

# Bay County

## Area Recreation Plan: 2009-2013



A multi-jurisdictional plan  
for

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Bay County  
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Beaver Township  
City of Essexville

Frankenlust Township  
Fraser Township  
Gibson Township  
Hampton Township  
Kawkawlin Township

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## **I. Introduction**

Recreation and open space are important to the residents of Bay County. Recognizing this concern, community officials from across the County have led an effort to develop a Parks and Recreation Plan aimed at improving and developing recreational resources in Bay County.

In accordance with the State recommended five-year cycle for recreation planning, this updated plan covers the five-year period 2009-2013. The content and process follow requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for a community recreation plan.

This document is intended to serve as a guide in the planning for future park and recreation opportunities, services and implementation. Population shifts, new development and changing attitudes towards leisure have added additional pressures to the community's existing parks and recreation system, thus increasing the need for both short and long range planning. Recommendations such as land acquisition, and facility expansions and construction, and even the design of a neighborhood park improvement, will require additional study or involvement of residents in order to address the site-specific details. This plan lays the foundation upon which these activities can build.

Implementation strategies are identified over the next five years, at which time the plan will again be updated. The delineation of these improvements will aid Bay County and the other communities participating in the plan in grant solicitation from the DNR and other granting agencies as well as with long range capital improvement budgeting. Additionally, during the next five years, it is important for Bay County and the participant communities to reference the plan and make appropriate priority adjustments as conditions change and funding opportunities arise.



## **II. Community Description**

Bay County is located in east central lower Michigan along the mouth of the Saginaw Bay. The County is largely rural with the majority of the land being used for agricultural purposes. There are 444 square miles in Bay County and approximately 30 miles of Saginaw Bay/Lake Huron shoreline. Bay City is the county seat of Bay County and it serves as the commercial and employment center of the County.

According to the 2000 Census, Bay County has a population of 110,157 in 43,930 households, giving it an average household size of 2.47 persons. The 2006 Census estimate of the population in Bay County is 108,390, showing a slight decline in population over 2000. The median age of residents in Bay County is 38.4 years. This is almost three years greater than the median for Michigan, which is 35.5 years. Figure 1 shows some of the significant demographic data regarding the residents of Bay County as it compares to Michigan and the United States.

	Bay County	Michigan	United States
<b>Median Age</b>	38.4	35.5	35.3
<b>Average Household Size</b>	2.47	2.56	2.59
<b>Bachelor's Degree or Higher</b>	14.2%	21.8%	24.2%
<b>All parents in family in labor force</b>	67.1%	60.9%	58.6%
<b>Median household income</b>	\$38,646	\$44,667	\$41,994
<b>Per capita income</b>	\$19,698	\$22,168	\$21,587
<b>Disabled</b>	19.7%	18.7%	19.3%

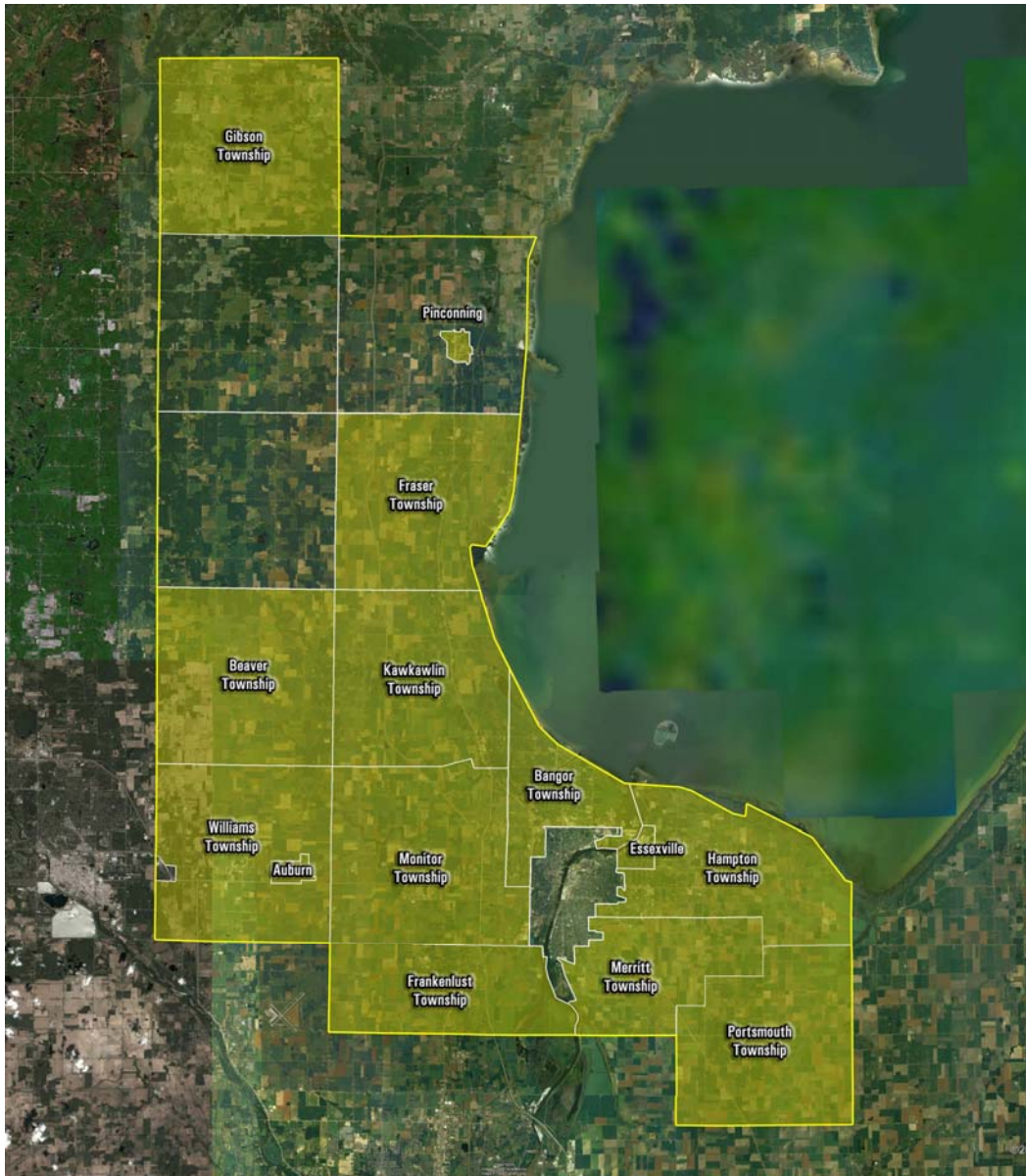
*Figure 1 – Selected demographic statistics show that Bay County's population is older, less well educated, and earns less money than that of the population of Michigan or the United States. These facts are important when considering the recreational needs of the community.* *Source: US Census*

Bay County led the effort to complete this recreation plan. Fourteen of the governmental jurisdictions within Bay County have also participated in this multi-jurisdictional recreation plan. Those 14 governmental jurisdictions include 11 townships and three cities:

- City of Auburn
- Bangor Charter Township
- Beaver Township
- City of Essexville
- Frankenlust Township
- Fraser Township
- Gibson Township
- Hampton Charter Township
- Kawkawlin Township
- Merritt Township
- Monitor Charter Township
- City of Pinconning
- Portsmouth Charter Township
- Williams Charter Township

Figure 2 shows a map of Bay County and the communities that are participating in the recreation plan.

The plan is an update of the 2003 Recreation Plan that included Bay County and seven participating constituent communities: Beaver Township, City of Pinconning, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Garfield Township, Kawkawlin Township, and Portsmouth Township. The current plan focuses on all aspects of recreation in Bay County and the 14 participating communities.



*Figure 2 – Bay County and the communities that are participating in the multi-jurisdictional recreation plan.*

The document is organized so that Sections I through VIII address the overall Bay County portion of the plan. Section IX covers each of the other individual communities. Please note that the various methods of Public Input described in Section V cover all of the participants in the plan.

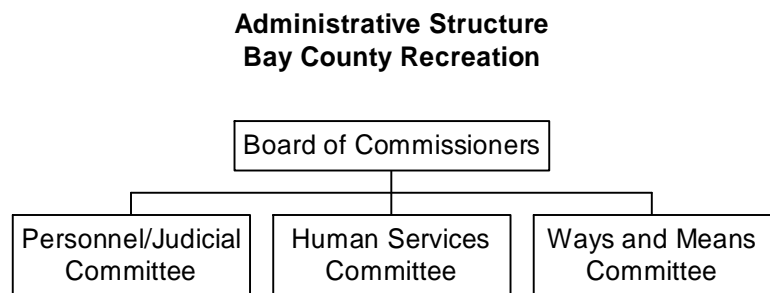




### III. Administrative Structure

#### Board of Commissioners

A nine member elected Board of Commissioners governs the County of Bay. As the elected governing body, the Board of Commissioners is responsible for establishing countywide policy, articulating priorities, and adopting an annual operating and capital improvement budget. Through its policy setting functions, the Board of Commissioners establishes recreational opportunities through land and facility use decisions and funding appropriations for programs. The Board of Commissioners is organized into several different committees. Recreation planning and programming generally falls into three of these committees. The Personnel Committee reviews personnel matters including staffing levels and the filling of vacancies. The Human Services Committee generally reviews recreation planning, programming activities, and grant applications. Budget appropriations and the establishment of fees, and other financial matters are the responsibility of the Ways & Means Committee.



## **County Executive**

In 1978, Bay County voters approved the optional unified form of County government as specified by PA 139 of 1973, with an elected County Executive. The County Executive has authority over all county facilities and departments except those headed by other elected officials. The County Executive is responsible for the administrative oversight of recreational facilities and programs. Planning, analysis and day to day management decisions affecting recreational facilities and activities is the responsibility of the Recreation and Administrative Services Department. An employee Organizational Chart for the Bay County Recreation and Administrative Services Department is included at the end of this Section.

## **Programming**

Bay County offers a variety of programs in its park facilities and it cooperates with other communities and school districts to expand those offerings.

### **At the Civic Arena**

The Bay County Civic Arena, established in 1997, provides ice skating opportunities in figure skating, speed skating, and hockey. These programs provide opportunities for skaters of all ages. Non profit collaboration occurs with the Bay County Speed Skating Club, the Bay County Hockey Association, local school districts and others.

A youth training camp is offered each summer, and learn-to-skate is available on a year-round basis. The Bay County Civic Arena serves as the home ice for the Bay City Public Schools, Bay City Wolves, Bay Area Thunder, and the Delta College Pioneers hockey club.

Recent efforts have resulted in skating programs for youngsters located throughout the County in the Pinconning Area Schools, Bangor Township Schools, Essexville-Hampton Public Schools, and the Bay City Public Schools. Students at local charter, private and parochial schools are also offered opportunities to participate. Partial funding is provided through an endowment established when the Civic Arena was constructed and held by the Bay Area Community Foundation.

### **At the Community Center**

Bay County owns and operates the Bay County Community Center, located at 800 John F. Kennedy Drive, located within Veterans Memorial Park (which is owned by the City of Bay

City). Constructed in the 1950's, the Community Center is home for the county operated summer youth recreation programs during June, July and August each year. It also serves as the home of the Bay County Sports Hall of Fame. An outdoor swimming pool is operated each summer at the Community Center site. Programs for young people and families are offered, as well as use by BAYS, the Bay Area Youth Swim team.

The Community Center became the primary site for the Bay County Walk Michigan Program, offered in collaboration with the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association, along with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan. Walks are actually occurring at various parks and sites throughout Bay County.

### **At the Golf Course**

Bay County owns and operates an 18-hole public golf course established in 1966, which serves as a host site for local high school golf programs, and is home to many leagues as well as open golf opportunities for the public.

The Bay County Golf Course has worked extensively on programming in response to needs of disabled golfers, including golf clinics and learning opportunities in partnership with Michigan Sports Unlimited. An accessible mobility cart is owned by the course and available to disabled golfers.

### **At the Bay County Fairgrounds**

Bay County owns and operates the Bay County Fairgrounds, located at 800 Livingston Avenue. This multi-use facility serves as home to the Bay County Fair and Youth Exposition each year in early August. Other activities include use of the handicapped accessible grandstands for shows and events such as tractor pulls and demolition derbies and others, a canteen building used for events, rented for private parties and used as a congregate nutrition site for Senior Citizens operated by the Bay County Division on Aging, rental stables for private horse owners, a hard surfaced walking/jogging extension of the Bay County Rail Trail Systems, picnic pavilions, playgrounds, Bay County's only dog park, and open green space.

The Fairgrounds is also home of the Bay County Parks & Recreation crew of the Buildings & Grounds Division, as well as the Bay County Animal Shelter and Mosquito Control opera-

tions. Bay County works cooperatively with the Bay County Fair Board, Humane Society of Bay County, and other groups on programs offered at this location.

**Other Cooperative Programs**

Bay County works collaboratively with the Bay County Softball Association to provide softball league play using the lighted diamonds in Veterans Memorial Park. These diamonds are owned by the City of Bay City but maintained by the Bay County Parks and Recreation maintenance staff.

Outdoor beach volleyball is provided by Bay County on outdoor beach volleyball courts owned by the City in Veterans Memorial Park.

**Current Funding Sources and Budgets**

Sources of revenues for Parks and Recreation in Bay County include the county general fund, user fees, rental fees and donations. Those revenues are broken down in the chart below:

<b>BAY COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGETED REVENUES</b>		
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
User Fees	\$697,659	\$711,409
Rental fees	\$765,000	\$768,000
Donations	\$20,000	\$18,000
Other Revenues	\$293,797	\$378,152
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,776,456</b>	<b>\$1,875,561</b>

A breakdown of two years of budget data is shown below.

<b>BAY COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGETED EXPENDITURES</b>		
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Operation & Maintenance	\$1,752,521	\$1,801,386
Programming (leagues, special events, etc.)	\$327,692	\$338,290
Capital Expenditures	25,670	\$60,300
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,105,883</b>	<b>\$2,199,976</b>

## **Role of Volunteers and Relationships with School Districts, Other Public Agencies, or Private Organizations**

The County of Bay serves the population within the geographical and political boundaries of Bay County. To serve its citizenry, elected officials and staff seek out the input and involvement of others. On-going communication with citizen groups, other elected officials and staff of the surrounding municipalities, schools, private non-profit organizations, and private sector assures a coordinated effort. Although the community does not have a formally recognized recreational advisory group, several other groups of citizens fulfill essentially comparable responsibilities.

These other groups including associations, collaborations, and fund-raising efforts, provide countless volunteer hours developing, maintaining and providing recreational opportunities for the citizens of Bay County. The Bay County Volleyball Association and Basketball Association of Bay County, meet with staff at a minimum, twice each year. Similarly, meetings with Golf League Secretaries and the Bay County Softball Association occur at season opening and closure. Efforts are directed at developing programming. These efforts are fostered by strong relationships with the local schools and non-profit community that provides access to other facilities and programming. Activities also occur on a weekly basis with the Division on Aging, which is located on the north side of the Community Center.

In addition to the County operated summer recreation program, Bay County provides funding for similar programs operated by the Bay City Public Schools (VIP Program) and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bay County with site locations in Bay City, Essexville, and Pinconning; as well as offering financial assistance to the Auburn Williams Summer Recreation program for transportation for field trips to the Civic Arena, swimming pool and other locations. 2008 funding for these programs was \$22,000. Several hundred children are served each year.

Outside the Community Center, Bay County operates beach volleyball courts and lighted softball diamonds which are owned by the City of Bay City. This City-County collaboration at this location has been a long standing arrangement for many years.

At the Bay County Fairgrounds, the County works in concert with the Bay County Fair Board, MSU Extension and 4-H, and the Humane Society of Bay County. In 2006, the County established a dog park at the site with funding provided by the Humane Society and labor by the County staff.

## **Recreation Policies and Procedures**

Generally, policies and procedures fall into two categories. First there are those established by the Board of Commissioners and County Executive that apply to all county departments; for example, the County purchasing policy, annual budget, and schedule of fees. The Assistant County Executive for Recreation and Administrative Services, in concert with department heads and other county administrators, develops other department specific policies and procedures. Examples of these policies include fee waivers, rules of facility use, and cash handling practices.

Recognizing the County's limited financial resources, the organization has adopted a policy that prioritizes lower or no cost opportunities for youth while adult opportunities generally require payment. Adult sports activities such as softball are responsible to cover all program cost through user fees.

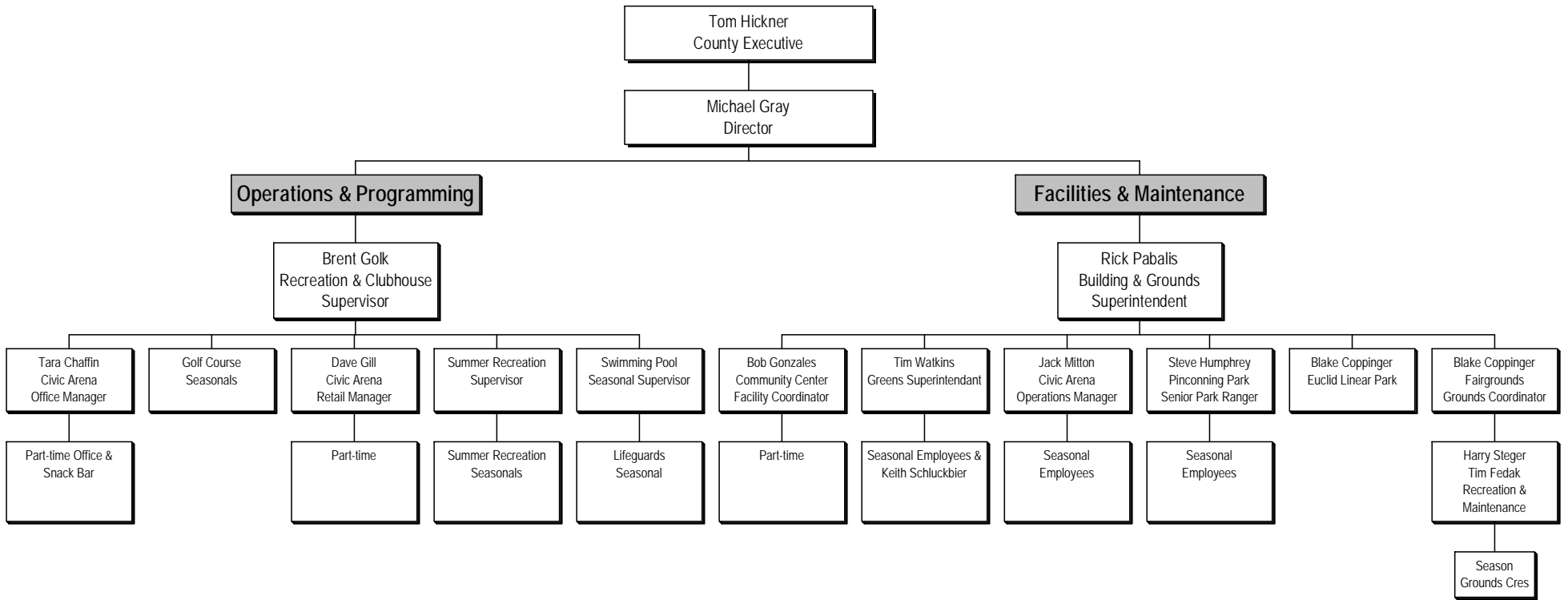
In general, when planning recreational opportunities, programs always provide opportunities for the needs and the skills of each individual enrolled. Programs are broad based, and every effort is made to provide updated programs to meet the changes in recreational trends. Programs are planned and offered for the following:

- +Elementary, Middle School, High School & Adults
- +Senior Citizens 60 and above
- +Individuals with disabilities

Seminars, classes and other planned activities will involve well-trained and educated instructors to provide the participant with the best possible experience. The program will involve opportunities for everyone educationally and recreationally. Opportunities for team competition will be programmed. Currently adult basketball and volleyball are played at the Community Center. Additional athletics will be planned where interests exist and when facilities are available for planning. Bay County programming will always strive to improve the physical, and social well-being of the individual.

Bay County has recently begun to focus on wellness activities for county employees, as well as county residents. Under this initiative, employees will be offered incentives to utilize county recreation facilities for physical activities which promote good health and wellness.

**Bay County Recreation and Administrative Services Department**



*Figure 3 – Organizational Chart for Bay County Parks and Recreation.*



## IV. Recreation & Resource Inventory

In order to plan for parks and recreation in the future, communities need to examine the types of facilities that currently exist in Bay County. It is also helpful to compare these existing facilities to various standards as one measure of the adequacy of the parks and recreation facilities in the community. The inventory was completed by updating the inventory used in the previous plan. The consultant and County staff worked together to complete any updates or revisions. They also completed an accessibility review of each park's facilities.

The Recommended Classification System for Local and Regional Open Space from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) defines seven types of parks that may be applicable to parks within Bay County.

A **Mini-Park** is less than one acre in size and is less than 1/4 mile from a residential setting. It is used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs. **Neighborhood Parks** are generally 5 - 10 acres in size and they serve as the recreational and social focus of a neighborhood. Their service area is generally 1/4 to 1/2 mile. **School-Parks** can combine parks with school sites to help meet the recreational space needs for the community. **Community Parks** serve a broader purpose than Neighborhood Parks. They have more amenities and usually serve two or more neighborhoods within 1/2 to three miles and are generally 30 - 50 acres in size. Neighborhood



Parks, Mini-Parks and Community Parks tend to be provided by local governing jurisdictions. This can be seen in the inventories of many of the communities that are included in this plan. Their parks are smaller and tend to meet the needs of the local community.

A *Special Use* facility is oriented toward single-purpose use. The Bay County Community Center/Swimming Pool, the County Golf Course, and the Civic Arena are all classified as Special Use Parks in Bay County. A *Natural Resource Area* is land set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/buffering. The Keit Wetland Preserve/Euclid Linear Park is a Natural Resource Area. A *Large Urban Park* is typically 50 to 75 acres and its focus is on meeting community-based recreational needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces. In Bay County, the County Fairgrounds and the Pinconning Park are classified as Large Urban Parks. A *Park Trail* is located within a greenway, park, or natural resource area and its focus is upon recreational value and harmony with the natural environment. The Euclid Linear Park is a Park Trail in Bay County.

The Bay County recreation inventory chart and a map showing the location of Bay County parks are shown at the end of this section.

**Accessibility**

Creating a park system that is safe, accessible and usable to all individuals within the community, including those with disabilities, is essential. Bay County has done considerable work to meet the requirements of the ADA and provide barrier free access to many of its facilities. Among its efforts includes a review of all buildings and programs.

A grading system has been developed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to easily identify those parks and facilities which are most and least handicap accessible and usable, based on the ADA guidelines. The

<b>MDNR Accessibility Grading System for Parks and Recreational Facilities</b>	
<b>Accessibility Grade</b>	<b>Definition</b>
1	None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines.
2	Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines.
3	Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines.
4	The entire park meets accessibility guidelines.
5	The entire park was developed/renovated using the principles of universal design.

accessibility grading system uses a five point system ranging from one, none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines, to five, the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design.

An Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance assessment of Bay County's parks was conducted during the spring of 2008. The assessment consisted of a visual inspection of each park in regards to access and circulation in relation to the park facilities. This was done so that the Recreation and Administrative Services Department would have a basis when considering any physical improvements to make park facilities more readily usable by personal of all abilities. As noted in the inventory listing, some of the parks do not meet all criteria for handicap accessibility. The County Board of Commissioners will continue its efforts towards improving accessibility at each of the parks when improvements are made. This includes accessible parking, paths, rest-rooms, activity areas, amenities and signage.

### **Comparison to Standards**

General recreation industry standards suggest a minimum of 5 to 10 acres of regional park land per 1,000 citizens. With 110,157 citizens, this translates to approximately 550 to 1,110 acres for the Bay County community. Bay County owns 410 acres of park land, indicating a possible deficit of 140 to 600 acres. However, it should be noted that there are other large regional parks in Bay County that add considerable acreage to the total. These include the Bay City State Recreation Area, Crow Island State Game Reserve, and Nayanquing Point State Wildlife Area.

More recent park guidelines indicate that one must also consider the "Level of Service" desired by the community. If Bay County residents' needs are met with the existing amount of park land and facilities, then that amount is sufficient. However, there may be additional needs based upon the unique recreational demands of this community. This is why the community input portion of a recreation plan is so important. The County needs to understand the wishes of the community it serves in order to provide the Level of Service desired by the residents.

As a supplement to the recommended standards for park acreage, data from the Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association (SGMA) is another way to help understand recreation trends. It is important to be aware of national recreation trends to be able to anticipate activities which will incorporate a large number of participants and those which show the greatest growth in popularity. The SGMA conducts an annual survey that analyzes the size of sports product markets in

order to determine sports participation trends. Results of the 2007 Sports and Fitness Participation Report are given in the Appendix.

**Natural Resource Inventory**

A resource inventory can be used to identify open space areas that may be desirable for protection and/or public access through acquisition or other means. In Bay County, the most significant natural resource is the Saginaw Bay and shoreline. The Bay and the adjacent shoreline and wetlands provide habitat for large populations of waterfowl,



*The Kawkawlin River is a significant natural resource in Bay County.*

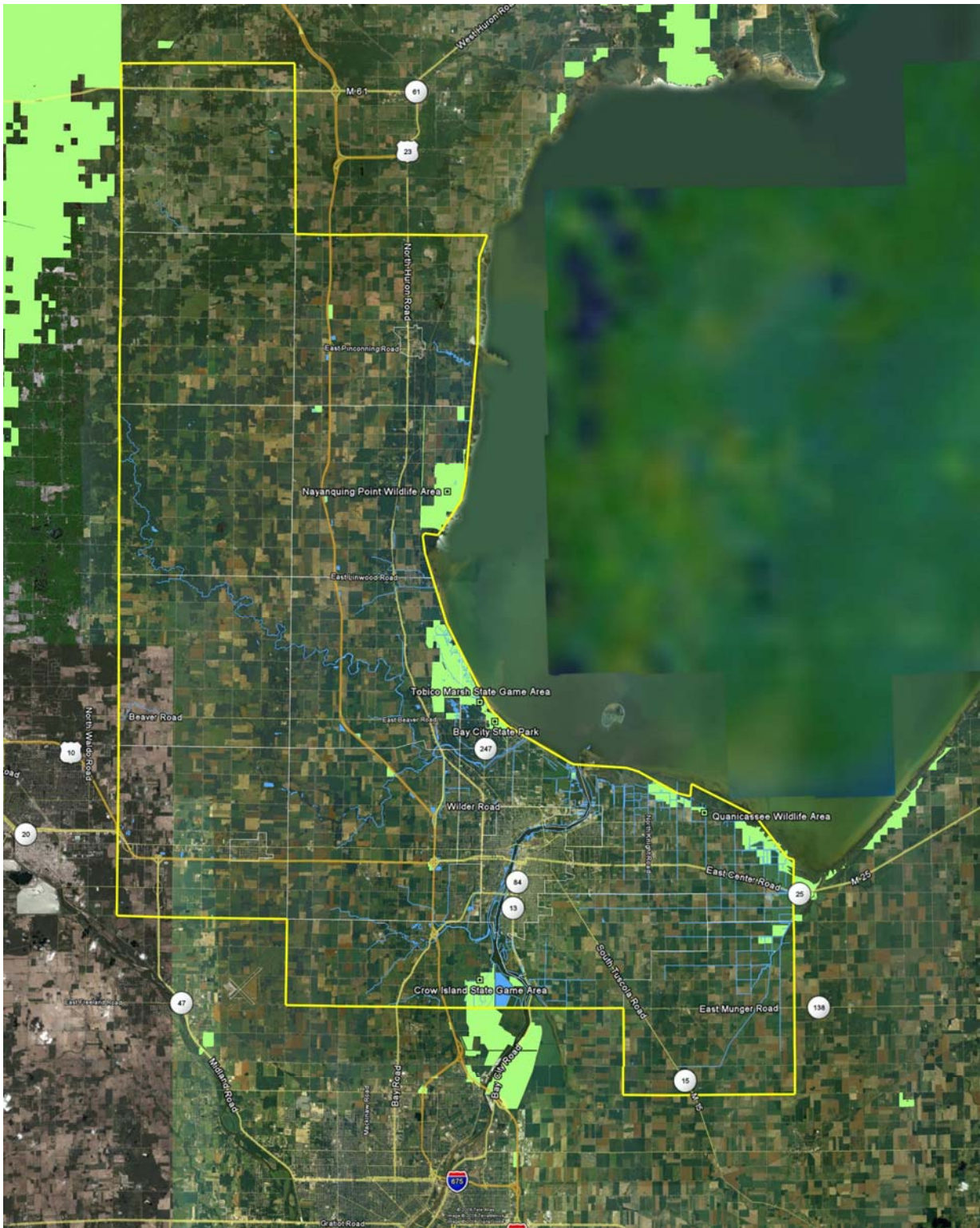
birds, and more than 90 fish species. The Bay provides a wide variety of year round recreational activities and these comprise an important component of the Bay County economy. The Saginaw River and the Kawkawlin River are two large rivers in Bay County that drain into Saginaw Bay. These rivers and the wetlands that surround them are also significant natural resources in Bay County. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources controls significant natural resource lands in Bay County, most of which are along the bay and river shorelines. These are shown in Figure 4. Bay County and all of the communities that contain bay or river shoreline should take care to preserve and protect these unique resources so they can be enjoyed for generations to come.

There are woodlands scattered across Bay County that can also be considered significant natural resources. These may be worthy of public preservation, especially if there is concern that they may be lost due to development or agricultural use.

**Grant History**

According to data supplied by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Bay County has received the following grants for park improvements:

TF00-354	Bay County Wetlands Improvements	\$88,226
TF93-371	Crump Drain Wetlds Basin	\$16,900
TF95-255	Keit Linear Park	\$375,000
TF88-110	Pinconning Park Improve.	\$60,000
TF01-087	Bay County Trail Improvements	\$22,000



*Figure 4 – Some of the significant Natural Resource lands in Bay County are protected by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources*  
 Source: Nature Conservancy Conservation and Recreation Lands Database

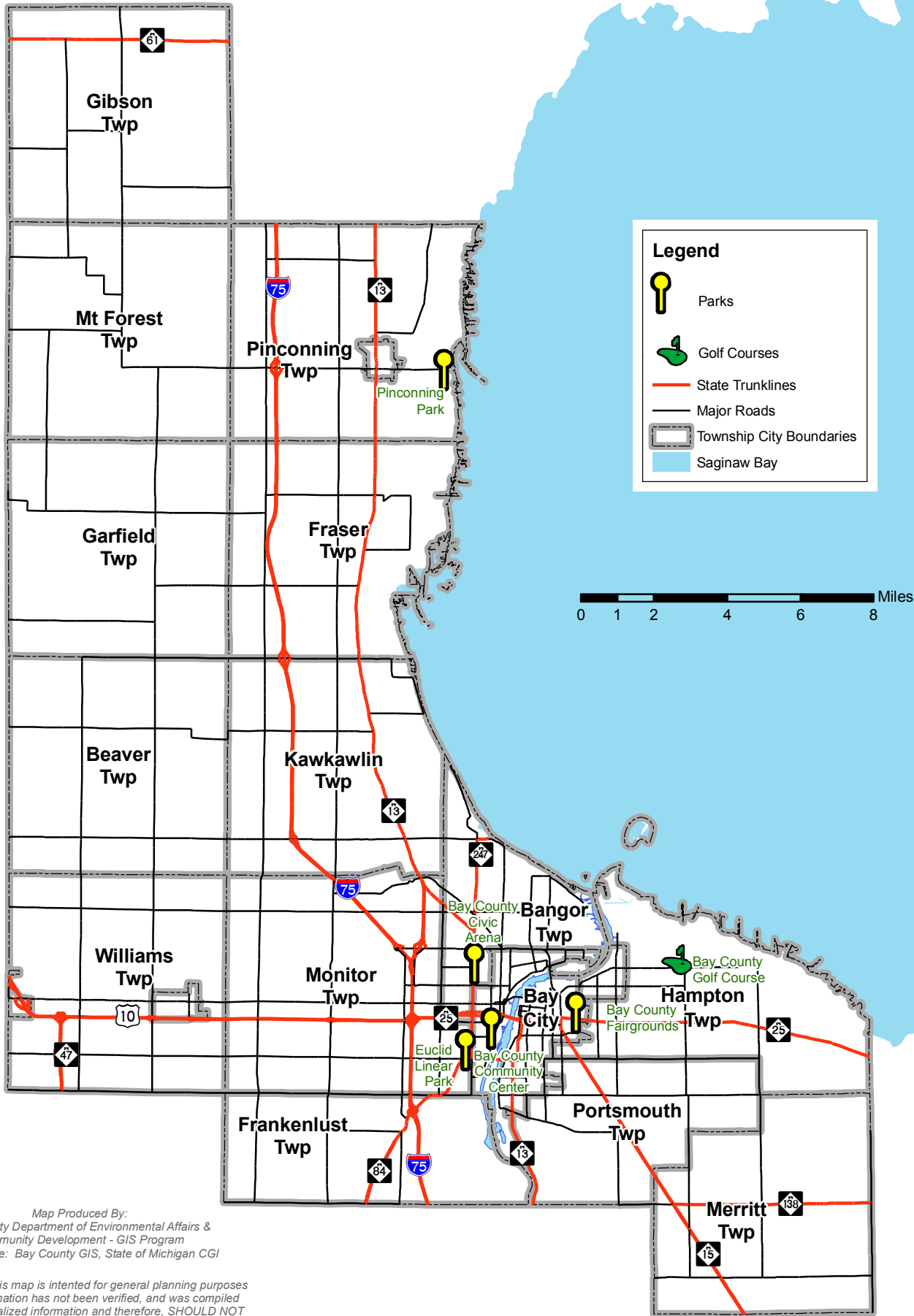
## BAY COUNTY RECREATION INVENTORY

	Bay County Community Center/Pool	Golf Course	Civic Arena	County Fairgrounds	Pinconning Park	Keit Nature Preserve & Euclid Linear Park
Park Type*	SU	SU	SU	LUP	LUP	SU
Acreage	4	145	5	42	205	9
Accessibility**	4	4	4	4	3	4
Service Area	Entire County	Entire County	Entire County	Entire County	Entire County & Beyond	Entire county
Basketball Court					yes	
Boat launch					yes	
Multi-use Path			yes	yes	yes	yes
Camping				42 sites	50 sites 6 cabins	
Outdoor Pool	yes					
Gymnasium	2					
Golf		18 holes				
Pavilion		yes		yes	2	
Picnic Area				yes		
Playground				yes	yes	
Playfield (open space)				yes		
Ice Skating			2 indoor	yes		
Horseshoe Pits					yes	
Sledding				yes		
Dog park				yes		
Waterfront property					yes	
Others	Meeting rooms, weight room & kitchen	Pro-shop & snack shop	Equipment shop, snack shop, and arcade	Barns, canteen, racetrack	Wildlife Observation Tower	

\* CP = Community Park; LUP = Large Urban Park; NRA = Natural Resource Area; SU = Special Use; PT = Park Trail,  
MP = Mini-Park, NP = Neighborhood Park, SP = School-Park

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# Bay County Recreation Facilities



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## V. Public Input

Bay County used several methods to gather public input regarding the recreation plan. Shortly after the planning process began, a web site was developed for the recreation plan. It described the process, provided a map locating the parks and it offered the opportunity for input. The web site was located at <http://baycountyreclan.wordpress.com>. Further, the web site provided information about the community input sessions and it provided a link to the on-line survey. On March 12, 2008 Bay County Commissioner Don Tilley, Michael K. Gray, and Brent Goik were part of a program on local public access Bay 3 TV that described the recreation plan process and the upcoming community input open house forums.

### **Community input open house forums**

To allow for input from residents across the county, four public community input open house forums were held in various locations across the county in March and April of 2008:

- Pinconning Branch Library (March 13, 3:30 – 6:30 pm)
- Auburn Area Branch Library (March 19, 3:30 – 6:30 pm)
- Essexville Garber High School (March 24, 3:30 – 6:30 pm)
- Bay City Mall (April 3, 4 – 6 pm)



*A web site was developed to share information and collect input regarding the recreation plan.*

A press release announced the meetings and stories appeared in the Bay City Times. The forums were run by the Spicer Group consultants. At the forums, residents could stop by for a few moments to learn about Bay County Parks and offer suggestions for improvements. They were also given cards that directed them to the on-line survey.

Attendance at each forum varied from approximately 8 people to 25 people. Comments received were widely varied. Many focused on the need to take advantage of the available natural resources such as the Saginaw River and the Saginaw Bay. Many of these mentioned a need for better access to the bay and cleaned-up beaches. Other comments focused on the need for more pathways and trails. Still other comments were regarding improvements for specific parks, facilities, and programs; some wanted to see more school facilities used for recreation. A summary of the input received at each forum is contained in the Appendix.

### **Disability Focus Group**

A focus group was held on May 29, 2008 at the Bay County Golf Course to discuss the new recreation plan and solicit their input on needed improvements. Groups invited included:

- Disability Services Resource Center



- Michigan Sports Unlimited
- Disability Network of Mid-Michigan
- New Dimensions
- Do-All, Inc.
- V.O.I.C.E. Services for Hearing Impaired

The issue of inaccessible portable outdoor toilets at local parks and recreation facilities was one concern identified at the focus group. The Americans with Disabilities Act requires that 5% of these portable outdoor toilets, not less than one, be handicapped accessible. In many cases there is only one at a facility, which must by law be the handicapped accessible. This has been noted at some local parks and events, e.g. the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Bay City. It is most likely that this occurs due to a lack of awareness. It is county policy to comply with the ADA 5% requirement at all county facilities by placing the appropriate number of accessible outdoor portable toilet units.

### **On-line survey**

Bay County offered an on-line survey that was accessed through the County web site and the Recreation Plan web site. It was also publicized through an e-mail sent to all County staffers and with business cards that advertised the link. These cards were distributed at the April 19 Beach Wellness Run held at the Bay City State Recreation Area as well as at other events. The survey was available from March 1 through May 12. Three hundred fifty-two responses were received to the 21 question survey. A complete summary of the responses to the on-line survey is contained in the Appendix. Significant results are discussed in the paragraphs below.

### **About the respondents**

More than 80% of the respondents had lived in Bay County for 20 years or more. Geographically, each city or township in the County was represented by at least one respondent except Pinconning Township. The largest percentage of respondents was from Bay City (38.5%) followed by Bangor Township (20.1%) and Monitor Township (9.9%). Forty-six percent of the respondents had children age 17 or younger living in their household. More than 60% of the respondents were between the ages of 40 and 64.

### **Visiting the parks**

Nearly 85% of the respondents had visited a county-owned park in the past year. The Fairgrounds was the most popular park; 52% of the respondents said they had visited it in the past 12 months. The Civic Arena was the second most popular with 44% of the respondents having visited it in the past year. Respondents said the facilities that they most often used at the parks were nature trails and paved pathways (71% each), playgrounds (52%) and picnic pavilions (48%). When asked why they visited parks in Bay County, respondents most often replied they were used for casual or informal use (90.1%). Seventy-four percent visited the parks to enjoy nature.

Respondents were generally quite positive about various qualities of parks in Bay County. Question 14 asked them to rate the following five aspects of the parks as very good, good, neutral, poor or vary poor:

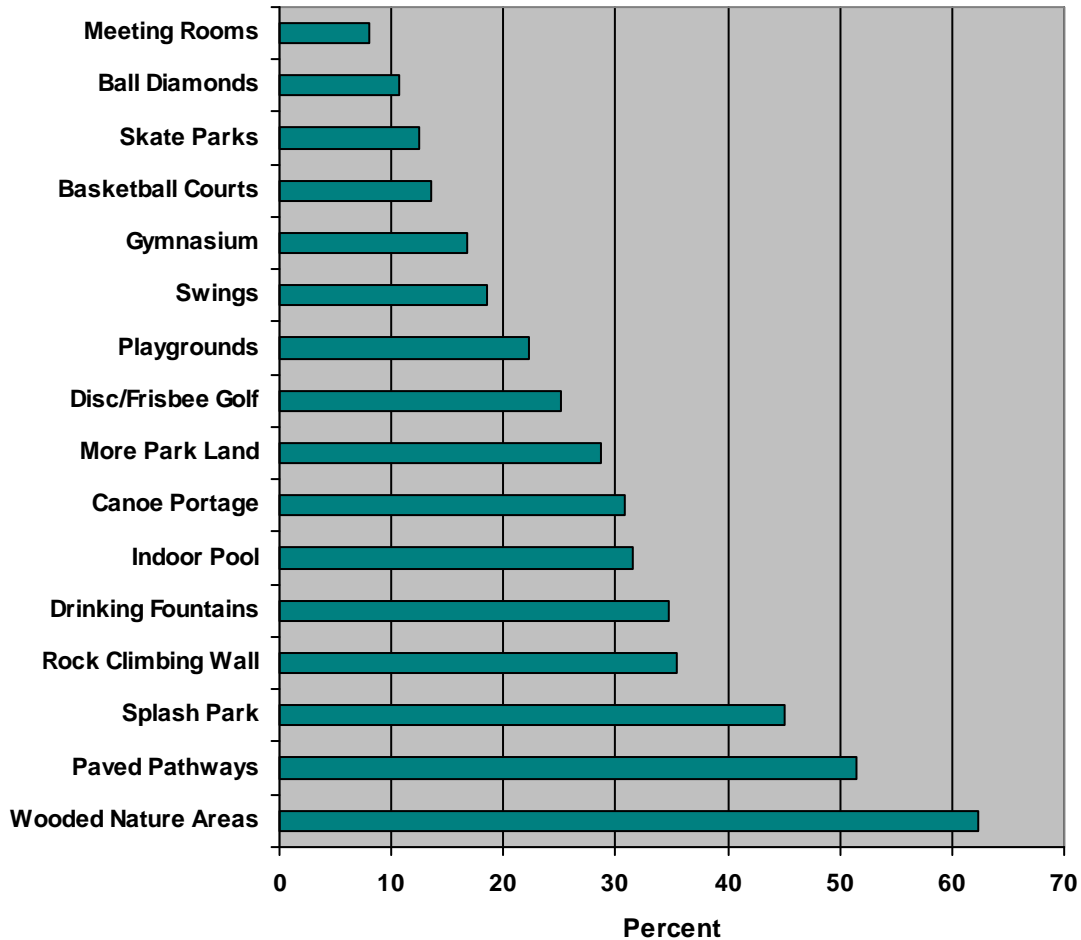
- Quality of programs
- Quality/friendliness of staff
- Variety of facilities/amenities
- Maintenance and appearance
- Safety and security

All aspects were rated very good or good by at least 55% of the respondents. No individual item received more than 10% being scored as poor or very poor.

### **Improvements needed**

In Question 12, respondents were asked to indicate which of 16 different facilities or amenities they would like to see added to parks in Bay County. Sixty-two percent wanted to see a wooded nature area. Fifty-one percent wanted to see paved pathways and 45% wanted to see a splash park. All responses are shown in the Figure 4 on the following page.

Question 13 was open ended and asked respondents to fill in any other facilities or amenities that they wished to have added to the parks. One hundred thirteen respondents offered suggestions. Some of the more common answers were more restrooms, an indoor recreational facility, and bike/walking/nature paths.



**Figure 4** - Question 12 asked respondents what additional facilities or amenities they wanted to see added to the parks in Bay County.

### Disabilities

Ten percent of the respondents indicated that there was a person with disabilities in their family. Those people were then asked to check any of six improvements that would make the parks and facilities more user friendly for them and their disabled family member. Seventy-nine percent checked paved trails. Sixty-four percent wanted to see accessible restrooms. Fifty-four percent wanted accessible parks. Fifty percent wanted barrier-free access to river/lakes and 50% wanted flatter/easier grades.

### Open ended questions

Questions 18 through 21 allowed respondents to type in open ended responses to questions about parks and recreation in Bay County. Question 18 asked for suggestions for recreational activities that respondents would like to see offered in Bay County. Seventy-four respon-

dents offered a wide variety of programs. Some of the more common responses were disc golf, indoor volleyball, and more swimming/water based recreation. Question 19 asked respondents what they liked about parks in Bay County and 145 of the respondents replied. Common responses were cleanliness, natural beauty, and variety.

***A sampling of suggestions & responses from the open ended questions...***

*I think the disc golf thing is a really cool idea.*

*Beach boardwalk would be very nice.*

*Grounds are nicely kept.*

*Parks are clean and accessible.*

*Allow hunting in some areas of Pinconning Park.*

*A lot more monies for the outlying areas such as Kawkawlin Twp. My family assisted with the setup and installation of the present new playground area at Kawkawlin and we are very happy when we see families use the playground and ball fields.*

*Build a facility like Hangtime Sports of Midland or Center Courts of Saginaw.*

*I would really like to see mile markers along the rail trail.*

*More bathroom facilities other than portajohns.*

*More options needed for cold weather months for people that are older.*

*We need to clean up the water and beaches – we have a beautiful natural resource we can't use.*

*I'd like to see a self defense program offered a few times a year for teens.*

*Give women's sports adequate time and gym availability.*

Question 20 asked respondents what they would do to improve parks and recreation in Bay County. One hundred forty-four respondents offered specific suggestions. Many were very detailed. Common responses were cleaner beaches and better maintenance, expanding the rail trail/adding more trails and updating playground equipment. Question 21 asked if there were any recreational educational programs they would like to see offered. Sixty-four respondents offered suggestions that included youth golf programs, boater and hunter safety, and fishing clinics.

**Other public input**

Two presentations were made to the Human Services Committee of the Bay County Board of Commissioners, held on April 15, 2008 and May 20, 2008. These sessions were instrumental in formulating goals, objectives and actions plans for Bay County.

The final opportunity for public input occurred at the public meeting held on December 16 at 4:00 p.m. at the County Building. This public meeting was advertised in the Bay City Times, the Democrat Legal, and the Pinconning Journal.



## **VI. Goals and Objectives**

Developing goals and objectives is an important part of the recreation planning process. The overall goal of a parks and recreation department is to provide recreation opportunities for the community and/or region it serves. More specific goals must be based on the demographic characteristics of the population served, the physical and environmental characteristics of the area, and the input of the community.

Goals are the broadest level. They are overreaching and general. Objectives carry out the purpose of the goal. The Action Program is the last level and it identifies specific projects and programs. The Action Program can include organizational, staffing, programming, public information, and operation and maintenance actions. Bay County formulated the following goals and objectives based upon the characteristics of the overall community, the input received at the community input sessions and the survey. These goals are applicable for Bay County Parks and Recreation and many of them also apply for the individual participating communities.

## **GOAL 1**

### **Retain public land for future generations.**

#### *Objectives*

1. Retain existing parkland and acquire new public lands to meet the recreational needs of the community.
2. Promote and enhance the financial stability of Bay County's Parks and Recreation Division.
3. Preserve and protect open space and significant natural features in Bay County.

#### *Comments and justification*

Residents of Bay County are proud of their parks and recreational facilities. They realize they are part of the quality of life in the area. New lands may need to be acquired so specific facilities can be added or so that special natural features can be preserved.

## **GOAL 2**

### **Provide quality leisure time activities with special consideration given to activities improving health and fitness.**

#### *Objectives*

1. Provide passive and active programming for a variety of ages and abilities of the population.
2. Continue to work with existing recreation partners in the community to provide programs, leagues, and special events. Explore options for new and expanded partnerships to provide additional recreational opportunities.

#### *Comments and justification*

Due to limited resources and staffing, recreational programming and facilities in Bay County are provided by several different organizations and entities. Some of them work with the County in some capacity. The County wishes to continue facilitating and enhancing these relationships, where feasible, so as to meet the needs of residents without offering duplication of services.

## **GOAL 3**

### **Provide safe, broad, community-based recreation opportunities that improve the overall quality of life for all residents of Bay County.**

#### *Objectives*

1. Continue to add amenities to Bay County park facilities based upon community input and need.

### *Comments and justification*

Bay County used several means of public input in several locations across the County. It will use that input along with recreational trend data to formulate recreational capital improvement plans for the future.

## **GOAL 4**

### **Provide trails and multi-use paths for recreational and transportation use.**

#### *Objectives*

1. Develop a County-wide trail corridor plan.
2. Where possible, connect trails to regional trails and destinations.
3. Where feasible, encourage the County Road Commission to provide easements for trails and trail corridors that will connect to regional trails and destinations.

### *Comments and justification*

All forms of non-motorized transportation are becoming increasingly important across the United States. Multi-use paths, trails, and bike lanes are used for recreation and transportation. Paths can be used for active and passive recreation and they are just one of many ways that can increase the health and fitness of a community. As this document was written, a Tri-County Regional Pathway Plan was developed to plan for linking Saginaw, Bay, and Midland Counties and the various existing paths within them. Bay County was part of this regional planning effort and it wishes to be part of future regional path development efforts. A proposed Tri-County Regional Path Map is shown in the Appendix.

## **GOAL 5**

### **Make Bay County a better place to live for elders and people with disabilities.**

#### *Objectives*

1. Create an inventory of services and opportunities in our community that promote the independence and quality of life for older adults and the disabled.
2. Initiate partnerships with other units of government and recreation providers to promote the development of senior friendly community amenities.
3. Provide recreational opportunities for people with disabilities, developing improvements and upgrades to park facilities that are handicap accessible.
4. Continue program development for special needs populations.

### *Comments and justification*

According to the 2000 Census, the median age of Bay County residents is 38.4 years. That is nearly three years greater than that of the State of Michigan at 35.5 years. As the baby boom

population continues to age, there will be increased demand for recreational facilities and services that meet the needs of aging adults. Further, Figure 1 shows that the 19.7% of County residents have a disability. This population also has special needs in terms of recreational facilities.

Bay County is attentive to the needs of its senior citizens and all those who have some diminished capacity that may limit their access to recreational resources in the community. As part of that ongoing commitment, Bay County is seeking a “Community for a Lifetime” designation from the state of Michigan. To achieve this goal, Bay County will review all recreational projects to consider the needs of seniors and persons with disabilities. Designs will incorporate the philosophies and principals of “universal design” and they will address “Communities for a Lifetime” goals.

## **GOAL 6**

**Provide youth development programming and expand recreational facilities for such in Bay County.**

### *Objectives*

1. Add new sports leagues in Bay County based upon community input, recreation trends and general need.
2. Add one-day recreation events for youth in the community.
3. Provide a mechanism to assist youths with financial need to participate in County recreational activities.

### *Comments and justification*

Recreational opportunities for youth in Bay County are both numerous and diverse. The inventory of recreational resources substantiates both diverse recreational opportunity and geographic distribution of youth recreational facilities. This recreation plan supports the inclusion of new and emerging new youth recreational projects and facilities, like the skate park constructed in Bay City, that further diversify the types of recreation in which youth can engage and/or expand the geographic distribution of existing recreational opportunities in Bay County.

## **GOAL 7**

**Develop recreation opportunities that focus upon and take advantage of Bay County’s natural assets.**

### *Objectives*

1. Develop public fishing opportunities in Bay County.



2. Develop public hunting/shooting range opportunities in Bay County.
3. Develop opportunities, alone or in partnership with others, to educate citizens about natural resources and environmental stewardship in Bay County.

*Comments and justification*

Bay County has some unique natural resources and habitats. It is part of the Mississippi and Atlanta flyway for migratory birds. The Saginaw Bay provides a shoreline wetland habitat and a source of sport fishing. Woodlands provide habitat for deer, raccoons, muskrat, squirrels, rabbits, and other small game. Bay County wishes to incorporate these features into its parks and recreation program. Further, it wishes to educate the public about the unique environments in Bay County.



## VII. Action Plan

With goals and objectives in place, Bay County was able to develop a 5-year action program to work toward accomplishing the goals and objectives. The Action Program details the direction the community wishes to take over the next five years in order to maintain and improve the quality and diversity of area park and recreation opportunities.

Potential projects were assigned a priority of 1 through 5 with 1 being most important and 5 being least important. Each action item relates to one or more of the numbered goals from Section VI. Potential capital improvements described in this Plan have been established not only to provide a framework for decision makers but also to enable the County to apply for grant funding for these proposed projects.

The project list is not a fixed element and it is neither all inclusive or exclusive. The schedule reflects the results of the input received from the on-line survey, County staff, and the community open house. Future circumstances, especially availability of funding, may change priorities or require reprioritization of items.

The action program is shown in the table at the end of this section.

### **Financing Potential Improvements**

Funding for parks and recreation capital improvements can come from a range of local, state, and federal programs. Grant funding is available for parks and recreation projects. However, applicants need to target potential funding agencies and programs very carefully so as to meet the specific criteria required. Appendix C contains a current listing of programs and agencies that can provide funding for parks and recreation projects.

## Bay County Recreation Plan Action Items

Action Item	Priority	Relates to Goal	Justification
<b>Pinconning Park</b>			
Accessible Boardwalk	1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7	Community input requested more paths, allows for enjoyment of unique natural resource.
Low voltage electrical lighting	5	1, 3, 5	Improves park safety and access for those with disabilities.
Signage	1	3, 5	Increases usability of parks.
Viewing tower roofs	5	3, 5	Provides protection from sun and birds.
Cabin upgrades	1	3, 5, 7	Increases accessibility, attractiveness.
Campsite updates	1	3, 5, 7	Increases accessibility, attractiveness.
Playscape area	1	3, 5, 6	Increases accessibility.
Archery Range	1	2, 3, 5	To provide recreational activities for hunting enthusiasts.
Floating walkway and fishing pier	1	1, 3, 5, 7	Community input requested shore fishing.
Basketball area	5	2, 6	Provides an additional recreational opportunity.
Additional ADA parking spaces	5	5	To make facilities more accessible.
ADA Bathhouse updates	1	3, 5	To make facilities more accessible and functional.
Fencing	2	3	Increases safety.
Viewing telescopes	4	3, 7	To enjoy unique natural resources.
Add concession stand/interpretive building	2	1, 7	Adds income source for park and adds educational element.
Add spray park.	1	3, 6	Mentioned in community input.
Audio Interpretive displays	3	3, 7	To enjoy unique natural resources.
<b>Bay County Fairground</b>			
Accessible Archery Range with concrete walkways to shooting booth and to targets	1	2, 3, 5	To provide recreational activities for hunting enthusiasts.
Additional ADA parking spaces	1	5	To make facilities more accessible.
Universal Access playscape area with fitness area, playscape, surfacing, water fountain, fencing, signage, benches and picnic tables.	1	3,5,6	Existing playground equipment is old and outdated.
<b>Civic Arena</b>			
Pavilion and pathway	3	3, 4, 5, 6	To add a new amenity at this facility.
New seating with universal accessibility	1	3, 5	Improves functionality and accessibility.

## Bay County Recreation Plan Action Items

Action Item	Priority	Relates to Goal	Justification
<b>Euclid Linear Park</b>			
ADA drinking fountain	1	3, 6	To make facilities more accessible and functional.
Additional paved trails	1	2, 3, 4, 5, 7	Requested in community input.
Audio interpretive displays	3	3, 7	To enjoy unique natural resources.
Paved paths to picnic tables	1	5	To make facilities more accessible.
Additional benches	2	3, 5	Improves functionality.
Modern & accessible restrooms	1	3, 5	Requested in community input.
Viewing telescopes	4	3, 7	To enjoy unique natural resources.
Small pavilion	2	3, 5	Adds new feature to park, allows for small gatherings or meeting spot.
Accessible grills	1	3, 5	Improves functionality and accessibility.
Parking lot lighting	1	3, 5	Improves safety, functionality, and accessibility.
<b>Golf Course</b>			
Construct new pavilion with light and power	3	3, 5	To allow for group gatherings.
2nd ADA cart	2	5	Improves accessibility.
Pathway to pavilion	1	5	Improves accessibility.
Additional parking	1	3, 5	Need additional spaces.
Picnic tables	1	3, 5	For picnickers.
Accessible greens	1	3, 5	Improves accessibility.
Consider offering cross-country skiing	3	2, 3	Adds a winter recreational activity.
Netting	1	3	Improves safety in driving range.
<b>Community Center and Pool</b>			
Accessible tables	1	3, 5	Improves accessibility.
New weight room equipment	2	2	Existing equipment is old and outdated.
New floor in large gym	1	2, 3	To replace old floor.
Spray Park	1	3, 6	Mentioned in community input.

## Bay County Recreation Plan Action Items

Action Item	Priority	Relates to Goal	Justification
<b>Programming</b>			
Explore programming for Senior Citizens & disabled by forming partnerships with applicable groups such as MI Sports Unlimited and Bay County Division on Aging.	1	2, 3, 5	Adding programs not currently available.
Explore offering hunter safety classes.	2	6, 7	Mentioned in community input.
Develop a partnership with local community education providers for programming at county facilities	1	2, 3, 6	Mentioned in community input.
<b>Miscellaneous</b>			
Develop brochure that describes parks in Bay County	1	1	To communicate with residents and visitors about facilities offered.
Develop interactive web site to communicate with residents regarding parks and recreation.	2	1	To communicate with residents and visitors about facilities offered.
Begin a Parks & Recreation Endowment fund.	1	1	To provide financial stability for the Parks and Recreation functions in Bay County.
Develop an inventory of significant open space and natural resources in Bay County.	3	2, 7	So as to document potential sites for preservation and/or acquisition.
Explore opportunities for environmental education in the parks.	2	2, 7	To educate youth and adults and provide a different type of recreational opportunity.
Develop swimming access points in Bay County	1	3, 7	Requested by residents on community input survey; takes advantage of unique natural resource.
Convene local public sector recreation providers to implement a joint purchasing program for recreation suppliers	2	1	Cost saving measure.
Provide an opportunity for archery. Explore the "Archery in the Schools" program with local schools and businesses.	2	6	No public archery facilities available in the county.
Explore expanded volleyball opportunities in the community with the Bay County Volleyball Assn.	2	2, 3	Requested in community input.
Develop an additional disc golf course in Bay County.	2	3	Requested by residents on community input survey; takes advantage of current recreational trend.



## **VIII. Summary of the Planning Process & Adoption**

In its continuing effort to provide quality recreational opportunities for its citizens, Bay County has developed a Community Parks and Recreation Master Plan as a tool to guide the development of community park and recreational facilities and locations over the next five years. This plan is the latest effort by Bay County and 14 of its constituent communities to establish recreational goals and objectives for recreation across the county. The plan will also provide the County and the participating communities with eligibility for grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to assist the community in reaching its recreational goals.

Bay County contracted with Spicer Group of Saginaw, Michigan, to assist them with completion of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. A steering committee was established consisting of two staff representatives from the County and a representative from each participating community. The steering committee met approximately six times from December of 2007 through December of 2008.

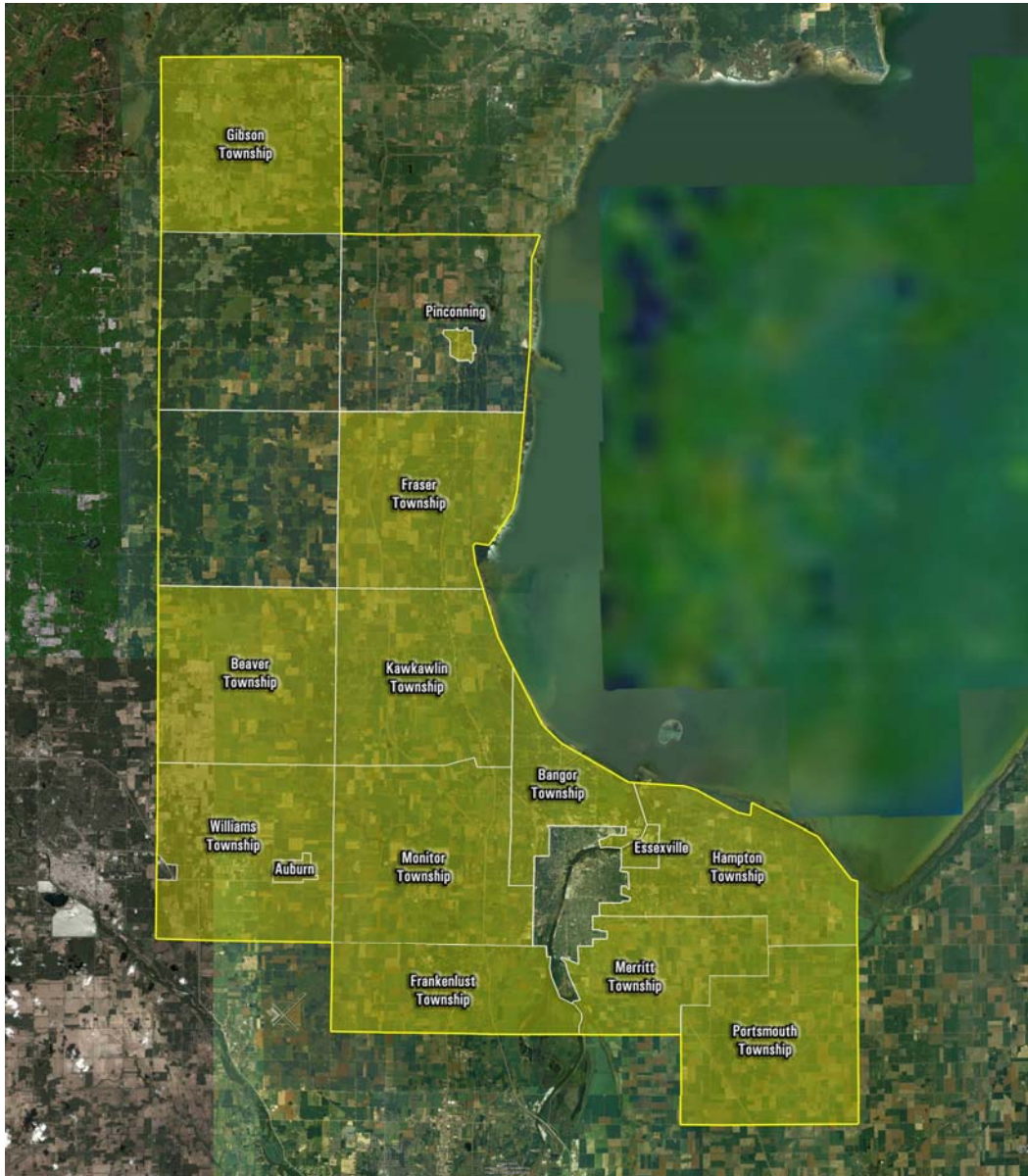
Data was collected about the participating communities including maps, demographics, park information and an inventory of existing facilities. This data was collected from a number of resources such as: forms completed by the participating communities, county staff, the existing

Bay County Recreation Plan, Bay County GIS Department, various web sites and through field observations. This information helped determine where the communities were deficient or providing a surplus of various recreation facilities in comparison to various national standards.

Community input was collected during the winter and spring of 2008 via a recreation plan web site, an on-line survey and four separate community input forums held across the county. Based upon the existing information and the community input, each community developed goals and objectives for parks and recreation in their community Bay County. Each community also planned for an action program to accomplish the goals and objectives of the plan.

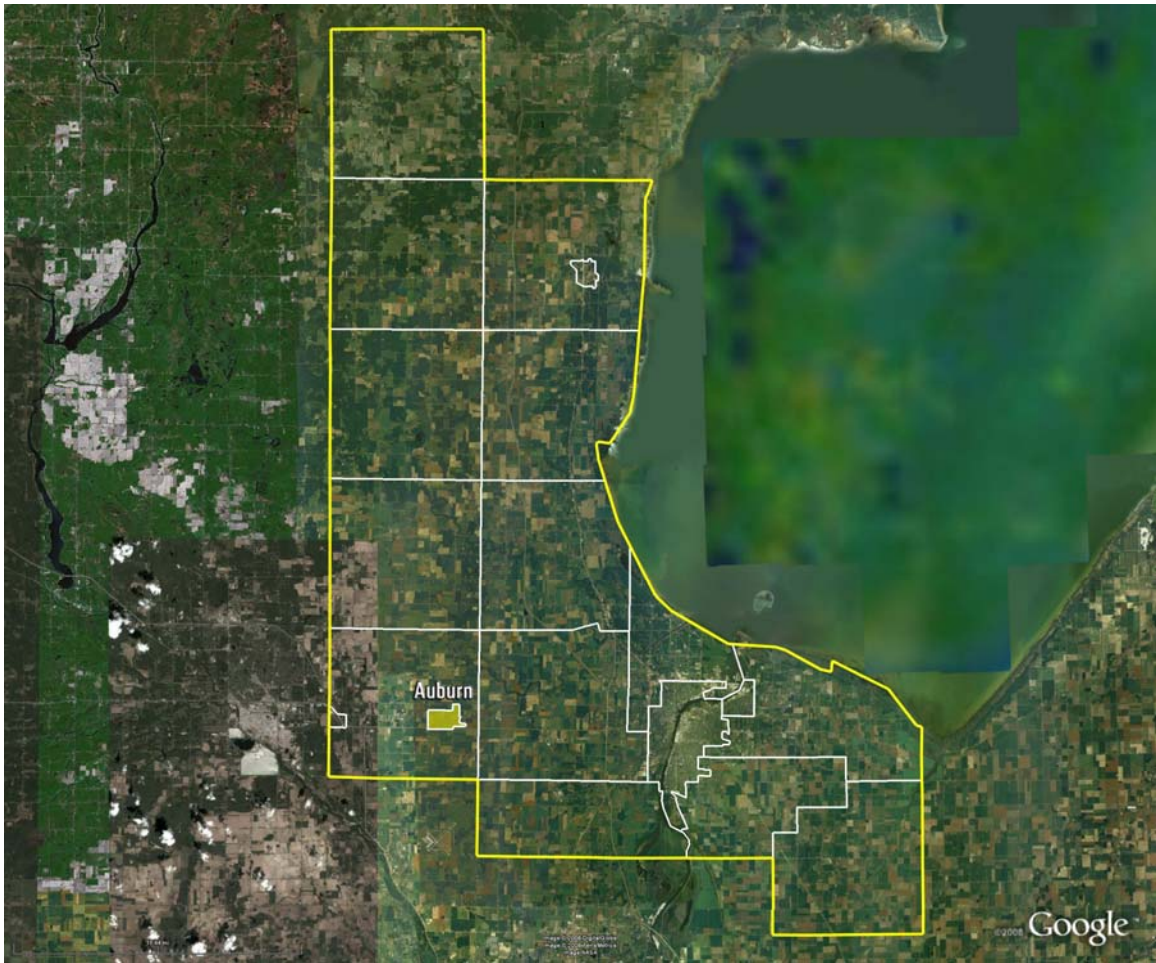
The consultant completed the draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan document and it was made available for review at the Bay County Building and four of the branches of the Bay County public library for at least 30 days from mid-November, 2008 until mid-December, 2008. A DPF file of the draft was also available on the Bay County web site. The reviewing opportunities were advertised in the Bay City Times, the Democrat Legal, and the Pinconning Journal.. The final opportunity for community input occurred at the advertised public meeting held prior to adoption of the plan. This meeting was held on December 16, at 4:00 p.m. at the County Building. In the weeks following the public hearing, each participating community adopted the joint recreation plan. Copies of those resolutions are included in the Appendix.





## IX. Participating Community Plans

This section contains specific recreation information for each of the 14 communities that have participated with Bay County in completing the plan. Each community completed its own administrative structure, recreation inventory, goals and objectives and action plan. Much of the information contained in the previous sections can also be applied to the individual communities. For example, the community input was received across the county and it was a consideration for all the communities when determining goals and objectives and action plans.



## **City of Auburn**

### **Community Description**

The City of Auburn is located in western Bay County, east of Midland. It is surrounded by Williams Township. Auburn largely serves as a bedroom community for people who work in the nearby cities of Midland, Bay City, and Saginaw. According to the 2000 Census, Auburn has a population of 2,011.

### **Administrative Structure**

The City Commission is responsible for all functions of the City, including the City parks. As the administrative head of the City, the City Administrator carries out the policies that are made by the Commission and directs and coordinates the work of all City departments. It is the City Administrator's job to keep the Commission informed of the conditions and needs of the City and to make recommendations for action as the need arises. The City Administrator also prepares the

annual budget for Commission recommendation and upon its enactment sees that its provisions are upheld.

Maintenance activities for parks and recreation are implemented by the Auburn Department of Public Works and designated work is contracted with private service companies. One supervisor, two full time and two part time employees are currently employed in the DPW Department.

### **Programming, Volunteers, and Cooperative Relationships**

The City of Auburn/Williams Township Recreation Board administers recreational activities. This is a joint 12 member recreation board with equal representation from both units of government, each having 6 members on the board. Five of the Auburn representatives on the board are at-large members appointed by the City Commission and the sixth member is appointed from the City Commission. Each unit provides \$8,000 a year for planning and implementation of recreational activities. The board currently provides organized baseball/softball activities, organized gun range programs, summer day-camp program and organized outings. The recreation board also provides recommendations for recreational facilities, maintenance and improvements to the City's administrative staff.

Volunteers are used for coaching, the gun range programs, and flower bed maintenance throughout the year. The last couple of years free band concerts in the park were organized by volunteers. Horseshoe tournaments that are held twice a year are organized by a local volunteer. They attract people from all over the state.

The Auburn Chamber of Commerce and the Auburn Jaycees own a 20-acre piece of property adjacent to the Auburn Community Park. They sponsor the annual Auburn Corn Festival which uses their property and the Community Park property. A new festival in 2008 is a week long music festival. For several years the Bay County Soil Conservation District has held its annual Fifth Grade Educational Tour at the City Park.

### **Budgets**

The sources of funding for parks and recreation in Auburn are the city general fund, park rentals, and donations. The current and next year parks and recreation budgets are shown on the following page.

## AUBURN PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGETS

	2007-2008	2008-2009
Operation & Maintenance	\$49,026	\$50,938
Programming (leagues, special events, etc.)	\$8,000	\$8,000
Capital Expenditures	0	0

### Recreation Inventory

The planning consultant supplied inventory forms for each participating community to complete as part of the overall Bay County Recreation Plan. The inventory data as compiled from those forms is shown below.

AUBURN RECREATION INVENTORY			
	Auburn Community Park	Auburn Recreation Area	Auburn Shooting Range**
Park Type*	Community Park	Neighborhood Park	Special Use Park
Acreage	20	4	
Accessibility*	4	4	
Service Area	Auburn /Williams Twp.	Auburn /Williams Twp.	Auburn /Williams Twp.
Ball Diamond	2		
Multi-use Path	1 mile		
Pavilion	3		
Picnic Area	yes		
Ice Skating	yes		
Horseshoes	12		
Sledding		Yes	
Archery/Gun Range			Yes
Pond/Observation Docks	yes		
Restrooms	yes		
Playfield (open space)	yes		

\*See County inventory section for definitions of park type and accessibility.

\*\* The Auburn Shooting Range is located north of the City of Auburn on the east side of 9-Mile Road south of W. Wheeler Road. See the Williams Township Map for exact location.

## **Goals and Objectives**

The City of Auburn developed the following goals and objectives for parks and recreation in the community.

### **GOAL 1**

Continue to improve and upgrade the City of Auburn's recreational and support facilities in order to offer parks and recreational activities the community can be proud of.

#### ***Objectives:***

1. Retain and maintain the existing Auburn City Park and acquire new public lands to fulfill the recreational needs of the city and local community.
2. Provide multi-use recreational opportunities at park facilities.
3. Make both active and passive park facilities available to as many individuals as possible.
4. Ensure that improvements and upgrades to the Auburn City Park are handicap accessible.
5. Provide adequate maintenance of all City parks and recreational facilities.
6. Consider the long-term or on-going maintenance costs of all future park improvements to City recreational facilities prior to making such improvements.
7. Utilize volunteers to assist with special events and maintenance opportunities.

### **GOAL 2**

Promote coordination of recreational facilities, programs and activities with other recreation providers to avoid duplication and use City resources wisely.

#### ***Objectives:***

1. Provide facilities that complement those of Bay County, Williams Township, the school district and other groups.
2. Cooperate and contribute to community wide recreation projects.
3. Seek active participation in the planning of recreation facilities and/or opportunities that affect the City and Williams Township residents.
4. Initiate interaction and cooperation with the school system.
  - Develop and formalize an agreement to jointly share and support mutually beneficial facilities.
  - Work with the schools to improve the recreational facilities available to the community at the school sites, particularly elementary schools.

5. Engage in joint purchasing with other governmental units when feasible with the goal of saving tax dollars.

### **GOAL 3**

Provide quality recreational opportunities to improve health and fitness with extra emphasis placed on organized youth activities.

***Objectives:***

1. Provide organized programs and activities for a variety of ages with an emphasis on youth programs through the Auburn-Williams Recreation Association
2. Continue to partner with existing recreational partners to provide recreation programs, events, and leagues.

### **GOAL 4**

Develop a recreation system that will be responsive to, and effective in, meeting the present and future needs of residents.

***Objectives:***

1. Update the recreation plan as needed and entirely review the plan every five years.
2. Develop an interactive web site to communicate with residents regarding park and recreation opportunities.
3. Explore marketing services and sponsoring special events.
4. Use the City newsletter to identify what is happening, what's available, who to talk to, and to seek community input.
5. Use local newspaper to highlight recreation news whenever possible.

### **GOAL 5**

Provide access trails and multi-use recreational paths.

***Objectives:***

1. Cooperate and participate in intergovernmental efforts to establish a non-motorized greenway and trail system connecting Midland County to Bay County.
2. Coordinate possible routes, methods, and funding to connect non-motorized greenway and trail systems in Bay and Midland Counties to the Auburn City Park.
3. Identify possible non-motorized routes, methods, and funding to connect Auburn City Park with the Williams Township Park.

## **GOAL 6**

Develop methods to meet future recreational needs in the City.

### ***Objectives:***

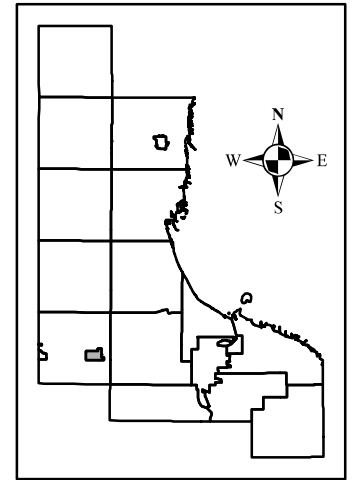
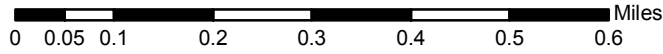
1. Pursue a variety of possible funding sources, including state and federal grant programs.
2. Explore a means for evaluating and accepting private donations of land, time and monies.
3. Budget funds for a recreational capital improvement program each year to improve recreational facilities and eliminate deficiencies.

### **Action Plan**

1. Develop a basketball/in-line skating area with utilization of the facility in the winter as an ice rink. The objective of this project would be to design and construct a multi-purpose recreational facility to meet the recreational needs of the residents within the Auburn area. The rink would provide a safe place for young children to rollerblade. Although the Auburn area has two basketball courts within close proximity, these facilities are heavily used.
2. Update the playground equipment near the ball diamonds with handicap accessible equipment. This will ensure a safe place for children to play.
3. Install a fountain in the City park pond for not only aesthetic purposes but also for beneficial aeration. This project would enhance the existing fishing docks.
4. Due to the heavy use of the park, a second pavilion with picnic tables, grills and electricity was another facility identified as needed within the park. This will provide a sheltered area for families to use.
5. Installation of hockey boards is identified as the next step for improving the basketball/rollerblade ice rink facility.

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









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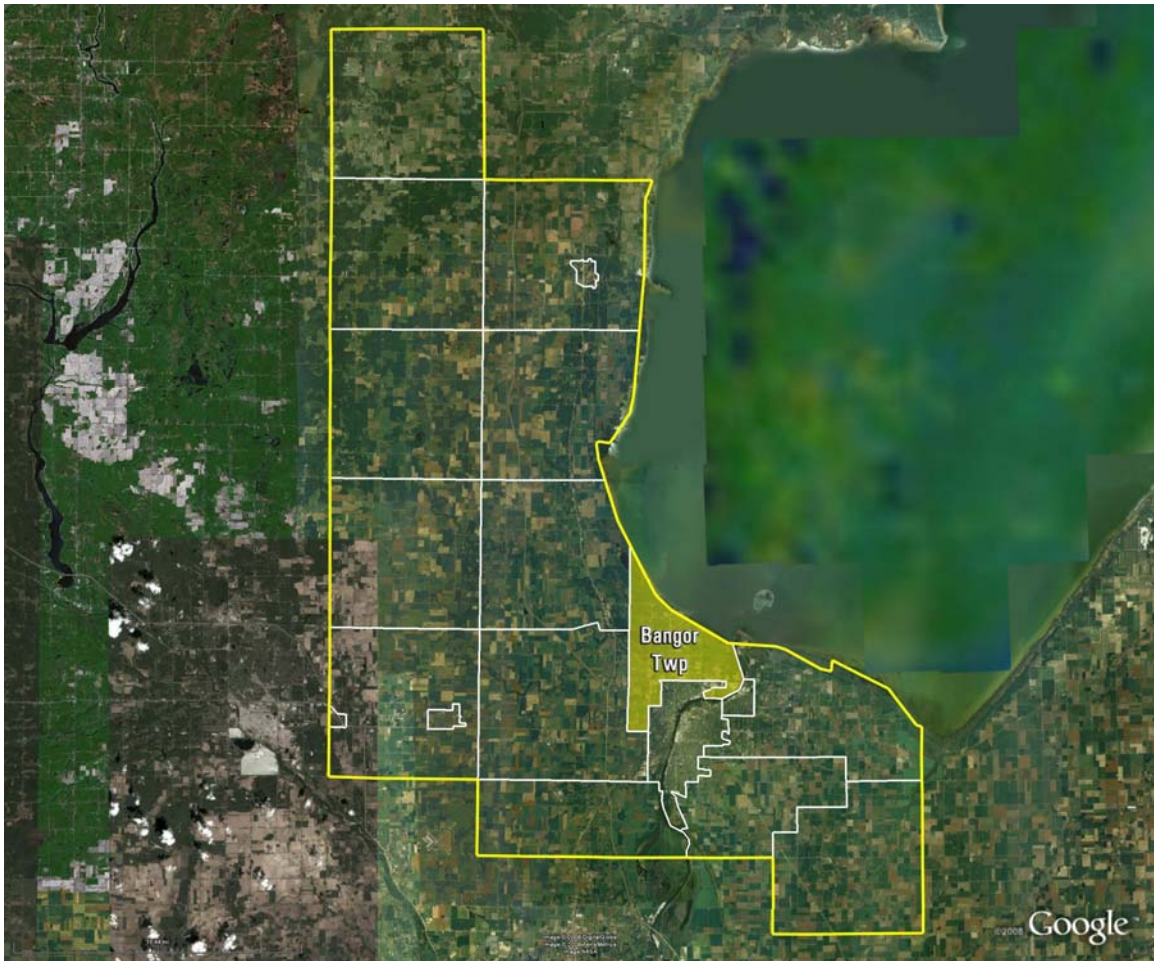
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## **Bangor Township**

### **Community Description**

Bangor Township is located north of the cities of Bay City and Essexville. The township has large areas of woodlands, wetlands and industrial areas. Residential uses are clustered in various areas, most of which are near Bay City and the Bay City State Park in the northern part of the Township. According to the 2000 Census, Bangor Township has 15,547 people.

### **Administrative Structure**

Parks and recreation functions in Bangor Township are administered by the seven-member Township Board. The Township Maintenance Department has one full-time employee responsible for maintenance and two part-time seasonal employees work at the boat launch. Bangor Township pays Bangor Township Schools to run a very limited sports program for the Township. Approximately 20 to 25 volunteers assist with parks and recreation per year in Bangor Township. They serve as coaches, teachers, or help with grass mowing.

## Budgets

The source of funding for the park and recreation budget in Bangor Township is the township general fund and boat launch fees. The current and prior year parks and recreation budgets are shown below.

<b>BANGOR TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGETS</b>		
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Operation & Maintenance	\$20,000	\$20,000
Programming (leagues, special events, etc.)	\$10,000	\$10,000
Capital Expenditures	0	3,500

## Recreation Inventory

The planning consultant supplied inventory forms for the each participating community to complete as part of the overall Bay County Recreation Plan. Bangor Township has three traditional parks and one park trail. Together, they comprise 43 acres and 5.6 miles of trail. They are inventoried in the chart below.

<b>BANGOR TOWNSHIP RECREATION INVENTORY</b>				
	Patterson Rd. Park	Bayside Park	Independence Boat Launch	Rail-Trail
Park Type*	Neighborhood	Undeveloped	Special Use	Park-Trail
Acreage	8	30	5	5.6 miles
Accessibility*	1	N.A.	5	5
Service Area	Entire Township	N.A.	Bay County	Bay County
Boat Launch			Yes	
Football/Soccer Fields	1			
Pavilion				Yes
Picnic Area				Yes
Restrooms			Yes	
Waterfront Property			Yes	

\*See County inventory section for definitions of park type and accessibility.

## **Goals and Objectives**

The establishment of realistic and agreed upon goals and objectives are essential to the formulation of attainable long-range plans. Goals serve as guidelines for the development of policies and plan recommendations. The primary goal implicit in all other secondary goals is the desire of the officials and citizens of Bangor Township to develop and maintain an attractive, pleasant, clean, healthful and economically stable community environment.

### **GOAL 1**

Seek means of expanding recreation programs and facilities designed to serve the needs of all segments of Bangor's population.

#### ***Objectives***

1. Foster cooperation with adjacent communities and other recreation providers. Coordinate Bangor's recreation plans with those adjoining communities and the County as a whole to help avoid costly depreciation and to create a greater variety of recreation opportunities.
2. Cooperate in the coordination of land use planning efforts and in the provision of area wide recreation services, facilities, and programs.
3. Encourage joint use of school site and buildings.
4. Stimulate interest among established groups, such as P.T.A.'s and business service organizations, to assist the Township in developing recreation areas in Bangor.

### **GOAL 2**

Assure the preservation of sufficient open space and the development of recreation facilities to adequately serve the needs of Bangor's present and anticipated population.

#### ***Objectives***

1. Encourage the acquisition of land and a conservation measure to protect specific natural features.
2. Encourage cooperation with Federal, State, County and Local agencies in the preservation of open space as a natural resource. Work closely with the County, State and Local recreation authorities in developing interregional recreation open space areas.
3. Encourage, wherever possible, the development of future public open spaces on a scale large enough to allow the implementation of a multiple use concept of recreation services.

4. Encourage a Township-wide development pattern that will provide for convenient and ample recreation areas throughout the Bangor community.
5. Encourage subdividers to provide recreational areas in new residential developments.
6. Encourage a diversity of both public and private recreational facilities.
7. Preserve floodplains and wetlands for recreation use wherever possible.
8. Coordinate efforts of land subdividers and school officials in developing recreation areas and facilities.
9. Encourage the use of drainage courses and utility easements for recreation purposes.
10. Develop design standards which permit drains to be incorporated as an integral part of a recreation area.
11. Wherever feasible, develop pedestrian pathways and bicycle paths following public and utility corridors.
12. Seek involvement in all State and Federal programs which can assist the Township in providing improved services and facilities to Bangor's residents.

### **Action Plan**

Based on the goals, objectives, and community input Bangor Township has identified the following items to be part of its action plan. Local funding identified would come from the general fund of the Township or the Township Schools. Some funds for additions to the Linear Park may be available through the Bay Area Community Foundation. Expanded descriptions of some of projects are found in the paragraphs following the six items below.

1. Add amenities to the existing rail trail such as parking and restrooms.
2. Develop a community park that would connect with the rail trail.
3. Add a small boat launch for fishing boats and non-motorized watercraft on the Kawkawlin River. Develop the property so as to make it a picnic way point on the rail trail.
4. Work with the Department of Natural Resources in enhancing the Bay City State Recreation Area. A plan for a "Water Fountain Play Area" is in the planning stages.
5. Add spurs and connections to the existing rail trail.
6. Work with the school system to expand active recreational facilities at John Glenn High School and West Central School.

## BANGOR RAIL TRAIL

The proposed Bangor Trail would build on a successful effort ongoing in Bay County to develop a trail system. Trails completed to date are heavily utilized and it is expected an effort to connect spurs to the Trail will ultimately compliment the Trail throughout the Township. The Township will work closely with the Bay Area Community Foundation to establish the trail. The Foundation has been instrumental in the development of current trails in Bay County.

There are several options for a trail system that follow. All individuals who have interests in the property have not all been contacted, no formal proposals has been advanced. The alternatives have been developed to provide flexibility. Aside from the usual issues of the establishment of spurs on the trail, specific logistical concerns must be addressed such as where the trail will connect with the City of Bay City's trail. The alternatives have been established to provide options for these issues. Specific descriptions of the options are being plotted into maps that will be available in the near future.

### POSSIBLE RAIL TRAIL SPURS OR CONNECTORS

Option I - Start at the southeast corner of the Bay City mall plat, then go north along the easterly and Northerly curb of the mall's drive and parking area to the east side of State Road, cross State Road, and continue north along and within the right of way of State Road to the Dow pipeline property, then go westerly on the Dow pipeline property to State Park Drive, cross State Park Drive, and continue north along and within the right of way of State Park Drive to the vacated railroad right of way and connect with the Rail Trail in place at that location.

Option II - A connector from the Bay City Mall. Start at the southeast corner of the Bay City Mall plat, then go north along the easterly and northerly curb of the mall's drive and parking area to the east side of State Road, then continue north within the State Road right of way to the Dow pipeline property. Then go east on the Dow pipeline property, crossing Bangor Road and continue until crossing Patterson Road and connect to Option III.

Option III - Start at the "New" Bangor Boat ramp located on the north side of the Saginaw River, just east of the Independence Bridge, and follow the railroad to Norwich Street. Continue North within the Norwich right of way to the south side of Wilder Road,

cross Wilder Road, follow the railroad right of way northwesterly to Patterson Road. Then connect to the Trail Head on Patterson.

**PROPOSED COMMUNITY PARK**

It is proposed that the park be established along the linear trail within the planning period. It would provide parking and service facilities for the trail and serve as a stand alone community park. The park would contain the following types of facilities:

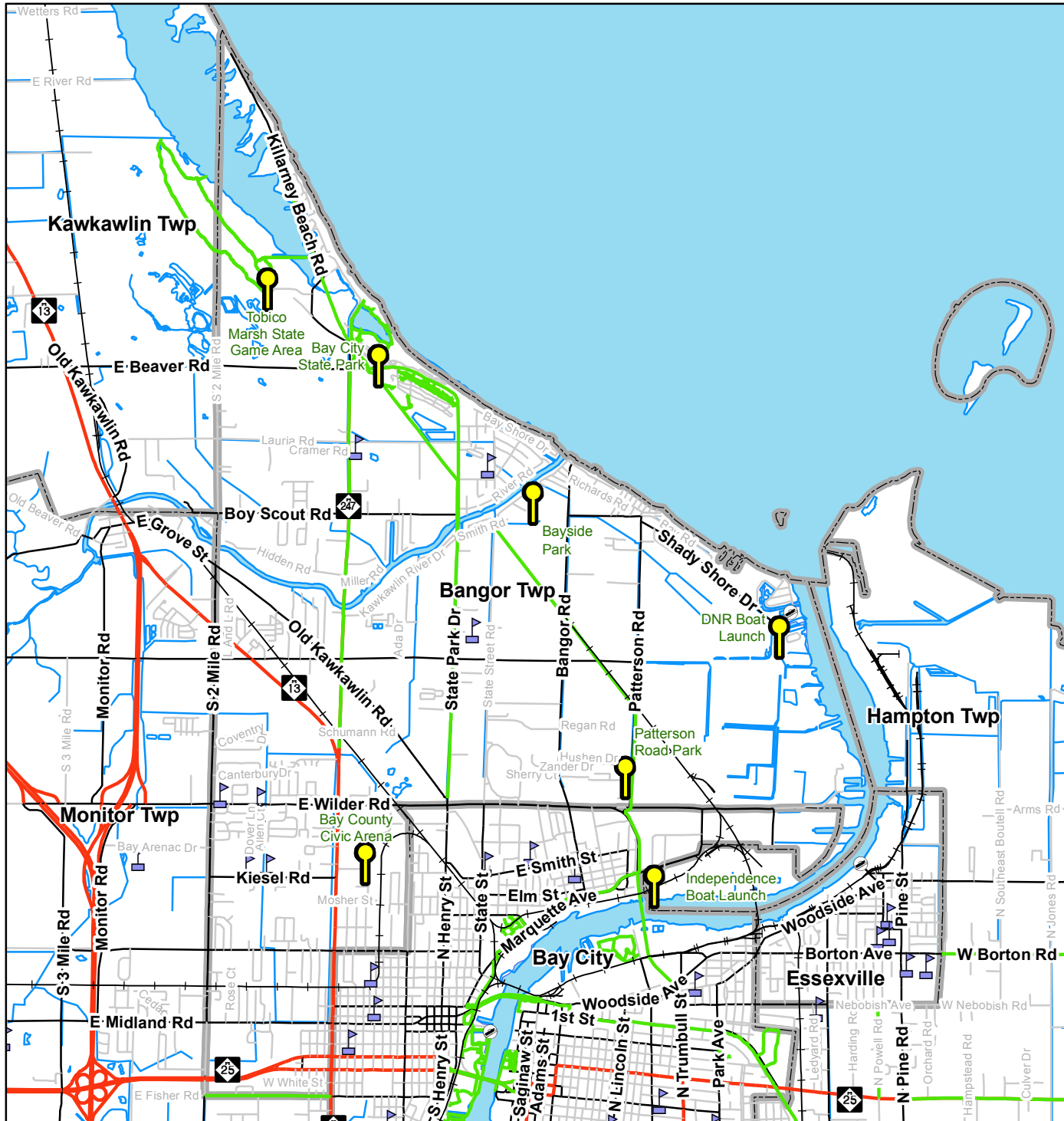
- Picnic tables and grill
- Pavilion
- Restrooms
- Landscaping
- Fencing
- Parking facilities
- Playground equipment
- Basketball courts
- Soccer Fields
- Open space for beach volleyball, etc.
- Tennis courts
- Horseshoes
- Shuffleboard
- Jogging trail
- Physical fitness exercise stations

Steps and general estimates of cost for improvements are as follows:

<b><u>OBJECTIVE</u></b>	<b><u>COST</u></b>
<b><i>Linear Park</i></b>	
Land acquisition	\$99,000
Trail & complimenting facilities design	\$30,000
Trail development	\$120,000
Parking/restroom facility development	\$75,000
<b><i>John Glenn High School</i></b>	
Six lighted tennis courts	\$75,000
Jogging Trail	\$25,000
Four mini basketball courts off block parking lot	\$7,000
<b><i>West Central School</i></b>	
Playground equipment	\$25,000
Upgrade ball diamonds	\$15,000
Mini basketball courts	\$7,000

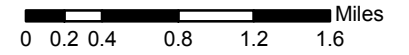
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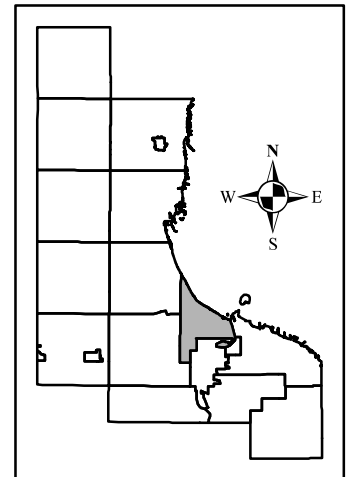
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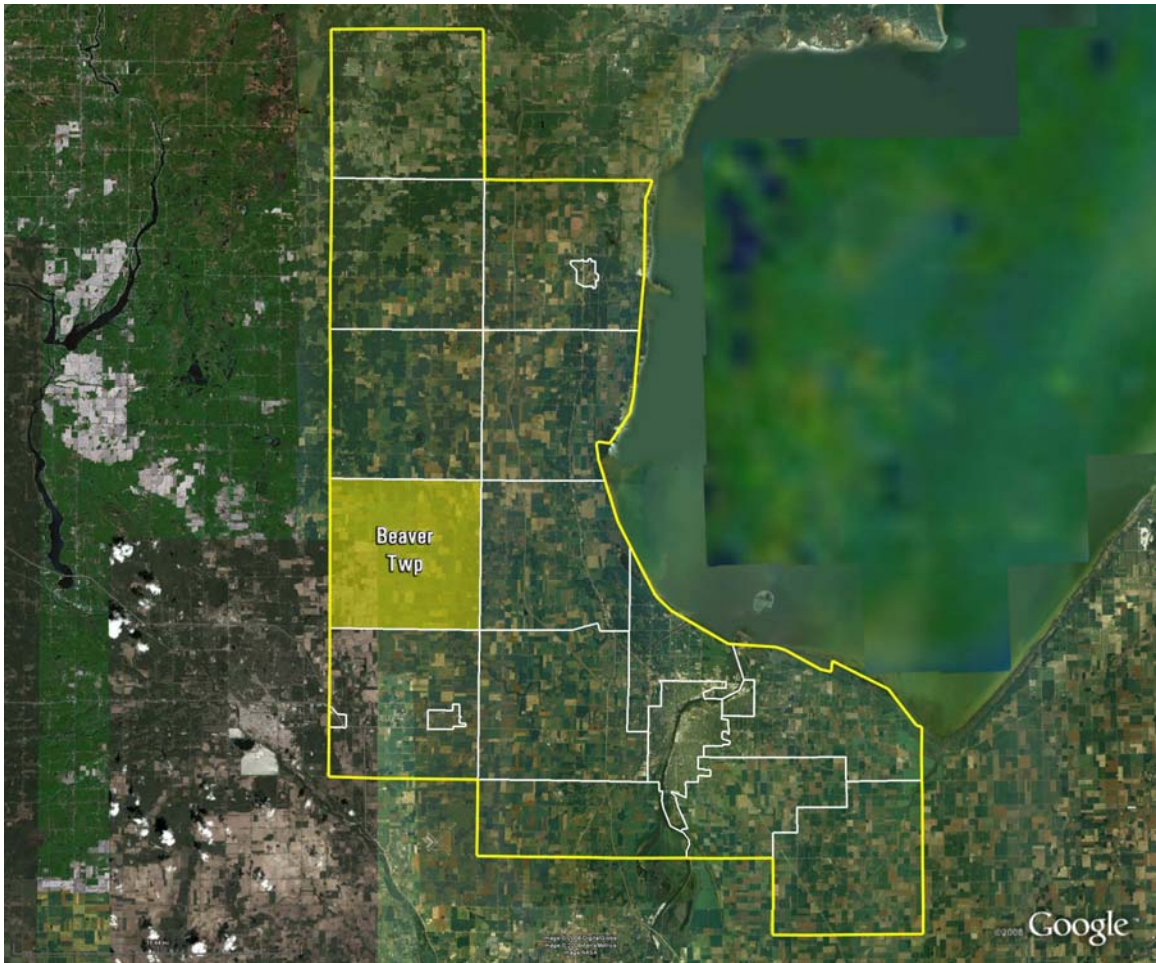
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## **Beaver Township**

### **Community Description**

Beaver Township is a rural township located approximately 10 miles northwest of Bay City. Lands in the township are used largely for agricultural purposes. The Kawkawlin River flows across the northeast portion of the Township. According to the 2000 Census, Beaver Township has 2,806 people.

### **Administrative Structure**

The Beaver Township Board is responsible for all parks and recreation functions in Beaver Township.



## **Budgets**

Beaver Township has no parks and does not have any recreation programming. Therefore, it has no budget for parks and recreation.

## **Recreation Inventory**

Beaver Township does not have any parks.

## **Goals and Objectives**

Beaver Township developed the following goals and objectives for parks and recreation in the community.

### **GOAL 1**

Acquire public land for a community park.

*Objective:* Acquire new public lands to meet the recreational needs of the community.

*Objective:* Preserve and protect open space and significant natural features in Beaver Township.

### **GOAL 2**

Provide safe, broad, community-based recreation opportunities that improve the overall quality of life for the area residents.

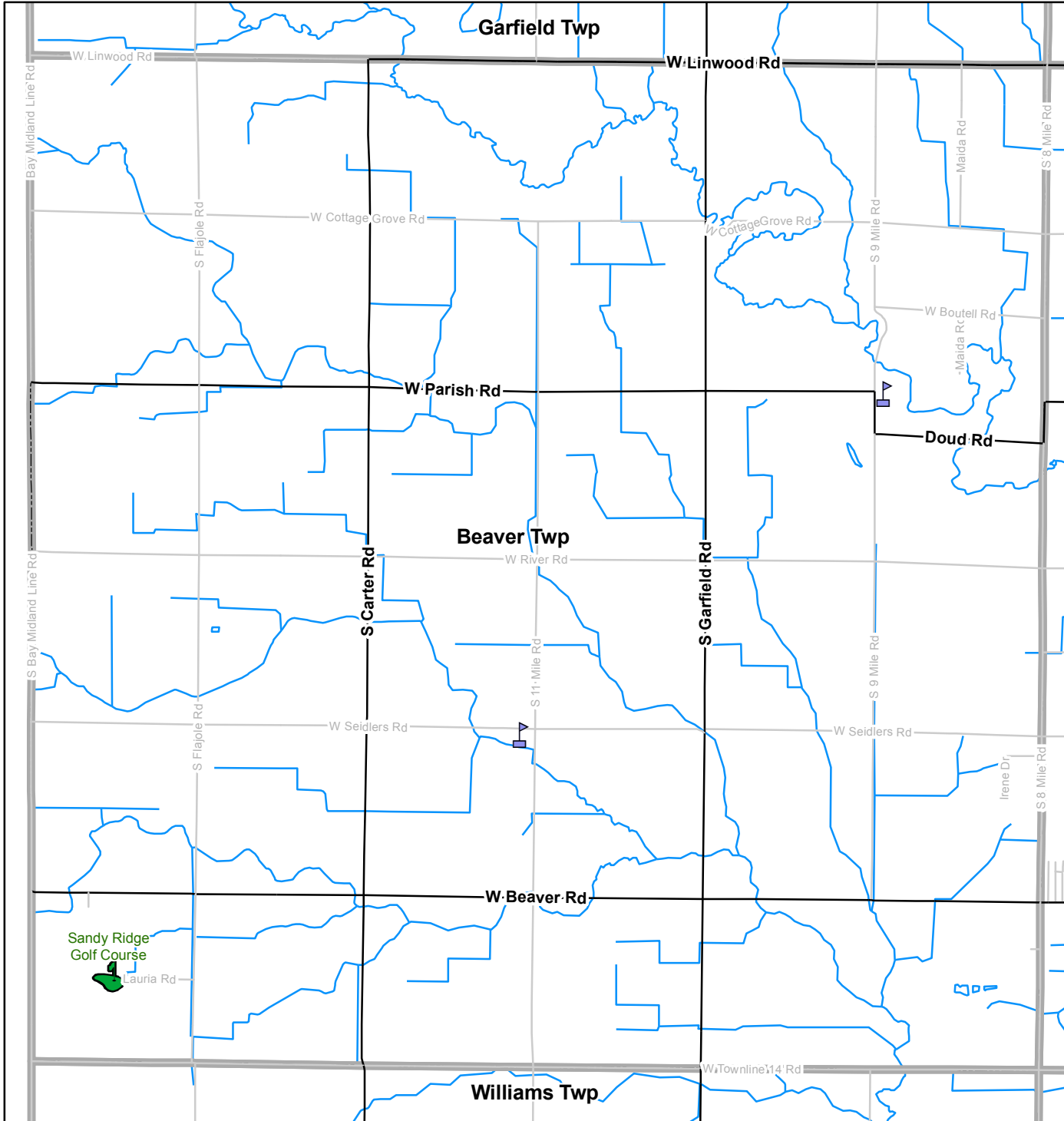
### **GOAL 3**

Develop recreational facilities that provide accessibility for people of all abilities.

## **Action Plan**

1. Identify possible parcels of land available for acquisition.
2. Complete a MNRTF grant application for property acquisition.

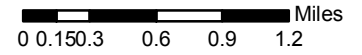
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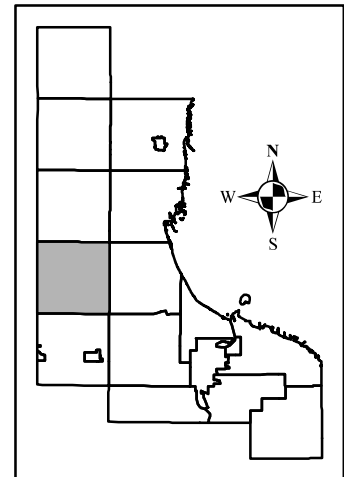
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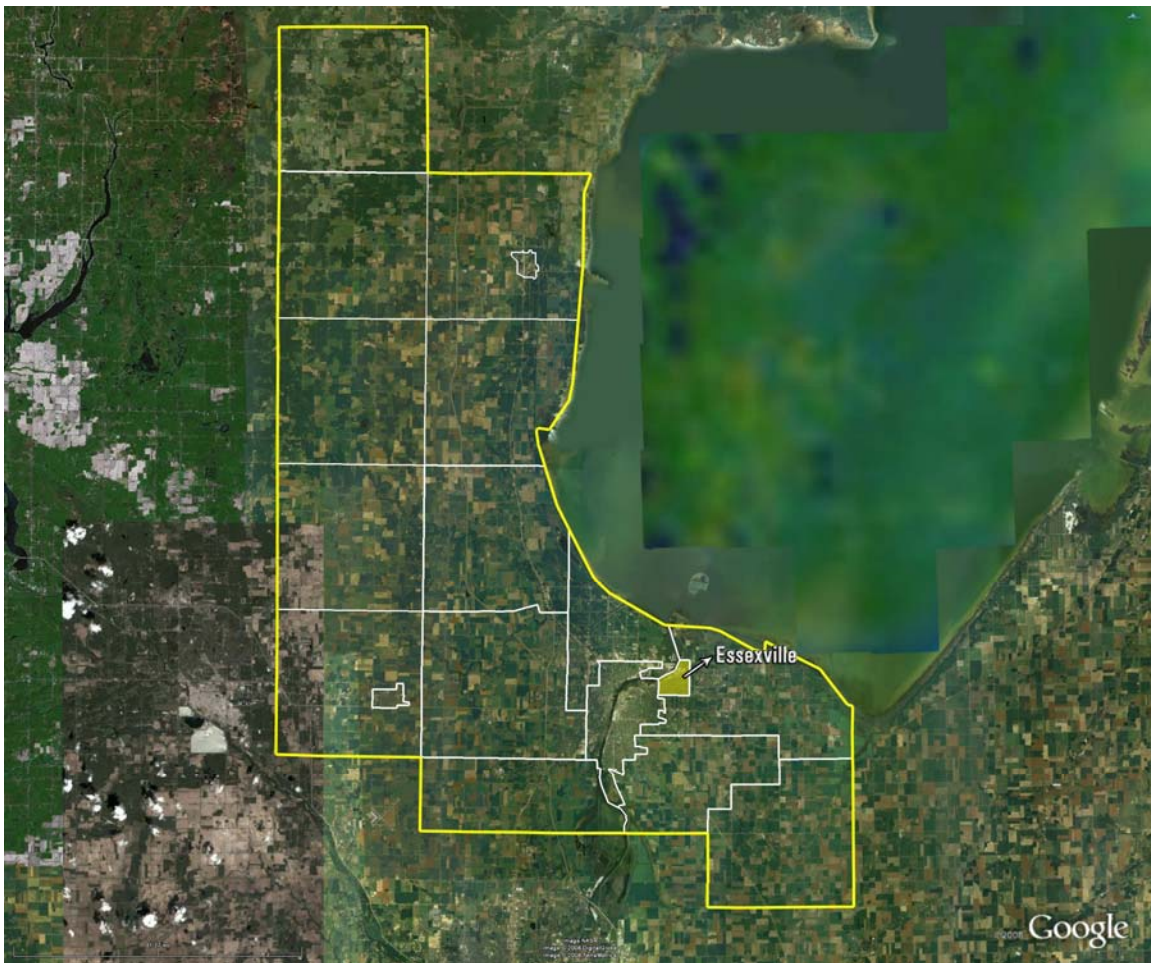
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## **City of Essexville**

### **Community Description**

The City of Essexville is located east of Bay City and west of Hampton Township. The City contains approximately 900 acres and most of the land is developed for residential use. There are significant industrial uses along the 1.4 mile stretch of the Saginaw River frontage in Essexville. According to the 2000 Census, Essexville has a population of 3,766.

### **Administrative Structure**

The City of Essexville operates and maintains its municipal facilities under the auspices of the City Manager, in conjunction with the Department of Public Works. The Department of Public Works is responsible for park maintenance. Recreation facility planning is done with the assistance of the Recreation Committee. The Recreation Committee is composed of community residents who are appointed by the City Council. This committee reviews plans that the City is proposing in regards to recreation and makes suggestions to the city administration. The City of

Essexville does not provide any recreation programming and its recreation expenditures are used for capital improvements and maintenance.

**Programming, Volunteers, and Cooperative Relationships**

The Essexville - Hampton Public School District offers recreation programming to residents within the City of Essexville. These programs are coordinated through the Community Education Department. Recreation programs such as basketball, tennis, volleyball, swimming, and soccer are conducted on school facilities. The Community Education Department also offers an “Open Gym” for children and adults at various times during the year. The Essexville Little League Association sponsors baseball and softball programs for youth.

**Budgets**

The source of funding for parks and recreation in Essexville is the City general fund. The current and next year parks and recreation budgets are shown below.

<b>ESSEXVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGETS</b>		
	<b>2007-2008</b>	<b>2008-2009</b>
Operation & Maintenance	\$21,273	\$25,630
Programming (leagues, special events, etc.)	n.a.	n.a.
Capital Expenditures	0	0

**Recreation Inventory**

Essexville has 4.58 acres of parkland. The recreation inventory was completed from the existing recreation master plan and updated as necessary by City staff. It should be noted that Essexville-Hampton School facilities are also used for local public recreation. The inventory is depicted on the following page.

Essexville has received two DNR grants in the past. The first was TF 91-254 for the development of Smith Park (\$69,000). The second was TF95-200 for the development of Scheurmann Street Pier Improvements (\$72,750).

	Smith Park	Municipal Park	Main Street Boat Launch	Veterans Memorial Park	Woodside Right-of-Way Park	Woodside /Borton Plaza Park	Youth Memorial Park
Park Type*	NP	MP	MP	MP	MP	MP	MP
Acreage	2.04	0.1	0.77	0.12	0.2	0.1	0.38
Accessibility*	3	3	2	3	3	3	3
Service Area	City	City	City	¼ mile	¼ mile	¼ mile	¼ mile
Basketball Court	x	x					
Multi-use Path				x			x
Pavilion	x						
Picnic Area	x						
Sand Volleyball	x						
Boat Launch	x		x				
Grills	x		x				
Restrooms	x						

\*NP = Neighborhood Park, MP = Mimi Park, See County inventory section for definitions of park type and accessibility.

### Goals and Objectives

The City of Essexville developed the following goals and objectives for parks and recreation in the community.

#### GOAL 1

Increase recreation opportunities along the Saginaw River.

##### *Objectives:*

1. Develop a marina
2. Develop shore fishing and viewing areas
3. Link recreational opportunities with multi-use paths
4. Add a boat launch

#### GOAL 2

Provide recreation opportunities for Senior Citizens and the disabled.

##### *Objectives:*

1. Insure that all future improvements are ADA accessible.

### **GOAL 3**

Improve the quality of Neighborhood Parks.

#### ***Objectives:***

1. Provide more active recreational opportunities in Essexville.
2. Work on cooperative agreements with the school district to enhance outdoor recreation on existing school facilities.

### **GOAL 4**

Provide recreation facilities in known recreation deficient zones.

#### ***Objectives***

1. Acquire additional park/open space acreage to develop as a neighborhood park facility on the western side of the City.

### **GOAL 5**

Provide more citywide recreation opportunities.

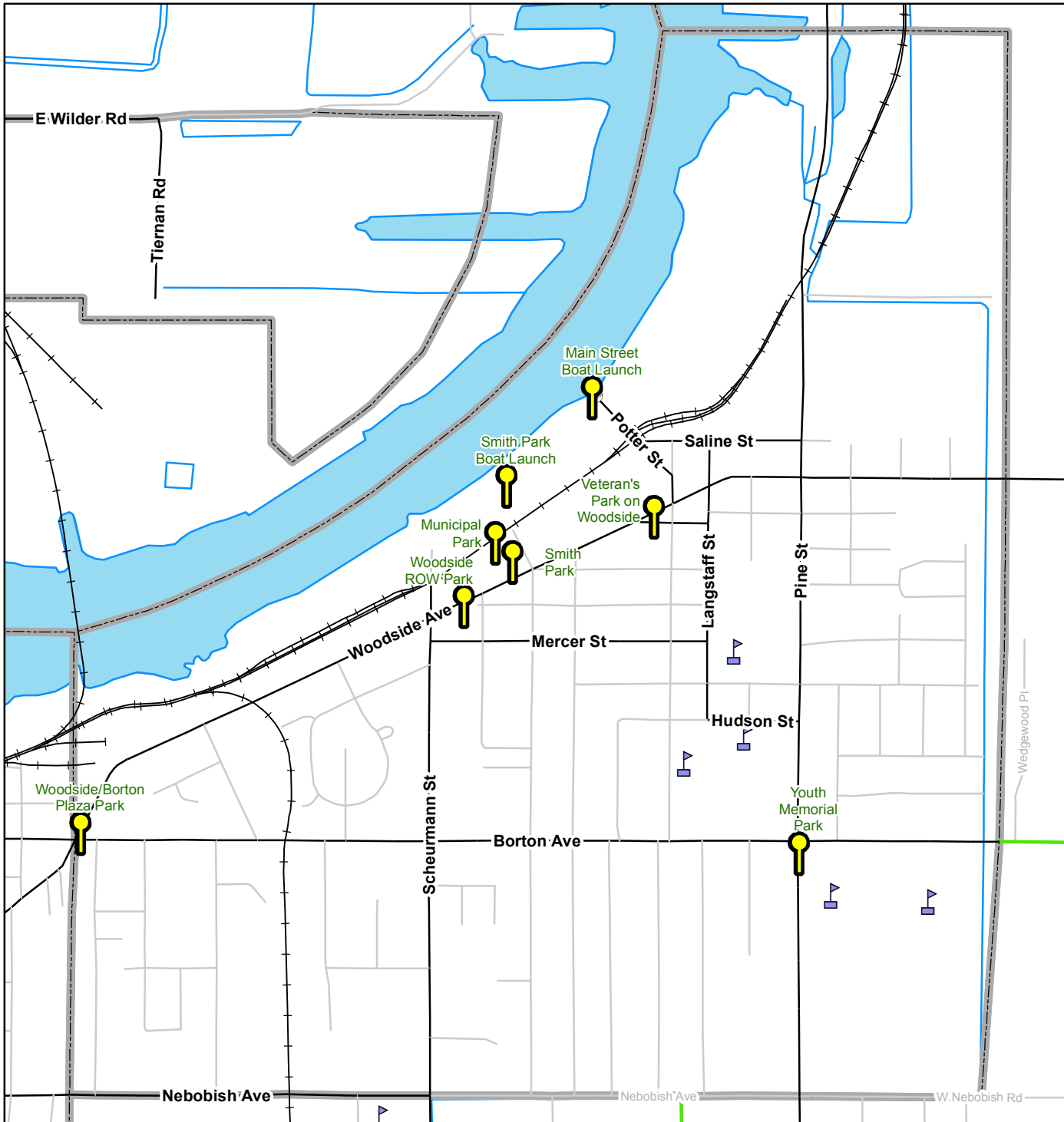
#### ***Objectives:***

1. Add multi-use paths, focusing on areas near the Saginaw River and paths that will provide a linking trail network across the City.
2. Develop an inline skating and roller hockey rink facility.

### **ACTION PLAN**













1. Prepare a master plan for Hughes Elementary School Park.
2. Main Street Overlook and Fishing Pier - Redevelopment of Main Street street-end to include a boat launch and ADA accessible fishing pier and viewing platform.
3. Smith Park - Renovation of Smith Park to include fishing pier, expanded boat launch and park improvement.
4. Hughes Elementary School - Secure property use through lease with School District.
5. Hughes Elementary School - Develop the elementary school property for a community park.
6. Investigate the availability of additional land on the west side of the city to develop into a neighborhood park.

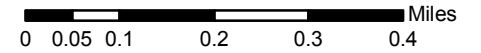
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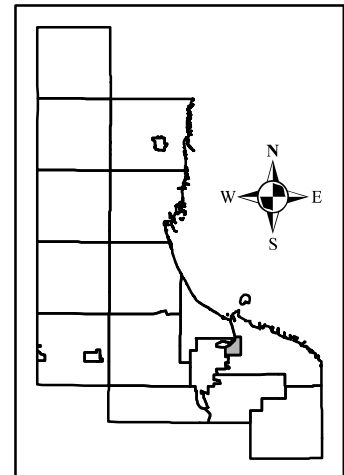
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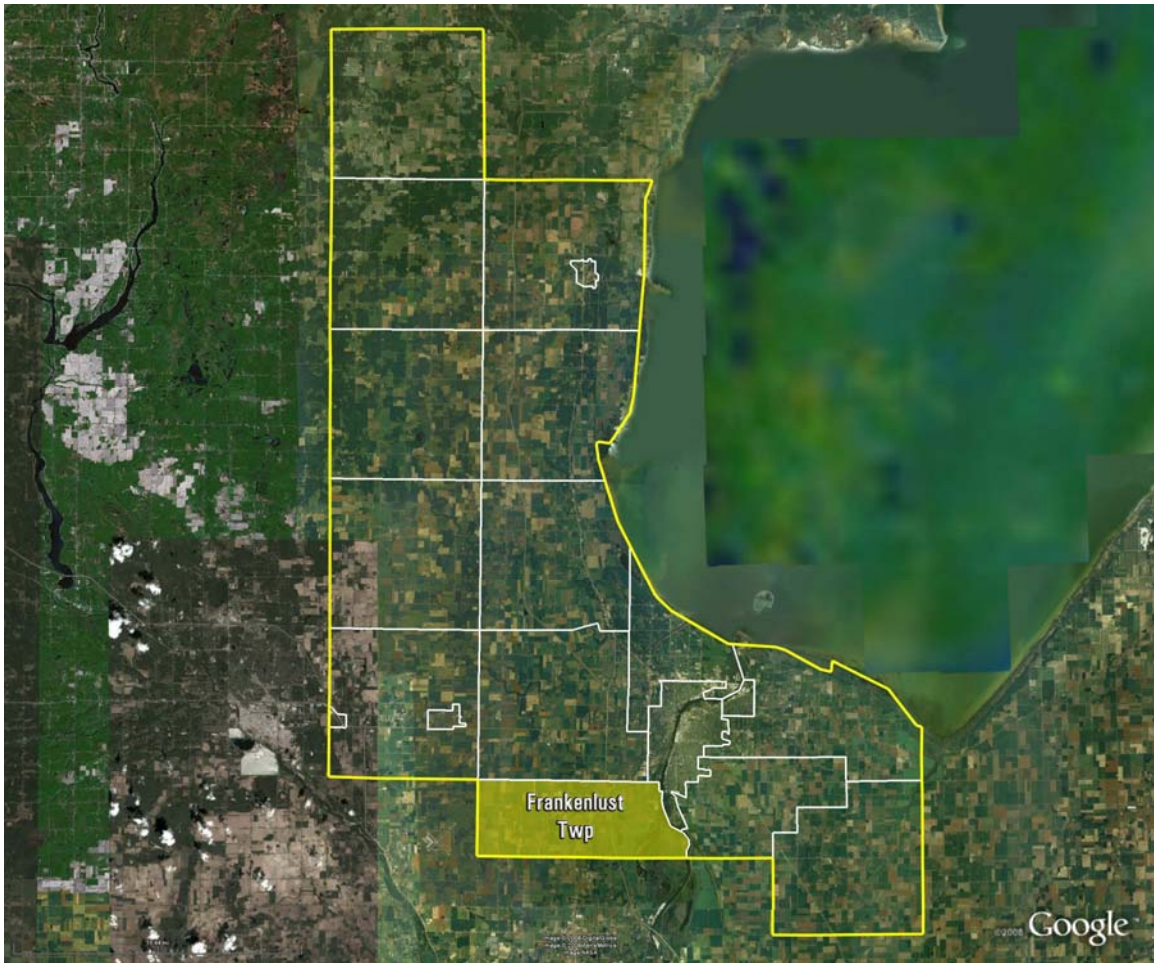
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## **Frankenlust Township**

### **Community Description**

Frankenlust Township is located in southern Bay County, southwest of Bay City. The majority of the land in the township is used for agricultural purposes. There are a significant amount of wetlands in the southeast portion of the Township. According to the 2000 Census, Frankenlust Township has 2,530 people.

### **Administrative Structure**

The Frankenlust Township Parks Committee handles the parks and recreation functions in the Township. The Parks Committee is made up of 8 to 10 township residents. Their decisions are subject to approval by the Frankenlust Township Board. The Township Fire Department provides for the physical maintenance of the Township owned recreational facilities.



## Budgets

Funding for Parks and Recreation functions in Frankenlust Township come from the township general fund and donations. Budgets for the current year and past year are shown in the chart below.

<b>FRANKENLUST TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGETS</b>		
	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>
Operation & Maintenance	1,000	1,000
Programming (leagues, special events, etc.)	n.a.	n.a.
Capital Expenditures	11,000	10,000

## Recreation Inventory

Frankenlust Township owns two parks, the Frankenlust Township Park and the Frankenlust Nature Park. Frankenlust Township completed the inventory by updating the data from the previous recreation plan. The inventory is detailed below. A location map for the parks is found at the end of this section.

<b>FRANKENLUST TOWNSHIP RECREATION INVENTORY</b>		
	Frankenlust Township Play Park	Nature Park
Park Type*	Neighborhood Park	Community Park
Acreage	7.9	23
Accessibility*	3	3
Service Area	Entire Township	Entire Township
Basketball Court	Yes	
Nature Trail	Yes	Yes
Pavilion	Yes	
Picnic Area	Yes	
Waterfront Property		Yes (2 ponds)
Playground	Yes	
Playfield (open space)	Yes	

\*See County inventory section for definitions of park type and accessibility.

## **Goals/Objectives**

Frankenlust Township developed the following goal for parks and recreation in the community.

### **GOAL 1**

Provide safe, broad, community-based recreation opportunities that improve the overall quality of life for all residents of Frankenlust Township.

### **GOAL 2**

Develop the Township Park into a family friendly active use park.

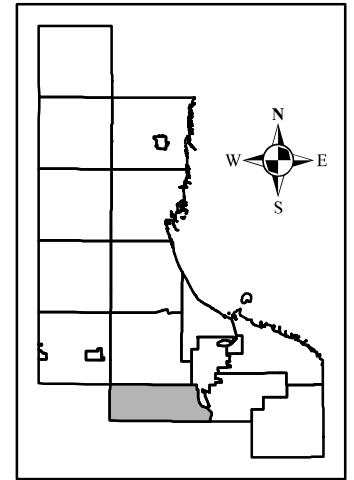
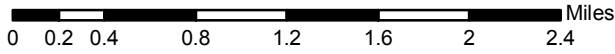
### **GOAL 3**

Develop the Nature Park into a quiet, natural, passive park.

## **Action Plan**

1. Repair and paint swings, merry-go-round and pavilion at Play Park.
2. Add path to south end of Nature Park.
3. Add electricity to pavilion at Play Park.
4. Add benches to Nature Park.
5. Rebuild dam between hatching pond and main pond at Nature Park.
6. Widen and pave handicap walkway at Play Park.
7. Add bathroom to pavilion at Play Park.
8. Extend path along east side of Nature Park.
9. Add fishing pier to Nature Park










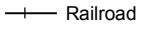


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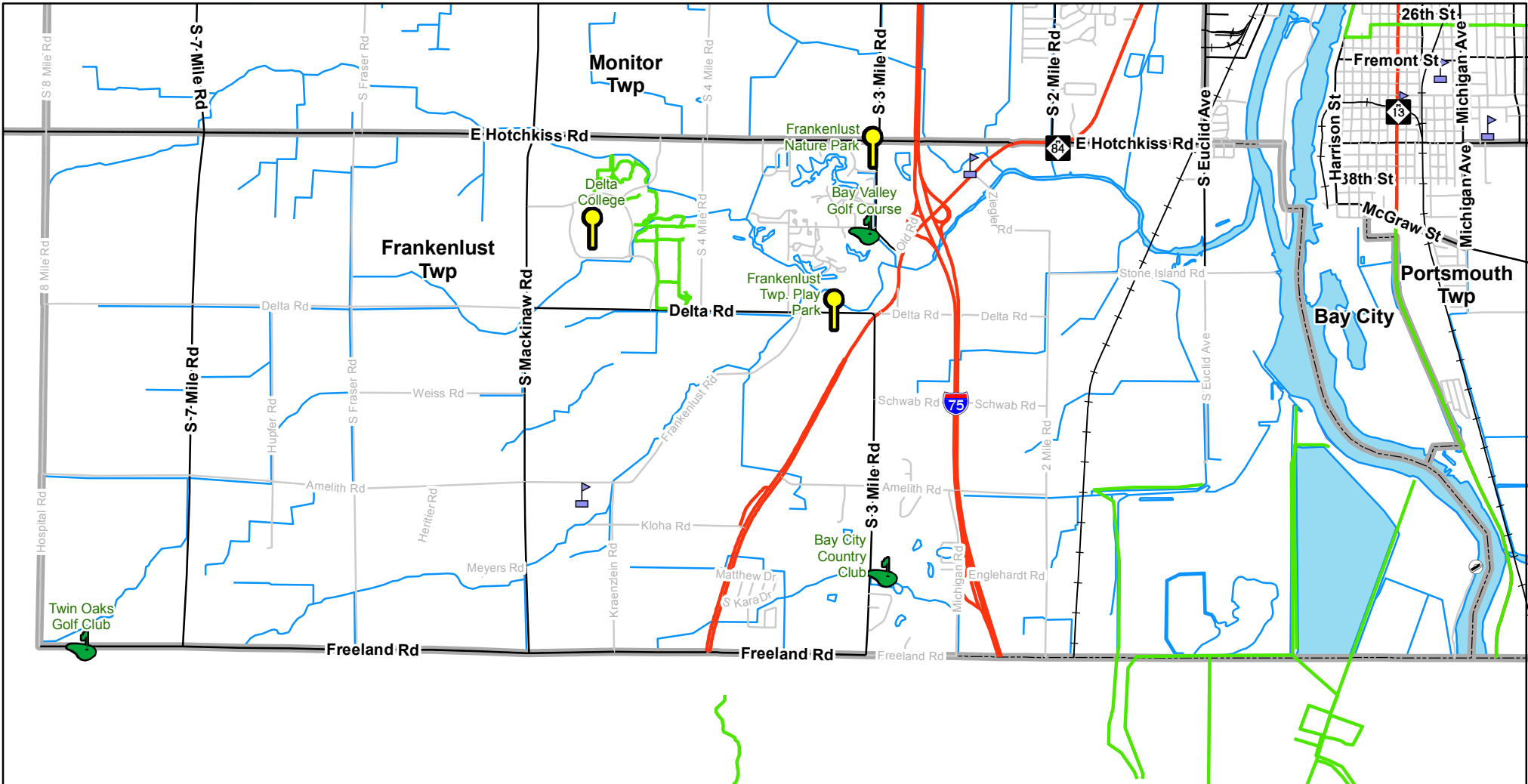


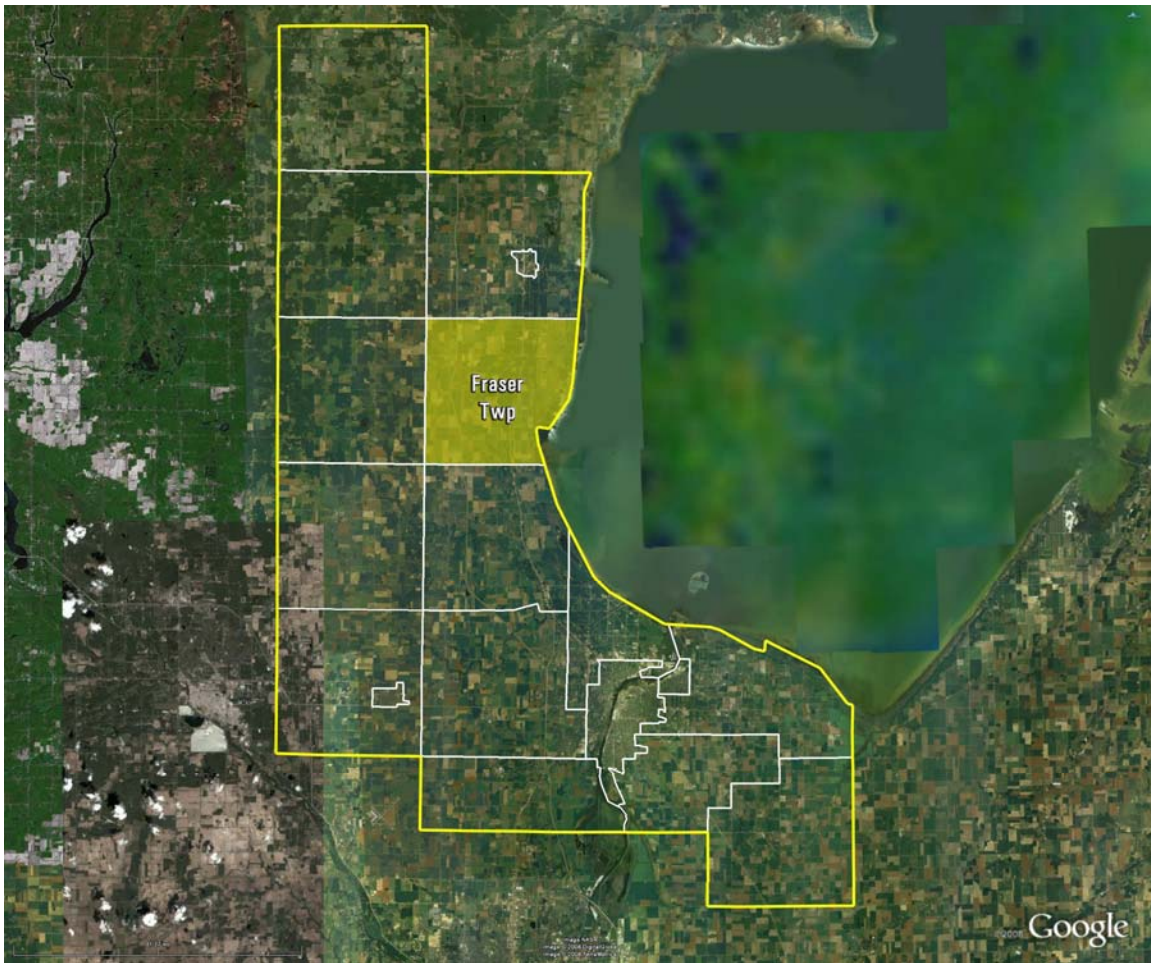
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## Fraser Township

### Community Description

Fraser Township is located on Saginaw Bay approximately 10 miles north of Bay City. It contains the northern portion of the community of Linwood. The township lands are largely used for agricultural purposes. According to the 2000 Census, Fraser Township has 3,375 people.

### Administrative Structure

Parks and recreation functions in Fraser Township are administered by the Township Board. It contracts out grass cutting for the township park. The township does no recreation programming of its own. Volunteers coach the soccer teams in the community. The local school district uses the soccer fields in the park.

## Budgets

The source of funding for the park and recreation budget in Fraser Township is the township general fund. The current and prior year parks and recreation budgets are shown below.

<b>FRASER TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGETS</b>		
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Operation & Maintenance	\$3,000	\$3,000
Programming (leagues, special events, etc.)	N.A.	N.A.
Capital Expenditures*	N.A.	N.A.

\*The Township has \$25,000 to \$30,000 available for capital expenditures but has no specific improvements planned.

## Recreation Inventory

The planning consultant supplied inventory forms for each participating community to complete as part of the overall Bay County Recreation Plan. Fraser Township has two parks which are inventoried in the chart on the following page. It should be noted that the Linwood Road Scenic Park is owned partly by Fraser Township and partly by Kawkawlin Township. The portion north of Linwood Road belongs to Fraser Township and the portion south of Linwood Road belongs to Kawkawlin Township. A location map for the parks is contained at the end of this section.

Fraser Township received one past grant from the DNR. TF95-253 was a development grant for \$53,000 for the Linwood Road Scenic Point.

FRASER TOWNSHIP RECREATION INVENTORY		
	Township Park	Linwood Road Scenic Park
Park Type*	Community Park	Special Use Park
Acreage	40	.8
Accessibility*	4	N.A.
Service Area	Entire Township	Bay County
Boat Launch		Yes
Football/Soccer Fields	1	
Ball Diamonds	2	
Pavilion	1	
Grills	2	
Horseshoes	2	
Picnic Area	1	
Restrooms	2	
Playground	Yes	
Playfield (open space)	Yes	
Waterfront Property		Yes (500')

\*See County inventory section for definitions of park type and accessibility.

### Goals and Objectives

Fraser Township developed the following goals and objectives for parks and recreation in the community.

#### GOAL 1

Provide a safe place for children to play.

*Objective:* Provide recreational playground equipment for children aged 2 – 12 that complies with current safety standards.

#### GOAL 2

Improve the health and fitness of township residents.

*Objective:* Add multi-use paths within the township.

### **GOAL 3**

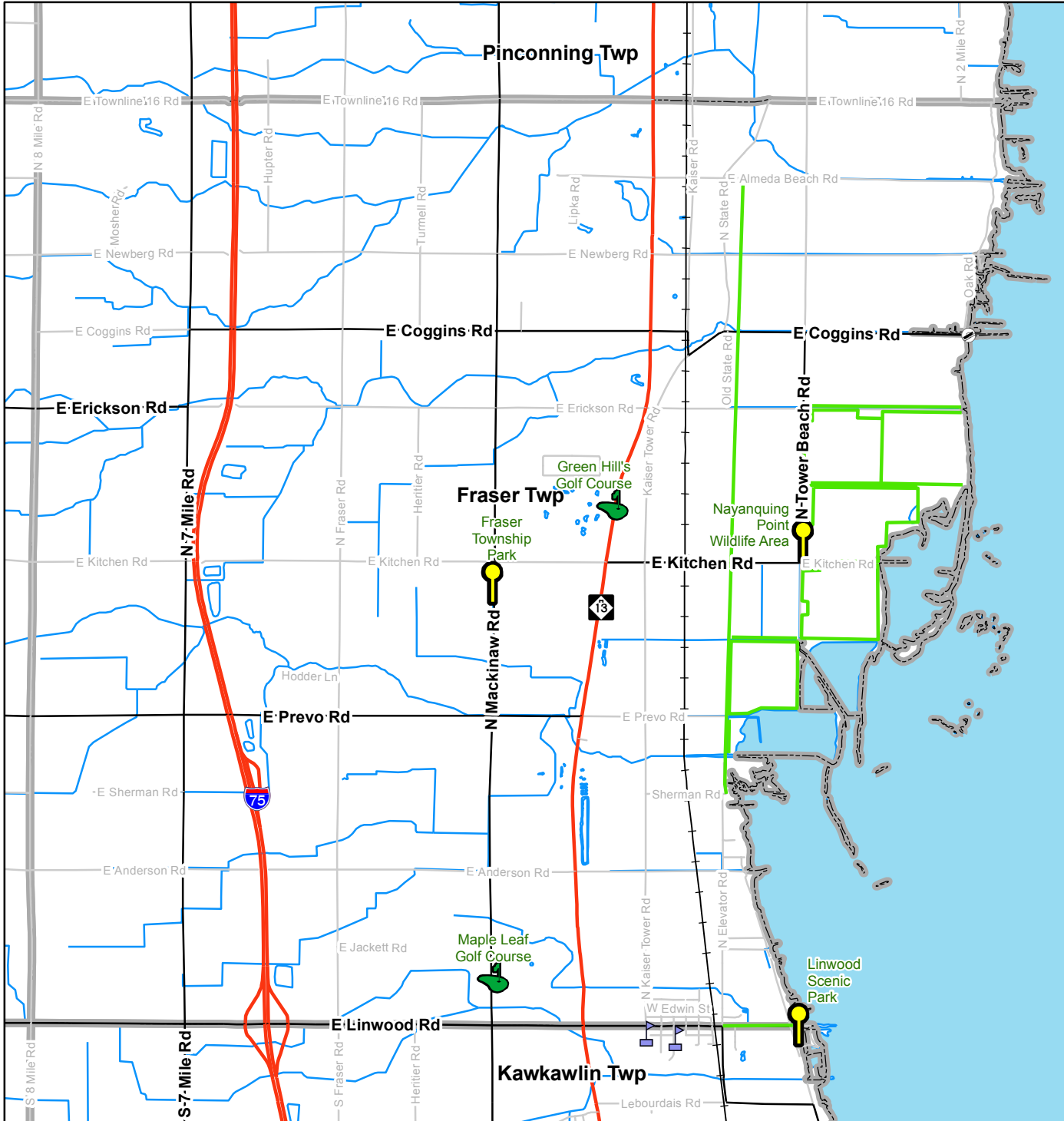
Improve existing park facilities so as to provide recreational facilities that the entire community can be proud of and thereby increase usage.

*Objective:* Improve and upgrade existing ball fields.

#### **Action Items**

1. Develop a non-motorized trail network on township 80-acre parcel and make the entire park more accessible.
2. Upgrade ball diamonds with diamond dust.
3. Plant shade trees around pavilion.
4. Install basketball court.

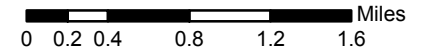
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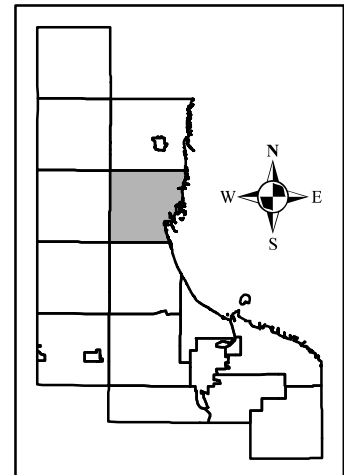
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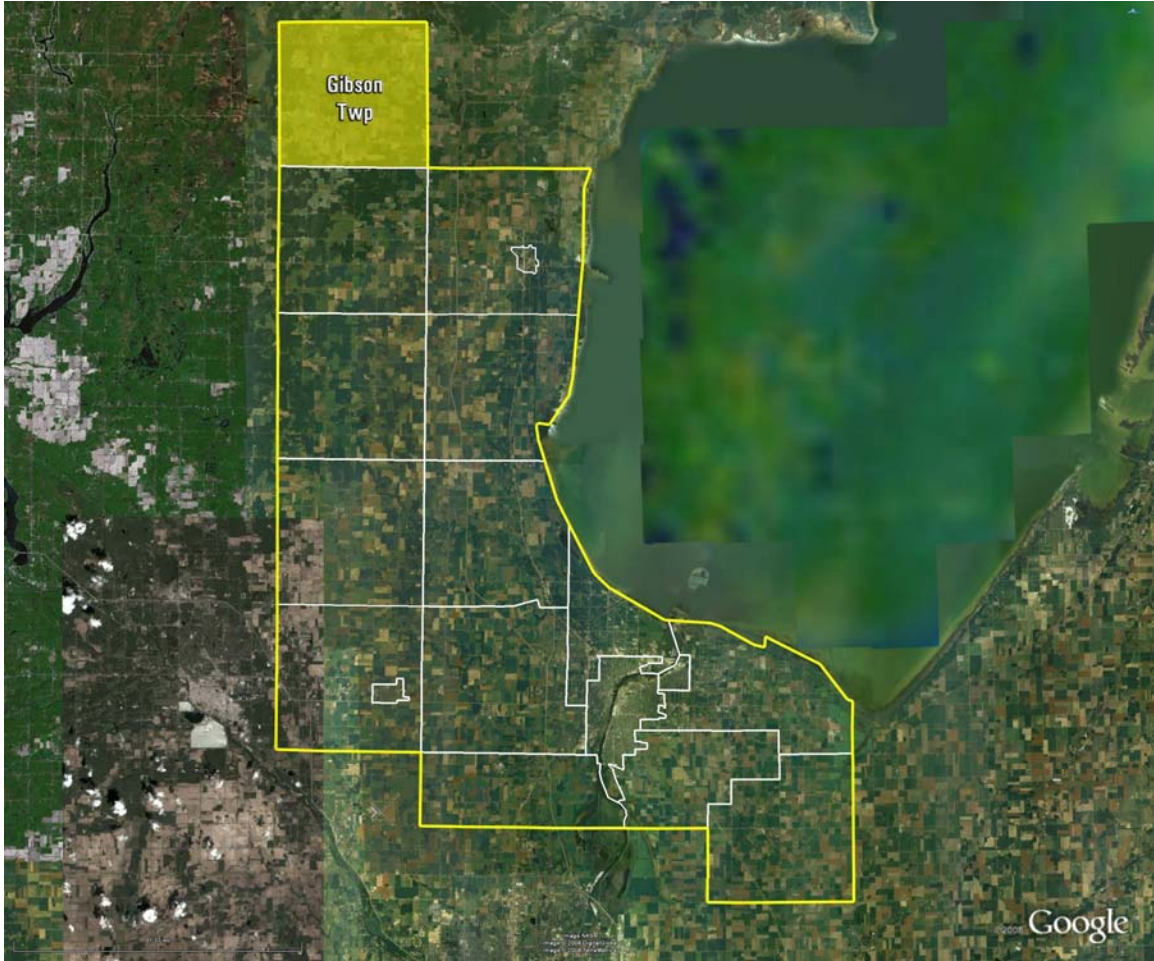


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## **Gibson Township**

### **Community Description**

Gibson Township is a rural township located approximately 25 miles northwest of Bay City and six miles west of Standish. The majority of the land in the township is used for agricultural purposes but there are also significant tracts of woodlands scattered across the township. According to the 2000 Census, Gibson Township has 1,245 people.

### **Administrative Structure**

Parks and recreation functions in Gibson Township are administered by the Township Board, with the Township Supervisor acting as director of recreation. Maintenance operations are contracted out. An adult and youth recreational softball program is run by volunteers.

## Budgets

The 2007/2008 total budget for recreation in Gibson Township is \$7,800. The source of funds for parks and recreation in Gibson Township is the Township general fund.

<b>GIBSON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGETS</b>		
	<b>2007-2008</b>	<b>2008-2009</b>
Operation & Maintenance	\$7,000	\$7,000
Programming (leagues, special events, etc.)	NA	NA
Capital Expenditures	\$800	\$8,000

## Recreation Inventory

Gibson Township contains one park. The planning consultant supplied inventory forms for each participating community to complete as part of the overall Bay County Recreation Plan. The inventory data as compiled from those forms is shown below. A location map is shown at the end of this section.

<b>GIBSON TOWNSHIP RECREATION INVENTORY</b>	
	Gibson Township Park
Park Type*	Neighborhood Park
Acreage	7 Acres
Accessibility*	1
Service Area	Entire Township
Basketball Court	x
Playground	x
Horseshoe Pits	x
Pavilion	x
Restroom	Portable Toilet

\*See County inventory section for definitions of park type and accessibility.

## **Goals and Objectives**

Gibson Township developed the following goals and objectives for parks and recreation in the community.

### **GOAL 1**

Retain public land for future generations.

#### ***Objectives***

1. Retain existing parkland and acquire new public lands to meet the recreational needs of the community.
2. Preserve and protect open space and significant natural features in Gibson Township.

### **GOAL 2**

Provide safe, broad, community-based recreation opportunities that improve the overall quality of life for the area residents.

#### ***Objectives***

1. Add recreational features and programs that reflect the needs and abilities of the surrounding community.
2. Develop programs for special needs area individuals and groups.

### **GOAL 3**

Develop recreational facilities that provide open accessibility for people of all abilities.

#### ***Objectives***

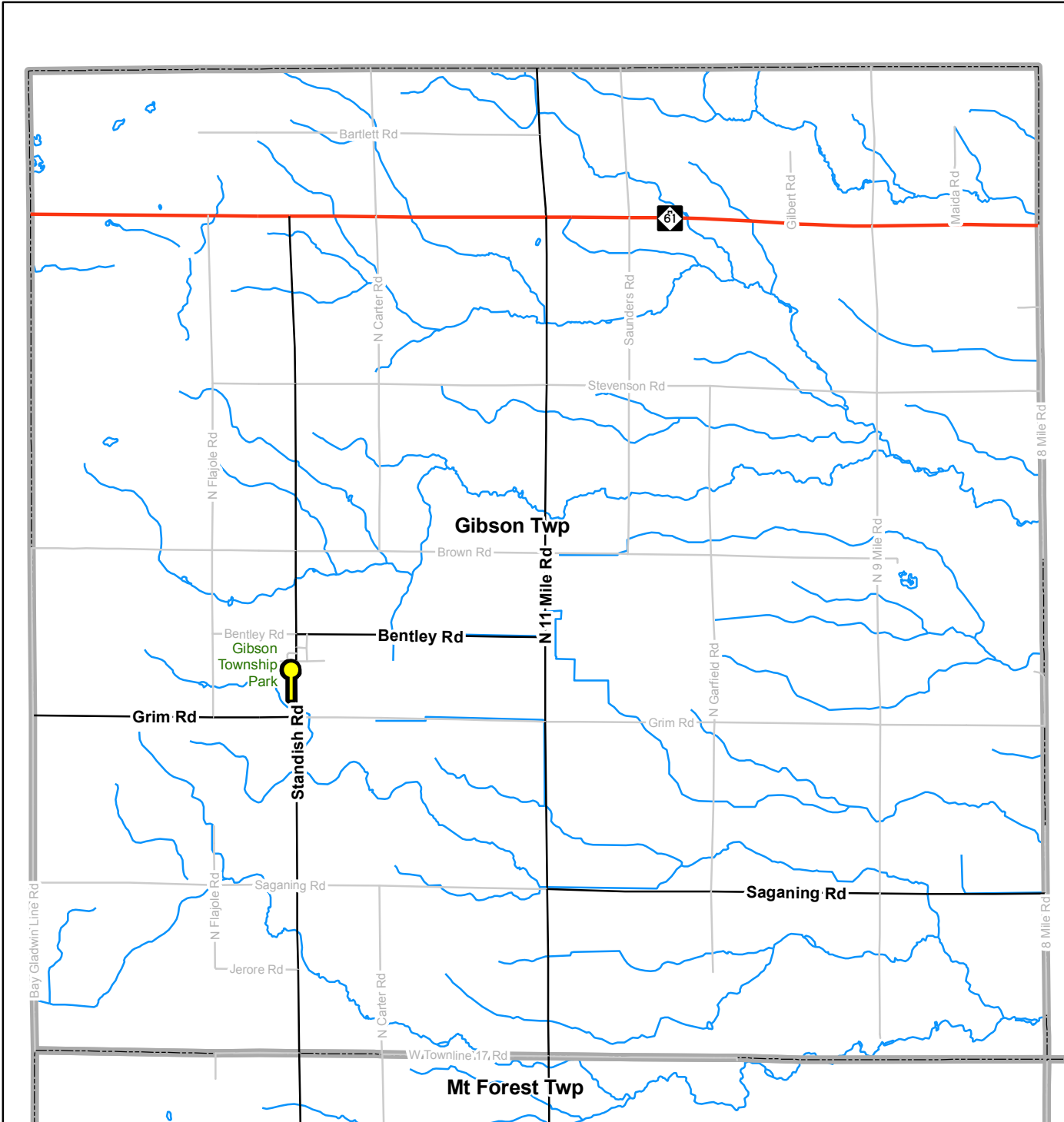
1. Continue to develop, promote, and facilitate the public use of Gibson Township, and its parks system for people of all abilities.

## **Action Plan**

1. Install playground equipment for youth.
2. Improve park accessibility from parking lot to park amenities.
3. Construct ADA restrooms at park.

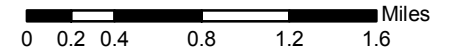
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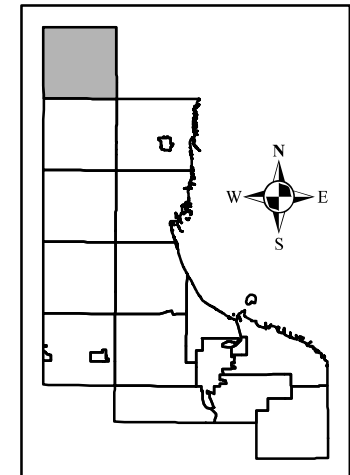
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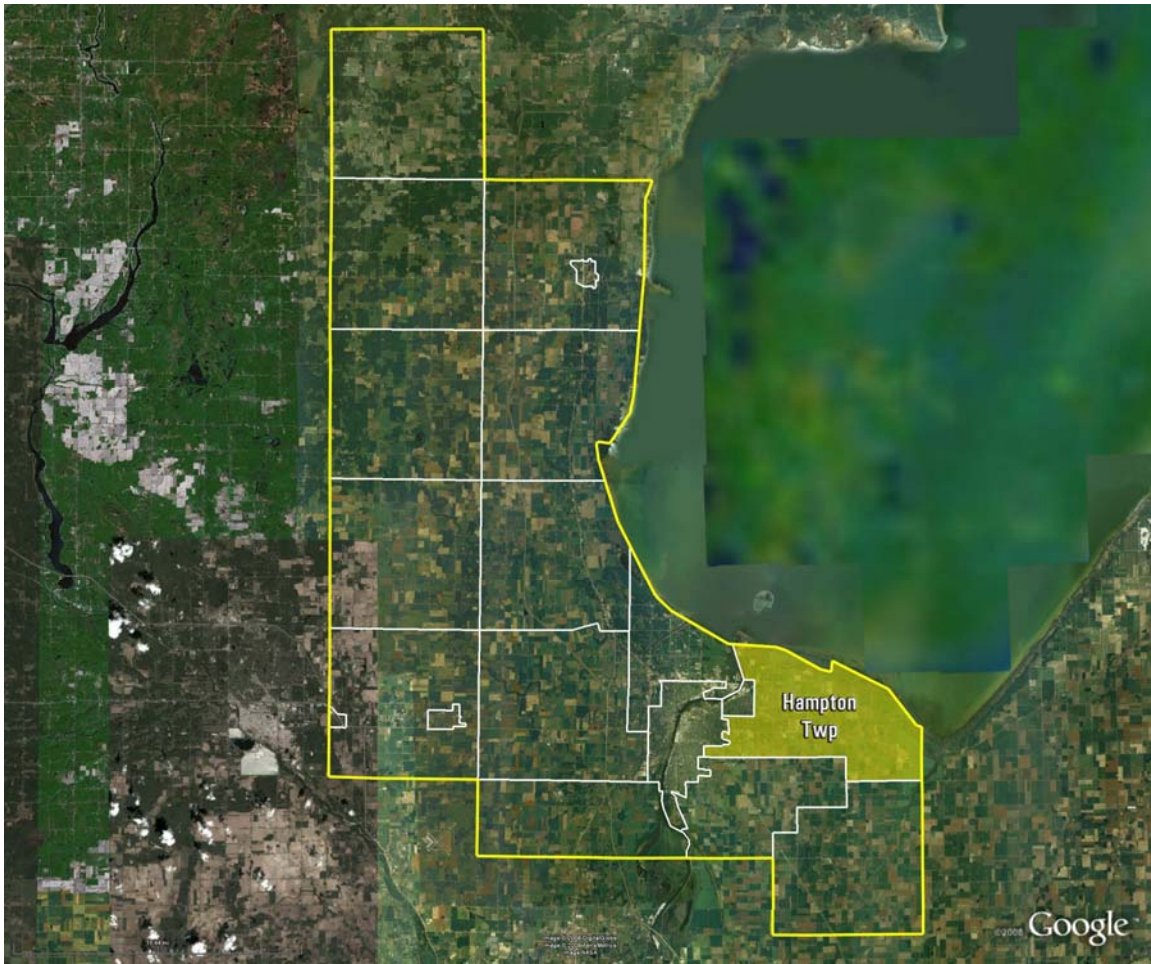
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## Hampton Township

### Community Description

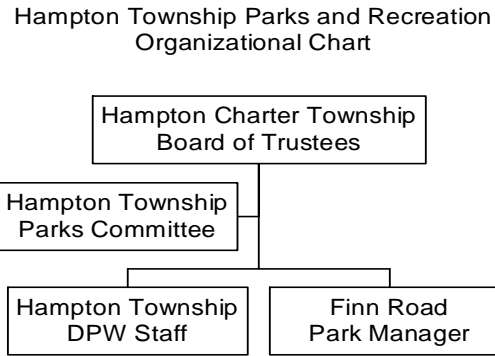
Hampton Township is located in southern Bay County, east of Bay City and Essexville. It contains approximately 9 miles of Saginaw Bay shoreline and 1.5 miles of Saginaw River frontage. The eastern portion of the Township is known for its rich agricultural lands. The western portion of the township is more densely populated resembling a suburban setting. M-25 is the major roadway in the Township. It runs east to west across the southern portion of the Township and it carries the majority of the traffic in and through the community.

According to the 2000 Census, Hampton Township has a population of 9,902. The 2006 population estimate for Hampton Township is 9,834, which shows a slight population decrease. Similar population decreases are estimated for most of the other communities in Bay County.

**Administrative Structure**

The Hampton Township Recreation Committee is responsible for the parks and recreation function in Hampton Township. They are a committee created by the Hampton Township Board. The committee is comprised of Hampton Township Board members. Currently, the entire Hampton Township Board makes up the Committee.

The ten member Department of Public Works Staff is responsible for operating and maintaining the parks in Hampton Township. Additionally, a full time manager is hired for the Finn Road Park during the summer months.



**Relationships with other agencies**

Hampton Township has a good working relationship with the Essexville-Hampton School District in terms of parks and recreation facilities. The Hampton Township DPW staff grooms the four ball diamonds at Verellen School for the Little League program. They also maintain the fields at Pondside Park for practice fields. The school district has used Pondside Park for High School Cross-Country meets.

Hampton Township has representation on the Bay County Riverwalk/Railtrail Committee. This committee is an initiative of the Bay Area Community Foundation and it deals with issues relating to operating, maintaining, and improving/extending the existing Riverwalk/Railtrail. The group focuses on visioning and fundraising as well. Membership includes representatives from various governmental units, governmental agencies (i.e. Road Commission, Bay County Transportation Planning Department), the community at-large and the Bay Area Community Foundation.

## Budgets

The sources of funding for parks and recreation in Hampton Township are the Township General Fund, campground fees, Finn Road Boat Launch fees, and pavilion rentals. The current and next year parks and recreation budgets are shown below.

<b>HAMPTON TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGETS</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
Operation & Maintenance	\$104,686	76,925
Programming (leagues, special events, etc.)	0	0
Capital Expenditures	\$58,040	46,750

## Recreation Inventory

Hampton Township currently owns six recreational facilities. A seventh parcel at the end of Callahan Road has been acquired by the Township but has not yet been developed. The planning consultant visited each park facility in Hampton Township to complete the inventory below.

<b>HAMPTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION INVENTORY</b>			
	Bay-Hampton Rail Trail	Ridge Road Park	Pondside Park
Park Type*	Park-Trail	Neighborhood Park	Community Park
Acreage/Distance	1 mile	6 acres	30 acres
Accessibility*	4	3	3
Service Area	Entire County	Local Neighborhoods within 2 miles	Entire Township
Ball Diamond		1	2
Multi-use Path	Yes, 10' wide		
Pavilion		2	1
Tennis Courts			4 (lighted)
Playground		1	1
Basketball Court		1/2	1
Sledding Hill		1	1
Picnic Area		Yes	
Restrooms	Portable	Yes	Yes
Playfield (open space)		Yes	Yes
Other	Benches	Grills, Horseshoes	Pond

**HAMPTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION INVENTORY (cont.)**

	Finn Road Campground	Jones Road Park	Nature Trail	Callahan Road Property
Park Type*	Special Use	Special Use	Park-Trail	undeveloped
Acreage/Distance	12 acres	3 acres	2 miles	2.5 acres
Accessibility*	3	2	2	N.A.
Service Area	Entire Township & beyond	Entire Town- ship & beyond	Entire Township	
Multi-use Path	Yes – 5' wide		Yes	
Pavilion	Yes			
Campground	52 spaces			
Playground	Yes			
Boat Launch	Yes	Yes		
Picnic Area	Yes			
Overlook Platform	Yes	Yes		
Restrooms	Yes	Yes		
Playfield (open space)	Yes			
Saginaw Bay Access	Yes	Yes		Yes
Other	Grills, Benches Overlook deck			

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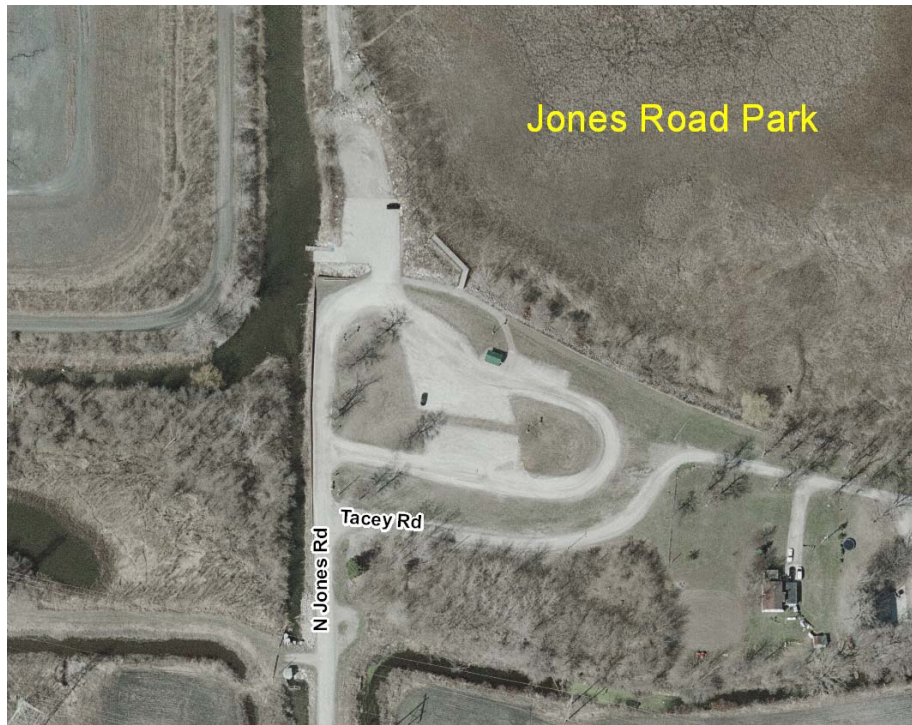
Hampton Township received an acquisition grant in 1997 (TF97-167) for \$130,000 for the expansion of Finn Road Park. Aerial views of Ridge Road Park, Pondsides Park, Finn Road Park, Jones Road Park and the Rail Trail are included on the following pages. A location map for the parks is included at the end of the Hampton Township section.

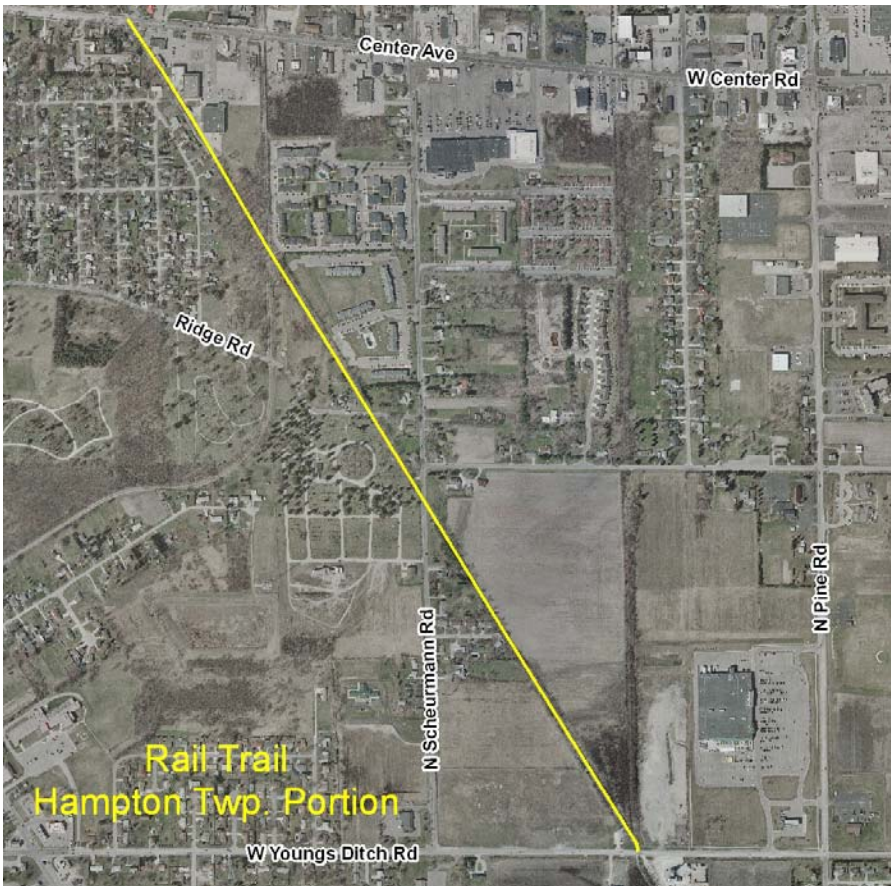
**Comparison to Standards**

General park guidelines suggest that a community should have five to ten acres of community parkland per 1,000 residents. This suggests that Hampton Township should have between 50 and 99 acres of parkland for its 9,900 residents. Currently, the Township has approximately 54.5 acres of parkland. This indicates that Hampton Township is within acceptable guidelines for parkland. However, there are several reasons whereby this may not be sufficient:

- Existing land is not sufficient to add new amenities that the citizens desire
- Certain geographic areas of the township are underserved in terms of park land.
- There are unique natural resources that the township wishes to preserve and protect.









### **Goals and Objectives**

Developing goals and objectives is an important part of the recreation planning process. The overall goal of a parks and recreation department is, obviously, to provide recreation opportunities for the community and/or region it serves. More specific goals must be based on the demographic characteristics of the population served, the physical and environmental characteristics of the area, and the input of the community.

Goals are the broadest level. They are overarching and general. Objectives carry out the purpose of the goal. The Action Program is the last level and it identifies specific projects and programs. The Action Program can include organizational, staffing, programming, public information, and operation and maintenance actions.

The Hampton Township Parks Committee formulated the following goals and objectives based upon the characteristics of the overall community and the input received at the Bay County community input sessions.

## **GOAL 1**

Provide safe broad community-based recreation opportunities that improve the overall quality of life for all residents of Hampton Township.

## **GOAL 2**

Provide recreational opportunities for people with disabilities.

*Objective:* Develop programs for special needs population.

*Objective:* Ensure that improvements and upgrades to parks are handicap accessible.



*Jones Road boat launch and dock*

## **GOAL 3**

Develop a non-motorized trail network in Hampton Township. Hampton Township currently has two separate trails – the unpaved Nature Trail and a portion of the paved Bay County Railtrail/Riverwalk. Based on community input, the Township would like to expand its trail system and develop a network of trails for residents and visitors.

## **GOAL 4**

Acquire more park land as needed and as it becomes available.

## **GOAL 5**

Improve communication with residents regarding parks and recreation facilities and programming.

*Objective:* Improve Township's Parks and Recreation web site to communicate with residents regarding park and recreation.

*Objective:* Develop a brochure that describes the parks in Hampton Township.

## **GOAL 6**

Provide recreational facilities that take advantage of the water based natural resources in Hampton Township.

*Objective:* Add shore fishing facilities in Hampton Township.

*Objective:* Develop swimming access points in Hampton Township.

**GOAL 7**

Provide quality leisure time activities with special consideration given to activities improving health and fitness.



*Tennis Courts at Pondsides Park*

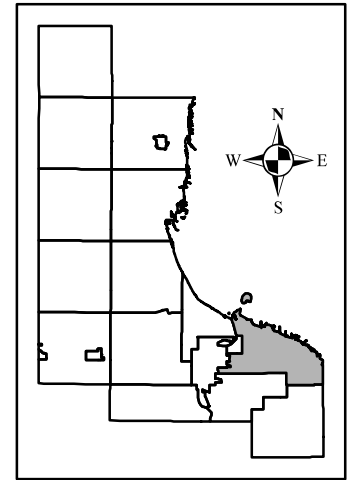
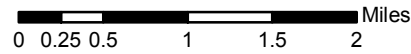
**Action Plan**

With goals and objectives in place, Hampton Township was able to develop a 5-year Action Plan to work toward accomplishing the goals and objectives. The Action Plan details the direction the community wishes to take over the next five years in order to maintain and improve the quality and diversity of area park and recreation opportunities.

Projects were assigned a priority of one through five with one being most important and 5 being least important. Each action items relates to one or more of the numbered goals from the previous section. Potential capital improvements described in this Plan have been established to provide a framework for decision makers and to enable the Township to apply for grant funding for the proposed projects.

Action Item	Priority	Relates to Goal
1. Develop a fitness course.		1, 7
2. Improve tennis courts at Pondsides Park.		1
3. Develop dog walks at Parks.		1
4. Complete segment of Nature Trail between Jones Road & Wagner Road.		1, 2, 3, 7
5. Add interpretive signs on Nature Trail.		1, 2, 5
6. Add a boardwalk through the mud flats for nature observation.		1, 2, 6, 7
7. Add educational nature programs such as hunting safety and fishing.		1
8. Improve parking at parks.		1
9. Begin to develop improvements at Callahan Road end property.		1, 2, 6










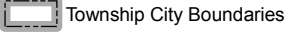

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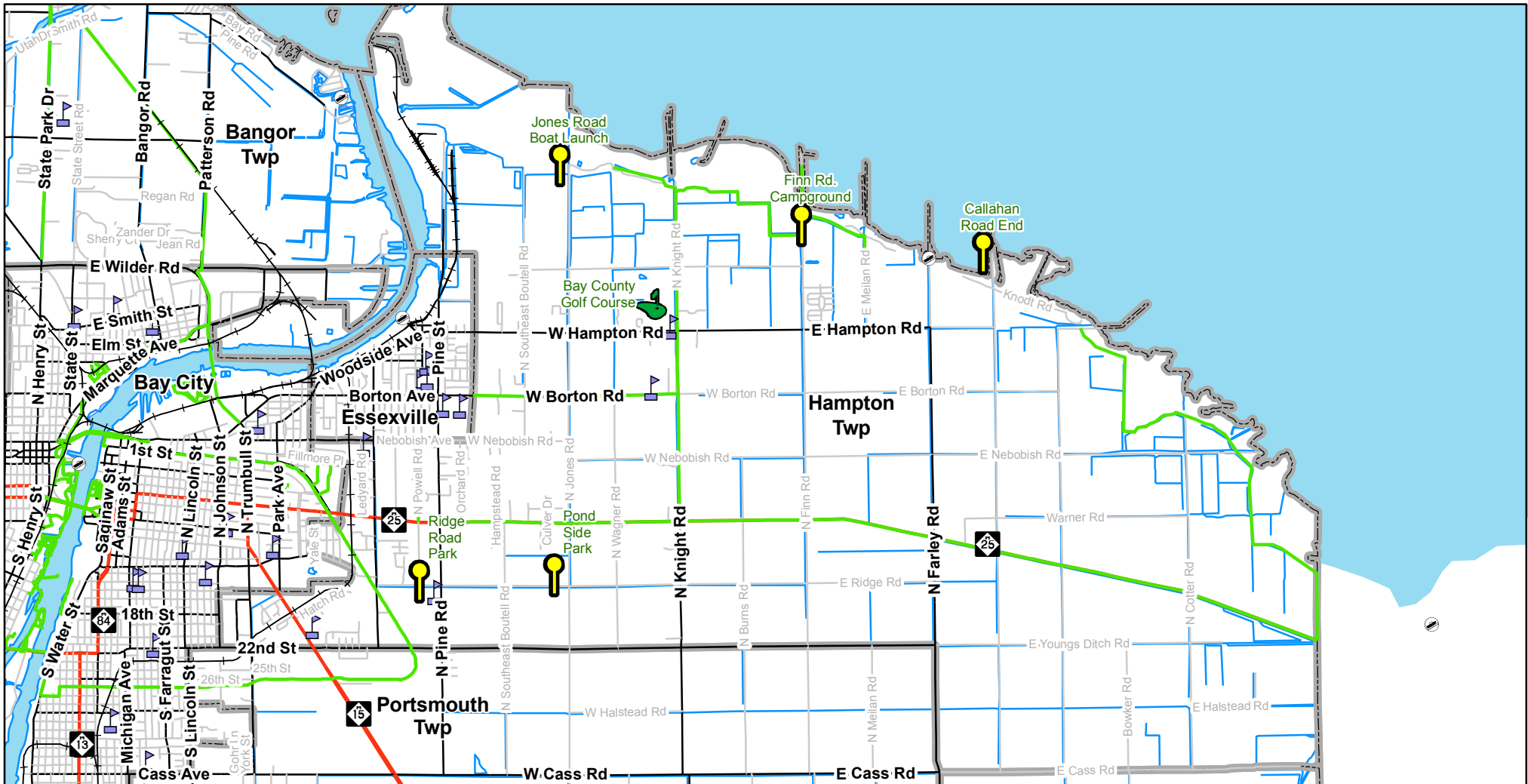


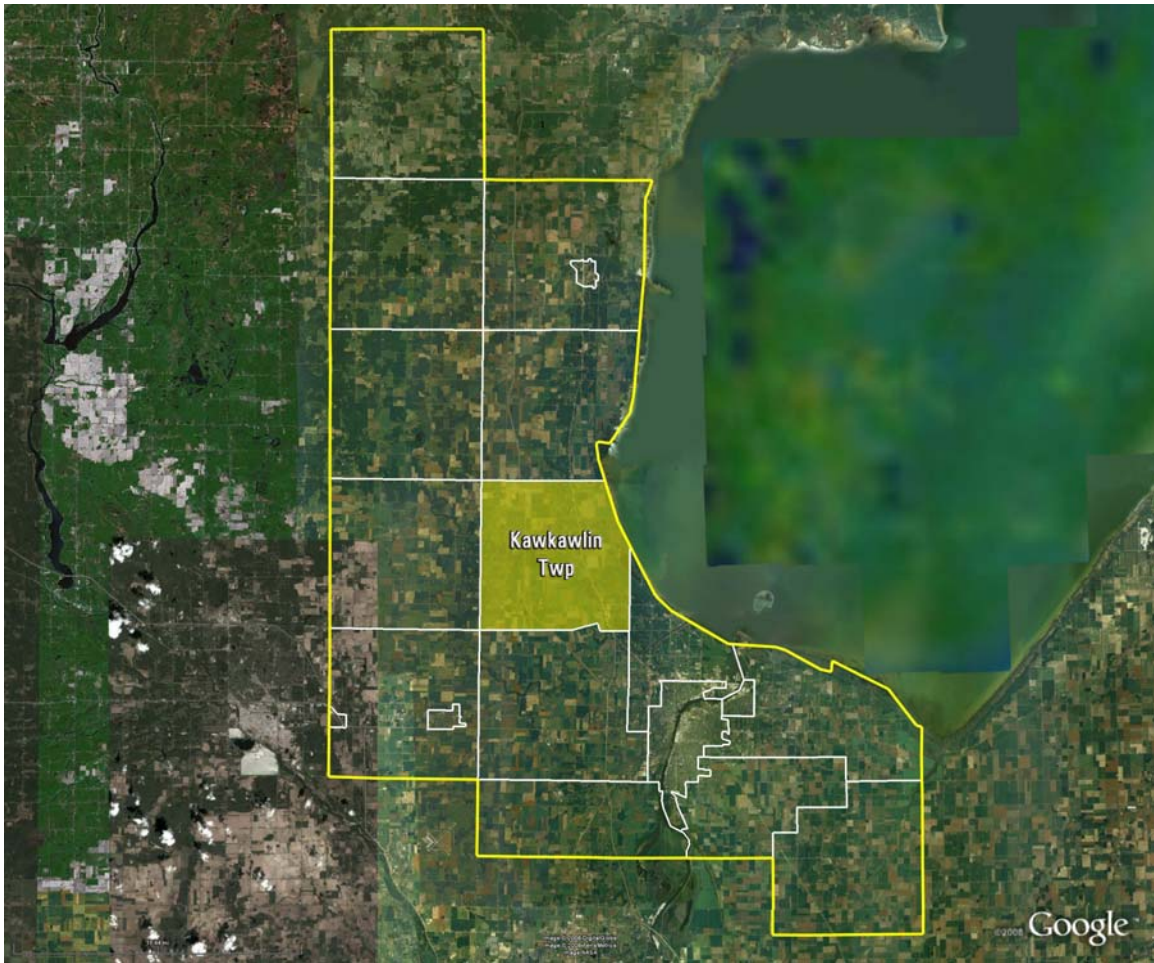
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## **Kawkawlin Township**

### **Community Description**

Kawkawlin Township is located north of Bay City and Monitor Township along Saginaw Bay. Lands within the Township are largely agricultural with some woodlands and wetlands located near the Bay and along the Kawkawlin River. According to the 2000 Census the population of Kawkawlin Township is 5,104.

### **Administrative Structure**

Parks and recreation functions in Kawkawlin Township are administered by a seven-member Parks and Recreation Committee. The committee members are appointed by the Township Board and their actions are subject to Board approval. The Township hires someone to mow the grass in the park each year. The Kawkawlin Ball League maintains the ball fields.

The Kawkawlin Ball League and the Tri Village League work with Kawkawlin Township in offering a summer ball program. The local American Youth Soccer program and the Bay Area Soccer Association use both parks in Kawkawlin for practice and some games. Approximately 30 to 40 volunteers assist by coaching and working in the concession stand for each ball season. More volunteers assist with special events. The Park and Recreation Committee has improved the entire park with many volunteer hours and volunteers.

**Budgets**

The sources of funding for the park and recreation budget in Kawkawlin Township are the township general fund, fundraisers and donations. The current and prior year parks and recreation budgets are shown below.

<b>KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGETS</b>		
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Operation & Maintenance	\$6,000	\$4,167
Programming (leagues, special events, etc.)	\$2,300	\$2,161
Capital Expenditures	0	\$64,000

**Recreation Inventory**

The planning consultant supplied inventory forms for the each participating community to complete as part of the overall Bay County Recreation Plan. Kawkawlin Township owns one traditional park, Kawkawlin Park. It owns a portion of Linwood Scenic Park. The portion of Linwood Scenic Park on the north side of Linwood Road is owned by Fraser Township and the portion of the south side of Linwood Road is owned by Kawkawlin Township. Kawkawlin Township also owns four Saginaw Bay waterfront access points. Those include a small beach park known as Brissette Beach and three road end easements. Another important park in the community is Linwood Bicentennial Park, owned by the Pinconning School District. The parks are inventoried in the chart on the following page. A park location map is included at the end of this section.



<b>KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP RECREATION INVENTORY</b>				
	Kawkawlin Park	Linwood Scenic Park	Brissette Beach Park	Road End Easements**
Park Type*	Community Park	Special Use Park	Special Use Park	Special Use Park
Acreage	53	.8	.2	
Accessibility*	4	4		
Service Area	Entire Township and community of Linwood	Frasier Twp & Kawkawlin Twp		
Boat Launch		Yes		
Ball Diamonds	4			
Football/Soccer Fields	2			
Boardwalk		Yes		
Playground Equipment	2			
Tennis Courts	2			
Open playfield	Yes			
Pavilion	1			
Grills	3			
Restrooms	Portable			
Waterfront Access		Yes	Yes	Yes
Swimming Beach			Yes	

\*See County inventory section for definitions of park type and accessibility.

\*\* 66" wide located at the end of Boutell Road, Cottage Grove Road & Lebourdais Road

### **Goals and Objectives**

The Township developed the following goals and objectives for parks and recreation in the community.

#### **GOAL 1**

Encourage community health and fitness while promoting “community” for all ages.

#### **GOAL 2**

Provide safe and enjoyable recreational activities.

### **GOAL 3**

Offer appropriate access and opportunities for our special needs population.

*Objective:* Add more special needs equipment to the park and playground.

### **GOAL 4**

Enhance the natural beauty of Kawkawlin Township Park.

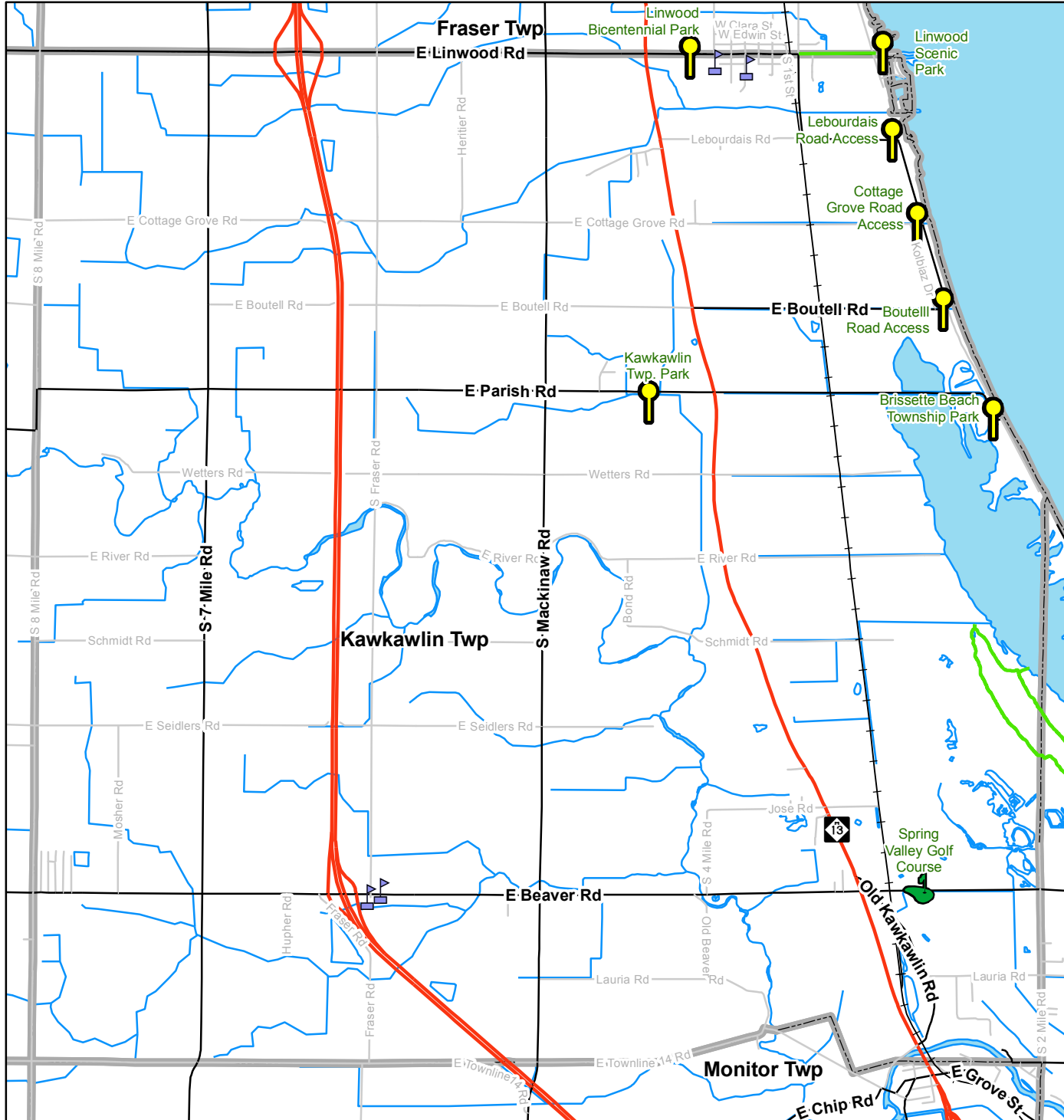
### **GOAL 5**

Strengthen recreationally related social opportunities within the community.

### **Action Plan**

1. Develop a walking path with Kawkawlin historical markers.
2. Install basketball courts.
3. Repair and update ball field lights, fence guarding, and back stops.
4. Create a sand volleyball court.
5. Add trees to provide shade throughout the park.
6. Create a sledding hill.
7. Rebuild fourth ball field in Kawkawlin Park to better accommodate numbers/teams.
8. Provide a spray park for summer enjoyment.
9. Build an additional pavilion to serve the south end of Kawkawlin Park.
10. Create an accessible walking path.
11. Construct cement pads under the bleachers.
12. Add storage facility
13. Develop walking groups.
14. Continue to host local events to raise park funds/awareness.

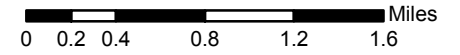
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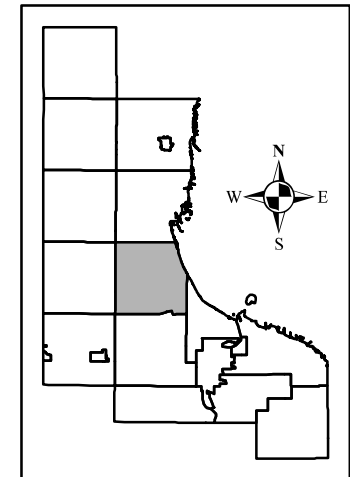
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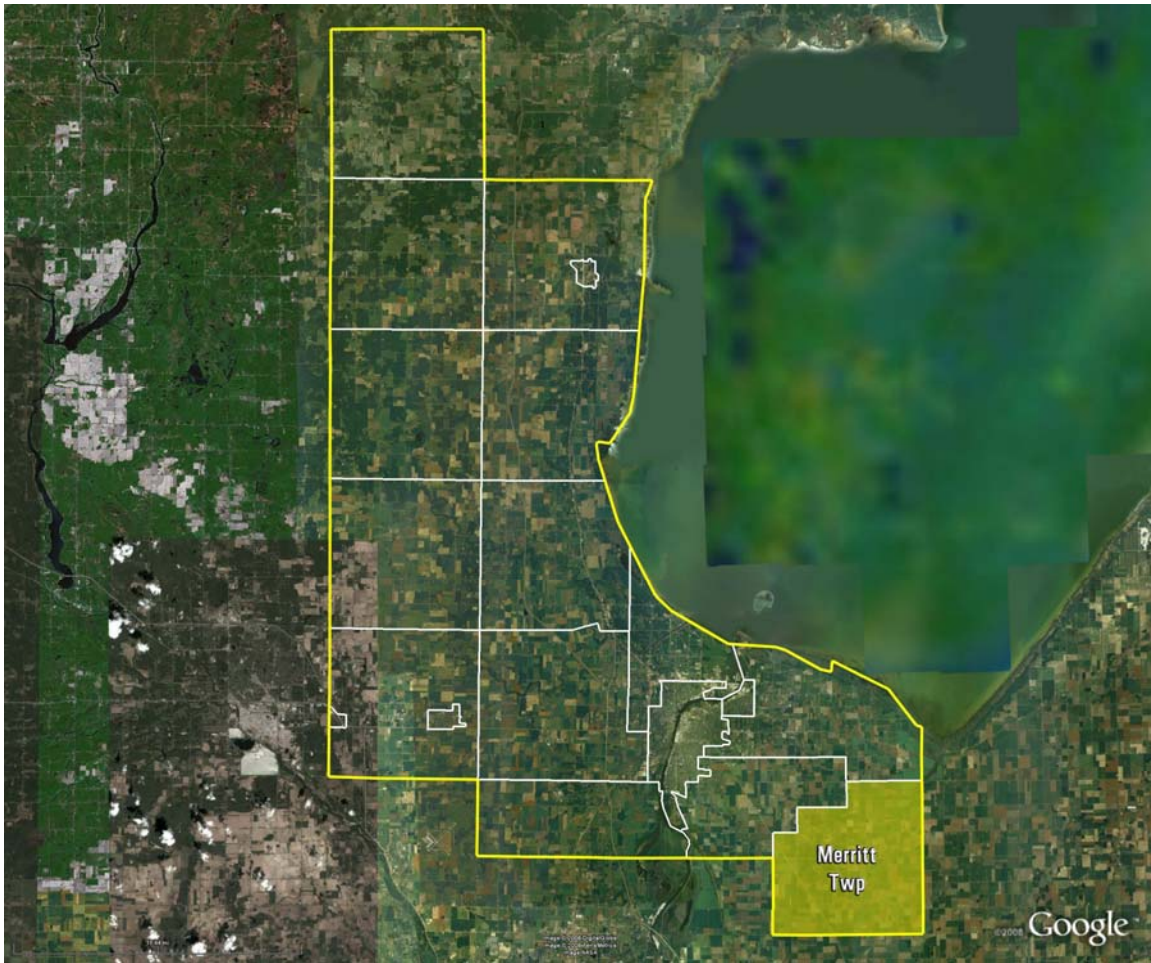
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## **Merritt Township**

### **Community Description**

Merritt Township is located at the southeast corner of Bay County, south of Hampton Township and southeast of Portsmouth Township. It contains the unincorporated community of Munger. The land in Merritt Township is largely rural and agricultural. According to the 2000 Census, Merritt Township has 1,510 people.

### **Administrative Structure**

Parks and recreation functions in Merritt Township are administered by the Township Board. They are assisted by the Munger Volunteer Fireman Corporation which assists with many functions including administering the summer ball program for boys and girls. The Park is maintained by Township staff. Approximately 20 to 25 volunteers assist with the youth ball program each year.

## Budgets

The source of funding for the park and recreation budget in Merritt Township is the township general fund, donations, and the Munger Volunteer Fireman Corporation. The current and prior year parks and recreation budgets are shown below.

<b>MERRITT TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGETS</b>		
	<b>2007-08</b>	<b>2008-09</b>
Operation & Maintenance	\$3,640	\$3,640
Programming (leagues, special events, etc.)	NA	NA
Capital Expenditures	3,000	\$1,360

## Recreation Inventory

The planning consultant supplied inventory forms for each participating community to complete as part of the overall Bay County Recreation Plan. Merritt Township has one park, Merritt Township Park. It is inventoried in the chart below.

<b>MERRITT TOWNSHIP RECREATION INVENTORY</b>	
	Merritt Township Park
Park Type*	Neighborhood
Acreage	18
Accessibility*	2
Service Area	Entire Township
Ball Diamond	1
Multi-use Path	¾ mile
Pavilion	Yes
Picnic Area	Yes
Restrooms	Yes
Playfield (open space)	Yes

\*See County inventory section for definitions of park type and accessibility.

## **Goals and Objectives**

Merritt Township developed the following goal for parks and recreation in the community.

### **GOAL 1**

Provide a park that the community can be proud of.

### **GOAL 2**

Provide a safe trail system which will promote health and fitness for township residents.

### **GOAL 3**

Provide family friendly activities in the park.

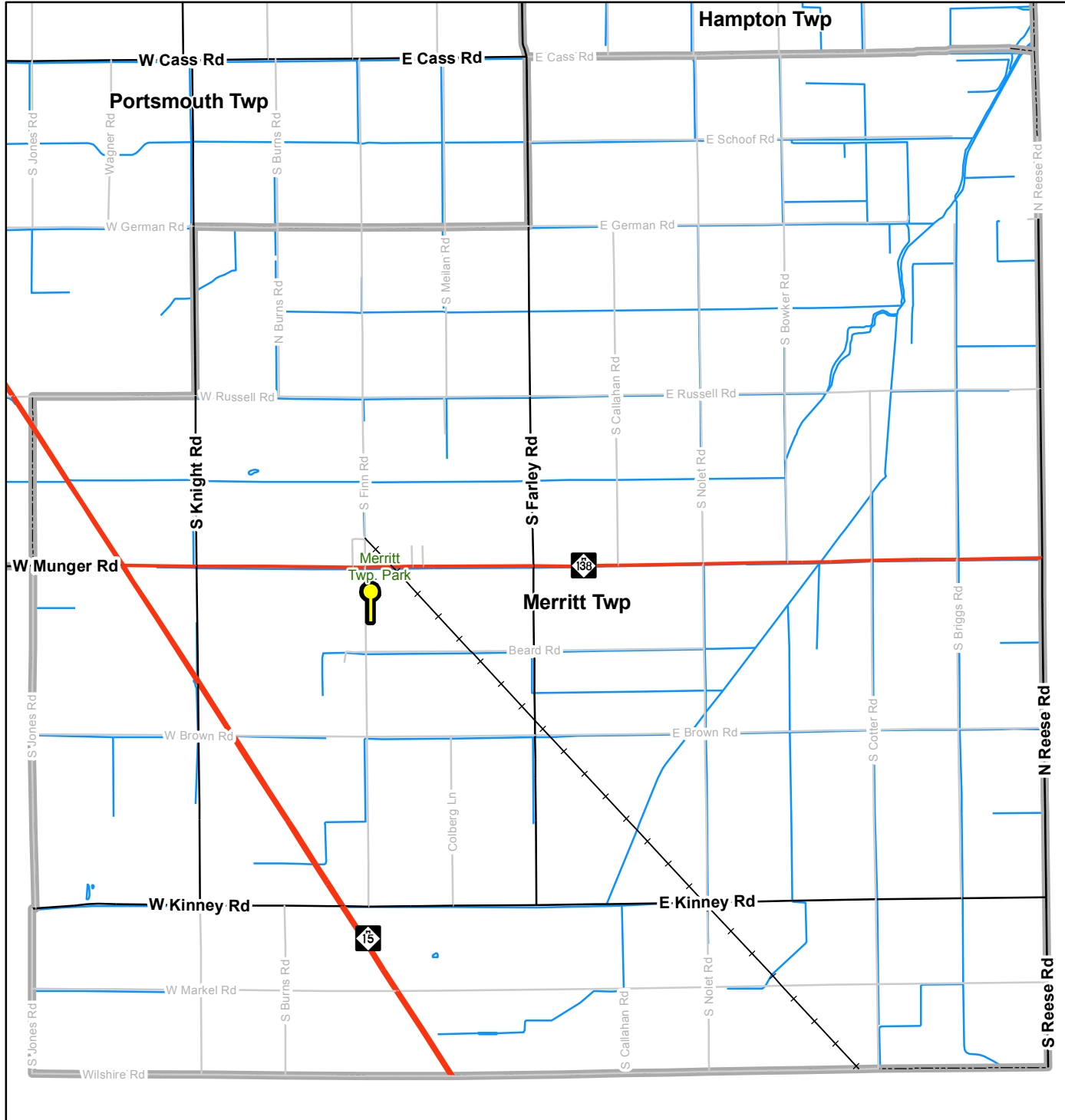
### **GOAL 3**

Provide safe equipment for youth participating in activities.

## **Action Plan**

1. Provide a non-motorized walking trail between Reese and Munger.
2. Provide a non-motorized walking trail between Munger and Bay City.
3. Update playground equipment in the park.
4. Update youth softball equipment.

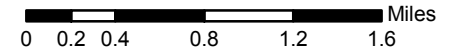
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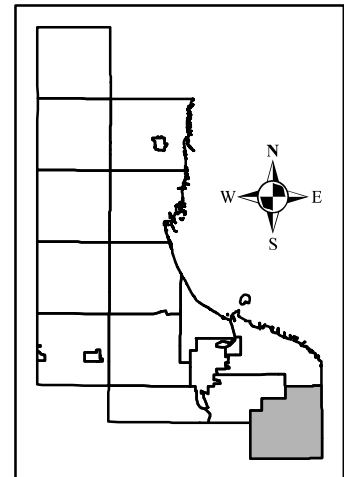
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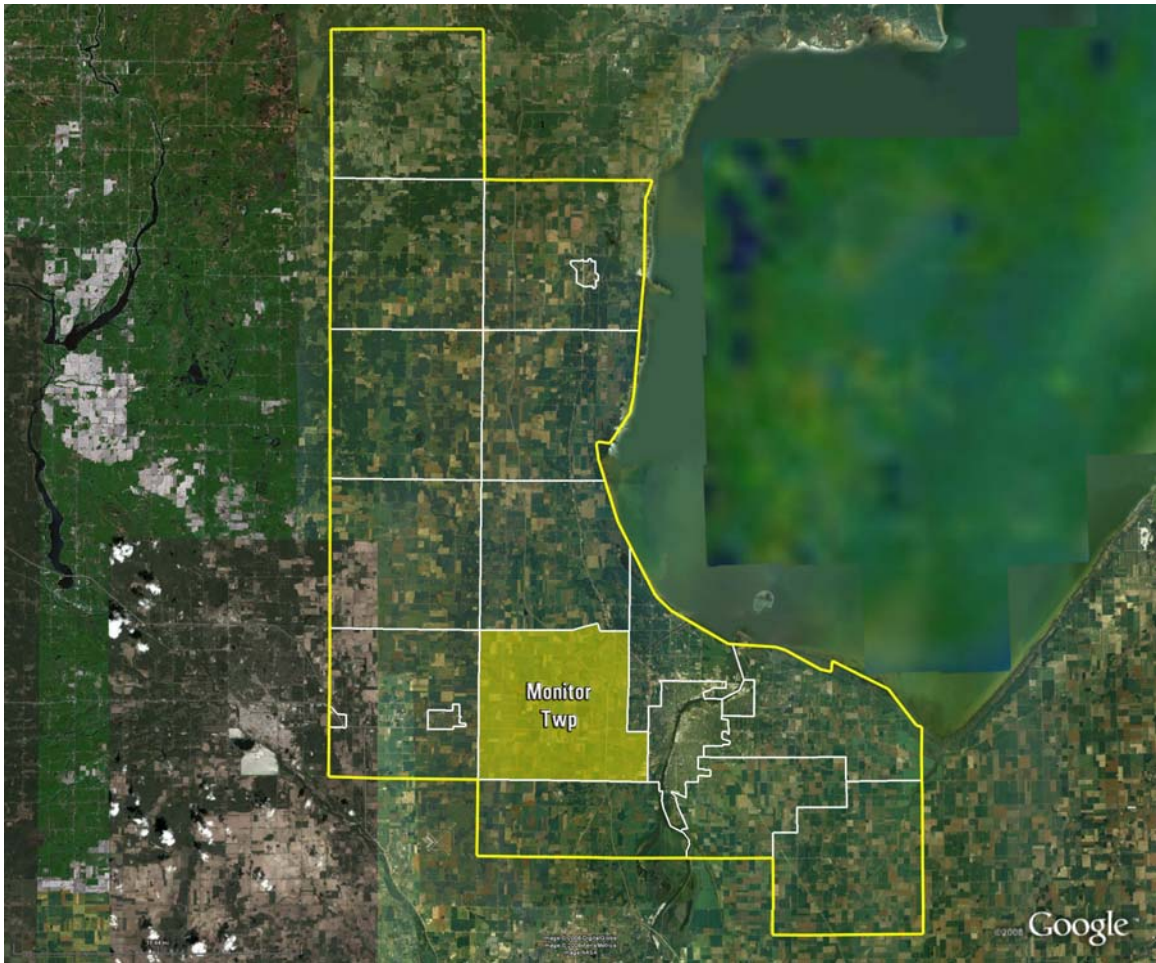
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## Monitor Township

### Community Description

Monitor Township is located west of the City of Bay City and Bangor Township. It is largely rural and agricultural in nature, with more dense residential and commercial land uses located on the east side of the Township. According to the 2000 Census, Monitor Township has 10,037 people.

### Administrative Structure

Parks and recreation functions in Monitor Charter Township are administered by the seven-member Township Board and a two person Parks Committee which is comprised of Township Board members. Two part-time employees maintain the two parks in the Township. Approximately 40 volunteer coaches assist the township each year.



## Budgets

The source of funding for the park and recreation budget in Monitor Township is the Township general fund. The current and prior year parks and recreation budgets are shown in the chart below.

<b>MONITOR TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGETS</b>		
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Operation & Maintenance	\$15,000	\$11,700
Programming (leagues, special events, etc.)	N.A.	N.A.
Capital Expenditures	\$40,000	\$20,335

## Recreation Inventory

The planning consultant supplied inventory forms for the each participating community to complete as part of the overall Bay County Recreation Plan. Monitor Township has two parks that comprise 22.5 acres. They are inventoried in the chart below.

<b>MONITOR TOWNSHIP RECREATION INVENTORY</b>		
	Monitor Park	Steih Park
Park Type*	Community Park	Special Use
Acreage	21.25	1.24
Accessibility*	2	2
Ball Diamonds	2	
Non-Regulation Ball Diamonds	2	
Canoe Launch		Yes
Grills	3	
Horseshoe Pits	4	
Pavilion	1	
Picnic Area	Yes	Yes
Playfield	Yes	
Playground Equipment	Yes	
Restrooms	Yes	
Waterfront Property		Yes

\*See County inventory section for definitions of park type and accessibility.

## **Goals and Objectives**

Monitor Township developed the following goals and objectives for parks and recreational facilities and in the township.

### **GOAL 1**

Continue to improve and upgrade Monitor Township's recreational facilities so as to have parks the township can be proud of.

### **GOAL 2**

Improve the health and fitness of Township residents.

*Objective:* Develop an exercise facility at the Monitor Park.

### **GOAL 3**

Develop Steih Park to increase its use.

*Objective:* Enhance the recreational opportunities of the Kawkawlin River bordering the park.

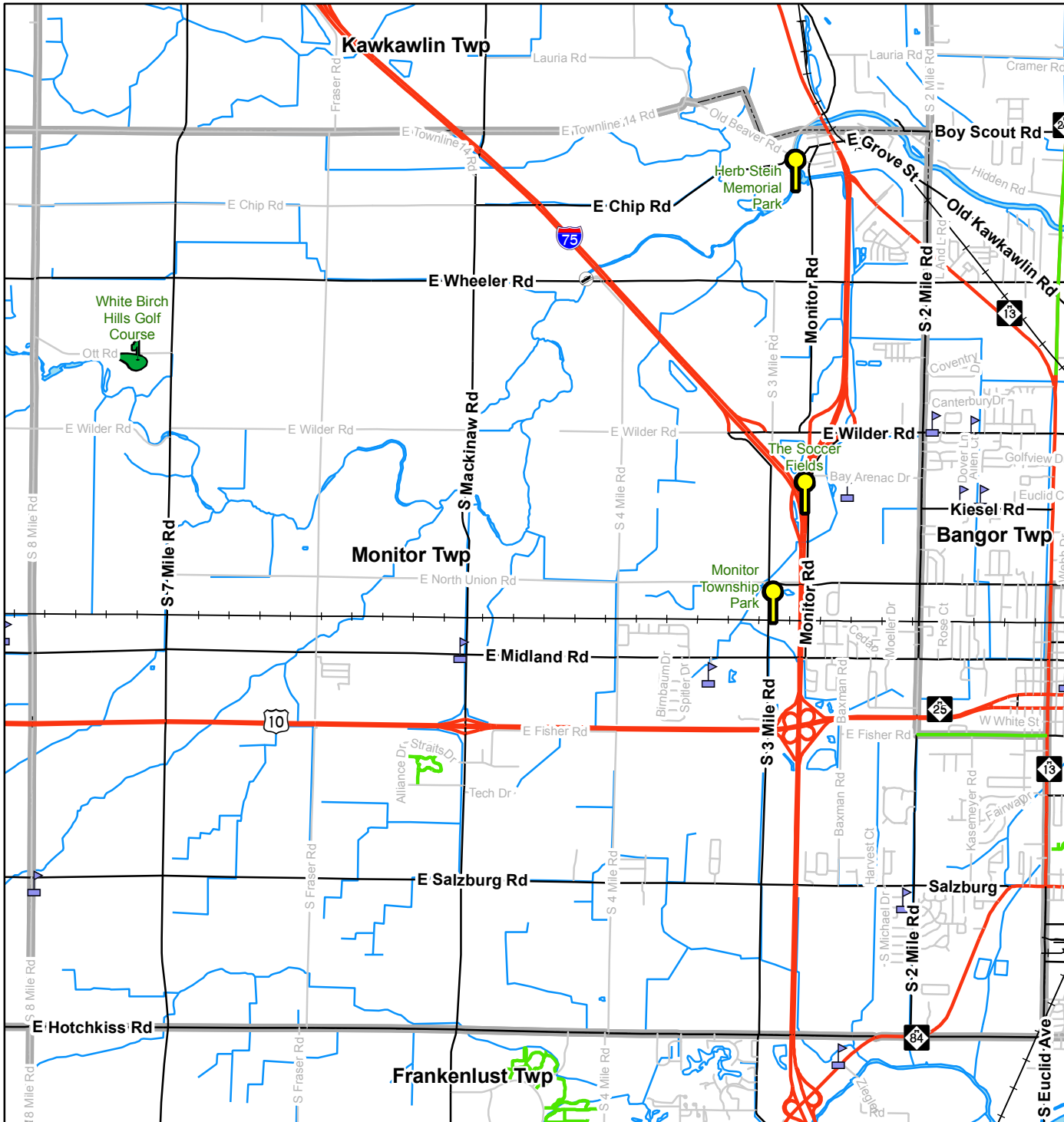
### **GOAL 4**

Make existing parks more user friendly.

## **Action Plan**

1. Update restrooms at Monitor Park to make barrier free.
2. Add additional electrical service to the pavilion and play area in Monitor Park.
3. Develop a walking path and exercise stations at Monitor Park.
4. Add picnic tables and grills to Steih Park.
5. Pave the roadway at Monitor Park.
6. Add lighting around ball diamonds, playground area, and parking areas at Monitor Park.

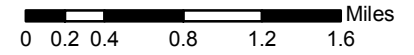
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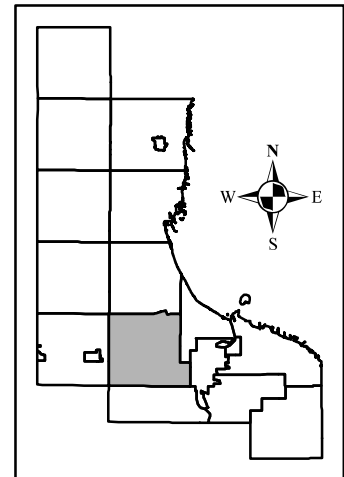
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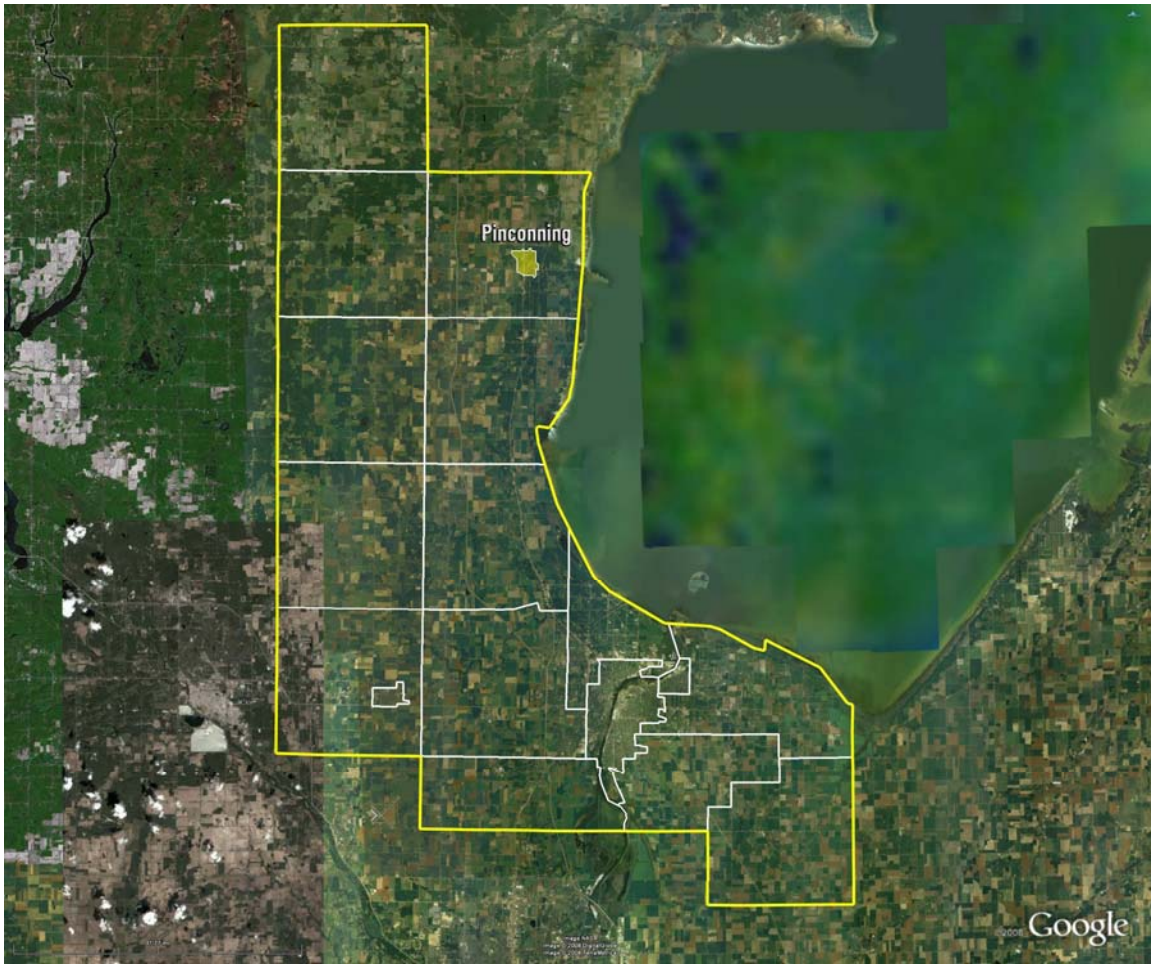
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## **City of Pinconning**

### **Community Description**

Pinconning is located approximately 25 miles north of Bay City along M-13. It is a small Michigan city whose residents tend to work in small businesses within the City or who commute to the Bay City or Midland areas for employment. According to the 2000 Census, the City of Pinconning has 1,386 people.

### **Administrative Structure**

Parks and recreation functions in the City of Pinconning are governed by the City Council which consists of a Mayor and six-member City Council. Day-to-day administration is handled by the City Manager.

## Budgets

The source of funding for parks and recreation in Pinconning is the City general fund. The current and prior year parks and recreation budgets are shown below.

<b>PINCONNING PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGETS</b>		
	<b>2006-2007</b>	<b>2007-2008</b>
Operation & Maintenance	\$8,000	\$9,600
Programming (leagues, special events, etc.)	n.a.	n.a.
Capital Expenditures	n.a.	n.a.

## Recreation Inventory

The planning consultant supplied inventory forms for each participating community to complete as part of the overall Bay County Recreation Plan. The information for the Pinconning City Parks is shown below.

<b>PINCONNING RECREATION INVENTORY</b>		
	<b>Doc Letchfield Park</b>	<b>Hatwick "Pocket" Park</b>
Park Type*	Community Park	Mini-park
Acreage	7 acres	.2 acres
Accessibility*	3	3
Service Area	Entire City	Entire City
Multi-use Path	yes	
Pavilion	2	1
Picnic Area	2	
Playground	yes	
Ball Diamonds	3	
Tennis Courts	2	
Basketball	2	
Soccer Fields	4	
Horseshoe Pts	yes	
Playfield (open space)	yes	
Other	Concession w/restroom	

\*See County inventory section for definitions of park type and accessibility.

The City of Pinconning received a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant (TF97-167) for \$18,000 for acquisition of the Pinconning Riverwalk.

### **Goals and Objectives**

The City of Pinconning developed the following goal for parks and recreation in the community.

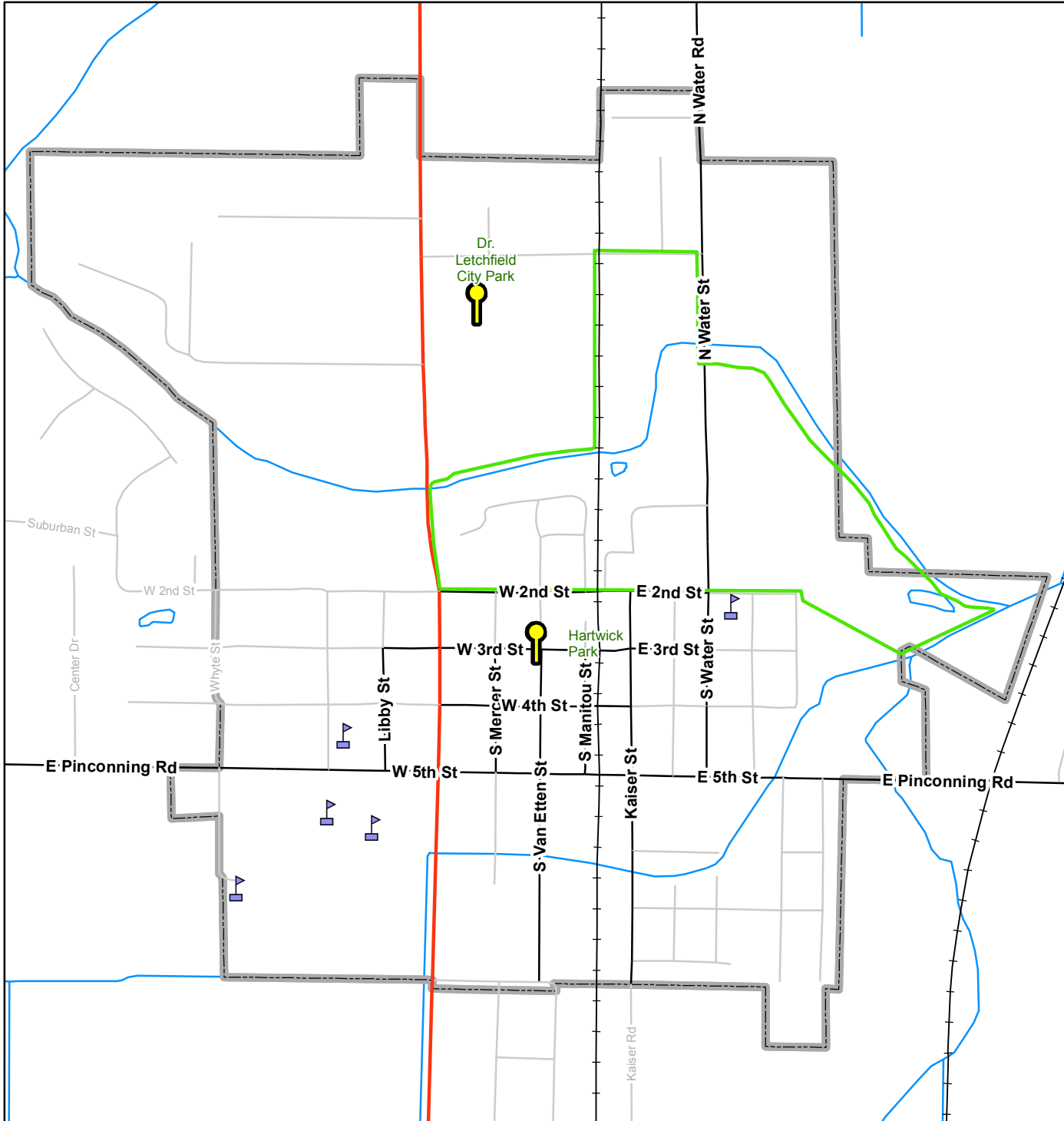
#### **GOAL 1**

Continue to improve city parks to provide recreation for all ages.

#### **Action Plan**

1. Continue additions to the playscape project at Doc Letchfield Park.
2. Resurface the service drive and parking lot.
3. Upgrade the restroom.
4. Add new picnic tables and grills.
5. Add sidewalks on North Street from Water Street to Mable Street.
6. Resurface Tennis Courts.

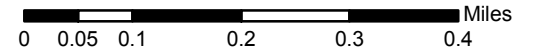
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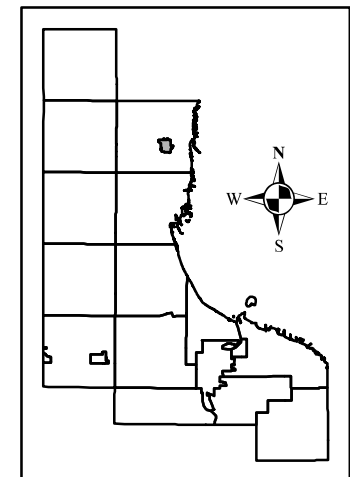
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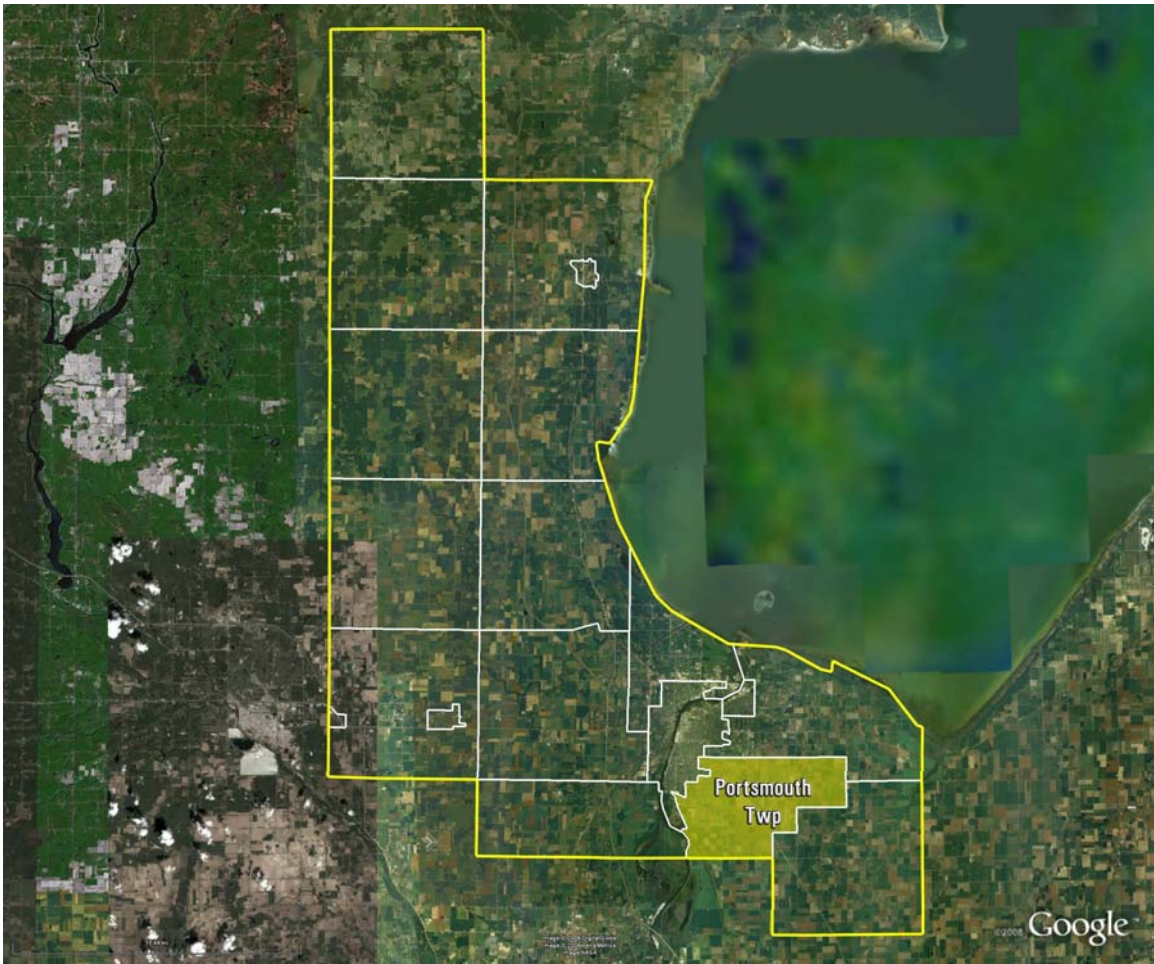
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## Portsmouth Township

### Community Description

Portsmouth Township is located in the southern Bay County, east of Bay City and south of Hampton Township. The land within the Township is largely agricultural with some more densely populated residential lands on the west side near the City of Bay City. According to the 2000 Census the population of Portsmouth Township is 3,619.

### Administrative Structure

Parks and recreation functions in Portsmouth Township are administered by the seven-member Township Board. Some of the operation and maintenance of the Township Park is handled by a township staff person and some is contracted out to a local prison work crew.



## Budgets

The source of funding for the park and recreation budget in Portsmouth Township is the township general fund. The current and prior year parks and recreation budgets are shown below.

<b>PORTSMOUTH TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGETS</b>		
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Operation & Maintenance	1,000	1,000
Programming (leagues, special events, etc.)	NA	NA
Capital Expenditures	0	0

## Recreation Inventory

Portsmouth Township owns Portsmouth Township Park and a portion of the area rail-trail. The Township Supervisor provided the information to complete the current inventory. The inventory of amenities in the parks is shown below. A location map is at the end of the section.

<b>PORTSMOUTH TOWNSHIP RECREATION INVENTORY</b>		
	Portsmouth Township Park	Rail-Trail
Park Type*	Community Park	Park-Trail
Acreage	3.5	2 miles
Accessibility*	3	4
Service Area	Entire Township	Entire County
Beach Volleyball	yes	
Playground Equipment	yes	
Basketball court	yes	
Horseshoe Pits	yes	
Pavilion	yes	
Restrooms	Port-a-john	

\*See County inventory section for definitions of park type and accessibility.

Portsmouth Township received an Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant in 1995 (TF95-200) for \$102,3000 for development of the Township Rail Trail.

## **Goals and Objectives**

Portsmouth Township has developed the following goals and objectives for parks and recreation.

### **GOAL 1**

#### **Retain public land for future generations.**

*Objective:* Retain existing parkland and, if the opportunity becomes available, acquire new public lands to meet future needs of the community

*Objective:* Preserve existing recreational facilities and acquire new public lands to enhance and expand those facilities.

### **GOAL 2**

#### **Provide quality leisure time activities with special consideration given to improving health and fitness.**

*Objective:* Provide and upgrade existing facilities, with consideration to health and safety.

*Objective:* Continue to work with existing recreation partners in the community to provide programs and facilities for special events, if needed.

### **GOAL 3**

#### **Provide safe, broad, community-based recreation opportunities that improve the overall quality of life for all residents of Portsmouth Township and Bay County.**

*Objective:* Continue to add amenities to Portsmouth Township Park based upon community input, need, and funding.

*Objective:* Partner with other units of government and recreation providers to further promote broad-based recreation where available in Portsmouth Township.

### **GOAL 4**

#### **Enhance and improve the existing Rail Trail (Portsmouth Township section) for recreational use.**

*Objective:* Where possible, connect existing rail trail to regional trails and destinations.

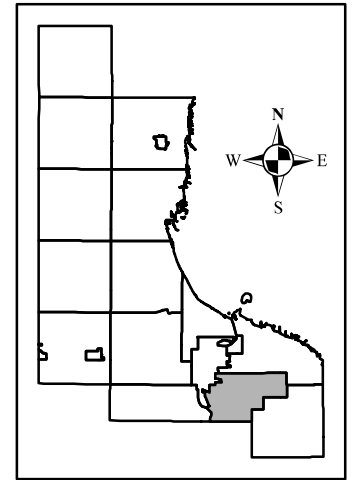
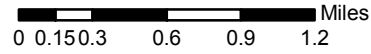
*Objective:* Where feasible, encourage the Bay County Road Commission to provide easements for trails and possibly help with maintenance and improvement projects.

*Objective:* Develop and enhance existing features of the rail trail to ensure that it is accessible to the greatest number of people and meets existing and future safety concerns.

**Action Plan**

1. Network with area realtors regarding potential lands that may become available for future development opportunities.
2. Continue to maintain and upgrade existing facilities by utilizing township maintenance person, who has a background in safety training. Continue to utilize work crews from the Department of Corrections to maintain and improve existing facilities at the Township Hall.
3. Start and maintain a dialogue with neighboring townships, Bay County, and Bay City so as to be included in any broad-based recreation opportunities.
4. Apply for any state and/or federal grants that could be used to enhance and improve the existing section of the Rail Trail that runs through Portsmouth Township. Also work with Rail Trail Committee to utilize its 'maintenance endowment fund' to maintain trail.


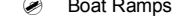

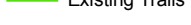





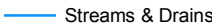
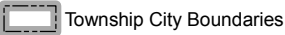
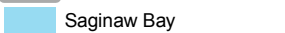
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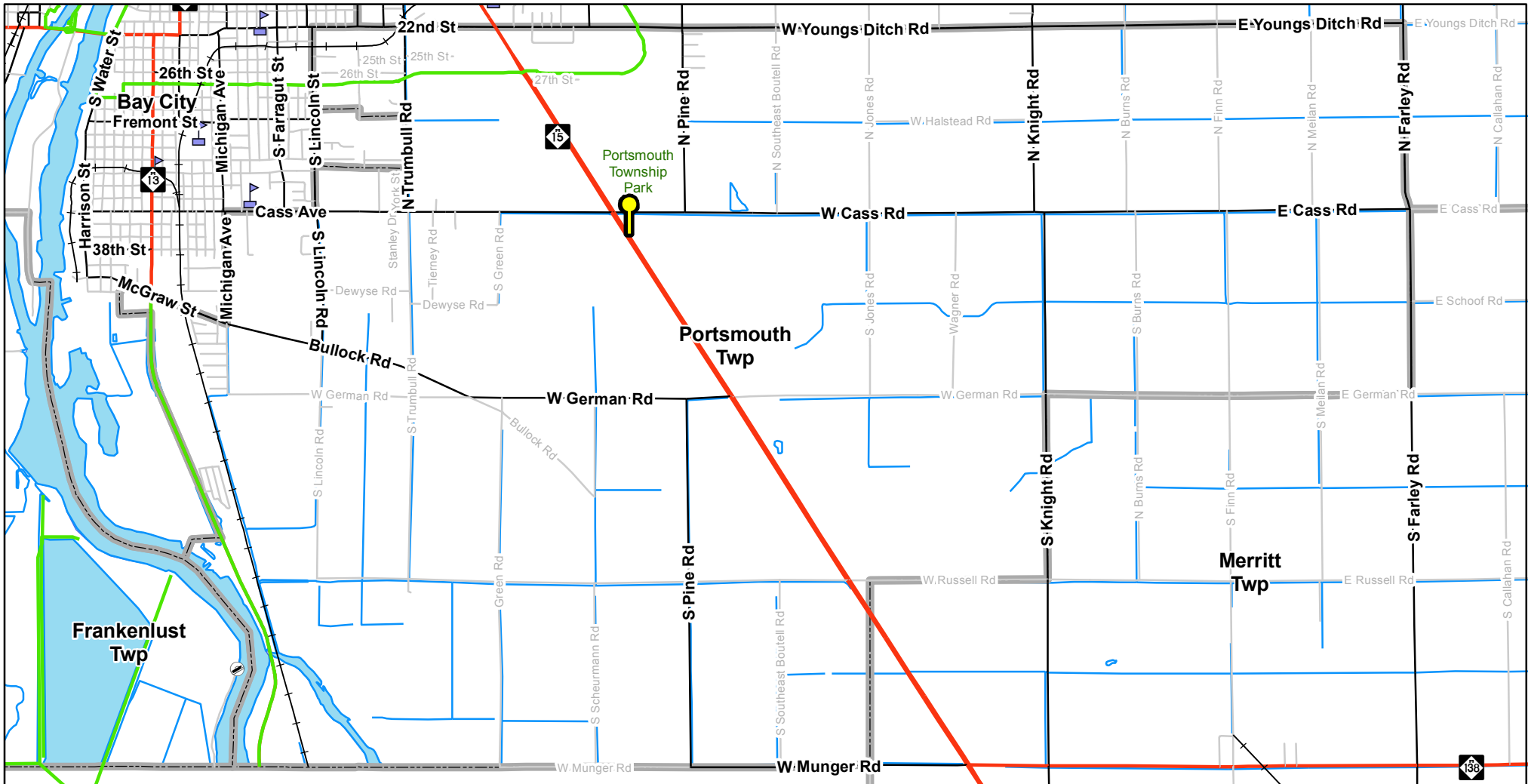


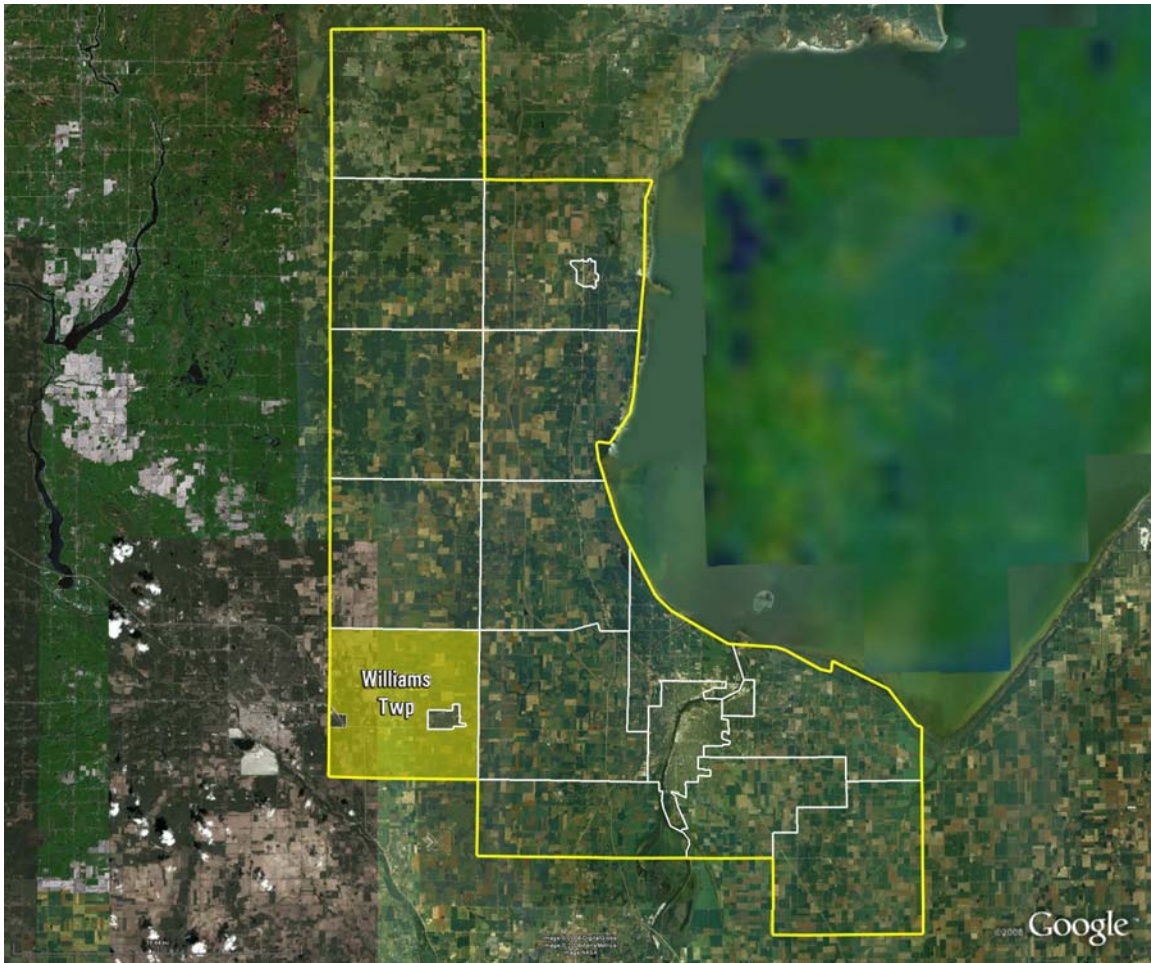
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## Williams Township

### Community Description

Williams Township is located in the southwest corner of Bay County, east of the City of Midland. The City of Auburn is located in Williams Township. The land within the Township is largely agricultural with some more densely populated residential areas around Auburn. According to the 2000 Census the population of Williams Township is 4,492.

### Administrative Structure

Parks and recreation functions in Williams Township are administered by the seven-member Township Board. Operation and Maintenance of the Township Park is handled by the Department of Public Works, which consists of one full time and one part-time employee.

Williams Township works with the City of Auburn on some recreation and programming issues. The 12 member Auburn Williams Recreation Association Board administers the joint functions

which includes overseeing several recreational programs in Auburn and Williams Township including youth baseball and softball programs and coordination with area soccer programs.

**Budgets**

The sources of funding for the park and recreation budget in Williams Township are the Township’s general fund, grants, and donations. The current and prior year parks and recreation budgets are shown below.

<b>WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGETS</b>		
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Operation & Maintenance	\$25,400	\$26,600
Programming (leagues, special events, etc.)	\$8,000	8,000
Capital Expenditures	0	0

**Recreation Inventory**

Williams Township owns one park, Williams Township Park. To complete the current inventory, the Township Board reviewed and updated the inventory from their previous recreation plan. The inventory of amenities in the park is shown on the following page. A location map for the park is shown at the end of this section.

Williams Township has received one past DNR grant, TF 913, for acquisition in the amount of \$6,000.

WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP RECREATION INVENTORY	
	Williams Township Park
Park Type*	Community Park
Acreage	18
Accessibility*	3
Service Area	Entire Township and the City of Auburn
Basketball Courts	1
Volleyball Courts	Yes
Football/Soccer Fields	1
Playground Equipment	Yes
Ball Diamonds	2
Horseshoe Pits	2
Pavilion	1
Restrooms	Yes
Grills	4
Multi-Use Paths	1.25 miles
Fitness Course	Yes
Picnic Area	Yes

\*See County inventory section for definitions of park type and accessibility.

## Goals and Objectives

Williams Township developed the following goals and objectives for parks and recreation in the community.

### GOAL 1

Continue to improve and upgrade Williams Township recreational and support facilities in order to offer parks and recreational activities the community can be proud of.

#### *Objectives:*

1. Retain and maintain the existing Williams Township Park and acquire new public lands to fulfill the recreational needs of the township and local community.
2. Preserve and protect open space for recreational activities and programs.
3. Provide adequate maintenance of the Williams Township Park and recreational facilities.

## **GOAL 2**

Provide quality recreational opportunities to improve health and fitness with extra emphasis placed on organized youth activities.

### ***Objectives:***

1. Provide organized programs and activities for a variety of ages with an emphasis on youth programs through the Auburn-Williams Recreation Association.
2. Continue to partner with existing recreational partners to provide programs, events, and leagues.
3. Identify new recreational partners to meet the township's current and future recreational needs, goals, and objectives.

## **GOAL 3**

Provide safe, community based recreation opportunities that improve the quality of life for all Williams Township and Auburn Area residents.

### ***Objectives:***

1. Continue to add features to Williams Township Park as identified by public input and need, the Auburn-Williams Recreation Association, and the Township Board of Trustees.
2. Continue to maintain and provide recreational opportunities for people with disabilities.
3. Ensure that improvement and upgrades to the Williams Township Park are accessible.

## **GOAL 4**

Develop and provide access to trails and multi-use recreational paths.

### ***Objectives:***

1. Cooperate and participate in intergovernmental efforts to establish a non-motorized greenway and trail system connecting Midland and Bay counties.
2. Coordinate possible routes, methods, and funding to connect non-motorized greenway and trail systems in Bay and Midland Counties to Williams Township Park.
3. Identify possible non-motorized routes, methods, and funding to connect Williams Township Park with Auburn City Park.



## **GOAL 5**

Develop a recreation system that will be responsive to and effective in meeting the present and future needs of residents.

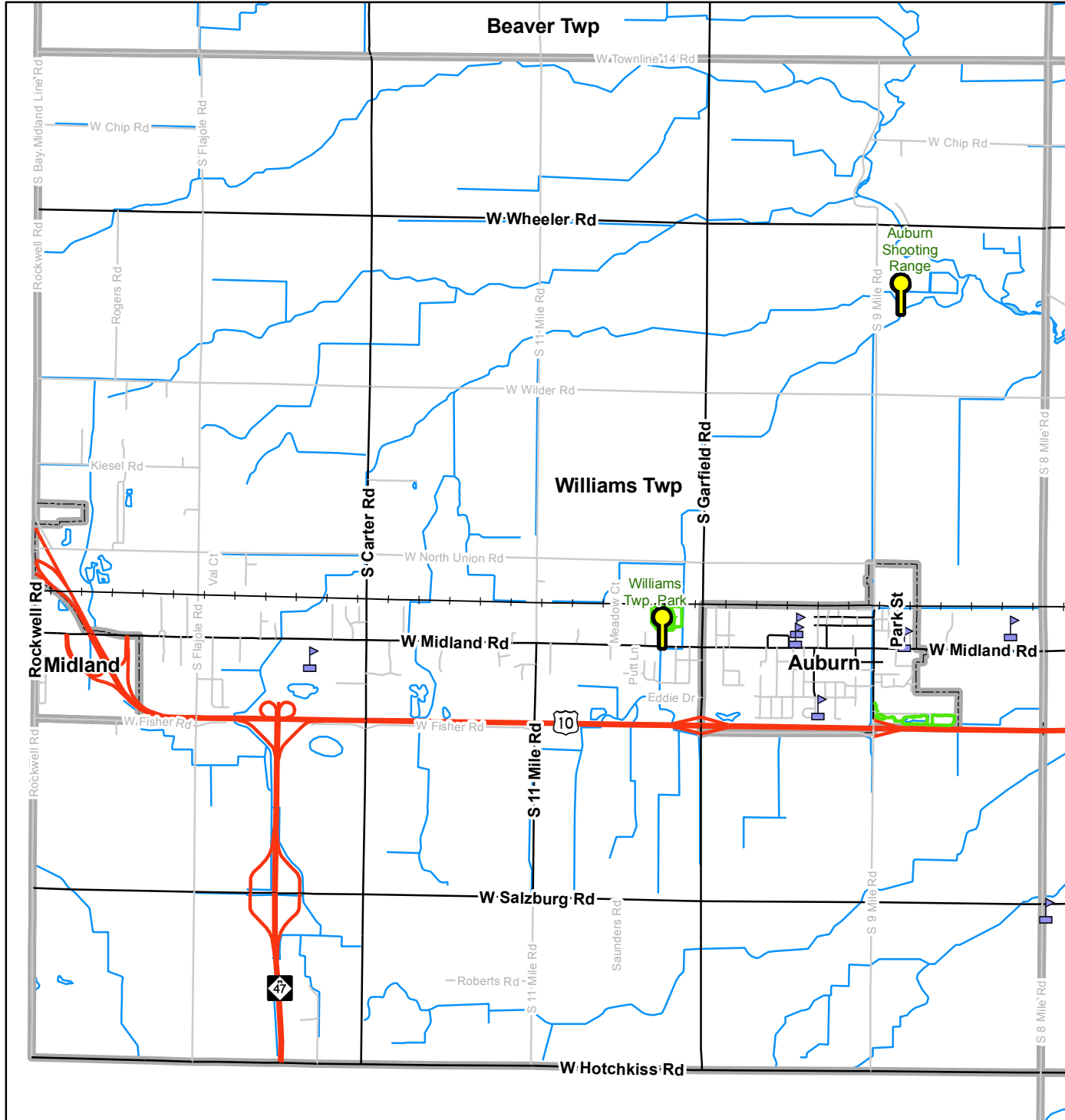
### ***Objectives:***

1. Review the recreation plan as needed and update it every five years.

### **Action Plan**

- Resurface or reseal walking paths as needed.
- Paint interior and replace partitions in restroom facility.
- Install fencing in northeast corner of park by Dell Creek Drain and railroad track and configure to prevent prohibited vehicles from entering the park.
- Improve baseball fields by replacing backstop fencing, adding dugouts, adding outfield fencing, and other pertinent features.
- Add a spray park type water feature.
- Install a video security system to catch and prosecute vandals.
- Continue to improve drainage.
- Connect park via pathways or sidewalks to the non-motorized greenway and trail system when available in Williams Township.
- Acquire additional property adjacent to the park when available at a reasonable cost.

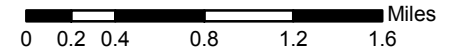
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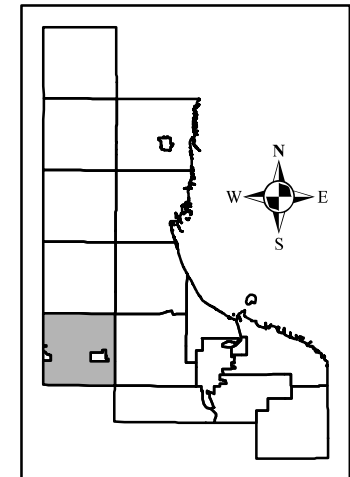
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Appendix A

SGMA 2008 Sports and Fitness Participation Report

## “US Sports Participation Study” 2008 Edition - - Methodology

During late January 2008/early February a total of 40,794 online interviews were carried out with a nationwide sample of individuals and households from the US Online Panel operated by Synovate. A total of 15,013 individual and 25,781 household surveys were completed. The total panel has over 1 million members and is maintained to be representative of the US population. Over sampling of ethnic groups took place to boost response from typically under responding groups.

A weighting technique was used to balance the data to reflect the total US population aged 6 and above. The following variables were used: gender, age, income, household size, region and population density. The total population figure used was 276,796,000 people aged 6 and above.

We have focused on **CORE** participants who are typically the main purchasers of equipment, services and user fees. We’ve also shown the numbers in the two frequency groups that make up the CORE participants: Regular and Frequent. So Regular + Frequent = CORE. The actual definition of CORE in terms of the number of play occasions varies by sport so there is a “definition column”. Using Running/Jogging as an example:

RUNNING/JOGGING PARTICIPANTS	2007 Participants (000s)	Definition
"Casual" participants	16,824	1~49 times
"Regular" Participants	8,237	50~99 times
"Frequent" Participants	16,003	100 times or more
<b>"Core" Participants</b>	<b>24,240</b>	<b>50 times or more</b>
Total Participants	41,064	Playing once or more

2007												Core Participants - Trend					Total Participants Trend				
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	Core Participants	Definition	Frequent Participants	Definition	Regular Participants	Definition	Casual Participants	Definition	2007	2006	1 year change (2006-2007)	2007	2006	2000	1 year change (2006 - 2007)	7 year change (2000-2007)					
<b>AEROBIC ACTIVITIES</b>																					
Aerobics (High impact)	6,283	50+	4,127	100+	2,156	50-99	5,004	1-49	6,283	6,451	-2.6%	11,287	10,934	11,790	3.2%	-4.3%					
Aerobics (Low impact)	13,056	50+	8,533	100+	4,523	50-99	9,341	1-49	13,056	12,506	4.4%	22,397	21,952	21,384	2.0%	4.7%					
Aerobics (Step)	4,074	50+	2,427	100+	1,647	50-99	4,454	1-49	4,074	3,979	2.4%	8,528	8,676	10,867	-1.7%	-21.5%					
Aquatic Exercise	3,764	50+	1,975	100+	1,789	50-99	5,993	1-49	3,764	3,444	9.3%	9,757	9,528	9,303	2.4%	4.9%					
Cardio Kickboxing	1,825	50+	920	100+	905	50-99	2,987	1-49	1,825	1,933	-5.6%	4,812	4,952	8,765	-2.8%	-45.1%					
Cross-Country Ski Machine	1,839	50+	1,151	100+	688	50-99	1,857	1-49	1,839	2,051	-10.3%	3,696	4,168	6,541	-11.3%	-43.5%					
Elliptical Motion Trainer	12,614	50+	7,646	100+	4,968	50-99	10,972	1-49	12,614	13,194	-4.4%	23,586	24,548	7,371	-3.9%	220.0%					
Other Exercise to Music	12,633	50+	8,073	100+	4,560	50-99	9,661	1-49	12,633	12,907	-2.1%	22,294	21,749	16,065	2.5%	38.8%					
Running/Jogging	24,240	50+	16,003	100+	8,237	50-99	16,824	1-49	24,240	23,086	5.0%	41,064	38,559	31,398	6.5%	30.8%					
Stair Climbing Machine	6,414	50+	3,763	100+	2,651	50-99	7,107	1-49	6,414	7,076	-9.4%	13,521	14,978	15,282	-9.7%	-11.5%					
Stationary Cycling (Recumbent)	5,557	50+	3,226	100+	2,331	50-99	5,261	1-49	5,557	5,690	-2.3%	10,818	11,694	8,810	-7.5%	22.8%					
Stationary Cycling (Spinning)	2,943	50+	1,722	100+	1,221	50-99	3,371	1-49	2,943	2,949	-0.2%	6,314	6,610	4,709	-4.5%	34.1%					
Stationary Cycling (Upright)	12,950	50+	7,740	100+	5,210	50-99	11,581	1-49	12,950	14,091	-8.1%	24,531	26,954	27,159	-9.0%	-9.7%					
Swimming (Fitness/Competition)	7,237	50+	3,291	100+	3,946	50-99	11,131	1-49	7,237	7,122	1.6%	18,368	18,220	16,144	0.8%	13.8%					
Treadmill	29,182	50+	18,454	100+	10,728	50-99	20,891	1-49	29,182	29,900	-2.4%	50,073	52,161	37,287	-4.0%	34.3%					
Walking for Fitness	76,837	50+	56,792	100+	20,045	50-99	31,903	1-49	76,837	70,885	8.4%	108,740	101,229	90,982	7.4%	19.5%					
<b>CONDITIONING ACTIVITIES</b>																					
Abdominal Machine/Device	12,801	50+	8,482	100+	4,319	50-99	7,625	1-49	12,801	15,008	-14.7%	20,426	23,656	21,354	-13.7%	-4.3%					
Calisthenics	5,059	50+	3,687	100+	1,372	50-99	2,503	1-49	5,059	5,062	-0.1%	7,562	7,120	7,758	6.2%	-2.5%					
Pilates Training	4,107	50+	2,187	100+	1,920	50-99	5,085	1-49	4,107	4,809	-14.6%	9,192	10,925	1,556	-15.9%	490.9%					
Rowing Machine	4,331	50+	2,722	100+	1,609	50-99	4,451	1-49	4,331	4,773	-9.3%	8,782	9,500	9,407	-7.6%	-6.6%					
Stretching	28,318	50+	22,412	100+	5,906	50-99	7,863	1-49	28,318	25,424	11.4%	36,181	32,858	24,613	10.1%	47.0%					
Yoga/Tai Chi	6,443	50+	3,916	100+	2,527	50-99	7,629	1-49	6,443	6,487	-0.7%	14,072	14,737	6,248	-4.5%	125.2%					
<b>STRENGTH ACTIVITIES</b>																					
Free Weights (Barbells)	17,318	50+	12,368	100+	4,950	50-99	8,181	1-49	17,318	19,613	-11.7%	25,499	28,887	24,800	-11.7%	2.8%					
Free Weights (Dumbbells)	21,574	50+	14,980	100+	6,594	50-99	10,797	1-49	21,574	23,694	-8.9%	32,371	35,462	27,470	-8.7%	17.8%					
Free Weights (Hand Weights)	28,186	50+	19,367	100+	8,819	50-99	15,635	1-49	28,186	30,686	-8.1%	43,821	46,627	33,784	-6.0%	29.7%					
Home Gym Exercise	16,246	50+	10,933	100+	5,313	50-99	9,577	1-49	16,246	16,443	-1.2%	25,823	26,687	20,626	-3.2%	25.2%					
Weight/Resistance Machines	24,735	50+	16,723	100+	8,012	50-99	14,555	1-49	24,735	27,869	-11.2%	39,290	43,651	32,144	-10.0%	22.2%					
<b>INDIVIDUAL SPORTS</b>																					
Adventure Racing	441	2+	226	10+	215	2-9	257	1	441	372	18.5%	698	725		-3.7%						
Archery	1,111	25+	424	52+	687	25-51	4,839	1-24	1,111	1,684	-34.0%	5,950	7,215	6,285	-17.5%	-5.3%					
Billiards/Pool	20,294	13+	13,470	25+	6,824	13-24	30,795	1-12	20,294	20,337	-0.2%	51,089	47,953	46,336	6.5%	10.3%					
Bowling	15,422	13+	10,197	25+	5,225	13-24	44,762	1-12	15,422	14,357	7.4%	60,184	54,421	51,938	10.6%	15.9%					
Boxing	1,110	13+	838	25+	272	13-24	1,169	1-12	1,110	1,115	-0.5%	2,279	2,040	4,084	11.7%	-44.2%					
Darts	8,603	13+	5,652	25+	2,951	13-24	16,106	1-12	8,603	8,758	-1.8%	24,709	22,974		7.6%						
Horseback Riding	3,768	13+	2,739	25+	1,029	13-24	8,330	1-12	3,768	3,846	-2.0%	12,098	11,384		6.3%						
Ice Skating	1,916	13+	1,146	25+	770	13-24	9,514	1-12	1,916	1,748	9.6%	11,430	9,653	11,835	18.4%	-3.4%					
Martial Arts	5,499	13+	4,808	25+	691	13-24	1,366	1-12	5,499	4,626	18.9%	6,865	5,998	6,161	14.5%	11.4%					
Roller Skating (2x2 wheels)	1,917	13+	1,242	25+	675	13-24	7,004	1-12	1,917	1,566	22.4%	8,921	7,553	7,746	18.1%	15.2%					
Roller Skating (Inline wheels)	4,720	13+	3,355	25+	1,365	13-24	6,094	1-12	4,720	6,071	-22.3%	10,814	12,314	21,912	-12.2%	-50.6%					
Scooter Riding (Non-motorized)	4,460	13+	3,375	25+	1,085	13-24	2,322	1-12	4,460	5,493	-18.8%	6,782	7,653	9,968	-11.4%	-32.0%					
Skateboarding	3,840	25+	2,349	52+	1,491	25-51	4,589	1-24	3,840	5,671	-32.3%	8,429	10,130	9,859	-16.8%	-14.5%					
Trail Running	1,273	25+	730	52+	543	25-51	2,943	1-24	1,273	1,511	-15.8%	4,216	4,558	4,167	-7.5%	1.2%					
Triathlon (Non-Traditional/Off Road)	279	2+	111	10+	168	2-9	103	1	279	188	48.5%	382	281		35.9%						
Triathlon (Traditional/Road)	467	2+	149	10+	318	2-9	252	1	467	362	28.9%	719	640		12.3%						
<b>RACQUET SPORTS</b>																					
Badminton	2,272	13+	1,362	25+	910	13-24	4,785	1-12	2,272	2,109	7.7%	7,057	5,981	8,769	18.0%	-19.5%					
Racquetball	1,937	13+	1,393	25+	544	13-24	2,292	1-12	1,937	1,864	3.9%	4,229	3,559	4,475	18.8%	-5.5%					
Squash	289	8+	223	15+	66	8-14	323	1-7	289	207	39.5%	612	503		21.6%						
Table Tennis	5,091	13+	3,298	25+	1,792	13-24	10,864	1-12	5,091	4,316	17.9%	15,955	15,091	12,712	5.7%	25.5%					
Tennis	7,925	11+	5,090	21+	2,835	11-20	9,015	1-12	7,925	6,761	17.2%	16,940	14,563	12,974	16.3%	30.6%					

2007											Core Participants - Trend					Total Participants Trend				
	Core Participants		Core Participants include:				Casual Participants		Core Participants - Trend			Total Participants Trend								
	Core Participants	Definition	Frequent Participants	Definition	Regular Participants	Definition	Casual Participants	Definition	2007	2006	1 year change (2006-2007)	2007	2006	2000	1 year change (2006 - 2007)	7 year change (2000-2007)				
<b>TEAM SPORTS</b>																				
Baseball	11,565	13+	8,785	25+	2,780	13-24	4,493	1-12	11,565	10,730	7.8%	16,058	14,586	15,848	10.1%	1.3%				
Basketball	18,005	13+	13,726	25+	4,279	13-24	7,956	1-12	18,005	17,963	0.2%	25,961	23,680	26,215	9.6%	-1.0%				
Cheerleading	2,134	25+	1,486	52+	649	25-51	1,145	1-24	2,134	1,868	14.3%	3,279	2,931	2,634	11.9%	24.5%				
Field Hockey	577	8+	515	15+	62	8-14	550	1-7	577	375	53.8%	1,127	774		45.6%					
Football (Tackle)	4,239	25+	2,661	52+	1,578	25-51	3,700	1-24	4,239	4,780	-11.3%	7,939	8,404	8,229	-5.5%	-3.5%				
Football (Touch)	6,445	13+	4,153	25+	2,292	13-24	6,543	1-12	6,445	6,886	-6.4%	12,988	12,344	12,047	5.2%	7.8%				
Gymnastics	1,804	50+	982	100+	822	50-99	2,262	1-49	1,804	1,537	17.4%	4,066	3,630	4,876	12.0%	-16.6%				
Ice Hockey	1,282	13+	1,028	25+	254	13-24	558	1-12	1,282	1,124	14.1%	1,840	1,717	2,432	7.2%	-24.3%				
Lacrosse	709	13+	582	25+	127	13-24	349	1-12	709	325	118.0%	1,058	871	518	21.5%	104.2%				
Paintball	2,281	8+	1,546	15+	735	8-14	3,195	1-7	2,281	2,230	2.3%	5,476	4,547	3,615	20.4%	51.5%				
Roller Hockey	803	13+	598	25+	205	13-24	1,044	1-12	803	594	35.2%	1,847	1,383	3,888	33.6%	-52.5%				
Rugby	316	8+	245	15+	71	8-14	301	1-7	316	368	-14.1%	617	514		20.0%					
Soccer (Indoor)	2,371	13+	1,566	25+	805	13-24	1,866	1-12	2,371	2,603	-8.9%	4,237	4,701		-9.9%					
Soccer (Outdoor)	6,366	25+	2,830	52+	3,536	25-51	7,342	1-24	6,366	7,381	-13.8%	13,708	13,598		0.8%					
Softball (Fast Pitch)	1,332	25+	763	52+	569	25-51	1,013	1-24	1,332	1,010	31.9%	2,345	1,759	2,693	33.3%	-12.9%				
Softball (Slow-Pitch)	6,070	13+	3,949	25+	2,121	13-24	3,415	1-12	6,070	6,681	-9.1%	9,485	9,518	13,577	-0.3%	-30.1%				
Track and Field	2,714	25+	1,562	52+	1,152	25-51	1,977	1-24	2,714	2,562	5.9%	4,691	4,031		16.4%					
Ultimate Frisbee	1,318	13+	848	25+	470	13-24	2,720	1-12	1,318	1,032	27.7%	4,038	3,698		9.2%					
Volleyball (Beach)	1,330	13+	752	25+	578	13-24	2,549	1-12	1,330	985	35.0%	3,878	3,315	5,248	17.0%	-26.1%				
Volleyball (Court)	4,056	13+	2,874	25+	1,182	13-24	2,930	1-12	4,056	3,964	2.3%	6,986	6,132		13.9%					
Volleyball (Grass)	1,658	13+	889	25+	769	13-24	3,282	1-12	1,658	1,313	26.3%	4,940	4,372		13.0%					
Wrestling	1,458	25+	907	52+	551	25-51	1,855	1-24	1,458	1,558	-6.4%	3,313	2,914	3,743	13.7%	-11.5%				

	2007								Core Participants - Trend			Total Participants Trend				
	Core Participants		Core Participants include:				Casual Participants		2007	2006	1 year change (2006-2007)	2007	2006	2000	1 year change (2006 - 2007)	7 year change (2000-2007)
	Core Participants	Definition	Frequent Participants	Definition	Regular Participants	Definition	Casual Participants	Definition								
<b>OUTDOOR SPORTS</b>																
Backpacking Overnight - More Than 1/4 Mile From Vehicle/Home																
Bicycling - BMX	1,137	13+	968	25+	169	13-24	750	1-12	1,137	1,150	-1.1%	6,637	7,067		-6.1%	
Bicycling (Mountain/Non-Paved Surface)	3,841	13+	2,838	25+	1,003	13-24	3,051	1-12	3,841	3,850	-0.2%	1,887	1,655	3,213	14.0%	-41.3%
Bicycling (Road/paved surface)	21,151	25+	12,482	52+	8,669	25-51	17,789	1-24	21,151	22,061	-4.1%	6,892	6,751		2.1%	
Birdwatching More Than 1/4 Mile From Home/Vehicle												38,940	38,457		1.3%	
Camping (Recreational vehicle)	8,226	8+	5,194	15+	3,032	8-14	7,942	1-7	8,226	-		11,783	11,070		6.4%	
Camping Within 1/4 Mile of Vehicle/Home												16,168	16,946	17,893	-4.6%	-9.6%
Climbing (Sport/Indoor/Boulder)												31,375	35,618		-11.9%	
Climbing (Traditional/Ice/Mountaineering)												4,514	4,728		-4.5%	
Fishing (Fly)	2,833	8+	1,858	15+	975	8-14	2,923	1-7	2,833	3,235	-12.4%	2,062	1,586		30.0%	
Fishing (Freshwater-Other)	23,714	8+	15,452	15+	8,262	8-14	20,145	1-7	23,714	23,990	-1.2%	5,756	6,071	6,717	-5.2%	-14.3%
Fishing (Saltwater)	5,977	8+	3,808	15+	2,169	8-14	8,460	1-7	5,977	5,209	14.7%	43,859	43,100	43,696	1.8%	0.4%
Hiking (Day)												14,437	12,466	14,739	15.8%	-2.1%
Hunting (Bow)	821	8+	756	15+	65	8-14	2,997	1-7	821	1,006	-18.4%	29,965	29,863	30,051	0.3%	-0.3%
Hunting (Handgun)	1,023	8+	574	15+	449	8-14	1,572	1-7	1,023	1,009	1.4%	3,818	3,875	4,633	-1.5%	-17.6%
Hunting (Rifle)	3,675	13+	1,933	25+	1,742	13-24	6,960	1-12	3,675	3,795	-3.2%	2,595	2,525		2.8%	
Hunting (Shotgun)	4,374	8+	2,577	15+	1,797	8-14	4,171	1-7	4,374	4,664	-6.2%	10,635	11,242		-5.4%	
Shooting (Sport Clays)	1,519	8+	994	15+	525	8-14	2,596	1-7	1,519	2,059	-26.2%	8,545	8,987		-4.9%	
Shooting (Trap/Skeet)	1,325	8+	863	15+	462	8-14	2,051	1-7	1,325	1,358	-2.4%	4,115	4,062	4,437	1.3%	-7.3%
Target Shooting (Handgun)	5,514	8+	3,424	15+	2,090	8-14	6,222	1-7	5,514	4,570	20.7%	3,376	3,013	3,416	12.0%	-1.2%
Target Shooting (Rifle)	5,693	8+	3,596	15+	2,097	8-14	6,743	1-7	5,693	5,162	10.3%	11,736	9,995		17.4%	
Wildlife Viewing More Than 1/4 Mile From Home/Vehicle												12,436	11,803	10,022	5.4%	24.1%
												22,974	20,294		13.2%	
<b>WINTER SPORTS 2006/2007</b>																
Skiing (Alpine/Downhill)	2,912	8+	1,492	15+	1,420	8-14	7,450	1-7				10,362				
Skiing (Cross-country)	1,243	8+	674	15+	568	8-14	2,287	1-7				3,530				
Skiing (Freestyle)	885	8+	479	15+	406	8-14	1,930	1-7				2,817				
Snowboarding	2,319	8+	1,266	15+	1,054	8-14	4,522	1-7				6,841				
Snowmobiling	1,997	8+	1,198	15+	799	8-14	2,810	1-7				4,811				
Snowshoeing	626	8+	295	15+	331	8-14	1,774	1-7				2,400				
Telemarking (Downhill)	345	8+	198	15+	147	8-14	828	1-7				1,173				
<b>WATER SPORTS</b>																
Boardsailing/Windsurfing	322	8+	201	15+	121	8-14	796	1-7	322	358	-14.0%	1,118	938	1,739	19.2%	-35.7%
Canoeing	2,109		1,044									9,797	9,154	10,880	7.0%	-10.0%
Jet Skiing	2,727	8+	1,669	15+	1,058	8-14	5,328	1-7	2,727	2,606	4.9%	8,055	6,918	9,475	16.4%	-15.0%
Kayaking (Recreational)	1,563		953									4,702	4,134		13.7%	
Kayaking (Sea/Touring)	487		210									1,485	1,136		30.7%	
Kayaking (White Water)	303		156									1,187	828		43.4%	
Rafting	600		276									4,340	3,609	5,259	20.3%	-17.5%
Sailing	1,421	8+	771	15+	650	8-14	2,365	1-7	1,421	1,441	-4.7%	3,786	3,390	4,405	11.7%	-14.1%
Scuba Diving	1,018	8+	573	15+	445	8-14	1,947	1-7	1,018	887	14.8%	2,965	2,965	4,305	0.0%	-31.1%
Snorkeling	1,919	8+	888	15+	1,031	8-14	7,374	1-7	1,919	1,969	8.0%	9,294	8,395	10,302	10.7%	-9.8%
Surfing	950	8+	548	15+	402	8-14	1,256	1-7	950	981	-3.2%	2,206	2,170	2,191	1.7%	0.7%
Wakeboarding	1,116	8+	666	15+	450	8-14	2,405	1-7	1,116	1,456	-24.6%	3,521	3,046	4,558	15.6%	-22.8%
Water Skiing	2,110	8+	1,303	15+	807	8-14	3,808	1-7	2,110	1,734	20.0%	5,918	5,273	8,765	12.2%	-32.5%

Appendix B  
**Public Input Documentation**



# Community Input - Bay County Recreation Plan

## Input Received – Meeting #1

Thursday, March 13, 2008

3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Pinconning District Library

Approximately 8 attendees

### Pinconning

- Link trails from State Park to Pinconning.
- Get more use of ice arena in Bay City.
  - Use as a multi-purpose area.
  - Possibly for basketball.
- Boat ramp in Pinconning – Channel is filling in.
- Possible walkway/pier in Pinconning on old railroad pilings.

### Gibson

- New fence for ball field in Gibson Township Park.
- New parking at Gibson Township Park.
- Basketball court.
- Playground equipment.
- Bleachers for ball diamonds and lighting.
- Develop more recreation on existing land.
- Acquire additional park land adjacent to Park.
- Drainage/grading in Park.

### Others

- Extend channels into Bay.
- Focus on water parks/spray parks.
- Archery Park.
- Connect Pinconning Park Trail to City of Pinconning Trail.
- Connect trails throughout County.
- Enjoy the Art Festivals in Parks.
- Enjoy the waterfront areas.
- More water access.
- Like Pinconning Trail.
- Add benches/stations along trail.
- Add a fountain in Litchfield Park.
  - Enjoyable to read/relax by.
- Possible Farmers Market in Pinconning.
- Enjoy the trails – Nice.
- Bird watching/viewing tower in natural area.
- Enjoy the riverfront area in Bay City.

## Input Received – Meeting #2

Wednesday, March 19, 2008

3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Auburn Area Branch Library

Approximately 20 attendees

- Freeze areas in Auburn Park for skating.
- Plant landscaping to protect from wind (Auburn Park) – Around ice rink.
- Like to use Williams Township Park.
- Like access to the water.
- Enjoy park pavilions.
- Like the rail trail.
- Enjoy water resources.
- Williams Township Park is nice.
- Like are to house maintenance equipment.
- Use riverwalk downtown.
- Would be good to add tether ball.
- Need a public pool in the area.
- Like water/pond in Auburn Park.
- Use “whole” park.
- Walk around both parks.
- Shore line issues a tragedy.
- State Park – Not clean enough water.
- Would like a pedestrian bridge at State Park.
- Use Monitor Township Park – Play ball there.
- Favorite play equipment – Play by the Bay.
- Look for ways to integrate “inter-generational” design into parks (accommodate strollers, people with disabilities, etc.)
- Shade structures.
- Parks need more cozy, comfortable areas.
- Integrated play structures with stairs, ramps, etc.
- Like to use the path systems.
- Need more than just one integrated play structure.
- Climbing wall.
- Fitness pathways are coming back.
- Spray Parks are great.
- New “real area” for sledding.
- Adequate ball diamonds in Auburn area.
- Would like more “birding” opportunities.
- Bay County has great resources – The river.
- Create Strip Park along river similar to Wichita.
  - Good start at Vets Park.
  - Continue.
- Possibly tie into with Rail Trail with Saginaw.
- River greatest resource – Need to expand on it.
- Possible boat/canoe rental opportunities.
- Possible ship wreck tour or map on local wrecks.
- Highlight lumber ERA.
- Would like a collaborative effort with County sailing programs/education.
- Focus recreational opportunities along river and Saginaw Bay.
- Relatively little easy access to Bay for boating.
- Enjoy biking trails.

- Need a teeter-toter.
- Like to fish in pond at Auburn.
- Love the rail trail parks – Like them paved.
- Very nice at waterfront.
- Skate Park good! (in City)
- Improvements at the Pinconning Park are great!
- We enjoy the docks and access to the water.
- Use the paths in Auburn.
- Enjoy the rental pavilion in Auburn.
- Use the basketball court in Williams Township.
- Tobico Marsh.
- Spray Park.
- Biking Trails (paved/unpaved).
- Skateboard Parks.
- Safe place to hang out.
- Rail Trails.
- Dog Park.
- BMX Park.
- Any kind of recreation activity.
- We love the rail trail.
- Keep up the great maintenance already happening at the parks.
- Improve the restrooms at Vets Park.
- Improve public access to the Tobico Marsh.
- Local/regional parks are becoming more important as gas/energy prices continue to rise.
- Need more parks for youth.
- Love the bike paths.

### Input Received – Meeting #3

Wednesday, March 24, 2008      3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.      Garber High School  
 Approximately 25 attendees

- Uses rail trail.
- Kids get lots of recreation at schools through programs.
- Need more indoor basketball and volleyball and baseball courts. Now that boys/girls schedules have changed it is difficult to get gym time.
- Like bike trails at State.
- Water/muck an issue.
- No good basketball courts to play at.
- Drinking fountains on later at Vets.

- Need better access to lake and river.
  - Would like more basketball courts.
  - Would like a good place to practice golf.
  - Use trails to run on.
  - Beach area too dirty to use.
  - The parks are nice in our area.
  - More gyms – Like Center Courts in Saginaw or Hang Time in Midland.
  - Kids need things to do: Need more things to appeal to them, i.e. paint ball, and rock climbing.
  - Need more/better sledding/tobogganing areas (winter sports).
  - Fix tennis courts.
  - Need to clean beaches to go swimming.
  - Possible charter fishing trips?
  - Need more indoor recreation facilities.
  - Beach needs to be cleaned up (mainly at the State Park).
  - Rail trail is nice.
  - Need equestrian trails.
  - Need more trails for cross-country (running) training.
  - Clean the beaches!
  - Rail trail is nice for walking, etc.
  - Need more tennis facilities (64 tennis participants each year).
  - Existing tennis facilities get lots of use.
  - Consider “rolling-in” the ice arena into the Parks and Recreation Department (budgetary reasons)
    - It’s a great facility.
    - Needed in the community.
  - Need outdoor basketball courts.
  - Need better sledding hill/tobogganing area.
  - Bocce ball court.
  - Disc golf course.
    - Rail trail could use some natural interpretive signs.
    - X-cross Skiing at State Park/Tobico Marsh
      - Needs to be improved.
      - Connect trails between the two.
  - Need more open fields to play games like guts frisbee, etc.
  - Use the parks/water areas to showcase area artists.
  - Need more activities/programming for teens.
  - Stargazing activity/community education programming.
  - Need more pavilions to rent out.
  - Nature area
    - Butterfly house.
    - More hands-on natural areas/landscaping.
- Volleyball League
- 480 men’s and women’s volleyball
    - County program for volleyball needs more space to play.
  - Participants are about 35 years old.
  - Using existing school space, time is getting more limited every year.
  - Uses Community Center, Handy, etc., other schools.
  - Would like to use Community Center.

## Input Received – Meeting #4

Thursday, April 3, 2008

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Bay City Mall

Approximately 11 attendees

- Things have improved for the better over the years!
- Love the fireworks at Vets Park.
- We love the Civic Arena.
  - Lots of people use it.
  - Always busy.
  - Great place for kids and teens to hang out.
- We enjoy Vets Park!
- Tobico Marsh – We love it! Good for walks and to get away from it all (in the woods).
- Need more activities along the river.
- Use the parks for programming for arts and culture.
- Parks in the County have been improving in terms of handicapped accessibility over the past couple of years.
- We love the river. Great opportunities to develop eateries/dining on the river. (No more condos!)
- Would like to see a disc golf course: family oriented, everybody can play.
- Need to get the pathways up to Linwood and Pinconning.
- Love the pool!
- Need to clean up the beaches!
- Lots of parks in Bay.
- Clean up the beaches.
  - Need more places to swim.
- More activities on the river.
  - Redevelop vacant properties.
- Need more fun things to do for kids/youth at existing parks.
- Need a Water Park/Spray Park.
- Parks can help bring people into the community – Attract more people to the area.
- Have used the Imagination Station.

# Bay County Recreation Plan On-line Survey Results

**Survey available from January 2008 – Marcy 2008**

**Note:** All responses are printed exactly as they were received.

## 1. For how many years have you lived in Bay County?

Less than 1 year: 2 (0.6%)	10 to 19 years: 36 (10.5%)
1 to 4 years: 7 (2.0%)	20 years or more: 279 (81.1%)
5 to 10 years: 20 (5.8%)	

## 2. In what city or township do you currently live?

Auburn: 5 (1.5%)	Gibson Township: 2 (0.6%)
Bangor Twp: 69 (20.1%)	Hampton Township: 28 (8.2%)
Bay City: 132 (38.5%)	Kawkawlin Township: 9 (2.6%)
Beaver Township: 6 (1.7%)	Merritt Township: 2 (0.6%)
Bellaire: 1 (0.3%)	Midland: 1 (0.3%)
Essexville: 19 (5.5%)	Monitor Township: 34 (9.9%)
Fairgrove: 1 (0.3%)	Mt. Forest Township: 1 (0.3%)
Frankenlust Township: 3 (0.9%)	Munger: 2 (0.6%)
Fraser Township: 2 (0.6%)	Pinconning: 6 (1.7%)
Freeland: 1 (0.3%)	Portsmouth Township: 8 (2.3%)
Garfield Township: 1 (0.3%)	Williams Township: 10 (2.9%)

## 3. How many people live in your household?

One: 40 (11.8%)	Four: 89 (26.3%)	Seven: 5 (1.5%)
Two: 108 (31.9%)	Five: 21 (6.2%)	Eight: 1 (0.3%)
Three: 66 (19.5%)	Six: 9 (2.7%)	

## 4. How many children of each age group listed below live in your household?

Under age 5: 196 (70.5%)	Ages 5 to 12: 206 (74.1%)	Ages 13 to 17: 211 (75.9%)
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## 5. In what local school district do you live?

Bangor Township: 71 (22.2%)	Essexville-Hampton: 40 (12.5%)
Bay City Public: 208 (65.5%)	Pinconning: 12 (0.3%)

## 6. What is your age?

Under 18: 0	30 to 39: 75 (21.9%)	50 to 64: 108 (31.5%)
18 to 29: 43 (12.5%)	40 to 49: 102 (29.7%)	65 or older: 15 (4.4%)

## 7. How many times have you or your family used a county-owned and operated park in the past year?

Never: 53 (15.8%)	10 to 15 times: 32 (9.5%)
1 to 3 times: 97 (28.9%)	More than 15 times: 85 (25.3%)
4 to 9 times: 69 (20.5%)	

**8. Which of the following Bay County parks or facilities have you visited in the past year? (Check all that apply.)**

Bay County Golf Course: 92 (33.3%)	The Fairgrounds: 146 (52.9%)
Bay County Civic Arena: 120 (43.5%)	Independence Park Boat Launch: 93 (33.7%)
The Dog Park: 84 (30.4%)	Pinconning Park: 46 (16.7%)
Euclid Linear Park: 39 (14.1%)	The Swimming Pool: 49 (17.8%)

**9. Have you visited other local parks in the pas year? If so, please specify which parks.**

Auburn City Park	Kawkawlin Township Ball Park
Bay City State Recreation Area (State Park)	Liberty Marina
Beaver Community Ball Park	Maplewood Park
Birney Park	Midland County Tridge Park
Carroll Park	Middlegrounds
Caseville	Mills Park
Come Play by the Bay	Monitor Township Park
Community Center Park	Mt. Forest Park
DeFoe Park	Mt. Pleasant
Dog Park on Euclid	Munger Community Park
Essexville Boat Launch	Nate Doan Park
Essexville Elementary Playground	Nell Park
Finn Road Access	Nelso Park
Frankenlust Park	Pondside Park
Fraser Park	Portsmouth Township Park
Garfield Park	Railtrail
Gibson Park	Ridge Road Park
Gladwin National City	Rifle River Recreation
Golson Nature Park	River Walk
Grand RapidsYMCA	Roosevelt Park
Hewitt Field	Smith Park
Higgins Lake	Smith and Tranit (Fire Barn)
Hoyt Park, Saginaw	Third Street Water Park
Imagination Station	Tobico Marsh
Immerman Park, Midland	Traverese City State Park
Island Park	Veteran's Memorial Park
Jones Road Park	Wenona Park
Kantzler Arboretum	Williams Township Park

**10. What facilities do you and your family use when you visit public parks? (Check all that apply.)**

Ball Diamonds: 100 (31.3%)	Playgrounds: 165 (51.7%)
Basketball Courts: 45 (14.1%)	Picnic Pavilions: 153 (48.0%)
Horseshoe Pits: 21 (6.6%)	Soccer Fields: 35 (11.0%)
Ice Rinks: 70 (21.9%)	Swimming Pools: 52 (16.3%)
Nature Trails: 225 (70.5%)	Tennis Courts: 56 (17.6%)
Paved pathways: 225 (70.5%)	Volleyball Courts: 39 (12.2%)

**11. Why do you and your family visit parks in Bay County? (Check all that apply.)**

Participate in sports/leagues: 124 (38.5%)  
Watch sporting events: 127 (39.4%)  
Attend programs (special events, camps, classes, special events, leagues): 117 (36.3%)  
Casual/informal use (walking, picnic, playground): 290 (90.1%)  
Enjoying nature: 237 (73.6%)

## 12. What additional facilities/amenities would you like to see added to parks in Bay County?

Ball Diamonds: 33 (10.6%)  
Basketball Courts: 42 (13.5%)  
Canoe Portage: 96 (30.9%)  
Disc/Frisbee Golf: 78 (25.1%)  
Drinking Fountains: 108 (34.7%)  
Gymnasium: 523 (16.7%)  
Indoor Pool: 98 (31.5%)  
Meeting Rooms: 25 (8.0%)

More Park Land: 89 (28.6%)  
Paved Pathways: 160 (51.4%)  
Playgrounds: 69 (22.2%)  
Rock-climbing Wall: 110 (35.4%)  
Skate Parks: 39 (12.5%)  
Splash Park: 140 (45.0%)  
Swings: 58 (18.6%)  
Wooded Nature Areas: 194 (62.4%)

## 13. Are there other facilities or amenities not listed above that you would like to see added?

- 3rd ice sheet and better seating.
- A good beach
- A maze, like midland a area where water shoots out from the ground, increase and improve music coming to park.
- A New Golf Course
- A new gym facility like hangtime sports of midland or center courts of Saginaw.
- A zoo or riverboat casino.
- Adult sized playground (they have them in England).
- An updated indoor basketball/volleyball facility.
- Archery Range; cross-country skiing @ Golf Course.
- Areas for larger gatherings like b-day parties, etc.
- BATH ROOMS PLEASE!
- Bathroom facilities access to all visitors.
- Bathrooms/Public Phone Service.
- Better maintenance on the rail trail.
- BETTER RESTROOMS / CONCESSIONS.
- Bike paths.
- BIKE ROUTES.
- Bleacher in ice arena or if anything else is built consider seating.
- BMX DIRT PARK, 4 WHEELING TRAILS.
- Build a Obstacle Course at the Fairgrounds and have contests with a fee to enter and they sign a waiver that dont hold the county reliable if they get hurt. pit one against the other and keep it going. watch the show ninja warrior on cable G4-18.
- Camping.
- Clean beaches.
- Clean River Walk free from goose droppings.
- Clean Surroundings.
- Clean water and clean beaches.
- Clean, family friendly restrooms.
- Cultural centers showing historical facts about Bay County.
- Definitely a spray park -- I'd love to stop going to Midland for theirs.
- Designated Bicycle Routes and Paved Trails.
- Designated fishing areas for youngsters. e.g. age 5-10.
- DISC GOLF "PLEASE."
- Dog Park on the West side of the City.
- Dog runs.
- Driving range.
- Entertainment Venues.
- Exercise/Health Oriented Walkway.
- Facility for indoor volleyball.
- Fishing.
- Fishing pier.
- Fishing piers.
- Free outdoor ice skating rinks with music, warming house and concessions, cross country ski/snow shoeing trails, beaches, swimming, waterpark, fishing.
- Groomed Cross County Trails in Bay County.
- Horseback riding.
- Hunting opportunity.
- I think there should be a continual row of signs asking people to please clean up their dogs poop!!!!!! That is a serious problem and in my opinion a health hazard.
- I would LOVE to see a fish hatchery or trout pond here, so the little kids could fish and see up close, the fish in their development.
- If it costs taxpayer money, I DO NOT think we should have it.
- Improved Boat Launch (dredging) @ Pinconning Park.
- Indoor Cardio Equipment and a Running Track.
- Indoor dog walking facility, casino, indoor shopping area like an outlet center.



- Indoor horse back riding arena at County Fairgrounds. Place at fairgrounds for urban children to raise their own small farm animals for 4-H projects and/or raise a garden on a small plot. Cooperate with Extension and schools on this.
- Indoor playspace for winter exercise (like Midland Community Center's Jungle Gym).
- Indoor Volleyball Facilities for Adults.
- Indoor Water Park / for things for children and families, not just festivals where there is a LOT of beer and alcohol served. We are sending the wrong message to our future generation and hold a double standard.
- Inside Tennis Courts, Inside Hitting & Pitching facilities.
- Keep adding to the rail trails.
- Maintain what is already there. No point adding extra features if they will be neglected.
- Modern restroom at ball diamonds.
- More access to indoor gyms for volleyball leagues.
- More Bathrooms.
- More bicycle/pedestrian trails.
- More bike trails.
- More gym space.
- MORE gym time for womens VOLLEYBALL leagues-We need to have a set gym with a set night. We always get leftovers and sometimes don't play for 3 weeks at a time. Women's indoor gym time is sorely lacking. PLEASE HELP.
- More information about where the parks are and what they feature. I was not aware half of these parks exist.
- More public bathrooms in nature areas that are open all year round - like vault toilets.
- More rest stations w/rest rooms, pay-phones, air pumps for bike tires, etc.../re-surface tennis courts @ Carroll Park & Vets Park/start ticketing people who let their dogs deficate along the walkways & rail trails in the parks.
- More Restroom Facilities at the parks and trails.
- More seating in the civic arena and an extra sheet of ice.
- More shade trees or pavilions to get out of the sun in the heat of summer.
- More toilet facilities.
- More trees, landscaping, ponds, fountains.
- More walking trails.
- Native plants along trails and in natural areas.
- Need more summer youth programs/camps!
- None -- We pay enough taxes and there are enough parks, etc.
- Outdoor Racket Ball Court.
- Outdoor skating/hockey rink in winter, outdoor iceless skating rink.
- Paintball Course.
- Paintball for the teens...a park with water fountains for the kids in the summer to run through.
- Parking facilities at Bay Co Ice Arena.
- Please more volleyball courts or at least equal time with basketball.
- Ponds.
- Protected (fenced) area for teens to hang.
- Racquetball.
- Railtrail through City of Auburn.
- Rest rooms.
- Resurface & paint tennis courts @ Vets Park.
- Roller hockey rink like the one in midland, more un-paved trails.
- SANDY BEACH FOR SWIMMING
- Shooting range.
- Shuffleboard, Covered Pavilions.
- Sidewalks. We can't walk in our own neighborhoods, We have to drive to parks or rail trails. With Michigan ranking as one of the top states for obesity, you would be helping the residents by installing sidewalks in residential areas.
- Soccer fields.
- Street Hockey / Ice Hockey Rink.
- Take a slab of ice in that civic arena and dig a swimming pool or put in some basketball courts. Since when were single purpose facilities "the way to go" over multi-purpose buildings?? Staff the outdoor pool with the proper number of cashiers (1) lifeguards (12) and supervisors (1 or 2) each day. The staff was continuously down-sized due to buget cuts. The current staff numbers are unsafe and inappropriate. Hire actual Water Safety Instructors to teach swim lessons, pay them higher wages, and up the price for your swim lessons. Lower the outdoor pool open swim prices. It's been eight years of nobody showing up at the pool, the numbers don't lie. If you can make more money and satisfy more people by charging less, what sense does it make to have the higher price (see Walmart)? Increase price and size of summer youth recreation program to

additional locations in Bay County. Find resources to help reduce or provide registration fees for low income families. Take the idea of a "splash park" and forget about it. Yes, "splash parks" look great, but how many young kids learn to swim at a splash park? I sure didn't.

- Tennis courts.
- Tennis Courts in other out lying areas.

- Tennis courts, areas just to sit and enjoy being outside.
- Volleyball courts are not allowed the same percentage of time as is basketball.
- Volleyball facilities.
- Walking path for Kawkawlin Twp park with/park benches.
- Water Spray Area for pre-teen children.
- Wave Pool.

**14. Please evaluate the following aspects of parks in Bay County:**

	<b>Very Good</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Very Poor</b>
Quality of programs	36 (12.1%)	146 (49.0%)	101 (33.9%)	13 (4.4%)	2 (0.7%)
Quality/friendliness of staff	51 (17.2%)	128 (43.2%)	104 (35.1%)	11 (3.7%)	2 (0.7%)
Variety of facilities/amenities	18 (6.0%)	157 (52.2%)	95 (31.6%)	26 (8.6%)	5 (1.7%)
Maintenance and appearance	30 (10.0%)	177 (58.8%)	63 (20.9%)	27 (9.0%)	4 (1.3%)
Safety and security	34 (11.3%)	144 (48.0%)	101 (33.7%)	17 (5.7%)	4 (1.3%)

**15. Is there a person with disabilities in your family?**

No: 277 (90.5%)                      Yes: 29 (9.5%)

**16. If you answered “yes” to question 15, which of the following would make our parks and facilities more user-friendly for you and your disabled family member? (Check all that apply.)**

Accessible parking: 15 (53.5%)  
 Accessible playgrounds: 10 (35.7%)  
 Accessible restrooms: 18 (64.3%)  
 Barrier-free access to river/lakes: 14 (50.0%)  
 Flatter/easier grade: 14 (50.0%)  
 Paved trails: 22 (78.6%)

**17. If you know of other areas of improvement that can be made to Bay County facilities and parks for the benefit of the disabled, list them below:**

- Access to the beachfronts.
- Accessible Pathways, adaptable equipment.
- Accessible picnic tables.
- Bathrooms.
- Beach clean-up.
- Beaver Community Ball Park is considering building their new ballfields barrier-free to allow handicapped kids play baseball, Beaver Baseball Association, Inc. is in preliminary planning stages and has had talks with local disabled children groups. For more information contact Brandon Krause at 662-7555.
- Better restroom facilities needed.
- Easily-accessed pavilion for seniors/wheelchair/walkers.
- Handicapped porta-jons at local parks, festivals.
- Hire better staff at the ice rink.
- I'm not sure, but there is a fairly new park in Saginaw built specifically for wheelchair bound children and it is awesome.
- Jobs would be nice.
- Keep the grass cut, weeds & brush eliminated, trash gone.
- More and cleaner bathroom facilities.
- Park designed for disabled.

- Porking can be bothersome depending on the event.
- PUBLIC BATHROOMS.
- Rest rooms.
- Splash park.
- We have not utilized many of the rec facilities because of their being too far away to make them feasible.
- Wheelchair access to boats

**18. What recreation activities do you participate in that Bay County does not currently offer, but which you would like to see?**

- A park to have an Antique Festival, Down hill (if there is a hill any where) and Cross county skiing, a fair on Green Living/Recycling-Reusing and what each individual can do to help/Drop-in recreational beach volleyball/ inside facility in bad weather, outdoor exercise classes/programs for kids/teens and adults.
- Archery.
- Basketball court facility. Like the hang-time in Midland.
- Better advertizing on programs held.
- Better maintained tennis courts, kayaking.
- Camp for teens.
- Canoeing.
- Cleaner swimming water.
- Cross country skiing trails.
- Disc Golf.
- Disc/Frisbee Golf, Disc Golf.
- Expanded bicycle trails and better trail mapping and marking. Connect to Midland trails via the Consumers transmission lines right of ways.
- Fishing dock.
- Fitness center.
- Fitness Classes Cardio Workouts Running.
- Horseback riding sailing kayaking.
- Hunting could be allowed in areas of the Pinconning Park.
- I currently use the Hampton Mall during the winter months for walking. I'd love to see some type of organized exercise walk incorporated there or a facility like it that would combine walking with weight/strengthening/circuit training.
- I think the disc golf thing is a really cool idea. It is also something the average person can afford to equip themselves to do. Tournaments could maybe even draw a tourist dollar or two.
- I use Delta College's fitness center; the county should put one in at the Civic Arena for parents to use while their kids are on the ice playing or practicing hockey.
- Indoor baseball/softball hitting club.
- Indoor bicycle facilities and walking facilities.
- Indoor pool.
- Indoor volleyball.
- Indoor walking program for inclement weather. Something that can be utilized as early as 5:00am.
- Kayak, canoeing.
- Longer railtrail like Midland. If I want to go for an extended 20-40 mile ride I must make the commute to Midland.
- Mens 30 & over hockey league. Youth drop-in hockey nights.
- Midland Community Tennis Center, ASA Softball, Travel Volleyball, Rollerskating, Cross-Country Skiing on groomed trails.
- Mom or dad and kid walking park. A place for parents to meet and gain friendships with other parents.
- More basketball courts, swings.
- More bike paths/sidewalks in Bangor Twp -- unsafe to get to rail trail without using a vehicle.
- More children's programs.
- More recreation opportunities for the residents in Kawkawlin Twp such as a walking path. An indoor pool would be a waste of money as we have pools at Delta and each of the High Schools in the county. I feel that each of the High School pools should be opened for use by the county residents as they are supported by the taxpayers of the county. I do not want to travel to Auburn or Pinconning or into Bay City to use their facilities. We are a forgotten area of the county as to recreation.
- More Winter Programs like cross country skiing areas.
- My family utilizes Delta College's and Midland Community Center's indoor pool in the winter. It would be great to see Bay County able to offer something similar. I also like the idea of a rock climbing wall.
- Nobody in bay county has any money to participate in anything...unless your the mayor.

- Outdoor yoga.
- Paint ball....roller hockey rink(vets or carroll park would be nice!)
- Rock Climbing.
- Running program for adults.
- Sandy beach activities, i.e. beach volleyball, sunbathing, beach eating areas and cooking, BEACH BOARDWALK WOULD BE VERY NICE!
- Shooting range.
- Skeet & trap.
- Some type of tobogan run, Indoor pool designed for 10-16 year olds. Delta more for little kids. Need to find something for 10-16 year old to keep them out of trouble.
- SWIM --BEACH AREA
- Swimming, beaches, cross country skiing, fishing, camping, outdoor ice skating, sledding, tobogganing, biking, hiking.
- Swimming/splash park or water park for the kids.
- The Community Center in Bay City is poorly managed--especially the pool. The hours seem to be at the whim of the lifeguards and it isn't open for families to use in the summer or on sundays. It's a fabulous facility but completely under utilized.
- There is an incredible facility in Saginaw called Center Court - there is a indoor walking path that is awesome. We have attended basketball tournaments there from time to time - very nice facility - would be nice to have one in our county.
- Trail running, roller hockey.
- Triathalon, more road races, marathons - 4th of july road race.
- Volleyball and basketball tournaments.
- Volleyball facilities; Clean beaches; Added boat launches/access; fish cleaning areas; shower and clean restroom accommodations; more trash collect.
- Walking/Cycling - I live on Mackinaw Rd - It is dangerous to walk or cycle along the road because of lack of a should (or very little) - I would like to see a path staring at Midland Rd heading North on Mackinaw Rd / running to Beaver and then East to the State Park to connect all residents - Soon the University Trail could be extended to run North on Mackinaw to connect those students that cannot afford to drive.
- Water park.
- We are long distance bicycle tourists. Bay City is on one of Adventure Cycling Association's cross country routes. The demographics for bicycle tourists shows that they spend less on gas, but more at local businesses. It would be great to link Bay County's rail trail system to Saginaw's and the Pere Marquette trail in Midland. Bay County could become the hub of a major system that would attract cyclists from outside the area, at relatively low cost.
- We took the kids to Miland last summer to use their splash park- would love to see one here.
- West side dog park.
- Wish they offered batting cages. Areas like HangTime in Midland where there would be more basketball courts available so kids don't have to travel to a different school in order to have practice time.
- Youth summer camps

### 19. What do you like best about parks in Bay County?

- A nice area to spend time in.
- Accessibility.
- Accessibility trails cabins at Pinconning Park.
- Accessibility and paved sidewalks for running or rollerblading.
- Amount of play equipment.
- Atmosphere....rail trail...paths.
- AVAILABILITY.
- Basketball courts.
- Beautiful Settings for all of them and the walk ways.
- Being able to spend time outside with my kids - biking, picnics, playground equipment, nature areas, and paved walkways.
- Being close to the water.
- Being out in nature, getting exercise and seeing others in the community enjoying the outdoors.
- Being outdoors.
- Clean.
- Clean and love the concerts held there.
- Clean and` safe.
- Clean parks, but the port a pottys are nasty.
- Clean, bathrooms accessible.

- Clean, convenient and SAFE.
- Cleanliness.
- Cleanliness and accessibility.
- Cleanliness and safety.
- Cleanliness, safe environment.
- Close to home.
- Close to home (can ride bikes or walk there).
- Close to home, affordable (Golf course, Civic Arena).
- Convenient, safe.
- Convenience.
- Easily accessible.
- Easy access, Clean.
- Easy to access with the rail trail.
- Easy to get to and the cleanliness of them.
- Easy to get to.
- Easy to get to, the diversity of the parks scenery, location and facilities.
- Exposure to nature in a safe environment. Ability to use for large family gatherings.
- Family-friendly Typically clean.
- Golf course.
- Grounds are nicely kept, nature trails do need some upkeep.
- I do not generally visit the Bay County parks enough to comment.
- I don't like anything about bay county, and i go out of my way to tell everyone and anyone how horrible this place is and if they are smart they'd stay away, far away.
- I haven't visited very many of them because of their distance. In the past I visited the Bay County Community center pool when my children participated in swimming, but felt and still do, that the pool is not centrally located for use. I'm glad the county has a pool, but the location is not central for most of the population of the county.
- I like the "small town feel" -- the variety of parks in the county and the various facilities are nice.
- I like the fact that they are closely connected and related to the largest freshwater source on the planet. Which is another reason among many we love living in Michigan.
- I like the trails at BC State Rec Area. Also enjoy the Rail Trail
- I love that the playgrounds are safe and well-taken care of, so that i can take my 2 year old daughter there and not have to worry about old, or ill-maintained equipment.
- I typically go through them while running or biking. I also go there when I am babysitting my 6 year old nephew. I like the amount of paths through there and getting to there, the railtrail through the town is very nice.
- I wish they would put more playground equipment at the Bay county fairgrounds and promote that more.
- Kid friendly.
- Like the trails the best.
- Location.
- Long rail trails to rollerblade, clean (for the most part, except for the citizens and pollution).
- Lots of places to entertain the kids.
- Maintained fairly well.
- Many options, close to home, lots of room.
- Most are in shaded areas.
- Most if not all of the parks are well maintained and clean.
- My daughter loves to play at the park. Most of the time they are clean and free of glass.
- Nature friendly.
- Nature trails.
- Nature trails - rail trail.
- Nature trails in Pinconning and at BC State Park are very nice. Love the railtrail expansions.
- NICE LOTS OF ACTIVITIES---FESTIVALS.
- No cost.
- No one is ever there.
- Not too much at this time; they're not family oriented, young families attractive.
- Nothing.
- Open spaces.
- Openness and rail trails.
- Parking is adequate.
- Parks are clean and assessable.
- Paved paths and nature trails.
- Paved roads to run on.
- Pinconning Park.
- Play scapes.
- Playgrounds.
- Playgrounds, ball diamonds and picnic areas.
- Proximity to house.
- Quality.
- Rail trails for biking, walking, & jogging. Scenic views but close by to restaurants & stores.
- Railtrail.
- Readily available and accessible.
- Safe and clean.
- Safe and generally clean.
- Safe, clean.
- Safe, clean and close by.

- Safety.
- Safety, Close proximity.
- Spread out in the county. But we should encourage the planting of native plants, trees, shrubs, instead of cultivated flowers, grasses, etc. for the sake of native birds and insect populations that depend on the native plants, and will reduce CO2 in the atmosphere.
- Summer activities: pig gig, etc.
- That they are available in every township for local families use within a reasonable distance.
- That they are still here - other cities this size have none or much less than we do. The nature; maintaining wildlife habitat.
- The beauty.
- The grounds staff does a great job maintaining them.
- The locations and the price (golf).
- The locations.
- The parks are beautiful. If you could clean up the water, that would be Excellent!.
- The People and Nature.
- The quite, watching animals, and looking at nature in general..
- The rail trails.
- The scenery.
- The variety of parks.
- The various locations throughout the County in which they are located.
- The walks/bike paths.
- Their ability to attract lots of people! I really enjoy the dog park and all the activity there. Thank you.
- There are enough so sites are not overcrowded.
- There are parks and railtrails.
- There built with local input and ideas.
- There is usually always something offered in the summer time for entertainment at one of the facilities.
- They are all close to the bay, river or other source of water. Water is relaxing for most people.
- they are always kept up.
- They are clean.
- They are clean and quiet. The people at Pinconning Park were very helpful when we stayed there last summer.
- They are clean and safe.
- They are clean and the staff are friendly. We have some of the most beautiful camping in the state.
- They are close to home.
- They are close, no need to drive very far to get to them, many within walking distance.
- They are pretty and natural.
- They are well groomed/kept up nice.
- Trails.
- Trails for running/biking.
- Trees, Grass.
- Usually quiet in the smaller neighborhood parks. Rail Trail is great. It needs longer stretches of trail without stops for streets.
- Variety.
- Variety of landscapes offered.
- Variety, locations, easy to get to.
- Variety. Would be great to have discounted rate for county employees for either pool or ice arena.
- Walking trails, playgrounds.
- Well maintained and not overly crowded.
- Well maintained and scattered around the community.
- Well ran.
- Wooded Areas

## 20. What is one thing you would do to improve parks and recreation in Bay County?

- Update the meeting room at the Civic Arena - it needs new carpeting, new tables & chairs, new dry erase board and possibly a bulletin board. 2)More benches in the lobby of the Civic Arena.3)more park lands along the river in Bay City, Bangor, and Hampton to get next to the river, for viewing wildlife, birds, boats, tall ships, lake freighters.
- A DISC GOLF COURSE. MR GRAY STATED THERE MAY BE NO NEED FOR A COURSE BECAUSE OF PINCONNING? WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH

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DOES NOT FIT EITHER CRITERIA. I THINK AS IN ANY ENDEAVOR I HOPE IF YOU MOVE FORWARD WITH A DISC COURSE YOU WILL PUT YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD AND MAKE IT SPECIAL AND NOT JUST TO APPEASE THE PUBLIC. I HOPE YOU RESEARCH DISC GOLF AND COURSES. A GOOD PLACE TO START IS WWW.PDGA ANY QUESTIONS I CAN BE REACHED AT (989) 684-0974 or jimbothume@aol.com THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

- Accessibility to more benches and picnic tables.
- Add more animal(dog) play areas.
- Add more gym space.
- Add more nature areas for walking and camping - make camping parks that have more space per/camp site. More camping that is located on the bay for boating, fishing and swimming. More areas that people can camp with their pets (i.e. dogs).
- Add more paved miles to the Rail Trail heading north towards Pinconning. Also, pave the old railroad right of way going out towards Munger.
- Add more recreation both indoors and out -- more space, build on to house indoor pool.
- Add picnic tables and benches.
- Add youth activities/summer opportunities.
- All tennis courts need to be resurfaced....very bad shape, more bathroom facilities on railtrail.
- Allow hunting in some areas of Pinconning Park.
- A lot more monies for the outlying areas such as Kawkawlin Twp. My family assisted with the setup and installation of the present new playground area at Kawkawlin and we are very happy when we see families use the playground and ball fields. After all, most of the population is in the townships, not in the city area of Bay County.
- As a frequent user of the Rail Trail and River Walk it would be if people would be more safety conscious (no iPods, head phones etc.) Also we must stop people from feeding the geese along the River Walk there are times when the walkway is mostly green and also very slippery.
- Bathroom facilities.
- Beach.
- Because of the economy and gas prices - again, I think if you added the accessibility to all that use other means of transportation

and connected what you already have in place it would be a GREAT Start!

- Better advertisement of available programs or accessibility.
- Better beach access. maintained beaches, free of muck. splash park (see midland's).
- Better Care. More upkeep in all areas.
- Better maintenance.
- Better maintenance of rest rooms.
- Bicycle friendly routes. This could be as simple as signs on paved back roads, and designated marked bike lanes, or as elaborate as long distance paved trails.
- Bike Paths.
- Build a 24 hole disc golf course.
- BUILD A FACILITY LIKE HANGTIME SPORTS OF MIDLAND OR CENTER COURTS OF SAGINAW!! WE HAVE TO TRAVEL TO PLAY LEAGUES AND TOURNAMENTS FOR VOLLEYBALL!! BAY CITY WOULD GAIN TOURISTS AND MONEY IF WE HELD TOURNAMENTS LIKE OTHER CITIES SUCH AS KALAMAZOO, MIDLAND, GRAND RAPIDS, ETC. IT WOULD ALSO ALLOW BAY COUNTY TO START AN AAU LEAGUE SO OUR HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL CAN CATCH UP WITH THE REST OF THE STATE!!
- CAMERAS FOR SAFETY PURPOSES MAYBE EMERGENCY PHONES TO 911??
- Change the staffing and the hours.
- CLEAN THE BEACH.
- Clean the water in the bay.
- Clean up an area on the beach.
- Clean up the areas and make them not only family friendly, but friendly to the environment. More family programming.
- Clean up the beach in the state park I realize that may be out of the control of the local parks and recreation.
- Clean water/clean beaches.
- Cleaner.
- Cleaner beaches and shoreline.
- Cleaning the beach area.
- Cleanliness.
- Cleanliness & security.
- Deepen the Bay, Make sandy beaches.
- Design a Disc Golf Course.
- During the spring & summer months, finding an available site is sometimes difficult. Expanding our present facilities.
- Eliminate the enormous amounts of pet waste(poop) left everywhere.

- Empty trash more often, have some kind of supervision in the area, cleaner restrooms - perhaps indoor rather than port a john's.
- Expand and improve the number of facilities and the amount of time available for volleyball, which I believe would result in a significant increase in the number of Bay County residents who would participate in the Bay County volleyball leagues. Thank you.  
Expand the rail trail. Add a disc golf course.
- Expand township parks. Williams is very nice, but can't think of any other township in the county that offers so much.
- Extend Rail Trail/River Walk for more long-distance biking.
- Extend the rail trail.
- Find the resources and \$\$\$ necessary to increase the recreation choices and programs for kids.
- Get rid of the muck at State Park.
- Give Women's sports adequate time and gym availability. Many times, this is the only time we set aside for ourselves. With our Volleyball league, it is so inconsistent and sometimes we don't get a gym unless everyone else doesn't need it. We sometimes go 3 weeks without a game! We are begging for equal time and hopefully a weekly night dedicated to our league play. Also the gyms do not need to be heated to the extent that they are. It is a waste of money and not good for our health.
- Have a beach area with sand. Get a decent dock at Pinconning Park and have small, rowboat- fishing boats available for short fishing trips.
- Have more organized activities at the parks and make people more aware of them. Should have more activities like the state park does. I like the activities they have in the fall at the Essexville Smith park for the children.
- Have the civic arena more accessible to people in the community not familiar with how to skate/play hockey.
- I think it would be beneficial to cover the outdoor pool and make it accessible the entire year for not only the youth of the community but also the senior citizens for water aerobics.
- I would go to State Park to walk the beach if I didn't have to pay to get in. Can't some area be free to people - especially those who can't afford the sticker or daily fee.
- I would really like to see mile markers along the railtrail. I know that there are the charts that look like a multiplication table but if you could just choose a start and end point I think it would be much better for those people walking, running and riding. Maybe the beginning could be where it breaks off from the city loop and goes out to Bangor (Bouy 18), then you could mark it both ways. I am comparing it to when I run or bike on the Midland Railtrail, that is much easier to judge your workout. I would suggest half mile increments. If you don't have anything to do with the railtrail in Bay County, I apologize.
- I would say encourage people to pick up after themselves and their pets. Not so much be ready to condemn and fine. But maybe some things to encourage people to help out. Just lots of reminders maybe.
- I would use security guards to make the parks safer.
- Ice maintenance at the civic arena is not as good since Tom Berry took care of it.
- Improve and expand the railtrails northward to Linwood, Pinconning, etc.
- Improve gym floor at the community center.
- Improve of Basketball League, New gym or community center.
- Improve on the parks in northern bay county, so that the kids have somewhat equal opportunity to use playgrounds, basketball courts, ballfields ect. Also, providing ballfields Volleyball courts, Horseshoe pits[possible leagues] so that the northern bay county residents don't have to travel so far to use the better, southern baycounty parks.
- Improve the Beach at the State Park.
- Improve vet's park's utilities - electrical & water.
- Include more local art, sculpture, etc for viewing.
- Informational kiosk at more locations, greater emphasis on health and fitness through educational and participational programs.
- It would be great to have an additional recreation center for extra sports so they do not have to be held at schools - example - volleyball leagues.
- It would be nice if more volunteers or someone would help clean them up a little more.
- Just to be spruced up a little.



- Keep clean and safe.
- Keep parks in repair and stockwed (I.E. dog park).
- Keep them cleaner.
- Keep them secure and in working order - bath rooms clean with paper available, and drinking fountains working.
- Keep up with maintenance on the rail trail (pick up sticks/stones, etc).
- Lower greens fees @ County Golf Course.
- Maintain better condition of existing facilities. Clean buildings, cut/trim grounds, paint & fix up, offer better parking areas.
- Maintain grounds and equipment. Enforce no loitering after park hours. Repair vandalized equipment. Increase the number of parks and space for each park. At least two small pavilions per park.
- Make a couple disc golf courses.
- Make it an ordinance that you can not feed the geese in vets park. The green slime on the river walk is disgusting.
- Make it better known that rooms are available for rent in the community center and what the prices are.
- Make it more inviting along with more advertising, organizing activities.
- Make more volleyball facilities for adults.
- Make the parks attractive, clean for parents and kids ages newborn to 12.
- Moe bathroom facilities other than porta johns.
- More activites for younger children.
- More childrens equipment.
- More family-oriented events.
- More green space, dog park on the west side of town.
- More nature trails.
- More nature trails and nice sandy area at the beach, a boardwalk at the beach near the State Park.
- More nature trails, roller hockey rink like the one in midland, get on the bandwagon with the Sierra Club to stop the pollution and get "CLEAN" energy. Say NO to COAL.
- More nature, trees, bushes.
- More of it, more outdoor nature recreation, more programs for kids and families.
- More options needed for cold weather months for people that are older.
- More organized programs.
- More Parks.
- More playscapes, more rail trail type pathways, Disc Golf and/or recreational facilities geared toward the college age student and seniors.
- More publicity about what is available for use.
- More safety - stories of assaults and robberies while in the parks are circulating. People need to feel safe.
- More security.
- More sites at the campgrounds.
- More things on the west side. Too centralized for the east side.
- More toddler friendly equipment.
- More trails and better lighting.
- More trails!
- More trash cans! Doggy bags along the trail to encourage people to pick up after there pets.
- Need more area of nature walks.
- New improved equipment.
- Offering some youth programs would be nice.
- Outdoor ice rinks...sledding hills...tobagan run.
- Pamphlet describing the different parks and what they offer.
- Parking.
- Please put a stop to the drinking during softball ganes at Vets Park.
- Promotion of parks and recreation.
- Provide bathroom facility with running water.
- Put money into the community center instead of giving it to Delta. Could also put money into the civic arena to make it a multi purpose facility.
- Putting up a digital Sign at the Bay County Civic Arena (road side), to post current and up coming events on a regular basis or posting of current ice time schedules. This would be a great asset to for the people who participate in the use of the Civic Arena. Or maybe you could sell advertisement on the digital sign. Just some ideas. Check out the Saginaw Rink Sign they put up. These are all over in Saginaw Twp and I have been seeing them pop up in Bay City too. Let's strive for this and see it through.
- Reduce waste of taxpayers money.
- Resurface & paint tennis courts @ Vets Park.
- Safety/security.
- Security Cameras.
- Since we mainly use the river walk at Vet's Park, or the State recreation area, I can only relate our observations. Our main complaint

is lack of of maintenance. Sidewalks have grass growing over them, they need to be edged. Trees need to be trimmed. Uneven sidewalks need to be repaired. If Bay County is not addressing this at County owned parks, they need to get more staff to take care of these issues. Making sure there are enough trash receptacles in the park, and "doggie bags" for people to pick up after their pet. Colorful plants and benches for sitting.

- That they ARE in Bay County. It's nice having them so close by and not having to travel to get to them!
- The Gardens at Riverwalk need more access to water spickets throughout the gardens so they can be kept up better during the summer heat!
- The playground equipment in Auburn has been infested with wasps for the past three summers. It's disturbing to see the same wasp's nests up week after week after week. I wish that was patrolled a little more. (A sting-free summer would be nice!!)
- The public's knowledge of where they are and what's available and what the fees are

for activities. If it is listed in paper to make sure it is on a week-end because more people get the week-end papers.

- The tennis courts at Vets Park are not well maintained, that is a shame as they used to be the nicest.
- Try to continue to improve appearance (update) and cleanliness. It's a never ending battle. up keep on the equipment
- Updated playground equipment.
- VETS PARK IS CLOSED SO OFTEN FOR SPECIAL EVENTS IN THE SUMMER THAT IT IS NOT ALWAYS A CHOICE UNLESS ONE ATTENDS THE SPECIAL EVENT.
- We are in desperate need of an indoor swimming pool for recreation and lessons.
- We need something to attract people back to the bay, ofcourse excessive clean is needed for the water. Swimming is not an option in the bay anymore.
- We need to clean up the water and beaches--we have a beautiful natural resource we can't use.

## 21. Are there any recreational activities for which you would suggest and educational program be offered?

- Adult tennis, tai chi.
- Animal awareness.
- Archery, Track.
- Basebakk/soccer/basketball camp.
- Basketball!
- Bicycle tours utilizing developed routes. Maps identifying all non motorized paths/trails and routes in Bay County.
- Boater's safety/swimming/water rescue/fishing Activities to get kids in/on the water.
- Community-wide park clean-up days about once a month, for high school students to volunteer, and to teach people to pick up their cigarette butts & trash.
- Crime scene investigation--fake crime scenes for college students.
- Depends on the site. Perhaps instead of doing your own ed. programs, advertise to local groups in the community (churches, Lions, garden clubs, etc.) that the parks are a great place for their meetings. That would provide usage and advertising. It would be nice to have fishing clinics for kids at Pinconning Park.
- Disc golf, "we played it at my former highschool as a class".
- Disc Golf, at my previous High school in Clarkston, MI, my school offered disc golf as a class in school!
- Dog park - lots of opportunities to offer something to pet owners there. nature park, guided hikes, fund raisers.
- Dog Park Etiquette and Owner Behavior.
- Educational activities for kinder-kids to 6th grade e.g. "know yor trees", "the great lakes" "this is lake Huron" with photos , pictures aerial shots. educate, educate educate.
- Firearm education.
- Fitness Classes.
- Get Kevin Rice more help to maintain all areas. Tell him Terry Auman (ret.) @ Serenus Johnson says Hi and GOOD JOB With what he has to work with.
- Guided hikes/bike rides on specific days and times geared towards both tourists and those living in Bay County.
- Have like a sing and movement class outdoors for kids in the summer.

- History of ships/lumbering and fish and wildlife type education for school age children
- hockey, lacrosse.
- How to use the walking trail and especially if there are exercise stations along the way, instructions should be given on how to use the exercise stations.
- Hunter safety.
- I am sure there are.
- I plan on finding out where the dog park is, are there any Dog Obedience classes offered, and a list of other parks and activities. Educational Programs in Promoting Green Living ideas, including getting youth and young adults involved.
- I would like to see sewing classed for young people and woodworking classes so our young people have hobbies other than video games.
- I'd like to see a self defense program offered a few times a year for teens. Monte Oswald -retired State Policeman-offers a good one and it is reasonable- \$5 per person.
- Jobs.
- Junior gardner program, recycling program.
- Kayaking (on Kawkawlin) - Golf lessons @ discount if the student signs a seasonal membership with the County Course - Kids (2 - 18) fishing day at the Boys/Girls Club Bigelow Island, walk day for kids - Kids safety day bikes, fishing, rollerblading, skateboarding and swimming (possible involve the police dept and register bikes and provide safety helmets to those that sign a waiver indicating they will follow the safety rules).
- Kite making for children of various ages and adults....topped off by a HUGE kite making/flying competition in the Middlegrounds with prizes offered by local service groups. Winning kites should be displayed in the main halls of the County Building for one month.
- Michigan waterways.
- More after school/summer programs and volunteer opportunities for children.
- Native culture - Bay County focuses on the lumber era and the shipping - but little is found on the rich history of our Native people here.
- No - I think we are doing an excellent job already.
- No, we have organizations that can handle the recreational activities. Unless you offer some youth nature programs, or bird watching.
- Outdoor educational activities offered such a nature identification etc.
- Possibly a program to promote recreation for senior citizens.
- Skateboarding safety.
- STUDY OF SHIPS, MARINE LIFE, CLEAN LAKES AND BEACHES.
- Summer programs for kids.
- Tennis.
- Tennis, basketball.
- The Dog park was a great way to give pet owners a place to bring pets & be able to enjoy quality time spent with them. This is a great idea especially for people who are confined to an apartment or complex. It also give the chance for people to socialize and meet others while relating to their pets.
- Tours of the gardens in the arborium area across from CC. That area is not maintained well. Community Center does not offer a very friendly environment either, day or night. the guys who run it are not very perky and do not seem like they like people in their building.
- Volleyball
- Volleyball Physical fitness.
- Volleyball and bicycling for adults.
- VOLLEYBALL AND OR BASKETBALL.
- Walking history tour.
- WATER Polo Learning how to play tennis or skill improvement.
- Youth golf at the Bay County Golf course Boating safety at Pinconning/Independence access Youth volleyball, youth softball, youth swimming.

Appendix C  
Tri-County Regional Path Map

# Tri-County Regional Path Study

Bay,  
Midland  
and  
Saginaw  
Counties



**Legend**

**Proposed Routes**

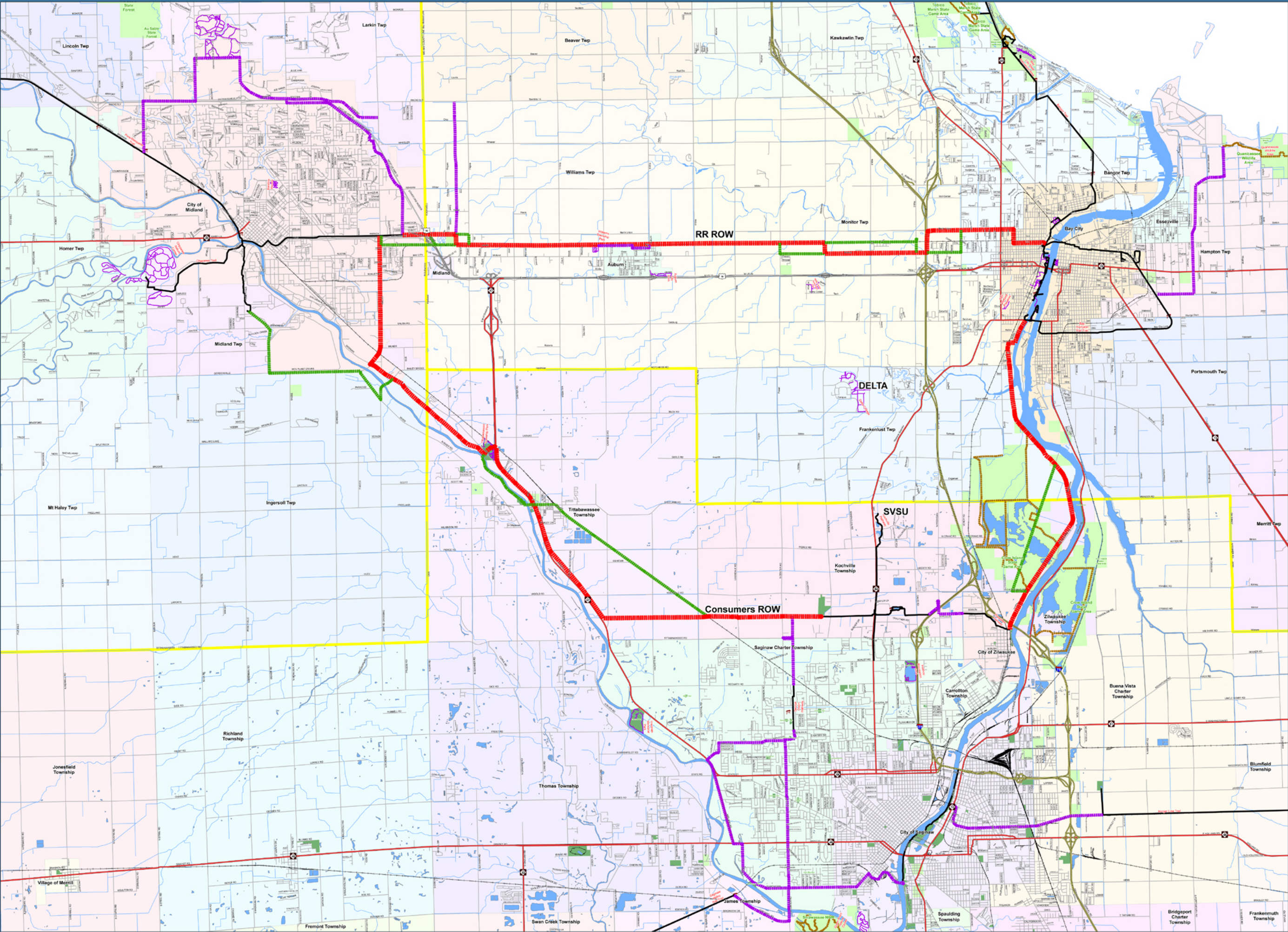
- Preferred Route (Red dashed line)
- Alternate Route (Green dashed line)
- Linkage (Purple dashed line)

**Existing Trails**

- Park Path (Black dashed line)
- Paved Multi-Use Trail (Brown dashed line)
- Unpaved Multi-Use Trail (Yellow dashed line)
- Unpaved Hiking Trail (Orange dashed line)

**Other Features**

- County Boundary (Yellow solid line)
- Dow Chemical Property (Grey shaded area)
- Parks (Green shaded area)
- Public Land (Light green shaded area)



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Appendix D

Potential Funding Sources for Parks and Recreation Projects

## **SOURCES OF RECREATION GRANT FUNDING IN MICHIGAN**

### **Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)**

- Match requirement – minimum of 25%
- Development grants
  - Minimum Grant Request \$15,000
  - Maximum Grant Request \$500,000
- Acquisition grants
  - No minimum or maximum
- Goals of MNRTF Board
  - Resource Protection – very important
  - Water Access
  - Community Recreation
  - Urban Recreation
  - Economic Development
- Due annually on April 1 (secondary application for acquisition only in August)
- [www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants)

### **Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)**

- Administered by MNRTF
- 50% match required
- Minimum grant request \$30,000 (\$60,000 project total)
- Maximum grant request \$75,000 (\$150,000 project total)
- Funds a wide variety of outdoor recreation projects
- Applications due annually on March 1
- [www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants)

### **Michigan Department of Transportation - Transportation Enhancement Funds**

- For non-motorized transportation (paths) and rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities (bridges, railroad depot, etc.)
- 20% minimum match required, 40% recommended
- Eligible applicants include county road commissions, cities, and villages. Other organizations may *sponsor* applications (i.e. County Road Commission or local MDOT office sponsors a township application)
- Rolling on-line application process
- [www.michigan.gov/mdot](http://www.michigan.gov/mdot) Go to “Projects and Programs”.

### **Great Lakes Fisheries Trust (GLFT)**

- Objective – improve or create shore-based Great Lakes recreational access.
- Must be located on the Great lakes or lower portions of major tributaries
- Matching funds not required but projects with local funding will be favored.
- Relatively simple application form and requirements
- Due in early September
- [www.glft.org](http://www.glft.org)

### **Michigan Coastal Zone Management (CZM)**

- Objectives
  - Protect, manage and restore coastal communities and habitats
  - Restore historic structures
  - Revitalize urban waterfronts
  - Increase recreational opportunities along Michigan's Great Lakes coast
- Applicant must be a coastal unit of government
- Maximum grant request - \$50,000
- Match requirements – 50% (some flexibility in match for non-construction projects that result in changes to local master plans or zoning ordinances, regional greenways, or include conservation planning)
- Eligible projects
  - Studies, Designs and Land Use Plans – must have a direct connection to coastal planning and/or resource protection.
  - Construction – boardwalks, trails, lighthouse preservation, habitat restoration, scenic overlook, etc.
- Due annually on May 1
- [www.michigan.gov/deqcoastal](http://www.michigan.gov/deqcoastal)

### ***Other grant programs to consider:***

#### **Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network (WIN)**

- Five focus areas:
  - Agriculture and Pollution Prevention
  - Communication / Regional Marketing
  - Land Use
  - Water Resources
  - Wildlife Stewardship
- [www.saginawbaywin.org](http://www.saginawbaywin.org)

#### **Coastal Program – Great Lakes – US Fish and Wildlife Service**

- Grants to conserve fish and wildlife and their habitats and to support healthy coastal ecosystems
- Rolling application process
- [www.fws.gov/midwest/greatlakes/apply.htm](http://www.fws.gov/midwest/greatlakes/apply.htm)

#### **Specific sports and sports foundations**

- United States Tennis Association (USTA) –
  - funding for tennis courts and programs
  - [www.usta.com](http://www.usta.com)
- Major League Baseball
  - Baseball Tomorrow Fund
  - [www.baseballtomorrow.com](http://www.baseballtomorrow.com)
- United States Soccer
  - [www.ussoccerfoundation.org](http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org)



### **Safe Routes to School**

- For projects near elementary and middle schools:
  - Sidewalks
  - Traffic calming and speed reduction
  - Pedestrian and bicycle crossing improvements
  - On-street and off-street bicycle facilities
  - Off-street pedestrian facilities
  - Traffic diversion improvements in the vicinity of schools
- Need to complete the safe routes planning process to apply
- [www.saferoutesmichigan.org](http://www.saferoutesmichigan.org)

### **Trust for Public Land (TPL)**

- Conservation Transactions  
TPL helps structure, negotiate, and complete land transactions that create parks, playgrounds, and protected natural areas. TPL serves as an independent agent, buying land from willing landowners and then transferring it to public agencies, land trusts, or other groups for protection. In some instances, TPL will protect land through conservation easements, which restrict development but permit traditional uses such as farming and ranching.
- [www.tpl.org](http://www.tpl.org)

### **Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Grants**

- Must be part of a watershed management plan
- Projects aimed at reducing nonpoint source pollution (streambank and shoreline stabilization, rain gardens, erosion control, conservation easements)
- [www.michigan.gov/deq](http://www.michigan.gov/deq) - Go to “Surface Water” and then to “Non-point Source Pollution”.

### **Community Foundations**

#### **Private Foundations and Endowments**

Wickes Foundation  
Strosacker Foundation  
Gerstacker Foundations

### **KEEP IN MIND...**

- Match requirements can usually be in-kind services, donations, or cash,
- Most grants are provided on a reimbursable basis.
- Barrier free accessibility is usually required for improvement projects,
- Multiple partners, multiple jurisdictions can be viewed favorably – think “regional” projects.
- Grant applications can be complicated, detailed and competitive. Make sure your grant writer is familiar with the grant and funding source. Learn as much as possible ahead of time to know if your project has potential for funding.

Appendix E  
**Adoption Documentation**

## Notice of Public Hearing Bay County Recreation Plan

Bay County and 14 municipalities in Bay County have developed a joint Five Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan. The communities involved in the multi-jurisdictional plan are: City of Auburn, Bangor Charter Township, Bay County, Beaver Township, City of Essexville, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Gibson Township, Hampton Charter Township, Kawkawlin Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Charter Township, City of Pinconning, Portsmouth Charter Township, and Williams Charter Township. The plan evaluates existing recreation opportunities, reviews public opinion regarding recreation, develops goals and objectives for parks and recreation in the communities and it outlines an action plan for improvements and other related items that the County and participating communities wish to pursue.

Copies of the Draft Plan will be available for review at the locations listed below until December 16, 2008. The plan is also available on the Bay County web site at <http://www.baycounty-mi.gov>.

### Bay County Area Recreation Plan - Draft Review locations:

- Bay County Building, Recreation and Administrative Services Department, Suite 403, 515 Center Avenue, Bay City
- Wirt Main Library, 500 Center Avenue, Bay City
- Sage Library, 100 E. Midland Street, Bay City
- Auburn Area Branch Library, 235 W. Midland Rd., Auburn
- Pinconning Branch Library, 218 S. Kaiser St., Pinconning

If you are interested in submitting comments regarding the Draft Plan, or would like more information, please send written comments to the address listed below by December 15, 2008. A public hearing to take input on the draft plan will be held on December 16 at 4:00 p.m. at the Bay County Building, 515 Center Avenue, 4th floor Commissioners Chambers, Bay City.

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## Notice of Public Hearing Bay County Recreation Plan

Bay County and 14 municipalities in Bay County have developed a joint Five Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan. The communities involved in the multi-jurisdictional plan are: City of Auburn, Bangor Charter Township, Bay County, Beaver Township, City of Essexville, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Gibson Township, Hampton Charter Township, Kawkawlin Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Charter Township, City of Pinconning, Portsmouth Charter Township, and Williams Charter Township. The plan evaluates existing recreation opportunities, reviews public opinion regarding recreation, develops goals and objectives for parks and recreation in the communities and it outlines an action plan for improvements and other related items that the County and participating communities wish to pursue.

Copies of the Draft Plan will be available for review at the locations listed below until December 16, 2008. The plan is also available on the Bay County web site at <http://www.baycounty-mi.gov>.

**Bay County Area Recreation Plan - Draft Review locations:**

- Bay County Building, Recreation and Administrative Services Department, Suite 403, 515 Center Avenue, Bay City
- Wirt Main Library, 500 Center Avenue, Bay City
- Sage Library, 100 E. Midland Street, Bay City
- Auburn Area Branch Library, 235 W Midland Rd., Auburn
- Pinconning Branch Library, 218 S. Kaiser St., Pinconning

If you are interested in submitting comments regarding the Draft Plan, or would like more information, please send written comments to the address listed below by December 15, 2008. A public hearing to take input on the draft plan will be held on December 16 at 4:00 p.m. at the Bay County Building, 515 Center Avenue, 4th floor Commissioners Chambers, Bay City.

**Michael K. Gray**  
Assistant County Executive for Recreation & Administrative Services  
515 Center Avenue, Suite 403  
Bay City, MI 48708  
(989) 895-4130 (989) 895-4049 TDD

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**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2009**

**MOTION NO.**

**NOTE:** In addition to these typed minutes, this Committee meeting was also taped by Bay 3 TV and those tapes are available for review in the Administrative Services Department.

- 1**                    **MOVED, SUPPORTED AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 11/18/08 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING AS PRINTED.**

Committee.

The first item on the agenda was the scheduled public hearing on the proposed Bay County Recreation Plan. It was

- 2**                    **MOVED, SUPPORTED AND CARRIED TO GO OUT OF REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BAY COUNTY RECREATION PLAN.**

Michael Gray, Assistant County Executive for Recreation and Administrative Services, spoke to the Recreation Plan and the effort that went into revision of the County's Recreation Plan. Bay County contracted with Spicer Engineering to assist with the process of revising the plan, and Rob Eggers of Spicer Engineering was assigned this task. Mr. Gray outlined the goals and objectives of the revised plan, i.e. 1. Retain public land for future generations; 2. Provide quality leisure time activities with special consideration given to activities improving health and fitness; 3. Provide safe, broad, community-based recreation opportunities that improve the overall quality of life for all residents of Bay County; 4. Provide trails and multi-use paths for recreational and transportation use; 5. Make Bay County a better place to live for elders and people with disabilities; 6. Provide youth development programming and expand recreational facilities for such in Bay County; and 7. Develop recreation opportunities that focus upon and take advantage of Bay County's natural assets. Bay County officials did not get a lot of comments in the last 30 days but did get a letter from the Director of Division on Aging suggesting some improvements. Mr. Gray thanked the Director for her suggestions. The revised plan is an all-encompassing plan. At this time public comments were called for, however, no one came forward to address the plan. It was

- 3**                    **MOVED, SUPPORTED AND CARRIED TO GO BACK INTO REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

- 4**                    **MOVED, SUPPORTED AND CARRIED TO INCORPORATE THE FOLLOWING HUMAN SERVICES FORMAL ACTION IN RESOLUTION FORM AS PART OF THESE OFFICIAL MINUTES:**

**WHEREAS, BAY COUNTY, AND FOURTEEN LOCAL JURISDICTIONS WITHIN BAY COUNTY INCLUDING THE CITY OF AUBURN, BANGOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP, BEAVER TOWNSHIP, THE CITY OF ESSEXVILLE, FRANKENLUST TOWNSHIP, FRASER TOWNSHIP, GIBSON TOWNSHIP, HAMPTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP, KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP, MERRITT TOWNSHIP, MONITOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP, THE CITY OF PINCONNING, PORTSMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP, AND WILLIAMS CHARTER TOWNSHIP, HAVE UNDERTAKEN A MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL FIVE-YEAR RECREATION PLAN WHICH DESCRIBES THE PHYSICAL FEATURES, EXISTING RECREATION FACILITIES, AND THE DESIRED ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE AND MAINTAIN RECREATION FACILITIES DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN 2009 AND 2013 AND,**

**WHEREAS, PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITIES WERE HELD ON MARCH 13, 2008, AT PINCONNING BRANCH LIBRARY, AND MARCH 19, 2008 AT AUBURN AREA BRANCH LIBRARY, AND, MARCH 24, 2008 AT GARBER HIGH SCHOOL, AND ON APRIL 3, 2008 AT THE BAY CITY MALL TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO SHARE IDEAS, EXPRESS OPINIONS, ASK QUESTIONS, AND DISCUSS ALL ASPECTS REGARDING THE FUTURE OF PARKS AND RECREATION IN BAY COUNTY, AND**

**WHEREAS, AN ONLINE SURVEY WAS ALSO MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FROM MARCH 1 THROUGH MAY 12, 2008, AND**

**WHEREAS, THE DRAFT PLAN WAS POSTED ON THE BAY COUNTY WEBSITE ON NOVEMBER 14, 2008 WITH OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO COMMENT VIA E-MAIL, AND**

**WHEREAS, A PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON DECEMBER 16, 2008, AT 4:30 P.M. AT THE BAY COUNTY BUILDING TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS OPINIONS, ASK QUESTIONS, AND DISCUSS ALL ASPECTS OF THE RECREATION PLAN, AND**

**WHEREAS, BAY COUNTY HAS DEVELOPED THE RECREATION PLAN FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY AND WISHES TO USE THE PLAN AS A DOCUMENT TO ASSIST IN MEETING THE RECREATION NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY; THEREFORE BE IT,**

**RESOLVED ON THIS DAY THAT THE BAY COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT SAID RECREATION PLAN.**

***(NOTE: FORMAL ACTION ON BAY COUNTY'S RECREATION PLAN WAS TAKEN BY THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AT A SPECIAL MEETING 12/16/08.)***

Kristina Rubis, Information and Referral Assistant Coordinator of Region VII Area Agency on Aging, addressed the issue of proactive emergency planning tips. After 9/11/01 there was much discussion about putting together emergency plans and many businesses and governments put together emergency plans, however, not all households did that. Emergency plans should include the following: developing a network of support, collecting personal information, i.e. prescriptions, allergies, etc. and develop 3 types of emergency kits, i.e. a bedside kit, a carry and go kit and an emergency supply kit. Everyone should be proactive, it can make a bad situation easier to go through. For further information individuals can contact Region VII at 1-800-858-1637 or go to [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov). Commissioner Begick cited the recent weather out East and how these types of kits would be helpful. He also cautioned about this time of the year being a time of slip and fall accidents. It was

**5                    MOVED, SUPPORTED AND CARRIED TO RECEIVE THE REGION VII REPORT.**

**6                    MOVED, SUPPORTED AND CARRIED TO RECOMMEND BOARD APPROVAL OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED ADDITION TO FEE SCHEDULE FOR TESTING SERVICES FOR HERPES SIMPLEX VIRUM TYPE 2.**

The Director of Division on Aging spoke to upcoming DOA activities. She noted that this can be a very depressing time of the year so it is a good idea for seniors to get out and participate in various activities. Mrs. Reimann introduced Erma Guzman the new site manager at the Canteen meal site. Ms. Guzman can be reached at 892-6605 to make a reservation for the meal site. Seniors can receive a ride to both the Canteen and Riverside Center sites as needed. On 1/15/09 there will be a Martin Luther King function which will include a meal and program. A movie and lunch series will begin in January at the Wirt Library and will include a movie and box lunch for \$2. On 1/13/08 Jim LePeak will be playing. Indoor walking is available at most dining centers. An osteoporosis bone strengthening class is scheduled for 1/26/08. For more information individuals can call the Division on Aging. Mrs. Reimann encouraged people to come to the meal centers for a meal and socialization Mrs. Riemann spoke of the new publication, Senior Preferences, and a copy/copies can be obtained at both the Division on Aging and Region VII. Commissioner Krygier questioned if there are any programs to assist seniors with snow/ice removal? Mrs. Riemann responded that there are no funded programs for this type of service. Kristina Rubis noted that Region VII has an Information and Referral Program that has the names of people who can provide these types of services for a fee. Accessibility at the Community Center was touched upon with Commissioner Coonan noting that accessibility at that site has greatly improved through the efforts of the County's Buildings and Grounds Department. Commissioner Tilley advised that people should consider daylight energy efficient bulbs which can greatly help during this often bleak and dreary time of the year. It was

**7                    MOVED, SUPPORTED AND CARRIED TO RECEIVE THE DIRECTOR OF DIVISION ON AGING'S INFORMATION ON UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT CONGREGATE MEAL SITES.**

**8                    MOVED, SUPPORTED AND CARRIED TO REFER THE BAISD VETERINARY PROGRAM ISSUE TO THE JANUARY HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING.**

There being no further business, it was

**9                    MOVED, SUPPORTED AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN (4:38 P.M.).**

**Submitted by:**

*Deanne Berger*

**Deanne Berger  
Board Coordinator**



**BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
12/16/08  
RESOLUTION**

BY: HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE (12/16/08)

WHEREAS, Bay County, and fourteen local jurisdictions within Bay County including the City of Auburn, Bangor Charter Township, Beaver Township, the City of Essexville, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Gibson Township, Hampton Charter Township, Kawkawlin Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Charter Township, the City of Pinconning, Portsmouth Charter Township, and Williams Charter Township, have undertaken a multi-jurisdictional five-year Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2009 and 2013 and,

WHEREAS, Public input opportunities were held on March 13, 2008, at Pinconning Branch Library, March 19, 2008 at Auburn Area Branch Library, March 24, 2008 at Garber High School, and April 3, 2008 at the Bay City Mall to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas, express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects regarding the future of parks and recreation in Bay County, and

WHEREAS, An online survey was also made available to the public from March 1 through May 12, 2008, and

WHEREAS, The draft plan was posted on the Bay County website on November 14, 2008 with opportunity for citizens to comment via e-mail, and

WHEREAS, A public hearing was held on December 16, 2008, at 4:30 p.m. at the Bay County Building to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, The Bay County Human Services Committee has recommended the adoption of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, Bay County has developed the Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and wishes to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

WHEREAS, On this day Bay County Board of Commissioners voted to adopt said Recreation Plan; Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED That the Bay County Board of Commissioners adopts the Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation for the residents of Bay County.

DONALD J. TILLEY, CHAIR  
AND COMMITTEE

Adoption of Recreation Plan

**BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
12/16/08  
RESOLUTION**

MOVED BY COMM. Gwizdala

SUPPORTED BY COMM. Tilley

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E
Richard L. Byrne	✓			Dawn A. Klida	✓			Brian K. Elder	✓		
Patrick H. Beson	✓			Ernie Krygier	✓			Eugene F. Gwizdala	✓		
Vaughn J. Begick	✓			Kim Coonan	✓			Donald J. Tilley	✓		

VOTE TOTALS:

ROLL CALL: ✓ YEAS 9 NAYS 0 EXCUSED 0

VOICE: YEAS \_\_\_\_\_ NAYS \_\_\_\_\_ EXCUSED \_\_\_\_\_

DISPOSITION: ADOPTED  DEFEATED \_\_\_\_\_ WITHDRAWN \_\_\_\_\_  
AMENDED \_\_\_\_\_ CORRECTED \_\_\_\_\_ REFERRED \_\_\_\_\_

I, Cynthia Luczak, Bay County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by Bay County Board of Commissioners at a Special Meeting thereof held on December 16, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. or approximately.

Cynthia A. Luczak  
Bay County Clerk

**RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION  
2009-2013 BAY AREA COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, Bay County, and fourteen local jurisdictions within Bay County including the City of Auburn, Bangor Township, Beaver Township, the City of Essexville, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Gibson Township, Hampton Township, Kawkawlin Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Township, the City of Pinconning, Portsmouth Township, and Williams Township, have undertaken a multi-jurisdictional five-year Recreation plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2009 and 2013 and,

WHEREAS, public input opportunities were held on March 13, 2008, at Pinconning District Library, and March 19, 2008 at Auburn Area Branch Library, and on Wednesday, March 24, 2008 at Garber High School, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas, express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects regarding the future of parks and recreation in Bay County and the City of Pinconning, and

WHEREAS, an on-line survey was also made available to the public from March 1 through May 12, 2008, and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on December 16, 2008, at 4:00 pm at the Bay County Building to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the City of Pinconning Parks and Recreation Committee has recommended the adoption of the Recreation Plan, and


WHEREAS, Bay County and the City of Pinconning have developed the Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and wish to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

WHEREAS, on this day the Pinconning City Council voted to adopt said Recreation plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Pinconning City Council adopts the Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation for the residents of the City of Pinconning.

*Yeas: 5            Nays: 0            Absent: 2*

I, Terri Hribek, Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Pinconning City Council at a Regular Meeting thereof held on January 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

  
Clerk

# RESOLUTION # 09-001

## Recreation Plan 2009-2013 Adoption

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Bangor, County of Bay, State of Michigan, held in the Administration Building in the Charter Township of Bangor on January 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Froncek, Eagle, Schisler, Leitermann, Santos, Maillette, Watson  
ABSENT: None

**The following resolution was offered by:**  
Member Trustee Schisler and seconded by Member Trustee Maillette

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**WHEREAS**, Bay County, and fourteen local jurisdictions within Bay County including the City of Auburn, Bangor Township, Beaver Township, the City of Essexville, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Gibson Township, Hampton Township, Kawkawlin Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Township, the City of Pinconning, Portsmouth Township and Williams Township, have undertaken a multi-jurisdictional five-year Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2009 and 2013; and,

**WHEREAS**, public input opportunities were held on March 13, 2008, at Pinconning District Library, and March 19, 2008 at Auburn Area Branch Library, and on Wednesday, March 24, 2008 at Garber High School, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas, express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects regarding the future of parks and recreation in Bay County and Bangor Township; and,

**WHEREAS**, an on-line survey was also made available to the public from March 1 through May 12, 2008; and,

**WHEREAS**, a public meeting was held on December 16, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at the Bay County Building to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan; and,

**WHEREAS**, Bay County and Bangor Township have developed the Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and wish to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community; and,

**WHEREAS**, on this day Bangor Township voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.

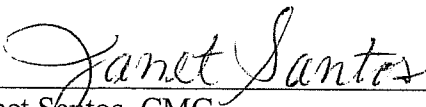
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** Bangor Township adopts the Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation for the residents of Bangor Township.

**Roll Call Vote**

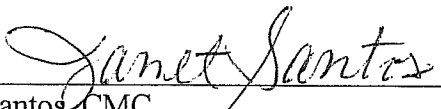
Ayes: Schisler, Leitemann, Santos, Maillette, Froncek, Eagle, Watson  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**



  
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Janet Santos, CMC  
Bangor Township Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Charter Township of Bangor at a regular meeting held January 13, 2009 and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

  
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Janet Santos, CMC  
Bangor Township Clerk

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**RESOLUTION # 2009-001**  
**Resolution of**  
**2009-2013 Bay Area Community Recreation Plan**

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At a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Township of Frankenlust, Bay County, Michigan, held in the Township Hall on January 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Ron Campbell, Alvin Appold, Mary M Revord, James Begick & Linda Klimmek

Absent: none

**Whereas**, Bay County, and fourteen local jurisdictions within Bay County including the City of Auburn, Bangor Township, Beaver Township the City of Essexville, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Gibson Township, Hampton Township, Kawkawlin Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Township, the City of Pinconning, Portsmouth Township and Williams Township, have undertaken a multi-jurisdictional five-year Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2009 and 2013 and,

**Whereas**, public input opportunities were held on March 13, 2008, at Pinconning District Library, and March 19, 2008 at Auburn Area Branch Library, and on Wednesday, March 24 at Garber High School, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas, express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects regarding the future of parks and recreation in Bay county and Frankenlust Township, and

**Whereas**, an on-line survey was also made available to the public from March 1 through May 12, 2008, and

**Whereas**, a public meeting was held on December 16, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. at the Bay County Building to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

**Whereas**, the Frankenlust Township Parks and Recreation Committee has recommended the adoption of the Recreation Plan, and

**Whereas**, Bay County and Frankenlust Township have developed the Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and wish to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

**Whereas**, on this day Frankenlust Township voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** Frankenlust Township Board adopts the Bay Area Community Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation for the residents of Frankenlust Township.

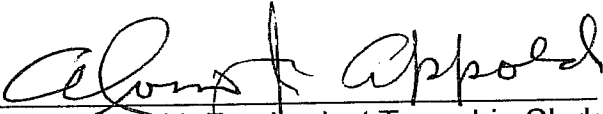
Ayes: 5 Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstentions: \_\_\_\_\_ Absent: none

State of Michigan)

County of Bay ) SS:

I, Alvin J. Appold, Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by Frankenlust Township at a Special Meeting thereof held on January 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Alvin J. Appold, Frankenlust Township Clerk

**FRASER TOWNSHIP  
1474 NORTH MACKINAW ROAD  
LINWOOD, MI 48634**

**RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION**

WHEREAS, Bay County, and fourteen local jurisdictions within Bay County including the City of Auburn, Bangor Township, Beaver Township, the City of Essexville, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Gibson Township, Hampton Township, Kawkawlin Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Township, the City of Pinconning, Portsmouth Township, and Williams Township, have undertaken a multi-jurisdictional five-year Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2009 and 2013 and,

WHEREAS, public input opportunities were held on March 13, 2008, at Pinconning District Library, and March 19, 2008 at Auburn Area Branch Library, and on Wednesday, March 24 at Garber High School, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas, express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects regarding the future of parks and recreation in Bay County and Fraser Township, and

WHEREAS, an on-line survey was also made available to the public from March 1 through May 12, 2008, and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on December 16, 2008, at 4:00 pm at the Bay County Building to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

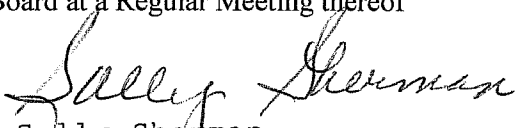
WHEREAS, Bay County and Fraser Township have developed the Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and wish to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

WHEREAS, on this day Fraser Township Board voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Fraser Township Board adopts the Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation for the residents of Fraser Township.

(Yeas 5                      Nays: 0                      Absent: 0                      )

I, Sally Sherman, **Clerk**, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by Fraser Township Board at a Regular Meeting thereof held on January 12, 2009 at 7:10 p.m.

  
Sally Sherman  
**Clerk**



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HAMPTON  
RESOLUTION  
ADOPTING BAY COUNTY RECREATION PLAN

WHEREAS, Bay County, and fourteen local jurisdictions within Bay County, including the City of Auburn, Bangor Township, Beaver Township, the City of Essexville, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Gibson Township, Hampton Township, Kawkawlin Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Township, the City of Pinconning, Portsmouth Township, and Williams Township, have undertaken a multi-jurisdictional five-year Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2009 and 2013 and,

WHEREAS, public input opportunities were held on March 13, 2008, at Pinconning District Library, and March 19, 2008 at Auburn Area Branch Library, and on Wednesday, March 24, 2008 at Garber High School, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas, express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects regarding the future of parks and recreation in Bay County and Hampton Township, and

WHEREAS, an on-line survey was also made available to the public from March 1 through May 12, 2008, and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on December 16, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at the Bay County Building to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

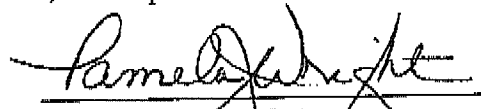
WHEREAS, Bay County and Hampton Township have developed the Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and wish to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

WHEREAS, on this day the Hampton Township Board of Trustees voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hampton Township Board of Trustees adopts the Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation for the residents of Hampton Township.

(Ycas 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0)

I, Pamela J. Wright, Hampton Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Charter Township of Hampton Board of Trustees at a Regular Meeting thereof held on January 26, 2009, at 4:00 p.m..

  
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 Pamela J. Wright, Clerk

## Resolution of 2009-2013 Bay County Recreation Plan

Whereas, Bay County, and fourteen local jurisdictions within Bay County including the City of Auburn, Bangor Township, Beaver Township, the City of Essexville, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Gibson Township, Hampton Township, Kawkawlin Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Township, the City of Pinnconning, Portsmouth Township, and Williams Township, have undertaken a multi-jurisdictional five-year Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreational facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreational facilities during the period between 2009 and 2013 and,

WHEREAS, public input opportunities were held on March 13, 2008 at Pinconning District Library, and March 19, 2008 at Auburn Area Branch Library, and on Wednesday, March 24, 2008 at Garber High School, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas, express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects regarding the future of parks and recreation in Bay County and Kawkawlin Township, and,

WHEREAS, an on-line survey was also made available to the public from March 1 through May 12, 2008, and,

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on December 16, 2008, at 4:00 P.M. at the Bay County Building to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and,

WHEREAS, the Kawkawlin Township Parks and Recreation Committee has recommended the adoption of the Recreation Plan, and,

WHEREAS, Bay County and Kawkawlin Township have developed the Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and wish to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and,

WHEREAS, on this day, the Kawkawlin Township Board voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kawkawlin Township Board adopts the Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation for the residents of Kawkawlin Township.

Yeas: 5                      Nays: 0                      Absent: 0

I, Gregory A. Petrimoux, Kawkawlin Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Kawkawlin Township Board, at a Regular Meeting thereof held on January 12, 2009, at 7:00 P.M.

Gregory A. Petrimoux  
(Clerk)

**RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION**

**Number** 2009-1

For adoption by the Merritt Township Board

WHEREAS, Bay County and Merritt Township has undertaken a five-year Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2009 and 2013 and,

WHEREAS, public input opportunities were held on December 16, 2008 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 pm at the Bay County Building, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas, express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects regarding the future of parks and recreation in Bay County and Merritt Township, and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on December 16, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, Bay County and Merritt Township have developed the Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

WHEREAS, on this day the Bay County and Merritt Township voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Bay County and Merritt Township adopts the Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation for the residents living in Bay County and Merritt Township.

Yeas: Dave Schabel, Lori Schabel, Ben DuRussel, Kathy Bremer  
Cindy Mead

Nays: None

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

I, Kathy Bremer, *Merritt Township Clerk*, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by Bay County and Merritt Township.

Kathy Bremer  
Kathy Bremer, Merritt Township Clerk

1/28/2009  
Date

## RESOLUTION

### Resolution to Recommend Adoption of Recreation Plan

**WHEREAS**, Bay County, and fourteen local jurisdictions within Bay County including the City of Auburn, Bangor Township, Beaver Township, the City of Essexville, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Gibson Township, Hampton Township, Kawkawlin Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Township, the City of Pinconning, Portsmouth Township, and Williams Township, have undertaken a multi-jurisdictional five-year Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2009 and 2013 and,

**WHEREAS**, public input opportunities were held on March 13, 2008, at Pinconning District Library, and March 19, 2008 at Auburn Area Branch Library, and on Wednesday, March 24 at Garber High School, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas, express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects regarding the future of parks and recreation in Bay County, Williams Charter Township, and the City of Auburn, and

**WHEREAS**, an on-line survey was also made available to the public from March 1 through May 12, 2008, and

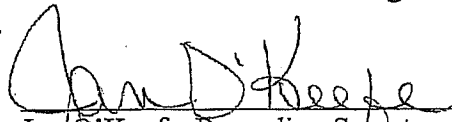
**WHEREAS**, a public meeting was held on December 16, 2008, at 4:00 pm at the Bay County Building to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

**WHEREAS**, Bay County and the Auburn-Williams Recreation Association have developed the Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and wishes to use the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Auburn-Williams Recreation Association recommends that the Williams Charter Township Board of Trustees and Auburn City Council adopt said Recreation Plan.

YEAS: 8  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 2

I, Jan O'Keefe, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Auburn-Williams Recreation Association at a regular meeting thereof held on January 8, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

  
Jan O'Keefe, Recording Secretary  
Auburn-Williams Recreation Association

WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 13, 2009

Resolution No. 01-09-004-B/R

**Resolution of Adoption**

**WHEREAS**, Bay County, and fourteen local jurisdictions within Bay County including the City of Auburn, Bangor Township, Beaver Township, the City of Essexville, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Gibson Township, Hampton Township, Kawkawlin Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Township, the City of Pinconning, Portsmouth Township, and Williams Township, have undertaken a multi-jurisdictional five-year Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2009 and 2013 and,

**WHEREAS**, public input opportunities were held on March 13, 2008, at Pinconning District Library, and March 19, 2008 at Auburn Area Branch Library, and on Wednesday, March 24 at Garber High School, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas, express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects regarding the future of parks and recreation in Bay County and Williams Charter Township, and

**WHEREAS**, an on-line survey was also made available to the public from March 1 through May 12, 2008, and

**WHEREAS**, a public meeting was held on December 16, 2008, at 4:00 pm at the Bay County Building to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

**WHEREAS**, the Auburn-Williams Recreation Association has recommended the adoption of the Recreation plan, and

**WHEREAS**, Bay County and Williams Charter Township have developed the Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and wish to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

**WHEREAS**, on this 13th day of January, the Williams Charter Township Board of Trustees voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.


**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** Williams Charter Township Board of Trustees adopts the Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation for the residents of Williams Charter Township.

YEAS: Plant, Hoverman, Charney, Putt, Gower, and Paige.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Wasek.

I, Amy Charney, Clerk of Williams Charter Township do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by Williams Charter Township Board of Trustees at a regular meeting thereof held on January 13, 2009.

  
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Amy Charney, Clerk  
Williams Charter Township

# CITY OF AUBURN

## RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION 2009 – 2013 RECREATION PLAN

WHEREAS, Bay County, and fourteen local jurisdictions within Bay County including the City of Auburn, Bangor Township, Beaver Township, the City of Essexville, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Gibson Township, Hampton Township, Kawkawlin Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Township, the City of Pinconning, Portsmouth Township, and Williams Township, have undertaken a multi-jurisdictional five-year Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2009 and 2013 and,

WHEREAS, public input opportunities were held on March 13, 2008, at Pinconning District Library, and March 19, 2008 at Auburn Area Branch Library, and on Wednesday, March 24 at Garber High School, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas, express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects regarding the future of parks and recreation in Bay County and the City of Auburn, and

WHEREAS, an on-line survey was also made available to the public from March 1 through May 12, 2008, and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on December 16, 2008, at 4:00 pm at the Bay County Building to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Auburn-Williams Recreation Association has recommended the adoption of the Recreation Plan, and

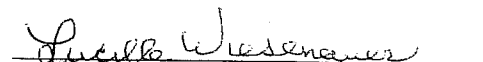
WHEREAS, Bay County and the City of Auburn have developed the Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and wish to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

WHEREAS, on this day the Auburn City Commission voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Auburn City Commission adopts the Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation for the residents of the City of Auburn.

(Yeas: *Charbonneau, Henning, Fletcher, Machelski, McNally, Raab, Reder*, Nays: *None* Absent: *None* )

I, Lucy Wiesenauer, Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by Auburn City Commission at a Regular Meeting thereof held on January 19, 2009, at 7:00p.m.

  
Clerk

**SAMPLE DRAFT**

For adoption by the legislative body - if local jurisdiction does not have a Parks & Recreation Commission/Committee/Authority.

**RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION 1-13-09**

WHEREAS, Bay County, and fourteen local jurisdictions within Bay County including the City of Auburn, Bangor Township, Beaver Township, the City of Essexville, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Gibson Township, Hampton Township, Kawkawlin Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Township, the City of Pinconning, Portsmouth Township, and Williams Township, have undertaken a multi-jurisdictional five-year Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2009 and 2013 and,

WHEREAS, public input opportunities were held on March 13, 2008, at Pinconning District Library, and March 19, 2008 at Auburn Area Branch Library, and on Wednesday, March 24 at Garber High School, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas, express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects regarding the future of parks and recreation in Bay County and local jurisdiction, and

Gibson Twp  
WHEREAS, an on-line survey was also made available to the public from March 1 through May 12, 2008, and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on December 16, 2008, at 4:00 pm at the Bay County Building to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, Bay County and Gibson Twp local jurisdiction have developed the Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and wish to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

WHEREAS, on this day Gibson Twp local jurisdiction legislative body voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Gibson Twp local jurisdiction legislative body adopts the Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation for the residents of local jurisdiction.

Dawn H. Daxene

Yea - 5

Nays:

Absent:

AL Dixon

John M.

I, Dawn H. Daxene, Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by local jurisdiction legislative body at a Regular Meeting thereof held on Date 01, 2009, at 00:00 pm.

1-13-09

Gibson Twp  
Bentley MI 48613

Dawn H. Daxene  
Clerk

Bay Co.

JAN-26-2009 09:00 From: BAY CO EXEC

**RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION**

For adoption by the Beaver Township.

WHEREAS, Bay County and Beaver Township has undertaken a five-year Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2009 and 2013 and,

WHEREAS, public input opportunities were held on ~~December 16, 2008~~ <sup>JANUARY 29, 2009</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 pm at the Bay County Building, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas, express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects regarding the future of parks and recreation in Bay County and Beaver Township, and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on ~~December 16, 2008~~ <sup>JAN 29, 2009</sup> at 4:00 p.m. to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, Bay County and Beaver Township have developed the Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

WHEREAS, on this day the Bay County and Beaver Township voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Bay County and Beaver Township adopts the Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation for the residents living in Bay County and Beaver Township.

(Yeas 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 )

I, Richard Chappelle Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by Bay County and Beaver Township at a Regular Meeting thereof held on December 00, 2008, at 00:00 pm.



Clerk



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PORTSMOUTH  
RESOLUTION NO. 2009-03

**Resolution Pertaining to Multi-Jurisdictional five-year Recreation Plan**

**WHEREAS**, Bay County, and fourteen local jurisdictions within Bay County including the City of Auburn, Bangor Township, Beaver Township, the City of Essexville, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Gibson Township, Hampton Township, Kawkawlin Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Township, the City of Pinconning,, Portsmouth Township, and Williams Township, have undertaken a multi-jurisdictional five-year Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2009 and 2013 and,

**WHEREAS**, public input opportunities were held on March 13, 2008 at Pinconning district Library, and March 19, 2008 at Auburn Area Branch Library, and on Wednesday, March 24 at Garber High School, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas, express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects regarding the future of parks and recreation in Bay County and Portsmouth Township, and

**WHEREAS**, an on line survey was also made available to the public from March 1 through May 12, 2008, and

**WHEREAS**, a public meeting was held on December 16, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. at the Bay County Building to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

**WHEREAS**, Bay County and Portsmouth Township have developed the Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and wish to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

**WHEREAS**, on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009, Portsmouth Township Board of Trustees voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Portsmouth Township Board of Trustees adopts the Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation for the residents of Portsmouth Township.

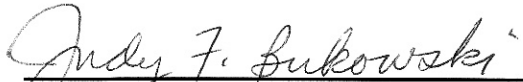
**YEAS:** BRANDT, BUKOWSKI, BANASZAK, PETT, VANDRIESSCHE, CORRION & PAWLAK

**NAYS:** NONE

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**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Charter Township of Portsmouth Board of Trustees, Bay County, Michigan, at a meeting of the Board of Trustees held on February 16, 2009.

  
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Judy F. Bukowski  
Charter Township of Portsmouth Clerk



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CITY OF ESSEXVILLE

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## RESOLUTION

Graham, Hydorn

**WHEREAS, Bay County and fourteen local jurisdictions with Bay County including the City of Auburn, the City of Essexville, the City of Pinconning, Bangor Township, Beaver Township, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Gibson Township, Hampton Township, Kawkawlin Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Township, Portsmouth Township and Williams Township have undertaken a multi-jurisdictional five-year Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2009 and 2013; and**

**WHEREAS, public input opportunities were held on March 13, 2008 at the Pinconning District Library and March 19, 2008 at the Auburn Branch Library and March 24, 2008 at Garber High School to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas, express opinions, ask questions and discuss all aspects regarding the future of parks and recreation in Bay County and the City of Essexville; and**

**WHEREAS, an online survey was also made available to the public from March 1 through May 12, 2008; and**

**WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on December 16, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at the Bay County Building to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan; and**

**WHEREAS, Bay County and the City of Essexville have developed the Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and wish to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community; and**

**WHEREAS, on this day the Essexville City Council voted to adopt said Recreation Plan,**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Essexville City Council adopts the Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation for the residents of the City of Essexville.**



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**YES:** Graham, Hydorn, Connelly, Chavaliala, Link, Barrow,  
Tanner

**ABSENT:** None

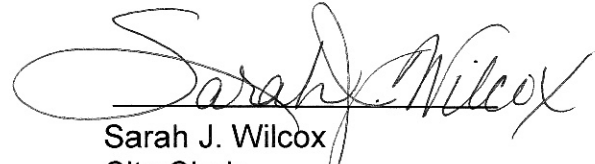
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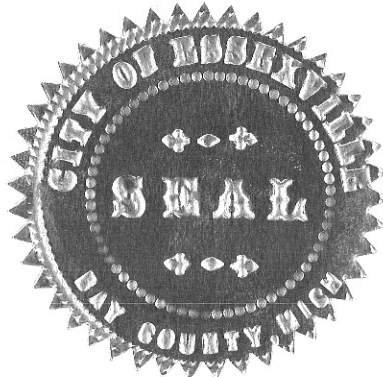
**Clerk's Certification**

STATE OF MICHIGAN )

COUNTY OF BAY )

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Essexville, Bay County, Michigan at a regular meeting held on February 10, 2009, the original of which is in my office. Notice of said meeting was given in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

  
Sarah J. Wilcox  
City Clerk  
City of Essexville



**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR  
COUNTY OF BAY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING RECREATION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, Bay County and Monitor Charter Township has undertaken a five-year Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2009 and 2013 and,

**WHEREAS**, public input opportunities were held on December 16, 2008 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Bay County Building, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas, express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects regarding the future of parks and recreation in Bay County and Monitor Charter Township, and

**WHEREAS**, a public meeting was held on December 16, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan, and

**WHEREAS**, Bay County and Monitor Charter Township have developed the Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire community and to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

**WHEREAS**, on this day the Bay County and Monitor Charter Township voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Bay County and Monitor Charter Township adopts the Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation for the residents living in Bay county and Monitor Charter Township.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

YES:	<u>Brandt, Kowalski, Pike, Arnold, Kochany, Malkin</u>
	<u>Miller</u>
NO:	<u>None</u>
ABSENT:	<u>None</u>

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

**CERTIFICATION**

The above Resolution was duly adopted by the Monitor Township Board at a regular meeting of the Board held on the 9th day of February, 2009 at the Monitor Township Hall, Bay County, Michigan.

  
CINDY L. KOWALSKI, Clerk