of the Explore the Shores program team with input received from the Recreation Plan Leadership Team, public input through structured input sessions as well as local municipality elected and appointed officials. Please refer to the Explore the Shores Site Map for the site reference ID numbers. (See Map 3.2)

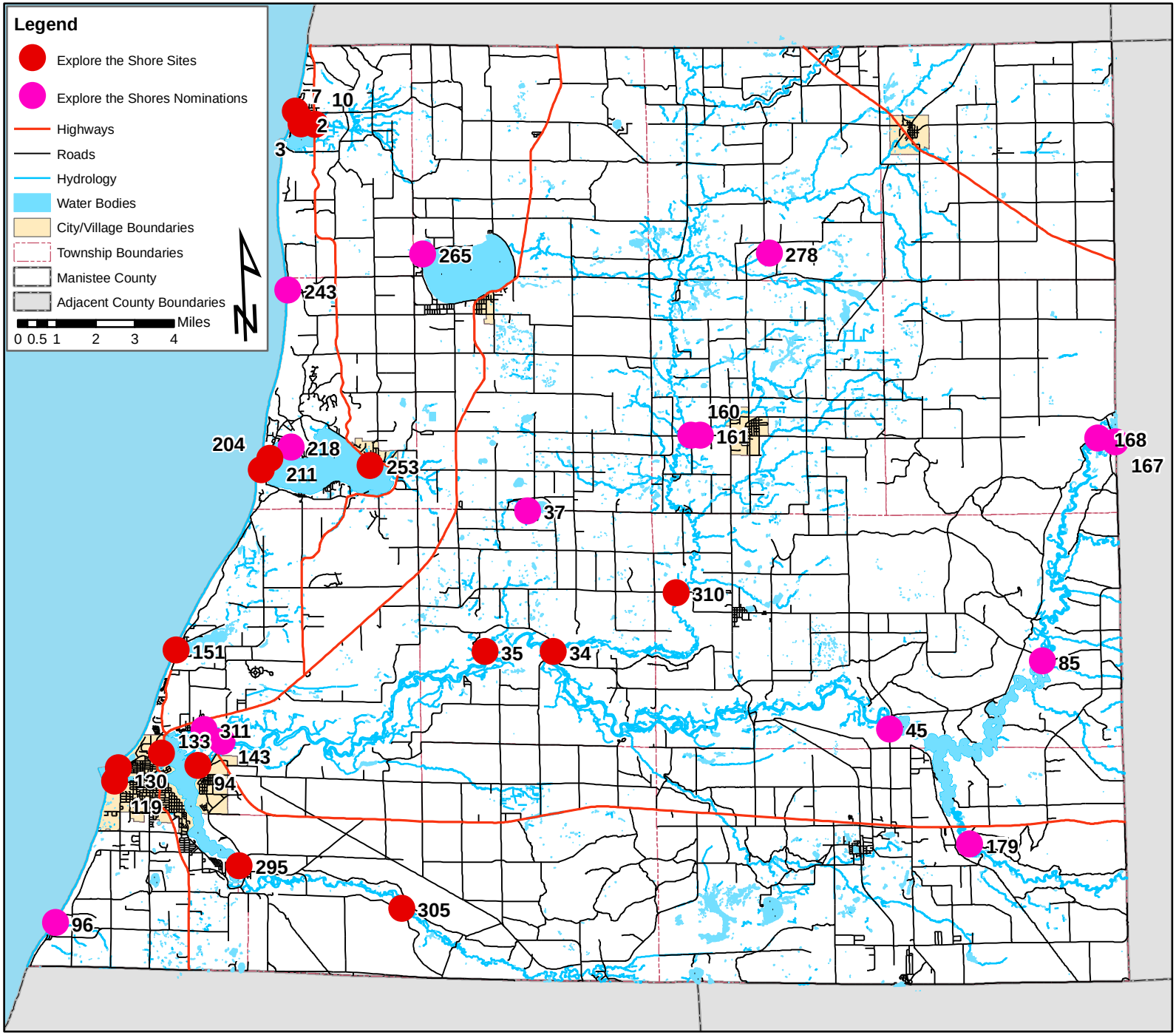
- Site 160: Bear Creek Access (Maple Grove Twp.)
- Site 161: School Road Access (Maple Grove Twp.)
- Site 179: Low Bridge Canoe Landing (Norman Twp.)
- Site 37: Lyman Road Access (Brown Twp.)
- Site 96: Magoon Creek Natural Area (Filer Twp.)
- Site 143: M-55 Manistee River Wildlife Viewing Platform (Manistee Twp.)
- Site 85: Red Bridge Access Manistee River (Dickson Twp.)
- Site 167: Hodenpyle North Tailwater Access & Canoe Portage (Marilla Twp.)
- Site 168: Woodpecker Creek Access Manistee River (Marilla Twp.)
- Site 218: Portage Lake DNR Boat Launch (Onekama Twp.)
- Site 243: Thirteen Mile Rd. Access Lake Michigan (Onekama Twp.)
- Site 265: Bear Lake DNR Boat Launch (Pleasanton Twp.)
- Site 278: Healy Lake State Forest Campground (Springdale Twp.)
- Site 311: M-55 Hole (Manistee Twp.)
- Site 45: Tippy Dam Access (Dickson Twp.)

It is important to note that Site 45, the Tippy Dam Access is both a current Explore the Shores Site as well as being renominated. The purpose of the renomination of the site is for the addition of a Universally Accessible Kayak Launch into the Manistee River. The site has benefited from improved ADA access through a fishing pier, rest rooms, parking and accessible paved pathways, but the addition of a kayak launch is desired by residents.



Image 3.1: Explore the Shores Logo

Explore the Shores Program Map



Map 3.2: Explore the Shores Sites & Nominations

3.3 Status Report for all Grant Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities

Communities within Manistee County have been fortunate to receive funding through the State of Michigan for Park and Recreation improvements. The following table displays information regarding the status of grants approved in Manistee County since the 1970's.

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.
TF12-090	Eastlake Village	Penny Park Renovation	2012	$141,000.00	Active	Development to include replacement of bath house, upgrading boat launch/skid pier, installation of playground, upgrading parking area and entrance drive.
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.
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	NPS	Universally accessible, ADA-compliant play area for children.
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.
26-01023B1	Norman Township	Norman Twp. Park	1977	$9,250.00	Closed	Development of two tennis courts.
TF12-088	Onekama Village	Onekama Vil. Park	2012	$97,300.00	Active	Peron steps, barrier free beach access, mobi mats, beach nourishment.

Table 3.1: Grant Status Report

3.4 Community Description and Recreation Inventories

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.

- Green cells within the tables denote primary recreation sites.
- Yellow cells within the tables denote secondary recreation sites.
- Orange 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 (porto-jon)
- 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 (**W**ater, **L**and)
- Trails (access to any off pavement trail)
- Bike Lane (Road Shoulder)
- Playground Equipment
- Baseball Field
- Tennis 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

Table 3.2: County Park Type Key

3.4.1 Arcadia Township

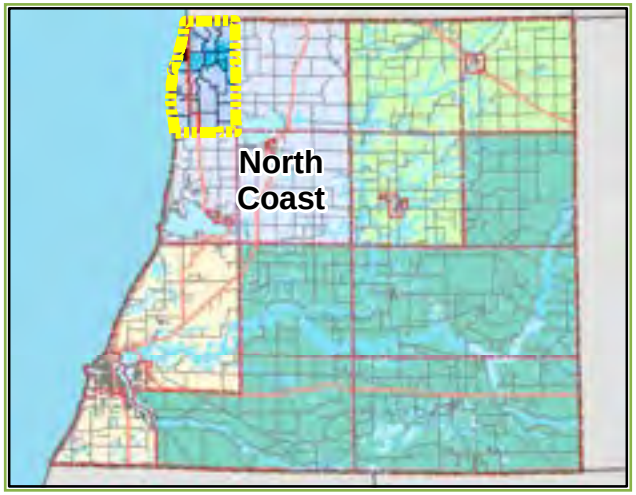
3.4.1.1 Community Description:

Arcadia is a township with an abundance of natural resources, the way in which they are managed, cared for, and protected is critical to ensuring that future generations have the same opportunities to utilize those resources as have benefitted past generations. The natural resources provide both the economic and recreational growth opportunities that attract residents and visitors. The spectrum of uses ranges from agriculture to beach bathing, bird watching, boating, cycling, hiking, snow shoeing, ice fishing, access to Lake Michigan and night sky viewing.

Developing the type of place people want to live that offers attractive cultural, social and natural resource amenities based on regional assets, provides professional and social infrastructure to support their endeavors and provides a lifestyle that suits their desires. Leveraging and building on community assets, diversifying its economic base in order to attract and retain residents, and understanding its role in the region are all factors considered in the development of the Arcadia Township master plan and recreation goals. Specifically, recreation planning is a key ingredient to define Arcadia Township as a place that individuals seeking outdoor amenities and way of life want to visit and perhaps stay.

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. Linking the economic activities and community assets in a well defined and developed trail system is essential to tie all the elements together into a cohesive whole.

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3.4.1.2 Inventory Discussion:

Arcadia Township provides varied recreational sites and opportunities to fit most anyone's need. A coastal recreation site in the form of the Arcadia Beach Natural Area provides for ease of 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.

Recreation Site Map ID #	Site Name	Ownership	Municipality Priority Ranking	County-wide Primary	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	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)	Trails (Off Pavement)	Bike Lane (Road Shoulder)	Playground Equipment	Tennis Court	Basketball Court
2	Grebe Park	ARC	1	•	CP		H	•	•		3		•			•	•		•	•		•	•		•		•	•		•	•	•				•		
6	Pickert Park	ARC	1	•	NP		L		•		1	•							•		•										•					•		
7	Arcadia Beach Natural Area	ARC	1	•	CP		L	•	•	•	3	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•				•	•	W	•		•		
9	Pleasant Valley Community Center	Plea.Valley	1	•	SU		H		•		3				•	•			•	•	•			•												•		•	
3	Veterans Memorial Park & Marina	ARC	1		CP	•	M	•	•		3	•		•		•	•		•	•		•	•		•			•	•	•	•	•		W	•	•			•
5	Finch Park	ARC	1		NP		M		•		2	•		•		•	•	•	•	•			•								•	•							
10	Arcadia Marsh Natural Area	Conservancy	1		NRA		L	•		•	2	•	•												•									L	•			•	
4	Mill St Water Access-AL	MCRC	2		RDSU		L				1														•			•	•										
11	Arcadia Twp Hall	ARC	2		SU		H		•		3	•			•	•	•		•																				
13	Chamberlain Rd South Pier Access	ARC	2		SU		L			•	1														•	•	•								•				
1	Schaef Rd Access-MI	MCRC	3		RDSU		L			•	1														•	•		•							•				
8	M-22 Scenic Overlook	State	3		SU		M				2																												
12	Bischoff Rd Access-MI	MCRC	3		RDSU		L			•	1														•	•									•				

Table 3.3: Arcadia Twp. Recreation Inventory Table

Arcadia Township Inventory Map

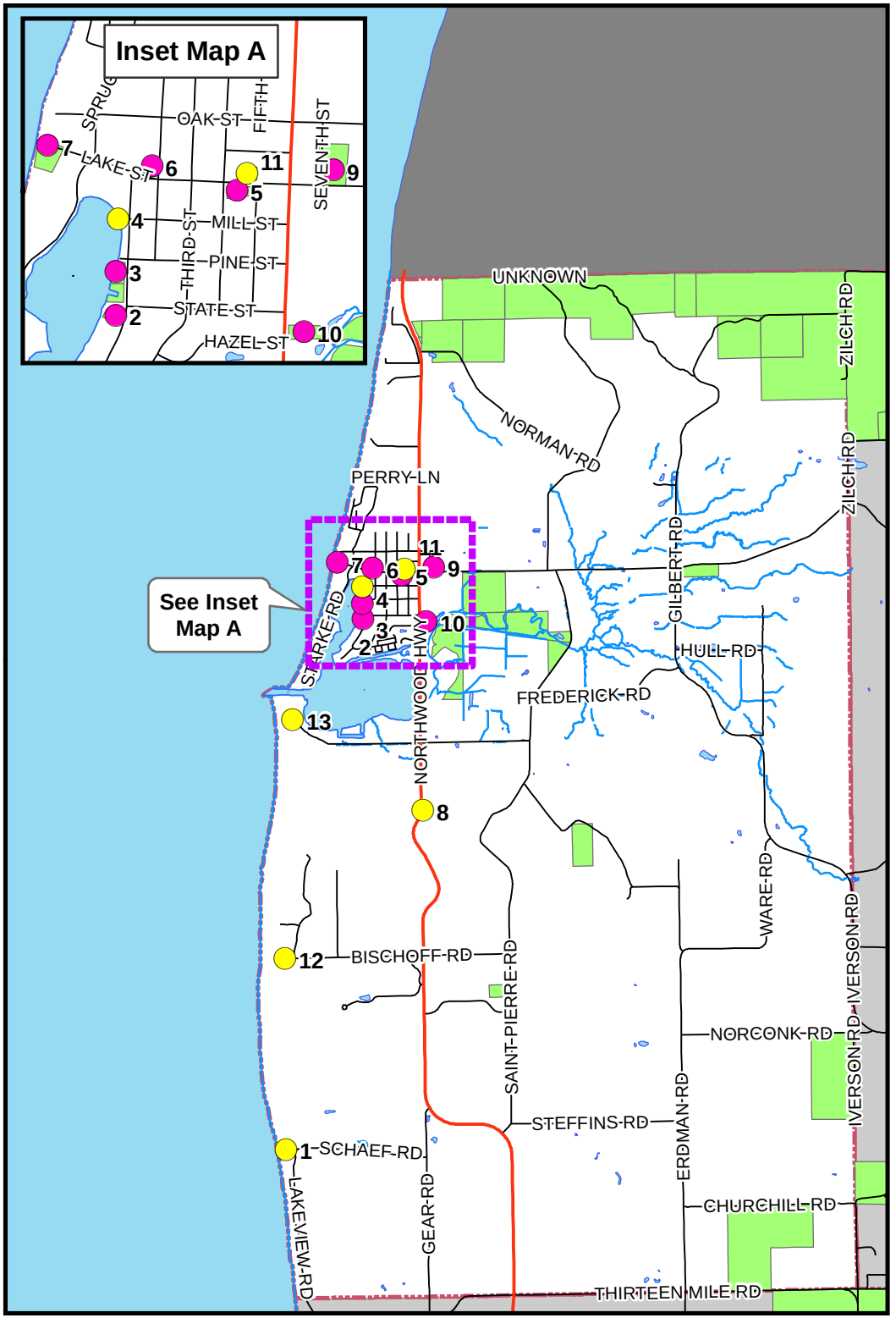
Within the population center of the unincorporated Village of Arcadia is located community parks with playground equipment and courts for tennis and basketball. Access to Arcadia Lake at the Veterans Memorial Park and Marina provides for the County's first Universally Accessible kayak launch, at this 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 crisscrossed with trails which can be accessed from trailheads located 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 which are available 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.



Image 3.2: Arcadia Lake Sunset



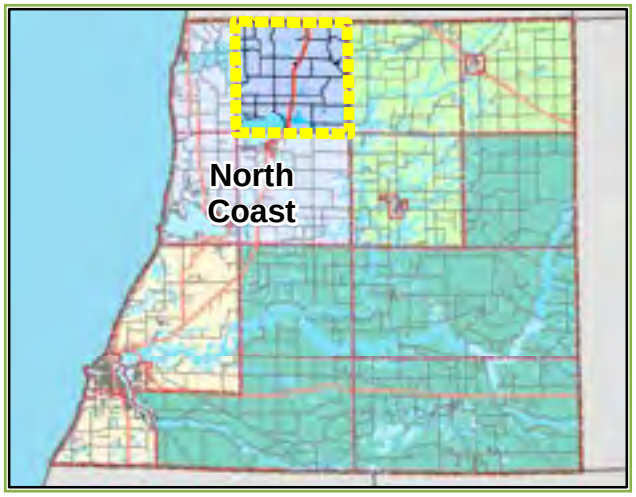
Map 3.3: Arcadia Twp. Recreation Inventory Map

3.4.2 Pleasanton Township

3.4.2.1 Community Description:

Pleasanton Township, with a population of 817, is home to many recreational opportunities that take advantage of recreational sites and natural features within the community. Playground equipment, a ball diamond, and a picnic area exist at the Township Hall, three public access sites on Bear Lake, and the open space at the Township park on Lakeside Ave are all areas for recreation. 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 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 the Township includes the visual corridors where people can look over the vistas and view Bear Lake, state forest lands, and perhaps, if they are lucky, an occasional bald eagle. Pleasanton's most prominent trail connection is the west end of snowmobile Route 386 that

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Recreation Site Map ID #	Site Name	Ownership	Municipality Priority Ranking	County-wide Primary	Park Type	ADA Access (Low, Mod., High)	Explore the Shore Nominee	Parking Availability	Signage Directional	Signage Educational	Potable Water	Restrooms (Flush Toilets)	Outhouse (Pit Vault)	Fire Pit	Picnic Table	Benches	Grill	Water Access	Canoe/Kayak Access	Boat Launch	Picnic Shelter	Trailhead (Water, Land)	Trails (Off Pavement)	Playground Equipment	Baseball Field	Tennis Court	Volley Ball	Basketball Court	Shuffle Board
263	13 Mile Rd Access-BE	PLE	1	•	RDSU	L		1	•									•	•										
277	Snowmobile Trailhead	PLE	1	•	SU	L		2														L							
266	Meyers Rd Access-BE	MCRC	1		RDSU	L		1	•									•	•										
267	Butwell Rd Access-BE	MCRC	1		RDSU	L		1	•						•			•	•										
276	Pleasanton Twp Hall	PLE	1		SU	M		3	•		•	•			•						•			•	•	•	•	•	•
265	Bear Lake Boat Launch	State	3		SU	L	•	2	•	•		•	•					•	•	•		W	•						
270	Pleasanton Twp Park	PLE	2		CP	L		1	•						•		•				•			•					
271	Bear Lake Access-BE	PLE	2		SU													•											
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273	Bear Lake Access-BE	PLE	2		SU	L		1	•									•	•										
274	Bear Lake Access-BE	PLE	2		SU	L		1	•									•	•										
264	13 Mile Rd Access-BE	PLE	3		RDSU	L		1	•									•	•										
268	Glovers Lake Boat Launch	State	3		RU	L		2	•			•	•					•	•	•									
269	Glovers Lake Ln Access-GL	PLE	3		RDSU	L		1	•									•	•										
275	Bear Lake Access-BE	PLE	3		SU	L		1	•									•	•										

Table 3.4: Pleasanton Twp. Recreation Inventory Table

Pleasanton Township Inventory Map

follows Lumley Road east from US-31 toward Springdale Township. It joins the 213-mile-long Route 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.

3.4.2.2 Inventory Discussion:

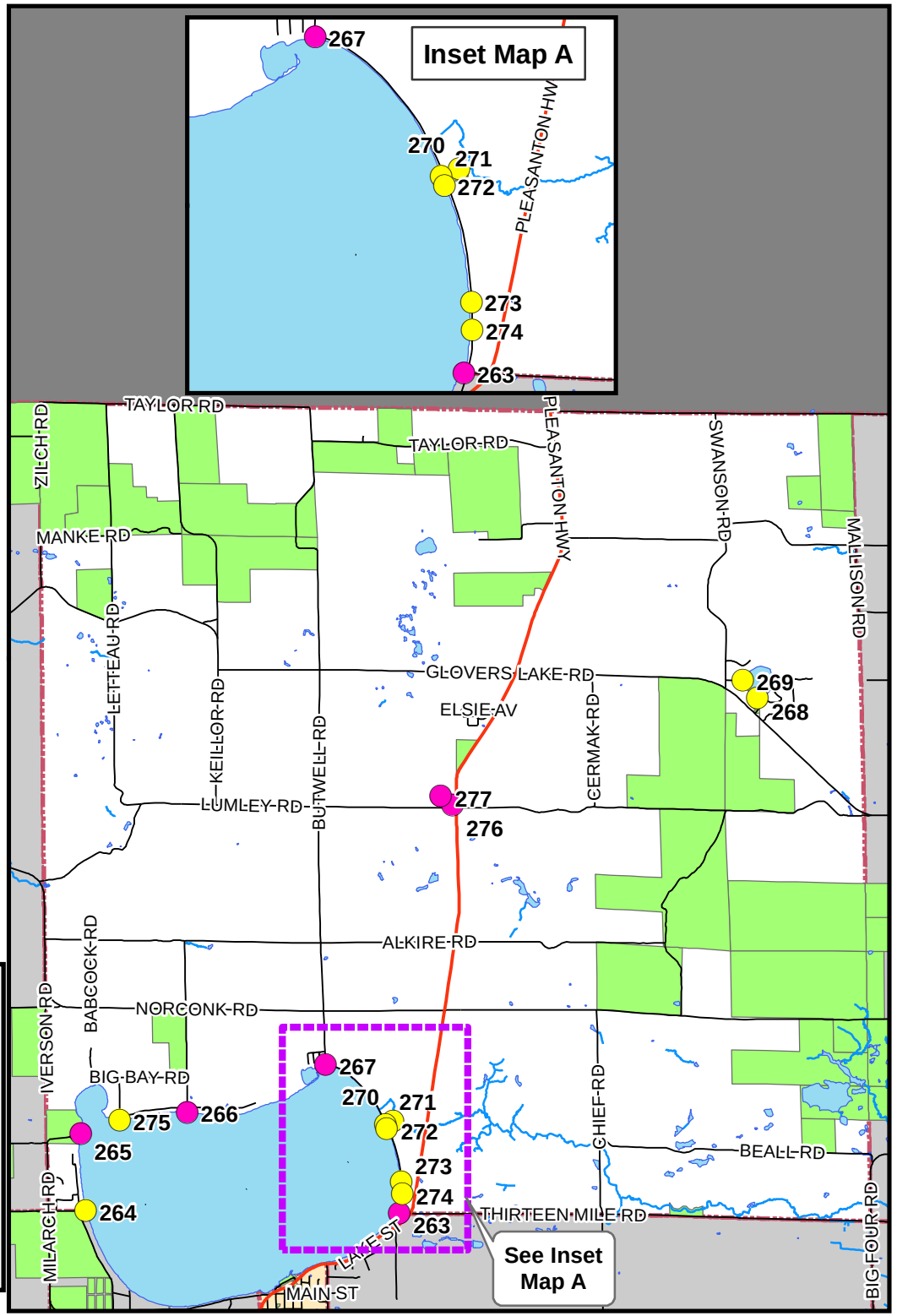
The open spaces of Pleasanton Township provide an aesthetic beauty which acts as the backdrop for recreational assets derived from the Northern shores of Bear Lake to the forested lands of the Pere Marquette State Forest to the east, and Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy land holdings in the north.

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.

Snowmobile Trails and a 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.



Image 3.3: Bear Lake Access



Map 3.4: Pleasanton Twp. Recreation Inventory Map

3.4.3 Onekama Township

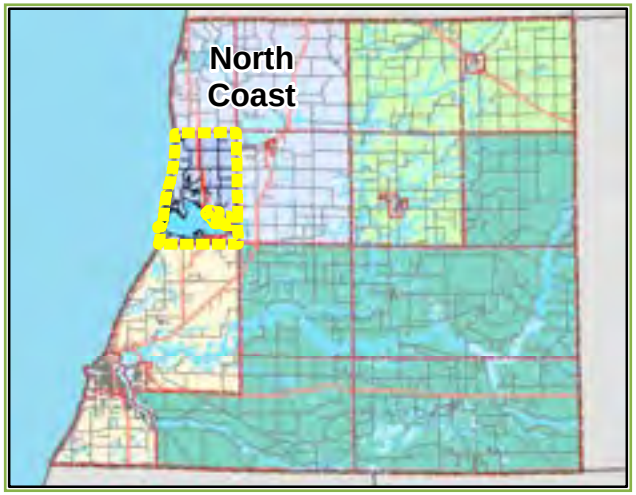
3.4.3.1 Community Description:

The Portage Lake Community, for the purposes of the Five-Year Plan for Parks and Recreation, consists of Onekama Township, the Village of Onekama, and the Onekama Consolidated Schools. Onekama Township is in the western part of Manistee County.

The Village of Onekama, formerly a lumbering town, is on the northeast shore of Portage Lake. The Village had a population of 411 people in 2010 while Onekama Township had a population of 1,329.

The Onekama School of the Onekama Consolidated Schools, with around 400 students, is within the Village. The School is included in the Plan because of the extensive recreational facilities provided for the public. A $14.1 million building project was dedicated in 2010.

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Portage Lake, the central feature of the Township, covers 2,116 acres. The

Recreation Site Map ID #	Site Name	Ownership	Municipality Priority Ranking	County-wide Primary	Park Type	Fee Site	ADA Access (Low, Mod., High)	Explore the Shore Nominee	Lighting	Dark Sky Candidate	Parking Availability	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
196	Manistee County Fairgrounds	M.C.	1	•	SU	•	L		•		•	•	•		•		•	•		•	•									•
204	Captain John Langland Park	ONE	1	•	CP		L	•	•	•	•	•	•		•		•	•	•			•	•	•	•			•	W	•	
223	North Point Park	ONE	1	•	NRA		H				•	•	•		•		•		•		•								W		
200	Eagles View Wetlands	ONE	1		NRA		L				•																				
215	Ninth St Access-PL	MCRC	1		RDSU		L				0											•			•						
216	Ninth St Access-MI	MCRC	1		RDSU		L				0											•	•		•						
218	Portage Lake Boat Launch	State	1		RP		L	•	•		•	•	•		•	•				•		•			•	•	•		W	•	
221	Outlet Ave Access-PL	ONE	1		RDSU		L				0											•			•						
222	Ardmore Dr Access-PL	ONE	1		RDSU		L				0											•			•						
227	Clark Rd Access-PL	ONE	1		RDSU		L				0											•			•						
229	Hilltop Rd Access-PL	ONE	1		RDSU		L				0											•			•						
230	Sunset House/Lakeisle Ave Access-MI	MCRC	1		RDSU		L				0											•	•		•						
233	Portage Wetlands Park	ONE	1		NRA		L				0																			•	
243	Thirteen Mile Rd Access-MI	MCRC	1		RDSU		L	•			0											•	•								
251	Willow Way Access-PL	MCRC	1		RDSU		L				0											•									
199	Portage Street Walkway	ONE	2		SU		M				•		•									•		•	•						
202	First St North Pier Access	ONE	2		RDSU		L				0											•	•		•						
205	Third St Access-PL	MCRC	2		RDSU		L				0											•			•						

Table 3.5: Onekama Twp. Recreation Inventory Table

Channel connecting Portage Lake to Lake Michigan, and Lake Michigan itself provide fishing, boating, swimming, and other activities. Its shores are around 10 miles in length; 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 the Five-Year Plan.

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. There are five churches within the Village. Many residents of long standing and seasonal residents who have come here for many years have deep feelings regarding Onekama as home.

3.4.3.2 Inventory Discussion:

Portage Lake is the centerpiece of Onekama Township's recreation assets, and for good reason. The lake offers an array of opportunities for fishing, boating, water-skiing among a other activities. 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 is located within the Township on North Point. This facility is owned by the DNR, but may be managed in the near future by the Township through a cooperative agreement. Similar agreements are in place in communities such as Eastlake Village and Stronach Twp.

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 located within Onekama Township is one of the few actual County-owned recreation facilities. The grounds serve as the annual location for the fair, but also are available for other community events.

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228	Avenue C Access-MI	ONE	2		RDSU		L				0											•	•		•						
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195	Cedar Grove Access-PL	MCRC	3		RDSU		L				0											•			•						
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198	Eagle St Access-PL	ONE	3		RDSU		L				0											•			•						
201	Feldhak Park	ONE	3		NRA		L				•									•											
203	Second St Access-PL	MCRC	3		RDSU		L				0											•			•						
209	West Fairway St Access-PL	MCRC	3		RDSU		L				0											•			•						
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212	Sixth St Access-MI	MCRC	3		RDSU		L				0											•	•		•						

Table 3.5: Onekama Twp. Recreation Inventory Table

Onekama Township works in cooperation with Onekama Village for the management and planning of park space. This collaboration is important, and should serve as an example for other communities within Manistee County.

Land trails outside of the on-road facility along Lakeshore Dr. are lacking within the Township. Continued support of connections with Tribal lands and Manistee Twp. to the South as well as connections to both Bear Lake and Arcadia Twp. should remain a focus.



Image 3.4: Young Angler on Portage Lake

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214	Eight St Access-MI	ONE	3	RDSU		L		0		•	•	•
219	Juniper Way Access-PL	ONE	3	RDSU		L		0		•	•	•
224	Beachward Ave Access-PL	MCRC	3	RDSU		L		0		•	•	•
225	Lakeview Rd Access-PL	MCRC	3	RDSU		L		0		•	•	•
226	Avenue B Access-MI	ONE	3	RDSU		L		0		•	•	•
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236	William Forth Ave Access-PL	MCRC	3	RDSU		L		0		•		
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239	Rosewood St Access-PL	MCRC	3	RDSU		L		0		•		
240	Third St Access-MI	ONE	3	RDSU		L		0		•		
241	Artesian Well	ONE	3	SU		L		0	•			
242	Ivanhoe Rd Access-MI	ONE	3	RDSU		L		0		•		
245	Alley G Access-MI	ONE	3	RDSU		L		0		•		
246	Alley H Access-MI	ONE	3	RDSU		L		0		•		
247	Golfmore Way Access-PL	MCRC	3	RDSU		L		0		•		
248	Batesmore Way Access-PL	ONE	3	RDSU		L		0		•		
249	Sylvan Way Access-PL	ONE	3	RDSU		L		0		•		
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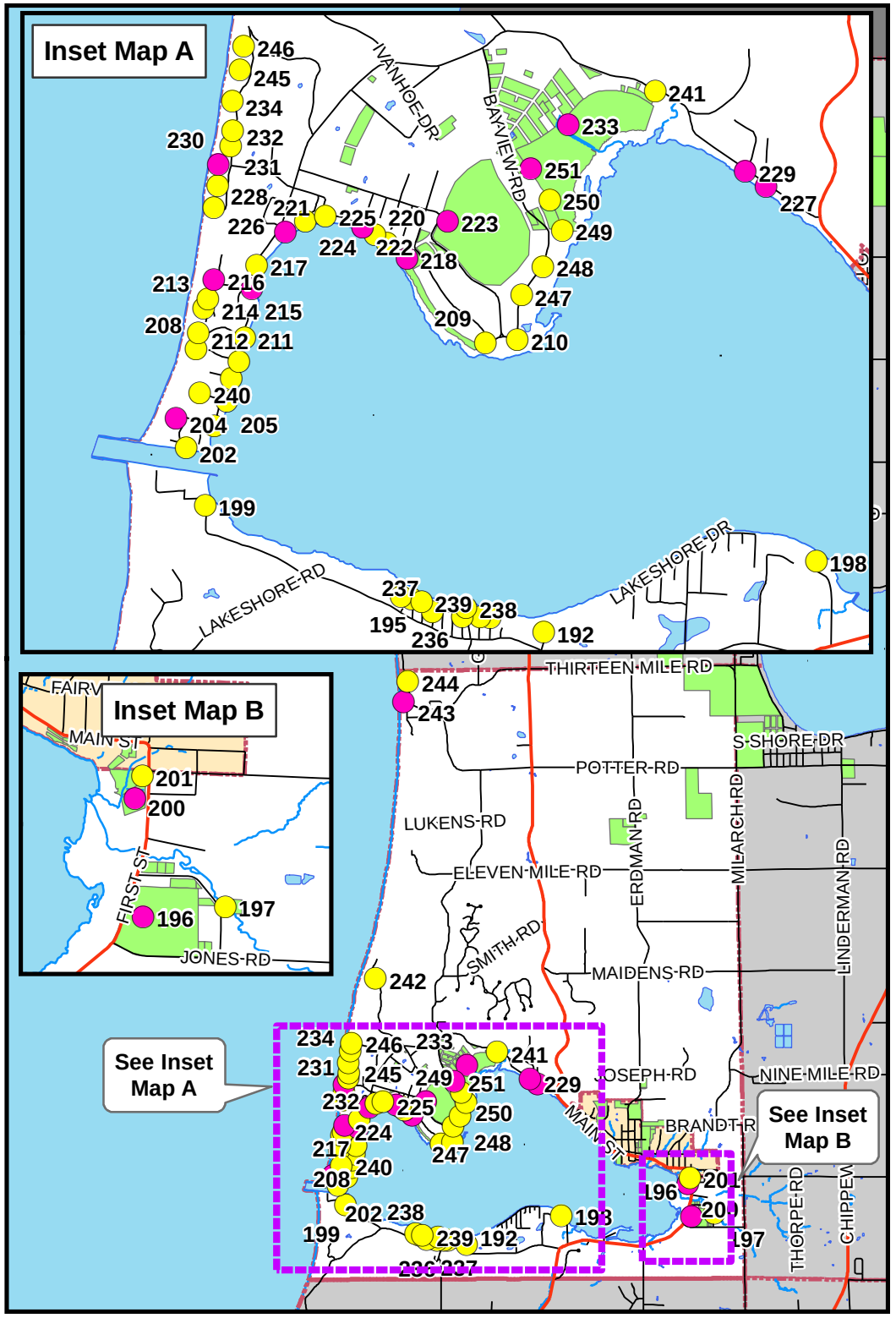


Image 3.5: Onekama 5K Run/Walk

Onekama Township Inventory Map



Image 3.6: Big Lake Fishing out of Portage Lake



Map 3.5: Onekama Twp. Recreation Inventory Map

3.4.4 Onekama Village

3.4.4.1 Community Description:

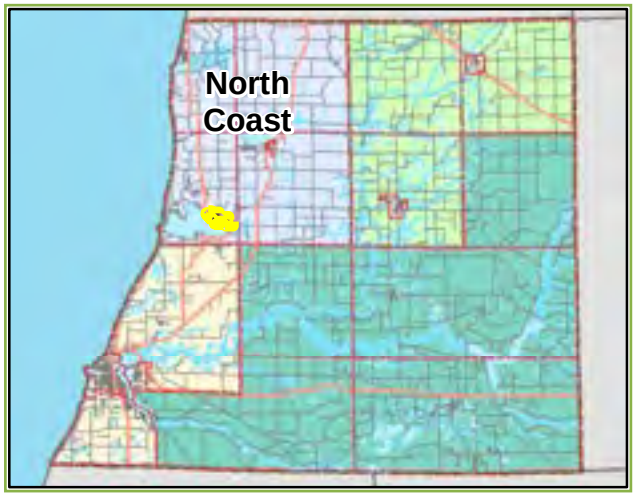
The Portage Lake Community, for the purposes of the Five-Year Plan for Parks and Recreation, consists of Onekama Township, the Village of Onekama, and the Onekama Consolidated Schools. Onekama Township is in the western part of Manistee County.

The Village of Onekama, formerly a lumbering town, is on the northeast shore of Portage Lake. The Village had a population of 411 people in 2010 while Onekama Township had a population of 1,329.

The Onekama School of the Onekama Consolidated Schools, with around 400 students, is within the Village. The School is included in the Plan because of the extensive recreational facilities provided for the public. A $14.1 million building project was dedicated in 2010.

Portage Lake, the central feature of the Township, covers 2,116 acres. It, the Channel connecting it to Lake Michigan, and Lake Michigan itself provide fishing, boating, swimming, and other activities. Its shores are around 10 miles in length; 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 the Five-Year Plan.

North Coast Region



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

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252	Farr Center	ONV	1	•	SU		M			•							•	•			•												•			
253	Onekama Vil.Park/Boat Launch	ONV	1	•	CP		M	•		•		•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	W	•	•	•			
254	School Basketball Courts	School	1		SU		L			0							•		•														•			•
257	School Tennis Courts	School	1		SU		L			0									•																•	
258	School Ball Fields	School	1		SU		M			•				•		•	•		•															•		
260	School Stadium and Track	School	1		SU	•	M		•	•	•		•	•			•	•	•													•				
256	Glen Park/Mineral Springs	ONE	2		NP		L			•	•	•									•									L	•					
255	Rotary Park	ONV	3		MP		L			0	•	•					•	•	•	•												•				
259	Onekama Twp Hall	ONE	3		SU		H			•		•					•				•															
261	Zosel St Walk-in Park	ONV	3		SU		L			•											•				•											
262	Triangle Park	ONV	3		MP																															

Table 3.6: Onekama Vil. Recreation Inventory Table

Onekama Village Inventory Map

prevalent. There are five churches within the Village. Many residents of long standing and seasonal residents who have come here for many years have deep feelings regarding Onekama as home.

3.4.4.2 Inventory Discussion:

Onekama Village resting along the North shore of Portage Lake provides quaint neighborhood parks, larger school athletic fields and courts and a more expansive Village Park which adorns the shore of Portage Lake.

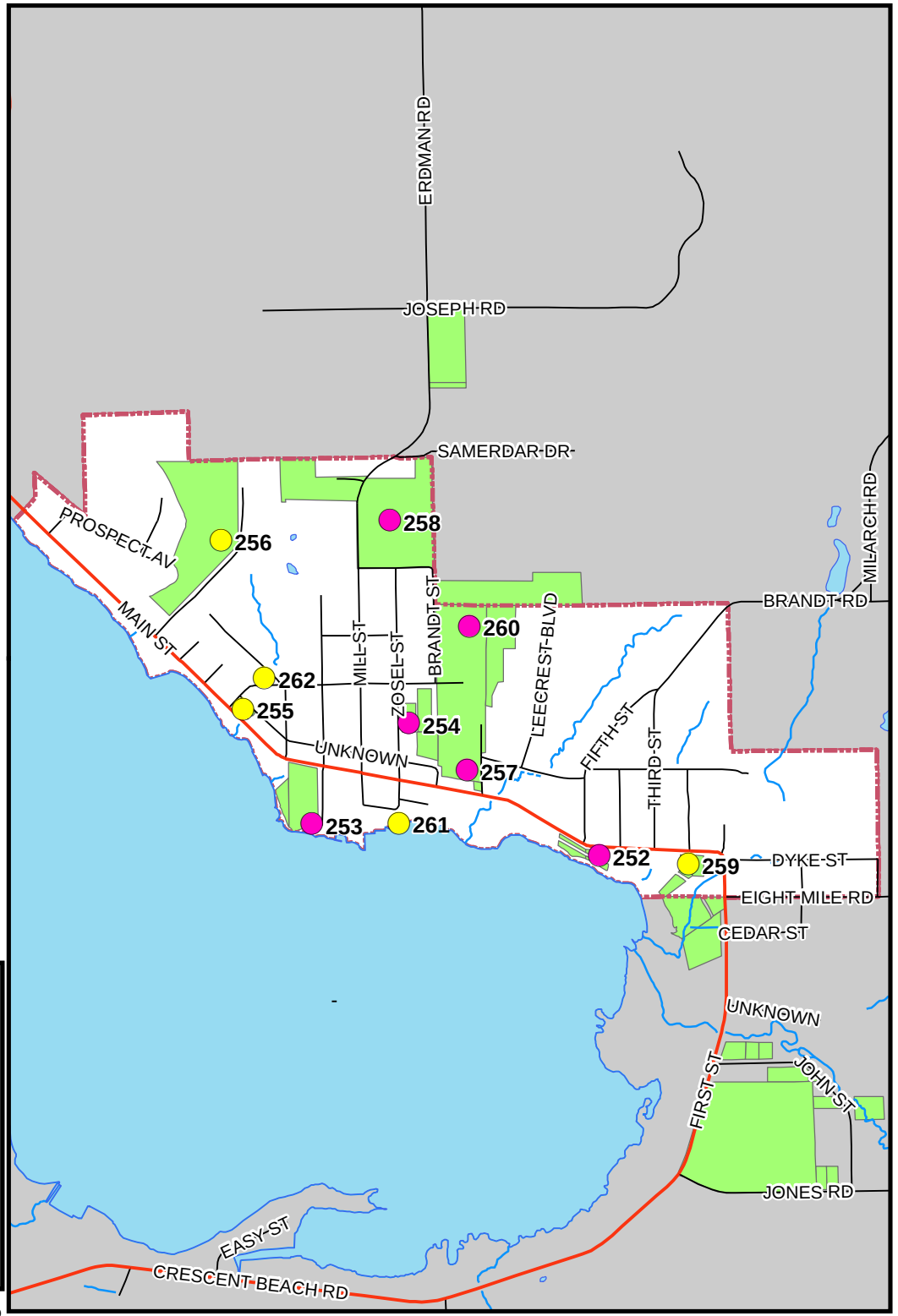
The Onekama Village Park and Boat Launch acts a central community park with various assets such as playground equipment, beach area, picnic shelters and a band shell. This park serves as a primary access to Portage Lake with a fishing dock and boat launch.

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. Utilization of school athletic fields and park space as community park assets is wise, as shared use of facilities promotes collaboration and increased use by community members.

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



Image 3.7: Classic Car Show Onekama Village



Map 3.6: Onekama Vil. Recreation Inventory Map

3.4.5 Bear Lake Township

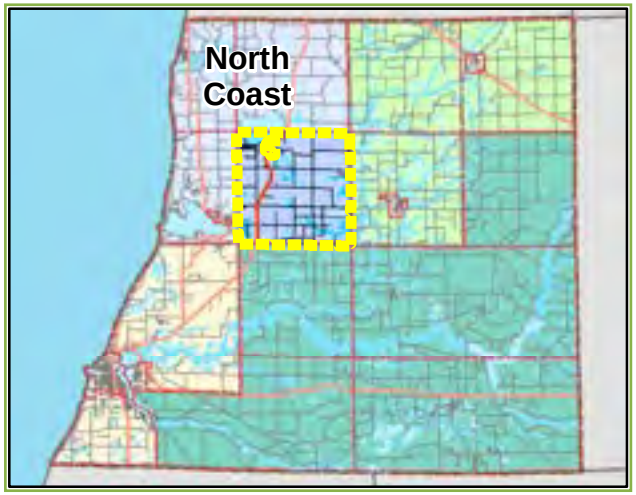
3.4.5.1 Community Description:

Bear Lake Township is a rural residential community located in the Northern part of Manistee County. Our community's greatest assets are our beautiful lakes and creeks. The largest lake being the 1800-acre Bear Lake (of which approximately 590 acres are within the Township's 36 square miles). Bear Lake Township is also home of many other smaller kettle-hole lakes as well as numerous creeks that dot our 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. The US-31 Commercial Corridor has business offering a variety of retail, medical services and leisure activities to the community.

Our small rural community residents have been responsive to the shift towards making improvements that will help increase long term growth within our quaint community.

North Coast Region



3.4.5.2 Inventory Discussion:

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 access to Bear Lake and are capable areas for launching a kayak or canoe onto the Lake.

The School Forest provides athletic fields and trails utilized by school athletic teams for practice and sports related events, while allowing public access for walking, hiking and team sports.

Chief Lake along the south boundary of the Township provides further access

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20	School Athletic Fields	School	1	•	SU	L	3	•	•	•	•	•	•				•	•
15	Anderson Rd Access-CH	MCRC	1		RDSU	L	1							•	•			
17	Division St. Access-BL	MCRC	1		RDSU	L	0							•	•			
14	Chief Lake Access	BRL	2		RDSU	L	0	•						•	•	•		
18	Seventh St Access-BL	MCRC	2		RDSU	L	1						•	•	•			
16	Thirteen Mile Rd Access-BL	MCRC	3		RDSU	L	1	•						•	•			
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Table 3.7: Bear Lake Twp. Recreation Inventory Table

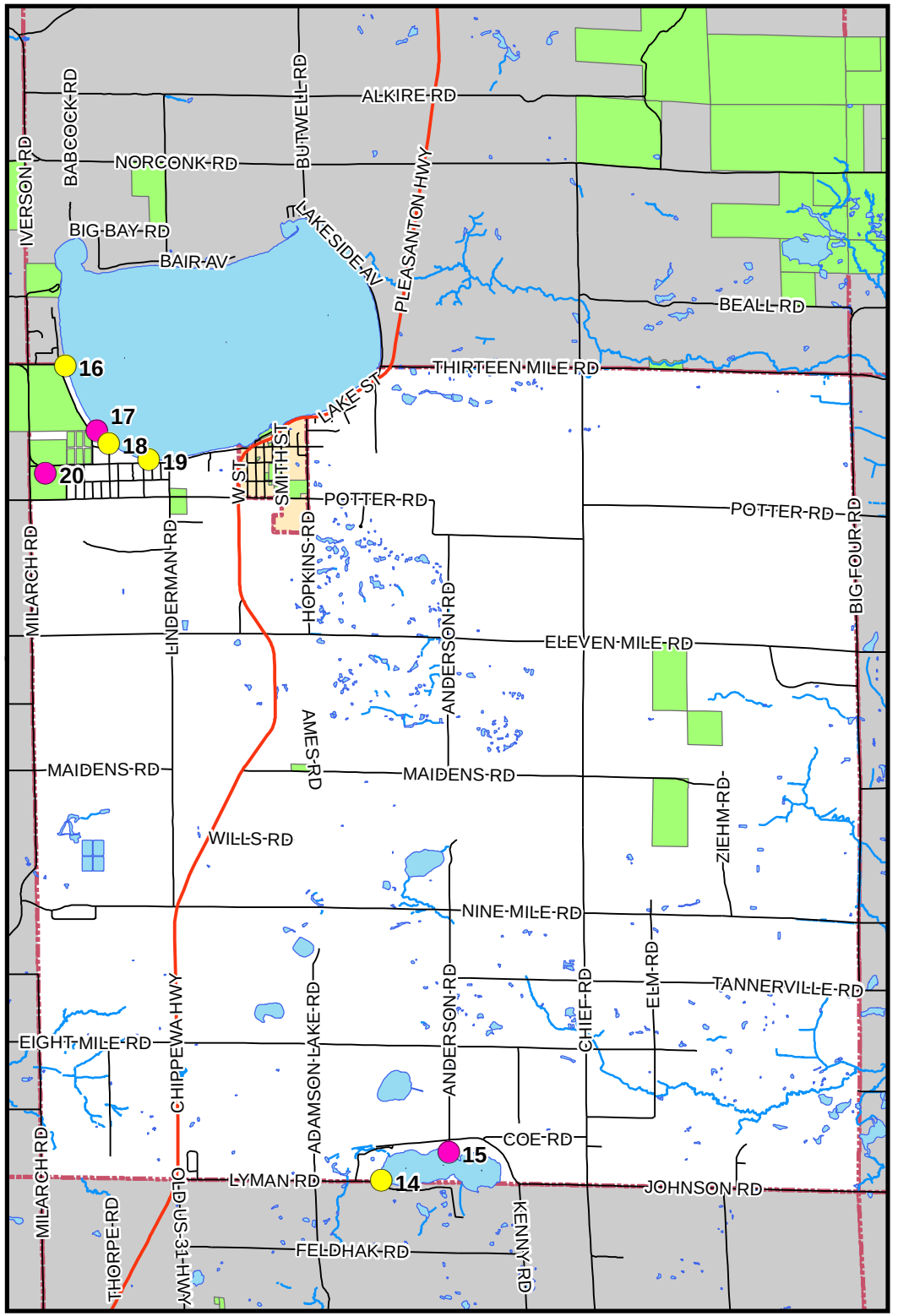
Bear Lake Township Inventory Map

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 desired connections to both Onekama and Arcadia Townships are sought. Continual progress should be made for the development of trail systems connecting these municipalities.



Image 3.8:Recreation Complex Bear Lake Twp.



Map 3.7: Bear Lake Twp. Recreation Inventory Map

3.4.6 Bear Lake Village

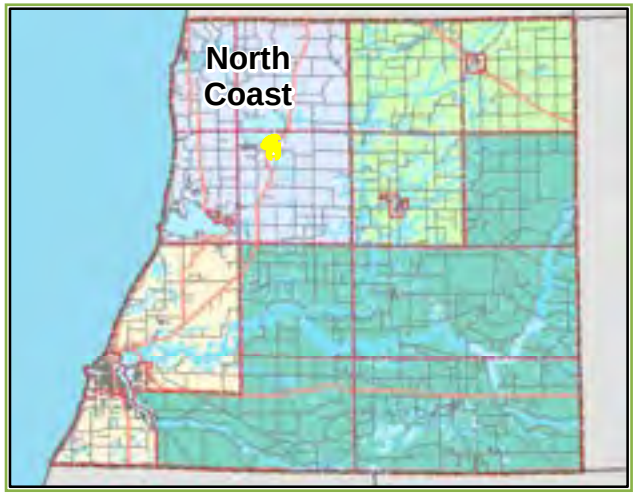
3.4.6.1 Community Description:

The Village Bear Lake sits as a major gateway to northern Michigan. With its panoramic view of a scenic and healthy inland lake, it is home for 300 full time friends and neighbors. As the heart of the Greater Bear Lake area, the Village of Bear Lake is poised to serve as a hub of recreational opportunities. Better utilization of Hopkins Park by all stakeholders, increased usage of Harry Cosier Court (where pickle ball 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, boat launch, and Hopkins Park 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.

North Coast Region



3.4.6.2 Inventory Discussion:

Bear Lake Village rests along the 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 waters of Bear lake. Fishing and water recreational sports are the main draw of this location and the campground is a wonderful setting for enjoying these sites.

Recreation Site Map ID #	Site Name	Ownership	Municipality Priority Ranking	County-wide Primary	Park Type	Fee Site	ADA Access (Low, Mod., High)	Lighting	Parking Availability	Signage Directional	Signage Educational	Camping	RV Compatible (Camping)	Utilities/Hook-Ups (Camping)	Potable Water	Restrooms (Flush Toilets)	Outhouse (Pit Vault)	Garbage Receptacle	Fire Pit	Picnic Table	Benches	Grill	Water Access	Beach	Canoe/Kayak Access	Boat Launch	Picnic Shelter	Viewing Platform	Trailhead (Water, Land)	Trails (Off Pavement)	Playground Equipment	Baseball Field	Tennis Court	Volley Ball	Basketball Court
24	Hopkins Park Campground & Boat Launch	BLV	1	•	CP	•	L	•	3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		W	•	•				
23	Castle Beach	Private	1		MP		L	•	1	•											•	•	•	•	•										
25	Hopkins Park Stair Access	BLV	1		MP		L		3	•													•												
29	Bear Lake Museum	BLV	1		SU		M	•	2	•					•	•		•																	
21	Smith St Sand Volleyball	BLV	2		MP		L		3											•														•	
22	Coiser Park	BLV	2		MP		L		1	•											•												•		•
26	Veterans Memorial Park	BLV	2		CP		M		3	•											•		•				•	•							
27	Pocket Park	BLV	2		MP		L		1		•									•	•														
28	Bear Lake Village Hall	BLV	2		SU		L		3							•		•																	
30	Keddie-Norconk Memorial Library	BLV, BRL	3		SU		H	•	3	•						•		•			•						•								
31	School Athletic Fields	School	3		SU		L		3	•								•			•										•	•	•		•

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Bear Lake Village Inventory Map

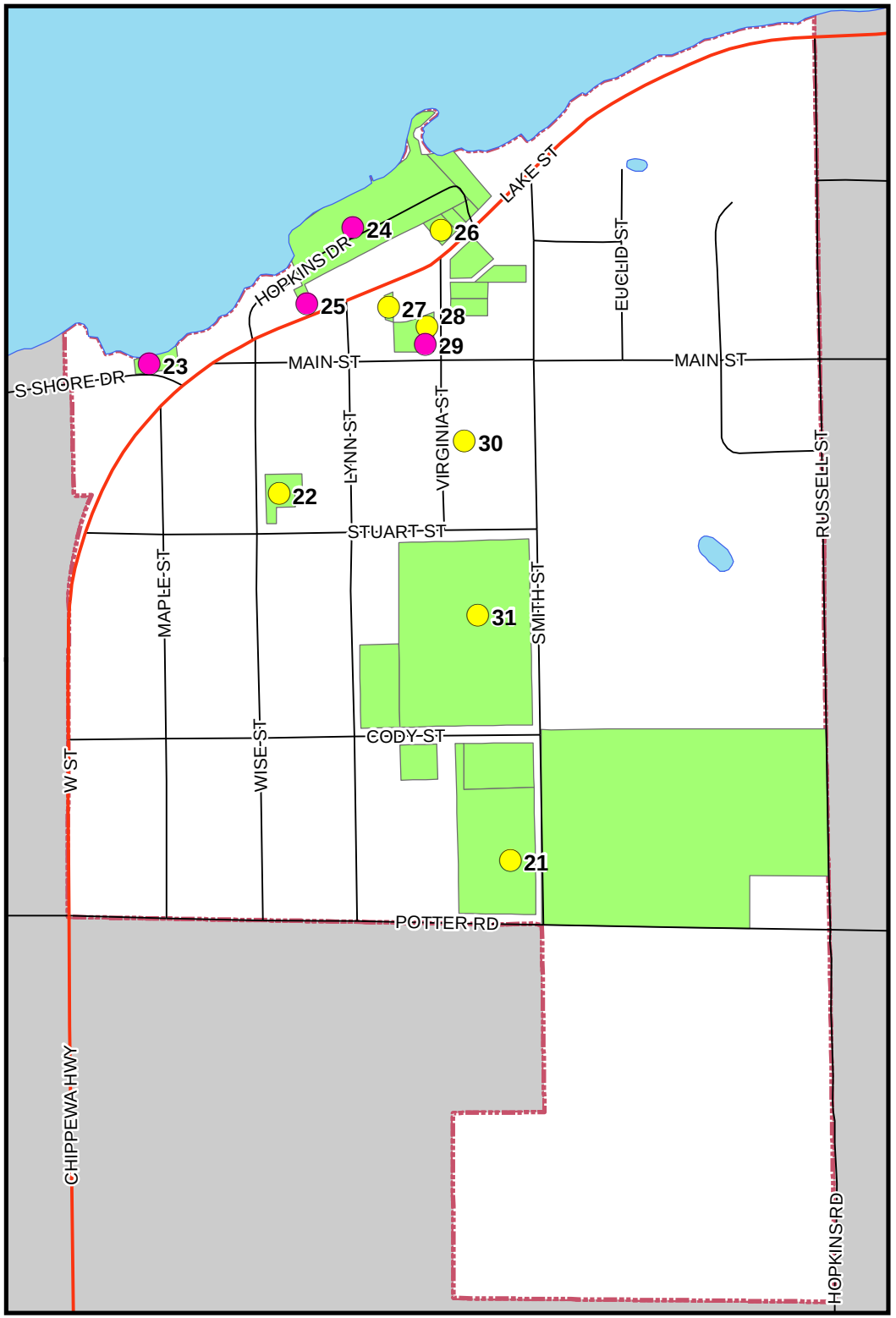
The Bear Lake Public Beach is the only public "beach" location along the shores of Bear Lake. This beach although small is enjoyed by both residents and visitors alike.

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 Twp. 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 Twp. to Onekama Twp. and the Village of Onekama.



Image 3.9: Hopkins Memorial Park Bear Lake Vil.



Map 3.8: Bear Lake Vil. Recreation Inventory Map

3.4.7 Springdale Township

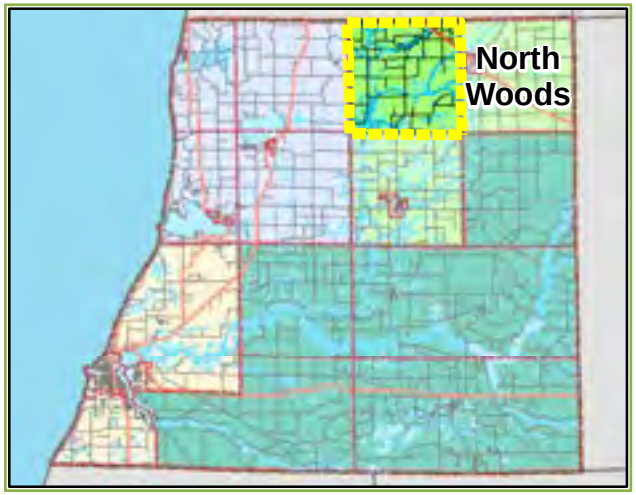
3.4.7.1 Community Description:

Springdale Township covers approximately 35.7 square miles; approximately half is state land. The 2013 ACS 5-year population estimate is 848.

The first settlers were the Algonquians'; inhabiting the bluffs above the Bec Scies River (Betsie) 5000 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 rive in 1973 under the Michigan Natural Rivers Act. It offers excellent paddling, trout & 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 camp sites with access to boating & fishing on beautiful Healy Lake. The abundant state land offering open fields and heavy forested areas provide excellent natural wildlife habitat making the area prime for hunting and wildlife viewing. Farms, both large & small still dot the landscape of Springdale Township, keeping the agriculture spirit alive that was once the main catalyst to developing this area.

North Woods Region



3.4.7.2 Inventory Discussion:

Springdale Township contains thousands of acres of Pere Marquette State Forest through which the Betsie River winds it's 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 has only two identified recreational sites, Healy Lake State Forest Campground and the Township Park located at the Township Hall. Healy Lake State Forest Campground is a popular destination within NE 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.

Recreation Site Map ID #	Site Name	Ownership	Municipality Priority Ranking	County-wide Primary	Park Type	Fee Site	ADA Access (Low, Mod., High)	Explore the Shore Nominee	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	Water Access	Beach	Canoe/Kayak Access	Boat Launch	Picnic Shelter	Trails (Off Pavement)	Playground Equipment	Baseball Field	Tennis Court	Basketball Court
278	Healy Lake State Forest Campground/Boat Launch	State	1	•	RP	•	L	•		•	3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•			
279	Springdale Twp Hall and Park	SPR	2		NP		L		•		3	•				•	•	•			•					•		•	•	•	•

Table 3.9: Springdale Twp. Recreation Inventory Table

Springdale Township Inventory Map

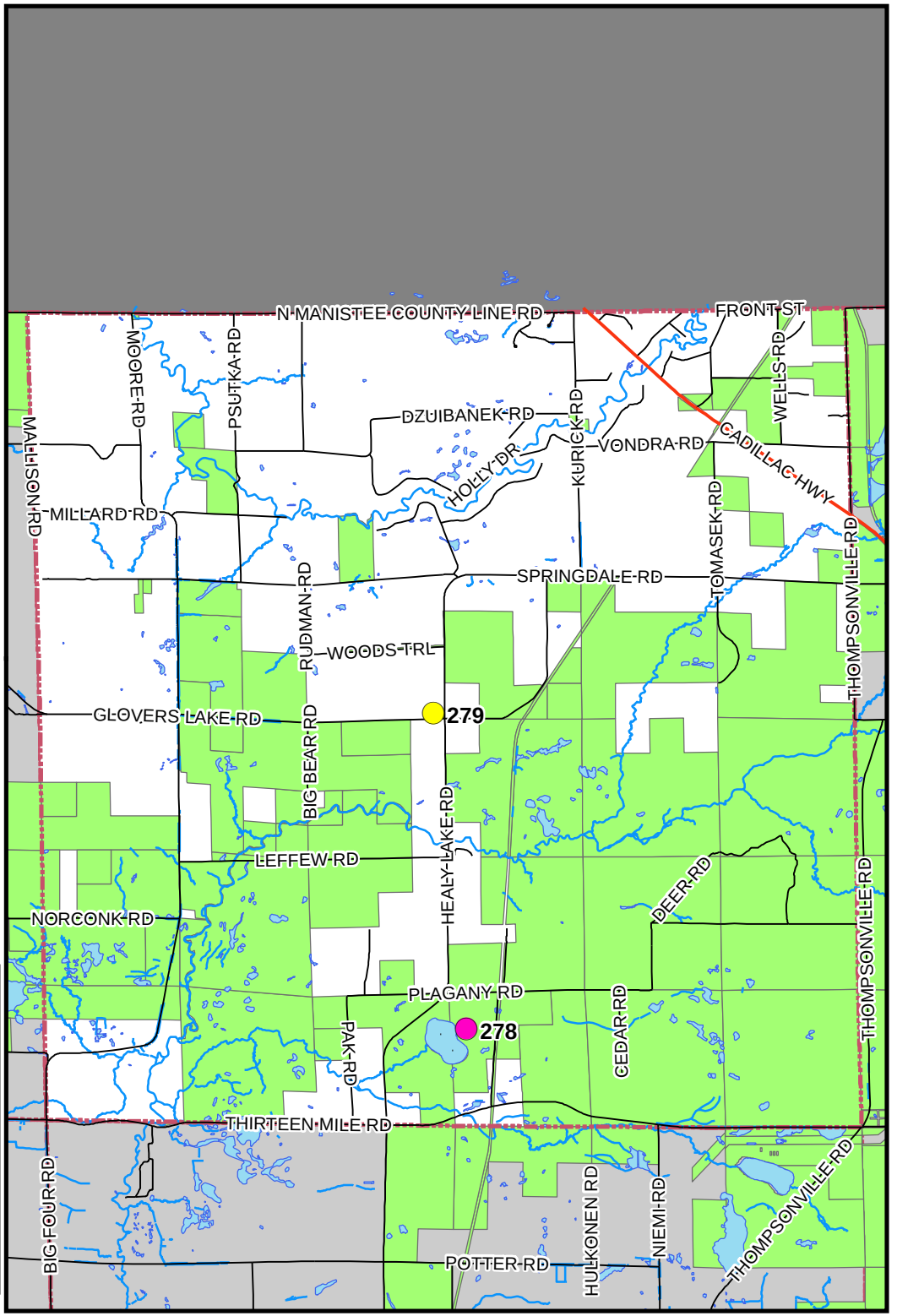
The Township Hall Park provides tennis courts, basketball courts, picnic area and playground equipment. This park has the only playground and athletic courts located within the Township.

There is a desire to provide further access to the Betsie River within Springdale Township. Currently a formal access site to the river is lacking. With Springdale Township containing the most miles 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 on-going concerning the establishment of the Betsie River as a Blue Water Trail. More information concerning Blue Water Trail establishment can be found in Chapter 8: Trail Planning.

Support for expanded trail systems within the Township, providing linkages to the West should be supported. Potential exists for linking Healy Lake State Forest Campground as a destination along a Trail system.



Image 3.10: Healy Lake Boat Launch



Map 3.9: Springdale Twp. Recreation Inventory Map

3.4.8 Cleon Township

3.4.8.1 Community Description:

Cleon Township is located in the northeast corner of Manistee County, farthest from the County seat in Manistee. There is a corner where 4 counties meet. The south eastern border is the county line between Manistee County and Wexford County. The north east 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 railroad, many villages sprang up. 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.

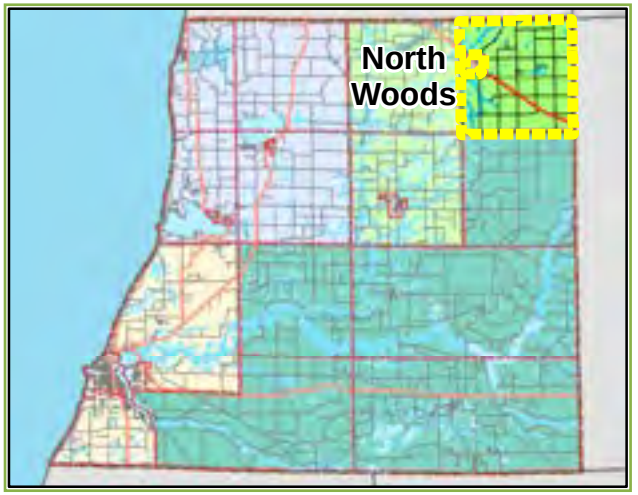
Transportation patterns have changed, with the four railroads being gone and Cadillac Highway (M-115) bypassing the village. It is a typical small town with a gas station, hardware store, bank, grocery store, beauty salon, auto repair shop, flea market, and MR Products, a manufacturing plant.

Cleon Township was first a lumbering settlement, then with the over abundance of good farmland was an agricultural community and now is a bedroom community, with approximately 30 miles either direction to a bigger town like Traverse City, Manistee or Cadillac.



Image 3.11: First Creek Nature Trail Signage

North Woods Region



3.4.8.2 Inventory Discussion:

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 it's borders, but lacks identified recreational sites.

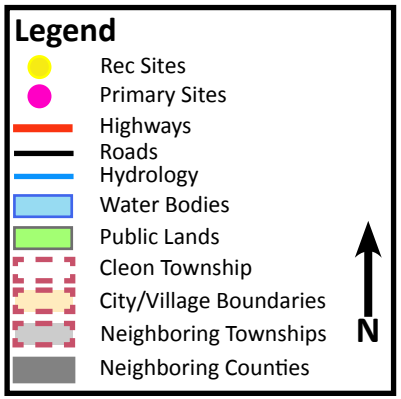
The Township Hall is listed as a recreation site, but is actually contained within the Village of Copemish and is accounted for within that municipalities recreation inventory. Cleon Township works closely with the Village of Copemish and it is suggested that both municipalities plan for recreation together, for improvements to recreation sites within either municipality will have a positive 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.

Cleon Township Inventory Map



Image 3.12: First Creek Bridge in Copemish Vil./Cleon Twp.



Map 3.10: Cleon Twp. Recreation Inventory Map

3.4.9 Copemish Village

3.4.9.1 Community Description:

Copemish is located in the northeast part of Manistee County in Cleon Township. It is a small village of about 190 residents. The name "Copemish" means "Big Beech", and referred to holding council under the beech trees.

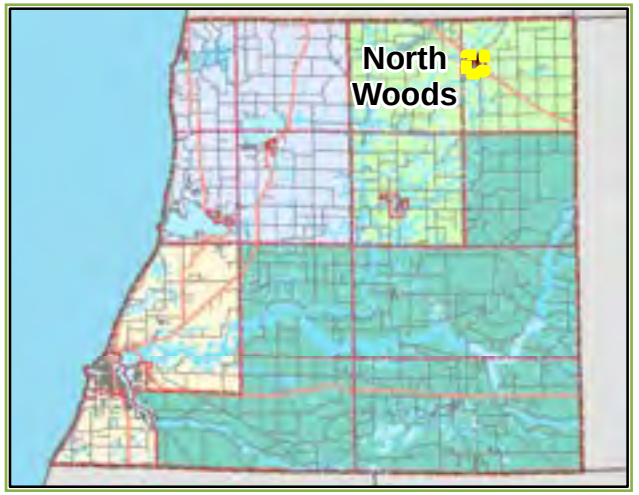
Copemish was incorporated in 1891, after a large logging industry began (1883) and two railroads laid their tracks directly through the area (1889). Until that point, people had to travel long distances by horse and buggy or foot power to do just about anything!

Today, the village is a pleasant bedroom community, with several businesses - Honor Bank, MR Products, Copemish Hardware, Copemish Family Market, Bear Claw Café, EZ Mart, Dollar General, Joe's Body Shop, Witkop Machine Shop, Copemish Flea Market, Junque & Necessities second-hand store and a post office! A lot of businesses for a small town.

The history of Copemish included a pickle factory, the logging industry, hotels, 2 churches and a grist mill and grain elevator. There were also a doctor, a pharmacy and a large schoolhouse.

Today, the Copemish area offers much in the way of recreation. There are many snowmobile trails in the area (which makes our local businesses readily available to snowmobilers!), First Creek Nature Trail, Twisted Trails Off road Park, and lots of woods for mushroom hunting, hiking, and deer and small game hunting.

North Woods Region



The Betsie River is located near Copemish, and provides plenty of fishing, swimming, canoeing and kayaking. It is a beautiful, natural river, and there is a lot of wildlife to spot while floating down on a sunny day.

All in all, Copemish is a beautiful small jewel of a village in the middle of the most glorious area of the country!

3.4.9.2 Inventory Discussion:

Copemish Village contains a number of recreation sites within the Village boundaries. What is unique to the village is that the 6 identified recreation sites

Recreation Site Map ID #	Site Name	Ownership	Municipality Priority Ranking	County-wide Primary	Park Type	ADA Access (Low, Mod., High)	Lighting	Parking Availability	Signage Directional	Signage Educational	Potable Water	Restrooms (Flush Toilets)	Outhouse (Pit Vault)	Garbage Receptacle	Picnic Table	Benches	Grill	Water Access	Picnic Shelter	Trailhead (Water, Land)	Trails (Off Pavement)	Playground Equipment	Basketball Court
39	Lewis Park	COP	1	•	NP	M	•	3	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•			•	•
40	Mish-A-Mish Park	COP	1	•	MP	L		2	•	•		•	•	•	•		•			L	•	•	
41	First Creek Nature Trails	COP	1	•	PT	L		2	•	•						•		•		L	•		
38	Cleon Twp. Hall	CLE	3		SU	M	•	3	•		•	•											
42	Copemish Historic Museum & Library	Cop. Hist.	3		SU	L	•	2	•														
43	Copemish Village Hall	COP	3		SU	M	•	3	•		•	•											

Table 3.10: Copemish Vil. Recreation Inventory Table

Copemish Village Inventory Map

account for all of the sites within the municipalities of both the Village and Cleon Township which encompasses the Village.

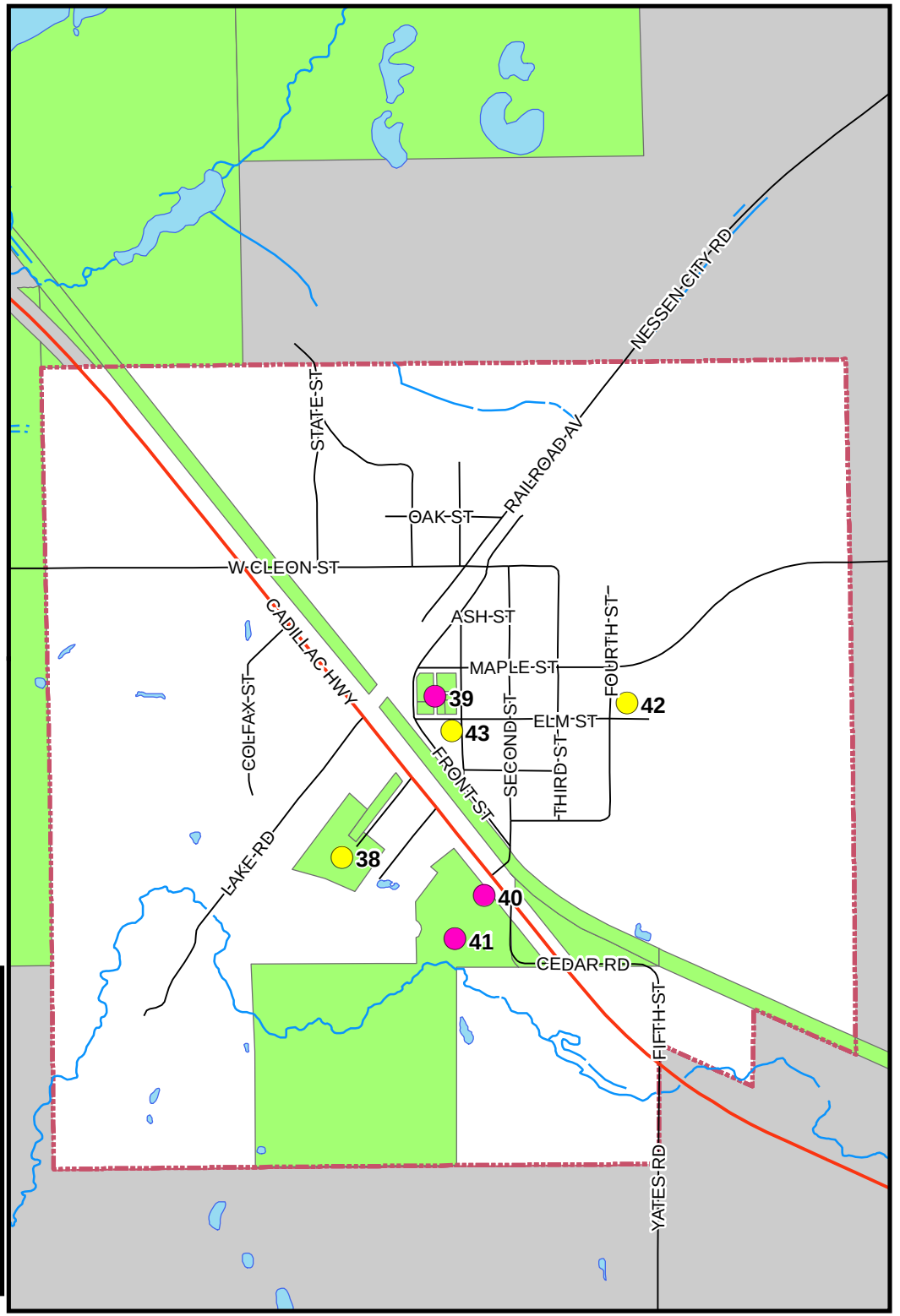
The Village contains two large community parks which differ from one another by their recreational use. Lewis Park which is centered in the Village, is an active recreation site with playground equipment, basketball court and amenities for picnicking and outdoor community events. Mish-A-Mish Park is categorized more as a passive community park which serves as the trailhead to the First Creek Nature Trail.

Both the Copemish Village Hall and Cleon Township Hall located within the Village limits are listed as recreational sites with both serving as community gathering spaces.

Copemish Village is an integral part of the established snowmobile trail system in Manistee County providing connections to communities within Manistee County as well as to communities in neighboring Wexford and Benzie Counties.



Image 3.13: Lewis Park



Map 3.11: Copemish Vil. Recreation Inventory Map

3.4.10 Maple Grove Township

3.4.10.1 Community Description:

Lumbering activity in Maple Grove Twp. began in the 1850's. Much of the land had significant marketable timber and much of the land was purchased by outside timber investors. Homesteaders moved into much of the area of the Township following the American Civil War period.

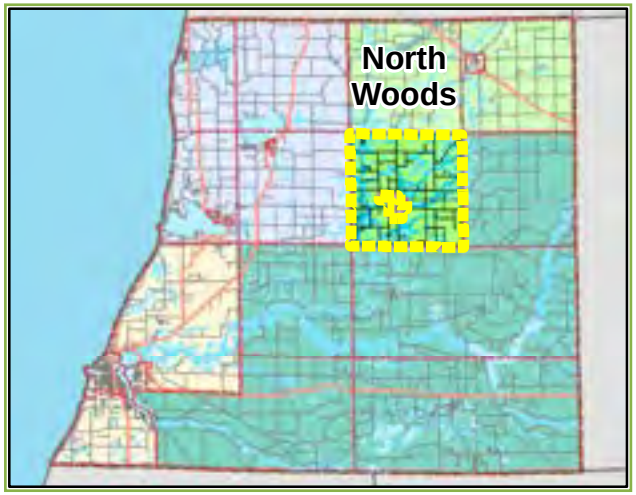
The Township came into existence in October of 1878. Population grew slowly in the Township, and the primary early income was through timber operations. A significant boom occurred in 1888 when two railroads were built through the Township.

By 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 location of the crossing of the two railroads, known as Manistee Crossing, located in Maple Grove Township. This location became the company's first major development. The community planned especially for Finnish Immigrants with a central village named "Kaleva" after the epic poem Kalevala.

Maple Grove Township through the years experienced agricultural activity which mainly ceased over time due to poor soils, but these same sandy soils filtered abundant groundwater through the many wetlands of the area which fed local cold-water streams. These streams overtime were stocked with species of trout and salmon and led to an abundant fishery in the area.

Portions of land within the Township were held by the State of Michigan and became portions of the Pere Marquette State Forest. These forested lands offer recreational opportunities for locals and visitors alike.

North Woods Region



3.4.10.2 Inventory Discussion:

Maple Grove Township provides recreational opportunities on State and School Forest land holdings within the Township. The three identified recreation sites within the Township each provide access to water resources, which displays the importance of allowance for access to water.

Two of the recreation sites are located adjacent to each other along Bear Creek and a 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 to Bear Creek. The other site located on property owned by the Kaleva Norman Dickson (KND) School System, has frontage on Beaver Creek and is immediately adjacent to the State land. Each of these sites are important access points for

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

Table 3.11: Maple Grove Twp. Recreation Inventory Table

Maple Grove Township Inventory Map

small stream water access, and each is utilized primarily for fishing access.

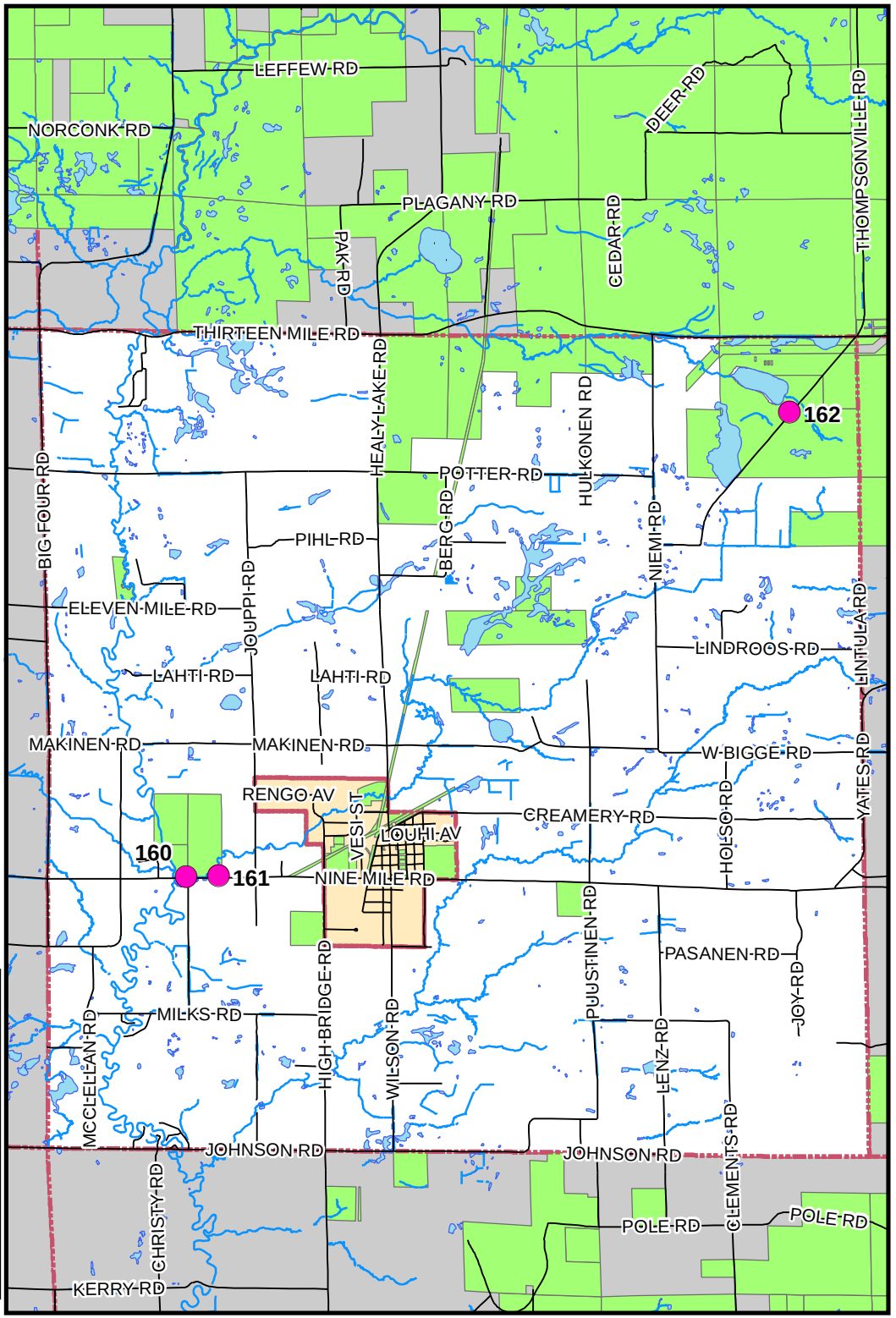
The Lemon Lake access is an important location for water access during both the summer and winter months. With the largest amount of use during the winter for ice-fishing.

The Township has worked closely with the Village and the KND school system when planning for recreation. This established relationship is important to successfully implementing recreation activities and planning site improvements for the whole of the community, and Manistee County.

Trail segments which cross the Township and converge in the Village of Kaleva, should be looked upon for additional connections to communities to the south and west.



Image 3.14: Bear Creek



Map 3.12: Maple Grove Twp. Recreation Inventory Map

3.4.11 Village of Kaleva

3.4.11.1 Community Description:

The Village of Kaleva is located in the heart of Manistee County. Established in 1900 by Finnish immigrants who with hard and sisu (Finnish word meaning perseverance or resilience), have built a quaint community. Many of the village street names and the name Kaleva itself are taken from the Finnish epic poem "The Kalevala". The Bottle House and Train Station Museums are great historic attractions.

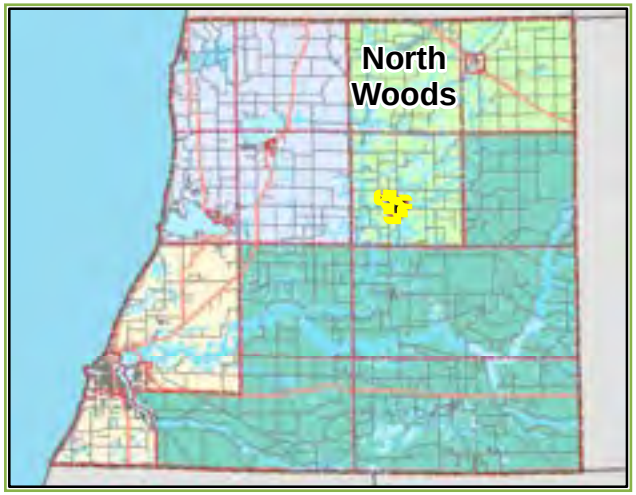
Kaleva is a utopia for outdoor recreational activities year round, with nearby access to the Manistee National Forest and numerous fresh water streams and lakes. During the warmer months, there's plenty of opportunities for hunting, fishing, hiking and swimming. During the winter months activities continue with ice-fishing, skiing and snowmobiling.

Our Village Roadside Park host many community events, Kaleva Days on the 3rd weekend in July, reunions and picnics. Overnight camping spots are available for hunters, fishermen and recreational camping.

Keleva is home to a diverse group of businesses. Residents and visitors have access to our bank, post office, library, grocery stores, restaurants, auto repairs, beauty shops, gas station, full service lumber yard, antique shops, Art Gallery and businesses within the industrial park.

The active service and social clubs reflect the personality of the community. The organizations include the Lions Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Historical Society, Beautification Team, Relay for Life, Manistee-Benzie Snowbirds Club and Big Bear Sportsmans Club. A Baptist and Lutheran Church call Kaleva home.

North Woods Region



3.4.11.2 Inventory Discussion:

The Village of Kaleva lies along one of the Counties most heavily utilized snowmobile trails as well as having several recreation sites within the confines of the Village. The Kaleva Train Depot Museum and Centennial Walk provides a trail location for warm months non-motorized travel and winter-time snowmobile traffic. This recreation site contains sculptures spread along the centennial walk, which reference the rich Finnish heritage of the area.

Recreation Site Map ID #	Site Name	Ownership	Municipality Priority Ranking	County-wide Primary	Park Type	Fee Site	ADA Access (Low, Mod., High)	Lighting	Parking Availability	Signage Directional	Signage Educational	Camping	RV Compatible (Camping)	Utilities/Hook-Ups (Camping)	Potable Water	Restrooms (Flush Toilets)	Outhouse (Pit Vault)	Portable Toilet	Shower Facility	Garbage Receptacle	Fire Pit	Picnic Table	Benches	Grill	Picnic Shelter	Trailhead (Water, LaNd)	Trails (Off Pavement)	Bike Lane (Road Shoulder)	Playground Equipment	Baseball Field	Tennis Court	Basketball Court
105	Kaleva Vil. Roadside Park/Campground	KAL	1	•	RP	•	M	•	3	•		•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•				•	•		
109	Kaleva Library and Historic Log Cabin	KAL	1		SU		H	•	1	•	•				•	•							•									
110	Kaleva Train Depo Museum and Centennial Walk	KAL	1		PT		M	•	3														•			L	•					
108	Kaleva Bottle House Museum	Kal. Hist.	2		SU		L	•	3	•						•																
106	Kaleva Village Hall	KAL	3		SU		M	•	2	•					•	•				•												
107	Maple Grove Township Hall	MGT	3		SU		M	•	2	•					•	•				•												
111	Kaleva Norman Dickson School Playground	School	3		NP		L		3	•													•		•				•			•
112	Maple Grove Twp. Park	MGT	3		NP		L	•	3	•						•		•		•			•							•	•	•

Table 3.12: Kaleva Vil. Recreation Inventory Table

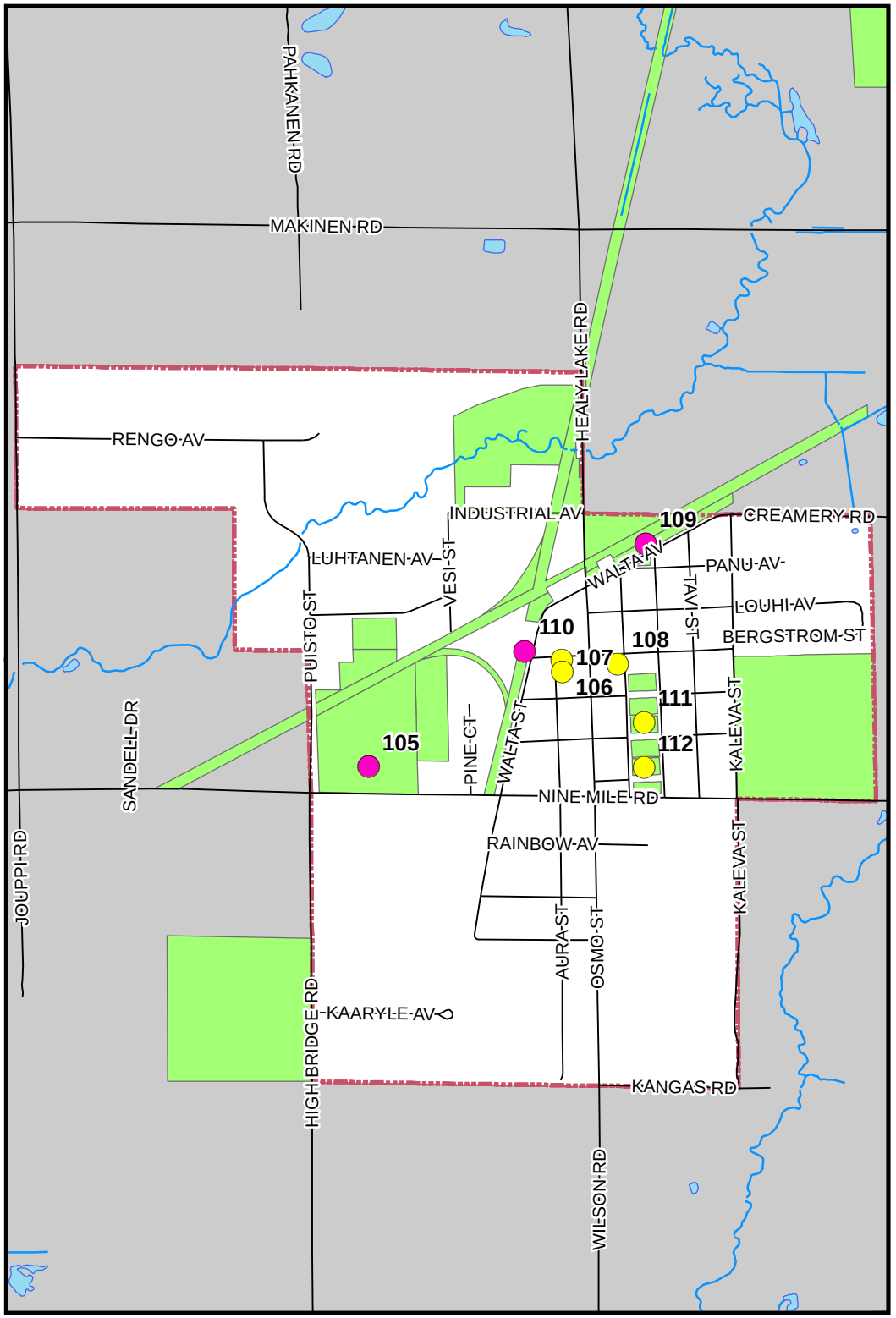
Kaleva Village Inventory Map

The Kaleva Roadside Park and Campground is a very popular destination for outdoor enthusiasts who plan to spend time in the thousands of acres of public land and /or thousands of miles of streams and rivers which traverse this portion of the County. The 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.

With Kaleva's current position as a trail hub and connector, continued support for additional trail development can link this population center with other population centers to the south and west.



Image 3.15: St. Urho Story Grasshopper Sculpture Village of Kaleva



Map 3.13: Kaleva Vil. Recreation Inventory Map

3.4.12 Marilla Township

3.4.12.1 Community Description:

Marilla Township is located in the southern portion of the northeast corner of Manistee County. It's easternmost border is Wexford County. Benzie County lies six miles to the north. On the west border is Maple Grove Township, to the south, Dickson Township, and to the north, Cleon Township.

Marilla Township was originally was part of Brown Township. The Manistee County Board of Supervisors accepted the petition of Marilla Township on January 4, 1870.

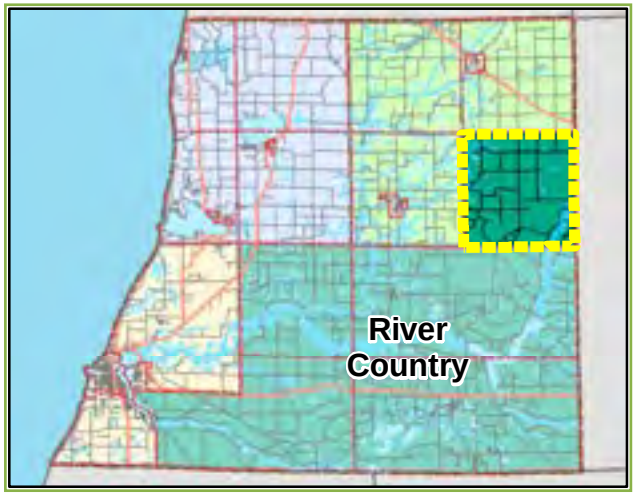
Close proximity to the Manistee River made Marilla an attractive place for early lumber barons. The River branch of the Manistee & Northeastern Railroad ran through Marilla from east to west.

Much of the logged over areas became part of the Manistee National Forest, where the Marilla Trailhead of the North Country Trail was established a popular place for hiking. Currently, Marilla Township has nine recreational sites.

In 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.

Marilla Township is served by three school districts; Mesick Consolidated, Kaleva, Norman, Dickson KND, and Benzie County Central.

River Country Region



The Marilla Museum nd Pioneer Place consists of a restored log building,a restored 1900 barn and a replicated historical log home.

Marilla Township Park was established and is still maintained by the township.

Recreation Site Map ID #	Site Name	Ownership	Municipality Priority Ranking	County-wide Primary	Park Type	Fee Site	ADA Access (Low, Mod., High)	Explore the Shore Nominee	Lighting	Dark Sky Candidate	Parking Availability	Signage Directional	Signage Educational	Camping	Potable Water	Restrooms (Flush Toilets)	Outhouse (Pit Vault)	Fire Pit	Picnic Table	Benches	Grill	Water Access	Canoe/Kayak Access	Picnic Shelter	Trailhead (Water, Land)	Trails (Off Pavement)	Playground Equipment	Baseball Field
173	Marilla Twp Pioneer Hall Place and Museum	MAR	1	•	SU		L		•		3	•				•		•		•								
170	Marilla Twp Park	MAR	1		NP		L				2				•	•	•		•		•			•			•	•
174	O.D. Memorial Forest	MAR	1		NRA		L				1	•																
166	Hodenpyl South Tail water Access	Con	2		SU		L				3	•										•			W	•		
167	Hodenpyl North Tail water Access & Canoe Portage	Con	2		SU		L	•			3	•	•			•	•					•	•		W	•		
168	Woodpecker Creek Access	Con	2		SU		L	•		•	2	•										•	•		W	•		
163	Upper Manistee River Backcountry Campsite	USFS	3		SU		L			•	0	•		•				•				•				•		
164	Upper Manistee River Backcountry Campsite	USFS	3		SU		L			•	0	•		•				•				•				•		
165	Upper Manistee River Backcountry Campsite	USFS	3		SU		L			•	0	•		•				•				•				•		
171	North Country Trail Access	Con	3		PT		L			•	1	•													L	•		

Table 3.13: Marilla Twp. Recreation Inventory Table

Marilla Township Inventory Map

3.4.12.2 Inventory Discussion:

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. The Township has much to offer recreation wise and the sites are varied throughout the Township.

The Township Hall and Pioneer Place house historic structures and the museum which are open and free to the public. Unique items from the history of Marilla Township are found in the museum.

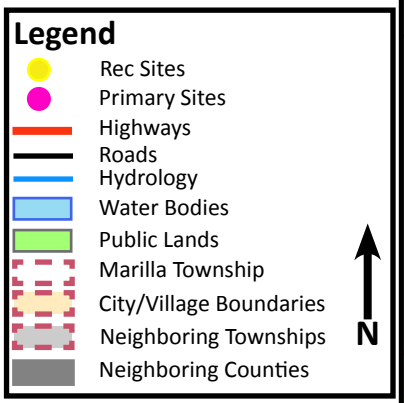
The Township Forest sits adjacent to the Township Museum and currently has unmarked trails utilized by locals. This section of forest is desired to be further enhanced with localized trails.

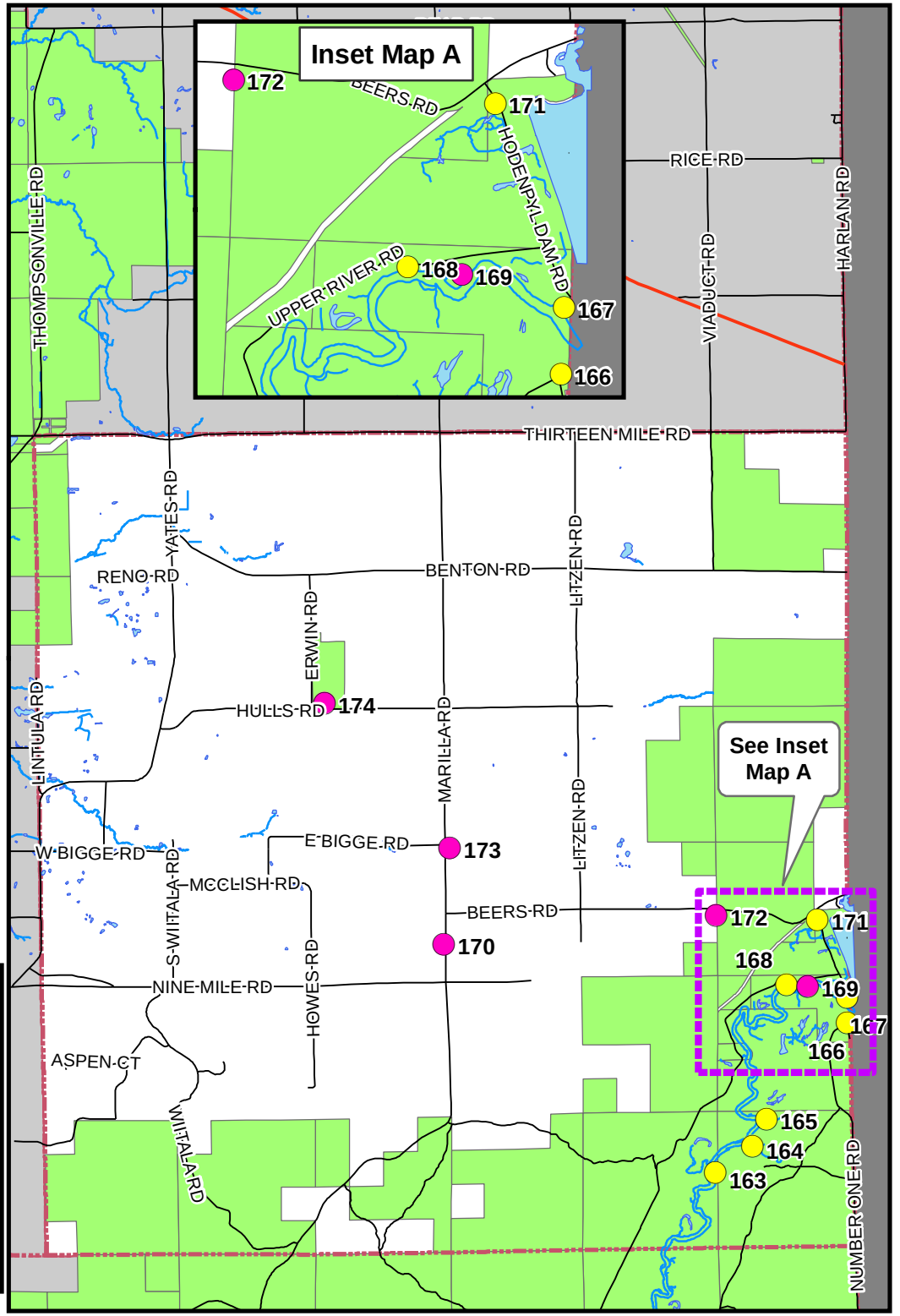
USFS and Consumer Power land holdings along the Manistee River provide access to Hodenpyle Pond and the Manistee River below Hodenpyle Dam. The river is designated a blue water trail, and the Manistee River and North Country Trail (land trails) also traverse this area. Access to the Manistee River in this area is a priority and increased Universal Accessibility is desired.

Marilla Twp. is in a position to continue to facilitate further trail development with increased connections within and outside Manistee County.



Image 3.16: Manistee River





Map 3.14: Marilla Twp. Recreation Inventory Map

3.4.13 Brown Township

3.4.13.1 Community Description:

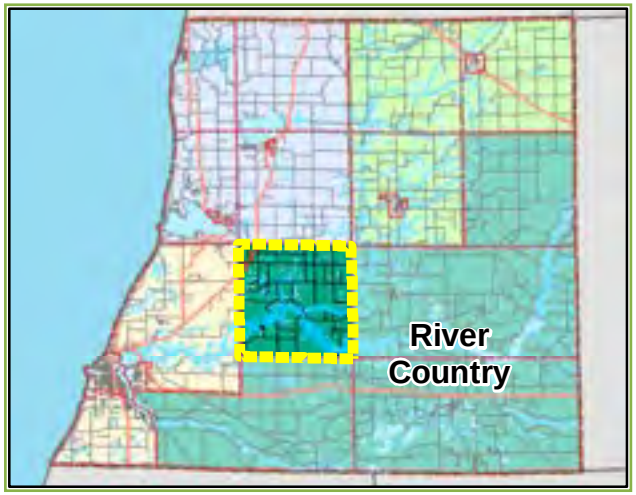
Brown Township is a rural residential community located in the Manistee River Valley. It has a beautiful natural landscape of hills, woods, streams and lakes. A portion of the Township overlooks the Manistee River. Homes on large acreage and farms are the primary land uses in the Township.

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, and works diligently to ensure that open space, views and 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.



Image 3.17: Brown Twp. Hall & Playground

River Country Region



3.4.13.2 Inventory Discussion:

Brown Township is anchored in 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 a very popular location for river re creationists, 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 which is predominantly in private ownership. Increased and improved access to the lake is desired, and working in conjunction with Bear Lake Twp. would offer the best opportunity for providing this access.

Recreation Site Map ID #	Site Name	Ownership	Municipality Priority Ranking	County-wide Primary	Park Type	Fee Site	ADA Access (Low, Mod., High)	Explore the Shores Site	Explore the Shores Nominee	Lighting	Dark Sky Candidate	Parking Availability	Signage Directional	Signage Educational	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	Picnic Shelter	Trailhead (Water, Land)	Trails (Off Pavement)	Playground Equipment	Disc Golf
35	Rainbow Bend Access	USFS	1	•	SU	•	H	•			•	3	•	•				•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•		W	•		
34	Bear Creek Access	USFS	1		SU	•	H	•			•	3	•	•				•	•		•			•	•	•	•		W	•		
36	Brown Twp. Hall	BRN	1		SU		M			•		3	•			•	•		•		•										•	
37	Lyman Rd Access-CL	MCRC	1		RDSU		L		•			0												•		•						
32	Udell Rollways Day Use Area	USFS	3		RP		L				•	3	•	•				•		•	•		•	•				•				•
33	Kettlehole Rd Access-MR	MCRC	3		RDSU		L				•	2			•									•								

Table 3.14: Brown Twp. Recreation Inventory Table

Brown Township Inventory Map

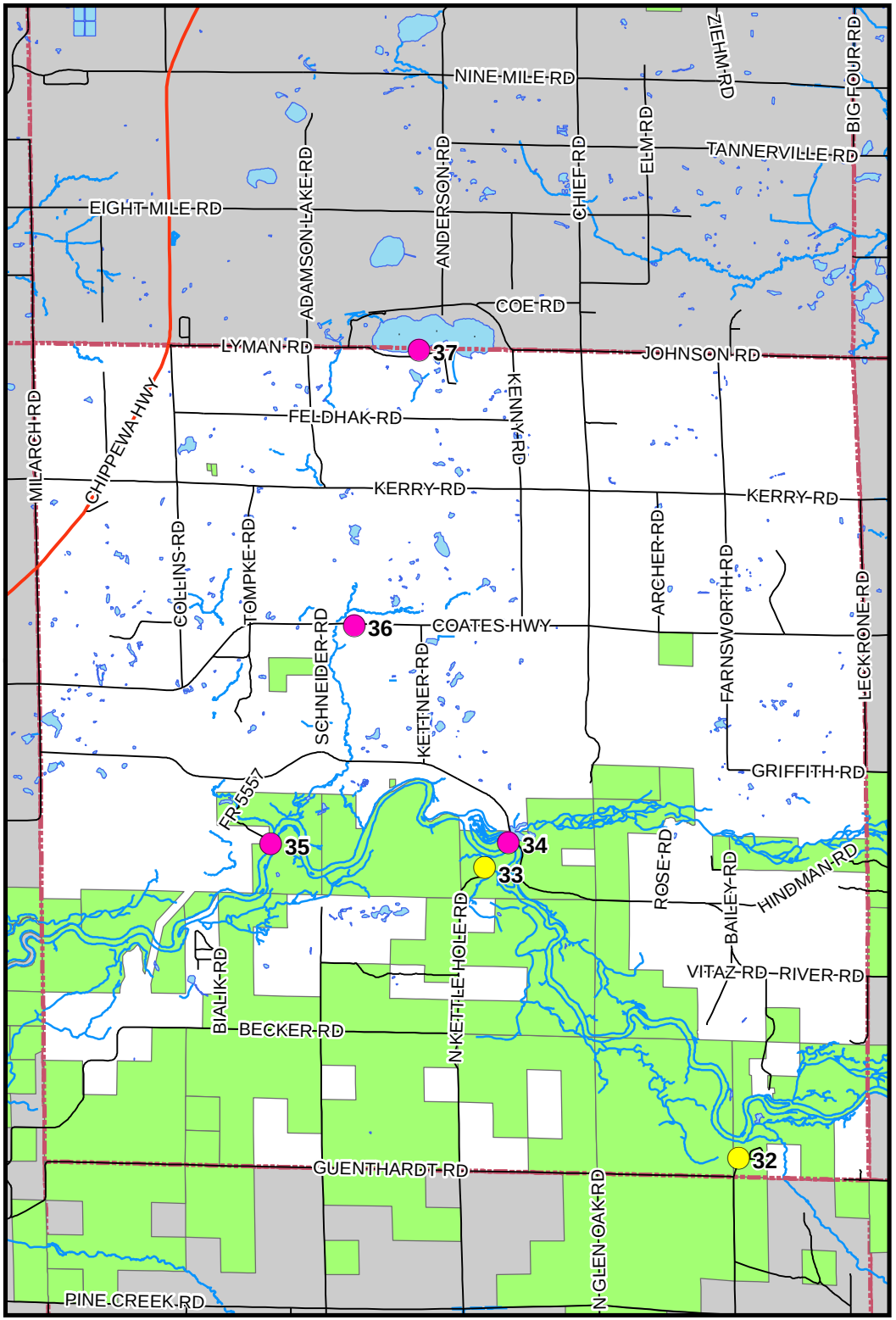
Trail systems through the Township are lacking, but the position of the Township between population centers and abundant public land offer the opportunity for the establishment of trails. The Manistee River provides a barrier for non-motorized trail users as well as snowmobile trail users. A river crossing in the form of a bridge for connection of municipalities north of the river to the south and west is desired.



Image 3.18: Bear Creek Access



Image 3.19: Rainbow Bend Access



Map 3.15: Brown Twp. Recreation Inventory Map

3.4.14 Dickson Township

3.4.14.1 Community Description:

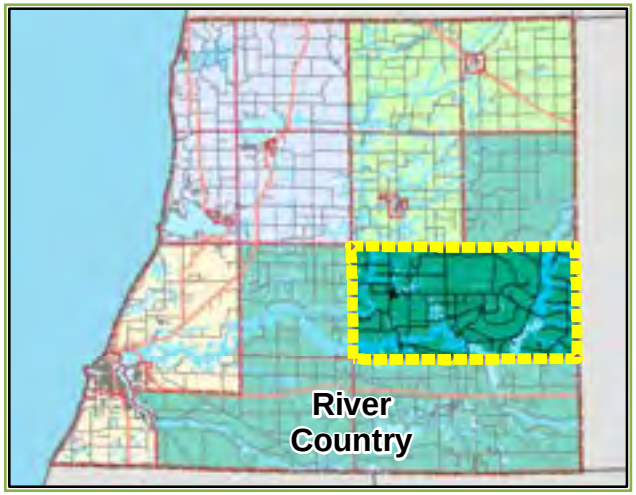
Dickson Township Manistee County MI lies within the boundaries of the Manistee National Forest. The famous Manistee River runs thru the eastern and southern portions plus Tippy Dam Pond the holder of the record Michigan Walleye makes the township a Michigan fishing and vacation destination. State and Federal recreational land makes up a large portion of the 71.6 square miles of land with 1.6 square miles made up of water. Numerous creeks and tributaries wind thru 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 all activities and information plus various festivals thru out the year.

Spring , summer, fall, or winter there is always something to enjoy and do in Dickson Township. A 2 hour drive from Grand Rapids and 4 1/2 hour drive from Chicago plus 1 hour from Traverse City and Cadillac. Once you visit Dickson Township you will come back to vacation or live.

River Country Region



3.4.14.2 Inventory Discussion:

Dickson Twp. 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 Twp. below Tippy Dam.

The Hodenpyle stretch of the Manistee River, that area between Hodenpyle Dam in Marilla Twp. and the backwaters of Tippy Dam in Dickson Twp., is an extraordinarily scenic stretch of river in Manistee County. Access at Red Bridge

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44	Tippy Dam South Access	Con	1	•	SU		L					3	•	•					•	•	•					•									•			
45	Tippy Dam Access	State	1	•	RP	•	H	•	•	•		3	•	•				•	•	•	•		•		•	•		•	•	•	•	•		W	•			
52	Highbridge Access	USFS	1	•	SU	•	L				•	3	•	•					•	•			•			•			•	•				W	•			
46	Tippy Pond Access	State	1		SU	•	M					3	•													•			•	•				W	•			
51	Suicide Bend Access	USFS	1		NRA		L				•	3		•												•									•			
85	Red Bridge Access	USFS	1		RP		M		•		•	3	•	•	•			•	•	•		•	•			•			•	•				W	•			
310	Spirit of the Woods Conservation Club	Private	1		NRA		H	•			•	3	•	•					•	•		•	•	•		•		•	•					L	•			

Table 3.15: Dickson Twp. Recreation Inventory Table

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 Hodenpyle Dam. This site is desired for increased universal accessibility.

Tippy Pond is a popular location with abundant rustic campsites. This water body is very popular during the summer months.

Dickson Twp. is crisscrossed with land trails in the form of the North Country Trail, a snowmobile trail system, and the Manistee River Trail along the Hodenpyle 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 which 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 desired.



Image 3.20: ADA Accessible Fishing Pier Tippy Dam Access

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48	Blacksmith Bayou Access	USFS	2		RP	•	L				•	2	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•			•			•	•				•				
49	Tippy Dam Campground	State	2		RP	•	L					3	•		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•			•									•				
50	Sawdust Hole Access	USFS	2		NRA	•	L				•	3	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•			•									•				
54	Manikiwa Park Recreation Area	DIC	2		RP		L					2	•						•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•		•				•	•	•	•		•
61	Peterson Creek Rd Access-MR	MCRC	2		RDSU		L				•	1			•							•				•													
86	Upper River Rd North Country Trail T.H.	USFS	2		PT		L				•	2	•																					L	•			
47	Tunk Hole Access	USFS	3		NRA		L				•	3	•	•					•	•						•									•				
53	Dickson Twp. Park	DIC	3		CP		M					3	•				•	•	•	•	•		•	•									•			•	•	•
55	Dickson Twp. Hall	DIC	3		SU		M			•		2	•					•	•																			
56	Upper Manistee River Rustic Campsite	USFS	3		SU		L				•	1	•		•							•				•									•				
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60	Upper Manistee River Rustic Campsite	USFS	3		SU		L				•	0	•		•							•				•									•				
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66	Upper Manistee River Rustic Campsite	USFS	3		SU		L				•	1	•		•							•				•									•				

Table 3.15: Dickson Twp. Recreation Inventory Table



Image 3.21: Upper River Road NCT Trailhead



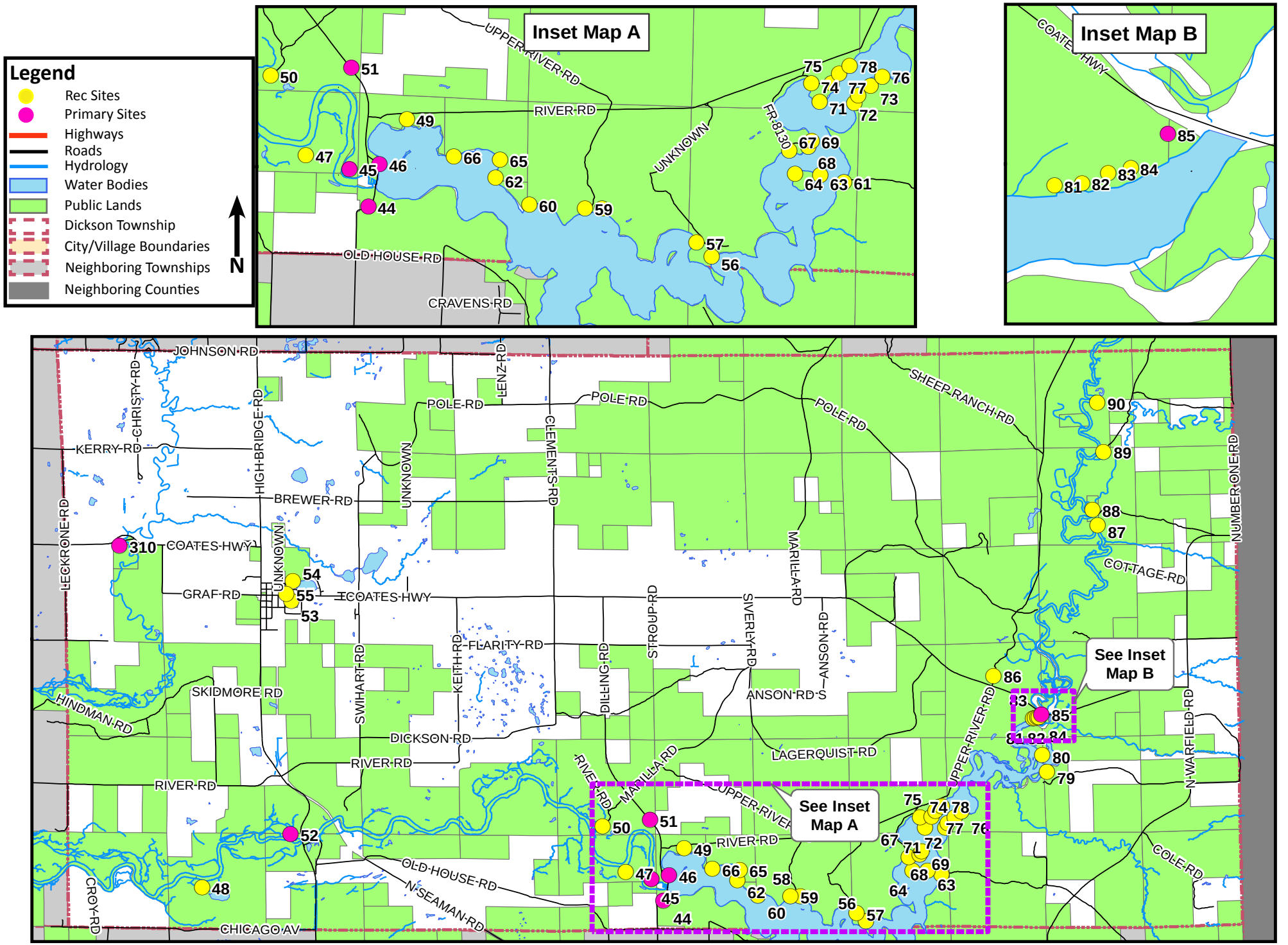
Image 3.22: Red Bridge Manistee River/Tippy Pond Backwater Access

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67	Upper Manistee River Rustic Campsite	USFS	3		SU		L				•	1	•		•	•			•	•		•	•			•			•	•					•			
68	Government Landing Camping & Access	USFS	3		RP		L				•	2	•		•	•			•	•		•	•			•			•	•				W	•			
69	Upper Manistee River Rustic Campsite	USFS	3		SU		L				•	1	•		•	•			•	•		•	•			•			•	•					•			
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75	Upper Manistee River Rustic Campsite	USFS	3		SU		L				•	1	•		•							•				•									•			
76	Upper Manistee River Rustic Campsite	USFS	3		SU		L				•	0	•		•							•				•									•			
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79	Upper Manistee River Rustic Campsite	USFS	3		SU		L				•	0	•		•							•				•									•			
80	Upper Manistee River Rustic Campsite	USFS	3		SU		L				•	0	•		•							•				•									•			
81	Upper Manistee River Rustic Campsite	USFS	3		SU		L				•	1	•	•	•			•	•	•		•	•			•			•	•					•			
82	Upper Manistee River Rustic Campsite	USFS	3		SU		L				•	1	•	•	•			•		•		•	•			•			•	•					•			
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87	Upper Manistee River Rustic Campsite	USFS	3		SU		L				•	0	•		•							•				•									•			
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89	Upper Manistee River Rustic Campsite	USFS	3		SU		L				•	0	•		•							•				•									•			
90	Upper Manistee River Rustic Campsite	USFS	3		SU		L				•	0	•		•							•				•									•			

Table 3.15: Dickson Twp. Recreation Inventory Table

Dickson Township Inventory Map

Map 3.16: Dickson Twp. Recreation Inventory Map



3.4.15 Stronach Township

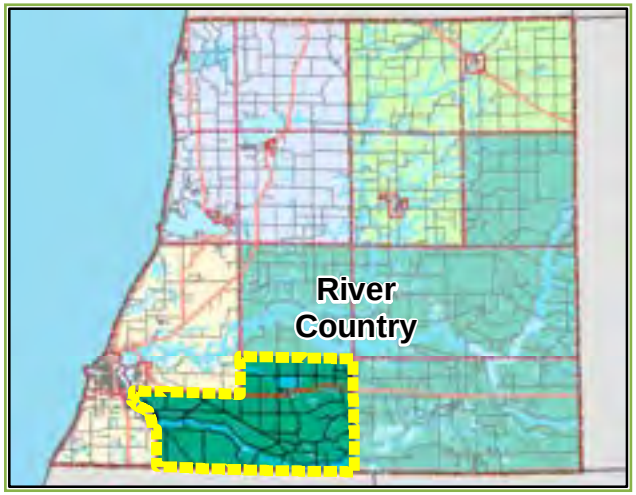
3.4.15.1 Community Description:

Stronach Township is an organized township located within south-central Manistee County, where it borders Mason County. Stronach Township 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 Township 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 which is located to the west. At this time, Stronach Township contained the land area that is currently contained within its jurisdictional boundaries.

Stronach Township has a population of 821 as of the 2010 US Census. There are slightly more males in the total population at 51%, but the total population of males decreased 3.2% from 2000 to 2010, while the female population increased 8.4%. The median age of the total population has increased from 42.0 years of age to 50.4 years of age from the 2000 to 2010 census.

River Country Region



3.4.15.2 Inventory Discussion:

Stronach Township is home to the segment of the Little Manistee River which passes through Manistee County before entering Manistee Lake. The river is arguably 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.

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287	Big M Trailhead	USFS	1	•	RP	•	M			•	3	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•							•		L	•			
291	Udell North Country Trail Trailhead	USFS	1	•	PT		L			•	2	•	•	•		•	•	•	•		•		•								L	•			
289	Claybank Park	STR	1		CP		M			•	2	•				•	•	•	•		•		•						•			•			•
290	Marzinkski Horse Trail & Campground	USFS	1		SU	•	L			•	3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•		•								L	•			
293	Stronach Twp Hall & Community Center	STR	1		SU		M		•		3	•				•	•																		
294	Stronach Twp Park	STR	1		NP		M		•		3	•				•	•	•	•		•	•	•							•			•		
305	Little Manistee River Weir Facility	State	1		SU		H	•	•		3	•	•	•			•	•			•			•		•					•	W	•			

Table 3.16: Stronach Twp. Recreation Inventory Table

Big M Trail System located within the Udell Hills is a world class mountain biking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing trail system. This large localized trail system is augmented by the linear North Country Trail which transacts the Township and provides connections to Norman and Dickson Twp. 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 systems offers horseback riding routes which wind through USFS lands.

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 Twp. and the City of Manistee to the west should remain a priority.



Image 3.23: Steelhead Ascending Little Manistee Weir



Image 3.24: Marzinski Trailhead USFS Signage

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281	9 Mile Bridge	State	2		SU		L			•	2	•												•		•		•			W	•			
288	Udell Fire Tower	USFS	2		NRA		L			•	2	•	•																			•			
292	Stronach Rd. River Access	STR	2		NRA		L				1													•		•					W	•			
295	Lower Manistee Lake Boat Launch	State	2		SU		H	•			3	•	•				•	•			•			•	•	•	•				W	•			
299	6 Mile Bridge Canoe Launch	USFS	2		SU		L			•	0	•	•											•		•		•			W	•			
308	Old Stronach Rd. River Access	USFS	2		NRA		L			•	2	•	•								•		•	•		•					W	•			
309	Steinberg Trailhead	USFS	2		PT		L			•	2	•	•				•	•			•		•								L	•			

Table 3.16: Stronach Twp. Recreation Inventory Table



Image 3.25: 6 Mile Bridge Access on Little Manistee River



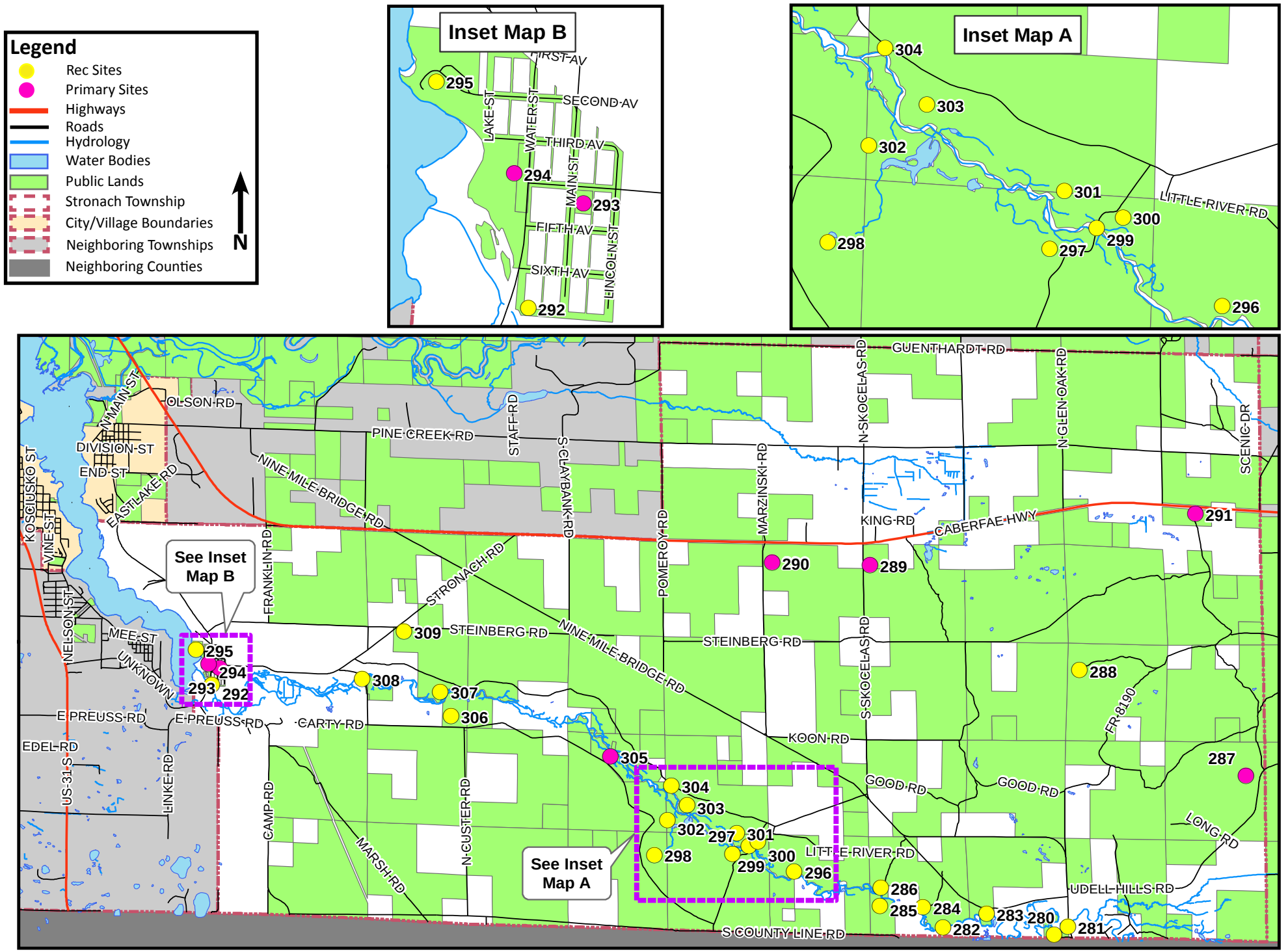
Image 3.26: Big M Trail System Entrance Signage

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280	9 Mile South	USFS	3		NRA		L			•	2	•		•										•								•		
282	Elm Flats	USFS	3		NRA		L			•	3	•		•							•			•								•		
283	Hopper Junction	USFS	3		NRA		L			•	1	•		•										•								•		
284	Nancy's Bluff	USFS	3		NRA		L			•	1	•												•								•		
285	Bowman Farm	USFS	3		NRA		L			•	2	•		•										•								•		
286	9 Mile	USFS	3		NRA		L			•	2	•		•										•								•		
296	Gravel Pits	USFS	3		NRA		L			•	2	•		•								•		•								•		
297	6 Mile South	USFS	3		NRA		L			•	2	•												•								•		
298	Brocki Cabin	USFS	3		NRA		L			•	2	•												•								•		
300	6 Mile Bridge East	USFS	3		NRA		L			•	2	•												•								•		
301	6 Mile Bridge West	USFS	3		NRA		L			•	1	•												•								•		
302	Linkes Pond	USFS	3		NRA		L			•	2	•												•								•		
303	North Lodge	USFS	3		NRA		L			•	2	•		•										•								•		
304	Chicago Boy Rollway	USFS	3		NRA		L			•	1	•		•										•								•		
306	Kennedy Farm	USFS	3		NRA		L			•	2	•												•								•		
307	River Overlook	USFS	3		NRA		L			•	1	•												•								•		

Table 3.16: Stronach Twp. Recreation Inventory Table

Stronach Township Inventory Map

Map 3.17: Stronach Twp. Recreation Inventory Map



3.4.16 Norman Township

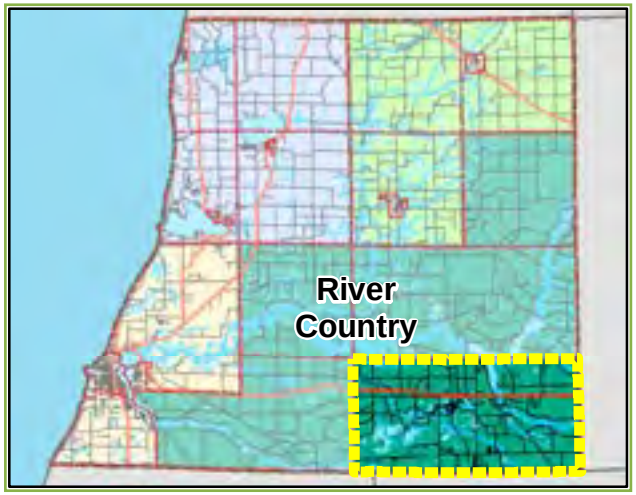
3.4.16.1 Community Description:

Norman Township is rural and rich in natural beauty, with extensive natural resources including: national forestlands; hundreds of miles of inland lake, river and streams; diverse wildlife habitat; forested hills and 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 Township's population for the year 2010 was 1,561, as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau. Norman Township experienced a 7.0% population decline over the past decade. Seasonal residents, visitors to private home and rental cottages and day tourists importantly 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 corners of M-55 and Seaman Rd. is likely the busiest area within the Township. 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 areas fishing interests.

River Country Region



3.4.16.2 Inventory Discussion:

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 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.

The Township operates a public access on the south arm of Tippy Pond in the

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179	Low Bridge Canoe Landing	USFS	1	•	RP	•	M	•		•	3	•	•				•	•	•			•			•			•			W	•				
186	Cooley Bridge State Roadside Park	State	1	•	SU		H			•	3	•	•			•	•	•		•		•		•	•						•					
177	Arboretum Trailhead	USFS	1		NRA		L			•	1														•						L	•				
182	Fishing Dock	NOR	1		SU		L				2	•								•			•	•	•		•									
188	Nor. Twp Tippy Pond Boat Launch	Con	1		RP		L		•		3	•	•				•	•		•	•	•			•			•	•		W	•				

Table 3.17: Norman Twp. Recreation Inventory Table

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.

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.



Image 3.27: Pine River

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176	Dorner Lake Recreation Area	USFS	2		NRA		L				3	•	•												•			•	•							
184	Sand Lake Recreation Area	USFS	2		NRA	•	M				3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•		•	•		•	•			•				
175	Pine Lake Recreation Area	USFS	3		NRA	•	L				3	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•			•			•	•			•				
178	Crystal Lake Park	NOR	3		NP		L		•		3	•					•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•			•		•				•		•
180	Crystal Lake Beach	NOR	3		SU		L		•		3	•				•	•		•	•		•		•	•	•	•	•				•		•		
181	Chittenden Classroom & Kitchen	USFS	3		SU		M		•		3	•	•			•	•		•	•		•		•	•	•	•	•				•				
183	Norman Township Hall	NOR	3		SU		M		•		3	•				•	•																			
185	Wellston Elementary School	School	3		NP		L				3	•					•		•	•		•										•	•			•
187	Upper Man. River Rustic Campsite	USFS	3		SU		L			•	0	•		•							•				•							•				
189	Moss Rd Access-MR	MCRC	3		RDSU		L			•	1														•											
190	Upper Man. River Rustic Campsite	USFS	3		SU		L			•	0	•		•							•				•							•				
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Table 3.17: Norman Twp. Recreation Inventory Table



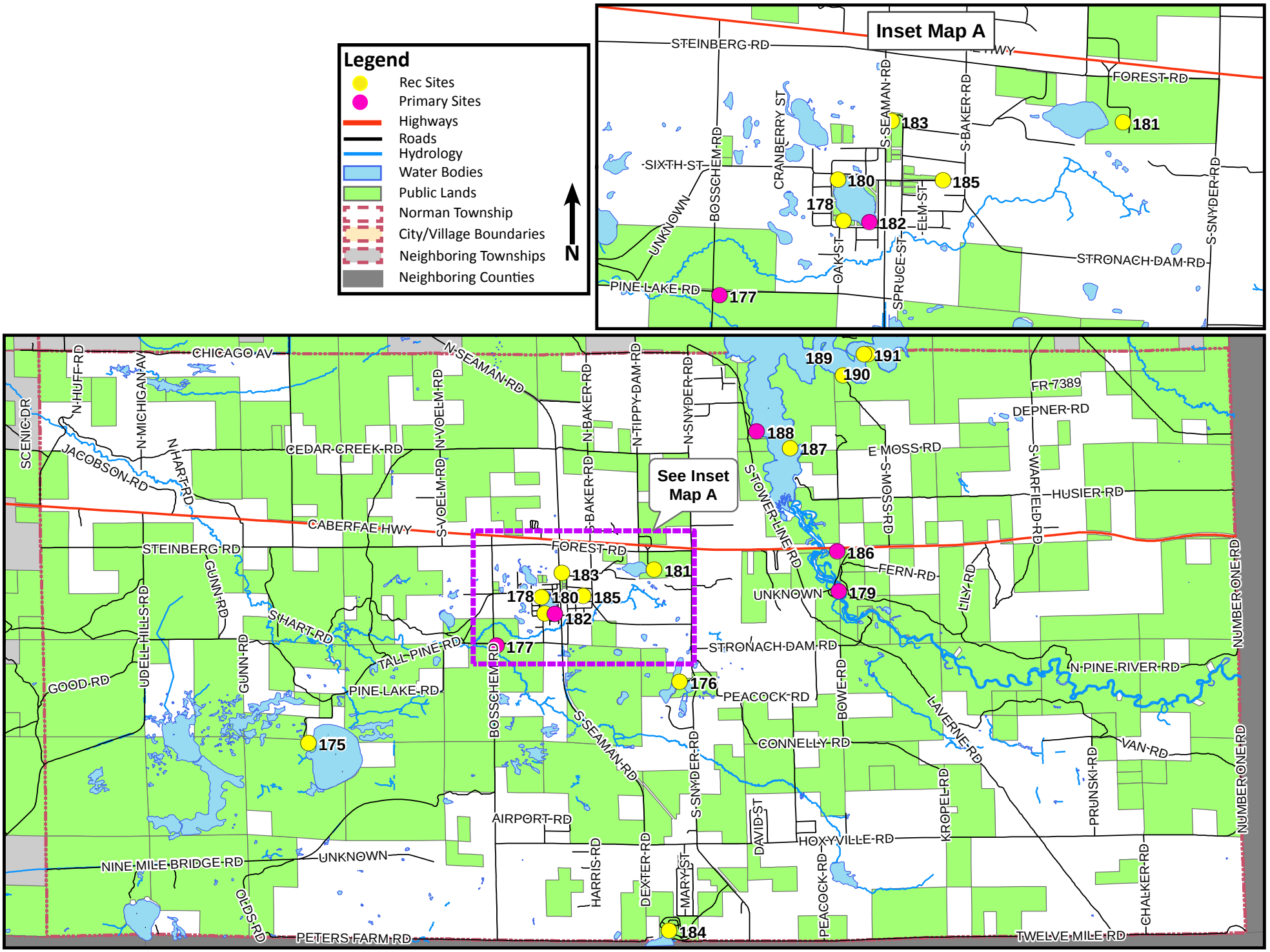
Image 3.28: Pine River Brown Trout



Image 3.29: Low Bridge River Access Signage

Norman Township Inventory Map

Map 3.18: Norman Twp. Recreation Inventory Map



3.4.17 Manistee Township

3.4.17.1 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. Access to the Township is via US 31, M-55 and M-22. The Townships is home to the County's largest employer, the The Little River Casino Resort, Oaks Correctional Facility, West Shore Hospital, Elmers and Meijer.

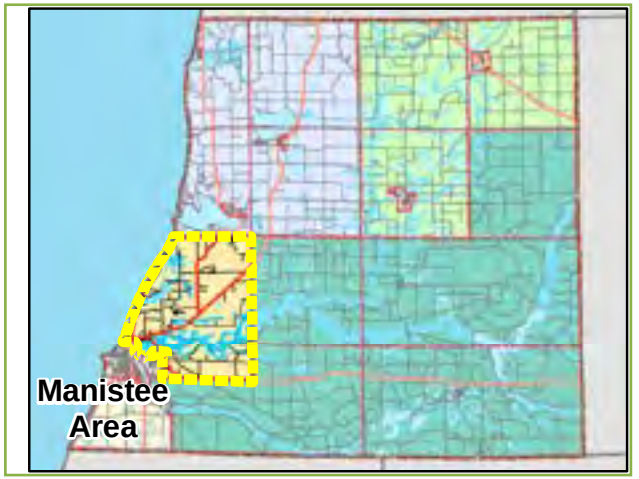
County facilities in the Township include, Manistee-Blacker Airport, County Sheriff's Department and Jail, West Shore Medical Center and the County Medical Care Facility. Other employment opportunities exist in the township's urban area including an industrial renaissance zone, and small businesses. In rural areas of the Township 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.

Land ownership includes the City, County, Tribal, State and Federal public lands in addition to private land ownership. Recreational opportunities abound with the natural resources of Lake Michigan and the Big Manistee River.

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. The Township is welcoming to new businesses and residents.

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3.4.17.2 Inventory Discussion:

Manistee Township has abundant natural resources with which to focus resource based recreational activities. 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. Manistee Twp. has access to the Manistee River through several road ends, but lacks a properly developed safe access to the river. The M-55 Hole, a location utilized by residents for fishing the Manistee,

Recreation Site Map ID #	Site Name	Ownership	Municipality Priority Ranking	County-wide Primary	Park Type	Fee Site	ADA Access (Low, Mod., High)	Explore the Shores Site	Explore the Shore Nominee	Lighting	Dark Sky Candidate	Parking Availability	Signage Directional	Signage Educational	Camping	RV Compatible (Camping)	Utilities/Hook-Ups (Camping)	Potable Water	Restrooms (Flush Toilets)	Portable Toilet	Shower Facility	Garbage Receptacle	Fire Pit	Picnic Table	Benches	Grill	Bike Rack	Water Access	Beach	Canoe/Kayak Access	Boat Launch	Picnic Shelter	Viewing Platform	Trailhead (Water, Land)	Trails (Off Pavement)	Bike Lane (Road Shoulder)	Playground Equipment	Baseball Field	Tennis Court	Volley Ball	Basketball Court
143	M-55 Man. River Wildlife Platform	State	1	•	NRA		L		•			•																				•							
149	Orchard Beach State Park	State	1	•	RP	•	L			•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•		•					•				•	•	•		•
148	Manistee Twp Park at the Twp Hall	MAN	1		MP		L					•										•		•	•											•		•		•
150	Beech-Hemlock Nature Trailhead	State	1		PT		L				•	•		•													•							L	•						
151	Bar Lake Outlet Beach	MAN	1		NRA		H	•		•	•	•		•						•					•		•	•	•			•		W	•						
311	M-55 Hole	State	1		SU		L					0															•														

Table 3.18: Manistee Twp. Recreation Inventory Table

immediately upstream of the M-55 bridge. This site, which is informal in nature and is completely undeveloped is sought after for improved access to the river. Ultimately a boat launch and universal accessibility improvements at this site could open up the lower river to increased access through a well designed boat launch, and accessible fishing pier.

Manistee Twp. contains the only off-road, large width paved non-motorized pathway in Manistee County. This pathway located between Lakeshore Dr. and Hill road is popular and 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 lies at a cross-roads where the potential to route pathways to various neighboring communities is a reality. The Manistee Marsh, managed by the DNR has potential for connecting trail routes and discussions with the DNR should continue regarding trail route development.



Image 3.30: Bar Lake Outlet

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142	Manistee Non-motorized Trail Park	CITY	2		PT		L				•	•																					L	•						
145	Bridge St Access-MR	MCRC	2		RDSU		L					0															•	•	•				W							
147	Zimmerman Lane Trailhead	MCRC	2		PT		H				•	•		•																			L	•	•					
154	Cottonwood Ave Access-BA	MCRC	2		RDSU		L					0															•	•	•											
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152	Maplewood Ave Access-BA	MCRC	3		RDSU		L				•	0															•	•	•											
153	Balsam Ave Access-BA	MCRC	3		RDSU		L					0															•	•	•											
155	Bar Lake Unimproved Boat Launch	MCRC	3		SU		L					•							•			•					•	•	•	•										
156	Poplar Rd Access-MI	MCRC	3		RDSU		L				•	0															•	•	•											
157	Birch PL Access-MI	MCRC	3		RDSU		L				•	0															•	•	•											
312	Newland School	MCRC	3		SU		L			•		1						•	•					•																

Table 3.18: Manistee Twp. Recreation Inventory Table



Image 3.31: Manistee Marsh Bird Watching Tower



Image 3.32: Zimmerman Trail

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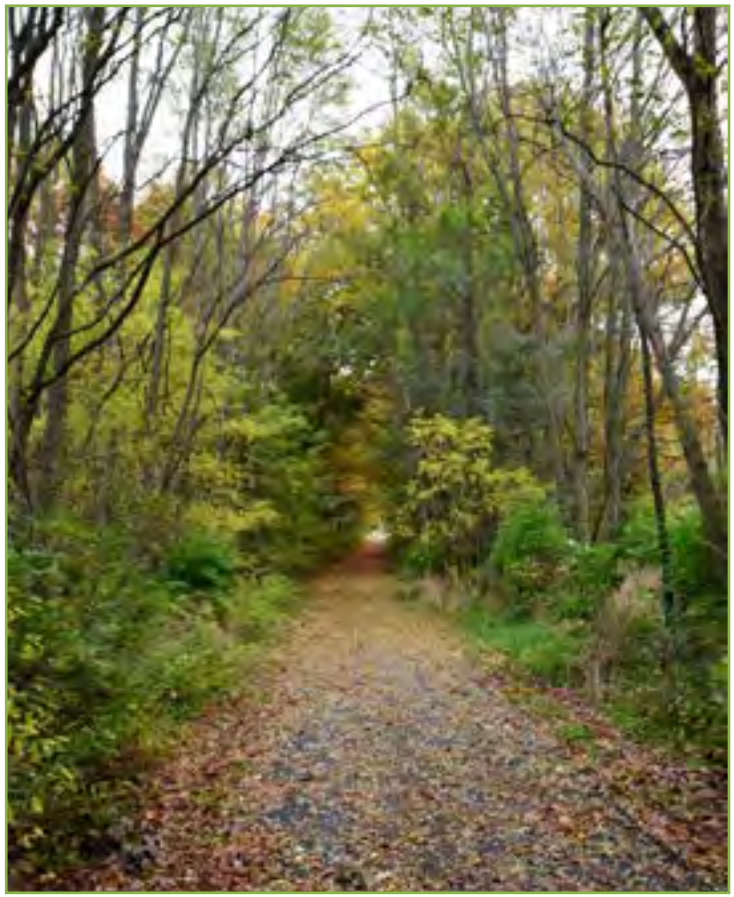
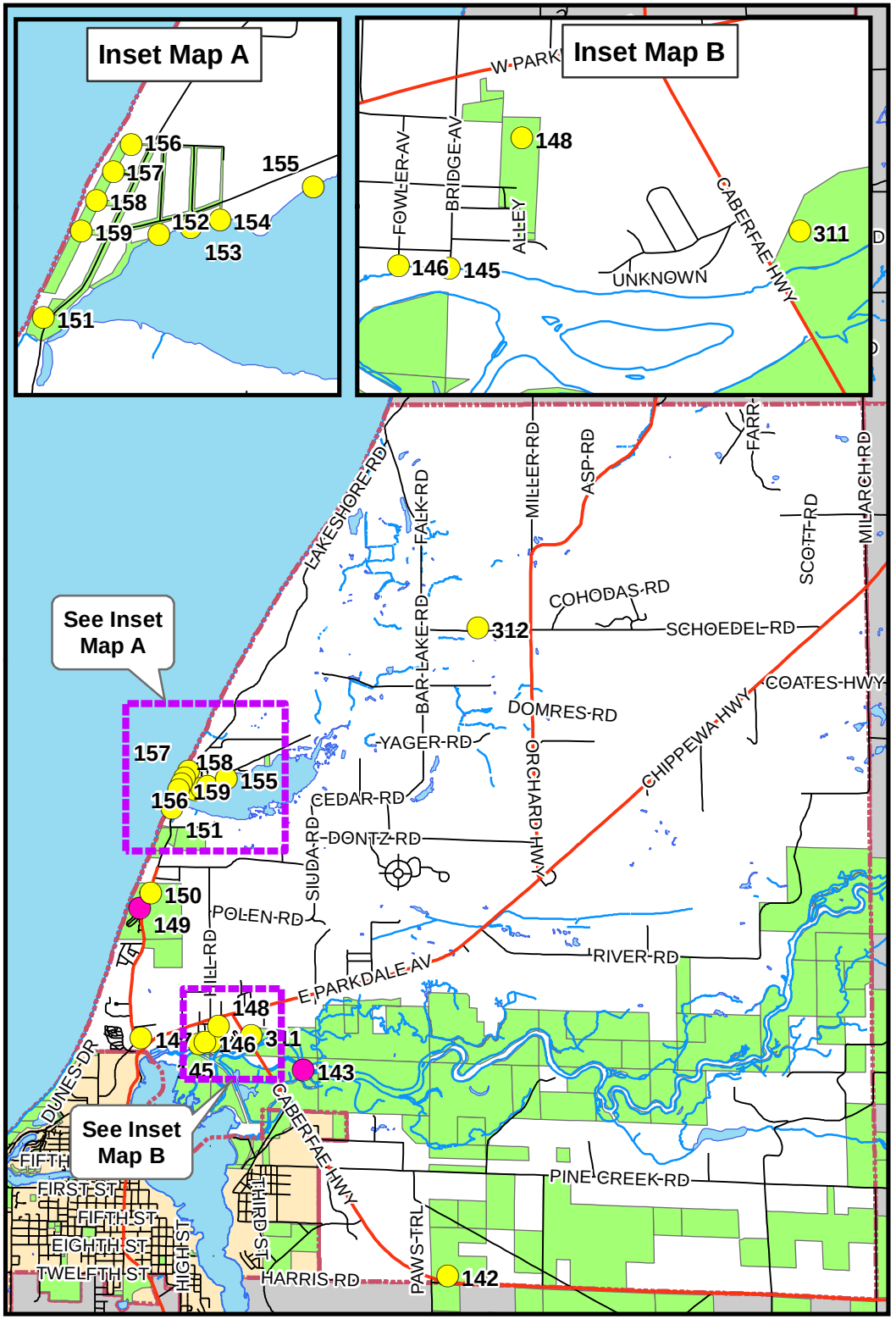


Image 3.33: Zimmerman Trail



Map 3.19: Manistee Twp. Recreation Inventory Map

3.4.18 Eastlake Village

3.4.18.1 Community Description:

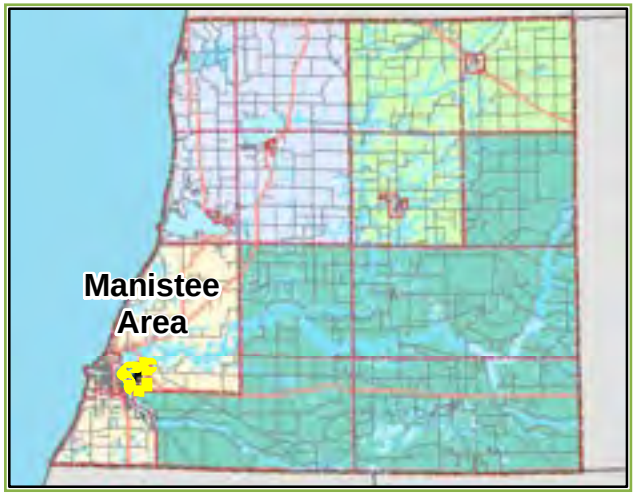
Eastlake is defined in part by its setting along the lakeshore and by the natural resources that surround it, as well as its proximity to the City of Manistee and the surrounding region. This regional context and access to natural resources have been the drivers for much of the Village's development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

The rural character and access to water, forest, and other natural resources has been the region's greatest economic driver. Many communities— Eastlake among them—were built up around the lumber industry, or served as major hubs for water-based or rail-based transportation. Eastlake had its beginnings in the logging boom of the nineteenth century, with the construction of a sawmill on the shore of Manistee Lake in 1870. The Village later became a stop on the Pere Marquette Railroad, which supported the logging industry and contributed to the growth of the Village, which was incorporated in 1912.

The area's history as a thriving industrial center and commercial port has resulted in a fairly stable population base in Manistee County, when compared to the rapid growth witnessed in other parts of the region. Between 1920 and 2010, the population in many parts of the region has more than doubled. Manistee County's population, on the other hand, has increased by about 18% during that time period.

In large measure as a result of the decline of 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

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of Eastlake residents dropped to 675 by 1920. Since that time, the population has fluctuated, with a low of 376 in 1950. The 2010 population of Eastlake was 512—a 16% increase from 2000, likely reflecting the construction of new dwelling units in the Village over that time period.

3.4.18.2 Inventory Discussion:

Eastlake Village rests along the shores of Manistee Lake, and abuts the Manistee State Game Area. The Village has neighborhood parks as well as containing a larger regional park on Manistee Lake, Penny Park. Penny Park is 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 with increased universal accessibility. The park is a popular destination for those seeking to recreate on Manistee Lake or the Manistee River.

Recreation Site Map ID #	Site Name	Ownership	Municipality Priority Ranking	County-wide Primary	Park Type	Fee Site	ADA Access (Low, Mod., High)	Explore the Shores Site	Lighting	Parking Availability	Signage Directional	Camping	RV Compatible (Camping)	Utilities/Hook-Ups (Camping)	Potable Water	Restrooms (Flush Toilets)	Outhouse (Pit Vault)	Shower Facility	Garbage Receptacle	Fire Pit	Picnic Table	Benches	Grill	Water Access	Canoe/Kayak Access	Boat Launch	Fish Cleaning Station	Picnic Shelter	Trailhead (Water, Land)	Trails (Off Pavement)	Playground Equipment	Baseball Field	Basketball Court
94	Penny Park	ELV	1	•	CP	•	H	•	•	3	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	W			
91	East Lake Nature Trail	ELV	1		PT		L			2	•											•							•	L				
93	Johnson Field	ELV	2		MP		L			3						•	•					•									•	•	•
92	East Lake Playground	ELV	3		MP		L			1	•										•										•		
95	East Lake Vil. Hall	ELV	3		SU		M		•	2	•																						

Table 3.19: Eastlake Vil. Recreation Inventory Table

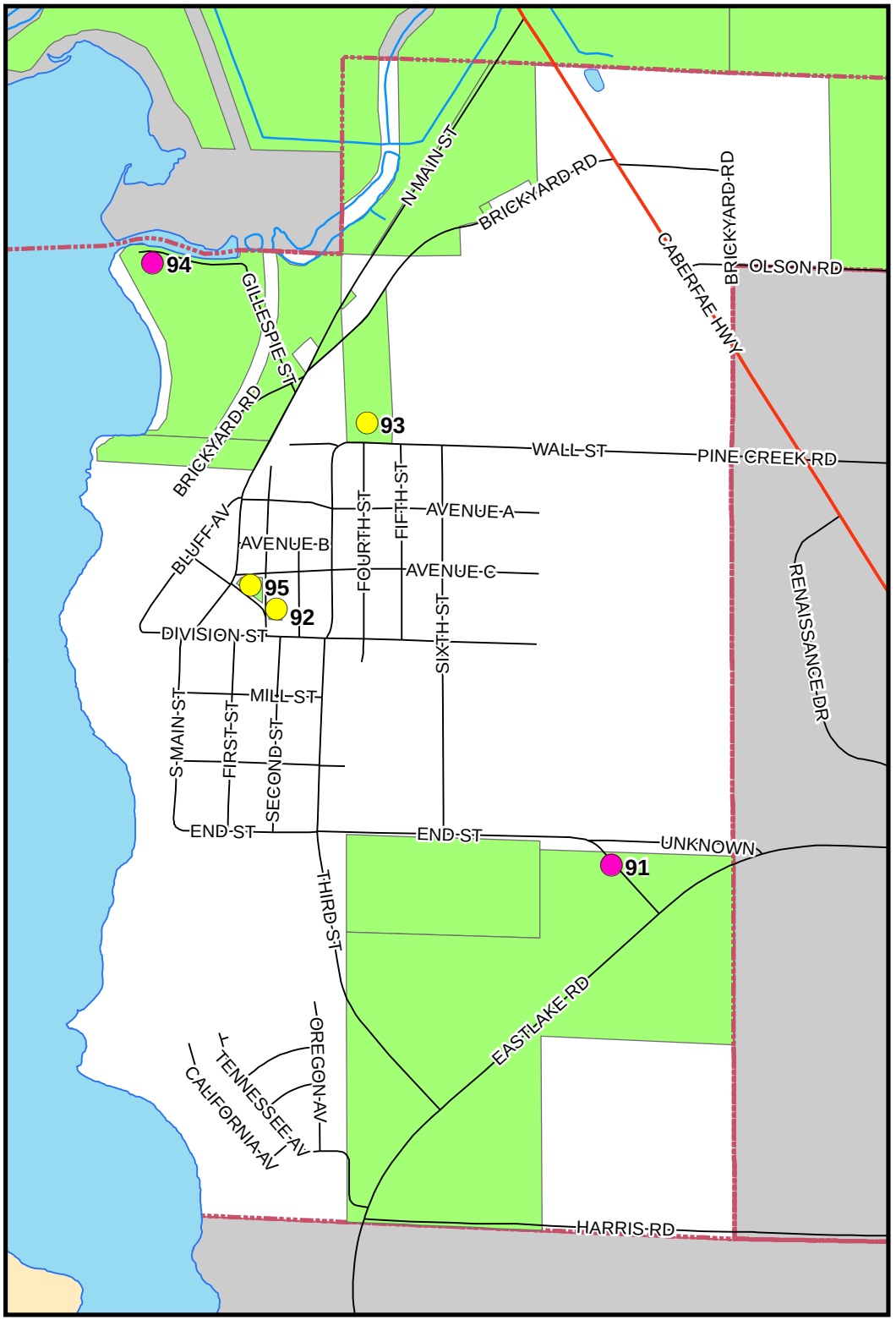
Eastlake Village Inventory Map

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

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



Image 3.34: Penny Park



Map 3.20: Eastlake Vil. Recreation Inventory Map

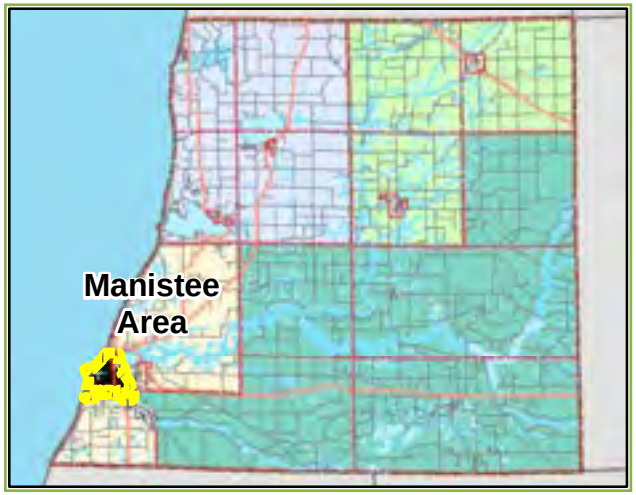
3.4.19 City of Manistee

3.4.19.1 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. 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.

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3.4.19.2 Inventory Discussion:

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.

Recreation Site Map ID #	Site Name	Ownership	Municipality Priority Ranking	County-wide Primary	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)	Portable Toilet	Shower Facility	Garbage Receptacle	Picnic Table	Benches	Grill	Bike Rack	Emergency Phone	Water Access	Beach	Pier/Fishing Platform	Canoe/Kayak Access	Boat Launch	Boat Parking	Fish Cleaning Station	Picnic Shelter	Beach House	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
119	Douglas Rec Area/1st St Beach	CITY	1	•	CP	•	H	•	•		•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	W		•	•	•	•	•	•				
128	River walk East Entrance	CITY	1	•	PT		H		•		•		•		•				•	•	•	•	•														L	•											
130	Fifth Ave Beach	CITY	1	•	CP		H	•	•		•	•	•		•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•	•				W			•		•	•	•					
114	Sands Park	CITY	1		NP		L		•		•		•			•			•		•		•																	•	•		•	•				•	•	
118	MHS/MMS/Paine Aquatic Cen.	School	1		SU	•	L		•		•	•	•		•	•			•	•	•		•																	•	•			•	•					
131	Duffy Park	CITY	1		NP		L				•	•			•	•			•		•		•								•									•	•			•	•					

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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.



Image 3.35: Pier Fishing, 5th Ave. Beach

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113	Mack Park	CITY	2		NP		M				•				•		•		•	•			•																	•	•		•	•						
115	Kennedy School Gym	School	2		SU																																														
120	Jefferson School Gym	School	2		SU																																														
121	Centennial Track	School	2		SU																																														
124	Ninth St Boat Launch	CITY	2		SU		L		•		•		•				•		•						•			•	•	•							W													
125	Morton Park	Morton	2		MP		L						•						•	•			•																	•				•						
129	Red Szymarek Park	CITY	2		NP		L				•						•		•	•			•												•					•									•
132	Man Made Lake	CITY	2		NP		L				•	•	•				•		•				•		•			•																					
133	Arthur St Boat Launch	CITY	2		SU		H		•		•	•	•		•	•			•				•		•		•	•	•	•						•	W												
134	North Beach Access Park	CITY	2		MP		L			•	•						•		•		•		•		•	•								•	•	•													
135	Art Park	CITY	2		MP																																													
136	Visitors Bureau	M.C.	2		SU				•		•				•	•																																	
137	Manistee City Hall	CITY	2		SU				•		•	•		•		•							•																										
138	Manistee Public Library	M.C.	2		SU				•		•				•	•							•																										
141	Hamlin Field	CITY	2		NP		L				•	•			•		•		•																							•							

Table 3.20: City of Manistee Recreation Inventory Table



Image 3.36: Charter Boat Returning, Tight Lines for Troops Tournament



Image 3.37: First Street Beach

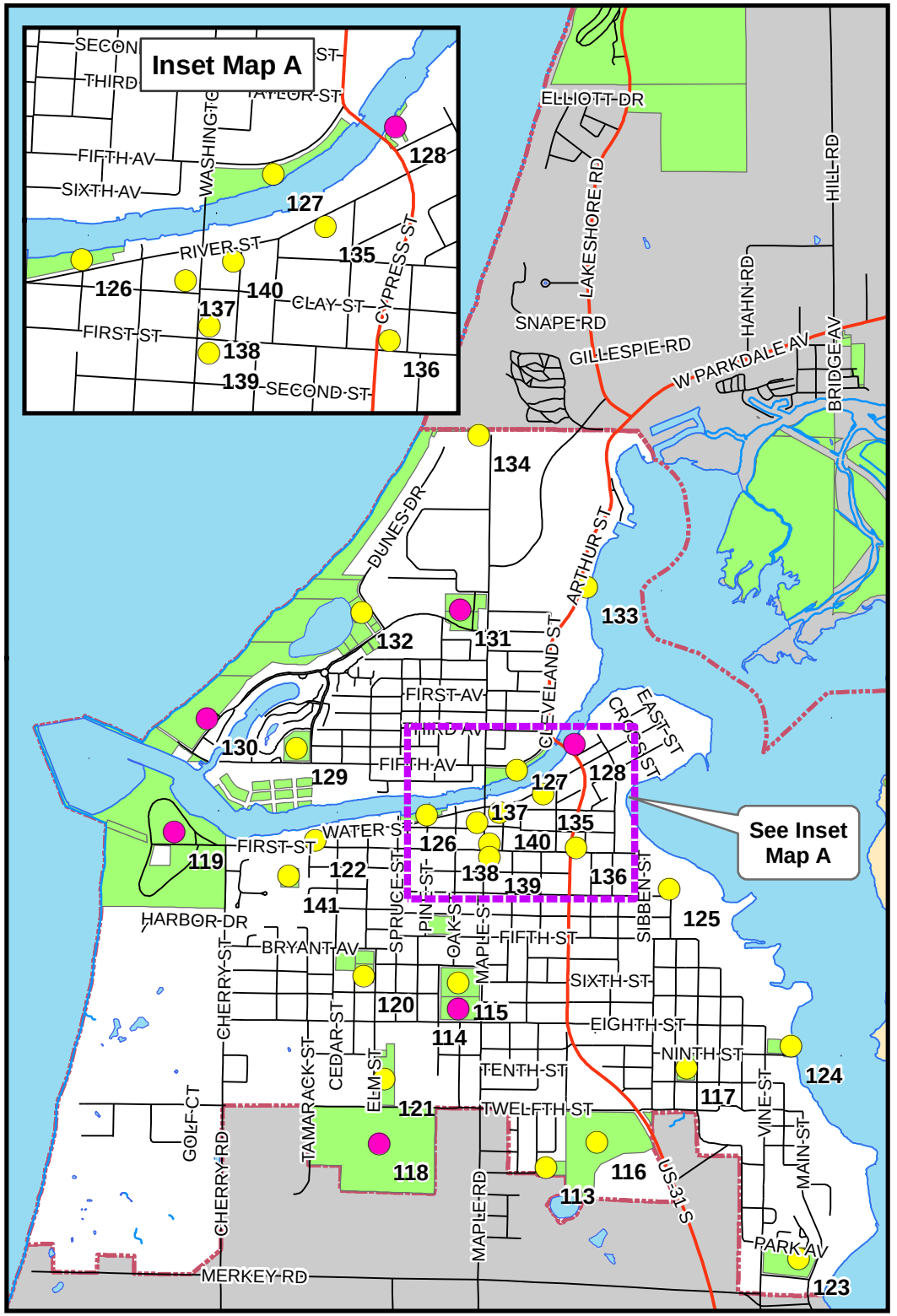
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SU	MCC Playground/Gym	School	3		NP																																							•					
117	Maxwelltown Comm. Park	CASMAN	3		NP						•	•				•			•	•	•		•									•								•									
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127	North River walk/Mem. Park	CITY	3		PT		L		•		•	•	•		•				•	•	•		•				•						•			•	L	•										
139	Ramsdell Theatre	CITY	3		SU				•			•				•																																
140	Vogue Theatre	CITY	3		SU				•			•				•																																

Table 3.20: City of Manistee Recreation Inventory Table

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Image 3.38: Victorian Sleigh Bell Parade



Map 3.21: City of Manistee Recreation Inventory Map

3.4.20 Charter Township of Filer

3.4.20.1 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.

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. Nearby Sundling Park provides a 66 foot easement to a pristine swimming beach on Lake Michigan.

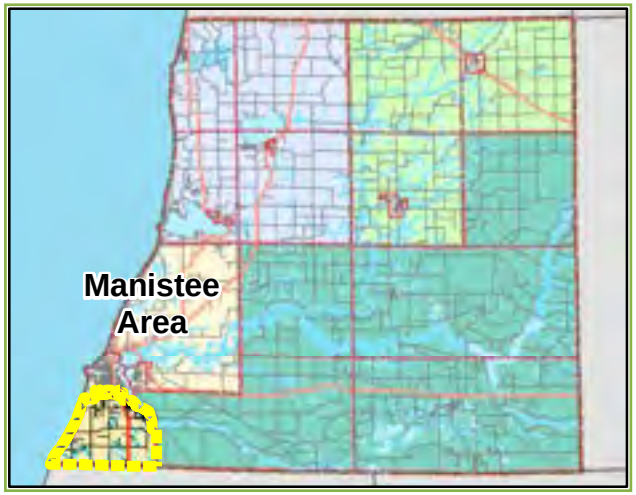
Two small parks located in the Oak Hill and Filer City neighborhoods offer playground equipment. Our Recreation Center is used for exercise classes and community meetings. It can also be rented for family reunions, wedding receptions, parties and other activities.

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 her adjacent neighbors.

The US-31 Commercial Corridor has many businesses offering a variety of retail, banking, medical services and leisure activities to the community.

Our Lakefront Industrial Area has been able to adapt to the changing economy, improve its environmental footprint, while employing hundreds of residents in secure and well-paid positions

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3.4.20.2 Inventory Discussion:

Filer Township rests between Lake Michigan and the southern arm of Manistee Lake. The Township provides access to Lake Michigan through two recreation

Recreation Site Map ID #	Site Name	Ownership	Municipality Priority Ranking	County-wide Primary	Park Type	Fee Site	ADA Access (Low, Mod., High)	Explore the Shore Nominee	Lighting	Dark Sky Candidate	Parking Availability	Signage Directional	Signage Educational	Potable Water	Restrooms (Flush Toilets)	Outhouse (Pit Vault)	Garbage Receptacle	Picnic Table	Benches	Grill	Water Access	Beach	Canoe/Kayak Access	Boat Launch	Picnic Shelter	Band shell	Pet Waste Disposal Station	Trailhead (Water, LaNd)	Trails (Off Pavement)	Bike Lane (Road Shoulder)	Playground Equipment	Tennis Court	Basketball Court
96	Magoon Creek Natural Area	FIL	1	•	RP		L	•		•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•		L	•				
100	Sundling Park	FIL	2		SU		L			•	•		•				•	•	•		•	•					•			•			
102	Oak Hill Park	FIL	2		CP		L		•		•						•	•	•	•											•	•	•
103	Filer Twp. Recreation Center	FIL	2		SU	•	M		•		•			•	•		•								•								
97	USFS Manistee Administration Office	USFS	3		SU		M		•		•		•	•	•		•								•								
98	Merkey Rd Access-MI	MCRC	3		RDSU		L		•		•																						
99	Filer Twp. Hall	FIL	3		SU		H		•		•			•	•		•													•			
101	Filer City Park	FIL	3		MP		L		•		0		•					•		•					•						•		•
104	Canfield Lake Boat Launch	State	3		SU		L			•	•	•									•		•	•									

Table 3.21: Filer Twp. Recreation Inventory Table

Charter Township of Filer Inventory Map

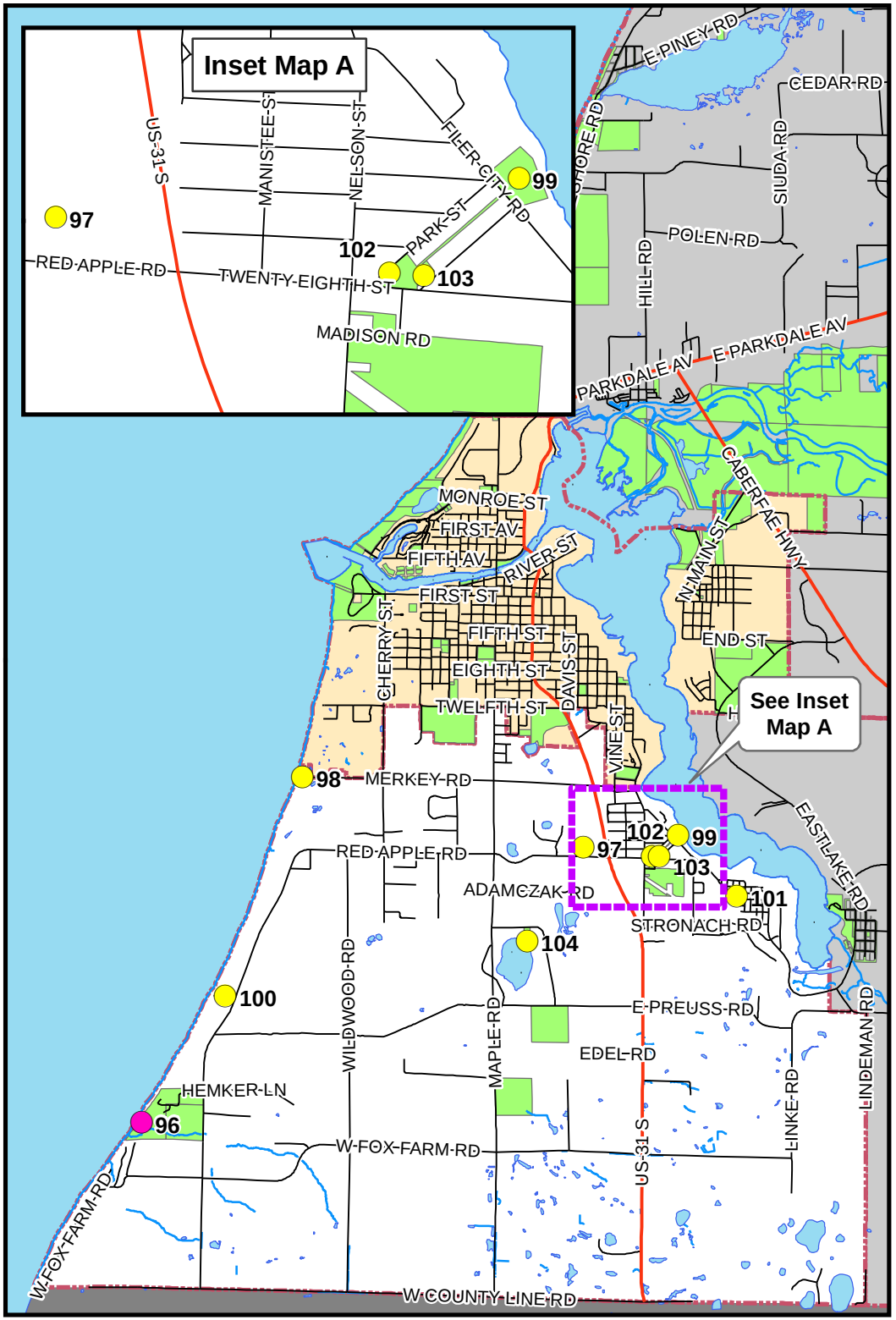
sites, Magoon Creek and Sundling Park. Magoon Creek is a primary site with various amenities such as restrooms, picnic areas and shelters. Beach access is had by following various trails to the water which wind through the park or by driving to the Beach Parking Lot and taking the short trail to the beach below the bluffs to 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 which extends north to the City of Manistee along Cherry St. Their is a desire to see further trail development and regional connections, with the possibility of snowmobile trail connections. These efforts are supported by the community and should remain a priority for future park and recreation improvements.



Image 3.39: Magoon Creek



Map 3.22: Filer Twp. Recreation Inventory Map

3.4.21 Manistee Area Public Schools

3.4.21.1 School Facilities Description:

The Manistee Area Public School System (MAPS) is integrally tied into the recreation system of the City of Manistee, surrounding townships and the County as a whole. Facilities within and adjacent to the City support both school sporting events, practices, fitness and intramural activities as well as serving the residents of the surrounding community who desire to recreate on the available facilities. A partial inventory of sites for the MAPS facilities is shared within the City of Manistee Recreation Site Inventory Tables and Maps. (See Table 3.19 and Map 3.21) A more complete list of facilities and facility assets is provided within this section.

Participation of MAPS as collaborators within the Planning Process was important in tieing the City of Manistee, Manistee and Filer Townships park and recreation planning efforts into a cohesive system. As a stakeholder within the process, detailed information concerning the desired direction with which the school system would like to take with current and future facilities is outlined in the Chapter 6 Description of the Public Input Process, (See Section 6.4) and Chapter 7 Goals and Projects.(See Section 7.21)



Image 3.40:MAPS Campus Exterior

3.4.21.2 School Sites and Properties Map Description:

The Manistee Area Public School facilities inventory and site map differs from the inventoried recreation site lists provided in the municipality inventories. The recreation site ID numbers within Table 3.21 & 3.22 as well as on Map 3.23 provides some duplication of information contained within the City of Manistee site inventory and site map, although more specific referenced site numbers with appended letters displays exact facility locations on the map of the school campus with detailed asset descriptions found within the two tables.

Manistee Area Public Schools Facilities Inventory

Site ID Number/ Facility Name	Recreational Building Components (Indoor)	Age
118-A Gymnasium	Multi-Purpose Arena with 1 main and 2 integrated hardwood Basketball /Volleyball courts. (1800 Seating Capacity w/ Restrooms, Locker Rooms, Training Room, Offices, and Concessions area.	12
118-B Indoor Walking Track Upper Deck	1/2 Mile Rubberized Walking Track	12
118-C Weight Room Workout Facility- Upper Deck	Multi-station /Free weights Exercise-Fitness Facility	12
118-D Exercise Area -Messinian Upper Deck	Open Multi-Purpose Exercise and 1200 sq Ft. Fitness Area	12
118-E Paine Aquatics Center Olympic Pool and Arena	8 lane Olympic size pool with diving venue (Restrooms, Locker Rooms, Classroom, Training Room and, Atrium) Warming-Therapeutic Pool (Physical Therapy Room and Office Space)	6
118-F MHS/MMS Commons	475 Capacity Multi-Purpose Events Venue	12
118-G MHS/MMS Auditorium	475 Capacity Multi-Purpose Events Venue	12

Table 3.22: MAPS Indoor Facility Recreation Inventory Table

Manistee High School Campus Inventory Map

Recreation Site # 118

Please refer to ID # and letter from tables 3.21 & 3.22 for map 3.23 letter reference.

Manistee Area Public Schools Facilities Inventory		
Site ID Number/ Facility Name	**Recreational Campus Components (Outdoor)**	**Age**
118-H Chippewa Field	Varsity Football / Soccer Athletic Complex (2500 Capacity Seating Venue w/ Restrooms, Concessions, and Supporting Structures)	12
118-I Chippewa Baseball Complex	Varsity Baseball Athletic Complex (300 Capacity Seating w/ additional capabilities, Restrooms and Concessions)	8
118-J Chippewa Softball Complex	Varsity Softball Athletic Complex (300 capacity Seating and Supporting Structures. Access to Restrooms and Concessions)	6
118-K 2 Chippewa Multi-Purpose Practice Fields	(300 capacity Seating and Supporting Structures. Access to Restrooms and Concessions)	12
118-L Centennial Track	**Not in use due to safety concerns Proposed site of new Community Track Project*	20

Table 3.23: MAPS Outdoor Facility Recreation Inventory Table



Image 3.41:MAPS High School Gym



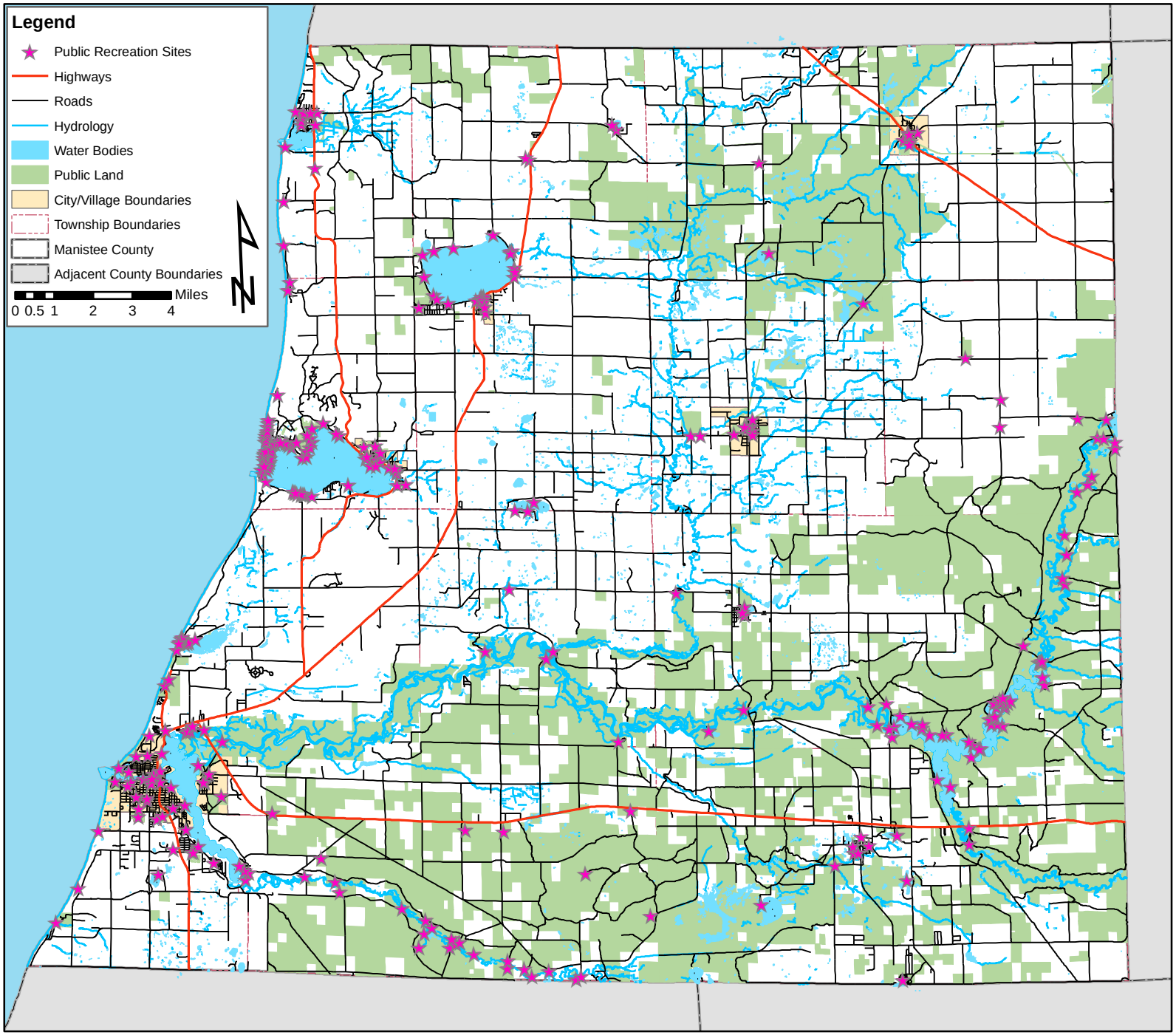
Map 3.23 MAPS Campus Recreation Inventory Map

3.5 County-Wide Recreation Feature Maps

County-wide recreation site locations which are important for specific recreation activities or for the regional planning of recreation assets or locations, are identified within this section of the plan.

3.5.1 Manistee County Public Recreation Sites

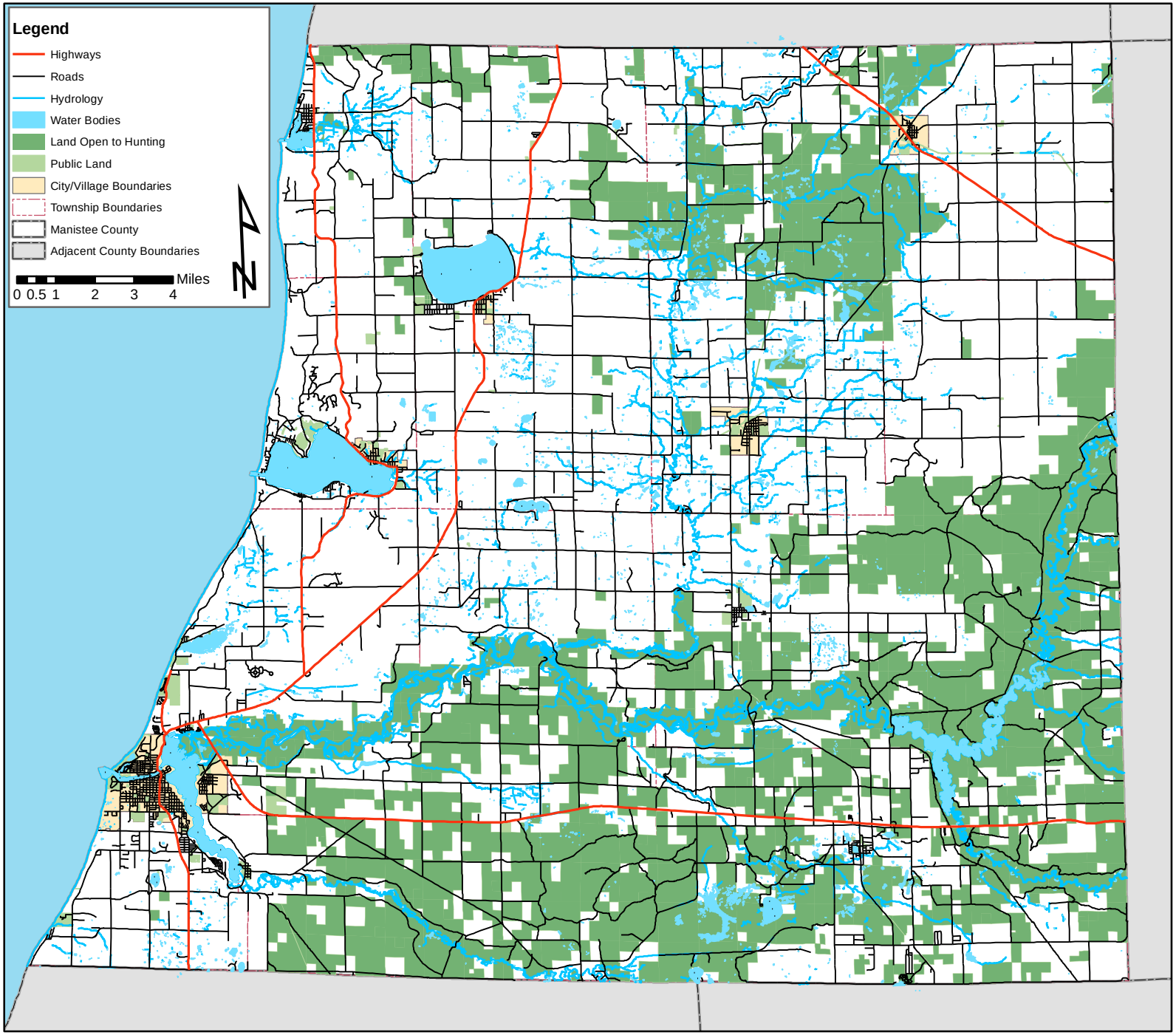
All public recreation sites within Manistee County are displayed on map 3.23.



Map 3.24: Manistee County Public Recreation Sites

3.5.2 Manistee County Public Lands Open to Hunting:

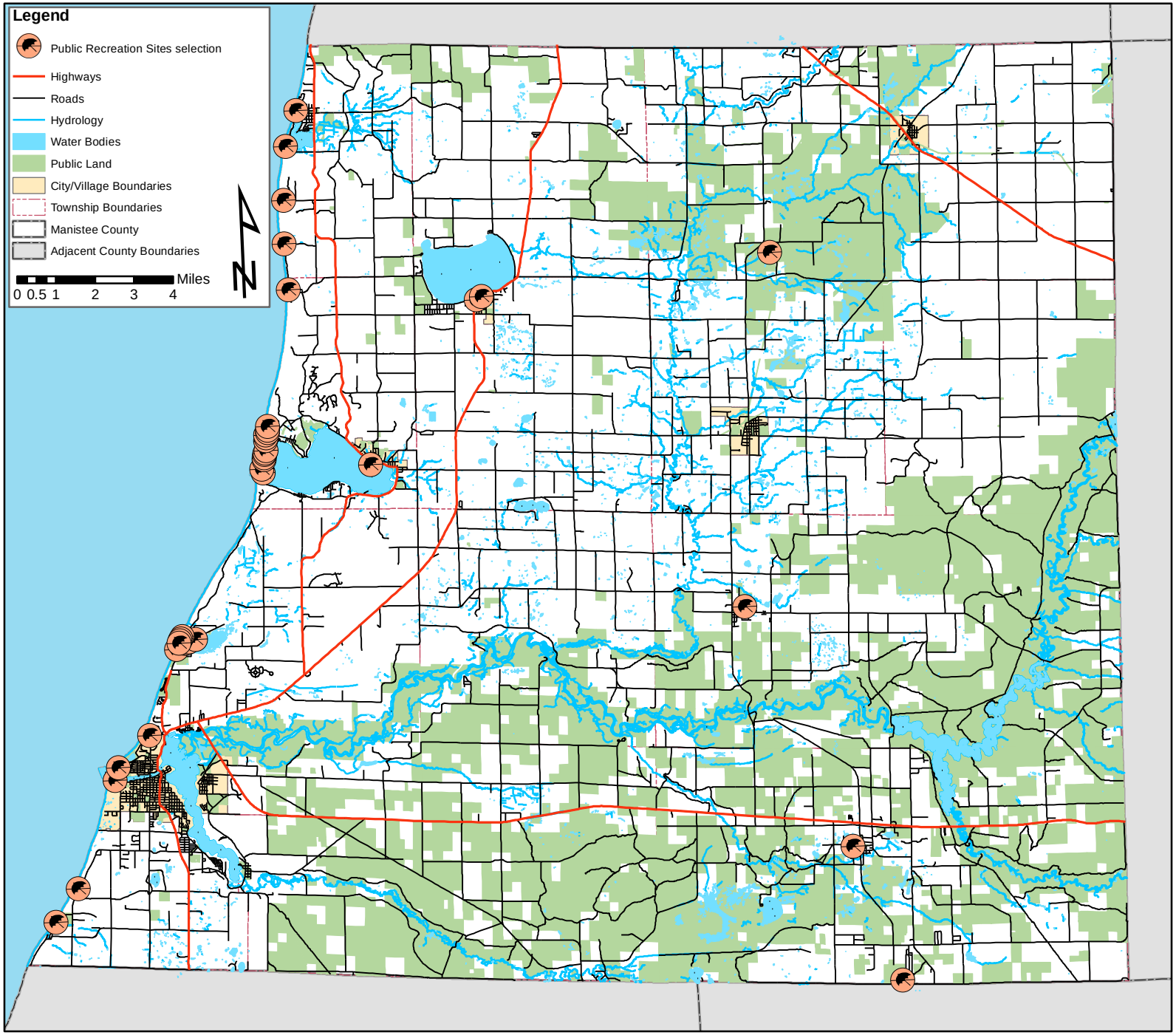
All public lands which are open to hunting are displayed on map 3.24.



Map 3.25: Manistee County Public Hunting Lands

3.5.3 Manistee County Public Beach Accesses:

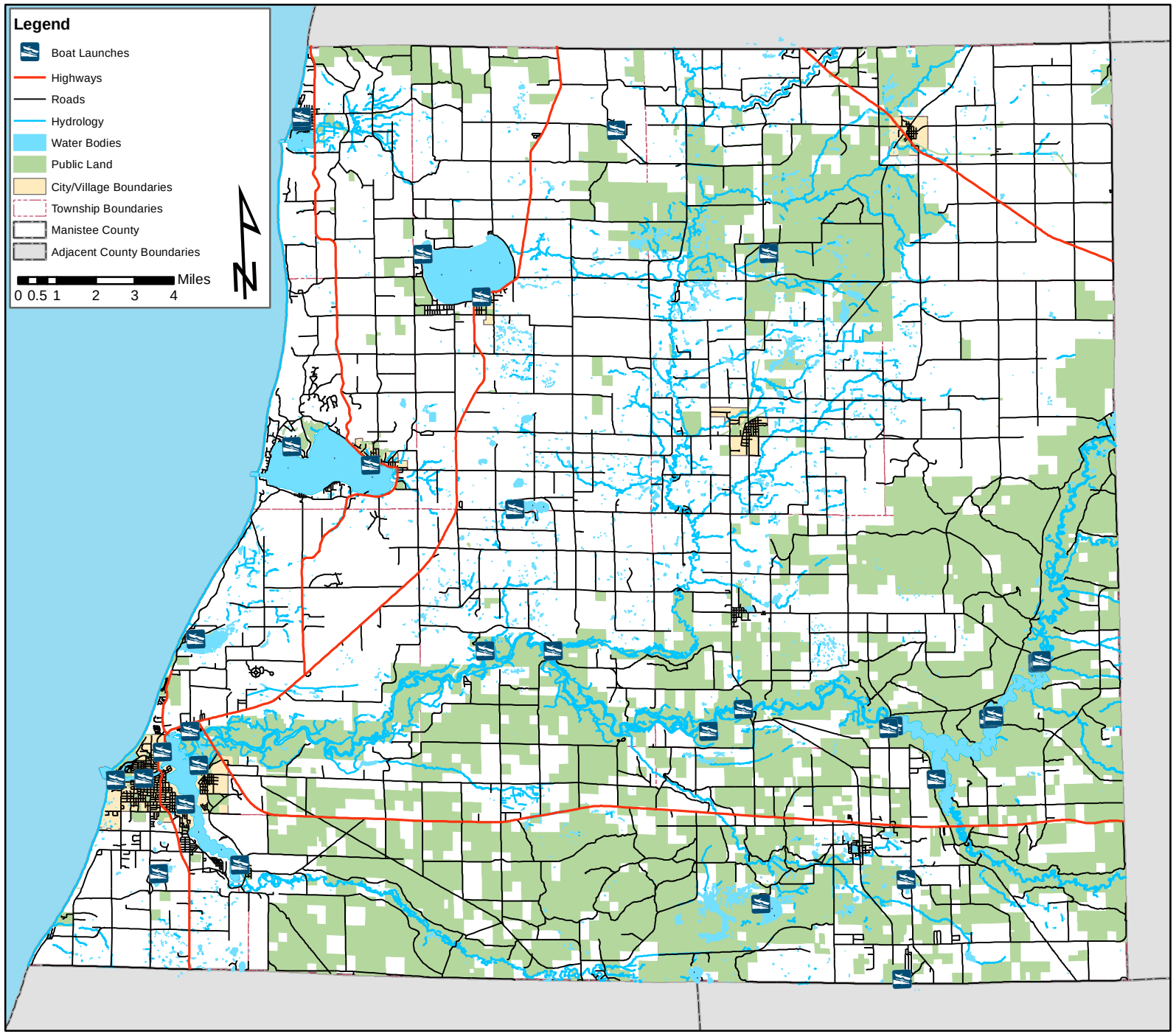
All public beach access locations are displayed on map 3.25.



Map 3.26: Manistee County Public Beach Accesses

3.5.4 Manistee County Public Boat Launches:

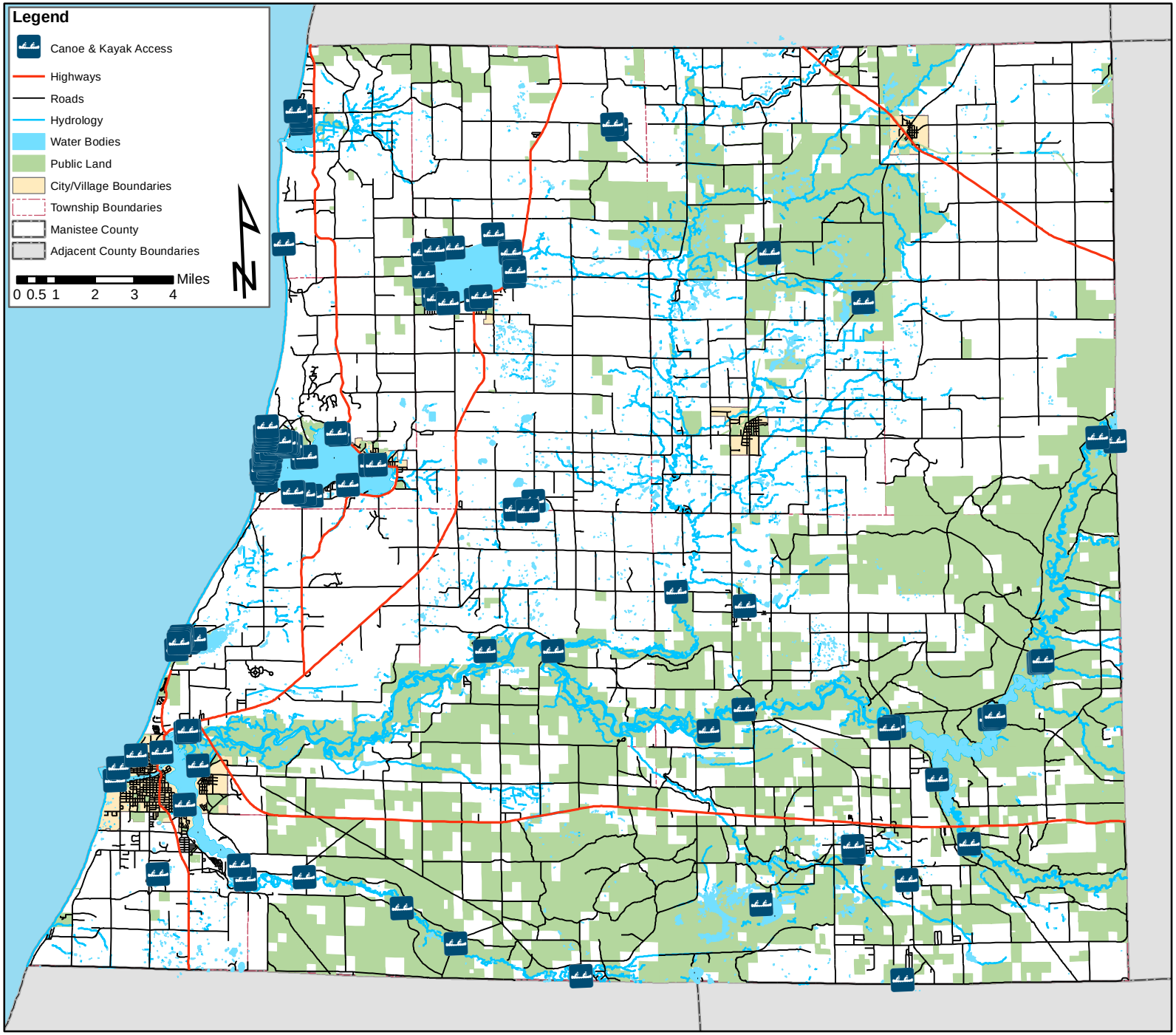
All public boat launch locations are displayed on map 3.26.



Map 3.27: Manistee County Public Boat Launches

3.5.5 Manistee County Canoe & Kayak Accesses:

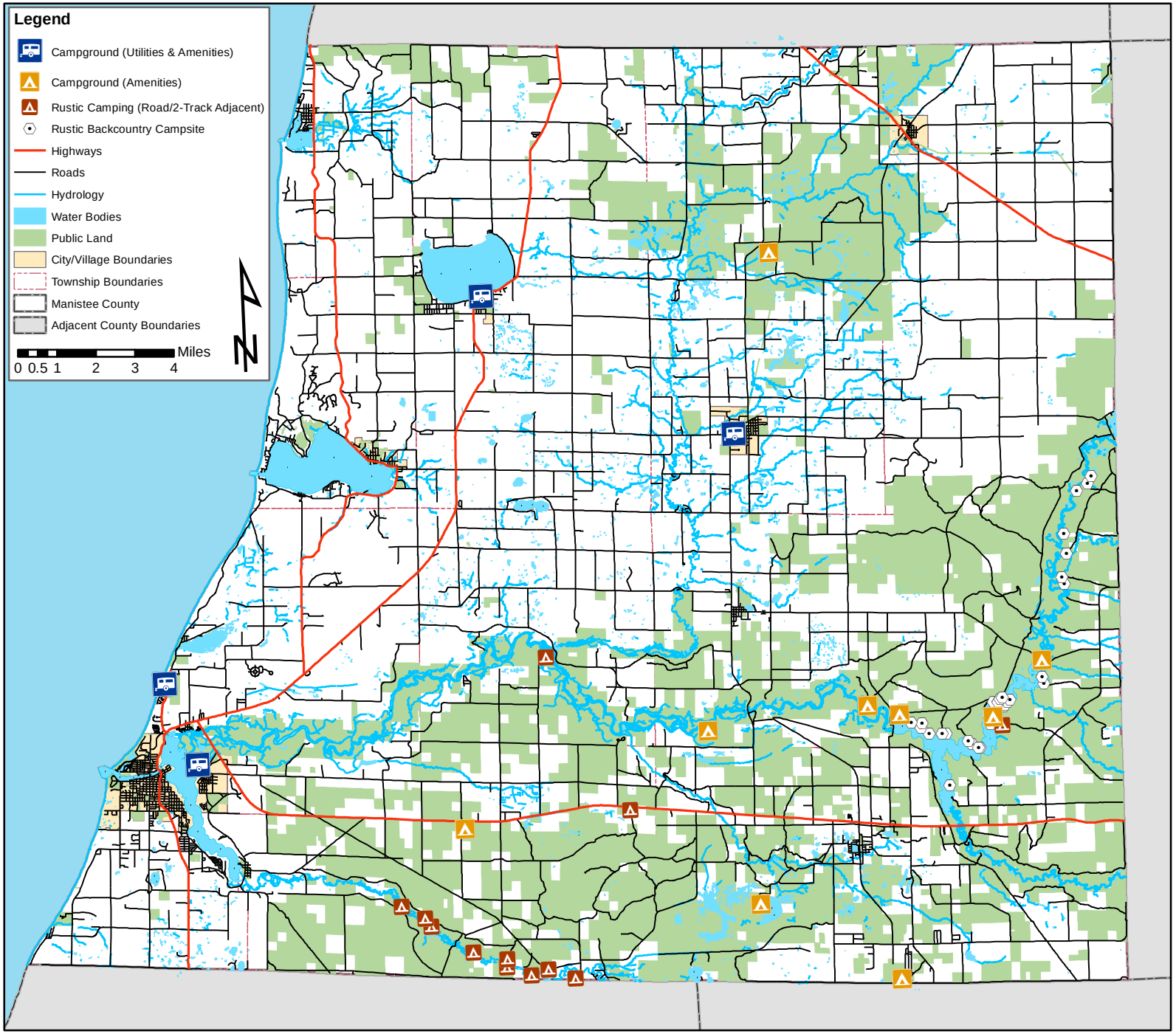
All public canoe and kayak access locations are displayed on map 3.27.



Map 3.28: Manistee County Public Canoe & Kayak Access

3.5.6 Manistee County Public Campground & Camping Locations

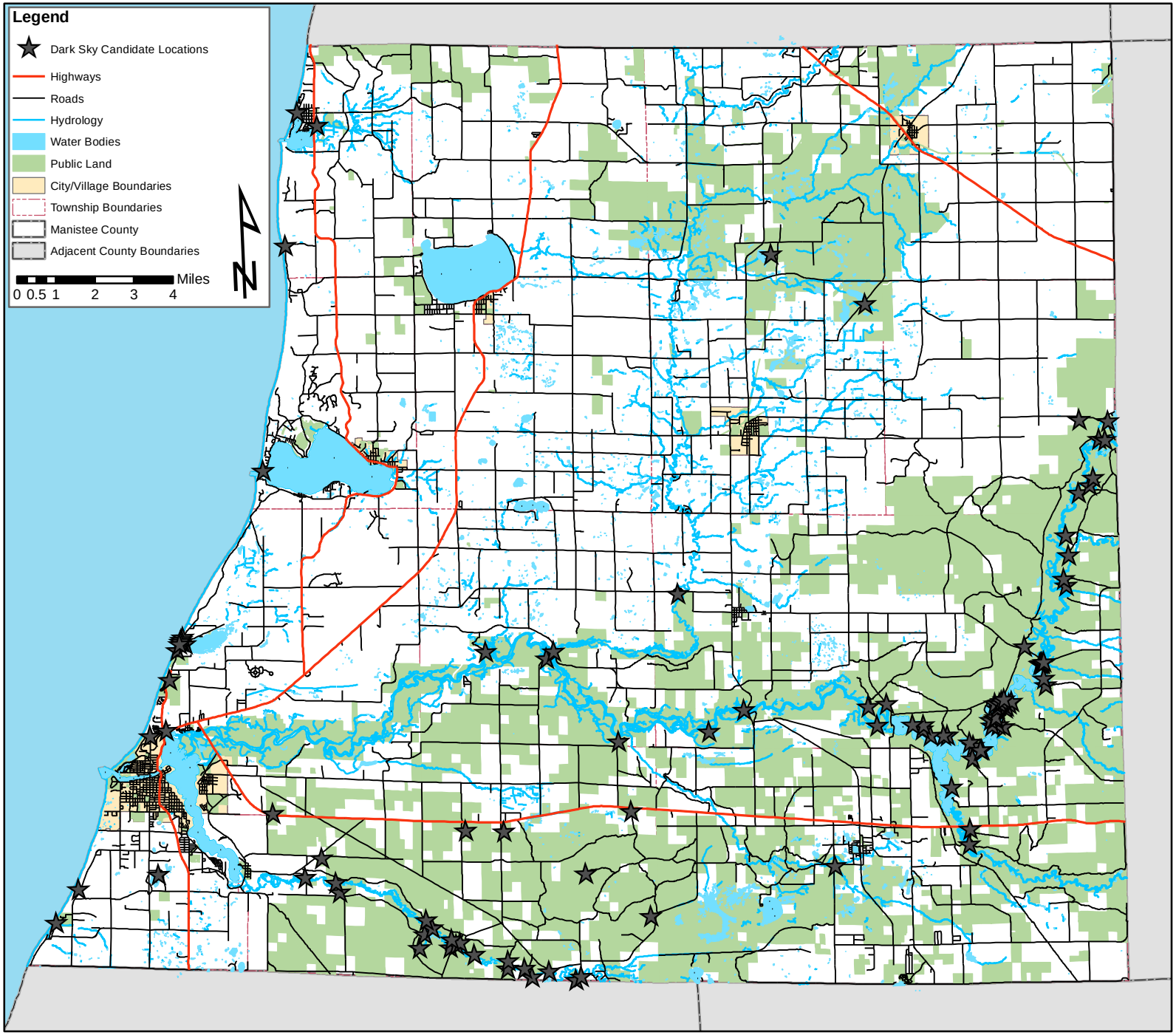
All public campgrounds and camping locations are displayed on map 3.28.



Map 3.29: Manistee County Public Campgrounds & Camping Locations

3.5.7 Manistee County "Dark Sky" Candidate Locations

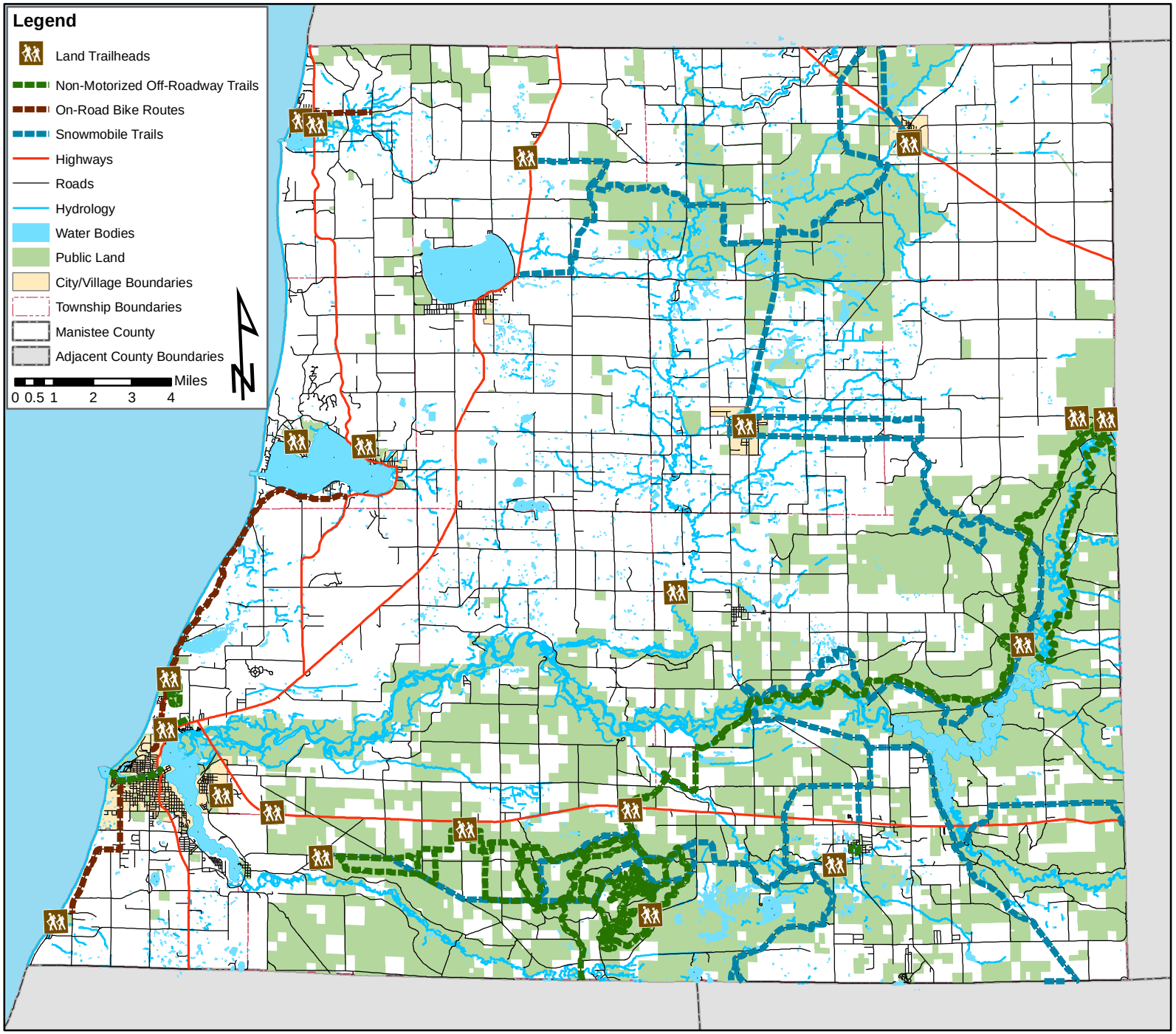
All recreation sites which don't have lighting on site are displayed on map 3.29. These sites should be further investigated after dark to identify if light pollution from neighboring areas impacts night sky viewing. Dark sky candidate locations should then be narrowed down to identify potential night sky viewing areas. Please refer to section 6.2.6 for further information on "Dark Sky" parks.



Map 3.30: Manistee County Dark Sky Candidate Locations

3.5.8 Manistee County Land Trails & Trailhead Locations:

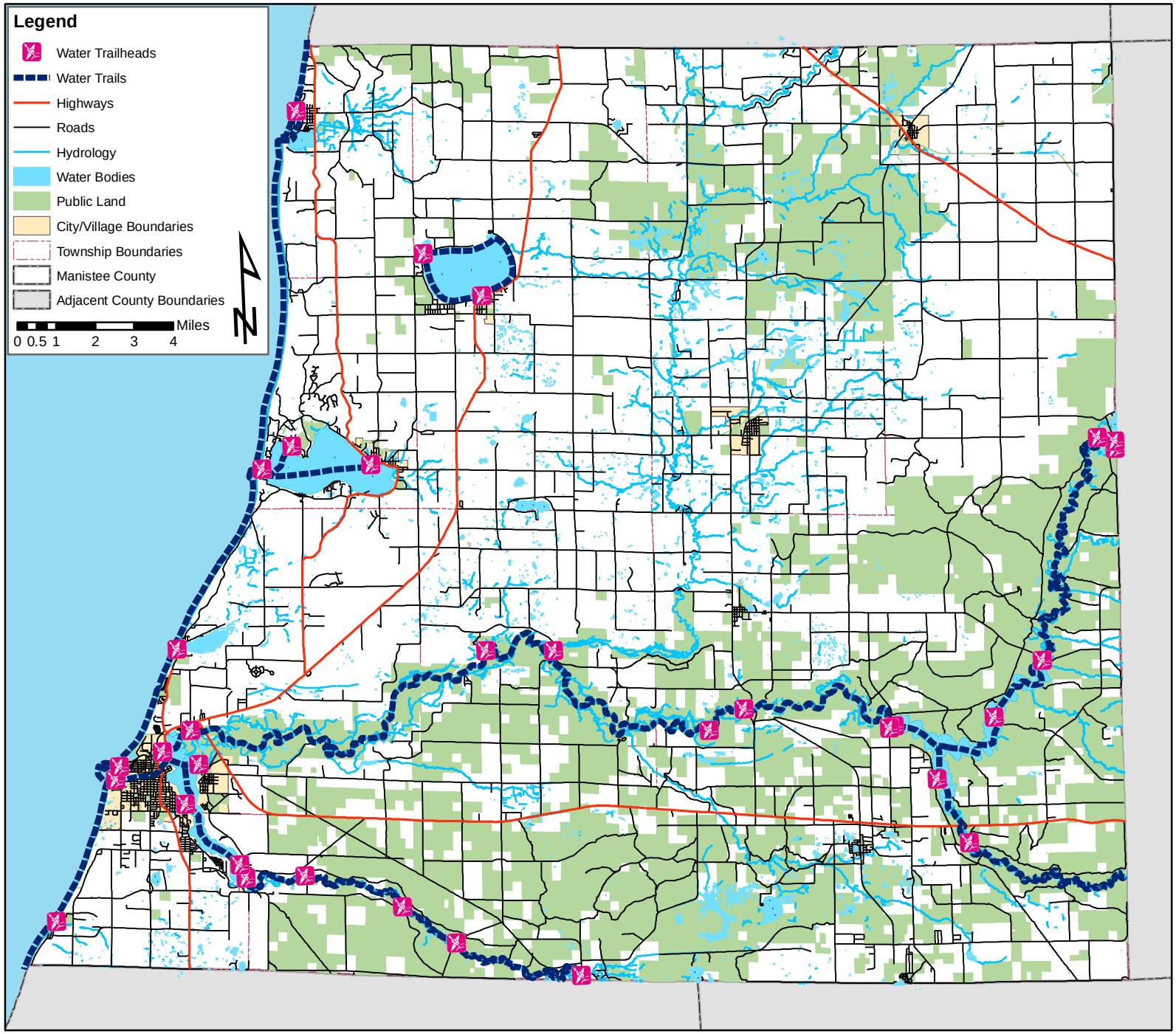
All land trails and trailheads are displayed on map 3.30. Further trail information can be found in Chapter 8.



Map 3.31: Manistee County Land Trails & Trailhead Locations

3.5.9 Manistee County Water Trails & Trailhead Locations:

All water trails and trailheads are displayed on map 3.31. Further trail information can be found in Chapter 8.



Map 3.32: Manistee County Water Trails & Trailhead Locations

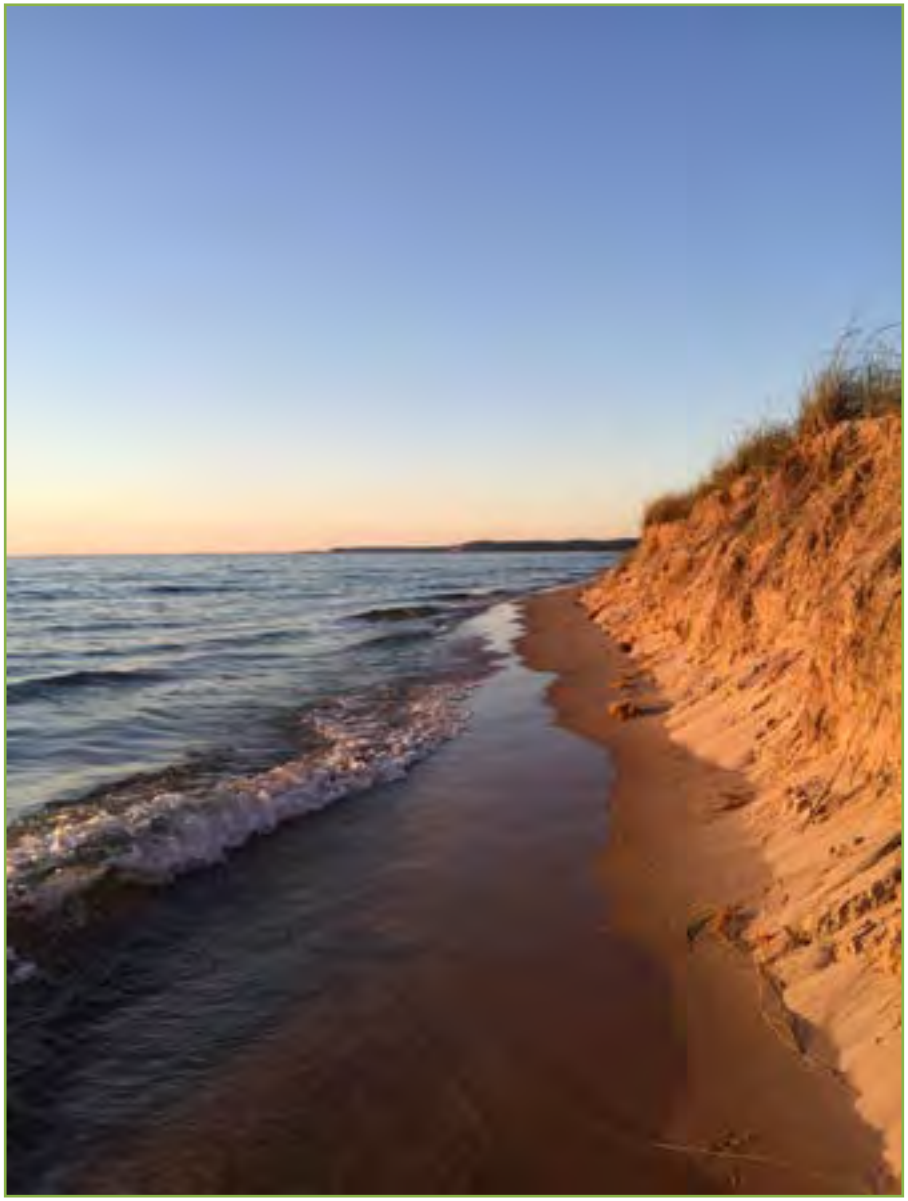


Image 3.42: Lake Michigan Coastline



Image 3.43: Manistee River Trail Suspension Bridge

Chapter 4: Resource Inventory

4.1 Resource Inventory:

Natural Resources in Manistee County as has been expressed through previous chapters in this document are the backbone for the vast majority of recreational activities pursed in the County. Our natural resources from the beaches of Lake Michigan to inland waters and forests provide many different features which our recreation sites are designed within and around. It is best to provide an inventory of these features in order to gain an understanding of the lands in which we are planning and designing recreation sites for.

4.1.1 Public Lands:

There are abundant public lands within Manistee County. The lands can be divided into different categories based upon ownership . The following land owner categories are summarized in this section and are displayed on map 4.1. (See Map 4.1)

4.1.1.1 State Lands:

State land ownership in Manistee County totals approximately 24,329 acres which are contained in State Forest, Game Area and Park lands. This accounts for about 6.8% of the land area in Manistee County.

4.1.1.2 United State Forest Service Lands:

Federal lands contained within the Manistee National Forest total approximately 86,874 acres in Manistee County. This accounts for about 24% of the land area in Manistee County.

4.1.1.3 Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy Lands:

Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy has lands which are available for public use. These lands encompass approximately 2,454 acres. This accounts for about 0.7% of the land area in Manistee County.

4.1.1.4 Consumers Energy Private Lands Open to Public Use:

Consumers Energy with two large hydroelectric dams within Manistee County located along the Manistee River, allows for public use on portions of there land holdings. Consumers energy lands open to public use encompass approximately 756 acres. This accounts for about 0.2% of the land area in Manistee County.

4.1.1.5 Private Lands Open to Public Use:

Private land holdings open to the public are most often organizations such as the National Audubon Society, the Spirit of the Woods Conservation Club and privately owned but publicly open locations such as the Pleasant Valley Community Center in Arcadia Township. Total private lands open to public number approximately 124 acres. This accounts for about 0.03% of the land area in Manistee County.

4.1.1.6 Local Government and School Lands:

Local units of government as well as local school system lands account for many public land areas with identified recreation sites. The approximate amount of lands totals 2,965 acres. This accounts for about 0.8% of the land area in Manistee County.

4.1.2 Rivers and Streams:

Rivers and Streams are plentiful in Manistee County. Predominantly cold-water fed, the streams and rivers support abundant trout and salmon species as well as other cool water species such as walleye, smallmouth bass and pike. The major river and creek systems are displayed on map 4.2. (See Map 4.2)

4.1.3 Water Bodies:

Manistee County contains 3 harbor lakes which are connected to Lake Michigan via a channel (Manistee Lake, Portage Lake and Arcadia Lake), but also contains many inland lakes such as Bear, Lemon, Pine, Sand, Chief, Canfield, Healy, Glovers, Bar and Eleanor. Each of these lakes provides public access and a myriad of opportunities from fishing to boating and swimming. the public and private water bodies of Manistee County are displayed on map 4.3. (See Map 4.3)

4.1.4 Wetlands:

The wetlands of Manistee County are an important resource as they serve as the primary recipient of overland stormwater runoff and provide an aquifer base for the recharging of our inland lakes and streams. The wetlands within Manistee County as identified by the State of Michigan are displayed on map 4.4. (See Map 4.4)

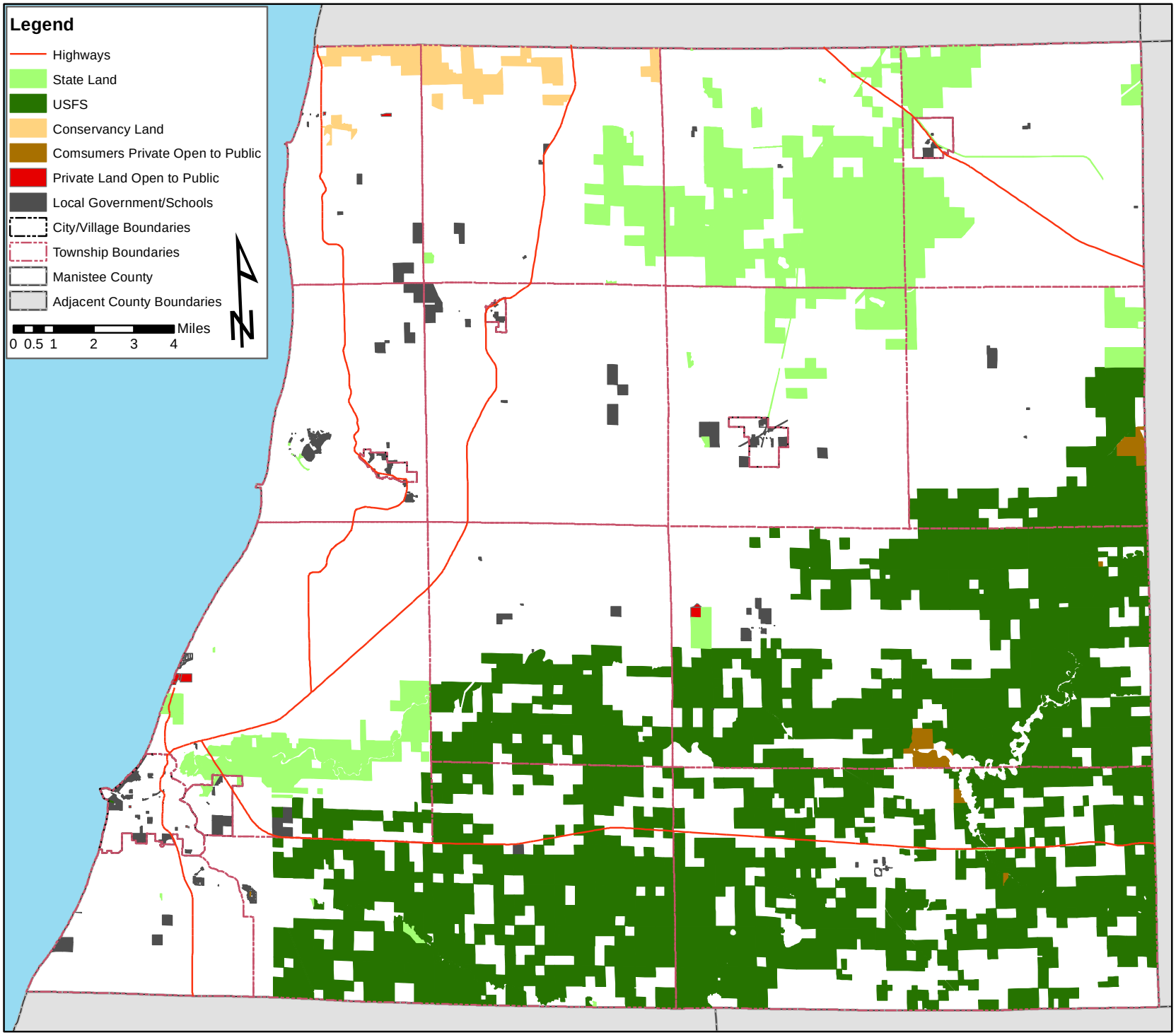
4.1.5 Topography:

Manistee County has topography which is varied with river valleys, lowlands and rolling hills. These features are displayed on map 4.5. (See Map 4.5)

4.1.6 Resource Recreation Planning:

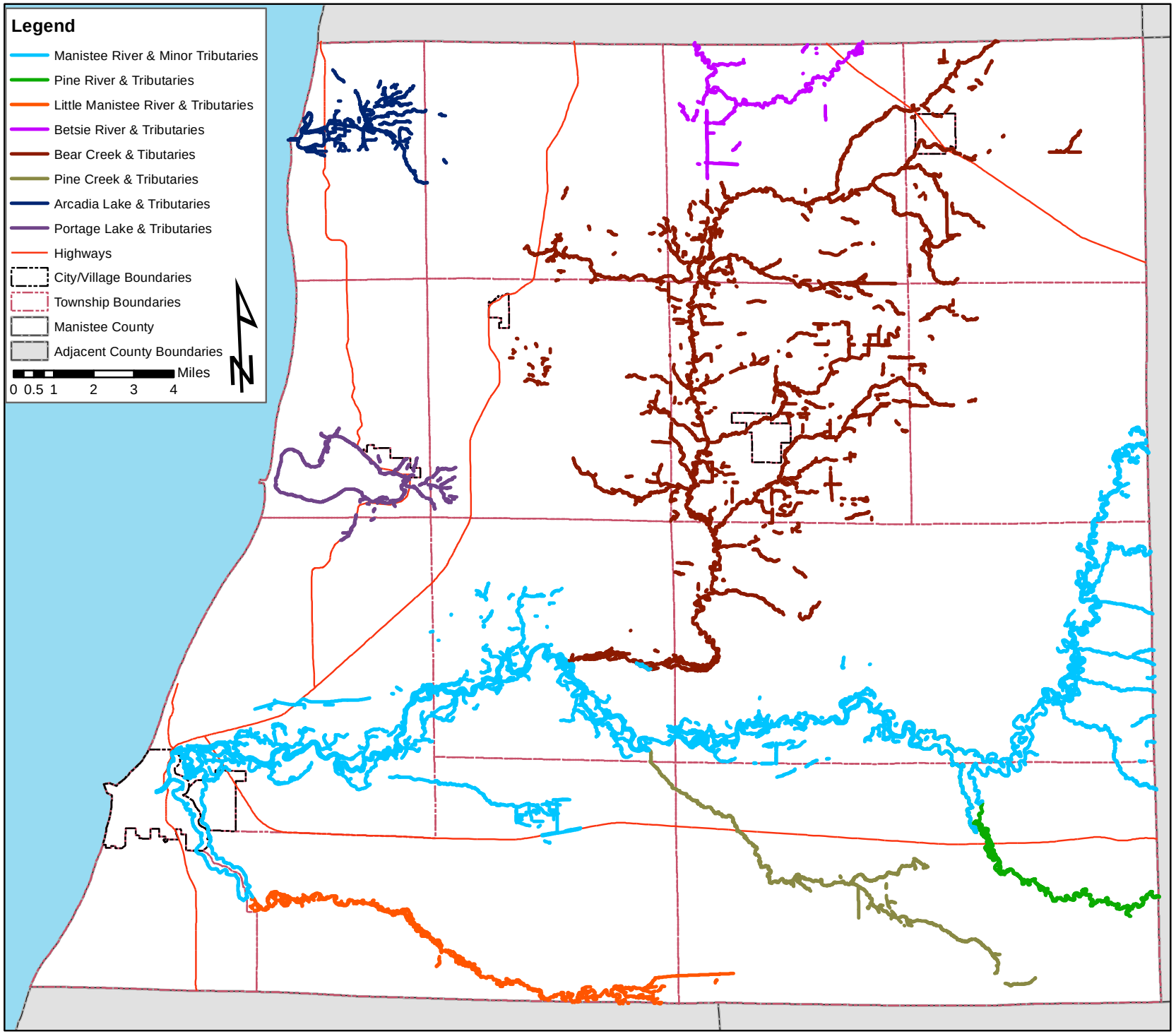
Discussions pertaining to the opportunity to plan for recreation site improvements/developments based upon specific natural resources are important. The thought of planning for all recreation sites along a river corridor or on specific lakes and lands is an option that should be explored in the future. This type of coordination could provide for successful implementation.

Public Lands



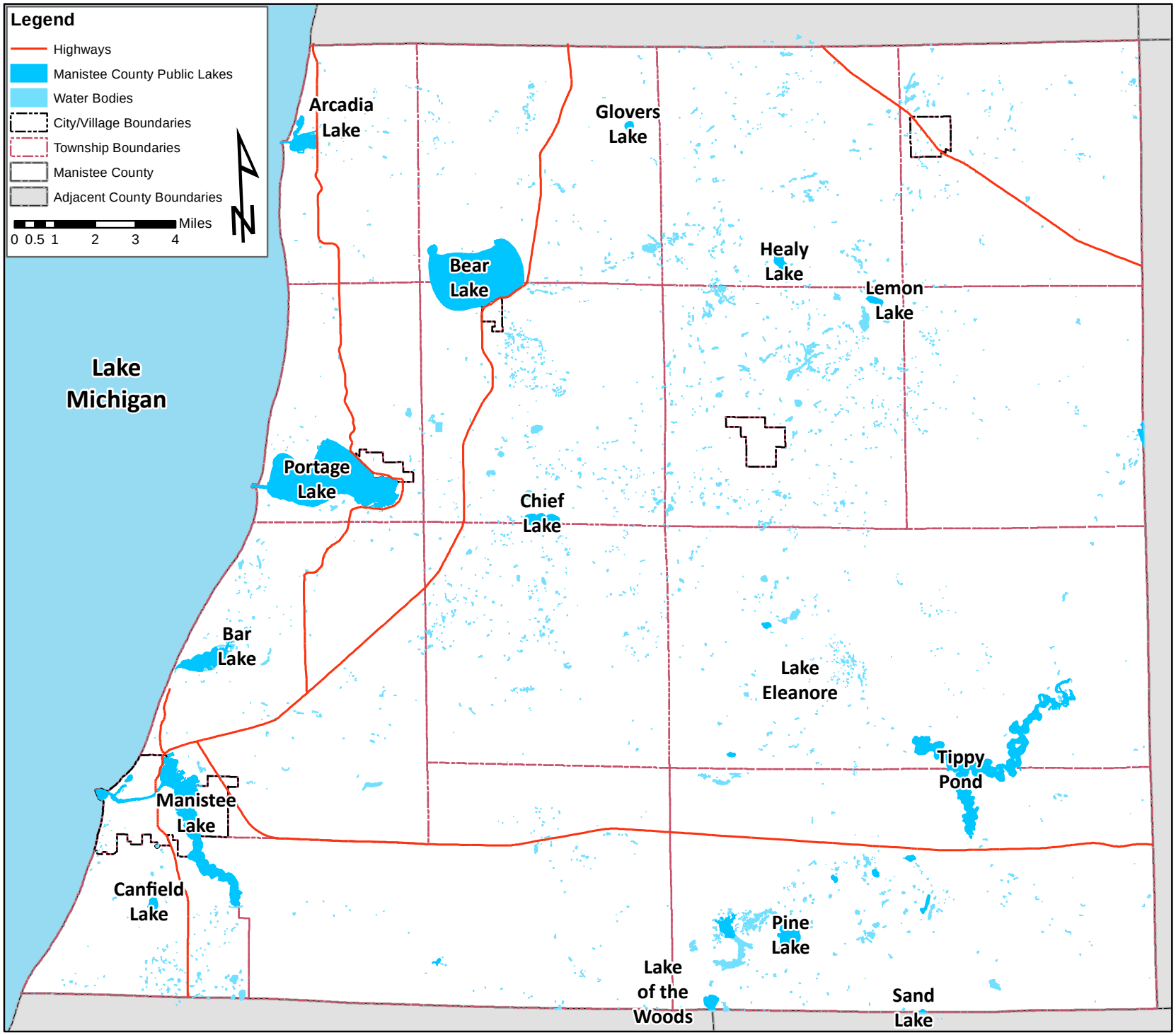
Map 4.1: Manistee County Public Lands

Rivers and Streams



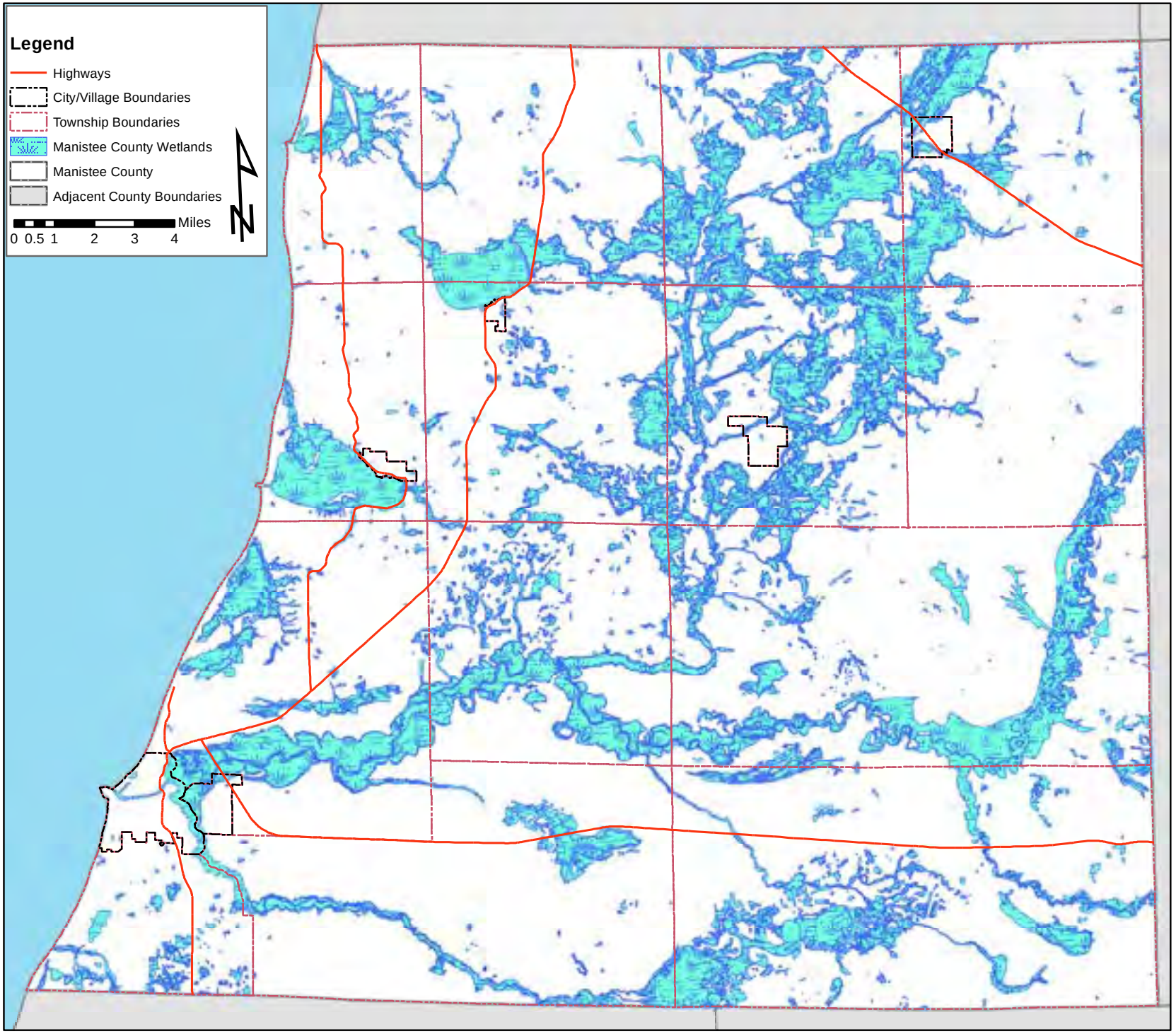
Map 4.2: Manistee County Rivers and Streams

Water Bodies



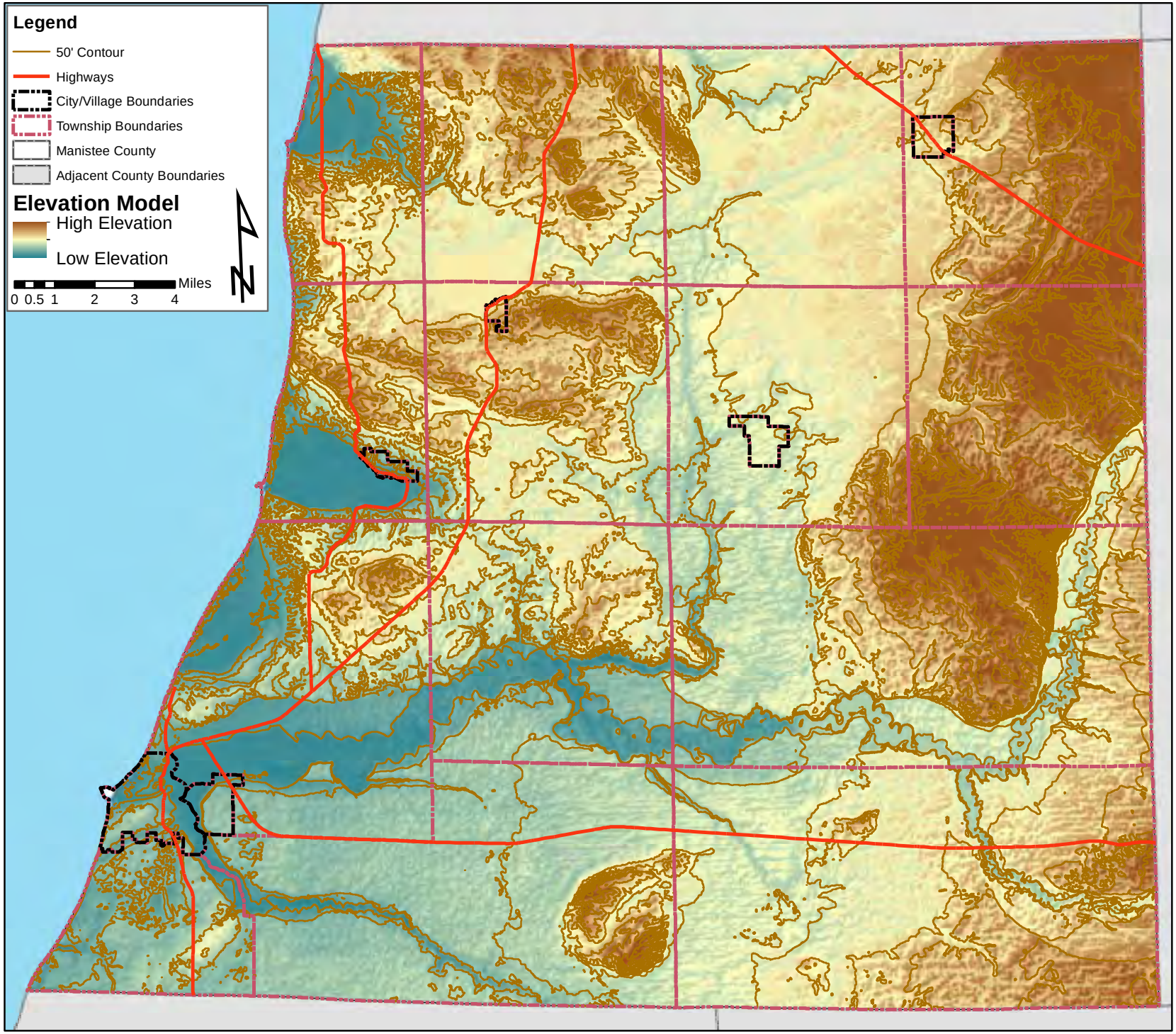
Map 4.3: Manistee County Water Bodies

Wetlands



Map 4.4: Manistee County Wetlands

Topography



Map 4.5: Manistee County Topography

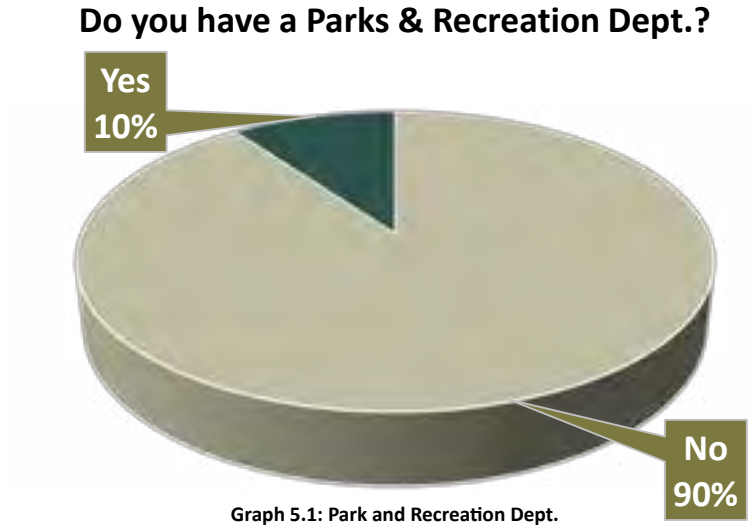
Chapter 5: Administrative Structure

5.1 Administrative Structure Survey

The Administrative Structure section is designed to respond to the specific requirements of the DNR Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans with information retrieved with the Administrative Survey Tool (see Appendix B). The Administrative Survey Questions were distributed via the online survey tool Survey Monkey to community leaders in each of the Manistee County communities. All twenty-one (21) units of government completed the survey including Manistee County. The information summarized below is based on the results. The completed survey for each with an accompanying narrative for each local body of government is also available in Appendix B.

5.2 Administrative Structure Analysis

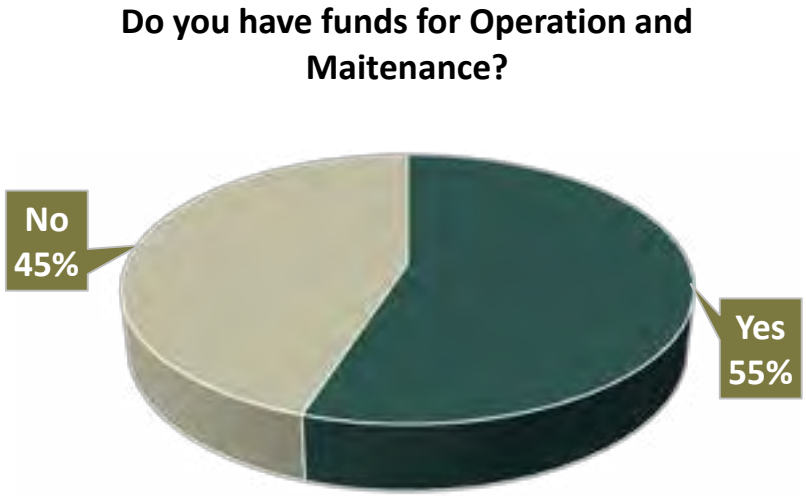
The DNR Guidelines require that communities indicate whether or not they have a parks and recreation department, and who is in charge if they do not.



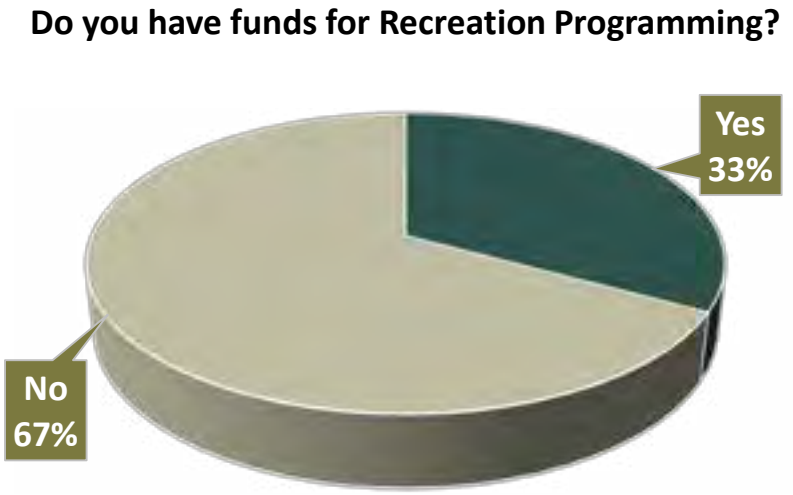
Graph 5.1: Park and Recreation Dept.

The findings conclude that out of the total twenty-one (21) communities surveyed, 19 (90%) do not have a parks and recreation department. Out of the 19 who said they do not have a parks and recreation department, the majority of the townships 11 of 14 or (78%) stated that their township board is in charge of their parks and recreation in their community and all of the villages, (100%), stated that their village council is in charge.

The local bodies of government were also asked to provide the current year and projected annual budgets for parks and recreation in their community as well as where the communities' main source of funding comes from. The results from the survey conclude that around half of the communities have a budget for operation and maintenance with 55% (12) saying yes and 45% (9) saying no; 14% (3) have a budget for recreation programming while the other 86% (18) do not;



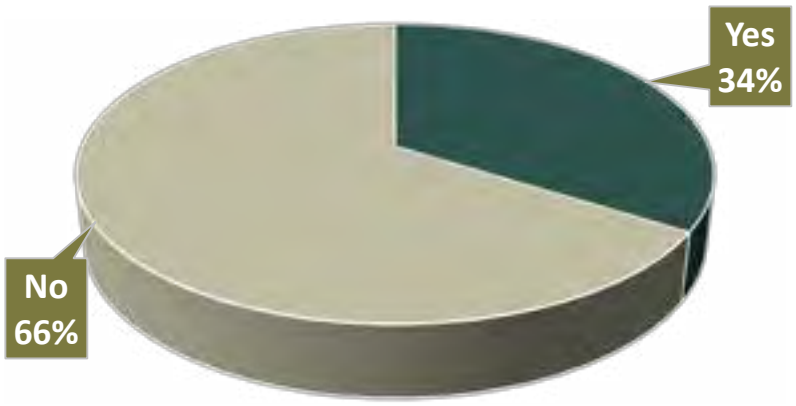
Graph 5.2: Operation & Maintenance Funding



Graph 5.3: Recreation Programming Funding

and for capital improvement, 34% (7) do have a budget for capital improvements while the other 66% (14) do not. Almost all of the communities (90%) stated their source of funding for parks and recreation comes from the general fund, however some communities said they also get funding from park revenue and donations, along with the general fund. There was only one local body of government,

Do you have funds for Capital Improvements?

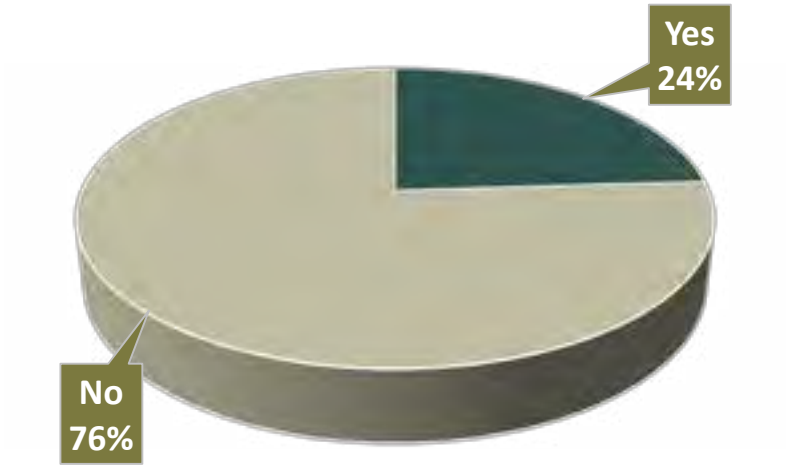


Graph 5.4: Capital Improvement Funding

Dickson Township, who reported not knowing where their source of funding comes from.

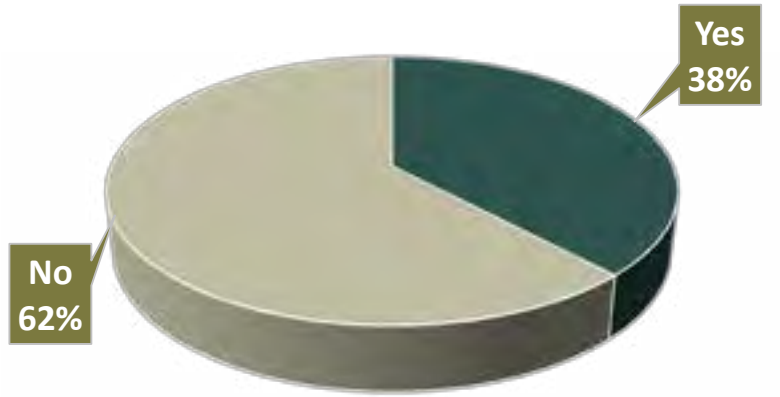
Following the current year budget and local body of government's source of funding for parks and recreation, the DNR wants to know if the communities have any volunteers who help with their parks and recreation and if the local body of government has any partnerships with other private organizations. For volunteers, only 24% (5) of the communities have volunteers who staff their parks and recreation while the other 76% (16) do not have volunteers. As for partnerships with private organizations, 38% (8) stated they do have some sort of partnership with other private organizations while the other 62% said they do not

Do they have Volunteers?



Graph 5.5: Volunteers

Do they have Partnerships with Private Organizations?

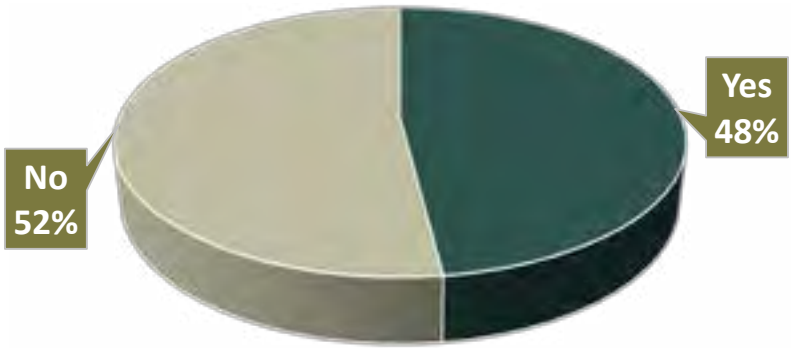


Graph 5.6: Private Organization Partnerships

have other partnerships.

The final two elements of the DNR Guidelines ask the communities whether or not they have a partnership with local school districts and if so, are they directly involved in any parks and recreation programs, and if the communities have any relationship with our public agencies. The results from the survey stated

Do they have a Relationship with Local School Districts?



Graph 5.7: School District Partnerships

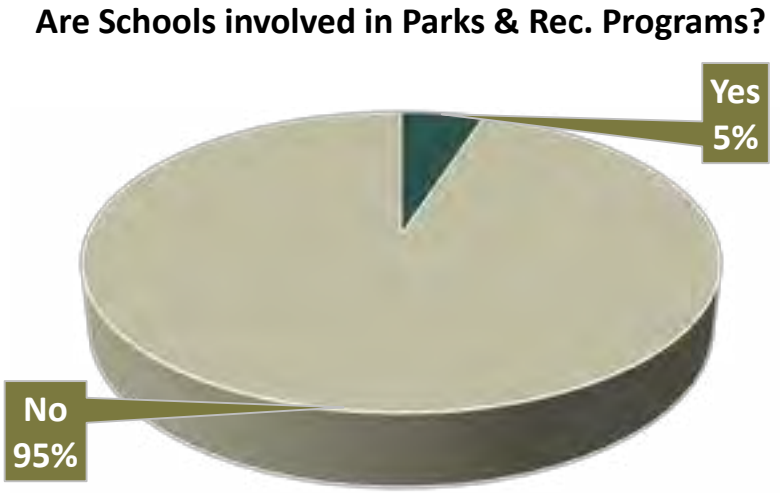
48% (10) of the communities have a relationship with the local school districts while the other 52% (11) said they do not have a relationship. The percentages for whether or not the communities are involved directly with the local school districts are not as close as the previous percentages, with 95% (20) of the communities saying they are not directly involved with the local school districts

and only 5% (1) saying they are directly involved. As for relationships with our public agencies, it is split down the middle with 50% saying they do have a relationship and 50% saying they do not.

The information obtained by the Administrative Structure Survey provides a series of snapshots into recreation planning, funding and collaboration for the municipalities within Manistee County. With the vast majority of municipalities structured without a Parks and Recreation Department, as well as not having a specific Park and Recreation Budget or Staff; it is evident that collaboration and consensus building around Recreational Assets and how to maintain and manage those assets is needed.

5.3 Administrative Structure Survey Results

Table 5.1 displays the Administrative Structure survey information in a concise and easily interpreted fashion for each of the 21 municipalities.



Graph 5.8: School Recreation Program Involvement

Municipality	Governing Body Responsible for Rec. Planning	Governing Body Authorized to Commit Funds	Budget	Sources of Funds	Volunteers	Partnerships and/or Collaborative Agreements	Contributes to Manistee Recreation Association (MRA)	Contribute to Paine Aquatic Center	Contribute to Manistee County Baseball League
Arcadia Twp.	Planning Commission	Township Board	$5,000	General Fund	8 volunteers who do maintenance, planting flowers, picking up garbage, cleaning fire pits.	Encourages recreation programming by the Pleasant Valley Community Center	No	No	No
Bear Lake Twp.	Township Board	Township Board	$25,000.00	General Fund	No Volunteers	None	Yes	No	No
Bear Lake Vil.	Village Council	Village Council	$0	Village Park Revenue	1 Volunteer: Hopkins Park Manager	None	No	No	No
Brown Twp.	Township Board	Township Board	$0	General Fund	No Volunteers	Yes	Yes	No	No
Cleon Twp.	Township Board	Township Board	$0	General Fund	No Volunteers	None	No	No	No
Copemish Vil.	Village Council	Village Council	$0	General Fund	None	None	No	No	No
Dickson Twp.	Township Board	Township Board	$0	General Fund	No Volunteers	None	No	No	No
Eastlake Vil.	Village Council	Village Council	$14,000.00	Line Item	No Volunteers	None	No	No	No
Charter Twp. of Filer	Township Board; Parks Department	Township Board	$45,000.00	General Fund	No Volunteers	Yes	Yes $10,000.00	Yes $13,000.00	No

Table 5.1: Administrative Structure Survey Results

Municipality	Governing Body Responsible for Rec. Planning	Governing Body Authorized to Commit Funds	Budget	Sources of Funds	Volunteers	Partnerships and/or Collaborative Agreements	Contributes to Manistee Recreation Association (MRA)	Contribute to Paine Aquatic Center	Contribute to Manistee County Baseball League
Kaleva Vil.	Village Council	Village Council	$16,000	General Fund	40 volunteers who coordinate joint recreational activities with the Lions Club, Fireman's Association, Historical Society	Joint recreation committee with Maple Grove Twp.	No	No	No
Manistee Twp.	Township Board	Township Board	$0	General Fund	No Volunteers	Yes	Yes	No	No
Manistee, City	Parks Commission: Parks & Recreation Department	City Council	$342,297.00	Line Item	Volunteers from Lions Club, Rotary, Local Veterans, Jaycees assist with various parks. An "Adopt-a-Park" program has been enacted.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Maple Grove Twp.	Township Board	Township Board	$0	Line Item	No volunteers	Kaleva, Norman, Dickson School District partnership to maintain recreational facilities at the old school building; Joint recreation committee with Village of Kaleva	No	No	No
Marilla Twp.	Township Board	Township Board	$0	General Fund	No Volunteers	None	No	No	No
Norman Twp.	Township Board	Township Board	$0	General Fund	No Volunteers	None	No	No	No
Onekama Twp.	Community Parks & Recreation Committee	Township Board	$80,000.00	General Fund and the North Point Park Fund	Yes volunteers: staff events (planting trees on Arbor Day, hosting Parks Appreciation Day)	Works with the Onekama School District	Yes	No	No
Onekama Vil.	Village Council	Village Council	$22,250.00	Line Item	No Volunteers	Partners with the Onekama Township Community Parks and Recreation Committee	No	No	No
Pleasanton Twp.	Township Board	Township Board	$6,500.00	Line Item	No Volunteers	None	No	No	No
Springdale Twp.	Township Board	Township Board	$9,500.00	General Fund	No Volunteers	None	No	No	No
Stronach Twp.	Township Board	Township Board	$5,308	General Fund	No Volunteers	None	No	No	No
Manistee County	Board of Comm.	Board of Comm.			No Volunteers	Yes	yes	No	No

Table 5.1: Administrative Structure Survey Results

Chapter 6: Description of the Public Input Process

6.1 Community Input

The Recreation Plan planning process utilized a number of different methods of obtaining community input. The Plan utilized the results of an online survey and input given during facilitated vision sessions. The online survey utilized Survey Monkey, an online survey tool. The survey was well advertised throughout the County with the use of traditional and social media, flyers, personalized invitations to stakeholders, and public announcements at community events. The online survey was open for three months (May through July) which allowed for seasonal residents to participate as well. Paper versions of the survey were available to those who do not have online access.

Facilitated vision sessions were conducted during the month of April through June to the general public and for youth at each high school in the County, which allowed for personal feedback. Six vision sessions held once, or twice, a week in a different geographical location throughout the County allowed for the opportunity for participation by all residents who live throughout the County and in consideration of travel and scheduling constraints. No matter where you lived within the County, residents could attend any of the six general public vision sessions to have their voice heard in respect to recreation for the County as a whole or for their own respective community. Over 100 high school students were engaged and listened to about their input into recreation planning in the County.

These two methods allowed for participation that provided both qualitative and quantitative data: numerical data via the on-line rigidly controlled question and answer format and data derived via verbal responses to open ended questions providing contextual and nuanced information.

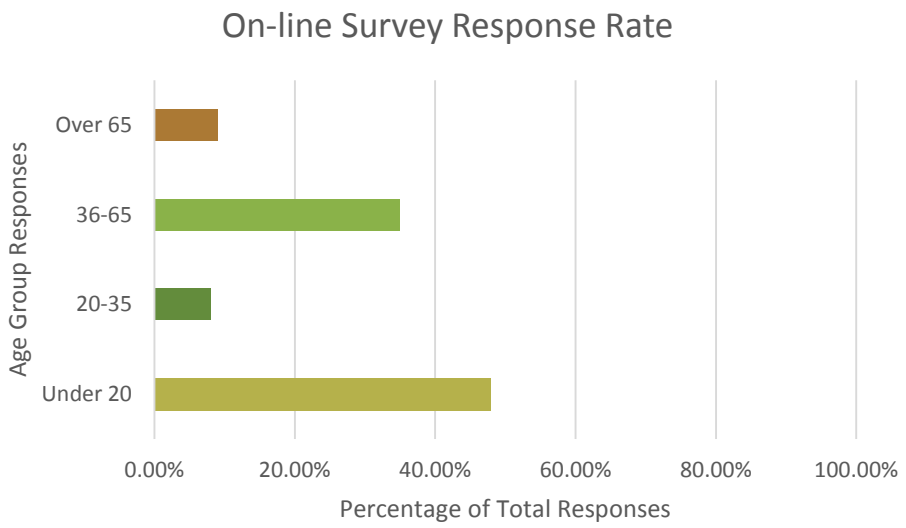
6.2 On-line Recreation Survey

6.2.1 Manistee County Demographics

1,009 people responded to the survey. This response speaks to a 95% confidence level and a +/- 5% margin of error based on the population size of Manistee County (24, 733 person as per the 2010 Census) as it relates to the number of survey respondents. Therefore, it is with greater assurance that the answers and trends as expressed in the survey results reflect the sentiments of the population as a whole. It is important to recall that, according to the 2010 US Census, the median age in Manistee County is 47 years old; with 21% under the age of 19 and 58% between the ages of 20 and 64 years old. One quarter, or 25% of the total population of Manistee County is 62 years old or older. The US Census also predicts that as of 2014 Manistee County probably lost 313 people and that the number of youth is decreasing as the population is aging.

6.2.2 Respondent Demographics

The online survey captured the youth's perspective as evidence by the 48% participation rate. (See Graph 6.1) The 36-65 year olds had a 35% response rate. It is not surprising that the 65 year and older had only a 9% response rate as technology may have been a barrier to participating in an on-line survey (however, this age group was well represented in the facilitated vision sessions). What may appear, at first glance, unexpected is the 8% response rate for the 20-35 years olds. On face value, it does not appear to be a significant response rate. Statistically, this is the least represented age group in the County at 15% of the total population. However, the on-line survey captured 53% of the folks between the ages of 20-35 in Manistee County, making it a very significant and well represented group participating in the survey.



Graph 6.1: Online Response Rate

Analysis of the Data
The survey had a good response rate from all age groups and can be considered statistically a good representation of the sentiments and desires of the residents of Manistee County.

Opportunities
Efforts to keep a well represented and growing population within all the age groups may want to consider strategically planning for recreation that specifically considers the needs and emerging trends of youth through 35 years old residents. By doing so will help make Manistee County a place that youth and families will want to live, work, and play. It is imperative, however, that recreation planning pay special attention to the aging population as this is a growing population within the community.

6.2.3 Geographic Distribution of Survey Respondents

Some respondents of the survey do not live in Manistee County. The responses were not statistically significant but warrants mentioning. Those respondents represented Southeast Michigan, Benzie County, Kent County, Virginia, Illinois, Washington, Connecticut, and Germany. Most respondents have no children living at home. This is expected considering the general population trends and prevalent age cohorts; only 21.7% of the households in the County have children under 18 years old living at home.

Analysis of the Data
There were respondents from each of the 20 communities in Manistee County which indicates a well represented geographical participation rate.

Opportunities
The wide geographical representation of visitors to the County eludes to the far reaching notoriety of Manistee County's recreational opportunities. Why they visit, what they do here, and where they spend their money are significant topics to explore in developing the local nature based economy.

6.2.4 Seasonal Recreational Preferences & Activities

While the number one activity that people enjoy is a summer activity (75% respondents swim/beach and 49% recreate in the summer), 51% of the respondents participate in recreational activities during all the seasons. 57% of respondents felt that winter months have the least amount of recreational activities available for them to participate in and 12% don't participate in a winter activity. However, a significant number of respondents participate in the following winter based recreational activities: snowshoeing (19%), ice skating (24%), downhill skiing (18%), snowmobiling (16%), snowboarding (13%), and playing ice hockey (8%).

The top ten recreational activities people enjoy are:

1. Swimming/Beach Activities
2. Hiking
3. Camping
4. Fishing-Lake
5. Kayaking
6. Playground/Play Equipment
7. Fishing-Rivers & Streams
8. Road Cycling
9. Stargazing
10. Basketball

Analysis of the Data
The abundance of natural resources and amenities in Manistee County provides residents with year-round seasonal recreational placed based opportunities.

Opportunities
Arguably, winter place based activities are important recreational economic sectors that should be expanded upon and fostered for growth in order to capture Manistee County's winter assets (snow, frozen rivers/lakes), especially the growing snowmobiling industry. By expanding upon the County's winter assets could help be a catalyst for the local economy in the winter months. Trail development, programming, indoor facilities, and improved access might help to address this gap in recreational opportunities in the winter months.

6.2.5 Preferences

The results of the survey show that people utilize the recreational assets found throughout the County. They are utilizing land and water found within the interior, as well as the coastal areas, of the County. The top five places people go for recreational activities are:

1. Parks/Schools/Fields (ball & soccer) (32%)
2. Beaches & Lake Michigan (31%)
3. Public Land (10%)
4. Interior Lakes (5%)
5. Rivers (4%)

Respondents specifically mentioned Crystal Mountain, Bear Lake, Portage Lake, Magoon Creek, Manistee River, and the Paine Aquatic Center.

Analysis of the Data
All the geographic areas of the County, and their recreational assets, are used for recreational purposes.

Opportunities
Arguably the coastal areas of Manistee County are very important areas to market and promote. But, based on the use and preferences of recreation within the County a campaign to strengthen promotion and development of the interior recreational assets is supported.

6.2.6 Facility Use

A large portion of residents, 71%, recreate in Manistee County. While small, 5% of the respondents utilize recreational facilities weekly and 10% use facilities every weekend, and 39% of respondents utilize the facilities a few times a month.

The folks who leave the County for recreation report do so for recreational

opportunities that are either not found or not well developed within the County. Some of the recreational events people travel to are outside the scope a county with a population size as found within Manistee County could provide, or leave for culture based recreational pursuits.

An example of a recreational activity respondents leave the County to participate in include attending a Tiger baseball or Red Wings hockey game. Others are visiting areas that have better developed facilities, such as areas that have well developed trail systems that are connected to facilities and communities. Examples of areas with better developed trail facilities cited by respondents include the snowmobile trail system found in Kalkaska and the mountain bike trail system found in Marquette. Examples of cultural based recreation cited in the survey include participating in wine tours in Traverse City, museums found in Grand Rapids, or shopping opportunities found in Chicago. While Manistee County is rich in cultural attractions, they may need to be better developed and promoted to attract and keep folks within the County. Manistee County may have trails, such as the North Country Trail and the Manistee Trail, the results of the survey show that respondents felt that they are not connected in a cohesive and logical manner and are not connected to amenities and our communities in a thoughtful and meaningful way.

Respondents also cited that they travel outside of the County for wine tasting tours in the orchards to the north of Manistee County. The growing agricultural tourism industry is also something that Manistee County may capitalize upon and, while this industry has seen growth, as respondents pointed out, in the development of Douglas Farms as a wine tasting destination and other value added agricultural opportunities and products provided by the agricultural industry within the County, perhaps a maturation is needed to attain similar results as those found in Grand Traverse County. The survey also showed that families leave the area to participate in organized travel sports such as gymnastics events, ice hockey tournaments, and dance competitions. There may be opportunities to develop or utilize existing facilities to capture these organized travel events so that folks are visiting Manistee County rather than elsewhere.

Finally, people are traveling outside of Manistee County to take advantage of the emerging use of dark sky and star gazing parks such as the one found in Mackinaw City. Dark sky initiatives require areas that do not compete with development and the resulting lights that are required for a dense population. With much of Manistee County undeveloped as a result of large land holdings owned by the US Forest Service, the Department of Natural Resources, energy companies (Consumers Power), and Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, opportunities to develop dark sky initiatives is plentiful. Dark sky initiatives is also an emerging goal found within many master plans written within the County (for example Arcadia Township). This emerging recreational activity is generating eco-tourism dollars for communities across the Country as evidence by the work done by the International Dark Sky Association September 2015 publication titled "Bring on the Night Sky; Say UVM National Park Study" "The growing popularity of astronomical tourism provides a financial incentive for towns and cities neighboring parks to reduce light pollution and should be encouraged."

(http://darksky.org/bring-on-the-night-says-new-uvm-national-park-study/)

Analysis of the Data
The large number of people and frequency of use of recreational facilities in the County points to recreational facilities that are valued and utilized which warrants their continued maintenance and improvements.

Opportunities
Explore strengthening agritourism, improving trails, strengthening cultural based recreation, becoming a destination for travel sports/events, and supporting efforts to develop dark sky initiatives.

6.2.7 Barriers to Recreation Facility Use and Participation:

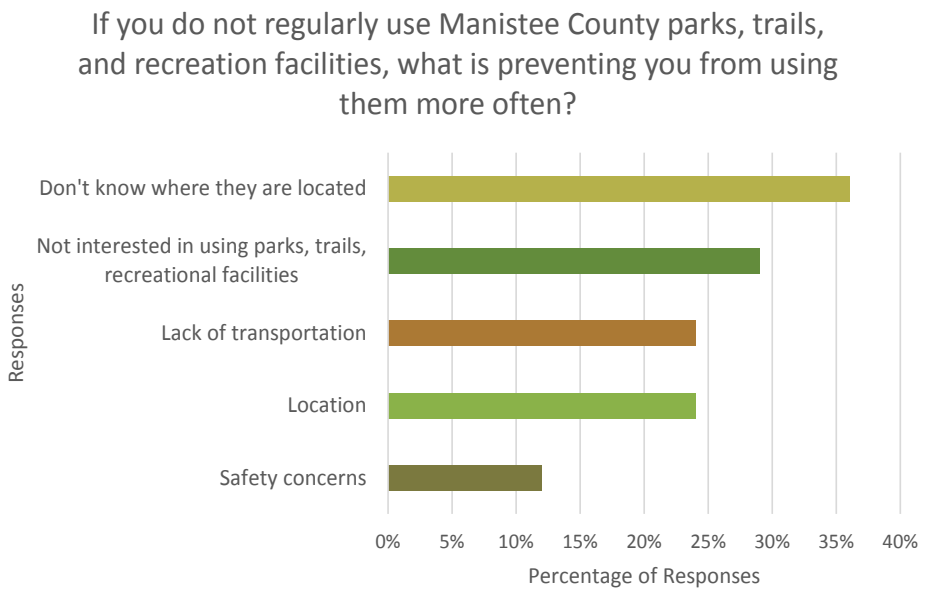
The survey shows that traveling to recreational opportunities is often achieved by car, but 24% of the respondents of the survey listed a lack of transportation as a reason why they do not regularly use Manistee County's recreational facilities.

The inability to simply ride a bike or walk, or take public transportation, to and from a recreational site is creating a barrier to access to recreational facilities and opportunities. While the County does have Dial-A-Ride (a public transportation system that provides on-call service and limited set routes to the City of Manistee and its immediate environs) it does not reach into the interior of the County on a regular, well defined basis and route, nor are the buses fitted with bike carriers (although they will transport bikes for a fee). The opportunity to utilize Dial-A-Ride to transport residents (especially youth and those who do not want to drive) and visitors (especially those flying into Blacker Airport and don't wish to rent a car) is tremendous. A discussion to understand how Dial-A-Ride may be utilized to help expand the eco-tourism initiative in the County is warranted.

In addition to looking at the barriers that a lack of reliable transportation and lack of connected trail routes causes, 36% respondents of the survey respondents also mentioned that the number one reason they don't regularly use Manistee County recreational facilities is due to a lack of knowledge about where the facilities are located. Considering the tremendous amount of work the Visitors Bureau

has done to promote and market the recreational opportunities and facilities to visitors, this information does not appear to be trickling to the residents.

Also cited in the survey as a barrier to utilizing recreational facilities and opportunities, 29% cited a lack of interest in utilizing the developed parks. On face value it may appear that there is limited support for our parks but survey results that show some of the recreational activities folks are active in do not require a developed park, such as boating, hunting, fishing, and road cycling. These activities do require access points. The places that provide access, or the point of entry or park/facility, to the natural resources that these recreational activities utilize need to be well developed and provide accessibility for all types of user abilities. It is important to note that there are many activities folks enjoy that require a developed space, or park, for the activity. These activities cited as those that people enjoy in the County that require a park or developed space include (with the percentage of respondents who enjoy the activity), playground activities (37%), basketball (30%), ice skating (24%), baseball/softball (23%), tennis (12%), disc golf (7%), and pickleball (3%).



Graph 6.2: Reasons for Prevention of Facility Use

Analysis of the Data
Barriers to accessing recreational opportunities are a lack of transportation, which includes public transportation and a connected and looped trail system, and knowledge about where recreational opportunities exist. While parks are important to the County, people enjoy a wide range of recreational pursuits that don't necessarily require parks but do require access points, which may in turn be a park.

Opportunities
Investigate ways to improve on the public transportation system to provide access to recreational facilities and developing a connected and looped trail system to eliminate transportation barriers to recreation. A County-wide recreational way-finding campaign would help residents and visitors navigate to recreational assets. A stronger tie and connection between communities, residents, and those who work to promote and market the County appears to be needed; the organizations that communities might want to contact to strengthen their recreational message includes, but not limited to, the Visitors Bureau, Chamber of Commerce, Alliance for Economic Success, County Planning Department, and various transportation hubs such as Blacker Airport.

6.2.8 Overall Respondent Assessment:

The top ten words people use to describe what they like most about Manistee County's parks, trails, and recreation facilities are:

1. Nature
2. Maintained
3. Beautiful
4. Beaches
5. Trails
6. Water
7. Facilities
8. Proximity
9. Access
10. Scenery

While 86% of the survey respondents felt that the parks, trails, and recreational facilities are fair to excellent, they did mention a number of issues which include (not in a ranked order):

- Trails:
  - Trails are not connected, not multi-use, don't loop, are in poor condition, trailheads and access points are hard to find, need more access points, are not close to our communities, have limited accessibility features for all user abilities
- Maintenance:
  - Parks, trails, and recreation facilities are not well maintained, clean, smell like fish and trash, have dog waste, equipment need repairs, trees need to be trimmed and some removed, and trash is not removed promptly.
- Awareness:
  - Parks, trails, and recreation facilities are not well advertised, have poor mapping and other information available about them which leads to getting lost or not finding access points, lack good signage.
- Transportation:
  - There is a lack of different transportation options to access parks, trails, and recreation facilities.
- Safety/Crime/Drug Use:

- There is noticeable use of drugs at the parks, trails, and recreation facilities, crime occurs, traffic can cause safety concerns either on the access roads or while crossing major roads- need safe crossing points on high traffic volume roads.

- Facilities:
  - There are limited access points to public parks, trails, and recreation facilities, limited fresh drinking water, no bathrooms or unclean bathrooms, not enough trash receptacles, are focused on the City of Manistee and are lacking in the interior communities.
- Accessibility:
  - Boat launches are not American with Disability Act (ADA) compliant, road conditions are poor leading to recreational sites, there are a lack of loops and connections within the road and trail system, there are poor camping access points on Lake Michigan.
- Dogs:
  - Dog waste is a problem, dogs should be allowed in more recreational areas.

Respondents felt the number of existing trails, river, and lakes access points found within the County is predominately better than ok. Specifically, 88% of the respondents felt that there are adequate number of existing trails, 91% felt there are adequate number of river access points, and 92% felt that there are adequate public lake access points. This indicates that a high percentage of respondents don't feel the County needs to develop NEW or MORE recreational trails and river/lake access points. What the survey shows is that the respondents feel that the existing access points and trails need to be better connected to each other and communities, have loops, and contain other amenities (such as drinking water, bathrooms, and trash receptacles).

Analysis of the Data
Respondents are overall positive about recreation in Manistee County and feel that existing facilities and access points are meeting the needs to the community and therefore new facility development may not be necessary.

Opportunities
There are opportunities to improve the recreational assets within the County that have to deal with trails, maintenance, awareness, transportation, safety/ crime/drug use, facilities, accessibility, and dog use.

6.2.9 New Facilities and Programming

While the survey respondents feel satisfied with the overall number of facilities and access points to natural resources in the County, the survey asked residents to express their desires for new facilities and programming. (See Tables 6.1 & 6.2) Trail development is the top recreational facility residents desire. In keeping with the survey results that show residents feel they have a lack of winter based recreational opportunities, or just are looking for ways recreate despite the cold climate, the top "wish list" items respondents expressed is a desire for indoor recreation opportunities that may be found in a sports complex (37%), such as an indoor climbing wall (35%), or indoor fitness and exercise facilities (33%). The third most desired "wish list" item is for the County is to have available a kayak and canoe public rental (37%) available to them. In the development of recreational programming, the survey results show that nature and outdoor programs (49%) is the top type of program that is most important to the respondents followed by adult wellness programs (47%), youth sports leagues (39%), back-packing/hiking programs (34%), and County wide recreation events (31%). When asked directly, 68% of the respondents felt that Manistee County should have an indoor multi-purpose recreational sports complex where racket, ball, and general fitness equipment is available for uses such as indoor soccer, basketball, weight training, indoor rock climbing wall, etc. In addition, when asked 73% respondents in an

What Recreation Facilities Would You Like to See in Manistee County?

Facility Type	Respondent Percentage
Walking/Bike Trail	53%
Sports Complex	37%
Kayak/Canoe Public Rental	37%
Climbing Wall	35%
Indoor Fitness/Exercise Facility	33%
Nature Center	33%
Pedestrian Paths/Sidewalks	31%
Picnic Facilities/Shelters	29%
Indoor Running/Walking Track	29%
Playground Equipment	25%
Outdoor Amphitheater	23%
Outdoor Gardens	23%
Small Neighborhood Parks	22%
Indoor Basketball/Volleyball	21%
Public Bike Rental	20%
Large Neighborhood Parks	18%
Soccer Fields	17%
Outdoor Basketball Courts	16%
Youth Base/Softball Fields	14%
Outdoor Tennis Courts	12%
Racquetball/Handball Courts	12%
Pickleball Courts	9%
Adult Softball Fields	8%
Outdoor Track	1%
Indoor Tennis Facilities	1%

Table 6.1: Desired Recreational Facilities

election might or would vote in favor of supporting the use of public funding for the development and operations of the types of indoor and outdoor parks, recreation and programs that are most important to their household. Only 3% would vote against, and 19% are unsure of the use of public funds for recreational purposes.

Analysis of the Data

Working to create space for indoor recreational opportunities is important to the survey respondents. Respondents would like a facility (sports complex) that would provide space for fitness and exercise, nature education and programming, running and walking, basketball and volleyball. and soccer. The question of what type of programming is important to the person taking the survey reveals strong support for the work that the Manistee Recreation Authority is doing to provide youth sports leagues but new programing needs to be developed for back-packing enthusiasts and other nature based activities (fly-fishing, kayaking/canoeing, bird watching, yoga, sailing). Adult wellness, which may go hand in hand with engaging the entire County in a County-wide recreation event, is new programming important to the respondents as well. Public funding is supported for recreational development.

Which Programs Are Most Important to Your Household?

Program Type	Respondent Percentage
Nature/Outdoor Programs	49%
Adult Fitness/Wellness Programs	47%
Youth Sport Leagues	39%
Back-Packing/Hiking Programs	34%
Community Wide Rec. Events	31%
Fishing/Fly-fishing Summer Programs	26%
Water Fitness	24%
Water Fitness in Lake	24%
Yoga/Palliates/Meditation	22%
Adult Art Program	20%
Rock Climbing Programs	18%
Adult Sports Leagues	16%
Snow-Shoeing Programs	15%
Cross-Country Skiing Programs	15%
Fishing/Fly-Fishing Winter Programs	14%
Downhill Skiing Programs	14%
Sailing Programs	13%
Martial Arts Programs	11%
Senior Sport Leagues	9%
Ice Sailing Programs	6%

Table 6.2: Recreational Program Importance

Opportunities

To provide indoor recreation by developing a facility that allows residents to engage in a wide variety of indoor recreational pursuits regardless of the weather. To provide programming that takes advantage of nature based activities is sought after and important to residents.

6.3 Public Vision Sessions

Public input is the backbone of most planning processes. The input received is utilized to shape and develop the plan, and provides information which helps generate goals. This planning process was no different, and with recreation providing activities in Manistee County across a wide demographic age group, thought was given to specifically seeking out a wide range of input from all age groups.

In order to receive input from all age groups, two separate types of public input sessions were organized. Public Input Sessions to be held at public locations spread throughout the County during the evenings in June were scheduled and advertised. These types of sessions often bring out community members who are older than 35 years of age. In order to solicit input from the younger members of our communities, student input sessions were scheduled and held in February and April at three local high schools. The combination of these two types of public input sessions would provide a range of public input spanning the range of age groups found within Manistee County.

6.3.1 High School Student Input Sessions

Input from the youth of Manistee County was a high priority during this planning process. Previous recreation planning efforts and many planning efforts in general within Manistee County, lacked the input of youth in helping to determine a plan of action and set goals for the future. In order to effectively receive the input of youth from our communities, a demographic which tends to be absent from public input sessions and charrettes; the process was developed to include specific student input forums which would be conducted at three area High Schools.



Image 6.1: Student Input Preparation

The Student Input Sessions were held at the following locations at the provided date.

- Manistee High School: February 25th, 2015
- Onekama High School: April 20th, 2015
- Brethren High School: April 20th, 2015

The format of the Student Input Sessions were conducted in a fashion that would provide information on activities pursued by the youth in Manistee County as well as the location at which those activities were pursued. This information was received through a mapping exercise which allowed the



Image 6.2: Manistee High School Student Input Session



Figure 6.1: Student Input Session Wordle

students to identify the locations of their summer and winter recreation activities.
Upon completion of the mapping exercise, the students were then guided through a process which would identify strengths, weaknesses and opportunities of/for recreation and recreation sites within Manistee County.

6.3.1.1 Student Input Session Results

Student Input Session results are broken down by each individual High School session and can be located in Appendix C. The combination of all student input session results is displayed within this section. The results are organized into the Wordle, Activity Location Table, and Strengths and Weaknesses Table.

6.3.1.2 Wordle

A Wordle is a method of representing information in a manner which utilizes visual information to convey data. The size of the words in the graphic are determined by the number of responses for that particular recreational activity. The larger the word, the more times that activity was mentioned during the student input session over other activities. (See Figure 6.1)

6.3.1.3 Activity Location Table:

The Activity Location Table displays the information on the types of recreational activities pursued in Manistee County as well as the location at which those activities were pursued. The information reflects the activities identified from the student input sessions. (See Table 6.3)



Image 6.3: Onekama High School Student Input Session

Location	Summer Activities	Winter Activities
Arcadia Area	Diving for Golf Balls, Golf, Hiking, Bow fishing	Ice-Fishing
Bar Lake	Fishing	None Reported
Bear Lake Area	Fishing, Jogging, Hiking, Golf, Tubing, Horseback Riding	Ice-Fishing
Brethren Area	Jogging, Fishing, Canoeing	Jogging, Sledding, Snowmobiling
Chief Lake	Swimming, Fishing	Ice-Fishing
City of Manistee	Swimming, Jogging, Golf, Beach, Pier Jumping, Fishing, Baseball/Softball, Basketball, Tennis, Golf, Bowling	Ice-Skating
Crystal Mtn.	Swimming, Alpine Slide	Downhill Skiing, Snowboarding
Lake Michigan	Swimming, Beach Combing, Pier Jumping, Fishing, Jet ski, Boating, Waterski	Big Lake Viewing, Beach Combing, Pier Walk
Lemon Lake	Fishing	None Reported
Libraries	Read	None Reported
Little Manistee, Big Manistee and Pine Rivers	Canoeing, Kayaking, Tubing, Fishing, Camping, Swimming, Rafting	Fishing (Per Open Season)
Manistee County Public Lands	Hunting, Biking, Mushroom Hunting, Bonfires	Hunting
Manistee Lake	Fishing	Ice Fishing
Onekama Area	Playground, Golf, Jogging, Tubing, Waterski, Fishing, Swimming, Bow fishing	Sledding, ATV Riding, Snowshoeing, Ice-fishing, Ice-Skating
Public Trails	Jogging, Hiking, Biking	Jogging, Snowmobiling, Snowshoeing, Cross Country-Skiing
Tippy Pond Area	Camping, Fishing, Swimming, Mudding	Ice-Fishing, Snowmobiling
Kaleva Area	Horseback Riding, Camping, Jogging, Fishing, Swimming	Snowmobiling, Jogging, Sledding
Wellston Area	Fishing, Horseback Riding, Basketball	Jogging, Sledding, Snowmobiling

Table 6.3: Student Input Activity Location Table

6.3.1.4 Strengths and Weaknesses Table

The Strengths and Weaknesses Table displays the results from the Student Input Session. These strengths and weaknesses are a valuable resource for the development of goals for recreation in Manistee County. (See Table 6.4)

Strengths and Weaknesses	
Strengths	**Weaknesses**
• River Systems and Access • Trails • Beaches (John Langland & 1st Street) • Forest (Public Land Access) • Small and Large Game Hunting • Fishing & Hiking Spirit of the Woods • Beach, Piers • Mudding Backwaters of Tippy Dam • Mudding at Twisted Trails • Running (Glovers Lake Rd.) • Tubing on Portage Lake • Skiing @ Crystal Mtn. • Alpine Sledding @ Crystal • Orchard Beach S.P. Hiking Trails • Baseball Fields • Hiking on Old Baldy (Conservancy Lands) • Clean and nice beaches • Many places to fish • Movie theatre • Lots of places for tubing • Lots of camping places • Hiking • Ice-skating • Nice downtown	• Bear Creek Launch (ramp condition) • Blacksmith Bayou (ramp condition, lack of parking, plow in winter) • More ATV access in Manistee County • North County Trail Bridge Out (Between High Bridge & Tippy) • Safer Running Environment (on and off road) • Trail Connections to denser developed areas • Open Bear Creek for canoeing • Limited Ice Skating • Limited Hockey • Bathrooms @ Langland Park • Pavilion @ Langland Park • Bathrooms @ Village Park (Onekama) • Lack of Snowmobile and Bike Trail Connections • Lack of indoor recreation center • Bear Lake Baseball Field Conditions • Hard to access places / low accessibility • Not enough bike trails and needs more protection for bicyclists on the road • Lack of information about trails to students • Lack of restaurants • Few shopping stores • Roads/sidewalks need repair

Table 6.4: Student Strengths and Weaknesses Table



Image 6.4: KND High School Student Input Session

6.3.2 Public Input Sessions

Input from members of all communities within Manistee County is desired through this planning process, but with 21 local units of government within Manistee County the idea of holding 21 separate public input sessions raised concerns. The concerns revolved around the amount of time necessary to plan, setup and effectively capture public input, but also with the potential to have some input sessions lightly attended or without any attendance by the public whatsoever.

It was decided to effectively manage the public input with notification by conducting six public input sessions spread throughout the County. The locations were chosen based upon several factors; easily identified locations, proximity to higher population centers, and ease of traveling to the location of the session for the public which resided in that region.

The Public Input Sessions were held at the following locations at the provided date and time.

- Marilla Township Hall: June 2nd, 2015
- Stronach Township Hall: June 9th, 2015
- Brethren High School: June 11th, 2015
- Bear Lake United Methodist Church: June 16th, 2015
- Springdale Township Hall: June 23rd, 2015
- Manistee High School: June 30th, 2015

The format of the Public Input Sessions were conducted in a similar fashion to those for the Student Input Sessions. Through following that base format, the resulting information from all input sessions can be compared against each other. As with the student sessions, large maps were utilized to ascertain where and what type of activities in which were participated, within Manistee County. After then a discussion with three main questions was posed to the group. The questions outlined the strengths, weaknesses and opportunities (SWO) of/for recreation within Manistee County.

Unlike the student input sessions, the general public input sessions went ***one step further*** in order to prioritize opportunities which would help shape the goals and identify the projects needed to achieve the goals for each of the individual municipalities and County as a whole. The prioritized goals for each municipality at the conclusion of all public input sessions could then be reviewed and revised by individual planning commissions and boards/councils with assistance by the leadership team member.

6.3.2.1 June Vision Session Results:

The combination of all input session results follows. The results show two



Image 6.5: Stronach Public Input Session

types of information and are organized into two forms: the Wordle and Activity Location Table, as well as, a summary outlining the strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities by recreation region. A strength, weaknesses, and opportunity (SWO) analysis helps community members analyze their community in a structured manner that leads to a positive problem solving thought process. It also assists community members to see all the positive aspects of their community that they can be proud of and build upon in shaping recreational opportunities.

A table outlining the SWO analysis for each recreation region can be found in Appendix C, as can the individual results from each public input session. Both should be utilized as a reference through plan implementation.

6.3.2.2 Strength, Weaknesses, and Opportunities Analysis Results Summary:

Strengths:

The SWO analysis reveals that the residents of Manistee County feel that there are an abundance of recreational strengths. Many of them are a result of the natural resources found within the County: rivers, lakes forests, wetlands. These natural resources are used for activities such as boating, hiking, cycling, skiing, snowmobiling, nature watching, fishing, and hunting. Residents also see the potential to use the natural resources for emerging adventure based recreation such as rock climbing, use of zip lines, and outdoor survival activities. The County is rich in facilities that allow for the use of the natural resources such as boat launches, trails, parks, and campgrounds. The residents of the County also enjoy recreation for their wellness and fitness, as well as for competitiveness, playing all different types of sports such as basketball, volleyball, soccer, baseball, softball, disc ball, and pickleball. They utilize facilities found at the parks, school gymnasiums, and private facilities to engage in these sport activities.

The use of trails emerged as a strength worth singling out for discussion. There are existing trails found throughout the County. Existing trails are used for hiking, biking, snowmobiling, and snowshoeing, as well as, general access to water and land. This strength was repeated throughout the vision sessions for both youth and the general public.

Weaknesses:

While residents expressed that the County is home to great recreational strengths, weaknesses may be found. The vision session respondents cited as weaknesses a lack of access to water for boating, fishing, and general recreational use. The lack of access may be either because an access point does not exist (examples include Bear Creek, Betsie River) or the access point is poorly developed (examples include Lemon Lake, Hodenpyle Stretch on the Manistee River). Access may also be hampered, according to vision session respondents, simply because users are unfamiliar with where to go to access a recreational facility; they need directions and sites need to be marketed and promoted better. In addition, respondents felt that the winter based recreational opportunities are underdeveloped and not marketed and promoted (ice fishing, ice sailing, skiing, snowshoeing). Existing parks are valued but there are a number of park improvements that are identified within the communities across the County. The improvements cited deal with improving access to water (boat/kayak launches), parking, pavilions, restroom facilities, children's playground equipment, American with Disability Act compliance, ball fields, trails, and cycling amenities.

Trails are of great concern for the residents as they expressed that while the County has a number of developed trails (examples include the North Country Trail and the Manistee River Trail), the trails are not connected to each other and natural resources, in a comprehensive manner that makes sense, is easy for the users to understand, and in some cases, are unsafe (when crossing busy streets). The trails also have few loops, have little to no amenities, and have maintenance issues. Session participants also felt that a better job could be done at forming partnerships and collaborating with stakeholders, such as the US Forest Service, Department of Natural Resources, Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, Consumers Powers, and the railroad companies.

Of concern to residents is the ability to maintain and sustain existing and future recreational facilities. The perceived current inability of communities and the County government to fund site improvements and acquisition, as

well as, comprehensively address recreation parks, trails, and programming is a weakness identified. Residents also found that the economic development climate in the County has not capitalized on developing a nature based, or eco-tourism, economy so the lack of businesses that cater to nature based recreation is a missed opportunity and a weakness that affects economic prosperity for the communities.

Opportunities:
By understanding your strengths and weakness a clearer path to developing opportunities emerges. The opportunities may be categorized into the following areas of focus:

Access to Land & Water

Natural Resources Stewardship

Recreational Opportunities (Parks/Programming/Facilities

Nature Based Tourism or Eco-tourism

Maintenance and Funding

Collaboration & Partnerships

Trails

Residents felt that access to land and water is something that needs attention. While there may be new access points needed (Bear Creek and the Betsie River being the most mentioned), for the most part respondents felt that time, energy, and resources should be focused on existing sites. What improvements are needed may be found in site prioritization and assets inventory tables. Continued natural resource stewardship, a goal of the County Board of Commissioners, is evident by the respondents who want to keep the natural habitat in tact for hunting, fishing, and wildlife viewing. Some respondents recommended speed limitations on the Hodenpyle Stretch of the Manistee River and other key locations to better harmonize the co-existence of recreational users.



Image 6.6: Marilla Public Input Session

Equally on par with the use of natural resources for outdoor and adventure based recreational activities, the built environment for recreation is equally important to vision session participants. The many parks and other facilities found throughout the County provide enjoyment for all users regardless of interest, age, and abilities. A desire to see additional facilities built within the community parks for youth is expressed with suggestions for sledding hills, ice skating areas for figure skating and hockey, skate park, winter sports park, American Disability Act compliant playground, rock climbing wall, and archery area. Again, respondents were not looking to develop new land for these activities but to utilize existing park and open space for these uses.

With an understanding that others may like the recreational assets found within the County, especially the natural resources based recreational activities (hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, skiing, boating, etc.) an opportunity exists to develop a segment of the economy that caters to the needs of these users. Vision session participants discussed the need and opportunities for the development of business ventures such as liveries, equipment rental businesses, retail, and other outfitter type establishments. Respondents linked the location of these businesses to where existing recreational assets and future trail hubs will be, or should be, located.

If the County vision participants (and most of the 1009 survey respondents) were to collectively scream the one recreational opportunity that they would like developed, the word “trails” would be loud and clear. Vision session participants expressed clearly that trail development is an opportunity of which Manistee County must take advantage. The respondents saw an opportunity to link water, communities, and natural resources through a collection of inter-connected multi-use trails laced throughout the County. Building upon the existing trails, connections should be made, loops constructed, trail hubs developed, a way-finding program implemented, and a fierce marketing and promotion needs to occur. In regards to trails, the voice of the community was loud and clear: build trails.

Respondents expressed that the lack of an assured local and County maintenance and funding program for recreation is a weakness. But the opportunity exists, and

appeared anecdotally supported, to create an organizational structure that would sustain recreational planning, development, and implementation. Specifically, respondents are interested in ensuring that both maintenance of existing and future recreational improvements are sustained and funding is assured. The type of organizational structure was not suggested, but it was suggested that models found elsewhere in the State where recreational authority's are utilized should be looked at and considered. Marquette's Recreation Authority and the City of Traverse City and Garfield Township Recreation Authority are two examples of the use of a recreational authority where trail development and other recreational opportunities have been developed and sustained.

In addition to ensuring that the future of recreation has a plan for maintenance and funding, the participants were looking for other ways to be successful in implementing this Recreation Plan and focused on the use of collaboration and building partnerships to help. Collaboration and partnerships, respondents felt, would help develop and pull together resources, create efficiencies, share resources, and create a collective force that would drive developing recreation as expressed in this Plan.

6.3.2.2 Wordle

A Wordle is a method of representing information in a manner which utilizes visual information to convey data. The size of the words in the graphic are determined by the number of responses for that particular recreational activity. The larger the word, the more times that activity was mentioned during the public input session over other activities. (See Figure 6.2)



Figure 6.2: Public Input Session Wordle

6.3.2.3 Activity Location Table

The Activity Location Table displays the information on the types of recreational activities pursued in Manistee County as well as the location at which those activities were pursued. The information reflects the June public input sessions. (See Table 6.5)



Image 6.7: City of Manistee Public Input Session

6.4 Stakeholder Input:

Stakeholders are those groups and agencies which have a strong stake in recreation within Manistee County. Staff and leadership team members worked diligently to see that a complete list of stakeholders was created and that those stakeholders were invited to engage in the process. As the planning process moved forward and the public input aspects of the plan were underway, the stakeholders were mailed letters notifying them of the availability of the online survey as well as the date, time and location for each of the public forums.

6.4.1 Stakeholder Discussions:

Several stakeholders including governmental agencies and large land owners were contacted and meetings were set with staff. At these meetings the recreation planning process was explained and the goals of the plan were clarified. Staff met with the following governmental agencies or groups either in person or via teleconference.

- Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
- State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- United States Forest Service
- Consumers Energy
- Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy

The discussions that ensured from the meetings listed above were very positive

Location	Summer Activities	Winter Activities
Arcadia Area	Boating, Fishing, Beach, Swimming, Birding, Biking	Cross-Country Skiing, Ice-Fishing
Bar Lake Area	Swimming, Birding, Biking, Walking, Paddle-Board, Hiking	*None Reported*
Bear Lake Area	Fishing, Hunting, Boating, Biking, Picnic, Golf, Swimming, Walking	Walking, Snowshoeing, Cross-Country Skiing, Ice-Fishing, Hunting
Dickson & Norman Twps.	Kayak, Hiking	Snowshoeing, Cross-Country Skiing, Hunting
City of Manistee	Beach, Walking, Summer Music Concerts, Swimming	*None Reported*
Springdale & Cleon Twps.	Hunting, Snowmobiling	Snowshoeing, Skiing
Filer Twp. Area	Beach, Biking, Hiking, Swimming	Snowshoeing, Cross-Country Skiing, Snowmobiling, Hiking
Lemon Lake	Fishing	Ice-Fishing
Little Manistee, Big Manistee and Pine Rivers	Kayaking, Canoeing, Fishing, Boating	Fishing
Manistee County Public Lands	Hunting, Mushrooming	Hunting, Snowshoeing
Manistee Lake Area	Birding, Canoeing, Fishing	Ice-Fishing
Marilla Area	Picnicking, Hunting	Hunting, Snowshoeing, Snowmobiling
Portage Lake Area	Biking, Fishing, Swimming, Boating, Birding, Sailing, Waterski	Ice-Fishing
Public Trails	Walking, Hiking, Backpacking, Biking, Horseback Riding	Snowshoeing, Snowmobiling, Cross-Country Skiing, Biking
Stronach Area	Hunting, Fishing, Biking, Kayaking, Canoeing, Hiking	Sledding, Cross-Country Skiing, Snowshoeing, Hunting
Tippy Pond Area	Canoeing, Hiking, Backpacking, Kayaking	Ice-Fishing
Village of Kaleva	Skeet-Shooting	Snowmobiling
Wellston Area	Fishing, Hunting, Kayaking	Snowmobiling

Table 6.5: Public Input Activity Location Table

and support for recreation planning within the County was evident. Though each group had specific stances on how they perceive recreation within the County, all felt it was a worth-while endeavor to move forward with the collaboration and consensus that had been built through the planning process in order to have a working document which captured so much information for so many groups and laid a framework for county-wide recreation goals.

If there is one item that stuck out of each discussion that was held; it was to remain transparent and to ensure that each of these groups is included in any initial conversations concerning recreation with which they have a stake and/or own property. The importance the document places on collaboration and consensus is the frame with which the plan is built. The idea of inclusion of stakeholders during initial conversations is embraced and supported, and will most certainly occur as the plan is implemented.

6.4.2 Stakeholder List:

Each of the listed stakeholders were mailed information concerning the online survey as well as the public input sessions which were held in June of 2015. The stakeholders are also notified upon completion of the plan so that they may review the draft plan during the public comment period.

- Manistee Area Public Schools (MAPS)
- Onekama Consolidated School District
- Kaleva Norman Dickson School District
- Benzie School District
- Cross Country Ski Council
- Shoreline Cycle Club
- Manistee County Chamber
- Manistee County Visitors Bureau
- Manistee Healthy Coalition
- North County Trail Association
- Watershed Councils
- DNR
- US Forest Service
- Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy
- Bear Lake Promoters
- Portage Lake Association
- Portage Point Yacht Club
- Manistee Muzzle Loading Club
- Rolling Thunder
- Spirit of the Woods
- Boy and Girl Scouts
- Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
- City of Manistee Beautification Committee
- Bear Lake Property Owners Association
- Crystal Mountain
- Various Service Groups: Rotary, Elks, etc.
- Caberfae
- Manistee Council on Aging
- Golf Courses
- Marinas
- City of Manistee Non-motorized Committee
- Pleasant Valley Community Center
- Historic Associations
- Blacker Airport
- Twisted Trails
- Northern MI Drag-strip
- Manistee Snowbirds
- Big Bear Sportsman Club
- Consumers Energy Company
- West Shore Hospital
- Camp Arcadia
- Audubon Society
- Ducks Unlimited



Image 6.8: Recreation Survey Flyer



Image 6.9: Recreation Public Input Meeting Flyer

Chapter 7: Goals & Projects

7.1 Arcadia Township Goals and Projects

1. Goal: Develop multiuse trails that are connected to a County wide trail system

PROJECTS:

Snowmobile Trails:
Develop a snowmobile trail that is connected to the County wide system

Trail Facilities:
Facilities such as trash receptacles, signage, ADA compliant bathrooms, and fitness stations, will be provided at specified locations throughout the Township and made available at existing facilities such as the PVCC, Finch Park and Grebe Park.

Snow-Shoe and Cross-Country Ski Trails:
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.

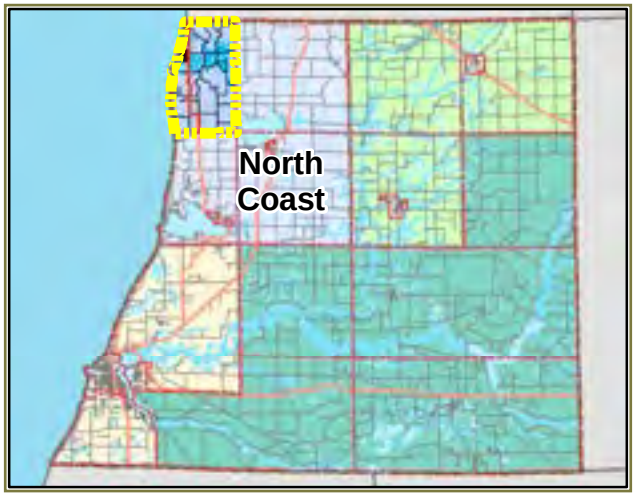
Trail Route:
The trail route will connect existing neighborhoods, parks, community and economic centers, and conservancy lands within the Township utilizing on-road connections, easements across private property and existing trails. Including a trail through the GTRLC wetland.

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

PROJECTS:

Grebe Park, Sunset Station & Arcadia Natural Beach Area, Veterans Memorial Park and Marina:
Implement the park improvement plans. (In Progress)

North Coast Region



Pickert Park:
Develop a site specific park plan including but not limited to improving landscaping, replacing play structure, replacing swing set that includes an ADA compliant child seat and reusing existing features in a new creative way.

Finch Park:
Develop a site specific park plan including but not limited to improved landscaping, repairing restrooms, fix picnic tables, paint pickleball lines on tennis court and developing a venue for community concerts.

Signage Update:
Replace and provide unified designed signs for all parks in the Township. Addition of PVCC Kiosk.

Dredging Spoils and Beach Nourishment:
Work with the Army Corps of Engineers and the DEQ to secure dredging spoils from the Arcadia Lake Channel dredging to supplement beach sand at the Arcadia Beach Natural Area.

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

PROJECTS:

Community Group Meeting:
Facilitate meetings with community groups (ie Lions, PVCC, Arcadia Garden Club) to understand their individual goals as they relate to this recreation plan and the Township Master Plan in order to identify priorities that can be worked on collaboratively.

Adult Porch Swings and Benches:
Place adult porch swings and benches throughout the Township for individuals who are moving throughout the community so that they can rest and enjoy the views.

Rinks, Fields, Games and Gardens:
Develop the following new facilities at the PVCC or on Township owned property: ice skating rink, outdoor pickleball and community garden.

Interpretive Center and Trail System Hub:
Develop an Interpretive Center and Trail Hub at the PVCC for the trail system, Arcadia marsh, Arcadia Natural Beach Area and any other natural area that can be used for environmental educational purposes.

Campground:
Develop the Arcadia Campground property on Arcadia Lake in keeping with this Recreation Plan and the Master Plan

4. Goal: Develop Township policies that promote recreation.

PROJECTS:

Fishing off docks policy:
Fishing to be allowed to occur off the docks at the municipal marina. Improve site at the M-22 Causeway.

Collaboration with the PVCC Policy:
Formalize a collaborative partnership with the PVCC to recognize their role as catalyst for recreation initiatives, programming, and to be a location for recreation scheduling and point of communication for residents regarding recreational opportunities. Seek out and help to fund a part time staff member for programing throughout the township and at the PVCC.

Streetscape Improvement Policy:
Initiate efforts to care for the aesthetics of the community through streetscape improvements such as tree planting, ADA compliance, way-finding. Discuss the Idea of traffic calming measures between Oak and State streets on M-22 corridor.

Regional Collaboration Policy:
Seek out regional collaborative partners to identify opportunities for developing recreational opportunities that cross municipal boundaries such as trail systems, harbor dredging, and program development.

5. Goal: Create and improve recreational programming and opportunities

PROJECTS:

Youth Programming:
Improve the parks so that youth of all ages have more recreational opportunities

Promote the MRA:
Increase MRA'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.

PVCC Programming Review and Community Collaboration:
Evaluate, collaborate and improve recreational programming at the PVCC. May require a part time staff member.

Concert Series:
Create a subcommittee made up of residents to develop a concert series that would be primarily hosted at Finch Park.

"Explore Arcadia" Driving Tour:
Create a subcommittee to develop an organized, well communicated driving 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.

Parks and Recreation Website:
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 scheduling of activities and also work with the PVCC to ensure the information is posted regularly. (visitarcadiami.com)

7.2 Pleasanton Township Goals and Projects

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

PROJECTS:

County-wide Trail System Collaboration:
Continue to work collaboratively in developing the County wide trail system

Equestrian Trail:
Work with the Conservancy to develop an equestrian trail system that allows for horseback riding, horse carts, and camping with horse trailer

Safe Crossing:
Improve safety for trail users by developing safe crossing points on major road.

Snowmobile Trail:
Ensure a well connected snowmobile trail throughout the Township.

Trail that encircles Bear Lake:
Develop a trail that circles Bear Lake including mile markers to help measure distance.

2. Goal: Improve the use of Township parks.

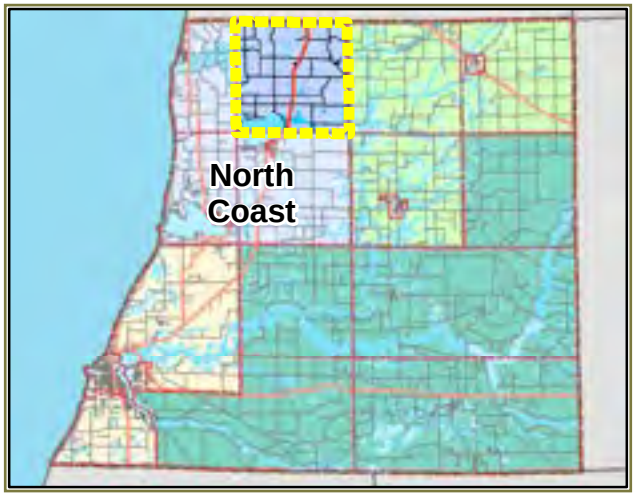
PROJECTS:

Township Hall Park:
Improve the park facilities at the Township Hall Park including updating the lighting at the sports field, develop an outdoor restroom, provide frost fee drinking water, create a trail head with signage for snowmobile use and other multi-use trail users.

Lakeside Avenue Township Park:
Develop restroom facilities at the Lakeside Avenue Township Park.

Lakeside Park:
Install and improve playground equipment and picnic tables at Lakeside Park.

North Coast Region



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

PROJECTS:

Butwell Road End Land Acquisition:
Purchase adjacent land to the Butwell Road access to Bear Lake in order to develop a new park area complete with restrooms and a picnic area.

All Access Points to Bear Lake:
Install adult porch swings at all the access points to Bear Lake.



Image 7.1: Pleasanton Twp. Park

7.3 & 7.4 Onekama Township & Onekama Village Goals and Projects

1. Goal: Highlight, enhance, and preserve the natural beauty of the flora and fauna, the wetlands, and the water quality of the lakes and streams in Onekama Village and Township for residents, seasonal residents, and visitors to enjoy

PROJECTS:

Water:
Continue to support the monitoring of the lake waters by the Watershed, Township, and School

Water:
Support the enforcement of the County-wide program of the monitoring of septic systems

Water:
Support the extension of the sewer system into areas where septic system contamination of the lakes exist

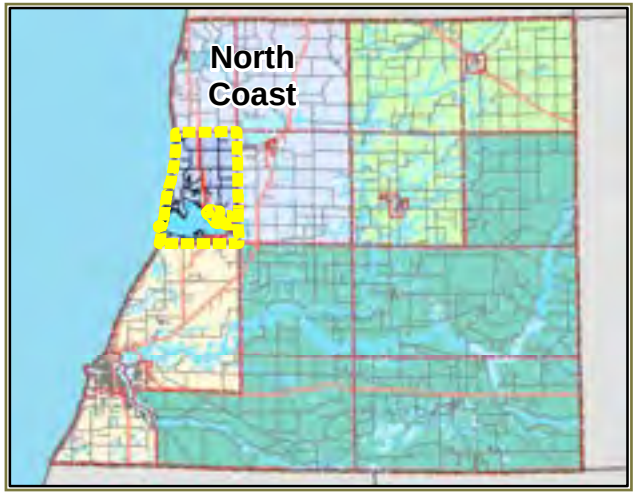
Land:
Acquire State-owned and private lands that are critical to the protection and preservation of the Portage Lake Watershed and that contain natural beauty and wetlands that would be offered to governmental units and then the public, if governmental units do not want them

Land:
Support subcommittee of the Portage Lake Watershed Forever to obtain and study updated wetland maps to determine critical wetlands that should be purchased

Plant Life:
Support the education of the public of need to control invasives and prescribe proper methods of control

Plant Life:
Involve community organizations in efforts to identify and control invasive species in and around Portage Lake

North Coast Region



Plant Life:
Support the Portage Lake Management Plan and the financing of it for the control of invasives both in and around Portage Lake

Habitat Protection:
Plant trees near North Point Park perimeter as wildlife habitat and create arboretum

Habitat Protection
Continue the annual survey and treatment of invasive plants and shrubs in this Park as well as others

2. Goal: Provide opportunities for enjoying lake views, utilizing beaches, and accessing waters of Portage Lake and Lake Michigan in Onekama Township and Village

PROJECTS:

Views:
Upgrade the gazebo complex so that viewing of Lake Michigan and its sunsets may continue despite encroaching sand dune in Langland Park (Channel Turnaround

Views:
Build permanent restrooms for people using Langland Park for viewing Lake Michigan and for other recreational purposes

Views:
Build boardwalk through wetlands in Portage Wetlands Park for access to Portage Lake and to provide a connecting trail to North Point Park as per conceptual plan of Beckett & Raeder Project: Continue the annual survey and treatment of invasive plants and shrubs in this Park as well as others

Land Acquisition:
Build boardwalk through wetlands of Eagles View Wetlands—A Community Preserve

Land Acquisition:
To increase opportunities for the public to enjoy, use, and view Portage Lake within the Village of Onekama—acquire shoreline property with wetlands east and west of Farr Center for wetland preservation, and for educational and recreational areas. Obtain grants to purchase land; finalize plans for development of handicap accessible area as appropriate for activities such as birding, fishing, education, etc.; and enlist community to help develop area

Land Acquisition:
Acquire property north of Thirteen Mlle Road End at Pierport for passive park, which would include the beach at Thirteen Mile Road End

Road Ends:
Work with County and State officials in adding other purposes beyond just ingress to and egress from the water for road ends, and post rules and regulations at each road end

Youth Fishing:
Explore the possibilities of further dredging and plan dock extension to improve shore fishing for youth in the Onekama Village Park

3. Goal: Administer and publicize Onekama Village and Township parks and recreation to the best advantage of all

PROJECTS:

Community Partnerships:
Hold regularly scheduled committee parks and recreation meetings having representatives from each entity committed to the idea of one community system of parks and recreation

Community Parks Map:
Install large map of Onekama Recreation Sites at the Village Park

Funding Capacity:
Create an annual budget for Parks and Recreation
Project: Inform donors and potential donors of improvements in, and current status of, parks and recreation, particularly in instances where donated funds have been used

Funding Capacity:
Improve promotion of Parks and Recreation fund-raising events and activities

Funding Capacity:
Hire a part-time employee for maintenance of parks in Onekama Township

Funding Capacity:
Continue annual Parks Appreciation Day during the Onekama Days summer celebration, inviting donors as well as the general public, and providing refreshments and nature walks; hold similar days or tours at other parks. Publicize North Point Park event early enough to appear in Onekama Days publicity

Funding Capacity:
Participate in the Onekama Days Parade

Community Input and Communication:
Place monthly meeting minutes of Parks and Recreation Committee on Onekama's web site and in newspaper

Community Input and Communication:
Publish a monthly Parks and Recreation newsletter for donors and local taxpayers June-September

Community Input and Communication:
Enhance public relations and explore different ways of keeping the public informed and receiving feedback from it that can be used to determine the best way to implement plans

Parks Awareness:
Continue to publish a brochure of parks and recreation for residents, seasonal residents, and visitors to be placed in Library, Township Hall, Bank, restaurants, real estate offices, motels, etc.

Parks Awareness:
Establish a center for welcoming and providing information for visitors

Parks Awareness:
Maintain parks and recreation photographs and information on Onekama's web site

Intergovernmental Collaboration:
When Manistee County advertises for members of parks and recreation bodies, seek appointment(s) immediately through the Onekama Village Council and Township Board

4. Goal: Improve and enhance Onekama Village and Township marine facilities to attract Great Lakes, resident, and seasonal recreational boaters and fishermen

PROJECTS:

Dredging:
Support campaign for legislation to provide Federal funding for dredging of Channel and for completion of renovation of the Channel piers

Public Marina:
Apply for State funding to hire an engineering firm to study the feasibility of establishing a small public municipal marina with sensitivity towards costs of future maitenance and upkeep.

Public Marina:
Study other public marinas located in villages similar to Onekama (Pentwater, Arcadia, etc.)

MDNR Boat Launch:
Notify the M-DNR annually of improvements needed at the Launch Site

MDNR Boat Launch:
Post signs at the Onekama Village Park indicating availability and location of the M-DNR Access Site

MDNR Boat Launch:
Explore feasibility and funding for a handicap accessible kayak launch.

Village Boat Launch:
Explore a pay-as-you-launch fee program. This would help pay for upgrading and maintenance of marine facilities

5. Goal: Improve and enhance facilities for Onekama Village and Township parks and recreation for optimal use by residents, seasonal residents, and visitors

PROJECTS:

Collaboration:
Cut and replace trees as needed

Collaboration:
Maintain picnic tables and cooking grills

Collaboration:
Reconfigure parking; provide additional parking for boat ramp and general Park use

Collaboration:
Renovate or replace bathhouse

Collaboration:
Re-landscape Park, including leveling ground and planting grass

Collaboration:
Plan for future needs and upgrades in the Onekama Village Park by using public input; determine best ways to implement plans

Collaboration:
Continue to mechanically groom beaches

Farr Center:
Support the maintenance of the Butterfly, and other, gardens around Farr Center

Road Ends:
Survey sites to determine picnic tables needed; plan for winter storage

North Point Park:
Install picnic tables

North Point Park:
Remove and control remaining unwanted brush and vines

North Point Park:
Plant dogwood, hawthorn, pine, and spruce

Langland Park:
Mechanically groom beach

Langland Park:
Maintain fire rings for beach cleanliness and safety

Langland Park:
Maintain facilities such as mobi-mats, restrooms, beach, fire rings and other amenities.

6. Goal: To promote healthful living for adult and youngster residents and seasonal residents—provide new facilities and enhance existing facilities for walking, hiking, exercising, biking, sports, roller skating/blading, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, and ice skating

PROJECTS:

Sidewalks:
Clean debris from and repair or replace existing sidewalk where needed on west edge of Portage Point Road south of the Portage Point Inn; extend sidewalk along Second Street to Langland Park

Sidewalks:
Replace sidewalk on Lakeview Avenue from Outlet Avenue to Portage Lake Avenue in Portage Park buried during seawall construction along Portage Lake

Programming:
Continue to advertise the programs through publications and newsletters

Programming:
Encourage offering fitness and recreation classes after school, during evenings, and during summer through community education program

Multi-Use Trails:
Purchase and develop appropriate private land (abandoned railroad right-of-way) that could be used for a variety of trails, including those for cross-country skiing and snowmobiling

Multi-Use Trails:
Through an easement, purchase of land, or rerouting of trail at the north boundary of Glen Park remedy the situation existing at present where the trail is illegally on the adjoining property to the north

Exercise Trail:
Establish a fitness circuit in Rotary Park and/or North Point Park

Ice Skating:
Create an area for winter ice skating with a fire ring for daytime and evening use by adults and youngsters that would also promote fellowship among the participants

Way-finding and Information Signs:
Post signs showing map of Trail at two entrances of North Point Park

Way-finding and Information Signs:
Post signs showing map of trail at two entrances of Glen Park

Pickleball Court:
Provide a pickleball court and acquaint the public with pickleball

7. Goal: Provide recreation programs for resident and seasonal youth, including challenged youth, of the Community in parks and school facilities in association with the Manistee Recreation Association, the Onekama Consolidated Schools, and other organizations

Recreation Lessons and Instruction:
Promote and continue to use the Manistee Recreation Association program for participants in Onekama Township and Village

8. Goal: Highlight, enhance, and preserve the historical resources of Onekama Village and Township

Historical Way-Finding:
Publicize and encourage use of Glen Park through historical brochure with map of trails, and identification of flora and fauna (brochure similar to Walking with Nature published for North Point Park)

Historical Way-Finding:
Establish a museum in a building that would accommodate exhibits recalling the history of the Village and Township and their lakes

9. Goal: Highlight and enhance the cultural resources of Onekama Village and Township

Use of School Auditorium:
Support presentation of concerts year-around by local and regional artists for enjoyment of residents, seasonal residents, and visitors

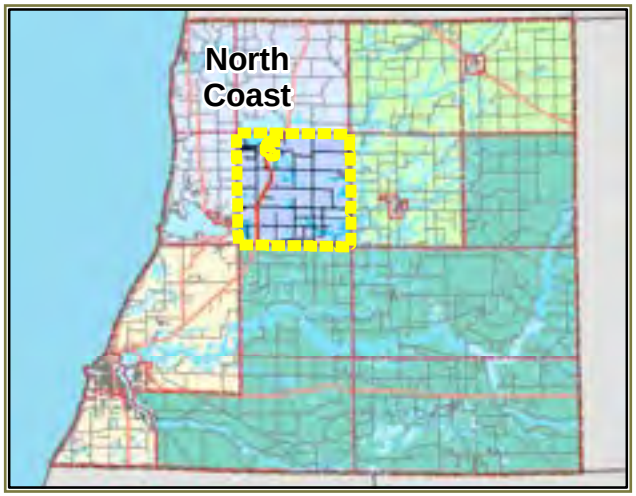


Image 7.2: Vintage Snowmobile Race



Image 7.3: Sunset Swim in Lake Michigan

7.5 Bear Lake Township Goals and Projects



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

PROJECTS:

Trail Connections:
Develop a trail connection that would use Potter Road to connect US 31 to M-22.

Way-finding Signage:
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).

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

PROJECTS:

Multi-Use Township Hall:
Build a new Township Hall that would allow for the development of recreation facilities such as ball field, shelter, picnic area, bird watching, informational kiosk

Land Acquisition:
Identify sites on Bear Lake and Chief Lake to purchase.



Image 7.4: Rolling Thunder Ride Bear Lake Michigan

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

PROJECTS:

View Shed Plan:
Identify sites that preserve scenic vistas as well as cultural and historic sites. Prepare a view shed map. Special consideration given to Windy Ridge, Potter Road, Spruce Ridge, 9 Mile, 11 Mile, Maidens Road, and Chief Road. Create the regulatory mechanisms (zoning) to preserve the vistas

Dark Sky Park Plan:
Identify sites that may be used for the development of a Dark Sky Park

4. Goal: Support the creation of a County wide recreation authority

PROJECTS:

Continued Collaboration:
Work Support exploration of a recreation authority which would have sound representation of all local units of government.

5. Goal: Improve recreational opportunities for youth

PROJECTS:

Youth Polling:
Conduct a survey of local youth to identify exact local needs.

Current Maintenance of Facilities:
Maintain existing park spaces and equipment which are utilized by youth. Support maintenance of Bear Lake School Forest.

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

PROJECTS:

Create Access to 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

Explore the Shores Site:
Partner with Explore the Shores Program to develop the access sites to be compliant for all types of users.

7. Goal: Develop an eco-tourism economy

PROJECTS:

Marketing:
Meet with the County Visitors Bureau to improve marketing of the Township to increase tourism

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

PROJECTS:

Boat Cleaning Station:
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.



Image 7.5: Bear Lake Welcome Sign

7.6 Bear Lake Village Goals and Projects

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

PROJECTS:

County-Wide Trail System Collaboration:
Continue to work with the County in developing the County wide trail system.

2. Goal: Increase the utilization of Hopkins Park

PROJECTS:

Parking for Cars with Boat Trailers:
Develop parking areas for folks with boats.

Campground:
Improve the bathrooms and playground equipment.

3. Goal: Improve recreational opportunities for residents

PROJECTS:

Create Teen Park:
Teenage/Young adult park with disc ball/golf, rocking climbing, etc

Create a Soccer Field:
Develop a soccer field

Adult Programming Evaluation:
Evaluate and improve gaps in programming for adults

4. Goal: Develop an eco-tourism economy

PROJECTS:

Visitors Bureau Meeting:
Meet with Visitors Bureau to educate them about the Village recreational opportunities in order to improve marketing to increase tourism

North Coast Region

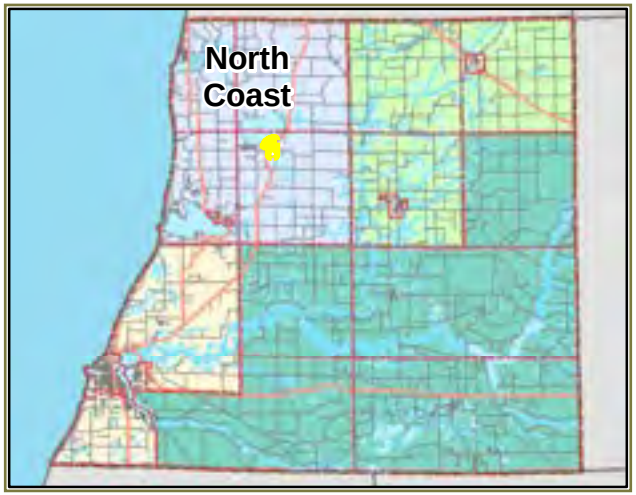
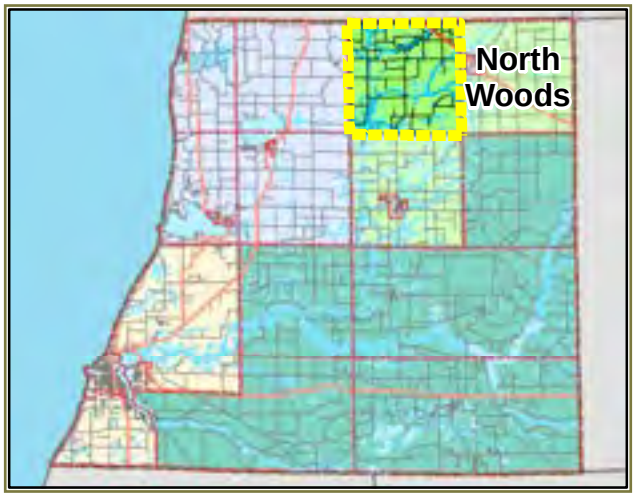




Image 7.6: Castle Beach, Bear Lake Village

7.7 Springdale Township Goals and Projects

North Woods Region



1. Goal : Improve access to our surface water resources

PROJECTS:

Access at Moore/County Line Rds. AND/OR Dzuibanek/Kurick Rds.:
Improve access to the Betsie River by creating an access point at Moore Road & County Line Road and or at Dzuibanek & Kurick roads. State land is present at both locations.

Universal Accessibility at Healy Lake State Forest Campground:
Make Healy Lake universally accessible for all users; consider becoming a part of the Explore the Shores program.

Fishing Platform:
Develop a fishing platform at Healy Lake for easier access to the water.

Goal 2: Improve clean drinking water access at the Healy Lake State Forest Campground

Add Electricity to the Campground
Run power a line into the campground.

Eliminate the Use of Hand Pumps at the Campground
Install a new electric water pump & well.

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

PROJECTS:

Township Railroad Grade Reuse:
Make the railroad grade a priority in developing the trail connections.

County-Wide Trail System Collaboration:
Continue to work collaboratively in developing the County wide trail system.

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

PROJECTS:

Budgeting:
Create a line item in the budget that funds recreation.

Savings:
Create a savings mechanism to save funds for recreational purposes.

Seek Funding Sources:
Seek out funding sources (grants, endowments) and actively pursue obtaining funding awards

Grant Writing:
Encourage community/board members to learn how to write grants.



Image 7.7: Moore & County Line Unimproved Betsie River Access

7.8 Cleon Township Goals and Projects:

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

PROJECTS:

Existing Railroad Grade:
Use the railroad grade as a trail for connections to Wexford County and Benzie County.

Trail Hub:
Locate a trail hub that will serve the convergence of trails from three counties

Blue Water Trail:
Support the Betsie River Blue Water Trail system

Cross Country Trail Connection:
Connect to the Betsie Valley Trail in Benzie County

2. Goal: Work corroboratively with Copemish Village and support recreation park improvements within the Village.

PROJECTS:

Annual Meetings:
Meet annually or biannually with the Village to discuss park improvements and to offer support.

Support Park Improvements:
The Village Parks located in Copemish serves the greater area of Cleon Township. Show support for park improvements by supporting grant applications with letters of support.

3. Goal: Work to develop a Township Picnic Area.

PROJECTS:

Picnic Area Development:
Develop a picnic area at the Township Hall and Fire Station with a pavilion shelter and picnic tables.

North Woods Region

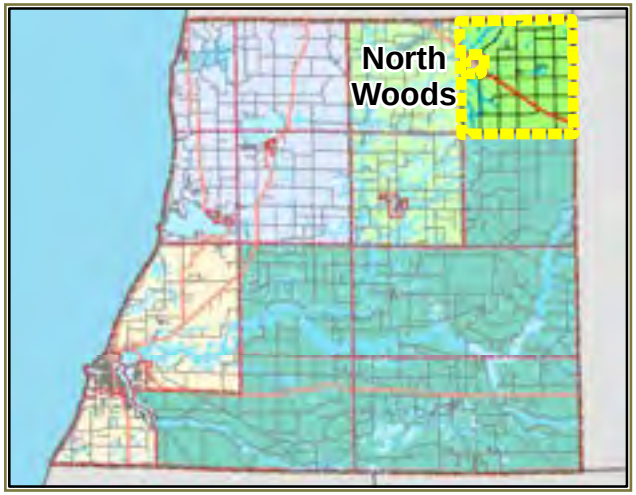
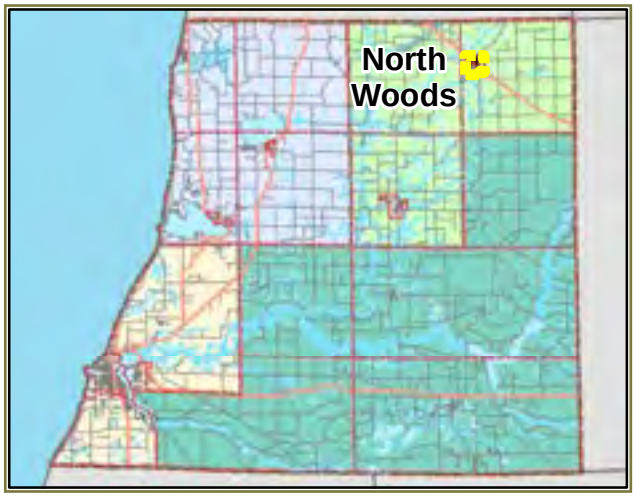




Image 7.8: First Creek, Cleon Township

7.9 Copemish Village Goals and Projects

North Woods Region



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

PROJECTS:

Abandoned Railroad:
Acquire use of and improve the abandoned railroad bed in create a trail segment that connects to the County wide trail system and the Betsie Valley Trail system.

2. Goal: Improve recreation facilities

PROJECTS:

Recreation Site #70 Lewis Park:
Enlarge Lewis Park's pavilion, create pathways around park, provide fresh drinking water, restrooms, new playground equipment, and ensure the Park is American with Disabilities Act compliant.



Image 7.9: Webber Walkway, Copemish Village

7.10 Maple Grove Township Goals and Projects:

1. Goal: Create access to Bear Creek that is built to ensure natural resources stewardship and the health of the river

PROJECT:

Site Improvement on Bear Creek:
Create site improvements at Bear Creek utilizing sites #160 and/or #161.

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

PROJECT:

County-Wide Trail System Collaboration:
Continue to work collaboratively in developing the County wide trail system

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

PROJECT:

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

4. Goal: Work with the Kaleva Norman Dickson School District to utilize their vacant land for community wide recreational opportunities.

PROJECT:

40 Acre parcel Section 29:
Improve the KND property for multi use trails, snow shoeing, restroom facilities, shelter, parking, and to harvest the timber for revenue.

160 Acre Parcel Section 19:
Improve the KND property for multi-use trails, restroom facilities, parking, fishing placed-based learning opportunities, bird watching and events.

North Woods Region

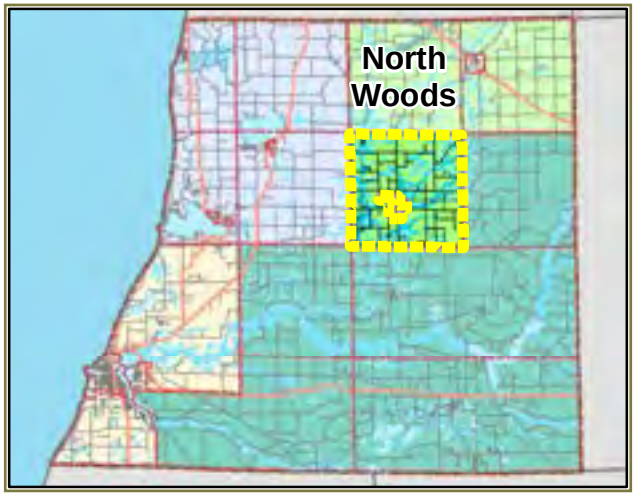




Image 7.10: Lemon Lake, Maple Grove Twp.

7.11 Kaleva Village Goals and Projects

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

PROJECT

County-Wide Trail System Collaboration:
Continue to work collaboratively in developing the County wide trail system.

2. Goal: Develop an eco-tourism economy

PROJECTS:

Meet with the Manistee County Visitor's Bureau:
Meet with Visitors Bureau to educate them about Kaleva recreational opportunities

Marketing Materials:
Develop marketing materials to increase tourism

3. Goal: Develop Recreation Site Improvements at site #105 Kaleva Village Roadside Park and Campground

PROJECTS:

Physical Improvements within the Park will Enhance the Value and Utility of the Park:
Develop a service building with flush toilets and showers as well as additional electrical service; enhance soft ball fields on the north side of the park

Trail Staging Area:
As the Village of Kaleva is identified as a trail hub, the park should be recognized as a potential staging area for area trails.

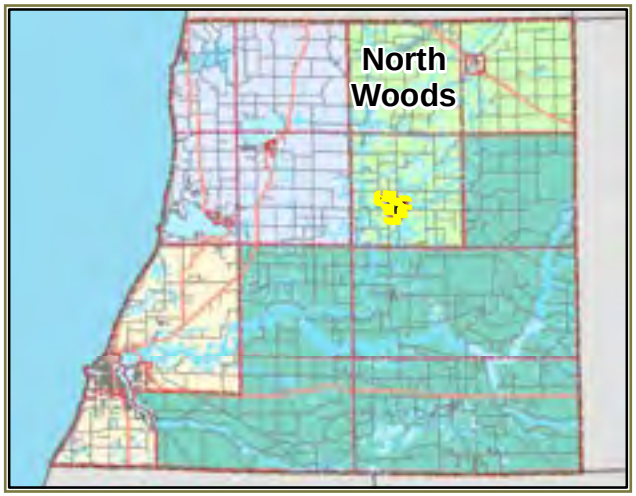




Image 7.11: Bottle House Museum, Kaleva Village

7.12 Marilla Township Goals and Projects:

1. Goal: Improve access to the Manistee River

PROJECTS:

Suspension Bridge Improvements:
Improve the suspension bridge to ensure it is ADA compliant with improved parking

Woodpecker Creek Access Site:
Improve access at Woodpecker Creek, improve boat slide and parking

Explore the Shores Site:
Develop an Explore the Shores site on the Hodenpyle Stretch

Recreation Site #169: Hodenpyle North Tailwater Access and Canoe Portage:
Upgrade boat launches to allow for easier access for canoes and drift boats.

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

PROJECTS:

County-Wide Trail System Collaboration:
Continue to work collaboratively in developing the County wide trail system

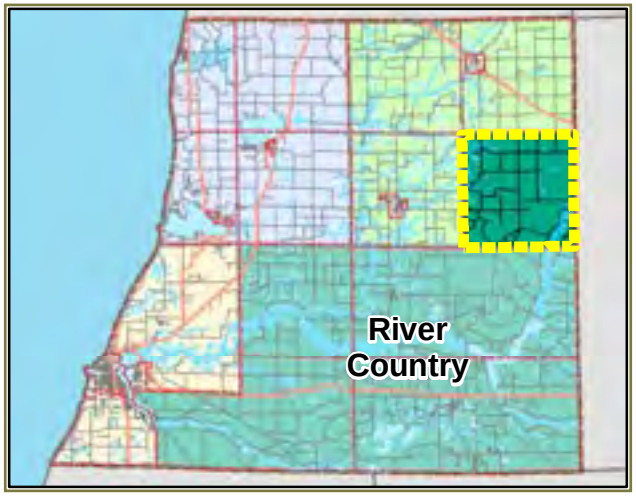
Connecting Places:
Link existing trails to the Marilla Township Hall

3. Goal: Develop an eco-tourism economy

PROJECT:

Ordinance Review:
Evaluate zoning ordinances to ensure that eco-tourism relevant businesses are permitted

River Country Region



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

PROJECT:

Promotional Materials:
Create and produce materials which point out the recreational opportunities within the Township

5. Goal: Improve existing recreation facilities

PROJECTS:

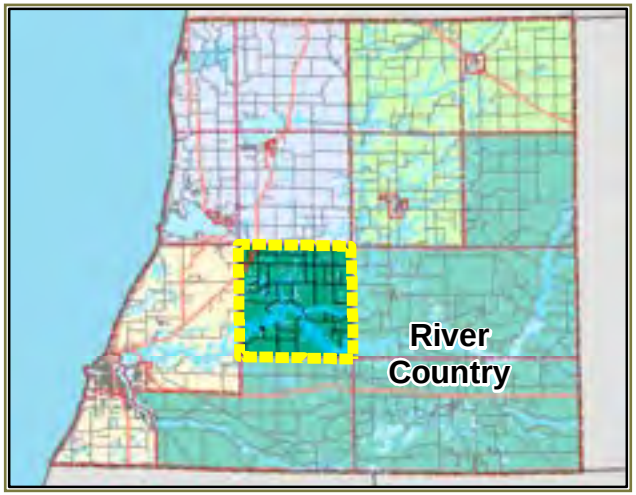
Recreation Site #175: O.D. Stark Memorial Forest:
Develop hiking, snowshoe, and cross country ski trails on the Township owned 80 acres of land.

Recreation Site #173: Marilla North Country Trailhead:
Improve existing parking, restrooms, and eliminate parking fees.

Recreation Site #171: Township Park:
Install new toilets, pavilion, picnic tables, and basketball court.

7.13 Brown Township Goals and Projects:

River Country Region



1. Goal: Continued collaboration with all municipalities within the County.

PROJECTS:

Recreation Authority:
Support research of a recreation authority which has representation of all municipalities and represents the County-wide recreation interests and development.

2. Goal: Improve Water Access

PROJECTS:

Explore the Shores Site:
Explore the Shores Site on Chief Lake (They would also like to coordinate with Bear Lake Twp. in order to receive their support, but the most logical access site is located in Brown Twp.)

Recreation Site #36 Chief Lake Public Access:
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 enlarge area, and ensure that the facility meets Universal Design Standards.

Bear Creek Boat Launch:
Support USFS restructuring of Bear Creek Boat Launch on the Manistee River

3. Goal: Create a community recreational gathering place.

PROJECTS:

Recreation Site #35 Township Hall:
Improve the Township Hall in order to make it the place to gather for recreational purposes. Improvements include ensuring ADA access, build a picnic shelter, improve playground equipment, resurface parking lot, build a retaining wall on the north side near Coates Hwy.

4. Goal: Acquire land for recreation development.

PROJECTS:

Chief Creek Land Acquisition:
Acquire land adjacent to the Township Hall on the west side (3 Acres =/-) that abuts Chief Creek (which is a trout stream of a size that can be fished).

5. Goal: Support Trail Development

PROJECTS:

Trail Implementation Team:
Support establishment of a Trail Implementation Team which will look to identify and develop trail routes through Manistee County and Brown Township.

Bridge Development at Bear Creek:
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.

Collaborate with USFS:
Coordinate with USFS for trail development and location of the trails developed.

7.14 Dickson Township Goals and Projects:

1. Goal: Improve parks

PROJECTS:

Baseball Field Lighting:
Move lighting at the baseball diamond

Volleyball Courts:
Install volleyball courts with a sand court

Archery Range:
Develop designated space both indoors and outdoors for an archery range

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

PROJECTS:

County-Wide Trail System Collaboration:
Continue to work collaboratively in developing the County wide trail system

3. Goal: Improve access to the Manistee River

PROJECTS:

River Fishing Platforms:
Develop river fishing platforms at key points on the Manistee River for easier access to the water

Blacksmith Bayou:
Plough the boat launch in the winter months at Blacksmith Bayou

Explore the Shores Site:
Further development of the Explore the Shores site at Tippy Dam to include a Universally Accessible Kayak Launch.

Explore the Shores Site:
Development of an Explore the Shores site at the USFS High Bridge Access to include a Universally Accessible Kayak Launch.

River Country Region

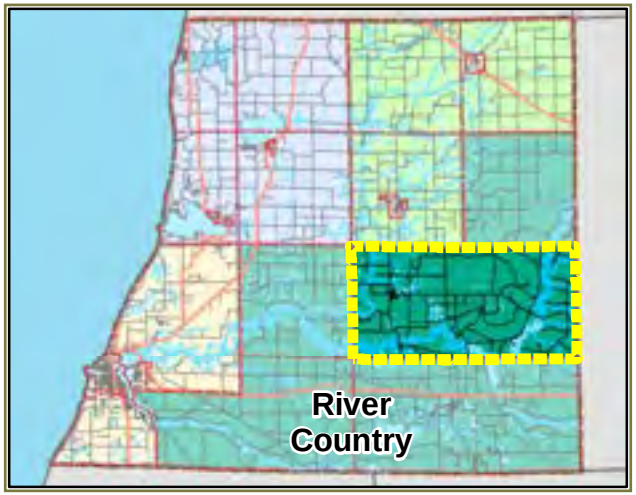




Image 7.12: Red Bridge Color Viewing, Dickson Twp.

7.15 Stronach Township Goals and Projects:

1. Goal: Increase awareness about natural resource and recreational opportunities

PROJECTS:

Visitors Bureau Meeting:
Meet with Visitors Bureau to educate them about the Township recreational opportunities

Brainstorming Meeting:
Explore ways that the Township can use technology to promote recreation

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

PROJECTS:

County-Wide Trail System:
Continue to work collaboratively to develop a County wide trail system

Skocelas Bike Lane:
Expand and improve the shoulder on Skocelas Road to use for a bike lane.

2. Goal: Improve parks

PROJECTS:

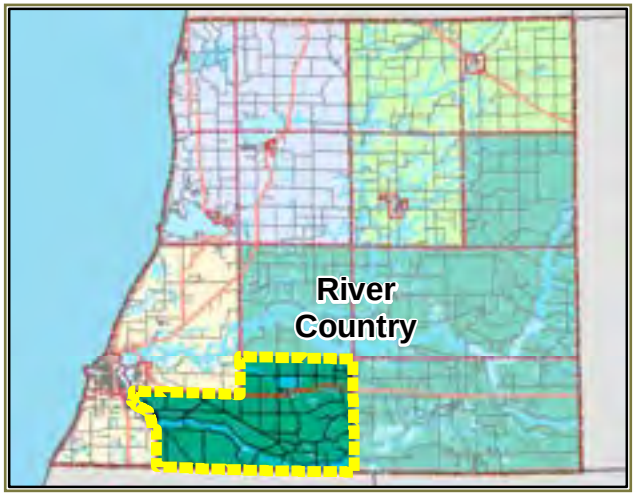
Stronach Park Improvements:
Add bleachers, develop ADA accessible restrooms and improve parking at Stronach Park with a paved parking area along Stronach Road.

Claybank Park:
Improve Claybank Park by adding grills, graveling the parking lot and driveway, and developing the park as a trailhead.

Long Term Maintenance and Funding Planning:
Plan for maintenance and funding of recreational facilities

Stronach Boat Launch on Manistee Lake Improvements:
Develop a fish cleaning station at the boat launch which would be convenient for those fishing Manistee Lake and the Little Manistee River.

River Country Region



3. Goal: Develop an eco-tourism economy

PROJECTS:

Ordinance Review:
Evaluate zoning ordinances to ensure that eco-tourism relevant businesses are permitted



Image 7.13: Claybank Park Signage, Stronach Twp.

7.16 Norman Township Goals and Projects:

1. Goal: Increase awareness about natural resource and recreational opportunities

PROJECTS:

Visitors Bureau Meeting:
Meet with Visitors Bureau to further educate them about the Township recreational opportunities

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

PROJECTS:

County-Wide Trail System:
Continue to work collaboratively to develop a County wide trail system

Trail Leadership Team:
Continue to support and have a representative serve on a trail planning and implementation team

2. Goal: Park improvements

PROJECTS:

Site #188 Norman Township Tippy Pond Boat Launch:
Support development of a universally accessible fishing platform.

3. Goal: Rustic trails and blueways

PROJECTS:

Pine River Pathway:
Encourage and support development of a back-country loop trail with campsites on USFS lands around the Pine River.

Pine River Blueway:
Further promote the beauty of the Pine River as a blueway trail.

No-Trace Education:
Support education efforts for "leave no-trace" practices for visitors and residents.

River Country Region

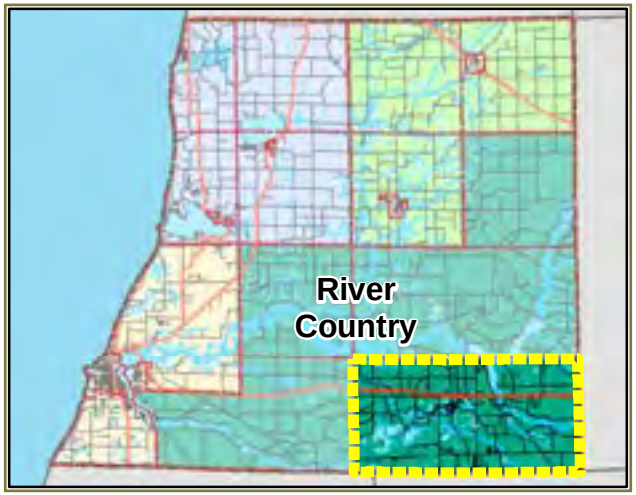




Image 7.14: Crystal Lake, Norman Twp.

7.17 Manistee Township Goals and Projects:

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

PROJECTS:

Recreation Site #145 Bar Lake Outlet:
Improve parking at Bar Lake Outlet by creating a safer parking area

Township Boat Launch (Manistee River):
Support of establishment of a boat launch with fishing platform at the M-55 Hole, on Manistee State Game Area Lands behind Meijer.

Wildlife Viewing Platform & Parking:
Create improved access and parking to the Manistee State Game Area wildlife viewing platform. Work in collaboration and support the DNR as they work to revitalize the Manistee Marsh.

Lake Michigan Access:
Explore options for increasing access to Lake Michigan. Options including increased access to Lake Michigan at Orchard Beach State Park would alleviate excessive use of the Bar Lake Outlet.

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

PROJECTS:

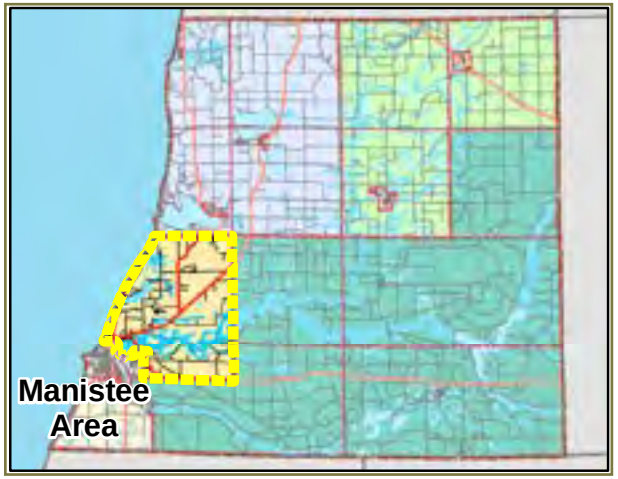
Off-Road Bike Path:
Create a separate bike path from the roads giving careful consideration to incorporating Zimmerman Lane

Multi-User (Non-motorized/Snowmobile) Bridge Along M-55:
Build a multi-user bridge across the Manistee River adjacent to M-55

Multi-Use Paths:
Create paths that will accommodate cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling trails

Public Safety:
Improve safety by creating safe crossing areas across large roads with specific focus on the Lakeshore Road and Memorial Parkway intersection

Manistee Area Region



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

PROJECTS:

Way-finding Committee:
Form a Way-finding Committee that will work with the Planning Commission and Township Board to create an unified system of signage throughout the community

4. Goal: Improve existing recreation facilities.

PROJECTS:

Recreation Site #137 M-55 Viewing Platform:
Improve the parking and access to the Manistee State Game Area off M-55.

Recreation Sites #146 Maplewood, #147 Balsam, #154 Cottonwood, AND #149 Bar Lake Launch:
Evaluate the sites to determine frequency of use and then take steps accordingly to improve the site based on what the site is used for and how often the site is used.

Recreation Sites #150 Poplar, #151 Birch, #152 Right-of-Way, #153 Right-of-Way:
Improve Parking

Recreation Site #148 Manistee Twp. Park at Twp. Hall
Improve tennis courts, picnic area, ball field, playground and parking.

7.18 Eastlake Village Goals and Projects:

1. Goal: Improve parks

PROJECTS:

Explore the Shores:
Develop an Explore the Shores site.

Johnson Field:
Improve Johnson Field by installing cameras, ensuring accessibility for all users, providing adequate parking, improving landscaping and lighting, and building a gazebo.

Nature Walk:
Improve Nature Walk by ensuring accessibility for all users, providing adequate parking, develop a gazebo or picnic area.

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

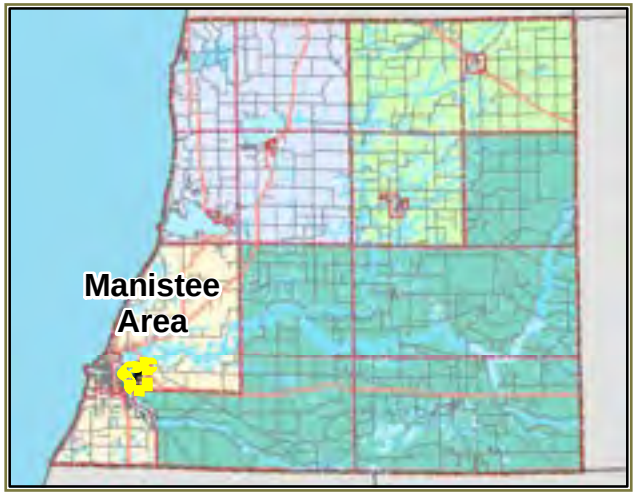
PROJECTS:

County-Wide Trail System Collaboration:
Continue to work collaboratively in developing the County wide trail system

Snowmobile Route:
Develop a "snowmobile route" with posted signage from Nature Walk trail throughout the Village

Making Connections Within the Community:
Explore and consider implementation of a trail or walkway providing access to Penny Park/Manistee Lake shoreline from Village residential areas.

Manistee Area Region



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

PROJECTS:

Park Improvement Committee:
Appoint a 5-7 member recreation committee to oversee park improvements and activities and make recommendations on park activities and budget to the Village Council



Image 7.15: Tree Tunnel, Eastlake Village

7.19 City of Manistee Goals and Projects:

1. Goal: Improve the parks

PROJECTS:

Park Improvements:
See the City of Manistee Park Improvements 2016 Table for specific park improvements. The park improvements listed are improvements that need to be taken to improve the specific park mentioned. (See Table 7.1)

2. Goal: Acquire land for future recreational opportunities

PROJECTS:

Trail Route Around Manistee Lake:
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.

Splash Pad Park:
Acquire property downtown to build a splash pad park.

Consumers Property-Arthur Street Parcel:
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.

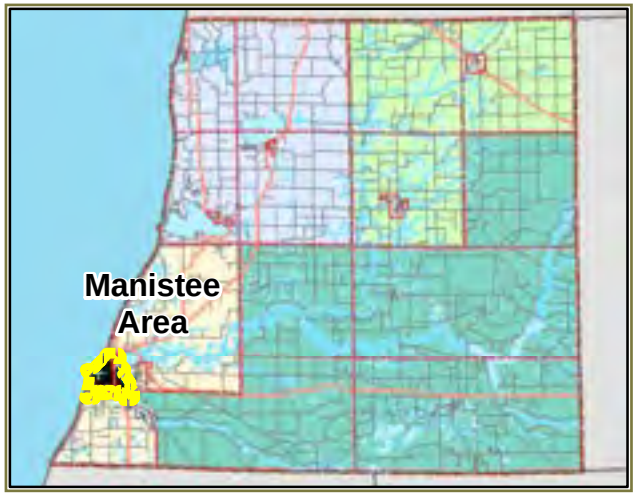
Mack Park:
Acquire the Morton Salt Inc. Property (portion that is south of the park) part of Parcel #06-424-709-01 to allow for the expansion of Mack Park

Ninth Street Boat Launch:
Acquire the Consumers Power Company Parcel #51-712-475-01 and Morton Salt Parcel #51-712-150-01 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

North Riverwalk/Memorial Park:
Acquire the property west of Washington Street to Harbor Village Channel to extend Riverwalk to the Harbor Village Channel

South Riverwalk-Various Parcels:
Acquire the property(s) east of the Chamber of Commerce building in order to complete the Riverwalk through and around the Peninsula to the east portion of Manistee Lake ultimately connecting to a County wide trail system

Manistee Area Region



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

PROJECTS:

Trail Development:
Create a network of trails and bike paths, on road and off road routes, that features the best of Manistee connecting Lake Michigan, River Street, neighborhoods, wooded areas, parks, and any areas considered "Best of…" that have facilities such as trash receptacles, signage, ADA compliant bathrooms, and fitness stations at key locations.

County-Wide Trail System Collaboration:
Continue to work with collaboratively in developing the County wide trail system.

Safe Pedestrian Crossings:
Improve safety by creating safe crossing areas across large roads with specific focus on US 31 between 8th Street and Merkey Road

Blue Water Trail:
Become a part of the Blue Water Trail network.

Snowmobile Route:
Develop a "snowmobile route" with way-finding signage that is connected to the great Manistee County Snowmobile Trail System.

4. Goal: Improve access to our water resources

PROJECTS:

Zero Entry Boat Launch and Other Improvements:
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.

Canoe/Kayak Launch:
Create a canoe and kayak launch at the south portion of Riverwalk

Crewing:
Create an area within the City for crewing

Universally Accessible Floating Docks:
Create an universally accessible floating dock at the Municipal Marina

Piers:
Create a pier on Man Made Lake and improve the pier at Douglas Park and the Ninth Street Boat Launch

5. Goal: Develop an eco-tourism economy

PROJECTS:

Outdoor Equipment Rental Opportunity:
Encourage the start up of an outdoor rental business

Visitors Bureau Meeting:
Meet with the visitors bureau to discuss further information concerning recreation.

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

PROJECTS:

County-Wide Recreation Authority:
Support research of a County wide Recreation Authority

7. Goal: Improve recreational programming

PROJECTS

Youth:
Evaluate and improve gaps in programming for youth.

Adults:
Evaluate and improve gaps in programming for adults.

8. Goal: Create new recreational opportunities

PROJECTS:

Ice Arena:
Create a community ice arena

Accessible Playground Structure:
Create a specific park accessible for all kids with no barriers and a wheelchair accessible playground structure

Outdoor Amphitheater:
Build an outdoor amphitheater.

Outdoor Pool:
Build an outdoor pool

Community Recreation Center:
Build a community recreation center with a climbing wall, indoor pool, childcare, etc.

City of Manistee Park Improvement Table

GOAL: PARK IMPROVEMENTS DESIRED	Ball field:improvements/add	Basin bank stablization	Batting cages	Benches	Bike lanes	Bike rack	Bleachers	Blue Trail Access Point	Boardwalk improvements	Boat launch-new zero entry/improvement	Canoe/Kayak Launch	Crewing/rowing facilities-new	Cruise Ship Accessibility to Riverwalk	Disk golf	Docks-accessible/floating/amenities	Dog Waste Stations	Dog park &/or Run	Drinking water- Hand Pump Wells	Fencing	Fish cleaning station	Flag pole	Green space area	Grills	Landscaping	Lighting-improvements/add	Marina	Parking lot: improvements/add	Pavilion- Refurbish	Pavillion/Gazebo/Shelter	Picnic Tables	Picnic area- add/expand/improve	Pier improvements/addition	Playground equipment: improvement/add	Ramp improvements	Recycling Containers	Restrooms	Retaining wall/erosion control	Road infrastructure improvement	Rollerblade area	Riverwalk Infrastructure Repair	Landscaping	Sand Box with With Toy Diggers	Shufle boards	Sidewalks-repair existing	Sign improvements	Soccer Field	Splash pad	Sprinler System	T-Ball Diamond	Telescope	Tennis court: improvement/add	Trail : within park/connected	Universal Accessibility	Vending Machines	Volley ball- add/ improvement
Arthur Street Boat Launch				•		•		•		•						•		•		•			•		•									•																
Douglas Park	•	•		•	•	•			•					•		•		•	•		•	•	•		•	•	•			•			•	•					•							•		•		•	•
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Municipal Marina				•		•				•					•	•		•							•	•					•			•																•	
Morton Park	•			•		•								•		•	•	•					•		•		•	•			•		•	•																•	•
Ninth Street Boat Launch				•		•				•		•				•		•		•				•	•		•				•	•		•	•																
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South Riverwalk						•					•		•			•		•							•									•				•												•		

Table 7.1: City of Manistee Park Improvement Table

7.20 Charter Township of Filer Goals and Projects:

1. Goal: Improve parks

PROJECTS:

Specific Park Improvements:
See the Filer Township Park Improvements 2016 table for specific park improvements. The park improvements listed are improvements that need to be taken to improve the specific park mentioned. (See Table 7.2)

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

PROJECTS:

Separate Pathway From Roadway:
Create a separate bike path from the roads

Safe Pedestrian Crossings:
Improve safety by creating safe crossing areas across large roads

Railroad:
If the existing railroad is relocated or other old railroad beds become available (Indian Trail), utilize the land for trails.

Paved Road Shoulder Loop Trail:
Create a looped paved road shoulder trail loop that connects Red Apple Road, Fox Farm Road, and Wildwood Roads.

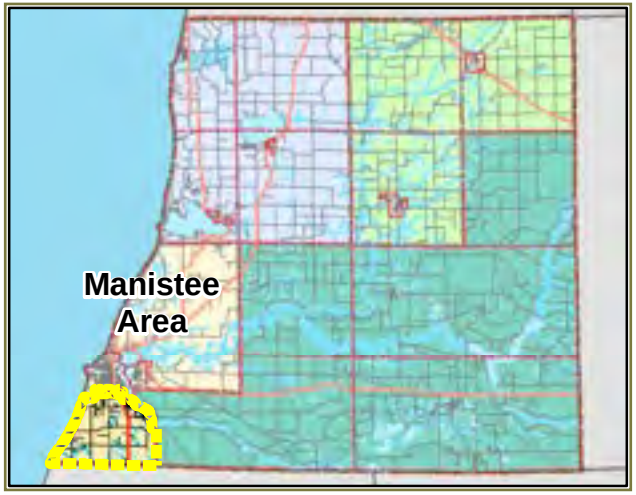
Connect Trail to School Facilities:
Create a trail connection throughout the community to school facilities.

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

PROJECTS:

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

Manistee Area Region



GOAL: PARK IMPROVEMENTS DESIRED	Benches	Bike Rack	Boardwalk and 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 Recepticles
Canfield Lake Boat Launch	•								•						•
Filer City Park	•	•													
Filer Township Hall	•	•													
Filer Township Rec Center	•	•		•						•	•				
Magoon Creek		•	•		•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	
Oak Hill Park	•	•													
Sundling Park	•	•									•				

Table 7.2: Filer Twp. Park Improvement Table

7.21 Manistee Area Public Schools Goals and Projects:

1. Goal: Create a new "Centennial" community track venue

PROJECTS:

Track Development:
Construct an eight lane competitive track with internal multi-purpose field for Manistee Recreation Association/Community Events. Amenities would include 1,500 seating capacity, restrooms, concessions and supporting structures.

2. Goal: Create a new community softball field and venue

PROJECTS:

Softball Field Development:
Construct a new community softball field adjacent to the current complex. Amenities would include a 400 person seating capacity with tournament status and supporting structures.

3. Goal: Create a new community tennis court complex

PROJECTS:

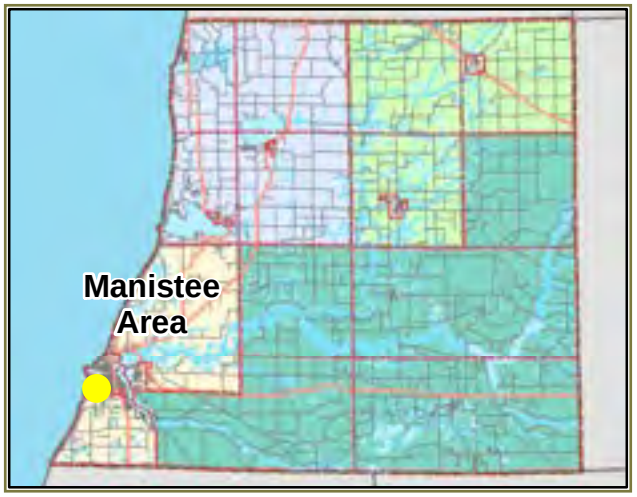
Tennis Court Development:
Construct a new 8 court tennis complex. Amenities would include 400 person seating capacity with tournament status and supporting structures.

4. Goal: Create a winter park with sledding hill

PROJECTS:

Sledding Hill/Winter Park Development:
Construct a 75 yard sledding hill with stairway system, benches, warming area and parking.

Manistee Area Region



5. Goal: A campus fitness trail way system with 12 fitness stations

PROJECTS:

Internal Campus Fitness Trail Development:
Contract 1.5 to 2 miles of trail with fitness stations

Campus and Twelfth Street Fitness Trail Development:
Construct 2 to 2.5 miles of trail with fitness stations

Campus, Twelfth Street and City Property Fitness Trail Development:
Construct 2.5 to 3 miles of trail with fitness stations and rest stations

6. Goal: Create trailhead connectors, and proposed south trail corridor development

PROJECTS:

Connection of internal fitness trail system with proposed off campus trails:
The internal fitness trail project outlined under goal #3 should be connected with future on-road and off-road trail systems proposed for Merkey Road, Cherry Street, Twelfth Street and Maple Street.

7. Goal: Site improvements at Kennedy Elementary

PROJECTS:

Kennedy Elementary School Outdoor Site Improvements:
Creation of a football/soccer field and a multi-station playground

Kennedy Elementary School Indoor Site Improvements:
1,000 seat capacity gymnasium

8. Goal: Site improvements at Jefferson Elementary

PROJECTS:

Jefferson Elementary School Outdoor Site Improvements:
Creation of a multi-station playground

Jefferson Elementary School Indoor Site Improvements:
150 seat capacity gymnasium

9. Goal: Site Improvements at Madison Elementary

PROJECTS:

Madison Elementary School Outdoor Site Improvements:
Creation of a multi-station playground and activity fields

Madison Elementary School Indoor Site Improvements:
125 seat capacity gymnasium



Image 7.16: Auditorium, Manistee High School

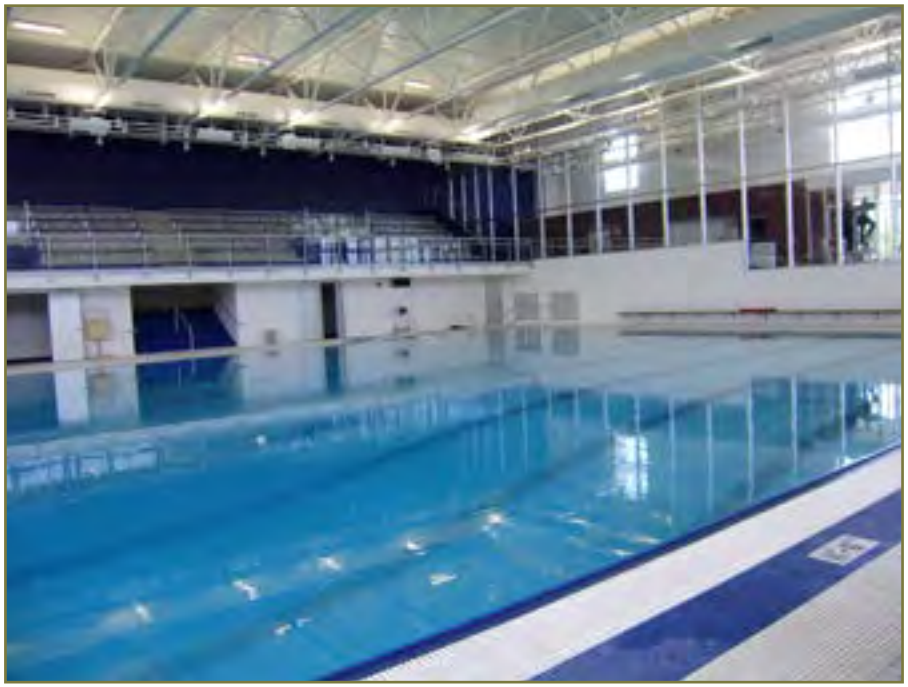


Image 7.17: Paine Aquatic Center, Manistee High School



Image 7.18: Commons Area, Manistee High School

7.22 Manistee County Goals and Projects:

1. Goal: The Review, Update and Implement the 5-Year Manistee County Recreation Plan

OUTCOME: Identified recreational opportunities based upon natural resources features/systems.

PROJECTS:

1. NATURAL RESOURCES FEATURES/SYSTEMS MAP Create a map that identifies the large natural resource features/systems found within the County (i.e. Manistee River, DNR land, USFS land, Lake Michigan shoreline)
2. GOALS ASSOCIATED WITH NATURAL RESOURCES FEATURES Allocate and assign the various goals, where appropriate, identified by each community to the natural resource features/systems map.
3. FUNDING BASED ON NATURAL RESOURCE FEATURES/SYSTEM MAP Use the Natural Resource Features/Systems and Community Goals Map to seek funding sources for implementation.

OUTCOME: A dedicated organization that is responsible for recreation within the County.

PROJECT:

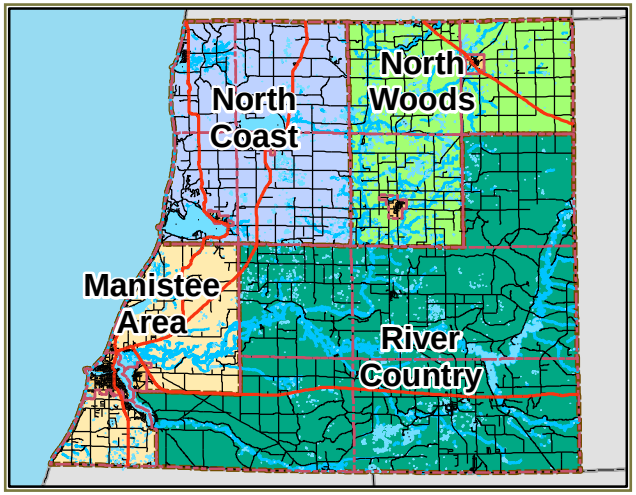
4. RECREATION AUTHORITY Educate and inform community leaders about the use of recreation authorities in the State of Michigan.

OUTCOME: The development of recreation committees: Land & Water Access Committee, Natural Resource Stewardship Committee, Trails Committee, Funding Committee, Economic Development Committee, Recreational Opportunities: Parks, Programming, Facilities Committee, Collaboration & Partnerships Committee.

PROJECT:

5. RECREATION SUMMIT Convene and host a Recreation Summit to seek volunteers for the Committees and to assist them in getting started.

All Regions



OUTCOME: Empowered residents who are able to implement the Recreation Plan

PROJECT:

6. GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP Teach people how to write grants by hosting a grant writing workshop.
7. DNR GRANTS COORDINATOR Invite the DNR Grants Coordinator to Manistee County to speak and education the communities about recreation, grants, and other implementation opportunities.
8. SHARED-USE & COMMUNITY PARTNERS AGREEMENTS Provide communities with the Shared-Use and Community Partners Agreements

OUTCOME: Zoning Ordinances and Master Plans that reflect the goals of the Manistee County Recreation Plan.

PROJECT:

9. PLANNING AND ZONING The County Planning Commission will review all new zoning ordinance and master plans, and their amendments, with the goals of the Manistee County Recreation Plan as a bench mark for leading practices specifically looking to ensure that concepts such as walkability, forming connections and developing opportunities to create pathways/ trails, protection of natural resources, creating access to recreational assets, and watershed protection are included and addressed.

2. Goal: Improve access to natural resources and recreational facilities for recreational purposes

OUTCOME: Improved access to water.

PROJECT:

10. EXPLORE THE SHORES Continue to support the creation and development of Explore the Shores sites.
11. BLUE WATER TRAILS Develop a County wide Blue Water Trail system complete with way-finding and accesses which meet the criteria of the National Water Trails System under the National Park Service.
11. WAY-FINING Develop a system of way-finding throughout the Counties river systems with information about river segments, including degree of difficulty designation.

OUTCOME: Improved access to land.

PROJECT:

13. NEW ACCESS POINTS Identify gaps and opportunities for new access points to land.
14. EXISTING ACCESS POINTS Identify, evaluate, and make improvement to existing access points.

OUTCOME: Improved access to existing trails

PROJECT:

15. TAIL HUBS Identify hubs of the trail system and seek funding to create the facilities necessary for the trial users.
16. TRAIL USER EVALUATION Evaluate the trails to determine if they are meeting the needs of the user.

3. Goal: Protect our natural resources

OUTCOME: Support for the health of the rivers and watersheds.

PROJECT:

17. SPEED RESTRICTIONS Support, or initiative, the placement of speed restrictions as requested by public for the Hodenpyle Stretch of Manistee River.
18. WATERSHED PLANNING Support watershed plans once adopted by their respective communities.

OUTCOME: Support for the stewardship of our land.

PROJECT:

19. LARGE LAND OWNERS Support the work of the Manistee County Conservation District, Grand Traverse Land Conservancy, United States Forest Service, Consumer Energy, Railroad Corporations, the Department of Natural Resources and other large land owners and seek ways to strengthen their ties with recreational development.

4. Goal: Develop nature and natural resource based tourism within the County

OUTCOME: Increased awareness/marketing of recreational opportunities.

PROJECT:

20. RECREATION TOUR Conduct a tour of the County priority sites.
21. M22 BYWAY Support the M22 Pure Michigan Byway project
22. RECREATION AMBASSADOR'S Create a County Recreation Ambassador Program that uses volunteers to help promote the area by providing person to person contact to give tours, information, etc.
23. RIVER SEGMENT WAY-FINDING Create identifiable segments along the rivers that are marketed, designated for difficulty, and have clearly identifiable point of access.
24. VISITORS BUREAU Work with the Visitors Bureau to link planning work with their Mobile Application.
25. PARTNERSHIPS Create a strong partnership between AES, Planning Department, the Visitor's Bureau, and any other organization working toward eco-tourism.

OUTCOME: Increased ability to attract businesses that rely on recreation.

PROJECT:

26. OUTFITTERS Encourage outfitter business development.
27. EQUIPMENT RENTAL Encourage business development that leases recreational equipment.
28. RECREATION BUSINESS "POP UP" Encourage the development of a "pop up" business in the City of Manistee possibly located at the beaches.



Image 7.19: Lake Michigan Double Hook Up

5. Goal: Look for ways to improve collaboration and partnerships to support recreation

OUTCOMES: Working relationship with the MRA to enhance natural resource based activities

PROJECT:

29. PROGRAMMING Meet with the MRA to explore ways to increase natural outdoor recreation by offering lessons/programming that teaches kiteboarding, sailing, paddle boarding, fly fishing, and other recreational activities that utilize our natural assets.

OUTCOME: The establishment of a Recreation Collaborative made up of area organizations and businesses that are dedicated to working together to form consensus and work together on recreation projects

PROJECT:

30. RECREATION COLLABORATIVE Identify stakeholders and obtain a representative from each working recreation committee, form group, and meet with the express purpose of forming close working relationships regarding recreation.

OUTCOME: A stronger relationship with the largest land-owners in the County to jointly promote recreational opportunities within the County

PROJECT:

31. COLLABORATION WITH LARGE LAND OWNERS Establish working relationships and a regular meeting schedule with Consumers Power, GTRLC, DNR, US Forest Service, and LRBOI in order to implement this Recreation Plan

6. Goal: Develop a County wide, multi- use, trail system that connects communities, natural features, and is universally accessible.

OUTCOME: A unified way-finding signage system throughout the County for land and water recreational opportunities.

PROJECT:

32. WAY-FINDING Create a Way-finding Plan for the County.

OUTCOME: A Manistee County Trail Plan.

PROJECT:

33. TRAIL COMMITTEE Convene a Trail Committee to oversee the preparation of the Trail Plan.
34. TRAIL PLAN COMPONENTS In the Trail Plan ensure that the following aspects are included:
    a. Loops in the trail system.
    b. A Blue Water trail system linking to neighboring Counties.
    c. Trails that are off road and procured by purchasing land, seeking easements, and/or converting snowmobile trail leases into multi-use easement lease agreements.
    d. Utilized railroad grades and crossings especially those identified in individual community goals.
    e. Recreation hubs at key areas identified in the Plan.
    f. Safe crossing points on major roads as a result of working with MDOT, Manistee County Road Commission, and local units of governments to identify key crossing areas and make the necessary improvements to increase safety.

OUTCOME: Implemented Trail Plan.

PROJECT:

35. RECREATION TRAIL IMPLEMENTATION TEAM Form a trail implementation team who will work to designate and create trail routes throughout the County.
36. MUNICIPALITY COMMUNICATION Keep an open line of communication with all municipalities. Conduct period discussions concerning the current status of the Plan and on-going projects.

7. Goal: Help improve and promote the use of community parks

OUTCOME: Parks found within Manistee County are used to their fullest extent and service the needs of residents and visitors.

PROJECT:

37. PARK CONNECTIONS Create opportunities for linkages and connections between the parks.
38. COMMUNITY PARK IMPROVEMENT SUPPORT Support efforts by communities to implement their park improvement goals.
39. PROMOTE PARKS Work with the Visitors Bureau to promote parks.



Image 7.20: ADA Accessible Kayak Launch, Arcadia Twp.

8. Goal: Plan for maintenance and funding of recreational facilities

OUTCOME: Communities that have created the financial resources to support recreation.

PROJECT:

40. LINE ITEM BUDGET FOR RECREATION Create a County wide dialogue about the importance of creating a line-item budget within individual community's budgets.
41. RECREATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT Create a County wide dialogue about the importance of creating a recreation savings account to save money for the matching funds needed when applying for grants.
42. FUNDING SEMINAR Facilitate a seminar hosted by the Manistee County Community Foundation and Alliance for Economic Success to discuss potential funding sources to implement the Recreation Plan.



Image 7.21:Brethren Days Boat Race, Dickson Twp.



Image 7.22: Golfing, Manistee County



Image 7.23: Winter Catch, Onekama Twp.



Image 7.24: River Steelhead, Brown Twp.



Image 7.25: Fireworks, Portage Lake



Image 7.26: Marilla Museum and Pioneer Place, Marilla Twp.



Image 7.27: Snowshoeing, Filer Twp.

Chapter 8: Trail Planning

8.1 Trails Introduction:

Trail development as a recreation development process can be challenging as the creation of linear winding parks which could potentially cross numerous properties involving many landowners; built amongst terrain of valleys, rivers and wetlands providing obstacles and likely crossing multiple jurisdictions which necessitates collaboration and consensus building. Still, trail development is highly sought after in most any community and with abundant existing localized systems coupled with substantial public land and a population of residents which support trail development, Manistee County is in a position to move forward with effective trail implementation.

8.2 Public Support for Trails:

Few goals galvanize an entire community. However, as the public input data shows in Chapter 5 and subsequently the goals developed by each of the 20 communities in the County in Chapter 7, have articulated that residents want multi-use trails. While the County has some established snowmobile trails, the North Country Trail, Manistee River Trail, Big M Trail System as well as a few other local trail systems found scattered throughout the County, the trails system is uncoordinated, lacking connections, limited loops, and are not connected in a meaningful way to population centers or service areas. In addition, they lack signage and way-finding, are not maintained for multiple user types, and lack

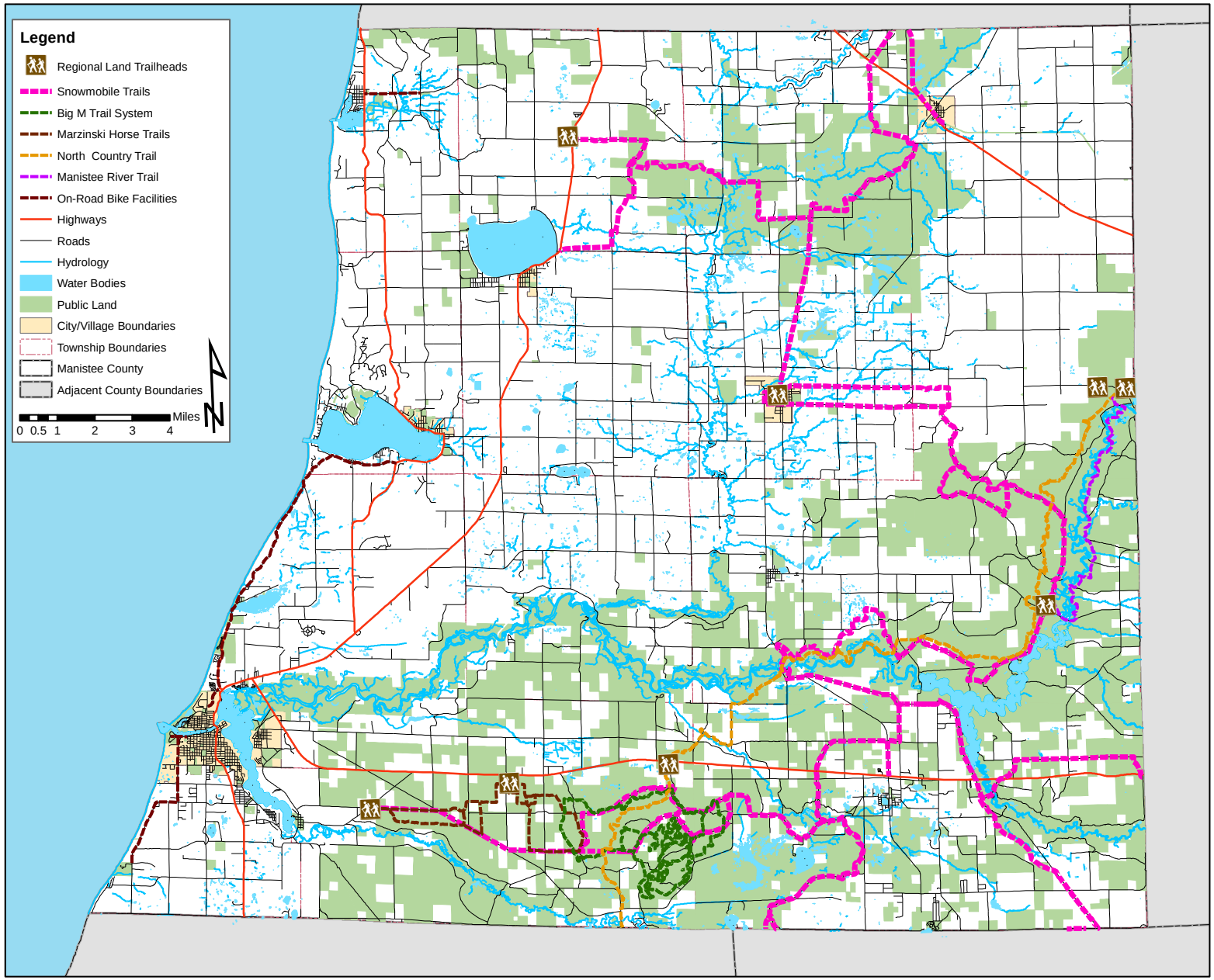
Regional Land Trail Systems & Large Land Trail Parks	
Snowmobile Trail Systems	Existing snowmobile trails can be found connecting each of these communities within Manistee County. The snowmobile trails utilize a mixture of seasonal roadways, usfs forest roads, as well as specifically structured and dedicated trails across public lands and private lands secured with leases. The Benzie-Manistee Snowbirds Snowmobile Club serves in a primary leadership role for securing and maintaining much of these trail routes. The connections to population areas located in the southern and eastern areas of the County are evident, but it needs to be expressed that though each community is reached by the linear trail system, there is a lack of inter-connections and loops which create circuits for traveling freely throughout the County.
Big M Trail System	Big "M" as it is referred to is the location of a world class set of trails which are utilized for non-motorized trail recreational activities. This trail system has designated mountain biking, hiking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing trails which are built on and around the Udell Hills, a glacial moraine which is a remnant from the last ice age. Big M was once a ski resort with various ski runs cut into the heights of the hills, but now rests solely as a public recreation area within the Manistee National Forest under supervision of the National Forest Service
Marzinski Horse Trail System	The Marzinski Horse Trail System is a system of dedicated horse trails and campground found on usfs lands in Stronach Township. The trail campground offers 21 sites with access to the 20 mile horse trail system. The system is open to non-motorized use as it works its way through large public land tracks of national forest between the Manistee and Little Manistee Rivers.
North Country Trail (NCT)	The NCT is a 4,600 mile trail which extends from Crown Point, New York to Lake Sakakawea State Park in central North Dakota. The trail system which is a close cousin to the Appalachian Trail winds through a significant portion of Manistee County in the municipalities of Stronach, Norman, Dickson and Marilla Townships. Utilized for day hikes to multi-day backpacking excursions and even complete through hikes by a few dedicated individuals, the NCT provides spectacular scenery of forests, river valleys and heights while winding through Manistee County. The NCT is supported by the North Country Trail Association which works to establish trail segments, perform maintenance and provide amenities.
Manistee River Trail-NCT Loop	The Manistee River Trail is a an 11 mile linear trail which runs along the eastern bluffs of the Manistee River from Red Bridge (above the backwaters of Tippy Dam) to Hodenpyle Dam. At this location a suspension bridge for non-motorized travel crosses the Manistee River and has earned the local nickname "Mini-Mac" after it's much larger cousin which spans the straits of Mackinac between the Upper and Lower Peninsula. The Manistee River Trail can be combined with the NCT which runs along the western portion of the Manistee River, staying far from the river itself, to form a 21 mile back-country loop. Many dispersed back-country campsites can be found along this route which is the only true back-country loop located in Manistee County. The trail offers amazing views of the river valley, fishing, waterfalls and a wilderness feel.
On-Road Bike Facilities	Several roads within Manistee County have been designated on-road bike routes, both with and without extended shoulders. These facilities offer experienced bikers the opportunity to utilize the roadways for travel. Further mapping and data collection of the existence of extended shoulders and their widths is needed.

Table 8.1: Regional Land Trails and Large Trail Parks

basic facilities. In a nutshell, there are great needs to the existing trail system, and conversely, there are great opportunities and support.

8.3 Existing Trail Systems Inventory:

Abundant public land holdings throughout Manistee County have allowed for trail development to occur in both some larger systems designed for lengthy snowmobile rides, long hikes, bike rides or backpacking, and also in smaller more localized systems contained wholly within smaller land holdings by Local, State and Federal Governments as well as non-profit clubs and lands held by conservancies. Refer to table 8.1 and map 8.1 for existing Regional Trails and Large Trail Parks, and table 8.2 and map 8.2 for existing Localized Land Trail Parks.



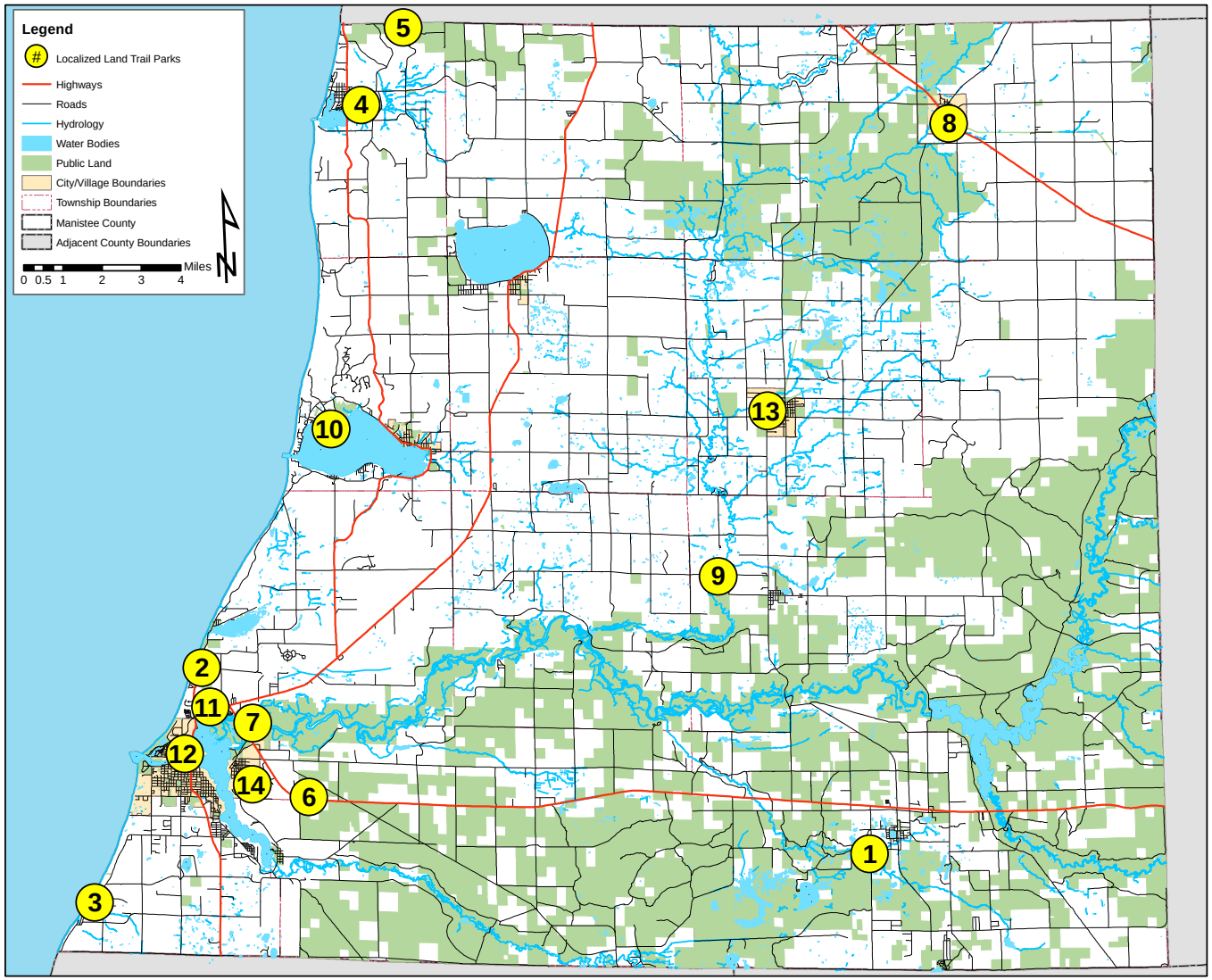
Map 8.1: Regional Land Trails and Large Trail Parks

Localized Land Trail Parks		
Site Map ID #	**Trail System Name**	**Summary**
1	Arboretum Trails	The arboretum trails are a small localized trail system on USFS lands in Norman Township. These trails wind through a mixed forest with many species of trees identified along the trail route. The trail has not been widely utilized and this may be too a lack of knowledge of the site.
2	Orchard Beach Nature Trails	Immediately across the street from Orchard Beach State Park is a local loop trail system of 2.5 miles which is utilized for Non-motorized use. The trail system winds through stands of trees and open fields, and is managed by the DNR.
3	Magoon Creek Trails	In Filer Township Magoon Creek Park on the shores of Lake Michigan offers approximately 1.5 miles of loop trails for non-motorized use. The trails wind through mature stands of trees, lowlands and Lake Michigan coastal dunes.
4	Arcadia Marsh Trails	The Grand Traverse Land Conservancy owns and maintains a section of preserve lands encompassing the Arcadia Marsh. The wetland restoration project for the marsh includes the development of trails which has been initiated, but the localized system has not been completed at this time. Over time this valuable local trail system will connect into the "Village" of Arcadia.
5	C.S. Mott Nature Preserve Trails	Grand Traverse Land Conservancy owns a substantial land holding along the Manistee and Benzie County lines. Within these lands are several localized loop trails, which cross between the two counties and facilitate non-motorized uses. Currently all trailheads are located in Benzie County for each trail system.
6	City of Manistee Non-motorized Trail Park	The City of Manistee Non-motorized Trail Park is the cumulation of work by the City's Non-motorized Trail Committee. The park located on City owned property in Manistee Township contains local trail systems for non-motorized use. The trail park lies adjacent to State and Federal land holdings.
7	Manistee Marsh Dike Trails	The dike system of the Manistee marsh has been maintained in a condition which facilitates non-motorized use along the dikes. The dike system is not a designated pathway currently, but with an on-going restoration project for the marsh led by the DNR, trail systems should be implemented.
8	First Creek Nature Trails	Located at Mish-A-Mish park in Copemish Village, the First Creek Nature Trailhead winds over First Creek before passing through stands of trees and open fields. The trail of approximately 1 mile has benches along the route and is used locally for nature walks.
9	Spirit of the Woods Conservation Club Trails	Along Bear Creek at the Coates Highway bridge crossing is the Spirit of the Woods Conservation Club. The club property which is open to the public has ADA accessible paved trail routes along Bear Creek. More rustic dirt path trails also crisscross the property seeking water access along the creek and traversing the ridges.
10	North Point Park Trails	The nature trails at this Onekama Township Park are ADA accessible and crisscross open areas with abundant wetlands surrounding the site. The trail park protects substantial portions of sensitive area and is a draw for local residents wishing to take a stroll through nature.
11	Zimmerman Pathway	This pathway which was a project of the City of Manistee Non-motorized Committee, was placed along an old railroad grade just north of the City in Manistee Township. The pathway is a short segment leading from Lakeshore Drive to Hill Road. The pathway is paved and is open to non-motorized use.
12	Riverwalk	The riverwalk runs the length of the channel in the City of Manistee. The river walk offers view of the waterfront, benches, historical information, landscaping and various accesses to the Downtown of the City of Manistee.
13	Centennial Walk	The centennial walk is a trail within the Village of Kaleva which is adorned by sculptures along the length of the pathway

Table 8.2: Localized Land Trail Parks

Localized Land Trail Parks		
Site Map ID #	**Trail System Name**	**Summary**
14	Eastlake Nature Trails	The Eastlake Nature Trails wind through mature forest on a tract of land owned by the Village. There are benches at various locations along the trail.
County-Wide	Fisherman/Hunter Pathways	Throughout the abundant State and Federal lands exist many trails which have been worn over the years by boot treads left by hunters and fishermen. These trails although not mapped, blazed or flagged are a valuable resource for access to many remote streams, lakes and public lands. Typically only shared locally, the trails are waiting to be discovered by anyone willing to explore.

Table 8.2: Localized Land Trail Parks

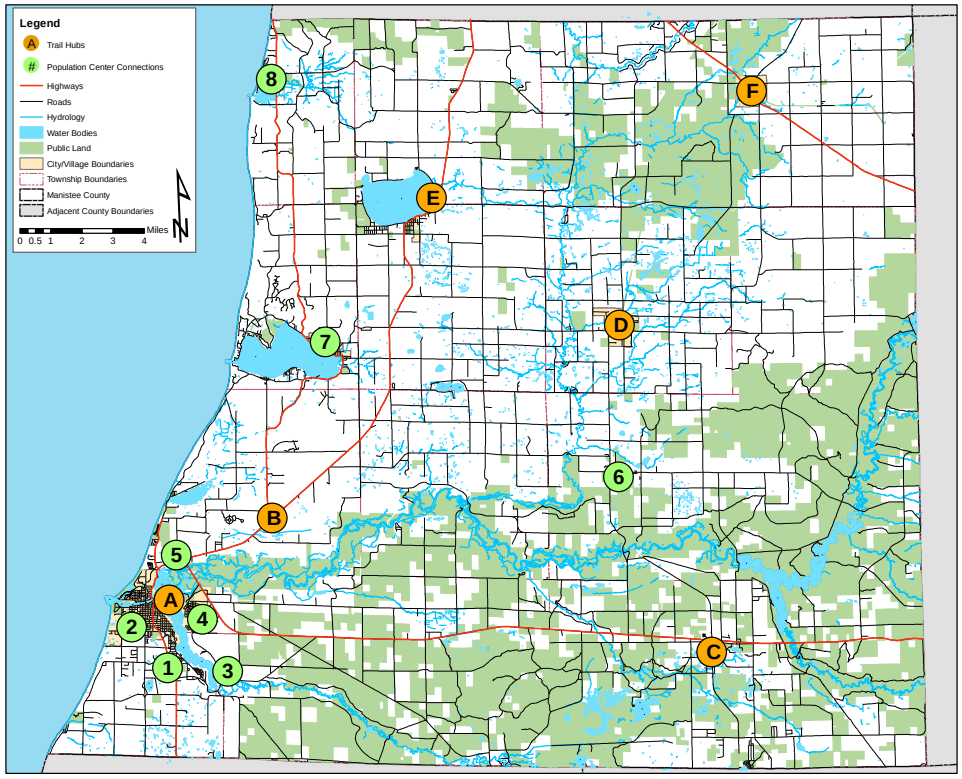


Map 8.2: Localized Land Trail Parks

8.4 Necessity for Regional Connections:

The existence of many localized trails and a few existing regional connection begs at the desire for increased connectivity. A strong showing of support through all avenues of collection of public input provides the evidence needed that trail connections are desired throughout our community and a variety of trail types are warranted. As displayed in Chapter 3 and echoed within this section there are abundant localized trail systems with few regional connectors, and even fewer connections to some of our most densely populated areas.

The utilization of regional trail connections to link population centers, recreation sites, private business districts, historic locations and various amenities and existing localized trail systems can provide an avenue with which residents and visitors can explore and recreate throughout the county. Trail systems such as is being described have provided sound economic development opportunities for communities across the United States, as well as offering increased health opportunities. The desire for trails has been established, and this recreation plan provides the framework for moving forward to plan and establish the regional trail network.



Map 8.3: Trail Hubs & Population Center Connections

8.5 Trail Pre-Planning Exercise:

With an understanding of the public support and strong desire for trail development in the County, the Manistee County Leadership Team devoted time to undertake a planning exercise to determine future trail development in broad brush stroke terms. Interestingly, the participants took it a step further than broad brush strokes, they identified key needs for linkages and segments that need further development in order to create a well thought out County wide trail system that contains loops, trail hubs, connections to communities and natural assets, and service areas. Ultimately, the Leadership Team was able to identify key areas of priority in developing the County wide trail system. This planning effort is a precursor and launching point for future work in trail planning and development.

8.5.1 Identified Land Trail Hubs and Population Center Connections:

8.5.1.1 Identified Hubs:

Trail hubs are convergence locations for multiple user trails, which may also provide amenities in the form of restaurants, lodging/camping and retail. The following locations are recommended for trail hubs. (See Map 8.3)

- **A** Manistee Lake Area
- **B** Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Casino Property
- **C** Wellston
- **D** Village of Kaleva
- **E** Bear Lake Area
- **F** Copemish Village

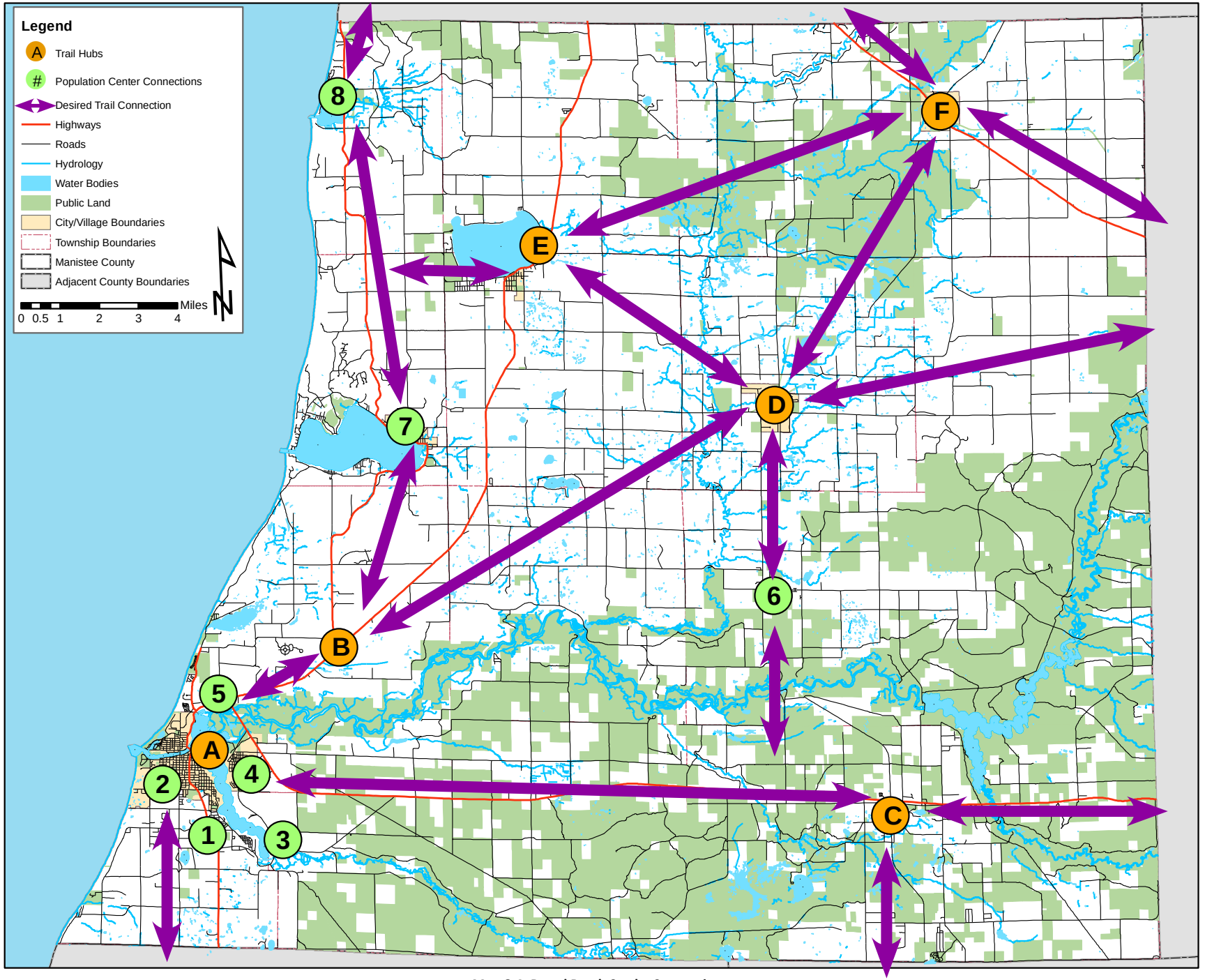
8.5.1.2 Population Center Connections:

Population Centers are primary connections along a proposed trail route which may also provide amenities in the form of restaurants, lodging/camping and retail. The following locations are recommended as population connections on through routes and primary trail spurs. (See Map 8.3)

- **1** Filer “City”
- **2** City of Manistee
- **3** Stronach “Village”
- **4** Village of Eastlake
- **5** Manistee Twp.
- **6** Brethren
- **7** Village of Onekama
- **8** Arcadia “Village”

8.5.2 Broad Brush Stroke Connections

The broad brush stroke map shows recommended trail route connections to Trail Hubs and Population Centers in Manistee County. The broad brush strokes only indicate desired connections and don't signify exact chosen routes or placement of a trail on the landscape. (See Map 8.4)



Map 8.4: Broad Brush Stroke Connections

8.5.3 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.

8.5.3.1 Manistee Lake Trail Loop:

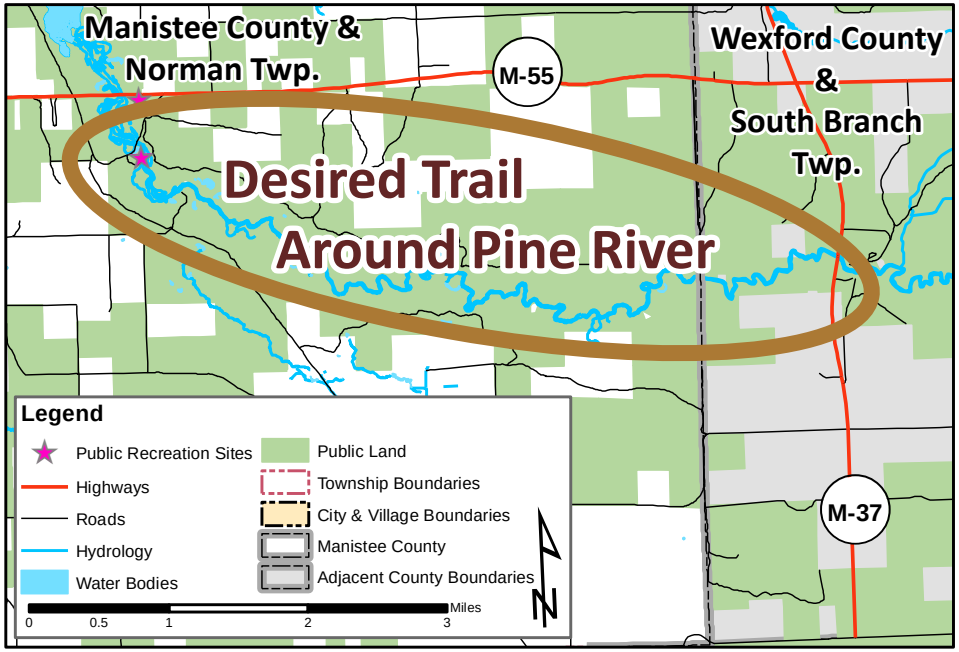
The Manistee Lake Trail is suggested as a non-motorized trail route which would encompass the entirety of Manistee Lake, linking all communities which surround the Lake. Discussions concerning the establishment of a loop trail around Manistee Lake need to include all municipalities which surround the 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 8.5)

8.5.3.2 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 8.6)



Map 8.5: Manistee Lake Loop Trail



Map 8.6: Pine River Loop Trail

8.5.4 Water Trails

Water Tails are paddle routes along bodies of water which connect access points, amenities, historical sites, population centers and recreation sites which are water adjacent. Manistee County has abundant rivers and streams with public improved accesses which provide for paddle routes. These water trails are important to our local economy as well as providing area residents with at-hand paddle sport recreational opportunities.

Though many water trails exist within Manistee County, currently none are classified as National Water Trails under the The National Water Trail System. Designation under this classification system for specific water trails within Manistee County should be explored. The program requirements can be found on their website at http://www.nps.gov/WaterTrails/. Currently the Lake Michigan Water Trail which passes along 25 miles of Manistee County Coastline on it's route around Lake Michigan is working towards dedication as a National Water Trail.

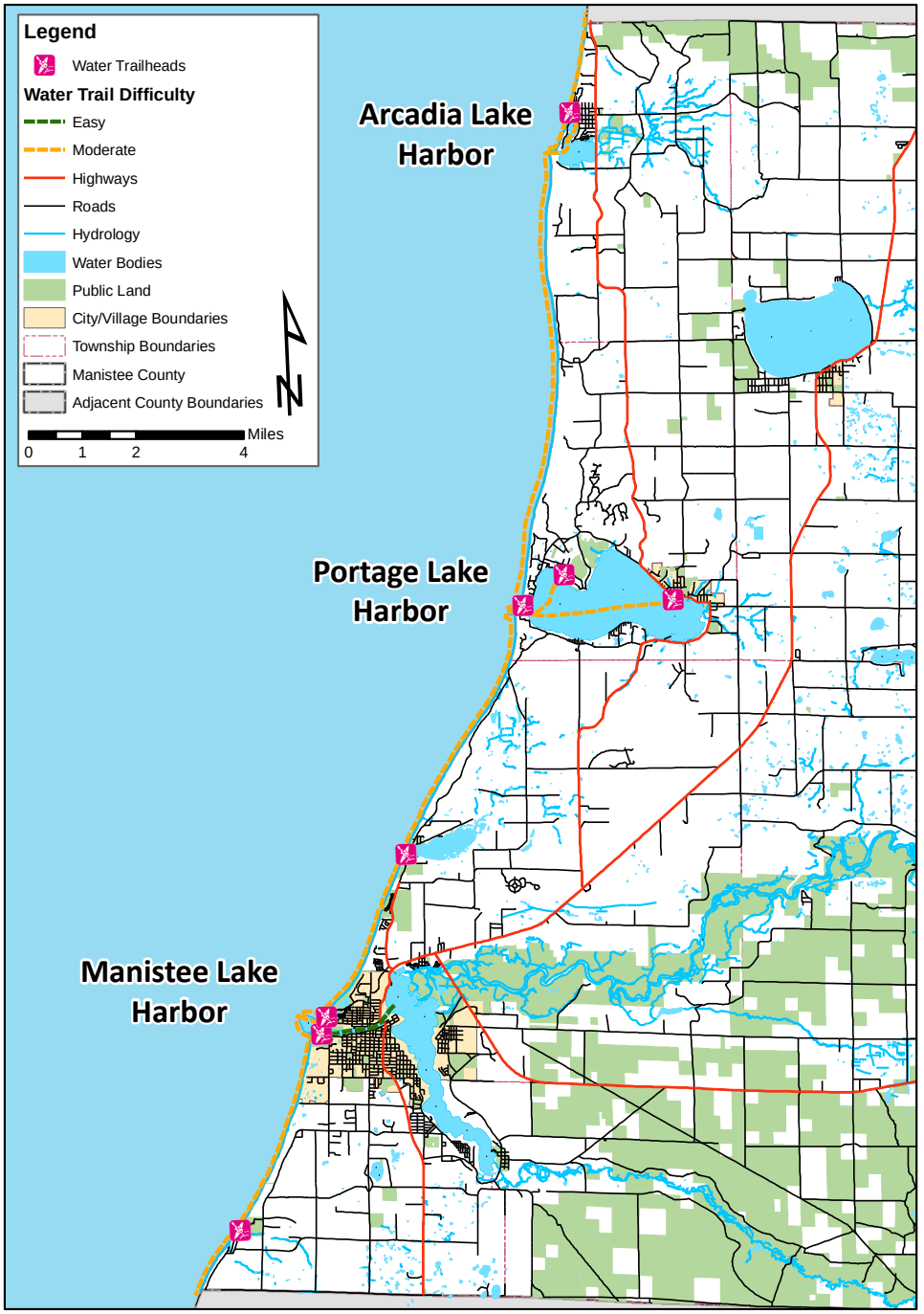
8.5.4.1 Existing Water Trails:

Lake Michigan Water Trail:

The Lake Michigan Water Trail connects harbors and lake front recreational sites as it passes along Manistee County Lake Michigan Coastline. Dependent upon conditions the paddling can range from easy to difficult. The accompanying map displays the harbors and recreational features along the Manistee County portion of the Nominated National Water Trail Route. (See map 8.7)



Image 8.1: Kayaking Lake Michigan Water Trail



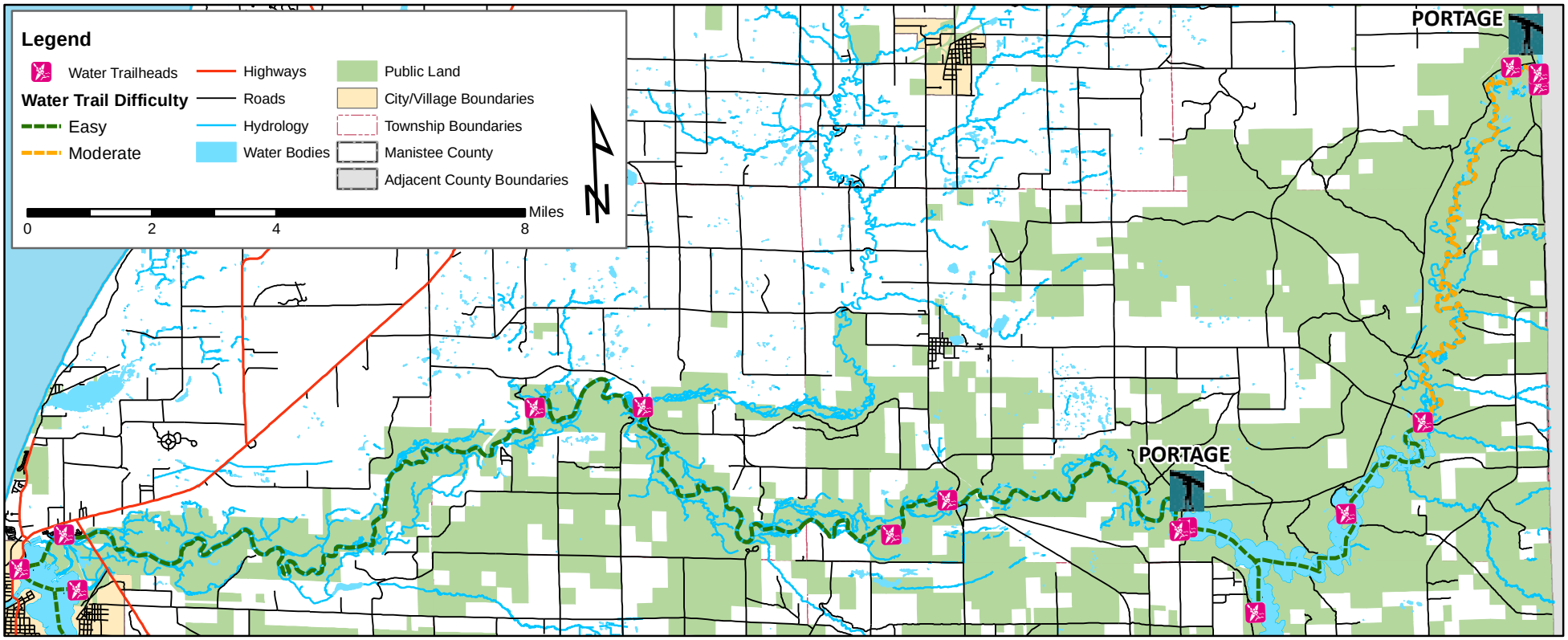
Map 8.7: Lake Michigan Water Trail

Big Manistee River Water Trail:

The Manistee River has many water access locations along its course as it travels through Manistee County. Two dams (Hodenpyle and Tippy) necessitate portages for paddle sport enthusiasts, but both provide portage locations which are well identified. There are many access points to the Manistee River for paddle sport access. Several are seasonal in nature as ice on water bodies such as Hodenpyle and Tippy Ponds, prevent access during winter months as well as lack of winter maintenance for plowing at accesses such as Blacksmith Bayou on USFS lands. Year-round access to the Big Manistee is available at many sites such as the Tippy Dam Access, High Bridge Access, Bear Creek Access and Rainbow Bend Access. During severe winters the lower river from Bear Creek Access downstream to Manistee Lake has been known to freeze over and/or become impassible due to ice jams. (See Map 8.8)



Image 8.2: Kayaking Manistee River Water Trail



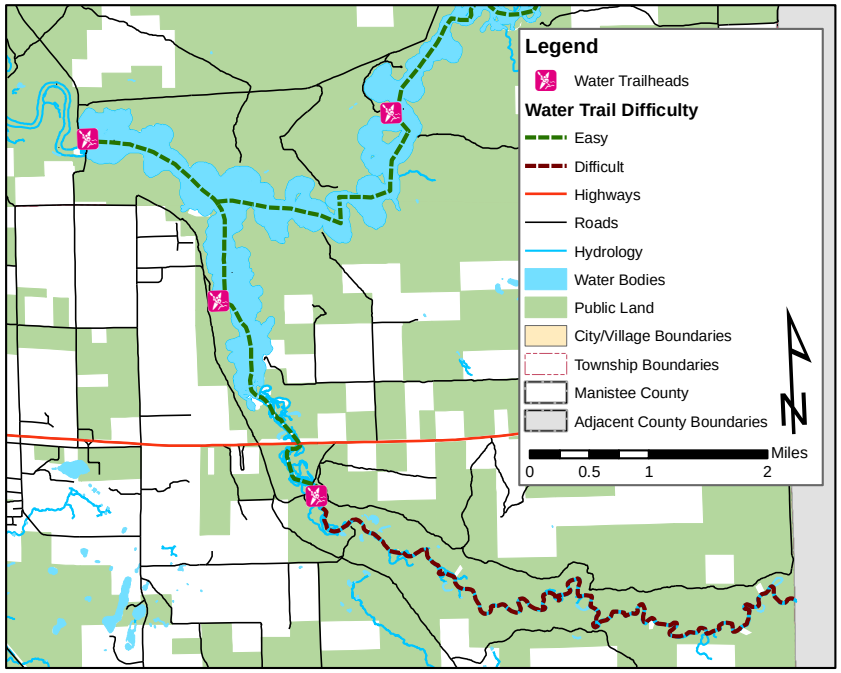
Map 8.8: Manistee River Water Trail

Pine River Water Trail:

The Pine River as it crosses into Manistee County from adjacent Wexford County is considered a difficult paddle route with some class II rapids, and tight turns which lends to it's popularity with kayakers and canoeists. Well improved accesses in adjacent Wexford County at Peterson Bridge where it crosses M-37, as well as well as the Low Bridge Canoe Landing in Manistee County allow for paddle sport enthusiasts to explore the scenic Pine River Corridor. (See Map 8.9)

Little Manistee River Water Trail:

The Little Manistee River through Manistee County passes through public lands and some private as it winds it's way to Manistee Lake. The river where it first enters the County in Stronach Township and passes under 9-mile bridge on it's way to 6 mile bridge is considered difficult with hairpin turns, fast chutes and many log jams which block substantial portions of the river. As the river passes the DNR weir it becomes more suitable for novice paddlers as it becomes moderate difficulty for the remainder of the course to Manistee Lake. It is important to note that portages are always required at the DNR weir complex and the "tubes" located at the Stronach Road Bridge. (See Map 8.10)



Map 8.9: Pine River Water Trail

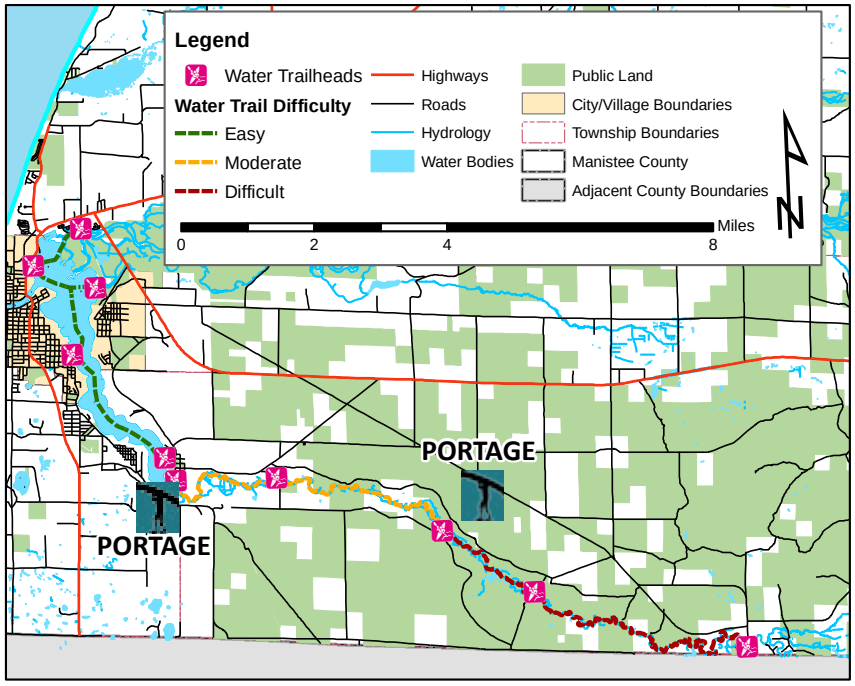
8.5.4.2 Proposed Water Trail Routes:

Betsie River Water Trail:

The Betsie River passes through a small portion of Manistee County in Springdale Township. The river currently doesn't contain an improved access along it's route within Manistee County, but improved access is desired by the Township and County. Currently a grant application submitted by Benzie County and supported by both Grand Traverse and Manistee Counties is seeking production of a Blue Water Trail Plan for the Betsie River. Manistee County will participate in the planning process for status of the river as a National Water Trail with establishment of an improved access within Manistee County.



Image 8.3: Kayaking Little Manistee River Water Trail



Map 8.10: Little Manistee River Water Trail

8.5.5 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, snow-shoeing, 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.

8.5.5.1 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.

8.5.5.2 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.



Image 8.4: USFS Way-Finding Signage

8.5.5.3 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.



Image 8.5: Single Track at Big M Trail System

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.



Image 8.6: 4-8' Natural Surface at Big M Trail System

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.

8.5.5.4 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

8.5.6 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.

8.5.6.1 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.

Chapter 9: Action Program

9.1 Action Program & Partnerships:

The foundation of this parks, recreation, and trail plan is to take a County wide perspective while simultaneously honoring and supporting local community priorities. Looking at what needs to be done to improve recreation, parks and trail development within the County from a broader perspective and wider lens allows community leaders, and supporting organizations, to collectively identify shared priorities, common goals, and projects that once aligned will allow for greater impact. Transformational changes are expected by taking this approach as communities will be well positioned to identify opportunities for shared resources, changing trends and priorities, emerging community leaders, funding opportunities, and the necessary organizational changes that need to be made in order to create long term sustainable progress.

This is a very important chapter as it goes to the heart of the reason why communities, organizations and governments poured their energies into this Recreation Plan and other similar plans and strategies: because we want implementation and action as a result! Just as a home builder works from a blueprint or an expanding business is guided by financial projections, all governments and communities involved in this process want investments in recreation to be guided by this Plan while recognizing that good plans do and should evolve as conditions change.

There will be no gathering dust with this plan because, in many respects, we are putting implementation first and foremost in our thoughts!

The development of this Manistee County Recreation Plan is similar to many other initiatives in the County that have occurred over the recent past. It has been community driven and volunteer led and builds off existing plans having already been developed and in many cases adopted. It has reflected best practices through collaboration in developing a game plan for the future of recreation in the County that is crucial to our quality of life and economic well-being.

Recreation is an essential economic driver for the County. It directly infuses millions into our economy with substantial ripple effects. It is the catalyst for large public and private investments. Recreation is a key ingredient to encourage families, young professionals and others to locate in the County. It shapes our quality of life. And Manistee county is a recognized leader in efforts to make our prime resource – our waterways – available for access and enjoyment by people of all ages, needs and abilities.

The following pages organize the goals, priorities and proposed activities into an implementation strategy which allows for implementation. The principal elements of implementation involve development, as well as, ongoing operations and maintenance of our recreational assets. In the following, we summarize ways to accomplish both along with a framework for discussions toward a potential longer-term opportunity.

9.1.1 Partnering with the Alliance for Economic Success (AES) and the Manistee County Planning Department:

Through a collaborative effort, local governments and/or non-profits are encouraged to approach the Alliance for Economic Success (AES) and the Manistee County Planning Department to assist in project and fund development. Together they have undertaken this task with a large number of recreation projects throughout the County, particularly for Explore the Shores projects (see Section 3.2 for more information) in communities like the City of Manistee, Arcadia Township, Onekama Township, Manistee Township, Stronach Township, Village of Onekama, Village of Eastlake and others.

9.1.1.1 The Manistee County Planning Department:

The Planning Department is staffed by a professional planner who works with a seven-member Manistee County Planning Commission (PA 33 of 2008) to fulfill the planning activities. The County Planning Director is responsible for the following activities:

- Compile data, maps, reports for preparing and updating Manistee County plans and policies on recreation, land use, economic development, environment, infrastructure and capital improvement
- Provide technical assistance to municipalities within the County and other County agencies
- Administer the address ordinance and the county Remonumentation Program
- Staff for the Solid Waste Management Act Planning Council and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
- Attend to public relations for the Planning Commission and provide training seminars
- Provide information on zoning ordinances, subdivision and site condominium projects, dividing land, addresses, census, county statistics, grants, planning, etc.
- To present information, in a timely fashion and in a useful format, to assist people both in and out of government to make better decisions.

The Manistee County Planning Department plays a critical role in working with residents to identify their path towards prosperity by helping provide them with

the tools and expertise necessary for success.

9.1.1.2 Alliance for Economic Success:
The AES is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) charitable organization that has three primary purposes:

- To help all of Manistee County in becoming development ready to support business development and job creation.
- To support community planning and development, including infrastructure to support community and economic development.
- To development funding resources to help governments implement their strategies and plans.

Many of the activities performed by the AES to fulfill these purposes are carried out because local governments do not have the internal capacity or budget to support this work. In this sense, the AES is a service hub to all governmental units in Manistee County.

How does AES work to implement the Recreation Plan?
The AES will meet with a local government or nonprofit to understand the recreational project. That includes an understanding of:

1. Physical location
2. Type, scale and general intended impacts of development
3. Uses, users and ease of site access
4. Lead organization and partners involved with the project
5. Existing or potential presence of philanthropy in terms of dollars, material and/or labor donations
6. Environmental site conditions
7. Other relevant factors

The AES will then attempt to identify potential sources of funding, typically through grants available through federal, state or other public agencies or through private foundations. The AES will propose a course of action if it believes it can assist in securing development funding and whether or not a fee for service will be required to develop and/or administer grant applications. The level of fee for developing a grant application may vary depending upon the complexity of the grant application. For example, if funding is sought under a grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Land Trust Fund, those grant applications often consume 40 hours or more of staff time to complete. The AES has staff that can manage grant financial and program reporting for a fee that varies from five to 15 percent, depending upon the scope, frequency and complexity of the grant that is being administered. In some cases, funding for administration is available through grants.

The AES typically manages the relationship with funding organizations on behalf of the local government or nonprofit, including response to questions or site visits involving the application and site visits during or after completion, including news releases to keep community members and media informed of progress.

In providing this assistance, AES also coordinates support with:

- A variety of interests, including elected officials, to secure letters of support.
- The Manistee County Community Foundation, particularly in cases where the Foundation has or will establish funds to help support a project through charitable giving.
- The Manistee County Planning Director who may provide various forms of support for projects, including development of customized maps that are often required
- Firms that may be enlisted to help with preliminary site design and/or site concepts
- Other organizations or individuals who are major stakeholders, including non profits, governments such as the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, US Forest Service and others.

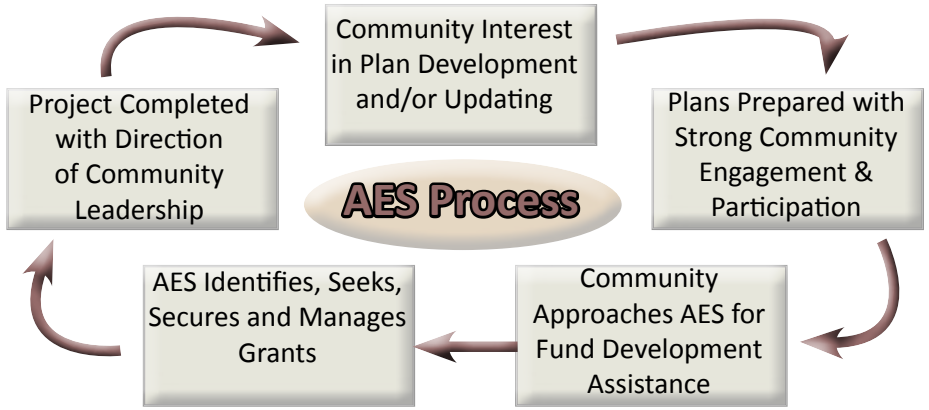


Figure 9.1: AES Process

Assistance through the AES may not be available if:

- A project has not been identified as a priority at the grass-roots, community level (i.e., this Recreation Plan).
- There is significant opposition to or controversy involving a project that should be resolved before development funding is sought.
- There is no readily identified funder for the project or if the project is determined to not be a good fit with the priorities of funders.
- The timing or scope of the project is beyond the existing staff capabilities of

the AES.

- It appears that matching resources often required by grants are non-existent or will be extremely difficult to develop in the magnitude required.

9.2 Areas of Priority:

The goals of the Plan as articulated by each community were crafted based upon eight major priority areas which were shaped from identified opportunities during the public input process. The eight priority areas are the organizational categories for implementation and are identified below: (See Fig. 9.2)



Figure 9.2: Eight Priority Areas

These major priority areas are the focus of the Action Program and must be considered in developing methodology for implementation. With that said, it is recognized that recreation in Manistee County is part of a larger public realm that seeks to problem solve across disciplines such as public health concerns (obesity, diabetes), environmental concerns (watershed protection, stream integrity), and creating a sense of place based on our natural resources (placemaking). The Areas of Priority are subsets of an even larger platform that recreation planning directly and indirectly addresses.

The methodology for implementation is concerned about utilizing a toolbox containing a multifaceted and wide range of tools to address the goals in order to create lasting, sustainable, and systematic progress. The toolbox also will help to address important components to implementation such as staffing, public information, operations, maintenance and acquisition and facility development.

9.3 Framework for Success

The areas of focus tailor designed for Manistee County (but are used widely in successful communities) address building the capacity of the communities, or know how and leadership, to get things done, organizing or developing the governmental structure and relationships necessary to create accountability and cohesiveness, access to funding sources, ensuring that the regulatory parameters are in place at the local and County level, and establishing the groundwork for the development of partners to carry out the work efficiently.



Figure 9.3: Framework for Success

9.4 Organizational Development

9.4.1 Formal Organizational Structures

Most communities in the County lack a governmental entity dedicated to recreation. With the exception of the City of Manistee, Onekama, and Arcadia, communities do not have recreation committees (which may be a sub-committee of the planning commission). No community in Manistee County has a recreation commission (which is a body of folks elected for the express purpose of furthering recreational goals). By each community developing a recreation committee, as a sub-committee of the planning commission, true progress may be made as these

dedicated individuals will work hard to forward the Plans implementation. In addition to a recreation sub-committee of the individual community planning commissions, committees specific to County wide recreation initiatives should be formed around the County wide Areas of Priority: trails, natural resource stewardship, economic development, funding, water & land access, collaboration/partnerships, and recreation opportunities. Ideally, this network of committees will be comprised of planning commission recreation sub-committee members and passionate residents. They will meet regularly to work on implementation of projects and will keep the momentum for recreation planning alive.

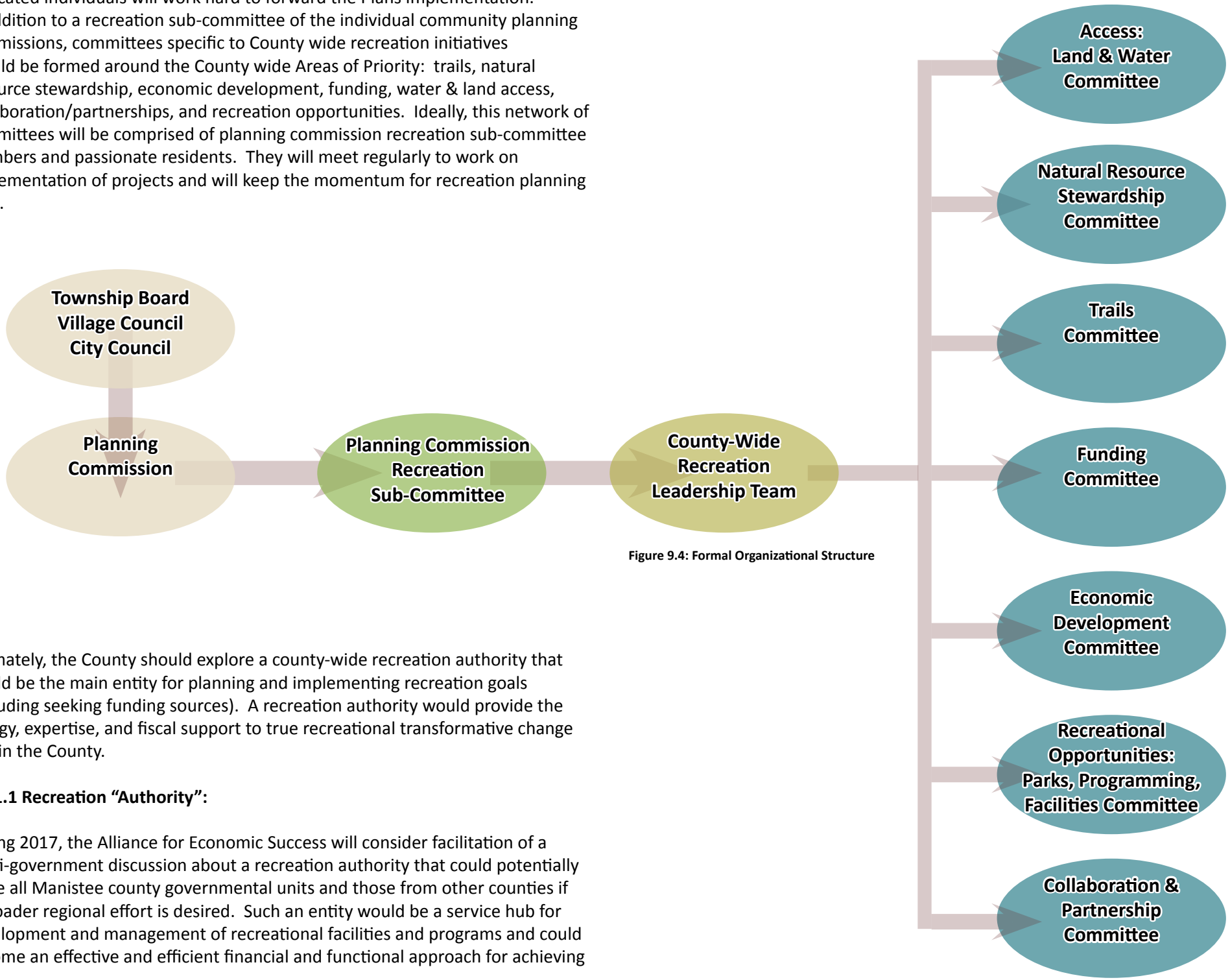


Figure 9.4: Formal Organizational Structure

Ultimately, the County should explore a county-wide recreation authority that would be the main entity for planning and implementing recreation goals (including seeking funding sources). A recreation authority would provide the energy, expertise, and fiscal support to true recreational transformative change within the County.

9.4.1.1 Recreation "Authority":

During 2017, the Alliance for Economic Success will consider facilitation of a multi-government discussion about a recreation authority that could potentially serve all Manistee county governmental units and those from other counties if a broader regional effort is desired. Such an entity would be a service hub for development and management of recreational facilities and programs and could become an effective and efficient financial and functional approach for achieving

Recreation Plan objectives. We are planning to hold this discussion in 2017 so that we have some understanding of gaps and needs in implementing our new Recreation Plan.

ACTION PLAN: Each planning commission is encouraged to establish a community recreation sub-committee. A member of the local recreation sub-committee is encouraged to join a County wide recreation committee of their interest.

9.4.2 Capacity Building:

Straight from a simple Google search the definition of "capacity building" is simply *"the process through which individuals, organizations and societies obtain, strengthen and maintain the capabilities to set and achieve their own development objectives over time. Capacity is about growth: growth of the individual in knowledge, skills and experience."* It's all about increasing the number of people capable and taking action to make things happen on your own. No one is going to implement this Plan but the residents of Manistee County; self-reliance is key. Increasing the chances for success requires collective action of many individuals. It will take the collective will and assistance from as many residents as possible.

During the public input process many residents voiced their ideas and expressed their passion for developing recreational opportunities. It was their voice that led to these recommendations.

9.4.2.1 Champions and Emerging Leaders:
Seeking out and identifying new and emerging leadership that will champion the work needed done to accomplish the goals. These emerging leaders bring energy, drive, and dedication to the effort. These champions and leaders will be found from all age groups, abilities, and walks of life.

9.4.2.2 Volunteers:
Create a culture and system of volunteerism that will carry forth implementation of many of the projects identified. These volunteers will work with government, civic, and non-profit organizations to develop and implement programs and tasks. Volunteers may be used to assist in tourism, on committees, building trails, and doing the physical work of making improvements. Manistee County has a strong history of in-kind donations, this philanthropy needs to continue and be strengthened.

9.4.2.3 Training and Education:
Teaching people what to do and how to do it is imperative. From trail building to directing a tourist to the best fishing locations, training and education turns all Manistee County residents into ambassadors.

ACTION PLAN: It is recommended that communities and leaders:
- Identifying local champions interested in recreation and mentor emerging leaders
- Encourage and develop volunteer programs and opportunities
- Take advantage of training and educational opportunities

9.5 Funding Resources

9.5.1 Philanthropy:
Philanthropy plays a key role in developing capital to help communities achieve their visions for their future. Foundation grants and individual charitable contributions may provide significant support for capital projects including endowments, which provide a permanent source support for maintaining projects and other assets once constructed. In addition, donations of time, expertise and materials provide a way for other community members and businesses to continue to a project's success.

While there are a number of philanthropic organizations in Michigan and the nation that support recreational development, Manistee County is home to a local foundation, the Manistee County Community Foundation. The Manistee County Community Foundation (www.manisteefoundation.org) is a public foundation whose mission is to ensure quality of life and place in Manistee County, today and for future generations, by engaging, facilitating, and maximizing the impact of community philanthropy.

They do this by:
- Building community capital.
- Making grants that respond to community needs.
- Convening and catalyze to affect positive community change.

The Foundation currently administers over 90 funds totaling over $3.3 million in community assets with cumulative grant-making of about $1.5 million for community benefit including permanent endowments and project funds focused on protecting and enhancing the county's natural resources. The Foundation serves as a vehicle through which anyone can give in support of Manistee County needs and opportunities and could play an important role in supporting the implementation of the Manistee County Parks, Recreation, and Trail Plan.

If you are interested in understanding how a new fund at the MCCF may support a recreational development, an initial conversation or meeting will cover the following points:

1. The location, nature and scale of your proposed or existing recreational development.
2. The potential ways that a fund could address some needs or issues involving the development.
3. The process or steps that would be taken by those creating the fund to educate and inform potential donors about the existence and purpose of the fund and the opportunity to support it through philanthropy.
4. The organizations, group or individuals that would be involved with the fund.
5. Roles, responsibilities and costs involving a fund agreement.

The MCCF serves to help individuals or organizations direct philanthropy through charitable donations to accomplish a wide variety of purposes. With regard to recreation, funds have been formed by organizations or individuals to accept charitable gifts to:

- Cover a portion or all of the costs of a recreational development.
- Develop plans for waterfront use and development.
- Help implement watershed plans, including recreational components. Build an endowed fund that may be used in perpetuity to cover the costs of operations, maintenance and replacement if needed.

ACTION PLAN: Communities are encouraged to establish an endowment fund with the Manistee County Community Foundation and seek donations to the fund to support recreation development. These funds may be used for direct recreation purposes or as a matching funds for grants.

9.5.2 Grants:

There are three primary grants that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources have established to help communities implement their recreation plans. The grants are the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF), Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants (LWCF), and the Recreation Passport Grant Program (RPGP). Communities must have a 5-Year DNR approved recreation plan in order to apply for the grant funding. Communities must utilize the MiRecGrants online grant application process when applying for any of the three grants. Keeping in mind that Manistee County is part of Region 2, communities are encouraged to work with grants management staff by contacting 517-284-7268 or http://www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants.com This Manistee County Parks, Recreation, and Trail Development Plan, and thus the recreation plan for the 20 communities in Manistee County, will be approved by March 1st, 2016 (and will be valid for 5 years).

Image 9.1: DNR

9.5.2.1 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF):
Communities may start applying for Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) grants immediately but should remember to submit their application by April 1st of each year. This grant is often used for the development of outdoor recreation facilities, and acquisition of land or rights in land for natural resource protection and public outdoor recreation. Grants often require matching funds and therefore communities should look to utilize their philanthropic donations (the endowment fund established at the Manistee Community Foundation), other donations, in kind services, and other resources to help pull the financial packages together to fund their projects.

Image 9.2: Trust Fund

9.5.2.2 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF):
The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) also requires a 5-Year DNR approved recreation plan and must meet the April 1st yearly deadline. This grant is for development projects such as public outdoor recreation projects such as trails, picnic areas, beaches, campgrounds, boating access, and fishing areas. In addition, communities must provide for a 50% match for the grant. Similar to the MNRTF, communities need to pull together a financial package to fund the project.

Images 9.3: Land & Water

9.5.2.3 Recreation Passport Grant Program (RPGP):
The Recreation Passport Grant Program (RPGP) is for development projects dealing with indoor and outdoor recreation such as fishing areas, trails, beaches, boating access, and picnic areas. Applicant must have their project listed in a current Capital Improvement Plan or DNR Approved 5- year recreation plan. The grant must also be accompanied with a minimum of 25% matching fund that the community must provide for. As with the MNRTF and LWCF grants, the RPGP grant due date is April 1st.

Image 9.4: Rec. Passport

9.5.2.4 Local Government Grant Writing Support:
Support from the local unit of government for a grant application affecting an area within their jurisdiction shall be sought. The local unit of government shall reserve the right to approve any grant submission on their behalf, including financial implications for development and long-term maintenance/operations.

ACTION PLAN: Communities are encouraged to review the DNR grant website, contact the Region 2 representative, and become familiar with the grant requirements in order to apply for grants to fund their projects.

9.5.3 Community Budgets/Line Item Allocation & Capital Improvement Plans:

As the Administrative Structure section indicated, most communities do not budget for recreation. While there may be funds for lawn cutting and other maintenance, funds are not allocated for staffing, funding, development, and/or land acquisition for recreational purposes. Each community has identified recreation goals and projects. The most direct assurance for operations and maintenance of recreational facilities occur when a local government and/or nonprofit has an ongoing operating budget for those purposes and/or ongoing relationships that ensure volunteer support for operations and maintenance. Many communities have established formal or informal systems of volunteerism that are highly productive in maintaining sites to ensure they can be accessed and used to their fullest.

If a recreational development is an "Explore the Shores" site with funding developed by the AES, every effort is made in the development and construction of those sites to minimize operational and maintenance expenses through design considerations and use of durable materials.

While some of the projects require a large financial investment, which might be out of the reach of most community budgets, there are recreation projects that could be funded by local budgets (benches, some playground equipment, trash receptacles, signage, etc.). These smaller projects may either be addressed directly in the community's general budget or within the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). These small community investments will provide large dividends as the smaller projects County wide are collectively achieved.

ACTION PLAN: Each community is encouraged to establish a recreation line item, and allocate funds, in their budgets or to include recreation development in their Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). For those communities that already budget for recreation (Filer Township, City of Manistee, Onekama Township), a thorough review of their allocation must be completed to ensure that they are meeting the goals of this recreation plan.

9.6 Collaboration and Partnership:

The preparation of this Parks, Recreation, and Trail Development Plan required county wide collaboration and partnership. People worked together to develop this collaborative recreation plan breaking new ground in joint planning in Manistee County. This collaborative trend must be continued and strengthened.

9.6.1 Community Representation:

Each community in Manistee County must continue to remain active and aware of recreation planning and implementation efforts. By assigning a few community leaders to the task will ensure that open lines of communication exist between county-wide efforts and local efforts. In addition, a synergy will be formed as new ideas and shared experiences result in the type of environment that is conducive to positive change.

9.6.2 Shared-Use and Community Partners Agreements:

The use of "Shared-Use Agreements" and "Community Partners Agreements" between entities such as churches, schools, health departments, land conservancy, and other various businesses, community, non-profit, and civic organizations is beneficial to increasing recreational opportunities. These agreements look at sharing the burden of maintenance, facility development, use of land, programming, and funding of recreation. They are non-binding agreements meant to formalize the mutual benefits of working together to achieve successes. For example, churches or schools may have large tracts of land that communities may utilize and by establishing a shared-use agreement will formalize that relationship and set the path towards collaborating on ways to utilize the land for recreation. There are already communities that utilize school land for recreational purposes, but a formal agreement will pave a stronger path and open lines of communication with a number of interests that will expand the opportunities within the community.

Substantial progress has been made by a large number of governments, organizations and individuals to build collaborative initiatives throughout Manistee County and, in several cases, with municipal units outside of the county. This Recreation Plan is a testimony to that spirit of partnership. Whether informal or formal, entities can achieve economies of scale through a process to identify common functions and assess how they can partner to achieve mutual objectives, including maintenance and operation of recreational sites. The Alliance for Economic Success is available to help facilitate discussions involving local governments that are interested in establishing formal arrangements to share services. During 2016, the AES will co-host a workshop with the Lakes to Land Region Collaborative for Collective impact on tools and methods for local government service sharing that will be heavily publicized

ACTION PLAN: Communities are encouraged to identify partners to help develop recreation within their community and utilize the Share-Use and Community Partners Agreements templates available at the Manistee County Alliance for Economic Success.

9.7 Community Design: Using Recreational Assets to Create a Sense of Place

Great things can happen slowly and incrementally. In fact, some of the most sustainable outcomes are a result of careful and deliberate planning and implementation one community development project at a time. As new development occurs within a community, or existing development seeks approval for improvements, the community may require improvements to the physical appearance of the property. Improvements that are sought include amenities such as sidewalks or paths, lighting, benches, trash receptacles, and landscaping. These attributes are common in the development proposals and approval throughout the nation but are rarely required in Manistee County. Just like a puzzle, by placing one piece at a time together, will ultimately result in a complete picture.



Image 9.5: Sense of Place Example

A few examples of the result of systematic, incremental, and deliberate improved development requirements include:

- Increasing walkability
- Creating connectivity
- Providing greater habitat protection
- Increased stormwater capacity (rain gardens)
- Improved physical appearance of our communities
- Creating more desirable and attractive places for people to want to reside
- Huge economic benefits as the communities become more attractive, which in turn will make them more attractive to new potential businesses, tourists, and residents.



Image 9.6: Sense of Place Example

Ultimately, by incorporating requirements in zoning ordinances and through site plan review guidelines, great recreational improvements may be made that will result in healthier more attractive communities.

ACTION PLAN: Communities are encouraged to update zoning ordinances to require walkability and connectivity in new development proposals (trails, sidewalks, paths) and require open space and usable storm water management areas for habitat. Communities are also encouraged to update the site plan review procedures to ensure that the physical appearance of the new development contains the amenities that are often mimic in communities across the State of Michigan.

9.8 Focus Areas for Implementation:

Implementation for this recreation plan can be categorized into five specific focus areas with categorization of actions to be taken within each focus area. The focus areas for implementation are displayed below, and are utilized in the Focus Areas Implementation Tables. (See Figure 9.5)



Figure 9.5: Focus Areas of Implementation

9.9 Focus Areas Implementation Tables:

Focus areas found within this chapter are displayed within tables which outline necessary action or change, responsible parties, time-frames, resources and necessary channels of communication. The two tables, one for County-Wide Focus Areas and another for Local Municipality Focus Areas follow. (See Tables 9.9.1 and 9.9.2)

9.9.1 County-Wide Focus Areas Implementation Table

FOCUS AREAS	WHAT action or change	WHO will carry out the action or change	WHEN will it take place and for how long	WHAT resources are needed to carry out the change	COMMUNICATION
Organizational Development	• Create an organizational structure that will successfully implement this Recreation Plan.	• Recreation Committees • AES • Manistee Co. Planning Department • MRA	2016-ongoing	• Centralized organization willing to coordinate the organizational structure identified in the Plan. Facilitator's of meetings Volunteers • Support from local and County governments	• Residents • Local governments • County government • Recreation stakeholders
Capacity Building	• Identify areas of strength and weaknesses in the talent available County wide to implement the Plan in order to provide a laser target of skill building opportunities.	• Assistance from a consulting firm to conduct the analysis. • AES	2016-ongoing	• AES arranging for additional grant writers. • Contributions from communities to fund training.	• Residents • Local governments • County government • Recreation stakeholders

Table 9.1: County-Wide Focus Area Implementation Table

FOCUS AREAS	WHAT action or change	WHO will carry out the action or change	WHEN will it take place and for how long	WHAT resources are needed to carry out the change	COMMUNICATION
Funding Resources	• Utilize to a greater extent existing and new methods and avenues to secure funding from grants, philanthropy, community budgeting, and in-kind sources.	• AES • Manistee Co. Planning Department • Local and County government	2016-ongoing	• Seminar's on the fund development resources available and other sources that need to be explored.	• Residents • Local governments • County government • Recreation stakeholders
Collaboration and Partnership	• Create a culture of collaboration and partnership based on mutually agreed upon priorities and a strong desire to achieve action.	• AES • Area organizations and residents interested in recreation development.	2016-ongoing	• Outreach efforts • Sustained and reliable communication • Support from local and County governments	• Residents • Local governments • County government • Recreation stakeholders
Community Design: Using Recreational Assets to Create a Sense of Place	• Incorporate this Recreation Plan into local policy and plans to ensure that local government decision makers considers recreation into their community development efforts.	• Manistee Co. Planning Department • Manistee Co. Planning Commission	2016-ongoing	• County-wide, systematic review of zoning ordinances and other regulatory tools. • Preparation of a Trail Plan • Preparation of Community Design Guidelines	• Residents • Local governments • County government • Recreation stakeholders
PROJECTS	• Assistance from a consulting firm.	• Local governments boards/ councils/ commissions	2016-ongoing	• Funding	• Residents • Local governments • County government • Recreation stakeholders

Table 9.1: County-Wide Focus Area Implementation Table

9.9.2 Local Municipalities Focus Areas Implementation Table

FOCUS AREAS	WHAT action or change	WHO will carry out the action or change	WHEN will it take place and for how long	WHAT resources are needed to carry out the change	COMMUNICATION
Organizational Development	• Establish a recreation sub-committee of the Planning Commission/Township Board/Village Council • A member of the local recreation sub-committee is encouraged to join a County wide recreation committee of their interest.	Community Planning Commissions/ Township Boards/ Village Councils County Board of Commissioners	2016 - ongoing	Place on a Planning Commission agenda Ask residents to serve on committees Develop a volunteer application form, interview, and select	Individual communities but may be conducted in a coordinated manner across Manistee County with the help of AES
Capacity Building	• Identify local champions interested in recreation • Mentor emerging leaders • Encourage and develop volunteer programs and opportunities • Take advantage of training and educational opportunities	Existing local leaders Manistee County Planning Department & AES MSU Extension, AES, and MAP	2016 - ongoing	Place on a Planning Commission agenda Ask residents to serve on committees Develop a volunteer application form, interview, and select	Notify all recreation stakeholders such as the HSCB, sporting groups, youth
Funding Resources	• Review the DNR grant website, contact the Region 2 representative, and become familiar with the grant requirements in order to apply for grants to fund their projects. • Establish a recreation line item, and allocate funds, in budgets or include recreation development in Capital Improvement Plans (CIP). • For those communities that already budget for recreation (Filer Township, City of Manistee, Onekama Township), a thorough review of their allocation must be completed to ensure that they are meeting the goals of this recreation plan. • Consider establishing a fund at the Manistee County Community Foundation for earmarked funds that may be accessed for matches to grants.	Township Board/ City Council/Village Council Planning Commission	2016 - ongoing	AES sponsored recreation plan implementation seminar/training session Presentation by the Manistee County Community Foundation on establishing and growing funds DNR Grants Coordinator presentation/seminar on grant submission requirements	Local residents, County wide, AES, Manistee County Planning Department

Table 9.2: Local Municipality Focus Area Implementation Table

FOCUS AREAS	WHAT action or change	WHO will carry out the action or change	WHEN will it take place and for how long	WHAT resources are needed to carry out the change	COMMUNICATION
Collaboration and Partnership	• Identify partners to help develop recreation within the community. • Utilize the Shared-Use and Community Partners Agreements templates available at the Manistee County Alliance for Economic Success.	County wide local and County government, schools, all organizations concerned with recreation and fostering a healthy lifestyle, AES, Lakes to Land Communities for Collective Action	2016 - ongoing	Shared-Use Agreement and Community Partners Agreement templates at AES Round table discussions about what Collective Impact is and how it may be used	County and State wide
Community Design: Using Recreational Assets to Create a Sense of Place	• Update zoning ordinances to require walkability and connectivity in new development proposals (trails, sidewalks, paths) and require open space and usable storm water management areas for habitat. • Update the site plan review procedures to ensure that the physical appearance of the new development contains the amenities that are often mimicked in communities across the State of Michigan.	Planning Commissions and/ or Boards/Councils	2016 - ongoing	Zoning Ordinance technical expertise from the Manistee County Planning Department, consultants, MSU Extensions	Local residents, County wide
PROJECTS	• Review the project list and determine which projects will be worked on and include them in the communities yearly Work Plan.	Planning Commission/ Recreation Committees Boards/Councils	2016 - ongoing	Community conversations to identify priority projects for each year, request to AES/Manistee County Planning Department for assistance on seeking grant funding and/or individual community capital campaigns	Local residents, County wide to ensure coordination and to take advantage of economies of scale Recreation Stakeholders including the MRA

Table 9.2: Local Municipality Focus Area Implementation Table

9.10 Local Municipality Area of Priority with Goals Tables:

The Area of Priority in Section 9.2 sets the stage for the ability to move forward with the leadership and funding to accomplish the task of recreational site improvements within Manistee County. The outlined projects developed to meet the goals contained within Chapter 7 are community specific, but fall into eight prioritized areas based on the type of project. By organizing projects of a similar nature, one can more easily identify trends and potential packaging of separate projects into a single implementation effort.

Appendix D of the plan contains all projects identified within Chapter 7 under the Local Municipality Goals. They are organized into the eight areas of priority and displayed within the Appendix D tables. The tables are color-coded with the Area of Priority heading for easier identification of an individual priority table. (See Appendix D)



Figure 9.1: Eight Priority Areas

9.11 County-Wide Focus Areas with Goals Tables:

The individual communities projects described in Section 9.10 and contained in Appendix D are organized by eight Areas of Priority based on the type of project that relates to funding, land acquisition, economic development, natural resources stewardship, collaboration & partnerships, trail development, recreational opportunities and access to land & water. Organization of Local Municipality Goals by this method allows the user to identify trends and potential packaging of projects into a single implementation effort.

This section of the Recreation Plan focuses on County-wide projects. As noted in the Plan, Manistee County does not own land nor do they administer recreational programs. They do provide an important role in supporting recreation and facilitating the necessary steps that only a County-wide, or regional focus can achieve. Therefore, the projects the County undertakes are focused upon implementation and therefore must be organized based upon the Focus Areas of Implementation: organizational development, capacity building, funding, collaboration & partnership, and community design. By doing this, the projects more closely relate to the County-Wide Focus Area Action Program Table (See Table 9.1), and may be viewed as interrelated and connected. County-wide Focus Areas of Implementation Tables 9.3 through 9.7 contained within this section and the Municipality Prioritized Area Project Tables contained in Appendix D work towards one goal: to implement this Recreation Plan.



Figure 9.5: Focus Areas of Implementation

9.11.1 Capacity Building	
GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP	Teach people how to write grants by hosting a grant writing workshop.
DNR GRANTS COORDINATOR	Invite the DNR Grants Coordinator to Manistee County to speak and education the communities about recreation, grants, and other implementation opportunities.

Table 9.3: Capacity Building Table

9.11.2 Organizational Development	
RECREATION AUTHORITY	Educate and inform community leaders about the importance of a recreation authority.
RECREATION SUMMIT	Convene and host a Recreation Summit to seek volunteers for the Committees and to assist them in getting started
PLANNING AND ZONING	The County Planning Commission will review all new zoning ordinance and master plans, and their amendments, with the goals of the Manistee County Recreation Plan as a bench mark for leading practices specifically looking to ensure that concepts such as walkability, forming connections and developing opportunities to create pathways/trails, protection of natural resources, creating access to recreational assets, and watershed protection are included and addressed.
RIVER DESIGNATIONS	Create identifiable segments along the rivers that are marketed, designated for difficulty, and have clearly identifiable point of access.
TRAIL COMMITTEE	Convene a Trail Committee to oversee the preparation of the Trail Plan.
RECREATION TRAIL IMPLEMENTATION TEAM	Form a trail implementation team who will work to designate and create trail routes throughout the County.
MUNICIPALITY COMMUNICATION	Keep an open line of communication with all municipalities. Conduct period discussions concerning the current status of the Plan and on-going projects.

Table 9.4: Organizational Development

9.11.3 Funding	
FUNDING BASED ON NATURAL RESOURCE FEATURES/SYSTEM MAP	Use the Natural Resource Features/Systems and Community Goals Map to seek funding sources for implementation.
LINE ITEM BUDGET FOR RECREATION	Create a County wide dialogue about the importance of creating a line-item budget within individual community's budgets.
RECREATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT	Create a County wide dialogue about the importance of creating a recreation savings account to save money for the matching funds needed when applying for grants.
FUNDING SEMINAR	Facilitate a seminar hosted by the Manistee County Community Foundation and Alliance for Economic Success to discuss potential funding sources for to implement the Recreation Plan.

Table 9.5: Funding

9.11.4 Community Design	
NATURAL RESOURCES FEATURES/SYSTEMS MAP	Create a map that identifies the large natural resource features/systems found within the County (i.e. Manistee River, DNR land, USFS land, Lake Michigan shoreline)
GOALS ASSOCIATED WITH NATURAL RESOURCES FEATURES	Allocate and assign the various goals, where appropriate, identified by each community to the natural resource features/systems map.
EXPLORE THE SHORES	Continue to support the creation and development of Explore the Shores sites.
BLUE WATER TRAILS	Develop a County wide Blue Water Trail system complete with way-finding.
WAY-FINDING	Develop a system of way-finding throughout the river system with information about river segments, including degree of difficulty designation.
NEW ACCESS POINTS	Identify gaps and opportunities for new access points to land.
EXISTING ACCESS POINTS	Identify, evaluate, and make improvement to existing access points.
TRAIL HUBS	Identify hubs of the trail system and seek funding to create the facilities necessary for the trial users.
TRAIL USER EVALUATION	Evaluate the trails to determine if they are meeting the needs of the user.
OUTFITTERS	Encourage outfitter business development.
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	Encourage business development that leases recreational equipment.
RECREATION BUSINESS “POP UP”	Encourage the development of a “pop up” business in the City of Manistee possibly located at the beaches.
WAY-FINDING	Create a Way-finding Plan for the County.
TRAIL PLAN COMPONENTS	In the Trail Plan ensure that the desired aspects are included.
PARK CONNECTIONS	Create opportunities for linkages and connections between the parks.

Table 9.6: Community Design

9.11.5 Collaboration & Partnerships	
SHARED-USE & COMMUNITY PARTNERS AGREEMENTS	Provide communities with the Shared-Use and Community Partners Agreements
SPEED RESTRICTIONS	Support, or initiative, the placement of speed restrictions on specific sections of rivers.
WATERSHED PLANNING	Support the efforts of Watershed Planning groups and their watershed plans once adopted by their respective communities.
LARGE LAND OWNERS	Support the work of the Manistee County Conservation District, Grand Traverse Land Conservancy, United States Forest Service, Consumer Energy, Railroad Corporations, the Department of Natural Resources and other large land owners and seek ways to strengthen their ties with recreational development.
RECREATION TOUR	Conduct a tour of the County priority sites.
M22 BYWAY	Support the M22 Pure Michigan Byway project
RECREATION AMBASSADOR'S	Create a County Recreation Ambassador Program that uses volunteers to help promote the area by providing person to person contact to give tours, information, etc.
VISITORS BUREAU	Work with the Visitors Bureau to link planning work with their Mobile Application.
PARTNERSHIPS	Create a strong partnership between AES, Planning Department, the Visitor's Bureau, and any other organization working toward eco-tourism.
PROGRAMMING	Meet with the MRA to explore ways to increase natural outdoor recreation by offering lessons/programming that teaches kiteboarding, sailing, paddle boarding, fly fishing, and other recreational activities that utilize our natural assets.
RECREATION COLLABORATIVE	Identify stakeholders and obtain a representative from each working recreation committee, form group, and meet with the express purpose of forming close working relationships regarding recreation.
COLLABORATION WITH LARGE LAND OWNERS	Establish working relationships and a regular meeting schedule with Consumers Power, GTRLC, DNR, US Forest Service, and LRBOI in order to implement this Recreation Plan
COMMUNITY PARK IMPROVEMENT SUPPORT	Support efforts by communities to implement their park improvement goals.
PROMOTE PARKS	Work with the Visitors Bureau to promote parks.

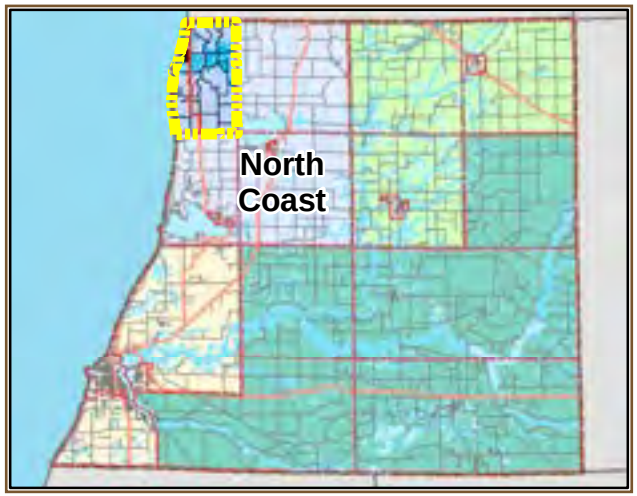
Table 9.7: Collaboration & Partnerships

Chapter 10: Plan Preparation & Adoption Documentation

See Appendix E for all Resolutions, Public Notices and Minutes

10.1 Arcadia Township

North Coast Region



10.1.1 Arcadia Township Resolution of Support



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

Arcadia Township

Date: 2.12.15

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources has outlined a process with which 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 Planning Department and the Alliance for Economic Success are leading a planning process to develop a Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan which will meet the requirements and approval of the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the DNR requirements met by the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will also do so for each participating municipality within Manistee County, creating a total of 20 approved plans under the umbrella of the County-Wide Plan; and

WHEREAS, Arcadia Township recognizes that recreation is a major economic driver for Manistee County and all local municipalities contained within; and

WHEREAS, the development, improvement and creation of recreational sites and assets provides avenues for increased tourism and recreation site participation, as well as building a sense of community and providing access for increased healthy activities; and

WHEREAS, support and participation within the planning process is completely voluntary and doesn't require financial contribution by Arcadia Township; and

WHEREAS, Arcadia Township recognizes that a grassroots bottom-up approach to the planning process will be used focusing on stakeholder inclusion and valued public input, seeking consensus as for the fundamental development of the plans, goals and recommendations;

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, ultimately adopting the plan as it meets the intent and desires of the residents of Arcadia Township.

Doug Carley, Township Supervisor — Patricia Winter, Township Clerk

Date: 2.12.15 — Date: 2.12.15

10.1.2 Arcadia Township Public Hearing Notices

30-Day Public Comment and Review Period for the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan

December 7th, 2015: Notice of availability of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan which contains all necessary information for approval of Park and Recreation Plans for 19 local units of government within Manistee County, as well as for Manistee County.

Public Hearings will be held for each of the local units of government listed below in January and February 2016, for public comment on the draft park and recreation plan for each local unit of government. Copies of the of the recreation plan can be found at each of the Township, Village and City Halls listed below, as well as being made available at public library branches and digitally at the following websites:

http://www.manisteecounty.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=75&Itemid=126

http://www.allianceforeconomicsuccess.com/

http://www.manisteemi.gov/

Please send comments via email to the Manistee County Planning Dept. at: planning@manisteecountymi.gov

Local Units of Government Public Hearings Location, Dates and Times:

Arcadia Township	4463 Lake St. Arcadia, MI 49613	1/14/2016	7:00 PM
Bear Lake Township	7771 Lake St. Bear Lake, MI 49614	1/19/2016	6:30 PM
Brown Township	8233 Coates Hwy. Manistee, MI 49660	1/13/2016	6:30 PM
Cleon Township	16505 Imhoff Dr. Copemish, MI 49625	1/13/2016	6:45 PM
Dickson Township	14270 Brethren Blvd. Brethren, MI 49619	2/11/2016	7:00 PM
Filer Township	2505 Filer City Rd. Manistee, MI 49660	1/5/2016	5:45 PM
Manistee Township	410 Holden St. Manistee, MI 49660	1/7/2016	7:00 PM
Marilla Township	9991 Marilla Rd. Copemish, MI 49625	2/11/2016	7:00 PM
Norman Township	1273 S. Seaman Rd. Wellston, MI 49689	2/4/2016	7:00 PM
Onekama Township	5435 Main St. Onekama, MI 49675	1/5/2016	8:45 AM
Pleasanton Township	8958 Lumley Rd. Bear Lake, MI 49614	2/8/2016	7:00 PM
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10.1.3 Arcadia Township Resolution of Adoption



Arcadia Township Board Resolution for Adoption of the Arcadia Township Park & Recreation Plan
Resolution # 2016 - 100

WHEREAS, the Arcadia Township has undertaken a planning process to plan for recreation for the community, called the **Arcadia 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 **Arcadia Township Park & Recreation Plan** is a component of the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, when planning for the **Arcadia Township Park & Recreation Plan** all the common components of the greater Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan is considered with the exception of, and including, sections specific to other communities; and

WHEREAS, the resident input specific to **Arcadia Township** include Chapter 3 Section 3.6.1 Community Description & Recreation Inventory and Chapter 7 Section 7.1 Goals & Projects; and

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

WHEREAS, the collaborative planning process was to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of Manistee County residents, with the **Arcadia Township** component addressing specifically **Arcadia Township** residents, during a five-year period covering the years 2017-2021; and

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

WHEREAS, the **Arcadia Township Board** is the official governing body responsible for recreation planning in **Arcadia Township**; and

WHEREAS, **Arcadia Township Board** 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 5 different public input sessions held throughout Manistee County in June 2015, by taking an on-line survey that was available from April-August 2015, and the final public comment session held on January 14, 2016 in the **Arcadia Township Hall** to provide a final opportunity for comments; and

WHEREAS, the **Arcadia Township Board** has participated in the development of the Plan in capabilities for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for **Arcadia Township**; and

WHEREAS, after the public meeting and during a scheduled **Township Board** meeting, the **Arcadia Township Board** voted to adopt said recreation plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the **Arcadia Township Board** hereby adopts the **Arcadia Township Recreation** as defined

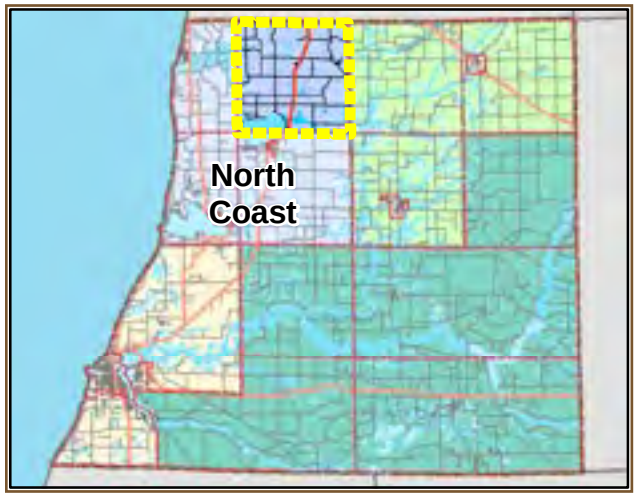
Date: X. Winter, P. Winter, Clerk, Supervisor — Roll Vote — Board Vote

I, Patricia C. Winter, **Arcadia Township Clerk**, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the **Arcadia Township Board** at the regular meeting thereof held on January 19, 2016.

Signature: Patricia C. Winter — Date: 1/19/16

10.2 Pleasanton Township

North Coast Region



10.2.1 Pleasanton Township Resolution of Support



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

Pleasanton Township

Date:

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources has initiated a process with which 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 must meet guidelines and approval to be eligible for grant funding through the Natural Resources Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County Planning Department and the Alliance for Economic Success are leading a planning process to develop a Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan which will meet the requirements and approval of the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the DNR requirements and by the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will also do so for each participating municipality within Manistee County, creating a total of 19 approved plans under the umbrella of the County-Wide Plan; and

WHEREAS, Pleasanton Township recognizes that tourism is a major economic driver for Manistee County and all basic consumption-oriented activity; and

WHEREAS, the development, improvement and creation of recreational sites and assets provides avenues for increased tourism and recreation sale participation, as well as building a sense of community and providing access for increased healthy activities; and

WHEREAS, support and participation within the planning process is completely voluntary and doesn't require financial contribution by Pleasanton Township; and

WHEREAS, Pleasanton Township recognizes that a grassroots bottom-up approach to the planning process will best leverage stakeholder resources and create public input, fostering awareness for the fundamental development of the plans, goals and recommendations.

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, ultimately adopting said plan if it meets the needs and desires of the residents of Pleasanton Township.

Carol Merrick, Township Supervisor

Date: March 9, 2015

Cheryl Braun, Township Clerk

Date: March 9, 2015

10.2.2 Pleasanton Township Public Hearing Notices

30-Day Public Comment and Review Period for the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan

December 7th, 2015: Notice of availability of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan which contains all necessary information for approval of Park and Recreation Plans for 19 local units of government within Manistee County, as well as for Manistee County.

Public Hearings will be held for each of the local units of government listed below in January and February 2016, for public comment on the draft park and recreation plan for each local unit of government. Copies of the of the recreation plan can be found at each of the Township, Village and City Halls listed below, as well as being made available at public library branches and digitally at the following websites:

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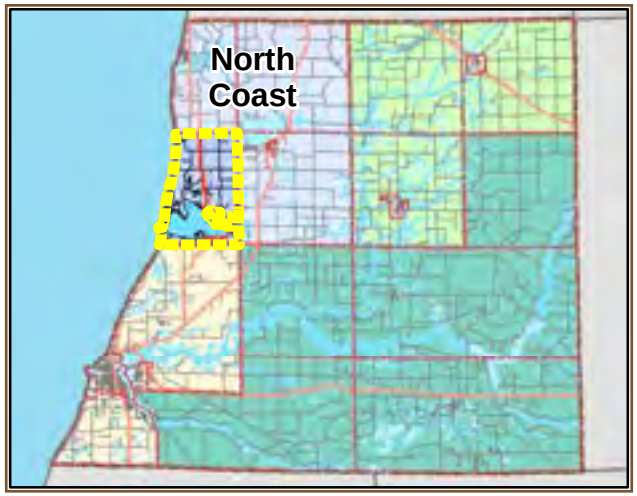
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10.2.3 Pleasanton Township Resolution of Adoption



10.3 Onekama Township

North Coast Region



10.3.1 Onekama Township Resolution of Support



A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE

MANISTEE COUNTY-WIDE PARK AND RECREATION PLAN

ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP

No. 2015-03

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources has outlined a process with which 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 Planning Department and the Alliance for Economic Success are leading a planning process to develop a Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan which will meet the requirements and approval of the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the DNR requirements met by the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will also do so for each participating municipality within Manistee County, creating a total of 20 approved plans under the umbrella of the County-Wide Plan; and

WHEREAS, Onekama Township recognizes that recreation is a major economic drive for Manistee County and all local municipalities contained within; and

WHEREAS, the development, improvement and creation of recreational sites and assets provides avenues for increased tourism and recreation site participation, as well as building a sense of community and providing access for increased healthy activities; and

WHEREAS, support and participation within the planning process is completely voluntary and doesn't require financial contribution by Onekama Township; and

WHEREAS, Onekama Township recognizes that a grassroots bottom-up approach to the planning process will be used focusing on stakeholder inclusion and around public input, seeking consensus for the fundamental development of the plans, goals and recommendations.

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 of ultimately adopting said plan if it meets the intent and desire of the residents of Onekama Township.

David Meister

David Meister, Township Supervisor

Helen Mathieu

Helen Mathieu, Township Clerk

Date: 3/3/2015

Date: 3-3-2015

10.3.2 Onekama Township Public Hearing Notices

30-Day Public Comment and Review Period for the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan

November 30th, 2015: Notice of availability of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan which contains all necessary information for approval of Park and Recreation Plans for all 20 local units of government within Manistee County, as well as for Manistee County.

Public Hearings will be held for each of the local units of government listed below in January and February 2016, for public comment on the draft park and recreation plan for each local unit of government. Copies of the of the recreation plan can be found at each of the Township, Village and City Halls listed below, as well as being made available at public library branches and digitally at the following websites:

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Seven local units of government will hold public hearings in February on dates which have not been set at this time. A public notice will be provided in December upon selection of dates for public hearings for the following local units of government: Bear Lake Village, Dickson Township, Eastlake Village, Manistee Township, Marilla Township, Norman Township, and Pleasanton Township.

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10.3.3 Onekama Township Resolution of Adoption



Onekama Township Board Resolution for Adoption of the
Onekama Township Park & Recreation Plan
Resolution # __ of 2016

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: Section: Chapter 1 Section 1.3.2 Community Description & Recreation Inventory and Chapter 7 Section 7.3 Goals & Projects; 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 communities; and

WHEREAS, the collaborative planning process was to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation 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 2017-2021; and

WHEREAS, the combined area of the aforementioned local units 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, Onekama Township Board began the process of developing a community recreation and natural resources plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed for 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 5 different public input sessions held throughout Manistee County in June 2015, by taking an on-line survey that was available from April-August 2015, and the final public comment session held on January 5, 2016 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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Onekama Township Board hereby adopts the Onekama Township Recreation as defined here:

Motion: _____ Second: _____

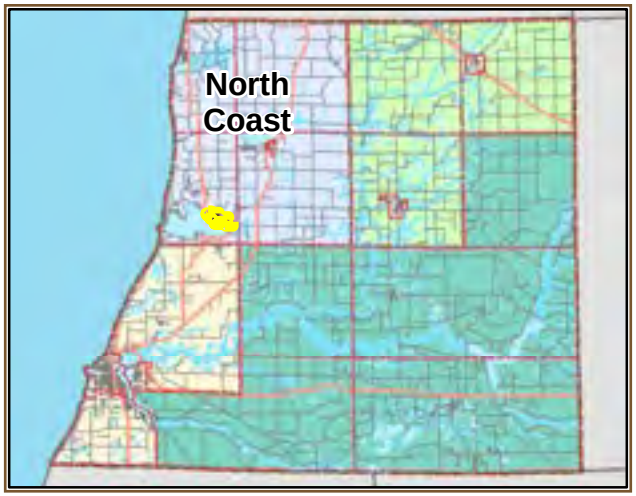
I, Helen Mathieu, Onekama Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Onekama Township Board at the regular meeting thereof held on January 5, 2016.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Onekama Township Clerk

10.4 Onekama Village

North Coast Region



10.4.1 Onekama Village Resolution of Support



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

Onekama Village

Date:

10.4.2 Onekama Village Public Hearing Notices

30-Day Public Comment and Review Period for the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan

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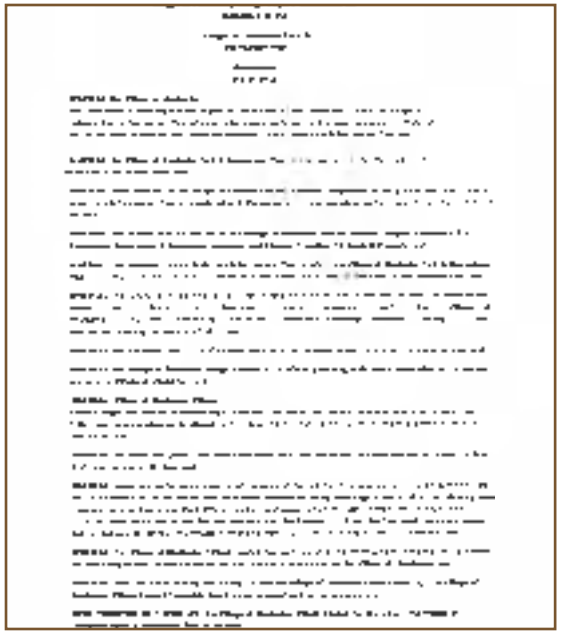
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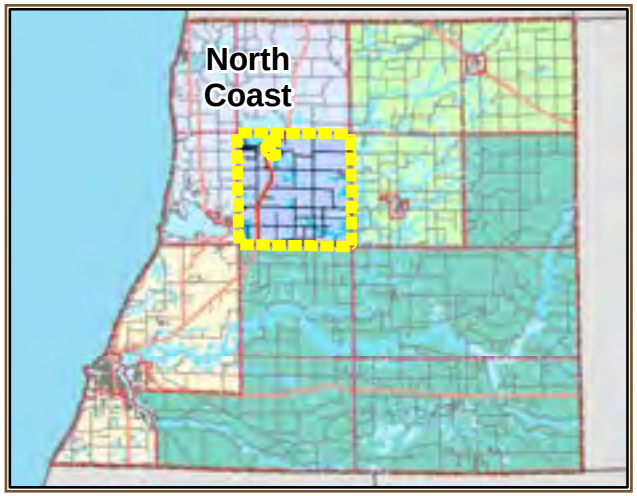
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10.4.3 Onekama Village Resolution of Adoption



10.5 Bear Lake Township

North Coast Region



10.5.1 Bear Lake Township Resolution of Support

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

Bear Lake Township

Date: FEB 17, 2015

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources has outlined a process with which 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 Planning Department and the Alliance for Economic Success are leading a planning process to develop a Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan which will meet the requirements and approval of the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the DNR requirements met by the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will also do so for each participating municipality within Manistee County, creating a total of 20 approved plans under the umbrella of the County-Wide Plan; and

WHEREAS, Bear Lake Township recognizes that recreation is a major economic driver for Manistee County and all local municipalities contained within; and

WHEREAS, the development, improvement and creation of recreational sites and assets provides avenues for increased tourism and recreation site participation, as well as building a sense of community and providing access for increased healthy activities; and

WHEREAS, support and participation within the planning process is completely voluntary and doesn't require financial contribution by Bear Lake Township; and

WHEREAS, Bear Lake Township recognizes that a grassroots bottom-up approach to the planning process will be used focusing on stakeholder inclusion and sound public input, seeking consensus for the fundamental development of the plans goals and recommendations.

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 ultimately adopting said plan if it meets the intent and vision of the residents of Bear Lake Township.

Tom Bird, Township Supervisor — Date: 2/17/15

Deanna Pattison, Township Clerk — Date: Feb 17, 2015

10.5.2 Bear Lake Township Public Hearing Notices

30-Day Public Comment and Review Period for the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan

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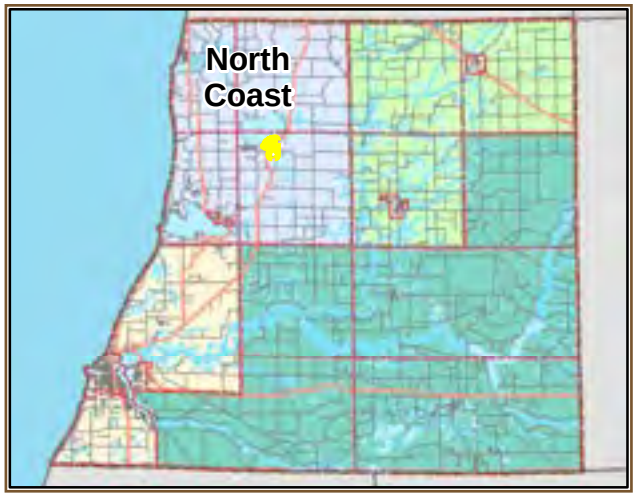
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10.5.3 Bear Lake Township Resolution of Adoption



10.6 Bear Lake Village

North Coast Region



10.6.1 Bear Lake Village Resolution of Support



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

Bear Lake Village

Date: _____

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources has outlined a process for which to obtain financial assistance for a County Activated Park and Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that a county, municipal Park and Recreation Plan must have guidelines and priorities in the eligible for grant funding through the Natural Resources Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County Planning Commission and the Alliance for Economic Success are leading a planning process to develop a Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan which will meet the requirements with approval of the State of Michigan Recreation and Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the [illegible] cost by the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will also do so on their participating municipality within Manistee County planning a total of 19 municipal plans under the auspices of the County-Wide Plan; and

WHEREAS, Bear Lake Village recognizes that outdoor recreation is a major economic driver for Manistee County and all local municipalities associated within; and

WHEREAS, the development, maintenance and operation of recreational sites and assets provides opportunity for increased participation, as well as[illegible] a number of community and economic benefits including increased property values by increased liability protection; and

WHEREAS, citizens are participants in order to encourage citizens to communities economic and direct financial contributions by Bear Lake Village; and

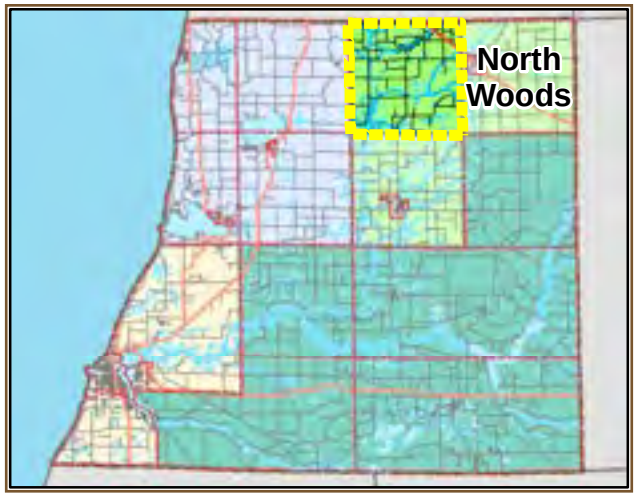
WHEREAS, Bear Lake Village recognizes that a grassroots bottom-up approach to the planning process will be used focusing on stakeholder inclusion and small participation, including assistance for the development and adoption of the plans, goals and recommendations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Bear Lake Village supports the implementation of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan and wishes to participate in the development of the Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER

10.7 Springdale Township

North Coast Region



10.7.1 Springdale Township Resolution of Support



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

Pleasanton Township

Date: [illegible]

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources has outlined a process with which 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 Planning Department and the Alliance for Economic Success are leading a planning process to develop a Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan which will meet the requirements and approval of the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the DNR recommends and the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will also do so for each participating municipality within Manistee County, creating a total of 19 approved plans under the umbrella of the County-Wide Plan; and

WHEREAS, Pleasanton Township recognizes that tourism is a major economic driver for Manistee County and all local municipalities contained within; and

WHEREAS, the development, improvement and creation of recreational sites and assets provides avenues for sustainable tourism and recreation site participation, as well as fulfilling a sense of community and provides avenues for increased healthy activities; and

WHEREAS, support and participation within the planning process is completely voluntary and doesn't require financial contribution by Pleasanton Township; and

WHEREAS, Pleasanton Township recognizes that a grassroots bottom up approach to the planning process will be used, focusing on stakeholder interests and municipal input, hosting workshops for the fundamental development of the plans, goals and recommendations.

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, including adopting said plan if it meets the intent and vision of the residents of Pleasanton Township.

Carol Wenrick, Township Supervisor — Date: March 9, 2015

Cathy Brand, Township Clerk — Date: March 9, 2015

10.7.2 Springdale Township Public Hearing Notices

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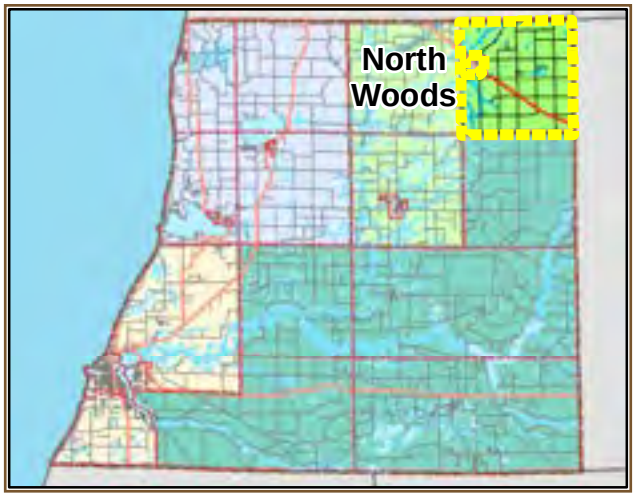
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10.7.3 Springdale Township Resolution of Adoption



10.8 Cleon Township

North Coast Region



10.8.1 Cleon Township Resolution of Support



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

Cleon Township

Date:

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources has outlined a process with which 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 Planning Department and the Alliance for Economic Success are leading a planning process to develop a Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan which will meet the requirements and approval of the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the DNR requirements set by the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will also tie in for each participating municipality within Manistee County, creating a total of 20 approved plans under the umbrella of the County-Wide Plan; and

WHEREAS, Cleon Township recognizes that recreation is a major economic driver for Manistee County and all local municipalities contained within; and

WHEREAS, the development, improvement and creation of recreational sites and assets provides avenues for increased tourism and recreation site participation, as well as building a sense of community and providing access for increased healthy activities; and

WHEREAS, support and participation within the planning process is completely voluntary and doesn't require financial contribution by Cleon Township; and

WHEREAS, Cleon Township recognizes that a grassroots bottom-up approach in the planning process with the need focusing on stakeholder inclusion and sound public input, seeking consensus for the fundamental development of the plans, goals and recommendations;

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

Supervisor, Township Supervisor — Clerk, Township Clerk

Date: — Date:

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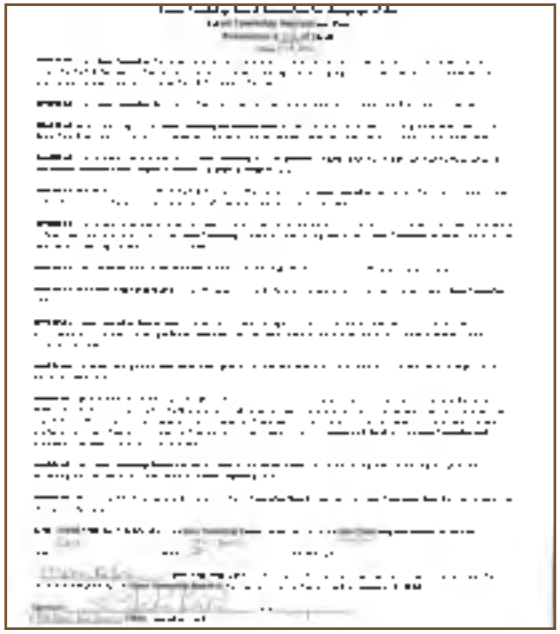
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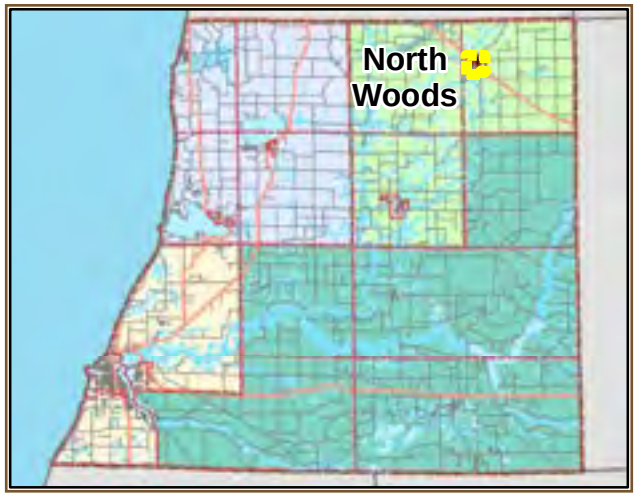
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10.8.3 Cleon Township Resolution of Adoption



10.9 Copemish Village

North Coast Region



10.9.1 Copemish Village Resolution of Support



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

Copemish Village

Date:

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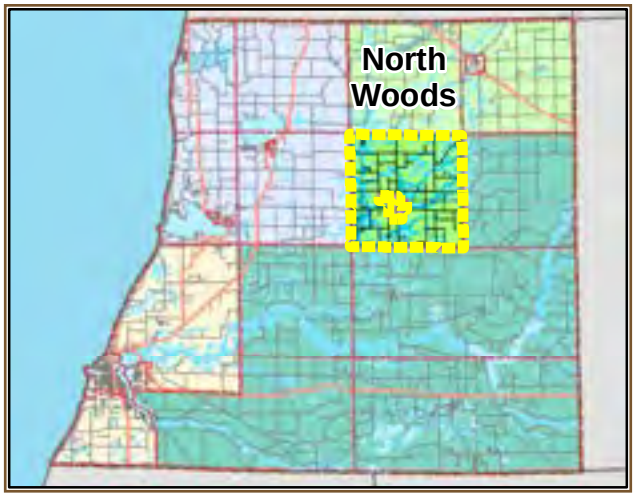
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10.9.3 Copemish Village Resolution of Adoption



10.10 Maple Grove Township

North Coast Region



10.10.1 Maple Grove Township Resolution of Support



10.10.2 Maple Grove Township Public Hearing Notices

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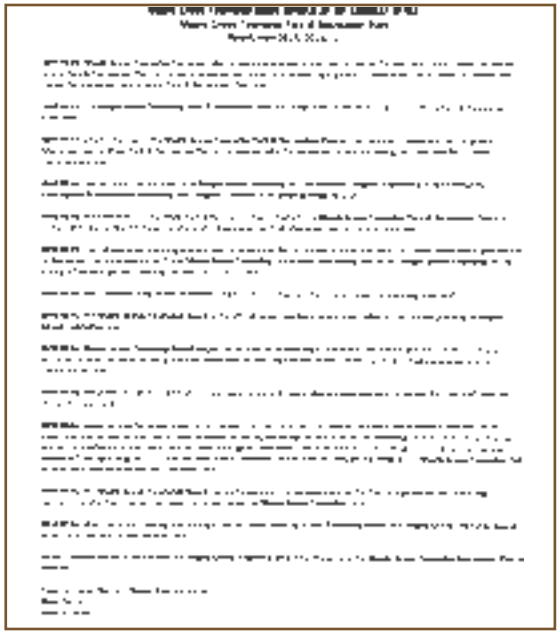
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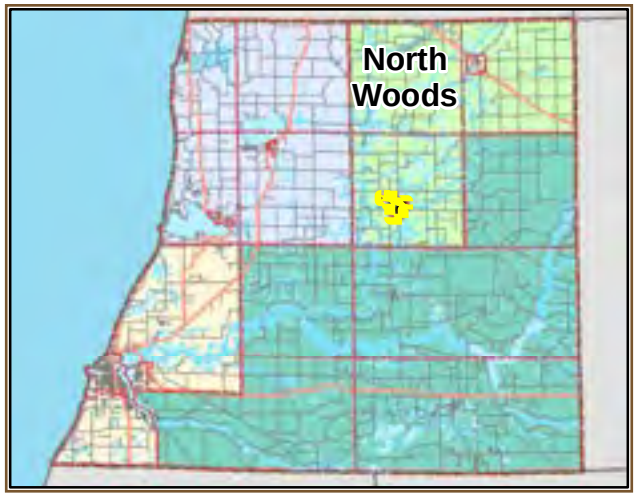
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10.10.3 Maple Grove Township Resolution of Adoption



10.11 Kaleva Village

North Coast Region



10.11.1 Kaleva Village Resolution of Support



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

Kaleva Village

Date:

10.11.2 Kaleva Village Public Hearing Notices

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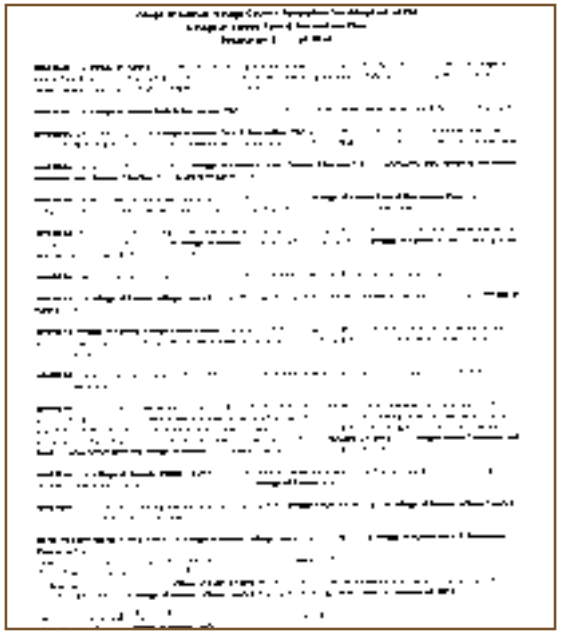
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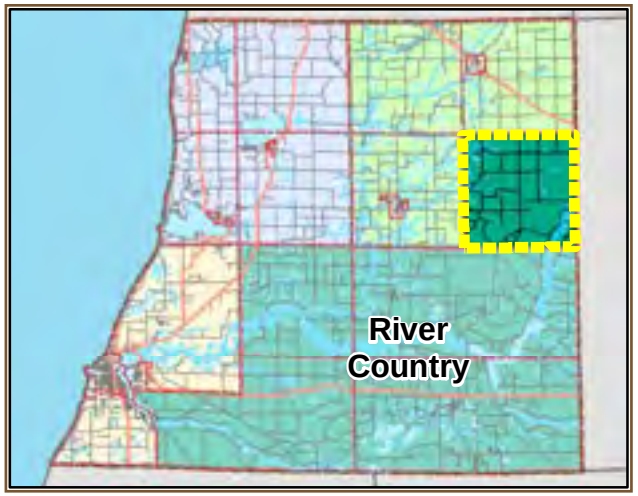
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10.10.3 Kaleva Village Resolution of Adoption



10.12 Marilla Township

North Coast Region



10.12.1 Marilla Township Resolution of Support



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

Marilla Township

Date: 12-14-15

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources has outlined a process with which to receive State approval of a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan; and

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Neil Crawford, Township Supervisor — Date: 12-14-15

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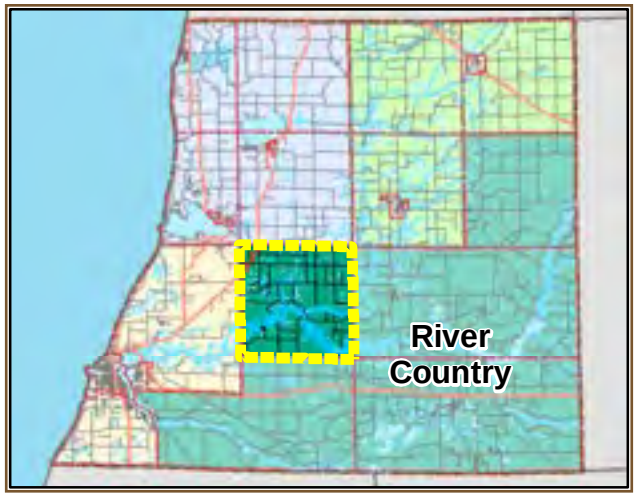
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10.12.3 Marilla Township Resolution of Adoption



10.13 Brown Township

North Coast Region



10.13.1 Brown Township Resolution of Support



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

Brown Township, Manistee County

1/13/2015

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources has outlined a process with which 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 Planning Department and the Alliance for Economic Success are leading a planning process to develop a Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan which will meet the requirements and approval of the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the DNR requirements met by the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will also do so for each participating municipality within Manistee County, creating a total of 20 approved plans under the umbrella of the County-Wide Plan; and

WHEREAS, Brown Township recognizes that recreation is a major economic driver for Manistee County and all local municipalities contained within; and

WHEREAS, the development, improvement and creation of recreational sites and assets provides avenues for increased tourism and recreation site participation; and

WHEREAS, support and participation within the planning process is completely voluntary and doesn't require financial contribution by Brown Township; and

WHEREAS, Brown Township recognizes that a grassroots bottom-up approach to the planning process will be used focusing on stakeholder inclusion and sound public input, seeking consensus for the fundamental development of the plans, goals and recommendations;

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 ultimately adopting said plan if it meets the intent and desire of the residents of Brown Township.

Pam Tompkins, Township Clerk — 1-14-15

Paul Adamski, Township Supervisor — 1-14-15

10.13.2 Brown Township Public Hearing Notices

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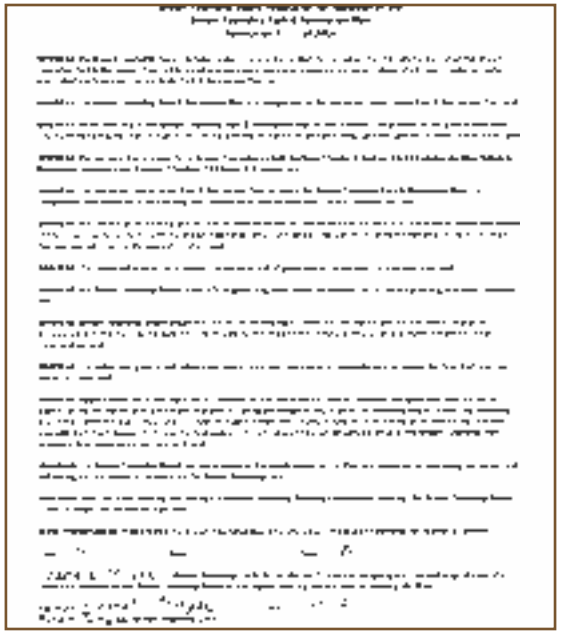
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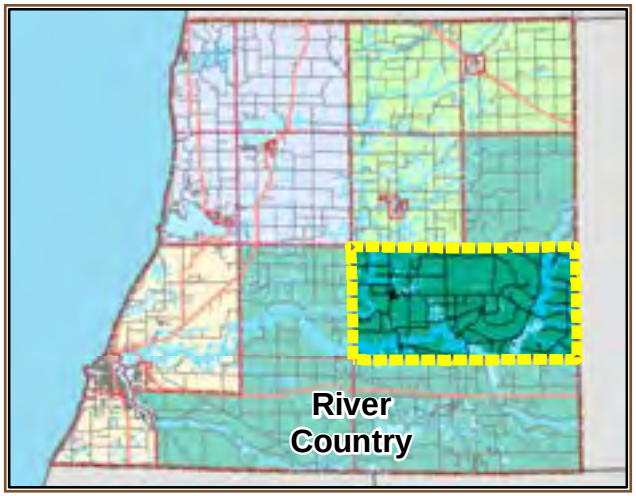
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10.13.3 Brown Township Resolution of Adoption



10.14 Dickson Township

North Coast Region



10.14.1 Dickson Township Resolution of Support



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

Dickson Township

Date: 2-10-15

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WHEREAS, the DNR requirements met by the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will also do so for each participating municipality within Manistee County, creating a total of 20 approved plans under the umbrella of the County-Wide Plan; and

WHEREAS, Dickson Township recognizes that recreation is a major economic driver for Manistee County and all local municipalities contained within; and

WHEREAS, the development, improvement and creation of recreational sites and assets provides avenues for increased tourism and recreation site participation, as well as building a sense of community and providing access for increased healthy activities; and

WHEREAS, support and participation within the planning process is completely voluntary and doesn't require financial contribution by Dickson Township; and

WHEREAS, Dickson Township recognizes that a grassroots bottom-up approach to the planning process will be used focusing on stakeholder inclusion and sound public input, seeking consensus for the fundamental development of the plans, goals and recommendations;

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 voluntarily adopting said plan if it meets the intent and desire of the residents of Dickson Township.

Stephen Duncan
Sharon Boring, Township Supervisor

D. Joyce Englehart
D. Joyce Englehart, Township Clerk

Date: 2-10-15

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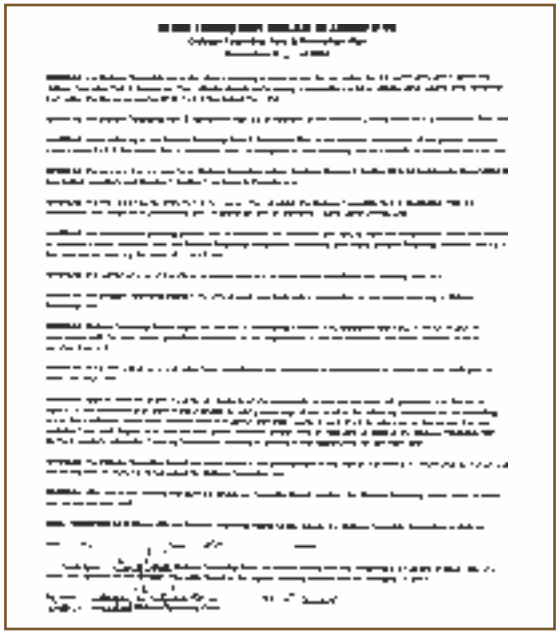
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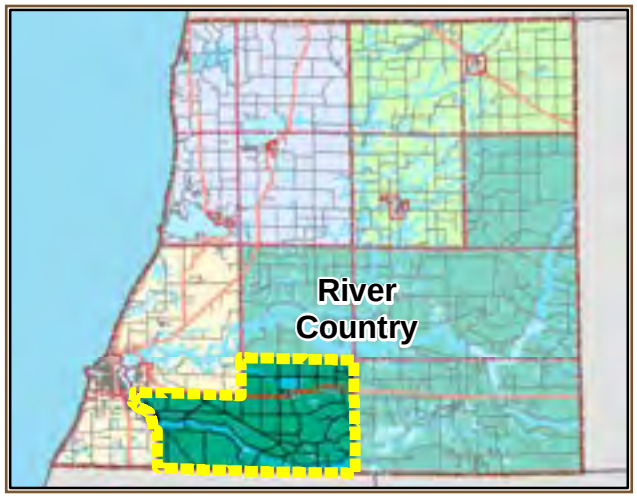
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10.14.3 Dickson Township Resolution of Adoption



10.15 Stronach Township

North Coast Region



10.15.1 Stronach Township Resolution of Support



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

Stronach Township

Date: 3-11-15

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources has outlined a process with which to receive state approval of a locally developed Park and Recreation Plan; and

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WHEREAS, Stronach Township recognizes that recreation is a major economic driver for Manistee County and all local municipalities contained within; and

WHEREAS, the development, improvement and creation of recreational sites and assets provides avenues for increased tourism and recreation site participation, as well as building a sense of community and providing access for increased healthy activities; and

WHEREAS, support and participation within the planning process is completely voluntary and doesn't require financial contribution by Stronach Township; and

WHEREAS, Stronach Township recognizes that a grassroots bottom-up approach to the planning process will be used focusing on stakeholder inclusion and sound public input, seeking consensus for the fundamental development of the plans, goals and recommendations.

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 whereby adopting said plan if it meets the needs and desires of the residents of Stronach Township.

Philip Valentine — Township Supervisor — Date: 3/11/15

Barbara Rudolf — Township Clerk — Date: 3-11-15

10.15.2 Stronach Township Public Hearing Notices

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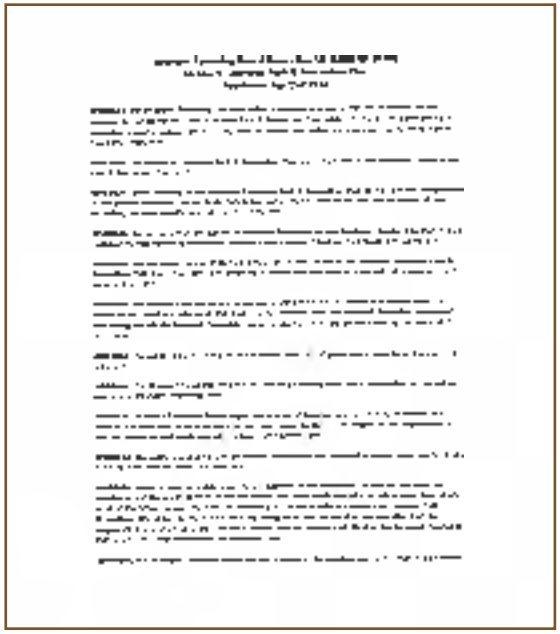
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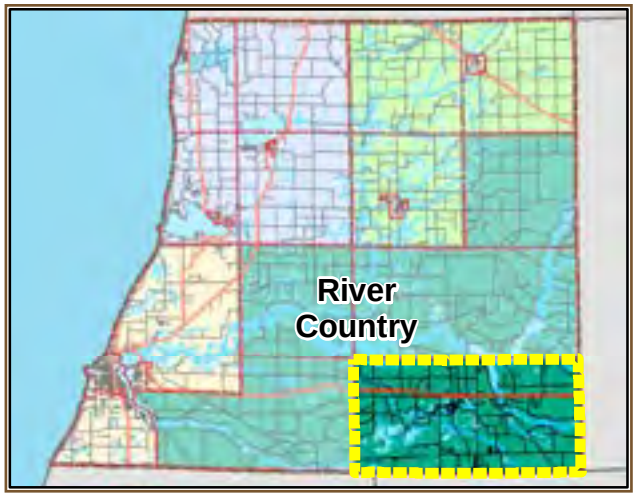
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10.15.3 Stronach Township Resolution of Adoption

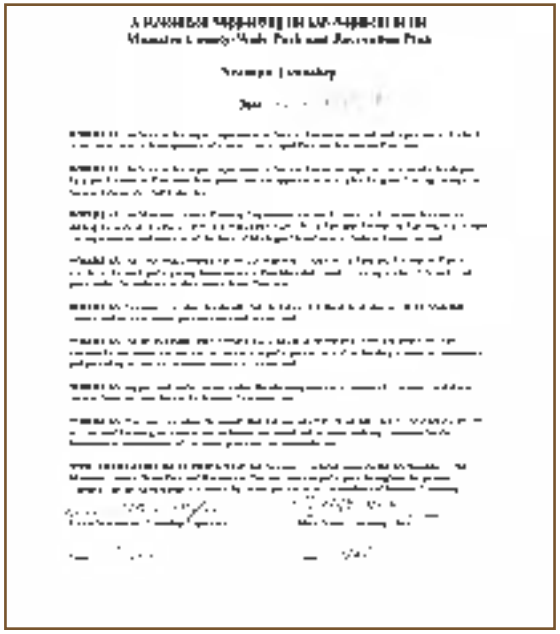


10.16 Norman Township

North Coast Region



10.16.1 Norman Township Resolution of Support



10.16.2 Norman Township Public Hearing Notices

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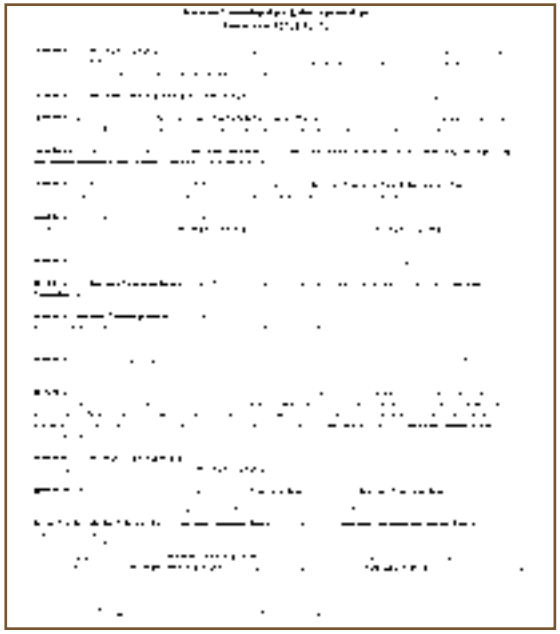
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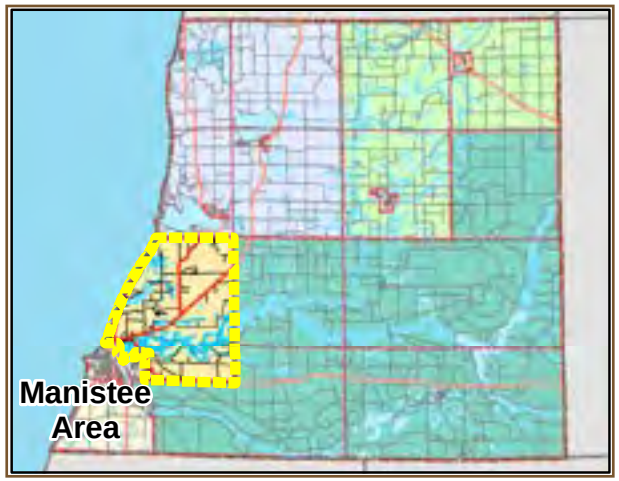
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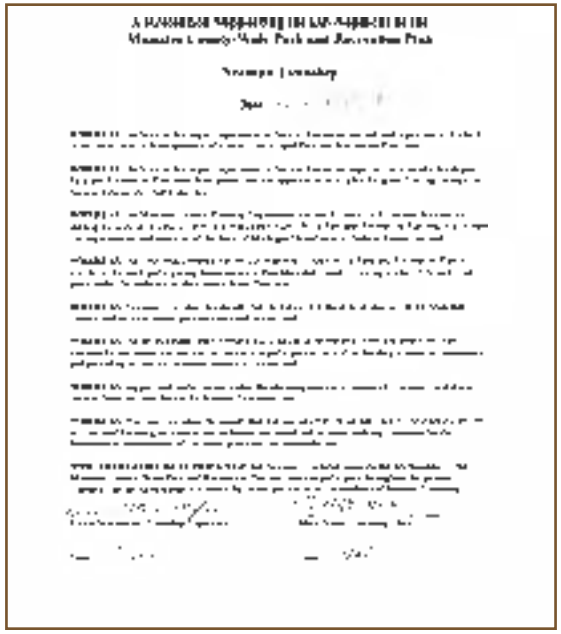


10.17 Manistee Township

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10.17.1 Manistee Township Resolution of Support



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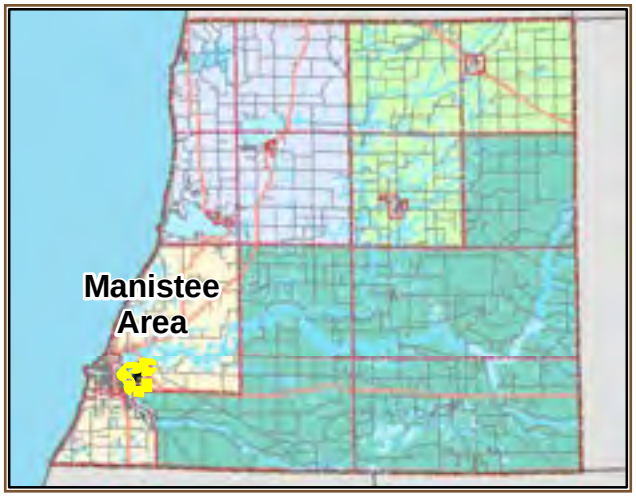
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10.17.3 Manistee Township Resolution of Adoption



10.18 Eastlake Village

North Coast Region



10.18.1 Eastlake Village Resolution of Support



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

Eastlake Village

Date: 2-10-2015

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources has outlined a process with which 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 Planning Department and the Alliance for Economic Success are leading a planning process to develop a Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan which will meet the requirements and approval of the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the DNR requirements set by the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will also do so for each participating municipality within Manistee County, creating a tool of 20 approved plans under the umbrella of the County-Wide Plan; and

WHEREAS, Eastlake Village recognizes that recreation is a major economic driver for Manistee County and all local municipalities contained within; and

WHEREAS, the development, improvement and creation of recreational sites and assets provides avenues for increased tourism and recreation site participation, as well as building a sense of community and providing access for increased healthy activities; and

WHEREAS, support and participation within the planning process is completely voluntary and doesn't require financial contribution by Eastlake Village; and

WHEREAS, Eastlake Village recognizes that a grassroots bottom-up approach to the planning process will be used focusing on stakeholder inclusion and sound public input, seeking consensus for the fundamental development of the plans, goals and recommendations;

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

Sharon Jarvis, Village President

Date: 2-10-15

Sandra Dobbs, Village Clerk

Date: 2-10-15

10.18.2 Eastlake Village Public Hearing Notices

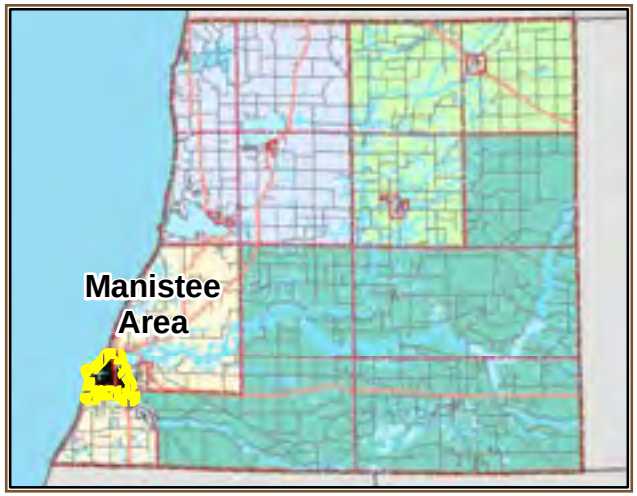
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10.18.3 Eastlake Village Resolution of Adoption

Insert Resolution of Adoption

10.19 City of Manistee

North Coast Region



10.19.1 City of Manistee Resolution of Support



10.19.2 City of Manistee Public Hearing Notices

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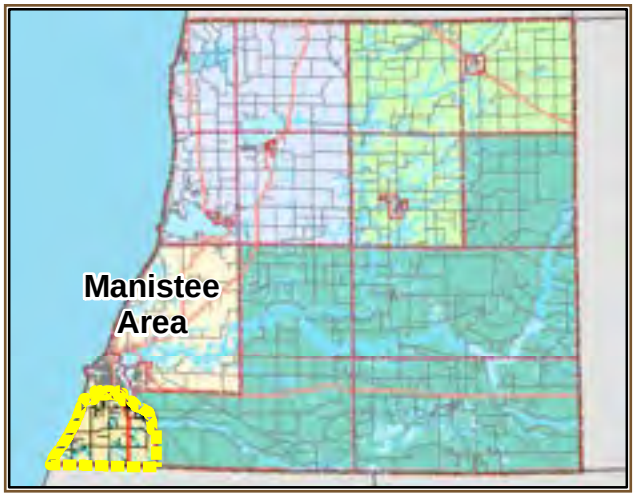
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10.19.3 City of Manistee Resolution of Adoption



10.20 Filer Township

North Coast Region



10.20.1 Filer Township Resolution of Support



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

Filer Township

Date: [illegible]

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources has indicated a process with respect to future re-review [illegible] approval of a County developed Park and Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that a county participate Park and Recreation Plan must [illegible] guidelines and approved of by eligible for grant funding through the Natural Resources Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Manistee County Planning Department and the Alliance for Economic Success are leading a planning process to develop a Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan which will meet the requirements and approval of the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Improvements plan by the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan will also be the only participating municipality within Manistee County, covering a total of 20 approved [illegible] the creation of the County-Wide Plan; and

WHEREAS, Filer Township recognizes the importance of a county recreation factor for Manistee County and all local municipalities contained within; and

WHEREAS, the development, improvement and creation of recreational open and natural provides [illegible] for increased tourism and recreation that participation, as well as building a sense of community and providing access for recreational healthy activities; and

WHEREAS, support and participation within the planning process is completely voluntary and doesn't require financial commitment by Filer Township; and

WHEREAS, Filer Township recognizes that a partnership between the planning process will be used focusing on stakeholder inclusion and recent public input, seeking resources for the [illegible] development of the plans, goals and recommendations.

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

[signature] [illegible]

[signature] [illegible]

Date: [illegible]

Date: [illegible]

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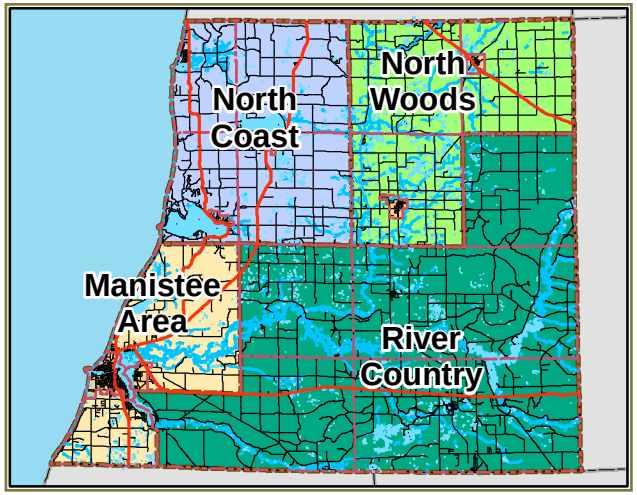
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10.20.3 Filer Township Resolution of Adoption



10.21 Manistee County

County-Wide



10.21.1 Manistee County Resolution of Support


Manistee County Board of Commissioners

Resolution Supporting the Development of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan

10.21.2 Manistee County Public Hearing Notices

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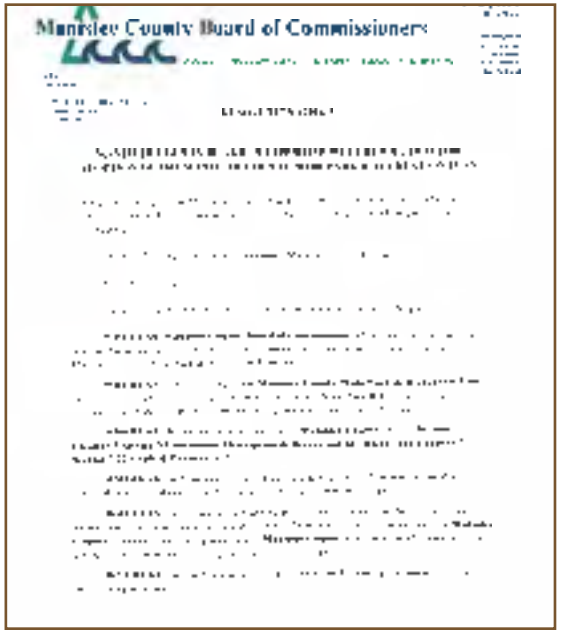
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10.21.3 Manistee County Resolution of Adoption


Manistee County Board of Commissioners

10.22 Public Hearing Affidavit November 30th, 2015

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF MICHIGAN
County of Manistee

Marilyn Barker, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is one of the editors, publishers of the Manistee News Advocate, a newspaper printed, published and circulated in said County at Manistee, and the annexed notice was duly printed and published in said newspaper on the following dates

November 30, 2015

Marilyn Barker, Publisher

Subscribed and sworn before me, this 25th day of February 2016

Notary Public, Nicole Schlaud
State of Michigan, County of Manistee
My Commission Expires October 21, 2022
Acting Manistee County

NICOLE SCHLAUD
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10.24 Copy of Letter Transmitting Adopted Plan to Regional Planning Agency (Networks Northwest)

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Manistee County

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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Alliance for Economic Success

12/7/2015

Sarah Lucas, AICP
Regional Planning Department Manager
Networks Northwest
PO Box 506
Traverse City, MI 49685

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Thank you for taking the time to review our recreation plan.

Sincerely,

Robert Carson, AICP, Manistee County Planning Director
Tamara Buswinka, AICP, Community Development Director with AES

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12/7/2015

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