



BAY COUNTY

AREA PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

2024-2028

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

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With rich natural features including over 30 miles of Saginaw Bay shoreline, Bay County has abundant recreation opportunities. The natural features and shoreline are a regional tourism draw and serve as an important component and contributor to the County's economy and overall quality of life.

According to the National Recreation and Park Association, parks and recreation have three values that make them essential services to communities:

1. Economic Value

- Parks improve the local tax base and increase property values. It is proven that private property values increase the closer such land is to parks. This increase in private property value due to the proximity to parks increases property tax revenues and improves local economies.
- Parks and recreation programs and facilities provide significant indirect revenues to local and regional economies from sports tournaments and special events such as arts, music, and holiday festivals. Economic activity from hospitality expenditures, tourism, fuel, recreational equipment sales, and many other private sector businesses is of true and sustained value to local and regional economies. This indirect economic value is in addition to direct revenues that are gained from park facilities and programs.

2. Health and Environmental Benefits

- Parks are the places that people go to get healthy and stay fit.
- Parks and recreation programs and services contribute to the health of children, youth, adults, and seniors.
- Parks and protected public lands are proven to improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, produce habitat for wildlife, and provide a place for children and families to connect with nature and recreate outdoors together.

3. Social Importance

- Parks are a tangible reflection of the quality of life in a community. They provide identity for citizens and are a major factor in the perception of quality of life in a given community. Parks and recreation services are often cited as one of the most important factors in surveys of how livable communities are.
- Parks provide gathering places for families and social groups, as well as for individuals of all ages and economic status, regardless of their ability to pay for access.
- Parks have a value to communities that transcend the amount of dollars invested or the revenues gained from fees. Parks provide a sense of public pride and cohesion to every community.

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Geographically, Bay County is well-positioned to exemplify these benefits. Bay County is located within a unique and diverse ecological area within Michigan. It is part of the Saginaw Bay watershed. Its rich resources support agriculture, manufacturing, tourism, outdoor recreation, and a vast variety of wildlife. The Saginaw Bay watershed is Michigan's largest watershed (8,709 square miles), including a part of 22 counties. The Bay contains sections of white sandy beach shorelines as well as freshwater coastal wetland areas. The watershed drains approximately 15% of Michigan's total land area. The County is a migratory bird stopover and the protected lands along the shoreline of the Saginaw Bay provide respite and habitat for waterfowl, upland, and migratory birds. The County is identified as an Important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society.



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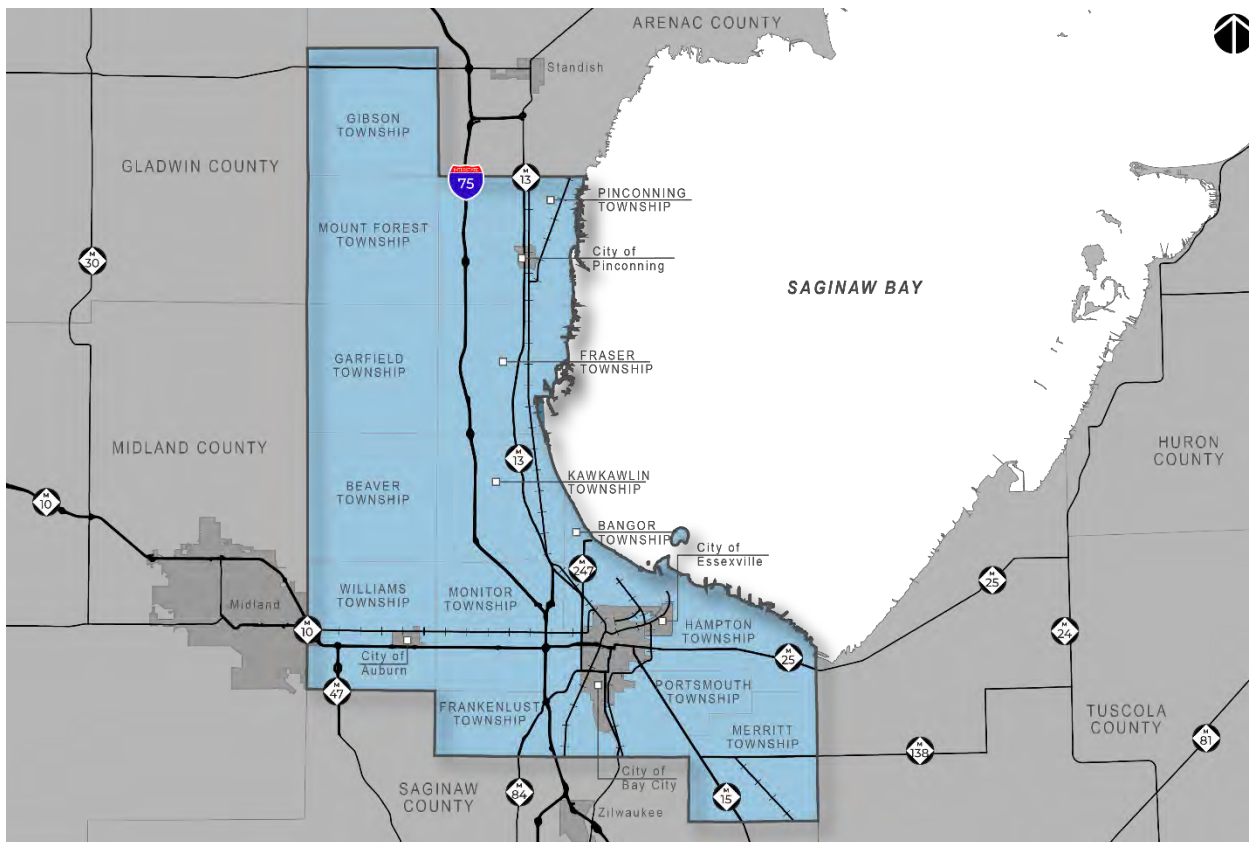
REGIONAL PLAN WITH 14 PARTICIPATING COMMUNITIES

Recognizing the importance of regional recreation and cooperative planning efforts, community officials from across the County have joined together to develop a Multi-jurisdictional Parks and Recreation Plan (Plan) aimed at improving and developing recreational resources throughout Bay County.

Bay County and the City of Bay City led the effort to complete this Plan. Fourteen of the governmental jurisdictions within Bay County have also participated in this Plan including the following 10 townships and three cities:

1. City of Auburn
2. Bangor Charter Township
3. City of Bay City
4. Beaver Township
5. City of Essexville
6. Frankenlust Township
7. Fraser Township
8. Hampton Charter Township
9. Merritt Township
10. Monitor Charter Township
11. Pinconning Township
12. Portsmouth Charter Township
13. Williams Charter Township
14. Bay County

MAP 1 – PARTICIPATING COMMUNITY MAP



ABOUT THIS PLAN

In accordance with the State's recommended five-year cycle for recreation planning, this updated Plan covers the five-year period of 2024-2028. The content and process follow the requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for a community parks and 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, facility expansions and construction, and even the design of a neighborhood park improvement, will require additional study or involvement of residents to address the site-specific details. This Plan lays the foundation upon which these activities can be built.

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.

The Plan is an update of the 2019 Recreation Plan that included Bay County and 13 constituent communities. The document is formatted such that data related to the overall County comprises the first portion of the Plan. The second half of the Plan provides detailed information regarding each of the participating communities, including the recreation inventory, goals and objectives, and action plan. The document concludes with an overall summary and description of the adoption process.



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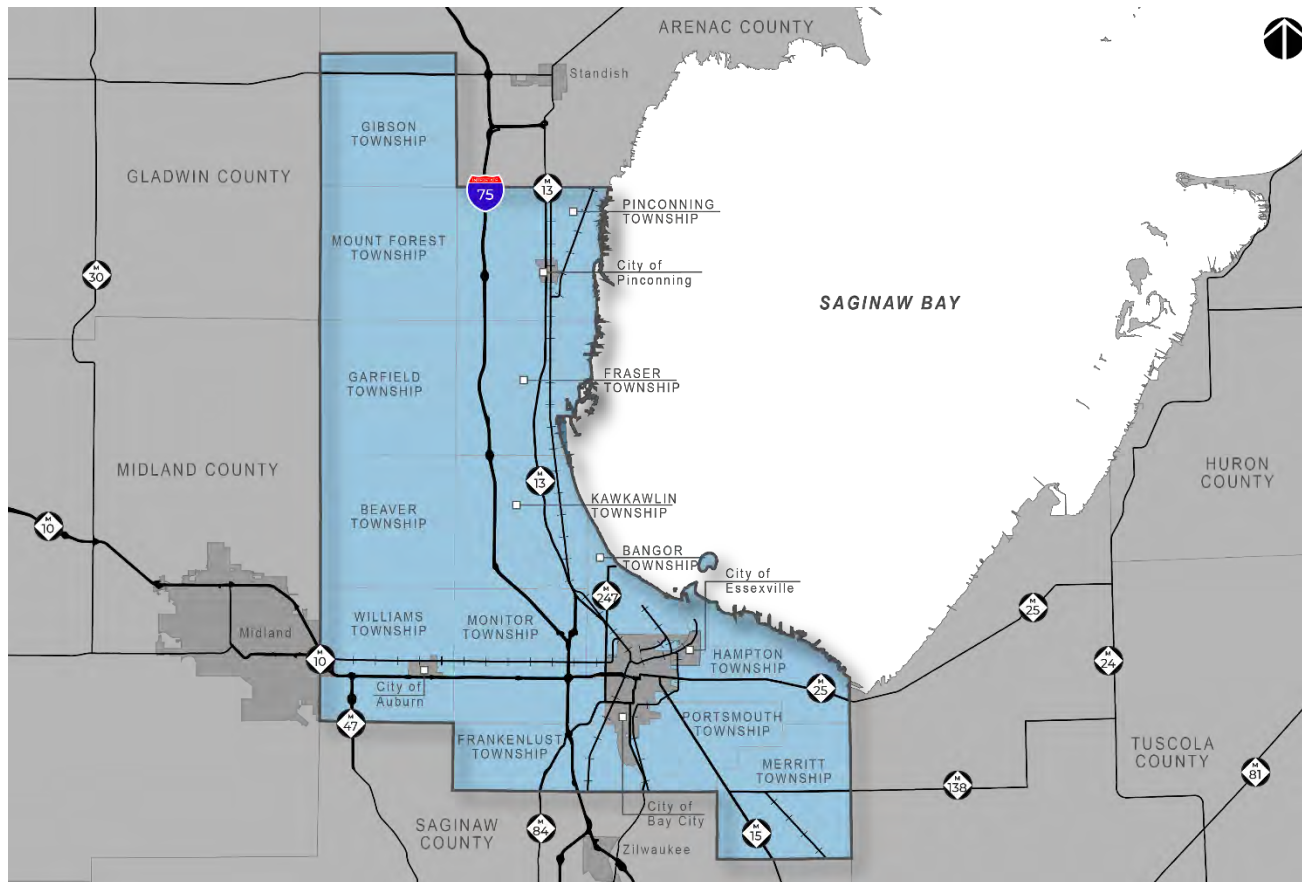
COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

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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 35 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. Bay County is part of the Great Lakes Bay Region, which consists of Bay, Saginaw, and Midland Counties.

Fourteen townships and four cities are located within Bay County. A small portion of a fifth city, Midland, is also located within Bay County.

MAP 2 – REGIONAL LOCATION



CHAPTER 2

DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

In this section, background information from the U.S. Census was used to analyze Bay County's current demographic conditions. The following section analyzes Census-based data on overall population trends, housing characteristics, and economic information within the County to present an overall demographic condition analysis. The information presented in this chapter uses the most recent data from the 2020 decennial census.

The decennial census is an official population count of people living in the United States that is administered every 10 years. The decennial census is mandated by the constitution and is important as it is the basis for redefining electoral districts and identifying population characteristics that assist in understanding different aspects of a community. Understanding the characteristics of the population is helpful when evaluating parks and recreation facilities and needs.



According to the 2020 Census, Bay County has a population of 103,856 in 45,007 households, giving it an average household size of 2.20 persons. The population has seen a slight decline each decade since 1980, when the population peaked at 110,157 people.

According to the 2020 population count the median age of residents in Bay County is 43.8 years. This is more than three years older than the median for Michigan, which is 40.3 years. It is five years older than the median age of the United States which is 39 years. This is worth noting because an older population may have differing needs in terms of recreation facilities and programs.

Another population that can have differing needs in terms of recreation facilities and programs are those individuals with a disability. At 15.1%, Bay County has a larger percentage than Michigan and the United States in the percent of the population with a disability. This statistic generally correlates with age. Generally, the higher the median age, the larger the disabled population.

Table 1 shows some of the significant demographic data regarding the residents of Bay County as they compare to Michigan and the United States.

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TABLE 1 – BAY COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	Bay County	Michigan	United States
Population			
2010 Population	107,771	9,883,640	308,745,538
2020 Population	103,856	10,077,331	331,449,281
Percent of the Population 65 & Older	21.5%	18.7%	17.3%
Percent of the Population Under 18	19.3%	21.0%	21.7%
Percent of the Population with a Disability	15.1%	13.9%	13.4%
Median Age	43.8	40.3	39
Education			
Percent with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher	22.4%	32.1%	35.7%
Income			
Median Household Income	\$55,134	\$66,986	\$74,755
Per Capita Income	\$32,398	\$35,353	\$38,332
Housing			
Average Household Size	2.20	2.40	3.11
Median Housing Values	\$139,900	\$224,400	\$320,900
Owner-Occupied Housing as percentage of Total Occupied Units	74.7%	73.2%	65.2%

It's important to have a full view of demographic data in order to fully understand the population. The County has a slightly lower household income, and lower per capita income in comparison to Michigan and the United States. Making sure recreational opportunities are available regardless of economic means is important to keep residents engaged and using public facilities. The County's average household size is 2.20 which is slightly lower than the state's average (2.40). Within the County, nearly three-quarters (74.7%) of housing units are owner-occupied and slightly under a quarter of the population are renters (22.5%). Residents in high-density housing have a greater need for open spaces and recreational facilities. These owners may not have large green spaces at home and therefore will rely on parks and recreational facilities for their needs.

Within the County is a wide range of age groups who all have their own recreational needs. Park facilities can create multigenerational linkage between individuals in these groups, and across all demographic groups. They provide gathering places, make exercise opportunities available, promote civic participation, and improve the quality of life in an area.



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ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

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GOVERNING BODIES AND ADMINISTRATION

BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A seven-member elected Board of Commissioners governs Bay County. 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 different committees. Recreation planning and programming generally fall into two of these committees. Specifically, the Personnel and Human Services Committee reviews recommendations made by the County Executive for personnel matters, including staffing and filling of vacancies and other planning functions. Budget appropriations, authorizations for grant applications, the establishment of fees, and other financial matters are the responsibility of the Ways and Means Committee.



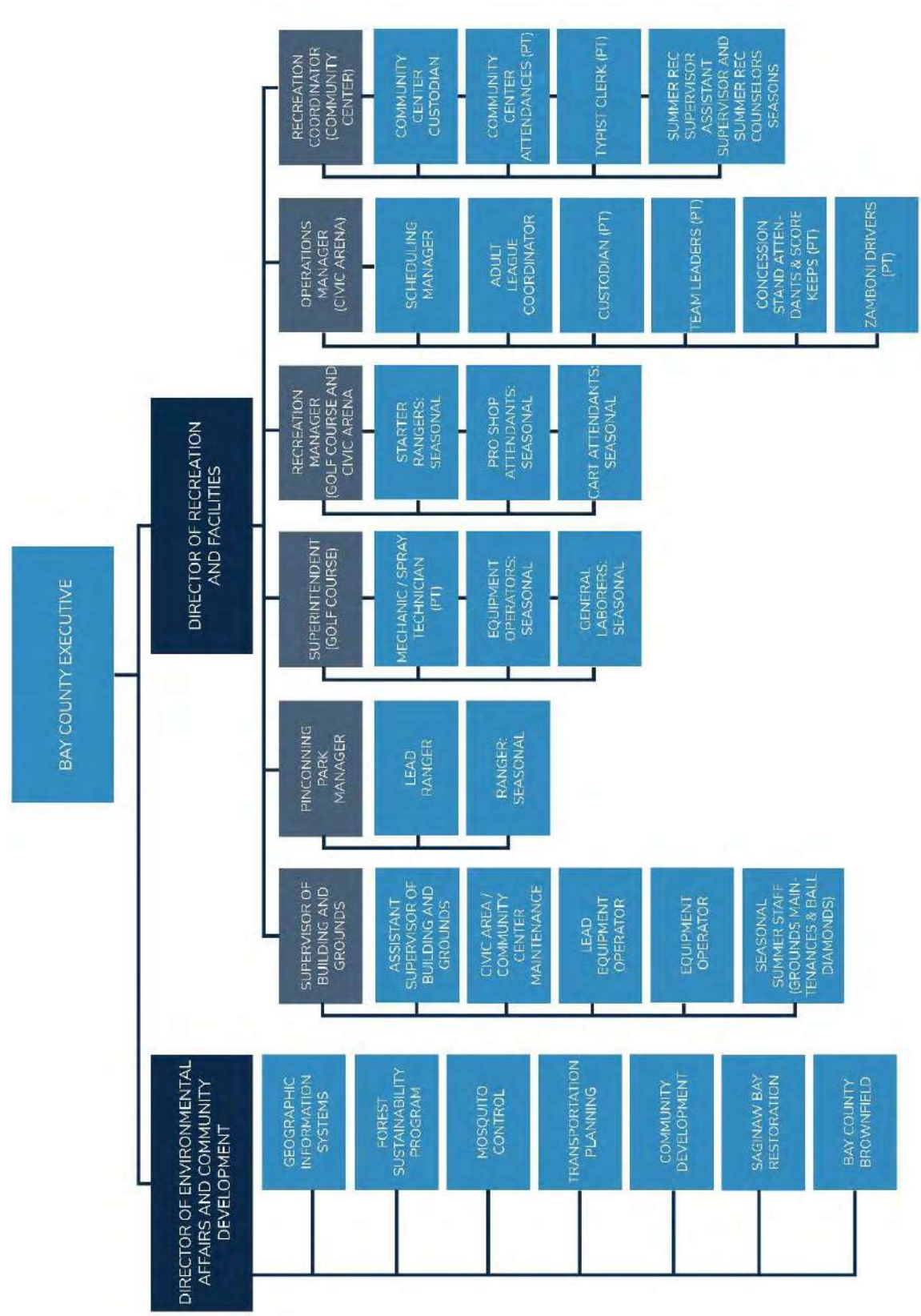
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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 is responsible for the administrative oversight of recreational facilities and programming, community planning, and economic development. Day-to-day management decisions affecting recreational facilities and activities are the responsibility of the Recreation and Facilities Director. Broad community development and recreational planning, including non-motorized trails, Saginaw Bay shoreline access, and land use improvements is under the direction of the Environmental Affairs and Community Development Director.

A recreation staff organization chart is shown on the next page in Figure 1.

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FIGURE 1 – BAY COUNTY ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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PROGRAMMING

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

CIVIC ARENA

The Bay County Civic Arena, established in 1997, provides ice skating opportunities in the form of figure skating, speed skating, and hockey. These programs provide opportunities for skaters of all ages. Non-profit collaboration occurs with the SK8 Bay Figure Skating Club, the Bay County Hockey Association, the Mid Michigan Hockey Development Program, local school districts, and others.

Three youth summer camps are offered each summer and learn-to-skate is available on a year-round basis. A youth 3 on 3 hockey league is offered as well as four seasons of adult hockey. The Civic Arena serves as the home ice for the SK8 Bay Figure Skating Club and three hockey teams: Bay City Wolves (high school team), Bay Area Thunder (high school team), and Bay County Blizzard. The Civic Arena also hosts numerous hockey tournaments and exhibits each year.



COMMUNITY CENTER



Bay County owns and operates the Bay County Community Center, located adjacent to Veterans Memorial Park (which is owned by the City of Bay City). Constructed in the 1970s, the Community Center is home to the county-operated summer youth recreation programs during June, July, and August each year. It also serves as the home of the original portion of the Bay County Sports Hall of Fame. The Community Center contains space available for public use which promotes health and wellness including a fitness center and two gyms. Rooms are also available for rental to the public to host events.

Many programming opportunities are available at the Community Center including fitness classes, pickleball, badminton, and knockersball. The Community Center is used by men's basketball, volleyball, church league basketball groups, and various youth sports. The Community Center also hosts a batting cage available for use.

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GOLF COURSE

Bay County owns and operates the Bay County Golf Course, an 18-hole public golf course established in 1966. It serves as a host site for local high school golf programs, it is home to many leagues, open golf opportunities for the public, group golf outings for businesses, and a variety of tournaments. The golf course also offers youth golf clinics.

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 the use of the handicapped-accessible grandstands for shows and events such as tractor pulls and demolition derbies. The site also has a canteen building used for events. It is often rented for private parties, and it is used as a congregate nutrition site for Senior Citizens operated by the Bay County Department on Aging.

Bay County works 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 maintenance of softball fields using lighted diamonds in Veterans Memorial Park. The City of Bay City is the owner of the park property, but maintenance is performed by Bay County Parks and Recreation maintenance staff. The Bay County Softball Association funds the cost of that maintenance.

Bay County also works with the Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy (SBLC) which owns and maintains publicly accessible nature preserves within Eastern Michigan. SBLC maintains the Discovery Nature Preserve and Nature Playground located at 1701 S. Euclid Rd. within Bay City. The Discovery Nature Preserve, formally known as Euclid Linear Park, is a 12-acre linear park that is owned by Bay County and leased to SBLC which maintains the property. Since the lease began, SBLC has improved the park by installing new signage, refurbishing a boardwalk, and building wildlife boxes to provide nesting space for animals.



CURRENT FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGETS

Sources of revenues for Parks and Recreation in Bay County include the county general fund, user fees, and rental fees. A breakdown of two years of budget data for revenues and expenditures is shown in Table 2.

TABLE 2 – BAY COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION ACTUAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

REVENUE	2021 Actual	2022 Actual
User Fees	\$966,139	\$1,084,445
Rental Fees	\$603,891	\$640,311
Other Revenues	\$24,035	\$20,876
Total Revenue	\$1,594,064	\$1,745,632
EXPENDITURES	2021 Actual	2022 Actual
Wages	\$788,643	\$919,964
Fringes	\$215,126	\$248,974
Operation, Maintenance & Programming	\$854,373	\$1,093,120
Capital Expenditures	\$24,519	\$372,826
Total Expenditures	\$1,882,662	\$2,634,884

ADDITIONAL RELATIONSHIPS AND VOLUNTEERS

The County serves the population within its geographical and political boundaries. To serve its citizens, 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 the private sector ensures 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 fundraising 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. Also, the SK8 Bay Figure Skating Club and Bay County Hockey Association meet with staff at least on an annual basis. Efforts through these meetings are directed at developing programming. Aside from relationships with these groups, a strong relationship with the local schools and non-profit community provides access to other facilities and programming. Activities also occur every week with the Department on Aging, which is located on the north side of the Community Center.

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In addition to the county-operated summer recreation program, Bay County provides funding for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bay County with site locations in Bay City, Essexville, and Pinconning. Funding for these programs is \$13,000. Several hundred children are served each year.

Outside the Community Center, Bay County maintains, by contract, lighted softball diamonds on property owned by the City of Bay City. The Bay County Softball Association collaboration at this location has been a long-standing arrangement for many years.

In 2023, Bay County paid \$10,000 to Essexville Hampton Public Schools to offer swim lessons to Bay County Children at a significantly reduced rate.

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

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, and High School
- Adults
- Senior Citizens 60 and above
- Individuals with disabilities

To be good stewards of taxpayers' dollars, the County has adopted a general practice that prioritizes lower or no-cost opportunities for youth while adult opportunities generally require payment. Adult sports activities such as softball are responsible for covering all program costs through user fees.

Seminars, classes, and other planned activities are taught by well-trained and educated instructors to provide participants with the best possible experience. The programs include educational and recreational opportunities for everyone. Opportunities for team competition are continuously programmed. Currently, adult basketball, pickleball, and volleyball are played at the Community Center, and adult hockey at the Civic Arena. Additional athletic opportunities are planned where interest exists and when facilities are available. Bay County programming strives to improve the physical and social well-being of the individual.



Bay County continues to focus on wellness activities for county employees, as well as county residents. Under this initiative, employees are offered incentives to utilize county recreation facilities for physical activities that promote good health and wellness. This includes the use of fitness centers at the Community Center, free fitness classes, lap swimming, noon ice skating, and discounted golf.



CHAPTER 4

RECREATION INVENTORY

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In order to plan for parks and recreation in the future, it is important 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 a 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 recreation inventory for Bay County is in this chapter while the recreation inventory for each of the participating communities is included in Chapter 7.

PARK CLASSIFICATION

The Recommended Classification System for Local and Regional Open Space from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources 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 of 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, 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 the preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/buffering. The Discovery Preserve (formerly known as 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.

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A **Park Trail** is located within a greenway, park, or natural resource area and its focus is on recreational value and harmony with the natural environment. The trails in the Discovery Preserve and Pinconning Park are park trails.

Map 3, is an inventory of the Bay County park locations and is reflected on page 3.

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 that are most and least handicapped accessible and usable, based on the ADA guidelines. The 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 principles of universal design.

An Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance assessment of Bay County's parks was conducted during the spring of 2008, reviewed in 2013 and 2018, and again in 2023. The assessment consisted of a visual inspection of each park concerning access and circulation in relation to the park facilities. This was done so that the Recreation and Facilities Department would have a basis when considering any physical improvements to make park facilities more readily usable by persons 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 toward improving accessibility at all County parks.

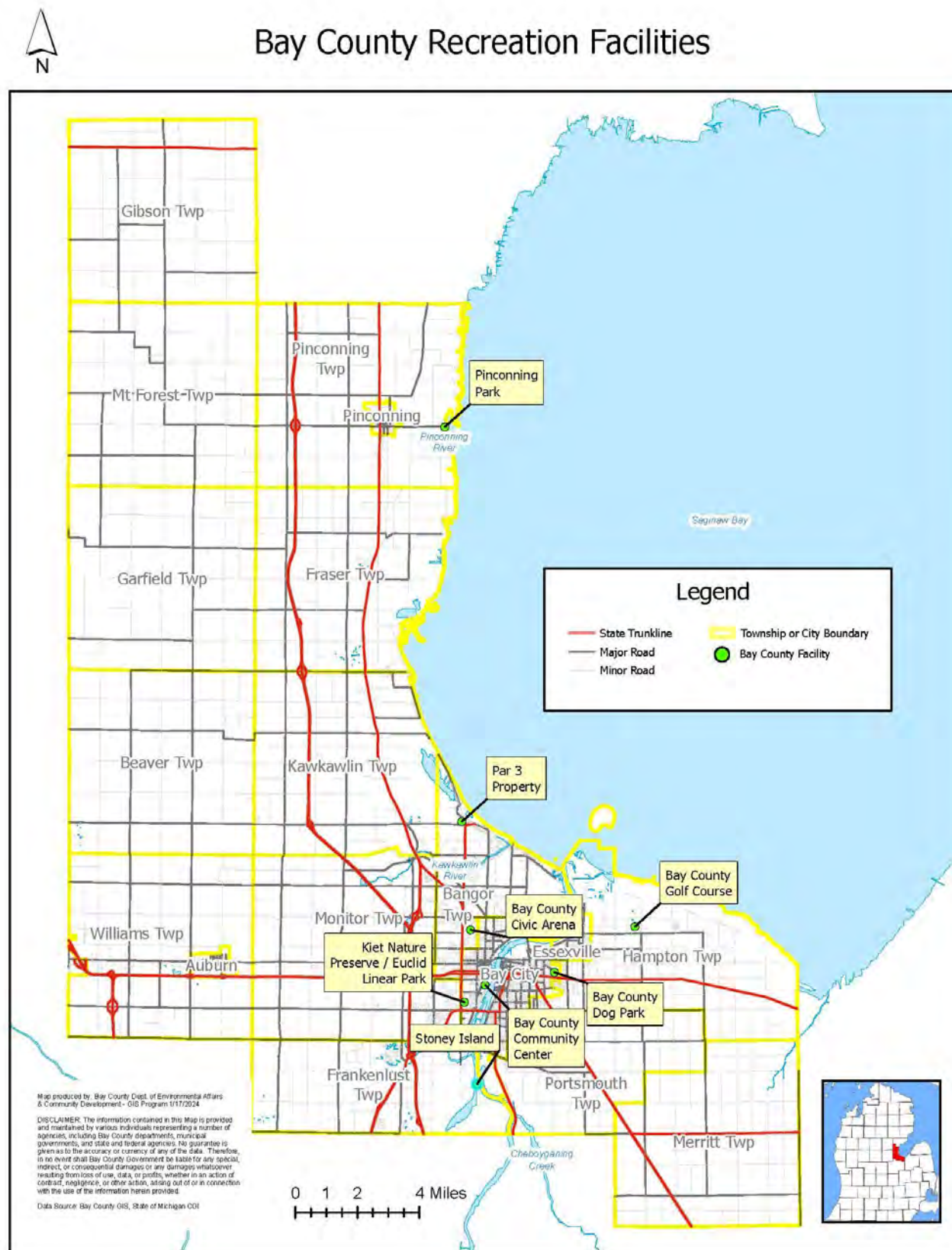
TABLE 3 – ACCESSIBILITY GRADING SYSTEM

MDNR Accessibility Grading System for Parks and Recreational Facilities	
Accessibility Grade	Definition
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.

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BAY COUNTY PARKS

MAP 3 – BAY COUNTY PARKS



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BAY COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER

Area: 4 acres

Location: 800 John F. Kennedy Drive, Bay City

Park Classification: Special Use

Accessibility: 4

The Community Center was developed jointly by the State of Michigan, the City of Bay City, and Bay County. Now owned and operated by Bay County, the Community Center offers a variety of recreational facilities. The large gym provides an excellent location for basketball, pickleball, volleyball, fitness classes, and other team sports. A smaller, multi-purpose-sized gymnasium is suitable for basketball, and gatherings such as wedding showers, trade shows, and card tournaments. The facility also houses a batting cage and a weight room/fitness center. Meeting rooms of various sizes can accommodate groups of up to 240 people.

Each summer the Community Center hosts a summer recreation program for area youth. Young people enjoy many social building skills, make new friends, and enjoy fun activities like arts and crafts, sports, and field trips.



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BAY COUNTY CIVIC ARENA

Area: 5 acres

Location: 4231 Shrestha Drive, Bay City

Park Classification: Special Use

Accessibility: 4

The Bay County Civic Arena offers two ice surfaces from fall to spring and one ice surface through the summer months. An Olympic-sized ice surface (100' x 200') and an NHL-sized ice surface (85' x 200') provide opportunities for hockey, figure, speed, and open skating. The facility also offers concessions, a pro shop, nine locker rooms, and a hockey development program. The community room can seat up to 40 people for birthday parties, and other special events like wedding showers, or meetings. A 20,000 square-foot dry floor surface is available for a variety of events, such as concerts, auto/boat/RV shows, and trade shows. The center also hosts tournaments that bring in teams from across Michigan and Canada.



Numerous groups offer programming at the Civic Arena.

- Bay County Hockey Association, the arena offers year-round hockey programming for youth of all ages.
- SR8 Bay Figure Skating Association provides opportunities to learn to skate and figure skate.
- Mid-Michigan Hockey Development Program operates within the walls of the Civic Arena for youth and adult skill development.

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BAY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS AND DOG PARK

Area: 42 acres

Location: 800 Livingston Street, Bay City

Park Classification: Large Urban Park

Accessibility: 3

The Fairgrounds feature a grandstand with the race track, various barns, campsites, pavilions, and exhibit halls that are used primarily for the Bay County Fair. Other amenities include a walking path, open playfield, a dog park, and a canteen building that is used as a congregate meal site for the Department on Aging, for wedding receptions, showers, graduation parties, reunions, etc.



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PINCONNING PARK

Area: 205 acres

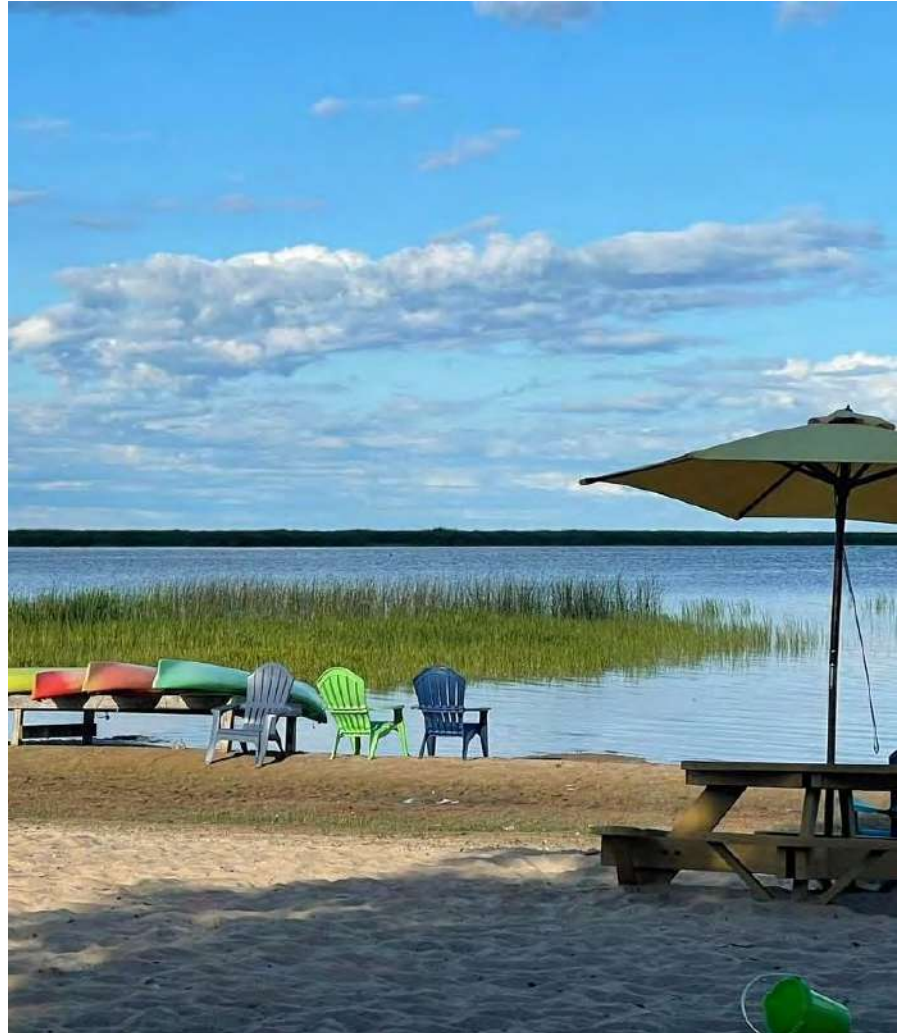
Location: 3041 E. Pinconning Road, Pinconning

Park Classification: Large Urban Park

Accessibility: 3

Pinconning Park features year-round access to nature facilities and is located on the Saginaw Bay. The park is a popular spot for camping, birdwatching, nature viewing, waterfowl hunting, swimming, kayaking, and fishing. It includes 62 campsites and six ADA-accessible camping cabins for overnight stays. The nature features include two trails (1.4 miles and .4 miles) that wind through the woodlands and delicate wetland ecosystem.

There are two observation towers placed along the trails. Other park amenities include two pavilions, a playground, a boat launch, a floating fishing dock, a canoe/kayak rental, and a bathroom with showers. The park is not only popular in the summer months, but also frequently used for its winter activities such as snowmobiling on the Bay and ice fishing.



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BAY COUNTY GOLF COURSE

Area: 145 acres

Location: 584 West Hampton Road,
Essexville, MI 48732

Park Classification: Special Use

Accessibility: 3

The Bay County Golf Course is an 18-hole facility located in Hampton Charter Township. It features continuous paved cart paths, winding throughout the course, and a full fleet of golf carts. The course also features a practice putting green adjacent to the clubhouse. Three local high schools use it as their home golf course.



OTHER BAY COUNTY-OWNED RECREATION FACILITIES

Discovery Preserve – The 12-acre Discovery Preserve at 1701 S. Euclid Avenue in Bay City was formerly known as the Keit Nature Preserve & Euclid Linear Park. In 2015, the Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy began managing the park so it could become a learning landscape for children and families. It includes a nature playground, boardwalk, spotting scope, birdhouses, a pavilion, native wildflowers and grass plantings, and a chimney swift structure. It is one of the Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy's Outdoor Urban Recreation (O.U.R.) projects.

Stoney Island – This is a seven-acre island located within the Saginaw River west of the James Airport. It is undeveloped but accessible for passive recreation activities such as walking, birdwatching, and kayaking stops along the Saginaw River.

Par 3 Property – This 17-acre parcel was formerly a private golf course driving range that included three golf holes. It is currently undeveloped.

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TABLE 4 – BAY COUNTY RECREATION INVENTORY

	Community Center	Civic Arena	Fairgrounds	Pinconning Park	Golf Course	Discovery Preserve	Stoney Island	Par 3 Property
Acres	4	5	42	205	145	9	7	17
Accessibility	4	4	3	3	3	2	2	2
Park Type	SU	SU	LUP	LUP	SU	NRA	NRA	NRA
FACILITIES								
Basketball Courts	X							
Boat Launch				X				
Boat Rental (includes canoe/kayak)				X				
Canoe/Kayak Launch				X			X	
Community Meeting Rooms	X	X	X					
Concessions		X						
Dog Park				X				
Observation Tower				X				
Fishing				X			X	
Fitness Center	X							
Group Camping				X				
Golf Course					X			
Ice Hockey Rink and ProShop		X						
Multi-Purpose Gymnasium	X							
Parking	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Pavilion			X	X	X	X		
Picnicking			X	X				
Playground				X		X		
Pickleball	X							
Restrooms (public)	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Racetrack			X					
Swimming Beach				X				
Walking Trails			X	X	X	X	X	X
Volleyball	X							
Weight Room	X							
KEY: LUP – Large Urban Park, NRA – Natural Resource Area, SU – Special Use Park								

COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

The County has committed to taking a steady and consistent approach to developing park facilities that provide lifelong recreation options for the residents of Bay County. To help analyze the adequacy of parks and recreation facilities owned and operated by Bay County, it is helpful to compare the County's system to various standards and benchmarks.

Overall Quantity

Bay County has 434 acres of County-owned parkland to serve about 103,856 people. This equates to approximately 4.17 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. General recreation guidelines suggest there should be 5 to 10 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. According to the quantity standards, this means the County should have at least 519.28 acres of parkland and as much as 1,038.56 acres to meet the general guidelines. According to the standards, the County-owned facilities do not supply enough parkland for the County's population. However, each local community in Bay County has its own parks and the State also maintains hundreds of additional acres of parkland within the County. It is not the sole responsibility of the County to provide all the acreage. When considering all the parkland, local, county, and state/federal, the County residents have access to enough parkland to far exceed the standards. This is why a multi-jurisdictional planning effort is so important, the parks all work as a large system for the region and only considering one jurisdiction does not paint an accurate picture of the recreation opportunities available to residents.



Facility Standards

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) has published typical recreation facility standards that specify facility service areas, the number of facilities needed to service the population, and the land area needed. These standards can be used in conjunction with the acreage standards to further identify Bay County's recreation needs. Table 5 provides a comparison of the County's public facilities against published recreation facility standards.

According to the standards, the County is deficient in many of the categories. However, the resulting deficiencies, as determined by this NRPA standards evaluation, do not account for the

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recreational facilities owned and operated by other agencies and governmental entities that service local populations. Bay County can optimize the recreational resources available to all residents in the County by supporting recreation provided by the local municipalities.

TABLE 5 – FACILITY STANDARDS

	Recommended Standard ¹	County Owned Facilities	Township and City Outlined Facilities	Recommended Public Need ²	Surplus/ Deficiency ³
Basketball	1/5,000	2	15	21	-4
Tennis Courts	1/2,000	0	19	52	-33
Baseball Fields	1/5,000	0	25	21	+4
Lighted Fields	1/30,000	1	4	3	+2
Softball	1/5,000	0	17	21	-4
Football Fields	1/20,000	0	3	5	-2
Soccer Fields	1/10,000	0	3	10	-7
Golf Courses					
9-hole	1/25,000	0		4	-4
18-hole	1/50,000	1		2	-1
Swimming Pool					
Indoor	1/20,000	0		6	-6
Outdoor	1/40,000	0		3	-3
Ice Rinks					
Indoor	1/50,000	2		2	0
Outdoor	1/20,000	0	1	6	-5
Playgrounds	1/3,000	3	27	35	-5
Trails	1 system per region	4		-	+4
1 Recommended number of facilities per unit of population (National Recreation and Park Association)					
2 Population of 103,856 (2020 Census Data)					
3 Rounded to the nearest whole number					

Level of Service

More recent DNR 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 parkland and facilities, then that amount is sufficient. This is why the community input portion of a recreation plan is so important. While the national standards indicate that the County does have

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enough recreational land, the community input results indicated what local community members want to see in their parks. Each park has its own needs and improvements, however, the overall survey indicated that park users would like to see improved trails and trail extensions, restroom facilities, pickleball courts, improvement of the safety of parks, general park maintenance park facilities like benches and water fountains added, and updated play equipment. The Bay County executive needs to understand the wishes of the community they serve to plan for new park facilities that adequately serve the interests of the population.

Further, just because the County does not own or operate a recreation facility does not mean it does not exist. For example, while the County does not own/operate baseball or softball fields, several other Townships within Bay County do, and therefore, residents have opportunities to access them. Finally, while the standards require a large amount of facilities for the County, the survey results do not indicate that there is a large deficiency in the County parks. The County will assess the current facilities provided throughout the County, before expending taxpayer dollars that would duplicate services already being provided.



NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS

Trails are generally identified as one of the most desirable recreation facilities in any community. Trails give residents the opportunity to be more active and healthier, safer while walking or biking on the roads, provide additional ways to experience the community, and give all users the option of increased mobility in different modes of travel. Many of the communities within Bay



County have developed stand-alone trails in their community or they have developed trails that are part of a larger network. These are listed below and described within each jurisdiction's section of the plan.

Bay County Trail System consists of:

- Riverwalk/Railtrail Loop – Bay City
- Portsmouth Charter Township Railtrail
- Bangor Charter Township Railtrail
- Bay City State Park Trails
- Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail/Iron Belle Trail

A map of the Bay County Riverwalk Trail System is included in Appendix A.

- Hampton Rail Trail – Hampton Charter Township
- Fraser Township Rail Trail – Fraser Township
- BayZil Rail Trail – Frankenlust Township

Bay County, along with Midland and Saginaw Counties is part of the Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail (GLBRT) Alliance to link the three counties in a combined trail network. The Saginaw to Bay connection is complete, with the Saginaw to Midland the current priority, and then the Bay to Midland connection will be the focus. Much of the GLBRT trail in the region is also part of the Iron Belle Trail (IBT) route, the state-wide trail system from Belle Isle in Detroit to Ironwood in the upper peninsula. Maps of the GLBRT and IBT are included in Appendix A.

WATER TRAILS



Due to the popular rise of paddling sports and water recreation activities in the past decade, considerable effort has been spent to develop water trails on the Saginaw Bay and its tributaries. Their popularity is increasing, and water recreation enthusiasts support the development of these trails wholeheartedly. According to Michigan Water Trails, a water trail is a marked route on a navigable waterway or coastline

used for recreational use. They could include streams, rivers, lakes, or canals. The trails allow access to waterways for non-motorized boats such as kayaks, canoes, single sailboats, or rowboats. Water trails feature well-developed launch points, and access to campgrounds, rest stops, restrooms, and connections to historical, environmental, or cultural points of interest. They are often near connections to municipalities for places to eat, shop, and sleep. If not, they can be a rustic, adventurous outdoor experience.

The National Forest Service has a designated national water trails program. The State of Michigan has a program as well. To be a designated water trail included in the Michigan Water Trails, a trail must:

- Be open to non-motorized craft
- Include access sites open to the public
- Have developed and up to date trail data that is publicly available
- Be actively supported, managed, and maintained by at least one organization or community that serves as the source of information

The DNR has also developed Water Trail Standards and Designations so paddlers across Michigan have a consistent tool when planning a trip along a water trail.

In 2015, Bay County completed the Saginaw Bay Blueways Water Trail Development Plan. It was undertaken by Bay County and its partners to identify sites and to create a preliminary map of ready-to-use landing sites. The plan investigated each of those sites and added others that were not identified. The plan also identified deficiencies in each site and proposed possible site improvements that would make each landing more usable by paddlers. A map of the water trail access sites is included in Appendix A.

REGIONAL FACILITIES

In addition to the park and recreation facilities owned by the local jurisdictions that are described elsewhere in this plan, there are five significant large state-owned recreation facilities in Bay County:

Bay City State Park Area – 2000+ acre state park in Bangor Charter Township just north of Bay City on Saginaw Bay. Includes a spray park, playground, three (3) observation towers, fishing, hunting, trapping, visitor center, pavilions, beach, and approximately 193 campsites. The park is connected to the Bay City Riverwalk/Rivertrail at the south end of the park.

Tobico Marsh Nature Area – 1,652-acre wildlife refuge that is located adjacent to the Bay City State Recreation Area. Tobico Marsh is an undeveloped nature area and contains a variety of habitats, from small pockets of cattail marshes and oak/maple climax forest to Tobico Lagoon, a 900-acre body of water. The entire area is home to deer, beaver, muskrat, and mink, but it's the wide variety of birds, especially waterfowl, that makes this refuge significant. It includes 4.8 miles of trails.

Quanicassee State Wildlife Area – With approximately 1,922 acres, this state-owned land is in two separate areas in Hampton Charter Township as well as in Tuscola County. The Quanicassee Wildlife Area features large wetland tracts and Saginaw Bay frontage.

Nayanquing Point State Wildlife Area – Approximately 3,250 acres in Fraser Township and Pinconning Township. Nayanquing Point is a collection of farm fields, diked pools, mud flats, and Saginaw Bay marshland. It is known as an important bird area by the Audobon Society. It includes an observation tower and waterfowl hunting areas.

Crow Island State Game Area – Approximately 25% of the 3,638-acre game area lies within Frankenlust Township in Bay County. It is managed to promote safe nesting, brood rearing, and migration stop-over habitat for local and migratory waterfowl and shorebirds and to provide for myriad hunting and non-consumptive wildlife-related recreational pursuits.



NATURAL RESOURCES 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 its shoreline. Public access to the 38 miles of Bay County shoreline is extremely limited. Private residential development occurs along much of the beachfront shoreline except for the Bay City State Recreation Area and Pinconning Park. In other areas, the shoreline is predominantly a state-owned wildlife refuge area where public access is restricted.



The Bay provides habitat for large populations of waterfowl, birds, and more than 90 fish species. It provides a wide variety of year-round recreational activities which comprise an important component of the Bay County economy. The Saginaw and Kawkawlin Rivers are two large rivers

in Bay County that drain into Saginaw Bay.



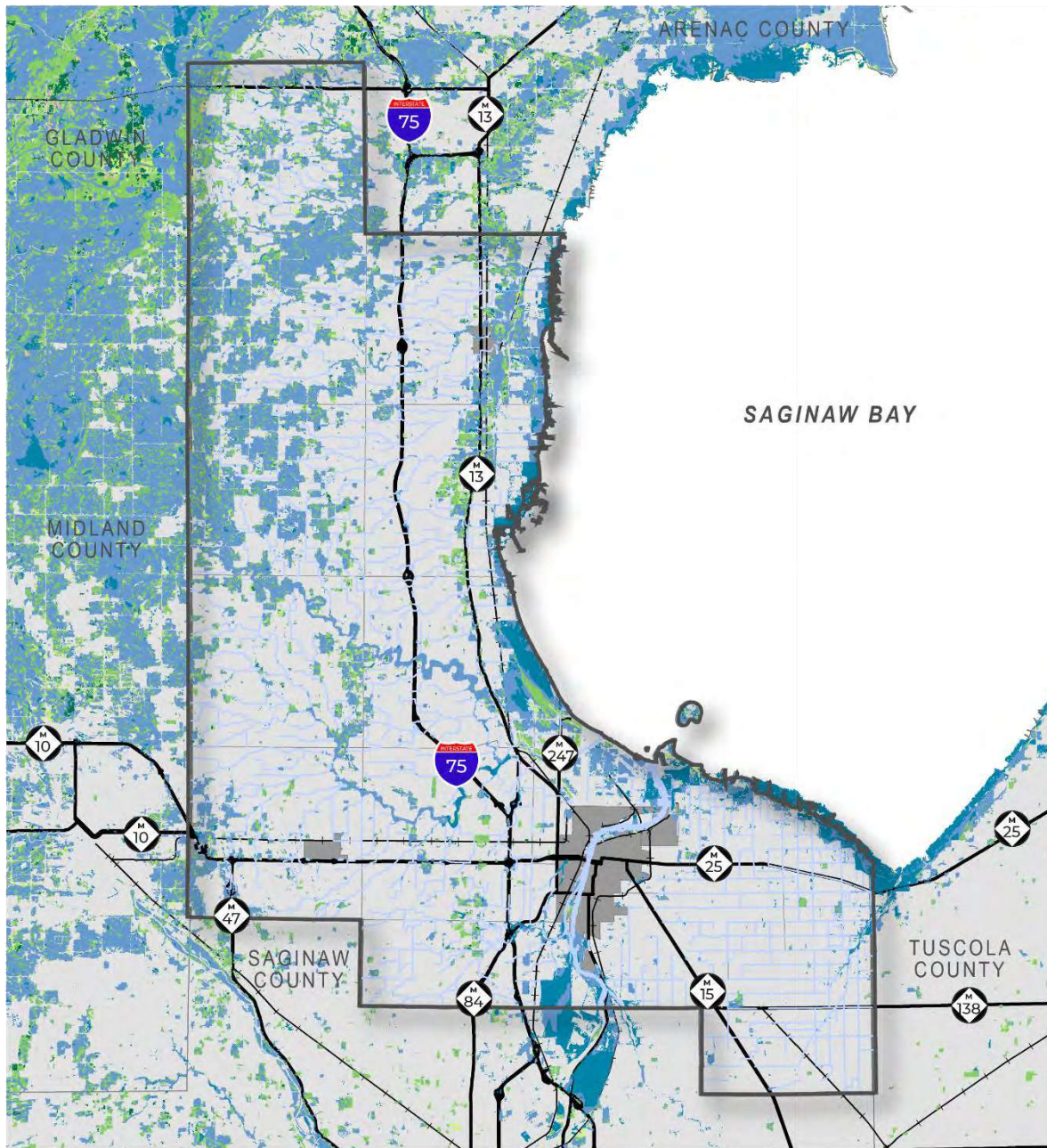
These rivers and the wetlands that surround them are also significant natural resources in Bay County. As described above, the

Michigan DNR controls significant natural resource lands in Bay County, most of which are along the bay and river shorelines. Bay County and all 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, while also keeping options available for creating public access.

Lastly, there are some large stands of 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. The state-owned lands and the large woodland tracts can be viewed in the aerial map, Map 4.

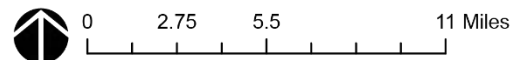
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MAP 4 – NATURAL RESOURCES MAP



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Deciduous Forest	Emergent Herbaceous Wetlands
Grassland	Woody Wetlands
Evergreen Forest	Shrub/Scrub
Mixed Forest	Water bodies



Map 4 - The natural resource lands protected by the Michigan DNR are highlighted in light green. Source: Nature Conservancy Conservation and Recreation Lands Database.

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GRANT HISTORY

Bay County has received twelve DNR recreation grants. They are listed below:

1. LWCF 26-0075 – Pinconning Park, \$44,000, Acquisition (acquire 63.37 acres)
2. LWCF 26-00809 – Pinconning Park, \$33,845, Development (boat launch, parking, DF, vault toilets, picnic area)
3. TF88-110 – Pinconning Park, \$60,000, Development (day-use parking, playground, beach)
4. BF92-311 – Pinconning Park, \$71,900, Development (boat launch, parking, campground)
5. TF95-255 – Keit Linear Park (now Discovery Preserve), \$375,000, Acquisition (acquire 33 acres)
6. CM00-164 – Pinconning Park, \$95,538, Development (cabins, boardwalk, vault toilets)
7. TF00-354 – Bay County Wetlands Improvements (now Discovery Preserve) (Keit Linear Park), \$88,226, Development (path, boardwalk/viewing platform, parking, vault toilets, site amenities)
8. TF01-087 – Bay County Trail Improvements (Fairgrounds), \$22,000, Development (ramp to grandstand, trail)
9. TF09-027 – Pinconning Park Improvements, \$325,000, Development (cabins, campsites, fishing/viewing, platform/dock, path, playground, interpretive signs, benches, trash bins)
10. RP19-0098 – Pinconning Park, \$84,500, Development (bath house improvements)

All of the improvements are open, functional, and operational.





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PUBLIC INPUT

COMMUNITY INPUT

OVERVIEW

To comply with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Guidelines for the Development of Community Parks and Recreation Plans, Bay County provided two public input opportunities – an online survey and an advertised public meeting held after a 30-day public review of the draft plan, before the adoption of the Plan. The online survey was used as the primary method for community input. The survey was developed with general questions about parks and recreation. All respondents were presented with survey questions about Bay County Parks. Each participating community was also offered the opportunity to add questions to the survey that would be seen only by those respondents who indicated they chose to provide feedback for another community where they use recreation facilities. The following communities added questions to the survey that were specific to their community: City of Auburn, City of Bay City, Beaver Township, Hampton Charter Township, Frankenlust Township, Monitor Charter Township, Portsmouth Charter Township, and Williams Charter Township.

COMMUNITY INPUT SURVEY

The survey was primarily distributed online. Paper copies were also distributed to those communities who indicated a need for them. The survey was available from June 23, 2023, until July 24, 2023. It was publicized with a variety of methods:

- Bay County website
- Bay County individual park website pages
- Bay County Park Facebook posts
- Bay City Facebook posts
- Spicer Group Facebook boosted posts (advertisements)
- Participating community websites
- Participating in community newsletters
- E-mail blasts with survey links from Bay County and participating communities
- Via the Saginaw and Bay City News and MLive (online)
- Flyers that were distributed to all local communities for posting in public places
- Postcards for distribution

Notifications about the survey included a QR code that could be scanned by mobile device users.

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ABOUT RESPONDENTS

The survey received 1,379 total responses, which included 1,027 complete responses and another 352 partial responses, whereby the respondents completed at least one question. This is an increase in the input received in 2018 when the survey had 1,271 responses. A compilation of all survey responses is given in Appendix B. Highlights of the survey are described in the section below.

GENERAL PARK QUESTIONS

PUBLIC ACCESS TO WATER RESOURCES

Given that the County is situated on Lake Huron and contains many waterways, it's important that residents and visitors alike are provided access to recreational opportunities on the water. When asked to rate public access to water resources, 63.3% of respondents noted that access to the Saginaw River was good or excellent. Similarly, 54.5% of respondents noted that access to the Saginaw Bay (Lake Huron) was good or excellent. Based on feedback received, it appears that focusing efforts to provide more public access to the Saginaw Bay, Kawkawlin River, Pinconning River, and Saganing Creek would be beneficial. 41.7% of respondents reported public access to the Kawkawlin River was poor or they were unsure. Similarly, 71.6% of respondents noted that access to the Pinconning River, and 76.1% of respondents noted that access to the Saganing Creek was poor or they were unsure.

FIGURE 2 – SCREENSHOT OF FACEBOOK ADVERTISEMENT



SATISFACTION WITH PARKS

When asked to rate their feelings regarding statements about County and local parks, the respondents had varied opinions. More than 41% of respondents were neutral regarding their satisfaction with County Parks, which is an increase from the 2018 survey where 35% of respondents reported being satisfied with County Parks. Slightly less than one-third agreed that they were satisfied with local park and recreation facilities in Bay County.

NATURAL AREAS

Survey respondents had strong positive feelings about improving access to and enhancing natural resources and recreation opportunities on the Saginaw Bay and Saginaw River. Approximately 68% of the respondents agreed with the statement that the preservation of natural resources in the community has a positive effect on the overall quality of life. Similarly, 87.2% of respondents agreed with the statement that it is important to improve access to and enhance the natural resources and recreation opportunities on the Saginaw Bay and Saginaw River.

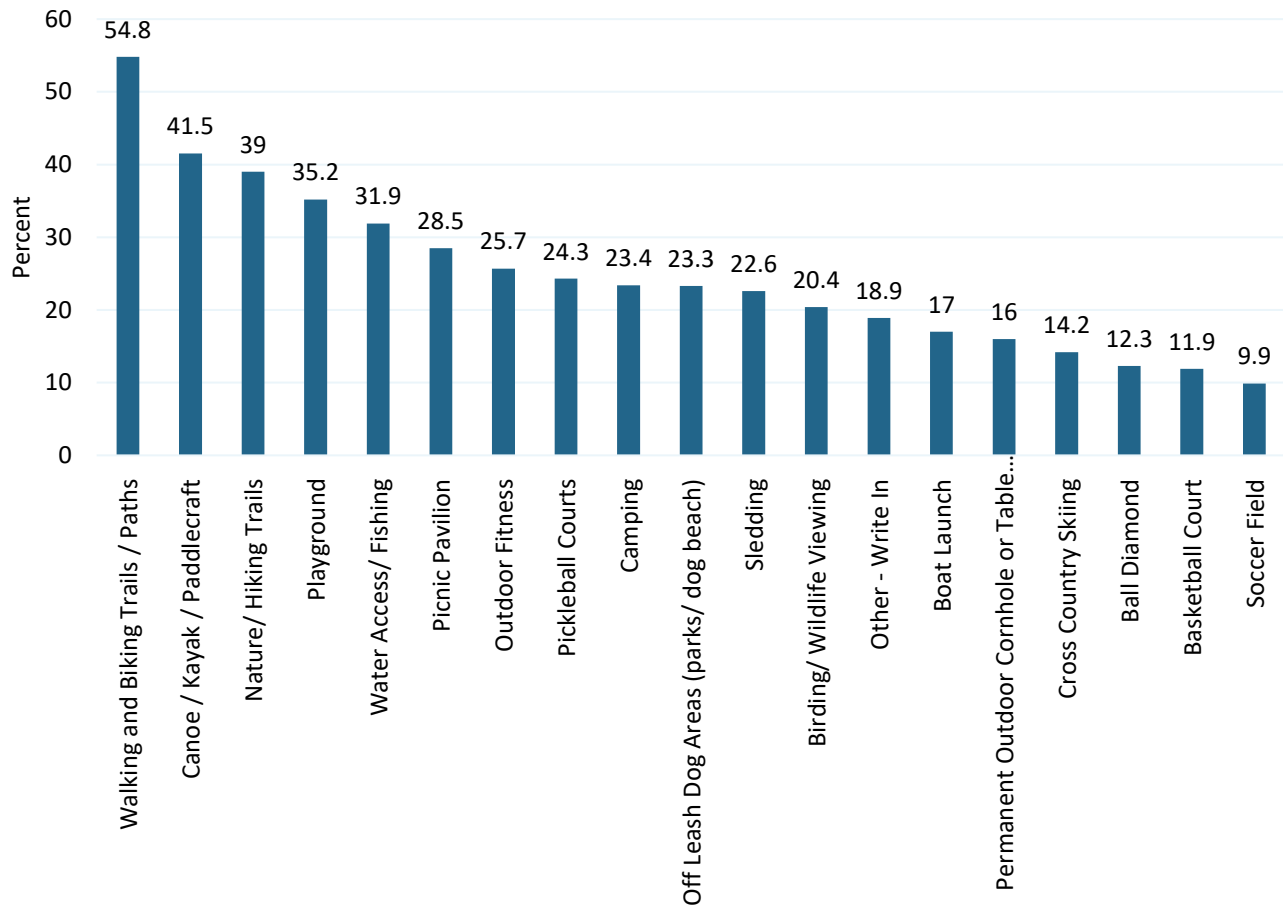
RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES MISSING

Respondents were presented with 18 potential recreation activities and asked to check those that were missing or that they wanted more of in their area. Respondents could also fill in a response that had not been indicated. Walking and biking trails/paths were, by far, the most popular facilities checked with nearly 55% of the respondents indicating there were not enough of these facilities. The top 19 items desired are shown in Figure 3 on the next page.

Seventy-six respondents wrote in about other recreation opportunities that were missing in their area. Frequent other responses that were written in included a pool / swimming, disc golf, and snowmobile / off-road vehicle trails.

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FIGURE 3 – MISSING RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES



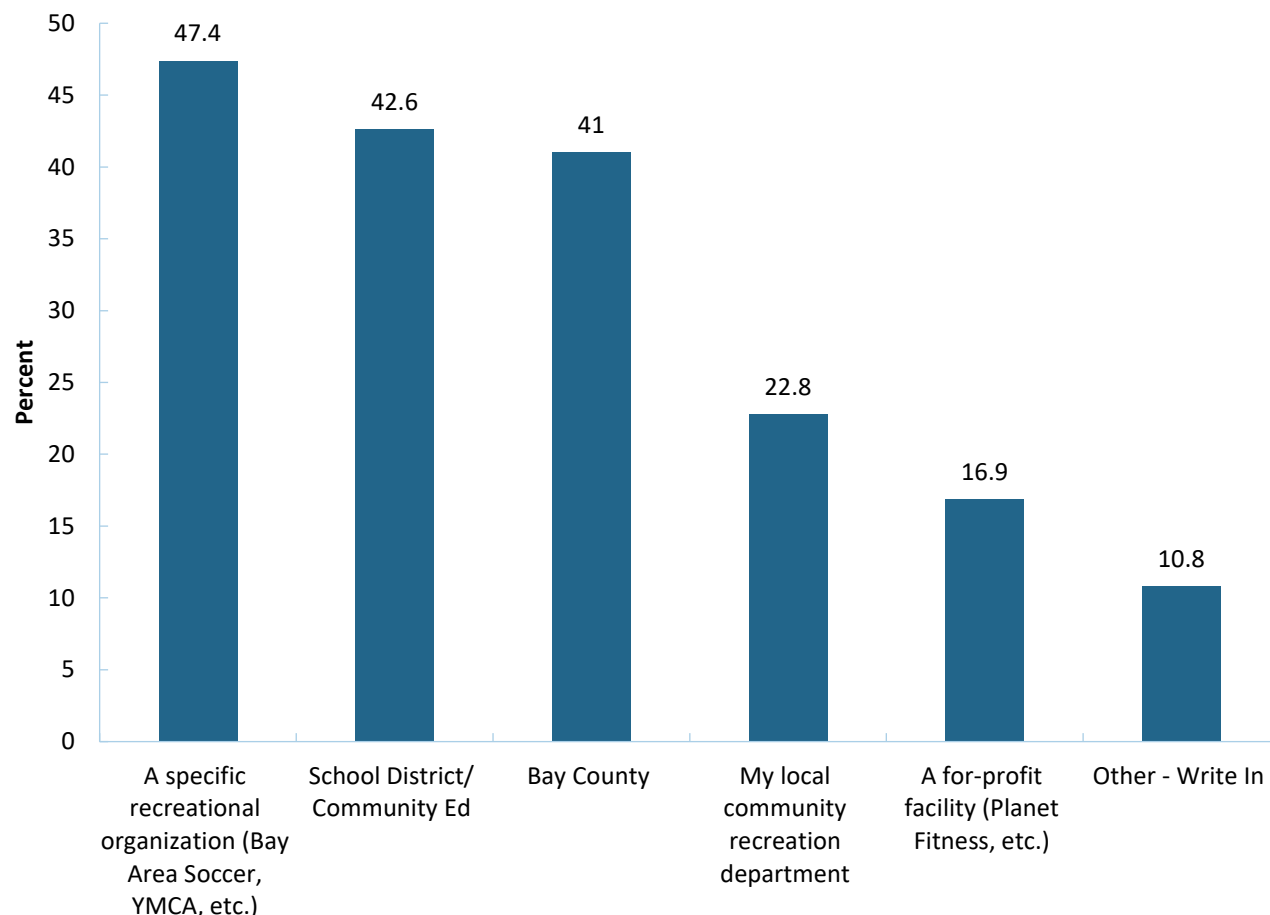
Programs

Question 6 of the survey asked respondents to note who specifically provided recreation programs they or their families participated in. Most respondents, at 47.4%, noted a specific recreational organization, such as Bay Area Soccer, YMCA, or similar organization provided those recreational opportunities. The next top categories were the School District/ Community Education at 42.6%, and next was Bay County at 41% of respondents. A full list of feedback is provided in Figure 3.

On a similar focus, Question 7 asked what kind of programs or activities would you like to see added to your community for different age groups with the options being Children, Teens, Senior Citizens, and Everyone. While the majority of responses for each program / activity were most popularly elected to be added for all age groups in the community, it was found from an analysis of the number of total responses that Food Truck Festivals, Concerts/Movies in the Park, and Holiday Events were the most popular activities/programs to be added in the County among those surveyed.

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FIGURE 4 – RECREATION OPPORTUNITY PROVIDERS



Trail Usage

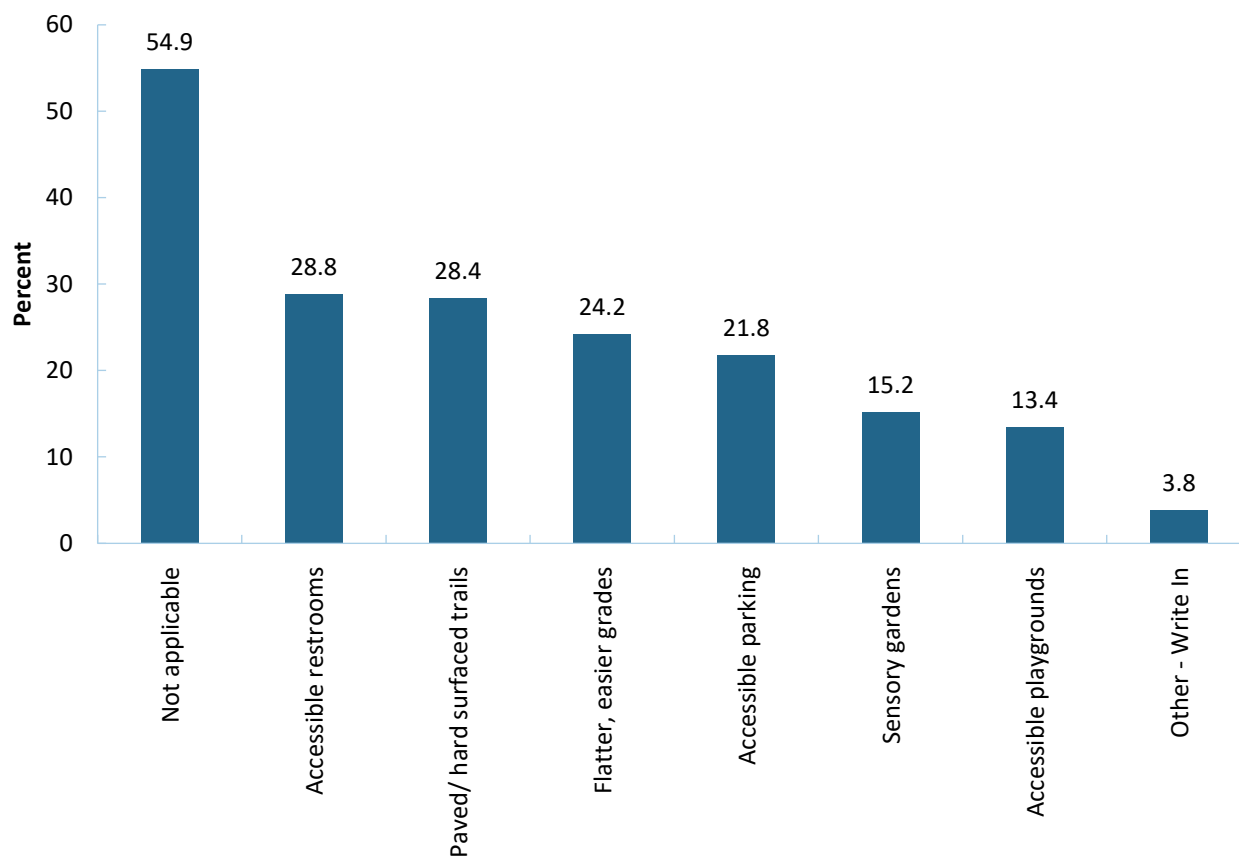
Question 8 asked respondents how frequently they used trails in the region. It was reported that 58% of respondents used the Bay City Riverwalk/ Rivertrail at least monthly which is significantly more than the other trails listed in the survey. The majority of respondents, (56% for the Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail / Iron Belle Trail, 70% for the Blueways Water Trail, and 45.5% for the Saginaw Bay Water Trail), reported never using those trails. It's important to note that certain segments of the Bay City Riverwalk, Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail, and Iron Belle Trail converge to become one trail. Respondents may be unaware of which trail they are traversing when using it which may have skewed responses for this question. Ultimately, it is important to ensure that there are accessible points of access to trailheads to encourage their usage.

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Disability Needs

Question 9 of the survey asked respondents if they or a person in their family had a disability, what improvements would make Bay County parks or trails more user-friendly. The top response, at 28%, was accessible restrooms, the next top responses were paved / hard surfaced trails (28.4%) and flatter, easier grades (24.2%). The top write-in response for this question was to include more places to rest at seven (7) total write-in responses for this improvement. A full list of responses for question 9 is provided in Figure 5.

FIGURE 5 – DISABILITY NEEDS



BAY COUNTY PARKS & FACILITIES

The next section of the survey asked questions about the five recreation facilities that are operated by Bay County: the Civic Arena, Community Center, Bay County Fairgrounds and Dog Park, Bay County Golf Course, and Pinconning Park. Respondents were also provided with space to provide written feedback about each facility. More than 100 written comments were received about each park. The Community Center received the most comments at 423.

Respondents were asked to rate several factors as good, okay, or poor for each park. At a minimum, these factors included maintenance and appearance, handicap accessibility, and quality / friendliness of staff. It should be noted that at least 30% of the respondents checked “don’t know” for their response. For some of the questions the percentage who indicated “don’t know” was over 80%.

Question 12 asked respondents to rate various aspects of the Civic Arena, the top responses for each aspect of the Arena are reported below, a full list of responses is provided in Appendix B. 24.7% of respondents noted that the maintenance and appearance were good, 18.4% of respondents reported that handicap accessibility was good, 22.4% of respondents stated quality / friendliness of staff was good, and 19.5% of respondents communicated that programs, classes and amenities offered were okay.

Question 13 asked what programming, events, and classes would you like to see at the Civic Arena. The top responses are as follows, a full list of write-in responses can be found in Appendix B:

1. Learn to skate programs: There is a desire for more opportunities for people of all ages to learn how to skate.
2. More open skate hours: Many people want increased availability for open skate sessions.
3. Community events and activities: Many respondents want the facility to host community events, craft shows, concerts, markets, and alike.
4. Affordable/free options: Suggestions include free skate for kids, free open skating for low-income individuals, free clinics for hockey, and subsidized gear.
5. Indoor sports and fitness programs: Ideas include indoor pickleball, soccer, frisbee golf, yoga, and fitness classes.

Question 14 asked respondents to rate various aspects of the Community Center. The top responses for each aspect of the Community Center are reported below. A full list of responses is provided in Appendix B. 34.8% of respondents noted that the maintenance and appearance were okay, 24.9% of respondents reported that handicap accessibility was okay, 27.4% of respondents

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stated quality/ friendliness of the staff was good, and 26.4% of respondents communicated that programs, classes, and amenities offered were okay.

Question 15 asked what programming, events, and classes would you like to see at the Community Center. The top responses were as follows; a full list of write-in responses can be found in Appendix B:

1. The most common request is to reopen & fix the pool, with swimming and swim-related activities being a popular demand.
2. Many respondents want more fitness classes, such as yoga, aqua size, and other exercise programs.
3. There is a desire for additional programs and activities for children, teens, and families, including sports leagues, craft classes, and events.
4. There is a desire for free or low-cost activities to make the community center accessible to all, regardless of income.
5. Seniors would like more activities tailored to their age group, such as senior fitness classes and workshops.

Questions 16 and 17 centered around the Community Center's community pool which has recently been closed due to its age and ongoing maintenance issues. Question 16, represented in Figure 6, asks respondents whether Bay County should work towards the implementation of a new community outdoor, pool, and question 17, represented in Figure 7, asks respondents if a new community pool were installed, how often they would use that pool in the near future.

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FIGURE 6 - SHOULD BAY COUNTY WORK TOWARDS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A NEW COMMUNITY OUTDOOR POOL?

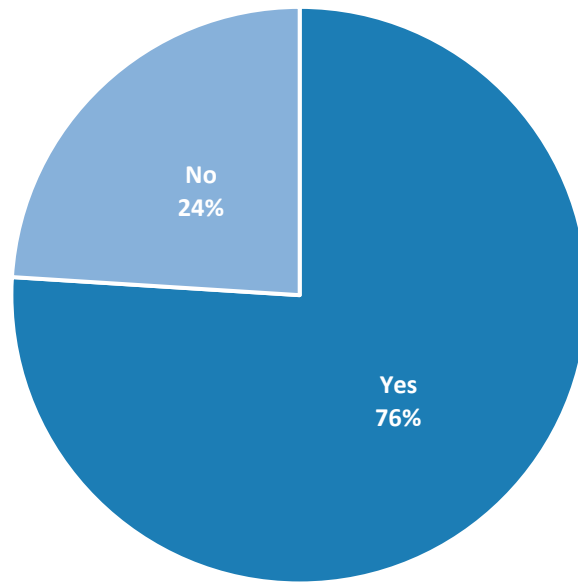
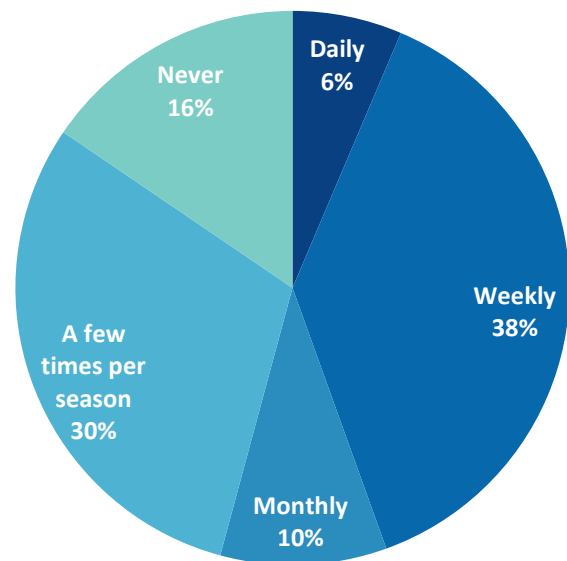


FIGURE 7 - HOW OFTEN WOULD YOU USE A NEW COMMUNITY POOL IF ONE WAS INSTALLED IN THE NEAR FUTURE?

Question 18 asked respondents to rate various aspects of the Bay County Fairgrounds and Dog Park, the top responses for each aspect of the Fairgrounds and Dog Park are reported below, a full list of responses is provided in Appendix B. 34.7% of respondents noted that the maintenance and appearance was okay, 22.7% of respondents reported that handicap accessibility was okay, 27.6% of respondents stated the Dog Park was okay, and 27.3% of respondents communicated that safety and security were okay.

Question 19 asked what other feedback respondents would like to provide regarding the Fairgrounds and Dog Park. The top responses are as follows:



1. **Maintenance and Upgrades:** Many people express the need for better maintenance and upgrades for both the fairgrounds and the dog park. They want cleaner facilities, improved landscaping, updated equipment, and better drainage.

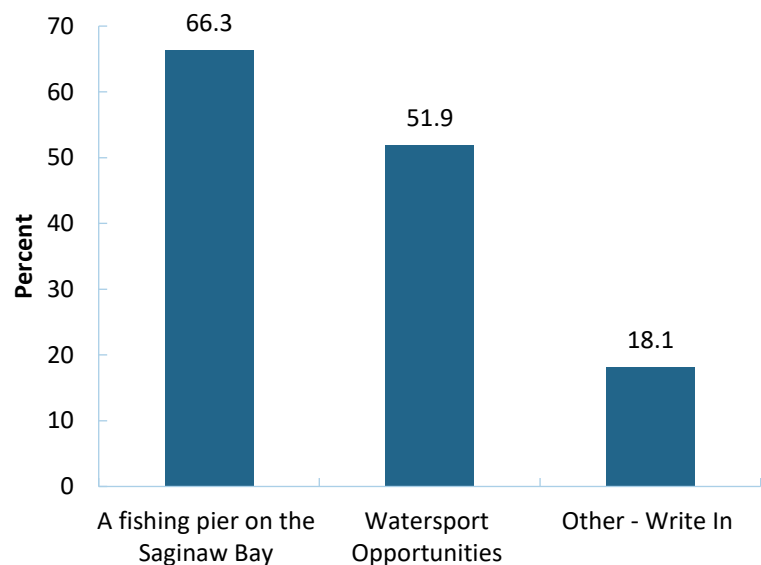
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2. **Dog Park Size and Amenities:** Some respondents feel that the dog park is too small and lacks amenities for dogs to play and train properly. They suggest adding more space, agility equipment, shade, water stations, and separate areas for small and large dogs.
3. **Fairgrounds Utilization:** Many individuals believe that the fairgrounds are underutilized and could be used for various events and activities, including concerts, art fairs, outdoor yoga, movie nights, and more.
4. **County Fair Improvement:** Many individuals believe the county fairgrounds need significant improvements, such as updating grandstands, adding food trucks, and better rides, and enhancing the 4H programs.
5. **Information and Communication:** People want better communication and promotion of events at the fairgrounds, so the community is more aware of what's happening.

Question 20 of the survey asked if respondents would use a fishing pier or watersport opportunities if they were added at the Fairgrounds and Dog Park. Feedback provided by respondents is represented in Figure 8. The top response was a fishing pier on Saginaw Bay with 66.3% of respondents choosing this option.

Question 21 asked respondents to rate various aspects of the Bay County Golf Course, the top responses for each aspect of the Golf Course are reported below, a full list of responses is provided in Appendix B. 29.1% of respondents noted that the maintenance and appearance was good, 16.4% of respondents reported that handicap accessibility was good, 24.9% of respondents stated the quality and friendliness of staff was good, and 18.8% of respondents communicated that the quality of outings, leagues and programs was good.

FIGURE 8 – IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT THE FAIRGROUNDS AND DOG PARK



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Question 22 asked what other feedback respondents would like to provide regarding the golf course. The top responses are as follows; a full list of write-in responses can be found in Appendix B:

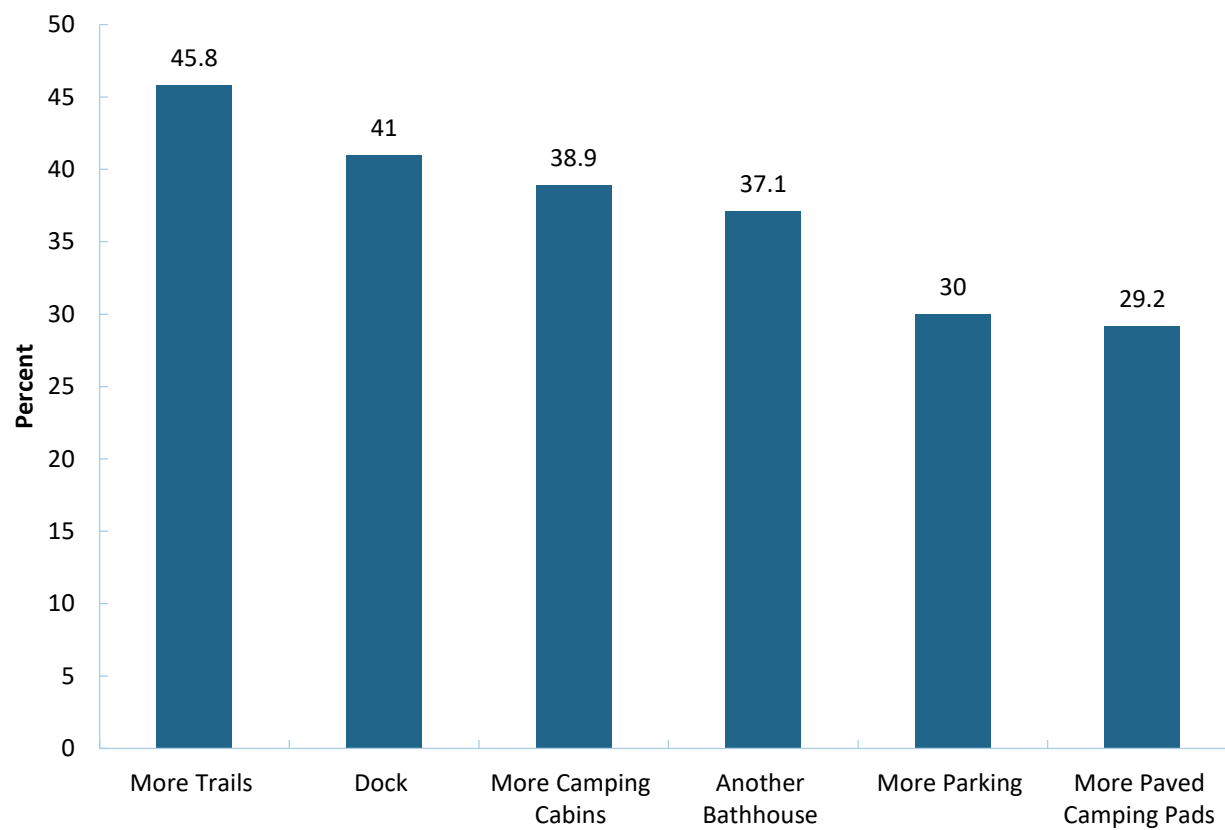
1. **Facility Improvements:** Some respondents suggest improvements to the golf course facilities, such as better clubhouse amenities, new merchandise in the pro shop, and better maintenance of sand traps.
2. **Youth and Community Programs:** There is a desire for more youth programs and events to get younger generations involved in golf. Suggestions include free youth golf, learn-to-golf classes for youth and parents, and utilizing the course for middle and high school gym programs.
3. **Disc Golf Addition:** A few individuals propose adding disc golf alongside the ball golf course as an alternative golfing option.
4. **Driving Range and Practice Facilities:** There is a demand for a driving range, chipping green with a bunker, and better practice facilities to enhance the golfing experience and offer training opportunities.
5. **Concerns about Water Usage:** A few respondents inquired about the water usage and cost associated with maintaining the golf course.

Question 23 asked respondents to rate various aspects of Pinconning Park; the top responses for each aspect of Pinconning Park are reported below and a full list of responses is provided in Appendix B. 14% of respondents noted that the maintenance and appearance were good, 8.9% of respondents reported that handicap accessibility was okay, 13.3% of respondents stated the quality and friendliness of staff was good, and 14.3% of respondents communicated that the park was good for day use.

Question 24 asked what other amenities respondents would like to see at Pinconning Park; this feedback can be found in Figure 9, on page 49.

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FIGURE 9 – ADDITIONAL AMENITIES IN PINCONNING PARK



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Question 25 asked what other feedback respondents would like to provide regarding the park. The top responses are as follows and a full list of write-in responses can be found in Appendix B:

1. **Unfamiliarity and Advertising:** Many respondents were not familiar with the park and suggested the need for better advertising and promotion to increase awareness of the park's existence and offerings.
2. **Maintenance and Improvements:** Several respondents mentioned the need for maintenance and improvements in various areas, such as the beach area (removal of weeds), boardwalk repairs, playground equipment updates, and additional trash cans along the trails.
3. **Boat Access and Fishing:** Improving boat access at the dock, dredging access to open water, and extending the fishing pier were suggested to enhance boating and fishing opportunities.
4. **Concerns about Long-term Campers:** Some respondents expressed concerns about the appearance and behavior of long-term campers, suggesting a need for better regulation and maintenance of long-term camping areas.
5. **Desire for Additional Facilities:** Several suggestions included adding disc golf, pickleball courts, a dog park or dog-friendly beach area, cabins, and a splash pad.

OTHER COMMUNITIES

The following communities asked specific questions as part of the online survey:

- City of Auburn
- City of Bay City
- Beaver Township
- Hampton Charter Township
- Frankenlust Township
- Monitor Charter Township
- Portsmouth Charter Township
- Williams Charter Township

These community-specific questions were offered to those respondents who chose to answer questions for that community. A full list of these questions and responses can be found in Appendix B.



CHAPTER 6

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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INTRODUCTION

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 Plan is the last level, and it identifies specific projects, acquisitions, and programs. The Action Plan can include organizational, staffing, programming, public information, and operation and maintenance actions. Bay County formulated the following goals and objectives based on the characteristics of the overall community, the input received at the community input sessions and the survey, and updates from the 2019 Plan. The 2023 goals and objectives reflect changes based on previous accomplishments and any recreational changes in recreation needs that have occurred in the past five years.

The following chapter outlines Bay County's recreational goals. The remainder of the local municipalities' goals can be found in their section starting in Chapter 7. Each will follow the same format as discussed, goals and objectives followed by an action plan which shall provide the roadmap for each community over the next five years.



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BAY COUNTY GOALS

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 Recreation Division.
3. Preserve and protect open space and significant natural features in Bay County.
4. Increase access to the Great Lakes shoreline.

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.

3. Continue to update and maintain the parks and their facilities.



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 on community input and needs.
2. Maintain and upgrade existing facilities to provide park facilities that inspire a sense of community pride.
3. Explore park and facility improvements that ensure residents feel safe and secure in the parks.

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Goal 4 – Provide trails and multi-use paths for recreational and transportation use.

Objectives:

1. Update the Bay County non-motorized trail plan (see Appendix A).
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.
4. Evaluate opportunities for additional paths and trails in the County and parks.
5. Continue to repair the trail and add trail amenities where needed.

Goal 5 – Make Bay County a better place to live for seniors and people with disabilities.

Objectives:

1. Identify and prioritize needed accessibility improvements to all Bay County parks and facilities.
2. Promote the development of an inventory of services and opportunities in our community that promote the independence and quality of life for older adults and the disabled.
3. Initiate partnerships with other units of government and recreation providers to promote the development of senior-friendly community amenities.
4. Provide recreational opportunities for people of all abilities, developing improvements and upgrades to park facilities that meet or exceed the ADA standard.
5. Continue program development for special needs populations.



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Goal 6 - Provide youth development programming and expand recreational facilities for youth in Bay County.

Objectives:

1. Encourage new sports leagues in Bay County based on community input, recreation trends, and general needs.
2. Encourage the addition of 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.
4. Continue to seek partnerships with other recreation providers, agencies, and neighboring communities to share ideas and provide complementary programs and facilities.



Goal 7 - Develop recreation opportunities that focus on 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.
4. Develop recreation opportunities that take place along the Great Lakes Shoreline and other water resources in the County.
5. Continue to work to develop the Saginaw Bay Blueways Water Trail.

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Goal 8 - Promote community awareness for all the recreation opportunities that Bay County has to offer.

Objectives:

1. Work with the local convention and visitor's bureau to promote recreation opportunities in Bay County.
2. Keep the county website and recreation database updated regarding recreation opportunities in Bay County.
3. Use social media to promote recreation opportunities in Bay County.



ACTION PLAN

With goals and objectives in place, Bay County was able to develop a 5-year Action Plan to work toward accomplishing the goals and objectives. County staff reviewed the Action Plan items from the 2019, Plan removing items that had been accomplished or were no longer relevant, and adding new items based on current needs. The Action Plan details the direction the community wishes to take over the next five years 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 the Goals and Objectives chapter. 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 nor exclusive. The schedule reflects the results of the input received from the online survey and County staff. Future circumstances, especially the availability of funding, may change priorities or require reprioritization of items.

The Action Plan is shown in Table 6 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 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.



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TABLE 6 – ACTION PLAN

Action Item	Priority	Relates to Goal	Justification
Pinconning Park			
ADA-accessible kayak launch	1	2, 3, 5, 7	Increase water access.
Add locational, informational, and interpretive signage	1	3, 5	Increases the usability of parks.
Additional bathhouse	1	3, 5	To meet increased demand.
Floating walkway and fishing pier	1	1, 3, 5, 7	Community input requested shore fishing.
Add cabins and campsites (rustic and modern)	1	3, 7	Based on need.
ADA bathhouse updates	1	3, 5	To make facilities more accessible and functional.
Expand shoreline access	2	2, 3, 5, 7	To enjoy the opportunities on the Bay.
Day Use Activities	2	2, 3	More activities for visitors.
Playscape	2	3, 6	Additional play opportunities are needed for children.
Expand the trail system	2	2, 4	Community input.
Interpretive building	2	1, 7	Adds educational element.
Dog park/beach	2	3, 5	Additional facility for park users.
Parking lot redesign and reseal, including additional ADA parking	3	5	Deteriorated. More spaces are needed. To make facilities more accessible.
Audio interpretive displays	3	3, 7	To enjoy unique natural resources.
Spray park	3	3, 6	Mentioned in community input.
Tree planting	4	2, 3	Excessive tree loss in recent years has created a need for new planting.
Low-voltage electrical lighting	5	1, 3, 5	Improves park safety & access for all.
Work with Saginaw Bay Land Conservancy (SBLC) to connect to the existing SBLC trail on E. Pinconning Rd. through purchased property	5	2, 4	Provides additional passive recreational opportunities.

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Action Item	Priority	Relates to Goal	Justification
Bay County Fairgrounds			
Improve existing facilities such as bleachers, grandstands, track, and stables (Includes roofs, electrical and utility upgrades, path, and driveway resurfacing)	1	2, 3, 5	Facilities are outdated, old, and unsafe.
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.
Work with the Fair Board for the continued improvement of fair activities	1	3, 8	To expand activities available for the community and fair attendees.
Add recreation/leisure activities such as permanent yard games	3	2, 3	Community input survey.
Expand the dog park	3	3, 5	Community survey. Need to separate large and small dogs.
Add bleachers at corrals	4	2, 3	To allow spectator area
Remove Quonset hut	4	3	The existing Quonset hut is old and outdated.
Civic Arena			
Increase marketing for craft shows, dry floor events, and other special events at the arena	1	8	Increases awareness of community activities and supports local businesses.
Upgrade old and outdated systems, including heating, AC, solar, foam, and parking lot	1	2, 3, 5	Aging capital
New seating with universal accessibility	1	3, 5	Improves functionality and accessibility.

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Action Item	Priority	Relates to Goal	Justification
Community Center			
New gym floor in the small gym	1	3, 6	Existing is old and outdated.
Improve fitness equipment	1	2	Existing equipment is old and outdated.
Marketing and advertising campaign to increase usage	1	8	Increased awareness and revenue.
Add promotional signage	1	8	The community is not aware of what is offered here.
Accessible tables	1	3, 5	Improves accessibility.
Improve pavilion	1	2	The existing pavilion is old & deteriorating.
Building upgrades: heating and AC (in progress), windows	2	2, 3	Needed capital improvements. Existing is old and outdated.
Shower replacement in pool locker room, and locker room upgrades	2	3, 5, 6	Existing is old and outdated.
Add an outdoor fitness court	2	2, 3	Increases availability of recreational opportunities.
Increase access to Pickleball	2	2, 3, 5, 6	Increases availability of recreational opportunities.
Pool renovation – either renovate the pool or transform the space into a recreational asset	1	2, 3, 6	Increases availability of recreational opportunities.
Add an outdoor recreation experience	2	2, 3	Additional amenity. Take advantage of outdoor space.
Spray Park	4	3, 6	Mentioned in community input.
Golf Course			
Purchase netting for the golf course	1	3	Improves safety.
Pathway to pavilion	1	5	Improves accessibility.
Replace outdated equipment	1	2	Upgrade equipment.

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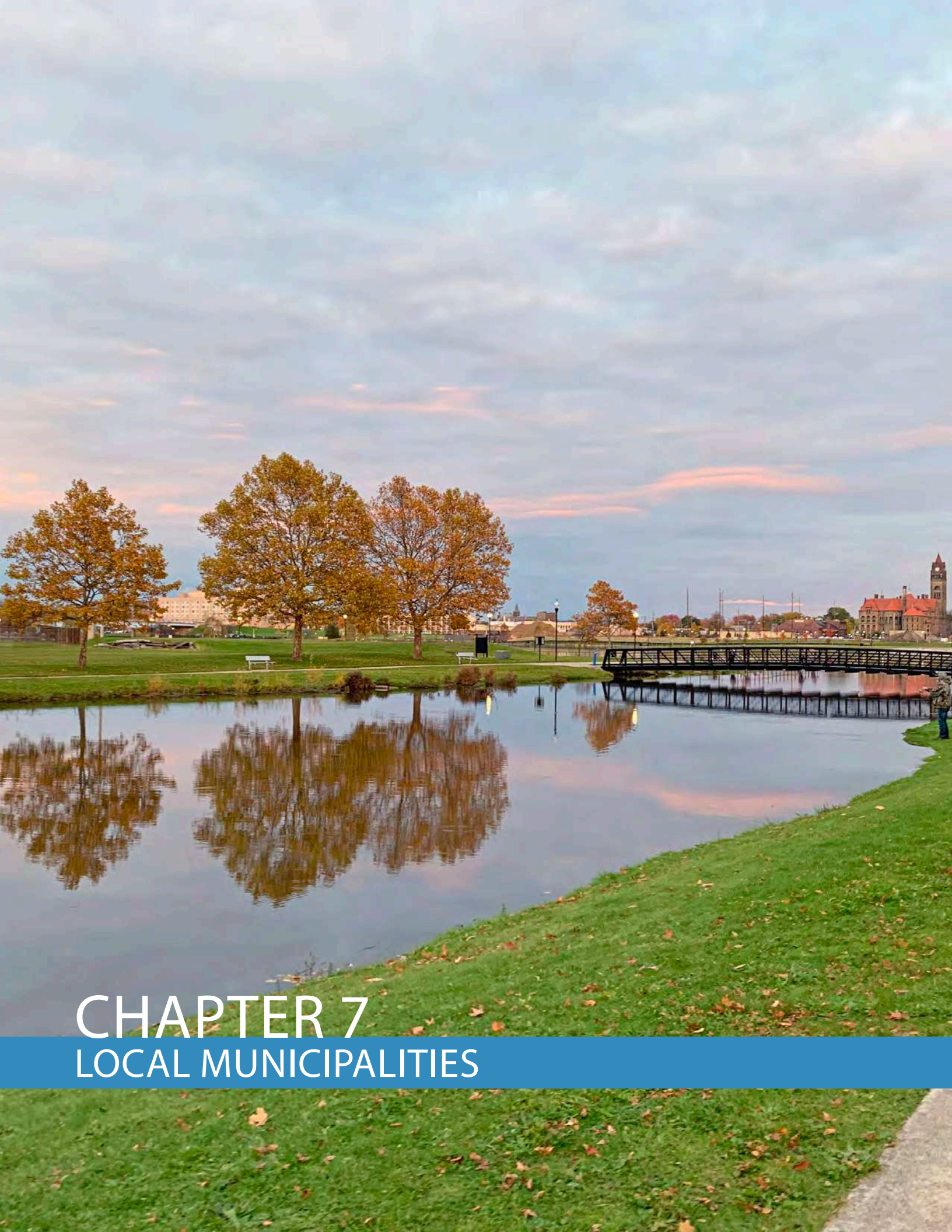
Action Item	Priority	Relates to Goal	Justification
Golf Course Cont.			
Purchase a new ADA cart	2	5	Improves accessibility.
Purchase new golf carts	2	3	Replace old and outdated equipment.
Construct a new pavilion with light, power, and grills	3	3, 5	To allow for group gatherings.
Consider offering cross-country skiing, foot golf, disc golf, or other alternative recreation	3	2, 3	Adds additional activities to increase usage.
Remodel existing outdoor restrooms	2	3, 5	Improve accessibility.
Replace the irrigation control system	3	3	Improves course appearance.
Sand trap replacement	1	3	Improves course appearance.
Update tee boxes	1	3	Improves course appearance.
Trails			
Expand motorized and non-motorized trail opportunities.	1	2, 3, 4	Community input priority.
Develop a trail between Delta College and SVSU	2	2, 3, 4	Connect the two universities.
Develop the Bay City to Midland Connection of the GLBRT	3	2, 3, 4	Part of Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail Plan.
Signage, lighting, and non-motorized facility improvements for the Urban Recreation Heritage Route to the Bay	3	2, 3, 4	Improvements to enhance the trail.
Enhance the Saginaw Bay Blueways Water trail system including signage, portages, etc.	3	2, 3, 4, 7	Part of the 2015 Saginaw Bay Blueways Water Trail Development Plan.

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Action Item	Priority	Relates to Goal	Justification
Programming			
Explore programming for senior citizens and the disabled by forming partnerships with applicable groups such as MI Sports Unlimited and Bay County Department on Aging	1	2, 3, 5	Adding programs not currently available. Mentioned in community input.
Develop partnerships with local community recreation and tourism providers.	1	2, 3, 6	Adding programs not currently available.
Promote Bay County recreational opportunities, especially Saginaw Bay access	1	8	The community is not aware of what is available. Tourism and economic growth opportunities.
Develop a partnership with local community education providers for programming at county facilities	1	2, 3, 6	Adding programs not currently available.
Explore offering hunter safety classes	2	6, 7	Mentioned in community input.
Miscellaneous			
Develop outreach brochure that describes parks in Bay County	1	1, 8	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 a social media awareness campaign	1	8	Improve awareness and usage of County facilities.
Work with community groups to develop an additional disc golf course in Bay County	1	3	Requested in community input survey; taking advantage of current recreational trends.

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Action Item	Priority	Relates to Goal	Justification
Miscellaneous Cont.			
Acquire lands to increase public shoreline access to the Saginaw Bay	1	1, 7	To reduce the shortage of public access points on Saginaw Bay.
Continue to purchase lands for cultural opportunities	1	1, 7	To meet the need for specific cultural opportunities.
Improve existing access to Saginaw Bay including beach maintenance equipment, swimming access, seasonal fishing docks, and ADA Kayak launches	1	1, 3, 7	To increase access to the Saginaw Bay. Requested on the survey. Taking advantage of unique natural resources.
Continue to invest in community enhancement and recreational features	1	1 - 7	To meet community needs.
Convene local public sector recreation providers to implement a joint purchasing program for recreation suppliers	2	1	Cost saving measure.
Develop an interactive website or social media platform to communicate with residents regarding parks and recreation	2	1, 8	To communicate with residents and visitors about facilities offered.
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 an inventory of significant open space and natural resources in Bay County	3	2, 7	To document potential sites for preservation and/or acquisition.

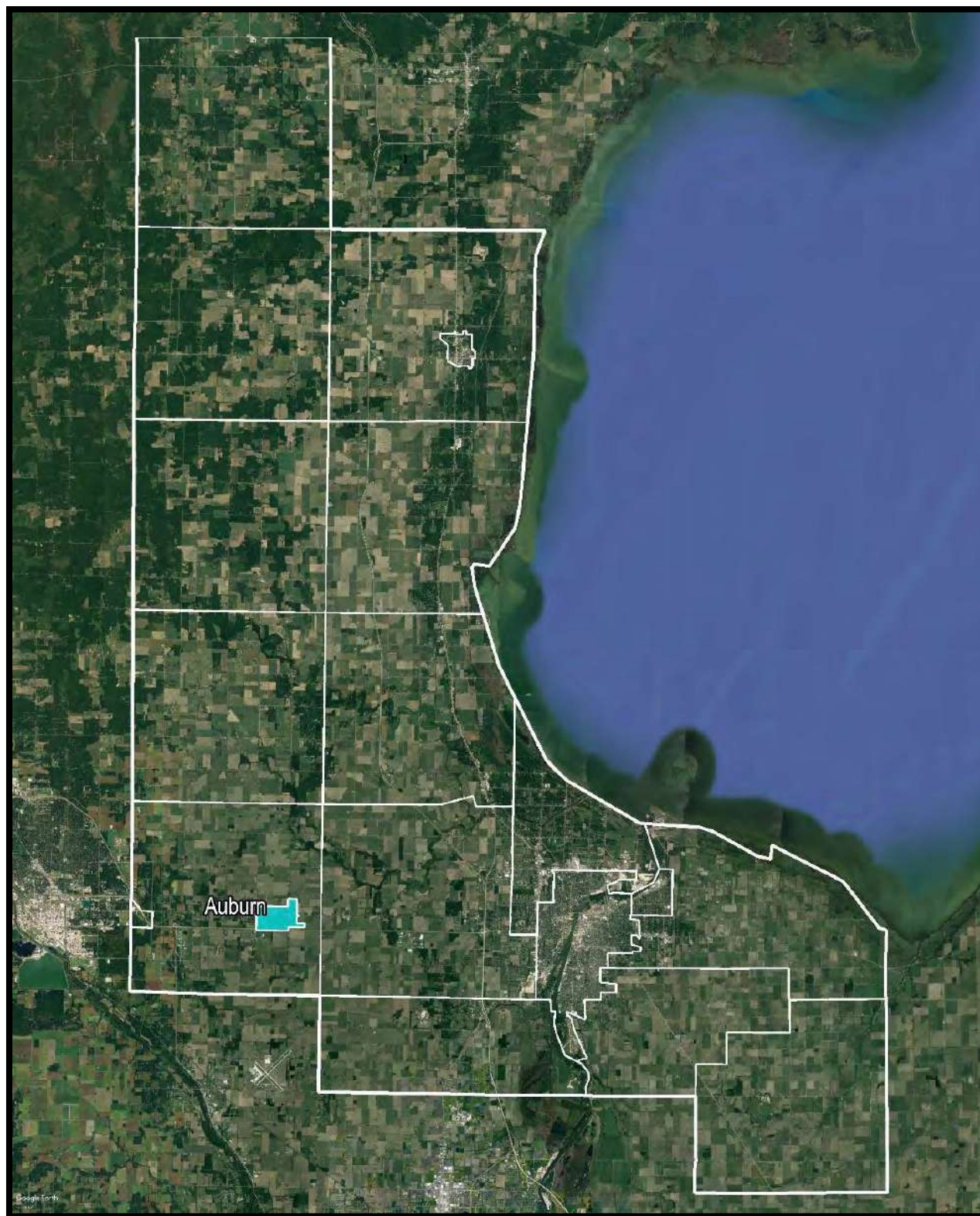


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LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES



CITY OF AUBURN



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COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

The City of Auburn is located in southwestern Bay County between Midland and Bay City. It is surrounded by Williams Charter 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 2020 Decennial Census the population estimate for Auburn is 2,068.

Other significant demographic data for Auburn as compared to the county and state is shown in Table 7 below.

TABLE 7 – CITY OF AUBURN DEMOGRAPHICS

	City of Auburn	Bay County	Michigan
Population			
2010 Population	2,087	107,771	9,883,640
2020 Population	2,068	103,856	10,077,331
Percent of Population 65 & Older	26.9%	21.5%	18.7%
Percent of Population Under 18	14.8%	19.3%	21.0%
Percent of Disabled Population	15.9%	15.1%	13.9%
Median Age	47	43.8	40.3
Education			
Percent with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher	34.3%	22.4%	32.1%
Income			
Median Household Income	\$55,662	\$55,134	\$66,986
Per Capita Income	\$34,695	\$32,398	\$35,353
Housing			
Average Household Size	2.64	2.20	2.40
Median Housing Values	\$136,500	\$139,900	\$224,400
Owner-Occupied Housing as percentage of Total Occupied Units	67.6%	74.7%	73.2%

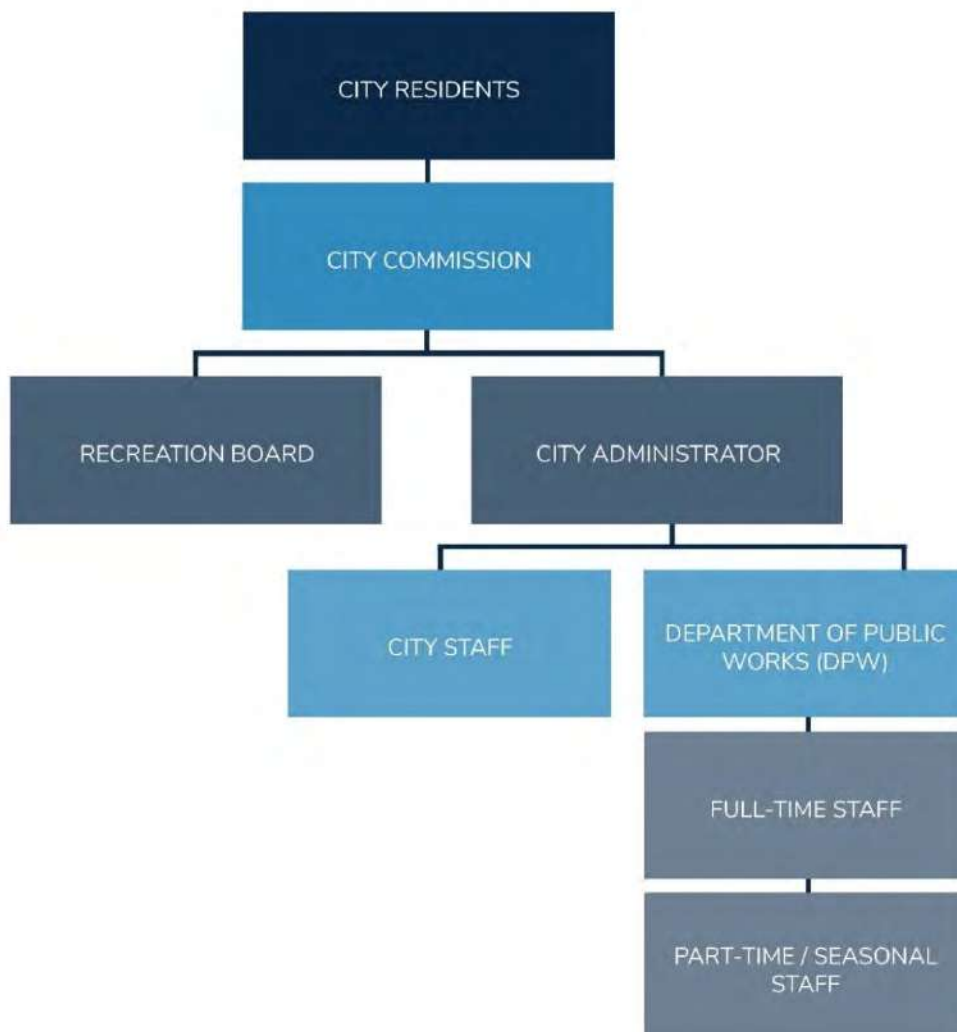
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ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

The City Commission and the Auburn-Williams Recreation Board (AWRB) are responsible for all parks and recreation functions of the City, including the City parks. The Auburn-Williams Recreation Board is composed of twelve members representing the City of Auburn and Williams Charter Township. 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 approval and upon its enactment sees that its provisions are upheld.

The AWRB employs a Summer Recreation Director & staff for operating the youth summer recreation program.

FIGURE 10 – CITY OF AUBURN ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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Maintenance activities for parks and recreation are implemented by the Auburn Department of Public Works (DPW) and designated work is contracted with private service companies. Four (4) full-time employees and four (4) part-time / seasonal employees of the DPW currently carry out maintenance activities at the parks including mowing, planting, weeding, watering, and trash removal.



PROGRAMMING, VOLUNTEERS, AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS

The City of Auburn/Williams Charter 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 \$12,500 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. The recreation board also provides recommendations for recreational facilities, maintenance and improvements to the City's administrative staff. The

City of Auburn also provides a farm market and several arts & crafts, and special events.

Auburn maintains a pool of roughly 30 volunteers who assist the parks through coaching, the gun range programs, and flower bed maintenance throughout the year.

The City of Auburn and Williams Charter Township have strong relationships through the school district and civic organizations that help to facilitate recreational activities in the area. This is illustrated with the new community recreation building that was recently constructed in the main park on Jaycee Drive. The pavilion serves many groups in the area from the Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, Special Olympics and many more. It features heated bathrooms, kitchen, educational training/meeting room, and a sizeable roof structure. Various recreational activities are held in the facility including basketball, pickle ball and hockey. During the summer months, the facility is host to the local Farmer's Market. In the winter, the facility and the surrounding area feature a choreographed Holiday Light and Sound Display.

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In June of 2023, “The Range Multi-Use Park” opened to the public as a multi-use community park. Many improvements were incorporated into the 25-acre park parcel including a disc golf course, trails for cross country skiing, biking, walking, sledding hill, snow shoeing, and hiking, and a picnic area. These improvements were funded through a grant from the Bay Area Community Foundation. The Range still maintains an archery and gun range as it had prior to renovations.

BUDGETS

The sources of funding for parks and recreation in Auburn are the city general fund, park rental fees, grants, and donations. The current and following year parks and recreation budgets are shown in Table 8 below.



TABLE 8 – FUNDING AND BUDGET

	2022	2023
Operation & Maintenance	\$117,500	\$129,500
Programming (leagues, special events, etc.)	\$12,500	\$12,500
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$20,000
Total	\$130,000	\$162,000

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RECREATION INVENTORY

The City of Auburn reviewed its recreation inventory from the 2019 Plan and updated it accordingly. The inventory data compiled is shown in Table 9 below.

TABLE 9– RECREATION INVENTORY

	Auburn Community Park	Auburn Recreation Area	The Range Multi- Use Park
Park Type*	Community Park	Neighborhood Park	Community Park
Acreage	20	4	25
Accessibility*	4	4	1
Service Area	Auburn / Williams Twp.	Auburn / Williams Twp.	Auburn / Williams Twp.
Ball Diamond	2		
Multi-use Path	1 mile	Yes (on dikes)	Yes
Pavilion	3		
Picnic Area	Yes		Yes
Ice Skating	Yes		
Sledding		Yes	Yes
Archery/Gun Range			Yes
Pond/Observation Docks	Yes		
Restrooms	Yes	Portable ADA Restrooms	Portable ADA Restrooms
Playfield (open space)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Basketball Courts	3		
Fishing	Yes		
Sand Volleyball	1		
Pickleball	2		
Playground	1		
Grills	6		1
Dog Walking	Yes	Yes	Yes
Farm Market	Yes		

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COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

The following classification system is adapted from the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) guide. It categorizes different types of parks based on size, service area, facilities, and user groups. There are two classification types in the City of Auburn: neighborhood park and community park.

Neighborhood Park

Parks in this classification are the most basic park unit of a system and serve as the recreation and social focus of a neighborhood. Neighborhood parks are easily accessible to neighborhood populations and geographically centered within safe walking distance and bike access. Typically,

neighborhood parks are five to ten acres in size and can service a population of approximately 5,000 residents. The parks have a service location of ¼ to ½ mile distance. National standards recommend one acre of neighborhood parks per 1,000 residents. The national standard for the City is 2.07 acres.

Community Park

Community parks are intended to provide recreational services for several neighborhoods and usually serve a broad range of uses. The typical park size is 30 acres or more. The Township has two parks that are classified as community parks. Of these parks, neither are 30 acres in size, however, they are included in this category because of the broad population base they serve and the facilities/intended use of the parks. The national classification system recommends five acres per 1,000 residents. The national standard for the City is 10.34 acres.

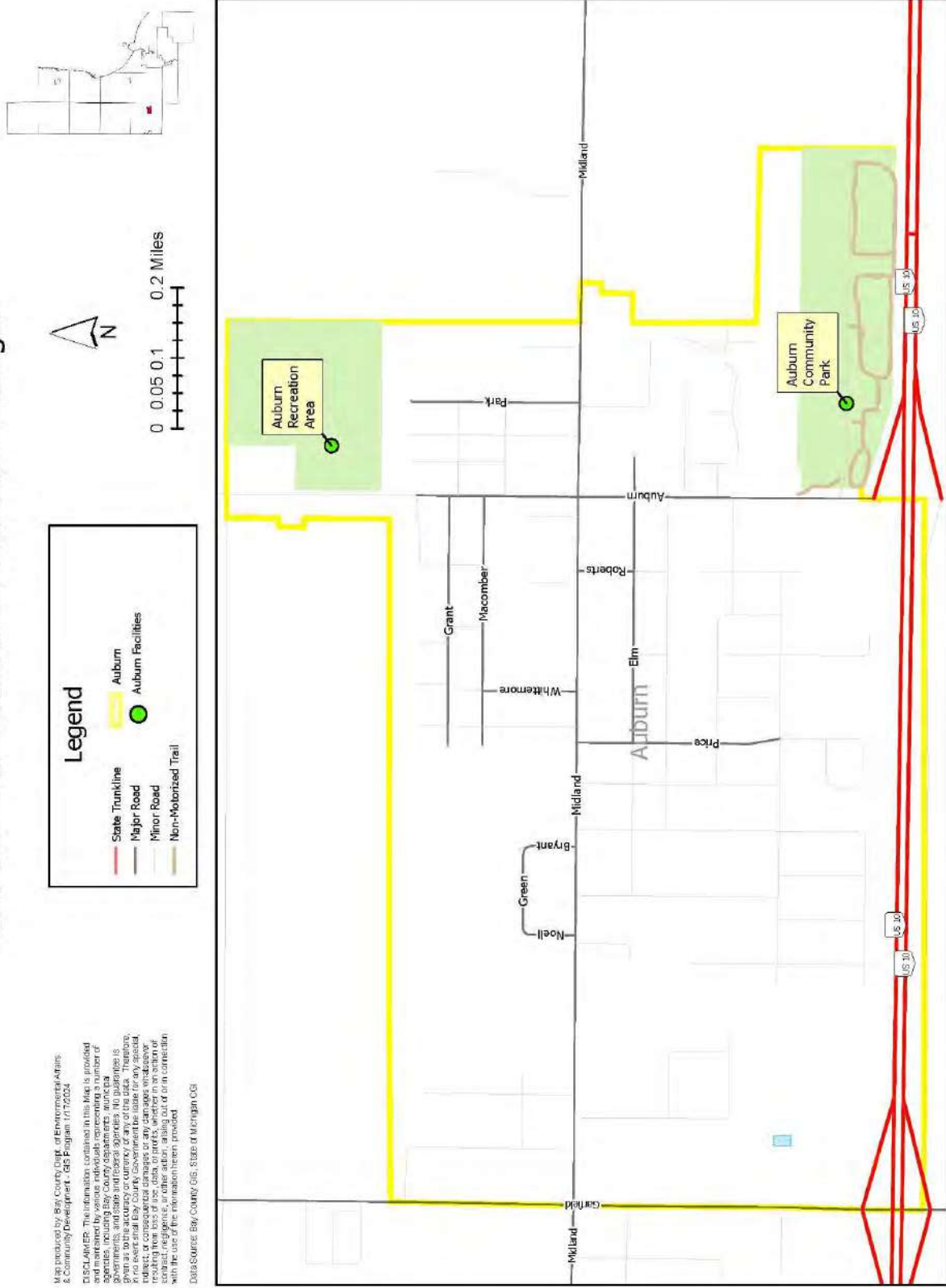
Table 10 – COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

	Standard	Park Acreage	Standard Amount	Deficiency / Excess
Neighborhood Parks	1 acres / 1,000 residents	4	2.07	+1.93
Community Parks	5 acres / 1,000 residents	45	10.34	+34.66
Total		49	12.41	36.59

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MAP 5 – PARKS MAP

Park and Trail Locations in Auburn Michigan



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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The establishment of realistic and agreed upon goals and objectives are essential to the development of attainable long-range plans. Goals serve to guide policies and plan recommendations over the next five years. The primary goal implicit in all other secondary goals is the desire of the officials and citizens of the community to develop and maintain an attractive, pleasant, clean, healthy, and economically stable community environment. The City of Auburn developed goals and objectives for parks and recreation when the plan was adopted. These goals were reviewed and verified for this updated plan.

Goal 1 – Continue to improve amenities and accessibility for people of all abilities and ages at all of Auburn’s recreational facilities which could include walkways, trails, buildings, bathroom facilities, play and pet areas.

Objectives

1. Retain and maintain existing Auburn Park and The Range Multi-Use Park to fulfill the needs of the city and local community.
2. Provide multi-use recreational opportunities at park facilities.
3. Make active and passive park facilities available to as many individuals as possible regardless of age or ability.
4. Ensure that improvements and upgrades to Auburn Park and The Range Multi-Use Park are accessible regardless of age or ability.
5. Provide adequate maintenance to all of Auburn’s parks and recreational facilities.
6. Calculate the long-term or on-going maintenance costs of future park improvements to Auburn’s recreational facilities prior to making such improvements.
7. Utilize volunteers to assist with maintenance opportunities, fund-raising and special events.



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Goal 2 – Develop and provide enhanced, safe play/recreation areas at both Auburn Park and The Range Multi-Use Park.

Objectives

1. Construction of a new, safe, sanitize-able multi-age play area in Auburn Park.
2. Construction of a new physical therapy/senior outdoor gym that focuses on balance and strength training in Auburn Park.
3. Provide necessary maintenance and upkeep of all play areas.

Goal 3 – Continue to beautify both Auburn Park and The Range with landscaped and rustic areas.

Objectives

1. Add and maintain landscaped areas in Auburn Park which includes shrubs, trees, flowers.
2. Add and maintain rustic areas, landscaped areas at The Range, which may include trees, indigenous plants, flowers, shrubs.
3. Work with Auburn groups, organizations and volunteers to maintain and develop areas to beautify Auburn's parks.

Goal 4 - Installation of informational signage and donor recognition.

Objectives

1. Construction of a Friends of Auburn Donor and Recognition Wall in Auburn Park on the West Pavilion building.
2. Development of a set of criteria for patrons to make donations in-the-name-of for the recognition wall.
3. Placement of placards and signage notating large donors such as foundations, etc,
4. Develop a plan to provide a lighted digital information sign at the entrance of Auburn Park.
5. Place Informational and recognition signage at The Range Multi-Use Park.
6. Maintenance of signage and the recognition wall.



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Goal 5 - Promote the coordination of recreational facilities, programs and activities with other recreation providers to avoid duplication and use resources wisely and develop a recreation system that will be responsive to the future needs of the community.

Objectives

1. Update recreation plan as needed.
2. Explore marketing services and sponsoring special events.
3. Pursue a variety of possible funding sources, including state, federal and private grant programs.
4. Budget funds for a recreational capital improvement program each year to improve recreational facilities and eliminate deficiencies.



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ACTION PLAN

TABLE 11 – ACTION PLAN

Facility/ Project	Relates to Goal	Priority
Replace the wooden dock at the east end of the pond and develop an ADA-compliant fishing dock / pier connected and accessible by means of the paved walking path.	1	1
Resurface and widen the walking path for better ADA accessibility.	1	1
Continue to Improve baseball fields for safety and accessibility	2	1
Update the playground equipment near the ball diamonds. This will ensure a safe place for children to play.	2	1
Develop and provide enhanced, safe play/recreation areas at Auburn Park complete with an adult balance and strength training outdoor gym.	2	1
Complete projects for the improvement of drainage throughout the City parks.	1	2
Reconfigure the entrance to the Community Park utilizing curb and gutter, islands, spacing, and safe walkways to provide a safer more restricted roadway for the park facilities on Jaycee Drive. This will increase safety, direct and reduce traffic speed, and provide more appropriate and defined parking.	1	3
Continue to beautify both Auburn Park and The Range with landscaped and rustic areas.	3	3
Acquire additional property when available and feasible to expand community park offerings.	1	3
Replace and install ADA Picnic tables near the playscape and the new pavilion while also upgrading benches.	1	3
Landscape for better wind and sound barriers around the new pavilion.	1	3
Develop an outdoor fireplace area for gathering and warming at the Community Park.	1	3
Continue to improve the disc golf course at The Range.	1	3

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GRANT HISTORY

The City of Auburn has received four DNR grants for its park system, in addition the City has received several other grants from other community foundations and groups. All improvements for grants received are still in place and functional. See a summary below:

DNR GRANTS

- BF98-247 – \$22,500, Auburn City Park Fishing Pier Development
- LWCF 26-01736 – \$62,000, Auburn City Park Pond Improvements
- TF21-0197 – \$249,700, Trail Improvements in Auburn Park
- ARPA-0649 – \$310,088, Enhanced playground safety and senior strength and balance training outdoor gym.

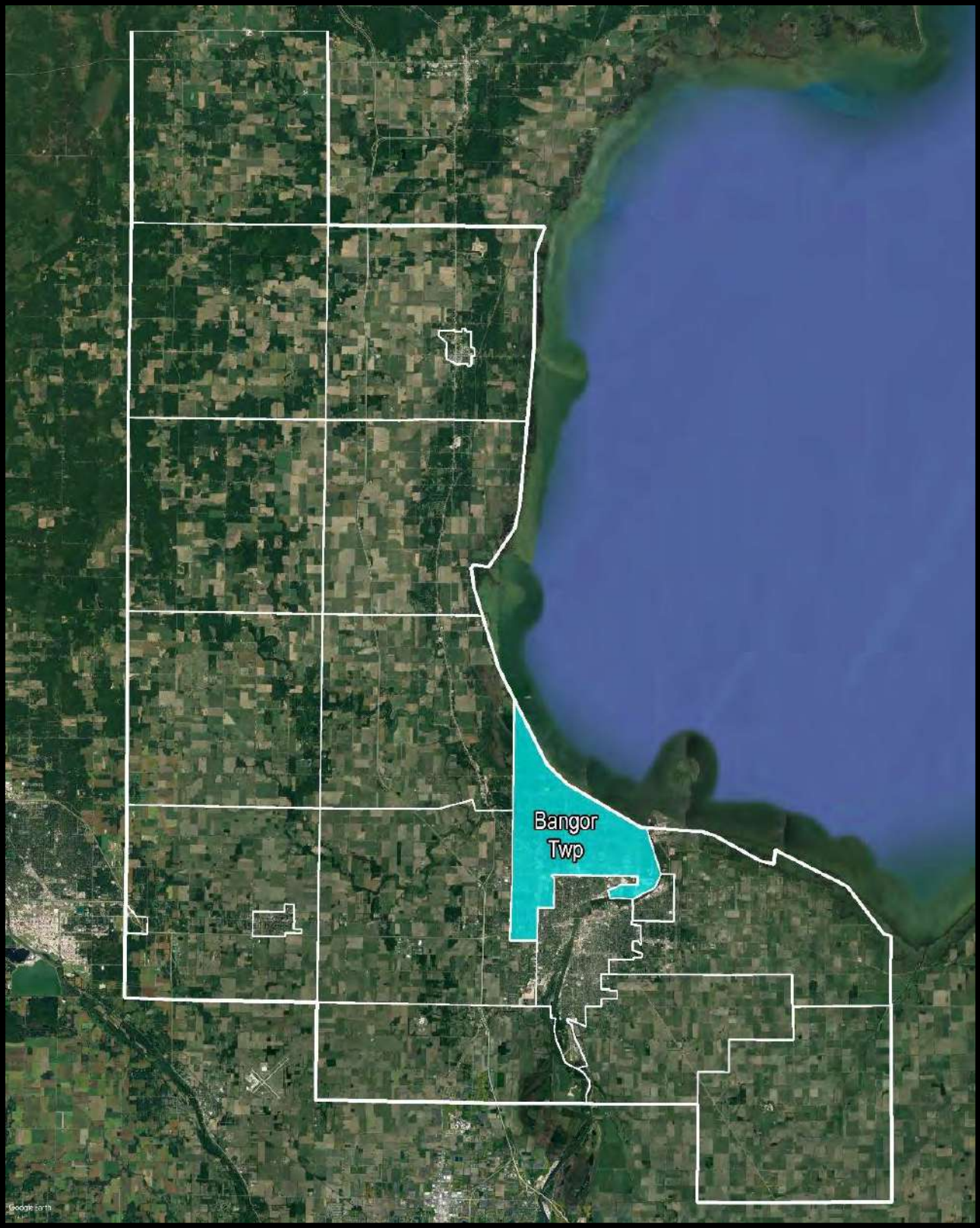
OTHER GRANTS

- Hemlock Semiconductor – \$5,000, Ballfield improvements.
- Michigan Baseball Fund – \$6,800, Ballfield and equipment storage improvements
- Gerstacker Foundation – \$25,000 park improvements
- Strosacker Foundation – \$23,000 park improvements
- Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation – \$25,000 fishing pier
- BACF/Dow Corning Foundation – \$8,000 fishing pier
- The DeShano Family Foundation – \$100,000 Jaycee Boulevard improvements
- Auburn-Williams Lions Club – Two (2) outdoor grills, and an ADA accessible water fountain in Auburn Park.
- Mary Currie Foundation - \$15,000 Auburn Parks improvements.
- Bay Area Community Foundation Healthy Living Fund - \$132,000, Development of The Range multi-use and Disc Golf Park
- Elizabeth Husband Fund, \$250 Christmas Decorations
- Bay Area Community Foundation - \$18,027 to purchase and install ADA-compliant picnic tables and grills.
- Michigan Farmers Market Association - \$900 for Food Safety Classes, Farmers Market





BANGOR TOWNSHIP



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COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Bangor Charter Township is located north of the City of Bay City on the Saginaw Bay. Founded in 1859, the Township has large areas of woodlands, wetlands, and industrial areas. Bangor is the third oldest Township in Bay County. Residential uses are clustered in various areas, most of which are near Bay City in the southern part of the Township and near Bay City State Park in the northern part of the Township.

According to the 2020 Decennial Census, Bangor Charter Township has 14,045 people. It is the second-highest population of all the jurisdictions in Bay County. Bay City has the highest population at 32,661.

Other significant demographic data for Bangor Charter Township as compared to the county, state, and country is shown in Table 12 on the following page.



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TABLE 12 – BANGOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP DEMOGRAPHICS

	Bangor Charter Township	Bay County	Michigan
Population			
2010 Population	14,641	107,771	9,883,640
2020 Population	14,045	103,856	10,077,331
Percent of the Population 65 & Older	23.3%	21.5%	18.7%
Percent of Population Under 18	21.0%	19.3%	21.0%
Percent of Disabled Population	16.7%	15.1%	13.9%
Median Age	46.2	43.8	40.3
Education			
Percent with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher	19.9%	22.4%	32.1%
Income			
Median Household Income	\$45,160	\$55,134	\$66,986
Per Capita Income	\$29,783	\$32,398	\$35,353
Housing			
Average Household Size	2.20	2.20	2.40
Median Housing Values	\$126,800	\$139,900	\$224,400
Owner-Occupied Housing as Percentage of Total Occupied Units	71.0%	74.7%	73.2%

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ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Parks and Recreation functions in Bangor Charter 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 working at the boat launch.

FIGURE 11 – BANGOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



PROGRAMMING, VOLUNTEERS, AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS

Bangor Charter Township pays Bangor Charter Township Schools to run a very limited sports program for the Township. A pool of volunteers facilitates many activities at parks and recreation facilities in Bangor Charter Township. These include mowing the lawn at the park and rail trail and maintaining the flowers.

Bangor Charter Township also has a cooperative relationship with the Saginaw Valley Naval Ship Museum, which docks the USS Edson at the Independence Boat Launch Park. The Edson is a retired United States Navy destroyer that has been converted into a museum. The Saginaw Valley Naval Ship Museum owns the museum buildings and docks at the site. It also maintains the parking area for the museum. The Township leases the land used for the museum and parking for the Museum.

Bangor Charter Township also hosts several fishing tournaments at the Independence Boat Launch. These tournaments are part of the Top Bass Tournament Trail series which tours around Mid-

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Michigan and offers cash prizes to winners. In 2023, Top Bass Tournament Trail held three (3) tournaments throughout the summer at Independence Boat Launch.

BUDGETS

The source of funding for the park and recreation budget in Bangor Charter Township is the Township general fund. The Township wishes to explore grant funding for future projects. The current and prior year parks and recreation budgets are shown in Table 13.

TABLE 13 – FUNDING AND BUDGET

	2023	2024
Operation & Maintenance	\$37,999	\$20,000
Programming (leagues, special events, etc.)	\$5,000	-
Capital Expenditures	\$280,000	\$280,000
Total	\$322,999	\$300,000



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RECREATION INVENTORY

The Township reviewed its inventory from the 2019 Bay County Area Recreation Plan and updated it accordingly. Bangor Charter Township owns and operates one special-use park and a park trail. It also owns an undeveloped parcel that can be developed into a park. See Table 14.

TABLE 14 – RECREATION INVENTORY

	Bayside Park	Independence Boat Launch	Rail Trail/Patterson Road Trailhead
Park Type*	Undeveloped	Special Use	Park-Trail
Acreage	30	5	5.6 miles
Accessibility*	NA	5	5
Service Area	NA	Bay County	Bay County
Boat Launch		Yes	
Pavilion			Yes
Picnic Area			Yes
Restrooms		Yes	Yes
Waterfront Property		Yes	

COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

The following classification system is adapted from the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) guide. It categorizes different types of parks based on size, service area, facilities, and user groups. There is one (1) classification type in Bangor Charter Township: special use facility.

Special Use Facility

Special-use parks / facilities cover a broad range of park and recreation facilities oriented toward single-purpose use. There is no national standard for special-use facilities.

TABLE 15 – COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

	Standard	Park Acreage	Standard Amount	Deficiency / Excess
Special Use Facility	-	5	-	+5
Total	-	5	-	+5

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MAP 6 – PARKS MAP



Park and Trail Locations in Bangor Township Michigan

Map produced by Bay County Dept. of Environmental Affairs & Community Development - GIS Program 11/12/24

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Data Source: Bay County GIS, State of Michigan GIS

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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The establishment of realistic and agreed-upon goals and objectives is essential to the development of attainable long-range plans. Goals serve to guide policies and Plan recommendations over the next five years. The primary goal implicit in all other secondary goals is the desire of the officials and citizens of the community to develop and maintain an attractive, pleasant, clean, healthy, and economically stable community environment. Bangor Charter Township developed goals and objectives for parks and recreation when the plan was adopted. These goals were reviewed and verified for this updated plan.

Goal 1 – Seek means of expanding recreation programs and facilities designed to serve the needs of all segments of Bangor Charter Township'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 the provision of area-wide recreation services, facilities, and programs.
3. Encourage joint use of school sites and buildings.
4. Stimulate interest among established groups, such as P.T.A.s and business service organizations, to assist in developing recreation areas in Bangor Charter Township.



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Goal 2 – Assure the preservation of sufficient open space and the development of recreation facilities to adequately serve the needs of Bangor Charter Township’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 developers 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 developers 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 that 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 that can assist the Township in providing improved services and facilities to residents.

Goal 3 – Improve/provide barrier-free access or universal design standards to all recreation facilities.

Objectives:

1. Provide equal recreational opportunities for all residents and visitors regardless of ability level.
2. Improve barrier-free access to existing recreation facilities.
3. Ensure that park upgrades meet or exceed the minimum ADA standard.
4. Where possible, strive to meet Universal Design standards with new park amenities and facilities.

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ACTION PLAN

TABLE 16 – ACTION LIST

Facility/ Project	Relates to Goal	Priority
Maintain amenities to the existing rail trail, such as parking and restrooms.	3	1
Develop a community park that would connect to the rail trail. This park would provide parking and service facilities for the trail and serve as a standalone community park. It is envisioned that the park would contain the following types of facilities: Picnic Tables and Grills, Pavilion(s), Restrooms, Landscaping, Fencing, Parking, Playground equipment, Basketball Courts, Soccer Fields, Open Space for Beach Volleyball, etc., Tennis Courts, Horseshoes, Shuffleboard, Jogging Trail, and Physical Fitness Exercise Stations.	1, 2	1
Provide three public bike repair stations.	1	2
Maintain / replace the dock at the boat launch.	1, 3	2
Work with the school system to expand active recreational facilities through Bangor Charter Township Schools and continue to support Bobcat Recreation.	1, 2	2
Resurface existing Trail	3	2
<p>Expand Bangor Rail Trail – An expanded Bangor Trail/Linear Park 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 that 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.</p> <p><i>Option I – 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.</i></p> <p><i>Option II – Start at the 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, and follow the railroad right-of-way northwesterly to Patterson Road. Then connect to the trailhead on Patterson.</i></p>	1, 2, 3	3

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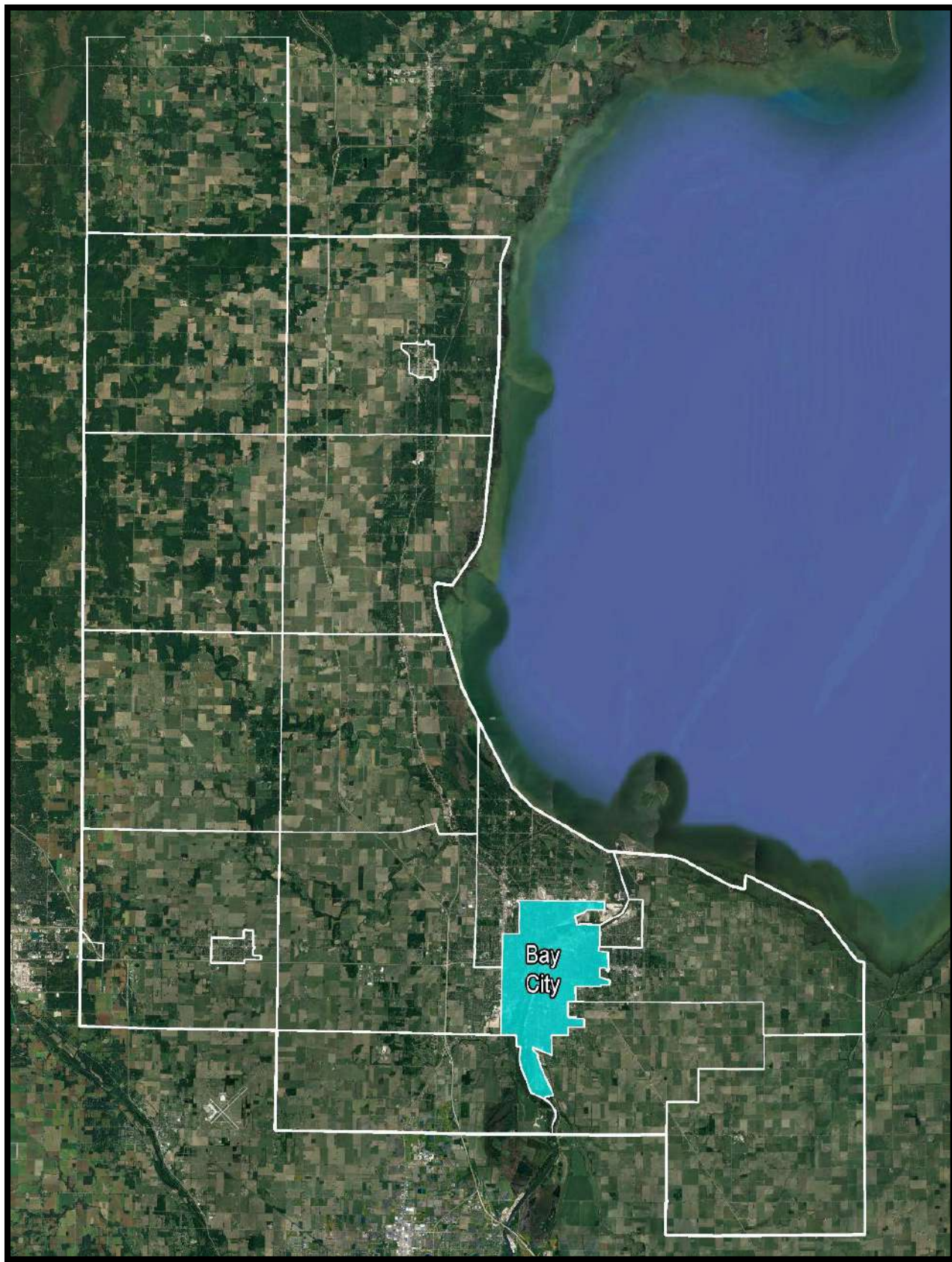
GRANT HISTORY

Bangor Charter Township has received one (1) DNR grant for its Bangor Charter Township Park. Improvements are no longer in place and the status of the grant is “withdrawn”.

- LWCF 26-01060 G3 - \$20,000, Bangor Charter Township Park (park road, softball field, baseball field)
- TF22-0163 - \$210.000, Bangor Charter Township Park and River Access (pathway, trail, road bench, canoe/kayak launch, pavilion, picnic tables, grills)



CITY OF BAY CITY



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INTRODUCTION

Bay City is the county seat of Bay County and its largest municipality in terms of population. According to the 2020 Decennial Census population count the population of Bay City is 32,661. The City encompasses 11 square miles and is bisected by the Saginaw River, which flows northerly into the Saginaw Bay. It is bordered by the City of Essexville, as well as Hampton, Bangor, Portsmouth, and Frankenlust Townships.

Bay City's roots are in the lumbering industry of the late 1800's. The Center Avenue historic district is lined with lumber baron homes that are a testament to the wealth and prosperity of that era. In the 20th century, the community went on to be a center for shipbuilding and manufacturing. The Saginaw River was the hub for all these activities. Today, the Saginaw River serves as the recreational center of the community. The City's flagship parks, Veterans and Wenonah, are located across from one another on the river and they serve as the location of various



festivals and events throughout the year. The river is lined with boats, marinas, fishing piers, and trails. It has been the site of major redevelopment activity over the past 20 years, including new housing in warehouses and other historic buildings in Downtown Bay City and Uptown Bay City, which is billed as a live, work-and-play development. It includes brownstones, sidewalk cafes, offices, hotels, and locally owned shops.

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

According to the 2020 U.S. Census, Bay City has a population of 32,661. In 2010, the population of Bay City was 34,932, down from 36,817 persons in 2000. The population of Bay City peaked in 1960 at 53,604 residents. Over the last several decades the City's population has declined with the greatest decrease of over 15% occurring between 1970 and 1980. The loss of population in Bay City reflects a larger national trend of people migrating out of urban areas and into suburban and rural areas, along with change in household size, due to an aging baby boomer population. In some instances, communities have seen a reversal of this trend, with residents moving back into

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urban areas especially in downtown centers. This trend is occurring in Bay City where residential living units are being constructed in renovated historic buildings in the downtown area.

Other significant demographic data for Bay City as compared to the county and state is shown in Table 17 below. It is worth noting that Bay City is typical of urban areas in Michigan. Residents of Bay City are younger, less affluent, and are less likely to own a home than residents of Bay County and the surrounding jurisdictions. These factors have implications for parks and recreation facilities and programming. For example, renters tend to have less greenspace available to them at home (smaller shared lots, apartment buildings, etc.). This means they may have a greater need for parks and open space in order to spend time outdoors. A younger median age may indicate a need for more active sports programming and youth activities.

TABLE 17 – BAY CITY DEMOGRAPHICS

	Bay City	Bay County	Michigan
Population			
2010 Population	34,932	107,771	9,883,640
2020 Population	32,661	103,856	10,077,33
Percent of Population 65 & Older	14.6%	21.5%	18.7%
Percent of Population Under 18	21.6%	19.3%	21.0%
Percent of Disabled Population	17.5%	15.1%	13.9%
Median Age	39	43.8	40.3
Education			
Percent with a Bachelor's Degree or	16.2%	22.4%	32.1%
Income			
Median Household Income	\$41,959	\$55,134	\$66,986
Per Capita Income	\$25,141	\$32,398	\$35,353
Housing			
Average Household Size	2.30	2.20	2.40
Median Housing Values	\$71,300	\$139,900	\$224,400
Owner-Occupied Housing as Percentage of Total Occupied Units	66.7%	74.7%	73.2%

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Bay City has a commissioner-manager form of government. The City Commission consists of nine members who are nominated and elected by the ward system. The voters also choose a Mayor who is elected at large. A City Manager is appointed by the Commission and is largely responsible for the day-to-day administrative functions of the City.

Figure 12 illustrates the organizational chart in Bay City's governmental structure. As can be seen, Parks is an operational unit under the direction of the City Manager and the Department of Public Works Director. The City Parks Division maintains all facilities comprising the community parks system. This includes the maintenance of buildings and grounds and includes equipment, furnishings, walkways, parking lots, drives, and utility systems.

The City frequently works with a number of partners to bring programming to their parks. Some of



the partners who bring or have brought programming to City parks are the State Theatre of Bay City who holds a summer concert series in Wenonah Park and the Bay City Independents who play "vintage baseball" using 19th Century rules and uniforms who play at Carroll Park throughout the summer. Other youth and adult leagues play sports at City parks such as the Bay Softball Association and Bay City Southwest Little League.

RECREATION ADMINISTRATION

Planning

The Bay City Planning Department works with Parks Division staff to develop plans for recreation improvements in the community parks system. The County Recreation Department is included in the planning process when facilities are being designed to support recreation program activities.

The Park and Recreation Plan considers recommendations from the City's Citizens District Councils to define recreational interests, and to coordinate recreation planning with other city planning and development activities.

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Issues related to the planning of recreation facilities require coordination and communication between a number of municipal departments and entities including the Planning Department, Department of Public Works, Engineering Department, Parks Department, and the City Commission. In addition, the planning and implementation of physical recreation space is reviewed by the Planning Commission based on the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, PA 110 of 2006.

Maintenance and Operations

The Parks Division, under the direction of the Public Works Manager, has responsibility for managing and maintaining the community park system. Responsibilities are shared with Bay County as it relates to facilities used for programmed recreation activities, such as softball diamonds. In addition to maintaining community park facilities, the Parks Division has a number of other non-parks-related responsibilities. These include managing and maintaining the James Clements Airport and Oakridge Cemetery, and mowing right-of-way and other City owned properties. During the winter months, personnel have snow removal responsibilities in locations throughout the City.



The approved personnel complement for the Parks Division during fiscal year 2023 is 6 full-time employees and 14 part-time employees.

Part-time employees are primarily used to supplement the full-time labor force during the summer months. Employees are hired through a contractual labor service. Supplemental labor services are occasionally retained

through volunteer groups, local work programs sponsored by the school system, and community service programs. Part-time personnel are deployed to assist in performing general maintenance routines, provide services for special events, and to staff the Liberty Harbor Marina. Contractual employees assist with the maintenance and management of Oak Ridge Cemetery.

During the winter months, full-time employees are responsible for plowing cul-de-sacs and alleys citywide, other city owned properties, parking lots associated with business districts, and public properties and park walkways. Depending on weather conditions, they also perform maintenance in parks, refurbish picnic tables and benches, and repair equipment and clear brush at the Airport.

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Park maintenance operations are generally structured into maintenance routines. Typical maintenance routines include mowing, litter pickup and removal, restroom cleanup, park facilities inspection and repair, special event services, snow removal and horticultural tasks.

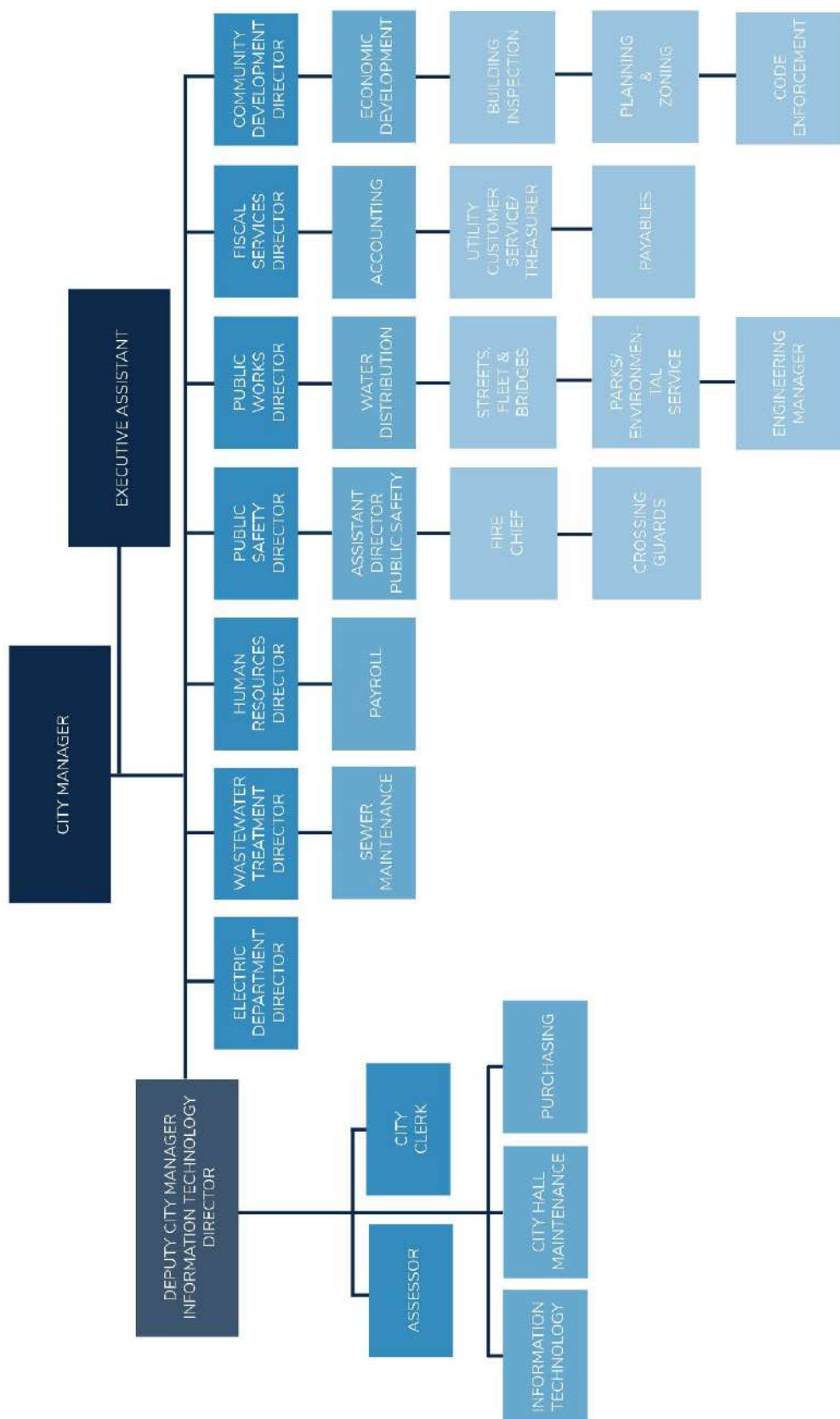
Opportunities to adopt and implement “best practices” is an on-going process. Incorporating successful practices into parks operations will standardize work functions while enhancing the quality of services. Examples of best practices established include mulching leaves on park lawns during the fall instead of collecting and removing them.

Efforts continue to identify and reinforce critical maintenance routines that comprise core services, and to regularly monitor and evaluate them based on efficiency, effectiveness, and cost. Changes have been implemented affecting both maintenance practices and policies that will bring more focus to service priorities. As an example, special events sponsors are required to provide a higher level of maintenance support for their activities, which has significantly reduced the City’s involvement.



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FIGURE 12 – CITY OF BAY CITY ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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PROGRAMMING, VOLUNTEERS, AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS

The Parks Department is committed to expanding and promoting strategic partnerships. The city has prepared guidelines to help volunteers and a list of potential projects. These partnerships involve groups, individuals, and organizations that provide volunteers to enhance our parks and help maintain them. For instance, our past partnership with the Bay City State Theater has resulted in \$8 million in investments in Wenonah Park, enabling weekly concerts and extending park usage. Another example is our collaboration with Bay City in Bloom, managing flower beds in the Kantzler Arboretum and Railtrail network, with more than \$2 million in planned improvements starting in spring 2024. The city is also working with the Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy to reduce mowing responsibilities, restore native wildflowers, and construct a new nature area, including maintenance agreements for Golson Park Nature Area and Riverbend West.



Special Events

Bay City Parks host several special events each year which serve as a regional tourism draw. Most of them are possible due to cooperative relationships with local community organizations, such as the YWCA, the Bay City DDA, the Bay City Fireworks Festival Board, and the Bay County Historical Society. Some of the larger special events include:

- Various fishing contests – Saginaw River – Golson Park, Wenonah Park, and Veterans Memorial Park
- Riverside Arts Festival – Wenonah Park
- Cool City Car Show – Wenonah Park & downtown streets
- Santa Arrival – Wenonah Park
- 4th of July Fireworks Festival – Wenonah Park and Veterans Memorial Park
- Tall Ships Celebration – Wenonah Park and Veterans Memorial Park
- Blooperball Tournament – Defoe Park
- Rockin' River/River Roar – Veterans Memorial Park and Wenonah Park
- Bay City Music Festival – Veterans Park
- Pride Festival, Wenonah Park
- Urban Salvage Vintage Market, Veterans Memorial Park

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BUDGETS

The Parks Division budget for fiscal year 2023 and 2024 is presented in Table 24. The budget expenditures for personal services and fringe benefits, operating supplies, capital outlay and other services and charges are included in the budget figures.

The budget for park maintenance is determined in the same manner as other general fund budgets. Each department and division present a proposed budget to the City Manager, based upon previous budgets, current year needs, and the City's five-year Capital Improvement Program. The City Manager and the Finance Director then work out a proposed budget that is submitted to the City Commission. The Commission holds hearings, votes on a preliminary budget and is subsequently adopted.

TABLE 18 – FUNDING AND BUDGET

	2023	2024
Operation & Maintenance	\$1,131,590	\$1,116,196
Programming (leagues, special events, etc.)	N/A	N/A
GF Capital Expenditures	\$50,000	\$50,000
Other Capital Expenditures	\$486,544	\$1,410,986
Other Capital Expenditures (CDBG)	\$130,000	\$908,124
Total	\$1,311,590	\$1,166,196



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RECREATION INVENTORY

There are 26 public park and recreation sites owned and operated by the City of Bay City, covering approximately 255 acres. These sites range in size and they contain a wide variety of active and passive uses. Veterans Memorial Park, Wenonah Park, and Bigelow Park (Middlegrounds) provide superior recreational complexes because of their size and location on the Saginaw River. These public park and recreation spaces within Bay City draw heavily from the entire county and throughout the region. All park improvements utilize Universal Design principles for any renovation work to ensure accessibility to all amenities.

The following is a brief history for each of the City parks and a general description of the recreation elements provided. A recreation inventory chart and a park location map follow the park descriptions.

BATTERY PARK

Area: 1.0

Location: 501 Center Ave

Park Classification: Mini Park

Accessibility: N/A

Battery Park is a dedicated passive mini park located in the downtown area encompassing the four corners located at Center Avenue and Jefferson Street. It is one acre in size and was platted as a public square in 1849. It features short, paved pathways, trees, benches, and the two southerly quadrants serve as a passive park area for the Bay County Public Library. On September 30, 2017, a Gold Star Families Memorial Monument was added to the Park. Also added were Iron Shell Gun Monuments replicating Civil War artillery. There is some interpretive signage which depicts the history of the park.



BICENTENNIAL EAST PARK

Area: 1.4

Location: 500 N Water Street

Park Classification: Mini Park

Accessibility: N/A

Bicentennial East Park is a small mini park located on the east end of the Veterans Memorial Bridge. The park space on the east side of the river contains a 30-foot monument as a memorial to the veterans of the Revolutionary War. The property is owned by the Michigan Department of Transportation and is maintained by the adjacent hotel.

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BIGELOW PARK

Area: 11.8

Location: Evergreen Drive

Park Classification: Regional Park

Accessibility: 3

Bigelow Park is a regional park located at the north end of Middleground Island and is approximately 11.8 acres. The property for the park was donated in 1929 as a gift from Charles Bigelow, who operated a large sawmill on the riverfront.

Additional land was purchased by the City in 1949 and it was

developed into a park in 1991. The park contains an extensive footbridge, known as the Crooked Bridge, that crosses the river channel and connects the park to Veterans Memorial Park and the Riverwalk/Rivertrail. Playground equipment and a pavilion were constructed by the Bay City Lions Club. The pavilion is frequently rented for family reunions, company picnics and other social events.



The north end also contains a Victorian style building leased to the Bay City Rowing Club as a clubhouse, a Boys and Girls Club facility, and a transient boat dock. The Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy worked with the Rowing Club to complete improvements on the paved apron leading to the dock as well as adding a new kayak and canoe launch ramp. This was one of the Conservancy's Outdoor Urban Recreation Projects (O.U.R.).

BIRNEY PARK

Area: 3.5

Location: 9th and Jackson

Park Classification: Neighborhood Park

Accessibility: 5

Birney Park is a 3.5-acre neighborhood park bordered by 9th Street, 10th Street, Jackson Avenue and Madison Avenue. Formerly known as Madison Park, this large rectangular park was renovated in 2010 and includes a center plaza, shelter, picnic facilities and a playground. It is primarily an open playing field with playground equipment and a covered pavilion. It is one of the City's historic parks and is the second oldest park in the City.

Universal Design was used in the last renovation of this park to allow for accessibility to all amenities.

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CARROLL PARK

Area: 13.7

Location: Groveland Road and Park Avenue

Park Classification: Community Park

Accessibility: 2

The 13.7-acre Carroll Park is a community park located on the northeast corner of Groveland Road and Park Avenue. The park is the oldest platted park in the City, established in 1875.

The unique features of the park include a duck pond and bridge, and a large stand of old



maple and oak trees. The park is located in the center of the Historic District and is bordered by historic homes. It can be accessed by the Riverwalk/Railtrail loop. Park facilities include playground equipment, an informal ball diamond, a pavilion, and picnic areas. New gaga ball courts were installed in 2018, and the tennis courts were recently converted to pickleball courts. A concept plan for Carroll Park is included in the Appendix.

CASS AVENUE BOAT LAUNCH

Area: 1.0

Location: Cass Avenue

Park Classification: Community Park

Accessibility: 3

The Cass Avenue Boat Launch was constructed in 2003 and is adjacent to the Saginaw River at the end of Cass Avenue. The 1-acre site features a single boat dock, restrooms, parking, and a paved area with benches and picnic tables.



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COLUMBUS GREEN

Area: 0.2

Location: Columbus Avenue & Fitzhugh Street

Park Classification: Mini Park

Accessibility: 4

Columbus Green is a ½-acre public square dedicated in 2003, bordered by Columbus Avenue, Washington Avenue and Fitzhugh Street. It includes brick walking paths, benches, four flag displays, and a butterfly garden. The Columbus Avenue Management Board maintains oversight of this park.

DEFOE PARK

Area: 16.3

Location: Marquette Avenue & Hart Street

Park Classification: Community Park

Accessibility: 4

Defoe Park is a community park adjacent to Marquette Avenue and is 16 acres in size, including Infinity Skate Park (see below). The park includes three little league diamonds and two adult softball diamonds, two playgrounds, a shelter, picnic facilities, and a skate park. The original 3-acre property was given to the city by the North American Construction Company in 1914. The company stipulated that the land be used for “playground or park purposes” and went by the name of Aladdin Park. It was later renamed Defoe Park in honor of Harry Defoe of the Defoe Shipbuilding Company. The Hart Street playground was replaced in the fall of 2022.

Infinity Skate Park

The Infinity Skate Park is located within Defoe Park on Marquette Avenue and contains 5.06 acres. This outdoor recreation area opened in 2002 and is a professionally designed facility with an elaborate network of cement ramps.



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EDWARD M GOLSON BOAT LAUNCH AND NATURE AREA

Area: 43.0

Location: 1548 N Johnson Street

Park Classification: Regional Park

Accessibility: 4

Golson Park is a regional park located at the intersection of the former Johnson Street and the Saginaw River. The park contains 43-acres and was developed in 2003. It provides two boat launch platforms and a ramp specifically designed for handicap accessibility.

Included in the 43-acre park is a 26-acre nature area with paved and gravel trails that includes two viewing platforms overlooking a wetland/pond. The Nature Area is run as a collaboration between the Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy (SBLC) and the City of Bay City. It has received support from General Motors, as well. The SBLC identifies it as one of its Outdoor Urban Recreation Projects (O.U.R).



The site includes a large gazebo for use as a covered shelter area for student classroom tours, as well as a river viewing and fishing platform. A bald eagle nesting area is a unique feature of the site. Universal Design was utilized in the last renovation of the park to allow for accessibility to all amenities including a wheelchair boat ramp.

HEWITT PARK

Area: 5.4

Location: Johnson Street & 19th

Park Classification: Neighborhood Park

Accessibility: 2

Hewitt Park is a 5.4-acre neighborhood park bordered by Johnson Street, Hampton Street, 19th Street, and 20th Street. It is a rectangular sports park that contains two tennis courts, a baseball diamond, a playground, and a basketball court. The park name was formally changed from "Hewitt Field" to "Hewitt Park" in 1994.

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MAPLEWOOD PARK

Area: 9.7

Location: 1st Street & N Sheridan Street

Park Classification: Community Park

Accessibility: 2

Maplewood Park is a 9.7-acre community park bounded by 1st Street, 3rd Street, Sheridan Street, and vacated Van Buren Street. In 2020-21 an obstacle course playscape was installed, one of the first in the region. In 2024 a major renovation is planned. With the help of a partnership with the Bay Area Soccer Association (BASA) and the Minority Business Partnership (MBP) new basketball courts, mini-pitch soccer, a walking track, and other elements are intended to be installed. The Bay City Riverwalk/Rivertrail runs along the north side of the park. The park was acquired with a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant and Community Block Grant funds.



The Maplewood Park concept plan is provided in Appendix G of this Plan.

NATE DOAN PARK

Area: 6.4

Location: E Indiana Street

Park Classification: Neighborhood Park

Accessibility: 1

Nate Doan Park is a neighborhood park located in the Midland Street Neighborhood and is 6.4 acres in size. It is designed for low-impact activities and includes a playground and a small, hilly playfield. A shelter building and restrooms are provided on the site. The park, established in 1977, is named in honor of Mr. Nate Doan, a community volunteer. In the fall of 2022, the older of the two playgrounds were replaced.



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NIAGARA WOODS NATURE AREA

Area: 14.0

Location: E. Hotchkiss Rd.

Park Classification: Natural Resource Area

Accessibility: 1

Niagara Woods Park is the City's most recently acquired natural resource area. The park is a wooded natural area sandwiched between the Saginaw River and the Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail (GLBRT), also known as the Iron Belle Trail (IBT). A 2023 Trust Fund grant was awarded for improving the park with a universally accessible trail connecting to the GLBRT, nature play area, hammock area, outdoor classrooms with interpretive



signage, and an onshore fishing platform. The City will partner with the Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy (SBLC) on proposed development of the park.

The Niagara Woods Nature Area concept plan is provided in Appendix G of this Plan.

PERSHING PARK

Area: 1.5

Location: W Midland Street & S Wenona Street

Park Classification: Mini Park

Accessibility: N/A

Pershing Park is a mini park adjacent to the Sage Library located in the Midland Street Historic District. The parcel is one and a half acres and contains green space, trees and a monument dedicated to Veterans of World War I. The park is leased to the Sage Library with the Library responsible for upkeep. A word garden was created with a reading nook, this opened to the public in 2021.

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TED PUTZ NATURE AREA

Area: 3.7

Location: Ivy Avenue

Park Classification: Natural Resource Area

Accessibility: 3

Ted Putz Nature Area is a natural resource area located on the western bank of the Saginaw River at Ivy Avenue in the Salzburg Business District. This 4-acre park is an open space area and contains a boardwalk overlooking wetlands along the river floodplain which is used for fishing and wildlife viewing. The park contains a small frisbee golf course.

RAMSEY PARK

Area: 1.3

Location: 202 E Fisher Ave

Park Classification: Neighborhood Park

Accessibility: 1

Ramsey Park is 1.3-acre neighborhood park located in the west area of the City adjacent to Fisher Avenue. It was deeded to the City for park purposes in 1949. This is a small, irregularly shaped parcel in a residential neighborhood and contains a small playground (updated in 2020) and open space.

REALTOR PARK

Area: 0.5

Location: 401 S. Henry St.

Park Classification: Mini Park

Accessibility: 5

Realtor Park, formerly Bicentennial Commons Park West, is a small mini park located on the west end of Veterans Memorial Bridge. The park was renovated in 2019 featuring the “Before the Bay” sculpture, a 16-foot tall and 6-feet wide sculpture of the Saginaw River flowing into the Saginaw Bay. This park has walkways through the park and benches around the sculpture to take in the view and relax.



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REXER-JABLONSKI PARK

Area: 3.3

Location: S Water Street

Park Classification: Neighborhood Park

Accessibility: 3

Rexer-Jablonski Park is a 3.3-acre neighborhood park that was designed and constructed in 2004. The park is named after two police officers killed in the line of duty near the present park site. Elements include a memorial area for the fallen officers, an open play area, playground equipment and other amenities. The park was constructed using the principles of Universal Design.

RIVERBEND WEST NATURE AREA

Area: 8.5

Location: 480 Marquette St

Park Classification: Natural Resource Area

Accessibility: 5

Riverbend West Nature Area is the City's newest developed park. The park is a natural resource area with 8.5-acres offering a rustic nature experience with minimal recreational development, preserving the site's natural character. The park is managed by the Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy (SBLC) on behalf of the City of Bay City, this park is primarily a restoration project. It includes a universally accessible trail leading from the street frontage to a viewing



area overlooking the Saginaw River, with beneficial native wildflowers, grasses, and trees. The park features interpretive signage that highlights local flora, fauna, site history, and passive recreation amenities, like boulders for relaxation. It's important to note that Riverbend West is a passive park and will not have active recreational facilities. Instead, it offers an interpretive rustic natural experience with beautiful native vegetation, providing a secluded getaway along the Saginaw River.

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RIVERWALK/RIVERTRAIL LOOP

Area: 10

Location: Bay City Loop

Park Classification: Park Trail

Accessibility: 4

The Riverwalk is a scenic path that provides public access to the Saginaw River and is part of the route of the regions Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail (GLBRT), and the state-wide Iron Belle Trail (IBT). The universally accessible path is paved to encourage use by people of all abilities. The path travels through Veterans Memorial Park, Kantzler Arboretum,



and along the riverfront. A pier with a large gazebo extends into the Saginaw River. The Riverwalk was connected to Bigelow Park when a pedestrian bridge was built in 1993. Access and continued improvements to the system on the east side of the river will provide public use of the riverfront and will expand the Riverwalk to both sides of the river. The railtrail extends northward to Bay City State Park and was extended southward from the City to Frankenlust Township and Saginaw County in 2019.

The Riverwalk/Railtrail loop is a non-motorized 9.5-mile trail that surrounds the east side of Bay City. The trail is an asphalt and cement path on land once used as railroad right-of-way. The Riverwalk/Railtrail loop connects or passes very near to the following parks: Maplewood Park, Carroll Park, Bigelow Park, Ted Putz Nature Area, Riverwalk, Veterans Memorial Park, Dwan Property, Defoe Park, and Infinity Skate Park.

The Rivertrail paths and amenities are fully accessible.

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BREAKER COVE PARK

Area: 6.6

Location:

Park Classification: Park Trail

Accessibility: 3

Breaker Cove Park, a 6.6-acre park-trail, is public open space along the Saginaw River, which includes a walking path, lighting, and bench seating. The parcel was improved when the Breaker Cove condominiums were constructed in 1998. The walking path was recently extended from the park northward through uptown and connecting to downtown at Wenonah Park.

ROOSEVELT PARK

Area: 2.5

Location: 34th & Broadway Street

Park Classification: Neighborhood Park

Accessibility: 2

Roosevelt Park is a 2.8-acre neighborhood park adjacent to Broadway Avenue in the south end of Bay City. Originally named Broadway Park, it was renamed Roosevelt Park in 1907. A boulder and a memorial plaque are located in the park in memory of a Native American Indian whose remains rest beneath the stone. The park also provides a tennis court, playground equipment, shelter, picnic facilities and open space area. The playground was replaced in 2022.

JOSEPH M. TROMBLE/BANKS PARK

Area: 0.7

Location: Saginaw & 9th Street

Park Classification: Neighborhood Park

Accessibility: 3

Tromble/Banks Park is a ½-acre neighborhood park, in the Banks area, bordered by Smith Street, Transit Street, Lewis Street and Sophia Street in the north side of the City, and is adjacent to one of the City's fire stations. The park had been casually known as "Smith Park" or "Banks Park", but in 1985 it was formally renamed Tromble/Banks Park it after Joseph M. Tromble, an early settler who established the Village of Banks in 1843. The park contains a basketball court and an old tennis court which is being used by the new gaga ball pit installed in 2018. A new playground was added in 2018.

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VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

Area: 83.5

Location: John F.
Kennedy Drive

Park Classification:
Regional Park

Accessibility: 3

Overview

Veterans Memorial Park, a regional park, is also known as Vets Park, and is the central park of Bay County, covering approximately 97



acres. It measures roughly 1.2 miles in length and 0.2 miles in width. The park includes Liberty Harbor Marina, Veterans Memorial Park ball fields, Kantzler Arboretum, the Santa House, the Trombley House, the Riverwalk, and the Riverwalk/Railtrail loop.

This park serves as the venue for major community events, including the 4th of July Fireworks celebration, the River of Time, and concerts. A new gaga ball court was added in 2018. The playground was replaced in 2020 with a new universally accessible play area, “Play City”.

The Appendix contains a concept plan for North Veterans Park.

Despite these features, accessibility improvements are still needed. Some areas, such as the sand volleyball courts and some ball diamonds, lack accessible pathways. Additionally, there is no accessible seating at some ball diamonds. Future plans include replacing all docks at Liberty Harbor Marina to enhance access and reduce maintenance costs. A concept plan was developed for the development of a pickleball court complex just west of the Liberty Harbor Marina. Furthermore, there are ongoing plans for Arboretum improvements, which will be implemented in three phases, with phase one set to begin in spring 2024.

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Liberty Harbor Marina

Liberty Harbor is a publicly accessible marina located just north of the Veterans Memorial Bridge. It holds the distinction of being one of the 80 certified harbors recognized by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The marina offers various amenities, including a 100-berth dock,



shower and restroom facilities, and a parking lot. It's worth noting that the current docks have been in service for over 30 years and are now in need of replacement. The City received Waterways grants in 2022 and 2023 to replace sections C and D of the docks. Section D was replaced in 2023 and Section C is scheduled to be replaced in the fall of 2024. The restroom/shower building was renovated in 2021. A Five-Year Plan, as a supplement to this Five-Year Plan, was developed for the Liberty Harbor Marina, and can be found in Appendix F.

Kantzler Memorial Arboretum



Kantzler Memorial Arboretum, a 12-acre plaza featuring a diverse array of plantings, is diligently maintained through the collaborative efforts of civic and private organizations. Situated along the picturesque riverfront near the Bay County Community Center, this arboretum offers a tranquil and scenic environment for visitors to enjoy.

Notably, the Davidson Dry Dock, a historic 500-foot inlet once utilized for shipbuilding, is situated on the north edge of the arboretum,

adding to its unique charm. A pedestrian bridge elegantly spans the dry dock at its mouth, seamlessly connecting visitors to the Riverwalk/Rivertrail.

Plans are in place for nearly \$2 million worth of improvements, with phase 1 scheduled to commence in the spring of 2024, which includes a complete renovation of the waterfront overlook area. The Kantzler Memorial Arboretum concept plan is provided in Appendix G of this plan.

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Santa House and Trombley House

The Santa House is a log building that is leased seasonally to Santa House Inc. for its event every December. The site is located near the entrance to Veterans Memorial Park on John F. Kennedy Drive.

The Trombley House is Bay County's first frame house, completed in 1837, by pioneer Joseph Trombley and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Trombley House was moved to this site in 1981. The structure is owned by the Bay County Historical Society. The house is being restored, maintained, and used by the Bay County Historical Society for public events.

These two structures do not sit on dedicated park property.

WENONAH PARK

With nearly \$8 million in mostly privately funded park improvements, this 6.1-acre downtown park takes center stage as a vibrant community space. Anchored by an amphitheater, it's primarily used for hosting special events and artistic performances at the World Friendship Shell. The park is adorned with a striking large oval sculpture and a prominent water fountain that graces the entire length of Center Avenue.

Notably, the park's seawall, designed to accommodate vessels of all sizes, underwent a significant renovation in 2010, thanks to a Michigan Natural Trust Fund Grant. In 2017, a versatile multi-purpose pavilion shelter, known as the Nickless Family Community Pavilion, was collaboratively constructed by the Downtown Development Authority and the City. This pavilion not only enhances the park's offerings but also transforms it into an ice-skating destination during the winter months.

Wenonah Park, with its inception dating back to 1908, holds a storied history of serving as a cherished public space in the heart of downtown.

In its latest renovation, the park



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embraced Universal Design principles, ensuring accessibility for all visitors to enjoy its amenities, including restrooms, and building doorways. This commitment to inclusivity enhances the park's appeal and usability for everyone in the community.

ACCESSIBILITY

The consultant reviewed and updated the accessibility scores from the City's 2019 Recreation Plan based upon an aerial photography review of the parks, site visits, and input from the City park staff. Comments regarding accessibility were provided for some of the parks in the previous section. An accessibility score is included in the inventory chart on Table 19. An explanation of accessibility scores is provided in the Bay County inventory chapter on page 20. Except for Ramsey Park and Niagara Woods Nature Area, all of the parks in Bay County have some accessible features. The most common accessibility features that are missing include accessible paths to amenities and signed and marked ADA parking.

To the extent possible, accessibility improvements will be funded through operating budgets that support yearly maintenance routines. Capital improvement monies will be requested for individual projects that require significant funding support, and which cannot be undertaken as a routine maintenance operation. It should be noted that in the period since the 2019 Recreation Plan was improved, all park improvements have been developed with universal accessibility.



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TABLE 19 – BAY CITY RECREATION INVENTORY

Bay City Recreation Inventory																			
Park Name	Acreage	Classification	Accessibility Rating	Shelter	Restroom Building	Activity/Concession Bldg	Porta-johns	Parking Lot	Tennis Court	Pickleball Court	Basketball Court	Softball Field	Baseball field	Play Equipment	Drinking fountain	Monument/Memorial	Trails & Hiking	Trailhead	Fishing
MINI PARKS																			
Battery Park	1.0	MP	N/A												X				
Bicentennial East	1.4	MP	N/A												X				
Columbus Green	0.2	MP	4																
Pershing Park	1.5	MP	N/A					X							2			X	
Realtor Park	0.5	MP	5												X			X	
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS																			
Birney Park	3.5	NP	5	1										X	2	X			X
Hewitt Park	5.4	NP	2	2				2					1	X	1			X	X
Nate Doan Park	6.4	NP	1	2	X			X					X	2	1	X		X	X
Ramsey Park	1.3	NP	1										1	X				X	X
Rexer-Jablonski Park	3.3	NP	3	1		3								X				X	X
Roosevelt Park	2.5	NP	2	1				1			1		X	1	X			X	X
Tromble/Banks Park	0.7	NP	3					X	X		X		X					X	X
COMMUNITY PARKS																			
Carroll Park	13.7	CP	2	1			2	X		6			1	X	2				X
Cass Ave. Boat Launch	1.0	CP	3	X			2	X							X			X	X
Defoe Park	16.3	CP	4	1	X	1	1	3				2	3	2	2		X		X
Infinity Skate Park								X											
Maplewood Park	9.7	CP	2	1					3		3		1	X	3		X		X
REGIONAL PARKS																			
Bigelow Park	11.8	RP	3	1	X	X	2	X						X	X		X	X	X
Rowing Club						1		X										X	
Golson Boat Launch & Nature Area	43.0	RP	4	2			4	X							2	X		X	X
Veterans Memorial Park	83.5	RP	3	2	2	2	6	5	6			6		2	3	3	X	X	X
Liberty Harbor Marina					X	X		X	X				2		2		X	X	X
Vets Park Ballfields						X							4			X			
Kantzler Arboretum															X	X		X	X
Santa House & Trombley House																			
Wenonah Park	6.1	RP	5	1	X	X		X					X					X	X
PARK TRAIL																			
Rail Trail	10.0	PT	4																
Riverwalk		PT														X			
Fitness Park	-	PT						X								X	X	X	
Breaker Cove	6.6	PT	3															X	X
NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS																			
Niagara Woods	14.0	NRA	1													X		X	X
Putz Nature Area	3.7	NRA	3					X									X	X	X
Riverbend West	8.5	NRA	5													X		X	X

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OTHER LOCAL OUTDOOR RECREATION

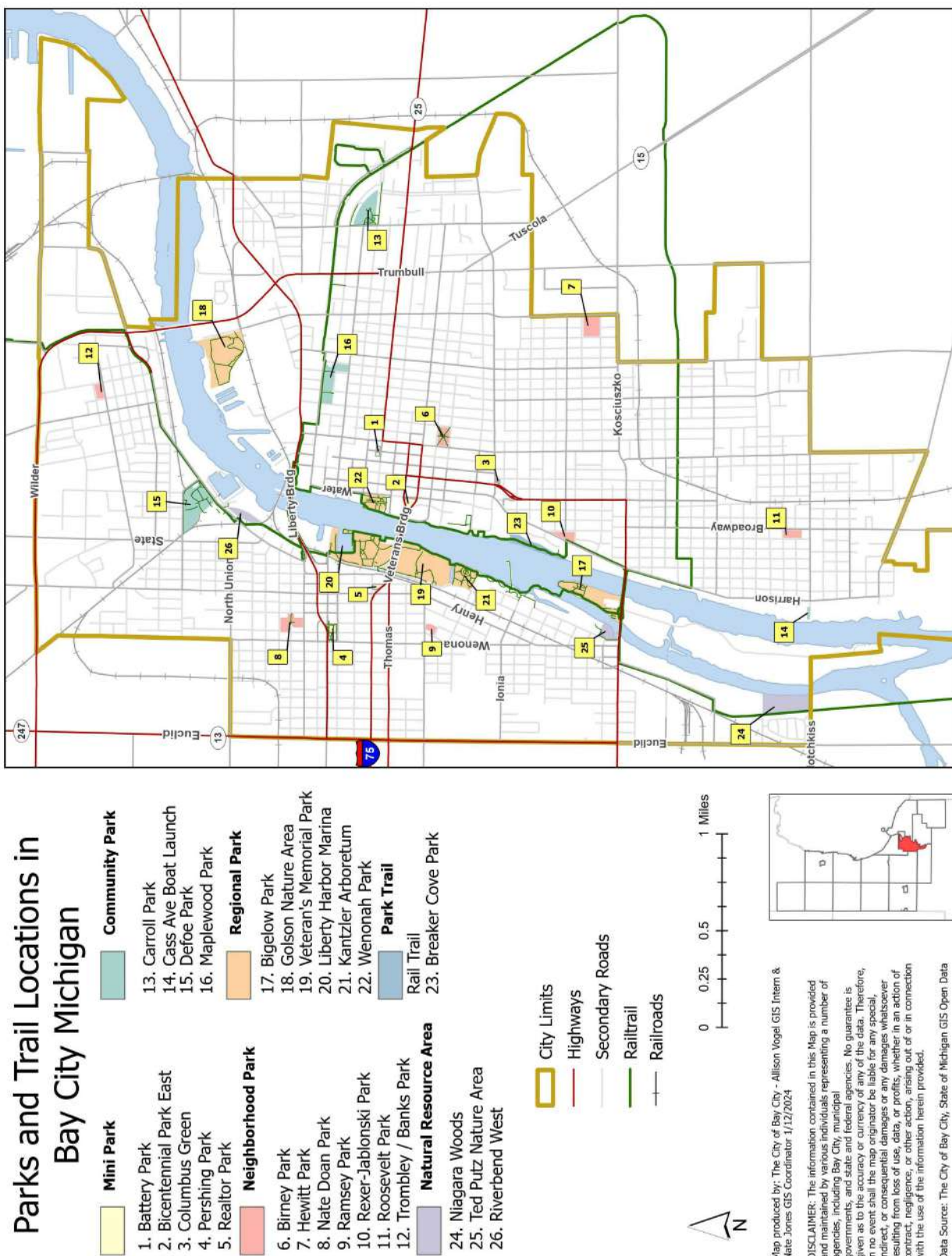
The Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy and Michigan Sugar Company have rehabilitated and developed a natural space with dedicated single-track trails for mountain bikes, trail running, and hiking. The 26-acre Michigan Sugar Trails site is located on the Middlegrounds with trails open to a wide variety of users. Birders, fishermen, walkers, runners, and cyclists all can enjoy the trails for recreational purposes.

Single-track, natural surface trails do not exist elsewhere in Bay City. The existing trail network loops throughout the site and covers a variety of terrain, providing quality riding experiences for riders of all levels.



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MAP 7 - PARK MAP



COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

The following classification system is adapted from the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) guide. It categorizes different types of parks based on size, service area, facilities, and user groups. There are six classification types in the City of Bay City: mini parks, neighborhood parks, community parks, regional parks, natural resource areas, and park trails.

Mini Park

A mini park also known as a pocket park is a small outdoor space usually $\frac{1}{4}$ to 1 acre in size. They serve a concentrated or limited population area or serve a specific function or age group. Mini parks could have amenities that draw people from a greater area but typically serve an area within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile radius.

Neighborhood Park

Parks in this classification are the most basic park unit of a system and serve as the recreation and social focus of a neighborhood. Neighborhood parks are easily accessible to neighborhood populations and geographically centered within safe walking distance and bike access. Typically, neighborhood parks are five to ten acres in size and can service a population of approximately 5,000 residents. The parks have a service location of $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile distance. National standards recommend one acre of neighborhood parks per 1,000 residents. The national standard for the City is 32.66 acres.

Community Park

Community parks are intended to provide recreational services for several neighborhoods and usually serve a broad range of uses. The typical park size is 30 acres or more. The City has four parks that are classified as community parks. Of the four, not all are 30 acres, however, they are included in this category because of the broad population base they serve and the facilities/intended use of the parks. The national classification system recommends five acres per 1,000 residents. The national standard for the City is 162.31 acres.

Regional Park

Regional parks are very large multi-use parks that serve several communities within a particular region. The regional park provides both active and passive recreation opportunities, with a wide selection of facilities for all age groups. They may also include areas of nature preservation for activities such as sightseeing, nature study area, wildlife habitat, and conservation. National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) standards for regional parks vary due to the specific site characteristics and natural resources. The City of Bay City maintains four regional parks.

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Natural Resources Area

Natural resource area parks are areas of natural quality for nature-oriented outdoor recreation such as viewing and studying wildlife, hiking, camping, or general conservation. The lands are set aside for the preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/buffering. Examples include wetlands or forest preserves.

Park Trail

A park-trail is a multipurpose trail located within greenways, parks, and natural resource areas.

TABLE 20 – COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

	Standard	Park Acreage	Standard Amount	Deficiency / Excess
Mini Parks	-	4.6	-	+4.6
Neighborhood Parks		23.1	32.66	-9.56
Community Parks		40.7	162.31	-121.61
Regional Parks	-	144.4	-	+144.4
Natural Resource Area Parks	-	26.2	-	+26.2
Park-Trail	-	16.6	-	+16.6
Total	-	255.6	194.97	+60.63



GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The establishment of realistic and agreed upon goals and objectives are essential to the development of attainable long-range plans. Goals serve to guide policies and plan recommendations over the next five years. The primary goal implicit in all other secondary goals is the desire of the officials and citizens of the community to develop and maintain an attractive, pleasant, clean, healthy, and economically stable community environment.

Bay City has established the following Mission Statement to provide direction and guide decision making, as well as establishing practices and policies that guide the improvement of recreation opportunities.

BAY CITY PARKS AND RECREATION MISSION STATEMENT

Enhance the community and the city's vitality through its parks and recreation areas and to provide safe and welcoming opportunities to play, learn, and build community.

The goals and objectives which follow embody many of those stated in for the county-wide system, while elaborating on those most applicable to the City of Bay City.

Goal 1 - Provide facilities and services that meet the diverse recreational needs of residents and visitors to the community.

Objectives:

1. Provide a balanced recreation system characterized by a variety of active, passive and cultural opportunities.
2. Provide a recreation system that reflects the needs of all users.
3. Emphasize quality of facilities and programs rather than quantity capitalizing on opportunities to leverage funding.

Goal 2 - Support the preservation and restoration of park areas or features having historical, cultural, architectural or natural significance.

Objectives:

1. Preserve and enhance parks as a visual aesthetic in the community.
2. Maintain existing plant communities, while continuing to improve landscapes by introducing new plantings and historical tree species.
3. Adopt superior design practices. Ensure that all park improvements are functional, attractive, and fit within the context of existing site features.
4. Partner with other organizations to foster, improve, and support preservation and restoration.

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Goal 3 - Continue efforts to enhance the river corridor.

Objectives:

1. Re-evaluate park master plans to reduce activity conflicts, and to rehabilitate areas to better support both current and future uses.
2. Capitalize on opportunities to expand use of the river by providing improved access for a variety of activities like fishing, boating, and walking.
3. Strengthen pedestrian connections to parks within and from neighborhoods.
4. Strengthen both physical and pedestrian connections to parks within and from business districts.
5. Partner with other entities to promote the river as a major recreational resource.

Goal 4 - Achieve a sound financial basis for maintenance and development.

Objectives:

1. Develop opportunities to implement select fees.
2. Develop a reliable base of volunteers to assist with maintenance needs.
3. Seek alternative sources of funding including state and federal grants, private donations, and local grants.
4. Create an endowment program for tree plantings.
5. Establish partnerships with organizations and event sponsors to enhance the park programming and facilities.

Goal 5 - Increase public awareness of and participation in our parks.

Objectives:

1. Utilize and improve the City of Bay City's social media, newsletter, and press releases to communicate information.
2. Continue building partnerships with local volunteers, non-profit organizations, event sponsors and foundations that are actively participating in park improvements and programming.
3. Enhance park signage for information wayfinding, historical or cultural significance, and for an overall better experience at our parks.
4. Look for regional partnership opportunities to create public awareness of our parks and facilities.

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Goal 6 - Ensure current and future park facilities comply with all facility use and development standards.

Objectives:

1. Perform regular inspections of park assets.
2. Develop an ADA transition plan to address barriers to accessibility.
3. Incorporate ADA, universal accessibility, and safety standards into future projects.

Goal 7 - Improve the efficiency of park maintenance and management operations.

Objectives:

1. Continue to monitor leisure trends to validate future improvements and to embrace the opportunity to modify or add services.
2. Focus on the rehabilitation of existing facilities.
3. Develop priorities for maintaining service levels.
4. Refine maintenance routines.
5. Enhance personnel training.
6. Equip workforce with state-of-the-art tools and equipment.
7. Apply new technologies to maintenance management (equipment, methods, and materials).
8. Maintain a database and inventory of each park facility.
9. Upgrade and continue to improve maps, records, and record keeping.
10. Review and refine policies, procedures, rules, and regulations, as needed.



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ACTION PLAN

Bay City has developed a list of capital improvements for the next five years. This list is based on known issues and needs in the parks and feedback from the community input survey. Each of these projects will accomplish one or more of the goals and objectives listed above.

TABLE 21 - ACTION PLAN

Location	Type of Improvements	Year	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding Source	Relates to Goal
Middlegrounds (Bigelow Park)	New canoe/kayak launch, new/replacement playground	3-5 years	\$750,000	City, local grants, CDBG, and DNR grants	1, 3
Wenonah Park	Site improvements, new decorative water feature, parking lot improvements, new decorative perimeter fence, new arch at entrance	1-3 years	\$1,500,000	City, local grants, and DNR grants	1, 3
Railtrail	Pavement improvements, rehabilitation of the Crooked Bridge	1-3 years	\$10,000,000	City, local grants, CDBG, and DNR grants	1, 2
Maplewood Park	Site improvements*, parking lot, playground, picnic area with shade, sidewalks, benches, trash/recycling bins, lighting, basketball, mini pitch soccer, landscaping (shade trees)	1-3 years	\$250,000	City, local grants, CDBG, and DNR grants	1
Ramsey Park	Site improvements*, playground, picnic area, and landscaping (shade trees)	3-5 years	\$500,000	City, local grants, CDBG, and DNR grants	1

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Location	Type of Improvements	Year	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding Source	Relates to Goal
Veterans Park	Picnic area with shade, parking lot rehabilitation and new parking, pickleball courts, modernize concession / pavilion / restrooms; construct new boat launch and new canoe/kayak launch; develop new master plan	1-3 years, 3-5 years	\$7,500,000	City, local grants, and DNR grants	1, 3
Defoe Park	New playground, site improvements	3-5 years	\$275,000	City, local grants, CDBG, and DNR grants	1
Carroll Park	Develop park according to new concept plan	3-5 years	\$3,000,000	City, local grants, CDBG, and DNR grants	1, 4, 6
Roosevelt Park	Site improvements*, picnic area with shade, remove tennis courts	1-3 years	\$580,000	City, local grants, CDBG, and DNR grants	1
Niagara Woods	Site improvements, pathway, habitat restoration, nature play, shoreline fishing	1-3 years	\$500,000	City, local grants, CDBG, and DNR grants	1, 2
Kantzler Arboretum	Develop park according to new concept plan	1-5 years	\$3,000,000	City, local grants, CDBG, and DNR grants	1, 2, 4, 6
Hewitt Park	Playground & site improvements	3-5 years	\$1,000,000	City, local grants, CDBG, and DNR grants	1

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Location	Type of Improvements	Year	Estimated Cost	Potential Funding Source	Relates to Goal
Golson Park	Renovate boat launch, parking, and provide a new canoe/kayak launch	3-5 years	\$1,000,000	City, local grants, CDBG, and DNR grants	1, 3
Cass Avenue Boat Launch	Renovate boat launch, parking, and provide a new canoe/kayak launch	3-5 years	\$1,000,000	City, local grants, CDBG, and DNR grants	1, 3
Liberty Harbor Marina (also see 5-Yr. Plan in Appendix F)	Replace deteriorating A & B docks, long docks	1-5 years	\$3,000,000	City, local grants, and DNR grants	1, 3
General	Enhance and replace playgrounds to comply with the current safety standards	On-going		City, local grants, CDBG, and DNR grants	1, 6
* Site improvements typically include sidewalks, benches, trash/recycling bins, and lighting.					

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GRANT HISTORY

Bay City has received 17 previous recreation grants. All improvements are still functioning and being used, except where noted below

1. LWCF 26-00896 – \$51,295 Maplewood Park Improvements, 1977 (tennis & basketball courts), CLOSED
Tennis court nets/posts have been removed due to age; the courts are proposed to be renovated into a mini-pitch soccer court.
2. LWCF 26-01060 P – \$15,577, Nate Done Park Acquisition, 1978 (acquisition of 1.3 acres), CLOSED
3. LWCF 26-01060 Q – \$73,667, Veterans Park Acquisition, 1978 (acquisition of 2 acres), CLOSED
4. LWCF 26-01425 – \$98,866, Exercise/Handicap Path, 1986 (paved path, parking lot, benches, exercise equipment, landscaping), CLOSED
Exercise equipment has been removed due to age and deterioration.
5. TF87-128 – \$400,000, Bay City Saginaw River Pier, 1987 (pier for fishing) CLOSED
6. LWCF 26-01487 – \$162,865, Veteran's Memorial Park Riverwalk, 1988 (trail, shore protection, lighting, benches) CLOSED
7. BF89-315 – \$163,500, Bay City-Hampton Railtrail, 1989 (non-motorized path, benches, crosswalks, fencing, sidewalk, land, lighting, signage) CLOSED
8. TF89-030 – \$375,000, Wenonah Park Riverfront, 1989 (riverfront walkway, bay for boat docking, lighting benches, seawall) CLOSED
9. BF90-325 – \$31,500, Carroll Park Tennis Court, 1990 (tennis courts (2)) CLOSED
Courts have been renovated for pickleball.
10. BF91-075 – \$518,000, Veterans/Bigelow Footbridge, 1991 (boardwalk/bridge, lighting) CLOSED
11. BF93-228 – \$335,000, Riverwalk E.P.A. Link, 1993 (walkway, lighting, seawall, pavilion, parking lot) CLOSED
12. TF93-229 – \$55,000, Riverwalk Land Acquisition, 1993 (acquisition of 8.57 acres) CLOSED
13. TF93-230 – \$60,000, Bay City Railtrail-27th Street Land Acquisition, 1993 (acquisition of 18 acres) CLOSED



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14. TF98-006 – \$178,000, 27th Street Railtrail Development, 1998 (pathway, parking lots, trash receptacles, benches, street crossings, RR crossing, landscaping, signage) CLOSED
15. TF06-022 – \$500,000, Wenonah Park Renovation, 2006 (seawall mooring facilities, riverside promenade w/ stairs and ramps, tables, benches, trash receptacles planters, landscaping, fishing access decks) CLOSED
16. TF09-062 – \$325,000, Birney Park Renovations, 2009 (sidewalks, plaza, seating wall, playground, lighting, utilities, landscaping, signage) CLOSED
17. TF22-0191 - \$300,000, Riverwalk Trail and Crooked Bridge Restoration, 2022 (boardwalk/railing, lighting, picnic tables, benches, interpretive signage) OPEN
18. TF23-0161 - \$300,000, Niagara Woods, 2023 (crushed stone path, nature playground, habitat restoration, shoreline fishing access, benches, trash receptacles, interpretive signage) OPEN

Two of the grants, listed below, have been transferred to the City of Bay City from Bay County.

19. LWCF 26-00163 – Veterans Park, \$27,796, Development (softball complex, parking) – transferred to the City of Bay City
20. LWCF 26-00561 – Veterans Park, \$17,539, Development (tennis courts), transferred to the City of Bay City. The tennis courts nets/posts and fencing were removed due to age and deterioration; the paved space has been repurposed into an open paved area used during festivals for food trucks.





BEAVER TOWNSHIP

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COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Beaver Township is located on the west side of Bay County, approximately 10 miles northwest of Bay City. Townships bordering Beaver are Williams Charter Township to the south, Garfield Township to the north and Kawkawlin Township to the east. Midland County's Larkin Township is located to the west. The Township is largely rural, and land is primarily used for agricultural purposes. The Kawkawlin River flows across the northeast portion of the Township.

According to the 2020 Decennial Census, Beaver Township has a population of 2,736.

Other significant demographic data for Beaver Township as compared to the county and state, is shown in Table 22 below.

TABLE 22 – BEAVER TOWNSHIP DEMOGRAPHICS

	Beaver Township	Bay County	Michigan
Population			
2010 Population	2,885	107,771	9,883,640
2020 Population	2723	103,856	10,077,331
Percent of Population 65 & Older	18.3%	21.5%	18.7%
Percent of Population Under 18	24.3%	19.3%	21.0%
Percent of Disabled Population	10.0%	15.1%	13.9%
Median Age	41.8	43.8	40.3
Education			
Percent with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher	22.0%	22.4%	32.1%
Income			
Median Household Income	\$75,813	\$55,134	\$66,986
Per Capita Income	\$33,327	\$32,398	\$35,353
Housing			
Average Household Size	2.70	2.20	2.40
Median Housing Values	\$146,500	\$139,900	\$224,400
Owner-Occupied Housing as percentage of Total Occupied Units	92.6%	74.7%	73.2%

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ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

The Beaver Township Board is responsible for all parks and recreation functions in Beaver Township. Beaver Township formed a Parks and Recreation Committee in 1979 which oversees parks and recreation functions in the community and makes recommendations to the Township Board. Nine (9) people serve on the Committee – eight from within the community and one rotational Board of Trustees member, currently the board is operating with six (6) members with availability to appoint three (3) more. Committee members are appointed by the Township Board of Trustees. The group meets monthly. The Township maintains no full-time or part time staff members and relies entirely on volunteer support to maintain the park facilities and programming opportunities.

FIGURE 13 – BEAVER TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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PROGRAMMING, VOLUNTEERS, AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS

Beaver Township owns and operates a Township Park. Additionally, recreational facilities are provided to the public by the Beaver Athletic Association and Zion Lutheran Church and schools. There are also recreational programs put on at the Beaver Township Hall. The Township provides two (2) annual events which include an easter egg hunt in the spring and a trunk-or-treat event on Halloween. Approximately 200 people participate in these events annually. Eight (8) core volunteers serve the parks in the capacity of activities such as park clean up, programming organization, and other functions as needed.

BUDGETS

The sources of funding for parks and recreation functions in Beaver Township are the Township general fund, user fees, and donations. The majority of funding comes from the general fund, with a small portion deriving from pavilion rental and donations.

TABLE 23 – FUNDING AND BUDGET

	2022	2023
Operation & Maintenance	\$2,145	\$6,000
Programming (leagues, special events, etc.)	-	-
Capital Expenditures	-	-
Total	\$2,145	\$6,000

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RECREATION INVENTORY

Beaver Township completed a park inventory in summer of 2023. The Township has two (2) park facilities, the Township Park and the area around the Township Hall. The parks are inventoried in Table 24 below.

TABLE 24 – RECREATION INVENTORY

	Beaver Township Park	Beaver Township Hall
Park Type*	Community Park	Mini-Park
Acreage	15	2
Accessibility*	2	3
Service Area	Beaver Township	Beaver Township
Basketball Court		1
Horseshoe Pits	Yes	
Parking Facilities	Front and Rear Parking Lots	Front
Pavilion	Yes	
Picnic Tables	4	
Playground	1	
Restrooms	Seasonal Port-a-John only (Handicap-Accessible)	
Walking Trail	1	

COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

The following classification system is adapted from the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) guide. It categorizes different types of parks based on size, service area, facilities, and user groups. There are two (2) classification types in Beaver Township: a mini park and a community park.

Mini Park

A mini park also known as a pocket park is a small outdoor space usually ¼ to 1 acre in size. They serve a concentrated or limited population area or serve a specific function or age group. Mini parks could have amenities that draw people from a greater area but typically serve an area within ¼ mile radius.

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Community Park

Community parks are intended to provide recreational services for several neighborhoods and usually serve a broad range of uses. The typical park size is 30 acres or more. The Township has one park that are classified as a community park. Although it is not 30 acres in size, Beaver Township Park is included in this category because of the broad population base it serves and the facilities/intended use of the park. The national classification system recommends five acres per 1,000 residents. Using population data from the 2020 Decennial Census, the national standard for the Township is 13.68 acres.

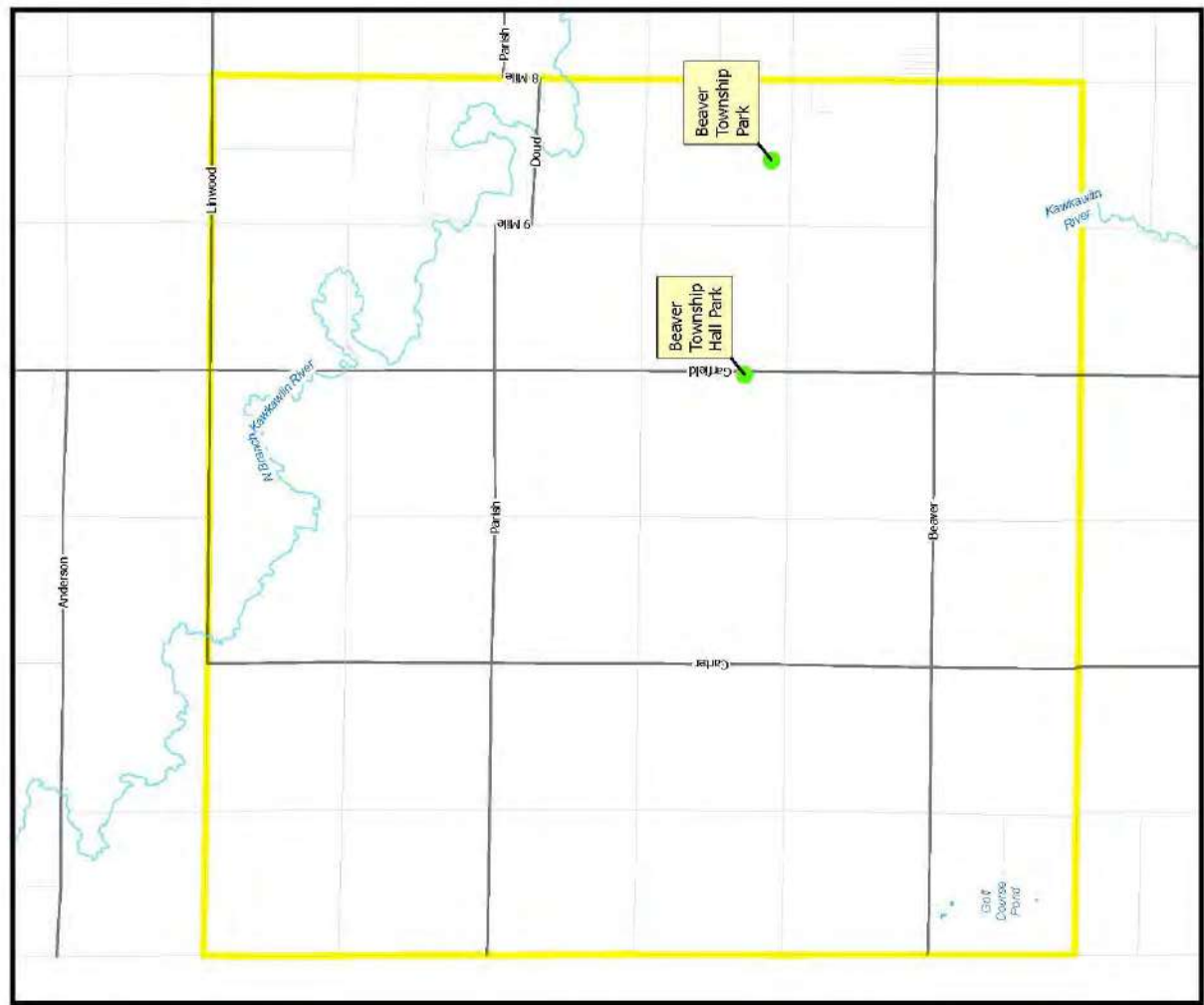
TABLE 25 – COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

	Standard	Park Acreage	Standard Amount	Deficiency / Excess
Mini Parks	-	2	-	+2
Community Parks	5 acres / 1,000 residents	15	13.68	+1.32
Total	-	17	13.68	+3.32
<i>Table is based on the 2020 Census population</i>				

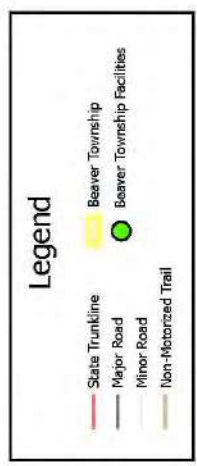


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MAP 8 – PARKS MAP



Park and Trail Locations in
Beaver Township Michigan



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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The establishment of realistic and agreed-upon goals and objectives are essential to the development of attainable long-range plans. Goals serve to guide policies and plan recommendations over the next five years. The primary goal implicit in all other secondary goals is the desire of the officials and citizens of the community to develop and maintain an attractive, pleasant, clean, healthy, and economically stable community environment. Beaver Township developed goals and objectives for parks and recreation when the past plan was adopted. These goals were reviewed and verified for this updated plan.

Goal 1 – Continue to promote the park and its facilities.

Objectives

1. Establish and maintain contacts with the public, residents, local schools, and organizations encouraging use of the park and shared use of other facilities.
2. Preserve and protect open space and significant natural features in the Township and the park.
3. Explore partnerships, grants, foundations, and other funding opportunities.

Goal 2 – Provide safe, broad community-based recreation opportunities that improve the overall quality of life for the area residents.

Objectives

1. Continue to ensure well-maintained and safe conditions at Beaver Township Park.
2. Continue to add amenities to the Beaver Township Park facilities based on community input and need.
3. Improve existing facilities that need to be updated or have become outdated.

Goal 3 – Develop recreational facilities that provide accessibility for people of all abilities.

Objectives

1. Improve barrier-free access to existing recreation facilities.
2. Develop programs for the special needs population.
3. Ensure that improvements and upgrades are handicap accessible.
4. Where possible, strive to meet Universal Design standards with new park amenities and facilities.
5. Conduct an audit of all township-owned facilities, which includes a detailed report and priority list with recommendations to improve accessibility.

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ACTION PLAN

TABLE 26 – ACTION PLAN

Facility/ Project	Relates to Goal	Priority
Beaver Township Park		
Add handicap-accessible features and surfacing at the park when appropriate.	3	1
Add restroom facilities	3	2
Add bike paths / walking paths within the park	3	3
Township Wide Initiatives		
Develop a non-motorized trail to connect with the existing non-motorized path network outside of the Township.	2, 3	1
Acquire new parkland	2, 3	2
Enhance programs and special events at parkland.	1	3

GRANT HISTORY

Beaver Township has yet to receive any DNR grants.

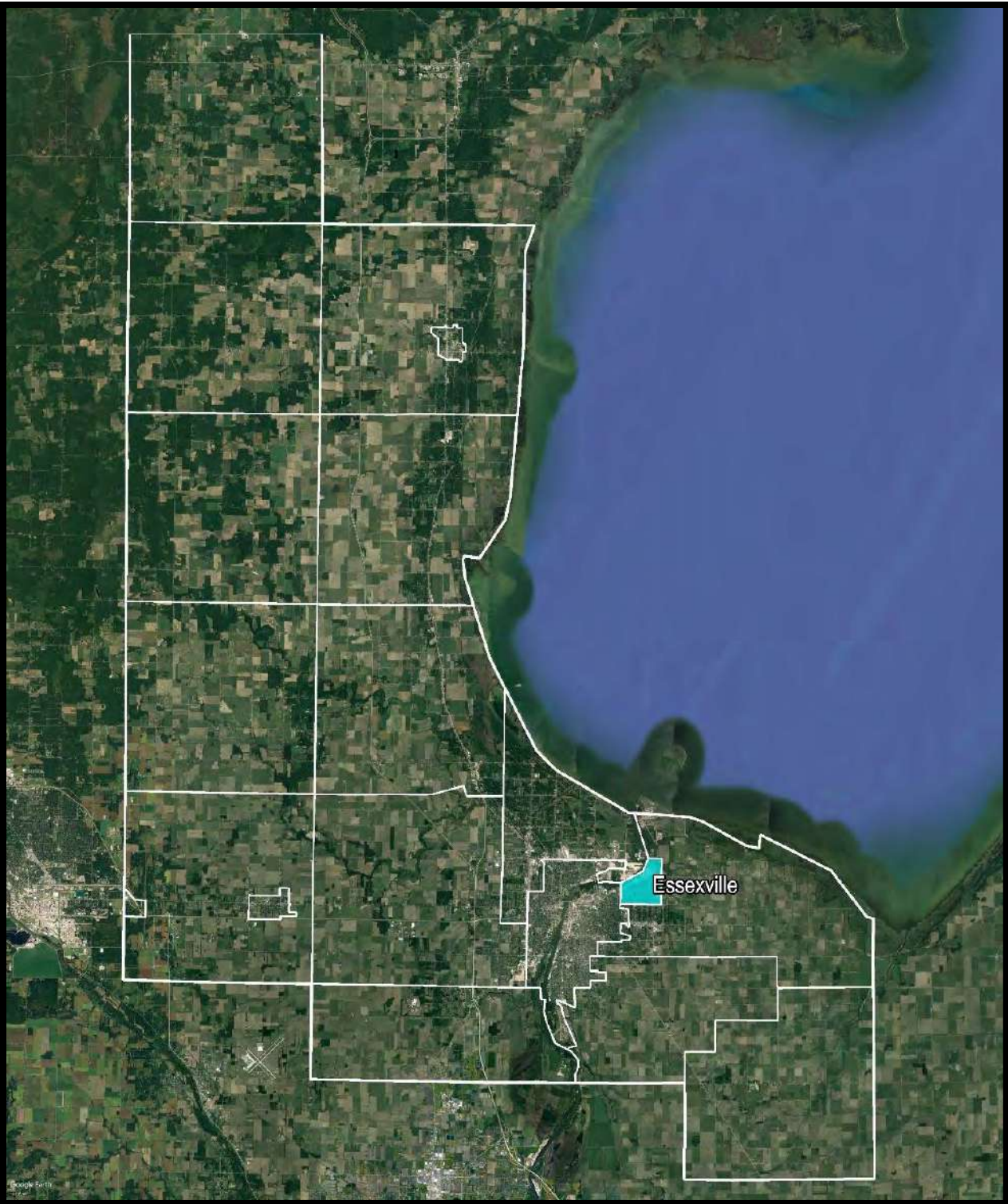
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ESSEXVILLE CITY COMMISSION
ESSEXVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CITY OF ESSEXVILLE



COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

The City of Essexville is a small community located on the Saginaw River that is sandwiched between Bay City on its west and Hampton Charter Township to the east. 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. Most of these are storage for grain and construction materials that take advantage of the river and adjacent railway for transportation.

According to the 2020 Decennial Census population estimate, Essexville has a population of 3,379.

Other significant demographic data for the City of Essexville as compared to the county and state is shown in Table 27 on the following page.



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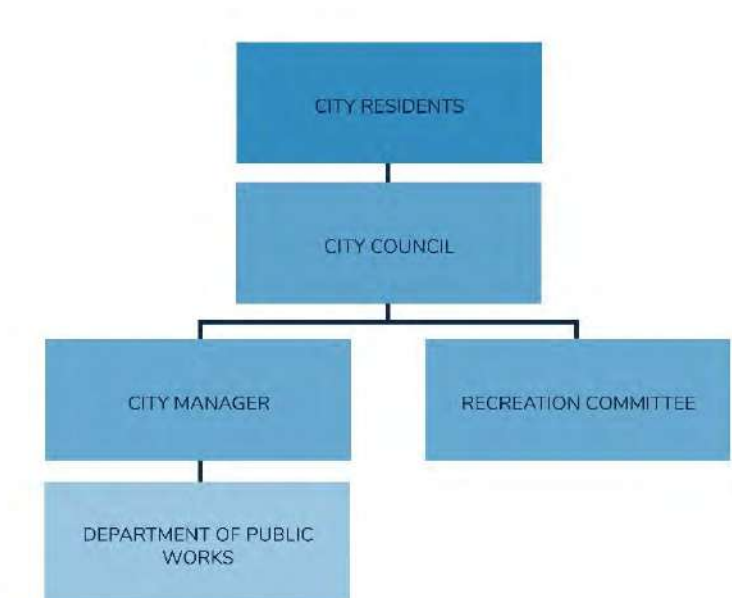
TABLE 27 – CITY OF ESSEXVILLE DEMOGRAPHICS

	City of Essexville	Bay County	Michigan
Population			
2010 Population	3478	107,771	
2021 Population	3379	103,856	10,077,331
Percent of Population 65 & Older	17.1%	21.5%	18.7%
Percent of Population Under 18	23.6%	19.3%	21.0%
Percent of Disabled Population	14.2%	15.1%	13.9%
Median Age	40.3	43.8	40.3
Education			
Percent with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher	24.9%	22.4%	32.1%
Income			
Median Household Income	\$64,643	\$55,134	\$66,986
Per Capita Income	\$32,297	\$32,398	\$35,353
Housing			
Average Household Size	2.40	2.20	2.40
Median Housing Values	\$97,800	\$139,900	\$224,400
Owner-Occupied Housing as percentage of Total Occupied Units	89.5%%	74.7%	73.2%

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

The City of Essexville operates and maintains its municipal facilities under the direction 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 regard to recreation and makes suggestions to the City Council. The City of Essexville does not provide any recreation programming and its recreation expenditures are used for capital improvements and maintenance.

FIGURE 14 – CITY OF ESSEXVILLE ORGANIZATION CHART



PROGRAMMING, VOLUNTEERS, AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS

The Essexville Little League Association sponsors baseball and softball programs for youth. In the previous year, the City held a tree lighting in Veterans Park. Also, the Salvation Army hosted a car show at Smith Park for a fundraiser.

BUDGETS

The source of funding for parks and recreation in Essexville is primarily derived from the City general fund. Some donations and grants also contribute to the regular parks and recreation budget. The current and next year parks and recreation budgets are shown in Table 29.

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TABLE 28 – FUNDING AND BUDGET

	2022	2023
Operation & Maintenance	\$16,000	\$16,000
Programming (leagues, special events, etc.)	-	-
Capital Expenditures	\$100,000	-
Total	\$116,000	\$16,000



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RECREATION INVENTORY

Essexville has 7.80 acres of parkland in seven different parks. Five of these parks are very small at less than one-half acre. 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, while not maintained by the City, are also used for local public recreation. Also, the Main Street Boat Launch, while providing public access to the Saginaw Bay, is not maintained by the City and is in need of repair.

TABLE 29 – RECREATION INVENTORY

	Smith Park	Municipal Park	Main Street Boat Launch	Veterans Memorial Park	Woodside Right-of-Way Park	Woodside - Borton Plaza Park	Youth Memorial Park	Ransom Essex Park
Park Type*	NP	MP	MP	MP	MP	MP	MP	NP
Acreage	2.04	0.1	0.77	0.12	0.2	0.1	0.38	4.09
Accessibility*	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3
Service Area	City	City	City	¼ mile	¼ mile	¼ mile	¼ mile	City
Basketball Court		2						
Multi-use Path							Yes	
Picnic Area	Yes							
Boat Launch	Yes		Yes					
Grills	Yes		Yes					
Restrooms	Yes							
Open Playfield								Yes
Swing set	Yes							
Accessibility – Accessibility scores are rated as such because not all amenities in the parks are fully accessible. There may not be accessible paths to features and/or ADA parking spaces may be lacking or not adequately signed.								

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COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

The following classification system is adapted from the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) guide. It categorizes different types of parks based on size, service area, facilities, and user groups. There are two classification types in the City of Essexville: mini parks and neighborhood parks.

Mini Parks

A mini park also known as a pocket park is a small outdoor space usually $\frac{1}{4}$ to 1 acre in size. They serve a concentrated or limited population area or serve a specific function or age group. Mini parks could have amenities that draw people from a greater area but typically serve an area within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile radius.

Neighborhood Parks

Parks in this classification are the most basic park unit of a system and serve as the recreation and social focus of a neighborhood. Neighborhood parks are easily accessible to neighborhood populations and geographically centered within safe walking distance and bike access. Typically, neighborhood parks are five to ten acres in size and can service a population of approximately 5,000 residents.



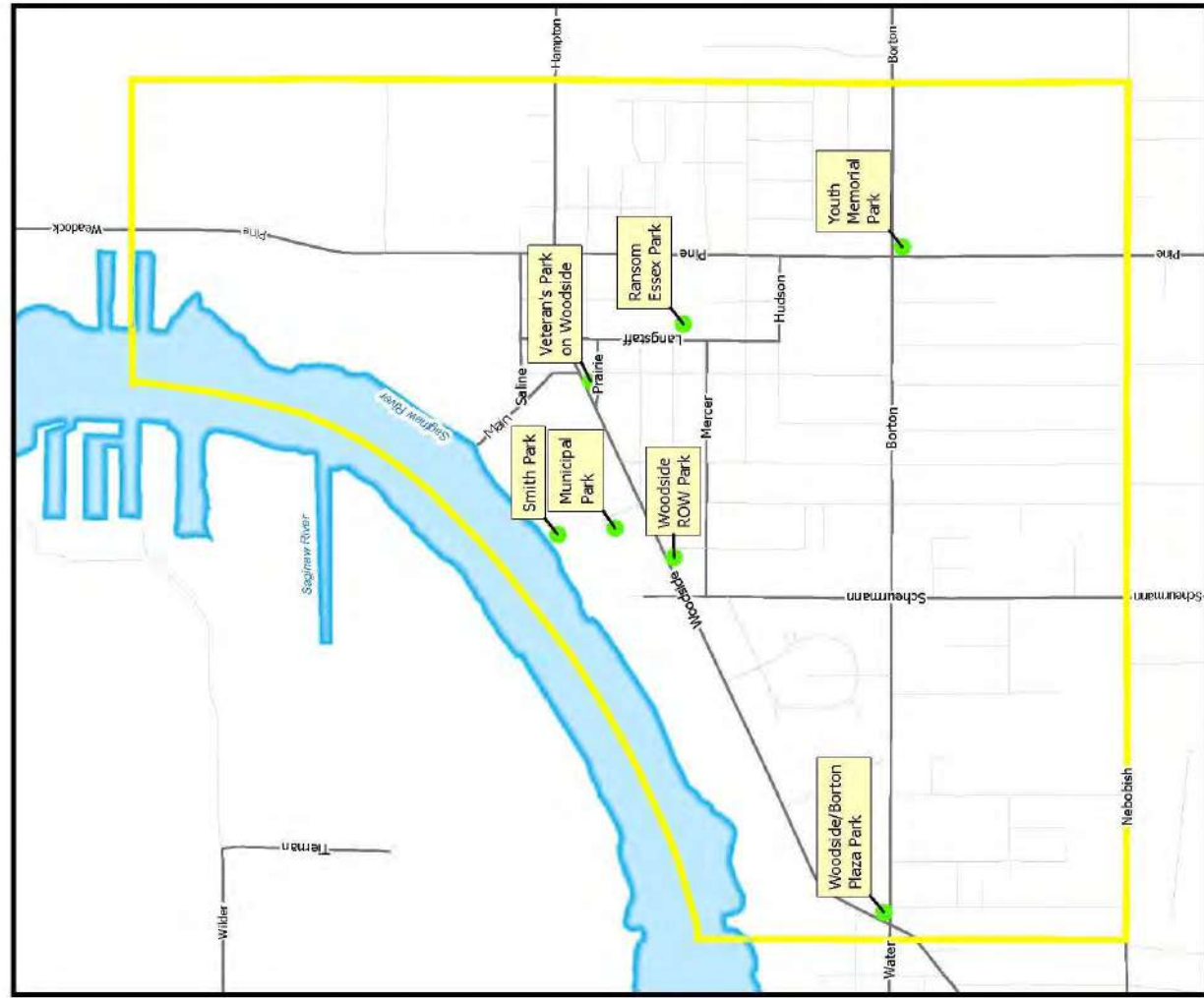
The parks have a service location of $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile distance. National standards recommend one acre of neighborhood parks per 1,000 residents. The national standard for the City is 3.79 acres.

Table 30 – COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

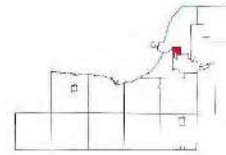
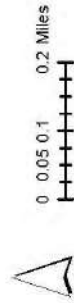
	Standard	Park Acreage	Standard Amount	Deficiency / Excess
Mini Parks	-	1.67	-	+1.67
Neighborhood Parks	1 acres / 1,000 residents	6.13	3.79	+2.34
Total		7.8	3.79	+4.01

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MAP 9 – PARK MAP



Park and Trail Locations in Essexville Michigan



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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The establishment of realistic and agreed upon goals and objectives are essential to the development of attainable long-range plans. Goals serve to guide policies and plan recommendations over the next five years. The primary goal implicit in all other secondary goals is the desire of the officials and citizens of the community to develop and maintain an attractive, pleasant, clean, healthy, and economically stable community environment. The City of Essexville developed goals and objectives for parks and recreation when the plan was adopted. These goals were reviewed and verified for this updated plan.

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. Ensure that all future improvements meet or exceed the minimum ADA standard.
2. Improve barrier-free access to existing recreation facilities.
3. Where possible, strive to meet Universal Design standards with new park amenities and facilities.

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.
3. Promote the development of new recreation programs with active sports facilities and passive / leisure opportunities which are in high demand, innovative, unique or not presently provided.
4. Produce a programming review and restructure activities as necessary to provide residents with convenient, appropriate opportunities.

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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.
2. Promote the redevelopment of vacated lands for recreational use where appropriate.



Goal 5 - Provide more city-wide 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 ice skating rink, dog park and walking paths in Ransom Essex Park.
3. Develop outside gathering areas at the various municipal parks.

Goal 6 - Elevate the cultural qualities of the community, by incorporating visual arts disciplines in parks design and development.

Objectives

1. Whenever feasible, promote and emphasize the unique characteristics of individual neighborhoods and the community, by incorporating artistic, historical and/ or cultural features in park areas.
2. Strengthen relationship with local arts community, to identify opportunities to incorporate art and cultural facilities in park areas.
3. Strengthen relationships with the local arts community, to identify opportunities to incorporate art and cultural features in park areas.

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ACTION PLAN

TABLE 31 – ACTION PLAN

Facility/ Project	Relates to Goal	Priority
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.	1, 3, 4, 5	1
Smith Park – Renovation of Smith Park to include fishing pier and park improvement.	1, 3, 5	1
Hughes Field – Continue to develop the elementary school property as a neighborhood park. Investigate the availability of additional land on the west side of the City to develop into a neighborhood park.	3, 4, 5	1
Develop a seawall and fishing platform at Smith Path.	1	2
Develop an outdoor auditorium (band shell) at Ransom Essex Park.	2, 3, 6	2

GRANT HISTORY

The City of Essexville has received one DNR recreation grant. In 1991, it received \$69,000 from the MNRTF - TF91-254 (boat launch, parking, multi-use courts) for improvements at Smith Park. The improvements are still open and functional.

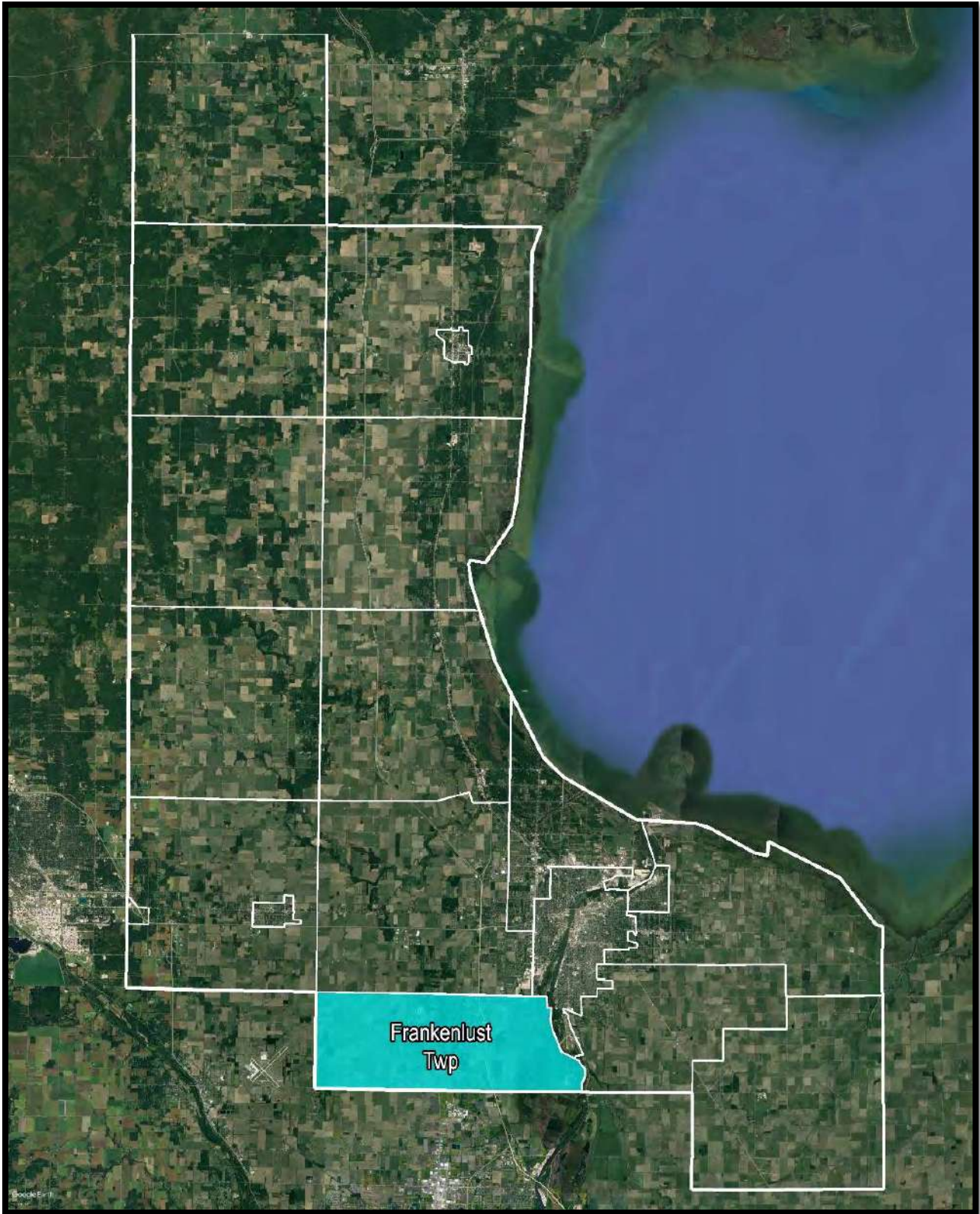
MNRTF - 26-01862 Smith Park, \$148,500 (fishing dock, shoreline stabilization, trail, benches, trashbin)





FRANKENLUST TOWNSHIP

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COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Frankenlust Township is located in southern Bay County, southwest of Bay City. It is one of the County's smaller townships, at 23.05 square miles. The majority of the land in the Township is used for agricultural purposes. There is a significant amount of wetlands in the southeast portion of the Township near the Saginaw River. Bay Valley, Twin Oaks, and Saginaw Valley Golf courses are also located in Frankenlust Township. The Township is the home of Delta College, a community college that was established to serve Saginaw, Midland, and Bay Counties.

According to the 2020 Decennial Census population estimate, Frankenlust Township has 3,672 people.

Other significant demographic data for Frankenlust Township as compared to the county, state, and country is shown in Table 32 on the following page. In general, the Township's residents are older and wealthier than other townships in Bay County, Michigan, and U.S.



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TABLE 32 – FRANKENLUST TOWNSHIP DEMOGRAPHICS

	Frankenlust Township	Bay County	Michigan
Population			
2010 Population	3,562	107,771	9,883,640
2020 Population	3,672	103,856	10,077,331
Percent of Population 65 & Older	25.0%	21.5%	18.7%
Percent of Population Under 18	13.0%	19.3%	21.0%
Percent of Disabled Population	13.4%	15.1%	13.9%
Median Age	48.7	43.8	40.3
Education			
Percent with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher	35.1%	22.4%	32.1%
Income			
Median Household Income	\$84,604	\$55,134	\$66,986
Per Capita Income	\$44,056	\$32,398	\$35,353
Housing			
Average Household Size	2.40	2.20	2.40
Median Housing Values	\$168,800	\$139,900	\$224,400
Owner-Occupied Housing as a percentage of Total Occupied Units	79.5%	74.7%	73.2%

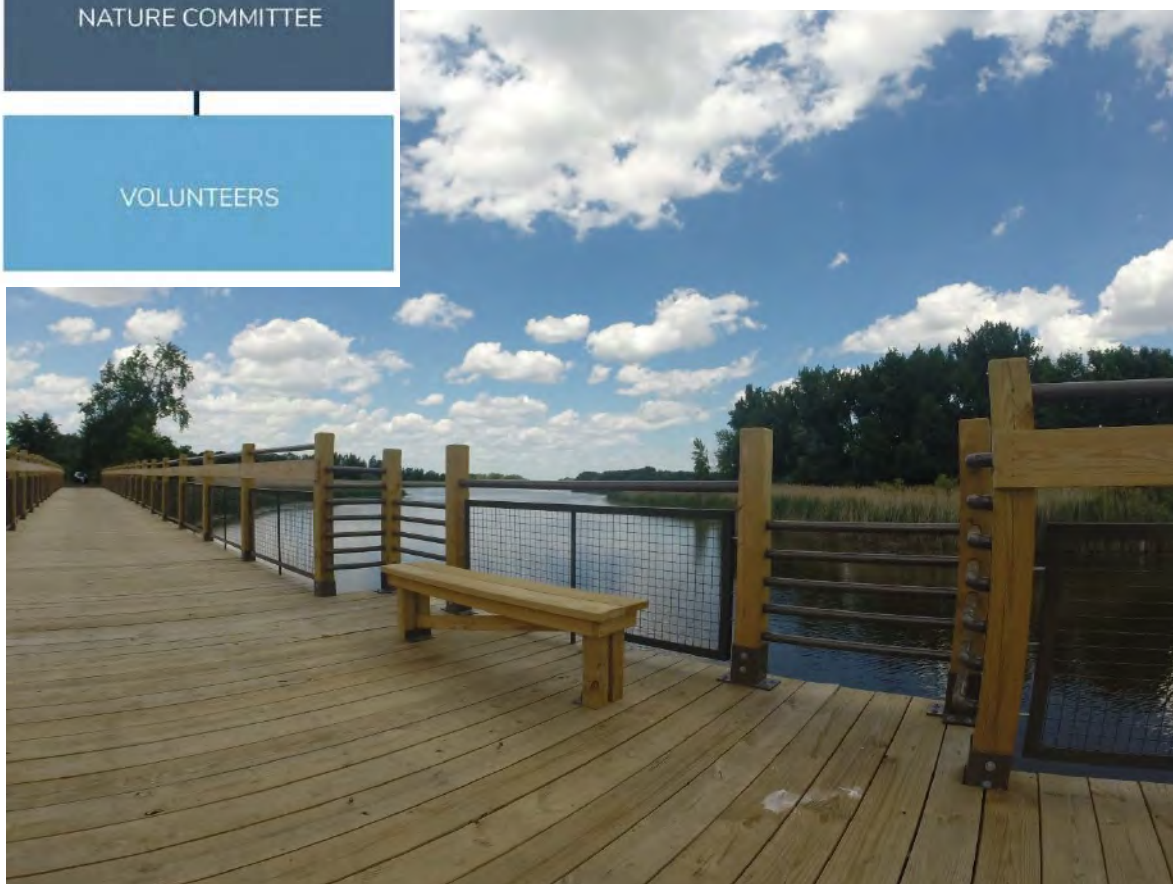
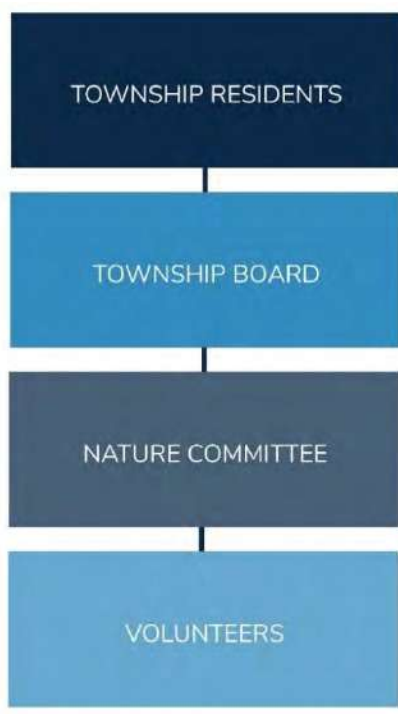


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ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

In Frankenlust Township, the Nature Committee and the Township Board handle the parks and recreation functions. The Nature Committee is made up of four (4) committee members comprised of township residents. They meet monthly from March through November. Their decisions are subject to approval by the Frankenlust Township Board. These residents also serve as volunteers who perform park maintenance activities.

FIGURE 15 – FRANKENLUST TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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PROGRAMMING, VOLUNTEERS, AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS

Frankenlust Township works closely with the Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail (GLBRT) Committee for maintenance of the GLBRT Trail in Frankenlust Township. Currently, the Saginaw County Parks maintains the trail. The Township also maintains relationships with the Chippewa Nature Center and Bay County Community Foundation which recently provided a grant to the Township and held a celebration of the grant funding at the Nature Park. The Frankenlust Township Fire Department annually holds an auto show at the Township Park which attracts residents and visitors alike.

Also, the local amateur radio club hosts an event from June 23rd to June 25th annually to provide licensing exams, discuss technical issues, and swap stories that are meaningful to the hobbyists.



BUDGETS

Funding for parks and recreation functions in Frankenlust Township come from both the general fund and donations. Budgets for the current year are reflected in Table 33 below.

TABLE 33 – FUNDING AND BUDGET

	2022	2023
Operation & Maintenance		
- Township Park	\$15,000	\$10,000
- Nature Park	\$31,000	\$20,000
Programming (leagues, special events, etc.)	-	-
Capital Expenditures	-	-
Total	\$46,000	\$30,000

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RECREATION INVENTORY

Frankenlust Township owns two parks, the Frankenlust Township Park and the Frankenlust Nature Park. The 2023 inventory was completed by updating data from the previous plan. A full list of the park inventory items is listed in Table 34. A park location map is provided on page 159 and a map of the Nature Park is provided on Page 160.

TABLE 34 – RECREATION INVENTORY

	Frankenlust Township Park	Nature Park	GLBRT Trail
Park Type*	Neighborhood Park	Community Park	Park-Trail
Acreage	5.5	23.5	3.5 miles
Accessibility	3	3	5
Service Area	Entire Township	Entire Township	Region
Basketball Court	Yes		
Nature Trail	Yes	Yes	
Pavilion	Yes		
Picnic Area	Yes	Yes	
Waterfront Property		Yes (2 ponds)	
Playground	Yes		
Playfield (open space)	Yes	Yes	
Picnic Area	Yes	Yes	
Restroom (Portable)	Yes	Yes	

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COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

The following classification system is adapted from the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) guide. It categorizes different types of parks based on size, service area, facilities, and user groups. There are two classification types in the Frankenlust Township: neighborhood parks and community parks.

Neighborhood Park

Parks in this classification are the most basic park unit of a system and serve as the recreation and social focus of a neighborhood. Neighborhood parks are easily accessible to neighborhood populations and geographically centered within safe walking distance and bike access. Typically, neighborhood parks are five to ten acres in size and can service a population of approximately 5,000 residents. The parks have a



service location of $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile distance. National standards recommend one acre of neighborhood parks per 1,000 residents. The national standard for the Township is 3.76 acres.

Community Park

Community parks are intended to provide recreational services for several neighborhoods and usually serve a broad range of uses. The typical park size is 30 acres or more. The Township has one park that is classified as a community park. This park is smaller than 30 acres, however, it is included in this category because of the broad population base that it serves and the facilities/intended use of the park. The national classification system recommends five acres per 1,000 residents. The national standard for the Township is 18.36 acres.

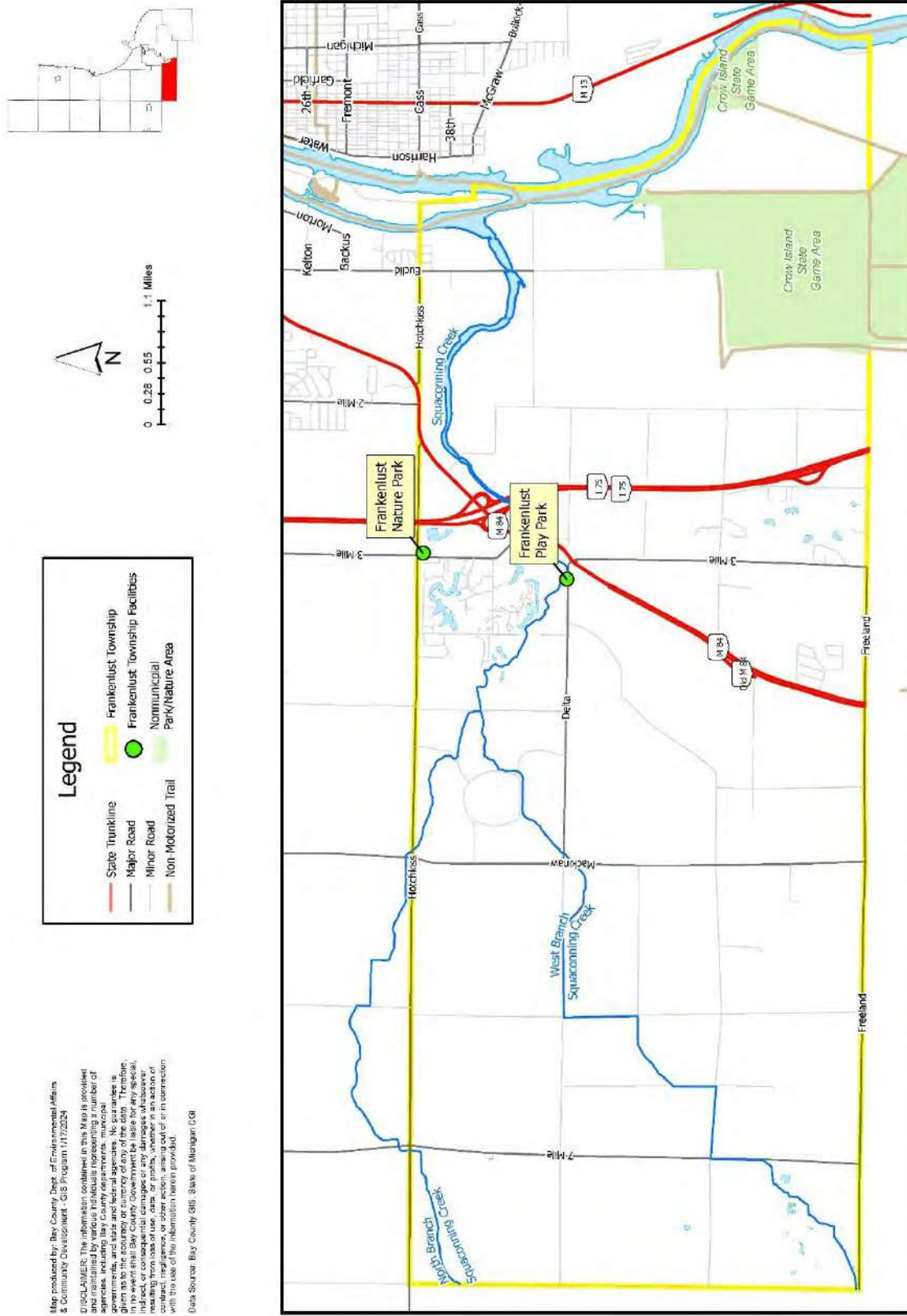
Table 35 – COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

	Standard	Park Acreage	Standard Amount	Deficiency / Excess
Neighborhood Parks	1 acres / 1,000 residents	5.5	3.76	+1.74
Community Parks	5 acres / 1,000 residents	23.5	18.36	+5.14
Total		29	22.12	+6.88

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MAP 10 – PARK MAP

Park and Trail Locations in Frankenlust Township Michigan



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MAP 11 - FRANKENLUST NATURE PARK MAP



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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The establishment of realistic and agreed upon goals and objectives are essential to the development of attainable long-range plans. Goals serve to guide policies and plan recommendations over the next five years. The primary goal implicit in all other secondary goals is the desire of the officials and citizens of the community to develop and maintain an attractive, pleasant, clean, healthy, and economically stable community environment. Frankenlust Township developed goals and objectives for parks and recreation when the past plan was adopted. These goals were reviewed and verified for this updated plan.

Goal 1 – Provide safe, broad, community-based recreation opportunities that improve the overall quality of life for all residents of Frankenlust Township.

Objectives:

1. Provide both passive and active programming for a variety of ages and abilities of the population.
2. Promote the development of new recreation programs with active sports facilities and passive / leisure opportunities which are in high demand, innovative, unique or not presently provided.
3. Identify other recreational resources and the potential for sharing programs with other community-affiliated facilities.

Goal 2 – Develop the Township Park into a family friendly active use park.

Objectives

1. Ensure that all future improvements are ADA accessible.
2. Provide equal recreational opportunities for all residents and visitors regardless of ability level.
3. Improve barrier-free access to existing recreation facilities.

Goal 3 – Develop the Nature Park into a quiet, natural, passive park.



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1. Provide equal recreational opportunities for all residents and visitors regardless of ability level.

ACTION PLAN

TABLE 36 – ACTION PLAN

Facility/ Project	Relates to Goal	Priority
Make the Nature Park more universally accessible including: -Upgrading/Resurfacing of Park Trails and Picnic/Information/Bench/Hammock areas. -Paving and expanding the parking lot. -Installation of an ADA compliant floating fishing pier.	1 & 3	1
Nature Park removal and maintenance of invasive plants/trees.	3	2
Nature Park planting of native plants/trees.	3	3
Nature Park pond shoreline preservation/restoration.	1 & 3	4
Nature Park identification and signage for plants/trees.	3	5



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GRANT HISTORY

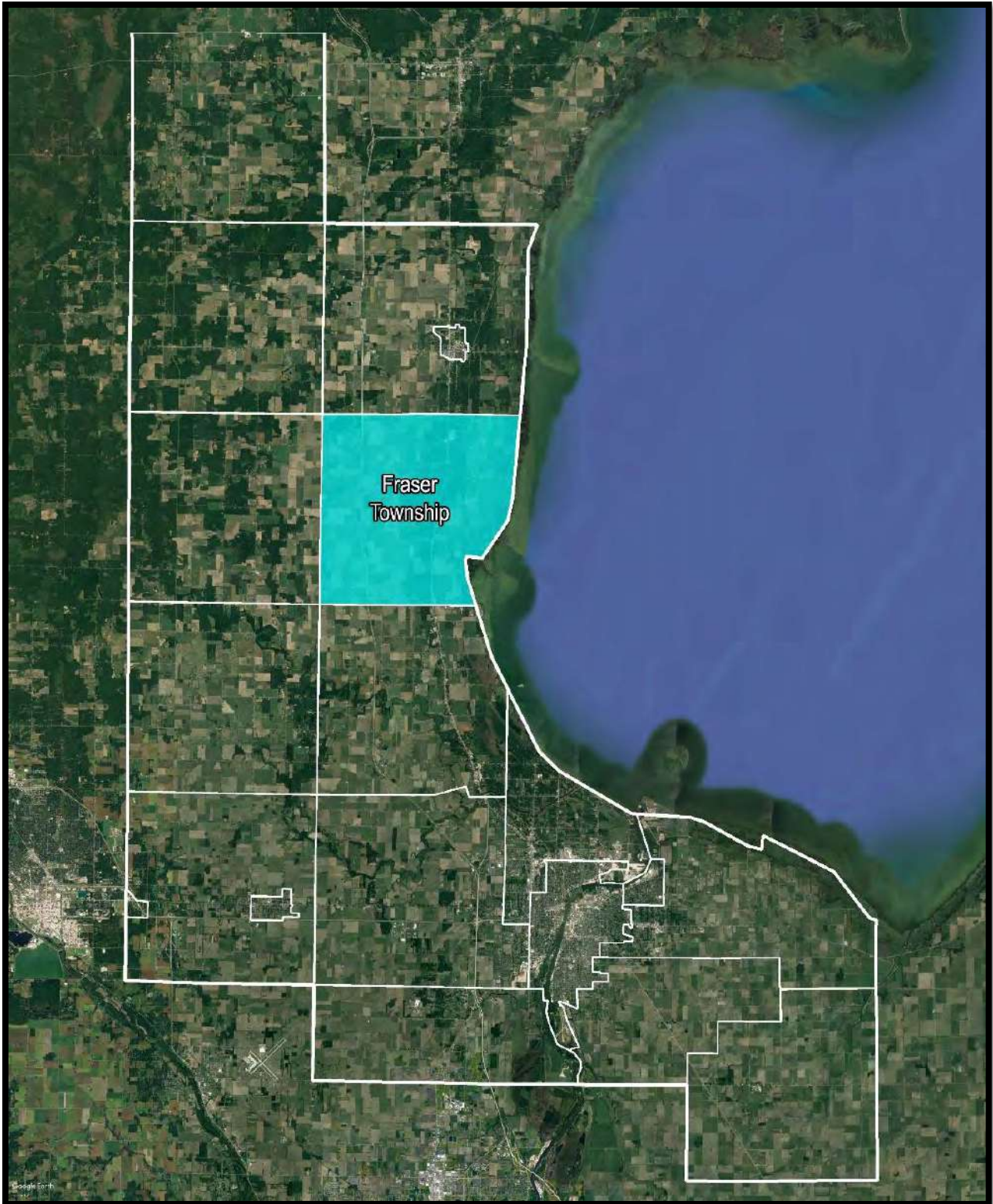
Frankenlust Township has received two DNR grant in the past. The features in each grant are regularly maintained by the GLBRT and Saginaw County. The grants are as follows:

- TF11-089, \$300,000, Rehabilitation of Trail Bridges
- TF14-0234, \$280,000, Great Lakes Bay Region Trail Development



FRASER TOWNSHIP

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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. Large tracts of woodlands are located along M-13 which traverses the east side of the Township from north to south.

According to the 2020 Decennial Census population count, Fraser Township has 2,994 people.

Other significant demographic data for Fraser Township as compared to the county, state, and country is shown in Table 37 on the following page. It is worth noting that Fraser Township's median age is higher than the County and State median age. This is noteworthy as older populations tend to benefit from more passive recreation opportunities such as trails for walking and hiking.



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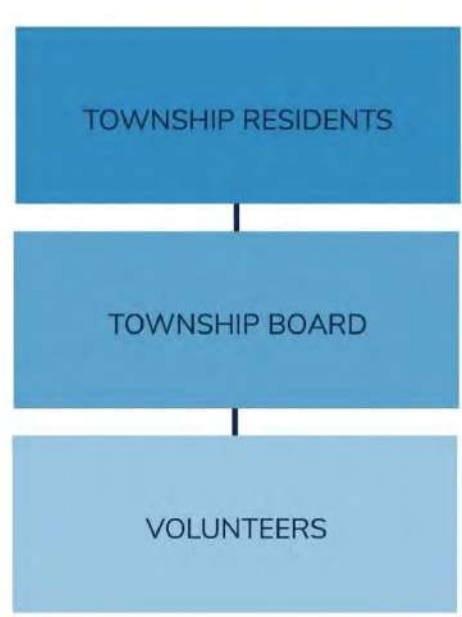
TABLE 37 – FRASER TOWNSHIP DEMOGRAPHICS

	Fraser Township	Bay County	Michigan
Population			
2010 Population	3,192	107,771	9,883,640
2020 Population	2,994	103,856	10,077,331
Percent of Population 65 & Older	21.0%	21.5%	18.7%
Percent of Population Under 18	14.9%	19.3%	21.0%
Percent of Disabled Population	11.3%	15.1%	13.9%
Median Age	48.3	43.8	40.3
Education			
Percent with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher	17.1%	22.4%	32.1%
Income			
Median Household Income	\$59,545	\$55,134	\$66,986
Per Capita Income	\$32,106	\$32,398	\$35,353
Housing			
Average Household Size	2.10	2.20	2.40
Median Housing Values	\$125,300	\$139,900	\$224,400
Owner-Occupied Housing as percentage of Total Occupied Units	94.9%	74.7%	73.2%

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 has no recreation programming of its own. There are three to four volunteers in the community who assist with coaching youth sports and assist with the maintenance of fields.

FIGURE 16 – FRASER TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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PROGRAMMING, VOLUNTEERS, AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS

Volunteers coach youth sports in the community. The local school district uses soccer fields at the Township Park for practice. The Township Park also serves as a storage area for football equipment for Pinconning Linwood Area Youth Football. Fishing tournaments are held at the Linwood Scenic Point Park on a regular basis. The following youth sports utilize the Township park facilities: girls youth softball teams, t-Ball leagues, youth flag football leagues, and youth soccer leagues.

BUDGETS

The source of funding for the park and recreation budget in Fraser Township is the Township general fund. Current and prior year parks and recreation budgets are shown in Table 39.

TABLE 38 – FUNDING AND BUDGET

	2022	2023
Operation & Maintenance	\$16,500	\$20,000
Programming (leagues, special events, etc.)	-	-
Capital Expenditures	\$38,000	\$39,000
Total	\$54,500	\$59,000

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RECREATION INVENTORY

Fraser Township updated its existing inventory based on the past Plan. Fraser Township has two parks which are inventoried in the chart below. It also leases a trail from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources that has recently been developed as part of the Iron Belle Trail. 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.

TABLE 39 – RECREATION INVENTORY

	Township Park	Linwood Road Scenic Park	Iron Belle Trail
Park Type*	Community Park	Special Use Park	Railtrail
Acreage	80	0.8	3.5 miles
Accessibility*	3	2	3
Service Area	Entire Township	Bay County	Fraser Township
Boat Launch		Yes	
Football/Soccer Fields	Yes		
Ball Diamonds	2		
Pavilion	Yes		
Grills	2		
Picnic Area	Yes	Yes	
Restrooms	2		
Playground	Yes		
Playfield (open space)	Yes		
Kayak Launch		Yes	
Waterfront Property		Yes (500')	

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COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

The following classification system is adapted from the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) guide. It categorizes different types of parks based on size, service area, facilities, and user groups. There are two classification types in the Fraser Township: neighborhood parks and special use parks.

Community Park

Community parks are intended to provide recreational services for several neighborhoods and usually serve a broad range of uses. The typical park size is 30 acres or more. The Township has one park that is classified as a community park. The national classification system recommends five acres per 1,000 residents. The national standard for the Township is 14.97 acres.

Special Use Facility

Special use parks / facilities cover a broad range of park and recreation facilities oriented toward single-purpose use. There is no national standard for special use facilities.

Table 40 – COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

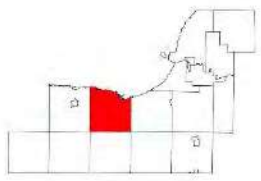
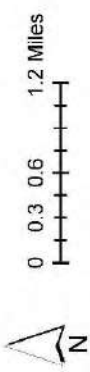
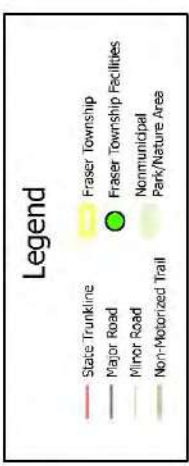
	Standard	Park Acreage	Standard Amount	Deficiency / Excess
Neighborhood Parks	5 acres / 1,000 residents	80	14.97	+65.03
Special Use Parks	-	0.8	-	+0.8
Total		80.8	14.97	+65.83

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MAP 12 – PARK MAP



Park and Trail Locations in Fraser Township Michigan



Map produced by Bay County Dept. of Environmental Affairs & Community Development - GIS Program 11/7/2024

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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The establishment of realistic and agreed upon goals and objectives are essential to the development of attainable long-range plans. Goals serve to guide policies and plan recommendations over the next five years. The primary goal implicit in all other secondary goals is the desire of the officials and citizens of the community to develop and maintain an attractive, pleasant, clean, healthy, and economically stable community environment. Fraser Township developed goals and objectives for parks and recreation when the past plan was adopted. These goals were reviewed and verified for this updated plan.

Goal 1 – Provide a safe place for children to play.

Objective

1. Maintain recreational playground equipment for children that complies with current safety standards.

Goal 2 – Improve existing park facilities so as to provide recreational facilities that the entire community can be proud of and increase usage.

Objective

1. Work with the local community to bring more youth sports to our recreational facilities.

Goal 3 – Complete the Linwood scenic Point Park project.

Objectives:

1. Work on improvements to Linwood Scenic Point Park which include a seawall, greenspace, picnic area, and water access to Lake Huron.

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ACTION PLAN

Based on the goals, objectives, and community input, Fraser Township has identified the following items to be priority items in its action plan.

TABLE 41 – ACTION PLAN

Facility/ Project	Relates to Goal	Priority
Develop improvements at Linwood Scenic Point Park	3	1
Add information about the Township park and recreation opportunities on the Township website.	1	1

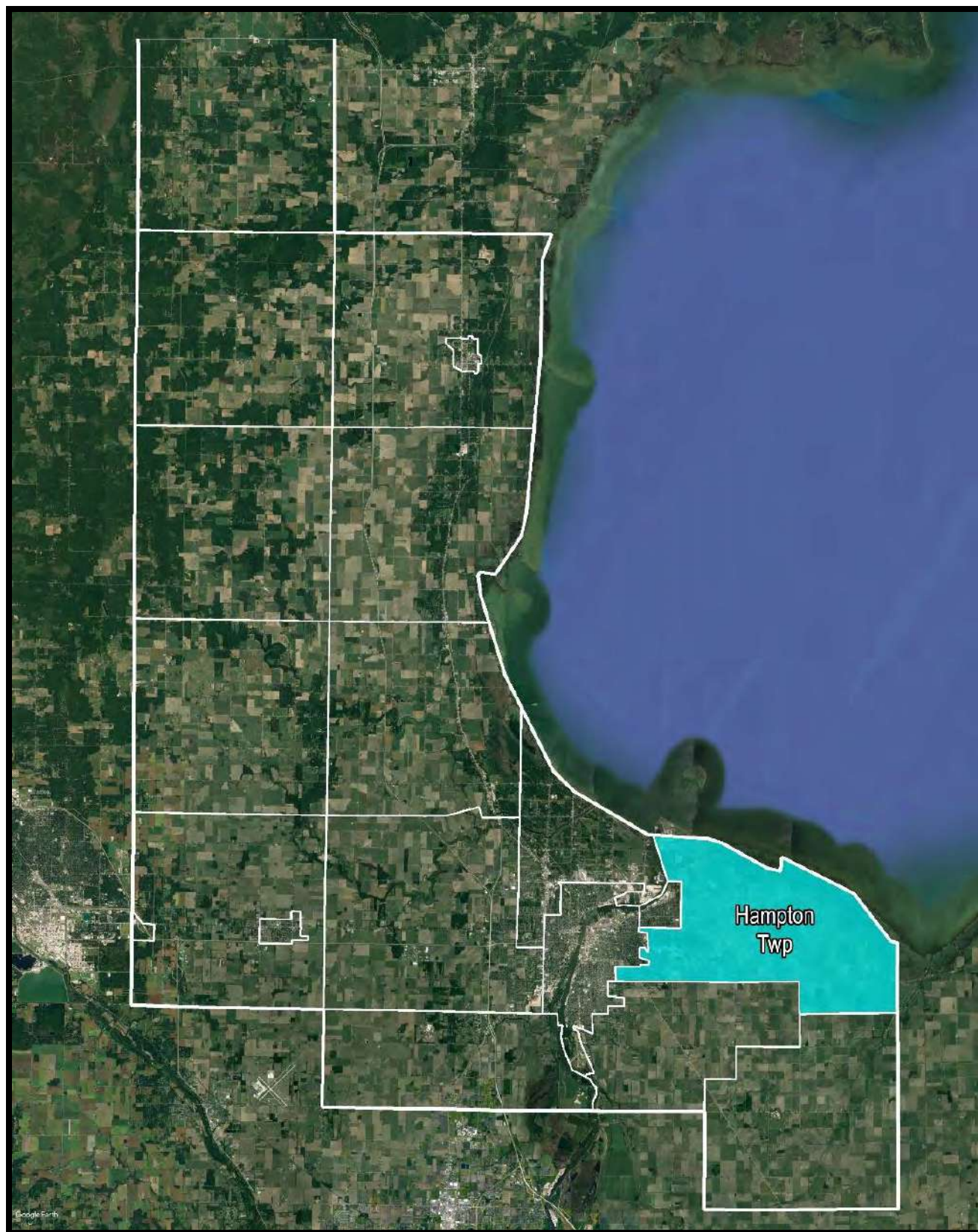
GRANT HISTORY

Fraser Township has received one DNR grant for Linwood Scenic Point Park in the past. A summary of the grant is listed below:

- 26-01859, \$201,400, Development of a great lakes scenic access site (kayak launch, picnic tables, renovated parking, access pathway, and others)



HAMPTON TOWNSHIP



CHAPTER 7 HAMPTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Hampton Charter Township is located in southeast 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, serving as an extension of Bay City. This area features several apartment complexes and senior living centers. The shoreline is dotted with wetlands that serve as habitat for wildlife and waterfowl. 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.

The population of Hampton Charter Township is 9,695, according to the 2020 Decennial census population count. Other significant demographic data for Hampton Charter Township as compared to the county, state, and country is shown in Table 42 on the following page.



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TABLE 42 – HAMPTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP DEMOGRAPHICS

	Hampton Charter Township	Bay County	Michigan
Population			
2010 Population	9,652	107,771	9,883,640
2020 Population	9,695	103,856	10,077,331
Percent of Population 65 & Older	26.3%	21.5%	18.7%
Percent of Population Under 18	17.1%	19.3%	21.0%
Percent of Disabled Population	16.9%	15.1%	13.9%
Median Age	48	43.8	40.3
Education			
Percent with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher	20.0%	22.4%	32.1%
Income			
Median Household Income	\$42,803	\$55,134	\$66,986
Per Capita Income	\$29,259	\$32,398	\$35,353
Housing			
Average Household Size	2.10	2.20	2.40
Median Housing Values	\$151,200	\$139,900	\$224,400
Owner-Occupied Housing as percentage of Total Occupied Units	63.0%	74.7%	73.2%

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ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

The three-member Department of Public Works (DPW) staff is responsible for operating and maintaining the parks in Hampton Charter Township. Additionally, a full-time manager is hired for Finn Road Park during the summer months. The Township Board of Trustees is advised by the Hampton Charter Township Parks Committee regarding park-related issues.

FIGURE 17 – HAMPTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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PROGRAMMING, VOLUNTEERS, AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS

Hampton Charter Township has a good working relationship with the Essexville-Hampton School District in terms of parks and recreation facilities. The Hampton Charter Township DPW staff maintains the fields at Pondside Park for practice fields.

Hampton Charter 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, improving, and 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.

There are several events hosted in Hampton Charter Township parks throughout the year. The Bay City Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 103 holds an annual fundraising run/walk, Runnin' with the Law, through the Hampton Charter Township Nature Trail. Another run / walk race, the Eagle by the Bay Race Series, is held at the Hampton Charter Township Nature Trail annually as well. The Saginaw Bay Cooperative Invasive Species (CISMA) periodically holds educational events at the Finn Road Park Boat Launch. CISMA distributes materials at these events depicting boat cleaning practices to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

BUDGETS

The sources of funding for parks and recreation in Hampton Charter Township are the Township's general fund, campground fees, Finn Road Boat Launch fees, and pavilion rentals. The current and previous year's parks and recreation budgets are shown below.

TABLE 43 – FUNDING AND BUDGET

	2022	2023
Operation & Maintenance	\$170,000	\$160,000
Programming (leagues, special events, etc.)	-	-
Capital Expenditures	\$5,000	\$640,000
Total	\$175,000	\$800,000

RECREATION INVENTORY

Hampton Charter 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. Hampton

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Charter Township reviewed its inventory from the 2019 Recreation Plan and updated it accordingly. The parks inventoried for Hampton Charter Township are found on the following pages.

TABLE 44 – RECREATION INVENTORY

	Bay-Hampton Rail Trail	Ridge Road Park	Pondside Park	Finn Road Campground	Jones Road Park	Nature Trail	Wood Memorial Park
Park Type*	PT	NP	CP	SUP	SUP	PT	MP
Acreage /Distance	1 mile	6 acres	30 acres	12 acres	3 acres	3.5 miles	1.4 acres
Accessibility*	4	2	2	3	2	4	2
Accessibility Comment	N/A	No ADA- marked parking. Lacking paths to amenities	No ADA- marked parking. Lacking paths to amenities	Restroom is not fully accessible	No ADA- mark ed parki ng	N/A	Restroom is not fully accessible
Service Area	C	NP	ET	ET	ET	ET	Bay County Riverwalk
Ball Diamond		Yes	2				
Multi-use Path	Yes			Yes		Yes	
Pavilion		2	Yes	Yes			Yes
Tennis Courts			4				
Playground		Yes	Yes	Yes			
Basketball Court			Yes				
Sledding Hill		Yes	Yes				
Picnic Area		Yes		Yes			
Restrooms	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
Open Playfield		Yes	Yes	Yes			
Campground				57 sites			
Boat Launch				Yes	Yes		
Overlook Platform				Yes	Yes		
Saginaw Bay Access				Yes	Yes		
Other	Benches	Grills, horseshoes	Pond	Grills, benches			

N – Neighborhood, ET – Entire Township, C – County; MP – Mini Park, NP – Neighborhood, CP – Community, SUP – Special Use Park, PT – Park Trail

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COMPARISON TO STANDARD

The following classification system is adapted from the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) guide. It categorizes different types of parks based on size, service area, facilities, and user groups. There are two classification types in the City of Auburn: neighborhood parks and community parks.

Mini Park

A mini park, also known as a pocket park, is a small outdoor space, usually $\frac{1}{4}$ to 1 acre in size. They serve a concentrated or limited population area or serve a specific function or age group. Mini parks could have amenities that draw people from a greater area but typically serve an area within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile radius.



Neighborhood Park

Parks in this classification are the most basic park unit of a system and serve as the recreation and social focus of a neighborhood. Neighborhood parks are easily accessible to neighborhood populations and geographically centered within safe walking distance and bike access. Typically, neighborhood parks are five to ten acres in size and can service a population of approximately 5,000 residents. The parks have a service location of $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile distance. National standards recommend one acre of neighborhood parks per 1,000 residents. The national standard for the Township is 9.69 acres.

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Community Park

Community parks are intended to provide recreational services for several neighborhoods and usually serve a broad range of uses. The typical park size is 30 acres or more. The Township has one park that is classified as a community park. The national classification system recommends five acres per 1,000 residents. The national standard for the Township is 48.48 acres.

Special Use Facility

Special use parks / facilities cover a broad range of park and recreation facilities oriented toward single-purpose use. There is no national standard for special use facilities.

TABLE 45 – COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

	Standard	Park Acreage	Standard Amount	Deficiency / Excess
Mini Parks	-	1.4	-	+1.4
Neighborhood Parks	1 acres / 1,000 residents	6	9.69	-3.69
Community Parks	5 acres / 1,000 residents	30	48.48	-18.48
Special Use Parks	-	15	-	+15
Total		52.4	58.17	-5.77

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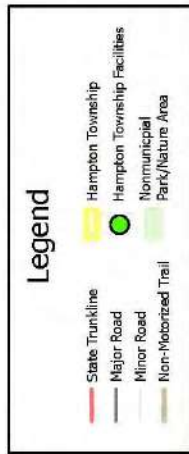
MAP 13 – PARK MAP

Park and Trail Locations in Hampton Township Michigan

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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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Goal 1 – Provide safe, broad, community-based recreation opportunities that improve the overall quality of life for all residents of Hampton Charter Township.

Objectives:

1. Incorporate barrier-free elements in future park improvements.
2. Develop programs for special needs populations.
3. Continue to team with and/or seek community input from organizations and individuals who are disabled or have experience with people with disabilities to appropriately design facilities and address the needs of special needs populations.

Goal 2 – Provide recreational opportunities for people with disabilities.

Objectives

1. Develop programs for special needs population.
2. Ensure that improvements and upgrades to parks meet or exceed the minimum ADA standard.
3. Where possible, strive to meet Universal Design standards with new park amenities and facilities.

Goal 3 – Develop a non-motorized trail network in Hampton Charter Township.

Objective

1. Expand the unpaved Nature Trail and a portion of the paved Bay County Railtrail/Riverwalk.
2. Link parks, schools, downtown, and other traffic generators through a network of paved paths.
3. Work with local community and neighborhood groups and to explore linkage strategies.

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Goal 4 – Acquire more park-land as needed and as it becomes available.

Objective

1. Expand Finn Road Park and Campground to provide more activities for the public and to accommodate parking demands.

Goal 5 – improve communication with residents regarding parks and recreation facilities and programming.

Objectives

1. Improve the Township's Parks and Recreation website page and promote the parks on social media and newsletters.
2. Develop a brochure that describes the parks in Hampton Charter Township.

Goal 6 - Provide recreational facilities that take advantage of the water based natural resources in Hampton Charter Township.

Objectives

1. Add shore fishing facilities in Hampton Charter Township.
2. Develop swimming access points in Hampton Charter Township.
3. Improve and maintain the access areas to the Saginaw Bay for boating, fishing, and other recreational activities by removing sediment buildup from boat launches and in channels.

Goal 7 – provide quality leisure time activities with special consideration given to activities improving health and fitness.

Objectives:

1. Provide both passive and active programming for a variety of ages and abilities of the population.
2. Promote the development of new recreation programs with active sports facilities and passive / leisure opportunities which are in high demand, innovative, unique, or not presently provided.
3. Produce a programming review and restructure activities as necessary to provide residents with convenient, appropriate opportunities.

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ACTION PLAN

TABLE 46 – ACTION PLAN

Facility/ Project	Relates to Goal	Priority
Consider options for open space at Pondside Park since removing the tennis courts	1, 2, 7	1
Upgrade the playground equipment for various age groups at Pondside Park. The existing playground equipment is old, outdated, and potentially unsafe	1, 2, 7	1
Add a pavilion and fire pit area by the sledding hill at Pondside Park	1, 2, 7	1
Completely renovate existing baseball diamonds at Pondside Park	1, 2, 7	2
Upgrade the parking lots at Pondside Park	1, 2, 7	2
Relocate and upgrade the playground equipment at Finn Road Park for public access. The existing playground equipment in the campground is old, outdated, and potentially unsafe	1, 2, 6, 7	1
Upgrade the gravel parking lot at Finn Road Park	1, 2, 4, 6, 7	2
Work with the DNR to obtain additional property south of the campground for expansion	1, 2, 4, 6, 7	3
Upgrade the trail between Finn Road and Jones Road Park. New gravel is needed	1, 6, 7	2
Increase parking at Finn Road Park	1, 2, 4, 6, 7	2
Add canoe/kayak launch in the Finn Road Park boat launch area	1, 2, 4, 6, 7	1
Upgrade playground equipment at Ridge Road Park. The existing playground equipment is old, outdated, and potentially unsafe	1, 2, 7	2
Upgrade the gravel parking lot at Jones Road Park	1, 6, 7	3

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GRANT HISTORY

Hampton Charter Township has received six DNR Recreation Grants for acquisition of or improvements to its parks. All projects are open and functional, with the exceptions as noted below.

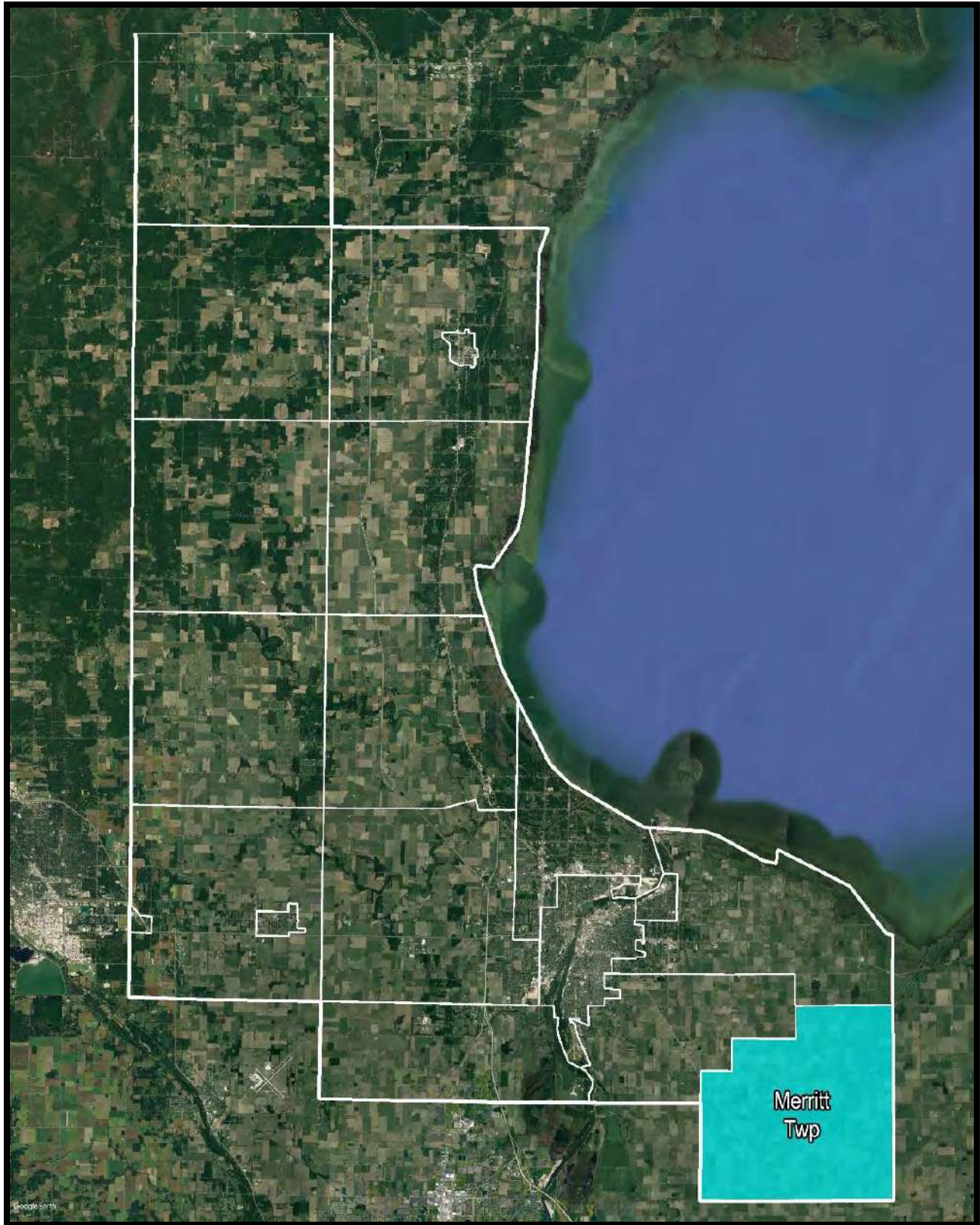
- LWCF 26-00460 – \$30,011, acquisition of 10 acres for Finn Road Park
- LWCF26-00801 – \$34,783, Development, Pondside Park Improvements (tennis courts, lights, fence removed due to safety issues, seeking funding opportunities for new recreation activities.)
- TF26-01464 – \$99,000, Development, Finn Road Park Improvements (campsites, pavilion, playground, restrooms, sanitary water, lighting, and fence)
- BF90-041 – \$53,600, Development, Hampton Railtrail (trail)
- TF00-063 – \$130,800, Expansion of Finn Road Park (Acquisition – Acquire 26 acres)
- TF15-0011 – \$182,300, Development, Finn Road Park Improvements (nature path, observation tower, seating, interpretive signs, trailhead, boat launch improvements, parking)
- TF22-0176, - \$253,00, Development, Finn Road Park (path, playground, fence, benches, parking, trash bins, rain garden)





MERRITT TOWNSHIP

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COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Merritt Township is located at the southeast corner of Bay County, south of Hampton Charter and southeast of Portsmouth Township. It contains the unincorporated community of Munger. The land in Merritt Township is largely rural and agricultural.

The population of Merritt Township is 1,352, according to the 2020 Decennial Census population count. It is the smallest township, in terms of population, in Bay County.

Other significant demographic data for Merritt Township as compared to the county and state is shown in Table 47 below.

TABLE 47 – MERRITT TOWNSHIP DEMOGRAPHICS

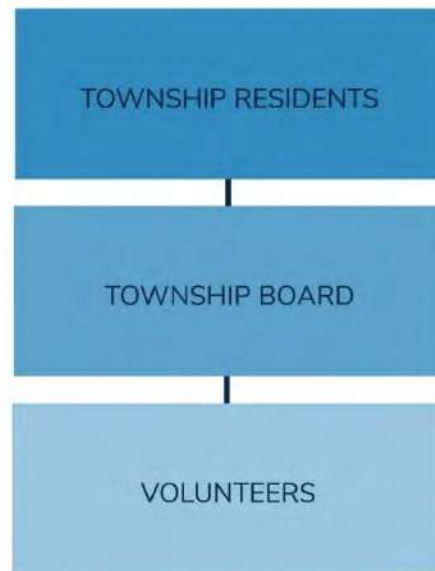
	Merritt Township	Bay County	Michigan
Population			
2010 Population	1,441	107,771	9,883,640
2021 Population	1,352	103,856	10,077,331
Percent of Population 65 & Older	18.0%	21.7%	18.1%
Percent of Population Under 18	18.9%	20.9%	24%
Percent of Disabled Population	11.8%	13%	14.2%
Median Age	44.6	43.9	40.2
Education			
Percent with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher	19.8%	19.9%	31.7%
Income			
Median Household Income	\$70,714	\$55,134	\$59,234
Per Capita Income	\$32,238	\$33,245	\$34,768
Housing			
Average Household Size	2.60	2.24	2.54
Median Housing Values	\$121,500	\$115,200	\$162,600
Owner-Occupied Housing as percentage of Total Occupied Units	89.5%	22.5%	26.8%

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ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Parks and recreation functions in Merritt Township are administered by the Township Board. The Park is maintained by the assistance of volunteer firemen, approximately 20 to 25 people.

FIGURE 18 – MERRITT TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



PROGRAMMING, VOLUNTEERS, AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS

The Township works closely with the Munger Volunteer Fireman Corporation which assists with many functions including administering the summer ball program for boys and girls.

Approximately 20 to 25 volunteers assist with the youth ball program each year. In addition, volunteers assist with routine maintenance of the Township Park including mowing grass and trash pickup.

CHAPTER 7 MERRITT TOWNSHIP

BUDGETS

The source of funding for the park and recreation budget in Merritt Township is the Township general fund and donations. The current and next year's parks and recreation budgets are shown in Table 49.

TABLE 48 – FUNDING AND BUDGET

	2023	2024
Operation & Maintenance	\$5,000	\$5,000
Programming (leagues, special events, etc.)	-	-
Capital Expenditures	\$1,500	\$1,500
Total	\$6,500	\$6,500



BAY COUNTY AREA PARKS AND RECREATION

CHAPTER 7 MERRITT TOWNSHIP

RECREATION INVENTORY

Merritt Township has one park, Habina Park. The Township reviewed the inventory from the 2019 plan and updated it accordingly. The park inventory is reflected in Table 50 below.

TABLE 49 – RECREATION INVENTORY

Habina Park	
Park Type*	Neighborhood
Acreage	18
Accessibility*	4
Service Area	Entire Township
Ball Diamond	2
Multi-use Path	$\frac{3}{4}$ mile
Pavilion	Yes
Picnic Area	Yes
Restrooms	Yes
Playfield (open space)	Yes
Soccer Field	Yes
Tennis/Pickleball Court	Yes
Basketball Court	Yes
Playground	Yes



CHAPTER 7 MERRITT TOWNSHIP

COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

The following classification system is adapted from the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) guide. It categorizes different types of parks based on size, service area, facilities, and user groups. There is one (1) classification type in the Merritt Township: neighborhood park.

Neighborhood Park

Parks in this classification are the most basic park unit of a system and serve as the recreation and social focus of a neighborhood. Neighborhood parks are easily accessible to neighborhood populations and geographically centered within safe walking distance and bike access. Typically, neighborhood parks are five to ten acres in size and can service a population of approximately 5,000 residents. The parks have a service location of ¼ to ½ mile distance. National standards recommend one acre of neighborhood parks per 1,000 residents. The national standard for the City is 1.35 acres.



TABLE 50 – COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

	Standard	Park Acreage	Standard Amount	Deficiency / Excess
Neighborhood Parks	1 acres / 1,000 residents	18	1.35	+16.65
Total		18	1.35	+16.65

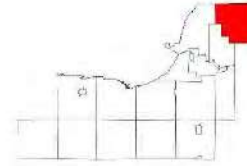
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MAP 14 – PARK MAP

Park and Trail Locations in Merritt Township Michigan



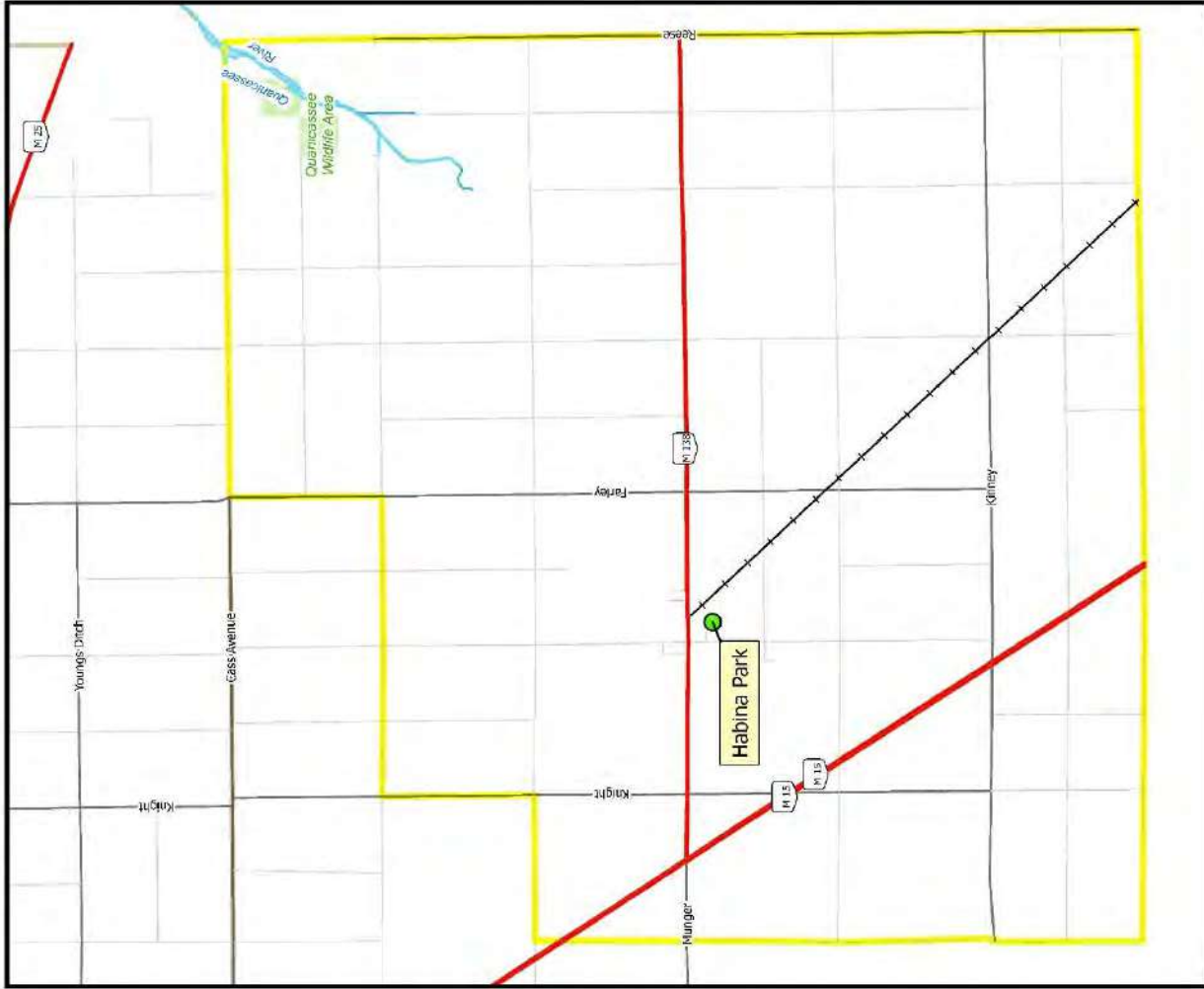
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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The establishment of realistic and agreed-upon goals and objectives are essential to the development of attainable long-range plans. Goals serve to guide policies and plan recommendations over the next five years. The primary goal implicit in all other secondary goals is the desire of the officials and citizens of the community to develop and maintain an attractive, pleasant, clean, healthy, and economically stable community environment. Merritt Township developed goals and objectives for parks and recreation when the past plan was adopted. These goals were reviewed and verified for this updated plan.

Goal 1 – Provide a park that the community can be proud of.

Objectives:

1. Assess and plan for the future of the Parks and Recreation facilities on a regular basis.
2. Maintain, assess, develop and preserve the park lands and facilities in order to provide for the needs of present and future generations.
3. Develop facilities and recreation activities that will attract tourists and visitors to the Township.

Goal 2 – Provide a safe trail system that will promote health and fitness for Township residents.

Objectives:

1. Link parks, schools, and other traffic generators through a network of paved paths.
2. Work with local community and neighborhood groups and to explore linkage strategies.

Goal 3 – Provide family friendly activities in the park.

1. Improve existing facilities to facilitate more family-friendly opportunities in the park.

Goal 4 – Provide recreational opportunities for people of all abilities.

Objectives:

1. Ensure that improvements and upgrades to park facilities meet or exceed the minimum ADA standards and are designed with Universal Access principles in mind, where feasible.
2. Build more paved connections from parking areas, pavilions, activity areas, and park attractions.
3. Incorporate barrier-free elements in future park improvements.

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ACTION PLAN

TABLE 51 – ACTION LIST

Facility/ Project	Relates to Goal	Priority
Provide a non-motorized walking trail between Reese and Munger.	2	1
Provide a non-motorized walking trail between Munger and Bay City.	2	1
Update youth softball equipment.	1, 3	2
Upgrade restroom facilities.	1	3

GRANT HISTORY

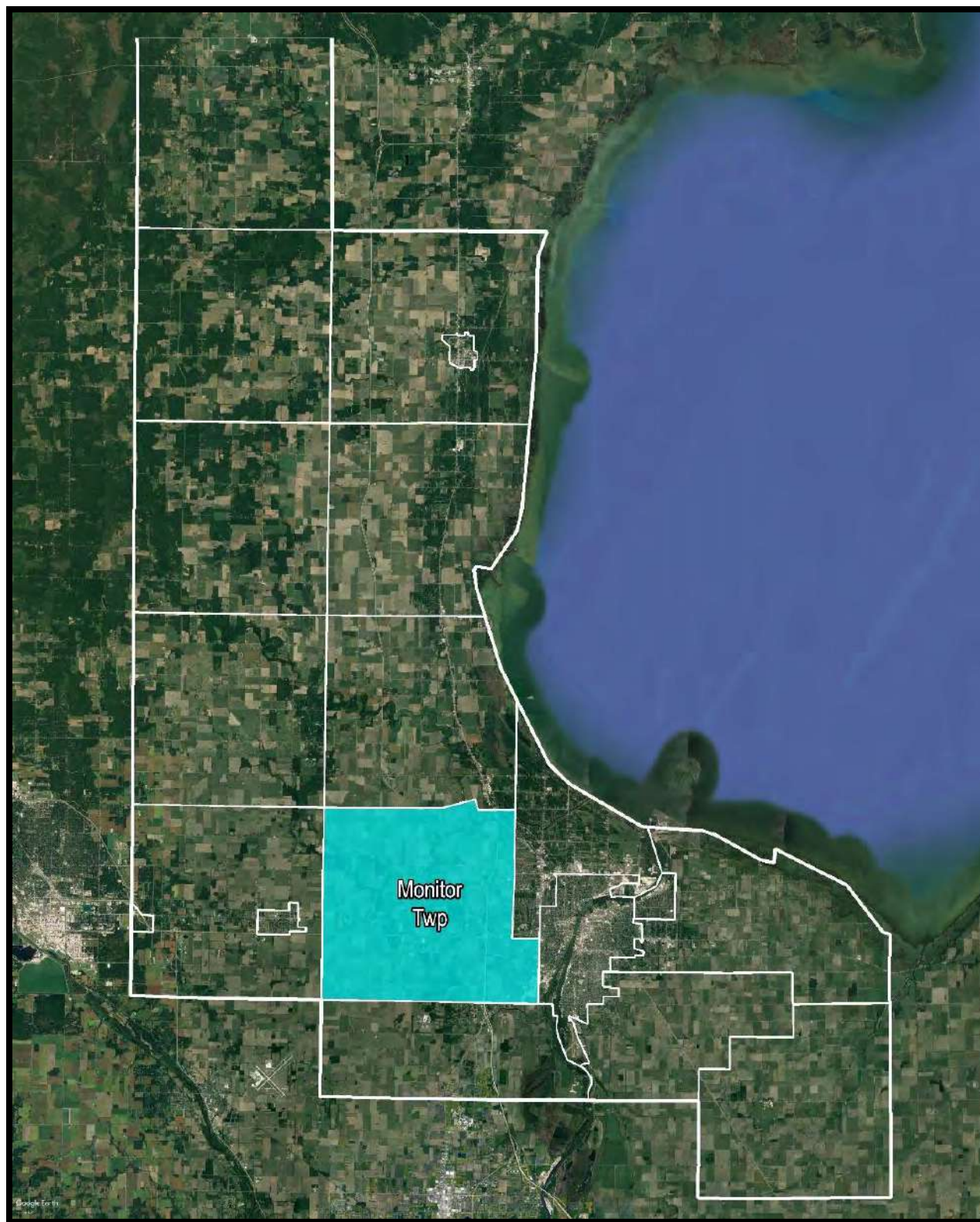
Merritt Township has received two recreation grants in the past 10 years. All improvements are still open and functional. See below for additional details on grants received by Merritt Township:

- RP13-462 – \$45,000, Development, Habina Park (playground and sidewalk)
- MNRTF 26-01747 – \$50,000, Development, Habina Park (tennis/pickleball court, basketball court, parking)





MONITOR TOWNSHIP



CHAPTER 7 MONITOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Monitor Charter Township is located west of the City of Bay City and Bangor Charter Township. It is largely rural and agricultural in nature, with more densely used residential and commercial lands located on the east side of the Township, adjacent to Bay City. It is the home of Bay City's Michigan Sugar Company factory as well as the Valley Center Technology Park.

The population of Monitor Charter Township is 10,687, according to the 2020 Decennial Census population count. It is the second largest Township in the county, in terms of population, with Bangor Township being the largest.

Other significant demographic data for Monitor as compared to the county and state is shown in Table 53 on the following page.



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TABLE 52– MONITOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP DEMOGRAPHICS

	Monitor Charter Township	Bay County	Michigan
Population			
2010 Population	10,735	107,771	9,883,640
2020 Population	10,687	103,856	10,077,331
Percent of Population 65 & Older	26.4%	21.5%	18.7%
Percent of Population Under 18	20.9%	19.3%	21.0%
Percent of Disabled Population	11.6%	15.1%	13.9%
Median Age	50	43.8	40.3
Education			
Percent with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher	25.1%	22.4%	32.1%
Income			
Median Household Income	\$70,405	\$55,134	\$66,986
Per Capita Income	\$35,143	\$32,398	\$35,353
Housing			
Average Household Size	2.40	2.20	2.40
Median Housing Values	\$155,000	\$139,900	\$224,400
Owner-Occupied Housing as percentage of Total Occupied Units	91.0%	74.7%	73.2%

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ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Parks and recreation functions in Monitor Charter Township are administered by the seven-member Township Board. One part-time employee maintains the two parks in the Township. This employee performs custodian and grounds maintenance work at both parks and reports to the Township Supervisor.

FIGURE 19 – MONITOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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BUDGETS

The source of funding for the parks and recreation budget in Monitor Charter Township primarily consists of the Township's general fund. In recent years, the Township has also contributed ARPA funding to improve Steih Park. The 2022 and 2023 budget data is shown in Table 53 below.

TABLE 53 – FUNDING AND BUDGET

	2022	2023
Operation & Maintenance	\$26,738	\$53,343
Programming (leagues, special events, etc.)		
Capital Expenditures		\$227,000
Total	\$26,738	\$280,343



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RECREATION INVENTORY

The Township reviewed the inventory from the 2019 Plan and updated it accordingly. Monitor Charter Township has two parks that comprise 22.5 acres. They are inventoried in Table 54 below:

TABLE 54 – RECREATION INVENTORY

	Monitor Park	Steih Park
Park Type	Community Park	Community Park
Acreage	21.25	1.24
Accessibility*	4	5
Accessibility Comment		2023 Improvements have upgraded the park to meet the standards of universal accessibility.
Ball Diamonds	2	
Non-Regulation Ball	2	
Canoe Launch		Universally accessible
Dog Waste Stations	Yes	
Grills	3	
Horseshoe Pits	4	
Pavilion	Yes	Yes
Picnic Area	Yes	Yes
Playfield	Yes	No
Playground Equipment	Yes	
Restrooms	Yes	Port-a-Johns
Universally Accessible Path with Fitness Stations	Yes	
Waterfront Property		Yes

CHAPTER 7 MONITOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP

COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

The following classification system is adapted from the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) guide. It categorizes different types of parks based on size, service area, facilities, and user groups. There are two (2) classification types in Monitor Charter Township: community parks and special use parks.

Community Park

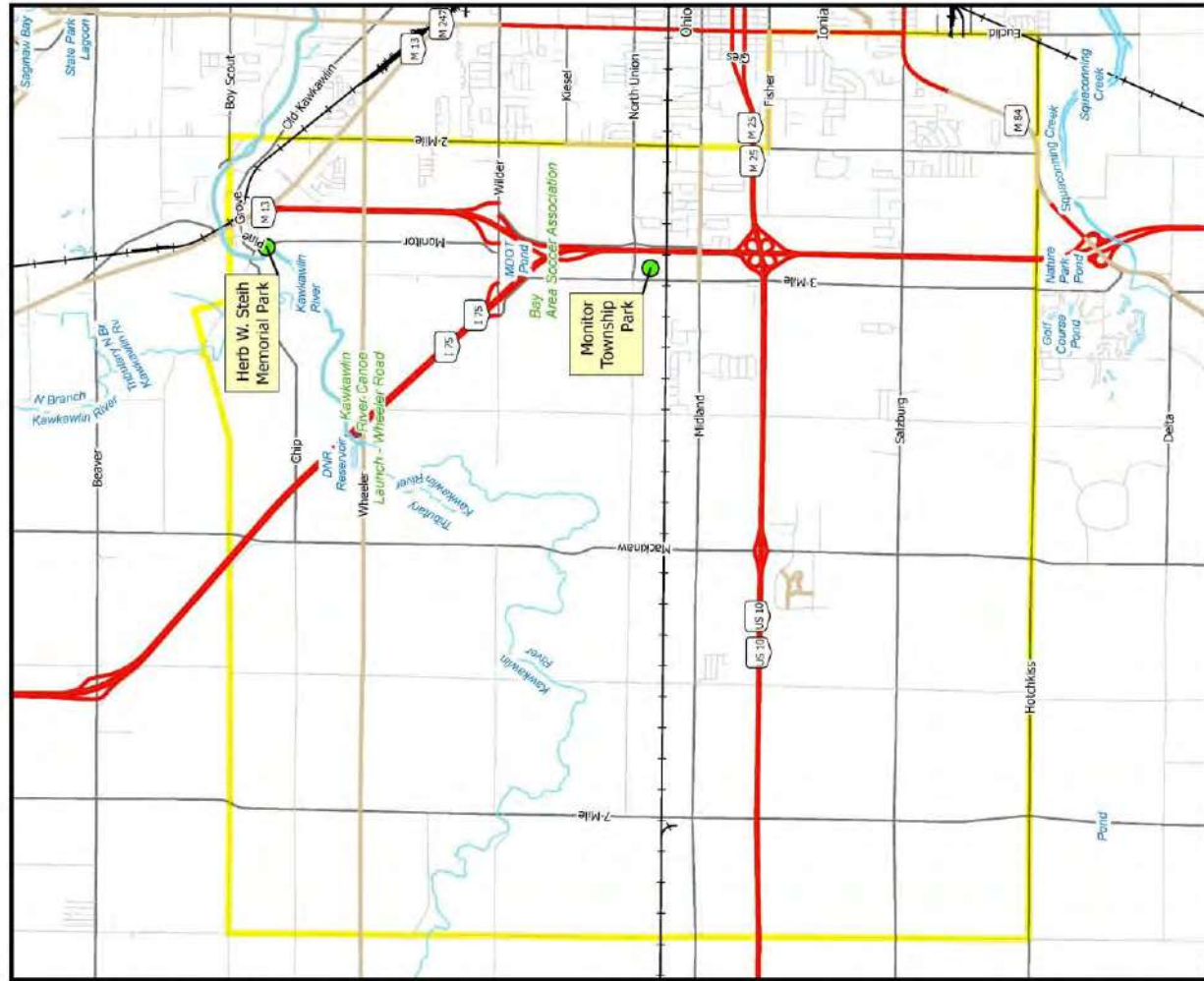
Community parks are intended to provide recreational services for several neighborhoods and usually serve a broad range of uses. The typical park size is 30 acres or more. The Township has one park that is classified as a community park. Although not 30 acres in size, Monitor Charter Township Park is included in this category because of the broad population base it serves and the facilities/intended use of the park. The national classification system recommends five acres per 1,000 residents. Using population data from the 2020 Decennial Census, the national standard for the Township is 54.34 acres.

TABLE 55 - COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

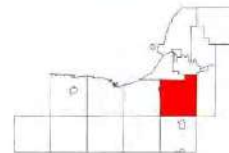
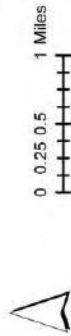
	Standard	Park Acreage	Standard Amount	Deficiency / Excess
Community Parks	5 acres / 1,000 residents	21.25 + 1.24	54.34	-33.09 + 1.24
Total	-	22.49	54.34	-31.85



MAP 15 – PARKS MAP



Park and Trail Locations in Monitor Township Michigan



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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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Goal 1 – Continue to improve and upgrade Monitor Charter Township's recreational facilities so as to have parks the Township can be proud of.

Objectives:

1. Continue to add amenities to the park facilities in the Township based on community input.
2. Develop facilities and recreation activities that will attract tourists and visitors to the Township.
3. Improve general maintenance practices at all facilities with regard to equipment upgrades, staff/user safety, and accessibility.

Goal 2 – Provide safe, broad community-based recreation opportunities that improve the overall quality of life for all residents of Monitor Charter Township.

Objectives:

1. Provide both passive and active facilities for a variety of ages and abilities.

Goal 3 – Improve / provide barrier-free access or universal design standards to all recreation facilities.

Objectives:

1. Provide equal recreational opportunities for all residents and visitors regardless of ability level.
2. Improve barrier-free access to existing recreation facilities.
3. Ensure that park upgrades meet or exceed the minimum ADA standards.
4. Where possible, strive to meet Universal Design standards with new park amenities and facilities.

CHAPTER 7 MONITOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP

ACTION PLAN

Based on the goals, objectives, and community input, Monitor Charter Township has identified the following items to be part of its action plan. Each project will work toward accomplishing one or more goals and objectives identified above.

TABLE 56 – ACTION PLAN

Facility/ Project	Relates to Goal	Priority
Pave the roadway at Monitor Park.	1, 3	1
Add lighting around ball diamonds, paths, playground area, and parking areas at Monitor Park.	1	1
Make Monitor Park useable all year round.	1	2
Improve the ball diamonds at Monitor Park.	1	2
Add a floating kayak launch and fishing dock at Steih Park.	1, 2	2
Add a basketball court at Monitor Park.	1	2
Add a pavilion at Monitor Park.	1, 3	3
Add a soccer field at Monitor Park.	1, 3	3
Add an all-season pavilion that can be used for ice skating in winter at	1	3
Add an unleashed dog play area at Monitor Park.	1, 3	3
Add fitness stations at Monitor Park.	1	4
Add tennis courts at Monitor Park.	1	4
Add lighting at Steih Park.	2	4
Develop a play area at Steih Park.	2	4

GRANT HISTORY

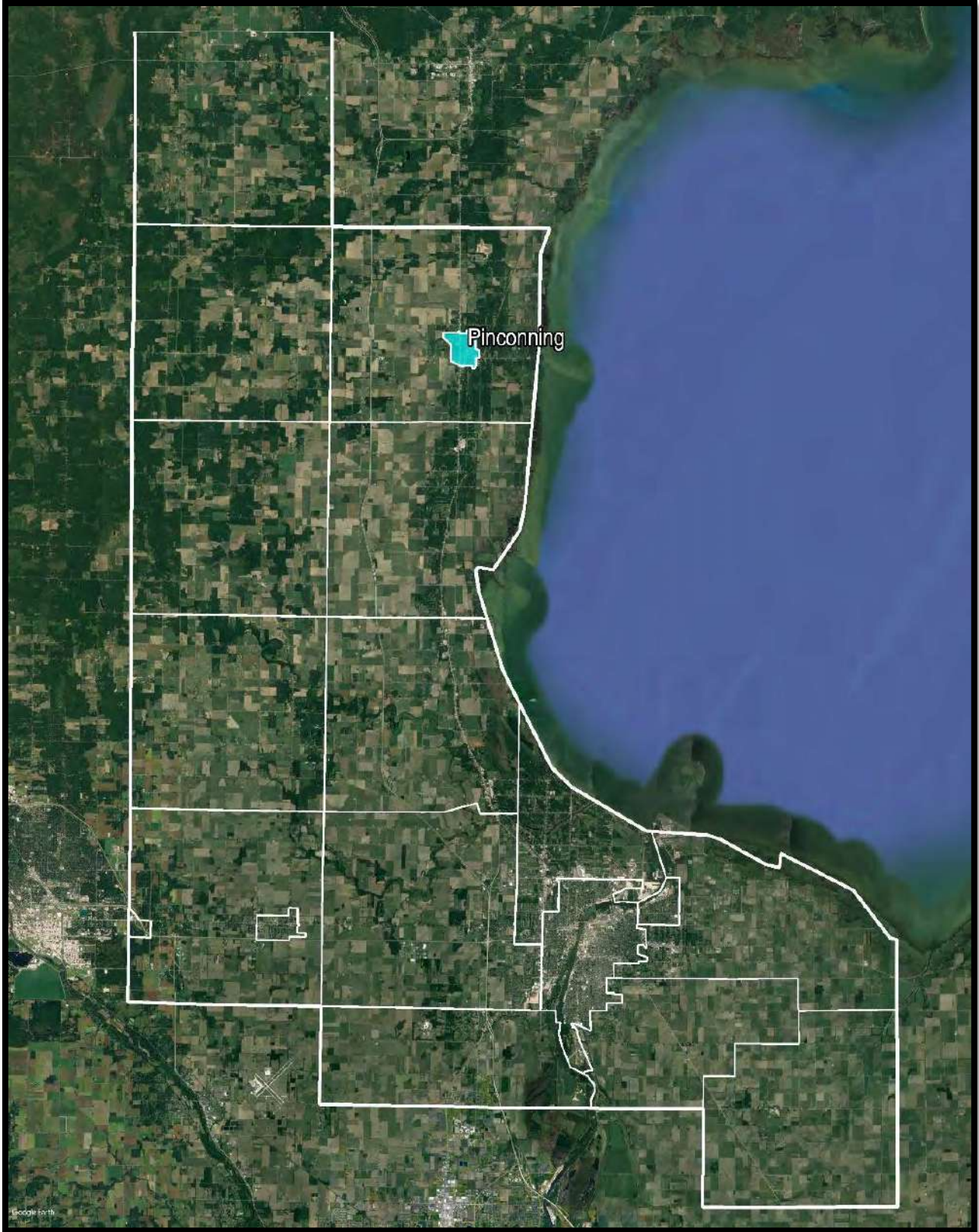
Monitor Charter Township has received two DNR recreation grants in the past. All improvements from the projects are still open and operational.

- LWCF 26-01705 – \$69,200, Development, Monitor Charter Township Park Improvements (path, parking, fitness equipment, restrooms, and benches)
- LWCF 26-01770 – \$102,300, Development, Monitor Charter Township Park Improvements (path, drainage, parking lot expansion, lighting, playground, benches, picnic tables, and grills)



PINCONNING TOWNSHIP

CHAPTER 7 PINCONNING TOWNSHIP



CHAPTER 7 PINCONNING TOWNSHIP

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Pinconning Township is situated on the Saginaw Bay on the northeastern border of the County. It contains the incorporated City of Pinconning and is bisected by the Pinconning River. The Township lands are largely used for agricultural purposes. The Township also retains significant woodlands along the east side of M-13.

According to the 2020 Decennial Census the population of Pinconning Township is 2,299.

Other significant demographic data for Pinconning Township as compared to the county and state is reflected in Table 57 below.

TABLE 57 – PINCONNING TOWNSHIP DEMOGRAPHICS

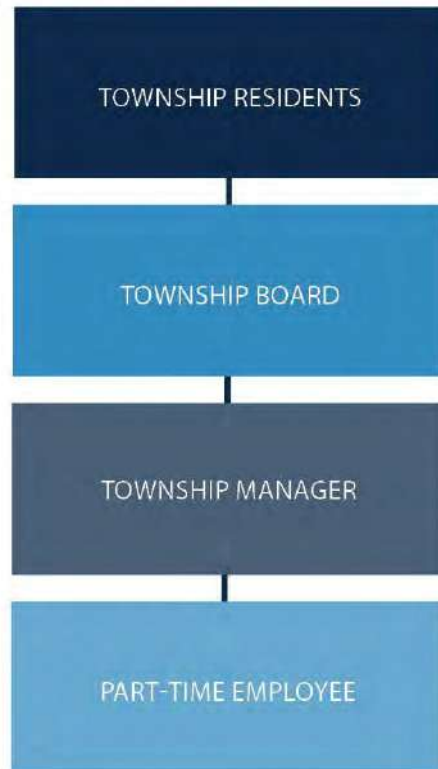
	Pinconning Township	Bay County	Michigan
Population			
2010 Population	2,431	107,771	9,883,640
2020 Population	2,299	103,856	10,077,331
Percent of Population 65 & Older	20.7%	21.5%	18.7%
Percent of Population Under 18	19.9%	19.3%	21.0%
Percent of Disabled Population	11.5%	15.1%	13.9%
Median Age	45.7	43.8	40.3
Education			
Percent with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher	14.8%	22.4%	32.1%
Income			
Median Household Income	\$71,250	\$55,134	\$66,986
Per Capita Income	\$32,190	\$32,398	\$35,353
Housing			
Average Household Size	2.40	2.20	2.40
Median Housing Values	\$115,600	\$139,900	\$224,400
Owner-Occupied Housing as percentage of Total Occupied Units	94.5%	74.7%	73.2%

CHAPTER 7 PINCONNING TOWNSHIP

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Parks and recreation functions in Pinconning Township are administered by the five-member Township Board. Five part-time employees and one full-time employee maintains assists in maintaining the Township batting cages and other Township facilities. These employees perform custodian and grounds maintenance work and report to the Township Manager.

FIGURE 20 – PINCONNING TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



CHAPTER 7 PINCONNING TOWNSHIP

BUDGETS

The source of funding for the parks and recreation budget in Pinconning Township primarily consists of the Township's general fund. The Township maintains no formal parks but does maintain a recreation building that contains batting cages which are rented to the public. The 2022 and 2023 budget data is shown in Table 58 below.

TABLE 58 – FUNDING AND BUDGET

	2022	2023
Operation & Maintenance	\$5,000.00	\$76,791.68
Programming (leagues, special events, etc.)	-	
Capital Expenditures	-	\$227,000.00
Total	\$5,000.00	\$303,791.68

CHAPTER 7 PINCONNING TOWNSHIP

RECREATION INVENTORY

This is the first engagement that the Township has had within a Parks and Recreation Plan. While the Township has no formal parks, a recreation building is maintained with batting cages which are rented to the public. The Township is seeking to develop a park in the near future potentially on vacant property owned by the Township. The recreation building is inventoried in Table 59 below:

TABLE 59 – RECREATION INVENTORY

Pinconning Recreation Building	
Park Type	Special Use Facility
Acreage	1.48
Accessibility*	4
Restrooms	Yes

COMPARISON TO STANDARD

The following classification system is adapted from the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) guide. It categorizes different types of parks based on size, service area, facilities, and user groups. There is one (1) classification type in the Pinconning Township: special use parks.

Special Use Facility

Special use parks / facilities cover a broad range of park and recreation facilities oriented toward single-purpose use. There is no national standard for special use facilities.



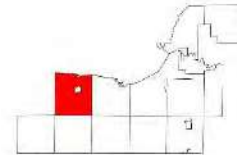
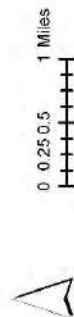
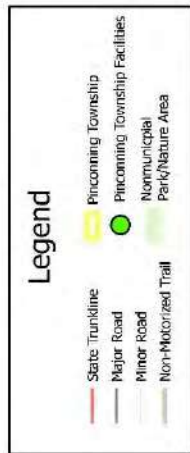
TABLE 60 – COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

	Standard	Park Acreage	Standard Amount	Deficiency / Excess
Special Use Parks	-	1.48	-	+1.48
Total	-	1.48		+1.48

MAP 16 – PARK FACILITY



Park and Trail Locations in Pinconning Township Michigan



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GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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Goal 1 – Improve active outdoor recreation opportunities.

Objectives:

1. Offer Township residents a variety of activities that meet the needs of all segments of the population including youth, young adults, families, the elderly, and people of all abilities.
2. Acquire additional park-land when available to provide expanded recreational opportunities.
3. Ensure recreation facilities are safe, clean, and well-maintained.
4. Plan for non-motorized trail options in the Township.

Goal 2 – Explore additional park-land opportunities along the waterfront.

Objectives:

1. Purchase waterfront land as it becomes available for the development of a boat launch and dock for public use.

Goal 3 – Maintain fiscal responsibility

Objectives:

1. Develop parks and recreation facilities based on a sound fiscal policy.
2. Consider the use of volunteers, state and federal funding programs, and other private funding sources.
3. Seek and apply for grants to support recreational initiatives through the Department of Natural Resources, local foundations, or other sources.
4. Develop short-term and long-term maintenance plan for the park facilities.

CHAPTER 7 PINCONNING TOWNSHIP

ACTION PLAN

TABLE 61 – COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

Facility/ Project	Relates to Goal	Priority
Purchase waterfront property for park development	2	1
Develop a boat launch	1	2
Develop docks for boats	1	3

GRANT HISTORY

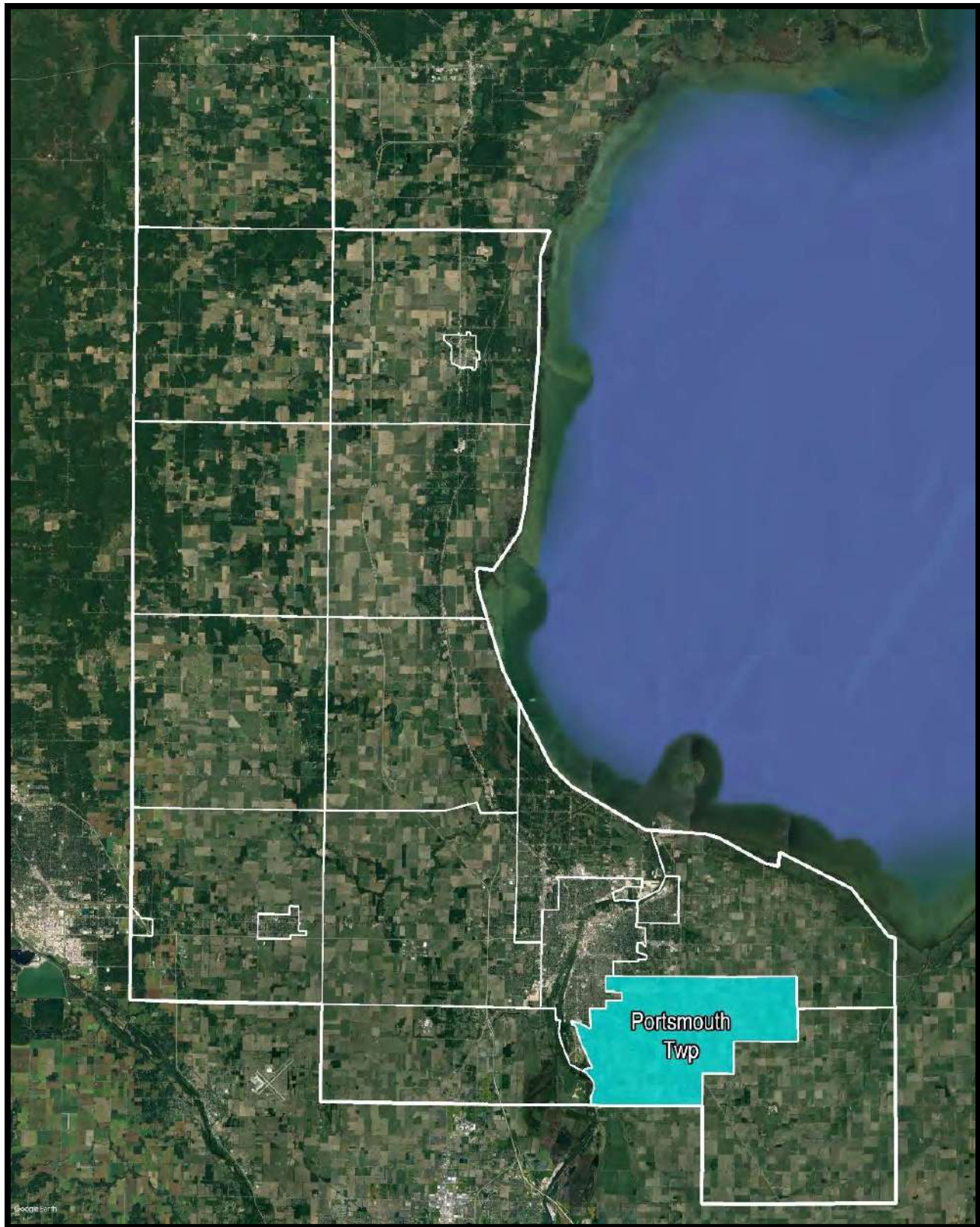
Pinconning Township has received no DNR grants.





RAILTRAIL

PORTSMOUTH TOWNSHIP



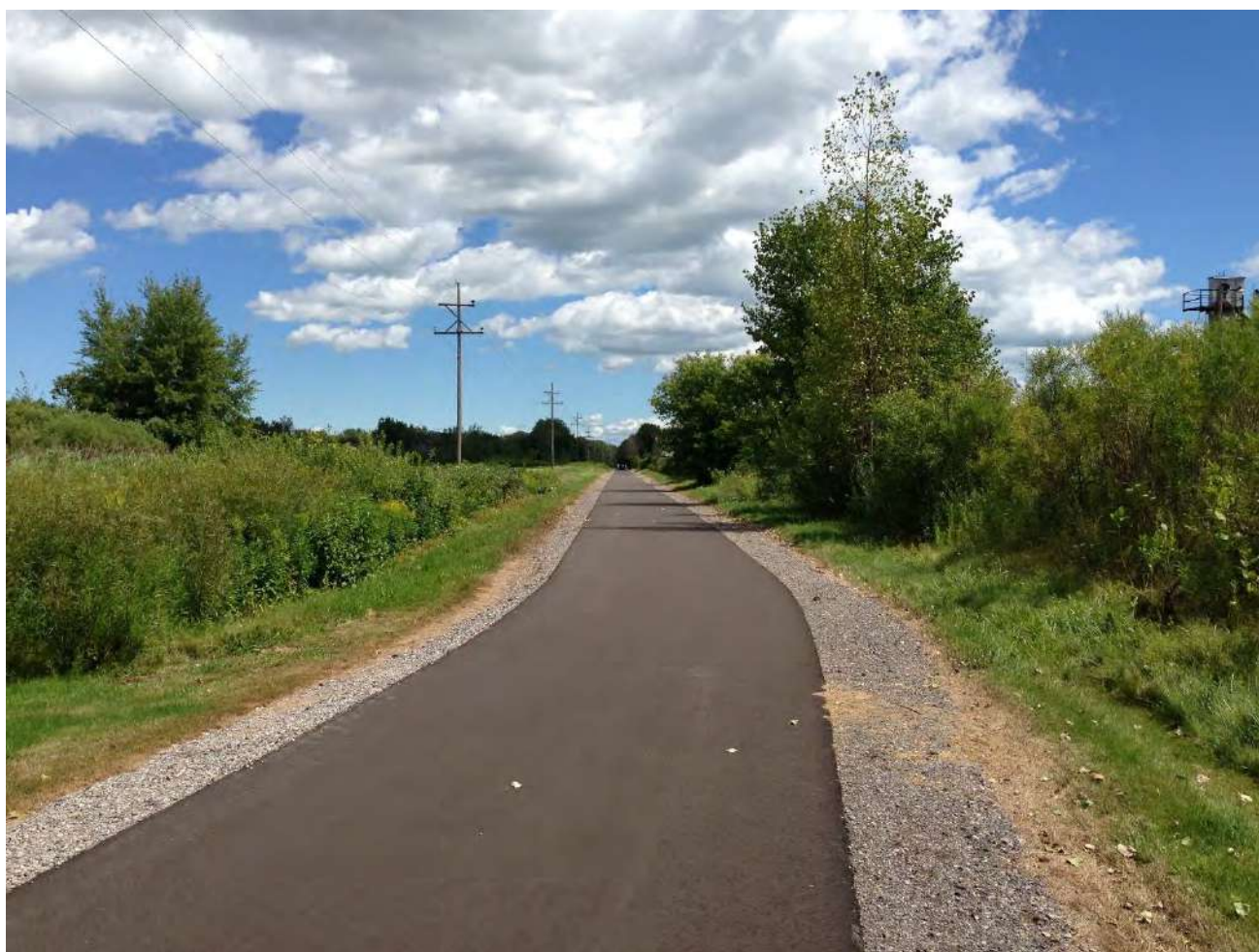
CHAPTER 7 PORTSMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Portsmouth Charter Township is located in the southern Bay County, southeast of Bay City and south of Hampton Township. At 20.1 square miles, it is one of the smaller townships in the County. The land within the Township is largely agricultural with some more densely populated residential lands in the northwest adjacent to Bay City.

The population of Portsmouth Charter Township is 3,224, according to the 2020 Decennial Census population count.

Other significant demographic data for Portsmouth Charter Township as compared to the county and state is shown in Table 62 on the following page.



CHAPTER 7 PORTSMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP

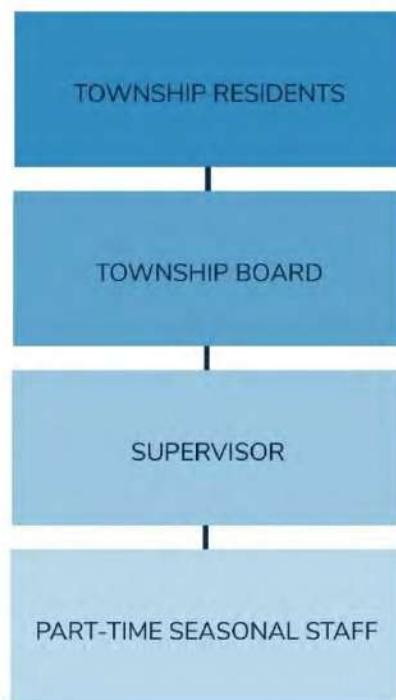
TABLE 62 – PORTSMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP DEMOGRAPHICS

	Portsmouth Charter Township	Bay County	Michigan
Population			
2010 Population	3,306	107,771	9,883,640
2021 Population	3,224	103,856	10,077,331
Percent of Population 65 & Older	23.1%	21.5%	18.7%
Percent of Population Under 18	18.0%	19.3%	21.0%
Percent of Disabled Population	15.8%	15.1%	13.9%
Median Age	43.9	43.8	40.3
Education			
Percent with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher	17.3%	22.4%	32.1%
Income			
Median Household Income	\$65,174	\$55,134	\$66,986
Per Capita Income	\$30,402	\$32,398	\$35,353
Housing			
Average Household Size	2.5	2.20	2.40
Median Housing Values	\$126,400	\$139,900	\$224,400
Owner-Occupied Housing as percentage of Total Occupied Units	87.90%	74.7%	73.2%

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Parks and recreation functions in Portsmouth Charter Township are administered by the Township Supervisor with the Township Board providing input on major projects. Portsmouth Charter Township has one part-time seasonal employee who performs tasks such as mowing and trimming during the summer.

FIGURE 21 – PORTSMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



CHAPTER 7 PORTSMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PROGRAMMING, VOLUNTEERS, AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS

The Bay County Riverwalk/Railtrail Committee has adopted pocket parks which are maintained by citizens. The Bay Area Community Foundation performs the adoption process for these pocket parks. Volunteers serve the Township parks and recreation by maintaining pocket parks.

BUDGETS

The source of funding for the parks and recreation budget in Portsmouth Charter Township is the Township general fund. The Township does not have a specific budget line for parks and recreation activities. Recreation funding is included as part of the overall Building and Grounds budget. The current year parks and recreation budget is shown in Table 63 below:

TABLE 63 - FUNDING AND BUDGET

	2023	2024
Operation & Maintenance	\$25,000	\$4,000
Programming (leagues, special events, etc.)	-	-
Capital Expenditures	-	-
Total	\$25,000	\$4,000



CHAPTER 7 PORTSMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP

RECREATION INVENTORY

Portsmouth Charter Township owns Portsmouth Charter Township Park and a portion of the area Railtrail. The inventory was updated based upon a review of the 2019 inventory. The inventory of amenities in the parks is shown below. A park location map is provided at the end of this section.

TABLE 64 – RECREATION INVENTORY

	Portsmouth Charter Township Park	Railtrail
Park Type*	Community Park	Park-Trail
Acreage	3.5	2 miles
Accessibility*	3	4
Accessibility Comments	-	-
Service Area	Entire Township	Entire County
Beach Volleyball	Yes	
Playground, Merry go Round, Swing set	Yes	
Basketball court	Yes	
Horseshoe Pits	Yes	
Pavilion	Yes	
Restrooms	Yes	



CHAPTER 7 PORTSMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP

COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

The following classification system is adapted from the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) guide. It categorizes different types of parks based on size, service area, facilities, and user groups. There is one classification type in the Portsmouth Charter Township: community parks.

Community Park

Community parks are intended to provide recreational services for several neighborhoods and usually serve a broad range of uses. The typical park size is 30 acres or more. The Township has one parks that are classified as a community park. Although not 30 acres in size, it is included in this category because of the broad population base it serves and the facilities/intended use of the park. The national classification system recommends five acres per 1,000 residents. The national standard for the Township is 16.1 acres.

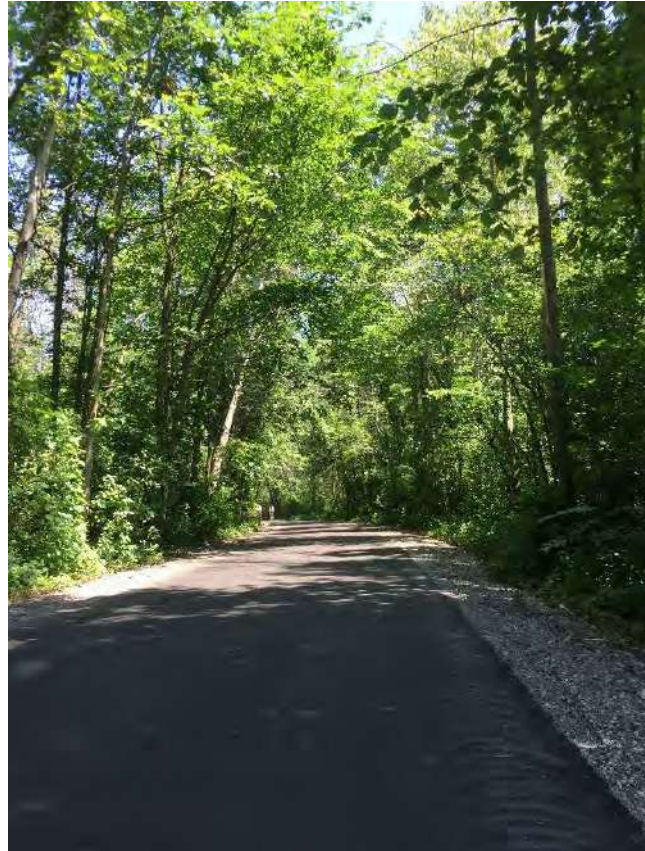


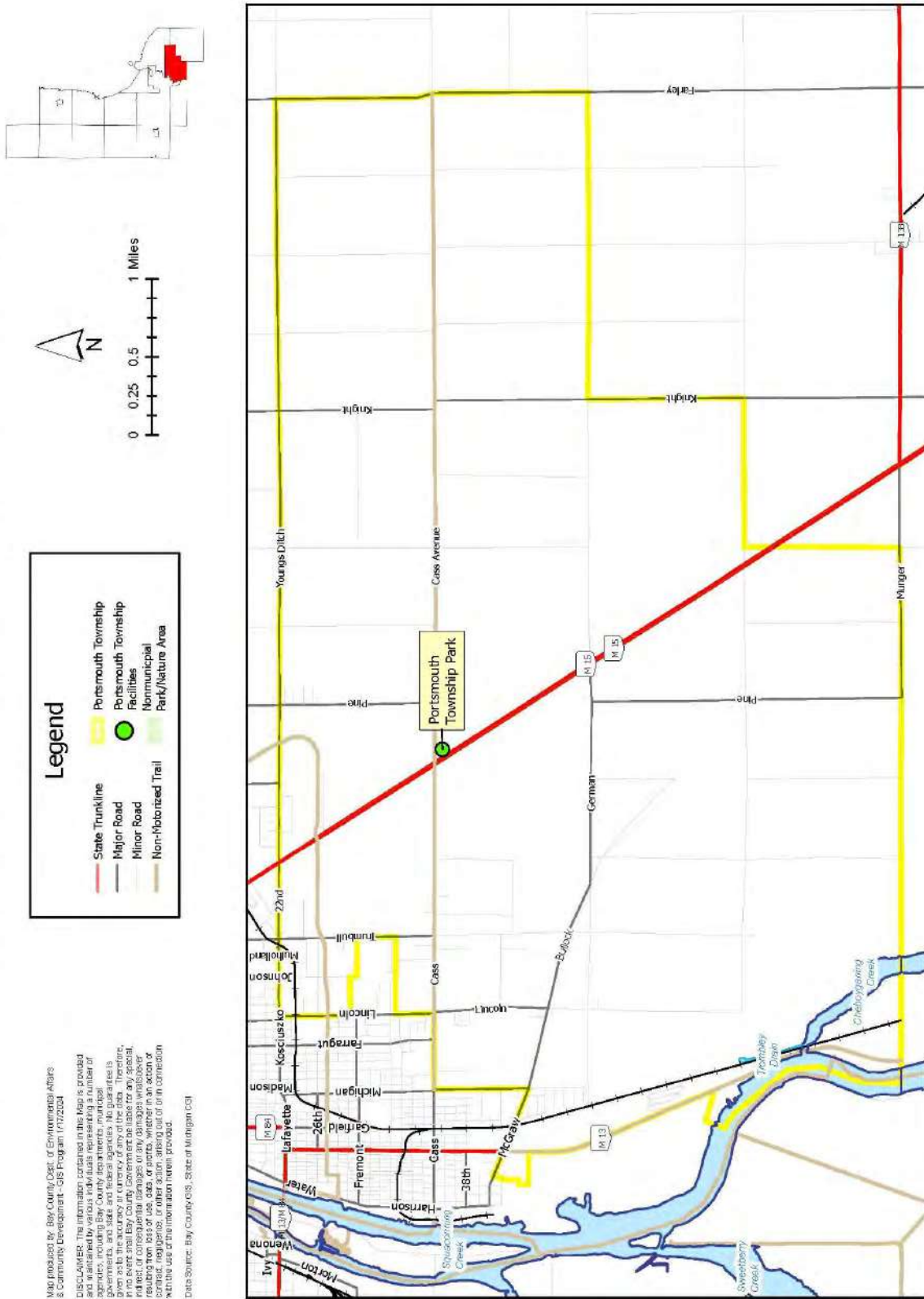
TABLE 65 – COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

	Standard	Park Acreage	Standard Amount	Deficiency / Excess
Community Parks	5 acres / 1,000 residents	3.5	16.1	-12.6
Total		3.5	16.1	-12.6

CHAPTER 7 PORTSMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP

MAP 17 – PARK MAP

Park and Trail Locations in Portsmouth Township Michigan



GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The establishment of realistic and agreed upon goals and objectives are essential to the development of attainable long-range plans. Goals serve to guide policies and plan recommendations over the next five years. The primary goal implicit in all other secondary goals is the desire of the officials and citizens of the community to develop and maintain an attractive, pleasant, clean, healthy, and economically stable community environment. Portsmouth Charter Township developed goals and objectives for parks and recreation when the past plan was adopted. These goals were reviewed and verified for this updated plan.

Portsmouth Charter Township developed goals and objectives for parks and recreation when the 2019 Recreation Plan was developed. Those goals were reviewed and verified for this plan.

Goal 1 – Retain public land for future generations.

Objectives

1. Retain existing parkland and, if the opportunity becomes available, acquire new public lands to meet future needs of the community.
2. Preserve existing recreational facilities and acquire new public lands to enhance and expand those facilities.
3. Maintain land holding levels consistent with recreation standards for population and facilities.
4. If possible, acquire property that is high in natural resources

Goal 2 – Provide quality leisure time activities with special consideration for improving health and fitness.

Objectives

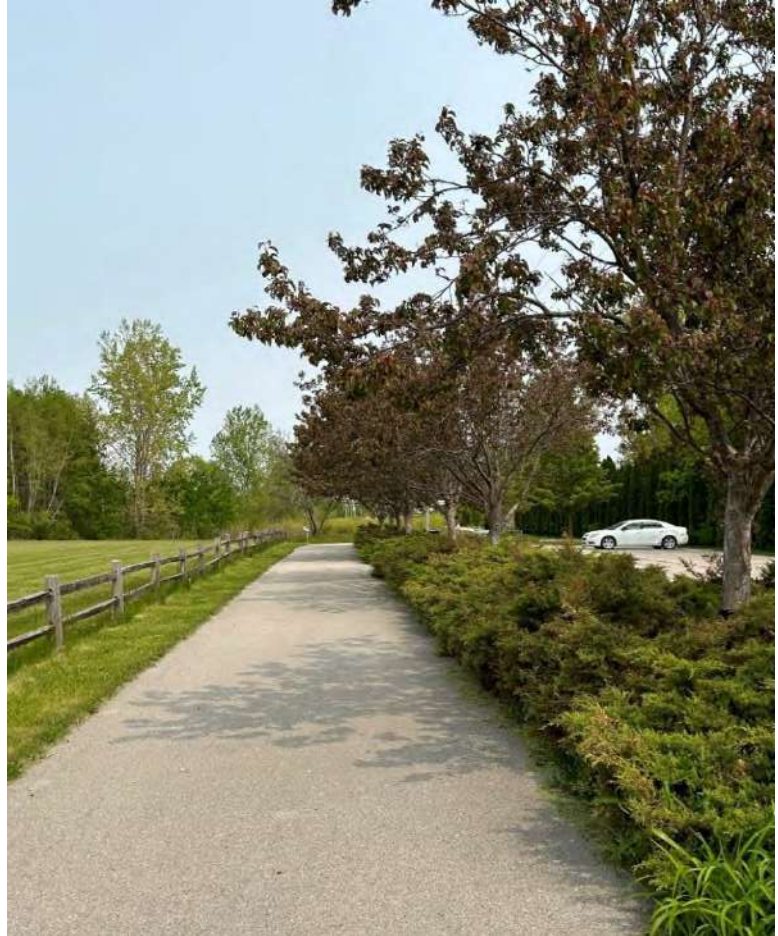
1. Provide new features and upgrade facilities with consideration for health and safety.
2. Continue to work with existing recreation partners in the community to provide programs and facilities for special events, if needed.
3. Identify other recreational resources and the potential for sharing programs with other community-affiliated facilities.
4. Monitor the service and participation levels for future planning efforts.

CHAPTER 7 PORTSMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Goal 3 – Provide safe, broad, community-based recreation opportunities that improve the overall quality of life for all residents of Portsmouth Charter Township and Bay County.

Objectives

1. Continue to add amenities to Portsmouth Charter Township Park based upon community input, need, and funding.
2. Partner with other units of government and recreation providers to further promote broad-based recreation where available in Portsmouth Charter Township.



Goal 4 – Enhance and improve the existing railtrail (Portsmouth Charter Township Section) for recreational use.

Objectives:

1. Where possible, connect existing Railtrail to regional trails and destinations.
2. Where feasible, encourage the Bay County Road Commission to provide easements for trails and possibly help with maintenance and improvement projects.
3. Develop and enhance existing features of the Railtrail to ensure that it is accessible to the greatest number of people and meets existing and future safety concerns

CHAPTER 7 PORTSMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP

ACTION PLAN

TABLE 66 – ACTION LIST

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

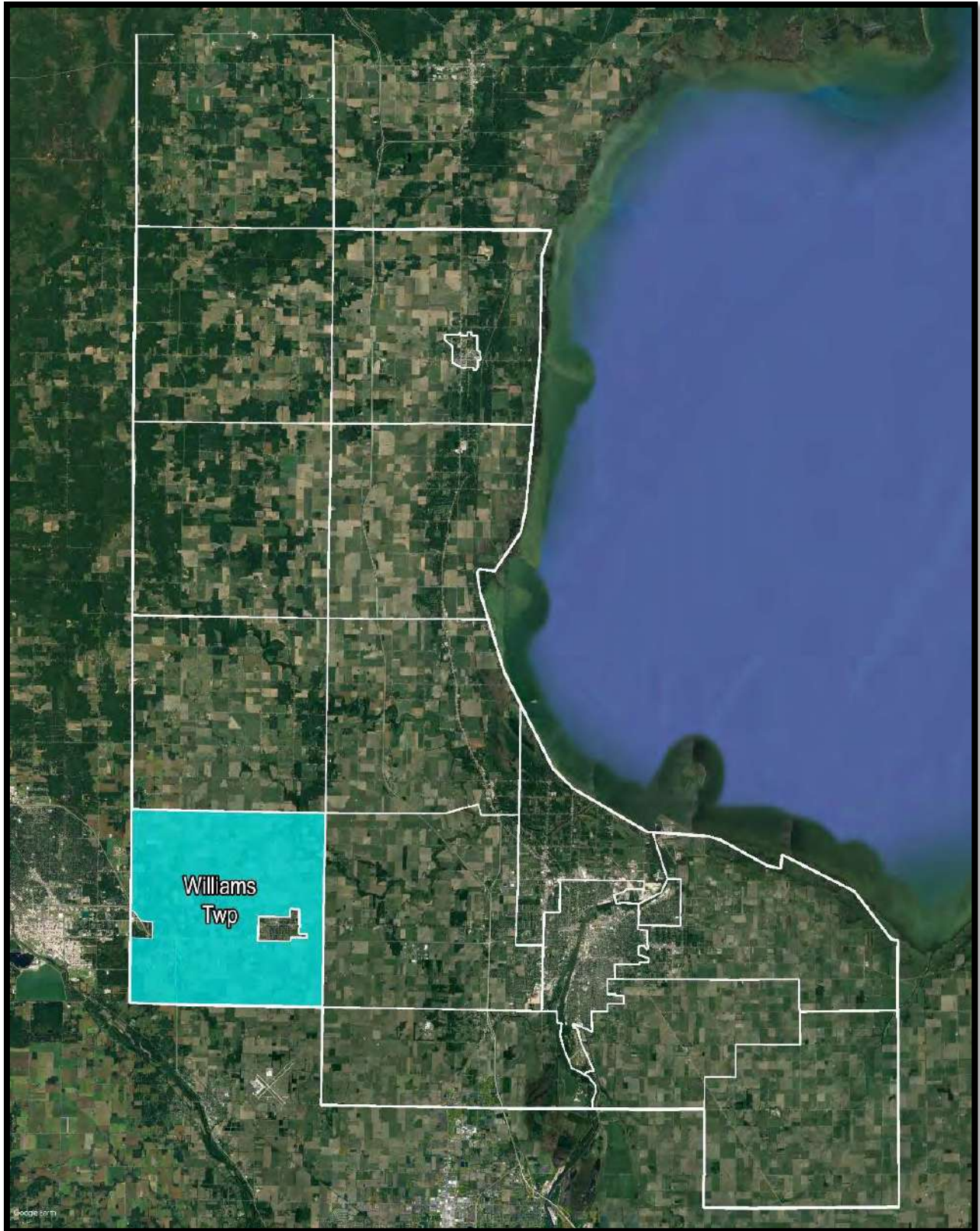
GRANT HISTORY

Portsmouth Charter Township has received two DNR recreation grants for the Bay County Riverwalk/Railtrail. All of the improvements are still open and functional.

- TF95-200 – \$102,300, Township Railtrail, Development (rail, parking, fencing, benches, trash bins, landscaping)
- LWCF 26-01735 – \$71,300, Railtrail, Development (path repave, picnic area, tables, trash bin)



WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP



CHAPTER 7 WILLIAMS CHARTER TOWNSHIP

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Williams Charter Township is located in the southwest corner of Bay County, east of the City of Midland. The Township surrounds the City of Auburn. The land within the Township is largely agricultural, with some more densely populated residential areas around Auburn and Midland.

The population of Williams Charter Township is 5,058, according to the 2020 Decennial Census population count.

Other significant demographic data for Williams Charter Township as compared to the county and state is shown in Table 67 on the following page. It is worth noting that Williams Charter Township has the second-highest median household income of any municipality in the County while having one of the lower median ages.



CHAPTER 7 WILLIAMS CHARTER TOWNSHIP

TABLE 67 – WILLIAMS CHARTER TOWNSHIP DEMOGRAPHICS

	Williams Charter Township	Bay County	Michigan
Population			
2010 Population	4,772	107,771	9,883,640
2021 Population	5,058	103,856	10,077,331
Percent of Population 65 & Older	14.0%	21.5%	18.7%
Percent of Population Under 18	24.0%	19.3%	21.0%
Percent of Disabled Population	10.8%	15.1%	13.9%
Median Age	41.1	43.8	40.3
Education			
Percent with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher	27.6%	22.4%	32.1%
Income			
Median Household Income	\$58,950	\$55,134	\$66,986
Per Capita Income	\$33,203	\$32,398	\$35,353
Housing			
Average Household Size	2.50	2.20	2.40
Median Housing Values	\$145,700	\$139,900	\$224,400
Owner-Occupied Housing as percentage of Total Occupied Units	78.8.0%	74.7%	73.2%

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

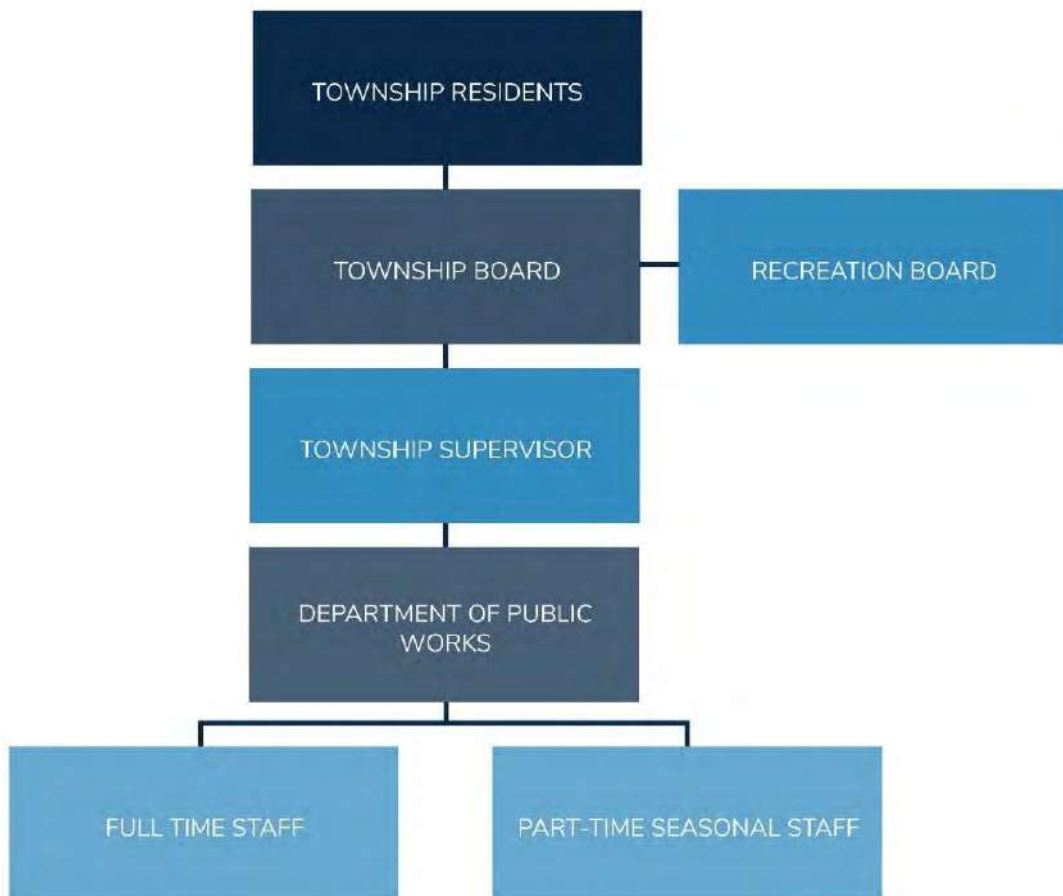
Parks and recreation functions in Williams Charter Township are administered by the Township Board and Supervisor. Operation and Maintenance of the Township Park is handled by the Department of Public Works, which consists of one full-time person and two part-time seasonal gardeners.

The Auburn-Williams Recreation Board (AWRB) is composed of 12 members representing the City of Auburn and Williams Charter Township. Williams Charter Township's six members are comprised of 5 members appointed by the Township Board and one member who is a Township Board member. The recreation board meets six times a year. It coordinates recreation programming as described below and also provides recommendations for recreational facilities, maintenance, and improvements to the Township Board. Each unit provides \$12,500 a year for the planning and implementation of recreational activities.

The AWRB employs a Summer Recreation Director & staff for operating the youth summer recreation program.

CHAPTER 7 WILLIAMS CHARTER TOWNSHIP

FIGURE 22 – WILLIAMS CHARTER TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



CHAPTER 7 WILLIAMS CHARTER TOWNSHIP

PROGRAMMING, VOLUNTEERS, AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS

Williams Charter Township works with the City of Auburn and the Auburn-Williams Recreation Association to coordinate recreation programming. Regular activities include summer recreation runs, which is a seven-week program where kids aged 5 to 12 play sports, have field trips, and spend time in the park together daily. Local little league programs, youth soccer, and women's softball leagues occur in the Township park's baseball diamonds and t-ball fields. The soccer fields are used by area soccer programs.

BUDGETS

The sources of funding for the parks and recreation budget in Williams Charter Township are the Township's general fund, grants, and donations. The current and prior year budgets are shown in Table 68 below:

TABLE 68 – FUNDING AND BUDGET

	2022	2023
Operation & Maintenance	\$51,711	\$50,500
Programming (leagues, special events, etc.)	\$12,500	\$15,000
Capital Expenditures	\$83,789	\$125,000
Total	\$148,000	\$190,500



RECREATION INVENTORY

Williams Charter Township owns one park, Williams Charter Township Park. The park has been expanded by 5.45 acres since the 2019 Plan. To complete the current inventory, the Township reviewed and updated the inventory from their previous recreation plan. The inventory of amenities in the park is shown in Table 69. A location map for the park is shown at the end of this section.

TABLE 69 – RECREATION INVENTORY

Williams Charter Township Park	
Park Type	Community Park
Acreage	27.45
Accessibility*	4
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	12
Multi-Use Paths	1.25 miles
Fitness Course	Yes
Picnic Area	Yes

CHAPTER 7 WILLIAMS CHARTER TOWNSHIP

COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

The following classification system is adapted from the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) guide. It categorizes different types of parks based on size, service area, facilities, and user groups. There is one classification type in Williams Charter Township: community parks.



Community Park

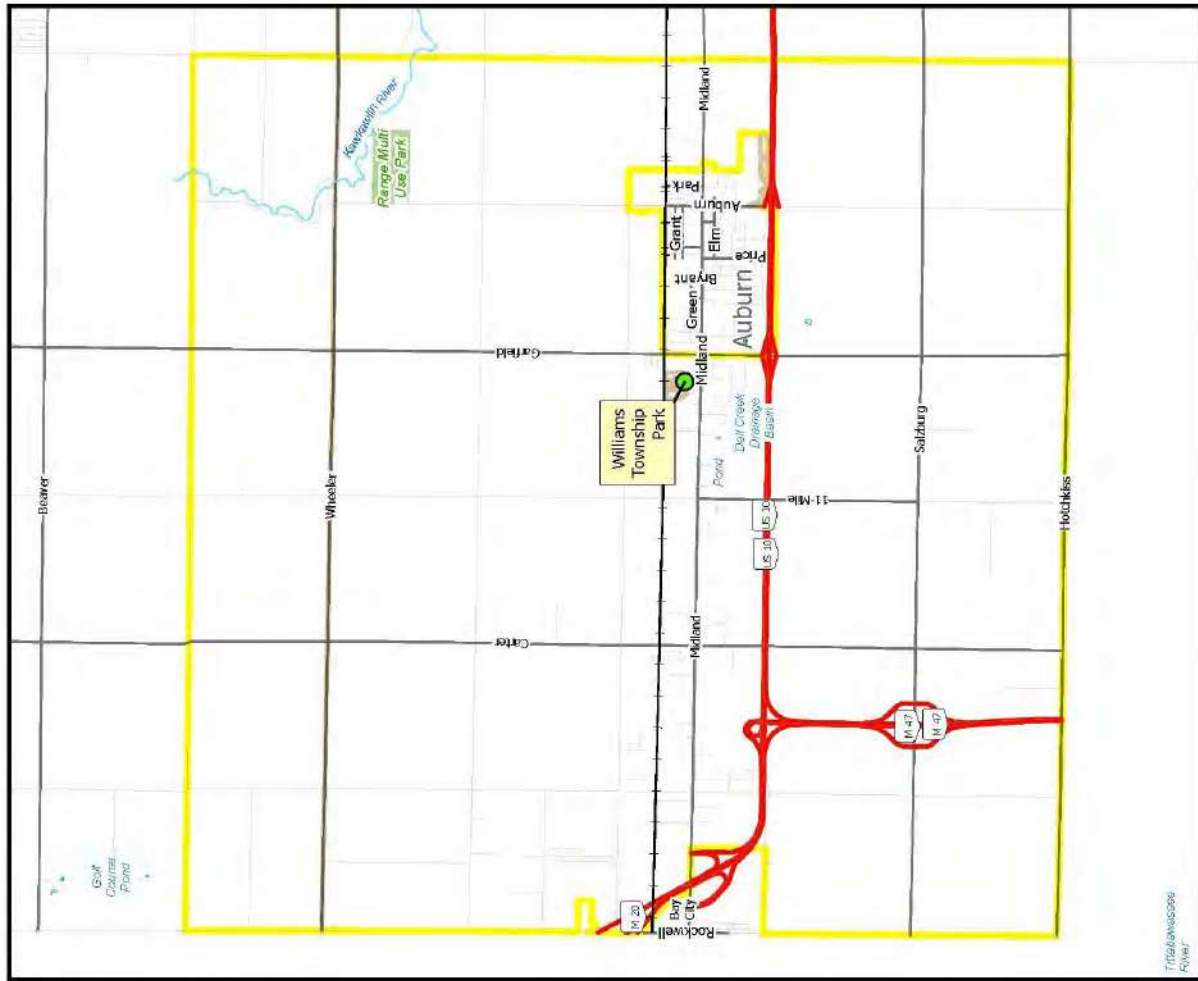
Community parks are intended to provide recreational services for several neighborhoods and usually serve a broad range of uses. The typical park size is 30 acres or more. The Township has one park that is classified as a community park. While this park is not 30 acres in size, it is included in this category because of the broad population base it serves and the facilities/intended use of the park. The national classification system recommends five acres per 1,000 residents. The national standard for the Township is 25.29 acres.

Table 70 – COMPARISON TO STANDARDS

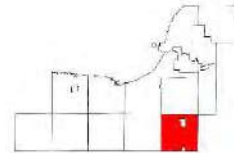
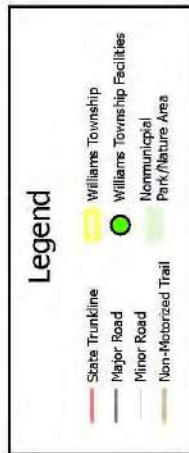
	Standard	Park Acreage	Standard Amount	Deficiency / Excess
Community Parks	5 acres / 1,000 residents	27.45	25.29	+2.16
Total		27.45	25.29	+2.16

CHAPTER 7 WILLIAMS CHARTER TOWNSHIP

MAP 18 – PARK MAP



Park and Trail Locations in Williams Township Michigan



Map produced by Bay County Dept. of Environmental Affairs & Community Development - GIS Program 11/12/24

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Data Source: Bay County GIS, State of Michigan GIS

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

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In 2009, Williams Charter Township developed the goals and objectives for parks and recreation in the community. They were reviewed and updated for the 2023 Recreation Plan.

Goal 1 – Continue to improve and upgrade Williams Charter Township recreational facilities in order to offer parks and recreational activities the community can be proud of.

Objectives

1. Retain and maintain the existing Williams Charter 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 and upgrades of the Williams Charter 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 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.

CHAPTER 7 WILLIAMS CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Goal 3 – Provide safe community-based recreation opportunities that improve the quality of life for all Williams Charter Township and City of Auburn residents.

Objectives

1. Continue to add features to Williams Charter Township Park as identified by public input, the Auburn-Williams Rec Association.
2. Continue to maintain and provide recreational opportunities for people of all abilities.
3. Improve pathways to ensure accessibility and safety.
4. Provide adequate seating and shaded areas for residents.
5. Link to trail systems for regional non-motorized connections.

Goal 4 – Develop a recreation system that will be responsive to and effective in meeting the present and future needs of all residents.

Objectives:

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



CHAPTER 7 WILLIAMS CHARTER TOWNSHIP

ACTION PLAN

Williams Charter Township developed the following items that it wishes to consider for improvements for the next five years. This list is based on known issues and needs in the parks and feedback from the community input survey.

TABLE 71 – ACTION PLAN

Facility/ Project	Relates to Goal	Priority
Develop an overall Recreation Master Plan for the Williams Charter Township to plan for future improvements.	4	1
Replace and/or reseal walking paths as needed.	1, 3	1
Improve the drainage throughout the township parks.	1, 3	1
Acquire additional property to fill park needs if it is available at a reasonable cost.	4	2
Add pavilion and restroom facilities for the west side of the park.	1, 3, 4	2
Continuation of sidewalks along the Midland Road right-of-way.	3	2
Connect the park via pathways or sidewalks to the non-motorized greenway and trail system when available in Williams Charter Township.	3	2
Improve baseball fields by adding dugouts and other pertinent features.	1, 2	3
Provide more accessibility and comfort by being ADA compliant.	1, 2	3
Provide shade cover with additional vegetation and additional structures.	1, 2	3

GRANT HISTORY

Williams Charter Township has received five previous recreation grants for the Williams Charter Township Park. All improvements are still functioning and being used.

- TF913 – \$8,000, Acquisition of 3 acres
- LWCF 26-01376 – \$47,443, (basketball, drainage, shelter with restrooms, playground, and trail)
- LWCF 26-01501 – \$55,370, (soccer, landscape, bleachers, tables & grills, fitness stations, paths, and playground)
- TF15-0145 – \$140,600, Acquisition of 4 acres
- LWCF 26-01761 – \$100,000, (path, playground, landscaping)
- LWCF 26-01850 - \$50,000, (playground, gaga ball, swings)
- LWCF 26-01869 - \$195,000 (basketball, parking, drive, tennis/pickleball, paths, benches, fencing, trash bin, and landscaping)



CHAPTER 8

PLAN PROCESS

PLANNING AND ADOPTION PROCESS

In its continuing effort to provide quality recreational opportunities for its citizens, Bay County, Bay City and the 12 other communities who have participated in this planning process have developed a multi-jurisdictional Parks and Recreation Plan as a tool to guide the development of community park and recreational facilities over the next five years. This Plan is the third joint update by Bay County, Bay City, and 12 other Bay County communities to coordinate their efforts and establish recreational goals and objectives for recreation across the County. The Plan also provides the County and the participating communities with eligibility for grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to assist each community in reaching their recreational goals.

Bay City and Bay County contracted with Spicer Group of Saginaw, Michigan, to assist with completion of the multi-jurisdictional Bay County Parks and Recreation Plan. Spicer worked with City and County staff to develop a format and schedule for completing the Plan. Two group meetings were held with representatives from the participating communities during the preparation of the Plan.

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, City and County staff, the existing Bay County Recreation Plan, Bay County GIS Department, various websites, and through field observations.

Community input was collected during the summer of 2023 via an online survey. Participating communities then reviewed existing goals and objectives for parks and recreation in their community and updated them, if needed. Communities that had not developed goals and objectives previously, did so for this Plan. Each community also planned for an action program to accomplish the goals and objectives of the Plan.

Spicer Group Inc. completed the draft Bay County Area Parks and Recreation 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 beginning on October 20, 2023. A PDF file of the draft was also available on the Bay City and County websites and on several of the participating community websites. The reviewing opportunity was advertised in the Bay City Times. The final opportunity for community input occurred at the advertised public hearing held prior to adoption of the Plan. This meeting was held on November 21, 2023, at 4 p.m. at the Bay County Building. In the weeks following the public hearing, each participating community adopted the joint recreation Plan via resolution. Communities with parks and recreation committees passed a resolution recommending adoption prior to the governing body's adoption. Copies of the advertisements, public meeting minutes, and the resolutions are included in the Appendix E.



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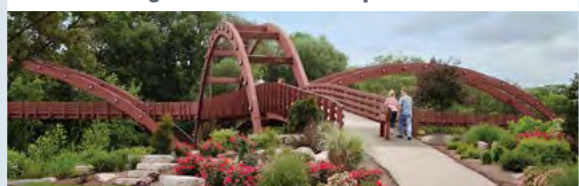
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APPENDIX A.1 – TRAIL MAPS - GREAT LAKES BAY REGIONAL TRAIL (GLBRT) MAP



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The Tridge on the Pere Marquette Rail Trail



Bay City Area Riverwalk / Rail Trail



Saginaw Valley Rail Trail



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Cross this restored railroad bridge near Sanford on the Pere Marquette Rail-Trail.

Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail Network

The Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance was formed in 2008 to create a strong and sustainable future for the region through innovation and collaboration. Part of that collaboration involves the development of a region-wide, nonmotorized trail system linking existing trails across the three counties of Bay, Midland and Saginaw.

Planning and construction continue on this interconnected network of trails every year as the dream inches closer to reality. Once completed, the Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail will be close to a 100-mile system that will give walkers, runners, cyclists and skaters access to some of the region's best natural features, from green spaces, parks and recreational facilities to stunning waterfront views of mighty rivers and Lake Huron's Saginaw Bay.

The mission of connecting the region's trails is to connect the unique destinations and the incredible people who live, work and visit here — enhancing the lives of everyone. The Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance invites you to participate in their regional trail events and get involved in their mission. To learn more, visit: www.GreatLakesBayTrails.com

Trails Legend	
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	Under Development
	Proposed or Planned Trail
	Highways
	Roads

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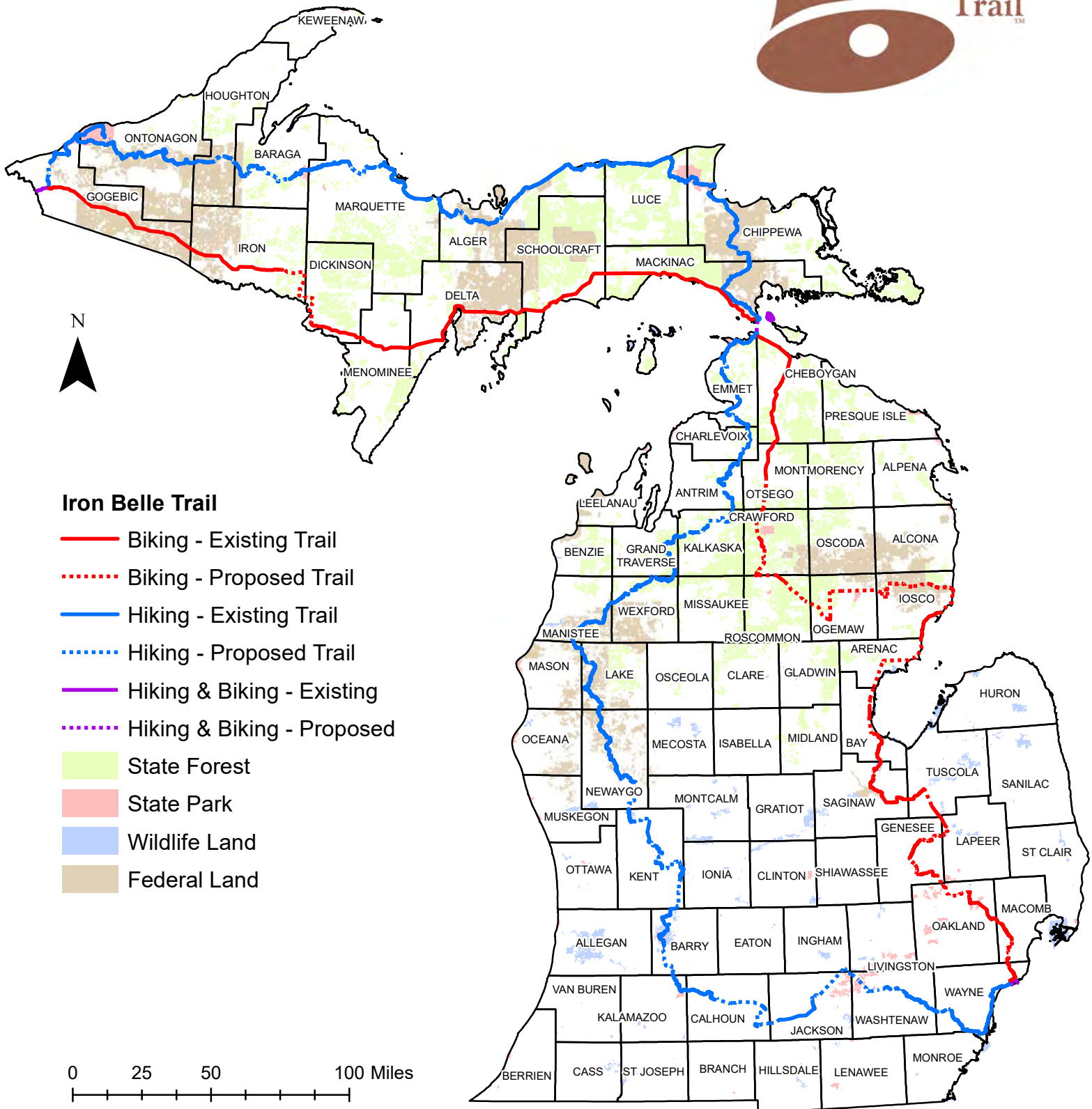
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APPENDIX A.2 – TRAIL MAPS - IRON BELLE TRAIL



Iron Belle Trail

Two Routes, One Great Trail



Iron Belle Trail

- Biking - Existing Trail
- - - Biking - Proposed Trail
- Hiking - Existing Trail
- - - Hiking - Proposed Trail
- Hiking & Biking - Existing
- - - Hiking & Biking - Proposed
- State Forest
- State Park
- Wildlife Land
- Federal Land

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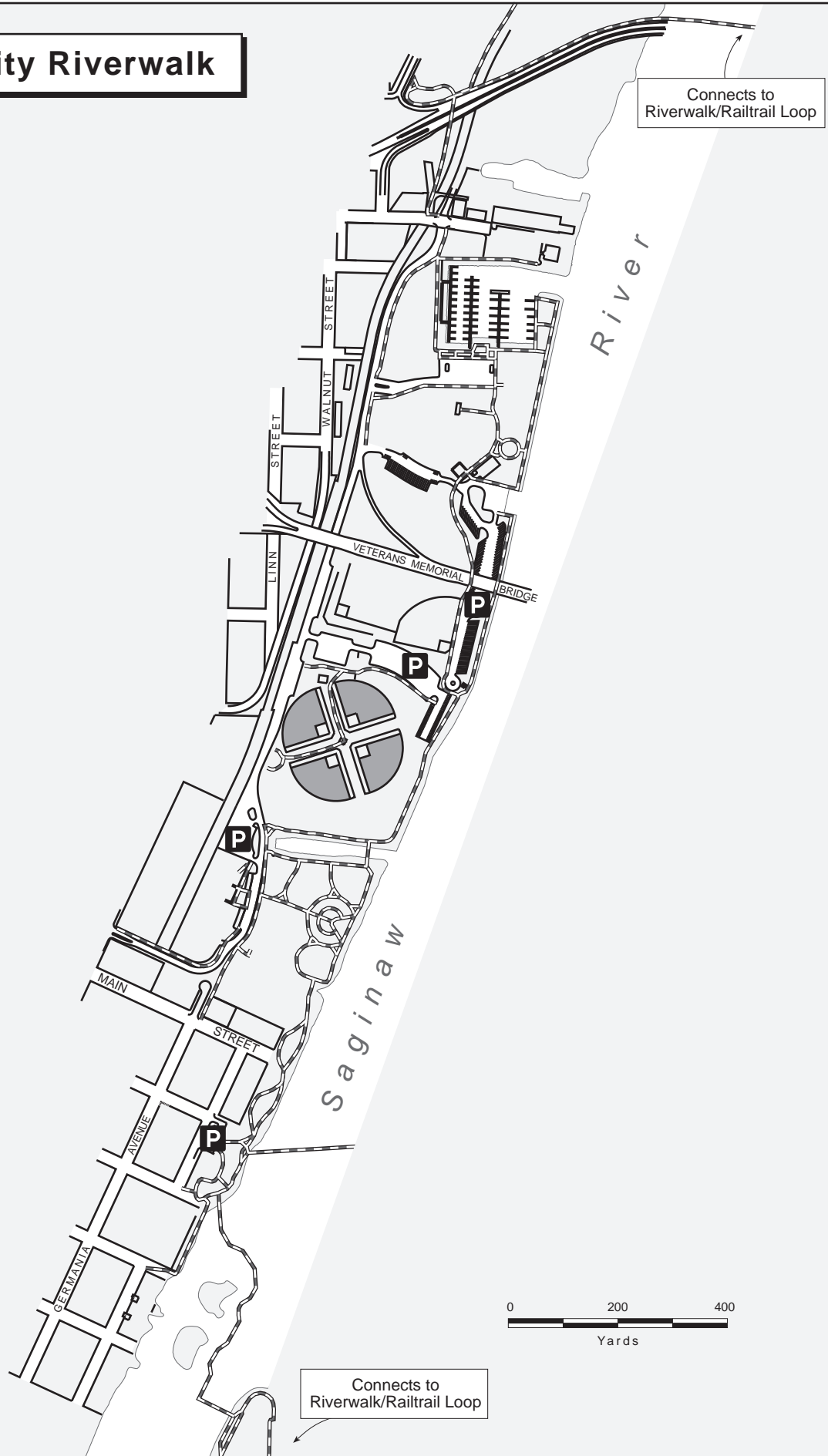
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APPENDIX A.3 – TRAIL MAPS - BAY CITY RIVERWALK MAP

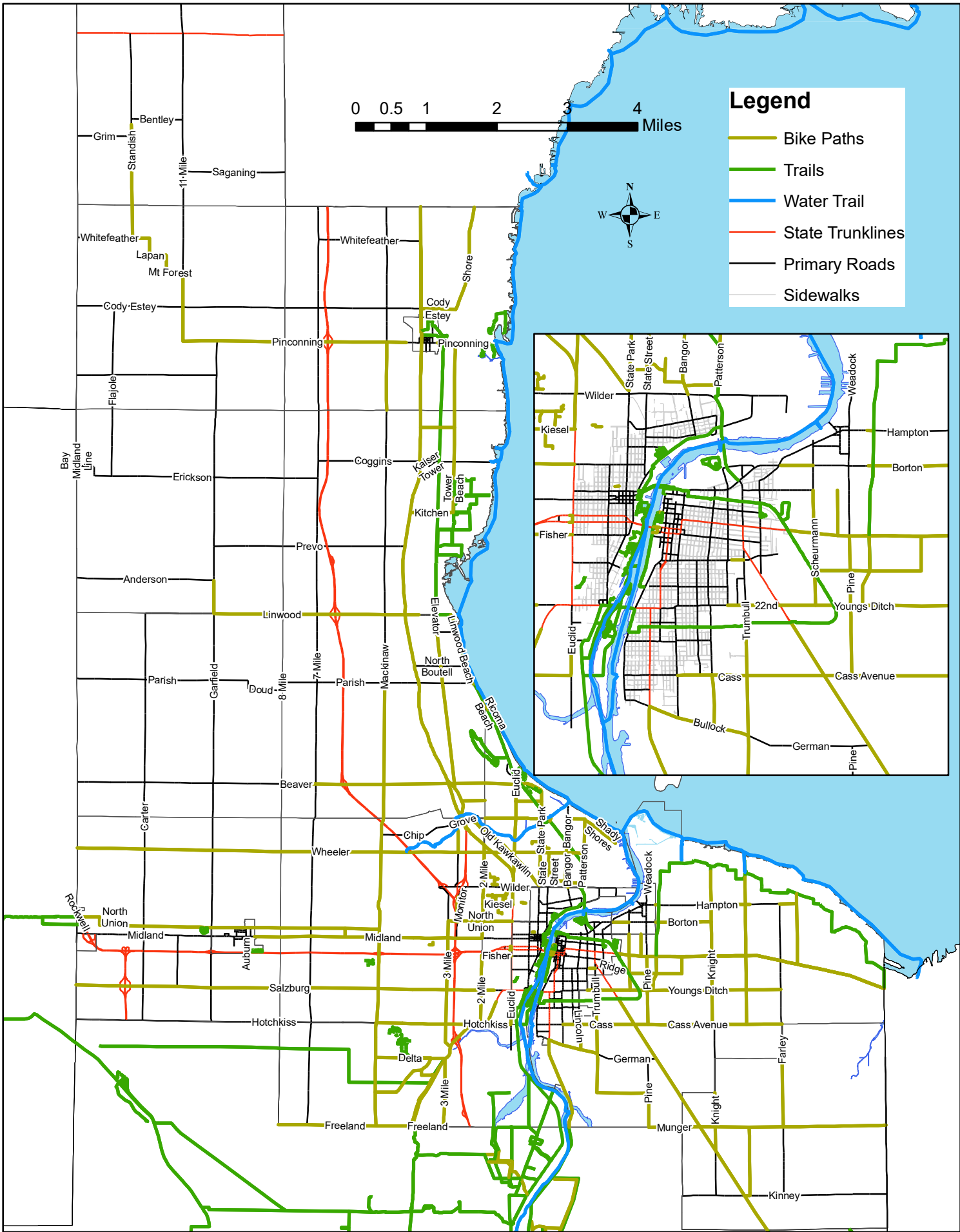
Bay City Riverwalk



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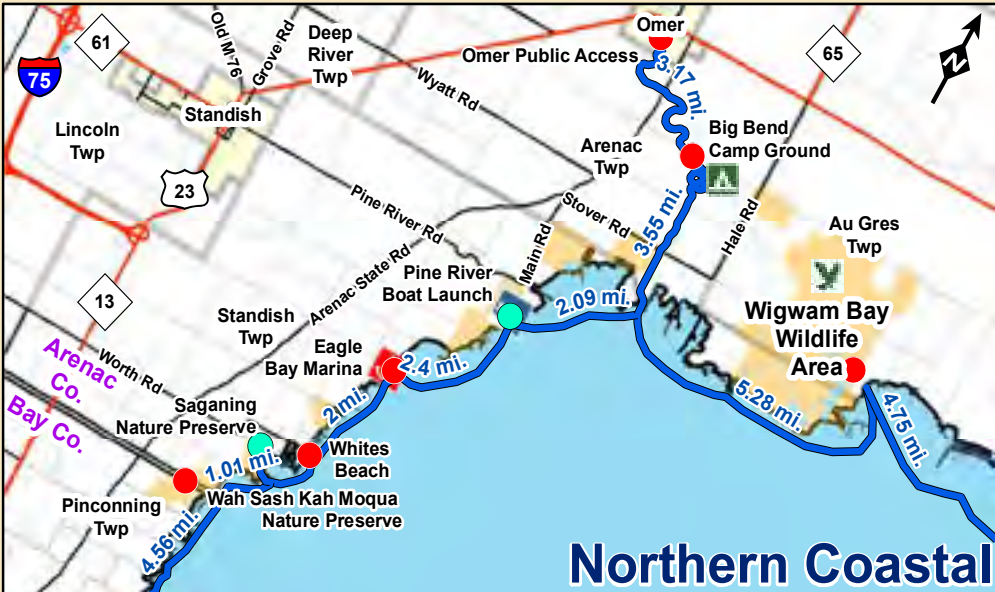
APPENDIX A.4 – TRAIL MAPS - NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL MAP

Bay County Non-Motorized Trail System



CHAPTER 9

APPENDIX A.5 – TRAIL MAPS - BLUEWAYS WATERTRAIL MAP



Northern Coastal



Arenac-Au Gres



The Beaches



The Wildlands



Kawkawlin River



Hampton Shallows



Saginaw River

Go ahead, get wet,
printed on water resistant paper

Water trail map

**Michigan's
Saginaw Bay
Blueways
Trail**

Bay County Department of
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Project partners

... and volunteers from the Saginaw Bay Area.

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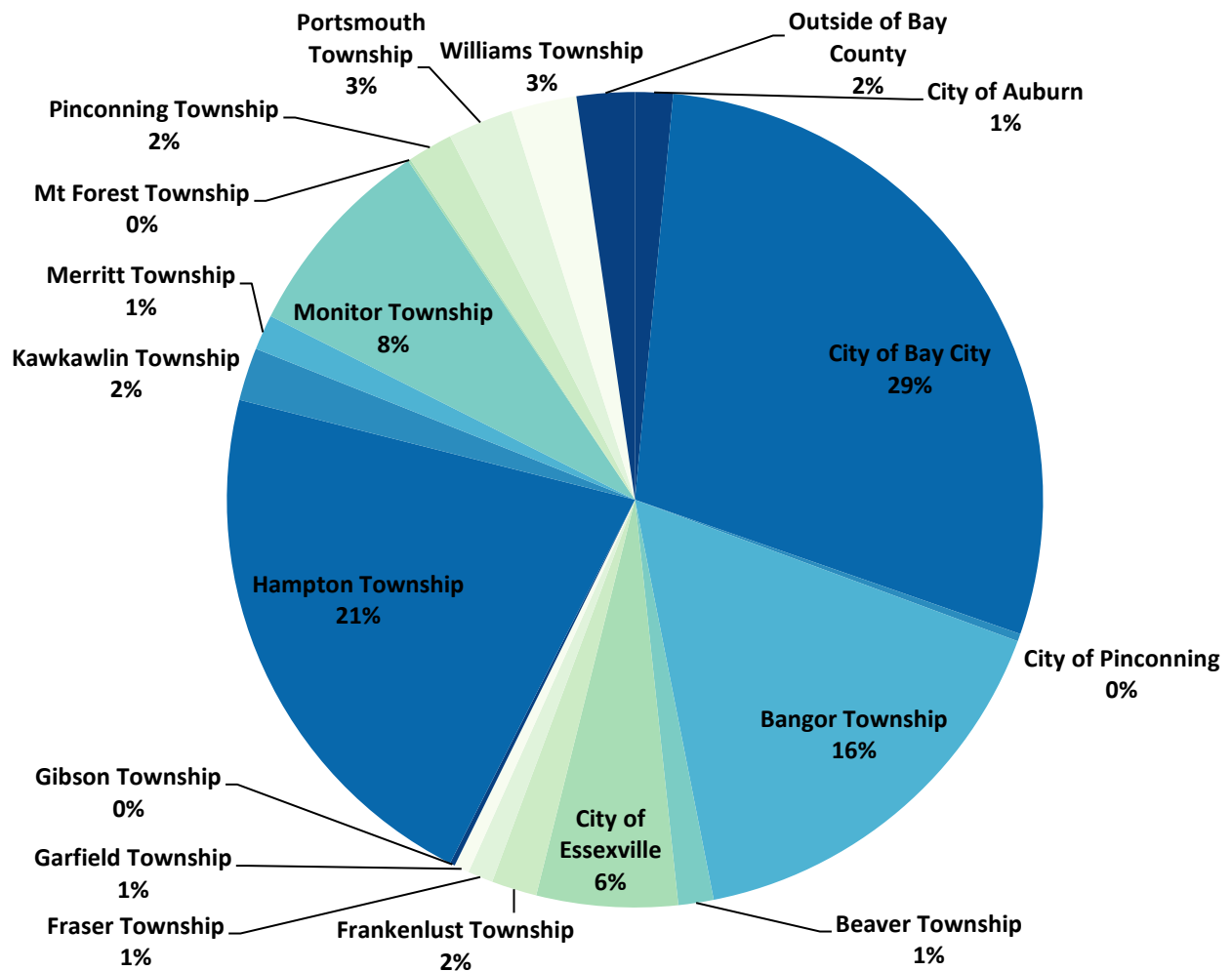
CHAPTER 9

APPENDIX B - 2023 SURVEY RESULTS

Report for Bay County Recreation Plan Survey

Total Responses: 1,379 | Complete 1,027 | Partial 352

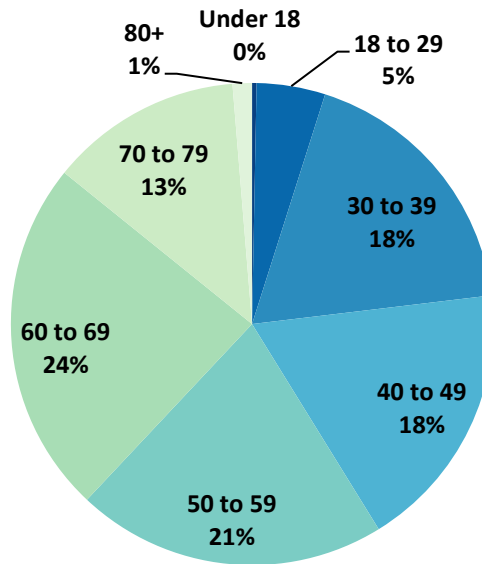
1. Where do you live?



Value	Responses	Percentage
City of Auburn	21	1.5%
City of Bay City	394	28.9%
City of Pinconning	4	0.3%
Bangor Township	223	16.3%
Beaver Township	19	1.4%
City of Essexville	76	5.6%
Frankenlust Township	24	1.8%
Fraser Township	13	1.0%
Garfield Township	8	0.6%
Gibson Township	3	0.2%
Hampton Township	293	21.5%
Kawkawlin Township	28	2.1%
Merritt Township	19	1.4%
Monitor Township	112	8.2%
Mt Forest Township	2	0.1%
Pinconning Township	24	1.8%
Portsmouth Township	35	2.6%
Williams Township	35	2.6%
Outside of Bay County	32	2.3%

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2. What is your age range?



Value	Percent	Count
Under 18	0.3%	4
18 to 29	4.6%	62
30 to 39	18.2%	248
40 to 49	18.1%	246
50 to 59	20.8%	282
60 to 69	23.8%	324
70 to 79	12.9%	175
80+	1.3%	18
Totals		1,359

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3. Considering Bay County is a Great Lakes waterfront community, how would you rate the public access to our water resources?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Unsure	Responses
	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count
The Saginaw River Count Row %	201 14.8 %	658 48.5 %	354 26.1%	97 7.1%	48 3.5%	1,358
The Saginaw Bay (Lake Huron) Count Row %	140 10.3 %	598 44.2%	422 31.2%	131 9.7%	63 4.7%	1,354
The Kawkawlin River Count Row %	56 4.2 %	293 21.8 %	442 32.9%	237 17.6%	317 23.6%	1,345
Pinconning River Count Row %	24 1.8 %	130 9.7 %	226 16.9%	125 9.3%	833 62.3%	1,338
Saganing River (Creek) Count Row %	21 1.6 %	98 7.4 %	199 15%	119 9.0%	892 67.1%	1,329

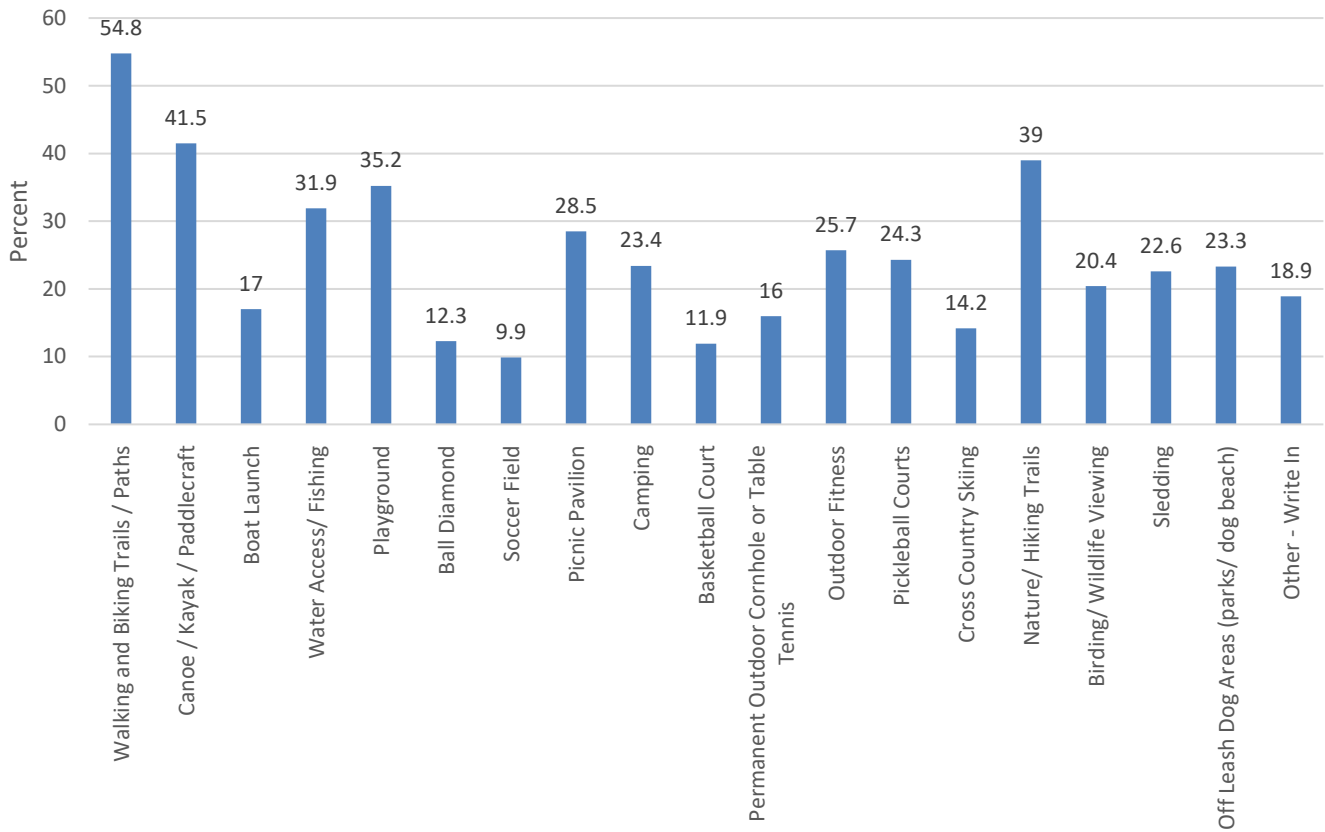
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4. Please rate your feelings regarding the following statements about parks in Bay County.

	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Don't know/no opinion	Responses
I am satisfied with the COUNTY park and recreation facilities in Bay County.					
Count	324	562	386	81	1,353
Row %	23.9%	41.5%	28.5%	6.0%	
I am satisfied with the LOCAL parks in my community					
Count	410	480	417	29	1,336
Row %.	30.7%	35.9%	31.2%	2.2%	
The preservation of natural areas and water resources in our community has a positive effect on my quality of life.					
Count	924	302	59	61	1,346
Row %	68.6%	22.4%	4.4%	4.5%	
It is important to improve access to and enhance the natural resources and recreation opportunities on the Saginaw Bay and Saginaw River.					
Count	1,175	133	17	22	1,347
Row %	87.2%	9.9%	1.3%	1.6%	

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5. What kind of recreation opportunities are you missing or want more of in your area? Please check all that apply.

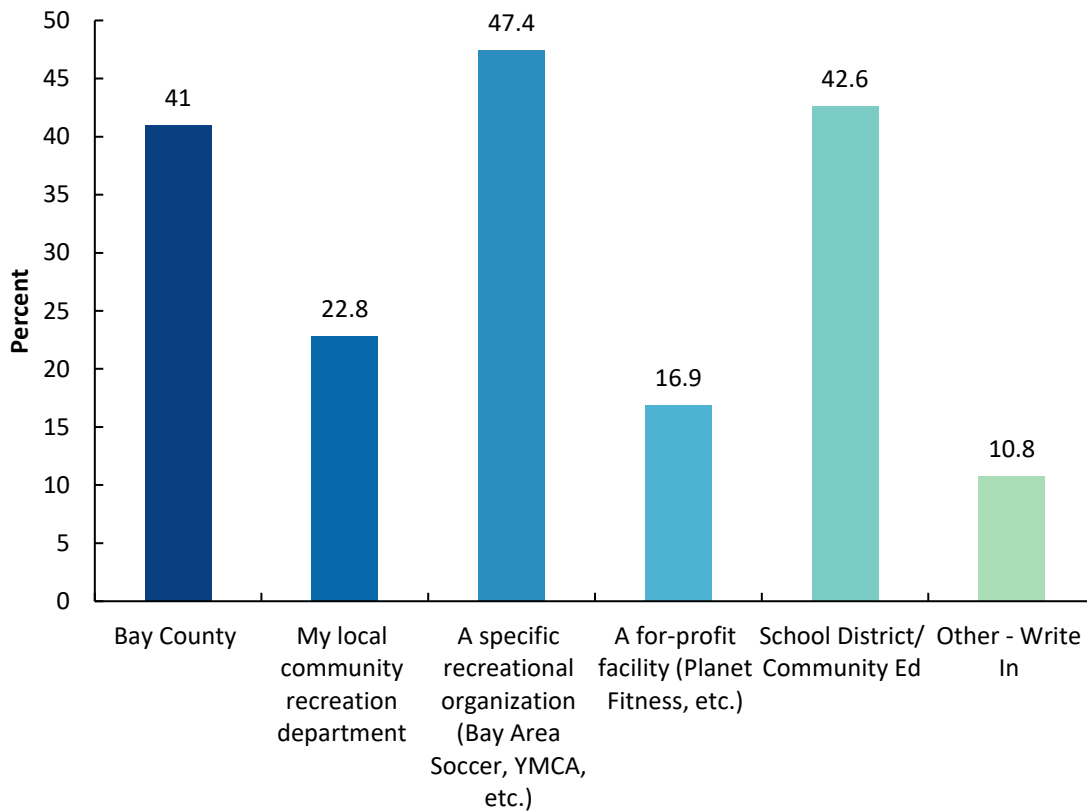


Other – Write In

- Pool/ Community Pool/ Swimming (59)
- Disc Golf (14)
- Snowmobile/ ORV Trails (2)
- Football Field (1)

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6. Recreational programs include youth sports leagues, adult sports leagues, special events (Easter egg hunt, daddy-daughter dance, etc.) and instructional classes (fitness, golf, hunter safety, etc.). Who provides the recreational programs that you and your family have participated in? Please check all that apply.



Other - Write In

- Church (13)
- Delta College (8)
- Library (3)
- Local Businesses (2)
- State Parks (10)
- YMCA (4)
- Bay City Community Center (8)
- Bay City Moose Lodge (1)
- Bay City Parks (1)
- Bay Community Tennis Association (1)
- Bay County Library (1)
- Bay Lacrosse (2)
- Bay Softball Association (2)
- Businesses (1)
- Can't afford offerings (1)
- Carroll Park (1)
- Conservation Club (1)
- Department on Aging/ McLaren (1)
- Division on Aging (1)
- Downtown Bay City Feet on the Street and the other street course events for special events (1)

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- Downtown Management Board, Arts Commission (1)
- Essexville Caro Park (1)
- Hunting (1)
- I pay out of pocket for youth programs not available from bay county (1)
- Little League (2)
- Local Neighborhood (1)
- Merritt Township (1)
- Midland Soccer Club (1)
- Midland - pay for my daughter to swim, sled & ride horses all in Midland Co (1)
- Nonprofit – (4)
- Out of town or state organizations since there aren't any around here (1)
- Pickleball (2)
- Pop Up Events (1)
- Private Organizations (4)
- Private Schools (1)
- State Theater (1)
- Walking (1)
- YMCA (2)

7.What kind of recreational programs or activities would you like to see added to your community for the following age groups?

	Children	Teens	Senior Citizens	Everyone	Responses
Concerts in the park					
Count	172	101	120	872	1,265
Row %	13.6%	8.0%	9.5%	68.9%	
Summertime Activities					
Count	206	131	107	802	1,246
Row %	16.5%	10.5%	8.6%	64.4%	
Craft Shows					
Count	89	34	149	910	1,182
Row %	7.5%	2.9%	12.6%	77.0%	
Food Truck Festivals					
Count	10	26	39	1,155	1,230
Row %	0.8%	2.1%	3.2%	93.9%	

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	Children	Teens	Senior Citizens	Everyone	
Adult Recreation Leagues (i.e. softball leagues, soccer, volleyball, basketball, kickball)					
Count	62	94	89	905	1,150
Row %	5.4%	8.2%	7.7%	78.7%	
Youth Recreation Leagues (i.e. baseball leagues, soccer, volleyball, basketball, football)					
Count	258	267	23	613	1,161
Row %	22.2%	23.0%	2.0%	52.8%	
Yoga in the Park					
Count	17	13	224	881	1,135
Row %	1.5%	1.1%	19.7%	77.6%	
Sports Camps					
Count	296	315	19	510	1,140
Row %	26.0%	27.6%	1.7%	44.7%	
Fitness Classes					
Count	21	25	150	994	1,190
Row %	1.8%	2.1%	12.6%	83.5%	
Nature Classes					
Count	146	36	63	951	1,196
Row %	12.2%	3.0%	5.3%	79.5%	
Holiday Events					
Count	85	18	49	1,061	1,213
Row %	7.0%	1.5%	4.0%	87.5%	
Concerts/ Movies in the Park					
Count	64	30	33	1,097	1,224
Row %	5.2%	2.5%	2.7%	89.6%	

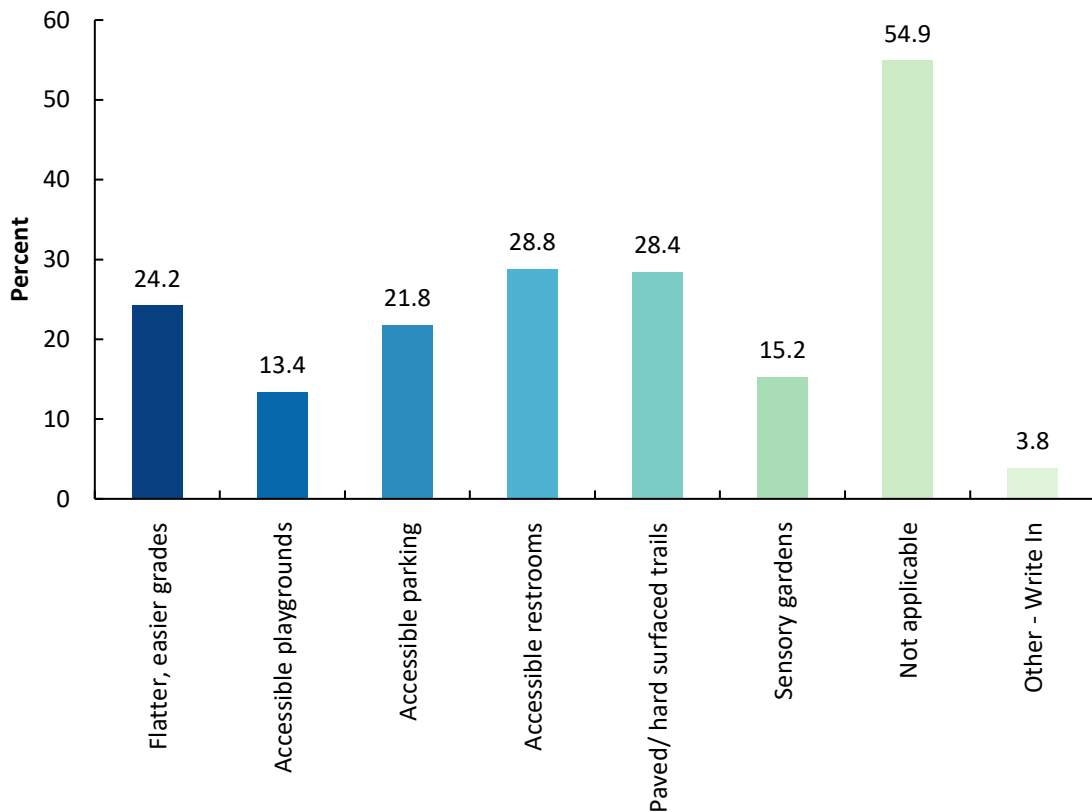
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8. How often do you use trails (land or water) in the region?

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Less than Monthly	Sometimes	Never	Responses
Bay City Riverwalk/ Rivertrail							
Count	110	346	308	132	323	92	1,311
Row %	8.4%	26.4%	23.5%	10.1%	24.6%	7.0%	
Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail/ Iron Belle Trail							
Count	26	91	98	84	225	668	1,192
Row %	2.2%	7.6%	8.2%	7.0%	18.9%	56.0%	
Blueways Water Trail							
Count	6	38	50	60	185	817	1,156
Row %	0.5%	3.3%	4.3%	5.2%	16.0%	70.7%	
Saginaw Bay Water Trail							
Count	18	107	129	81	319	546	1,200
Row %	1.5%	8.9%	10.8%	6.8%	26.6%	45.5%	

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9. If there is a person with a disability in your family, please indicate which of the following would make parks or trails in Bay County more user-friendly for you or your family member. Please check all that apply.



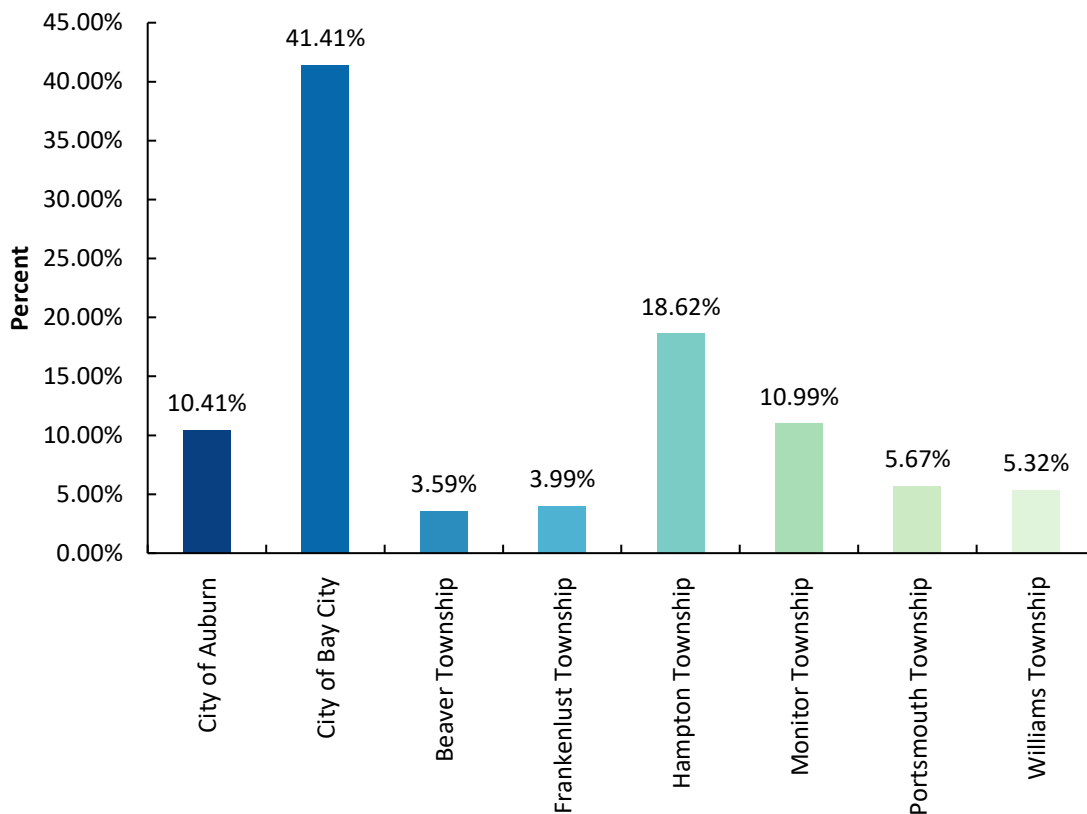
Other – Write In:

- Places to rest (benches, tables, etc.) (7)
- Cleanliness (3)
- Community pool for aqua therapy (3)
- Adult changing tables (2)
- Benches (2)
- Bathrooms that are accessible for children with special needs (2)
- Drinking fountains (2)
- Wheelchair made for the beach or our hiking that can be used or rented (2)
- more beach mats, and all terrain rental wheelchairs (2)
- Amigos (1)
- Areas in large parks where disabled can play with a dog and dog can run. (1)
- Sensory friendly events in our parks. Concerts with the music turned down, no flashing lights, etc. (1)
- Better lighting & ambient lighting making things more inviting (1)
- Developer the posposed park at end of Linwood road with ADH access (1)
- Easy access down the beach to the water (1)
- Faced areas so my autistic daughter can't run away into the street. (1)
- Frisbee golf (1)
- Instructors like they did many years ago at playground sites (1)
- Limited bike, roller blading access on trails meant for those with mobility issues (1)
- Midland has a great baseball field for wheelchairs. Crushed rubber-like. Color green for grass- lines bright colors. Fence around. Could be any games. (1)

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- My son is Autistic and tends to elope. It would be great to have more fenced in playground areas to help give him some independence while keeping him safe. (1)
- Not charge \$ to enter a public park! (1)
- Not near enough handicap parking for Wenonah Park (1)
- Playground equipment, i.e. , swings with seats that won't let the child fall out, and fenced in playgrounds is very important. (1)
- Put the trash cans back on the trail and keep the grass cut (1)
- These items need to include ALL ages. Currently only small amounts and only address children/small people. Son is 5ft10inches and couldn't go on anything at the one single park that is accessible (1)
- Walking trail at Kawkawlin Twp park w/restrooms. (1)
- handicap accessible boat launches (1)

11. In addition to your community, select ALL the communities you would like to provide feedback for local parks.



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12.The Bay County Civic Arena offers ice hockey, figure, speed, and open skating, along with a pro-shop, concessions, and locker rooms. Please evaluate the following aspects of the Bay County Civic Arena.

	Good	OK	Poor	Don't know	Responses
Maintenance and Appearance					
Count	293	282	49	444	1,068
Row %	27.4%	26.4%	4.6%	41.6%	
Handicap Accessibility					
Count	195	180	26	657	1,058
Row %	18.4%	17.0%	2.5%	62.1%	
Quality/ Friendliness of Staff					
Count	239	214	20	592	1,065
Row %	22.4%	20.1%	1.9%	55.6%	
Programs, Classes and Amenities					
Count	143	208	62	654	1,067
Row %	13.4%	19.5%	5.8%	61.3%	

13.What additional programming, events, classes, etc. would you like to see at the Civic Arena?

Top Responses:

1. Learn to skate programs: There is a desire for more opportunities for people of all ages to learn how to skate.
2. More open skate hours: Many people want increased availability for open skate sessions.
3. Community events and activities: Many respondents want the facility to host community events, craft shows, concerts, markets, and alike.
4. Affordable/free options: Suggestions include free skate for kids, free open skating for low-income individuals, free clinics for hockey, and subsidized gear.
5. Indoor sports and fitness programs: Ideas include indoor pickleball, soccer, frisbee golf, yoga, and fitness classes.

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All write in responses:

- Learn to skate, more open skate hours, ice skating games, community events
- Use the facility as a multi-purpose facility and not just focused on ice hockey and figure skating.
- during off seasons it should be used for classes, events like markets and more
- More learn to skate programa
- Senior events
- A published schedule of activities and available times for public use.
- Love the free summer skate offered for kids.
- I have never used
- trade and craft shows, misc. events
- More programs to get younger kids involved
- CPR classes
- More open skates
- Sports psychology programming
- Indoor music concerts in the wintertime
- A Santa's Workshop for Christmas, like the one at J.L.Hudson's in Detroit used to have. Crafters could offer inexpensive gifts for kids to buy family & friends. Santa & elves could interact with them. offer
- Better advertising their availability
- Have not been there so I don't know
- Adult ice skating
- Anything for children 3 yrs and up
- Turf field installed for athletic practices, events similar to Midland Civic arena.
- More open skate
- It would be nice to see some free open ice skating for kids who normally can't go because it's expensive
- More skating events
- I have seen zero promotion of anything at this location
- Swimming golf lessons
- Summertime activity
- Better PR have middle school child, new to area & no info on this
- Events
- Open skate
- Adult skate lessons
- Free open skate time
- Financial aid, planning for retirement,
- I am not overly interested in hockey.
- More open skating
- Senior activities
- adult skating classes
- More open skate or classes for kids not on hockey teams
- Public gardens
- Classes for exercise in senior citizens
- Concerts
- Fair adult league hockey divisions
- Some things for teens that are lower cost or free. There is programs for younger kids that are free.
- Free skating for seniors
- More public skate access
- More open skate times
- Civil Arena should have carpet put down on one rink and allow indoor soccer opportunities given those are gone with dome collapse in Auburn.
- Concerts
- Classes that you can participate in without having to pay a yearly membership to participate in. Just pay per class
- Adult learning lessons
- Craft shows
- Yoga
- Concerts
- More open skate times
- More open skate/public ads for it. I never know what's going on over there.
- More open skate at better times
- Wish there would be more open skate time- especially in the evenings.
- Unknown
- I have never been there.
- Hockey classes for young children
- Free/lower rates for those children who have little income
- Affordable for multiple children,
- Free skate
- Use the rink that gets shut down on one side in the summer for something. Some sport you can play indoors just for the summer.
- gun shows
- Fitness classes
- I would like to see skills classes for adults, so that people who are new to the sport can learn to play, and so that people who haven't played in a while can get back into shape. This can be done ahead of the start of adult league. It should be coed as well.
- Curling
- Do not know

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- Indoor Soccer
- Trade shows Antique shows Indoor Soccer
- Senior activity
- Lessons
- Free skates
- Turf field with indoor training capability!
- Youth hockey camps and veteran hockey support
- A full remodel of the entire facility which hasnt seen a face lift IN YEARS
- skating courses for adults that aren't figure skating
- Broomball
- concerts
- More hour options for public skate
- Exercise
- Summer programs. (No ice)
- More about dates of events offered
- Don't patronize
- Free clinics for sports
- I would like to see something for lower SES families. My daughter wants to play hockey but I can't afford to buy her everything she would need to play. If there was a free day or weekend camp, maybe she could get a feel amd truly decide if she wants to play. You could partner with another non profit like the Neighborhood Resource Center 9893977179 ask for Katie. Or the Bay Arenac ISD, along with other organizations to make this possible.
- Not sure but their employee Janet Alvarez is a ROCK STAR!
- More open skateoppo
- More skating classes
- Ice skating events
- Boxing/ mma/ slap fights
- Location to far out and expensive for kids who have limited money or transportation issues
- Senior Hockey
- Free programs for the community, special needs camps, scholarship opportunities for children with disabilities
- Indoor pickle ball
- More Holiday Events for Families
- more public info about the Arena
- Low income
- concerts, conventions, shows
- library book sale
- curling
- more open skate times
- More for teens without internet access
- Anything but gender specialized events
- Dance skate and teaching, disabled (autism) night
- Open skate times
- Public events during inclimate weather
- More advertisement for programs
- More public skate times
- N/A, don't use this facility.
- Summer camps for sports besides hockey
- more open skate times
- Curling
- Adult skate activities
- More for the kids to participate in
- Gun shows
- They currently offer a variety of programs that we participated in regularly.
- Summer program, bring back the community ctr
- Learn to skate classes
- My grand daughters enjoy the open skates, and my nephew plays hockey...I'm very happy they have access to a facility in Bay County!
- More trainings and camps
- Utilize the downtime on one of the arenas for craft fairs, beer tastings, cornhole leagues, summer camps
- Sip and swirl
- Frisbee golf
- Craft shows
- More dry ice events in the summer
- Community ed programs.
- Hunting fishing and boat safety type classes
- Senior adult hockey league or sessions.
- Another night for Learn to Skate
- Free skate classes open to public fcfs
- Teaching skating, open skating
- Better advertise open skate times
- Indoor turf for soccer
- Senior events
- Ice skating classes, ice games & competition
- None
- The ice arena is run very poorly. It starts with arena upgrades. It is one of the work arenas in the state as dar as upkeep. It seems like the county has no interest in putting any money into the arena... except for the new Zamboni. The place looks like it is falling apart.
- More open skates
- curling

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- Skate lessons for kids
- winter concerts
- Close Civic Arena - Waste of Money
- More open skating days
- skating classes
- Speed skating figure skating
- Using our facilities such as the Civic Arena more often. Promote it better with more offerings for all ages
- I'm not sure because I think of the civic arena as only for skating. What else can it be used for?
- Individual times for different age groups for open skating.
- More emphasis on youth hockey
- More book sales.
- More room for birthday parties
- skating exhibitions for donations.
- More open skate/public skate
- more open skate times for families or just adults
- Pro shop is terrible
- Anything new
- Pickle ball
- Love the Hockey and the ice-skating!
- Better advertising of events
- Better communication for events, classes, etc.
- Pickleball
- Indoor pickleball
- Indoor pickleball
- Health programs
- kid programs
- Free youth programs with bussing from schools.
- Not sure all that is available
- Indoor pickleball
- Corn hole
- Pickleball
- Craft shows
- More Lunchtime Hockey on weekdays and any time on weekends
- The ice quality is well below average standards. It is obvious new equipment and updating is needed to compete with other arenas in the area.
- More family days/nights
- learn to skate programs for kids
- Programs for the less fortunate children in our area
- Weight lifting
- Looking good
- Gun shows
- Keep both sheets of ice through the summer
- Learn to skate
- Craft shows
- Advertisement
- Pickleball
- U16 and higher hockey house teams
- Better viewing areas for hockey. With two high schools playing there, the bleachers need to be fixed to allow more visibility.
- Meet & Greet with successful athletes
- Better incorporation of high school hockey.. TEAMS for all ages.. seem to be lacking the age of 14,15, 16,yr,17 yr olds ... IF THEY DONT GET ON THE HIGH SCHOOL TEAM..... bay county neds to provide a group... THESE KIDS JUST WANT TO PLAY.. your a hockey rink let's be there for the kids
- Adult free skate and classes
- Pickleball
- more powerskating classes
- More adult only skate nights
- It seems the arena, including the gym is for a select few.
- Pickleball
- general fitness, senior classes
- Unsure
- Craft and vendor events, garden classes, swimming for seniors
- Open house so other residents of Bay County can see how great this is
- Not sure
- Family skates
- Craft show
- More information take credit for the things you are doing. Get the word out.
- Leisure ice skating
- would like more info available about services
- Crossing liberty bridge free
- Pickleball courts
- 16 and 18u hockey
- Crafts
- Ice events/ice capades /ice skill competitions
- More open skate events
- Something for the community that doesn't skate
- more times after school for open ice skating
- Drop-in hockey
- free kids camp during summer
- Open skating

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14. The Bay County Community Center offers gyms and classrooms for sports, events, classes, and programs. Please evaluate the following aspects of the Community Center.

	Good	OK	Poor	Don't know	Responses
Maintenance and Appearance					
Count	220	370	145	329	1,064
Row %	20.7%	34.8%	13.6%	30.9%	
Handicap Accessibility					
Count	222	263	42	528	1,055
Row %	21.0%	24.9%	4.0%	50%	
Quality/ Friendliness of Staff					
Count	290	258	44	468	1,060
Row %	27.4%	24.3%	4.2%	44.2%	
Programming, Classes and Amenities					
Count	155	280	164	461	1,060
Row %	14.6%	26.4%	15.5%	43.5%	

15. What additional programming, events, classes, etc. would you like to see at the Community Center

Top Responses:

1. The most common request is for the pool to be reopened and fixed, with swimming and swim-related activities being a popular demand.
2. Many respondents want more fitness classes, such as yoga, aqua size, and other exercise programs.
3. There is a desire for additional programs and activities for children, teens, and families, including sports leagues, craft classes, and events.
4. There is a desire for free or low-cost activities to make the community center accessible to all, regardless of income.
5. Seniors would like more activities tailored to their age group, such as senior fitness classes and workshops.

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All write in responses:

- Unsure
- More hours for summer program because I can't send my kids and attend work because of the short hours. Also, fix the pool.
- Evening fitness classes
- Yoga exercises
- Swimming
- Swim classes, access to safe swimming, and athletic swim events
- I would like to see the pool open.
- Better use of the pool, lots of opportunities with swim teams that need a place to hold meets. These meets would bring folks into our town and bring some boost into our economy. Love the new gym, the heating and cooling needs some work. Some of my volleyball games have the heat blasting and other times it's freezing. Need more parking!
- Low cost activities
- the pool fixed and open.. isn't there grants available?
- Swimming- open the pool!
- Pool!
- Reopen the pool
- More advertising for programs
- A community pool for learn to swim, fitness classes, community recreation, day camp, and the club swim team(s). Overall the community center should be packed with programs for children to adults. It is like the ymca for the community or those that can't afford the YMCA membership. We need to ensure program and facilities for all.
- Open the pool!!!!
- Food truck rally
- More public awareness of what is available.
- Swimming pool
- Swim lessons for all ages
- Pool open, teen basketball and sports. There is nothing for teens to do in Bay City. If they don't make the teams at the schools, they don't have any sports available until. They are adults.
- There is a great gym here. I feel it's potential is NOT being used. When I have contacted the manager she is never very friendly or helpful
- Swimming
- Rebuild the pool
- Swimming
- Pool
- Community pool classes for everyone, including people with disabilities. More open pool times for lap swimming not just for swim teams but for adults
- swimming lessons for children, teens and adults in the summer. More open swim hours and facilities for families to spend the day...picnic tables w/umbrellas etc.
- Swimming, classes, aqua size, kayak classes, scuba lessons
- Pool exercise classes
- Art classes, swim, teen nights, sensory nights
- Swim classes
- Swim lessons and open swim
- The swimming pool open!
- Bingo or things for community
- Community pool
- Swimming and classes for swimming
- Swimming pool access
- More public awareness and info
- A pool again!!!
- Opening of the pool with events and classes for everyone
- swimming pool
- Swimming pool reopened.
- Swim lessons for children, teens and adults. Open swim time. Water aerobics.
- Pool usable again
- Pool
- Keep the pool!
- Outdoor pool
- Community pool
- Anything. Not aware they have anything there for anybody anymore
- More sitting exercise classes for seniors.
- Pool- Advanced Lifesaving & WSI
- Swimming pool
- I would like to see the pool open again and maybe some swimming classes

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- Keep the pool and advertise for the pool
- The entire program, building, and staff needs to be revamped. Community recreation is not advertised or marketed in the area, leaving many people without the proper knowledge to take advantage. A person who has the necessary degrees in recreation should lead Bay County into the future.
- Community pool!
- Pool! Splash pad, pickleball,
- Pool, pool, pool!
- Beginners Pickleball
- I would like to see the pool reopened.
- Self defense classes for all age ranges. This world is crazy
- swim classes
- Swim lessons
- Open the pool
- Swim Lessons/teams, pool events/competition, senior water exercise classes, family/teen swim opportunities, Masters swim program for adults, available usage for day camps at the community center, Lifeguard training classes, sunbathing/swim for families, etc....
- An investment must be placed to overhaul this building, the resources available and the pool. This is a staple of a resource in our community
- Swimming! For all ages
- Swimming lessons
- To be able to use the pool
- Swimming
- Swimming lessons
- Swimming pool
- POOL
- Childcare during classes, open the pool, more exercise classes.
- Swimming & better PR have no idea what they offer as new to area & BC is poor at getting info out to new people with kids
- Pool open
- The swimming pool open, swim classes, triathlons, open swim for adults, lifeguarding classes, CPR-AED-Stop the Bleed classes
- More advertisement for things and classes available to do here
- A new pool and splash park
- Pool needs to be updated and open
- Pool opened
- Cooking glasses for those with dietary restrictions
- Swimming. Classes events - open sessions -club events
- Pool
- This is the first I've heard of the community center. The county and local agencies need to collaborate better on getting out information about events, etc in our area. If you're not a FB it can be difficult to find out about the area events. Even on FB the information it is very disjointed and scattered.
- Free programs for seniors
- Additional classes in general
- The pool
- Pool...
- The community center needs more family, kid and teen programming. Also fix the pool
- Since they plan to close the pool, convert that space into a smaller pool and outdoor play space, with water play areas. Or create an indoor play park & walking track that can be used in winter too.
- Public gardens as in food
- The swimming pool
- I would like to see notices sent or a way to find out activities that they offer.
- Yoga.
- Open the Community Center Pool
- Disc golf
- Safety for women and children. Maybe something with police so that children are more familiar with them and not just for the sad reasons.
- Pool returned to use
- More family health and fitness
- Outdoor pool
- Open the pool
- More advertising for what is being offered there
- More classes and summer programs
- Free swimming
- Would be nice to see the community pool back open. Not many options for summer swimming in bay city.
- A working pool
- Pool

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- Open the pool. Kids need something to do & we have excellent high school swim teams. They need a place to work & train
- Open the pool! I learned to swim there when I was 10 years old.
- A better published list of programs they offer.
- Really miss swimming pool
- More classes for kids not geared towards after school care. Some sports camps or dance classes would be nice.
- Pool
- More youth focus. Though seniors have a mileage, the community is beginning to forget the youth. As highlighted by pool negativity. (End, Cover the pool)
- I am so sad about the closure of the pool. I wish that decision would be re-evaluated. My children participated in swimming there and swim meets through Bay Aquatics.
- Pool open
- Bring back the community pool
- Never been there
- Pool open
- More communication about what is offered
- The POOL
- Open the pool!
- Free fitness classes or some at a very small fee
- Facility seems old and no pool is a huge bummer.
- The pool operating in good condition for the community to use.
- Water
- Yoga, cycling
- Swimming
- I am unaware of public classes held there. Better advertisement would be helpful.
- Keep The Pool!!!
- Bigger rooms
- Yoga
- Poop being open
- Open the pool.
- Pool
- Open the pool! Swimming classes, lifeguard safety certification. Look at Midland Community Center and be that for Bay City/County!
- More yoga. The pool back
- Outdoor pool
- Fix the pool
- Swimming pool
- Everything is during business hours
- Swimming pool
- It would be great if we could save/open the only outdoor public pool
- Update fitness equipment
- Pool, swim lessons, infant & toddler swim lessons
- I have no idea what's going on at that place. There needs to be more advertising using social media.
- Tai chi, more yoga, Zumba
- Open swim at the pool
- Events for the missing category on previous selections for ages between teen and senior citizens
- save and improve the pool
- Swimming
- There are NO programs for kids in our community that you offer here other than the summer rec program. Would love to see you guys offer programs for kids.
- Have never been there
- Advertising for lower income children
- Children spo
- swimming
- I'd like to see maybe a small 9 hole pitch and putt disc golf course put in across the street. Ive set up my own baskets down there many times and tons of people have said they should put some baskets in down there. Just ask the local disc golf community that does a lot for the local parks in the surrounding area.
- gun shows
- Cooking classes
- I haven't seen a community Ed newsletter in years telling the public what is available
- Fix the pool. Trade shows Antique shows
- Indoor corn hole for seniors
- Don't know what's currently offered
- Swimming for all ages
- build an indoor pool.
- More adult and senior programs
- Swimming lessons, pool access
- Keep the pool open!!

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- I would like to see events publicized more.
- Pool
- Open the pool
- additional program in early morning hours or after working hours during the week
- More community enrichment programming, classes, etc
- I was unaware they even have events or classes
- More fitness classes
- Keeping the pool
- Bring pool back
- swimming
- I would like to know what's going on at the community center. It isn't advertised well.
- Pool
- Outside pickle ball courts
- Same as previous answer
- Don't patronize
- Swimming pool
- Free classes
- I want the pool!! For the past many years I couldn't even figure out when the pool was actually open to the public. The Community center needs help with advertising. That pool would be used far more often if it was open and marketed. I would also like to see youth sports
- Bring back the pool
- Better gym hours for the working class
- Pool
- More activities for seniors
- Community pool
- Keep the pool
- Offer movies for teens and fun things kids can do
- Different styles of exercises
- Fitness for adults
- Pool reopened
- More indoor pickleball
- Free camps/activities for children during the summer
- More sports for teens that don't make the high school teams. Not everyone can be a star but that doesn't mean they aren't good.
- Save or build a new, more year round pool
- More pickleball times especially in winter
- Repair the pool!
- Larger facility so it is easier to schedule volleyball leagues
- children programs,
- swimming
- More advertising, I don't even know what they offer
- More classes after working hours. (5pm)
- Better advertising to know what is offered
- More children's classes
- updated locker rooms w/changing stalls
- Pool !!!!!!!!
- Senior events
- Yoga
- Swimming
- Anything but gender specific event example LGBT has no place in public areas.
- Sports for young autistic children.
- Additional pickleball time/courts
- Upkeep and keeping the pool
- Shuffleboard, ping pong table
- Senior activities expanded to public
- More variety
- Kids yoga
- Childrens programs other the summer program
- Pool upgraded and reopened. Swimming classes if pool ever reopens.
- Exercise class geared to seniors afternoon class would be nice, classes always seem to be in morning hours
- Indoor pool
- pool opened
- Evening yoga or pilate
- Pool
- Never knew we had one or what it offered
- Adult group classes
- More for the kids to do
- Zumba classes
- More programs for teens
- Repair pool and open to public
- Swimming
- The pool open again! Crafting classes, cooking etc
- Self defense
- Kids summer origami
- Craft and art classes

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- Another pool
- Pool
- Pool in working condition
- More softball leagues - women's fast pitch, tournaments
- Kids events
- Pickleball in the evening for people who work during the day
- Swimming
- Fitness, dance, swim lessons. Save the pool!
- More youth sports activities available
- Family friendly programs
- Community education like we used to have, like craft classes etc
- Pool users
- I think that they need more variety other than just some kind of card games.
- Spray Park
- Better advertising if programs are for the community.
- Reopening of pool
- More advertisement. Had no idea!
- The pool was a big deal
- In warmer months aqua aerobics, wider variety of times for aerobics classes
- Reopen the swimming pool!
- Have an indoor pool
- Better advertise open swim times and days
- Better playgrounds
- More senior classes
- More like Midland Community Center
- Crafts painting for seniors
- Senior events
- Gymnastics, soccer, and martial arts
- Sign language classes
- More youth events and a pool
- Better access to pool in the evenings
- Swimming - pool!
- More kids based activities
- Bocce ball courts
- meditation classes have been found to improve depression, anxiety and would be a great addition
- Indoor pool
- I feel as if the community center is a thing of the past due to poor marketing, upkeep, and adapting with the changes of new trends, hobbies, programs etc. They should add pickleball courts to the area, offer a better fitness center, spikeball, promote basketball leagues for people. I think it is a great place to have but just not ran adequately and poorly managed.
- One time events such as a retro dance night
- More indoor pickleball courts
- A pool for the community to use. Maybe a Bay County Community Center Pool.
- Concerts for kid's, like kidz Bop music
- Pool opened
- Outdoor pickleball
- Instructional classes for different hobbies and interests.
- Pool
- Zine-making class
- Community room rentals
- Bring the pool back
- The pool. Our property taxes keep going up while the city maintains less and less.
- Swimming
- More Sr. Citizen classes on staying young and healthy like balance, chair exercises
- It would be cool to see the softball leagues back to their former glory
- more indoor pickleball space and times winter months
- Hunter Safety
- more information available about the programs offered
- Pickleball league
- More indoor pickleball courts
- More pickleball with safer courts, better lighting, no roof leaks
- Pickleball
- Pickleball
- More pickleball
- Better fitness equipment and program
- Improved fitness room and activities
- Pickleball
- More opportunities to play pickle ball. More courts. A roof that doesn't leak.
- Outdoor pickleball
- More available times for pickleball in the winter months
- Outdoor pickle ball
- Outdoor pickleball courts
- Be able to reopen the pool
- Pickleball
- Pickleball league

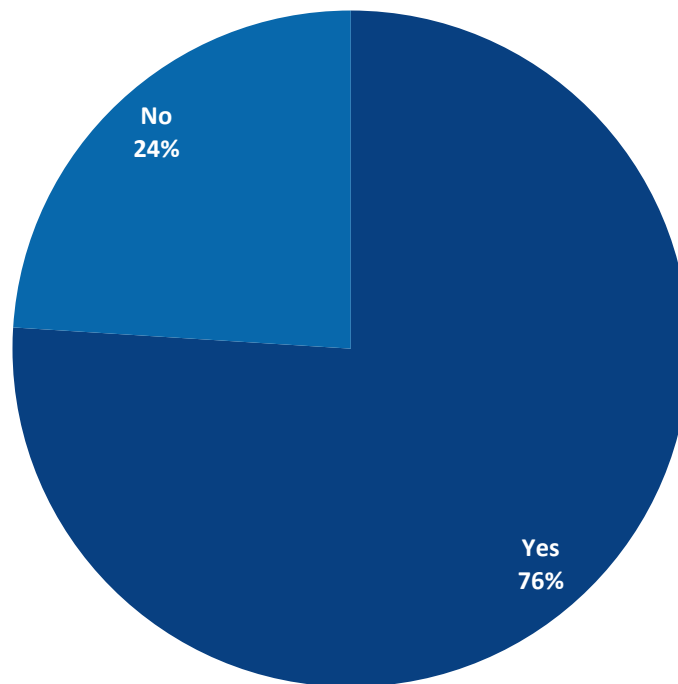
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- More Pickleball times and access
- Pickleball tournaments/clinics for seniors
- Expanded hours for indoor pickleball
- Pickleball classes
- More open play times for pickleball
- Health
- More pickleball
- Kid programs
- More children programs
- Youth programs available weekends and after business hours
- Pickleball league
- More pickleball in winter
- Pickleball clinics/classes all ages
- Swimming pool, more children and teen programs
- Increase pickleball to 3 hour blocks
- More pickleball courts
- A pool! Raise the funds and open the pool back up!
- Shuffle board
- Another gym
- Pickleball
- Bring the pool back!
- More pickleball courts
- Programming should be made more accessible
- Craft shows
- None
- Physical exercise classes like Zumba Pilates yoga
- Family nights, stem events, pool reopening, adding splash park
- 40 and up basketball tournament as well as pickleball
- Many of the classes are offered during work hours only which makes it difficult to join in when I work full time. Such as Pickle ball. I've wanted to learn but all the classes and events were held during the work day.
- No comment; thank you.
- Swim lessons for children of all ages. More evening classes for working people.
- Evening classes. People work during the day
- Swimming and Programming for the less fortunate children
- Fitness, yoga
- Pool
- Life skills for teens
- Exercise
- More programs for children outside of the summer recreation program, sports leagues, community education classes, sports tournaments
- Swim lessons, swim meets, more winter leagues (basketball, volleyball, pickle ball etc.)
- Advertisement and programs are too costly especially for children and teen
- Pickleball
- Swimming lessons
- Pool
- Bring back the pool
- Swim classes
- Any, bring back the pool
- No further suggestions
- Make & Take I.E. crafts, healthy snacks
- Pool
- Free Computer education for seniors
- Should have kept the pool
- The whole place just looks sad. Pool area needs some love too
- Swimming
- More evening exercise classes
- More advertisements for these
- Wish it was larger with more parking to hold community events
- more machines, classes
- Unsure
- Craft and vendor events, garden classes
- Sign language & basic understanding of law
- Fix the pool and use it
- Pool with swim lessons
- Yoga
- Senior fitness
- A functioning outdoor pool.
- More teen activities
- Evening classes- pickleball
- I would like to see classes such as craft classes; woodworking for women and how to use power tools
- Make it a true community center. Offer sports for kids, and swimming lessons. Use the resources we have
- More information about what is offered
- Stop giving raises to city government and save the pool
- The pool. Open or put the pool inside and can do swim classes
- Open the pool

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- The community center pool needs to be saved. Midland makes excellent use of their outdoor pool. Bay city could do the same. The locker room area and community center building needs renovation. The summer program for kids is great, but there is more that could be done.
- Advertisement of the programming! I didn't even know they existed.
- Community Events for Everyone
- More fitness classes after work hours
- More hours for pickup basketball, more hours for fitness center access
- Teen/Open Gym for Volleyball
- Re-open the pool
- THE POOL
- Swimming and classes for seniors also more advertising

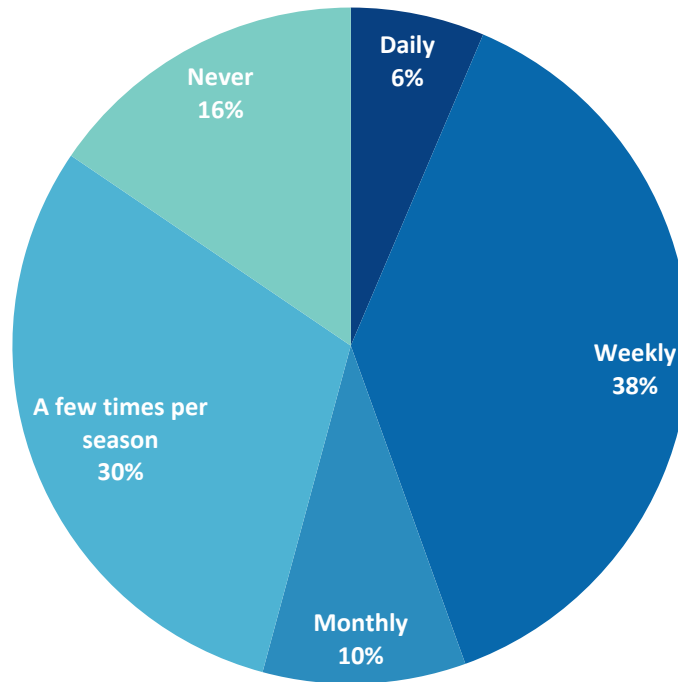
16.Should Bay County work towards the implementation of a new community outdoor pool?



Value	Percent	Count
Yes	76.0%	801
No	24.0%	253
Totals		1,054

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17.How often would you use a new community pool if one was installed in the near future?



Value	Percent	Count
Daily	6.4%	51
Weekly	38.1%	302
Monthly	9.7%	77
A few times per season	30.3%	240
Never	15.5%	123
Totals		793

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18. Please evaluate the following aspects of the Bay County Fairgrounds and Dog Park.

	Good	OK	Poor	Don't know	Responses
Maintenance and Appearance					
Count	140	398	151	375	1,064
Row %	13.2%	37.4%	14.2%	35.2%	
Handicap Accessibility					
Count	124	239	87	603	1,053
Row %	11.8%	22.7%	8.3%	57.3%	
Dog Park					
Count	150	292	111	506	1,059
Row %	14.2%	27.6%	10.5%	47.8%	
Safety & Security					
Count	138	288	113	515	1,054
Row %	13.1%	27.3%	10.7%	48.9%	

19. Do you have any other feedback regarding the Bay County Fairgrounds and Dog Park?

Top Responses:

1. **Maintenance and Upgrades:** Many people express the need for better maintenance and upgrades for both the fairgrounds and the dog park. They want cleaner facilities, improved landscaping, updated equipment, and better drainage.
2. **Dog Park Size and Amenities:** Some respondents feel that the dog park is too small and lacks amenities for dogs to play and train properly. They suggest adding more space, agility equipment, shade, water stations, and separating areas for small and large dogs.
3. **Fairgrounds Utilization:** Many individuals believe that the fairgrounds are underutilized and could be used for various events and activities, including concerts, art fairs, outdoor yoga, movie nights, and more.
4. **County Fair Improvement:** Many individuals believe the county fairgrounds need significant improvements, such as updating grandstands, adding food trucks, better rides, and enhancing the 4H programs.
5. **Information and Communication:** People want better communication and promotion of events at the fairgrounds, so the community is more aware of what's happening.

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All write in responses:

- Seems like it's not being utilized enough
- Needs to be maintained and updated
- Dog park had a lot of really wet areas with standing water this spring. Haven't been back since.
- Larger run
- I have no animals
- Needs to be updated
- We need our fairgrounds back. We need a nice fair like we used to have with clean food trucks and nice rides. Not rusty old rides. The grandstands need to be bigger to hold more people.
- Bring back ice skating
- More should happen there! Community would volunteer! Frankenmuth brings A lot of tourism in. More art fairs for example
- New bathrooms!
- Always looks run down
- Needs either a complete rebuild or get rid of it
- I didn't even know the dog park existed! Would love one towards the west side of the city.
- It would be nice if it was larger
- Need bigger park area for smaller dogs
- Is there security? In what form?
- Need a dog park on west side.
- More activities such as Rally or Agility classes for the public
- Old & crappy. Most buildings have been pulled down, fair needs better PR & so does local 4H. Pole barn using to store someone's stuff, as of fall 2022. Horse area starting to get better, but needs more work as it's shoe horned into a corner, little space , next to a grandstand & security is a joke. Dog park is 3rd world. Area floods: dog park, parking lot & entrance to park. Little shade, & it's just a boring area for owners & dogs
- It would be nice if there were more obstacles for dogs to be able to train on
- Ground is uneven. Need for seating or benches
- Unappealing space that could be so much better incl pickleball courts and other things
- Having dog events could be fun. Also making info about the parks easier to find would be helpful.
- More paved walkways
- We moved to Bay City a little over a year ago and have not had the opportunity to see it yet. The fair is on our to do list for 2023.
- I think the fairgrounds are severely underutilized. More needs to be done to find new uses and ideas for the space.
- This facility and area needs major upgrades as well as better lighting and agility for the dogs.
- Need things for dogs to do
- It's not kept up very well
- We need more big name concerts in the grandstand.
- Paved areas for people that are handicapped and use an amigo. Also more security because when there are activities there is a safety concern. Bay City is feeling more and more like Saginaw.
- We are forgotten about up here. Nobody from here is taking their dog 20 miles to the dog park.
- I used the dog park years ago but haven't been there to see if it's been kept up. It was nice 10 or so years ago.
- A Dog park on the west side would be nice.
- These areas need updating
- More space and trees. Not enough space for dogs to spread out. Have water available and poop bags
- Dog parks are not a good thing for dog diseases are spread
- Would like one on the west side
- Not as bad as Saginaw, worse than midland.
- Paths at the Fairgrounds are great for walking animals that need less stimulation of a popular path, leave it alone. We cannot use the dog park we have had negative experiences with animals that are not social with others and cause dangerous concerns. If a summer animal control worker could monitor the park more frequently to report concerns or escalate to LEOs that would help. Usually 1-3 people are trouble but they stay long periods.
- Have not attended any functions at the fairgrounds in years. Mostly because nothing offered there is anything that interests my family. Better

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communication for events would also be good

- Take pointers from midland
- The park is fine and serves its purpose but it isn't anything great. It would be nice to see some trees or sun shades put in along with some additional benches. Possibly some obstacles for the dogs and cameras if people are destroying things. Some events might be kinda cool too. Like a Water Wednesday during the summer where small pools are available for water play.
- Spray more for parasites Make it healthy for dogs to visit
- The dog park has poor drainage. People don't pick up dog poop.
- I would like to see a dog park on the west side of the river.
- Needs updating. Dog park should be much larger in size.
- Dog park should be bigger and more shaded (trees, pavilion)
- The dog park could use some upgrades like obstacles for them to play on. Maybe more watering options throughout the park or one at the further corner by the road. It would be nice if the concrete came out a little bit further from the entrance gate/exit gate.
- Parking lot is almost inaccessible due to poor conditions. Amenities in dog park are often unavailable. New roads, sidewalks, and bathrooms needed
- Old and not well utilized space
- Fences in dog park must be set up so small dogs can't squeeze under. Also, although most owners are good about animal waste, it needs to be cleaner.
- The county should be putting a HUGE emphasis on the fairgrounds and attracting people to it. They need to rejuvenate the 4H programs and activities for the older kids at the fairgrounds.
- Fairgrounds looks run down and needs more at the fair
- It's a very small fair for the size of the community.
- Need bigger dog park
- More options for larger dogs to do agility on
- Very outdated.
- The fairgrounds used to be a beautiful gem of Bay City. In the last 15-20 years it has degraded into an eyesore. Start with

repairing the outdoor grandstands that the sheltered cover was torn down years ago. Upgrade the entire place to current standards. The entire fairgrounds seems to be stuck 40 years in the past. Very run down and unappealing. I'm embarrassed to take our grandchildren out there.

- Upgrade the dog park. Upgrade or sell the whole park. Hardly ever used.
- More benches to sit down, More shade, more water for dogs. Clean bowls, clean water
- dogs get more attention than Bay County children
- I would like to see a Bay County Jail Inmate Work Program utilizing some of the open area at the fairgrounds for a Garden. The Inmates could learn gardening skills while providing fresh vegetables for both the Jail and the Juvenile Home, they could also take part in the Dog Walk program at the Animal shelter.
- Really needs upgrading. It starting to get dated
- Yes, why are those bleachers and all that crap still lying around. the fairgrounds could be so cool if money and ideas were out into it. or sell it back to the city and put a nice subdivision in there. it's such a mess in there
- Yes. My 90 y.o. mother lives near the fairgrounds. Recently, the drag/figure eight/ car events went on way pass the noise ordinance for Bay County. She was quite upset with the noise and also for the animals in the barns and animal control. She did voice a complaint but believes it went unheard. Please consider the elderly, animals, and other vulnerable residents near the fairgrounds when planning events which causes considerable noise that disrupts the neighborhood. Thank you.
- It needs to be updated and more events brought in.
- Some new buildings might increase attendance at the Bay County Fair.
- The Fairgrounds is creepy.
- The dog park is a place where clueless people bring untrained, unhealthy animals
- I live near it and it seems pretty busy most of the time. Which is good, but I believe it could use some upgrades.
- Better separated large and small dog areas. People don't realize how big or

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small their digs are. More things for dogs to do! Have you seen Midlands dog park? Use that as a starting point.

- grandstand looks like it needs work.....has a lot of empty spaceand room for parking any ideas for developing????Don,
- I feel that space at fair ground is under utilized. Need more things to do for families. That place needs a lot to restore it to it's old glory days!
- Owners of dogs need to be responsible for their pets. This includes picking up wastes.
- More recreation equipment like in the old days
- Dirty
- Before a dog is allowed in the park, the owner should supply vet care and records. Owners need to be held responsible for their dog.
- Needs to be cleaned up and new grass. There should be tunnels and other things for dogs to do. It is a sad excuse for a dog park considering is one of the few areas dogs can be off leash.
- It should be compared with other cities or counties and at least get the standard features and it should be properly maintained.
- Good place to spread diseases in dog park.
- It needs major updates, and more things going on. And more info about things going on !!!! And NOT by only the internet!!!!!!
- The grounds are not taken care of. Weeds growing everywhere, it's not handicap accessible with all the uneven turf, it looks desolate.
- Need up grades in facilities
- Area is very small, nothing special happening there
- It always looks messy. The grandstands need a lot of help
- very dirty
- Fix the Parking lot in the fairgrounds area. The parking lot get so busy with people at the dog park, senior center, animal control that its an embarrassment to the community that it was left to go like that's, plus its a safety hazard with all the pot holes and flooded out areas after a heavy rain or snow melt.
- Stop all Races.
- Maybe it would be used more often if it was updated.
- Always thought a dog park on the west side would be nice
- A great place to take dogs and dog owners to socialize.
- Would like to see disc throwing program added, (local Megan Benard would be great to ask for direction) Angelity run, little dogs, vs larg dog free run. Throw ball, disc area. I have a border collie and a Shorkie. Group Dog walks with a trainer.
- Dog parks aren't safe for dogs and should be monitored more or more strict use for things like training, etc.
- More enrichment and turf quality provided with additional seating
- Dog park is boring, small, and nowhere to get out of the elements
- Would like one in monitor township. Also would like the one in bay city monitored better.
- Need more activities offered in the fairgrounds such as outdoor yoga and better use of the canteen for classes and such
- Would love to see bay county get in board and get more into there county fair like Saginaw fair is, would be a great draw to the city if we could get it going and had more to offer like Saginaw county fair.
- Many squatters out there not a super safe place
- I would love to see the ice rink and warming house brought back.
- My dog got out of the dog park
- Could use playground equipment, and a spray park installed here. Also could host other outdoor events besides demo derbies and the County Fair. Maybe hold outdoor movie nights and concerts there. Craft shows and Art Fairs too. Also could offer horseback riding classes.
- I don't have a dog but it's a great asset
- Such a nice piece of land in the middle of the county that gets minimal attention. There is so much potential with minimal resources
- Wish there were more events at the grandstands. Upgrade that facility.
- It is a valuable resource and is used a lot by residents.
- I don't take advantage of this, as I don't have a dog, but am glad it's available for people

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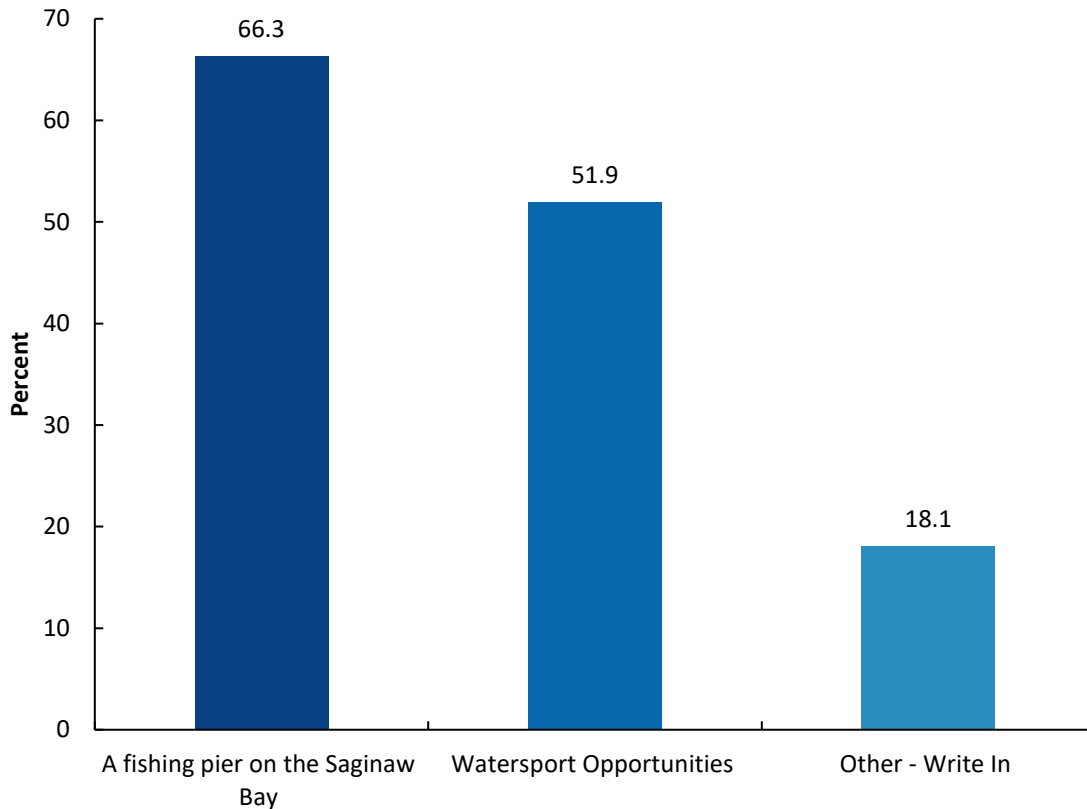
- Needs to have updated equipment
- We are in need of safe playgrounds wherever that is.
- Fairgrounds and dog park need a facelift.
- My dogs love it though we don't go as often as they would like!
- The dog park space seems quite small and it doesn't feel that it really allows adequate space for the dogs to run.
- don't take my dog there for fear of her catching some disease from other dogs who may not be vaccinated.
- Need to have agility equipment and maintain the soil to prevent mud.
- Bring back camping
- Needs to be way bigger
- Limit the amount of derby's held.
- Dirty and unkept.
- Clean it up. Bring back ice skating.
- if we cant maintain it. Why build it.
- Clean up the stands area.
- It's called Kennel Cough Park for a reason. We don't take our dogs there and we live in that area. The visitors don't adhere to the small and large dog sections. They sit on the picnic tables with their Big Gulps smoking cigarettes and don't pay attention to their pets half of the time. I realize that a real dog park with gated swipe cars access, membership, and pet health rules would be a huge expense, but that's the only way you'd get me to go there. Our dogs are perfectly happy on the sidewalks and Rail Trail in the meantime.
- Regular cleaning of the grounds to reduce disease transmission. A sign at the entrance reminding people of the importance of dog vaccinations
- Unnecessary to be funded by taxpayers. Let those that use it, pay for it!
- I wish people would use the dog park instead of the riverwalk
- Nice park
- I attend the programs at the Canteen put on by the Bay County Dept on Aging. Nice facility.
- Add more agility, fix gates and improve lawn. Add a dog park in city.
- People are mean, bossy and think they own the park at times. Never controlling thier dog
- I am not a pet owner so have never used it.
- Never been there
- People with large dogs need to not take them on the small dog side. People need to clean up after their dogs.
- They took out all of the equipment in the park. Meanwhile, our property taxes keep going up.
- It's a good asset.
- are all dogs vaccinated ? Who checks?
- we haven't been there in years because there hasn't been a reason to go.
- Flood the center for ice skating and hockey like you use to do.
- The fairgrounds site appears to be abandoned, the dog park is a mess. The whole area is underutilized.
- Would be nice to expand the area and add shade trees please. Also adding nice dog watering spigots would be great addition.
- Wish we could utilize that space/property for more events. Maybe another pickleball court, can never have too many.
- Not at this time
- Park doesn't have the agility section like it used to. Dog park needs to be bigger and better regulated. Possibly more fenced off sections for dogs that need more space or to be away from other dogs. We stopped taking our dogs here after we had too many issues with reactive dogs hurting our dogs.
- Dog park k at monitor park. County fairgrounds is not big enough. If you live on west side. Too far
- Add Pickleball courts to fairgrounds.
- I moved back to Bay City after 37 years and I hope it is as vibrant when Walt and Maxine Guthrie and Frank Rechsteiner were involved Mike Rechsteiner
- More events and a cleaner maintenance program
- There are not many events held at the fairgrounds. Could be a good venue for large groups if it had updates.
- It is not very inviting.
- None; thank you.
- Activities. Adding things for the dog to do or climb and run on
- Not accessible for all breeds of dog's. Not all large breeds are vicious as I have been told by numerous dog owners, they ate not allowed at the Dog Park
- No dog
- Needs expansion

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- Dog park and fair grounds are in dyer need of updating they are falling apart slowly and no one seems too care.
- The fairgrounds has lost its appeal. The County has let it fall to the wayside. Bring it back to the show piece it once was!
- Updating the grounds would be beneficial.
- I like walking at fairgrounds
- To many homeless, drunks and people who appear to be high in the area plus they are rude and disrespectful; won't go there
- We need more
- Bigger area
- Pet owners should follow protocol when taking their pet to a park of this nature. I've watched animals get injured because of negligent owners.
- We take our dogs to here regularly, nice area.
- Make sure the grass is regularly cut in the small dog section
- The dog park fountains never work and the area is difficult for handicapped residents to navigate. It's also very dirty in there.
- I love the fair, but the fairgrounds are badly in need of work.
- Dog park is excellent. Fairgrounds are just terrible.
- I feel that the park as a whole is small which restricts its potential. I also feel the fairgrounds would be better off in a more rural area of bay county. The dog park is too small i would rather my dog have room to roam into some woods and run freely. I suppose it is good for people who have watch their dogs very closely.
- why doesn't the fairgrounds bring back the ice skating rink and the warming house. my family would go every week. they even had music playing. you could have a winter carnival there also
- The fairgrounds are in disrepair. The dog park is muddy and not kept up well. People go there with untrained dogs.
- The bay county fairgrounds needs more activities at it .it also needs up dateing.
- The cement walking/driving paths at the fairgrounds are in need of repair.
- Concerts like midland has
- The fairgrounds is a valuable asset to Bay County, but not used to its full potential.
- Bay County Fair Board has made some amazing changes over the years. They should be recognized for the amount of money they have put into that location.
- Better Drainage It gets very muddy and pools with water throughout the fairgrounds
- No put one on the west side by river
- I don't have a dog so I've never used it. But I often see people there when I drive by.

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20. Which of the following recreational areas would you visit, if they were added?



Other write in responses:

- Pickleball courts (30)
- Kayak launch (10)
- Pool (9)
- Disc golf (7)
- Splash pad (Auburn, Williams Twp, and Wenonah Park) (6)
- Dog Beach (3)
- Disc golf course (2)
- A clean beach with not murky water. Water sports such as kayaking and canoeing (2)
- Hiking Trails (2)
- Community gardens (2)
- A boat launch at State Park.
- A nice clean safe beach to swim at with locker rooms and concessions.
- A nice sledding/outdoor ice skating like city forest in midland
- A nice waking sitting area at the end of Linwood road by the bay.
- A pier on Saginaw River made more specifically for fishermen would be exciting for me. The riverwalk pier would be a perfect example of one however it is too difficult to land fish off of it. Due to it being so far off of the water
- An outside exercise area with measured distance for walking and biking . Also measured cross country skiing
- Another camp park or addition to the rail trail
- Any extra fishing, biking, hiking would be great. Bay City really needs a disc golf course!
- Artificial reefs in the bay to support fish habitat
- Baseball/softball
- Bay county in general does not celebrate its roots in the lumber industry and its history in architecture and maritime past. Events to draw people here and develop a revenue stream that draws on these things can be a option for a future here.
- Beaches and hiking trails

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- Better connectivity/surface quality for area multi-use trails
- Better patrols for conservation officers
- Better quality swimming beach
- Biking and hiking trails. Pickle ball courts, corn hole pitches.
- Biking opportunities
- Boat rides
- Boat taxi
- Boat, jetski, pontoon rentals.
- Bocce ball
- Connect Bay Rail trail with Saginaw rail trail down by Zilwaukee...or make direct connection to trail near SVSU
- Cross-country skiing safe for seniors.
- Deeper cut at Finn Road
- Develop a pier inside State Park - amusement park/ ice. Ream shop/ dining / coney dogs /fries - bring back Wenonah Beach!
- Disc golf course in Bay City
- Walking trails
- Dog park in Auburn
- Enhancements at Monitor Twp park
- Essexville modern community park with a sledding hill, pavilion with a fireplace, and ice rink.
- Fishing pier on the Middle grounds
- Fishing pier/ piers in the Bay would be amazing. Could be added with implementing natural vegetation in the water and artificial structures to provide habitats for fish to live in the area near the potential pier.
- Free swimming in the pool
- Handicapped accessible kayak/ canoe launch
- Biking trails
- Hiking group, a swimming class, boat class, bike group
- How about a freshwater aquarium? Uptown on the river. Or the property in 5th Banks with the long dilapidated building & include a restaurant
- I'd visit the pool frequently... if it were open.
- Ice skating
- Indoor park and walking track. Winters are long with limited play space.
- More bike paths linking existing bike paths.
- More boat ramps
- More gardens
- More mountain bike trails.
- More non-motorized trails
- More spray parks
- Mountain bike trails/park, pump track
- New wooded area park, like Ringwood forest, Price nature center, Pine haven rec. area like other counties have.
- Need to provide more swimming lessons
- None that I have to pay a bridge toll to get to them.
- ORV Trails
- Opening the pool on weekends
- Outdoor fitness areas like at Williams Twp park that are in a safe area and clean.
- Outdoor ice rinks
- Outdoor pool
- Outdoor summer exercise classes
- Park on the water
- more kayaking launches, fitness stations in trails or parks
- Really need more Pickleball courts
- Rebuild the docks, viewing areas in Tobico Marsh
- Restaurants and stores at the beach
- SANDY BEACHES
- Safe, clean family swimming
- Shaded play area
- Snowshoeing trail
- Something that is for teens AND not located in Bay City. Others live in Bay County but not within the city limits.
- Swim classes at community pool
- Swimming pool
- Tennis courts/basketball court
- The beach if it was clean
- Walking /bike trails
- Walking paths at Pond side park
- We need more parks for younger children.
- Winter sports
- With improvements to biking trails and sidewalks, I would stay in BC to exercise. The biking trails and sidewalks are in terrible condition. We leave and spend money elsewhere to bike. We eat in the town we bike in. Nice trails help the local economy. Until money is spent on better roads, sidewalks and trails, we'll leave to bike and spend our money elsewhere for better, safer and more enjoyable and
- Would love to see a skate park on the east side of town.
- birding
- paved bike trail
- What about a decent kayak launch at BC state park like they had for one year to

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walk over the muck. It's just so sad, we lived in Spring Lake for 11 years and

spring lake and grand haven were incredible. The water here isn't that great.

21. Please evaluate the following aspects of the Bay County Golf Course.

	Good	OK	Poor	Don't know	Responses
Maintenance and Appearance of the Course					
Count	309	121	15	617	1,062
Row %	29.1%	11.4%	1.4%	58.1%	
Handicap Accessibility					
Count	173	109	13	758	1,053
Row %	16.4%	10.4%	1.2%	72.0%	
Quality/ Friendliness of Staff					
Count	263	116	7	671	1,057
Row %	24.9%	11.0%	0.7%	63.5%	
Quality of leagues, outings, programs, etc.					
Count	197	120	14	717	1,048
Row %	18.8%	11.5%	1.3%	68.4%	

22. Do you have any other feedback regarding the Bay County Golf Course?

Top responses:

1. Facility Improvements: Some respondents suggest improvements to the golf course facilities, such as better clubhouse amenities, new merchandise in the pro shop, and better maintenance of sand traps.
2. Youth and Community Programs: There is a desire for more youth programs and events to get younger generations involved in golf. Suggestions include free kids' golf, learn-to-golf classes for kids and parents, and utilizing the course for middle and high school gym programs.
3. Disc Golf Addition: A few individuals propose adding disc golf alongside the ball golf course as an alternative golfing option.
4. Driving Range and Practice Facilities: There is a demand for a driving range, chipping green with a bunker, and better practice facilities to enhance the golfing experience and offer training opportunities.
5. Concerns about Water Use: A few respondents inquire about the water use and cost associated with maintaining the golf course.

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All responses:

- Probably the jewel of County owned properties.
- Needs updating and maintaining
- Not enough open tee times during the week because of the leagues
- It's a great course!!!
- Lesser cost
- More public awareness of it.
- This is a beautiful course!!!!!! One of the best ones in the Great Lakes bay region!
- Please stop raiding the money made by the golf course to put into other buildings/services in the rec dept. Put money back into the golf course and make it what it should be.
- Maybe have some learn to golf classes. Or refresher classes.
- Needs improvement
- Too much money spent at the golf course, need to reallocate money other places.
- Add youth programs
- More golf carts
- Improve drainage and irrigation
- Needs drainage
- Get rid of it, as everyone we know attends better courses. Again the golf course needs updating. Also it should be used for the middle & high school kids as part of their gym programs if it stays.
- My dad and brother use it and love it! I just don't know myself how to answer the questions.
- Great job Dan!
- I would love to learn to golf and use the course. Having lessons/free events well advertised would be helpful. I never see information about any county rec areas except at State Park
- Better clubhouse and new merchandise
- Don't know why we have any tax dollars at all going to this at the expense of other areas more utilized by a more diverse portion of our population.
- Too much money for so few
- More information provided to the residents. I didn't know that there was a Bay County Golf Course.
- Fix your sand traps!
- It is well kept up
- I know you used to take money out of the golf course funds for other areas. Leave it to the golf course that earned it.
- Some learn to golf kids lessons would be good to offer.
- More trees are needed. For years trees are removed but nothing is planted. Closer to a husk and losing of its former self annually. Tee boxes are not level, bad goes to worse, now 3-6 holes, this worsens yearly. Can irrigation tubes be added to pump underground for 17? The blue tubes grow old. Drought this year yes, this is now annual occurrence, carry the 2 tubes new design to the green?.
- Are there any learn to golf programs for kids? Or possibly a parent/child learn to golf class.
- The golf course is not women friendly.
- The ranger that was working on 6/18/2023 (Father's Day) in the afternoon was awful to our family and after many years golfing here we won't be back.
- Food and drinks.
- Very helpful
- add disc golf alongside the ball golf course as an alternative golfing option
- Should offer disc golf as well like Pine Hills
- Kids programs
- Time to invest some money in the course. Starting to look a little rough, although the condition of the grass and greens is very good.
- Build a bar
- Great grounds crew & staff!
- They are doing fine leave them alone,
- The golf course is a source of revenue for bay county, but is not maintained do to excessive tapping of this funding
- encourage walking in the winter on cement walkways - have them cleared for them to walk - people would love that
- Very well maintained course
- Course is in excellent shape. County should give \$1 or \$2 discount for citizens Also, needs to look into Youth on Course program to get more kids involved. \$5 cost Reimbursed for fees thru the program.
- Golf courses are a waste of land and resources - build affordable housing on them.
- Free classes
- Free kids golf. This would be great! Kids could learn which would make them want to play in the future, parents would take

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their kids which creates bonding and helps keep kids out of trouble.

- Kudos to those responsible for the excellent condition of greens and fairways. They can match or exceed most country clubs.
- Open up the snack shack area.
- Keep a good maintenance plan. These places should be treated as a destination that can generate revenue to maintain themselves.
- Offer contests and lessons
- It is beautiful!!
- Keep up the good work here. Irrigation has been great but need more.
- Free children's camp opportunities especially with those who have a disability
- I hear it's a very nice course, but I'm not a golfer
- It's great !
- Should be free for County employees and spouses
- Sell it .
- Very nice course
- Sons use it alot!
- Is it open to the public?
- ONE OF THE BEST COURES AROUND,WITH FARE PRICES.
- Great asset. Keep it up!
- Love the programs they have for youth
- I'm a new golfer...but my family utilizes the course frequently and feels there could be improvement
- Very busy facility and run very well. Great staff and very accommodating
- It seems to be well funded and used by the community.
- Excellent condition
- Could CC trails be made there in the winter?
- Need new merchandise in their pro shop. Stop the smoking of marijuana after Monday night men's league play under the pavilion. The smell is nasty.
- Would like to see the sand traps improved and maintained. Except for the sand traps the golf course is very nice condition.
- If the county put as much money & effort into our water acceses, beach & parks as it does the Golf Course it would be an amazing place to live.
- As one of the county owned recreational facilities and one that generates income, more funds should be used to make

grounds improvements. Is there a need to have hoses run across the front of #17?

Couldn't a pipe be installed underground?

Many of the trees have dead branches and limbs that should be removed. Sand

traps should be filled with sand. Ponds on

#3, 5, and between #7 and 10 could be

improved. The pavilion needs repainted

and electric added. Perhaps a new roof?

The men's bathroom adjacent to the

pavilion is in terrible condition. A

ventilation window should be installed, a

motion sensor light switch should be

installed. The walls and floors need a good

steam cleaning and painted a lighter color.

The towel rack should be more accessible.

- The course has come a long way in the last few years, and is looking good.
- Not really, its too far away from me in Pinconning. we could use a bridge connecting Pinconning to Essexville! No Toll. lol.
- Get rid of the golf course. Over rated.
- Time to privatize this albatross
- We all pay for something we all don't use. Time for change.
- Should not be financed by taxpayers! If you want to use it, then pay your own way!
- Improve youth and young adult acceptance to golf. So many young people are getting involved in golf and as a young adult, I love to golf but don't feel very invited as far as having leagues or training sessions for our upcoming youth.
- Very nice course. Always in great shape.
- Value is good and course is fun. Could use more space for events& socializing.
- As someone who has been going to the County since I was a youth, I have concerns regarding the direction that the course is going in. There are less tournaments and events than when I was younger. There have not been any course improvements made since I was a kid. Tee boxes need resurfacing/leveling, bunkers need to be redone, as well as just general improvements, like the utilization of the snack shop, possibly an updated pavilion.
- I love it.
- Great staff, always enjoy when I golf there
- The only thing it's truly missing is some hot dogs at the turn.
- What's the reason for the county to continue to operate a golf course in an area that has more courses than golfers??

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- Very well kept
- They do a great job at the County golf course. Better than ever!
- Well run, friendly staff, reasonable rates
- Food and pool usage. Install pickleball courts
- It is difficult to get on the course after 5 because of the leagues. There are too many.
- Should be on West side of river to far to drive to.
- The course is in great shape. Thank you to the maintenance staff.
- Need more free programs for youth through schools with bussing opportunities.
- What is the water use? Cost?
- Put some of the money back into the course and the civic arena! Come on these places bring in all kinds of money, with little to no updating.
- Advertisement
- We need a driving range!
- Disc golf???
- I love to see more flowers on the course.
- Don't attend, too far away. Closer private courses near me
- Add a driving range
- I believe the course is always very well kept. I believe all of the bathrooms are in need of an update. I think the course pro shop could be made great by a golf professional running it. Very few courses in our area have a professional on staff that knows how to equip a person properly with clubs, knows how to re grip clubs, replace shafts, ect... no offense to Dan I think he runs the business side of the course well.
- Poor player management. Large groups of 5 or more holding up other players with no help from the staff.
- Wet areas need dirt put in them, there is black available on the west of fourteen fairway. Several areas on the course need this action. Very happy to have course .
- Keep it going!!
- Please, for the life of me I don't understand. Friday - Sunday would you open the concession stand back up. You can cook hot dogs in an air fryer if need be. You need food!
- If the holes were moved now and then that would be awesome, the flower beds maintained and rework the tee boxes.
- Involvement in veteran golf league and associations.
- Haven't been there in 10 years. Was a little less than average then.
- i really like playing there
- Beautifully maintained and ran
- The Bay County Golf Course is a recreational gem in our community. Dan Neering and the staff do a great job.
- A driving range and a chipping green with a bunker would be amazing. I love playing at the County course, but it's not a good option for practice or teaching. These additions would also enable the course to provide lessons, classes, and camps.
- Better advertisement of the various classes and events taking place at the county golf course. Perhaps some family golf days. Better deals on the cost of an annual membership.
- more items in pro shop, food options
- This course is run wonderfully from what I have seen/heard/experienced. The supervisor, Dan, takes great care in making sure the course is beautiful.

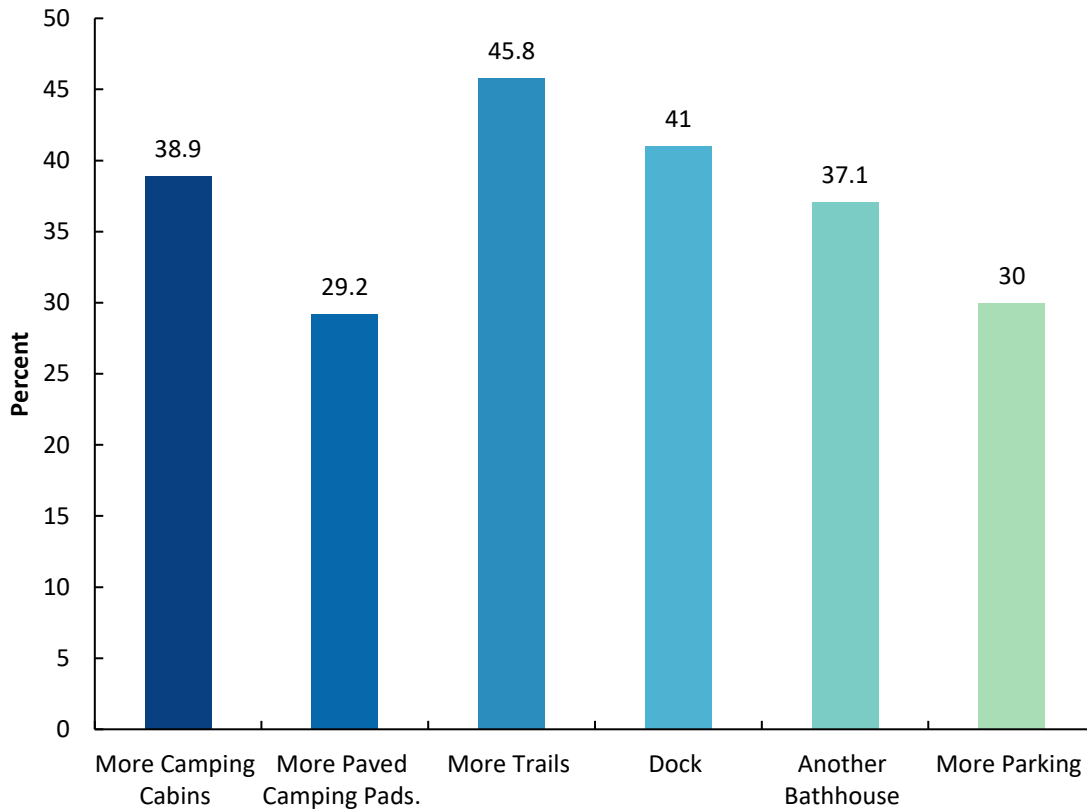
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23. Pinconning Park is a full-service campground and day use park located east of Pinconning on the Saginaw Bay/Lake Huron. It includes nature trails, a beach area, playground, a dock, a boat launch, gazebo, regular campsites, and camping cabins. Please evaluate the following aspects of Pinconning Park.

	Good	OK	Poor	Don't know	Responses
Maintenance and Appearance					
Count	147	126	18	759	1,050
Row %	14.0%	12.0%	1.7%	72.3%	
Handicap Accessibility					
Count	87	93	23	843	1,046
Row %	8.3%	8.9%	2.2%	80.6%	
Quality/ Friendliness of Staff					
Count	140	80	9	821	1,050
Row %	13.3%	7.6%	0.9%	78.2%	
Day Use					
Count	149	108	12	775	1,044
Row %	14.3%	10.3%	1.1%	74.2%	

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24. What other amenities would you like to see added at Pinconning Park? Please check all that apply.



25. Do you have any other feedback regarding Pinconning Park?

Top Responses:

1. Unfamiliarity and Advertising: Many respondents were not familiar with the park and suggested the need for better advertising and promotion to increase awareness of the park's existence and offerings.
2. Maintenance and Improvements: Several respondents mentioned the need for maintenance and improvements in various areas, such as the beach area (removal of weeds), boardwalk repairs, playground equipment updates, and additional trash cans along the trails.
3. Boat Access and Fishing: Improving boat access at the dock, dredging access to open water, and extending the fishing pier were suggested to enhance boating and fishing opportunities.
4. Concerns about Long-term Campers: Some respondents expressed concerns about the appearance and behavior of long-term campers, suggesting a need for better regulation and maintenance of long-term camping areas.
5. Desire for Additional Facilities: Several suggestions included adding disc golf, pickleball courts, a dog park or dog-friendly beach area, cabins, and a splash pad.

All responses:

- Not familiar with the park
- Updated playground
- Never been there
- Well maintained park with friendly staff.
- They've done a great job cleaning it up. It would be nice if in the beach area the weeds were maintained and the bottom was raked so it stayed nice.
- There have been a lot of improvements over the years, keep up the great work. Focus on waterfront keeping beach/water clean and signage to the park
- Improve boat access at dock. Dredging the access to open water would be a great

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improvement. Also an extended fishing pier would improve land based fishing opportunities.

- I grew up in Bangor township, have family who has lived in Bay Co over 100 yrs, just moved back into the area & have never heard of this park. Again people PR!
- I didn't even know this existed. I would love to check it out. You need better advertising.
- We have stayed at the park for seasonal camping for the past 12 years. Here is the areas that I see that could use improvement. Fish cleaning station
Trash dumpster area away from boat ramp
Another Bathhouse in parking lot area
Parking lot improvements with lines Dock improvement Water in campground area by parking lot Dump station needs attention painted red and blue water supply for septic and drinking water for safety reasons. Overall current staffing and cleanliness of facilities and grounds are very well kept. The staff from manager to workers are very courteous and helpful if needed.
- Did not know about the park but will be checking it out.
- Don't believe I have ever been there.
- Perhaps more shady areas for those of us using the beach.
- Last time i was there there was no place for the seniors to fish from, along with bench near by.
- I don't know where the park is located.
- We must stop the people from living there! It's becoming a trailer park and it's disgusting.
- Never heard of the park so needs more advertising
- The boat launch is way to small. It could be a great place to launch if it was larger and had better docks and launches.
- More trees, trim overgrown trees paved path to youth soccer fields for youth games.
- More boating access please
- The bath houses were supposed to be built three years ago. They still aren't started. This is frustrating. Northern Bay County deserves better.
- Limit length of stay for campers.
- Never been to the park will check it out
- Maintained beach area including removal of weeds in water by beach

- We rode through the other day, and it looks like most of the sites were seasonal. They were trashy and unkept. Looked like a old trailer park. Never used to be that way.
- It is hard to feel safe camping at the park with its current residents.
- We don't usually visit the Pinconning park because it's not local to us but I think we did rent canoes there a couple years ago and had a lot of fun with that.
- Clean the beach
- Fix the boardwalk from the campground to the nature trail
- Better play area for kids
- add disc golf basket/baskets
- They need to dredge!! EGLE needs to ALLOW them to dredge
- Disc golf
- Personally, I do care care for the long term camping. I do not feel too safe walking the trails near the long term residents. Looks a bit unkempt where the long term residents are, too.
- Met Dan last year and he was phenomenal!
- Add more cabins and improve the appearance.
- I've never been, I had to choose an answer for the last question so I can't really give an adequate answer as to what I want to see built. We always need better bathrooms though- CLEAN ones that are safe for our children!
- another boat launch ramp and dock.
- Areas for beach access with your dog would be great!!
- We need a dog park.
- Better playground
- Park could use some updates. Clean up and get the end of trail on the point back open.
- Put funds back in the park !!!!!!!
- Unfamiliar with area but will now visit!
- No LGBT events.
- Autism communication board
- Do not use the park
- On occasion trails have been unkempt. Some playground equipment could be added. Greenery planted around gazebo/Pavillion could be nice especially for events such as weddings.
- Not so many seasonal or need more regular campsites

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- I've never seen camping cabins here in this park.
- Very nice park.
- Clean the beach. I stayed a week and there was so much pfas foam a seagull was suffocating with it dried on the bird. The staff picked it up and dumped it in the woods. 😞 😞
- I know it's not in the pinconning park but a splash pad would be nice somewhere in pinconning the beach is not always the nicest to swim in and some sort of water play are would nice for the kids. And more on the playground maybe not so close to the camp sites or in general more of a playground.
- Day use is expensive
- Great hidden gem. Be nice if they could expand with cabins.
- Very popular for camping. Can't ever get a spot to camp.
- It's a great resource for Bay County. Keep up the good work!
- Tent only camping would be cool.
- Beach portion is awful, very small, hardly any sand, tons of weeds in the water.
- More fishing opportunities
- During a recent visit it looked somewhat rundown. Broken playground equipment, seasonal campers looked kinda shabby.
- This and all the county parks could use more advertising. I wasn't aware of it
- Better maintenance to make it more visually appealing. Last time we hiked there the boardwalk needed maintenance. It's a very nice park and we liked the hiking trails.
- Are there camping sites with full hookups?
- Better playground equipment for all ages
- Cleaner water and sand
- One HUGE thing that most all places seem to completely miss that people love & want is an area for dogs to swim.
- More trash cans in the trails to the south, near floating dock and end of trail on pinconning river. Also the Pinconning River is inaccessible quarter of a mile in. Too many trees down for kayakers.
- Never been there too far.
- Those that use it, should be the ones that pay for it!
- fishing pier on the bay
- Never been there
- more advertising
- I've been there only a couple of times, but I think it's got a very nice beach.
- I've been there in spring for bird watching. I think there used to be a trail at the north end of the campground that went out on a boardwalk over the marsh towards the Bay. If this still exists, it may need some repairs and signs.
- Add Pickleball courts
- Pickle ball courts
- Needs pickleball
- Promote winter activities such as cross-country skiing and snow shoes.
- It's becoming more difficult to launch a boat on a summer weekend. Not sure what the solution is other than expanding the launch. But that seems impractical and expensive. Perhaps limit the number of boats that can launch at one time? Or perhaps limit launching to local (Bay County?) Residents only?
- Love the park!
- Nope never been there
- The pinconning park is wonderful. A good idea for the handicap is adding a solid platform down to the water. Like the blue ones at the bay city state park beach has.
- Never been there
- Advertisement
- No, not convenient for us to visit.
- I was there many years ago. Run down seasonal campers didn't appeal to me. I never went back.
- Wish it was larger, fewer permanent sites
- Maybe a better rate for a bay county resident to purchase the season pass
- Need more awareness the park exists and is open to public
- Updates would be good
- The campground needs to expand since it's quite full.
- Always a great place to stay! It would be nice if there were more water sites and sites with camping pads. It seems like there are a lot of seasonal sites and not enough for non-seasonal campers.
- More beach access with a dog friendly area on the beach would encourage me to be able to come more
- Never been to this park, but now that I know about it, I may visit in the near future.
- Don't make it too nice, we all appreciate that it isn't a 'hot spot'.

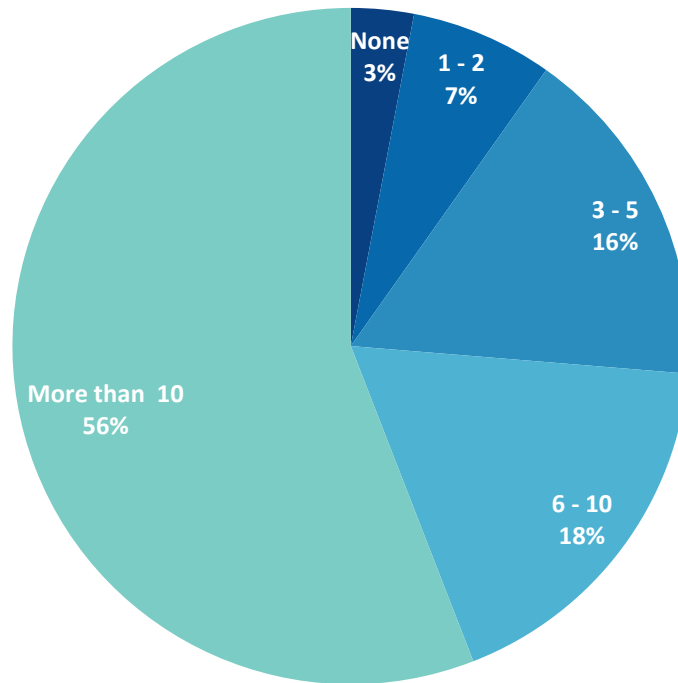
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- Love the kayaks

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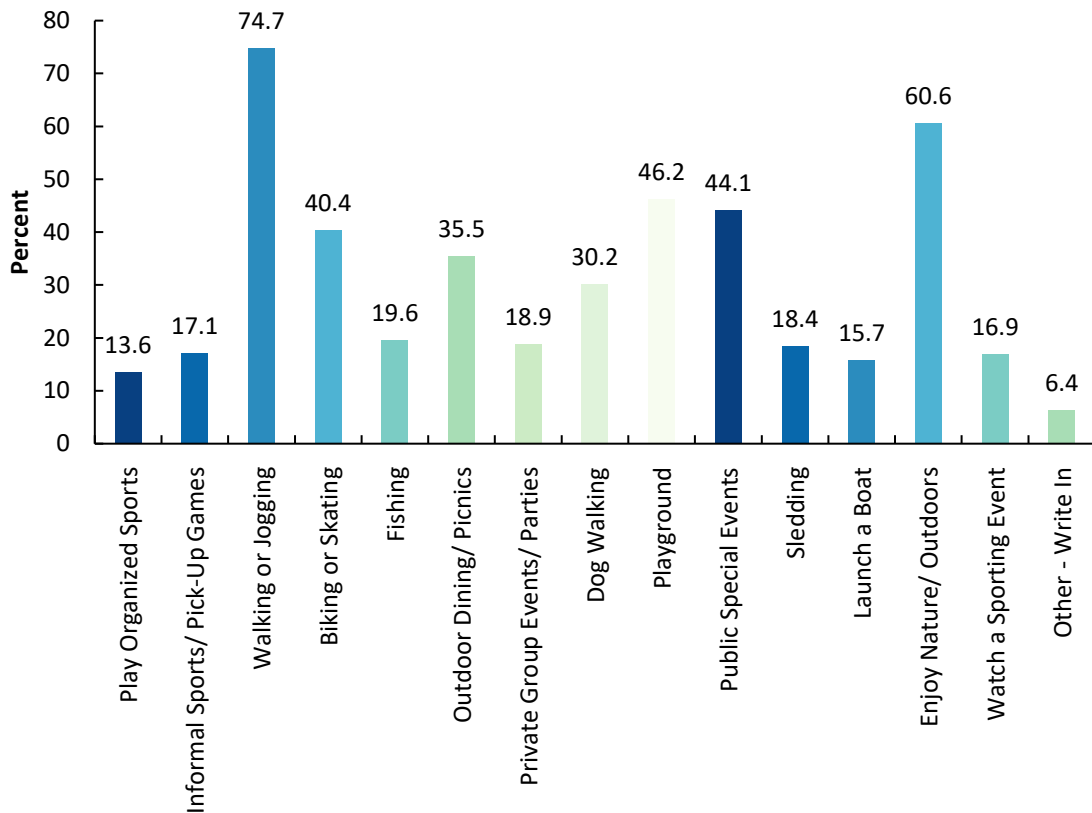
26. How many times have you visited a Bay City Park in the past year?



Value	Percent	Count
None	3.0%	18
1 - 2	6.8%	41
3 - 5	16.5%	99
6 - 10	17.8%	107
More than 10	55.9%	336
Totals		601

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27. How do you use Bay City parks? Please choose all that apply.



Other – Write In:

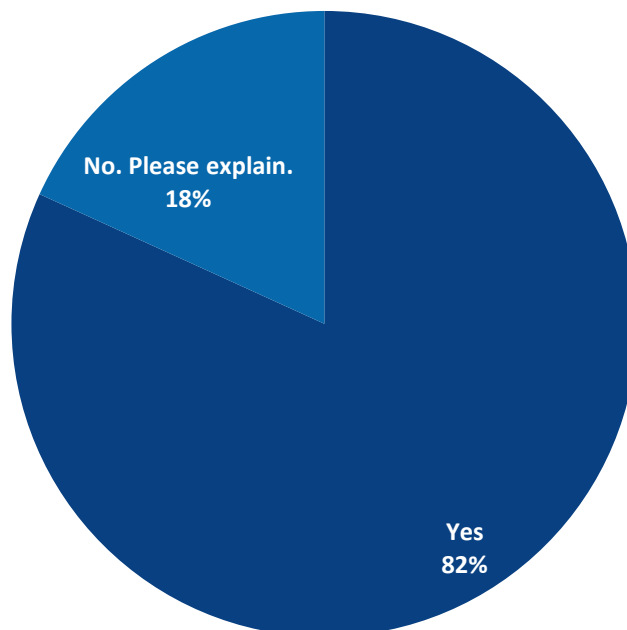
- Pickleball (18)
- Concerts (summer or otherwise) (4)
- Kayak (Launches) (3)
- Photography 2
- Bird watching
- Camping
- Fireworks!
- Geocaching
- golfing, running dog
- Photography
- Pocket park maintenance
- Sit and view the water and boats
- disc golf field work
- Gardens
- Pools

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28. Please evaluate the following aspects of the parks owned and operated by Bay City.

	Good	Ok	Poor	Don't know	Responses
Variety of Facilities/ Amenities					
Count	183	310	78	29	600
Row %	30.5%	51.7%	13.0%	4.8%	
Maintenance and Appearance					
Count	158	310	107	21	596
Row %	26.5%	52.0%	18.0%	3.5%	
Safety and Security					
Count	133	298	118	49	598
Row %	22.2%	49.8%	19.7%	8.2%	

29. Are the amenities at Bay City Parks open and available for use when you visit the parks?



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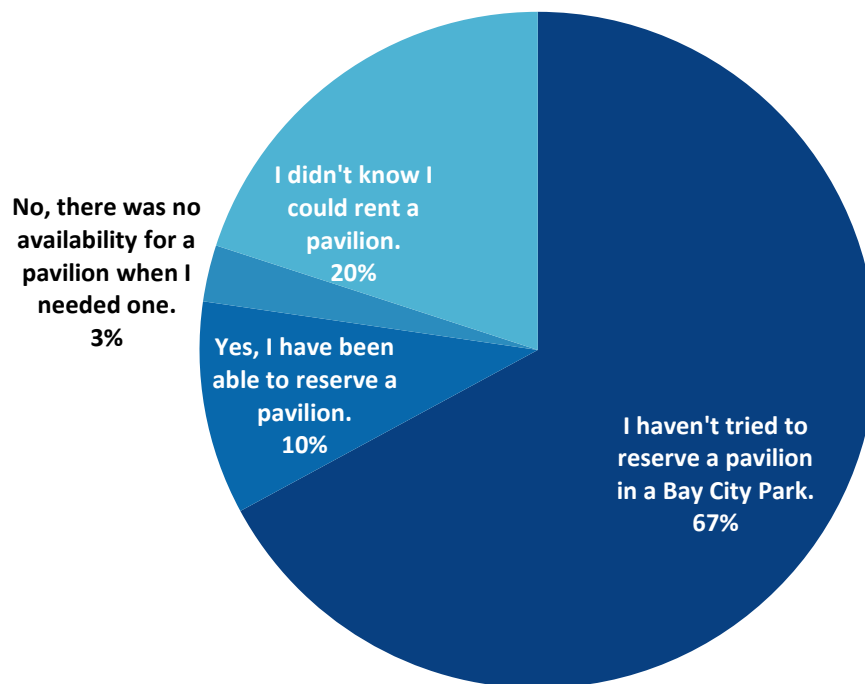
No. Please Explain:

- Bathrooms are often closed, dirty and in disrepair (40)
- Not always available along the riverfront
- 2 sets of bathrooms always locked in wenonah park even during events. No bathrooms in vets park. Concession stands run down and useless in vets park. Playground has zero parking at vets park, making playground completely useless to kids and parents
- A lot of the parks are rundown and in disrepair.
- Bathrooms are locked. Bathrooms are absolutely revolting and unable to use- where are children supposed to go???
- Bathrooms are not available only porta potties.
- Bathrooms are very limited and a long walk with small children
- Bathrooms at carrol park are unusable and replaced with porta potties...ridiculous
- Bathrooms closed at Carroll Park
- Bathrooms port potty vandalized!
- Broken Drinking Fountains and disgusting public bathroom facilities
- Carroll Park only has port a potties for bathroom
- Carroll park
- Closed porta-potties in winter
- Concession stand
- Could use water fountains.
- Don't like using them
- Geese Problem
- I am generally at a park during nit peak hours
- I'm terrified to use the portajohn on the river walk. It's always so foul smelling
- It depends on the park. Sometimes there is work being done. Some parks have safety hazards and areas are blocked. Or broke. Vets park is great but because it's the only really good park in town.. so many people go it's too crowded and you can't use some of the popular play items like the double swing and the zipping type equipment. The park should be bigger to meet demand or maybe just make other parks better.
- It seems like the bathrooms, unless it's a portable one, are always closed.
- Need more toilets
- Need to restore Wenonah rest rooms.
- Not enough pickleball courts outdoor and certainly indoor
- Not open in spring and fall
- Often boarded up due to being broken.
- Often facilities are out of order, but it depends heavily on which park
- Only during certain seasons.
- Outhouse at vets was overflowing this spring. Wenonah park bathrooms are locked if there is not an event.
- Picnic benches have been removed from Birney Park, which is the park closest to my home. Birney Park can be a beautiful park, but I feel like the city doesn't care as much about it anymore because "too many people from the homeless shelter hand around it". It's very disappointing. There should be benches and clean restrooms for them to use. I am also disappointed that any of the benches in the park have the bars in the middle to prevent people from sleeping. Address your homelessness issue in this town and people won't have to use the parks to sleep
- Playground equipment in disrepair
- Pool is closed
- Portapotties tipped over in Carroll Park. Need permanent facilities
- water fountatins needed
- Add more pickleball courts at Carroll Park and new courts at Vets park
- Sloppy look
- Some are closed early when trying to enter.
- The 6 pickleball courts at Carroll Park are packed with players. More courts are needed for the community.
- The permanent facility at parks are closed and locked for the public and should be opened and maintained as per our taxes pay for.
- The riverwalk and bathrooms dont open early in the year
- There are no amenities or bathrooms in any of the parks in Bay City except State Park and vets park has one but it's not good to use
- They are dirty
- They are only open for public events. If I take my son to play and he has to go to the bathroom we need to leave.

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- Water fountains had not yet been turned on
- Water park is closed. No tennis or pickleball at vets park
- Wenona Park is seldom open
- Wenonaha park is often restricted for pay events so I seldom go there anymore
- Would be nice if pickleball courts were lighted
- Would be nice to have working bathroom facilities in Carrol park
- You cannot find an open bathroom during the day in wenonah park. That's not ok.
- need more night events and restrooms need to be open longer
- sometimes the porta potty is not maintained at Carroll Park but generally it is good

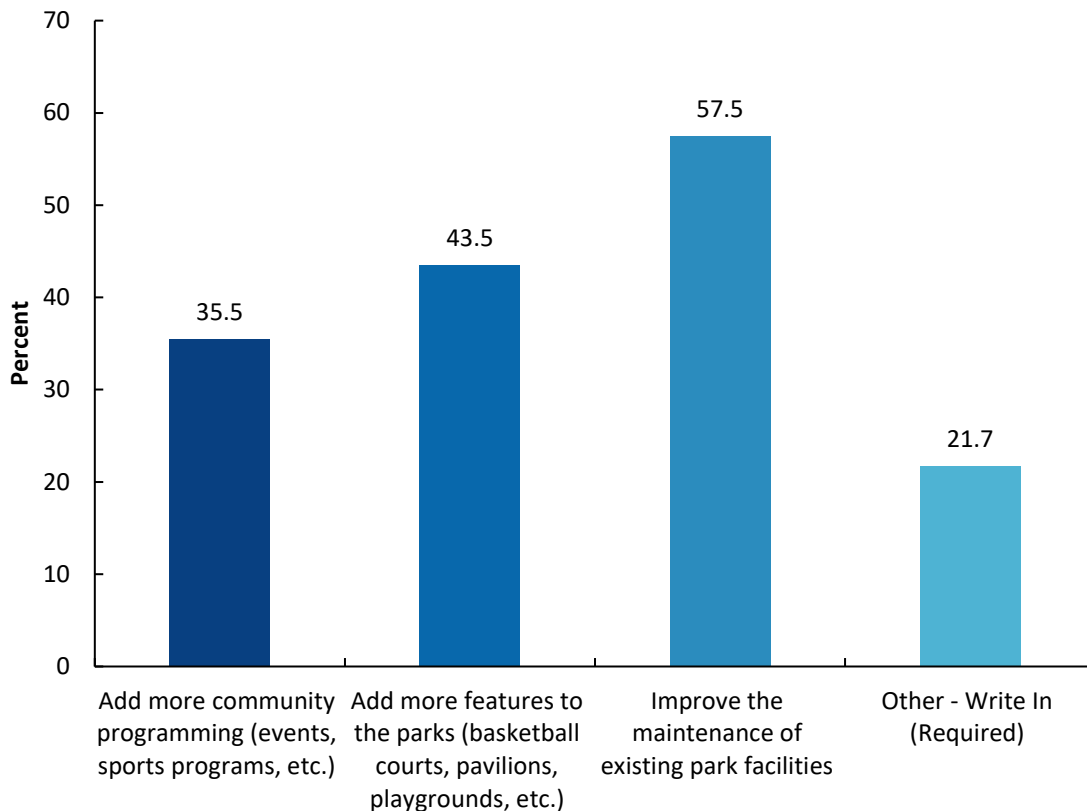
30. Have you been able to reserve a pavilion in a Bay City park when you needed one?



Value	Percent	Count
I haven't tried to reserve a pavilion in a Bay City Park.	67.1%	396
Yes, I have been able to reserve a pavilion.	10.2%	60
No, there was no availability for a pavilion when I needed one.	2.7%	16
I didn't know I could rent a pavilion.	20.0%	118
Totals		590

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31.What one thing would you do to improve the Bay City Parks?



Other – Write In:

- Add more pickleball courts (33)
- Add clean and safe restrooms (14)
- Add Dog waste bags and receptacles, plus signs asking people to clean up their dogs' waste.
- Add Futsal courts
- Add Spray park for children near downtown
- Add play areas for children from 6 months to 5 years
- Add security cameras to help deter vandalism.
- Additional pickleball courts needed at Carrol park
- Basketball courts needed.
- Bathrooms at vets park
- Better fishing opportunities
- Better lighting at almost all parks, especially the river walk
- Better maintenance on the West side of Bay City Parks. With the tennis court at Vets it feels as though the West side is being left and not much upkeep happening.
- Better parking, better handicap parking
- CLEAN THE BATHROOMS REGULARLY AND UNLOCK THEM!!!!
- CLEAN UP AROUND THE WATER.....SMELL IS LIKE outhouse!!!!
- CLEAN UP THE BEACH. THE WATER IS DISGUSTING I WOULDN'T EVEN LET OUR DOG GET IN IT OUT OF FEAR HE'D DRINK IT. ITS REVOLTING. IT STINKS & IS SO THICK WE'VE SEEN THE WAVES IUNABLE TO HAVE A WHITE CAP.
- CUT THE GRASS,PULL WEEDS FOR GOD SAKES
- Cameras or more public safety to patrol parks?
- Carrol Park needs more pickleball courts. Fix pavilion area/bathrooms. More picnic tables.
- Carrol Park needs some security cameras. I live near there and at certain times I don't bring my kids there because of people breaking bottles and causing trouble.
- Cass Ave boat launch is DIRTY. why no hose it down. Use a blower. It is so nasty
- Clean the beach and make it free

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- Clean the beach so you are not standing in muck!
- Clean the portapottys more often
- Clean up geese poop. The grass in wenona park and sidewalks is unacceptable for families with children! Wheelchairs picks up all the geese poop!
- Cleanliness and police patrols
- Develop an organizational program for use of neighborhood parks. Connect with the neighborhoods to encourage and develop new events, children's activities, senior events, whatever the interests of the neighborhoods are.
- Disc golf
- Ensure better security in general
- Ever been to the skate park? Not a place to take your kids with the thugs, fighting and ass hole adults.
- Everything in Bay City has deteriorated and become less safe since the legalization of marijuana and dispensaries on seemingly every street corner. Bay City is no longer a nice community to raise a family.
- Fences around paks
- Fix damaged items and replace items when they're removed like swing sets and swings, etc.
- Fix the roads and parking
- Get permanent fencing for Wenonah Park and keep vagrants from sleeping in park.
- Gift shop
- Handicap and exclusive playground equipment.
- Handicapped accessible/safety items like the special needs swings and more fencing around playground equipment
- Include playgrounds geared toward older children (9-13) the majority of play grounds and structures are designed for small children. The two structures that older kids used (at vets park and state park) were removed and replaced with plastic equipment geared to children 8 and younger
- Install splash pads . The grass and trees are not being taken care of trees around lights need cutting back and grass needs cutting more . To many areas are being allowed to become over grown .
- Instead of using a weed whip, they spray chemical's around the trees to kill weeds...chemicals are destroying the grass, trees and not to mention children are in the parks.....quit being so lazy.
- Keep up the good work.
- Maybe another small splash pad. The one gets very overwhelming in such a small spot
- Modernize the trail system and Vets Park on the west side of the river
- More access to river and bay
- More accessible and sensory friendly events to disabled people
- More camp sites or yurts or cabins
- More cooperation with civic groups and those volunteering to improve the parks image.
- More learning opportunities like the chippewa nature center
- More shade, like add some canopies and/or trees.
- Most importantly, I would invite the public when planning a park. Including kids whose age the park is meant for and parents who take their children to the park. We have two new parks in town that are meant for age groups that aren't interested in the play equipment that was picked (Wenona park and Roosevelt park). Roosevelt park is just a bunch of climbing stuff. There is only so much climbing a kid is interested in.
- Motte pickleball courts especially for different age groups, some just for seniors/kids
- Mountain bike park
- Move the obelisks that people paid money for to the new playground like it was promised when the playground equipment was moved because of contamination problems.
- My kids are really missing more of the jungle gym parks, less of the new style. They like running, climbing, playing hide and seek and money bars and the new style that's not all possible
- Need more landscaping. Flowers/shrubs
- Non-motorized trails to connect parks and link them to surrounding neighborhoods
- Nothing in Bangor Township
- Parking
- Permanent bathrooms at Carroll Park, add more pickleball courts without chopping down the shade trees.
- Plant more trees.

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- Playground equipment only, no other added features
- Please get rid of wood chips.
- Port a potties should be replaced with our building that has bathrooms and are handicapped accessible for adults and children alike
- Put a disc golf course in somewhere.
- Roosevelt park, mor things for small kids.
- Security at Vet's Park in particular- the older kids there are TERRIBLE and bully the little kids.
- So happy that upgraded lighting is coming to the park. I don't know if security cameras are there but that would be good to protect the visitors and park property
- Somehow manage youth who deface park and or torment younger children
- Spray parks
- Support a community pool
- The condition of the Veterans Memorial is terrible. It is unkept, overgrown with weed, dead tress and plants. It's sad. Aslo, the last several years the grass is not even mowed for the fireworks. It shows poorly on the parks and the city when it is so unkept during such a major event.
- The playground at Vet's park specifically needs either more frequent drive throughs by officer's or a security camera installed so there's at least proof of what goes on. I'm unable to take my kids (5&7) there most of the time due to older kids being there and causing issues or the language they use.
- There are a few parks that need work. Carol park being the main one. Also, vets park can feel unsafe at times. Police presence would make more families feel welcome here.
- Update playgrounds, and splash pad
- add disc golf baskets/basket to most all parks
- make know to public events or opportunities in the parks
- pickle ball ladder league like we had last year
- pool

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32. Do you have any other comments regarding Bay City parks?

Top responses:

1. Restrooms need to be cleaned more frequently, and some parks lack accessible restrooms.
2. Certain facilities, like ball fields and playgrounds, are in disrepair and require attention.
3. Security is a concern; suggestions include installing security cameras and having more police presence.
4. Some parks need more pickleball courts due to the sport's growing popularity.
5. Vets Park needs more family-friendly amenities, better facilities, and a splash park.
6. Carroll Park requires attention, including restroom facilities, pond maintenance, and playground upgrades.

All responses:

- Used frequently.
- They're amazing!! The City of Bay City is putting in the work to make these park's beautiful and accessible for all!
- It feels like they are an afterthought when it should be the main focus, especially since they are all along the riverfront and have nothing to offer
- Vets park used to be nice, it needs alot of work and more family friendly not just marina friendly
- There should be security cameras at most parks
- More basketball courts and open restrooms are needed
- It is sad to see the baseball fields in such bad shape. We use to host's tournaments f for people around the state.
- outside pool in park willing to pay to used i grew bay city and devastation i'd close the pool
- The wooden path areas are rotting and not for
- Wish that the parking was closer for the parents with little ones at Veteran's Park. The playground was built closer to the Marina. An we cannot park there. Seems as if the park was built for the Marina guests.
- More public restrooms
- Parking for the new park at Vet's park is not convenient.
- Vets park all facilities are in extreme disrepair. Ball fields cant be used. The only decent thing is the playground and it had no parking. All the parking is for the stupid marina which only uses the parking lot 3 days a year. Whoever put the location of the playground there needs to be fired and replaced.
- Better enforcement of LEASH LAW
- clean them more often
- Some parks are nice, some are very neglected.
- Sidewalks
- More PR, more programs for teens besides baseball
- Need the pool and lessons/water aerobic clases
- We need to keep the youth involved
- Need more accessible recreation options for people of all sizes (not just children) who have disabilities
- More sensory friendly events.
- Connect with the public better to get underutilized parks more use.
- We could use some nice pocket parks in various areas where buildings have been demolished and it is empty
- What about having the community have a lighting displays for Christmas. To me the community pool is not open for the whole public to enjoy where a splash pad would be open for everyone. The ballparks and volleyball fields bring in a whole different crowd then the playgrounds plus they bring in the drinking crowd . Volleyball ball courts are way to close to walking paths .
- We need a spray park at vets. And major clean ups
- I enjoy pickelball and it's becoming more popular. The courts at Caro Park are getting crowded at times. I love the courts.
- Wenona Parks seems to always get all events.
- I think carrol park is not kept the way it should be this park needs more attention

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especially the pond. Uptown has enough its the little parks that need attention

- Nicer restrooms are needed.
- Shade is just as important - the new park at state park is so hot that it's miserable to watch and it's burned my son's legs going down the slide
- Make them available economically
- Have walked my dogs in many of the parks over the years and have watched them not be maintained properly. Especially the ones not located in "prime" areas. Downtown/uptown parks seem to be better kept up than others.
- It would be nice to see some maintenance/upgrades on neighborhood parks & playgrounds instead of always building new ones. It's disappointing seeing the neighborhood parks not being properly maintained.
- More bike trails
- Flooding of Veteran's Park should be resolved by now. Odd the River can end use of parking lots. Staff seems overstretched. I spoke to a mower this year, increase staff to help them. Another playground at the former Imagination Station for kids during parents' ballgames.
- Keep them clean and well maintained. They look shabby many times. It harms our image as a city to attract new residents and businesses. We need to have a sense of ownership and pride in our community resources
- Guess I missed if this was a listed park, but the bathrooms at Wenonah Park/Friendship Shell/Ice rink should be open year-round as I thought we were told they would be. Not only open during events which often include a charge to get in,
- Water parks
- The are not maintained very well at all
- Clean the restrooms at Veterans park and fix kids ropes
- It's nice that Bay city has multiple options for playgrounds. However, it's upsetting how people treat the parks and ruin equipment. Better security/ cameras would be a good idea. Also, unsupervised kids at the fitness park cause problems and ruin it for others
- More bathrooms with easier access
- More public parking by the play structure at Vets Park.
- Invest in the ball fields and put in a splash park at Vets park
- Would love to see a splash park that requires no passes to access
- Trash clean up and bathroom availability are major concerns
- Riverwalk wooden boardwalk needs maintenance. Broken lights and boards have pieces missing.
- Several parks, Veterans, Birney for example need to have more police presence!! Don't feel safe there.
- Add cameras and emergency poles
- Bay City threw away a great opportunity on the eastern shore of the Saginaw River. Instead of crowding the waterfront with condos and businesses, there could have been a wide tree lined pedestrian walk. There was plenty of room for the condos and businesses AND the public walkway. The pathetic sun-blasted sidewalk that was left for the public is a joke.
- With keeping the west side of the river parks and trails more nature oriented, it would still be nice to see possibly more decorative lighting and benches like in Wenonah Park, and clean up the ballfields.
- They really need to be maintained and available parking lot for everyone especially the handicapped
- Clean up the state park beach/water
- Need a disc golf course.
- the only comment i have is PLEASE, have someone spray down walkway on river on east side. the goose poop looks horrible, looks like it's been there for weeks, we can't even take our dog for walks there anymore - it's disgusting
- More and cleaner bathrooms and drinking water
- Most parks don't feel very safe. More quality pickleball, basketball and other courts spread around the city and not just in a few areas would be great. It is sad that all of the tennis and basketball courts are being let go. They were all in good spots around the city
- We have beautiful parks. I would like to see updated playgrounds that are handicapped/wheelchair accessible.
- Male sure rail trail area is ALWAYS mowed and sprayed for mosquitoes
- I love Carroll park
- Love Carroll Park!!

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- Since Bay City has become more popular with the Downtown events there has been a noticeable increase of homeless. I've heard people not feeling safe when walking in the evenings.
- More benches and seating for people with disabilities. More trees for shade.
- Some parks are a big waste I feel Bay City needs to figure out what parks are worth the time and effort to maintain them better. Without letting them get in the shape of the Fair grounds! Or Carrol Park!
- More areas for families to gather, pavilions and grills
- Quit spraying weed killer around trees and weed wack instead
- If you would like to include the public or a non profit to planning, my cell number is 989397179.
- Rexer/Jablonski Park needs some attention.
- Many parks have broken or outdated playground sets causing safety concerns
- Maintenance needs to be done at vets park. All the attention goes to wenona park & up town & vets is totally neglected. It's a beautiful park with all the events that have been held there over the years & nothing gets done there to improve it.
- Regular upkeep with the bathrooms need to be a priority. It's absolutely disgusting. Not to mention, if a bathroom is locked, how are we supposed to allow our children to relieve themselves???
- Carrol Park should be restored for Bridge & Pond, add a better area for Children to play
- West side parks need more attention. Feels like money only goes to the east side and downtown areas. Would love to see better upkeep for the west side parks as they are used and loved by many
- Carroll park could use general cleanup and maintenance. I miss the weeping willow tree that used to be there, would love another to be added to the park.
- You need more swings, children 5 yrs up and adults have no swings left, I live across from Defoe and they removed swings for the older children, now it is rarely used by all the neighborhood children, used to be in use every day all day, not enough consideration for children 10-16 or adults taking the children
- Carol park playground is in complete disrepair. There are many young families with children in our area who would love a major park upgrade here. I'm it's current state the playground equipment does not feel safe for my children
- Need more spray parks for summer use for the kids
- Veterans park needs updating
- I love Bay City parks... please continue to maintain them
- Maintain on parks in a regular basis. Focus on all parks
- Roosevelt park should have their court changed to a basketball court.
- Bay city does a pretty good job maintaining its parks, but some older kids abuse them
- Every time I go to a park in Bay City, I feel less and less safe.
- Frisbee golf facility
- Some parks have better groundskeeping than others, which seems to be comparable with how new the playground equipment is. For instance, Vets and Bigelow park seem very clean, while Birney Park and Carrol Park are not maintained as well.
- Carroll Park needs some attention. Bathroom facilities, playground equipment, pond and tennis courts are looking bad.
- Better fishing opportunities and maybe planting more fish in the rivers and creeks also fixing some water flow into the kawkawlin
- I know they are short-staffed, but more regular police presence would be nice. Maybe add park Rangers.
- We enjoy the variety of parks and live on the rail trail which we use almost daily
- Please make bathroom facilities available not just porta-johns
- We would love to have cross country skiing trails in the city. This sport is gaining popularity and could attract more visitors.
- Very pleased with ongoing upgrades to Bay City's parks.
- Every park should have an open restroom
- As a water front community as you say, where is the water to enjoy?
- Softball fields at vets park used to be best in the state. They are now the worst

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because the city will not help fund the league

- Add spray park near downtown
- They look in very poor condition. Especially Vets park.
- Rod holders in both parks a long the river would be great. Also warming house opened in the winter at Vets. Some large games like Yahtzee or battleship would be fun.
- They suck and understaffed.
- Hire more summer help to maintain the parks. Grass needs to be mowed weekly at each park. Irrigation needs more attention and fixing irrigation should be a priority.
- Stop limiting access at Wenonah Park.
- More water fountains for drinking
- Where are the green picnic tales?
- I think there is a lack of quality and up to date basketball courts. Many of them are ran down and not properly cared for
- I think the new playground equipment at Roosevelt Park is "lame". No slide, minimal opportunities to really play or do something on it.
- Like that dog pick- up was added to Wenonah Park. This park needs more maintenance.
- Dirty, tall grass and weeds
- Offer a park designed/ dedicated to older kids.
- A regular patrol stop by the police would help with some of the thugs around. You can't take your family around those animals.
- More small classes during summer in the parks. Yoga, drums, tai chi...
- The riverfront parks are tremendous assets.
- Maybe support your park volunteer events to help with maintenance costs.
- Provide opportunities for residents to contribute time and money towards park upkeep
- The parks are noticeably busier in Bay City compared to one year ago. Wonderful to watch families enjoy the amenities the city/ county has to offer!
- We need more security at Carrol Park
- Try to keep historical buildings and features please
- We need more Pickleball courts and better bathroom facilities and drinking water
- As someone who plays cornhole nobody plays on cement boards
- Add programs where teens can have jobs
- Add programs for teen jobs
- Like to see more pickleball courts
- Turn old tennis courts at vets park into pickle ball courts
- Vets park boat launch is poorly maintained. Embarrassment to the community.
- Consider other uses for duck pond in the Carroll park rehab
- Need more activities for whole family. Like pickleball courts
- Need to find things for the 12-15 age range to do.
- Pickleball is growing fast in popularity. The parking lot next to the pickle ball courts at Carroll park is often full every morning. we have had as many as 40 to 50 players using 6 courts. We need more Pickleball courts at Carroll Park especially.
- More pickle ball courts
- Repair replace boards on river walk west side
- Stationary restrooms at Carrol Park and more Pickleball courts as this is the fastest growing sport in America and we need to be proactive in our provisions.
- More
- wenonah park is a jewel makes Bay City proud!
- At events need more out houses (toilets)
- Wenona has had enough improvement. It's silly by comparison to the poor condition of our streets and roads. I recognize that it's funded separately, but the funding efforts need to start focusing on infrastructure.
- More pickleball courts
- Additional closer handicapped and regular parking closer to Playground at Veterans Park and others
- Clean restrooms would be nice
- The beach needs to be cleaned up horribly bad. Compared to pinconning, au gres, and even Tawas it's nasty with garbage and sticks all over, would rather make an hour drive for a nice beach
- More of a variety of sports leagues would be beneficial to the growing young community.
- Can't afford to do many activities I. Bay County. Have been going to parks and

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using waterways in Midland- they are cleaner and safer

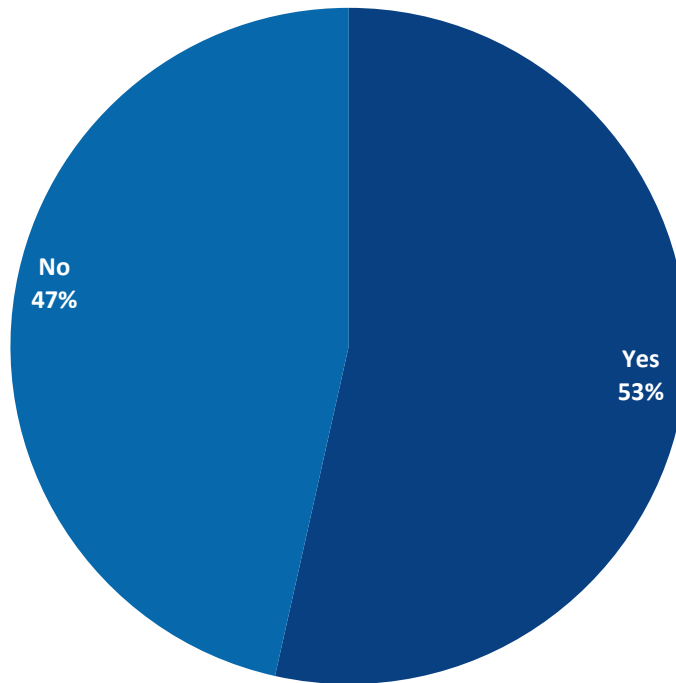
- Yes clean the toilets more often especially during winter months
- Some parks are beautiful like Carrol park. Others are not well taken care of. The trees have been abused by the mower operators. There are trees that need to be removed and groomed in many parks. Spraying for invasive plants/flowers is important
- 26 parks with different amenities is a lot to manage and the small staff does an excellent job considering the scope of their responsibilities. More resources for public spaces, please! Township residents utilize city recreation areas, and we need more safe, well-maintained play spaces for children, particularly on the east side.
- Increase lighting and security in some of the city parks
- Leave the bathrooms open and more flowers like the riverwalk
- Upkeep & maintenance. Organizations utilizing these parks should have a sign up to volunteer & clean up the park.
- Vets Park softball fields are pathetic. Everything about them is pathetic. The City should be ashamed of themselves. The fields are almost always hard as concrete making them incredibly unsafe. Do not get me started about how they become lakes if it rains. Field lights(bulbs) aren't replaced when out. Goose crap everywhere. Lack of porta johns and the 1 that is there is often disgusting and out of toilet paper. Lack of garbage cans. More than 1 field has grass/weeds in the infield. Did I mention the infield is LIKE CONCRETE? Also has rocks in it. List of problems goes on and on.
- Parking lot across from ice cream place needs some TLC
- Carroll park looks shabby- pavilion is dank and dirty and the bridge over the pond needs repair and paint. Playground also needs work. Security is also an issue as I see many cars lot wrong there and drug deals etc happening.
- Vets park is a disaster. Pickleball should have been added 10 years ago.
- Maintain the parks. Increase security esp. late afternoon/ evening.
- Every year i notice sidewalks in my neighborhood parks get plowed for snow

in the winter. The blade used is much wider than the sidewalk it self. This mounds up the dirt and sod and it is never repaired in the spring. Many of the wood bridges along the middle grounds have been neglected (no re staining, no cleaning, no screws added or boards replaced when they're popping)

- We need to really clean up the water and the sand bars. If you want to take a walk along the water you cant
- Some parks are better than others - all need to be maintained and clean for all.
- I use vets and wenona parks most often, while running on the rail trail. The lights that light the path are mostly broken, which is a security and safety hazard. No pubic bathrooms, and the footbridges could use some work. Appreciate that they are cutting back the foliage on the side of the trails in bigilow park. That was a security issues
- They need to be kept up and clean
- Winter camping would be cool
- If Veterans Park is a Bay City park, why does Bay County maintain it?
- They have a wonderful team that addresses issues, but the parks that get the most funding are in low income areas and the parks like Carroll Park get no help because it's in an affluent area. We need to take care of all of the parks in Bay City, not just in low income neighborhoods.

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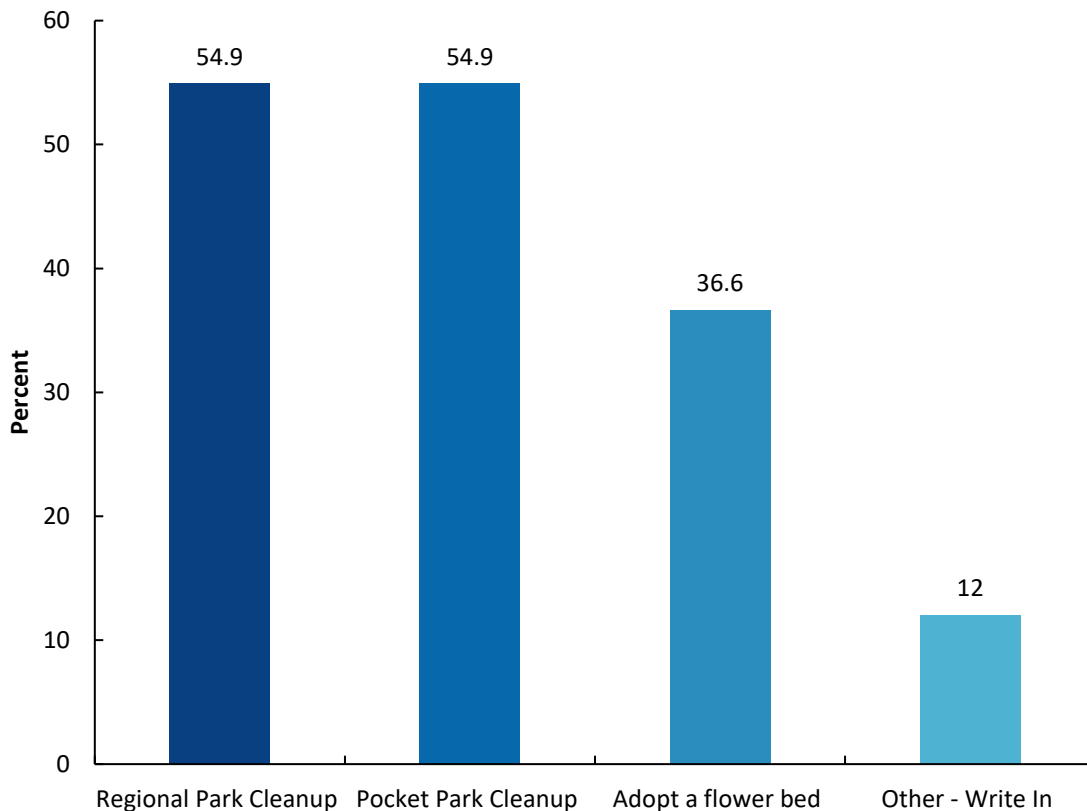
33.Are you willing to volunteer to improve our parks?



Value	Percent	Count
Yes	53.5%	304
No	46.5%	264
Totals		568

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34.What type of volunteer opportunities are you interested in?



Other -Write In:

- Already volunteer 30-40 hours per year.
- Anything that someone with disabilities can accomplish.
- Behind the scenes
- Board
- Carroll Park pickleball cleanup
- Carroll park
- Cleaning up the wood of all the fallen dead trees. Also, I'm open to other suggestions
- Could easily host geocaching clean-up events (called CITOs)
- Event planning committee
- Help build and clean out an area for a disc golf course.
- Help clean Pickleball courts
- Help maintain pickleball courts
- I currently volunteer there for state theater outdoor concerts
- I would but have I a disability so I can't do much
- I would like to help communication improvement implementation.
- I would volunteer for anything related to the pool
- I would volunteer for cleanup in the future. I recently had a baby.
- I've contacted the local conservancy to volunteer with them.
- Lawn cutting. Picking up trash , removing trash from water ways rivers .
- More info and times to do this
- Neighborhood watch to manage youth
- River Clean up
- Sitting on a planning board
- We already maintain the trails we use by cleaning up litter while walking.
- We have adopted a flower bed and we help out at Winona Park

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- We help with yard work around the Trombley House
- Why isn't there an option to join in decision making for the parks?
- Working events
- all ready volunteer
- any that lines up with my schedule
- develop disc golf as an alternative option

35. Please provide your contact information for additional information on volunteer opportunities

Response: Redacted to protect personal information. A total of 110 people offered their contact information to volunteer.

Hampton Township Questions

36. Many of the amenities at Pondside Park (Jones Rd and Ridge Rd) are old and in disrepair. What should Hampton Township's priorities be for improvements at Pondside Park?

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not really needed	Responses
Add pickleball courts				
Count	56	88	46	190
Row %	29.5%	46.3%	24.2%	
New playground equipment				
Count	110	62	21	193
Row %	57.0%	32.1%	10.9%	
Upgrade the ball diamond				
Count	54	86	46	186
Row %	29.0%	46.2%	24.7%	
Add basketball courts				
Count	37	87	58	182
Row %	20.3%	47.8%	31.9%	
Add a soccer field				

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Count	34	74	76	184
Row %	18.5%	40.2%	41.3%	
Add a walking trail				
Count	104	73	21	198
Row %	52.5%	36.9%	10.6%	
Add fitness stations				
Count	41	84	61	186
Row %	22.0%	45.2%	32.8%	

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37. Are there other improvements that should be considered for Pondside Park?

Top responses:

- Splash pad, beach volleyball courts, disc golf, and pickleball courts are suggested for recreational activities.
- Fishing pond or dock for fishing, as well as more fishing opportunities for children.
- Improved restrooms and restroom facilities.
- Shaded areas, benches, and gathering areas for families.
- Dog park or designated areas for dogs to run off-leash.
- Walking trails, walking track, or paved paths for pedestrians and bikers.
- Permanent bathrooms and water fountains.
- Playground equipment update and a better-designed sled hill.
- A dark sky park for stargazing enjoyment.
- Addition of trees, wildflowers, and landscaping for a more natural setting.

All responses:

- Make people more aware of it's existence
- Benches
- Could there be more fishing or small floating things for kids?
- Splash pad
- Fishing in the pond
- This park has so much potential! Splash park, cornhole, stocked fishing pond, beach volleyball, disc golf, speaker system so community events can be held here. Big community fire pit. Really anything to give the community something to be proud of and draw families in.
- Restroom improvements
- Make sure there is good lighting and keep the facilities clean and in good condition
- As someone who lives close to the park, this is used by walkers and dog walkers very frequently. A walking trail is important. Bathrooms are important. Ones that are open and stocked. It's a wonderful and large piece of property that could be amazing, but right now everything is outdated severely. I'm glad you are focusing on this park
- Use the space! Attract people to the area. Make it a sledding hill again. Pickleball would be fantastic!
- Make it more welcoming and have more to do.
- Landscaping
- have not been there
- Add some trees and wildflowers for some nature.
- Consider adding a frisbee golf course - we have the space for it here.
- Dog park similar to the one at the fairgrounds. Too many dogs running off leash at Pondside.
- The place is an eyesore. Take down old unused equipment like the ball field backstop
- Restroom/Water Fountain
- Permanent bathrooms
- Horseshoes
- Pickle ball
- Don't know
- Disc golf
- Rope or other assisting device to climb hill after sledding
- Bathrooms, shaded area and benches
- More gathering areas for families
- Access into the park
- Eliminate
- A trail/ track would be awesome! Tons of room here for a paved running, walking, or bike path with exercise equipment along it. Like stations. Port Austin MI has a great outdoor fitness equipment area.
- Pickleball courts
- Better Restroom and Wash stations
- need equipment for older children
- Just have restrooms available
- Dog park
- permanent restrooms
- More areas to walk and more shaded areas
- Shaded area
- Stop adding and getting grants for new things we can't afford to maintain and work on maintaining what we have. A new building/court or whatever is only good if

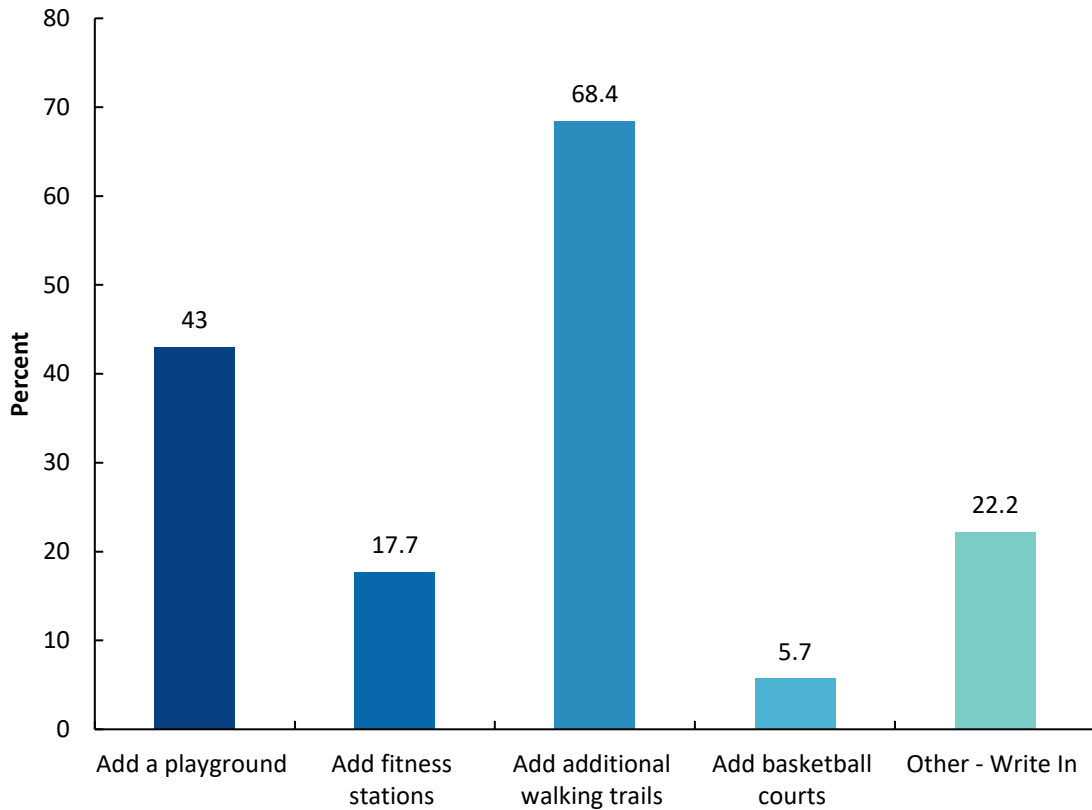
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we can maintain it!, otherwise we end up right where we are now, with so many things that need fixing and no money to do it!

- A nice playground with updated equipment
- Better designed sled hill.
- Keep slede hill and update playground
- A fountain
- Larger sledding area
- The entire park needs improvements
- Spray park or water park
- Remove old concrete and make the appearance of the park better in general
- Use some Hampton twp land for family events and possible tournaments (even city-wide), i.e., tennis, pickleball, etc.
- It's not a pond anymore it's hardly a puddle. Make it deeper and add fish back into it and add a dock I'd gladly support that any day
- Pavilion. Bathrooms.
- Weed control and having a level walking surface
- Bathrooms, landscaping, dog waste pickup stations
- Make it a dark sky park where people could enjoy the stars
- Playground equipment and shade
- I go by it, but never utilize it. Not sure on how to best utilize it.
- Pickleball courts
- Path for walking
- This park is in such bad shape that I'm not sure why it's being updated. I hardly ever see anyone at it anyway.
- Beach volleyball courts

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38. What improvements would you like to see at the Finn Road Park and Campground?



Other – Write In:

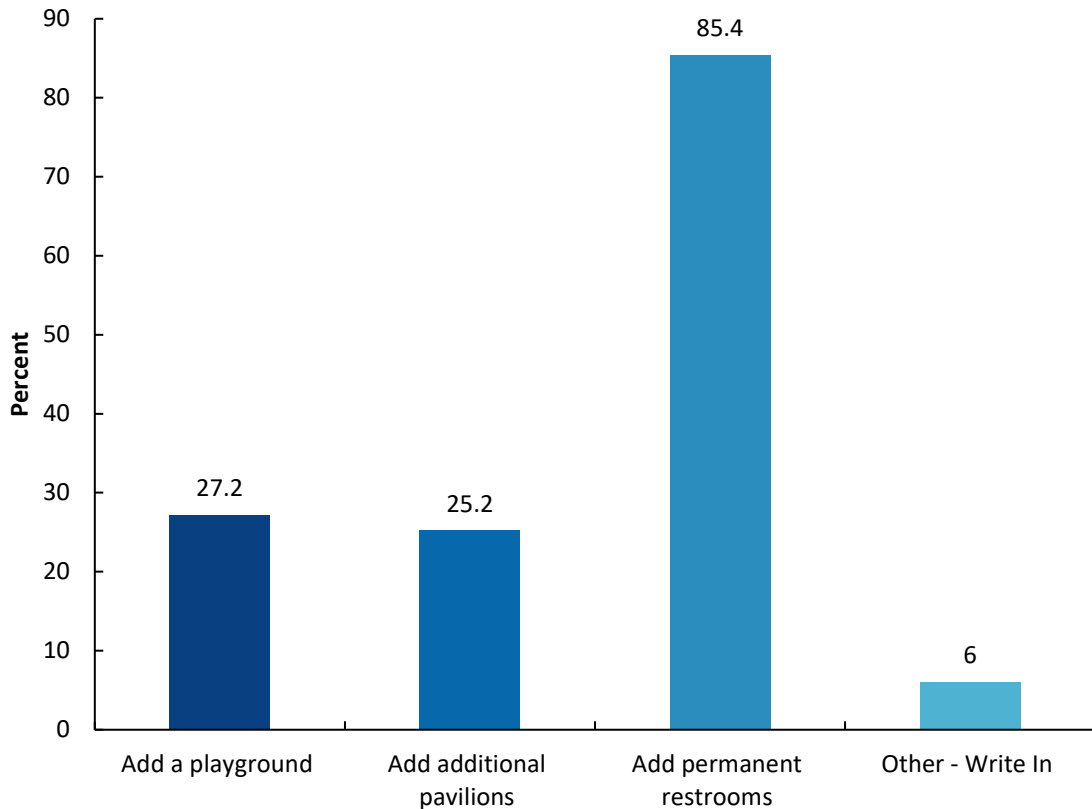
- Add more camping sites for those that don't fish but live in the township
- Add more sites
- Add more trees inside the campground
- Better boat launch
- Cabins for camping
- Deeper cut for boats
- Extend it for fishing and dredge it out.
- Fenced in for special needs users.
- Improve boat launch and dredging
- It's nice to see the phragmites killed. We can finally see the bay!
- Kayak launch
- Maintain the walkways add fishing docks and less dangerous way to get to the water
- Make a separate kayak drop area so you don't have to fight with motor boats in the channel
- Make grounds improvements
- More camping sites
- More parking for patrons to the campground. currently there are 57 sites and only about 20 spaces for parking.
- Updated and fixes needed to keep the bathhouse nice. Maybe better bathrooms for the people using the trails/launch but not camping .That portapotty is gross.
- Nature observation tower on bay shore
- Never been
- Not sure. I enjoy riding the trail and the pier. It's always at capacity. The people who camp there would have a better opinion than me.
- ORV trail
- Paved parking area
- Pool
- Provide public toilets with water
- Swim area
- Take care of the parking lot and boat launch. Add agitation to combat the alagee problem and pressure washing status to clean boats off.
- Trash receptacles; per waste bag stations
- better toilets
- break wall at mouth of cut
- clean it up, kayak launch, more trails
- never been there

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- pave trail & boat launch
- put docks along the rock edge for fishing, these would also be helpful and safer for ice fishing, maybe 4 feet wide.

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39. What improvements would you like to see at Wood's Park, also known as the Bay-Hampton Rail Trail at Young's Ditch Road?

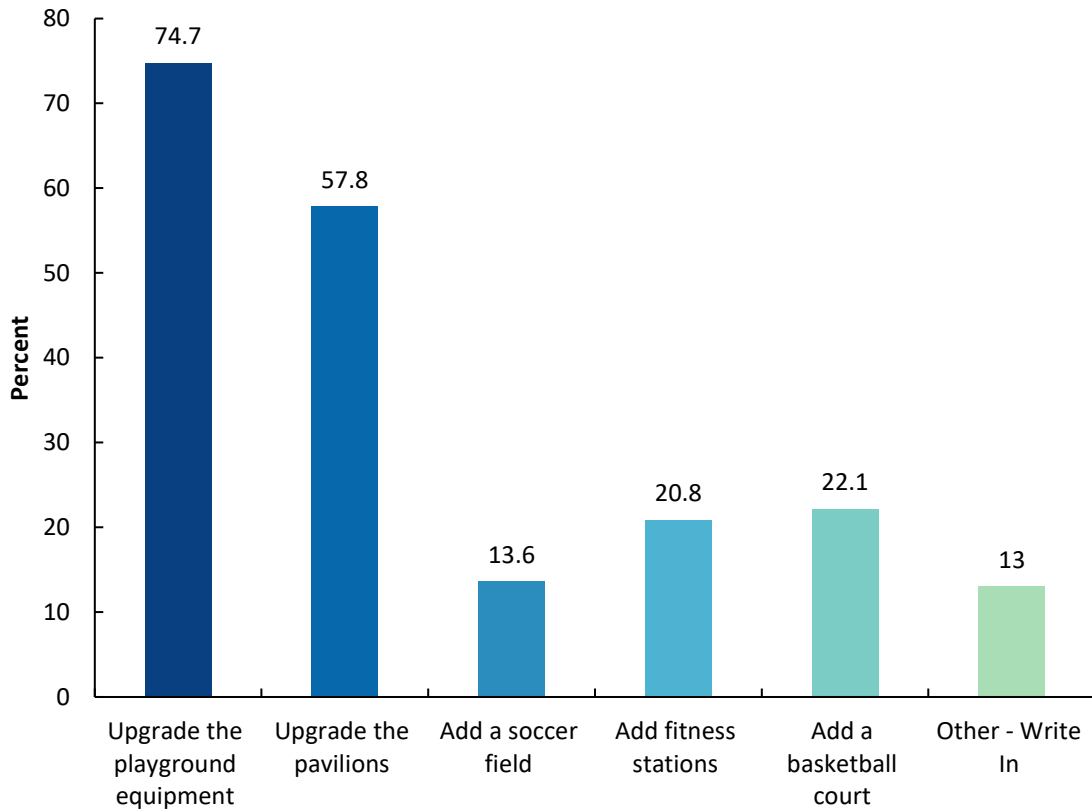


Other – Write In:

- Add grills & a fire pit
- Just keep up the maintenance and beautify
- Never been there
- Never been there. Don't know
- Never heard of this park
- never been there

40. What improvements would you like to see at Ridge Road Park (between Pine Road and Scheurmann Road)?

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Other – Write In:

- Consider adding a frisbee golf course here, if not at Pondside Park.
- Disc golf
- Fenced in playground for special needs users.
- Full use restrooms
- Horseshoes
- I wasn't even aware of it even though I go by it. As such, I don't have an opinion.
- Never heard of this park
- Pickle ball
- Rest rooms
- Upgrade grill or add some.
- Volleyball courts/ Larger sledding hill
- Walking path with dog waste stations
- didn't know this park exists
- never been there
- permanent restrooms.
- permanent usable bathroom
- pickleball courts
- usable drinking fountain

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Beaver Township Questions

41. How should Beaver Township prioritize parks and recreation initiatives in the future?

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not Necessary	Responses
	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count
Enhance programs and special events	6 50.0%	3 25.0%	2 16.7%	1	12
Upgrade and expand facilities at existing Township Park	8 66.7%	2 16.7%	2 16.7%	0 0.0%	12
Add recreational amenities at the Township Hall property	5 41.7%	3 25.0%	2 16.7%	2 16.7%	12
Acquire new park land	5 41.7%	2 16.7%	3 25.0%	2 16.7%	12
Developing trails	8 66.7%	2 16.7%	2 16.7%	0 0.0%	12
Protecting natural resources	8 66.7%	4 33.3%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	12
Achieving a balance of all of the above	6 54.5%	5 45.5%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	11

42. When do you think the following facilities should be established or expanded in Beaver Township?

	As soon as possible	In 2 to 3 Years	In 3 to 5 years	In 5+ years	Not needed	Responses
Walking paths						
Count	9	1	1	1	0	12
Row %	75.0%	8.3%	8.3%	8.3%	0.0%	

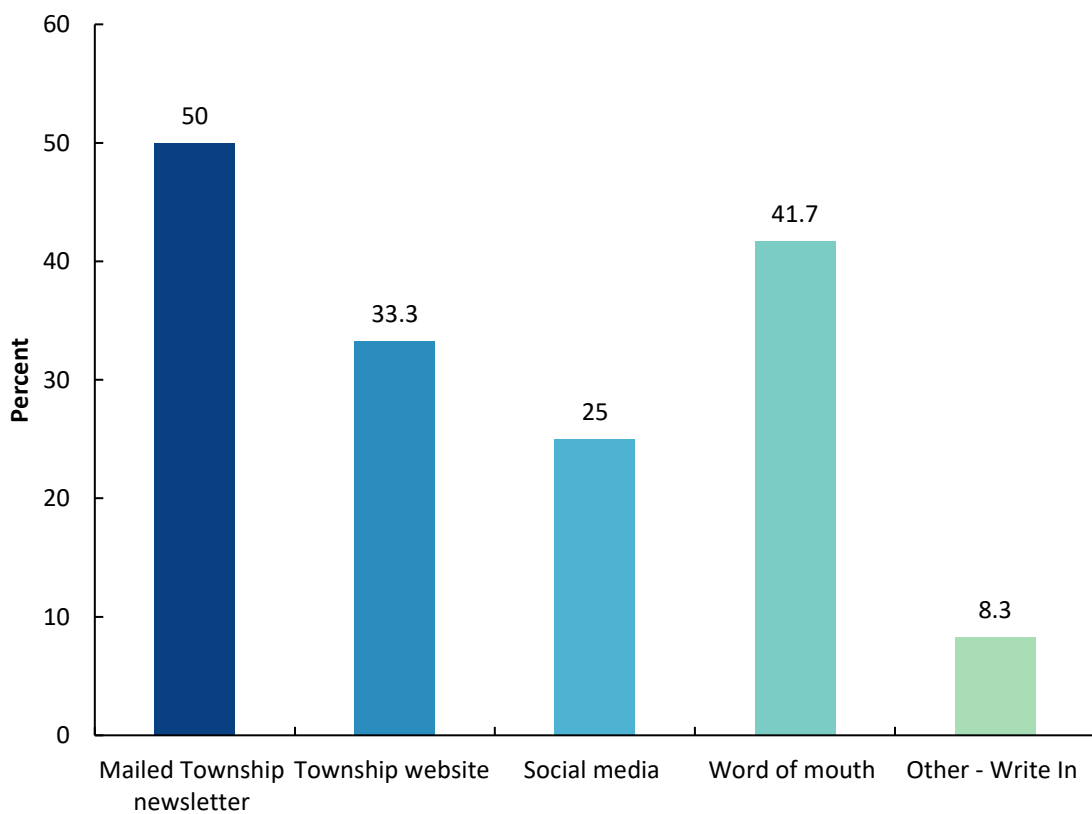
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	As soon as possible	In 2 to 3 Years	In 3 to 5 years	In 5+ years	Not needed	Responses
Bike Paths						
Count	8	2	1	1	0	12
Row %	66.7%	16.7%	8.3%	8.3%	0.0%	
Natural Areas						
Count	5	4	1	1	1	12
Row %	41.7%	33.3%	8.3%	8.3%	8.3%	
Shade/ Trees						
Count	7	2	1	1	1	12
Row %	58.3%	16.7%	8.3%	8.3%	8.3%	
Picnic Pavilion						
Count	6	2	1	0	3	12
Row %	50.0%	16.7%	8.3%	0.0%	25.0%	
Playground						
Count	8	2	1	0	1	12
Row %	66.7%	16.7%	8.3%	0.0%	8.3%	
Outdoor Ice Rink						
Count	5	0	1	1	5	12
Row %	41.7%	0.0%	8.3%	8.3%	41.7%	
Small splash pad						
Count	4	0	1	0	7	12
Row %	33.3%	0.0%	8.3%	0.0%	58.3%	
Comfort Facilities: restroom, benches, etc.						
Count	7	2	1	2	0	12
Row %	58.3%	16.7%	8.3%	16.7%	0.0%	

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	As soon as possible	In 2 to 3 Years	In 3 to 5 years	In 5+ years	Not needed	Responses
Parking Areas						
Count	4	4	1	0	3	12
Row %	33.3%	33.3%	8.3%	0.0%	25.0%	

43.What is your CURRENT method of getting information about Beaver Township's recreation opportunities. Check all that apply.

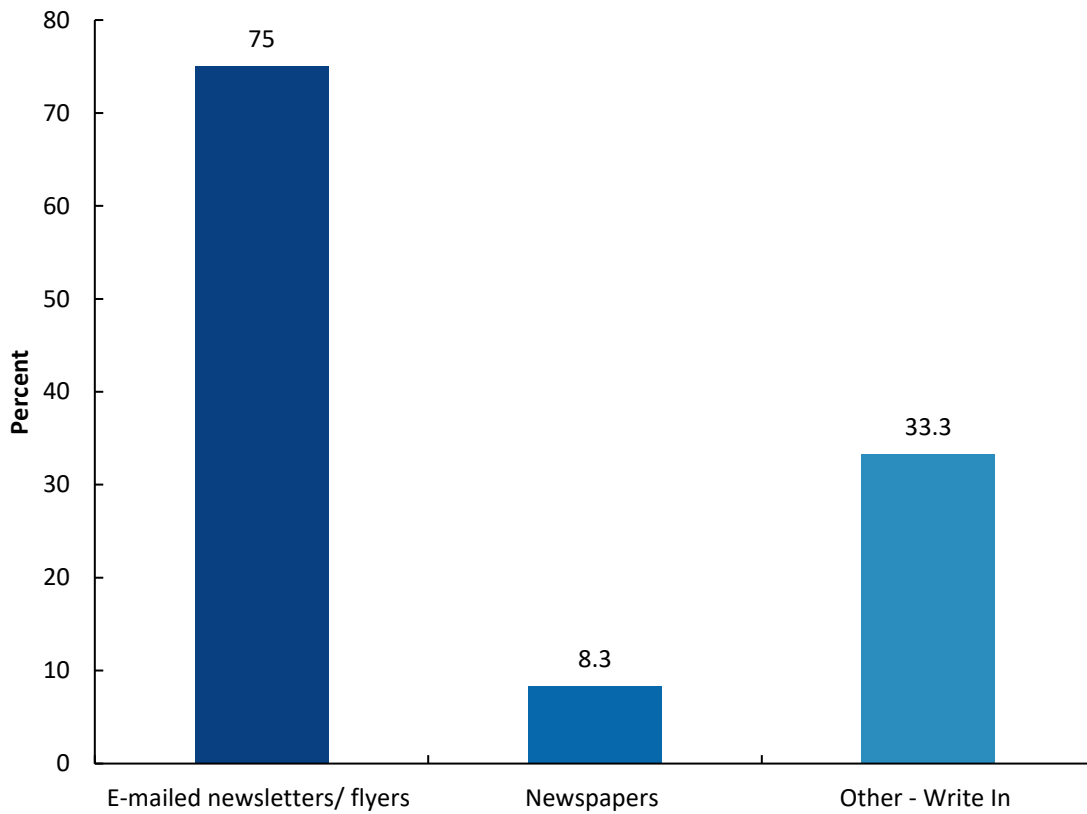


Other - Write In:

- Township Hall Sign (1)

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44. When learning about the Township's recreation opportunities, which of the following communication methods would you use if they were available? Check all that apply.

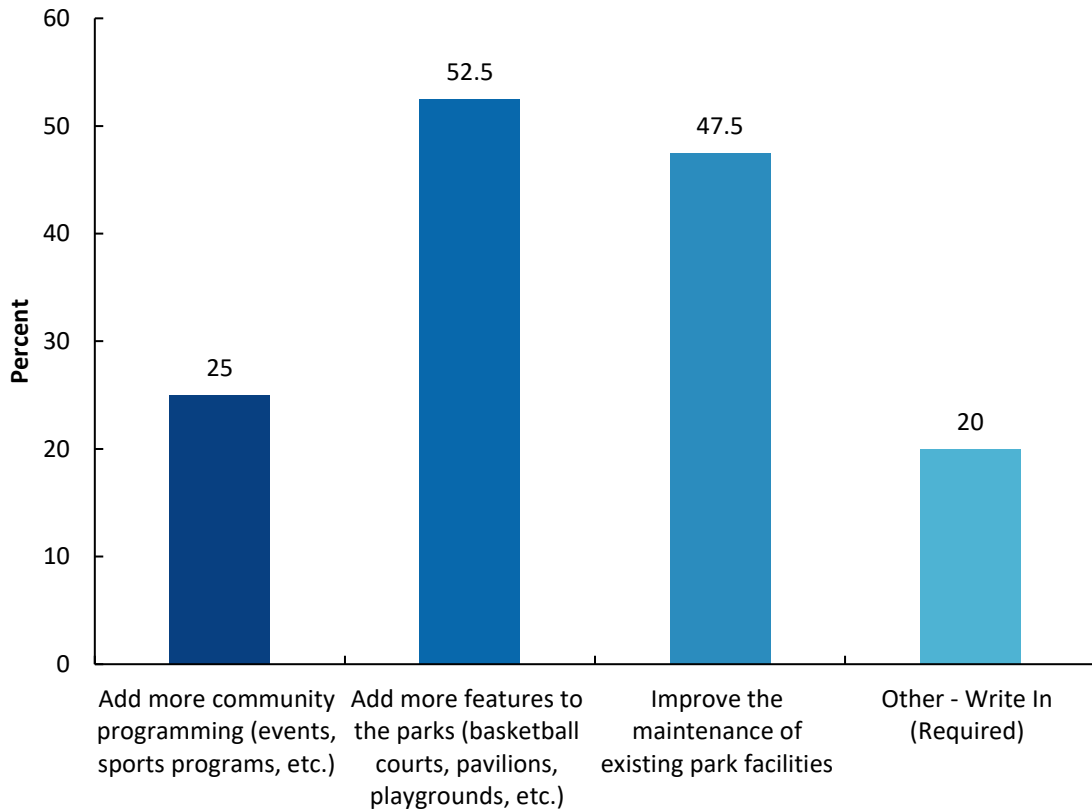


Other – Write In:

- Facebook (1)
- Social media postings (1)
- More social media campaigning (1)
- Post it on the website (1)

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45.What one thing would you do to improve Beaver Township parks and recreation?



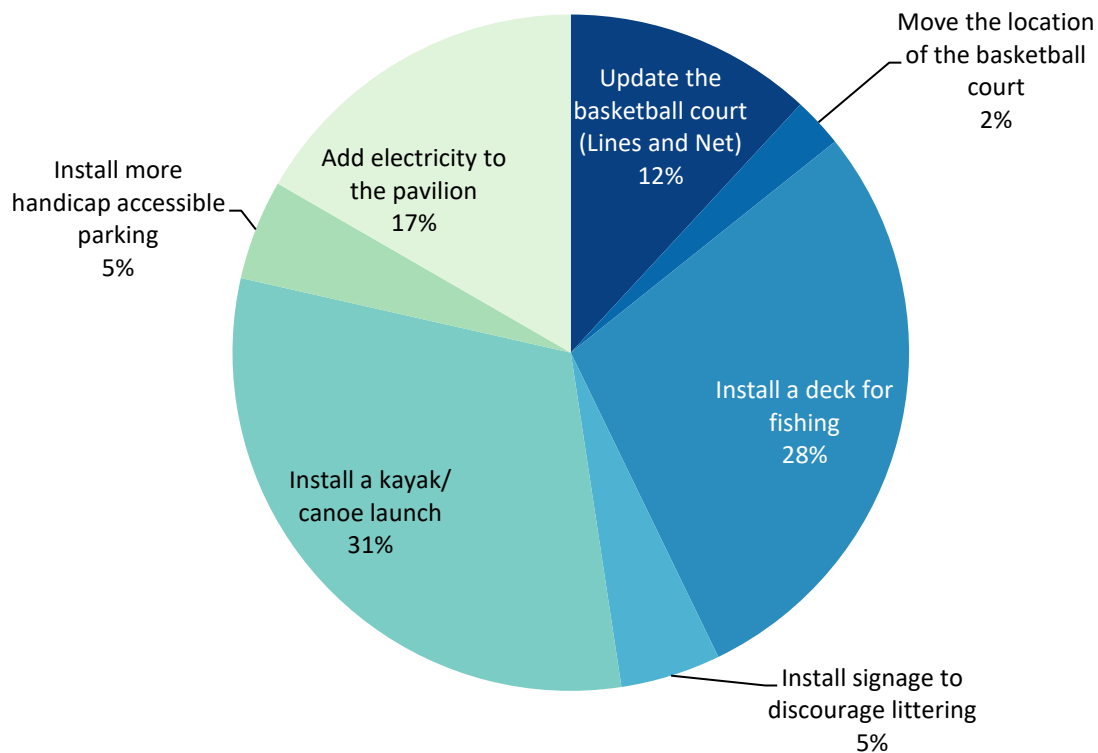
Other – Write In:

- Fenced in dog park (1)
- Little free library at the township hall (1)
- Not familiar with these parks (1)
- Pickleball courts (1)
- Soccer field and a trail (1)
- Trails for biking/exercising (1)
- Public walking/biking trails (1)

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Frankenlust Township Questions

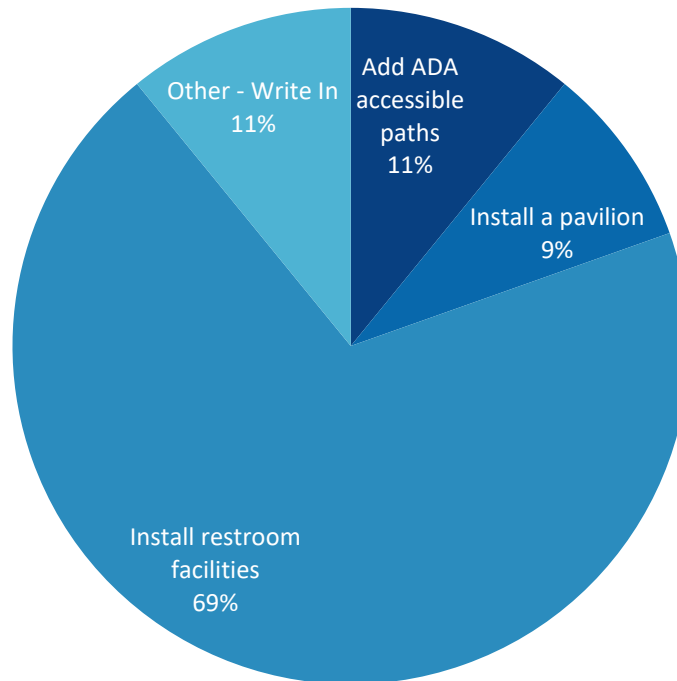
46.What improvements would you like to see at Frankenlust Neighborhood Park?



Value	Percent	Count
Update the basketball court (Lines and Net)	11.9%	5
Move the location of the basketball court	2.4%	1
Install a deck for fishing	28.6%	12
Install signage to discourage littering	4.8%	2
Install a kayak/ canoe launch	31.0%	13
Install more handicap accessible parking	4.8%	2
Add electricity to the pavilion	16.7%	7
Totals		42

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47.What improvements would you like to see at Frankenlust Nature Park?



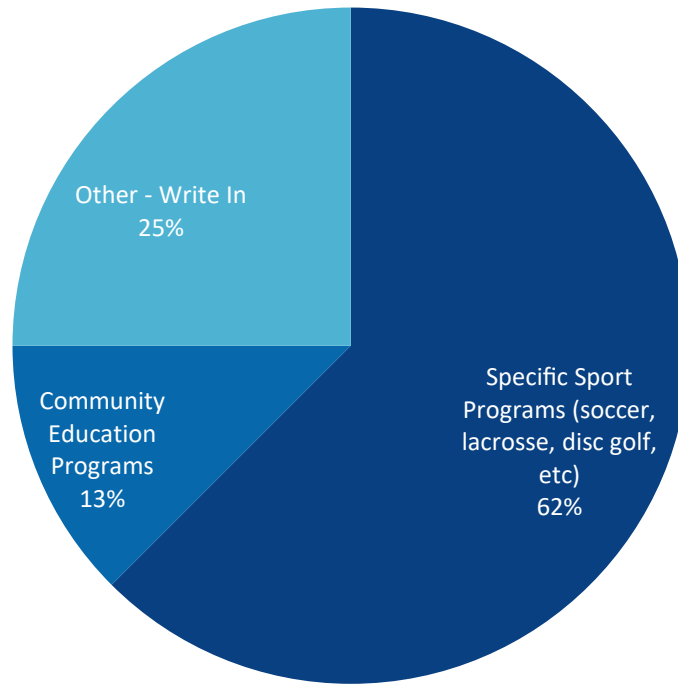
Value	Percent	Count
Add ADA accessible paths	10.9%	5
Install a pavilion	8.7%	4
Install restroom facilities	69.6%	32
Other - Write In	10.9%	5
Totals		46

Other – Write In:

- Pickleball courts (3)
- Splashpad (1)

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48.What types of recreational programs would you like to see added to your area?



Value	Percent	Count
Specific Sport Programs (soccer, lacrosse, disc golf, etc)	62.5%	10
Community Education Programs	12.5%	2
Other - Write In	25.0%	4
Totals		16

Other – Write In:

- Concerts in the park and the corn fest
- Cornfest
- More teen programs and more family friendly activities. Especially in the summer.
- More walking trails

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City of Auburn Questions

49.What types of recreational programs would you like to see added in Auburn for senior citizens, active older adults, and people of varying physical abilities?

- Hiking trails, bike paths
- Pickleball, bocce ball court
- Exercise programs
- Activities where they can gather together regularly.
- Better walking paths, more trees for shade.
- Basketball, roller hockey
- Zumba classes
- Rec adult soccer league for Bay County residents only.
- Permanent Pickleball courts
- Pickleball courts
- Walking trails

50.Please evaluate the following aspects of the recreational facilities in Auburn:

	Good	Okay	Poor	Don't Know	Responses
Auburn Park at US-10 and 9 Mile Rd.					
Count	6	9	2	0	17
Row %	35.3%	52.9%	11.8%	0.0%	
City Center Pocket Park					
Count	4	4	0	8	16
Row %	25.0%	25.0%	0.0%	50.0%	
The Range Multi-Use Park					
Count	5	0	2	9	16
Row %	31.3%	0.0%	12.5%	56.3%	

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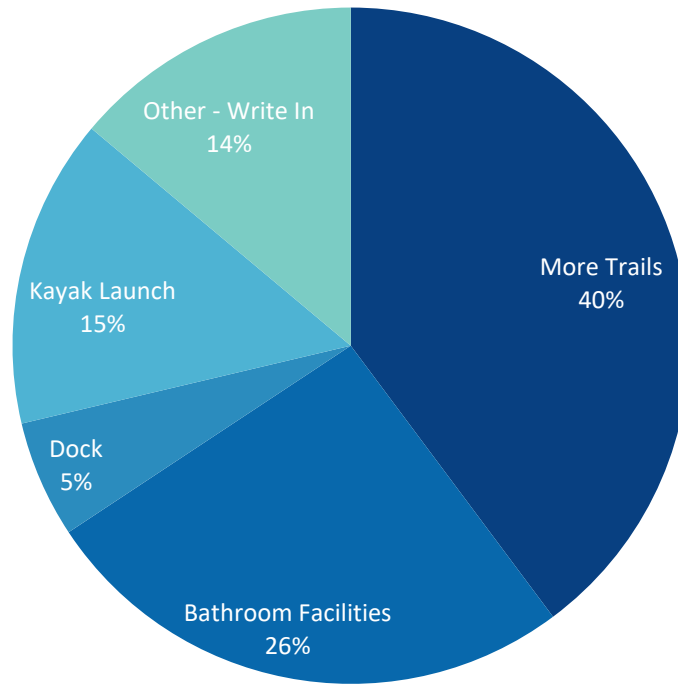
	Good	Okay	Poor	Don't Know	Responses
Auburn Recreation Park (Dog Park)					
Count	1	4	3	8	16
Row %	6.3%	25.0%	18.8%	50.0%	
Shooting Range					
Count	2	2	1	11	16
Row %	12.5%	12.5%	6.3%	68.8%	

51. Do you have any feedback regarding recreational facilities in Auburn?

- Walking paths need to be maintained in Auburn park.
- We need updated tennis courts.
- There should be something other than basketball for teens.
- Needs a lot more. Just seems boring. Need better walking paths.
- Auburn park near US 10, the drive needs to be paved to make the park look better. Also the walk /run path needs repaving or some sort of maintenance done to it. Other than that the park is really nice.
- Need a dedicated fenced in dog park for small and large dogs kept separate and have agility equipment.
- Park on 9 mile please pave it
- People playing basketball ball till 2 AM or later, leaving grills smoking

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52. What amenities would you like to see added to recreational facilities in Auburn?



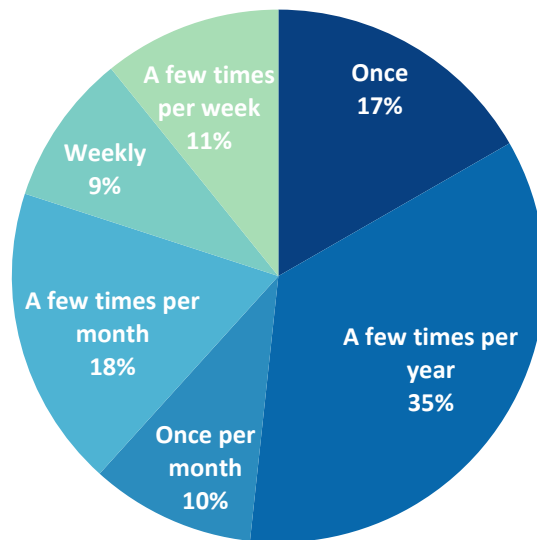
Value	Percent	Count
More Trails	39.8%	43
Bathroom Facilities	25.9%	28
Dock	5.6%	6
Kayak Launch	14.8%	16
Other - Write In	13.9%	15
Totals		108

Other – Write In:

- Pickleball courts (7)
- Bike trail connected to Midland and the Bay County rail trail (1)
- Don't go there (1)
- More things for teens that are at the park. (1)
- Not familiar with this park (1)
- Outdoor events (1)
- Paved trails or smoother pavement (1)

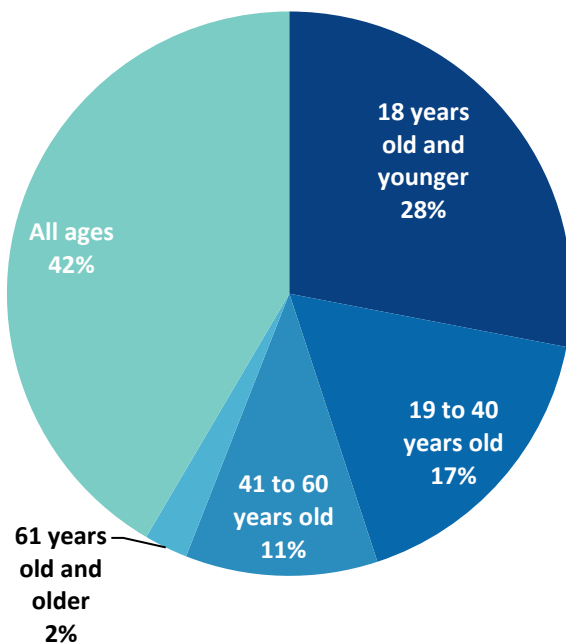
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53. How many times have you visited parks in Auburn in the past year?



Value	Percent	Count
Once	16.7%	20
A few times per year	35.0%	42
Once per month	10.0%	12
A few times per month	18.3%	22
Weekly	9.2%	11
A few times per week	10.8%	13
Totals		120

54. What age group do you think benefits most from our parks in Auburn?



Value	Percent	Count
18 years old and younger	28.0%	33
19 to 40 years old	16.9%	20
41 to 60 years old	11.0%	13
61 years old and older	2.5%	3
All ages	41.5%	49
Totals		118

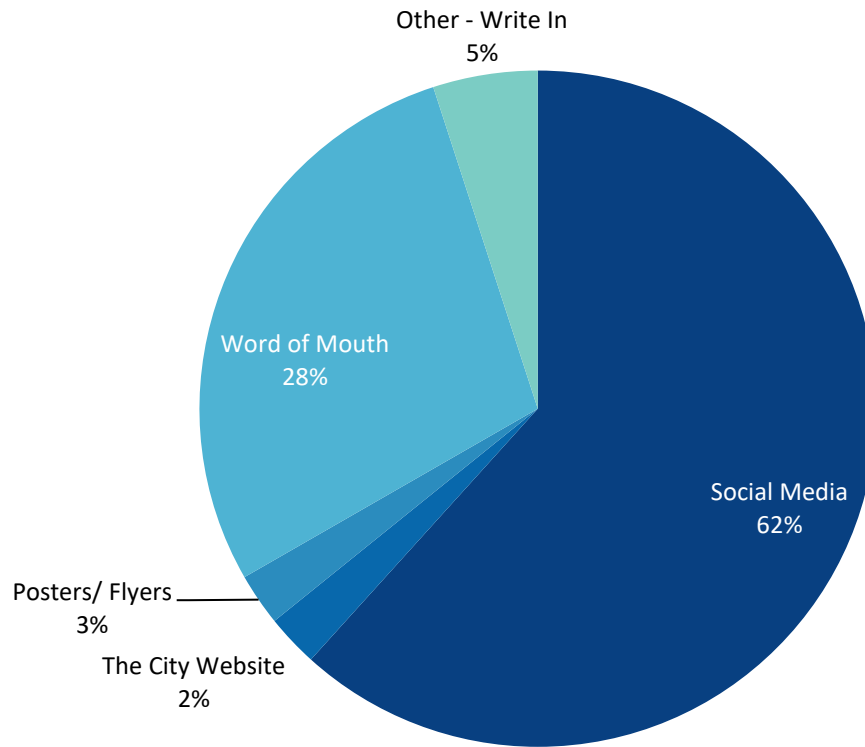
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55. What improvements have you noticed about Auburn Parks over the last 5 years?

- Pavilion
- New playground in Williams Township park. Parking renewed in Auburn park. Basketball courts in Auburn park.
- Pavilion, bathrooms all very nice at Auburn park.
- Upkeep of property.
- I have lived in Auburn for two and a half years. There hasn't been anything that has been updated.
- We just moved here in September from out of state.
- Pavilion, pond back grounds kept up
- Let Corn Fest happen!!
- Pond, Pavillion
- New docks
- Landscaping and the Veterans memorial
- Play scape Pond Pavilion
- Too numerous to mention
- It just seems clean but needs more fish in the pond!
- Upkeep is good.
- The new multi use pavilion is great!
- Better roads, lighting, ice rink
- Auburn park looks good. The volleyball court looks unkept and dangerous to play on .
- Cleaner
- none
- Cleaner, more people visit
- We don't use Auburn parks
- It's a nice park. Corn hole and pickleball
- Been out of town.
- Not familiar
- Roadside park
- Ballfields have improved.
- Decline in events due to politics.
- Maintenance and upkeep are good
- Landscaping
- Clean
- Pavilion - great!
- Upgrade in the facilities
- Auburn Park seems to have new upgrades every time I visit. The new disc golf course is a great addition since there are no others in Bay County.

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56. How do you find out about different events that are happening in Auburn Parks?



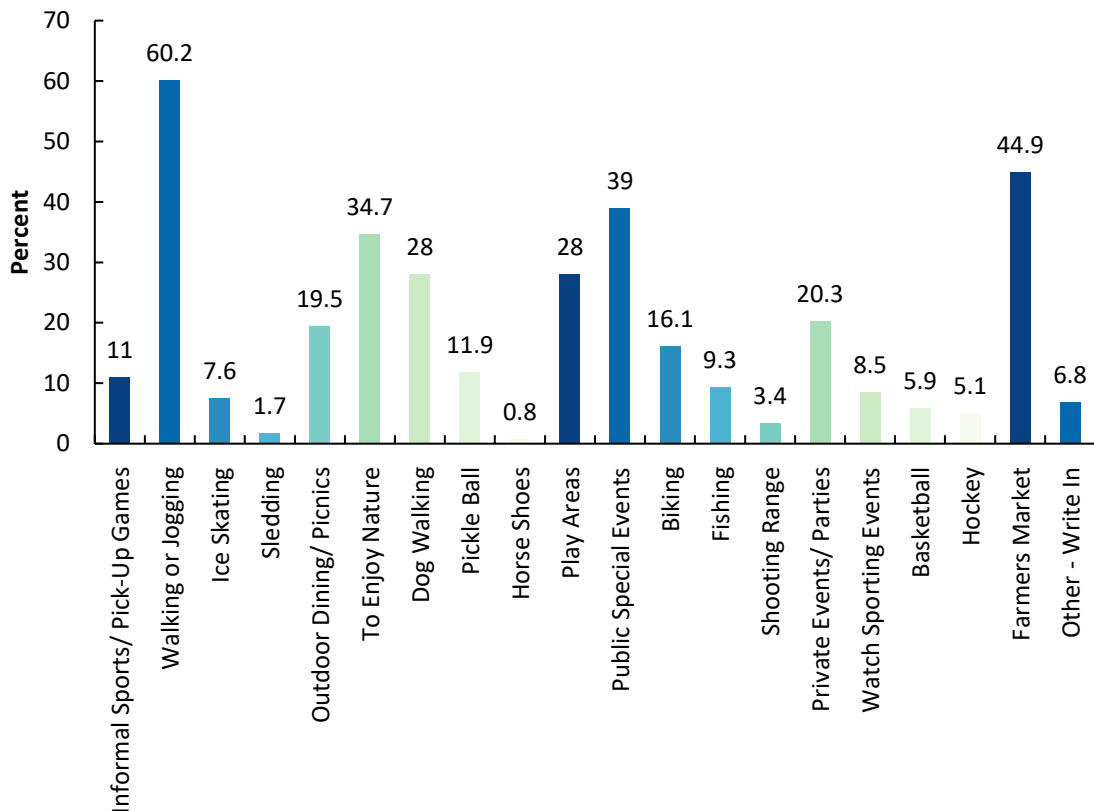
Value	Percent	Count
Social Media	61.7%	74
The City Website	2.5%	3
Posters/ Flyers	2.5%	3
Word of Mouth	28.3%	34
Other - Write In	5.0%	6
Totals		120

Other – Write In:

- Need better advertisement and in advance not the day prior
- Not familiar
- The auburn digital sign when coming I off of Garfield and midland road
- The marquee on the corner of Midland Rd and Garfield Rd
- Newspaper
- No events happen now

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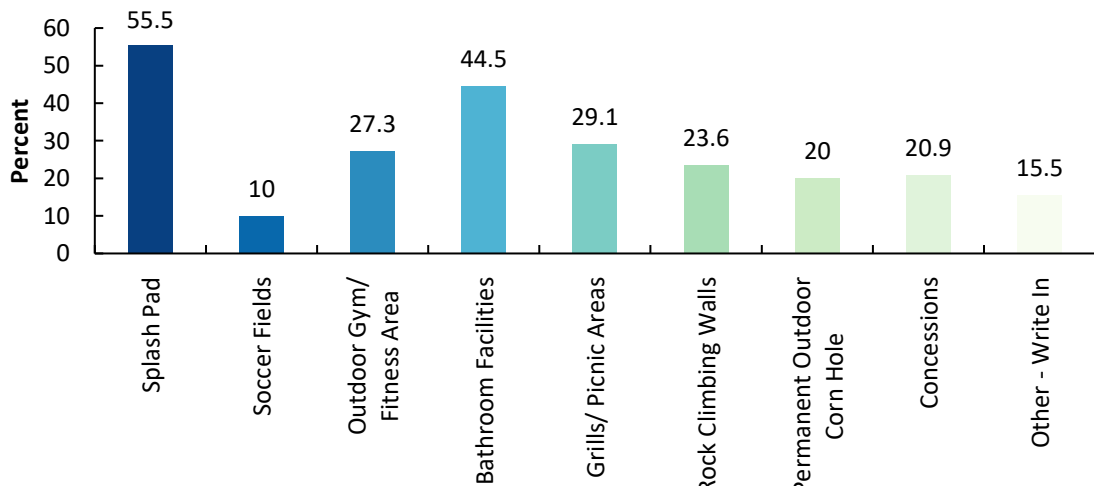
57. How do you use Auburn Parks? Please check all that apply:



Other – Write In:

- Baseball - AW league
- Car show
- Disc Golf
- Don't use this park
- Roller skate
- The Christmas lights that play to the radio

58. What amenities would you like to see added to Auburn Parks?



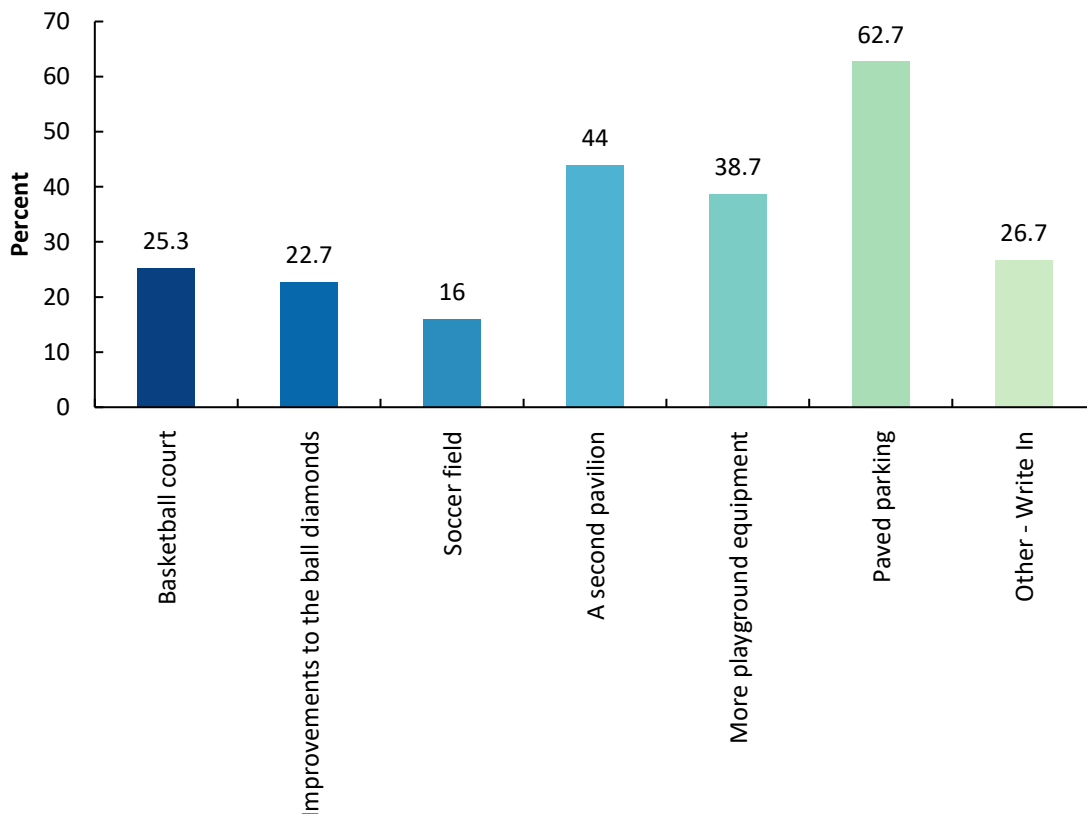
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Other – Write In:

- Pickleball courts (10)
- A kayak launch or dock and more fish added in
- Concerts
- Lacrosse practice field
- Pavement for roller hockey/ roller skating
- Bocce ball, tennis court
- Something that is geared more to older children. I have a 15-year-old and there is nothing there for her to do.

Monitor Township Questions

59. What improvements would you like to see added at the Monitor Township Park? Please check all that apply.

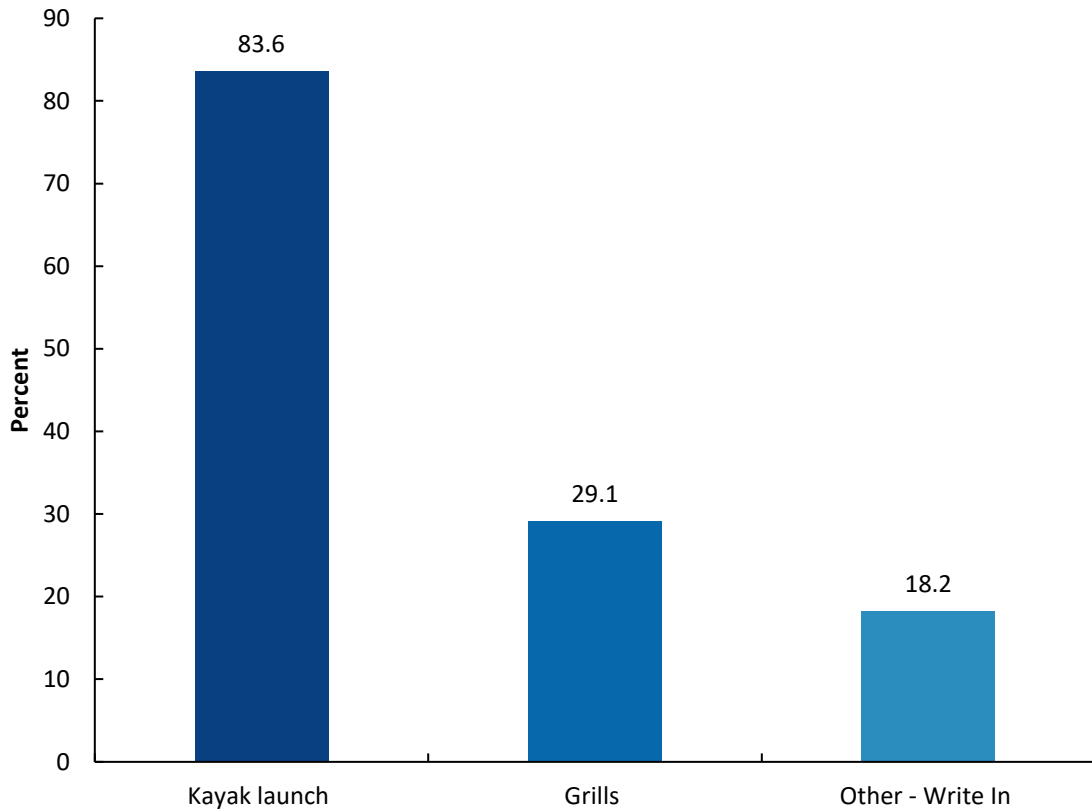


Other – Write In:

- Pickleball court (6)
- Better upkeep
- Fenced area for dogs
- Fishing pond
- Keep dogs out of sport areas.
- Maintain the equipment already in place.
- New or repaired playground equipment, paved parking lot, updated and additional pavillion
- Nothing!
- Off leash dog area. Fix holes in ball field gates to allow dogs to run.
- Paved driveway all the way around
- People to stop damaging it.
- Dog park
- Shade trees along walking path
- Splash park and a dog park
- Tennis courts
- Native plant garden

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60. What improvements would you like to see added at Steih Park on the Kawkawlin River? Please check all that apply.



Other – Write In:

- Add an ADA kayak launch
- Fish cleaning
- More seating
- More seating for picnics
- Nothing (4)
- Playset (1)

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61. Please rate the following aspects of Monitor Township Park.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't know	Responses
Maintenance and appearance						
Count	11	40	19	2	11	83
Row %	13.3%	48.2%	22.9%	2.4%	13.3%	
Handicap accessibility						
Count	6	25	7	6	39	83
Row %	7.2%	30.1%	8.4%	7.2%	47.0%	

Portsmouth Township Questions

62. Please rate the following aspects of Steih Park.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't know	Responses
	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count
Maintenance and appearance	2 2.5%	33 41.3%	12 15.0%	1 1.3%	32 40.0%	80
Handicap accessibility	2 2.5%	16 20.3%	5 6.3%	6 7.6%	50 63.0%	79

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63. Many of the amenities at the township hall are old and showing their age. What should Portsmouth Township's priorities be for improvements at the hall and/or Rail Trail?

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not really needed	Responses
	Count	Count	Count	Count
Upgrade the basketball court and volleyball court?	9 12.3%	40 54.8%	24 32.9%	73
New playground equipment?	25 33.8%	43 58.1%	6 8.1%	74
Upgrade horseshoe pits?	8 11.0%	31 42.5%	34 46.6%	73
Add pickleball courts?	23 29.9%	34 44.2%	20 26.0%	77
Add a baseball diamond?	9 13.0%	29 42.0%	31 44.9%	69
Add a dog park?	15 19.7%	35 46.1%	26 34.2%	76
Enhance the township's section of the Rail Trail?	39 48.8%	34 42.5%	7 8.8%	80
Add fitness stations?	9 12.0%	28 37.3%	38 50.7%	75

64. Are there other improvements that should be considered for the Township grounds/facilities regarding recreation?

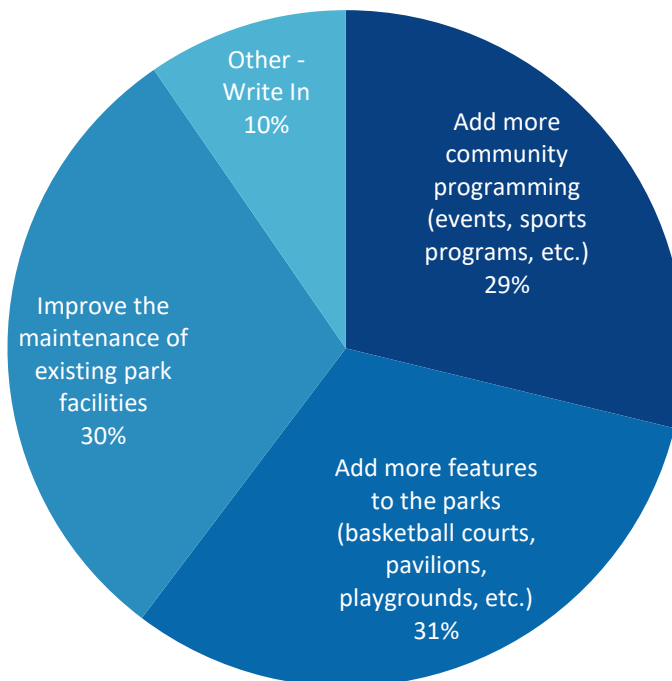
- Someone needs to maintain the grounds to keep them accessible to the public
- permanent restrooms
- "Man always kills the things he loves, and so we as pioneers have killed our wilderness" Aldo Leopold
- We don't use Portsmouth parks

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- Add pickleball courts
- Parking at rail trail entrances in the township. Better maintenance of landscaping.
- Small bathhouse, drinking water fountain
- The park could use some upgrades to encourage more use. Maybe even some township fun leagues
- Needs a general sprucing up and to be safer for families

Williams Township Park

65.What would you do to improve the Williams Township Park?



Value	Percent	Count
Add more community programming (events, sports programs, etc.)	28.8%	21
Add more features to the parks (basketball courts, pavilions, playgrounds, etc.)	31.5%	23
Improve the maintenance of existing park facilities	30.1%	22
Other - Write In	9.6%	7
Totals		73

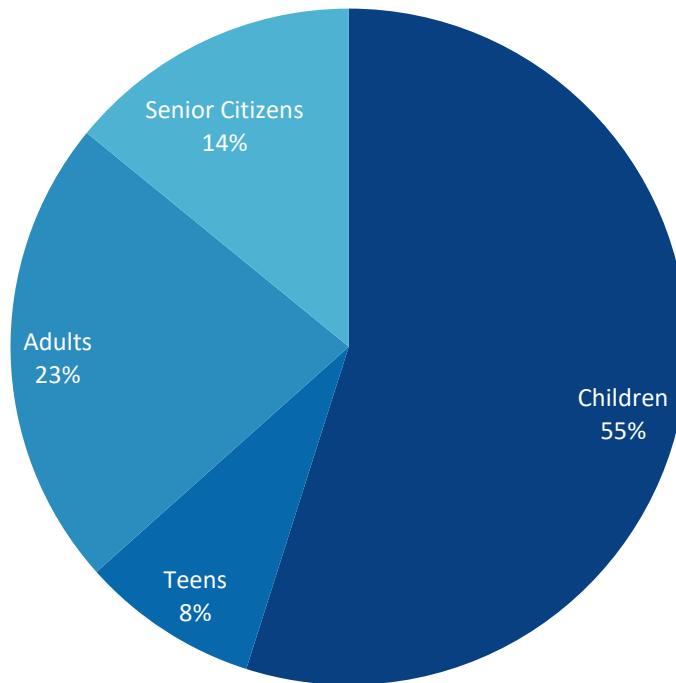
Other – Write In:

- Add pickleball courts

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- Improve side walks, very bumpy for strollers and wagons.
- Pickleball courts
- Restrooms in winter
- outdoor gym and permanent games

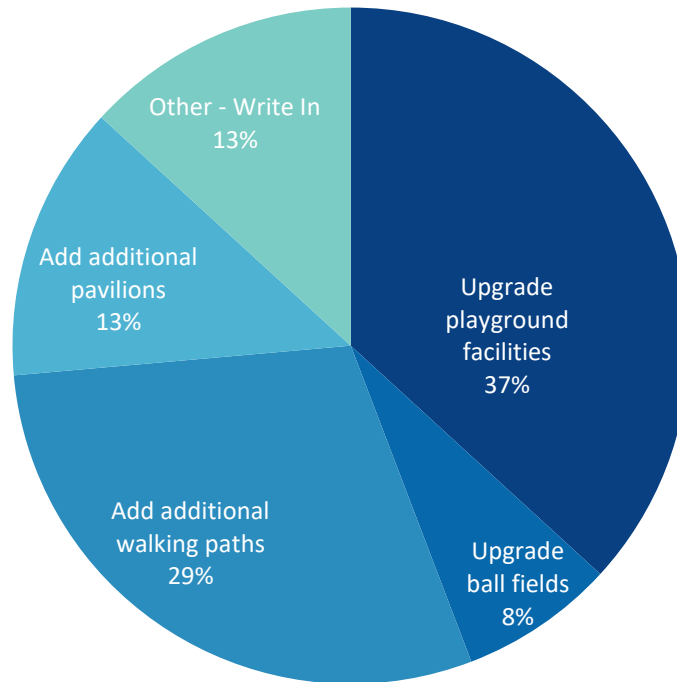
66.What age group do you think benefits most from Williams Township Park?



Value	Percent	Count
Children	54.9%	39
Teens	8.5%	6
Adults	22.5%	16
Senior Citizens	14.1%	10
Totals		71

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67. What recreational facilities would you say are most needed at the Williams Township Park?



Value	Percent	Count
Upgrade playground facilities	36.8%	25
Upgrade ball fields	7.4%	5
Add additional walking paths	29.4%	20
Add additional pavilions	13.2%	9
Other - Write In	13.2%	9
Totals		68

Other – Write In:

- All of the above! (2)
- Improve paved trails (1)
- In addition to more walking paths, I would like to see more swings for older children. All the swings are only for little kids. Big kids like to swing too! The park itself is beautiful. (1)
- Pickleball Courts (3)
- Splash pad (1)
- Promote the park more I feel like people don't know it's there. Then based on more activities in the park can address what is lacking for example if there are concerts in the future then have more seating or improve pavilion (1)

68. What do you enjoy most about the Williams Township Park?

- Trails and playground
- Walking paths

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- Walking paths & beautiful landscaping.
- The walking trails and that it is dog friendly.
- I love this park. I meet friends to go walking. My kids loved to play here when they were younger and ride scooters on the trails. My son's graduation party was here 2 years ago.
- The park is beautiful. It appears well-maintained and cared for.
- Walking paths, but they need some TLC along with other park facilities.
- It's a nice, private, quiet and safe space to walk.
- The scenery
- Location
- The walking trail. Playground for grand kids
- Car Show
- Roller skate/ basketball court/ walking dog
- Being able to walk while my daughter plays on the playground
- its large and quiet
- Close to my house
- The open spaces, walking paths, multiple picnic areas
- None at this time.
- The flowers n squirrels
- Nice place to walk around
- Multiple pathways to walk dog and jog
- Secured area
- Feels safe
- no shade not enough parking for handicap
- Walking trails
- We don't use Williams Park
- It is maintained beautifully!
- Appearance, quality of maintenance
- Walking
- Wonderful park! Maybe add a cross country snow trail in the winter
- This park is the best. Even when we moved away for awhile I missed living near a park like this. The walking paths are what we use the most. Kids love the playground. I don't like the idea of a splash pad. But would like to see more community events happen here. Maybe organized mommy meet up groups, Easter egg hunts, Halloween trail or treat event, run/walk training groups, etc.
- Fenced in, nice paved trails, quiet
- Accessibility

69. Do you have any other feedback regarding the Williams Township Park?

- Renew walking path cement.
- Splash pad?
- My favorite park!! Love that it is completely fenced in. The trees provide shade and so many nice sitting areas.
- I'd love group fitness classes or outdoor classes for art, birding, etc.
- Playground on west end of park needs upgrade/attention
- Grounds are nice and kept up
- Just the pavement is hard to skate on due to cracks and broken spots
- None at this time.
- Need a fenced in dog park
- Need to update! Add a splash park
- more shade, more handicap parking
- Need more power outlets in the pavilion.
- Bathrooms should be updated.
- Add pickleball courts

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- We need additional parking and pickleball courts at Williams Township Park.
- Very well maintained!
- Splash pad
- We love this park and the summer recreation program!
- Seems kind of hidden. Signage could be improved if trying to attract more patrons
- Need to use/take advantage of State and Federal funding sources to their completion. We had money from Federal and State funding but obviously the current leaders chose to not follow through and take advantage of FREE money! Shows lack of real leadership!!!!!!

CHAPTER 9

APPENDIX C – FUNDING SOURCES

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 \$400,000
- Acquisition grants
 - No minimum or maximum
- Goals of MNRTF Board
 - Resource Protection
 - Water Access
 - Community Recreation
 - Urban Recreation
 - Economic Development
- Due annually on April 1
- www.michigan.gov/dnr/buy-and-apply/grants/rec

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

- Administered by MNRTF
- 50% match required
- Minimum grant request \$30,000 (\$60,000 project total)
- Maximum grant request \$500,000 (\$1,000,000 project total)
- Funds a wide variety of outdoor recreation projects
- Applications due annually on April 1
- www.michigan.gov/dnr/buy-and-apply/grants/rec

Michigan Recreation Passport Grant

- Administered by MNRTF
- Focus is on improving and renovating existing parks
- Minimum Grant Request - \$7,500, Maximum \$150,000
- Applications due on April 1
- For outdoor *and indoor* recreation projects
- www.michigan.gov/dnr

Michigan Department of Transportation - Transportation Alternatives Program

- For non-motorized transportation (paths) and rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities (bridges, railroad depot, etc.)
- 20% minimum match required, 35-50% recommended for competitiveness.
- 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/grant-programs/transportation-alternatives

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 dates vary.
- www.glft.org

Michigan Coastal Management Grants

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 - \$100,000
- 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.
- www.michigan.gov/egle/about/organization/water-resources/coastal-management

Other grant programs to consider:

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/program/coastal

Specific sports and sports foundations

- United States Tennis Association (USTA)
 - funding for tennis courts and programs
 - www.usta.com
- Major League Baseball
 - Baseball Tomorrow Fund
 - www.baseballtomorrow.com
- United States Soccer
 - 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

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

Michigan Department of Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) 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)
- 25% match required
- www.michigan.gov/egle

Community Foundations

Private Foundations and Endowments

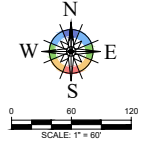
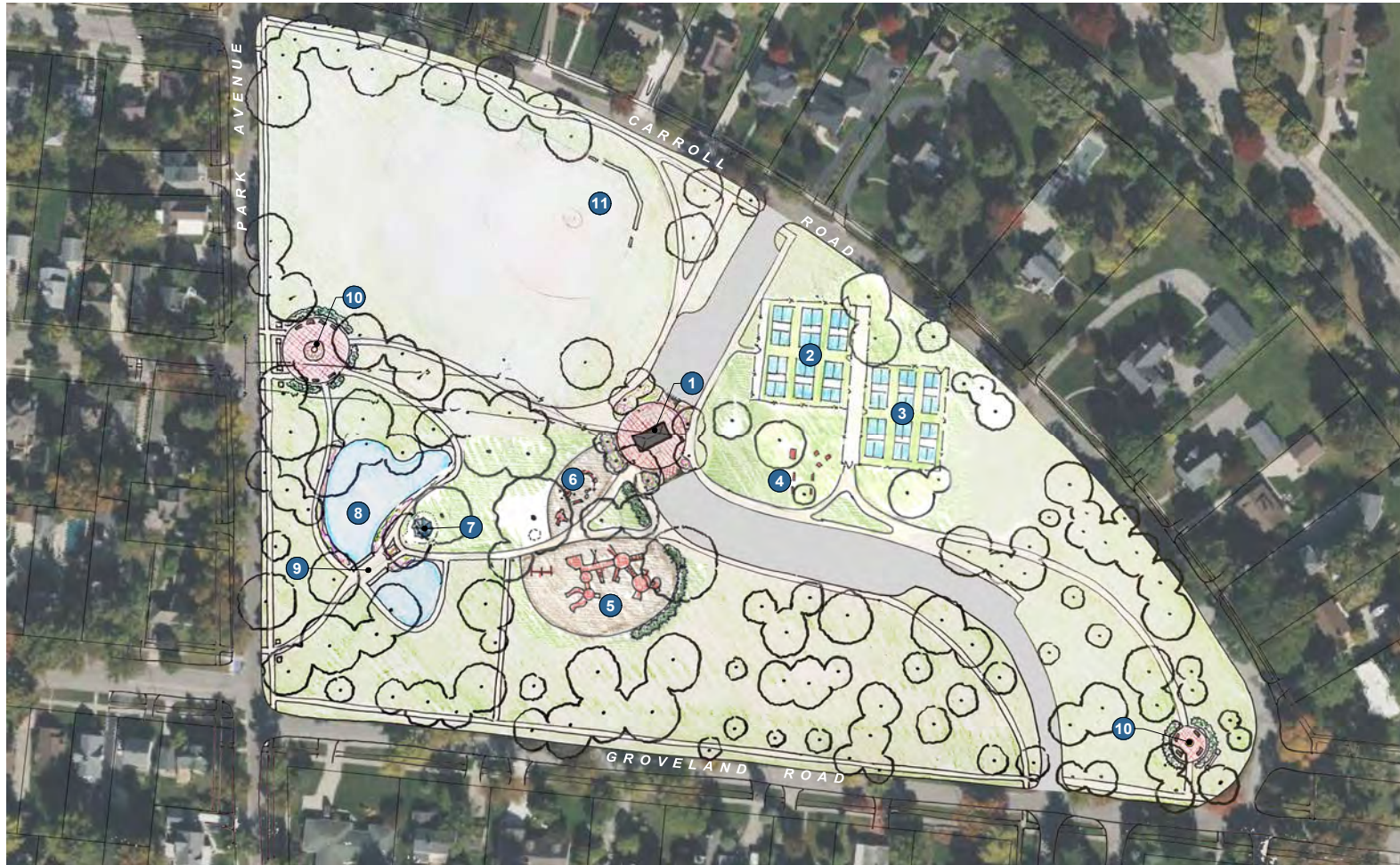
- Wickes Foundation
- Strosacker Foundation
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- Consumers Energy
- Kantzler Foundation
- Wirt Family Foundation

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.

CHAPTER 9

APPENDIX D.1 – BAY CITY PARK CONCEPT PLANS – CARROLL PARK CONCEPT PLAN



LEGEND:

- 1 NEW COMMUNITY PAVILION
- 2 EXISTING PICKLEBALL COURT
- 3 NEW PICKLEBALL COURT
- 4 GAMING ZONE
- 5 TRADITIONAL PLAYGROUND
- 6 NATURE THEMED PLAYGROUND
- 7 NEW GAZEBO
- 8 EXISTING POND
- 9 EXISTING BRIDGE
- 10 GRASS BASEBALL FIELD

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NATURE THEMED PLAYGROUND



TRADITIONAL PLAYGROUND



PAVILION EXAMPLES



GAZEBO



SHADE STRUCTURE AT PICKLEBALL COURTS



GAMING ZONE

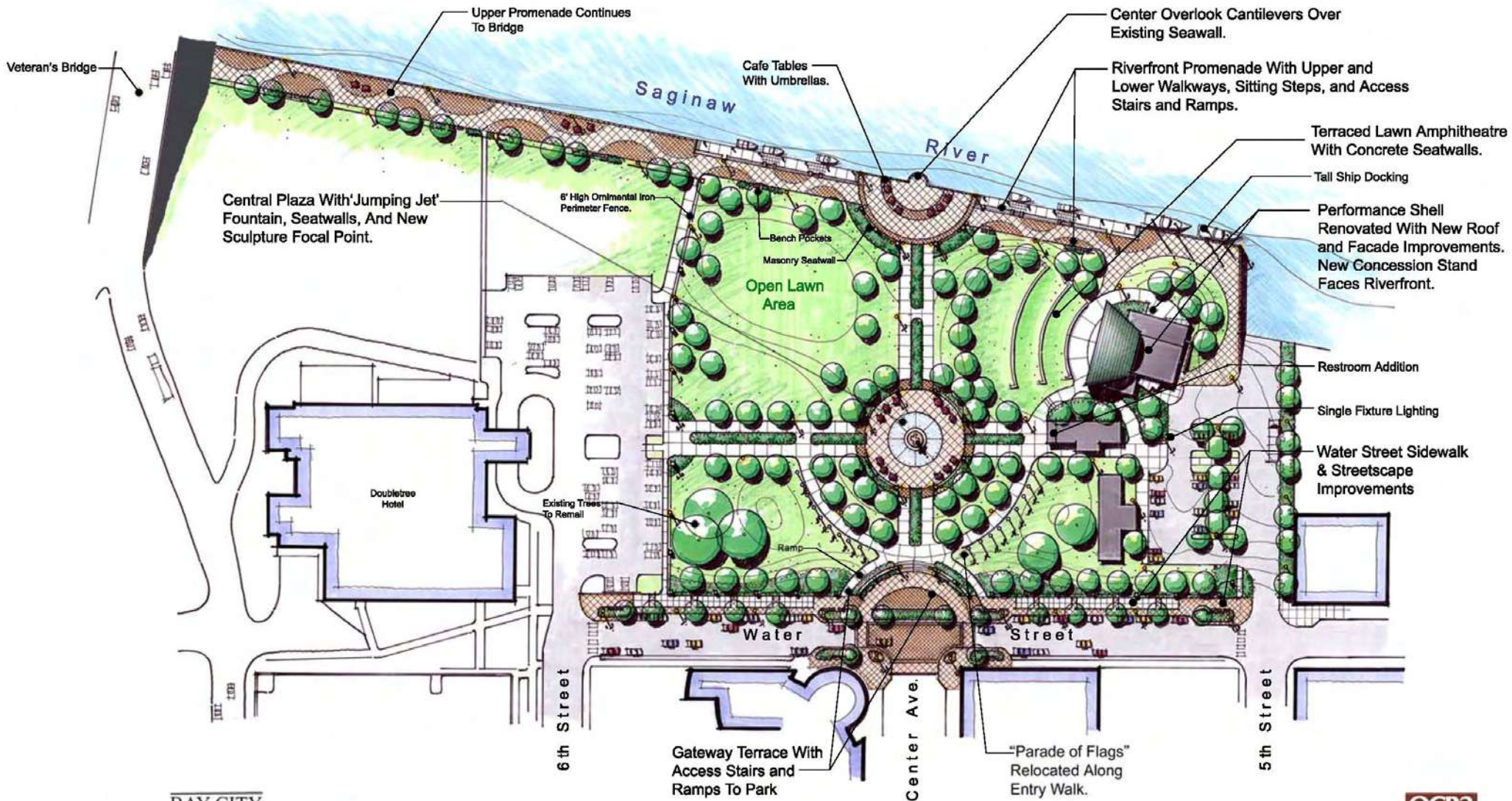


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APPENDIX D.2 – BAY CITY PARK MASTER PLANS – WENONAH PARK MASTER PLAN



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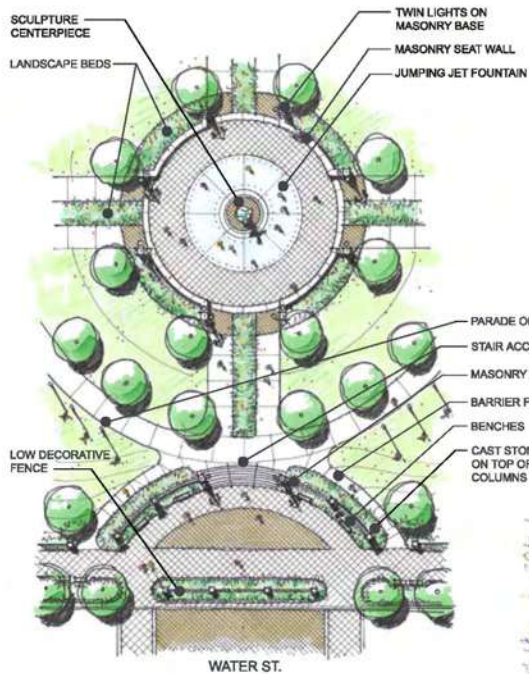
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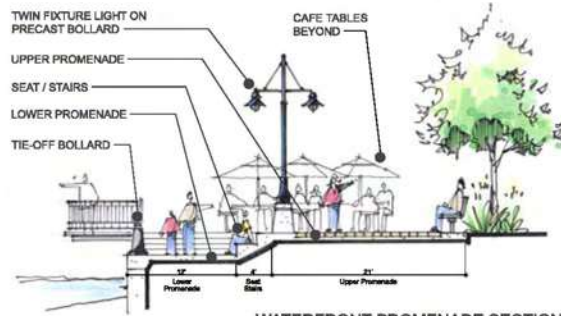
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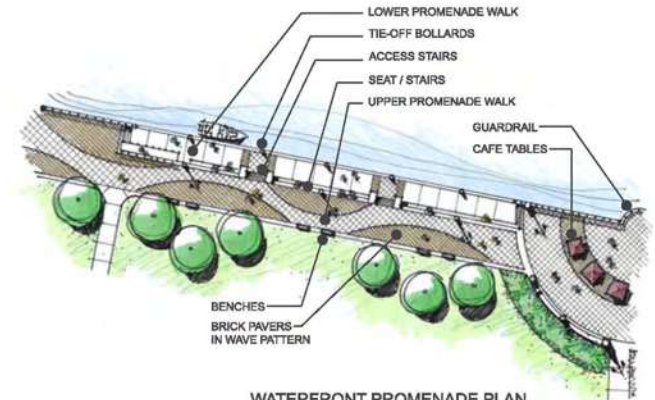
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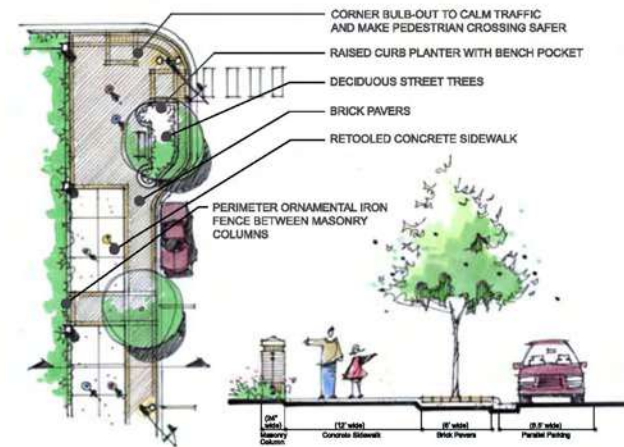
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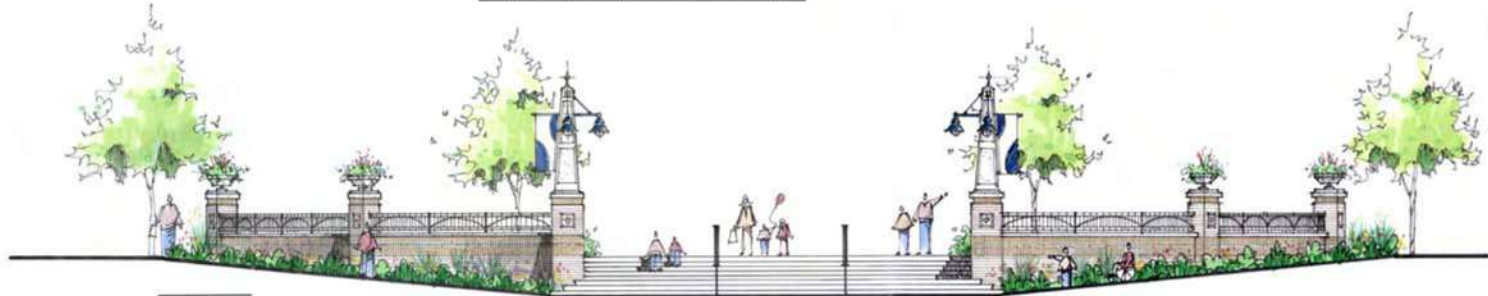
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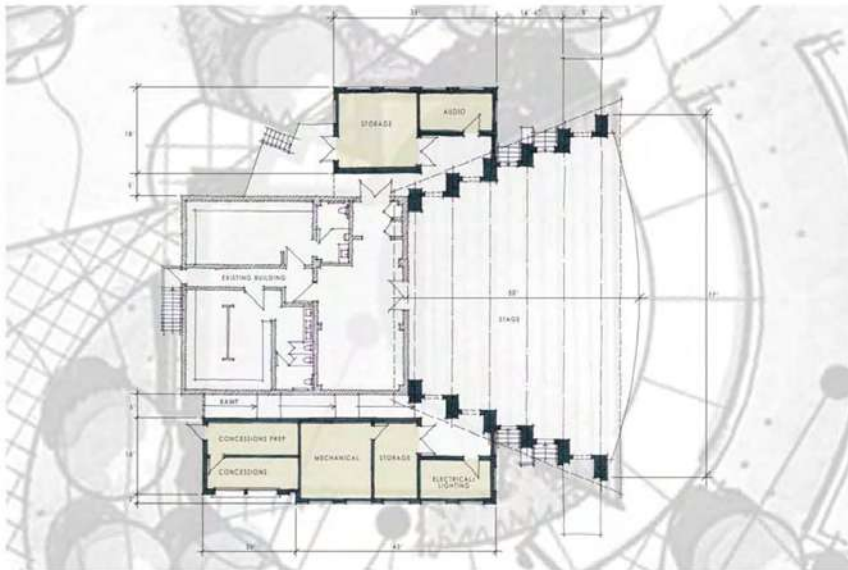
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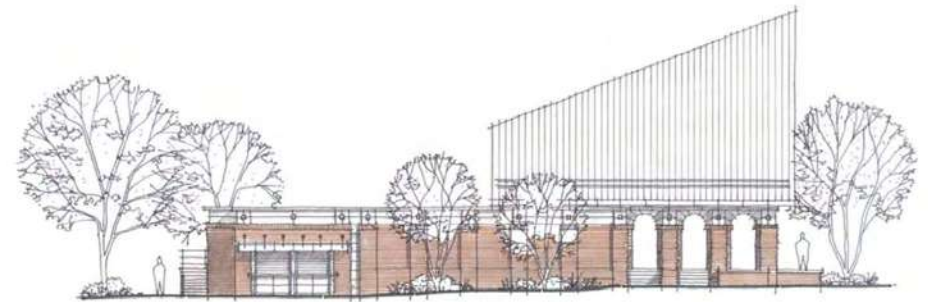
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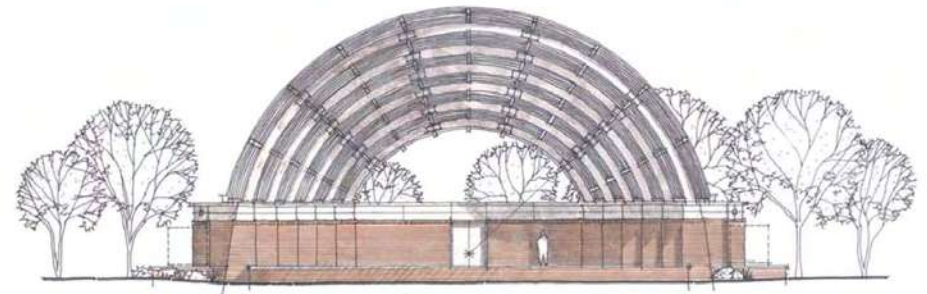
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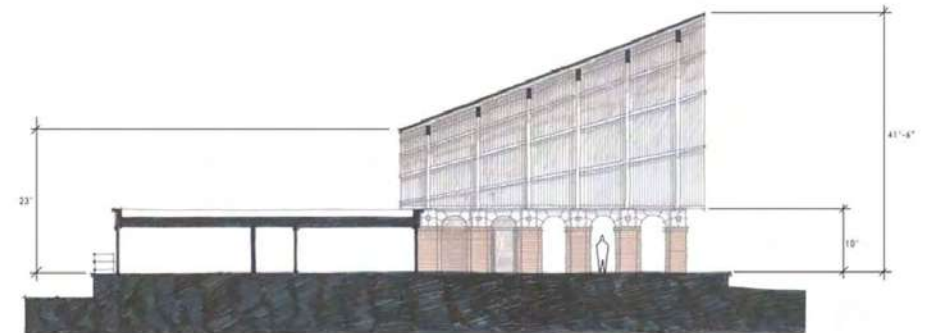
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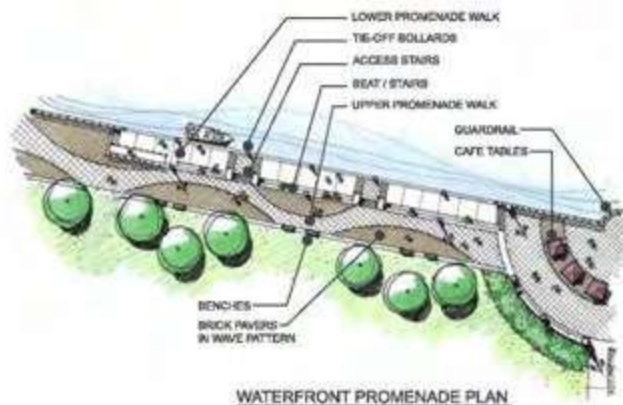
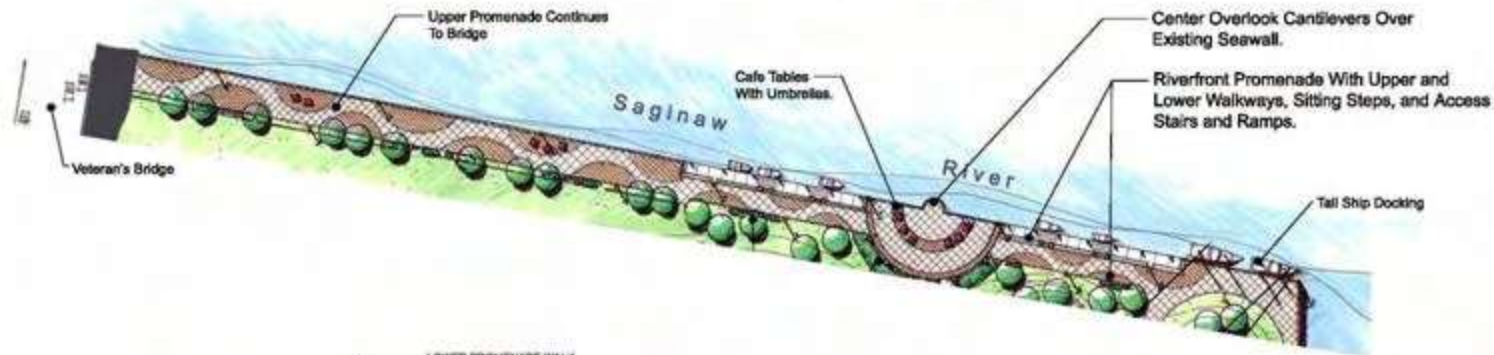
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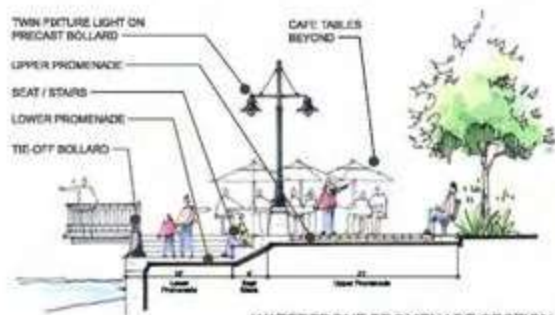
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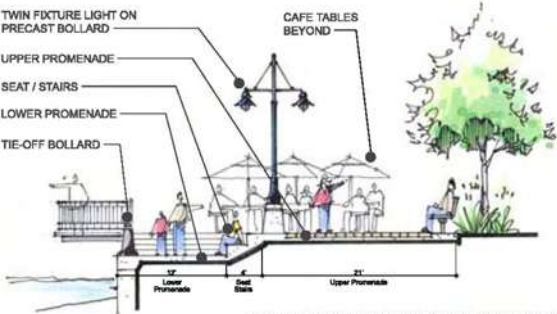
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WATER OVERLOOK AREA

- 03 - BOARDWALK IMPROVEMENTS
NEW BASE STRUCTURE
NEW RIP-RAP
NEW CONCRETE SURFACE
NEW SHADE SAIL STRUCTURES
NEW BENCHES
NEW INTERPRETIVE SIGN
- 05 - CONCRETE WALK IMPROVEMENT / REPAIR

STAGE AREA

- 01 - BRICKPAVER/ WALL AND DRAINAGE REPAIRS - UPDATE
- 02 - PERFORMANCE AREA WITH ADA ACCESS
ART TRELLIS
CONCRETE STAGE AREA
ADA ACCESS RAMP
- 04 - STORAGE SHED W/ PORT A JOHN SHELTER
- 05 - CONCRETE WALK IMPROVEMENT / REPAIRS
- 12 - KNEEWALL IMPROVEMENTS
WIDEN WALK OPENINGS
WIDEN WALKS AT ENTRANCE

PAVILION AREA

- 06 - REMOVE PORTION OF CRAB APPLE TREES TO ACCOMMODATE AREA IMPROVEMENTS
- 07 - NEW 30' PAVILION STRUCTURE
METAL ROOF
MAINTENANCE FREE
- 08 - NEW SIDEWALKS

LANDFORM AREA

- 09 - REMOVE & REPLACE 18" OF POOR SOILS / REGRADE AREA FOR DRAINAGE AND PLANTINGS
- 10 - LANDFORM / RAINGARDEN / PICNIC AREA
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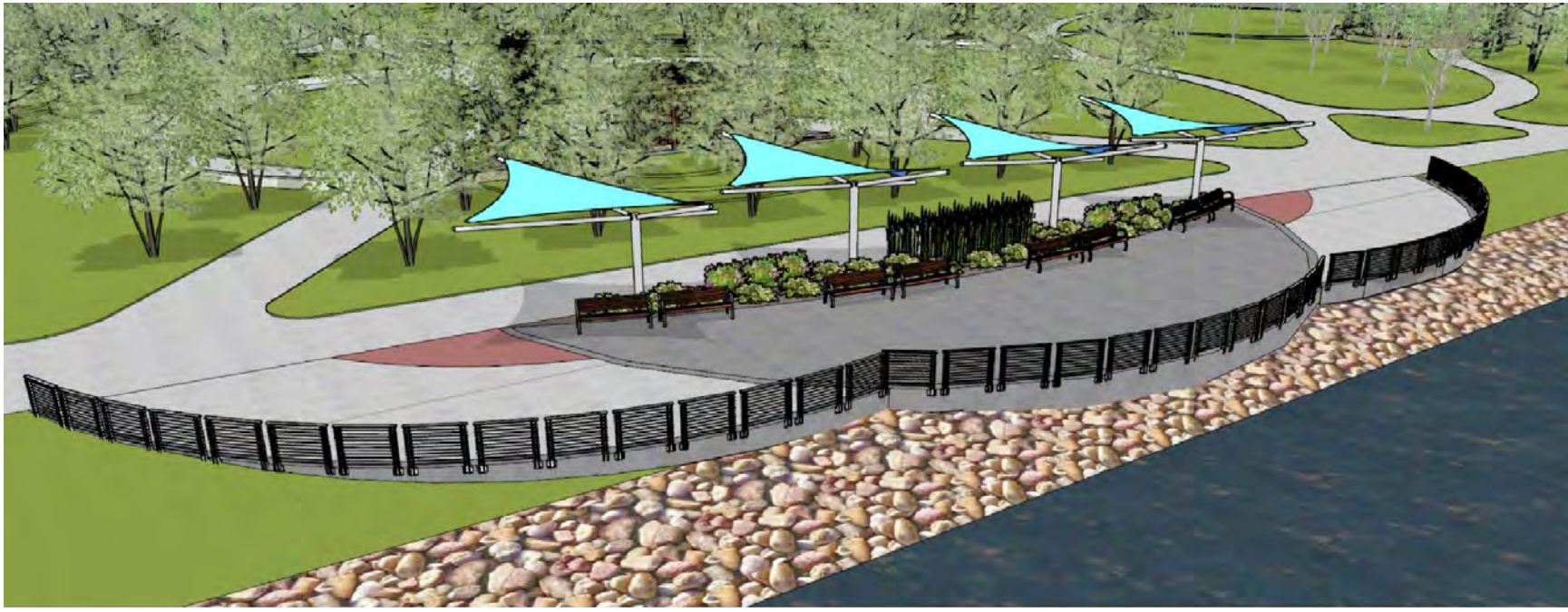
OTHER NEEDS


- 11 - CONCRETE WALK IMPROVEMENT / REPAIRS
- 12 - KNEEWALL IMPROVEMENTS
WIDEN WALK OPENINGS
WIDEN WALKS AT ENTRANCE
- 13 - PHRAGMITES CONTROL
- 14 - NEW 5'X8' STORAGE BUILDING
- 15 - ART STRUCTURES THOUGHOUT PATH SYSTEM - MATCH PAVILION RAIL DESIGNS
- 16 - WIDEN PATH TO 8'-0" - COLLAPSIBLE BOLLARD AT ENTRY

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AREA ONE NEEDS

- 01 - BRICKPAVER/ WALL AND DRAINAGE REPAIRS - UPDATE
- 02 - PERFORMANCE AREA WITH ADA ACCESS
ART TRELLIS
CONCRETE STAGE AREA
ADA ACCESS RAMP
- 03 - BOARDWALK IMPROVEMENTS
NEW BASE STRUCTURE
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AREA TWO NEEDS

- 06 -- REMOVE 18" OF POOR SOILS /REGRADE AREA FOR DRAINAGE AND PLANTINGS, REMOVE PORTION OF CRAB APPLE TREES TO ACCOMMODATE AREA IMPROVEMENTS
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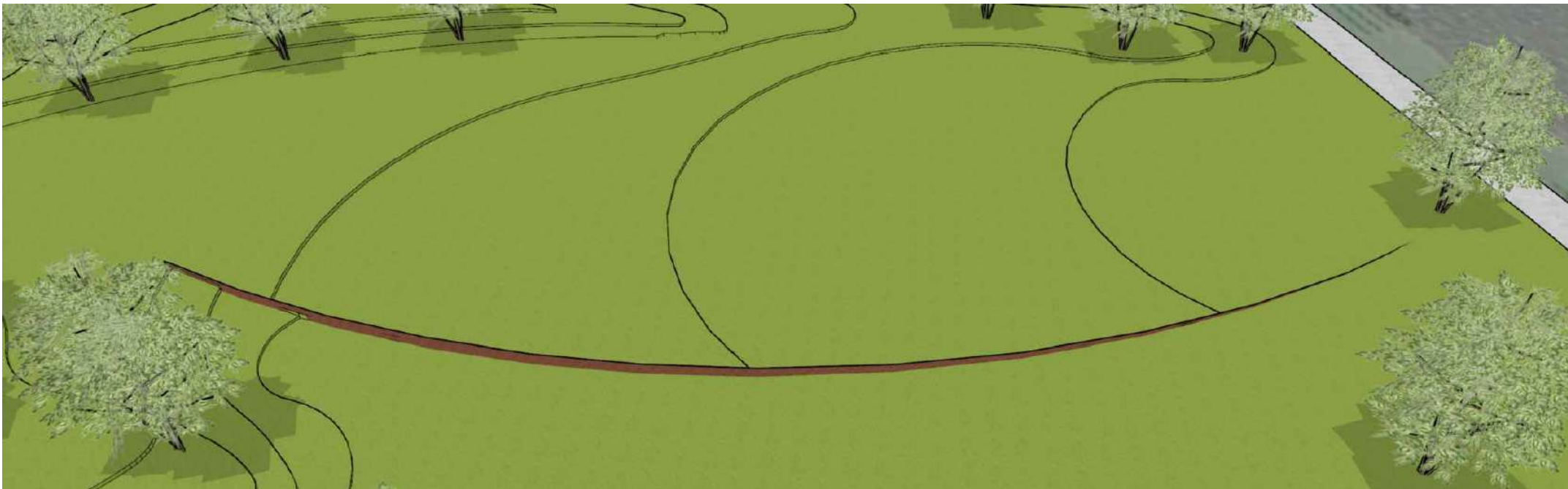



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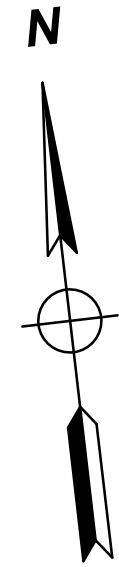
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APPENDIX D.4 – BAY CITY PARK CONCEPT PLANS – PICKLEBALL COURTS NEAR LIBERTY HARBOR MARINA CONCEPT PLAN

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APPENDIX D.5 – BAY CITY PARK CONCEPT PLANS – MAPLEWOOD PARK CONCEPT PLAN




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IMPROVEMENT KEY

- 1 - PARKING LOT - 29 SPACES INCLUDING TWO BARRIER FREE SPACES.
- 2 - PROPOSED 10' WIDE BITUMINOUS PATH
- 3 - PROPOSED EXERCISE AREAS
- 4 - REMOVE EXISTING CONCRETE SIDEWALK AND REPLACE WITH 10' WIDE BITUMINOUS PATH
- 5 - REMOVE EXISTING CONCRETE SIDEWALK
- 6 - PROPOSED ADA SIDEWALK RAMP
- 7 - PROPOSED 30° ANGLE PARKING
- 8 - PROPOSED PORTA-JOHN ENCLOSURE
- 9 - PROPOSED PLAYGROUND LOCATION
- 10 - PROPOSED BICYCLE REPAIR STATION
- 11 - PROPOSED WATER FILLING STATION
- 12 - PROPOSED PARK BENCH

PROJECT PHASES

- PHASE 1 - BASKET BALL COURT
MINI PITCH SOCCER COURTS
- PHASE 2 - 10' WIDE PATH
BIKE REPAIR STATION
BENCHES
WATER FILLING STATIONS
- PHASE 3 - PARKING LOT

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APPENDIX E - NOTIFICATION, MINUTES, AND ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION

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SAGINAW AND BAY CITY NEWS

What do you want to see at Bay County parks? This online survey could influence plans.

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By **Caitlyn French | cfrench@mlive.com**

BAY CITY, MI — When you're out and about this summer enjoying local parks, Bay County officials want you to think about how those public spaces could be improved and what you would like to see for outdoor recreation.

An online survey was recently launched to help Bay County officials gather data as they update the county-wide plan for parks and recreation. The survey asks respondents questions about how they use local parks as well as what kind of updates and programming they would like to see installed in the future.

Those who live in the following areas are eligible to participate: Auburn, Bangor Township, Bay City, Beaver Township, Essexville, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Hampton Township, Kawkawlin Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Township, Pinconning Township, Pinconning City, Portsmouth Township, and Williams Township.

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The survey takes approximately 5 to 10 minutes to complete.

Data gathered will help officials plan for the area's recreational needs in the next five years, officials said.

[Click here](#) to access the survey.

The survey is the latest in an area-wide push to spruce up public parks.

Bay City recently renovated and revitalized Roosevelt, Nate Doan Park, and Defoe Park by installing brand-new playgrounds and landscaping, with [more projects in the hopper](#).

Another local project is underway after receiving a major financial boost: An initiative to upgrade Wenonah Park recently received [almost \\$1 million](#) in state grant funding. The project is not just a project by the city, however. Bay Future Inc., the State Theatre, Bay City Downtown Development Authority and the city collaborated to secure the state funding.

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Report from Township Supervisor, Terry M. Spencer

Many of you will notice the new updates at our **Township Office/Township Hall**.

Recently, the roof was repaired, and the installation of the new **Digital Sign** has been completed. Such a great response from our new digital sign that will increase our ability to communicate meetings, events, and township related business to our residents.

The **Township Office/Hall** is currently being remodeled, interior/exterior painting, to match the new fire station, asbestos removal, new flooring to the hall/lobby, and the addition of air conditioning in the hall. We are also investigating the cost to have a functional Board room for the Regular Board meetings, ZBA, Planning Commission, etc. The goal is having a modern board room with proper seating for our boards/residents, speaker/sound equipment, and projection abilities for presentations. As of today, these updates have been paid for by utilizing ARPA funds, which must be used by 2024 and these updates are to no cost to our Monitor Township taxpayers.

Our Township is in the process of updating our **Master Plan**, which has not been updated since 2013. Information will be sent out by survey to get public input on this update. **Please respond to the upcoming Master Plan survey.** This is important to provide feedback concerning the future growth of the Township.

Recently, the 2.9 million **Pump Station Project** was wrapped up and we are pleased to announce it was another project that was under budget. This proactive project will ensure our pump stations will be operating at top performance.

Later this summer, the **Herbert W. Steih Park Project** will be moving forward. The project which originally was a \$450,000.00 investment secured through donations and grants went up significantly since the original cost projection (like everything else in our world), but our Board of Trustees stepped up to the plate (utilizing **ARPA funds**) to ensure the project will continue without shortfall. The goal is to increase access to the Kawkawlin River to the public and make the many needed upgrades to the park. Details of the park improvements can be found online or requested at the township office. In **Monitor Park** news, we are looking to fix/replace the entryway at the park, exploring security camera options, and repairing other items that are in need of repair. Both of our parks are beautiful areas, and we need our residents to contact us when they see items that need to be repaired and updated.

In **DDA (Downtown Development Authority)** news. We are currently negotiating terms with the Bay County Board for a 30-year continuance of our DDA that was to sunset in 2026. With the expansion of approx. 200 acres to our DDA, we will continue to work proactively with Bay Future Inc to encourage businesses to come to our community.

On behalf of my family, (Sara, Cole, and Ethan), and our Monitor Township work family, we wish everyone a great summer! We are proud to announce our eldest son Ethan, recently graduated from Western high school and has enlisted in the United States Navy (Hooyah!). Good luck to all our recent graduates out there. It is a reminder of how quickly time goes by and the importance of all our families. Please take note of the meeting dates, get involved, and please stop in the office or call anytime. God bless you all and may God bless America!

Terry M. Spencer, Supervisor

Monitor Township Fire Department is accepting applications for paid On-Call Firefighters.
Applications can be picked up at the Township Office or online.

Report from Township Clerk, Linda K. Ferguson

Proposal 2 of 2022 "Promote the Vote" passed at the November 8th, 2022 General Election. It will amend the state constitution to add provisions in regard to elections.



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COMMUNITIES INVOLVED:

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Bangor Township

Bay City

Beaver Township

City of Essexville

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BAY COUNTY NOTICE OF REVIEW DRAFT FIVE YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Bay County has developed a Multi-Jurisdiction Parks and Recreation Master Plan that includes the following communities: Bay County, the City of Auburn, Bangor Charter Township, the City of Bay City, Beaver Township, the City of Essexville, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Hampton Charter Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Charter Township, Pinconning Township, Portsmouth Charter Township, and Williams Charter Township. The Plan evaluates existing recreation opportunities, reviews public input regarding recreation, establishes recreational goals, and proposes a five-year schedule of improvements and other related items that each jurisdiction wishes to pursue. A copy of the Draft Plan is available for review at <https://www.baycounty-mi.gov/Recreation/RecreationPlan.aspx> and can also be reviewed at the Bay County Recreation and Facilities Department, Bay County Building, at 515 Center Avenue, Suite 403, Bay City, MI 48708-5125, during regular office hours.

If you are interested in submitting comments regarding the Draft Plan, please send comments to Cristen Gignac, Bay County Recreation and Facilities Director, at gignacc@baycounty.net, or by phone at (989) 895-4132.

A joint public hearing to take input on the draft plan will be held on November 21, 2023, at the Bay County Building, 515 Center Avenue, 4th floor Commissioners Chambers, Bay City, MI 48708-5125, at 4:00 PM.

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BAY COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Bay County Board of Commissioners shall conduct a public hearing for the Bay County Multi-Jurisdictional Parks and Recreation Master Plan which includes the following communities: Bay County, the City of Auburn, Bangor Charter Township, the City of Bay City, Beaver Township, the City of Essexville, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Hampton Charter Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Charter Township, Pinconning Township, Portsmouth Charter Township, and Williams Charter Township on November 21, 2023, at 4:00 PM at the Bay County Building, 515 Center Avenue, 4th-floor Commissioners Chambers, Bay City, MI 48708-5125, at 4:00 PM, for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed draft of the Bay County Multi-Jurisdictional Five Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

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BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

NOVEMBER 21, 2023

THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET FOR A REGULAR SESSION ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2023, FOURTH FLOOR, BAY COUNTY BUILDING, 515 CENTER AVENUE, BAY CITY, MI 48708. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN VAUGHN BEGICK AT 4:00 P.M. WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AND GUESTS PRESENT.

ROLL CALL: COMMISSIONERS DENNIS POIRIER, KAYSEY RADTKE, THOMAS HEREK, KATHY NIEMIEC, TIM BANASZAK, COLLEEN MAILLETTE, AND CHAIRMAN VAUGHN BEGICK.

OTHER MEMBERS: KATHLEEN B. ZANOTTI, BAY COUNTY CLERK
LISA DAVIS, SECRETARY TO THE COUNTY CLERK
LINDSEY ARSENAULT, BOARD COORDINATOR

ALSO PRESENT: JAMES BARCIA, BAY COUNTY EXECUTIVE
SHAWNA WALRAVEN, FINANCE OFFICER
AMBER DAVIS-JOHNSON, CORPORATION COUNSEL
CRISTEN GIGNAC, RECREATION & FACILITIES
VARIOUS ELECTED OFFICIALS
VARIOUS DEPARTMENT HEADS

INVOCATION: THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY THE BAY COUNTY CLERK, KATHLEEN B. ZANOTTI

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

IN ADDITION TO THESE TYPED MINUTES, WHICH ARE NOT VERBATIM BUT AN OVERVIEW OF ACTION TAKEN, THIS MEETING WAS VIDEOTAPED BY BCTV AND THOSE TAPES ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT OR CAN BE VIEWED ON BAY COUNTY'S WEBSITE.

MINUTES

MOTION 94: COMM. POIRIER MOVED TO APPROVE THE BOARD MINUTES FOR THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2023, AND THE MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON NOVEMBER 7, 2023, AS PRESENTED. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. RADTKE AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED.

AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION 95: COMM. BANASZAK MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR SESSION BOARD MEETING FOR NOVEMBER 21, 2023. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. MAILLETTE AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED.

CITIZENS INPUT

MR. SPENCER: MONITOR TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR, I AM HERE TO DISCUSS MONITOR TOWNSHIP DDA. PART OF MY GOAL IS TO ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC GROWTH IN OUR TOWNSHIP, WHICH, IN TURN, IS GROWTH FOR THE COUNTY. BRINGING THIS INVESTMENT AND GROWTH TO OUR COMMUNITY AND BRINGING GOOD PAYING JOBS HELPS CURVE THE DECLINE OF POPULATION BY GIVING OPPORTUNITIES SO OUR CHILDREN WILL STAY IN THIS AREA. WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF SUCCESS IN OUR COMMUNITY-SK SKILTRON AND FRITO LAY, HAVE BROUGHT IN GOOD-PAYING JOBS. THERE WAS A MEETING WITH THE CEO OF SK SKILTRON AND HE WAS VERY CLEAR THAT A 3 MILLION DOLLAR INVESTMENT CAN GO ANYWHERE. I THINK IT IS NOTEWORTHY TO SAY THAT WE HAVE HAD THE LARGEST INVESTMENT OUT THERE IN BAY COUNTY HISTORY. OUR MONITOR TOWNSHIP DDA HAS A BUDGET OF LESS THAN \$50,000. WE HAVE HAD A MEETING AND WE PROPOSED SOME THINGS REGARDING OUR SUNSET AND THE BENEFIT OF KEEPING OUR DDA THERE PART OF THE AGREEMENT IS THAT WE HAVE TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD TO MAKE SOME DECISIONS AND THIS IS TYING THE DDA'S HANDS. IF WE GET ANOTHER BUSINESS THE DECISIONS HAVE TO BE MADE IN A TIMELY MANNER AND I WOULD HATE TO GET IN THE SITUATION TO LOSE INVESTMENT BECAUSE OF HOW LONG IT TAKES TO GET IN HERE AND THROUGH THE PROCESS. WE NEED THIS BOARD TO WORK WITH US AND NOT OVERSEE US. WE AT THE MONITOR DDA FEEL THAT THIS AGREEMENT NEEDS TO BE ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE THE THIRTY-YEAR EXTENSION, RECOMMENDED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, CAPTURE THE BASE OF THE 22 PROPERTY VALUES, AND CHANGE THE REIMBURSEMENT GRANT OF THE FIFTY THOUSAND TO ALLOW THE DDA TO KEEP THE FIRST FIFTY THOUSAND AS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED, SPEND THE REST AS THE EXTENSION GETS APPROVED. WITH THESE TERMS WE COULD IMPLEMENT THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT PLAN WITHOUT REQUIRING ANY OTHER ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDING AND MOVE FORWARD

WITH ECONOMIC GROWTH AND JOB CREATION FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

DUANE GOHR: I AM THE SITE MANAGER FOR LYONDELLBASELL WHICH IS ONE OF THE TOP TEN CHEMICAL COMPANIES IN THE WORLD. WE ARE ACROSS FROM SK SKILTRON. WE HAVE CHANGED HANDS A FEW TIMES SINCE WE BUILT OUR FACILITY IN 2000. AS OF 2018, WE HAVE HAD THE ABILITY TO DO MANY THINGS THAT WE HAD PLANNED TO DO. WE JUST MADE AN EIGHT-MILLION-DOLLAR INVESTMENT IN UPGRADES TO THE FACILITY AND HIRED A LOT OF LOCAL TALENT. WE BROUGHT SOME OF OUR APPLICATIONS INTO THE BAY CITY AREA. WE HAVE HIRED FOUR OR FIVE PEOPLE WITH PH.D.'S AND SEVERAL HOURLY FOLKS. WE DO WORK IN ALL DIFFERENT AREAS, FROM AERO SPACE TO AUTOMOTIVE. IT IS A UNIQUE SPECIAL BUSINESS. I HAVE BEEN THERE 13 YEARS AND AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE OWNER ASSOCIATION I AM THE CHAIR FOR THE DDA AND I SIT ON A BOARD AT DELTA COLLEGE FOR ONE OF THE SKILLED TRADE PROGRAMS. IT'S BIG FOR ME TO TRY TO FIND AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE OUR KIDS STAY AROUND HERE. WE DO HIRE LOCAL TALENT AND WE DO LOOK AT WAGES AND I WANT MORE BUSINESSES TO COME TO THE AREA.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

MOTION 96: COMM. POIRIER MOVED TO GO OUT OF ORDER OF REGULAR SESSION AND INTO PUBLIC HEARING. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. MAILLETTE AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED.

COMM. BEGICK: PUBLIC HEARING FOR BAY COUNTY RECREATION PLAN.

MS. GIGNAC: THE SURVEY WENT OUT AND IT WAS POSTED FOR 30 DAYS. WELL OVER A THOUSAND RESPONSES. THE DRAFT PLAN WAS NOT ONLY ON OUR WEBSITE BUT ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE. THIS MARKS THE END OF OUR 30-DAY REVIEW PERIOD. THIS IS A PLAN THAT HAS A LOT OF OUR MUNICIPALITIES INVOLVED INCLUDING OUR LOCAL TOWNSHIPS, THE CITY OF AUBURN, BAY CITY, AND ESSEXVILLE. THIS IS A PROJECT WITH INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION, SO ONCE YOU ADOPT THIS PLAN THE OTHER INDIVIDUAL MUNICIPALITIES WILL ADOPT THE PLAN. THEREFORE, ALL OF US CAN USE THE SAME PLAN TO APPLY FOR GRANTS AT THE STATE LEVEL.

MOTION 97: COMM. POIRIER MOVED TO GO BACK TO REGULAR SESSION AT 4:15 P.M. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. HEREK AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED.

RES. 2023-201: COMM. POIRIER MOVED TO ADOPT RES. 2023-201; THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY ADOPTS THE 2024-2028 BAY COUNTY AREA RECREATION PLAN AS A GUIDELINE FOR IMPROVING PARKS AND RECREATION FOR THE RESIDENTS OF BAY COUNTY. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. RADTKE AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED.

MR. BROWN: THANK YOU FOR APPOINTING MY GOVERNING BOARD AND ALLOWING ME TO SERVE YOU. YOU ARE MY GOVERNING BODY AND I APPRECIATE YOU. I TAKE CARE OF 900 SENIORS IN THEIR HOMES AND THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE COUNTIES OF MY PLANNING SERVICE AREAS WE FEED 3,000 PEOPLE. THANK YOU, BETH EURICH. SHE IS AN ADVOCATE BEYOND WHAT HER JOB RESPONSIBILITY IS ON BEHALF OF BAY COUNTY ESPECIALLY FOR MEALS. REGION VII HAS MANY PROGRAMS THAT HELP WITH OUR SENIOR CITIZENS. AN EXAMPLE OF THAT IS MEDICARE AND CHOOSING A PLAN. WE HAVE UNBIASED VOLUNTEERS THAT SIT DOWN AND HELP OUR SENIORS. WHY SHOULD YOU INVEST A LITTLE OVER \$6,000? THAT'S BECAUSE YOU GET \$6 MILLION BACK IN SERVICE TO YOUR CLIENTS. WE ARE HEADQUARTERED RIGHT IN BAY COUNTY AND I HAVE OVER 200 EMPLOYEES AND MOST OF THEM LIVE AND WORK HERE IN BAY COUNTY. ONE OF OUR BIGGEST PROGRAMS IS OUR WAIVER PROGRAM. THAT'S OUR IN-HOME SERVICES LONG-TERM SUPPORT SERVICES TO KEEP SENIORS, VETERANS, AND DISABLED IN THEIR HOMES VERSUS INSTITUTIONALIZED LICENSED FACILITIES. EVERYBODY IS BETTER AT HOME AND WE PROVIDE THAT SERVICE.

MR. BARCIA: I WANT TO CONCUR WITH YOU THAT BETH EURICH IS DOING A GREAT JOB LEADING OUR DEPARTMENT ON AGING AND ALSO HER GREAT TEAM. I KNOW THAT THE TWO OF YOU WORK TOGETHER AND WEIGH IN IN LANSING AND SOME OF THE KEY ISSUES ESPECIALLY ON THE EMERGENCY RULES EXPIRING ON THE TAKEOUT MEALS. WE APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP OF REGION VII.

COMM. NIEMIEC: WHAT DOES ADULT DAYCARE DO?

DO THEY HAVE ENOUGH STAFF?

MR. BROWN: IT IS RUN LIKE AN ACTIVITY CENTER AND THE PEOPLE DROP OFF MOM AND DAD AT THE ADULT DAY CARE CENTER.

WE CONTRACT THE STAFF OUT. IT IS OUTSOURCED.

MS. EURICH: GOLDEN HORIZON IS OUR ADULT DAY CARE CENTER.

MONEY GOES DIRECTLY TO BAY COUNTY.

MOTION 98: COMM. BANASZAK MOVED TO RECEIVE THE PRESENTATION BY BOB BROWN FROM REGION VII REGARDING COMPANY UPDATES AND FUTURE PLANS. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. HEREK AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED.

MOTION 99: COMM. MAILLETTE MOVED TO RECEIVE FROM THE CITY OF BAY CITY NOTIFICATION OF THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF SHELLEY NIEDZWIECKI AND DEBBIE KIESEL TO THE BAY COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. HEREK AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED.

MOTION 100: COMM. HEREK MOVED TO RECEIVE THE EQUALIZATION DIRECTOR REVISED APPORTIONMENT REPORT. REVISED BAY CITY DDA MILLAGE. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. RADTKE AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED

REPORTS/RESOLUTIONS OF COMMITTEES

WAYS AND MEANS (TIM BANASZAK, CHAIR; KAYSEY L. RADTKE, VICE CHAIR)

RES. 2023-202: COMM. BANASZAK MOVED TO ADOPT RES. 2023-202; THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED THE 2024 REMONUMENTATION GRANT AND FURTHER AUTHORIZED EXECUTION CONTRACTS REQUIRED FOR SURVEY WORK FOR THE REMONUMENTATION PROGRAM. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. POIRIER AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED.

RES. 2023-203: COMM. BANASZAK MOVED TO ADOPT RES. 2023-203; THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED THE ROAD PATROL SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF AUBURN, BANGOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP, FRANKENLUST/KAWKAWLIN TOWNSHIP, KAWKAWLIN/FRASER TOWNSHIP, MONITOR

TOWNSHIP, PINCONNING TOWNSHIP, PORTSMOUTH TOWNSHIP, AND WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2024, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. HEREK AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED.

RES. 2023-204: COMM. BANASZAK MOVED TO ADOPT RES. 2023-204; THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACCEPTS THE USDA SUPPLY CHAIN ASSISTANCE FUNDS AND AUTHORIZES JULI REYNOLDS, JUVENILE HOME DIRECTOR, TO ACCEPT THE FUNDING THROUGH THE GEM/MARS ON BEHALF OF BAY COUNTY. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. MAILLETTE AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED.

RES. 2023-205: COMM. BANASZAK MOVED TO ADOPT RES. 2023-205; THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED THE GRANTS FOR THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE- 18TH CIRCUIT ADULT DRUG, MICHIGAN DRUG GRANT PROGRAM – 18TH CIRCUIT FAMILY DEPENDENCY DRUG, MICHIGAN DRUG COURT GRANT- 18TH JUVENILE DRUG COURT, MICHIGAN DRUG COURT GRANT- 74TH DISTRICT HYBRID DWI/DRUG AND THE SWIFT AND SURE PROGRAM 18TH CIRCUIT. FOR THE EXACT DOLLAR AMOUNT SEE RESOLUTION. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. POIRIER AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED.

RES. 2023-206: COMM. BANASZAK MOVED TO ADOPT RES. 2023-206; THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED THE UPDATED PURCHASE OF SERVICE AGREEMENT AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT, WHICH REFLECTS THE INCREASED MEAL REIMBURSEMENT RATE OF \$6.50/MEAL, BETWEEN REGION VII AREA AGENCY ON AGING AND BAY COUNTY (DEPARTMENT OF AGING) EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. RADTKE AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED.

RES. 2023-207: COMM. BANASZAK MOVED TO ADOPT RES. 2023-207; THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED THE UPDATED ANNUAL CONTRACT RENEWAL, WHICH REFLECTS THE INCREASED MEAL REIMBURSEMENT RATE OF \$6.50/MEAL, BETWEEN A & D HOME CARE, INC. WAIVER PROGRAM AND BAY COUNTY DEPARTMENT ON AGING. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. POIRIER AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED.

RES. 2023-208: COMM. BANASZAK MOVED TO ADOPT RES. 2023-208; THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,249. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. MAILLETTE AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED.

RES. 2023-209: COMM. BANASZAK MOVED TO ADOPT RES. 2023-209; THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (EMPG) PROGRAM FOR FY 2023. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. HEREK AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED.

RES. 2023-210: COMM. BANASZAK MOVED TO ADOPT RES. 2023-210; THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED THE BAY ALERTS THREE (3) YEAR VENDOR SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH RAVE MOBILE SAFETY. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. RADTKE AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED.

COMM. HEREK LEFT AT THIS TIME.

RES. 2023-211: COMM. BANASZAK MOVED TO ADOPT RES. 2023-211; THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED THE MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN ULLIANCE AND BAY COUNTY FOR EAP SERVICES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. POIRIER AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT.

RES. 2023-212: COMM. BANASZAK MOVED TO ADOPT RES. 2023-212; THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED THE AGREEMENT WITH ONE AMERICA AND BAY COUNTY TO PROVIDE LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. MAILLETTE AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT.

RES. 2023-213: COMM. BANASZAK MOVED TO ADOPT RES. 2023-213; THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED THE BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MICHIGAN CONTRACT FOR HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE (EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024). IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. RADTKE AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT.

RES. 2023-214: COMM. BANASZAK MOVED TO ADOPT RES. 2023-214; THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED THE RENEWAL

AGREEMENT WITH BROWN AND BROWN AS BAY COUNTY'S INSURANCE BROKER OF RECORD FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND EXCESS LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR 2024. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. POIRIER AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT.

RES. 2023-215: COMM. BANASZAK MOVED TO ADOPT RES. 2023-215; THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED THE AGREEMENT WITH COMPONE ADMINISTRATORS FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATION (TPA) AND LOSS CONTROL SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2024, THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2029. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. MAILLETTE AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT.

RES. 2023-216: COMM. BANASZAK MOVED TO ADOPT RES. 2023-216; THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED THE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT OF \$52,295 FROM THE UNUSED DOLLARS IN THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE REMAINING COST FOR THE JUVENILE HOME PARKING LOT AND THE COURT FACILITY (REAR) PARKING LOT PROJECTS. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. RADTKE AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT.

RES. 2023-217: COMM. BANASZAK MOVED TO ADOPT RES. 2023-217; THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED THE STORMWIND STUDIOS TRAINING AGREEMENT. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. POIRIER AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT.

RES. 2023-218: COMM. BANASZAK MOVED TO ADOPT RES. 2023-218; THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RECEIVED THE NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO AWARD THE JUVENILE HOME TOTAL BID AWARD OF \$107,755.00 AND THE COURTS TOTAL BID AWARD \$144,540.00. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. MAILLETTE AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT.

RES. 2023-219: COMM. BANASZAK MOVED TO ADOPT RES. 2023-219; THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED THE NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO AWARD REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) 2023-16 BAY COUNTY DEPARTMENT ON AGING KITCHEN EXPANSION. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. RADTKE AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT.

RES. 2023-220: COMM. BANASZAK MOVED TO ADOPT RES. 2023-220; THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED THE CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNTY FOR OCTOBER. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. POIRIER AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT.

**PERSONNEL/HUMAN SERVICES (KATHY NIEMIEC, CHAIR;
COLLEEN MAILLETTE, VICE CHAIR)**

RES. 2023-221: COMM. NIEMIEC MOVED TO ADOPT RES. 2023-221; THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RECOMMENDS THE CONTINUANCE OF RESERVING THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. MAILLETTE AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT.

RES. 2023-222: COMM. NIEMIEC MOVED TO ADOPT RES. 2023-222; THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED THE SPICER GROUP, INC. PROPOSAL. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. RADTKE AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT.

RES. 2023-223: COMM. NIEMIEC MOVED TO ADOPT RES. 2023-223; THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED THE PURCHASE OF THE UTILITY CART WITH THE REMAINING BUDGETED DOLLARS. NO NEW DOLLARS NEED TO BE ALLOCATED. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. POIRIER AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT.

RES. 2023-224: COMM. NIEMIEC MOVED TO ADOPT RES. 2023-224; THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED HIRING THE SELECTED DOA SUPPORT STAFF POSITION CANDIDATE AT THE 2-YEAR RATE OF \$13.82. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. MAILLETTE AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (VAUGHN J. BEGICK, CHAIR;
THOMAS M. HEREK, VICE CHAIR)**

RES. 2023-225: COMM. BANASZAK MOVED TO ADOPT RES. 2023-225; THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECLARES THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER TO BE FAMILY COURT AWARENESS MONTH AND ENCOURAGES ALL RESIDENTS TO SUPPORT THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES' EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE HARM OF CHILDREN IN THE HANDS OF FAMILY MEMBERS AND TO HONOR AND VALUE THE LIVES OF CHILDREN. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM.

MAILLETTE AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT.

MS. ZANOTTI: THE BAY COUNTY CLERK MS. KATHLEEN ZANOTTI READ THE RESOLUTION INTO THE MINUTES.

RES. 2023-226: COMM. BANASZAK MOVED TO ADOPT RES. 2023-226; THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, ON BEHALF OF THE BAY COUNTY DEPARTMENT ON AGING, ACCEPTS FUNDS FROM REGION VII AREA AGENCY ON AGING, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,749, FOR THOSE THAT PROVIDE HOMEMAKING AND PERSONAL CARE SERVICES WITH A \$3.60/HOUR WAGE INCREASE (3.20+.40 FOR ADDITIONAL PAYROLL/FICA COSTS) TO COVER UNITS IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER OF 2023. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. POIRIER AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT.

RES. 2023-227: COMM. BANASZAK MOVED TO ADOPT RES. 2023-227; THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RECEIVED THE EMPLOYMENT STATUS REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2023. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. MAILLETTE AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENTS

COUNTY EXECUTIVE, JIM BARCIA

MR. BARCIA: THE FIRST MEETING IN REGARD TO THE RFP ON THE ANIMAL SHELTER WENT WELL. WE HAVE FOUR COMPANIES THAT ARE UNDER REVIEW AND I HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT EVERY COMPANY THAT SUBMITTED AN RFP FOR THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB. THEY DID EXTENSIVE RESEARCH AND GATHERED INFORMATION. I COMMEND ALL FOUR VENDORS FOR SUBMITTING THEIR PROPOSALS.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

MR. BEGICK: I HAVE A BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT I'LL LET YOU LOOK AT IT A LITTLE BIT. WE'VE HAD QUITE A FEW MEETINGS AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SHAWNA WALRAVEN AND KIM PRIESSNITZ FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK. WE WILL HAVE A REPORT READY FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

THERE WAS NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

NEW BUSINESS

THERE WAS NO NEW BUSINESS.

PUBLIC INPUT

NONE

MISCELLANEOUS

NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMM. BEGICK: CEREMONY FOR PEARL HARBOR DAY DECEMBER 7, 2023 OUT FRONT.

2023 APPOINTMENTS

DECEMBER

BAY COUNTY VETERAN'S AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (ONE, 4-YEAR TERM; M.PERGANDE) DEPARTMENT ON AGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FOUR, 2-YEAR TERMS; DISTRICT 1, 3, 5, AND 7; R.WIESS, D.BEHMLANDER, P.RABIDOUX, D.RUSSELL)

CLOSED SESSION

MS. JOHNSON: YES, MR. CHAIR, CORPORATION COUNSEL WOULD REQUEST PURSUANT TO MCL 15.268 (H) A CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE WRITTEN LEGAL OPINION OF DDA ATTORNEY KEVIN KILBY REGARDING MONITOR TOWNSHIP DDA COUNTER PROPOSAL. INCLUDED IN THE MEETING WOULD BE THE COUNTY'S ATTORNEY KEVIN KILBY, FINANCE OFFICER SHAWNA WALRAVEN, COUNTY EXECUTIVE JIM BARCIA, CORPORATION COUNSEL AMBER JOHNSON AND NICK PAIGE, AS WELL AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CLERK'S OFFICE AND THE BOARD COORDINATOR.

MOTION 101: COMM. POIRIER MOVED TO GO INTO A CLOSED SESSION. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. MAILLETTE AND PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE: 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT.

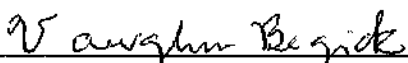
COMM. HEREK: RETURNED TO THE MEETING.

MOTION 102: COMM. POIRIER MOVED TO GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. NIEMIEC AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED.

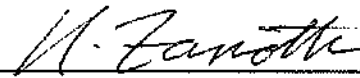
MOTION 103: COMM. HEREK MADE A MOTION TO FOLLOW THE RECOMMENDATION OF COUNSEL AS DISCUSSED IN THE CLOSED SESSION AND ALLOW ATTORNEY KILBY TO NEGOTIATE ON THE COUNTY'S BEHALF ON THE DDA ISSUE AS STATED IN THE CLOSED SESSION. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. POIRIER AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED.

RECESS/ADJOURNMENT


MOTION 104: COMM. BANASZAK MOVED TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR BOARD SESSION OF NOVEMBER 21, 2023. THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 5:10 P.M. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. MAILLETTE AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE: 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 EXCUSED.



VAUGHN BEGICK, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BAY COUNTY MICHIGAN



KATHLEEN B. ZANOTTI
BAY COUNTY CLERK
BAY COUNTY MICHIGAN



LISA DAVIS
SECRETARY TO THE CLERK
BAY COUNTY MICHIGAN

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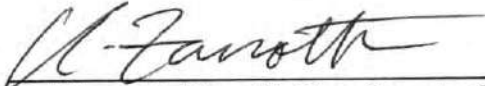
} ss.

COUNTY OF BAY

I, Kathleen B. Zanolli, Clerk of the County of Bay, State of Michigan, Do Hereby Certify that I have compared the annexed Resolution No. 2023-201 adopted by the Bay County Board of Commissioners on NOVEMBER 21, 2023, with the original filed in the County Clerk's Office and that it is a true and correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Circuit Court of Bay County, Bay City, Michigan, this 5th day of JANUARY, A.D. 2024.




Kathleen B. Zanolli, Bay County Clerk

BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

NOVEMBER 21, 2023

RESOLUTION

BY: BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (11/21/23)

WHEREAS, Bay County and thirteen local jurisdictions within Bay County including the City of Auburn, City of Bay City, Bangor Township, Beaver Township, City of Essexville, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Hampton Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Township, Pinconning Township, 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 2024 and 2028; and

WHEREAS, Public input was received via an online survey that was available from June 23, 2023, through July 24, 2023, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas, and express opinions, regarding the future of parks and recreation in Bay County; and

WHEREAS, The draft plan was made available for review from October 20, 2023, through November 21, 2023, at the Bay County Building, on social media, and online at the Bay County website; and

WHEREAS, A public meeting was held on November 21, 2023, 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 has 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 Bay County Board of Commissioners voted to adopt said Recreation Plan; Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED That the Bay County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the 2024-2028 Bay County Area Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation for the residents of Bay County.

VAUGHN J. BEGICK, CHAIR
AND BOARD

Recreation & Facilities - 2024 - 2028 Bay County Recreation Plan

MOVED BY COMM. POIRIERSUPPORTED BY COMM. RADTKE

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E
KATHY NIEMIEC	X			COLLEEN M. MAILLETTE	X			DENNIS R. POIRIER	X		
TIM BANASZAK	X			THOMAS M. HEREK	X						
VAUGHN J. BEGICK	X			KAYSEY L. RADTKE	X						

VOTE TOTALS:

ROLL CALL: YEAS NAYS EXCUSED VOICE: YEAS 7 NAYS 0 EXCUSED 0DISPOSITION: ADOPTED XX DEFEATED WITHDRAWN AMENDED CORRECTED REFERRED NO ACTION TAKEN

CHAPTER 9

CITY OF AUBURN

Resolution 2023-07

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF RECREATION PLAN

WHEREAS, Bay County, and thirteen local jurisdictions within Bay County including the City of Auburn, City of Bay City, Bangor Township, Beaver Township, City of Essexville, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Hampton Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Township, Pinconning Township, 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 2023 and 2029 and,

WHEREAS, public input was received via an online survey that was available from June 23, 2023 through July 24, 2023, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas, express opinions, regarding the future of parks and recreation in Bay County and the City of Auburn, and

WHEREAS, the draft plan was made available for review from October 20, 2023 through November 21, 2023, at the Bay County Building and at the four Bay County library locations, and online at the Bay County website, and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on November 21, 2023, at 4:30 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 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, the Auburn Williams Parks and Recreation Commission/Committee/Authority has recommended the adoption of the Recreation Plan, and

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

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

(Yeas 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 2)

I, Bryna Schrouder, Clerk (Bryna Schrouder), do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by The City of Auburn City Commission at a Regular Meeting thereof held on December 18th, 2023, at 07:00 pm.


Clerk Bryna Schrouder



CITY OF AUBURN
113 E. ELM STREET, AUBURN, MI 48611 (989)662-6761

Regular City Commission Meeting
December 18th,
2023

7:00 PM

City Hall, 113 E. Elm Street, Auburn MI 48611

AGENDA

1. Call to Order 7:00 PM
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Consent Agenda
 - ***Regular City Commission Minutes from November 20th, 2023***
 - ***November UCR Report***
 - ***DDA November Minutes***
 - ***Resolution 2023-07 Adoption of Recreation Plan***

All items listed are routine by the City Commission and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion if these items unless a Commission member or citizen so requests in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda. Such requests are automatically respected.

6. Public Comment
7. Unfinished Business
8. New Business
 - A. ARPA
 - B. Resolution 2023-08 2024 Road Patrol Agreement
9. Department Reports
 - Administrative Report, DDA Directors Report
10. Financials
11. Public Comment
12. Mayor and Commissioners Comments
13. Adjournment

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CITY OF AUBURN
113 E. ELM STREET, AUBURN, MI 48611 (989)662-6761

Regular City Commission Minutes for December 18th, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

Auburn City Commission met at Auburn City Hall 113 E. Elm St. Auburn MI 48611, to hold the regular City Commission meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Rahl called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: R. Putt, K. Charbonneau, S. Smith, L. Webb, J. Rahl

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mayor Kilbourn, R. Gwizdala

OTHERS PRESENT: David Haag, Bryna Schrouder, Mike Parent, Ron Janowicz, Cathrine Davis.

MAYOR KILBOURN LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioners Webb and Smith moved to excuse Commissioner Gwizdala and Mayor Kilbourn from tonight's meeting. Yeas 5, Nays 0. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioners Webb and Charbonneau moved to amend the agenda to add Item C. discussion for renaming Jaycee Drive to City Park Drive. Yeas: 5, Nays 0. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioners Charbonneau and Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Yeas: 5, Nays 0. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Rahl opened Public Comment at 7:05 P.M.

Ron Janowicz had concerns regarding the apartments being built behind McDonalds. Mr. Janowicz would also like more information on the DPW Director.

Mike Parent stated Consumers hired a company to cut trees and would like to know who to contact to get the limbs picked up.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rahl closed Public Comment at 7:09 P.M.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A. ARPA

City Administrator David Haag discussed the park path project which will require a kayak launch. With Commissions approval Mr. Haag will order the kayak launch. Commissioner Charbonneau and Putt moved to approve the amended expenditures. Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Commissioner Webb, Mayor Pro-tem Rahl, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Charbonneau, Commissioner Putt. Nays, none. Motion Carried.

B. Resolution 2023-08 2024 Road Patrol Agreement

Commissioners Webb and Charbonneau moved to approve Resolution 2023-08. Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Commissioner Webb, Mayor Pro-tem Rahl, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Charbonneau, Commissioner Putt. Nays, none. Motion Carried.

C. Renaming Jaycee Drive to City Park Drive

Commissioner Smith and Webb moved to approve the renaming of Jaycee drive to City Park Drive off of Auburn Road, with Deshano BLVD still remaining. Roll Call Vote: Yeas, 5 Nays, none. Motion Carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Administrator Report, DDA Report

Commissioners Charbonneau and Webb moved to approve the department reports as submitted. Yeas: 5, Nays 0. Motion Carried.

FINANCIALS

Commissioners Charbonneau and Putt moved to approve the financials as submitted. Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Putt, Commissioner Webb, Commissioner Charbonneau, Mayor Pro-tem Rahl. Nays, none. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Rahl opened public comment at 7:25 P.M

Mike Parent asked when the speed limit sign would be put back up by the dollar store? Mr. Parent would also like to know if the City can get more police protection.

Ron Janowicz questioned the speed humps.

Mayor Pro-Tem Rahl closed Public Comment at 7:28 P.M

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Rahl adjourned the meeting at 7:35 P.M.

Recorded by Clerk: Bryna Schrouder

X Bryna Schrouder

Bryna Schrouder
City Clerk

CHAPTER 9

BANGOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION 23-019

BAY COUNTY AREA RECREATION PLAN ADOPTION

At the regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Bangor, County of Bay, State of Michigan, held in the Administration Building of the Charter Township of Bangor on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Bublitz, Koch, LaPlant, Rowley, Taylor, Wardynski, Yaworski
ABSENT: None

The Following Resolution Was Offered By:

Member Clerk Bublitz and supported by Member Trustee Taylor

WHEREAS, Bay County, and thirteen local jurisdictions within Bay County including the City of Auburn, City of Bay City, Bangor Township, Beaver Township, City of Essexville, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Hampton Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Township, Pinconning Township, 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 2024 and 2029 and,

WHEREAS, public input was received via an online survey that was available from June 23, 2023 through July 24, 2023, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas, express opinions, regarding the future of parks and recreation in Bay County and Bangor Township, and

WHEREAS, the draft plan was made available for review from October 20, 2023 through November 21, 2023, at the Bay County Building and at the four Bay County library locations, and online at the Bay County website, and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on November 21, 2023, at 4:30 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 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

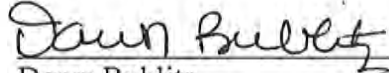
WHEREAS, on this day the Charter Township of Bangor voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Charter Township of Bangor adopts the Bay County Area Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation for the residents of Bangor Township.

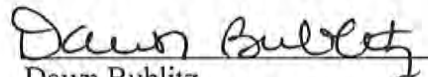
Roll Call Vote

YEAS: Yaworski, Taylor, LaPlant, Koch, Wardynski, Bublitz, Rowley
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED


Dawn Bublitz
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 on December 12, 2023, 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.


Dawn Bublitz
Bangor Township Clerk

December 12, 2023

The **Regular Meeting** of the Bangor Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Rowley at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Bublitz, Koch, LaPlant, Rowley, Taylor, Wardynski, Yaworski

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Galloner, Bangor Township Fire Chief; Tim Mark, Building Official; Tim Banaszak, County Commissioner; Colleen Maillette, County Commissioner; Residents: Marti Murphy, Peter Chrobra and Floyd Willett.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA REVIEW at 6:01 p.m.

- Correction to Agenda Item 9.B.1 change (Banaszak) to (LaPlant)
- Remove Consent Agenda Item 7.I. Approval of \$6,780.00 expense for a Western Salt Spreader and Move to Agenda Item 11.R.

Public Input at 6:01 p.m.

MOTION Approval Agenda

Moved by Wardynski, seconded by Yaworski to approve the agenda as amended. (7 ayes, 0 nays).
Motion Carried.

MOTION Approval Consent Agenda

Moved by Bublitz, seconded by Koch to approve the consent agenda as amended.

- A. Approval of the November 14, 2023, regular meeting December 4, 2023 and December 6, 2023 special meeting minutes.
- B. Approval to receive and file Investment Report dated December 6, 2023.
- C. Approval of bills as audited by Trustees in the amount of \$788,129.53.
- D. Approval to enter into an annual contract with Dino's Pest Prevention for the Administration Building at \$880.00; Station 6 at \$610.00; and Station 7 at \$1,000.00 annually.
- E. Accept Supervisor's recommendation to re-appoint Mark Norton and Dave Platko to the Planning Commission for three (3) year terms effective 01/01/24 and expiring 12/31/26.
- F. Accept Supervisor's recommendation to re-appoint JeanAnn DeShano as a regular member and appoint Mike Willard as an alternate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals for three (3) year terms effective 01/01/24 and expiring 12/31/26.
- G. Approval of the 2024 Board Meeting Dates.

- H. Approval of the 2024 Accounts Payable Schedule.
- ~~I. Approval of \$6,780.00 expense for a Western Salt Spreader.~~
- J. Approval of \$4,573.00 expense to Michigan Municipal League Workers Compensation Fund for Payroll Audit.
- K. Approval of \$1,929.00 expense to Dinges Fire Company for turnout boots and gloves.
- L. Approval of Cooperative Mutual Aid Fire Control Agreement.
- M. Approval of \$7,149.00 expense to Priority One Emergency for uniforms for career fire fighters (\$6,100) and paid on-call fire fighters (\$1,049) plus shipping cost.

(7 ayes, 0 nays). Motion Carried.

There was no one present for the Engineering Report.

Public Safety Report dated December 7, 2023 was given by Fire Chief Galloner at 6:05 p.m.

There were no Budget Adjustments.

MOTION Approval Resolution #23-017 adopting Water Rate/Fee Schedule

Moved by Bublitz, seconded by Wardynski to approve Resolution #23-017 adopting the amended Water Rate/Fee Schedule.

AYES: Bublitz, Yaworski, Taylor, Laplant, Koch, Wardynski, Rowley
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None
 Motion Carried.

MOTION Approval Water Rate/Fee Schedule

Moved by Bublitz, seconded by Taylor to approve the Water Rate/Fee Schedule effective 1st Quarter billings of 2024.

AYES: Yaworski, Taylor, Laplant, Koch, Wardynski, Bublitz, Rowley
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None
 Motion Carried.

MOTION Approval Resolution #23-018 adopting Sewer Rate/Fee Schedule

Moved by Bublitz, seconded by Yaworski to approve Resolution #23-018 adopting the amended Sewer Rate/Fee Schedule

AYES: Taylor, Laplant, Koch, Wardynski, Bublitz, Yaworski, Rowley
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None
 Motion Carried.

MOTION Approval Sewer Rate/Fee Schedule

Moved by Bublitz, seconded by Taylor to approve the Sewer Rate/Fee Schedule effective the 1st Quarter of 2024.

AYES: Laplant, Koch, Wardynski, Bublitz, Yaworski, Taylor, Rowley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Carried.

MOTION Approval IAFF contract effective 2024 - 2027

Moved by Bublitz, seconded by Koch to approve agreement between Charter Township of Bangor and the Bangor Township Fire Fighters Association, IAFF Local 1682 effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027.

AYES: Koch, Wardynski, Bublitz, Yaworski, Taylor, Laplant, Rowley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Carried.

MOTION Approval UAW #1135 contract effective 2024 - 2027

Moved by Bublitz, seconded by Yaworski to approve agreement between Charter Township of Bangor and UAW Local 362, UAW-Unit #1135 effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027.

AYES: Wardynski, Bublitz, Yaworski, Taylor, Laplant, Koch, Rowley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Carried.

MOTION Approval Waive \$301.30 Water Bill Late Fees for Bay Harbor Marina

Moved by Wardynski, seconded by Bublitz to approve \$301.30 waiver for water bill late fees at Bay Harbor Marina located at 5309 E. Wilder Road.

AYES: Bublitz, Yaworski, Taylor, Laplant, Koch, Wardynski, Rowley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Carried.

MOTION Approval Resolution #23-019 Bay County Recreation Plan 2024 - 2029

Moved by Bublitz, seconded by Taylor to approve Bay County Recreation Plan for the period between 2024 and 2029.

AYES: Yaworski, Taylor, Laplant, Koch, Wardynski, Bublitz, Rowley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Carried.

MOTION Approval Resolution #23-020 establishing salary of Supervisor.

Moved by Wardynski, seconded by Bublitz to approve Resolution #23-020 establishing the salary of the Supervisor.

AYES: Laplant, Koch, Wardynski, Bublitz, Yaworski, Taylor, Rowley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Carried.

MOTION Approval Resolution #23-021 establishing salary of Treasurer.

Moved by Bublitz, seconded by Koch to approve Resolution #23-021 establishing the salary of the Treasurer.

AYES: Koch, Wardynski, Bublitz, Yaworski, LaPlant, Taylor, Rowley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Carried.

MOTION Approval Resolution #23-022 establishing salary of Clerk.

Moved by Wardynski, seconded by Koch to approve Resolution #23-022 establishing the salary of the Clerk.

AYES: Wardynski, Bublitz, Yaworski, Taylor, Laplant, Koch, Rowley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Carried.

MOTION Approval Resolution #23-023 establishing salary of Trustees.

Moved by Bublitz, seconded by Wardynski to approve Resolution #23-023 establishing the salary of the Trustees.

AYES: Bublitz, Yaworski, Taylor, Laplant, Koch, Wardynski, Rowley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Carried.

MOTION Approval Resolution #23-024 General Appropriations 2024

Moved by Wardynski, seconded by Koch to approve Resolution #23-024 approving the 2024 general appropriations.

AYES: Yaworski, Taylor, Laplant, Koch, Wardynski, Bublitz, Rowley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Carried.

MOTION Approval Resolution #23-025 Fire Operating Millage

Moved by Wardynski, seconded by Yaworski to approve Resolution #23-025 approving 2023 Millage Tax Certificate for Fire Department Operating Millage.

AYES: Taylor, Laplant, Koch, Wardynski, Bublitz, Yaworski, Rowley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Carried.

MOTION Approval Resolution #23-026 Millage Tax Certificate

Moved by Wardynski, seconded by Bublitz to approve Resolution #22-026 approving 2023 Millage Tax Certificate.

AYES: Laplant, Koch, Wardynski, Bublitz, Yaworski, Taylor, Rowley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Carried.

MOTION Approval Resolution #23-027 Annual Street Light Assessment

Moved by Bublitz, seconded by Koch to approve Resolution #23-027 approving annual Streetlighting Special Assessment.

AYES: Koch, Wardynski, Bublitz, Yaworski, LaPlant, Taylor, Rowley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion Carried.

MOTION Approval Expenditure to Scientific Brake and Equipment Company

Moved by Wardynski, seconded by Bublitz to approve an expenditure not to exceed \$8000.00 to Scientific Brake and Equipment Company for a Western salt spreader for the Ford F250.

AYES: Wardynski, Bublitz, Yaworski, Taylor, Laplant, Koch, Rowley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

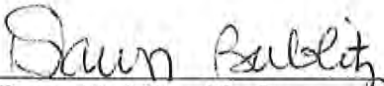
Motion Carried.

Public Input at 6:37 p.m.

MOTION Adjournment at 6:46 p.m.

Moved by Bublitz, seconded by Koch to adjourn at 6:46 p.m. (7 ayes, 0 nays). Motion Carried.

Submitted as recorded by Sharon Walkowiak, Deputy Clerk and reviewed by Dawn Bublitz, Clerk.


Dawn Bublitz, Clerk

Approved January 9, 2024


Glenn Rowley, Township Supervisor

CHAPTER 9

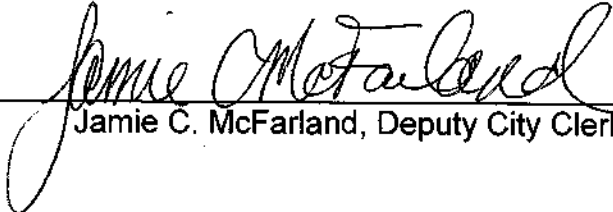
CITY OF BAY CITY

**CITY OF BAY CITY, MICHIGAN
OFFICE OF CITY CLERK
(AFFIDAVIT)**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF BAY)
CITY OF BAY CITY)**

I, Jamie C. McFarland, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Bay City, County and State aforesaid, Do hereby Certify that I have compared the annexed excerpt from the resolution approved at the January 2, 2024, Commission Meeting with the original on file in my office, and that it is a true and correct copy therefrom and of the whole of such original.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of the City of Bay City, Michigan, this 17th day of January, 2024.



Jamie C. McFarland, Deputy City Clerk

Of Commission as a Whole:

Whereas, Bay County, and thirteen local jurisdictions within Bay County including the City of Auburn, City of Bay City, Bangor Township, Beaver Township, City of Essexville, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Hampton Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Township, Pinconning Township, 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 2023 and 2029; and

Whereas, public input was received via an online survey that was available from June 23, 2023 through July 24, 2023, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas, express opinions, regarding the future of parks and recreation in Bay County and the City of Bay City; and

Whereas, the draft plan was made available for review from October 20, 2023 through November 21, 2023, at the Bay County Building and at the four Bay County library locations, and online at the Bay County website; and

Whereas, a public meeting was held on November 21, 2023, at 4:30 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 City of Bay City 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

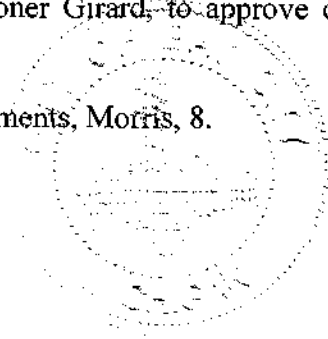
Whereas, the City of Bay City Planning Commission has recommended the adoption of the Recreation Plan,
Now Therefore Be It Resolved the Bay City City Commission adopts the Bay County Area Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation for the residents of the City of Bay City.

A motion was made by Commissioner Brunner, seconded by Commissioner Girard, to approve consent agenda items.

Motion approved by the following vote:

Yes, Commissioners Dockett, Rivet, Burney, Brunner, Hilliker, Girard, Clements, Morris, 8.

No, None.



CITY OF BAY CITY, MICHIGAN

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK

(AFFIDAVIT)

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

COUNTY OF BAY)

CITY OF BAY CITY)

I, Jamie C. McFarland, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Bay City, County and State aforesaid, Do hereby Certify that I have compared the annexed excerpt from the resolution approved at the February 4, 2019, Commission Meeting with the original on file in my office, and that it is a true and correct copy therefrom and of the whole of such original.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of the City of Bay City, Michigan, this 7th day of February, 2019.


Jamie C. McFarland, Deputy City Clerk

Of City Commission as a Whole:

Whereas, Bay County, and fourteen local jurisdictions within Bay County including the City of Auburn, City of Bay City, Bangor Township, Beaver Township, City of Essexville, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Hampton Township, Kawkawlin Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Township, 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 2019 and 2023; and

Whereas, public input was received via an online survey that was available from September 10, 2018 through October 22, 2018, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas, express opinions, regarding the future of parks and recreation in Bay County and the City of Bay City; and

Whereas, the draft plan was made available for review from December 2, 2018 through January 8, 2019, at the Bay County Building and at the four Bay County library locations, and on line at the Bay County website; and

Whereas, a public meeting was held on January 8, 2019, at 4:30 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 city of Bay City 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

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Bay City City Commission adopts The Bay County Area Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation for the residents of the City of Bay City; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary. Commissioner Dockett moved adoption of resolution.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yes, Commissioners Dockett, Terrasi, Niedzinski, Hilliker, Basmadjian, Clements, Morris, 7.

No, None.

**COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND
GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST**

By Authority of Parts 19, 703 and 716 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended, submission of this
information is required for eligibility to apply for grants

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete, obtain certification signatures and submit this checklist with a locally adopted recreation plan.

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Plans must be submitted to the DNR **with** a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan. Plans may be submitted at any time of the year, but no later than February 1 of the year the local unit of government is applying for grants.

PLAN INFORMATION

Name of Plan:

Bay County Area Recreation Plan

List the community names (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan.

County

Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body

Bay County

Bay

January 2019

Auburn

Bay

Bay City

Bay

January 2019

Bangor Township

Bay

Beaver Township

Bay

Essexville

Bay

Frankenlust Township

Bay

Fraser Township

Bay

Hampton Township

Bay

Kawkawlin Township

Bay

Merritt Township

Bay

Monitor Township

Bay

Pinconning

Bay

Portsmouth Township

Bay

Williams Township

Bay

PLAN CONTENT

INSTRUCTIONS: Please check each box to certify that the listed information is included in the final plan.

☒ **1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION**☒ **2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE**☒ Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)☒ Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart☒ Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming☒ Current Funding Sources☒ Role of Volunteers☒ Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations**Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only:**☐ Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities

☐ Articles of Incorporation

☒ **3. RECREATION INVENTORY**

- ☒ Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory
- ☒ Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities
- ☒ Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)
- ☒ Accessibility Assessment
- ☒ Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities
- ☐ Waterways Inventory (if applicable)

☒ **4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)**

☒ **5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS**

☒ **6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS**

☒ Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, Including a Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received

☒ Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment

Date of the Notice 12-2-18

Type of Notice Newspaper Advertisement

Plan Location Bay County website, Bay County Bldg, 4 libraries

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 30 Days

☒ Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)

Date of Notice 12-30-19

Name of Newspaper Bay City Times

Date of Meeting 1-8-19

☒ Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

☒ **7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

☒ **8. ACTION PROGRAM**

☒ **9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT(S)**

PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION

APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION: For multi-jurisdictional plans, **each** local unit of government must pass a resolution adopting the plan. Prepare and attach a separate page for each unit of government included in the plan.

- ☐ 1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: 2-4-19
- ☐ 2. Official resolution of the _____ Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: _____
- ☒ 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: 1-28-19
- ☒ 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: 1-28-19

OVERALL CERTIFICATION

NOTE: For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government. Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.

I hereby certify that the recreation plan for

City of Bay City

(Local Unit of Government)

includes the required content, as indicated

above and as set forth by the DNR.

Larry A. Moulton

Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

2-7-19

Date

This completed checklist must be uploaded in MiRecGrants.

CHAPTER 9

BEAVER TOWNSHIP

Resolution 24-1

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF RECREATION PLAN

WHEREAS, Bay County, and thirteen local jurisdictions within Bay County including the City of Auburn, City of Bay City, Bangor Township, Beaver Township, City of Essexville, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Hampton Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Township, Pinconning Township, 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 2023 and 2029 and,

WHEREAS, public input was received via an online survey that was available from June 23, 2023 through July 24, 2023, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas, express opinions, regarding the future of parks and recreation in Bay County and Beaver Township, and

WHEREAS, the draft plan was made available for review from October 20, 2023 through November 21, 2023, at the Bay County Building and at the four Bay County library locations, and online at the Bay County website, and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on November 21, 2023, at 4:30 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 Beaver 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, Beaver Township Parks and Recreation Commission/Committee/Authority has recommended the adoption of the Recreation Plan, and


WHEREAS, on this day Beaver Township Board voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED local jurisdiction legislative body adopts the Bay County Area Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation for the residents of local jurisdiction.

Yeas: Tomczak, Kock, Herr, Meier, Histed

Nays: None

Absent: None

I, April Histed, Beaver Township 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 January 8, 2024.


Clerk (April Histed)

**Beaver Township
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2024**

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on January 9, 2024 held at the Beaver Township Hall.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was said in unison.

III. Roll Call

The Clerk conducted roll call. The following board members were present: Tomczak (Supervisor), Koch (Treasurer), Meier (Trustee), Herr (Trustee), and Histed (Clerk).

IV. Approval of Agenda

A motion "to approve the agenda" was made by Mr. Herr and seconded by Mr. Mier. AYES: 5; NAYS: 0. Motion carried.

V. Approval of Minutes

A motion "to approve the December 11, 2023 regular board meeting minutes" was made by Mr. Koch and seconded by Mr. Meier. AYES: 5; NAYS: 0. Motion carried.

VI. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Koch's report with bank account activity and balances as of January 8, 2024 was received. A motion "to approve the Treasurer's Report" was made by Mr. Herr and seconded by Mr. Meier. AYES: 5; NAYS: 0. Motion carried.

VII. Clerk's Report

Mrs. Histed provided the following report:

- I have an invite to seminar "How Solar Energy Impacts Your Local Community" January 25, 2024 at Curtis Hall at SVSU: 12:30 to 6:30pm, If anyone would like to attend.
- I have reached out to our election inspectors and I have 5 inspectors for The February 27, 2024 election plus me. The only training offered before the election is this Thursday at 1pm.
- We have a notice from Charter of 2024 price changes.
We have a notice from Republic Services the 2024 rate will be \$16.58 per unity and they asked for an updated number of units. We reported 1103.
- I signed and returned the proof copy of the ballot proposal for the February election.
- A motion "to approve the Clerk's Report" was made by Mr. Mier and seconded by Mr. Kock. AYES: 5; NAYS: 0. Motion carried.

VIII. Supervisor's Report: Mr. Tomczak Moves to public comment to all Paul Jung address the board and citizens.

IX. Public Comment

A motion "to go to Public Comment" was made by Mr. Meier and seconded by Mr. Koch. AYES: 5; NAYS: 0. Motion carried. Paul Jung is running for the 8th District in Congress. I citizen wonders why Beaver Township don't have a representative at Water Department meetings? The response from our Supervisor is "We all have jobs, but we are in constant communication with the county. The same citizen has questions about water flow in the ditches. Who decides the grades? The response from our Supervisor is "The County and he will follow up with

Cory regarding this concern. Another Citizen likes the paint job. The Board Thanks him and said they are going to paint the file cabinets also. A motion “to close public comment and return to regular order of business” was made by Mr. Koch and seconded by Mr. Herr. AYES: 5; NAYS: 0. Motion carried.

X. Pay Bills

A motion “to pay the December bills” was skipped to allow time for review and the meeting was adjourned without this motion. A special Meeting is scheduled for 1/17/24 to approve the bills.

XI. Regular Order of Business

- A. **Bids for Recording Meetings.** We have 2 bids for recording equipment from Laser Connection in Auburn. The board agrees to table this project for now because the computers need to be upgraded this year. We expect this will cost about \$3,000. A “motions to table the record meetings equipment until further notice” was made by Mr. Herr and seconded by Mr. Kock. Motion carried.
- B. **Road Projects for 2024 Budget** – The plan is 9 Mile Rd, Parish to Linwood. Bid #1-is to asphalt the 2 miles at a cost of \$249,578.09 and Bid #2- is to asphalt 1 mile and chip and seal 1 mile at a cost of \$167,878.89. A motion was made to accept Bid #1 was made by Mr. Meier and seconded by Mr. Herr. Roll Call vote: Tomczak (Y), Koch (Y), Herr (Y), Meier (Y), Histed (Y). AYES: 5; NAYS: 0. Motion carried.
- C. **2024 Meeting Dates.** A motion “to approve the 2024 meeting dates” was made by Mr. Herr and seconded by Mrs. Histed. Motion carried.
- D. **Budget Planning Formats.** The Board will have a meeting January 22, 2024 at 6pm and introduce the proposed budget at February and will be adopted in March then to begin in April. Mrs. Histed will get information from Bay County for the January 22nd meeting.
- E. **Reappointment of Planning Commission members.** A “motion to reappoint Victor Wilkinson and Rosalie Andrzejewski to the Planning Commission” was made by Mr. Koch and seconded by Mr. Herr. Motion carried.
- F. **Recreation Resolution.** A “motion to approve Resolution 24-1 was made by Mr. Mier and seconded by Mr. Herr. Mrs. Histed will look back to see what was paid for to Bay County for recreation. Roll call vote: Tomczak (Y), Koch (Y), Meier (Y), Histed (Y). Motion carried.
- G. **Other Board Matters.** A motion “to keep the holiday schedule as posted by Bay County and to observe July 4th on July 5th”. was made by Mr. Herr seconded by Mr. Koch. AYES: 5; NAYS: 0. Motion carried.

XII. Old Business

- A. **Water Line.** We are working on a loan for water lines with an expected interest rate of 3.75 percesnt, then we will get bids. We have \$290,000 in ARPA funds that must be used by 2026.
- B. **Road Project.** Nothing new to report.
- C. **Satkowiak Update.** Mr. Satkowiak has the right to operate his business weekdays 7am to 7pm and Saturday 7am to 2pm. There is a trial set for March.
- D. **Pond Update.** The Owner did not apply for a new special use permit. The Township is working with the Attorney. An inspection and snow fence in still needed.
- E. **Painting Update.** The Hall and hallway are now complete. Painting in the Fire Department will begin this week. We have added the file cabinets and office.

- F. Blight Complaint.** Karl the Zoning Administrator will do an inspection to make sure the owners are compliant.
- G. Document Scanning.** All building permits are now being scanned. We will schedule Stu from Laser Connection to attend the February meeting to talk about storage options.

XIII. Public Comment

A motion “to go to Public Comment” was made by Mr. Koch and seconded by Mr. Herr. AYES: 5; NAYS: 0. Motion carried. A resident had a question about early voting cost. This is a result of proposal 2. A motion “to close public comment and return to regular order of business” was made by Mr. Meier and seconded by Mr. Herr. AYES: 5; NAYS: 0. Motion carried.

- XIV. Adjournment.** There being no further business, a motion “to adjourn” was made by Mr. Herr and seconded by Mr. Koch. AYES: 5; NAYS: 0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
April Histed

CHAPTER 9

CITY OF ESSEXVILLE

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING THE RECREATION MASTER PLAN FOR BAY
COUNTY

Gradowski, Wendt:

WHEREAS, Bay County, and thirteen local jurisdictions within Bay County including the City of Auburn, City of Bay City, Bangor Township, Beaver Township, City of Essexville, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Hampton Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Township, Pinconning Township, 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 2024 and 2029 and,

WHEREAS, public input was received via an online survey that was available from June 23, 2023 through July 24, 2023, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas, express opinions, regarding the future of parks and recreation in Bay County and the City Of Essexville, and

WHEREAS, the draft plan was made available for review from October 20, 2023 through November 21, 2023, at the Bay County Building and at the four Bay County library locations, and online at the Bay County website, and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on November 21, 2023, at 4:30 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 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

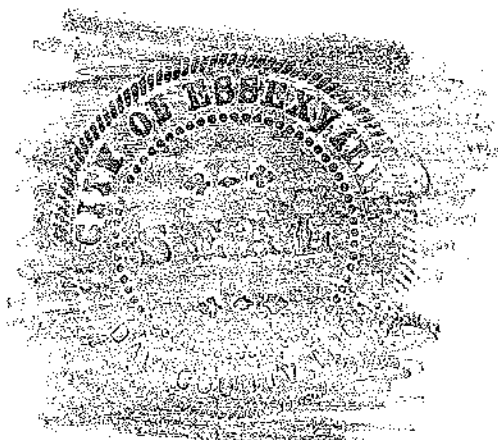
WHEREAS, on this day the Essexville City Council voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.

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

*Council Members Voting Yes: Gradowski, Wendt, Covieo, Mantei, Rondeau,
Wittbrodt*

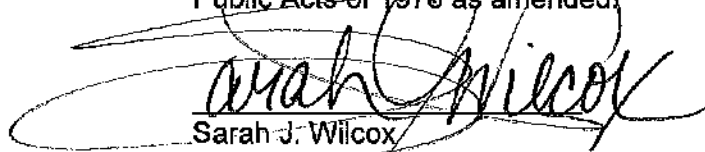
Council Members Voting No: None

Council Members Absent: Hughes



STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) SS
COUNTY OF BAY)

I hereby certify that the foregoing
constitutes a true and complete
copy of a resolution passed by
the City Council of the City of
Essexville, Bay County,
Michigan at a regular meeting
held December 12, 2023, and
that notice of said meeting was
given in full compliance with the
Open Meetings Act; Act No. 267,
Public Acts of 1976 as amended.



Sarah J. Wilcox
City Clerk
City of Essexville, Michigan

**ESSEXVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2023 6:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Scott Wittbrodt called the REGULAR MEETING of the Essexville City Council held on December 12, 2023 to order at 6:00 PM.

City Councilmember Dennis Rondeau led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following City Council Members were present at the meeting: Jack Covieo, Jennifer Gradowski, Robert Mantei, Dennis Rondeau, Todd Wendt and Mayor Scott Wittbrodt.

ABSENT: Adam Hughes

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Gradowski, Covieo:

Resolved the agenda be approved as amended. (Start time was changed from 7:00 pm to 6:00 p.m.)

YES: Gradowski, Covieo, Mantei, Rondeau, Wendt, Wittbrodt

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Hughes

CONSENT AGENDA

Wendt, Mantei:

- A. Resolved; City Council hereby approves the minutes of its November 20, 2023 regular and organizational meeting, said minutes prepared by the City Clerk and submitted for the City Council's consideration at its December 12, 2023 regular meeting.**
- B. Resolved; pursuant to the City Code, the City Council hereby confirms the City Manager's reappointment of William Hydorn, Jim Hages, and Sandra Koglin as member's and Kimberly Grew as an alternate member to the Board of Review to a three year term effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.**
- C. Resolved; pursuant to the City Code and law, the City Council hereby confirms the City Manager's reappointment of William Hydorn and Kristin Richard to the Downtown Development Authority to a four year term effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027.**
- D. Resolved that following appointments are made to the Board of Zoning Appeals; Brandon Kulhanek and Jerome Reinke are appointed to a three year term to be effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.**
- E. Resolved; pursuant to applicable law and its own policy, the City Council authorizes the Board of Review for the City of Essexville to consider and grant, where appropriate, requests for exemptions from taxation of real property for homesteads of persons in poverty based on the federal income and poverty guidelines for the year 2024.**

YES: Wendt, Mantei, Covieo, Gradowski, Rondeau, Wittbrodt

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Hughes

PRESENTATIONS

Councilmember Gradowski dedicated a pen and ink of the Essexville fire barn created by Michael Hollister, commissioned and donated by James and Margaret Navarre Miller.

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

None

COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Dennis Poirier, County Commissioner, updated the council on business at Bay County and took questions from the council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Rondeau, Covieo:

Resolved; that expense vouchers 36 totaling \$103,021.66 and payroll voucher 37 through 42 totaling \$75,001.49 for a grand total of \$178,023.15 paid as stated.

YES: Rondeau, Covieo, Gradowski, Mantei, Wendt, Wittbrodt

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Hughes

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Councilmember Mantei had no report.

MUNICIPAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Wendt reported that the city manager evaluation forms that went out in the meeting packet are due by February 1st.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski reported the committee met to discuss the Bay County Recreation Plan, and recommends that the city council adopts said plan.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Councilmember Covieo had no report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Councilmember Gradowski reported the citizen of the year nomination forms were sent out with the tax bills and are due by December 31st. She thanked everyone that was involved in making the 2nd Annual Tree Lighting ceremony a success

UTILITY AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Councilmember Rondeau had no report.

PLANNING COMMISSION

No meeting, no report.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

No meeting, no report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wittbrodt reported on the following:

- Attended the parks and recreation committee meeting
- Christmas tree lighting ceremony
- The Christmas luncheon will be held on Friday, December 15th at noon.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager, Craig Goulet, reported on the following:

- Christmas potluck
- Crossing guard

- Bay Area Water Treatment Plant meeting
- Commended the Public Safety Department on doing a great job
- Christmas tree lighting ceremony
- Answered questions from the council.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING THE RECREATION MASTER PLAN FOR BAY COUNTY.

Gradowski, Wendt:

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

YES: Gradowski, Wendt, Covio, Mantei, Rondeau, Wittbrodt

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Hughes

CONSIDERATION TO IMPLEMENT THE CREATION OF A CROSSING GUARD POSITION.

Wendt, Gradowski:

Resolved; that the City Council of the City of Essexville hereby adopts the recommendation of the City Manager to implement the creation of a crossing guard position in a timely fashion.

YES: Wendt, Gradowski, Covio, Mantei, Rondeau, Wittbrodt

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Hughes

INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

CITIZEN INPUT

The following citizens addressed the Council:

Robert Mantei, 535 Gateway Place

Paul Junge, 17195 Silver Parkway #408, Fenton, Michigan

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Wendt, Covio:

Resolved; that the meeting be adjourned.

YES: Unanimous voice vote

Motion Carried

ABSENT: Hughes

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Scott Wittbrodt
Mayor

Sarah Wilcox
City Clerk

CHAPTER 9

FRANKENLUST TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

WHEREAS, Bay County, and thirteen local jurisdictions within Bay County including the City of Auburn, City of Bay City, Bangor Township, Beaver Township, City of Essexville, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Hampton Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Township, Pinconning Township, 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 2024 and 2029 and,

WHEREAS, public input was received via an online survey that was available from June 23, 2023 through July 24, 2023, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas, express opinions, regarding the future of parks and recreation in Bay County and Frankenlust Township, and

WHEREAS, the draft plan was made available for review from October 20, 2023 through November 21, 2023, at the Bay County Building and at the four Bay County library locations, and online at the Bay County website, and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on November 21, 2023, at 4:30 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 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 Board voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.

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

(Yeas 5 Nays: 0 Absent: NONE)

I, Debbie Fisher, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by Frankenlust Township Board at a Regular Meeting thereof held on December 12, 2023, at 4:00 pm.

Debbie Fisher, Clerk

Debbie Fisher, Clerk

Frankenlust Township Board Meeting

December 12, 2023 4:00 pm

The regular meeting of the Township Board was held. It was called to order by Supervisor, Ron Campbell. The Pledge of Alliance was said.

Present Campbell, Britton, Fisher, Ortner and Begick

Excused Absent None

Consent Agenda Items Motion by Britton/Begick to approve the regular Board minutes from November 7, 2023, accept the Treasurer's reports and authorize payment of bills in the amount of \$96,172.25 from the General and Misc. Funds as needed. Discussion. Roll Call Vote:

Campbell	yes
Britton	yes
Ortner	yes
Begick	yes
Fisher	yes

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Public Input Paul Junge visited our meeting and announced he is running as a Republican to represent the 8th District in Congress following Dan Kildee's announcement, he will not seek re-election in 2024. Paul shared his background, experience, education, and plans if he is elected.

Presentation A plaque was presented to Dell Bedford for his 20 years of service to Frankenlust Township as our Mechanical and Plumbing Inspector.

Fire Department Fire Department meeting minutes from December 7, 2023 are on file. As of the December meeting, there were 50 calls in November and 472 YTD. Fire Chief Kukla was not able to attend the meeting. The Cooperative Mutual Aid Fire Control Agreement needs to be renewed. The agreement is a renewal with the DNR to assist with any wild fires that may occur. Motion by Britton/Ortner to approve the renewal for the Cooperative Mutual Aid Fire Control Agreement with the DNR. Discussion. 5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Planning Commission Report is on file.

Zoning Administrator Report is on file. Trustee Britton requested a Zoning Administrator's Report from October 2023.

Nature Park No Report

Employee Handbook Motion by Britton/Begick to give final board approval for the new Frankenlust Township employee handbook in its entirety as presented. Discussion. 5 aye, 0 nays. Carried.

Motion by Britton/Fisher to approve the cost of the invoice for \$3,432.00 sent by Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes. Discussion. Roll Call Vote:

Britton	yes
Ortner	yes
Begick	yes
Fisher	yes
Campbell	yes

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Baywoods Condo Association Discussion continued on this Condo Association using a dumpster for trash, effective April 2024, instead of carts. The discussion included a letter from Township Attorney Richard Sheppard. He provided the following alternative options: details on allowing the use of the dumpster, details on removal of the Association from the assessment, and consideration of drafting of a specific policy as to who/what is allowed to use a dumpster. Jill from Waste Management will attend the January Frankenlust Township Board meeting to assist in answering questions and resolve this issue.

5 Year Recreation Plan Motion by Fisher/Ortner to approve the resolution for the adoption of the Multi-Jurisdictional Five-Year Recreation Plan for 2024-2029 between thirteen local jurisdictions within Bay County. Discussion. Roll Call Vote:

Ortner	yes
Begick	yes
Fisher	yes
Campbell	yes
Britton	yes

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Post Cards Motion by Fisher/Britton to approve the design of the announcement on a post card as presented that will be sent to each resident in Frankenlust Township with details on the new recycling and trash containers. 5 aye, 0 nay. Carried. Motion by Britton/Ortner to approve the bid from Conquest Graphics to print the information on the cards at a cost of \$1,404.30 including postage and mailing. Discussion. Roll Call Vote:

Begick	yes
Fisher	yes
Campbell	yes
Britton	yes
Ortner	yes

5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Board Appointments Tabled for January 2024 meeting.

Schmidt Disconnections Motion by Fisher/Britton to request that the Bay County Department of Water and Sewer stop billing the Water Capital Improvement charge, meter replacement charge and the Sewer Debt charge for F3001-06268-00. Discussion. 5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Sheriff's Report Report on file for November 2023.

Wash Cars A resident asked if the township allows fire fighters to wash their personal vehicles at the Frankenlust Township Fire Department. Motion by Britton/Begick to allow members of the Frankenlust Township Fire Department to wash their personal vehicles at the township building. Discussion. 5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Fiscal Year Audit Auditors have completed the 2022-2023 audit. Signatures of approval are still needed to by the Clerk and Treasurer.

Newsletter Trustee Britton commented that the Trustees should be included on the left side listing of Township officials in the Newsletter that is mailed with the Summer and Winter Taxes. Consideration should also be given to the Trustees submitting a paragraph for inclusion in future newsletters. The Board agreed by consensus.

Powerline A bid was received from the power company to take the powerline that is on the north side of the building and bury it in the ground at a cost of \$2,300. During discussion it was expressed that perhaps this line is only an issue for the helicopter that comes in for the FFD Open House once a year. Discussion. Motion by Begick/Britton to table the discussion until Fire Chief Kukla can give his input at the January 2024 meeting. Discussion. 5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Motion by Fisher/Ortner to adjourn. 5 aye, 0 nay. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting is January 9, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Debbie Fisher, Township Clerk

Ronald Campbell, Supervisor

CHAPTER 9

FRASER TOWNSHIP

FRASER TOWNSHIP
1474 Mackinaw Road
Linwood, MI 48634

12-344-23

RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL

At the regular meeting of the Fraser Township Board held on, December 11th, 2023, the Fraser Township Board took the following action:

**RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND
ADOPTION OF RECREATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, Bay County, and thirteen local jurisdictions within Bay County including City of Auburn; City of Bay City; Bangor Township; Beaver Township; City of Essexville; Frankenlust Township; Fraser Township; Hampton Township; Merritt Township; Monitor Township; Pinconning Township; Portsmouth Township and Williams Township have undertaken a multi-jurisdictional (5) 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 2023 and 2029 and,

WHEREAS, public input was received via an online survey that was available from June 23, 2023 through July 24, of 2023, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas, express opinions, regarding the future of parks and recreation in Bay County and Fraser Township, and,

WHEREAS, the draft plan was made available for review from October 20, 2023 through November 21, 2023, at the Bay County Building and at the four Bay County Library locations, and online at the Bay County website, and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on November 21, 2023, at 4:30 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, the Fraser Township Parks & Recreation Committee has recommended the adoption of the Recreation Plan, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Fraser Township Board adopts the Bay County Area Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving Parks and Recreation for the residents of Fraser Township.

Motion made by Galus supported by Rugenstein.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: 5

Nays 0

Absent: 0

Excused: 0

Motion Carried

State of Michigan) SH
County of Bay

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I Patricia Powers, Patricia Powers, Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution offered and adopted by the Fraser Township Parks & Recreation Committee at a regular meeting held on December 11th, 2023 7:00 pm.

SEAL



Patricia Powers, Clerk
Fraser Township
1474 N. Mackinaw Road
Linwood, MI 48634

Approved
1-15-2024

Fraser Township Board Meeting Minutes December 11th, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Prayer and Pledge

Roll call: Augustyniak yea, Rugenstein, yea, Galus, yea, Hadd, yea, Powers yea.

Agenda Additions: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve November 13th, 2023 minutes made by Augustyniak; supported by Powers. All in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk presented Bills: in the amount of \$55,947.05. Motion to accept bills made by Hadd Supported by Rugenstein. **Roll Call Vote:** Augustyniak yea, Rugenstein, yea, Galus, yea, Hadd, yea, Powers yea. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Clerk presented: outstanding bills in the amount of \$75.00. Motion to accept outstanding bills made by Glaus; supported by Hadd. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Financial Report:

General Fund	\$1,224,965.21
Fire Fund	\$ 315,311.10
Capital Project Fund	\$ 38,267.82
Trash Fund	\$ 116,114.33
Reg Water Fund	\$ 13,892.99
Road Fund	\$ 5,886.43
Investment Fund/Reserve	\$ 212,742.84
Investment/Fire Truck Fund	\$ 315,702.65
Investment/Reg Water	\$ 206,616.97
ARPA Funds	\$ 47,036.17

Financial Report: Motion to accept and place on file made by Powers; Supported by Rugenstein. All in favor: Motion carried.

Treasurer's report attached: Financial Report

Treasurer's comments: None

Public Comments: Dave Dolliver

Communications: B.C.R.C. Summary of the proposed 2024 Budget, B.C.T.O.A. December 13th, meeting, MI State Bulletin 18 of 2023.

Unfinished Business:

1. **Bay County Water & Sewer Water Rate Increase Resolution: - 12-342-23**
2. **Bay County Recreation Adoption Resolutions: 12-343-23 & 12-344-23.**
3. **Zoning Court: Haney, Goick & Bellor/Reinhardt:**
4. Judge ruled in our favor, in the **Haney** case. Haney requested a STAY Order, because he is going to Appeal the case. Judge granted the Stay. **Goick:** Court case on December 12th. **Bellor/Reinhardt:** Ordinance Violation.

New Business:

1. **Petition for Kitchen Road to address trucking issues:** The Supervisor will put a letter together and send it to The Sand Pit Company. Residents and the people listed on the petition will receive a letter explaining, what we can do and what we cannot do.
2. **Approve Federal Poverty Guidelines & Asset Test for 2024 Poverty Exemption:** Hadd made the motion and it was supported by Rugenstein. **Roll Call Vote:** Augustyniak yea, Rugenstein, yea, Galus, yea, Hadd, yea, Powers yea. All in Favor. Motion Carried.
3. **Fire Barn Heating Unit:** See attached proposal from Smith Mechanical. Augustyniak made the motion to replace the furnace and it was Supported by Powers. **Roll Call Vote:** Augustyniak yea, Rugenstein, yea, Galus, yea, Hadd, yea, Powers yea. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Public Comments: Dave Dolliver

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Rugenstein; Supported by Hadd.
Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried



Patricia Powers, Clerk

CHAPTER 9

HAMPTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP

**RESOLUTION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HAMPTON**

Bay County Area Recreation Plan

WHEREAS, Bay County, and thirteen local jurisdictions within Bay County including City of Auburn, City of Bay City, Bangor Township, Beaver Township, City of Essexville, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Hampton Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Township, Pinconning Township, 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 2023 and 2029 and,

WHEREAS, public input was received via an online survey that was available from June 23, 2023 through July 24, 2023, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas, express opinions, regarding the future of parks and recreation in Bay County and Hampton Township, and

WHEREAS, the draft plan was made available for review from October 20, 2023 through November 21, 2023, at the Bay County Building and at the four Bay County library locations, and online at the Bay County website, and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on November 21, 2023, at 4:30 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 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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hampton Township Parks & Recreation Committee recommends that the Hampton Township Board of Trustees adopt The Bay County Area Recreation Plan.

I HEAREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Charter Township of Hampton Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on Monday, December 11, 2023.



Jordan Leyba
Hampton Township Clerk

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HAMPTON
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 11, 2023

The regular meeting of the Charter Township of Hampton Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Supervisor.

PRESENT: Benchley, Wright, Wisniewski, Kenniston, Leyba, Samyn, Close
ALSO PRESENT: Hewitt and 7 others in the audience.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Kenniston, supported by Wisniewski to approve the agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

COMMUNICATIONS: Motion by Kenniston, seconded by Wisniewski to receive the following communications: Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, Public Safety Department November 2023 Report. Motion carried.

AUDITORS REPORT:

Motion by Wisniewski, seconded by Wright for the following warrants be approved for payment:

#53043-#53090	General Fund	\$ 35,696.73
#4693-#4694	Sewer Fund	\$ 5,321.38
#2224-#2227	Water Fund	\$ 6,611.03
		<u>\$ 47,629.14</u>

AYES: Wisniewski, Benchley, Kenniston, Wright, Leyba, Samyn, Close

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No one addressed the Board.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion by Kenniston, seconded by Benchley to support the Weinlander Fitzhugh 3-Year Audit Pricing. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: MedStar Emergency Medical Service Agreement.

A meeting was had with Kevin Wilkinson from MedStar regarding the continued service in Hampton Township. The agreement outlines the great working relationship with MedStar and the zero cost to the Township.

Motion by Wisniewski, supported by Samyn to accept the MedStar Emergency Medical Service Agreement as presented.

AYES: Wisniewski, Samyn, Benchley, Wright, Kenniston, Leyba, Close

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Kenniston, seconded by Wisniewski to approve the DPW Superintendent Contract.

AYES: Kenniston, Wisniewski, Wright, Benchley, Leyba, Samyn, Close

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

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Motion by Kenniston, seconded by Wisniewski to accept the 2024 Fee Schedule for the Township Hall, Community Center.

AYES: Kenniston, Wisniewski, Wright, Benchley, Leyba, Samyn, Close
NAYS: None
Motion carried.

Motion by Wisniewski, Seconded by Leyba to accept the 2024 Fee Schedule for Utilities (water or sewer connection fee).

AYES: Wisniewski, Leyba, Kenniston, Benchley, Wright, Samyn, Close
NAYS: None
Motion carried.

Motion by Kenniston, seconded by Wisniewski to approve the Director of Public Safety Employment Agreement.

AYES: Kenniston, Wisniewski, Wright, Benchley, Leyba, Samyn, Close
NAYS: None
Motion carried.

Motion by Kenniston, seconded by Benchley to approve the Fire Chief Employment Agreement.

Dialogue was had about the request of increased Vacation time in lieu of a 2% pay increase.

AYES: Kenniston, Benchley, Wisniewski, Wright, Leyba, Samyn, Close
NAYS: None
Motion carried.

Motion by Samyn, seconded by Wright to approve the Building Official Employment Agreement with an increase of 3%.

AYES: Samyn, Wright, Benchley, Leyba, Close
NAYS: Kenniston, Wisniewski
Motion carried.

Motion by Close, seconded by Wright to approve the Resolution to Adopt Bay County Area Recreation Plan.

AYES: Close, Wright, Kenniston, Wisniewski, Benchley, Leyba, Samyn
NAYS: None
Motion carried.

Motion by Kenniston, seconded by Benchley to accept the Bid from Andrew Hugo and son LLC. for the replacement of storage door in the northeast corner of the building.

AYES: Kenniston, Benchley, Wright, Wisniewski, Leyba, Samyn, Close
NAYS: None
Motion carried.

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Motion by Kenniston, seconded by Wisniewski to approve the Finn Rd. Campground Manager Employment Agreement.

AYES: Kenniston, Wisniewski, Wright, Benchley, Leyba, Samyn, Close
NAYS: None
Motion carried.

Salary Resolution

In the Regular Meeting for November 27, 2023, Barry Kenniston provided a memo and proposed a reduction of the current trustee compensation to fit the current Hampton Township meeting schedule.

Motion by Kenniston, supported by Wisniewski, to adopt the following resolution: Resolution to Establish Township Officers Salary (Trustees).

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCLA 41.95(3), which provides that in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board, and

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Hampton Board of Trustees deems it desirable to adjust the salary of the township trustees to ensure that compensation for this position remains equitable and commensurate with the duties of said elected office, and in an continued effort for the internal comparability; now

THEREFORE; BE IT RESOLVED that as of November 27, 2023 the salary of the office of Hampton Township Trustees shall as follows:

Trustee: \$245.70 per diem salary for each regular township meeting attended and \$75.00 per special meeting attended.

AYES: Kenniston, Wisniewski, Wright
NAYS: Benchley, Leyba, Samyn, Close
Motion failed.

Motion by Benchley, supported by Wright, to adopt the Resolution to Establish Township Officers Salary (Trustee).

Trustee: \$300.00 per diem salary for each regular township meeting attended
Trustee: \$75.00 per diem salary for each special township meeting attended

AYES: Benchley, Wright, Leyba, Samyn, Close
NAYS: Kenniston, Wisniewski
Motion carried.

Motion by Kenniston, supported by Wisniewski to adopt the following resolution: Resolution To Establish Officers Salary (Township Officers).

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCLA 41.95(3), which provides that in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board, and

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WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Hampton Board of Trustees deems it desirable to adjust the salary of the township officials (Supervisor, Clerk & Treasurer) to ensure that compensation for this position remains equitable and commensurate with the duties of said elective office, and in an continued effort for the internal comparability; now

THEREFORE; BE IT RESOLVED, that as of November 27, 2023 the salary for the office of Hampton Township Supervisor, Clerk & Treasurer shall be as follows:

Township Officers: 2% increase \$61,750.00

AYES: Kenniston, Wisniewski, Benchley, Wright, Leyba, Samyn, Close

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Active Shooter Training was held, and it was revealed that staff were in danger. Procedure and security recommendations were made to ensure the staff is prepared and safe.

Motion by Kenniston, supported by Wisniewski, to approve the Active Shooter Training Recommendations with the addition of an emergency phone if needed.

AYES: Kenniston, Wisniewski, Benchley, Wright, Leyba, Samyn, Close

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Kenniston, supported by Wisniewski to approve the 2024 Budget as presented.

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been held by the Township Board of Trustees on said proposed budget preceded by not less than one week published notice as required by Section 26 of the Charter Township Act;

AND WHEREAS, all persons present at said public hearing were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said proposed budget;

AND WHEREAS, said propose budget includes a complete financial plan for the next calendar year (2023) of the Township as detailed in Section 25 of the Charter Township Act;

AND WHEREAS, such proposed budget, as modified, is in the opinion of the Township Board, in the best interest of the Township and reasonable and proper;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said budget, modified for the next calendar year (2023) of the Township, is hereby adopted to govern the expenditures of the Township funds during said period, by activity, except to the extent of any unallocated supplemental or surplus funds which, by subsequent board resolution, may be subsequently allocated or reallocated in the best interest of the Township.

GENERAL FUND	REVENUE		
		Revenue from Taxes	
		Permits & Licenses	
		State Revenues	
		Interest & Rents	
		Other Revenues	
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE:		3,579,450
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	EXPENSE:		
		101-Township Board	72,400
		171-Supervisor	44,880
		191-Elections	65,800
		201-GSA	55,000
		202-HSA	61,500
		209-Assessor	57,800
		210-Attorney	55,000
		211-Consultant	20,000
		215-Clerk	130,920
		247-Board of Review	5,650
		253-Treasurer	84,670
		265-Hall & Grounds	71,000
		266-Community Building	15,500
		294-Public Relations	4,500
		301-Police	1,217,700
		336-Fire	308,600
		400-Planning Commission	28,415
		410-Board of Appeals	3,625
		441-DPW	252,500
		442-Weed Cutting	39,825
		443-Bay Co. Drain Comm.	-0-
		444-O&M Drain Contract	-0-
		448-Street Lights	115,000
		526-Landfill	15,000
		751-Finn Road Park/Launch	375,750
		752-Parks - Others	455,500
		753-Rail Trail	3,000
		851-Insurance & Bonds	100,000
		874-Retirement Benefits	28,000
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSE:		3,687,535
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GARBAGE FUND	REVENUE:	Expendable Fund Balance	500
		Fees	670,000
	TOTAL GARBAGE FUND REVENUE:		670,500
	EXPENSE:	227-Contracted Services	640,000
		890-Contingency	-0-
	TOTAL GARBAGE FUND EXPENSE:		640,000
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BUILDING FUND	REVENUE:	Expendable Fund Balance	253,788
		Permit Fees	90,200
	TOTAL BUILDING FUND REVENUE:		343,988
	EXPENSE:	201-General Services	19,000
		371-Building Inspector	45,395
		372-Plumbing/Heating Inspec.	62,550
		373-Electrical Inspector	10,750
		890-Contingency	55,500
	TOTAL BUILDING FUND EXPENSE:		193,195
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ROAD FUND	REVENUE:	Expendable Fund Balance	-0-
		Revenue from Taxes	201,000
	TOTAL ROAD FUND REVENUE:		201,000
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ROAD FUND	EXPENSE:	446-Road Levy/Services	300,000
		890-Contingency	82,000
	TOTAL ROAD FUND EXPENSE:		382,000
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DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DEBT SERVICE FUND			
	REVENUE:	Expendable Fund Balance	-0-
		Transfer In from DDA	51,000
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE REVENUE:		51,000
	EXPENSE:	800-Bond & Interest Payment	51,000
		956-Contingency	-0-
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE EXPENSE:		51,000
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DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA)	Revenue:	Expendable Fund Balance	449,895
		Revenue from Taxes	193,000
		Interest	10,000
	TOTAL DDA REVENUE:	652,895	
	Expense:	201-Office Expense	100
		210-Legal Fees	500
		211-Consultant	500
		447-Engineer	500
		865-Insurance	10,000
		956-Contingency	-0-
		900-Transfer to Debt Service	57,550
	TOTAL DDA EXPENSE:		69,150
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SEWER FUND	Revenue:	Expendable Fund Balance	-0-
		Program Revenues	757,340
		Interest	50,000
	TOTAL SEWER FUND REVENUE:		807,340
	Expense:	492-ERR	-0-
		527-Sewage Disposal	-0-
		536-Sewer Operating	146,275
		866-Bonds	518,238
		890-Contingency	-0-
TOTAL SEWER FUND EXPENSE:		664,513	
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ERR FUND	REVENUE:	Expendable Fund Balance	-0-
		Transfer In from Sewer	-0-
	TOTAL ERR FUND REVENUE:		-0-
ERR FUND	EXPENSE:	536-Contracted Services	-0-
		890-Contingency	-0-
	TOTAL ERR FUND EXPENSE:		-0-
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WATER FUND	Revenue:	Expendable Fund Balance	184,450
		DWAM Grant	-0-
		Program Revenues	-0-
		Interest	30,000
	TOTAL WATER FUND REVENUE:		214,450
	Expense:	537-Water	156,100
		851-Insurance	-0-
		890-Contingency	-0-
TOTAL WATER FUND EXPENSE:		156,100	

AYES: Kenniston, Wisniewski, Wright, Benchley, Leyba, Samyn, Close
NAYS: None
Motion carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Donald Klass (166 E. Borton Rd.) addressed the board regarding wages.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

ATTORNEY REPORT: None.

ENGINEER REPORT: Not present.

OFFICER/TRUSTEE/DEPT. HEAD/COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

CLERK: No Report.

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TREASURER: No Report.

SUPERVISOR: Gave her report.

DPW ADMINISTRATOR BENCHLEY: Gave his report.

PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR BENCHLEY: Gave his report.

Discussion was had regarding the pursuit of training through the Coast Guard in Bay City. If the Bay City Coast Guard is willing to train the public safety officers, Public Safety Director Benchley would like to utilize the 1033 program to find a boat for **the department to utilize. It was pointed out that there's a** current listing for a Boston Whaler by the Coast Guard that may be worth looking into.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER POIRIER: Reporting that Bay County is in its final stages of completing the 2024 Budget.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Sandy Stackowiak (1180 N. Knight Rd.) and Karen Hoffman (1710 Alpine Ct.) addressed the Board.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Wisniewski, supported by Close, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved by:

Jordan Leyba, Clerk

Terri Close, Supervisor

CHAPTER 9

MERRITT TOWNSHIP

**MERRITT TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION – RECREATION PLAN**

Resolution 2024 - 1

WHEREAS, Bay County, and fifteen local jurisdictions within Bay County including the City of Auburn, Bangor Township, Beaver Township, the City of Essexville, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Garfield Township, Gibson Township, Hampton Township, Kawkawlin Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Township, Mount Forest Township, 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 2024 and 2029 and,

WHEREAS, public input was received via an online survey that was available from September 10, 2023 through October 22, 2023, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas, express opinions, regarding the future of parks and recreation in Bay County and Merritt Township, and

WHEREAS, the draft plan is made available for review from December 2, 2023 through January 8, 2024, at the Bay County Building and at the four Bay County library locations, and on line at the Bay County web site, and

WHEREAS, a public meeting will be held on January 8, 2024, 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 Merritt 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 Merritt Township Board of Trustees voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.

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


Yeas: Dave Schabel, Kathy Parrent

Tina Fleischmann

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

I, Kathy Parrent, Merritt Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Merritt Township Board of Trustees at a Regular Meeting thereof held on January 17, 2024, at 9:30 am.


Kathy Parrent, Clerk

MINUTES
MERRITT TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
January 17, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The January 17, 2024 Special Board Meeting of Merritt Township was called to order by Supervisor Schabel at 9:30AM. at the township office, 48 East Munger Road, Munger.

PLEDGE

ROLL CALL

Dave Schabel, Kathy Parrent, Tina Fleischmann

NEW BUSINESS

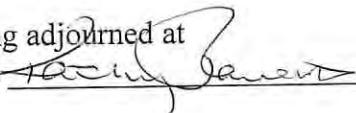
Motion by Schabel, seconded by Fleischmann, to approve the resolution 2024-1 for the Bay County Recreation plan. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was offered.

Meeting adjourned at

Signed



Approved at

1.17.24

Township Board Meeting

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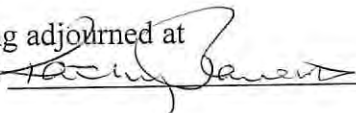
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Approved at

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Township Board Meeting

CHAPTER 9

MONITOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION OF 5-YEAR RECREATION PLAN

WHEREAS, Bay County, and thirteen local jurisdictions within Bay County including the City of Auburn, City of Bay City, Bangor Township, Beaver Township, City of Essexville, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Hampton Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Township, Pinconning Township, 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 2024 and 2029 and,

WHEREAS, public input was received via an online survey that was available from June 23, 2023 through July 24, 2023, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas, express opinions, regarding the future of parks and recreation in Bay County and the Charter Township of Monitor, and

WHEREAS, the draft plan was made available for review from October 20, 2023 through November 21, 2023, at the Bay County Building and at the four Bay County library locations, and online at the Bay County website, and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on November 21, 2023, at 4:30 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 Charter Township of Monitor 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 Charter Township of Monitor Board of Trustees voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.

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

Motion by: McCulloch Seconded by: Walsh

Yeas: Ferguson, Pike, Arnold, Brandt, McCulloch, Walsh, Spencer

Nays: None

Absent: None

I, Linda Ferguson, Clerk do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by Charter Township of Monitor Board of Trustees at the Regular Meeting thereof held on January 8th, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.


Linda Ferguson, Clerk

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
January 8, 2024

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Members present: Spencer, Ferguson, Pike, Arnold, Brandt, McCulloch and arriving at 5:05 was Walsh

Members absent: None

Also present: R. Sheppard, Attorney

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States was recited by all.

Public input was held.

Motion Arnold by seconded Brandt to adopt the agenda with the addition of using the hall for a fund raiser for the injured on-call fireman.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by McCulloch and seconded by Walsh to approve the consent agenda.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Walsh seconded by Ferguson to approve the payment of the bills \$ 78,834.02.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Arnold, McCulloch, Walsh, Spencer, Ferguson, Pike

No: Brandt

Motion carried.

Motion by Walsh seconded by Ferguson to have the attorney file paperwork to get a search warrant to allow inspectors in to inspect the 2-mile house for compliance of safety and sanitary state codes.

Roll call vote:

Yes: McCulloch, Walsh, Spencer, Ferguson

No: Brandt, Pike, Arnold

Motion carried.

Motion Walsh by seconded by Ferguson to have the engineer, D. Scherzer, review the water ordinance and bring back his recommendations to the board.

Roll call vote:

Yes: McCulloch, Walsh, Spencer, Ferguson, Pike, Arnold, Brandt

No: None

Motion carried.

Discussion on the recent appointment of the F.O.I.A coordinator ended that the assignment will need to go back to personnel committee.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Walsh to have McCulloch, Brandt and Pike act as the F.O.I.A. coordinator, this is subject to multiple coordinators being allowed, for the next month until the personnel committee can reassign.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Walsh, Spencer, Ferguson, Pike, Arnold, Brandt, McCulloch

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Walsh seconded by Ferguson to approve the 2024 hall rentals fee sheet.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Spencer, Ferguson, Arnold, McCulloch, Walsh,

No: Pike, Brandt

Motion carried.

Motion McCulloch by seconded by Walsh to approve Resolution R-2024-001 for adoption of the 5-year recreation plan.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Ferguson, Pike, Arnold, Brandt, McCulloch, Walsh, Spencer

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Walsh seconded by McCulloch to approve the refund request for PE23-0155.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Pike, Arnold, Brandt, McCulloch, Walsh, Spencer, Ferguson

No: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson seconded by Walsh to approve the bid from REI for painting of the pole barn for \$7,875.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Arnold, McCulloch, Walsh, Spencer, Ferguson, Pike

No: Brandt

Motion carried.

Motion by McCulloch seconded by Ferguson to approve Turfworkz 2024 prepay invoice of \$446.40 for fertilizing the township halls lawn areas.

Roll call vote:

Yes: McCulloch, Spencer, Ferguson, Pike, Brandt,

No: Arnold, Walsh

Motion carried.

Motion by Walsh seconded by Ferguson to approve that the Bay Co. Road Commission get bids to do the Valley Tech Park roads – Straits, Alliance, and Valley Center estimated at \$360,151.68 and upon completion forever maintain those roads.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Walsh, Spencer, Ferguson, Pike, Brandt, McCulloch

No: Arnold

Motion carried.

Motion by Walsh seconded by Brandt to allow a spaghetti dinner fund raiser for the injured on-call fireman.

Feb. 4th if the date is available. Contract signed and security deposit.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Spencer, Ferguson, Pike, Arnold, Brandt, McCulloch, Walsh

No: None

Motion carried.

Chief Kramer gave a report on the recent accident.

B. Walsh stated the Planning Commission meeting is tomorrow.

Supervisor reported the newsletter was sent out, a press release on the 16 mil. investment in Monitor township, Steih Park hasn't started yet, the Holiday lights contest was a success – the winners gifts were donated from Begick's \$100, H2O \$100, and Kawkawlin County House \$50. The recycle bin for Christmas lights had a good response, Bay Co Road commission will be redoing 3 mile road and public meetings will be held here on it. DDA meets tomorrow, the county will work with us and the township should be receiving more money back than in the past. He had printed certificates of appreciation for D. Peters 5 years, C Goodwin and M. Killey 10 years, R. Ritterscamp and M. Easlick 20 years and J. Meier 35 years. The remodeled board room should be ready for use by the next meeting.

Motion by Walsh seconded by Brandt to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. Motion unanimously carried.

Linda Ferguson, Clerk

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CHAPTER 9

PINCONNING TOWNSHIP

Pinconning Township
Recreation Plan Adoption
Resolution # 23-13
12/12/2023

WHEREAS, Bay County, and thirteen local jurisdictions within Bay County including the City of Auburn, City of Bay City, Bangor Township, Beaver Township, City of Essexville, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Hampton Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Township, Pinconning Township, 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 2024 and 2029 and,

WHEREAS, public input was received via an online survey that was available from June 23, 2023 through July 24, 2023, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas, express opinions, regarding the future of parks and recreation in Bay County and Pinconning Township, and

WHEREAS, the draft plan was made available for review from October 20, 2023 through November 21, 2023, at the Bay County Building and at the four Bay County library locations, and online at the Bay County website, and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on November 21, 2023, at 4:30 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 Pinconning 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 Pinconning Township Board voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.

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

(Yeas

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Nays:


0

Absent:

0

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I, Beverlene Hribek, Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by Pinconning Township Board at a Regular Meeting thereof held on December 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm.


Beverlene Hribek

PINCONNING TOWNSHIP BOARD

REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 12TH, 2023 7:00 PM

PINCONNING TOWNSHIP HALL 1751 E. CODY ESTEY RD., PINCONNING, MI. 48650

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: Pomaville @ 7 PM

ROLL CALL: Faith, Beck, Whitney, Hribek, Pomaville - Present

OPENING: Pledge of Allegiance said in unison

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH FOLLOWING CHANGES: # 11 REMOVE DELINQUENT PROPERTIES, # 12 FLOW CHART FOR ADMINISTRATOR ACTION, # 13 APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF REVIEW. Beck/Whitney 5/Yes, 0/No Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT:

MOTION TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT

Whitney/Faith 5/Yes, 0/No Motion Carried

No Public Comment at this time.

MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION.

Whitney/Faith 5/Yes, 0/No Motion Carried

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14TH, 2023, NOVEMBER 27TH, 2023, NOVEMBER 30TH, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING AND DECEMBER 4TH, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING

Whitney/Beck 5/Yes, 0/No Motion Carried

ROLL CALL: Faith, Beck, Whitney, Hribek, Pomaville – Yes

MOTION TO APPROVE THE BILLS AS PRESENTED TOTAL \$159,734.81 (GENERAL \$148,857.42, SEWER \$1,608.94, TAX \$9,268.45).

Beck/Hribek 5/Yes, 0/No Motion Carried

ROLL CALL: Faith, Beck, Whitney, Hribek, Pomaville – Yes

REPORTS: Supervisor: We had our Christmas gathering, It was a great time and we really enjoyed it. We had our first annual food cook-off with Tater Tots and Paul Boss took the win.

Clerk: I just enjoyed the party as much as everyone else.

TREASURER: Taxes are coming in. Brandon helped with mailing of the veterans letters. Hall is rented out for several Christmas parties, due to our beautiful decorations.

TRUSTEES: How many Veterans exempt letter were mailed? Beck said about 16.

MANAGER: There is a proposal that is attempting to get on the ballot to have “no-tax” system.

This would eliminate all property taxes. There isn’t a plan how funding governments or

Services would work. Possibly through sale tax increase or local tax millages, it’s unknown.

ASSESSOR: In December, the plan to have all inspections finished, including building permits and re-inspections that need to be completed. Attached report.

SHERIFF REPORT, Included in packet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Poverty Guidelines / AMAR Documentation

MOTION MADE TO ADOPT RESOLUTION # 23-12 THE 2023 POVERTY GUIDELINES

Beck/Whitney 5/Yes, 0/No Motion Carried

ROLL CALL: Faith, Beck, Whitney, Hribek, Pomaville – Yes

2. Recreation Plan

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION # 23-13 THE RECREATION PLAN THAT WAS JOINTLY

COMMISSIONED WITH BAY COUNTY.

Hribek/Beck 5/Yes, 0/No Motion Carried

ROLL CALL: Faith, Beck, Whitney, Hribek, Pomaville – Yes

3. Attorney Communication- Solar

MOTION TO EXTEND MORATORIUM ON LARGE AND MEDIUM SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM

UNTIL 06/30/24.

Whitney/Faith 5/Yes, 0/No Motion Carried

ROLL CALL: Faith, Beck, Whitney, Hribek, Pomaville – Yes

4. Standish Township Water

Pomaville stated, that a nice conversation was had with Mr. North and looking forward to working with him in the future.

5. Door & Lock for NBA

MOTION TO PURCHASE NEW DOOR AND PUSH BUTTON LOCK FOR NBA TO BE INSTALLED BY HUGO'S LOCKSMITHING NOT TO EXCEED \$2000.00.

Whitney/Beck 5/Yes, 0/No **Motion Carried**

ROLL CALL: Faith, Beck, Whitney, Hribek, Pomville – Yes

6. POLE Barn Cement

Pomaville: Discussion on finishing the North Side Cement for \$4,300.00 installed by Vallad Builders.

MOTION TO HAVE THE NORTH SIDE CEMENT DONE BY VALLAD BUILDERS FOR \$4,300.00

Whitney/Hribek 5/Yes, 0/No **Motion Carried**

ROLL CALL: Faith, Beck, Whitney, Hribek, Pomaville – Yes

7. Property Offer Neuman Rd

MOTION MADE TO REJECT THE OFFER OF \$1800.00 FOR PARCEL # 120-025-300-080-00 AT 2539 E. NEUMAN RD FROM MR. FREI.

Whitney/Beck 5/Yes, 0/No **Motion Carried**

ROLL CALL: Faith, Beck, Whitney, Hribek, Pomaville – Yes

8. Northern Bay Ambulance

Pomaville: We would like to move the stored Ambulances inside the Pole Barn.

MOTION TO MOVE THE AMBULANCE INSIDE THE POLE BARN

Whitney/Beck 5/Yes, 0/No **Motion Carried**

Pomaville: Also, a motion to pay for the Injectors \$5068.32 at Buds.

MOTION TO PAY FOR THE AMBULANCE INJECTORS AT BUDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5068.32.

Whitney/Faith 5/Yes, 0/No **Motion Carried**

ROLL CALL: Faith, Beck, Whitney, Hribek, Pomaville – Yes

9. MML Renewal: Compassionate Advisors – 5 AU Class C Licenses

MOTION TO RENEW LICENSE FOR COMPASSIONATE ADVISORS – 5 AU CLASS C LICENSES

Whitney/Beck 5/Yes, 0/No **Motion Carried**

**10. MML Renewal: MI Investment 10 LLC – 1 AU Processing, 1 Med Processing,
1 Class C Grow**

MOTION TO RENEW LICENSE FOR MI INVESTMENT 10 LLC- 1 MED PROCESSING,

1 CLASS C GROW

Whitney/Beck

5/Yes, 0/No

Motion Carried

11. Remove Delinquent Property

MOTION TO REMOVE TWO PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES, SUNOCO, & DALE/WILSON PETROLEUM FOR 2018 THROUGH CURRENT.

Beck/Hribek

5/Yes, 0/No

Motion Carried

ROLL CALL: Faith, Beck, Whitney, Hribek, Pomaville – Yes

12. Tickets

MANAGER: Would like to have this flow chart adopted for the Zoning Administrator Actions related to complaints.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE FLOW CHART FOR THE PROCESS OF COMPLAINTS FOR THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ACTIONS

Whitney/Beck

5/Yes, 0/No

Motion Carried

13. Appointment to Board of Review

MOTION TO APPOINT STEPHEN MORIN TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW.

Beck/Whitney

5/Yes, 0/No

Motion Carried

Committee & Board Reports:

Zoning & Planning: Beck: We did have the Zoning & Planning Meeting. With Paul being the

Chair person, its almost like having a whole new Board. They are reading all the Material and having questions.

Pinconning Fraser Fire Board: Pomaville: Payton started the Cadet Program and is an asset to the Department.

Northern Bay Ambulance: Pomaville: The Board stepped up to donate a Hams or Turkeys.

The Community wants to give the employees, gift cards and gas cards in appreciation of their service.

Township Code Enforcement: Manager: The Code Enforcement to doing very well, financially.

Announcements: Hall Closed 12/22 – 12/26

Treasurers Office Open 12/28/2023 8 AM – 5 PM

Special Meeting / Work session 12/28/2023- 4 PM

Public Comment:

MOTION TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT

Whitney/Faith

No Public Comment

MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Whitney/Hribek

Adjourn at 9:49 PM

1/8/2024

Approved

Paul Pomaville

Paul Pomaville

Supervisor

Beverlene Hribek

Beverlene Hribek

Clerk

Pinconning Township Board

Regular Meeting December 12, 2023 7:00 PM

Pinconning Township Hall 1751 E. Cody Estey Rd Pinconning MI 48650

Meeting Called to Order

Roll Call

Opening

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment: Any person shall be permitted to address a meeting of the Pinconning Township Board. Public comment shall be carried out in accordance with the rules and procedures listed on the reverse of this agenda.

Approval of Minutes: November 14, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, November 27, 2023 Special Meeting / Worksession Minutes, November 30, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes, December 4, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes

Approval of Bills as Presented Total \$159,734.81 (General \$148,857.42, Sewer \$1,608.94, Tax \$9,268.45)

Reports: Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Trustees, Manager, Assessor, Zoning Administrator, Sheriff Office

Unfinished Business:

1.

New Business:

1. Poverty Guidelines / AMAR Documentation
2. Recreation Plan
3. Attorney Communication - Solar
4. Standish Township Water
5. Door & Lock for NBA
6. Pole Barn Cement
7. Property Offer Neuman Rd
8. Northern Bay Ambulance
9. MML Renewal: Compassionate Advisors – 5 AU Class C Licenses
10. MML Renewal: MI Investment 10 LLC – 1 AU Processing, 1 Med Processing, 1 Class C Grow
11. *Remove delinquent 12. for ticket 13. appointment to B of Review*

Committee & Board Reports

Zoning & Planning

Pinconning Fraser Fire Board

Northern Bay Ambulance

Township Code Enforcement

Announcements: Hall Closed 12/22 – 12/26

Treasurer's Office Open 12/28/2023 8am-5pm

Special Meeting / Worksession 12/28/23

Public Comment: Questions & Answers: Any person shall be permitted to address at a meeting of the Pinconning Township Board. Public comment shall be carried out in accordance with the rules and procedures listed on the reverse of this agenda.

Adjourn Meeting

CHAPTER 9

PORTSMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PORTSMOUTH RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-001**

WHEREAS, Bay County, and thirteen local jurisdictions within Bay County including the City of Auburn, City of Bay City, Bangor Township, Beaver Township, City of Essexville, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Hampton Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Township, Pinconning Township, 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 2024 and 2029 and,

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WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on November 21, 2023, at 4:30 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 Charter Township of Portsmouth 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, January 15, 2024, the Charter Township of Portsmouth voted to adopt said Recreation Plan,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Charter Township of Portsmouth adopts the Bay County Area Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation for the residents of the Charter Township of Portsmouth.

Yeas: Kokaly, Corion, Bukowski, Pett, VanDriessche, Banaszak and Pawlak.

Nays: None

Absent:None

I Judith F. Bukowski, Portsmouth Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Portsmouth Township Board at a Regular Meeting thereof held on January 15, 2024 at 6:00 pm.


Portsmouth Township Clerk

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PORTSMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JANUARY 15, 2024 – REGULAR MEETING

The Charter Township of Portsmouth Board of Trustees held their regular scheduled meeting on Monday, January 15, 2024, in the conference room at 1711 W. Cass Ave. Rd. Bay City, Michigan.

Supervisor Pawlak called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Bukowski, Pett, Banaszak, Corrión, VanDriessche, Kokaly and Pawlak. Also present: Ken DeWyse, Building Inspector and Randy Stefaniak, Fire Chief. There was no public present.

Motion by VanDriessche and supported by Kokaly to approve the agenda with the addition of the recreation plan resolution and deletion of the planning commission draft minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Banaszak and supported by Pett to approve the minutes of the 12-18-2023 regular meeting. Motion carried.

No Treasurer's report was available.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

Our deputy is still out. He has an appointment this month that may determine when he will be back.

The Bay County Road Commission approved our request to have Pine between Cass and Youngs ditch remain an Restricted Truck Route. It was also mentioned at their meeting that work on the corner of M-15 and Youngs ditch/22nd St should start in the spring.

Senator MacDonald-Rivet has still not responded to a letter Bob sent regarding the Solar/Wind legislation.

If anyone is interested Bob signed up for a wind and solar webinar on Wednesday the 17th at noon. There is plenty of room if anyone wants to come watch in the conference room.

Everyone was given a schedule of the Planning Commission meetings. It is recommended that Board members attend while the Master Plan and Zoning Updates are taking place so we are all up to date when it comes time to approve them.

Our new snow plow guy did a great job with his first snowfall.

Nick gave Bob information about a 2001 Silverado with a snow plow for sale in Oxford, MI for \$9,900. We are number 7 on a list of parties interested in purchasing it. He requested Approval to make the purchase if our number comes up and we are satisfied with the condition of the truck and plow.

Motion by Corrión and supported by Bukowski to purchase the truck if that is the "rock bottom" price and it meets our conditions. Motion carried.

Todd Shorkey, one of our firefighters, took some very nice aerial photos of different areas in the Township. Bob is going to get prices of frames and enlargements of the photos to hang in the lobby and conference room.

BAY COUNTY AREA RECREATION PLAN:

The County's Recreation Plan has been completed and now each jurisdiction participating must adopt a resolution in order to be a part of the plan.

Motion by Kokaly and supported by Corrion that the Charter Township of Portsmouth adopts the Bay County Area Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation for the residents of the Charter Township of Portsmouth. Yeas: Kokaly, Corrion, Bukowski, Pett, Banaszak, VanDriessche and Pawlak. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Corrion and supported by VanDriessche that the approved bills be paid from the General Fund. Yeas: Corrion, VanDriessche, Banaszak, Bukowski, Pett, Kokaly and Pawlak. Nays: None. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Chief Stefaniak reported that Brandon Mulvaney is now a licensed Medical First Responder.

The department will be selling tickets soon for their annual raffle.

The department is hosting the MABAS (Chief's) meeting February 20th.

Pancake Breakfast will be May 5th. Proceeds will go to Camp Fish Tales.

The 2023 Run Summary was reviewed. There was a discussion about the amount of mutual aid we are providing to Merritt Township

Ken DeWyse, building inspector. Reviewed the five permits that he issued since last month's meeting.

Motion by Kokaly and supported by VanDriessche to receive a written report from Zoning Administrator, Joe DeWyse. Motion carried.

There are five issues he is following up on: 1917 Cass Avenue, Jerry Woys, Colton Hines at 195 Finn Rd. Wellman and Vasquez on Finn Road.

Motion by Kokaly and supported by VanDriessche that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Robert Pawlak, Supervisor

Judy F. Bukowski, Clerk

CHAPTER 9

WILLIAMS CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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RESOLUTION 2024-01-09

ADOPTION OF BAY COUNTY RECREATION PLAN

WHEREAS, Bay County, and thirteen local jurisdictions within Bay County including the City of Auburn, City of Bay City, Bangor Township, Beaver Township, City of Essexville, Frankenlust Township, Fraser Township, Hampton Township, Merritt Township, Monitor Township, Pinconning Township, 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 2024 and 2029 and,

WHEREAS, public input was received via an online survey that was available from June 23, 2023 through July 24, 2023, to provide an opportunity for citizens to share ideas, express opinions, regarding the future of parks and recreation in Bay County and Williams Charter Township, and

WHEREAS, the draft plan was made available for review from October 20, 2023 through November 21, 2023, at the Bay County Building and at the four Bay County library locations, and online at the Bay County website, and

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on November 21, 2023, at 4:30 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 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 day 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 Bay County Area Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving parks and recreation for the residents of Williams Charter Township.

Yeas: 7 Nays: None Absent: None

I, **Jerome Putt, Clerk**, 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 December 12, 2023.

Jerome Putt, Clerk

WILLIAMS CHARTER TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

The Board of Trustees of Williams Charter Township held a Regular Meeting at Williams Township Hall on Tuesday, December 12, 2023. The agenda is attached as Exhibit A.

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by W. Butterfield, Supervisor, at 7:00 p.m.

Present: W. Butterfield (Supervisor), T. Charbonneau (Treasurer), J. Putt (Clerk), J. Gower (Trustee), B. Jean (Trustee), J. Plant (Trustee) S. VanTol (Trustee).

II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said in unison.

III. Public Input

- . Chad Adams suggested that anyone who has site plans or business with the Planning Commission should have their current taxes paid in full to get a permit.
- . Jerry Kalin would like to discuss his site plan. It was agreed to add to the January agenda.
- . Jim Klein wants it noted in the minutes that they are working to resolve the issues on the Kalin property.

IV. Changes to Agenda

Add Item #14 – New copier in front office.

J. Gower moved to change the Regular Agenda, by adding item 14 with support from S. VanTol.

Aye: 7 Nay: None

Motion carried.

V. Consent Agenda

1. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes – November, 2023 (A1)
2. Authorize Monthly Payments- Republic Waste, Consumers Energy, Health Insurance, BC Road Patrol, and Spectrum.
3. Receive Financial Statement November, 2023 (A2)
4. Receive Revenue and Expenditure Reports for November, 2023 (A3)
5. Approve List of Available Workshops within Michigan (A4)
6. Approve Unpaid Bills List (A5)
7. Receive Committee Reports List (B)
8. Receive Miscellaneous Communications and Correspondence (C)

S. VanTol moved to accept the Consent Agenda, as presented, with support from B. Jean.

Aye: 7 Nay: 0

Motion carried.

VI. Regular Agenda

1. The Budget for Review Session

The Budget was reviewed and discussed.
The Public Hearing was open at 7:30 p.m.
No discussion.
The Public Hearing was closed at 7:31 p.m.

2. 2024 Budget Appropriation Resolution #12-12-070-A/B

J. Gower moved to approve the 2024 Budget Appropriation Resolution as presented. S. VanTol supports.

Aye: W. Butterfield, T. Charbonneau, J. Putt, J. Gower, B. Jean, J. Plant, S. VanTol

Nay: None

Motion carried.

3. Overlay on Bay -Mid County Line Road – Supervisor

W. Butterfield had meeting with the Road Commission. The road is cracking and has a lot of road travel.

J. Putt moved to do a 4-way payment with Midland County, Bay County, Larkin Township and Williams Township, at the cost of \$36,000.00 each, to repair the road. T. Charbonneau supports.

Aye: W. Butterfield, T. Charbonneau, J. Putt, J. Gower, B. Jean, J. Plant, S. VanTol

Nay: None

Motion carried.

4. Fisherville Farms Lights Special Assessment – Treasurer

T. Charbonneau explained the assessment will raise the rate approximately \$20.00 per household. It will remove one parcel, and add 4 lots.

J. Gower moved to introduce, waive reading and publish the notice of intent to modify and amend the Special Assessment District of Fisherville Farms. B. Jean supports.

Aye: W. Butterfield, T. Charbonneau, J. Putt, J. Gower, B. Jean, J. Plant, S. VanTol

Nay: None

Motion carried.

5. Adopt Bay County Recreation Fund – Treasurer

T. Charbonneau has been working with the Bay County Recreation Program and stated we need to be a part of it, to obtain funding in the form of grants.

J. Plant moved to adopt the Bay County Recreation Plan to apply for grants and to improve the park. W. Butterfield supports.

Aye: 7 Nay: None

Motion carried.

6. Special Consideration for Hall Rental – Treasurer

Bay County Youth Exposition has requested special consideration for the rental of the hall for a fund raiser.

W. Butterfield moved to remove “Special Consideration” off the website and not to advertise that. B. Jean supports.

J. Gower moved to deny special consideration request to the Bay County Youth Exposition and to be billed the full price. T. Charbonneau supports.

Aye: 7 Nay: None

Motion carried.

7. Water Rate Resolution – T. Charbonneau

T. Charbonneau and J. Putt attended a meeting with the Bay County Department of Water & Sewer, discussing the rates. The last increase was January 2021.

J. Putt moved to increase the water rate to \$4.84 per ccf. S. VanTol supports.

Aye: W. Butterfield, T. Charbonneau, J. Putt, J. Gower, B. Jean, J. Plant, S. VanTol

Nay: None

Motion carried.

8. Second December Payroll – T. Charbonneau

It was indicated that payroll will be very late if done after Christmas.

J. Putt moved to approve doing payroll early, on December 21, 2023. B. Jean supports.

Aye: W. Butterfield, T. Charbonneau, J. Putt, J. Gower, B. Jean, J. Plant, S. VanTol

Nay: None

Motion carried.

9. PA116 for Randy & Renee DeShano

All documentation is complete and ready to send to the state.

J. Gower moved to approve the PA116 Application for Randy & Renee DeShano for 75.48 acres. J. Plant supports.

Aye: W. Butterfield, T. Charbonneau, J. Putt, J. Gower, B. Jean, J. Plant, S. VanTol

Nay: None

Motion carried.

10. Request for Zielinski & Fisherville Subdivisions Storm Water Modeling

Kibbe and Associates have agreed to take shots and give us a plan of action for an outlet for the Zielinski pond. Williams Township owns this pond.

W. Butterfield moved to approve not to exceed \$1,900.00 and allow Kibbe to finish the water drainage evaluation. J. Gower supports.

Aye: W. Butterfield, T. Charbonneau, J. Putt, J. Gower, B. Jean, J. Plant, S. VanTol

Nay: None

Motion carried.

11. Auburn Williams Recreation Association

Ron Kohn would like to retire from the Treasurer position. Kellie Andrus has volunteered, with Ron's support.

J. Putt moved to approve Kellie Andrus for the volunteer position of the Auburn Williams Recreation Association Treasurer and Township Representative. B. Jean supports.

Aye: 7 Nay: 0

Motion carried.

12. Planning Commission Reappointments

Three commissioner's appointments have expired; however they are still interested in serving.

J. Putt moved to reappoint Jennfier Doran, Doug Behmlander and Kevin Dzurak to the Planning Commission, serving until 2026, which is a 3-year term. J. Plant supports.

Aye: 7 Nay: 0

Motion carried.

13. Annual Revision – Assessor's Compensation

This is written in Tod Fackler's contract and has been approved in the 2024 Budget.

S. VanTol moved to approve the Assessor's contract, increasing his pay by \$2,6013.16 per year, which is \$4,555.53 monthly. J. Putt supports.

Aye: W. Butterfield, T. Charbonneau, J. Putt, J. Gower, B. Jean, J. Plant, S. VanTol

Nay: None

Motion carried.

14. New Copier

Current one is 10 years old and is in need of frequent repairs.

J. Putt moved to have a 60 month lease agreement with Ricoh, waive the \$500.00 fee for the current repair and trade in current copier. J. Gower supports.

Aye: W. Butterfield, T. Charbonneau, J. Putt, J. Gower, B. Jean, J. Plant, S. VanTol

Nay: None

Motion carried.

VII. Unfinished Business

- S. VanTol questioned the Building Department replacements. There has been interest from Toby Bridges, who does not want to do zoning. It was agreed to have an Interview Process, with Committee Members: Jim Plant, Jerry Putt, Terri Charbonneau, Doug Behmlander and Jeremy Rosenbrock.

VII. Committee Reports

- S. VanTol explained that Midland Road, from 8 Mile to the City Limits will be milled.
- B. Jean – No Rec Meeting
- J. Plant – Dow Chemical will hold a big meeting on Thursday, December 14, 2023.

- Derek LeCronier has killed 66 deer on his property
 - Truck Crossing sign should be removed, by Norm Adams house.
 - ARPA funds are gone.
- Butterfield questioned the street light at 11 Mile & Midland Road.

VIII. Public Input

- Vaughn Begick stated that they have passed their budget.
 - Former Art Van furniture will be the new health department
 - They did not pass the Kawkawlin River dredging project.

IX. Adjournment

W. Butterfield moved to adjourn at 8:22 p.m., with support from S. VanTol.

Aye: 7

Nay: None

Motion carried.

Jerome E. Putt, Clerk

Will Butterfield, Supervisor

APPENDIX F – LIBERTY HARBOR MARINA FIVE-YEAR PLAN

LIBERTY HARBOR MARINA
5-YEAR PLAN
(Amendment to the 5-Year Recreation Plan, 2024-2029)



CITY OF BAY CITY
BAY COUNTY, MICHIGAN

SPICER GROUP, INC
MARCH 2024

NAME AND LOCATION

Liberty Harbor Marina, City of Bay City, Bay County, Michigan

The Liberty Harbor Marina is on the Saginaw River which accesses not only the river, but also Saginaw Bay and Lake Huron. The Marina is located along John F. Kennedy Drive just south of East Midland Street, near many restaurants and entertainment venues. It is located at the north end of Veterans Memorial Park on the west side of the Saginaw River. The City hosts many large special events at the park, including the annual 4th of July Fireworks festival, that bring people into the park from all over the State including boats to the marina.

The marina address is:

Liberty Harbor Marina
215 John. F. Kennedy Drive
Bay City, MI 48706

SIZE OF FACILITY

Liberty Harbor Marina is a 100-slip facility. There are 25 transient slips and 75 seasonal slips in the marina with water, electric boxes at the ends of the docks, dock carts, and pump out. The marina facility also provides a bathhouse (with restrooms, showers, overnight security, and wi-fi), a parking lot with long-term parking available, and a storage barn for operation and maintenance of the facility. The adjacent park provides picnic tables, a playground, and access to the Bay City Riverwalk/River Trail. Public boat launches are located immediately south of the marina in Veterans Memorial Park, or at Cass Ave. Boat Launch (2.5 miles south) and Golson Park Boat Launch (1.3 miles north)

The marina operates from May 1st to October 15th.

The number of slips and the marina size seems very appropriate at this time during normal usage.

The City does not have plans to expand the facility at this point in time. There are busier times, like the 4th of July holiday or other special events, where the marina reaches capacity; at these times, we accommodate as many boats as possible at the marina, sometimes without water or electric. We also may redirect them to other docks in the area.

ADA ACCESSIBILITY

The City of Bay City is committed to ensuring ADA accessibility at all of their facilities. The City's dedication to ADA compliance is evident in their parking lot, walkways, sidewalks, bathhouse, and docks, all of which are ADA accessible. Improvements were made to the bathhouse in 2021; there are ADA accessible stall in the men's and women's restrooms; the men's restroom has 2 toilets and 2 urinals, with one of the toilet stalls being ADA accessible; the women's restroom has 4 toilets with 1 ADA accessible stall. There are 4 showers, with 1 ADA accessible shower.

The exterior of the bathhouse has paved walkways (7-feet wide or more) leading to the building entrances, to the docks, and to the parking lot. The parking lot has 109 total parking spaces, with 8 of them ADA accessible. Slopes on the walks and parking lot are 2% or less.

Each dock's main dock is 8-feet wide, with fingers on each slip being 3-feet wide.

Floating docks, a hallmark of Liberty Harbor Marina, contribute significantly to accessibility. These docks effectively mitigate the uneven surfaces, providing stable pathways for all visitors. Additionally, adequate lighting ensures safe navigation, particularly for individuals with disabilities.

While the City does not currently offer an ADA boarding platform at Liberty Harbor Marina, they provide this amenity at one of their other City boat launches, specifically at Golson. The City continually strives to improve accessibility across all areas of the marina, ensuring that everyone can enjoy the facilities comfortably and safely.

SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The City replaced Dock D in the fall of 2023. The City with a grant from DNR Waterways will be replacing Dock C in the fall of 2024.

The City remodeled the Bathhouse with City funds in 2021.

In 2022 the City replaced all the concrete sidewalks around the Bathhouse.

The City plans to make improvements to the existing marina parking lot in 2025.

If funding and Waterways Grant approval is received the City plans to remove and replace Dock B in the fall of 2025 and Dock A in the fall of 2026.



MARKETING, EVENTS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Liberty Harbor Marina serves as a pivotal hub for Bay City's vibrant event scene, strategically located amidst the excitement of Veterans Memorial Park and in the heart of the City happenings. The marina's central location not only offers convenient access to the various events hosted in Vets Park, Wenonah Park, East Midland Street, and downtown Bay City but also positions the City as a prime marketing asset. With thousands of guests flocking to these events annually, many of whom choose to stay at Liberty Harbor Marina, the City recognizes the significance of the marina location as a key marketing advantage. While the current marketing efforts primarily focus on social media platforms like Facebook and traditional brochure distribution, the City understands the immense potential of leveraging our proximity to major city events for promotional purposes.

Moreover, the City partnerships with water-based events further enhance our marketing reach and community engagement. Collaborating with organizers of events such as the Bay City concert series, Tall Ship Celebration, fishing tournaments, and River Roar, the Marina provides a temporary water-based home for their activities, enriching the overall experience for attendees and participants alike. Additionally, the marina serves as a vital resource for emergency response, with the presence of a police/fire department boat docked onsite for swift access during water emergencies or special events. Over the years, the City also facilitated storage for the sheriff's boat and Michigan Department of Natural Resources boat, reinforcing the City commitment to supporting local and state agencies and ensuring the safety and success of all water-related endeavors in the community. Looking ahead, the City aims to strengthen existing partnerships while exploring new collaborative opportunities to further promote Liberty Harbor Marina as a premier destination for boaters and event enthusiasts alike.

DREDGING INFORMATION

The marina was constructed in approximately 1990, making the facility approximately 34 years old.

The marina was dredged last in 2008. Presently there are no plans to dredge the facility.

The City is currently looking into purchasing equipment to do depth soundings themselves in the future.

MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT

1. **Annual maintenance schedule.** Please provide some detail on your typical annual maintenance and repairs, including projected costs.

The City typically sets aside \$20,000 to \$25,000 for various plumbing and electrical repairs on the docks, covering expenses for walkway lighting, water mains, and stanchions. Additionally, the City includes conducting mandated RPZ/cross-connection testing and performing any essential repairs to these systems. Moreover, the City ensures the bathhouse remains clean and fully operational, including its showers, faucets, and toilets. Replace ice eaters as needed each year.

2. **Minor or small-scale infrastructure replacement schedule.** This would be for minor infrastructure and the replacement of smaller items. Please include a project year and a project cost.

Over the years, the City has undertaken the reskinning of numerous finger piers and procured, fabricated, and installed new spuds to maintain the stability of the docks. As water levels have fluctuated, the City has encountered challenges with older pins/spuds being too short to effectively secure the docks in place.

3. **Large-scale maintenance and replacement schedules.** This section would include larger maintenance and replacement schedules for things like buildings, docks, water systems and more. Include a projected year and projected cost.

The City has worked to reskin numerous finger piers, renovated the bathhouse, and constructed a storage barn for marina equipment. Additionally, the City committed to an ongoing project to replace all four sections of our floating docks to enhance our marina's infrastructure. Furthermore, the City invested funds into upgrading the day docks in the uptown area, providing crucial water access to businesses within that district.

The following is an itemized list of past and future project of Liberty Harbor Marina

The City has annually budgeted or completed for the following repair items:

Deck Board Replacements, Electrical Repairs, Water Line Repairs, Misc. Items			\$7,000
2021	Bathhouse Remodel	\$180,000	
2023	Dock D Replacement	\$324,000	
2024	Dock C Replacement	\$581,500	
2025	Bathhouse Roof Replacement	\$100,000	
2025	Bathhouse Air Conditioner	\$25,000	
2025	Dock B Replacement	\$495,000	
2026	Dock A Replacement	\$550,000	
2026	Parking Lot Improvements	\$200,000	
2027	Parking Lot Lighting Improvements	\$10,000	
2028	Storage Barn Improvements	\$80,000	