Explore the Grand Region:
A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County

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Encompassing the Communities of

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City of Grand Haven
Grand Haven Charter Township
Spring Lake Township
Village of Spring Lake

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INTRODUCTION

Introduction

This plan, *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2020-2024,* replaces the previous first plan, with the same title for the years 2015-2019. The plan has been created as a joint community recreation plan which covers the five communities located in the northwest corner of Ottawa County, City of Ferrysburg, City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Charter Township, Spring Lake Township, and Village of Spring Lake. In addition to their locations, these communities also share similar natural resources of the Grand River basin which flows into Lake Michigan, the Lake Michigan Dune ecosystems, and other natural features. The communities are linked by a unique system of bridges over the Grand River, thereby the Grand River providing both a common feature to all of the communities while also a point of geographic separation.

There are many potential benefits to coordinated recreational planning for multiple community governmental agencies including increased efficiencies in providing park and recreation opportunities, access to increased funding sources, greater protection and identification of natural resources, greater potential for identifying creative ways of accomplishing recreation goals, public media coverage, expanded public support, economic advantages, and shared long term vision and goals.

To facilitate the planning process, the five communities established a Joint Recreation Plan Development Committee in which each community assigned one representative. The five communities determined that the best way to complete a joint recreation plan was to retain a recreation consultant to assist in the plan development. The five communities jointly retained the firm of PM Blough, Inc. to assist in the development of the recreation inventory, public input, the planning process, and the writing of the plan document. The Committee oversaw the planning effort and the Committee members served as liaisons between the Committee and their respective communities.

The comprehensive inventory has been updated of the recreational facilities within the five governmental jurisdictions. The results of this inventory are included in the Recreation Inventory section of this document and are broken into resources by each governmental unit as well as summarized as a whole community. The overall regional mapping of public parks into one map and the creation of an updated unified park facilities inventory chart, were updated as well. Individual park sheets are included for each park in a unified manner which can also be used for additional uses beyond the plan such as local websites and informational handouts.

During the planning process, the community input was gathered through the implementation of a scientific based survey conducted by the Frost Research Center of Hope College. Public input was gathered by a formal survey which included a total of 835 resident surveys through on-line responses and phone interviews. The results were presented for both the Community as a whole as well as broken down by each governmental unit. Further in-depth stakeholder surveys were conducted with advocates/program staff representing aging adults, residents with disabilities and coaches/program staff. The full results of the survey are included within the Appendix Section of this plan. The results were utilized by the planning team to identify future recreational projects, potential deficiencies, and overall public responses to where, when, and how the community desires to recreate.

The document is based on the format provided by the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources for community recreation planning. It contains plan sections that include the Community Description, Administrative Structure, Recreation Inventory, Goals and Objectives, and Action Plan, and Planning Process. It is the intent of this document to provide a foundation for recreational planning and development within the Community. The communities are not bound by an authority, but rather are jointly approving this plan individually.

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Community Description

Jurisdiction of the Plan

This plan provides a cooperatively developed plan for the communities of the City of Ferrysburg, City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Charter Township, Spring Lake Township, and the Village of Spring Lake, all located within northwest Ottawa County. These communities all share a common link to the Grand River, and a focus on its connecting waters of Spring Lake, adjacent bayous, and Lake Michigan. Together, these communities comprise approximately 57 square miles and a consolidated population of roughly 42,752 persons based on the 2010 US Census.

Community	Total Square Miles in Size
City of Ferrysburg	3.6 Square Miles
City of Grand Haven	7.4 Square Miles
Grand Haven Charter Township	28.6 Square Miles
Spring Lake Township	16.5 Square Miles
Village of Spring Lake	1.1 Square Miles
Total Area:	57.2 Square Miles

Historically the community developed as three separate cities, Grand Haven, Spring Lake, and Ferrysburg with each of these communities located independently on different sides of the Grand River and Spring Lake. As development and modern construction developed, the communities were connected with bridges making access between them quick and easy. Over time, the communities have grown together as well as outward into the neighboring townships of Spring Lake Township and Grand Haven Charter Township. Many of the recreational activities, festivals, and programs are offered as community wide opportunities. Recently this cooperative atmosphere has continued to grow and thrive. As a result, these communities determined it would be best to expand this to planning for the future vision collectively for the northwest Ottawa County region, being referred to here as the Grand Region.

This Recreation Plan has been developed to provide for cooperative planning regarding recreational facility needs and development.

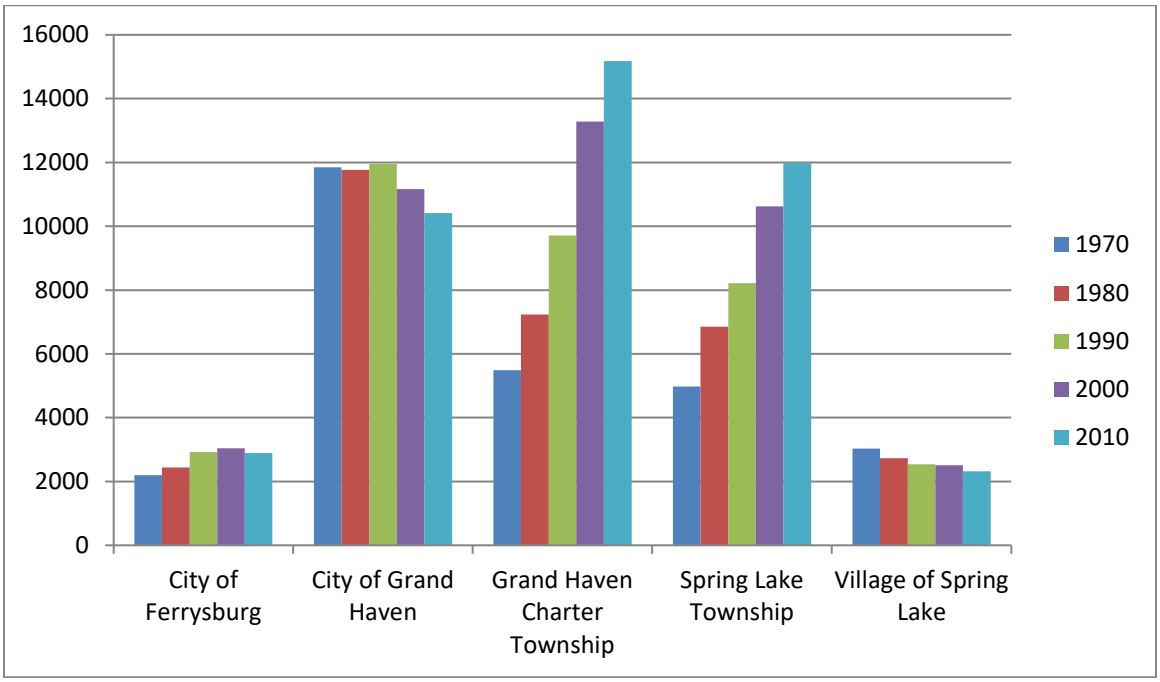
Community Population

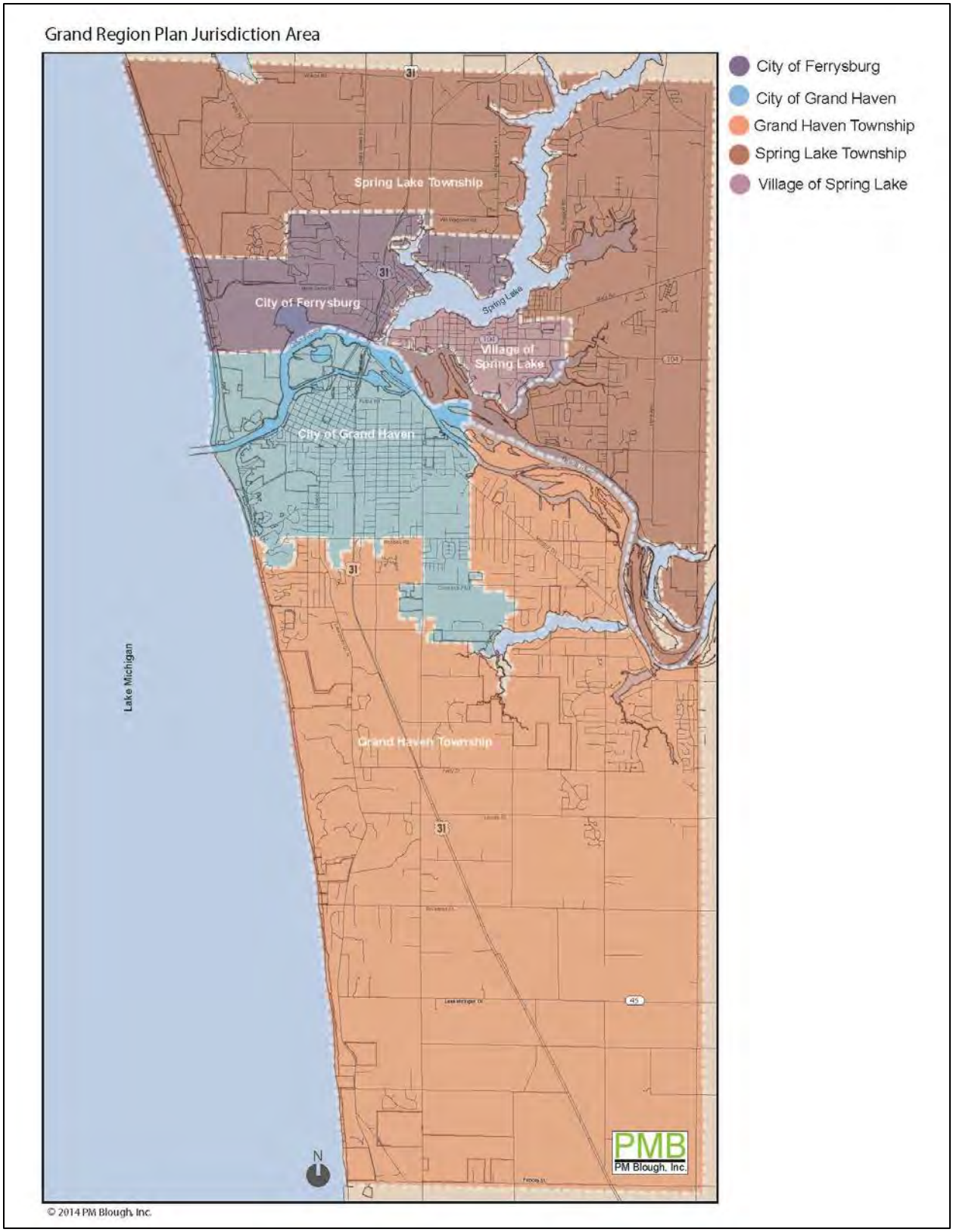
Northwest Ottawa County overall continues to show growth with the greatest growth within Grand Haven Charter Township and Spring Lake Township with slight declines in the City of Ferrysburg, City of Grand Haven, and the Village of Spring Lake. Based on the 2010 US Census data, the combined population of the five communities is:

Community	Number of Persons
City of Ferrysburg	2,892 persons
City of Grand Haven	10,412 persons
Grand Haven Charter Township	15,178 persons

Spring Lake Township	11,977 persons
Village of Spring Lake	2,323 persons
Total for 2010 US Census	42,782 persons

Comparison of Total Population by Community 1970-2010

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ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

City of Ferrysburg Administrative Structure

Administrative Structure

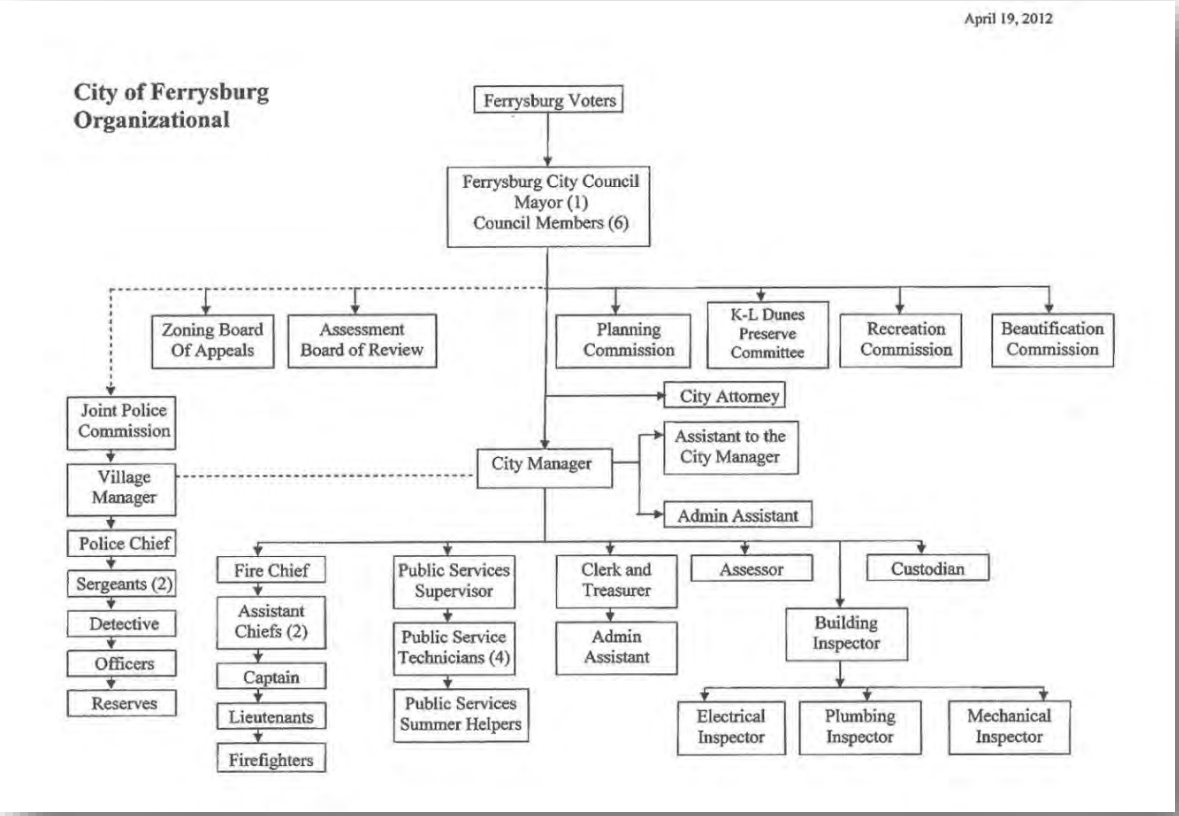
The City of Ferrysburg is administered by a seven member City Council lead by the Mayor. The Mayor's term is for two years and City Council Member terms are for four years. Regarding parks and recreation, the City Council approves the yearly budget, acquisition of lands, oversight of capital development projects, approval of City acceptance of grants, and establishment of park policy's and ordinances.

City Staff and Administration

The daily operation of the City and oversight of the City staff is the responsibility of the City Manager who is appointed by the City Council. The City parks are administered by the Public Services Department with four full-time and two seasonal employees who are assigned to parks and recreation facility maintenance.

Organization Chart

An organization chart of the City Structure follows:



Recreation Commission

The Ferrysburg City Council established, by ordinance, a seven member Recreation Commission that advise the City Council regarding parks and recreation matters. The Recreation Commission meets as needed to provide guidance to the planning, development, and operation of the parks within the City. The Michigan Enabling Legislation for the establishment of a Recreation Commission is 1929 PA312 Metropolitan District Act which provides for Charter Commissions.

Funding for Parks

Funding for the development and maintenance of the parks is provided by the City's General Fund which has a 2019-2020 parks budget of $221,717, broken into with a budget for park operation and maintenance of $194,917, and a capital development budget of $26,800. The General Fund includes an additional budget item of $9,100 for programming as a contribution to the Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority.

Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority (NORA)

The City of Ferrysburg is a member of the Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority (NORA), an authority that provides recreational programming for the member communities included within the Grand Haven Area Public Schools boundaries including the City of Ferrysburg, City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Township, and Robinson Township, and Port Sheldon Township. The Grand Haven Area Public Schools is also a supporting entity through the use of school facilities. Funding for the Authority is provided by member communities, revenues generated from the programs, and various grants and sponsorships. Member agencies also provide park athletic facilities for use by the NORA programs, as well as other local non-profits

Local Non-profits & Volunteers

Local Non-profit organizations providing recreational programming are included in the Recreation Inventory Section of the Plan as they encompass the entire community.

City of Grand Haven Administrative Structure

Administrative Structure and City Council

The City of Grand Haven, by charter, operates under a Council-Manager form of government. The Grand Haven City Council is comprised of a Mayor and four Council members elected at large who serve two and four year terms respectively. The City Council appoints a Chief Administrative Officer (City Manager) whose responsibility is to carry out priorities and goals of the City Council including the fiscal budgeting for parks operation and maintenance, park capital development, land acquisition, grant acceptance and recreation within the community. Park rules and policies are set by the City Council as part of the City Ordinances with recommendations from the Parks and Recreation Board.

Parks and Recreation Board

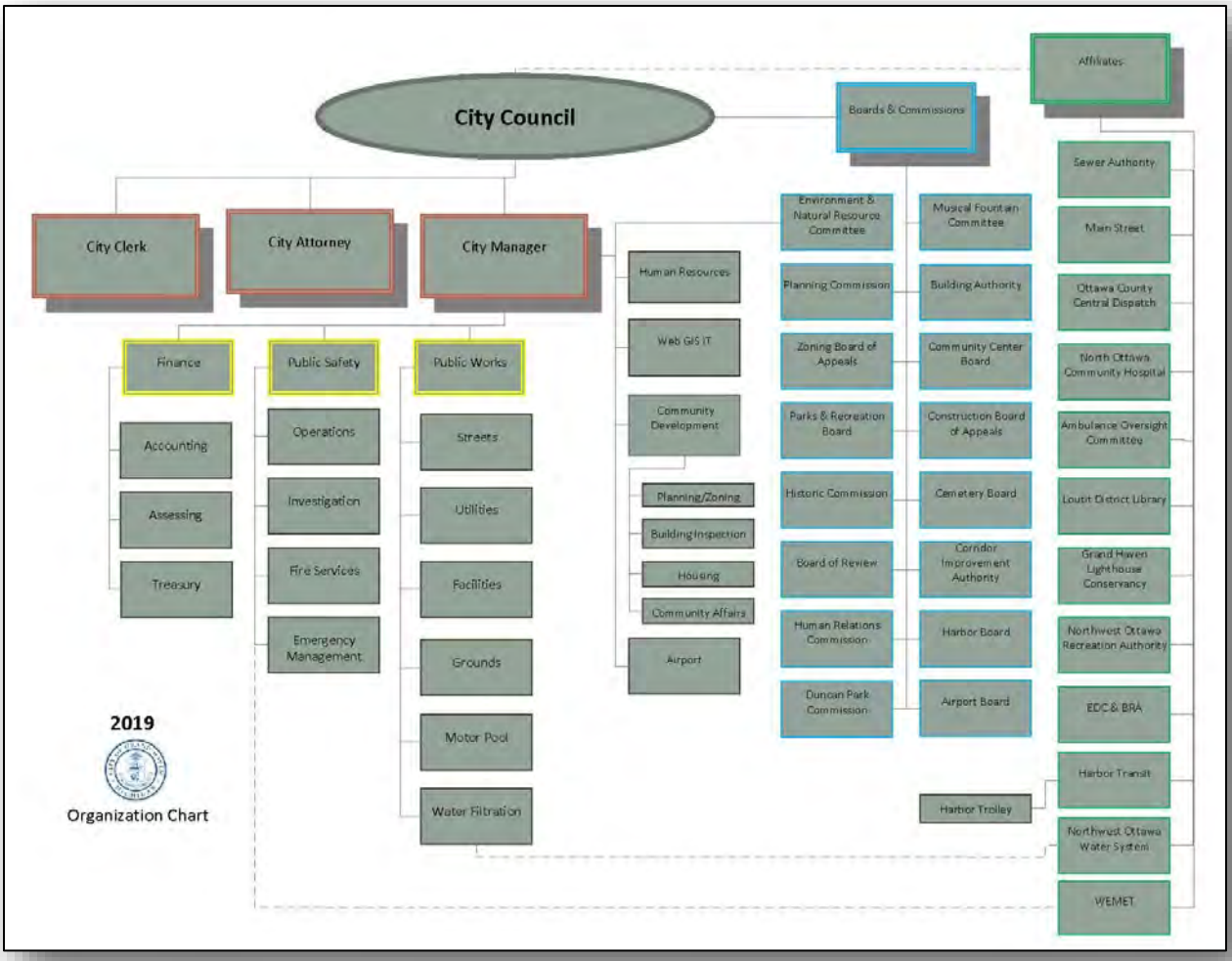
The City Charter "affords citizen participation in the affairs of the city government for the purpose of determining community needs and means of meeting such needs through the government of the city." (City charter Section. 7.14) The Parks and Recreation Board is one of the boards listed in the Charter and is comprised of five Grand Haven citizen volunteers who are appointed by the City Council for a term of five years. The establishment of the Parks and Recreation board is allowed through the Michigan enabling legislation 1917 PA 156 Recreation and Playgrounds. The Parks and Recreation Board meets monthly to provide guidance regarding the planning, development, and operation of the City's parks by making recommendations to the City Council for final approval.

City Staff

The parks are maintained and operated by the Grounds Service Area and the Maintenance Service Area of the Department of Public Works with four full time employees and up to fifteen summer seasonal employees dedicated to the parks, as well as one half SWAP crew. These employees assist with community volunteers and maintain the parks infrastructure year round. The Public Works Director assigns the Special Projects Manager as the staff liaison to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Organization Chart

An organization chart depicting the functions and lines of authority is shown on the following page.



Funding for Parks and Recreation

Funding for the development and maintenance of the parks is provided by the City's General Fund, with a 2019 budget for park operation and maintenance of $873,280, and a capital development budget of $622,500. The General Fund includes a budget of $33,920 for programming as a contribution to the Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority.

Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority (NORA)

The City of Grand Haven is a member of the Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority (NORA), an authority that provides recreational programming for the member communities within the Grand Haven Area Public Schools boundaries including the City of Ferrysburg, City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Township, and Robinson Township, and Port Sheldon Township. The Grand Haven Area Public Schools is supporting the entity through the use of school facilities. Funding for the Authority is provided by member communities, revenues generated from the

programs, and various grants and sponsorships. Member agencies also provide park athletic facilities for use by the NORA programs, as well as other local non-profits

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Grand Haven Charter Township Administrative Structure

Township Board

The Grand Haven Charter Township Board is the main legislative body of the Township. It is comprised of a supervisor, clerk, treasurer, and four trustees elected at large. Each of the officials is elected to serve four-year terms. The role of the Board is to develop legislative polices which include the adoption of all planning documents and the establishment of the yearly fiscal budget. In regards to Parks and Recreation, the Township Board approves all park planning documents, policies and financial budgets as well as capital development. One member of the Township Board serves on the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Township Planning Commission

The Planning Commission is comprised of nine members who are appointed by the Township Board. One member is a member of the Township Board, and a second member is a Zoning Board of Appeals member. The Planning Commission reviews and makes formal recommendations to the Township Board regarding planned unit developments, planning policies, ordinances, and master plans. One member of the Planning Commission serves on the Parks and Recreation Committee to provide insight to the committee and provide a liaison to the Commission regarding recreational planning and interface of park properties with surrounding land uses. At the direction of the Township Board, the Planning Commission reviews the plan and provides a recommendation to the Township Board, prior to Township Board approval.

Parks and Recreation Committee

The Parks and Recreation Committee members are appointed by the Township Board. The committee was formed in 1988 to involve the community in the development of Mercury Park. Since that time, the Committee has continued to assist in the overall direction and development of the entire park system. The Committee acts in an advisory role to the Township Board and includes one Township Board member. The Committee provides review and recommendation of the plan to the Township Board regarding adoption of the plan.

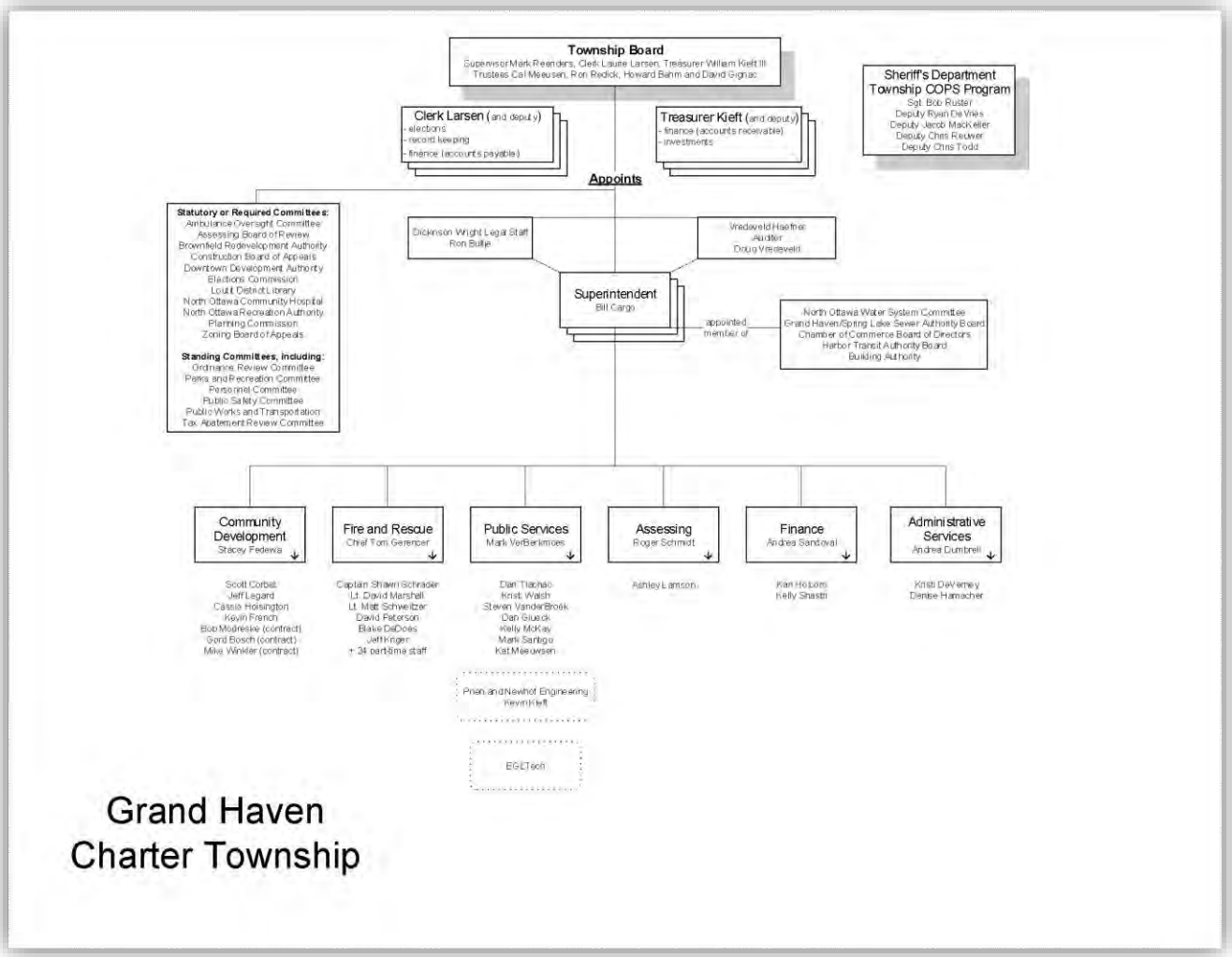
Township Staff and Organization

Administration of the Township's operations is the responsibility of the Township Superintendent. The Superintendent is contracted as an employee by the Township Board. The Superintendent implements the board's legislative policies through the day to day operations. The Township has sixty-one staff persons involved in the day to day operations including the Township public services, parks, finances, building and zoning, as well as public safety.

The care of the parks is by one full-time employee assigned to the maintenance of the parks who is assisted by four part-time employees. The Public Services Department provides additional assistance for year round maintenance such as mowing, repairs to facilities, and cleaning. They are also responsible for overseeing the development of capital improvement projects. The Public Services Director also serves as a staff person to the Park and Recreation Committee. The Ottawa County Sheriff and the Township Fire/Rescue Department provide security for the parks. The non-motorized pathway system, considered separate from the parks system has one full-time staff person assigned to the care and maintenance of the 30 miles of pathways.

Township Organization Chart

An organization chart depicting the functions and lines of authority is shown below.



Parks and Recreation Funding

The total budgeted General Fund expenditures for Grand Haven Charter Township for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 is $3,837,660. Additional funds are budgeted for the Fire Fund, Sewer Construction Fund, Non-Motorized Path Fund, and the Water Service Fund.

Funding for the care and development of the parks is within the General Fund. In the 2019 Fiscal Year, the projected annual expenditures for parks are $457,750. Expenses against these funds are projected at $164,600 for two Township employees and administration, $60,100 is the Township's contribution to the Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority Program, $52,150 for general maintenance and projects, and $108,600 in capital improvements.

The development phase of the Township's Non-Motorized Pathway System was funded by an initial ten-year 0.90 mil levy, which was approved by the voters in 1990. The second phase was approved by Township voters in 1998, when the Township proposed a $1,732,000 general obligation unlimited tax bond. The second debt rate expired in 2008. Construction was completed based on the initial bond sales. In 2016 voters approved a millage in the amount of 0.45 mils, for a total bond amount of $4,500,000. Construction of the additional ten miles of pathway began in 2017 and was completed in 2019.

Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority (NORA)

The Grand Haven Charter Township is a member of the Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority (NORA), an authority that provides recreational programming for the member communities included within the Grand Haven Area Public Schools boundaries including the City of Ferrysburg, City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Township, and Robinson Township, and Port Sheldon Township. The Grand Haven Area Public Schools is also a supporting entity through the use of school facilities and oversight of the NORA staff and funds. Funding for the Authority is provided by member communities, revenues generated from the programs, and various grants and sponsorships. Member agencies also provide park athletic facilities for use by the NORA programs, as well as other local non-profits.

Local Non-profits & Volunteers

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Spring Lake Township Administrative Structure

Township Board and Administrative Structure

Spring Lake Township is a General Law Township incorporated in 1849 that is led by a seven member elected Board of Trustees comprised of a supervisor, clerk, treasurer, and four trustees elected at large. Each of the officials is elected to four year terms. The role of the Board is to develop legislative polices which include the adoption of all planning documents and the establishment of the yearly fiscal budget. The Board employs a Township Manager that serves as liaison between the Township staff and Board. In regards to Parks and Recreation, the Township Board approves all park planning documents, policies and financial budgets as well as capital development.

Parks and Recreation Committee

The Parks and Recreation Committee is comprised of seven volunteer members of the community appointed by the Township Board who serve in an advisory role. The Committee is assisted by the Township Community Development Director and Parks Department. The Parks and Recreation Committee provides input to the Township Board and staff regarding planning and development for the parks and community policies.

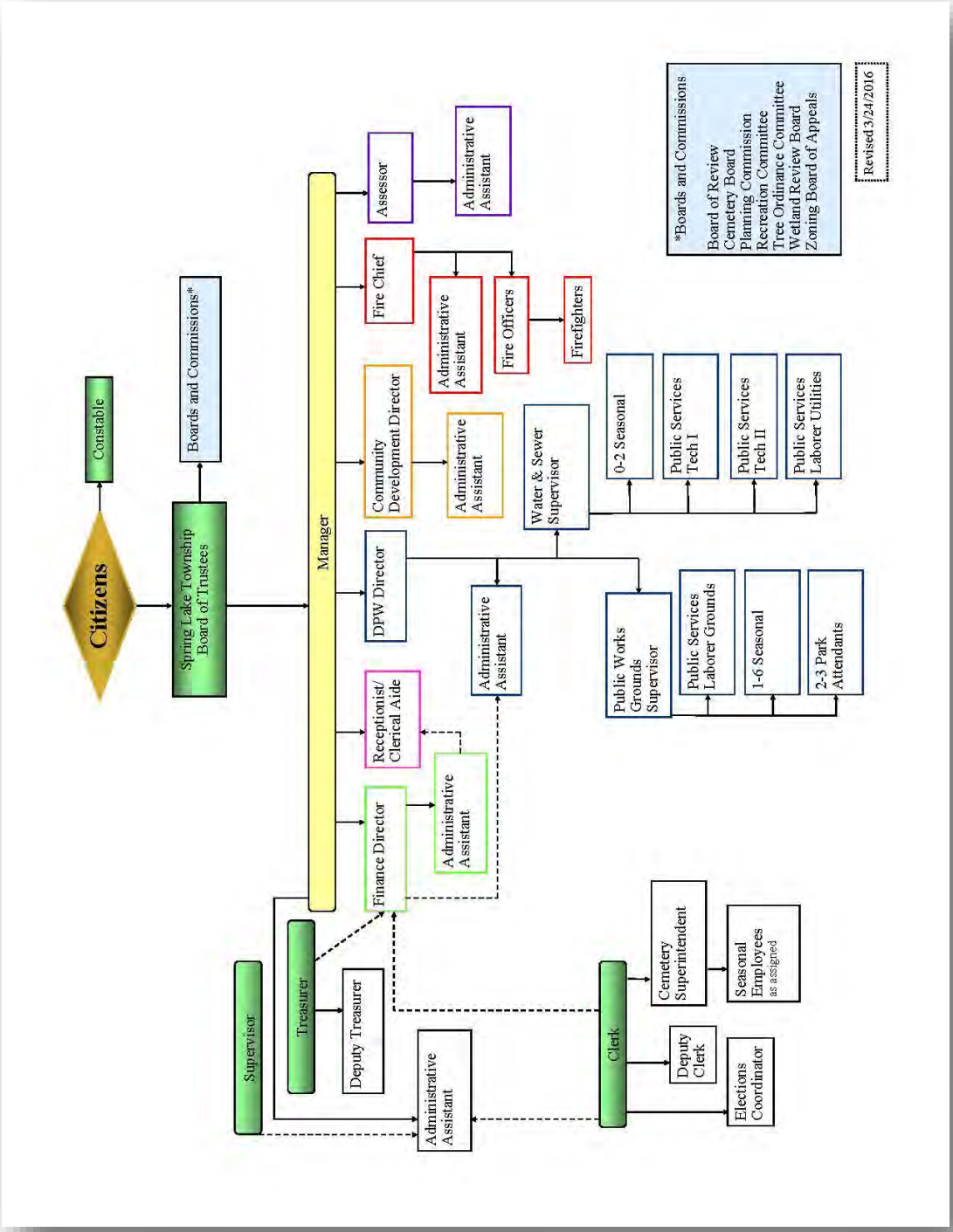
Township Staff for Park Operation

The care and operation of the parks are under the care of the Department of Public Works which includes full-time Grounds Maintenance staff as well as seasonal assistance which are dedicated to the care of the parks. The Township has two full time parks and recreation staff and three part-time/seasonal staff.

Organization Chart

An organization chart of the Township staff appears on the following page.

Organization Chart



General Fund Recreation Budget

The Spring Lake Township Recreation budget is a funded through the General Fund of the Township. Proposed budgets for the fiscal year 2019-2020 for the Township General Fund is includes $579,400 for Parks and Recreation of which $14,000 is contributed towards recreational programming. No other capital development projects are planned through the General Fund although maintenance projects are included in the above number.

Bike Path Millage

The first bike path millage was passed in the 1980's by the Spring Lake Township residents, followed by a second millage in 2004, and a third for 2014-2023. These funds have been used to create over 26 miles of bike paths throughout the Township over the last 15 to 20 years. The bike path millage is currently used to pay back bonds at a rate of approximately $367,000 per year with about $50,000 a year available for maintenance and improvements.

Spring Lake Area Recreation Commission

The Greater Spring Lake Area Recreation Commission was established in cooperation with the contributing entities listed below. When established the entities felt it was in the best interest of their citizens to establish the commission to plan, promote, coordinate, and operate programs of indoor and outdoor public recreation. Over the many years the Commission has been able to offer these programs at low cost to the citizens. The Commission offers a variety of programs, including many sports camps, swim lessons, computer classes, theater programs as well as new and varied programs. This fund also provides funding for summer employees at Rycenga Park to ensure compliance with park rules and assist with organizing shelter rentals. Funding is provided by contributions from Crockery Township, Spring Lake Public Schools, and Spring Lake Township, as well as user fees, and donations. Spring Lake Township contributes $14,000.

Village of Spring Lake Administrative Structure

Administrative Structure and Village Council

The Village of Spring Lake is a duly incorporated municipal subdivision of the State of Michigan with operations of the Village controlled by State enabling legislation and the Village Charter. The Village Council is comprised of six councilmembers elected at-large to four-year terms, and a Village President who serves a two-year term. The Village Council oversees the development of the City budget, including that of the parks for operation and maintenance, capital development, acquisition, acceptance of grants, and programming. The Village Council retains the Village Manager to oversee the day-to-day operation of the Village.

Village Parks and Recreation Board

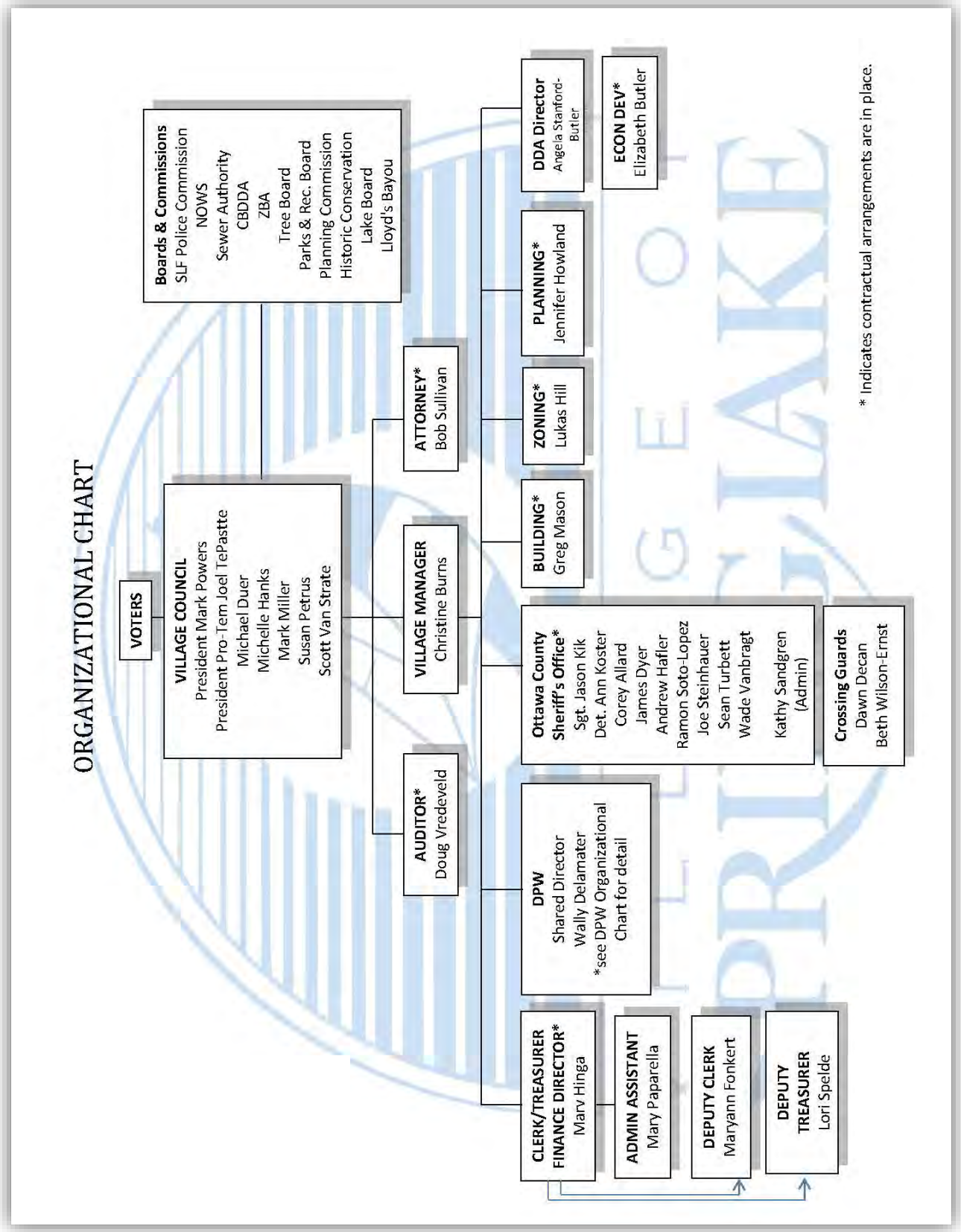
The Village Parks and Recreation Board was instituted by Village Council resolution on January 16, 1979 to assist the Village Manager with the planning, development, and operation of park and recreation facilities and programs. The Parks and Recreation Board is comprised of seven members appointed by the Village Council to two-year terms. The Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Village Manager and Village Council.

Village Staff

In March 2019, the Village merged their Department of Public Works with Spring Lake Township Department of Public Works. The two communities now share a DPW Director and staff, who oversee the operation of the parks within both jurisdictions. Security within the parks is provided by the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office.

Organization Chart

An organization chart appears on the following page which provides information regarding administrative roles and responsibilities within the Village.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Planning Commission
Historic Conservation
Lake Board
Lloyd's Bayou
AUDITOR*
Doug Vredeveld
VILLAGE MANAGER
Christine Burns
ATTORNEY*
Bob Sullivan
CLERK/TREASURER
FINANCE DIRECTOR*
Mary Hinga
ADMIN ASSISTANT
Mary Paparella
DEPUTY CLERK
Maryann Fonkert
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TREASURER
Lori Spelde
DPW
Shared Director
Wally Delamater
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Andrew Hafler
Ramon Soto-Lopez
Joe Steinhauer
Sean Turbett
Wade Vanbragt
Kathy Sandgren
(Admin)
Crossing Guards
Dawn Decan
Beth Wilson-Ernst
BUILDING*
Greg Mason
ZONING*
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PLANNING*
Jennifer Howland
DDA Director
Angela Stanford-
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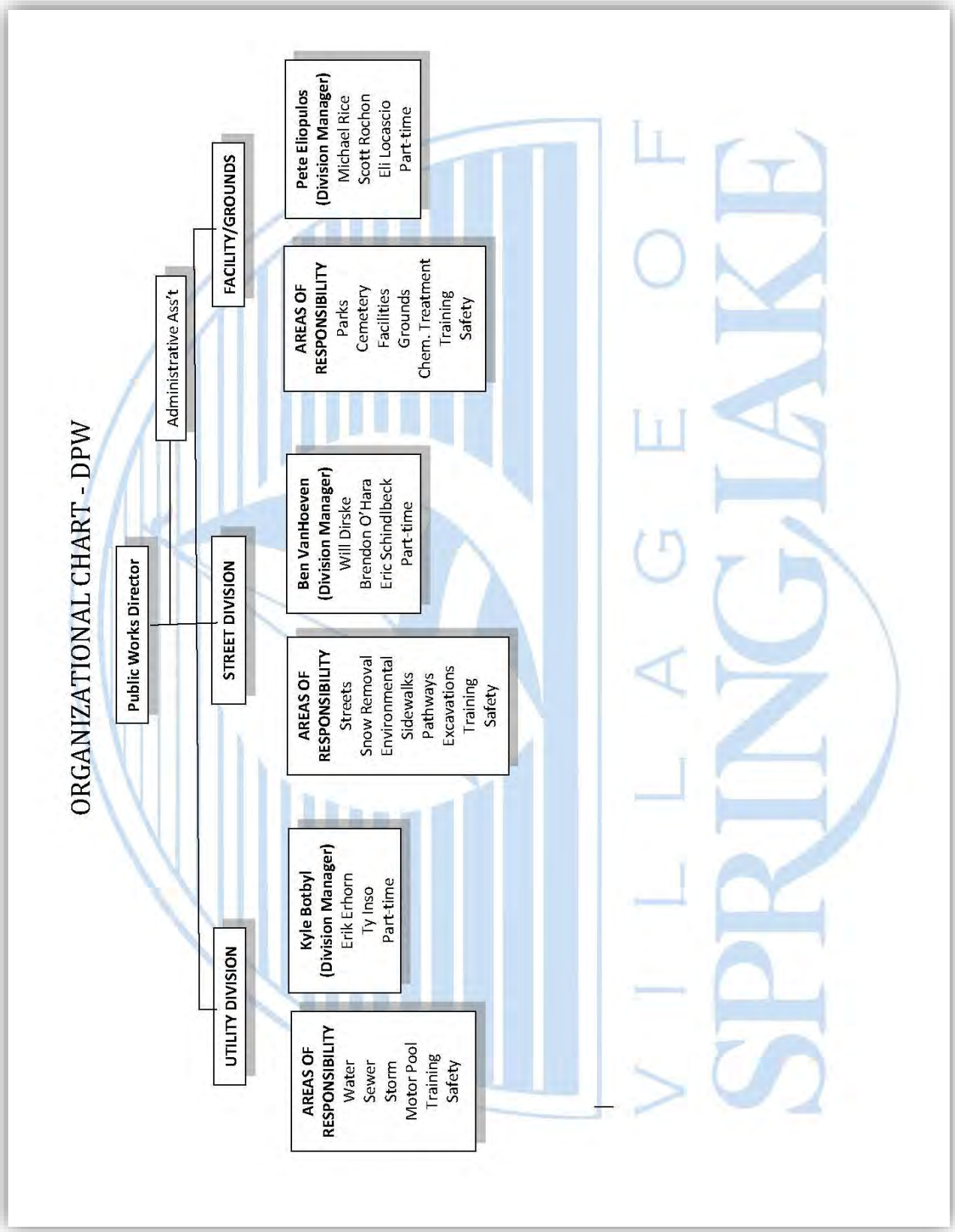
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STREET DIVISION
FACILITY/GROUNDS
AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
Water
Sewer
Storm
Motor Pool
Training
Safety
Kyle Botbyl
(Division Manager)
Erik Erhorn
Ty Inso
Part-time
AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
Streets
Snow Removal
Environmental
Sidewalks
Pathways
Excavations
Training
Safety
Ben VanHoeven
(Division Manager)
Will Dirske
Brendon O'Hara
Eric Schindlbeck
Part-time
AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
Parks
Cemetery
Facilities
Grounds
Chem. Treatment
Training
Safety
Pete Eliopulos
(Division Manager)
Michael Rice
Scott Rochon
Eli Locascio
Part-time

Funding

Funding for parks is provided through the General Fund which has a 2019-20 budget of $1,552,794 of which $ 258,141 is budgeted for parks maintenance/operation and forestry. In addition, the Village has a 2019-20 Pathways budget of $58,000 for maintenance of pathways and sidewalks in the Village. The Pathways Fund receives most ($34,000) of its funding from the Spring Lake Township Pathways millage with the balance of ($24,000) coming from a transfer from the General Fund.

The Village does not provide any recreational programs. Capital upgrades to parks have been funded by grants, private donations, and contributions from the Spring Lake Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for parks located within the DDA.

Relationship with Spring Lake Recreation Authority (SLARA)

On July 31, 2014 Council elected to discontinue funding of SLARA. As residents of Spring Lake Township, the elected officials felt that funding from Spring Lake Township General Fund covered the entire township including the Village.

Local Non-profits & Volunteers

Local non-profit organizations providing recreational programming are included in the Recreation Inventory Section of the Plan as they encompass the entire community.

RECREATION INVENTORY

Recreation Inventory

The Recreation Inventory section of the plan documents the existing recreational resources available within the Grand Region Consolidated Plan Area, as well as neighboring areas. This section includes descriptions of the facilities within the five municipalities, and neighboring public facilities. A review of the parks in consideration of the Americans with Disabilities Act is included for each park within the Plan Area.

Consolidated Plan Area Parks

The Consolidated Plan area includes 59 parks of the participating agencies covering approximately 1,350 acres of park land. The name and location of each of the parks is shown on the Park Location Map and Park Facilities Chart on the following pages. Descriptions and additional information for each of the parks is provided on individual park inventory sheets.

Public Recreation Lands and Facilities

The Recreation Inventory focuses on public recreation facilities. Public recreation facilities are defined as recreational facilities which are owned by governmental agencies such as the local cities, village, townships, Ottawa County, and the State of Michigan. These facilities have rules and regulations regarding public usage which are established by the unit which owns the facility.

Public School Lands and Facilities

The public school facilities owned by the Grand Haven Area Public Schools and Spring Lake Public Schools are sometimes available for public recreation use on a limited basis The primary use of these facilities is for education and athletics sponsored by the schools. The Districts maintain full control and scheduling of these facilities. Private and religious based schools are not considered pubic schools although they may choose from time to time to offer facilities on a limited basis.

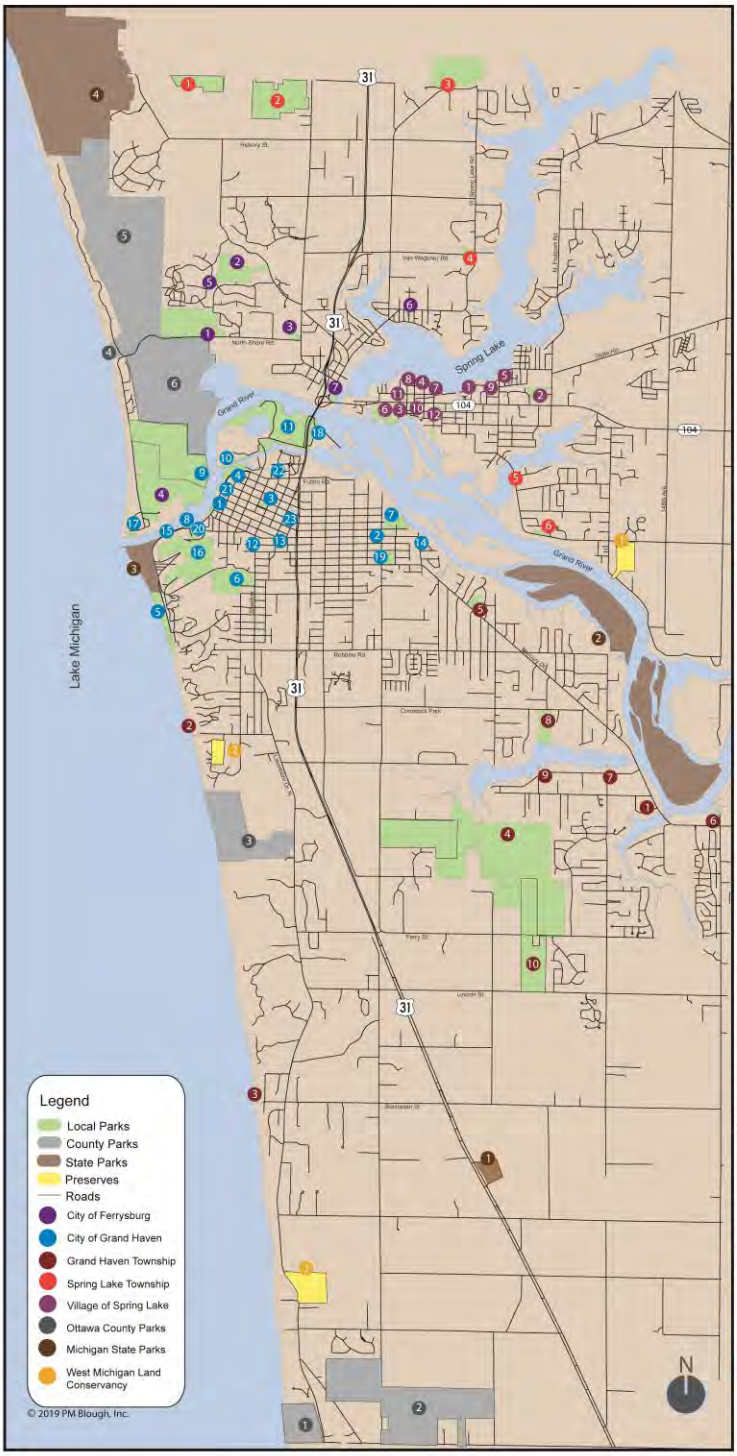
Non-Profit Lands and Facilities

Lands owned or under the control of non-profit organizations such as Boy Scouts, land conservancy's and preserves, church camps, religious organizations, gun clubs, and other non-profits, who may choose to offer lands and/or facilities for public use or may choose to limit use to their own membership. These lands often provide for undeveloped green space within the community, but use is subject to the permission and rules of the organization.

Private For-Profit Recreation Facilities

Private for-profit recreation facilities are privately owned facilities that charge a fee for usage. Examples of these might be golf courses, campgrounds, bowling alleys, etc.

These have not been inventoried within this document.



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Village of Spring Lake

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2. Central Park
3. Cutler Street Park
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Park Facilites Chart

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Recreation Inventory Chart	Park Name	Acreage	Restrooms	Playground	Picnic Shelter	Ball Field	Soccer Field	Water Access	Comments
City of Ferrysburg	Coast Guard Park	80	1	1	1	1	1	No	Tennis Courts/Volleyball/Dog Park
City of Ferrysburg	Ferrysburg Nature Preserve	40.18	0	0	0	0	0	No	Trails
City of Ferrysburg	Firebarn Park	5	1	1	0	1	0	No	Tennis/Basketball
City of Ferrysburg	Kitchel-Lundquist Preserve	112	1	0	1	0	0	No	Trails/Outdoor Classroom
City of Ferrysburg	Mike Herman Park	1.75	1	0	0	1	1	No	Tennis/Basketball/Ice Rink
City of Ferrysburg	Sunnyside Park	0.5	1	1	0	0	0	No	
City of Ferrysburg	William Montague Ferry Park	1.8	1	1	1	0	0	Spring Lake	Boardwalk
City of Grand Haven	Bicentennial (Riverview) Park	1	1	0	0	0	0	Grand River	Art/Shops/Restaurants
City of Grand Haven	Bolt Park	0.95	0	0	0	0	0	No	Stone Memorial/East Town Market
City of Grand Haven	Central Park	2.4	0	0	0	0	0	No	Fountain/Memorials
City of Grand Haven	Chinook Pier	1	1	1	0	0	0	Grand River	Shops/Mini Golf/Commercial Dock/Train
City of Grand Haven	City Beach Park	19.6	1	0	0	0	0	Lake Michigan	Beach/Dog Beach/ADA Beach Access
City of Grand Haven	Duncan Woods	37.8	0	0	0	0	0	No	Trails
City of Grand Haven	East Grand River Park	5.5	1	1	1	1	1	Grand River	Boat Launch/Basketball/Dog Park/Dock
City of Grand Haven	Escanaba Park	0.92	0	0	0	0	0	Grand River	Interpretive Exhibits
City of Grand Haven	Grand Haven Musical Fountain	3.7	0	0	0	0	0	Grand River	Lighting Systems/Fountain
City of Grand Haven	Harbor Island Linear Park	5.5	0	0	1	0	0	Grand River	Paved Pathway/Boardwalk/Fishing Decks
City of Grand Haven	Harbor Island	23	1	0	0	0	0	Grand River	Boat Launch/Open Field/Fishing Docks
City of Grand Haven	Johnston Park	0.11	0	0	0	0	0	No	Green Space
City of Grand Haven	Klaver Park	0.23	0	0	0	0	0	No	Green Space
City of Grand Haven	Klempel Park	0.17	0	0	0	0	0	Grand River	Green Space
City of Grand Haven	Lighthouse Connector Park	4	0	0	0	0	0	Grand River	Art/Boardwalk/Shops
City of Grand Haven	Mulligan's Hollow	80.5	1	1	1	1	1	No	Skate Park/Ski Hill/Basketball/Lodge/Ice Rink/Tennis/Play Area
City of Grand Haven	N. Shore Fisherman's Parking Lot	1.7	1	0	0	0	0	Grand River	Parking Lot
City of Grand Haven	Rix Robinson Park	5.5	0	0	0	0	0	Grand River	Paved Pathway/Foot Bridge
City of Grand Haven	Sluka Field	5.5	0	1	0	1	1	No	Baseball/Soccer Field/Play Structure
City of Grand Haven	Veterans Memorial Park	1.14	0	0	0	0	0	No	Memorial
City of Grand Haven	Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium	0.53	0	0	0	0	0	Grand River	Stadium Seating and Band Shell
City of Grand Haven	William Hatton Park	0.88	0	1	0	0	0	No	Gazebo
City of Grand Haven	Willow Park	0.022	0	0	0	0	0	No	Green Space
Grand Haven Township	Bignell Access	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	Bayou	
Grand Haven Township	Brucker Access	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	Lake Michigan	Beach
Grand Haven Township	Buchanan Access	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	Lake Michigan	Beach
Grand Haven Township	Hofma Park & Preserve	566	2	2	2	1	1	Bayou	
Grand Haven Township	Mercury Park	7	1	1	1	1	0	No	In-Line Rink
Grand Haven Township	Odawa Battle Point Boat Launch	2.5	1	0	0	0	0	Grand River	Boat Launch
Grand Haven Township	152nd Access	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	Bayou	Pathway/Beach
Grand Haven Township	Pottawattomie Park	21	1	1	3	0	1	Bayou	Volleyball/Beach/Canoe & Kayak/Fishing Pier
Grand Haven Township	Schmidt Heritage Park	73.8	0	0	0	0	0	No	Undeveloped-Adjacent to Hofma Park
Grand Haven Township	Shiawassee Access	0.25	0	0	0	0	0	Bayou	
Spring Lake Township	Black Lake Park	30	0	0	0	0	0	Black Lake	To Be Developed
Spring Lake Township	Disc Golf Course	40.24	0	0	0	0	0	No	Disc Golf
Spring Lake Township	Minnie Skwarek Nature Preserve	24	0	0	0	0	0	No	Trails
Spring Lake Township	River Run Park	2.67	0	0	1	0	0	Grand River	Boardwalk/Pathway
Spring Lake Township	Rycenga Park	80	1	1	4	2	2	No	Trails/Basketball/Volleyball
Spring Lake Township	SL Township Community Park	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	No	Michigan Historical Marker
Spring Lake Township	Water Tower Park	5.33	0	0	0	0	0	No	2 Tennis Courts/Practice Field
Village of Spring Lake	Alden Street End	0.06	0	0	0	0	0	Spring Lake	High Water Levels
Village of Spring Lake	Central Park	8.4	1	2	2	2	0	No	Pickleball Courts/In-Line Rink/Dog Park
Village of Spring Lake	Cutler Street Launch Ramp	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	Grand River	High Water Levels
Village of Spring Lake	Jackson Street End	0.06	0	0	0	0	0	Spring Lake	High Water Levels
Village of Spring Lake	Lakeside Beach	1	1	0	0	0	0	Spring Lake	Beach/Deck High Water Levels
Village of Spring Lake	Mill Point Park & Boat Launch	4.5	1	1	1	0	0	Grand River	Boat Launch-High Water Levels
Village of Spring Lake	N. Division Street End	0.08	0	0	0	0	0	Spring Lake	High Water Level
Village of Spring Lake	Parkhurst Street End	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	Spring Lake	High Water Level
Village of Spring Lake	Tanglefoot Park	1.4	1	1	1	0	0	Grand River	High Water Level, Closed for Renovation
Village of Spring Lake	Whistle Stop Playground	0.3	0	1	1	0	0	No	Paved Pathway, Gazebo, Picnic Tables
Non-Motorized Pathways	Grand Haven Township Pathways	36 mi							Grand Haven Township
Non-Motorized Pathways	Grand Haven Waterfront Trail	2.5mi							Grand Haven
Non-Motorized Pathways	Lakeshore Connector Path	20mi							Grand Haven to Holland
Non-Motorized Pathways	Spring LakeLakeside Trail	25.9mi							Ferrysburg/Spring Lake/Fruitport
Non-Motorized Pathways	Linear Trail Park	16.9mi							Grand Haven
Non-Motorized Pathways	North Bank Trail	3.3mi							Spring Lake Township

Coast Guard Park

City of Ferrysburg
18161 North Shore Road
80 Acres

Overview

Coast Guard Park is located on North Shore Rd, one mile west of 174th Avenue. It is Ferrysburg's primary community park on land which until 1973 was owned by the United States Coast Guard as a shooting range. The park is currently about 50% developed with significant opportunities for additional facilities. The park also serves as a trail head for the North Ottawa Dunes Ottawa County Park. Coast Guard Park is a short ½ mile from the shores of Lake Michigan. Facilities include a balance of active sports, picnic facilities, and passive nature trails.

Amenities and Facilities

- Softball and Two Soccer Fields
- Four Basketball Courts
- Sand Volleyball Courts
- Picnic Shelter
- One-half mile of lighted paved trail
- Two Tennis Courts –Also Striped for Pickleball
- Picnic Tables
- Restrooms
- Play Area
- Dog Park

ADA Review

Many of the facilities at the park are ADA accessible including the new North Ottawa Dunes County Park trailhead, picnic pavilions, parking, basketball, and tennis; while others were constructed prior to the current ADA codes require upgrades such as the restrooms and athletic fields. The Dog Park also requires additional upgrades.

Ferrysburg Nature Preserve

City of Ferrysburg
Dogwood Dr.
40.18 Acres

Overview
The L-Shaped 40.18 acres is bordered to the east by Dogwood Drive, too the south by Mohawk Drive, to the west by Hiawatha Drive, and to the north by the Spring Lake Township border. The park consists of 40.18 acres of undeveloped dune property. The site is a public accessible, green-space preserve. The future land use states the future eland use should focus on passive and on-invasive recreation so as to minimize land disturbance. Parking is available of Chief Street, Ferrysburg Church, and near the trailhead at Mike Herman Park.

Amenities and Facilities
Undeveloped, there are no park facilities.

ADA Review
There are currently no facilities at the Nature Preserve.

Fire Barn Park

City of Ferrysburg
North Shore Rd at 174th Ave
5 Acres

Overview
The park is located adjacent to the firehouse, at the corner of 174th Avenue and North Shore Road. Local area youth sports leagues use the facilities. The park has no formal parking lot, but a paved parking area is included in the City's short term Capital Improvement Plan. The park has no potential for additional facilities without acquisition of land.

Amenities and Facilities
- Two Tennis Courts
- Basketball Court
- Children's Themed Playscape
- Baseball Field with Shared Soccer Field
- Restrooms

ADA Review
All of the facilities except for the restroom and new Playscape will require ADA upgrades when the facilities are renovated.

Kitchel-Lindquist-Hartger Dunes Preserve

City of Ferrysburg
20001 Berwyck Street
112 Acres

Overview

The Kitchel-Lindquist-Hartger Dunes Preserve is a natural dune area located just south of the City and East of North Shore Drive within the City of Grand Haven. The property is characterized by primary dunes undergoing active dune formation, secondary dunes covered with mature hardwoods, and interdunal areas of rolling sand. A Master Plan has been prepared for the property that outlines measures for long-range protection of the dune environment and minimal improvements to foster low impact public use. Restrictions in the deeds that conveyed the land to the City require the City to maintain the preserve in its current natural state as a natural, aesthetic and educational resource. Existing facilities include an entrance identification sign, a small paved parking area, an outdoor classroom structure with restrooms and three marked trails.

Amenities and Facilities

- Outdoor Classroom Structure
- Paved Parking Area
- Marked Trails
- Restrooms (Open for Special Events Only)

ADA Review

The parking, restrooms, and outdoor classroom structure are accessible. The trails are natural dune and woodland surfaces and would not be considered accessible by current standards.

Mike Herman Park

City of Ferrysburg
17742 Hiawatha Drive
1.75 Acres

Overview
Tragically, in November 2005 a fifteen year old boy named Mike Herman perished in a car accident. Mike was a very active young man, who participated in many different sports, and spent many hours practicing at this field. In honor of Mike's life and passion for sports, the community came together to renovate the local field and neighborhood park.

Amenities and Facilities

- Baseball/Soccer Field
- Tennis Court /Basketball Hoops
- Lacrosse Nets
- Volleyball Court
- Portable Toilet

ADA Review
None of the facilities meet current accessibility standards.

Sunnyside Park

City of Ferrysburg
17200 Valley City Avenue
0.5 Acres

Overview
Sunnyside Park is a half -acre park located on the southwest corner of West Spring Lake Road and Valley City Avenue, on the east side of the city. Sunnyside Park is a small community park that was designed to give the immediate neighborhood a park they could walk to, and where children could play safely. By being set adjacent to the bike path that runs along West Spring Lake Road, the park is accessible to residents that do not live in the immediate area and serves as a trail rest stop.

Amenities and Facilities
- Large Play Structure
- Swing Set
- Benches
- Picnic Table
- Restroom

ADA Review
All of the facilities are ADA accessible.

William Montague Ferry Park

City of Ferrysburg
110 Pine ST
1.8 Acres

Overview
William Montague Ferry Park is located on the Spring Lake waterfront in the City of Ferrysburg, north of the M-104 off-ramp. The park occupies a highly visible location at a major entryway to the City. Its importance also lies in its provision of public access to waterfront. William Montague Ferry Park is conveniently connected to bike trails leading into the Village of Spring Lake and City of Grand Haven.

Amenities and Facilities

- Restroom
- 400ft Waterfront Boardwalk
- Picnic Shelter
- Picnic Tables
- Two Play Structures
- Paved Parking Lot

ADA Review
The Park includes accessible parking, picnic areas, and boardwalk areas. The restrooms do not meet the modern codes and require renovating to bring them up to code.

Bicentennial (Riverview) Park

City of Grand Haven
Harbor Avenue (Franklin St to Howard St)
1.0 Acre

Overview

Located on the Grand River Channel on Harbor Drive, Bicentennial Park is a linear linkage along the public Grand River waterfront. The park includes a riverfront walkway with benches, boat tie-offs, a retail/food vendor area with rooftop viewing deck, public art and linkages to curb side parking along Harbor Drive. The lawn area is a popular informal sitting and blanket picnic area.

Amenities and Facilities

- Walkways
- Benches
- Food Shops
- Benches
- Art Sculptures
- New Deck (2015)
- Connected to Grand Haven Waterfront Trail

ADA Review

The main riverfront walkway is ADA accessible with access from connecting parks. Connecting walkways between Harbor Drive and the riverfront exceed 5% due to the steep natural hill and it was constructed prior to ADA accessibility requirements. The public restrooms are barrier free.

Bolt Park

City of Grand Haven
Pennoyer Ave. and Beechtree St.
0.95 Acres

Overview

Bolt Park is a well-maintained lawn space with large trees and flower beds. The park provides a much needed green space with the community. During the spring, summer, and fall a community market is available for local vendors selling produce and local goods. Recent amenities include new sidewalks, accent lighting, benches and trash receptacles.

Amenities and Facilities

- Lawn and Trees
- Bench Seating
- Home to the East Town Market
- Parking

ADA Review

The public parking, sidewalks and seating are accessible. No other facilities are located within the public greenspace.

Central Park

City of Grand Haven
Washington Ave. & Fifth St.
2.4 Acres

Overview
Central Park is located on Washington Avenue in the center of the City providing a traditional downtown public green. Significant features include a central fountain and two memorials. As the central green, it is a focus for numerous events, including weekly summer music concerts, art fairs, and holiday events. Daily the park is enjoyed as a cool shady space to walk through and sit. The park is located adjacent to the Louit District Library, Grand Haven Community Center, Ottawa County Courthouse, and U.S. Post Office. The park and fountain is also a popular location for weddings. Many weddings and social gatherings are held in the park during the summer months.

Amenities and Facilities
- Pathways
- Benches
- Historic Fountain
- Veterans Memorials

ADA Review
The park is predominately ADA accessible. Additional concrete at benches and the drinking fountain will increase accessibility in the park. The benches are historic and are not as accessible.

Chinook Pier

City of Grand Haven
N. Harbor Avenue & First St.
1.0 Acre

Overview

Located along Harbor Avenue on the Grand River channel, Chinook Pier is approximately one acre in size. It is a special use park. Within the park is the commercial fishing marina with a fish cleaning station. Adjacent to the park is a City owned commercial building with seasonal food and retail shops. An “old fashioned” miniature golf facility is operated by the City. The Chamber of Commerce operated Farmer’s Market is open Saturdays and Wednesdays, generally from May through November. Within the park the historic steam train Engine No. 1223 is on exhibit. The play area was renovated in 2014 by a joint effort of the City and Coast Guard members stationed in Grand Haven.

Amenities and Facilities

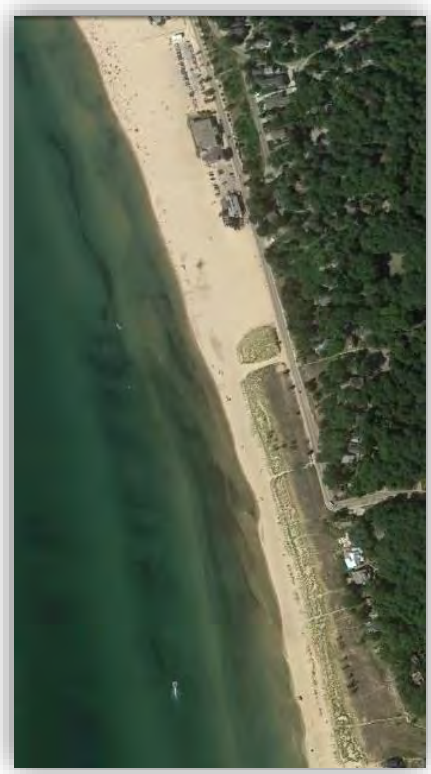
- Public Restroom Building
- Farmers Market
- Miniature Golf
- Children’s Play Area
- Splash Pad
- Commercial Boat Marina
- Fish Cleaning Station
- Historic Steam Train
- Connected to Grand Haven Waterfront Trail

ADA Review

The main walkways, restrooms, Farmer’s Market, splash pad, and marina areas are generally ADA accessible. Some of the facilities which were built prior to the current ADA standards, such as the Fish Cleaning station, are not ADA accessible for all persons.

City Beach Park

City of Grand Haven
Harbor Avenue south of State Park
19.6 Acres



Overview

Located along Harbor Avenue south of Grand Haven State Park on Lake Michigan, City Beach Park is approximately 19.6 acres. This is a primarily public beach of approximately 3,250 lineal feet. Leashed dogs are allowed on the City owned beach before and after the summer swimming season and year-round south of the swim buoys to the City limits (south of Grand Avenue). Dogs are not allowed north of the southernmost swim buoy during the summer. See signs for specifics. Many special events are held in the park, including sand castle building contests, kite events, pole vaulting, and beachfront weddings. The City Beach parking lot is also a prime Lake access point for surfers, kite surfers, paddle boards and kayaks.

Amenities and Facilities

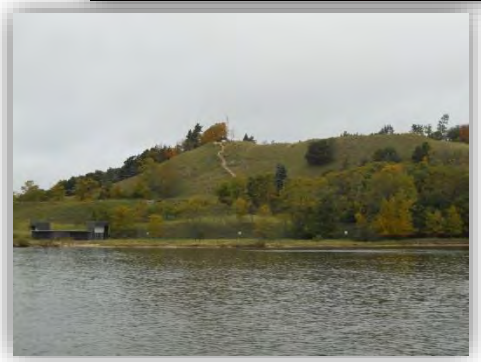
- Sand Beach
- Buoy Marked Swim Area
- Parking
- Restroom Facility
- Connected to Grand Haven Waterfront Trail
- ADA Beach Access Walkway
- Viewing Deck and Stairway
- Leashed Dogs in Established Areas
- Picnic Table

ADA Review

An accessible walkway within the sand beach is provided to within several feet of the water. Accessible parking, restrooms, and picnic tables are provided. Due to extensive sand, some activities are limited for those with disabilities.

Dewey Hill & Musical Fountain

City of Grand Haven
Dewey Hill (Within North Shore Dunes)
3.7 Acres



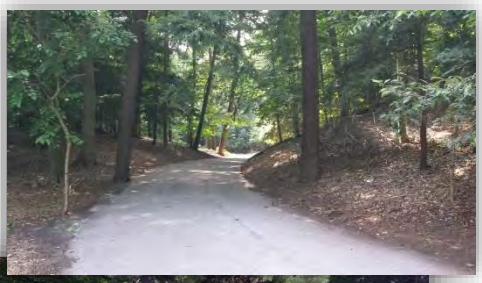
Overview
Dewey Hill is 3.7 acres within the city-owned North Shore Dunes which includes the Musical Fountain. The lighted musical fountain preforms during the summer months each evening with prime viewing from the Riverfront Stadium and adjacent waterfront parks. The park and fountain works are not accessible to the public.

Amenities and Facilities
- Musical Fountain

ADA Review
Park land is not open for public use and does not have ADA accessible facilities.

Duncan Woods

City of Grand Haven
Sheldon Road & Duncan Ct.
37.8 Acres



Overview
Located off Sheldon Road, Duncan Woods is a beautifully wooded nature preserve of beech and hemlock trees. The park is enjoyed extensively throughout the year. A portion of the paved drive has been closed from car access which provides a primary walking area through the forested back dune. The park is popular year round.

Amenities and Facilities
- Paved Parking & Drive
- Rustic Walking Trails
- Scattered Picnic Tables
- Connected to trails in Mulligans Hollow

ADA Review
The park is undeveloped other than the paved parking and drives, making ADA access limited. The portion of the roadway closed to vehicles that is used by pedestrians and bicyclists, has slopes which exceed 5%. An ADA picnic table and parking are provided.

East Grand River Park – Flahive Boat Launch

City of Grand Haven
End Franklin St and Eastern Ave
5.5 Acres

Overview

East Grand River Park is located adjacent to the Grand River in the northeast area of the City. The park provides shoreline, wetland, and dock access to the Grand River. Improvements in 2010 revitalized the park and improved ADA accessibility.

The Flahive Boat Launch is located at the far eastern end of Franklin Street, turning north on Eastern to get to the parking area. The launch is very popular with residents and visitors alike. A joint Waterways Commission-City funded project consisting of dredging to the main channel and constructing a rip-rap wall to stabilize the north edge of the cove was completed in 2008. Flahive Boat Launch is one of only two public boat launches in the city and the only one where residents can launch their smaller boats (20 feet or less) without paying a fee.

Amenities and Facilities

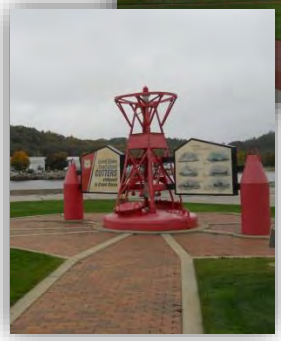
- Boat Launch
- Restrooms
- Picnic Shelter with Grill
- Lighted Parking
- Children's Play Area
- Picnic tables
- Benches
- Raised Wetland Walkway
- Floating Fishing Dock and River Observation
- Baseball field
- Basketball Court
- Small Soccer Field
- Fenced, Off-Leash Large & Small Dog Areas

ADA Review

The park facilities improved and added since 2010 are ADA accessible including the picnic shelter, play area, picnic tables and benches, wetland walkway, fishing dock, Dog Park and parking. The remaining facilities of the ball field, soccer field, basketball court and second play area will be improved as the park is upgraded. The Flahive Boat Launch does not meet current ADA standards as it was constructed prior to the current codes.

Escanaba Park

City of Grand Haven
Harbor Avenue (within Lighthouse Connector Park)
0.92 Acres



Overview
Escanaba Park is incorporated within Lighthouse Connector Park on the Grand River Channel. It is a designated historic site and memorial to the men and women that have served in the U.S. Coast Guard. There are walks, interpretive exhibits, commemorative plaques and memorials.

Amenities and Facilities

- Walks
- Historic Exhibits
- Connected to Grand Haven Waterfront Trail

ADA Review
The plaza and exhibits are accessible. The ramped walkway from S. Harbor Dr. exceeds a 5% grade. Access along the channel from the south is accessible.

Overview

The Flahive Boat Launch is located at the far eastern end of Franklin Street, turning north on Eastern to get to the parking area. The launch is very popular with residents and visitors alike. A joint Waterways Commission-City funded project consisting of dredging to the main channel and constructing a rip-rap wall to stabilize the north edge of the cove was completed in 2008. Flahive Boat Launch is one of only two public boat launches in the city and the only one where residents can launch their smaller boats (20 feet or less) without paying a fee. The launch is located entirely with the East Grand River Park, a unique riverfront park, which was renovated in 2010 utilizing funding from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and the City.

Amenities and Facilities at the Launch and in East Grand River Park

- Boat Launch
- Restrooms
- Picnic Shelter with Grill
- Lighted Parking
- Children's Play Area
- Picnic tables
- Benches
- Raised Wetland Walkway
- Floating Fishing Dock and River Observation
- Softball field
- Basketball Court
- Small Soccer Field
- Fenced, Off-Leash Large & Small Dog Areas

ADA Review

The Flahive Boat Launch does not meet current ADA standards as it was constructed prior to the current codes. The park facilities improved and added since 2010 are ADA accessible including the picnic shelter, play area, picnic tables and benches, wetland walkway, fishing dock, Dog Park and parking. The remaining facilities of the ball field, soccer field, basketball court and second play area will be improved as the park is upgraded.

Harbor Island

City of Grand Haven
Beacon Blvd/US-31 and Coho Dr.
23 Acres

Overview
Harbor Island is located along US-31 and Coho Drive near the Northwest edge of the City. Given its location along the Grand River and South Channel, along with the wide-open spaces, this 23 acre area provides many recreational opportunities. The north side of the island includes a boat launch and transfer dock facilities. The wide-open spaces allow for community events, local organized football and soccer, as well as a multitude of other special events. A paved bicycle/pedestrian path loops from one end of the island to the other, while various bodies of water provide barrier free observation platforms for viewing the wildlife.

Amenities and Facilities
- Boat Launch with vehicle/trailer parking lot
- Open Field utilized for festivals and soccer/football
- Viewing and Fishing Docks
- Paved Bicycle/Pedestrian Path connected to Grand Haven Waterfront Trail
- Pond
- Grand River public access
- Restroom Building

ADA Review
Facilities within the park are predominantly ADA accessible including the restroom building. Accessible access into boats is limited.

Harbor Island Linear Park

City of Grand Haven
Franklin St & Third St.
5.5 Acres

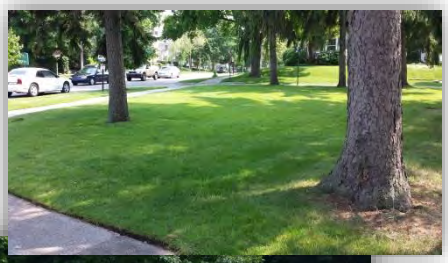
Overview
Linear Park contains a paved non-motorized path 250 feet in length along the Grand River South Channel. Facilities include a trailhead with a paved parking lot, fishing decks, and a small picnic shelter. Located adjacent to the Grand Haven Board of Light and Power, it provides an environmental buffer between the coal yard and the Grand River.

Amenities and Facilities
- Bike Path
- Picnic Shelter
- Benches
- Fishing Decks
- Connected to Grand Haven Waterfront Trail

ADA Review
The existing paved pathway is generally ADA accessible except where some areas are may have cracks or aged pavement. The picnic pavilion and fishing decks were constructed prior to current ADA standards and have limited access.

Johnston Park

City of Grand Haven
Pennoyer Ave. & Sheldon Rd.
0.11 Acres



Overview
Johnston Park, located on the east and west sides of Sheldon Rd is an open green space for the surrounding neighborhood. It is popular for tossing a football or Frisbee and accommodates many users who view the annual Coast Guard Parade.

Amenities and Facilities
- Bench seating
- Lawn and Trees

ADA Review
Sidewalks and bench seating is available to the public which are ADA accessible.

Klaver Park

City of Grand Haven
Pennoyer Ave. & S. Seventh St.
0.23 Acres

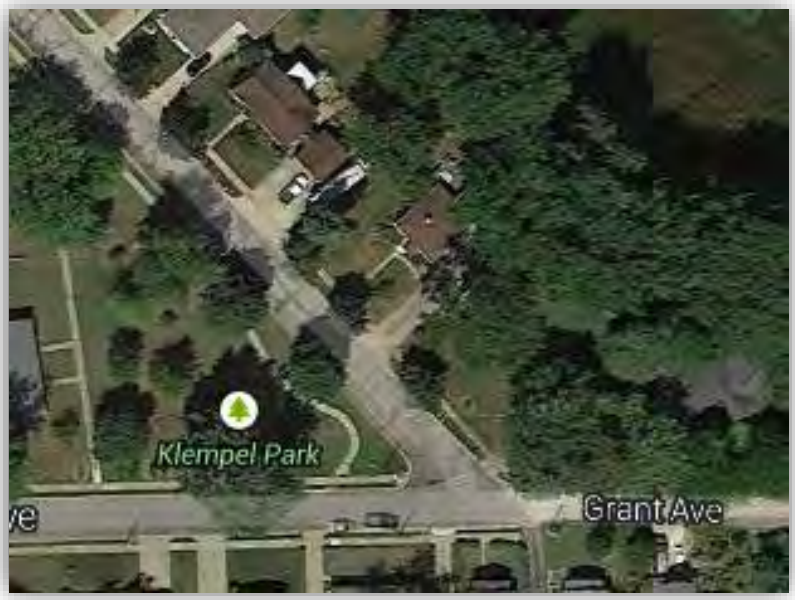
Overview
Klaver Park is located at the corner of Pennoyer Avenue and South Seventh Street. It is considered a lawn green space for the neighborhood.

Amenities and Facilities
- Bench seating
- Lawn, trees and a flower bed

ADA Review
Sidewalks and bench seating is available to the public which are ADA accessible.

Klempel Park

City of Grand Haven
Pennoyer Ave. & Grant St.
0.17 Acres



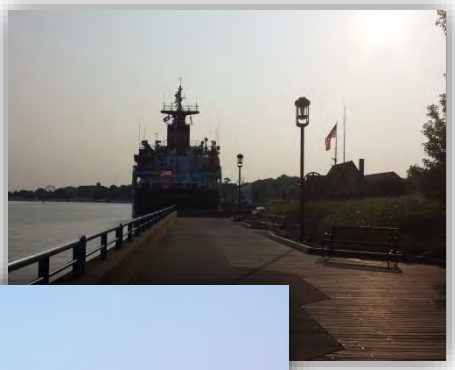
Overview
Located on the corner of Pennoyer Avenue and Grant Street, Klempel Park serves the surrounding neighborhood as a green space

Amenities and Facilities
- Lawn and Tress

ADA Review
No public facilities are provided with the green space. The public sidewalk is accessible.

Lighthouse Connector Park

City of Grand Haven
Harbor Avenue
1,700 L.F. (+/- 4.0 Acres)



Overview
Lighthouse Connector Park, 1,700 feet in length, located along the Grand River between Harbor Drive and the channel, provides a connection between Bicentennial Park and the Lake Michigan South Pier. The primary function is a linear walkway which is active with a mix of walkers, joggers and bicyclists. Benches are popular for resting and channel views. A few parking spaces are located along Harbor Drive which all have views of the channel, making them popular year round.

Amenities and Facilities

- Lighted Walkways
- Ice Cream Shops
- Benches
- Art Sculptures
- Connected to Grand Have Waterfront Trail

ADA Review
The entire walkway is ADA accessible. Benches are user friendly with arms and backs, located on concrete and wood deck sections. Accessible parking is signed.

Mulligan's Hollow Park

City of Grand Haven
Mulligan Drive
80.5 Acres

Overview

Mulligan's Hollow is a popular recreational area which includes the Tri-Cities YMCA. Winter facilities include the Mulligan's Hollow Ski Bowl with lodge, fire pit, two rope tows and an outdoor ice skating rink. Non-winter activities include an adult softball diamond, soccer field, an all-inclusive 10,000 square feet Imagination Station play space constructed in 2018, two basketball courts, picnic area, two tennis courts, six pickle ball courts, lighted in-ground skate park, and parking. An individual master plan for the park was developed in 2012 due to its unique facilities and amenities.

City Amenities and Facilities

- Lighted Skate Park
- Ice Rink in Winter
- Softball Field
- Ski Hill with Tow Ropes
- Imagination Station Play Space
- Two Basketball Courts
- Lodge with Restrooms and Fire pit
- Off Leash Dog Area
- Four Tennis Courts
- Trails connected to trails in Duncan Woods
- Picnic Area
- Grills
- Sitting Areas
- Six Pickle Ball Courts
- Five Mile Hill Deck

ADA Review

The Lodge, fire pit, skate park, basketball, and parking are barrier free. Older facilities will be improved for accessibility as they are renovated. Facilities require connecting access pathways.

North Shore Fisherman’s Parking Lot

City of Grand Haven
Main Street
1.7 Acres

Overview
Located at the end of Main Street off North Shore Road on the north side of the Grand River Channel, the North Shore Fisherman’s Parking Lot provides paved parking for people wanting to fish or visit the north pier head.

Amenities and Facilities

- Parking Lot
- Pit Toilets

ADA Review
The parking lot is asphalt pavement and the pier is constructed of concrete surfaces. There are un-level surfaces and raised edges as the pier was not constructed for pedestrian use.

Rix Robinson Park

City of Grand Haven
Grand Isle Dr. & Harbor Island Dr.
5.5 Acres

Overview
Located along Harbor Island and Grand Isle Drive, Rix Robinson Park is a historic site. 5.5 acres in the size, the park has a foot bridge and open lawn area. The Tri-Cities connector pathway traverses the park on the south side of the bascule bridge, linking pedestrian and bicycle traffic between Grand Haven, Spring Lake, and Ferrysburg.

Amenities and Facilities
- Paved Bicycle/Pedestrian Path connected to the Grand Haven Waterfront Trail. Main connection point over the bascule bridge to connect to the 25.9 mile Lakeside Trail.
- Foot Bridge
- Lawn
- Pond

ADA Accessibility
The existing pathway is accessible. No other facilities are present.

Sluka Field

City of Grand Haven
Waverly Ave. & Beechtree St.
5.5 Acres

Overview

Sluka Field is a full size baseball facility, utilized by Tri-Cities Kids League and Young Buc's travel baseball programs. The outfield fence is temporarily installed in the spring for baseball and is removed each summer so the outfield area can be utilized by organized soccer as a full-sized soccer field. A neighborhood play area and green space is provided. A new bathroom, concession and storage facility will be completed in 2020.

Amenities and Facilities

- High School Regulation Baseball Field
- Soccer Field (Fall)
- Parking Lot
- Play Area

ADA Review

The parking lot has accessible parking and connecting walkways to the baseball field and play area. Barrier free surface for seating is provided at the ball field. Barrier free bathrooms will be available to the public in 2020 along with a barrier free raised porch for viewing behind the baseball backstop. The field and dugouts are not accessible. The play area is accessible.

Veterans Memorial Park

City of Grand Haven
Harbor Dr.
1.14 Acres

Overview
Located along Harbor Drive, Veterans Memorial Park with an eternal flame which honors American Veterans of all wars.

Amenities and Facilities
- Memorial
- Benches

ADA Accessibility
The memorial area is accessible.

William Hatton Park

City of Grand Haven
Jackson Street
0.88 Acres

Overview
William Hatton Park is a neighborhood green space which provides a small park and buffer between the railroad tracks and the neighborhood. The park is an attractive addition with a gazebo, play area and open lawn.

Amenities and Facilities

- Gazebo
- Benches
- Picnic Tables
- Play Area

ADA Review

William Hatton Park

City of Grand Haven
Jackson Street
0.88 Acres

The park facilities were constructed prior to ADA requirements and are not accessible. The will be improved as the park is renovated.

Willow Park

City of Grand Haven
Franklin St & Seventh St.
0.022 Acres (967 Sq. Ft.)

Overview
Willow Park is a green space located at the corner of Franklin Street and Seventh Street.

Amenities and Facilities
- Lawn and Trees

ADA Review
No public facilities are provided within the green space. The adjacent sidewalks are accessible.

Grand Haven Municipal Marina

City of Grand Haven
N. Harbor Dr.
2 Acres

Overview
The Municipal Marina is located on the Grand River in the heart of the City (101 N. Harbor Drive) near Chinook Pier. Grand Haven is a favorite destination of sailors and power boaters who want access to and from Lake Michigan, the Grand River, and Spring Lake. This is the closest public marina to Lake Michigan on the Grand River. Since 2008, the City and the DNR have invested over $2 million in upgrades. Phase 1 consisted of a complete reconstruction of the fixed docks and their utilities. Phase 2 focused on much needed shoreline improvements in the floating dock section and a third phase to upgrade the floating docks is anticipated within the next 2-4 years.

Amenities and Facilities (Please refer to description of Chinook Pier for additional amenities)

- Water and electrical hookups for each dock
- Marina guest-only restrooms and showers
- Fishing cleaning station
- Grills/picnic tables
- On-demand public transportation to shopping, laundry and marine supply stores within and beyond the City limits.

Bignell Access

Grand Haven Township
Bignell Drive
0.5 Acres

Overview
Bignell Park is a small one-half acre access park located on the Millhouse Bayou of the Grand River. Although small, the park provides public access to the bayou. As the park provides informal access to the bayou, its service area includes the entire Township and neighboring City of Grand Haven.

The access is undeveloped with informal pull-off parking from the street with room for three to four cars. The area of the park at street level is approximately 15' above Millhouse Bayou with a sloping bank to the water's edge. The park is currently utilized by ice fishermen in the winter and for passive viewing of the bayou. This access is 100 yards west of the Township's Non-Motorized Pathway System which is an accessible walkway.

Amenities and Facilities
- Undeveloped, there are no facilities
- Millhouse Bayou Access

ADA Accessibility
The informal parking is not accessible. There are no other facilities.

Brucker St & Buchanan St Access

Grand Haven Township
Brucker St & Buchanan St
0.5 Acres Each

Buchanan St. Access

Brucker St. Access

Overview

These two small sites, of approximately one-half acre each are public right-of-way land areas at the end of Brucker and Buchanan Streets that extend into Lake Michigan. These road ends provide public access within the road right-of-ways to the sandy beach along Lake Michigan. These two sites predominately serve the adjacent neighborhoods and persons utilizing the nearby Non-Motorized Pathway along Lakeshore Drive and Buchanan Street.

Amenities and Facilities

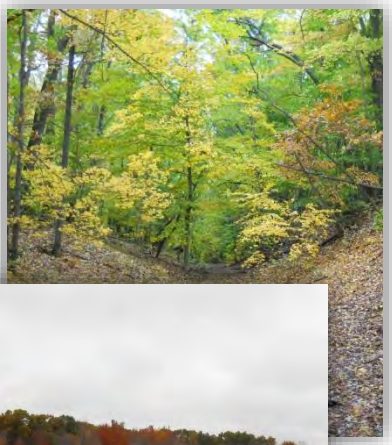
- Lake Michigan Access

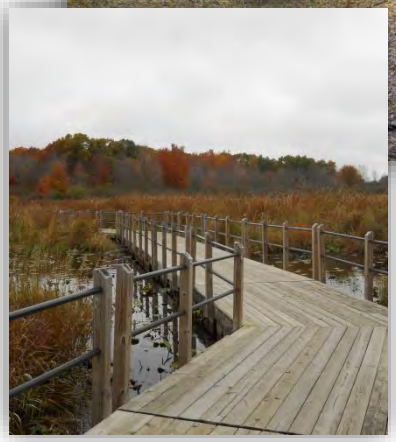
ADA Accessibility

There are no public facilities at these sites and they are not accessible.

Hofma Park (Hofma Preserve)

Grand Haven Township
15581 Ferris Street (16295 Sleeper St)
566 Acres





Overview

Hofma Park and Hofma Preserve are located adjacent to each other on the Pottawattomie Bayou encompassing approximately 566 acres.

The Ferris Street Park entrance provides access and parking areas for the active sports area. A trailhead is located at the north end of the parking lot providing access to the preserve. The second parking area and trailhead at Hofma Preserve are accessed via Sleeper Street. Both the Park entrance on Ferris Street, and the Preserve entrance on Sleeper Street have direct access to the Non-Motorized Pathway System.

With its extensive size and quality of natural areas, the park serves a regional population, and is not limited to Township residents. The Park and Preserve contain several miles of trails, including a boardwalk which traverses Pottawattomie Bayou and surrounding wetlands. The trail system allows visitors to enjoy a variety of wetland and upland wooded ecosystems.

In 2015, the Township acquired two additional swaths of property—115 acres on Sleeper Street and 40 acres on Ferris Street. The 115 acre property was home to an evergreen tree farm for decades prior to obtaining ownership. Consequently, existing plants were spaced in a close grid pattern resulting in overgrowth, poor health, and almost a complete lack of wildlife. The Township intends to remove the non-native species of evergreens, thin the remaining trees, and begin replanting new native species based on the recommendations of an accredited forester and senior wildlife biologist, to promote a healthy and diverse ecosystem of both flora and fauna. The majority of this donated property must be left in a natural state based on the stipulations included with the land donation agreement. The 40 acres on Ferris Street was acquired through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant program.

Hofma Park (Hofma Preserve)

Grand Haven Township
15581 Ferris Street (16295 Sleeper St)
566 Acres

The additional land enabled the Township to conduct a community-wide design charrette known as the Hofma Vision, which will be utilized as a guiding document for all future development decisions, which will be a blend of passive and active recreation. This method will continue to preserve and showcase the floodplain, wetland, and upland wooded areas this community has come to enjoy.

Recently, a section of the Hofma Park Nature Trails was rebuilt to become ADA compliant. These sections of Trail have been widened to 10 feet, crush and fines have been used to create a firm trail surface, and grading work was completed to have limited slopes. As funding permits, the Township will continue rebuilding sections of Nature Trails to enable all members of our community to enjoy what Hofma has to offer.

Amenities and Facilities

Hofma Park

- Soccer Field (used for league play)
- Adult Softball Field (used for league play)
- Picnic Tables
- Play Equipment
- Basketball Court
- Restrooms
- Nature Trails

Hofma Preserve

- Picnic Tables
- Play Equipment
- Restroom
- Nature Trails
- Boardwalk

ADA Accessibility

The public parking, restrooms, picnic and play areas, and a section of nature trails in the Park are all accessible. The remaining trails are natural materials and not fully accessible for all persons. The ball diamonds and soccer field were constructed prior to ADA accessibility considerations and are not accessible for play but are accessible for most viewing options.

Mercury Park

Grand Haven Township
16715 Mercury Drive
6.71 Acres

Overview
Mercury Park, nearly seven acres in size, is the oldest Township Park located on the northern edge of the Township adjacent to the City of Grand Haven. It is located within a residential neighborhood, which serves those residents and has a regional draw for the softball field. The park facilities include a softball field and multi-purpose grass field, both can be used for league and open play. The park also contains a restroom building, play equipment, picnic tables, and a parking lot. The park has direct access to the Non-Motorized Pathway System.

Recently, the In-line Hockey Rink was demolished because the Rink was used very infrequently and the cost to improve far exceeded its use from the community. The area has now been converted to a multi-purpose grass field.

Amenities and Facilities
- Multi-Purpose Grass Field
- Picnic Shelter
- Softball Field
- Playground
- Restrooms

ADA Review
Most of the park's facilities are accessible including parking, walkways and seating area at the softball field, and restrooms. The play area surfacing is not accessible.

Odawa/Battle Point Boat Launch

Grand Haven Township
14091 144th Avenue
2.5 Acres

Overview
This 2.5 acres park is located on the Grand River. Completed in 2001, the boat launch facilities include two launches, vehicle and trailer parking, and a restroom facility. The Grand River provides waterway access into Lake Michigan to the west or towards Grand Rapids to the east. The launch is a very busy site and attracts boaters from throughout the West Michigan area. The launch site has direct access to the Non-Motorized Pathway System.

Amenities and Facilities

- Boat Launch
- Restroom

ADA Accessibility
Parking and restroom facilities are ADA accessible. The launch facilities do not meet the new 2013 ADA boat launch design accessibility requirements.

Pottawattomie Park

Grand Haven Township
15600 Comstock Street
20.83 Acres

Overview

Pottawattomie Park is a 21 acre park located on the Pottawattomie Bayou of the Grand River. The park, a former 4-H camp, was donated to the Township in 1989 and serves as a neighborhood and regional park. The park provides pavilion facilities for large gatherings, fishing, wading, kayak launching, and active recreation such as volleyball and soccer. The Non-Motorized Path was extended into the park from Comstock Street to link the park with the pathway network.

The Township plans to address the significant erosion of the shoreline around the public access area through the planting of native species and implementation of natural shoreline techniques. Interpretive signage will aid users in understanding how to preserve the natural features of the area. This project will also focus on the installation of universal design features to enable individuals of all abilities to enjoy the park and will be known as the Pottawattomie Waterfront Redevelopment Plan.

Amenities and Facilities

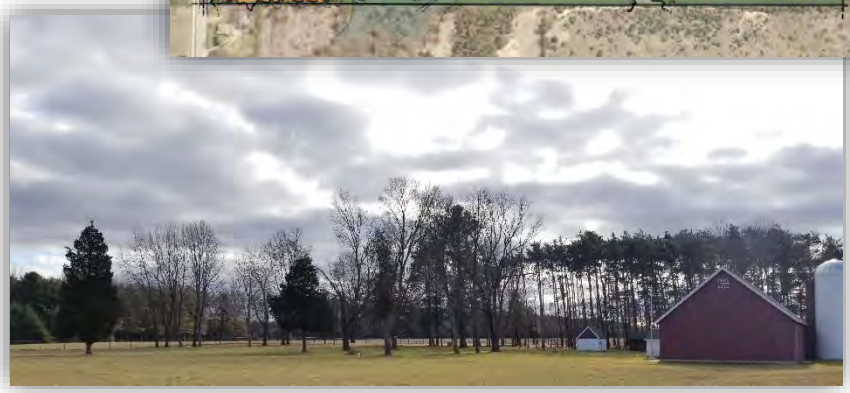
- Three Picnic Pavilions
- Restrooms
- Boardwalk
- Fishing Pier
- Small Wading Beach
- All Purpose Field
- Drop-in Canoe & Kayak Area
- Play Equipment
- Parking
- Sand Volleyball
- Horseshoes

ADA Review

The park facilities are ADA accessible except for the canoe and kayak facilities and into water wading. However, the intention of the Redevelopment Plan is to convert these areas to universally designed amenities.

Schmidt Heritage Park

Grand Haven Township
15704 Ferris Street
73.8 Acres



Overview
In 2019, the Township received a donation of nearly 75 acres of land. This land is located directly south of the Hofma Park and Preserve. The Schmidt Heritage Park is named after the donor and must be dedicated to active recreation. Pursuant to the donation agreement the first phase of the park construction must be completed within the first 4 years.

The first phase is expected to include 12 pickleball courts, 2 youth soccer fields, 2 multi-purpose fields, an 8-foot wide crushed limestone “JoJo Jogging Trail,” 1 restroom facility, a parking lot, and the main entrance to the new park.

Future phases are expected to include 2 youth baseball diamonds, 2 softball diamonds, 2 baseball diamonds, 1 additional youth soccer field, 2 additional multi-purpose fields, restrooms, pavilions, and eventually an historic barn (*renovated to commercial building code standards*) on the centennial farm will be turned over to the Township to use for large gatherings such as weddings and family reunions.

To improve connectivity between Schmidt Heritage Park, Hofma Park and Preserve, and the Non-Motorized Pathway system the Township hopes to acquire land between this Park and Lincoln Street.

Amenities and Facilities

- None, as of yet.

ADA Accessibility
Not applicable at this time because the land is unimproved open space.

152nd Access & Shiawassee Access

Grand Haven Township
152nd Ave & Shiawassee Drive
0.25 Acres Each

Shiawassee Access

152nd Access

Overview

Both of these access sites are located at the end of 152nd Avenue and Shiawassee Drive providing public access to Pottawattomie Bayou. Neither site has designated parking, although parking is allowed within the public right-of-ways along the streets. These two sites predominately serve the adjacent neighborhoods and persons utilizing the nearby Non-Motorized Pathway system. The 152nd Access was completed in 2013 and the Shiawassee Access was completed in 2014. Both provide ADA accessible walkways, benches and bayou viewing.

Amenities and Facilities

- Pottawattomie Bayou Access

ADA Review

Accessible walkways, benches, and bayou viewing.

Black Lake Park

Spring Lake Township
Wilson Rd
30 Acres

Overview
Black Lake Park is the newest park to the Township and is being developed in cooperation with the City of Norton Shores. Facilities include a gravel entrance drive and parking, canoe/kayak launch, and picnic tables.

ADA Review
The canoe/kayak launch is accessible.

Disc Golf Course

Spring Lake Township
Wilson Rd
40.2 Acres

Overview
Located at 925 Wilson Road is an eighteen hole disc golf course.

Amenities and Facilities

- Disc Golf Course

ADA Review

The course is not ADA accessible.

Minnie Skwarek Nature Preserve

Spring Lake Township
Leonard Rd, East of 152dn, West of 148th
24 Acres

Overview
Minnie Skwarek Nature Preserve is a 24 acre preserve owned by the West Michigan Land Conservancy which is open for public visitation with the following guidelines: foot travel only, no hunting, and no camping or camp fires. All pets must be leashed to protect wildlife.

Migratory birds find food and refuge during spring and fall migrations in the forests of Minnie Skwarek Nature Preserve. Spicebush, viburnums and wild grapes provide ripe fruit for migrant thrushes each fall. Nesting birds include: wood thrush, ovenbird, blue-winged warbler, black-throated green warbler, scarlet tanager, rose breasted grosbeak, vireos, and a variety of wood peckers, to name just a few.

Amenities and Facilities

- Trails Parking is encouraged at the Spring Lake High School just east of the trailhead.

Accessibility Review
Rustic trails. None of the trails meet accessibility standards for trail surfaces. Informal parking of vehicles.

River Run Park

Spring Lake Township
Leonard Road
2.76 Acres

Overview
River Run Park is located on Leonard Road adjacent to the River Run Subdivision with public access to the Grand River. This park includes to a section of the Leonard Road Bike Path that extends from the Village of Spring Lake to Jeffers Elementary School at the Township's eastern border. The park is open green on the west side of Leonard Road and natural area along the river.

Amenities and Facilities

- Shelter with river views
- Non-motorized Pathway
- Demonstration Rain Garden

ADA Review
The existing pathway and shelter are ADA accessible.

Rycenga Park

Spring Lake Township
16401 Hemlock Drive
80 Acres

Overview
Rycenga Park is located within both Spring Lake Township and Fruitport Township along Hemlock Road. The park was developed by Spring Lake Township on 40 acres gifted to the Township by John Rycenga, with 40 acres leased to the Township by Fruitport Community Schools. Rycenga Park is the focus for active recreational activities for Township residents.

Amenities and Facilities

- 2 Baseball/Softball Diamonds
- 4 Picnic Shelters
- Nature Trails
    - 0.75 gravel nature trail with boardwalks
    - 1.25 mile woodchip nature pathways
- 4 Basketball Courts
- Play Area
- 2 Soccer Fields
- Parking and Restrooms
- 2 Sand Volleyball Courts

ADA Review
Most all of the park facilities are ADA accessible.

Spring Lake Township Community Park

Spring Lake Township
Exchange Street
0.5 Acres

Overview

Spring Lake Township Community Park is a one-half acre of land situated between the Spring Lake District Library and a currently undeveloped space. The open shady green space includes lawn, trees and landscape plantings. Amenities include a picnic table and a Michigan Historical paying tribute to Winsor McCay the “father of animation”.

Amenities and Facilities

- Picnic Table
- Michigan Historical Marker

Accessibility Review

None of the areas are ADA accessible at this time. Parking at the adjacent Township Hall does provide accessible parking.

Water Tower Park

Spring Lake Township
Van Wagoner Rd & W Spring Lake Rd
5.33 Acres

Overview
Water Tower Park is located at the intersection of Van Wagoner Road and West Spring Lake Road across West Spring Lake Road from the Lakeside Trail pathway to the east and new Township pathway along Van Wagoner Road along the south. The park functions mostly as a neighborhood green space including pick-up games of soccer and for exercising dogs.

Amenities and Facilities

- Open Lawn/Practice Field
- Two Tennis Courts
- Informal Parking

ADA Review
The park does not include parking or walkways. Improvements to existing facilities would include ADA parking and connecting walkway to the tennis courts.

Alden Street End Park

Village of Spring Lake
End Alden Street
2,600 Sq. Ft.

Overview
This street end located on Spring Lake has been impacted by the recent high water and uses are sometimes limited. Original construction include a sidewalk access and wood deck provide pedestrian access, lake viewing and shoreline fishing area. Bollard lights and benches provide year round lake viewing. Drop-in kayak launching is allowed.

Amenities and Facilities

- Lake Viewing Deck
- Benches
- Kayak/Canoe drop-in area

Accessibility Review
The overlook and walkway areas are accessible from the street. The railings are open for fishing but were constructed prior to current ADA fishing handrail standards. The drop-in kayak/canoe area is not accessible.

Central Park

Village of Spring Lake
East of Fruitport Rd Via Central Ave, North of M-104
8.4 Acres

Overview

Central park is the largest park within the Village of Spring Lake. The park is a focus for active recreation. Central Park has direct access on the south via Rotary Drive from M-104 and on the East of N. Fruitport Road via Central Ave. It is also adjacent to and accessible by pedestrians and bicyclists from the Lakeside Trail Linear Park.

Amenities and Facilities

- Picnic Tables
- Grills
- Play Areas
- Restroom
- Shelter/Storage Building
- Pickleball (6)
- Skating Rink
- Adult and Youth Softball/Baseball Diamonds
- Basketball Courts
- Dog Park

Accessibility Review

Central Park facilities have been constructed over several decades and many prior to the current ADA accessibility codes and standards. Therefore most all of the facilities are not ADA accessible. The park does have accessible parking, access to the pickleball and basketball courts, and to the adjacent Lakeside Trail Linear Park. The restroom buildings, play areas, ball diamonds, picnic tables, and other facilities are not considered ADA accessible. As the park is updated through renovations, these facilities can be renovated and brought up to current codes.

S. Cutler Street Launch Ramp

Village of Spring Lake
End S. Cutler St.
0.2 Acres

Photos prior to 2019 High-Water.

Overview

Cutler Street right-of-way provides access to the Grand River, but in 2019 high-water in the Grand River has severely limited its public use. This site is east of and contiguous with Mill Point Park with a pathway connecting to Tanglefoot Campground. A gravel access drive and unimproved parking lot serve the site. This area is very valuable as a staging location for dredge spoils to dry out from the annual boat launch dredging just to the west. An existing fishing and river observation deck provide excellent views of the Grand River. A drop-in canoe and kayak launch is located next to the deck.

Amenities and Facilities

- Kayak/Canoe Launch
- Viewing Deck

Accessibility Review

Currently the facilities do not meet accessibility standards and are for the most part unimproved areas.

Jackson Street Dock

Village of Spring Lake
End Jackson Street
2,600 Sq. Ft.

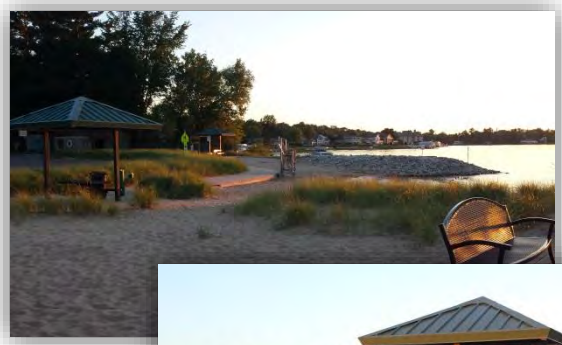
Overview
Jackson Street Dock is a public street end. This Spring Lake waterfront is improved with landscaping, sidewalks, dockage for boat tie-ups (including the Harbor Steamer), picnic tables, and viewing/fishing deck. This access point has been impacted significantly by high water from the Grand River which has impacted its availability to the public.

Amenities and Facilities
- Viewing/Fishing Deck
- Picnic Tables
- Boat Tie-Ups

Accessibility Review
The facilities were constructed to be ADA accessible in 2003.

Lakeside Beach

Village of Spring Lake
Corner of N. Lake St and Beach Drive
1 Acre



Overview
This public swimming beach, about one acre in size, is located at the northwest corner of Lake Street and Beach Avenue. This facility is the main public beach on Spring Lake. Sidewalks along Lake Street provide good pedestrian access to the park site. Parking at this location is provided along the adjacent street. The Spring Lake Area Recreation Authority provides lifeguards at the beach during the summer months. The beach provides public swimming during the summer and fishing access the remainder of the year. Residents also use the beach during non-summer months for drop-in kayak access. The high water of Spring Lake in 2019 has impacted this site-flooding the beach and often the sidewalks. This has impacted overall public access as well as ADA accessibility.

Amenities and Facilities

- Sand Beach
- Restrooms
- Picnic Tables
- Benches
- Deck overlooking Spring Lake

Accessibility Review
The walkways, picnic tables, and overlook deck with benches were designed to be ADA accessible but have been impacted by the high water in 2019. The restroom building is partially accessible. The swimming beach water access has not been made accessible, although the adjacent walkway and tables are.

Mill Point Park & Boat Launch

Village of Spring Lake
School St & Exchange St
13.5 Acres

Overview

This waterfront park contains 13.5 acres of land with Grand River frontage and wetland. The park is the site of the "Music at the Point" summer concert series, festivals, Fireworks during the annual Spring Lake Heritage Festival, and the annual Spring Lake Wooden Boat Show. The boat launch has dual launch ramps with floating docks. Parking is available for 50 truck & trailer combinations, as well as 15 autos. Facilities include public restrooms, a boardwalk, and viewing/fishing decks. The Rotary Clubs Centennial Band Shell provides a performance venue. A nine acre wetland preserve provides a nature walk and direct access to Savidge St.

Amenities and Facilities

- Restrooms and Venue Shelter
- Picnic Tables and Grills
- Benches
- Deck overlooking the Grand River
- Play Area
- Wetland Boardwalk
- Boat Launch and Small Marina
- Floating Boat Dock

ADA Review

All of the facilities within the park are ADA accessible except for the boat launch and small marina facilities. These are connected by walkways and parking but do not meet the current ADA standards as they were constructed prior to the enactment of the standards.

North Division Street End

Village of Spring Lake
End N. Division Street
3,500 Sq. Ft.

Photos of the park prior to 2019 high water. Facilities may be available if the water recedes.

Overview
As of 2019 this street end is flooded from the high water on Spring Lake and is not currently usable. In the past, this site included a small sand swimming area on Spring Lake. A guardrail at the street end blocks ingress to the 3,500 square foot open area. The site slopes downward from the street approximately eleven feet in elevation to the water's edge. This area was signed for canoe/kayak access in 2007.

Amenities and Facilities

- Beach
- Canoe/Kayak Access

Accessibility Review
None of the facilities are ADA accessible.

Overview
This street end was improved to provide a small passive water access area.

Amenities and Facilities

- Water access onto Spring Lake

Accessibility Review
As the site is informally developed, the site does not have ADA accessible facilities.

Parkhurst Street End

Village of Spring Lake
End Parkhurst Street
8,950 Sq. Ft.

Overview
Access is by a bituminous walkway from Buena Vista to this street end. The street end was reduced in size in 2019 due to high water.

Amenities and Facilities
- Water access

Accessibility Review
The pathway to the water is accessible.

Spring Lake Community Park

Village of Spring Lake
Exchange Street
0.5 Acres

Overview

Spring Lake Community Park is a one-half acre of land situated between the Spring Lake District Library and a currently undeveloped space. The open shady green space includes lawn, trees and landscape plantings. Amenities include a picnic table and a Michigan Historical paying tribute to Winsor McCay the “father of animation”.

Amenities and Facilities

- Picnic Table
- Michigan Historical Marker

Accessibility Review

None of the areas are ADA accessible at this time. Parking at the adjacent Village Hall does provide accessible parking.

Tanglefoot Park

Village of Spring Lake
312 W Exchange St
1.4 Acres

Overview
This park was closed in 2019 for redevelopment. A new master plan for redevelopment is being created in 2019 and 2020.

Whistle Stop Playground

Village of Spring Lake
Grand Trunk Trail, Between Cutler St & Park St
0.3 Acres

Overview
Whistle Stop Playground is part of the Lakeside Trail Linear Park and is located between Cutler St. and Park St. The park has been recently redeveloped with an all new play area, a focus on public art, including a mural, and educational landscaping utilizing native plant materials,

Amenities and Facilities

- Playground
- Pavilion
- Water Fountain

Accessibility Review
The park is accessible.

ADA Accessibility Assessment of Existing Park Facilities

The *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* prepared by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Grant Management Division requires the completion of an Accessibility Assessment. This Plan includes the following areas directed to the identification and planning for ADA and Universal Accessibility.

ADA Park Review and Assessment

This assessment was completed in each park during the individual park tours and the information has been incorporated into the planning process.

Individual Park Inventory Sheets

A brief description of the accessibility of each park is included for public information on the individual park inventory sheets within the Recreation Inventory section of the plan. These sheets will be available for public viewing and use on the community websites.

ADA Accessibility Assessment Chart

An ADA accessibility Assessment Chart is included in this section which summarizes the accessibility of the parks within the five communities based on the MDNR Accessibility Ranking System further discussed below

Goals and Objectives:

Each of the communities included future Goals and Objectives for improving ADA accessibility within the parks through renovation and future development projects. These are included in the Goals and Objectives Section.

Action Plan and Future Projects

Each of the communities embraces the commitment to make the parks more accessible. As they renovate and improve the existing parks the facilities are being upgraded and made more accessible. New facilities are incorporating the principals of Universal Design from the initial design through construction. These projects are being accomplished as funding is available for park improvements.

MDNR ADA Accessibility Ranking System

The MDNR planning booklet provides a ranking system was updated in November of 2018 to the following to be utilized in evaluating public parks and open spaces. This ranking system is based on the following:

1= none of the site elements meet 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design
2= some of the site elements meet 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design
3= most of the site elements meet 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design
4= all of the site elements meet 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design
5= the facility meets the Principals of Universal Design.

Appendix D. Barrier Free Accessibility Requirements for Parks, within the guideline's booklet, provides the following written comments regarding parks and accessibility.

"Recreational areas, facilities, and programs play an important role in the life of the community; therefore it is essential that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy these areas and any programs provided. Federal and state laws prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability, and these laws apply to parks and other recreation lands and programs controlled and operated by local units of government. The DNR has a strong commitment to barrier free recreational opportunities in our Department-managed programs and facilities. This commitment extends to those communities that receive recreation grants.

Under the state Utilization of Public Facilities by the Physically Limited Act (Public Act 1 of 1966, as amended) all facilities, including improved areas used for recreation, must meet the barrier free design requirements contained in the state construction code. Under this act, the administration and enforcement related to barrier free design requirements are vested in the local or state government agency responsible for issuing a building permit. If the project does not require a building permit, administration and enforcement of barrier free design requirements are vested in the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

Any request for an exception to the barrier free design requirements of the state construction code must be submitted to the Barrier Free Design Board, within the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. (517-241-9328). The Barrier Free Design board has the responsibility to receive, review, and process requests for exceptions to barrier free design specifications; require appropriate equivalent alternatives when exceptions are granted; and receive, process, and make recommendations for barrier free design rules.

The Department of Justice published revised regulations for Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 "ADA" in the Federal Register on September 15, 2010. These regulations adopted revised, enforceable accessibility standards called the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design, "2010 Standards or Standards". The 2010 Standards set minimum requirements—both scoping and technical—for newly designed and constructed or altered state and local government facilities, public accommodations, and commercial facilities to be readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities. The Federal Standards have precedence over State codes.

Adoption of the 2010 Standards also established a revised reference point for Title II entities (public entities-State or local government) that choose to make structural changes to existing facilities to meet their program accessibility requirements and it establishes a similar reference for Title III entities (places of public accommodation) undertaking readily achievable barrier removal.

Because the state construction code and 2010 Standard does not apply to many recreation facilities, it is essential that you also be aware of and understand the existing federal guidelines covering these types of facilities. On September 26, 2013 The Federal Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (known as the Access Board) issued updated guidelines, entitled the Accessibility Guidelines for Outdoor

Developed Areas. These guidelines are enforceable under the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) Standards for federal agencies on November 26, 2013. They should eventually be adopted as enforceable standards for Title II and III agencies, but until that occurs, the existing ADA Standards must be followed when the two conflict.

Included in the Outdoor Guidelines are technical provisions for the number and types of recreation facilities including camping facilities, picnic facilities, viewing areas, trails and beach access routes. While none of these guidelines has yet been adopted for Title II and Title III agencies, they represent the best information available on developing barrier free recreation facilities. Questions regarding 2010 ADA standards and the Accessibility Guidelines for Outdoor developed Areas should be directed to the Department of Justice ADA Technical Assistance, 800-514-0301 (voice) or 800-514-0383 (TTY)."

ADA Accessibility Assessment Chart

The ADA Accessibility Assessment Chart is included on the following page.

ADA Accessibility Assessment Chart

January 28, 2020

Municipality	Park Name	1	2	3	4	5	Key: MDNR Ranking System
City of Ferrysburg	Coast Guard Park		■				1 = None of the Site Elements meet 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design
City of Ferrysburg	Ferrysburg Nature Preserve		■				2 = Some of the Site Elements meet 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design
City of Ferrysburg	Firebarn Park		■				3 = Most of the Site Elements meet 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design
City of Ferrysburg	Kitchel-Lindquist-Hartger Preserve		■				4 = All of the Site Elements meet 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design
City of Ferrysburg	Mike Herman Park	■					5 = The Facility Meets the Principals of Universal Design
City of Ferrysburg	Sunnyside Park				■		
City of Ferrysburg	William Montague Ferry Park			■			
City of Grand Haven	Bicentennial (Riverview) Park			■			
City of Grand Haven	Bolt Park			■			
City of Grand Haven	Central Park			■			
City of Grand Haven	Chinook Pier			■			
City of Grand Haven	City Beach Park					■	
City of Grand Haven	Duncan Woods	■					
City of Grand Haven	East Grand River Park			■			
City of Grand Haven	Escanaba Park			■			
City of Grand Haven	Grand Haven Musucal Fountain	■					
City of Grand Haven	Harbor Island Linear Park		■				
City of Grand Haven	Harbor Island			■			High water levels have affected accessibilty
City of Grand Haven	Johnston Park		■				
City of Grand Haven	Klaver Park		■				
City of Grand Haven	Klempel Park			■			
City of Grand Haven	Lighthouse Connector Park			■			
City of Grand Haven	Mulligan's Hollow		■				
City of Grand Haven	N. Shore Fisherman's Parking Lot			■			
City of Grand Haven	Rix Robinson Park			■			
City of Grand Haven	Sluka Field		■				
City of Grand Haven	Veterans Memorial Park			■			
City of Grand Haven	Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium					■	
City of Grand Haven	William Hatton Park	■					
City of Grand Haven	Willow Park		■				
Grand Haven Township	Bignell Access	■					
Grand Haven Township	Brucker Access	■					
Grand Haven Township	Buchanan Access	■					High water levels have affected accessibility
Grand Haven Township	Hofma Park & Preserve			■			
Grand Haven Township	Mercury Park			■			
Grand Haven Township	Odawa Battle Point Boat Launch			■			
Grand Haven Township	152nd Access					■	
Grand Haven Township	Pottawattomie Park			■			
Grand Haven Township	Schmidt Heritage Park	■					
Grand Haven Township	Shiawassee Access					■	High water levels have affected accessibilty
Spring Lake Township	Black Lake Park		■				
Spring Lake Township	Disc Golf Course	■					
Spring Lake Township	Glafcke Family Public Preserve	■					High water levels have affected accessiblity
Spring Lake Township	River Run Park		■				
Spring Lake Township	Rycenga Park			■			
Spring Lake Township	SL Township Community Park		■				
Spring Lake Township	Water Tower Park	■					
Village of Spring Lake	Alden Street End	■					High water levels have affected accessiblity
Village of Spring Lake	Central Park			■			
Village of Spring Lake	Cutler Street Launch Ramp	■					High water levels have affected accessiblity
Village of Spring Lake	Jackson Street End	■					High water levels have affected accessiblity
Village of Spring Lake	Lakeside Beach			■			High water levels have affected accessiblity
Village of Spring Lake	Mill Point Park & Boat Launch			■			High water levels have affected accessiblity
Village of Spring Lake	N. Division Street End	■					High water levels have affected accessiblity
Village of Spring Lake	Parkhurst Street End	■					High water levels have affected accessiblity
Village of Spring Lake	Tanglefoot Park			■			High water levels have affected accessiblity
Village of Spring Lake	Whistle Stop Playground				■		
Trails	Grand Haven Waterfront Trail			■			
Trails	Grand Haven Township Non-Motorized			■			
Trails	Lakeshore Connector Path			■			
Trails	Lakeside Trail			■			
Trails	Linear Trail Park			■			
Trails	North Bank Trail			■			

Area Trail & Pathway Maps

The Grand Region has significant water resources for use of the Grand River and Lake Michigan as water trail routes. There are also extensive non-motorized trail resources in existence with many more miles being planned that link the communities, parks, schools, natural resources, neighborhoods, and key community locations such as shopping districts and service facilities.

These include, but are not limited to the following:

Grand River Heritage Water Trail

Grand Haven, Spring Lake, Ferrysburg Pathways

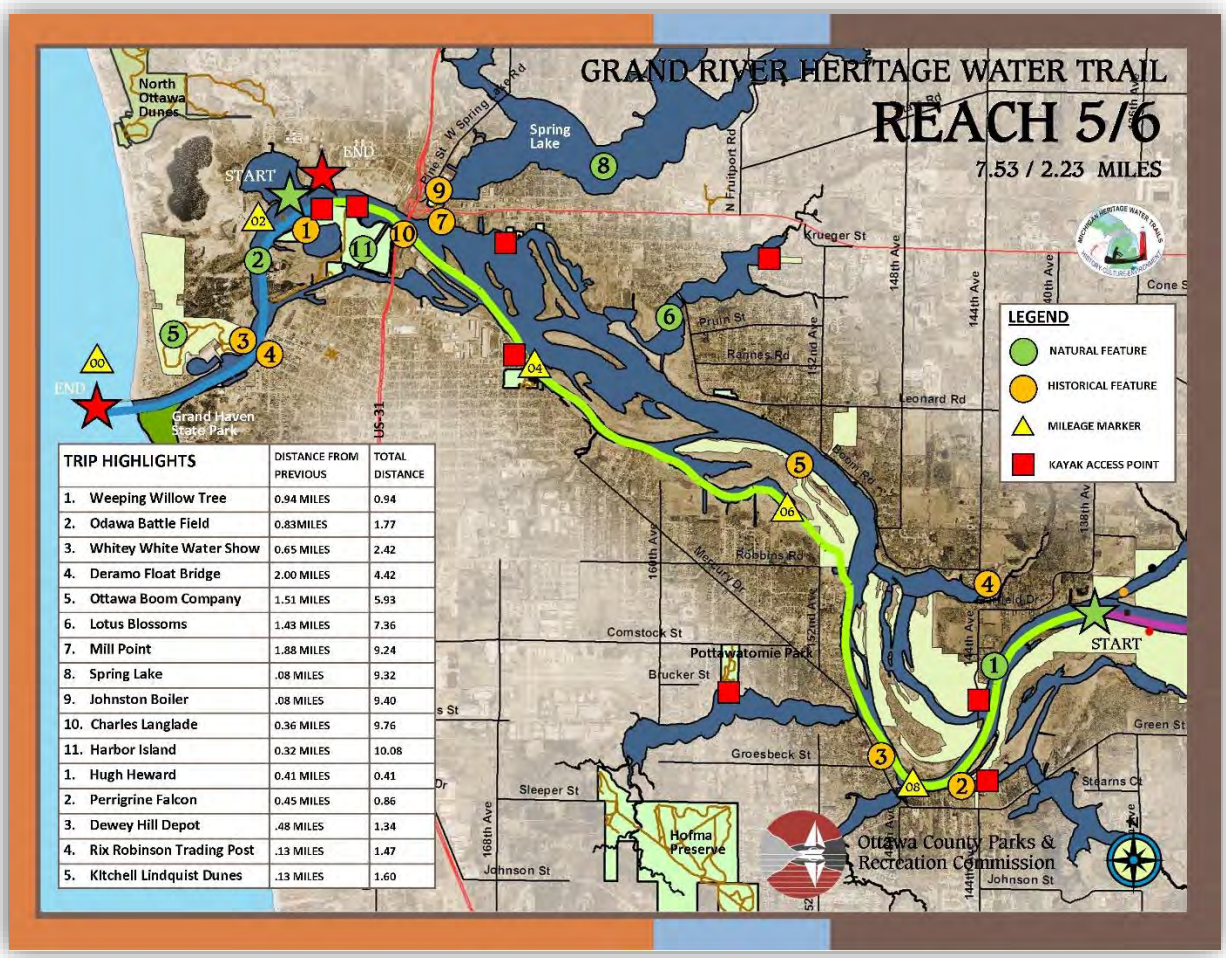
Grand Haven Township Non-Motorized Pathways

North Bank Trail

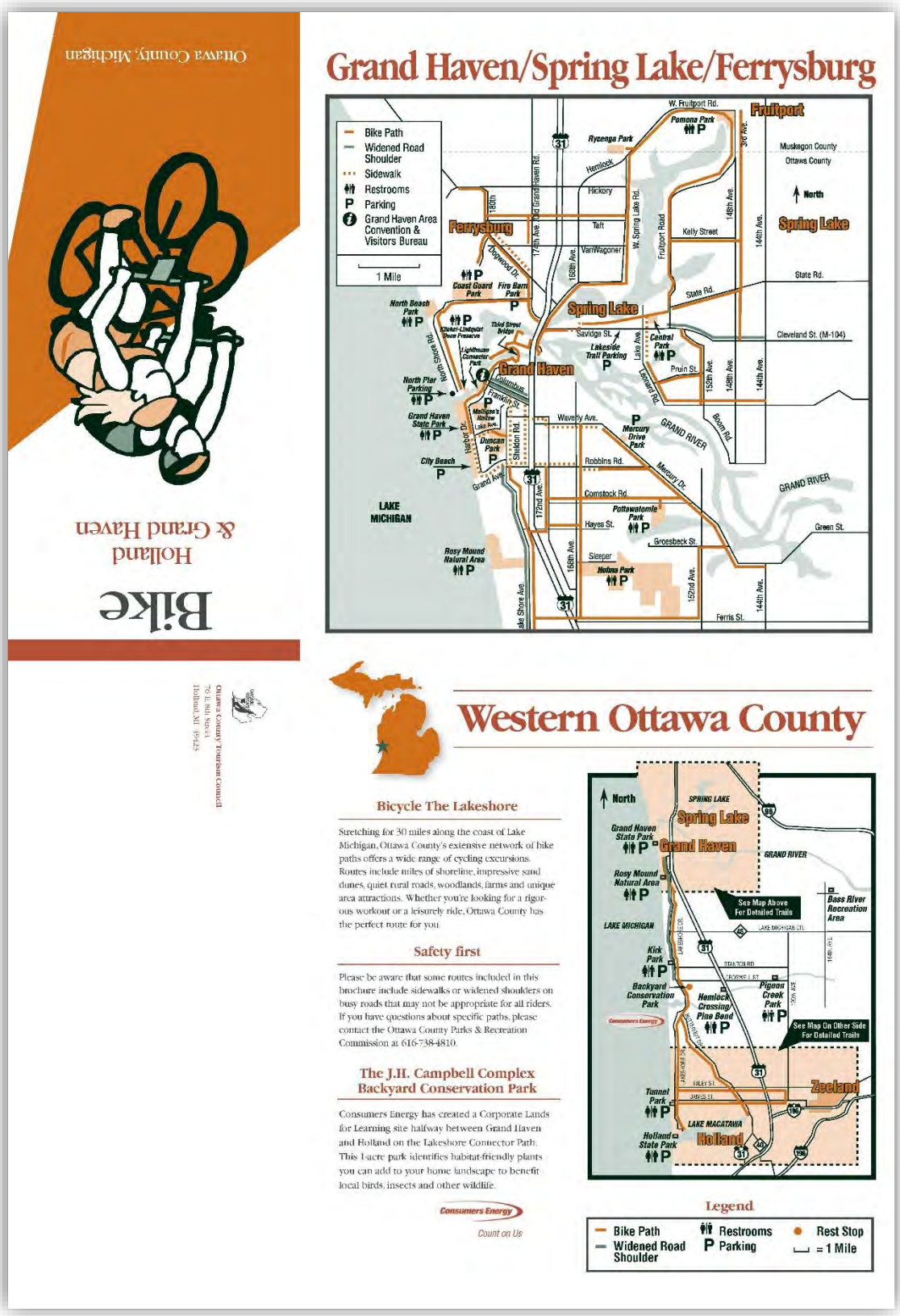
Lighthouse Connector Trail in Grand Haven along Channel

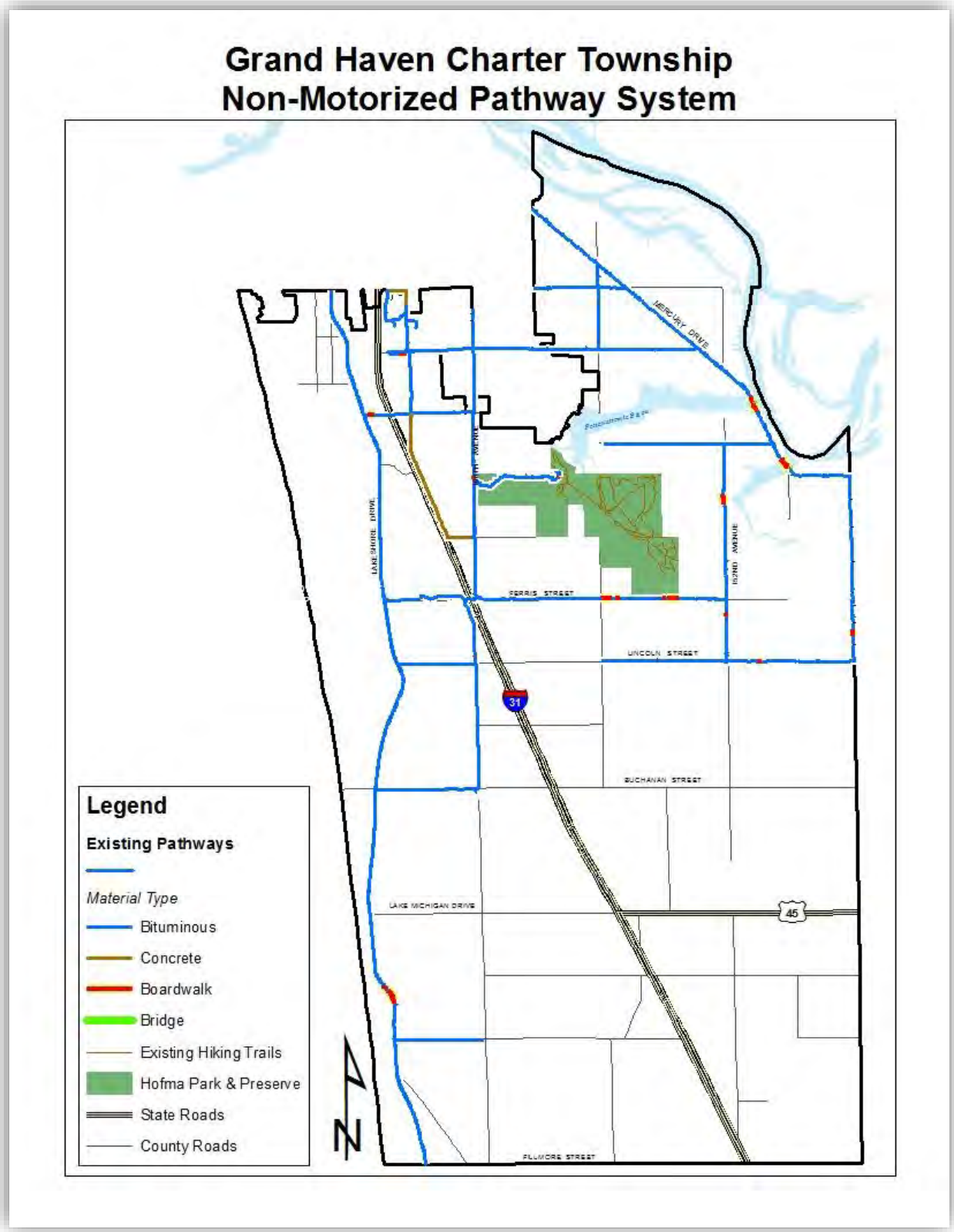
Idema Explorers Trail

USBR-35 (US Bicycle Route 35)



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS	DISTANCE FROM PREVIOUS	TOTAL DISTANCE
1. Weeping Willow Tree	0.94 MILES	0.94
2. Odawa Battle Field	0.83MILES	1.77
3. Whitey White Water Show	0.65 MILES	2.42
4. Deramo Float Bridge	2.00 MILES	4.42
5. Ottawa Boom Company	1.51 MILES	5.93
6. Lotus Blossoms	1.43 MILES	7.36
7. Mill Point	1.88 MILES	9.24
8. Spring Lake	.08 MILES	9.32
9. Johnston Boiler	.08 MILES	9.40
10. Charles Langlade	0.36 MILES	9.76
11. Harbor Island	0.32 MILES	10.08
1. Hugh Heward	0.41 MILES	0.41
2. Perrigrine Falcon	0.45 MILES	0.86
3. Dewey Hill Depot	.48 MILES	1.34
4. Rix Robinson Trading Post	.13 MILES	1.47
5. Kitchell Lindquist Dunes	.13 MILES	1.60


Ottawa County, Michigan
Bike
Holland
& Grand Haven
Ottawa County Tourism Council
76 E. 8th Street
Holland, MI 49423
Grand Haven/Spring Lake/Ferrysburg
Bike Path
Widened Road Shoulder
Sidewalk
Restrooms
Parking
Grand Haven Area Convention & Visitors Bureau
1 Mile
Fruitport
Ferrysburg
Spring Lake
Grand Haven
LAKE MICHIGAN
GRAND RIVER
Western Ottawa County
Bicycle The Lakeshore
Stretching for 30 miles along the coast of Lake Michigan, Ottawa County's extensive network of bike paths offers a wide range of cycling excursions. Routes include miles of shoreline, impressive sand dunes, quiet rural roads, woodlands, farms and unique area attractions. Whether you're looking for a rigorous workout or a leisurely ride, Ottawa County has the perfect route for you.
Safety first
Please be aware that some routes included in this brochure include sidewalks or widened shoulders on busy roads that may not be appropriate for all riders. If you have questions about specific paths, please contact the Ottawa County Parks & Recreation Commission at 616-738-4810.
The J.H. Campbell Complex Backyard Conservation Park
Consumers Energy has created a Corporate Lands for Learning site halfway between Grand Haven and Holland on the Lakeshore Connector Path. This 1-acre park identifies habitat-friendly plants you can add to your home landscape to benefit local birds, insects and other wildlife.
Consumers Energy
Count on Us
North
See Map Above For Detailed Trails
See Map On Other Side For Detailed Trails
Zeeland
Holland
Legend
Bike Path
Widened Road Shoulder
Restrooms
Parking
Rest Stop
= 1 Mile


Grand Haven Charter Township
Non-Motorized Pathway System
MERCURY DRIVE
LAKESHORE DRIVE
FERRIS STREET
LINCOLN STREET
BUCHANAN STREET
LAKE MICHIGAN DRIVE
FILLMORE STREET
31
45
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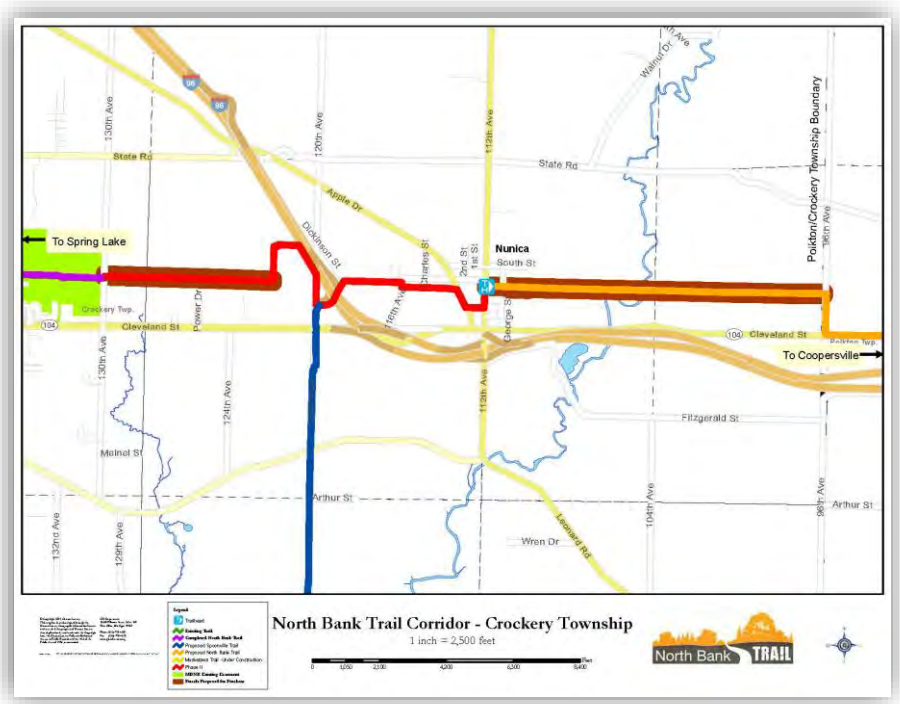
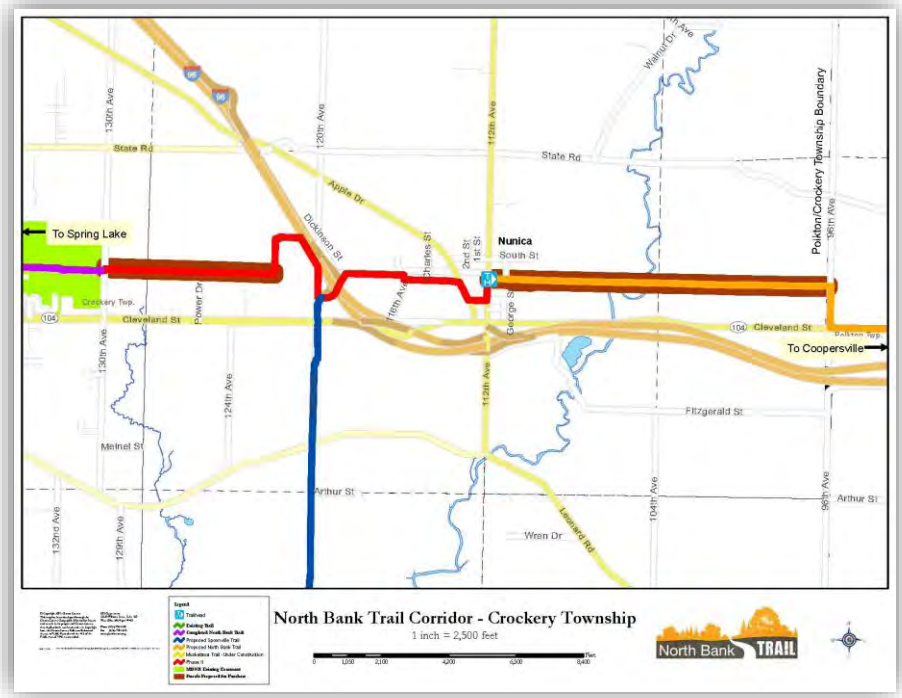
Legend
Existing Pathways
Material Type
Bituminous
Concrete
Boardwalk
Bridge
Existing Hiking Trails
Hofma Park & Preserve
State Roads
County Roads

North Bank Trail in Spring Lake Township with Connection to the Village of Spring Lake to West





Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission

The Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission has an extensive system of parks which is funded through public millages, fees, donations, and grants. The list below does not include all of the County Parks but does include parks located in surrounding Townships and Cities, which are used most frequently by the Region's residents.

Kirk Park-(Within Grand Haven Charter Township)

Kirk Park is located in the southern region of Grand Haven Township. The 68 acre park is located on Lake Michigan with 1,850 lineal feet of Lake Michigan beach. The land is comprised of beach front, sand dunes and wooded back dune areas. Facilities include a picnic pavilion, playground, restrooms, Kirk Park Lodge, open picnic areas, swimming beach, hiking trails and un-groomed cross country ski trails, and horseshoe pit. New to the park is an off-leash dog beach.

Hiawatha Forest (Within Grand Haven Charter Township)

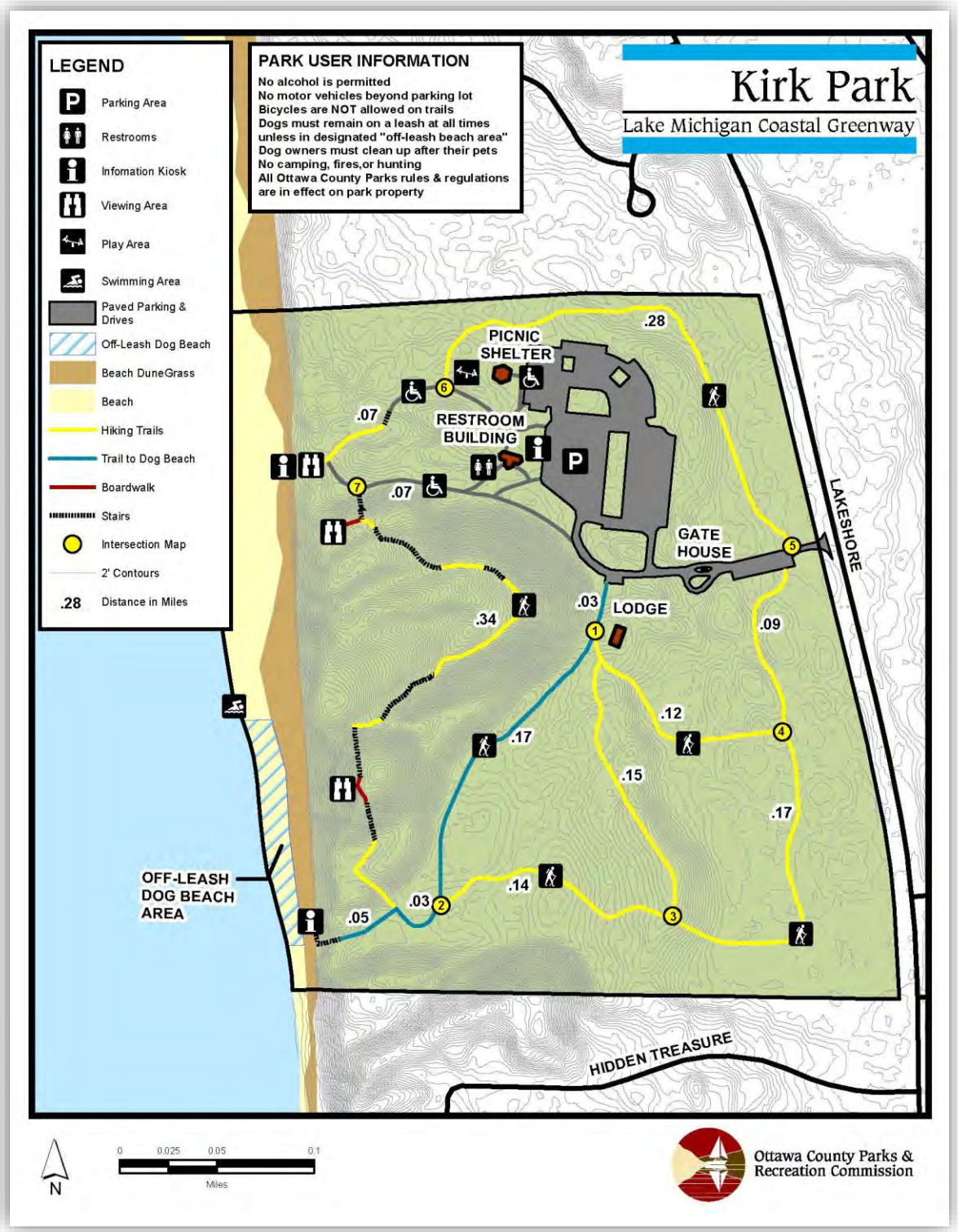
Hiawatha Forest, located on Fillmore, is a 365 acre flat natural site with both hardwood stands and red pine plantations with a very limited, unmarked trail system. A small parking area and information kiosk is the only developed facilities. Off-trail hiking and cross-country skiing is allowed as well as both on or off leash dog use.

Rosy Mound Natural Area- (Within Grand Haven Charter Township)

Rosy Mound Natural Area is 276 acres of unique sand and wooded dunes with .65 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline. Facilities include extensive walkways and stairways within the dunes and woodlands to Lake Michigan, picnic facilities, restrooms near the parking area and beach, a unique shade canopy near the beach, interpretive signs, and parking. The park is connected along Lakeshore Drive to the Township's Non-Motorized Pathway System.

North Beach Park- (Within the City of Ferrysburg)

North Beach Park is a popular seven-acre park located north of the Grand River channel in the City of Ferrysburg. The park includes 745 lineal feet of Lake Michigan beach with a large natural dune formation with a dune stairway and observation platform for lake viewing. The beach is open for swimming and public access. Park facilities also include a large picnic shelter, barrier free beach walkway, seasonal vending concession, play area, sand volleyball court, picnic tables and grills, and restrooms.


Kirk Park
Lake Michigan Coastal Greenway
LEGEND
Parking Area
Restrooms
Infomation Kiosk
Viewing Area
Play Area
Swimming Area
Paved Parking & Drives
Off-Leash Dog Beach
Beach DuneGrass
Beach
Hiking Trails
Trail to Dog Beach
Boardwalk
Stairs
Intersection Map
2' Contours
.28 Distance in Miles
PARK USER INFORMATION
No alcohol is permitted
No motor vehicles beyond parking lot
Bicycles are NOT allowed on trails
Dogs must remain on a leash at all times unless in designated "off-leash beach area"
Dog owners must clean up after their pets
No camping, fires,or hunting
All Ottawa County Parks rules & regulations are in effect on park property
PICNIC SHELTER
RESTROOM BUILDING
GATE HOUSE
LODGE
LAKESHORE
HIDDEN TREASURE
OFF-LEASH DOG BEACH AREA
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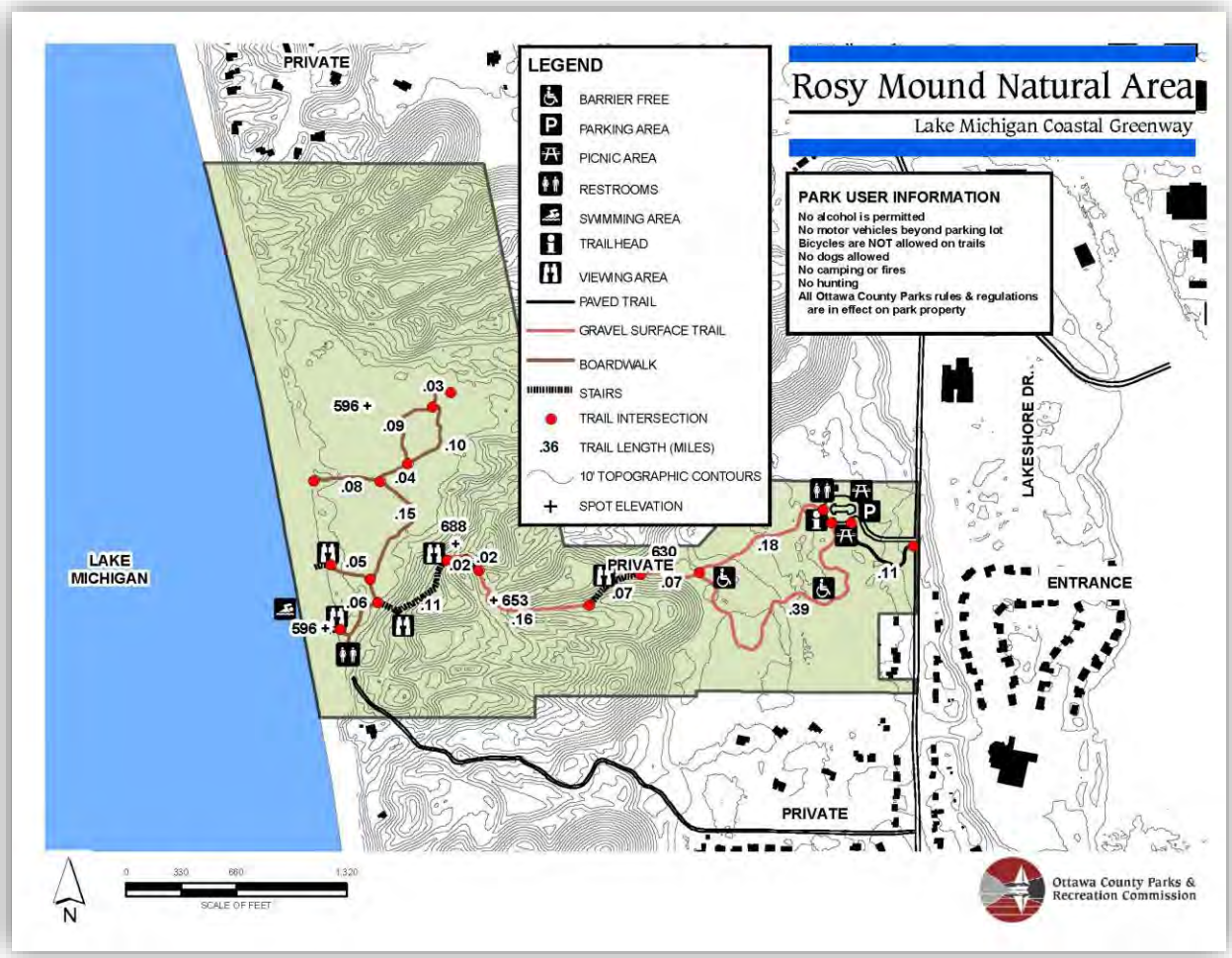
Miles
Ottawa County Parks & Recreation Commission


Rosy Mound Natural Area
Lake Michigan Coastal Greenway
LEGEND
BARRIER FREE
PARKING AREA
PICNIC AREA
RESTROOMS
SWIMMING AREA
TRAILHEAD
VIEWING AREA
PAVED TRAIL
GRAVEL SURFACE TRAIL
BOARDWALK
STAIRS
TRAIL INTERSECTION
.36 TRAIL LENGTH (MILES)
10' TOPOGRAPHIC CONTOURS
SPOT ELEVATION
PARK USER INFORMATION
No alcohol is permitted
No motor vehicles beyond parking lot
Bicycles are NOT allowed on trails
No dogs allowed
No camping or fires
No hunting
All Ottawa County Parks rules & regulations are in effect on park property
PRIVATE
LAKE MICHIGAN
LAKESHORE DR.
ENTRANCE
596 +
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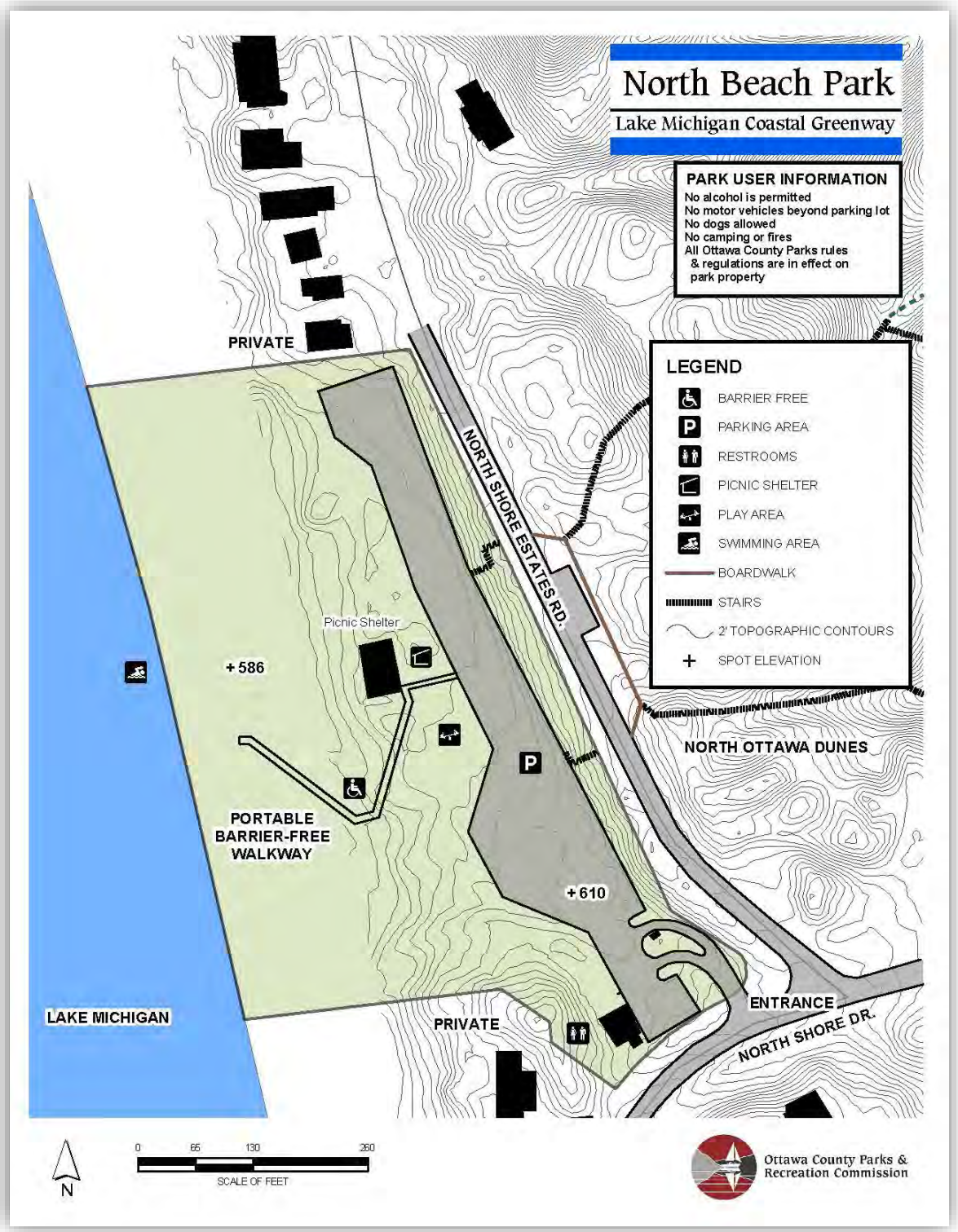
SCALE OF FEET
Ottawa County Parks & Recreation Commission


North Beach Park
Lake Michigan Coastal Greenway
PARK USER INFORMATION
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LEGEND
BARRIER FREE
PARKING AREA
RESTROOMS
PICNIC SHELTER
PLAY AREA
SWIMMING AREA
BOARDWALK
STAIRS
2' TOPOGRAPHIC CONTOURS
SPOT ELEVATION
PRIVATE
NORTH SHORE ESTATES RD.
Picnic Shelter
+586
PORTABLE BARRIER-FREE WALKWAY
+610
NORTH OTTAWA DUNES
ENTRANCE
NORTH SHORE DR.
LAKE MICHIGAN
PRIVATE
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0 65 130 260
SCALE OF FEET
Ottawa County Parks & Recreation Commission

North Ottawa Dunes (Located in the City of Ferrysburg)

The North Ottawa Dunes encompasses 593 acres of natural dunes areas between the Grand River and the southern boundary of P.J. Hoffmaster State Park. Ten miles of hiking trails provide access to the dunes as well as North Ottawa Beach Park, P.J. Hoffmaster State Park, Ferrysburg's Coast Guard Park, and other undeveloped land owned by Spring Lake Township. Access to the dunes ten miles of informal trails are through the trailhead and parking at Coast Guard Park with trailhead facilities including picnic tables, restrooms, and hiking trails.

Ottawa Sands Park (Located in the Cities of Ferrysburg and Grand Haven)

The 345-acre property sits between green space preserves and natural areas owned by the cities of Grand Haven and Ferrysburg and North Ottawa Dunes County Park. The park is newly acquired, and master planning of the site is expected in 2020. The property includes forested dunes, an 80-acre inland lake, and riverfront land with wetlands.

Olive Shores

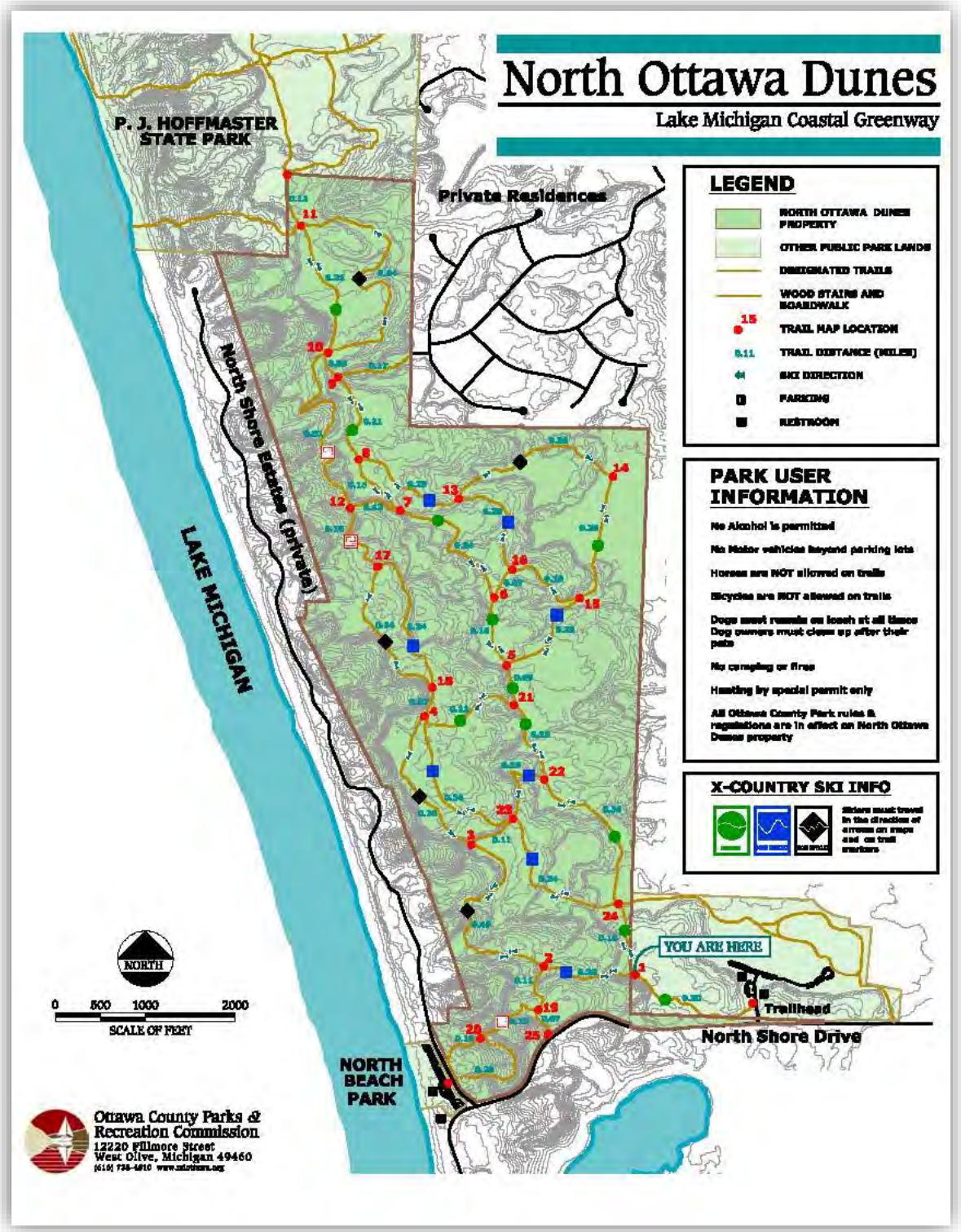
The mostly wooded 20-acre site includes a steep sand dune formation with 738' of Lake Michigan frontage. Facilities include a parking area, restrooms, picnic tables, a barrier free trail loop, and a boardwalk through the dunes with overlooks of Lake Michigan and beach access including swimming.

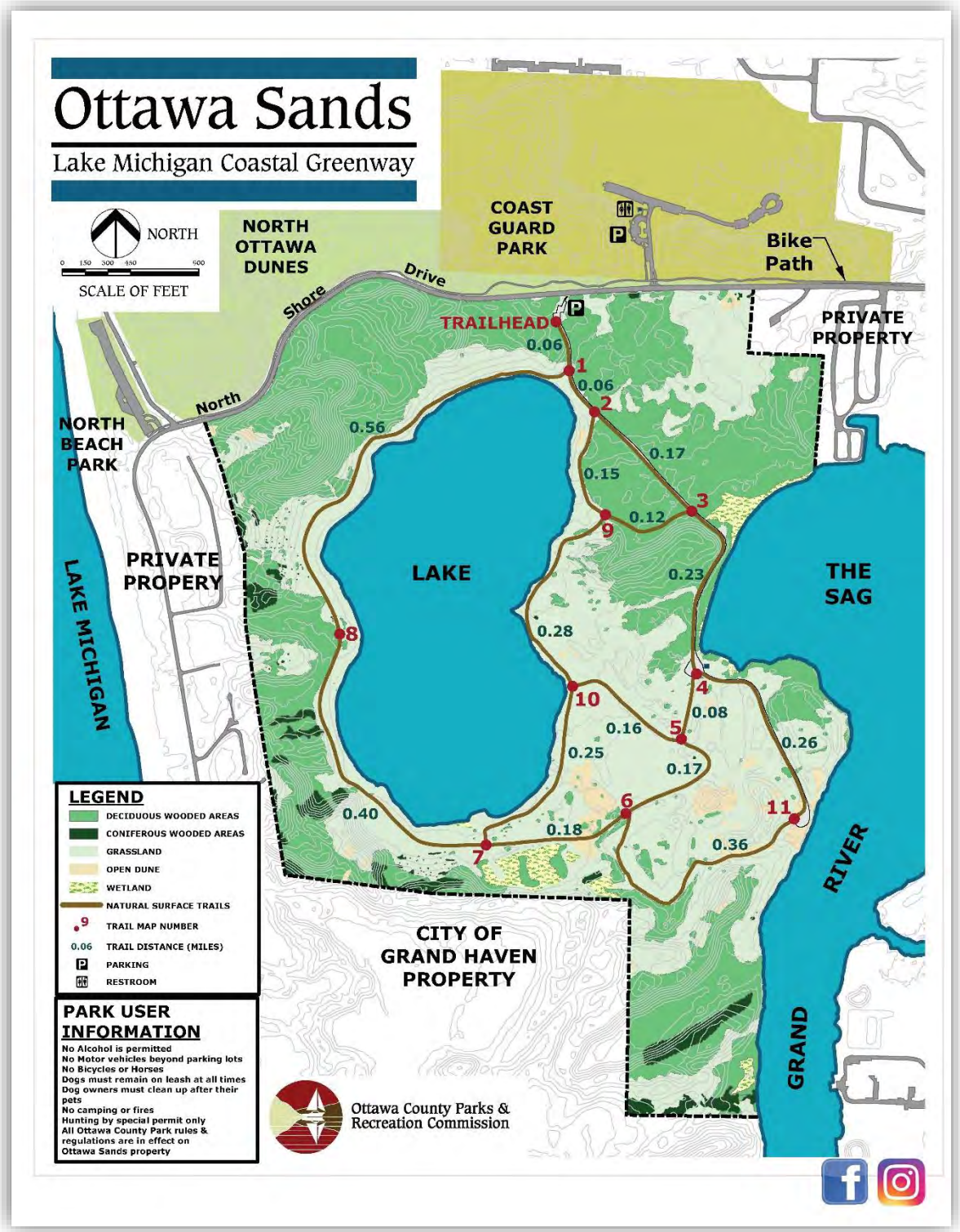
Tunnel Park

Tunnel Park is a 22 acre park located south of the Township on Lake Michigan. It offers beach swimming, picnic facilities, restroom building, four sand volleyball courts, two picnic shelters, playground, horseshoe pit, and dune stairway. A unique tunnel provides access to the Lake Michigan beach.

Hemlock Crossing and Pine Bend

Hemlock Crossing and Pine Bend are a combined 239 acres of woods and wetlands along the Pigeon River. The parks offer over 6 miles of trails for hiking and cross-country skiing. Facilities include parking, a Nature Education Center, a unique pedestrian bridge, scenic overlooks along the trails, two small picnic shelters with tables and grills, modern restrooms, hiking, and a canoe and kayak launch. The adjacent Pine Bend Park offers additional parking, picnic tables and grills, the Weaver House, historic interpretation, rustic toilets and trails.


North Ottawa Dunes
Lake Michigan Coastal Greenway
P. J. HOFFMASTER STATE PARK
Private Residences
North Shore Estates (private)
LAKE MICHIGAN
LEGEND
NORTH OTTAWA DUNES PROPERTY
OTHER PUBLIC PARK LANDS
DESIGNATED TRAILS
WOOD STAIRS AND BOARDWALK
TRAIL MAP LOCATION
TRAIL DISTANCE (MILES)
SKI DIRECTION
PARKING
RESTROOM
PARK USER INFORMATION
No Alcohol is permitted
No Motor vehicles beyond parking lots
Horses are NOT allowed on trails
Bicycles are NOT allowed on trails
Dogs must remain on leash at all times
Dog owners must clean up after their pets
No camping or fires
Hunting by special permit only
All Ottawa County Park rules & regulations are in effect on North Ottawa Dunes property
X-COUNTRY SKI INFO
Skiers must travel in the direction of arrows on maps and on trail markers
YOU ARE HERE
Trailhead
North Shore Drive
NORTH BEACH PARK
NORTH
0 500 1000 2000
SCALE OF FEET
Ottawa County Parks & Recreation Commission
12220 Fillmore Street
West Olive, Michigan 49460


Ottawa Sands
Lake Michigan Coastal Greenway
NORTH
SCALE OF FEET
NORTH OTTAWA DUNES
COAST GUARD PARK
Bike Path
North Shore Drive
TRAILHEAD
PRIVATE PROPERTY
NORTH BEACH PARK
LAKE MICHIGAN
LAKE
THE SAG
GRAND RIVER
CITY OF GRAND HAVEN PROPERTY
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LEGEND
DECIDUOUS WOODED AREAS
CONIFEROUS WOODED AREAS
GRASSLAND
OPEN DUNE
WETLAND
NATURAL SURFACE TRAILS
TRAIL MAP NUMBER
TRAIL DISTANCE (MILES)
PARKING
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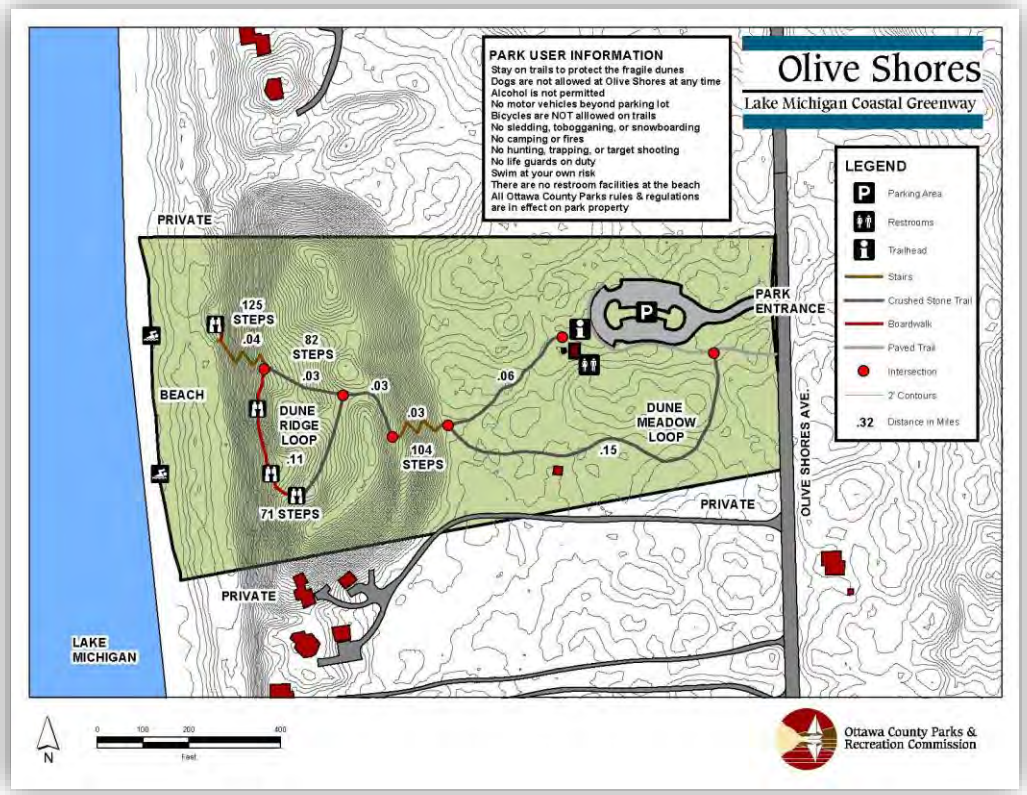
Ottawa County Parks & Recreation Commission


Olive Shores
Lake Michigan Coastal Greenway
PARK USER INFORMATION
Stay on trails to protect the fragile dunes
Dogs are not allowed at Olive Shores at any time
Alcohol is not permitted
No motor vehicles beyond parking lot
Bicycles are NOT allowed on trails
No sledding, tobogganing, or snowboarding
No camping or fires
No hunting, trapping, or target shooting
No life guards on duty
Swim at your own risk
There are no restroom facilities at the beach
All Ottawa County Parks rules & regulations are in effect on park property
LEGEND
Parking Area
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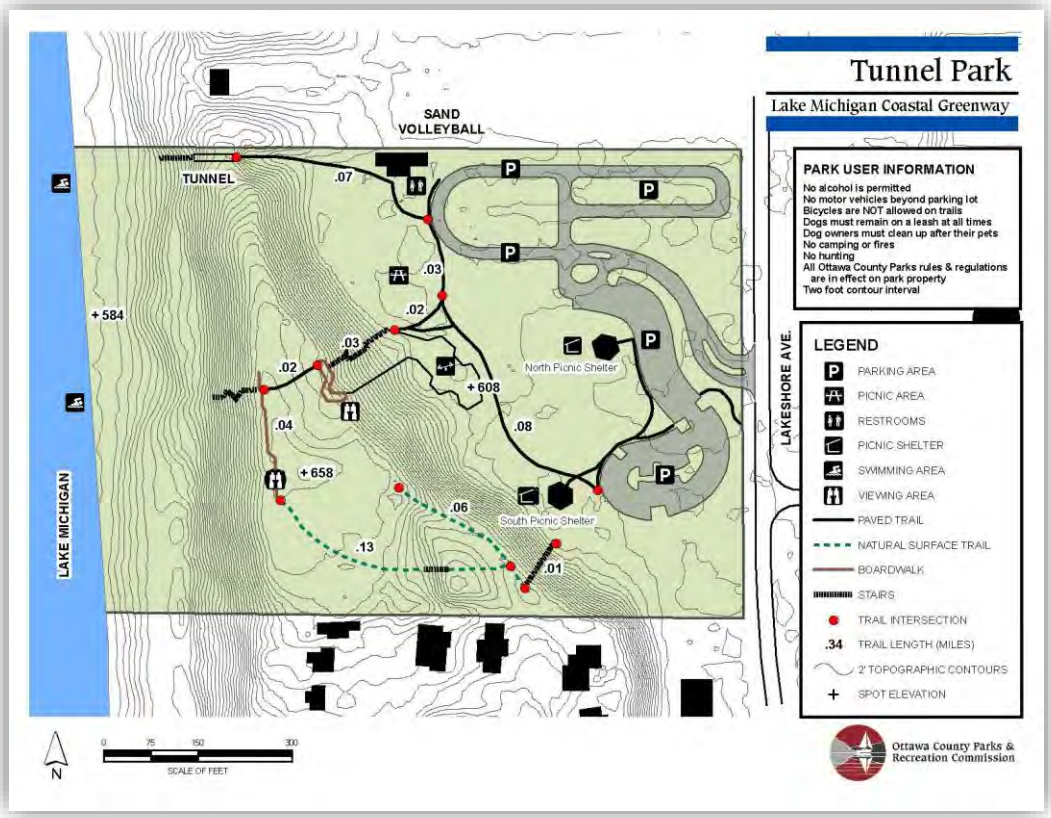
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Lake Michigan Coastal Greenway
SAND VOLLEYBALL
TUNNEL
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PARK USER INFORMATION
No alcohol is permitted
No motor vehicles beyond parking lot
Bicycles are NOT allowed on trails
Dogs must remain on a leash at all times
Dog owners must clean up after their pets
No camping or fires
No hunting
All Ottawa County Parks rules & regulations are in effect on park property
Two foot contour interval
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North Picnic Shelter
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LAKESHORE AVE.
LEGEND
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PICNIC AREA
RESTROOMS
PICNIC SHELTER
SWIMMING AREA
VIEWING AREA
PAVED TRAIL
NATURAL SURFACE TRAIL
BOARDWALK
STAIRS
TRAIL INTERSECTION
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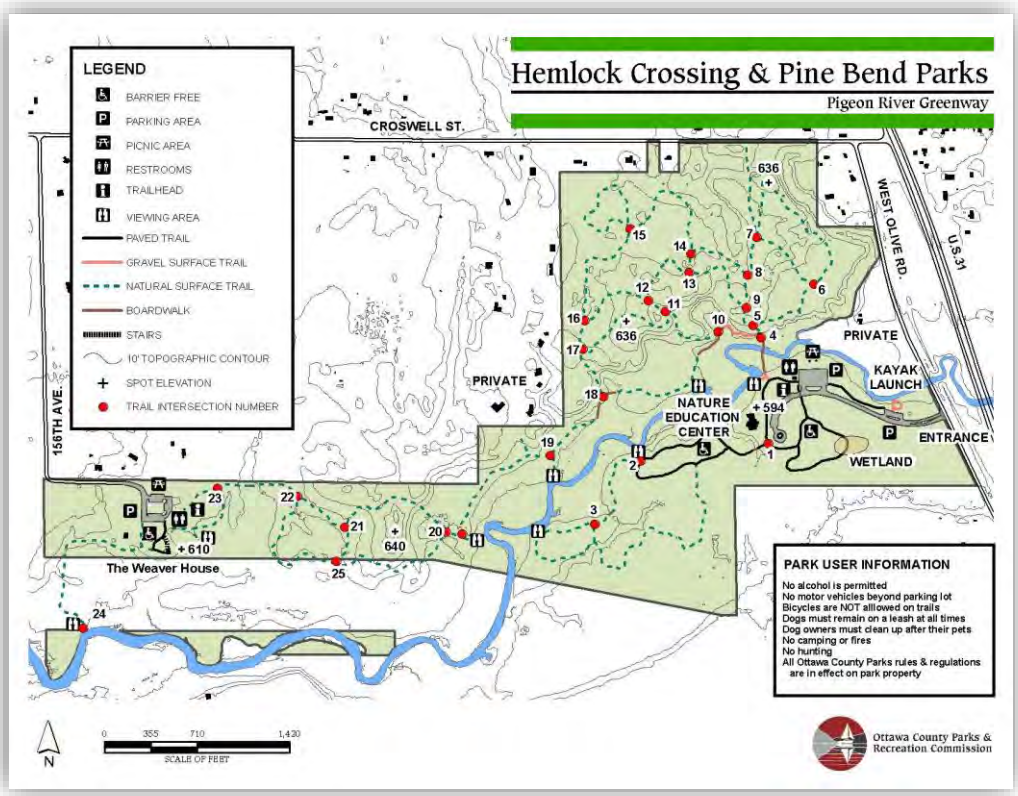
Hemlock Crossing & Pine Bend Parks
Pigeon River Greenway
LEGEND
BARRIER FREE
PARKING AREA
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GRAVEL SURFACE TRAIL
NATURAL SURFACE TRAIL
BOARDWALK
STAIRS
10' TOPOGRAPHIC CONTOUR
SPOT ELEVATION
TRAIL INTERSECTION NUMBER
CROSWELL ST.
WEST OLIVE RD.
U.S. 31
156TH AVE.
PRIVATE
KAYAK LAUNCH
NATURE EDUCATION CENTER
ENTRANCE
WETLAND
The Weaver House
PARK USER INFORMATION
No alcohol is permitted
No motor vehicles beyond parking lot
Bicycles are NOT allowed on trails
Dogs must remain on a leash at all times
Dog owners must clean up after their pets
No camping or fires
No hunting
All Ottawa County Parks rules & regulations are in effect on park property
SCALE OF FEET
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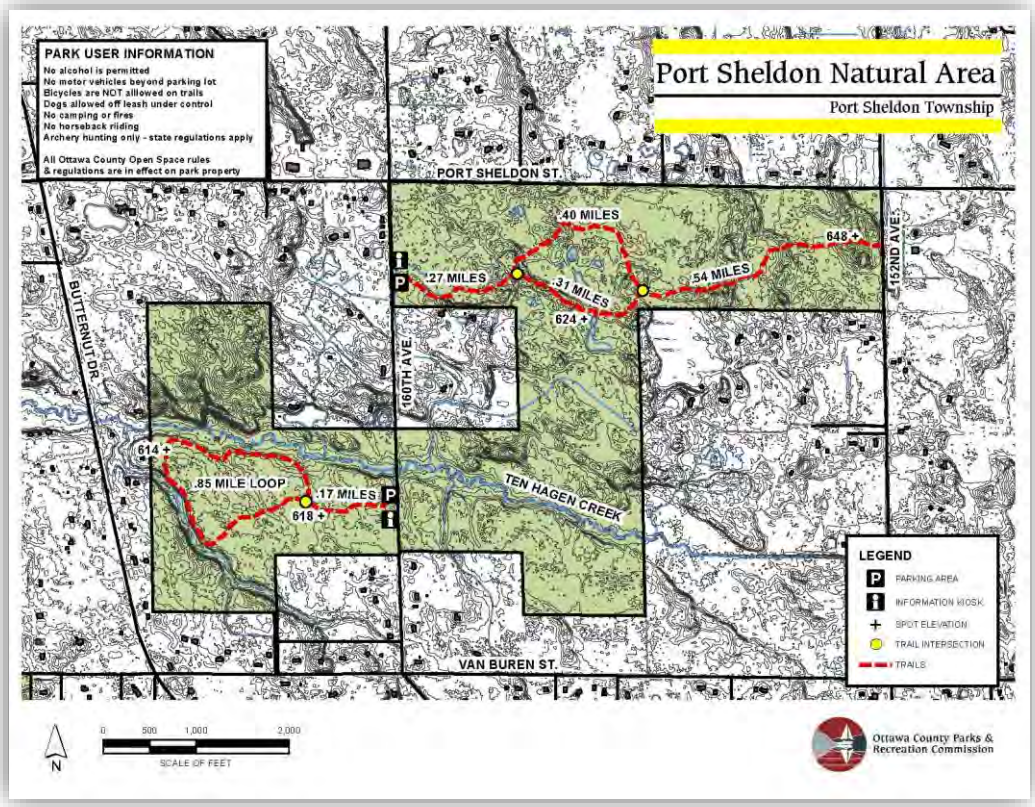
Port Sheldon Natural Area
Port Sheldon Township
PARK USER INFORMATION
No alcohol is permitted
No motor vehicles beyond parking lot
Bicycles are NOT allowed on trails
Dogs allowed off leash under control
No camping or fires
No horseback riding
Archery hunting only - state regulations apply
All Ottawa County Open Space rules & regulations are in effect on park property
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LEGEND
PARKING AREA
INFORMATION KIOSK
SPOT ELEVATION
TRAIL INTERSECTION
TRAILS
SCALE OF FEET
Ottawa County Parks & Recreation Commission

Port Sheldon Lake Michigan Property

Located in Port Sheldon Township, this is a small 6.68 acres of land located on Lake Michigan with 200 feet of shoreline. The park land is forested dune land and is currently undeveloped.

Riverside Park

This is a 64 acre park located in Robinson Township on the Grand River with approximately 4,350 feet of waterfront. Facilities include a boat launch, picnic shelter, fishing docks, and rustic toilets.

Connor Bayou Property

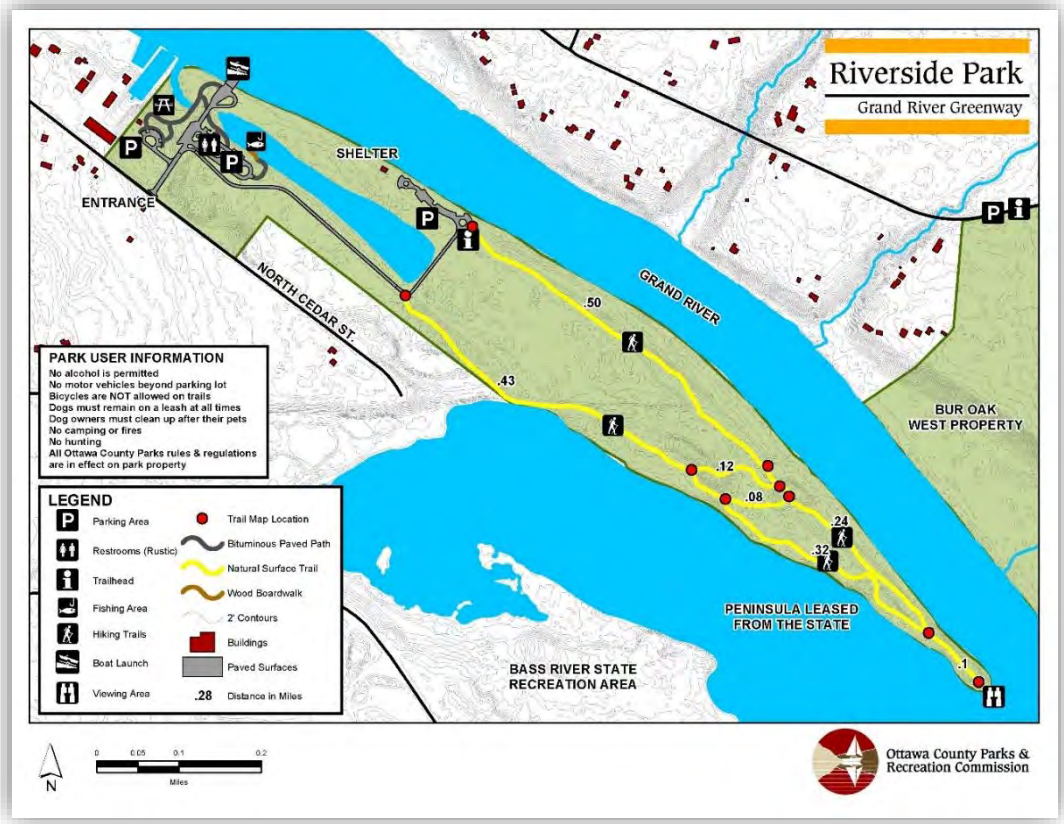
This parcel of land has nearly a mile of Grand River frontage within 142 acres of land. Facilities include a Woodland Cabin, parking areas, ADA accessible walkways, rustic toilets picnic tables, hiking trails and boardwalks, kayak and canoe launch, rover overlook decks and fishing dock.

Pigeon Creek Park

Pigeon Creek is a 282 acre natural area along Pigeon Creek with another 130 adjacent acres of County Open Space land. The natural areas include over ten miles of trails through the wooded and wetland areas. The trail system includes designated trails for hiking, biking, and equestrian use, and a 0.9 mile trail barrier free trail loop. Winter sports include trails groomed for classic and ski skating, and a sledding hill. Three miles of the trails are lighted for winter night use. A large indoor Pigeon Creek Lodge provides for programming, ski rental, and serves as a winter warming building. A group camping area can be reserved by recognized organizations.

Deer Creek

Deer Creek is a two acre public site located on the Grand River. A boat launch for small fishing boats, canoes, and kayaks with picnic tables and rustic toilets are the available facilities.


Riverside Park
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BUR OAK
WEST PROPERTY
PENINSULA LEASED
FROM THE STATE
BASS RIVER STATE
RECREATION AREA
PARK USER INFORMATION
No alcohol is permitted
No motor vehicles beyond parking lot
Bicycles are NOT allowed on trails
Dogs must remain on a leash at all times
Dog owners must clean up after their pets
No camping or fires
No hunting
All Ottawa County Parks rules & regulations
are in effect on park property
LEGEND
Parking Area
Restrooms (Rustic)
Trailhead
Fishing Area
Hiking Trails
Boat Launch
Viewing Area
Trail Map Location
Bituminous Paved Path
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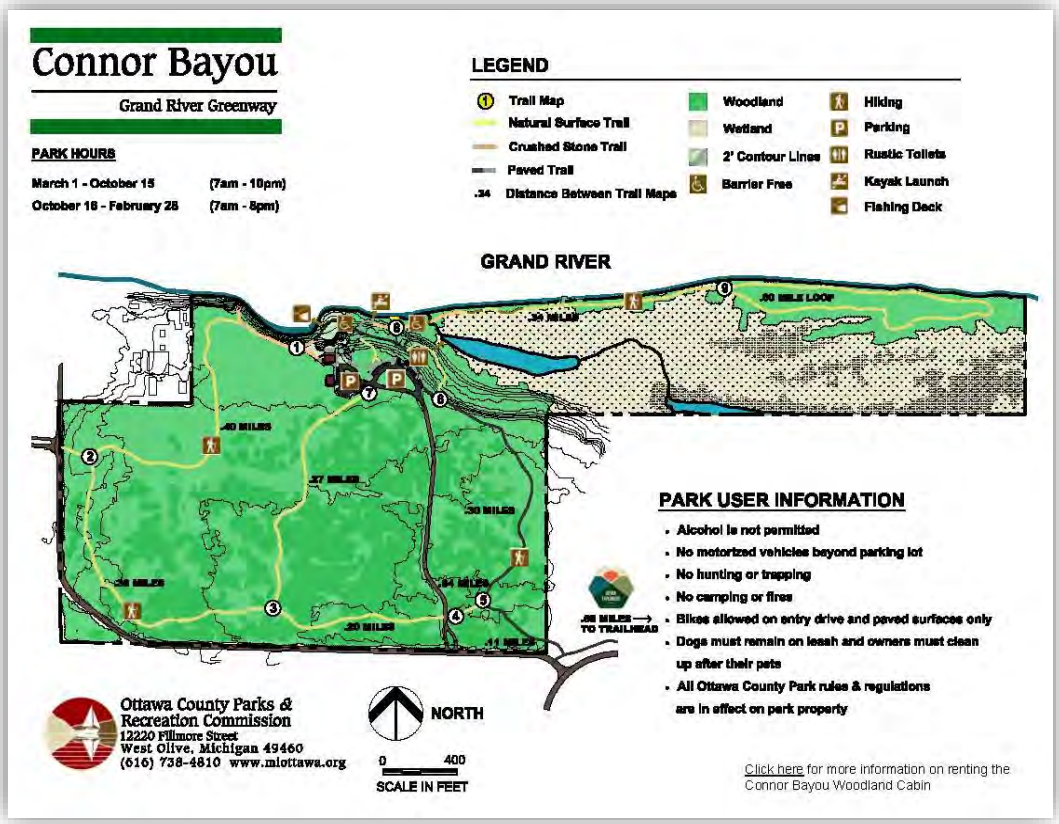
Connor Bayou
Grand River Greenway
PARK HOURS
March 1 - October 15 (7am - 10pm)
October 16 - February 28 (7am - 8pm)
LEGEND
Trail Map
Natural Surface Trail
Crushed Stone Trail
Paved Trail
.34 Distance Between Trail Maps
Woodland
Wetland
2' Contour Lines
Barrier Free
Hiking
Parking
Rustic Toilets
Kayak Launch
Fishing Deck
GRAND RIVER
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.08 MILES → TO TRAILHEAD
PARK USER INFORMATION
Alcohol is not permitted
No motorized vehicles beyond parking lot
No hunting or trapping
No camping or fires
Bikes allowed on entry drive and paved surfaces only
Dogs must remain on leash and owners must clean up after their pets
All Ottawa County Park rules & regulations are in effect on park property
Ottawa County Parks &
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West Olive, Michigan 49460
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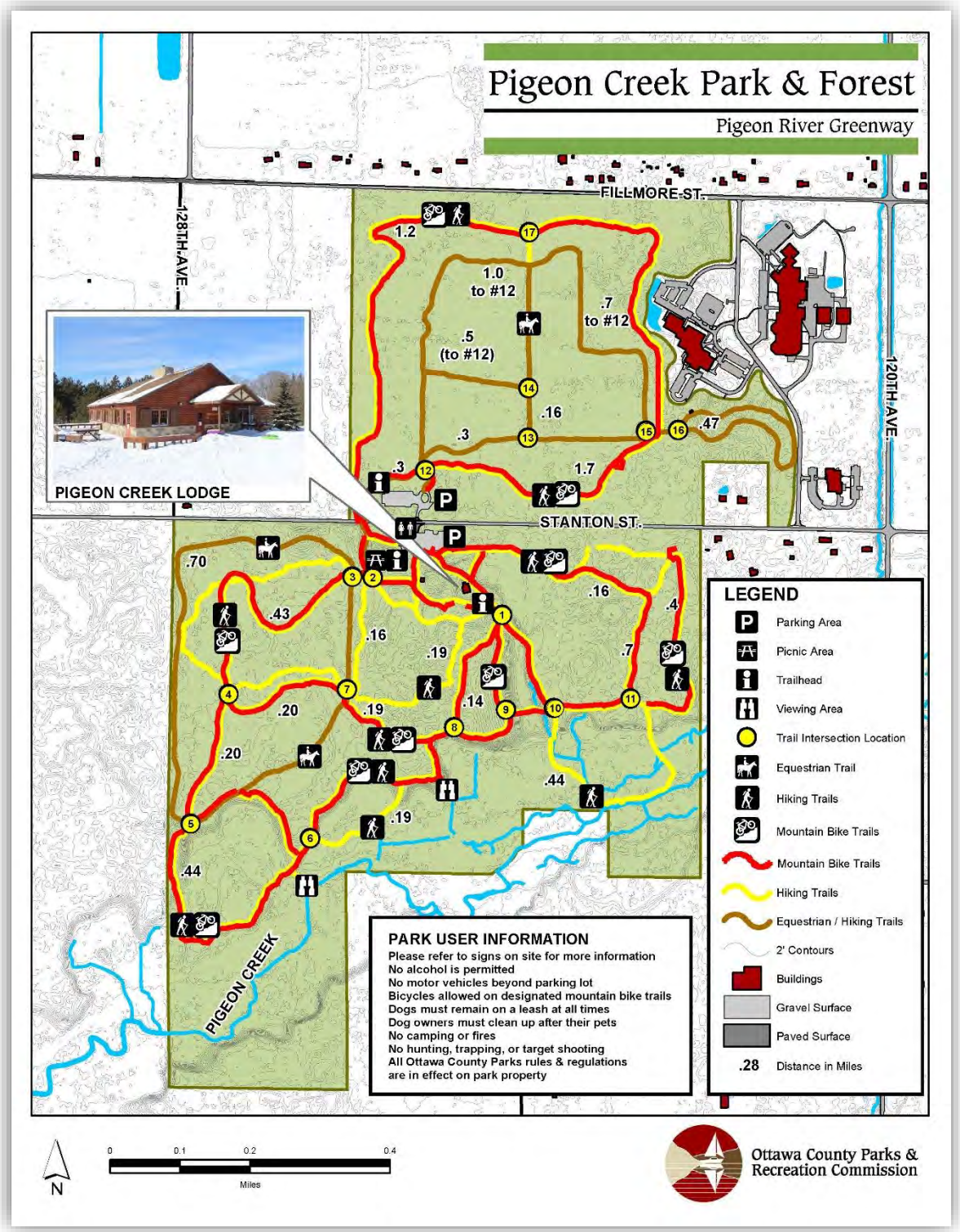
Click here for more information on renting the
Connor Bayou Woodland Cabin


Pigeon Creek Park & Forest
Pigeon River Greenway
FILLMORE ST.
128TH AVE.
120TH AVE.
STANTON ST.
PIGEON CREEK LODGE
PIGEON CREEK
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LEGEND
Parking Area
Picnic Area
Trailhead
Viewing Area
Trail Intersection Location
Equestrian Trail
Hiking Trails
Mountain Bike Trails
Mountain Bike Trails
Hiking Trails
Equestrian / Hiking Trails
2' Contours
Buildings
Gravel Surface
Paved Surface
.28 Distance in Miles
PARK USER INFORMATION
Please refer to signs on site for more information
No alcohol is permitted
No motor vehicles beyond parking lot
Bicycles allowed on designated mountain bike trails
Dogs must remain on a leash at all times
Dog owners must clean up after their pets
No camping or fires
No hunting, trapping, or target shooting
All Ottawa County Parks rules & regulations are in effect on park property
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Michigan Department of Natural Resources Parks & Lands

The State of Michigan owns several acres of land that provide recreational resources within the regional area. They include the following:

Grand Haven State Park

Grand Haven State Park is located on both the south side of the channel at the mouth of the Grand River as it enters Lake Michigan. The park is located within the City of Grand Haven and includes 160 camping spaces directly on the beach as well as a large public beach. The park is very popular and is filled to capacity almost daily in the summer months for beach use, picnics, swimming, and sand volleyball.

P.J. Hoffmaster State Park

Hoffmaster State Park is located five miles north of Grand Haven directly on the shores of Lake Michigan. The park is unique and features environmentally sensitive sand dunes. The park facilities include hiking trails, camping, a large beach and picnic facility. Of interest is the E. Genevieve Gillette Sand Dune Interpretive Center offering both static and changing exhibits featuring the formation of Michigan sand dunes, plant life, and wildlife.

Grand Haven State Game Area

Several hundred acres of natural area located within and along the Grand River at the north edge of Grand Haven Charter Township.

Agnew Roadside Park

This is a small roadside park located along M-31 and serves mostly motorists traveling the highway. The park includes picnic facilities and rustic restrooms.

West Michigan Land Conservancy

The West Michigan Land Conservancy has three preserves with Northwest Ottawa County; Palomita Reserve (40 acres), DePersia South Highlands Nature Preserve (13 acres), and Minni Skwark Nature Preserve (26 acres). The locations and more information can be found on the Conservancy's website.

Duncan Woods Private Land Trust

Duncan Woods is a private trust of wooded, natural land located within the City of Grand Haven. The trust provides for public use and enjoyment of the woods and is open and operated by a private trust fund board.

North Ottawa Rod and Gun Club

The North Ottawa Rod and Gun Club is located at 13064 160th Avenue within Grand Haven Township. The non-profit club provides opportunities for skeet and trap fields, an outdoor rifle range, a 3-D archery course, and an indoor pistol range. The public and members are invited to utilize these facilities based on club fees. The Club provides classes in youth and hunter safety, concealed carry CCW/CPL, outdoor education instruction for Grand Haven Area Public Schools, Saturday youth programs, and shooting opportunities for area residents.

School Facilities within the Planning Area

The following public school facilities are located within the City of Ferrysburg, City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Township, Spring Lake Township & Village of Spring Lake. The recreation facilities that are available are noted.

Spring Lake Junior High

Village of Spring Lake, 21 Acres
Facilities include two soccer fields, Football and training field, one adult and one children's ball field.

Spring Lake High School

Spring Lake Township
Facilities include 8 tennis courts, large field, baseball field, and Spring Lake Community and Aquatic Center.

Holmes Elementary School

Village of Spring Lake, 6.6 Acres
Facilities include a large playground, tennis courts, small ball field and low basketball hoops.

Jeffers Elementary School

Spring Lake Township
Facilities include a playground, basketball court.

Lake Hills Elementary School

Spring Lake Township
Facilities include a large playground. The school is also adjacent to 100 acres of Township owned dune land.

Grand Haven High School

Grand Haven Township
The High School on 129 acres is located centrally in the Township and opened in September of 1997. The building houses a gymnasium field house for 3,000 spectators, an aquatic center with a pool open for community use, and a large performing arts auditorium as well as other inside gymnasiums and facilities. The outside facilities include eight tennis courts, a soccer & lacrosse stadium, a football stadium with track facilities, a football practice field, two baseball diamonds, two softball fields, and a cross country trail.

Peach Plains Elementary School

Grand Haven Township

Peach Plains Elementary School is located in the northeastern region of the Township on 14 acres of land. The recreational facilities include a playground, combined basketball/tennis courts, a play field, and a softball field. Indoor facilities include a gymnasium.

Rosy Mound Elementary School

Grand Haven Township

Rosy Mound Elementary School is located along Lakeshore Drive in the western regions of the Township. The school is located on a smaller school site with 10 acres of land. The school facilities available for recreation include a playground, basketball courts, a softball field, outdoor shelter, exercise course and a play field. Indoor facilities include a gymnasium.

Lakeshore Middle School

City of Grand Haven

Facilities include a football and track field, tennis courts, shared tennis/basketball courts, and two open fields.

Ferry Elementary School

City of Grand Haven

Facilities include a large playground, two softball fields, and basketball courts.

Mary A. White Middle School

City of Grand Haven

Facilities include two softball fields, basketball courts and a playground.

White Pines Middle and Griffin Elementary School

City of Grand Haven

Facilities include tennis courts, combined football/soccer/track facility, two baseball fields and a large playground area.

Previous Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Grants Documentation

Each of the communities have receive previous Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Grants which are listed below. These projects have been vital additions to recreation within the community and are enjoyed daily. The communities have completed the required Post Completion Self Certification forms are included in Appendix B.

City of Ferrysburg Previous Grants

Grant Project 26-00345 1972 Municipal Park (Fire Barn Park)
Development of 4.8 acres of park including one ball diamond, two tennis courts, parking, fencing, landscaping and site improvements. This park remains active within the community with these facilities still in use. $19,500.

Grant Project TF-717 1983 Kitchel-Linquist Dunes Preserve
Purchase of additional sand dune property for the Kitchel-Linquist Dunes Preserve. $300,000.

Grant Project BF93-291 1993 Coast Guard Park
The project included improvements and developments to the entrance, site preparation, drives, parking, walks, paved walkway, basketball courts, sand volleyball courts, picnic shelter, and play area. These facilities remain active components of the park. $150,000.

Grant Project CM99-259 1999 Coast Guard Park
The project included (2) tennis courts, (3) basketball courts, volleyball courts with lights, paved walkway with lights, paved driveway, parking with lights, site preparation, landscaping, topsoil and seeding. These facilities remain active components of the park. $172,500.

City of Grand Haven Previous Grants

Grant Project 26-00391 Grand River Boat Launch Area (East Grand River Park)
Boat launch construction within the park. The boat launch is maintained and is open for public use.

Grant Project 26-01023S Eastern Park Development (East Grand River Park)

Restroom building, parking lot, playground, and boardwalk. The restroom building and parking lot are still in use. The playground area has been renovated with new play equipment. The boardwalk has been replaced. The playground area and new boardwalk are Universal Accessible and include a new floating fishing dock.

Grant Project 26-01438 Chinnook Pier Park

Development of a new public park with a picnic pavilion, playground area, lawn, and walkways. The playground equipment has been replaced.

Grant Project 26-01639 Mulligan's Hollow Park

Grant funds provided for the installation of a skate park which remains a popular facility within the park. The earlier small facility was expanded into a larger permanent concrete skate park.

Grant Project BF 83-262 1993 Mulligan's Hollow Park

The Bond Fund grant provided funding for new picnic tables, ball field improvements, lighting, tennis court repairs, and removal of older park facilities. The improvements are still in use and the park facilities have been expanded through additional park improvements.

Grant Project BF98-100 1998 Harbor Island Observation Deck

Construction of an observation deck on Harbor Island to provide for wildlife viewing and water access. These facilities are still in use by the public.

Grant Project TF08-076 2008 East Grand River Park Improv.

Renovation of the existing park which included new playground equipment, improvements to the picnic pavilion, new walkways, new wetland walkway, floating fishing dock, interpretive signage, and irrigation. All of the new improvements are constructed to be Universal Accessible.

Grant Project TF09-099 2009 City Beach Restrooms

Construction of a restroom facility at the City Beach including restrooms, concession, picnic tables, and foot wash facilities. All of the facilities are Universal Accessible.

Grant Project TF16-0042 2016 Waterfront Stadium Park Renovation

Renovation of the outdoor riverfront stadium. All facilities are Universal Accessible.

Grant Project TF16-0043 2016 Mulligan's Hollow Parking Improvements

Renovation and expansion of parking lots which serve Mulligan's Hollow and overflow Grand River pier and Lake Michigan Beach Parking.

Grant Project TF17-0062 2017 Saluka Field Restroom & Concession Renovation Project is not completed at the time of plan adoption.

Grand Haven Charter Township Previous Grants

Grant Project 26-00429 1973 Mercury Drive Park

The grant provided funding for the development of the softball diamond. Since this grant, the Township has continued to expand development in the park with the addition of a playground, picnic facilities, restroom building, inline hockey rink and parking lots. The park is used by open community use as well as softball and hockey leagues sponsored through the Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority Programs. . $32,812.79

Grant Project 26-00777 1976 Hofma Nature Park

This grant provided for the purchase of the Sleeper Street property and the adjoining property totaling approximately 400 acres contiguous to the existing Hofma Park and is known today as Hofma Preserve. The park is a significant resource and today has a picnic area, playground, and restroom building as well as an extensive trail system. $23,697.56

Grant Project 26-01358 1984 Hofma Trust Park Dev.

This grant provided for several improvements to Hofma Preserve including the restroom building, floating bridge, and elevated/floating observation platform, wooded boardwalk, nature trails with markers and directional maps. These facilities are all in use and used daily by park visitors. $164,161.73

Grant Project BF89-483 1989 Hofma Park Recreation

This project included the construction of a soccer field, picnic shelter, restroom building and paved parking. The soccer field is utilized for league play and all of the park facilities are in operation. $112,000.00

Grant Project TF90-254 1990 Pottawattomie Park

This initial phase of Pottawattomie Park included 3 shelters, restroom building, floating fishing/observation platform, sidewalks/nature trails, fixed boardwalk, paved parking, two volleyball courts, and children's play equipment and sprinkling. These facilities are all in operation. The playground was recently upgraded with new equipment. $300,000.00

Grant Project TF94-258 1994 Pottawattomie Park

This project included the addition of paved and soft surface nature trails, individual picnic areas with tables, grills, and waste cans, a new soccer field, and two additional parking areas. All of these facilities are in operation. The soccer field is utilized for league and pick up play. The park remains very popular and is often full to capacity. Additional improvements have been made for a small drop in boat launch on the bayou and security cameras were added to the park. $100,000.00

Grant Funding TF97-112 1997 144th Ave. Land Acq.

This grant provided funding for the purchase of a property adjacent to an existing public street right-of-way that ended at the Grand River. The property was acquired for the purpose of creating a formal boat launch facility on the Grand River that provides not only river access, but also access into Lake Michigan $123,500.00

Grant Project TF99-048 1999 144th Ave. Boat Launch

This grant provided the funding to complete the construction of a new boat launch on the land purchased with Grant TF97-112. The park has been named Odawa/Battle Point Boat Launch. The facility includes boat ramps and on-site parking for vehicles and trailers. The facility is heavily used throughout the boating season. Additional facilities have not been added as the development has utilized all existing available land and has not needed upgrading due to the newness of the facilities. $275,000.00

Grant Acquisition TF14-0117 2014 Hofma Park Expansion

This grant provided for the purchase of a 40 acre parcel of land commonly known as the "Wolfe Property." This land is contiguous to Hofma Park and has expanded the total area of Hofma Park and Preserve to 566 acres. The Wolfe Property has the highest quality natural areas with its mature floodplain forest and healthy, diverse wetlands. This land also preserves a corridor for wildlife to move within the property. Future development plans are expected to include active recreation, additional trails, and an overlook boardwalk to observe the Hemlock Grove. $276,500.

Spring Lake Township Previous Grants

Grant Project BF93-268 1993 Rycenga Recreational Park

Development of Rycenga Park with a Bond Fund grant which included nature trails, overlooks, soccer and softball fields, a play area, and shelters.

Grant Project CM00-112 2000 Rycenga Recrational Park

A Clean Michigan grant provided funding for further development of Rycenga Park including boardwalks, tables, basketball courts, parking, and irrigation.

Grant Project TF09-112 2009 North Bank Trail Development

A Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant provided funding for 1.5 mile of hard surface pathway.

Grant Project TF010-165 2010 Glafcke Family Public Preserve Acquisition

Acquisition of 1.83 acres of land for a view shed and habitat protection on the Grand River with a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant.

Grant Project TF011-048 2011 Pellegrom Property Acquisition

Acquisition of 4 acres of land for a view shed and habitat protection on the Grand River with a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant.

Grant Project TF12-064 2012 Rycenga Park Picnic Shelter & Improv.

Funding from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund provided for a new picnic shelter, concrete walks and apron, and playground improvements which were constructed to be Universal Accessible.

Grant Project TF12-064 2012 Hines Property Acquisition (Little Black Lake)

Acquisition of 30 acres adjacent to Little Black Lake and Black Lake Park. The acquisition includes approximately 650 lineal feet of frontage on the Little Black Lake, This property will be preserved for view shed and habitat preservation. This parcel will provide a habitat corridor from the North Ottawa Dunes and Hoffmaster State Parks to wetlands around Little Black Lake.

Village of Spring Lake Previous Grants

Grant Project 26-00576 1975 Central Park

The Land and Water Conservation Fund grant provided funding to develop site improvements including parking, an access road, three tennis courts, 6 shuffleboard courts, a picnic area, and the purchase of a LWCF sign. $15,000

Grant Project No. 26-00850 1977 Central Park

The Land and Water Conservation Fund grant provided funding to develop an additional two acres of park land including a restroom building, a relocated and upgraded tot lot, landscaping, and the purchase of a LWCF sign. $17,000

Grant Project No. TF88-112 1988 Spring Lake Bikeway

The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant provided funding for the construction of 1.5 miles of 9-foot wide paved bicycle/pedestrian trail. $128,000

Grant Project No. TF97-267 1997 Community Boardwalk

The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant provided funding for the construction of 1,650 feet of boardwalk, 736 linear feet of concrete pathway, 364 linear feet of bituminous pathway, and public access to the Village's waterfront for fishing and observation. $64,360

Grant Project No. CM99-439 1999 Central Park Renovation

The Clean Michigan grant provided funding for the renovation of Central Park, including ball field lighting, regrading and reseeding of the playing surface, fencing, and new bleachers. $47,280

Grant Project No. TF09-015 2009 Grand River Greenway Non-Motorized Trail

Development of a trail within the Village of Spring Lake and recreation facilities including 16 new boat slips, restroom, canoe/kayak launch, and four wildlife viewing/fishing areas along the Grand River and the Grand River marsh. $465,000

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

City of Ferrysburg Goals and Objectives

The Goals and Objectives provide overall guidance and vision for the future of parks and recreation within the community and are based on the recreation inventory, data, and public input collected throughout the planning process. The Action Plan section of this plan determines proposed projects that help to meet these Goals and Objectives. These Goals are not given in a priority order, with the numerical numbering provided for identification only.

Goal Number 1: ***To provide multi-generational recreational opportunities within the community as the City is comprised of persons of all ages.***

Objectives:

a. To provide activities for each of the major age and activity groups.

b. To provide for activities and experiences that can be enjoyed together with persons of multiple ages.

c. To allow for all persons of multiple generations, extended family groups, and large groups to universally enjoy the parks.

d. Construct a gazebo to allow families to enjoy picnics at Fire Barn Park.

e. Construct an ADA accessible restroom at Coast Guard Park to accommodate increased use.

Goal Number 2: ***To provide recreational facilities for persons of all abilities.***

Objectives:

a. Renovate existing facilities, that will expand recreational opportunities for all residents.

b. To renovate existing facilities, that will meet or exceed the Americans with Disabilities Act, (ADA).

c. To renovate existing facilities that integrate ADA accommodations in such a way that they are seamlessly used by all residents within the community and to not cause separation of users based on abilities.

d. To add pickleball court(s) to an existing park.

Goal Number 3: ***To increase parking capacity to accommodate increased use of the parks.***

a. Provide necessary improvements to provide parking in compliance with ADA standards for the parks.

Goal Number 4: ***As residential growth continues within the City, the parks and natural areas owned continue to grow in significance. The City will continue to provide and expand diversified recreational and natural experiences for the residents.***

Objectives:

a. To enhance additional cultural, recreational, and natural parklands where possible.

b. To develop individual site utilization plans for each park property.

Goal Number 5: ***To continue to provide, as much as possible, free use of the parks and facilities.***

Objectives:

a. To continue to allow for open use of the park lands and to not charge admission into the facilities to provide public recreational opportunities for all residents regardless of economic status.

b. To minimally charge, if necessary, for special events, facility usage and athletic field maintenance to keep the facilities available for public use.

Goal Number 6: ***To continue the development of the Non-Motorized Trail System within the City for the purpose of providing for healthy lifestyles through exercise, enjoyment of the environment, and as a non-motorized transportation system linking homes, schools, parks, and commercial areas.***

Objectives:

a. To continue to expand the system providing additional linkages to Coast Guard Park, North Ottawa Dunes, and North Beach Park.

b. To link the system whenever possible to other planned county and regional non-motorized systems including linkages shown on the Ottawa County Non-Motorized Pathway Study prepared by the Ottawa County Planning and Grants Department. The study shows proposed regional routes for the North Bank Trail, and the US 35 Bicycle Route from Sault Ste. Marie, MI to Natchez Trace, MS.

c. To maintain a master plan for pathway development which includes both the City pathways and regional proposed pathways.

d. To improve orientation, route and information signage along the pathways.

e. To create additional trailhead parking locations, linkages, and small rest parks along the pathways.

Goal Number 7: ***To seek cooperative efforts with adjoining governmental units in providing the public with parks, recreation facilities, and programming.***

Objectives:

a. To continue to support the Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority, NORA, which provides public recreation programming for the community.

b. To participate in the master planning for Ottawa Sands County Park.

c. To continue to seek new and support existing cooperative agreements with adjoining local governmental units for the development and operation of parks and recreation facilities.

d. To encourage the development of the "Blue Water Trail" system along the Grand River including kayak launches, signage of public access points along the river from both land and water sides, as well as water route maps.

e. To continue to support the efforts of the Ottawa County Road Commission in the development of end of road access points to the Grand River and bayous, as well as non-motorized transportation facilities.

f. To encourage the discussion of expanding regional based public recreation for facilities, programs, and special events in order to facilitate the best opportunities for residents for the most reasonable expense.

Goal Number 8: ***To increase public awareness and knowledge of the recreational opportunities which exist for the City residents and visitors.***

Objectives:

a. Maintain promotional brochures and materials with information on the parks.

b. Utilize the City's website to provide access to electronic versions of information.

Goal Number 9: ***To be a community that celebrates and promotes recreational tourism.***

Objectives:

a. To encourage the public use of facilities for special recreational events.

b. To encourage promotion of recreational bicycle and water trail tourism.

City of Grand Haven Goals and Objectives

The Goals and Objectives provide overall guidance and vision for the future of parks and recreation within the community and are based on the recreation inventory, data, and public input collected throughout the planning process. The Action Plan section of this plan determines proposed projects that help to meet these Goals and Objectives. These Goals are not given in a priority order, with the numerical numbering provided for identification only.

Goal Number 1: ***To provide multi-generational recreational opportunities within the community as the City is comprised of persons of all ages.***

Objectives:

a. To provide facilities and open park lands for recreational opportunities for all ages.

b. To allow for persons of multiple generations, extended family groups, and large groups to universally enjoy nature preserves, parks, and recreational facilities and programming.

Goal Number 2: ***To provide recreational facilities for persons of all mental and physical abilities.***

Objectives:

a. To renovate existing facilities and develop new facilities that meet or exceed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to expand recreational opportunities for all residents.

b. To renovate existing facilities that integrate accessible accommodations to be used seamlessly by all community users and not cause a separation of users based on abilities.

Goal Number 3: ***As growth continues with and surround the City, our public outdoor areas continue to grow in significance and usage. The City will continue to provide diversified outdoor experiences for the residents.***

Objectives:

a. The City will retain all dedicated park lands for the use and enjoyment of community users. The City will not convert existing park lands into non-recreational uses.

b. The City will continue to protect and plan for the best usage of natural areas including woodlots, natural vegetation, and river and lake frontage.

c. The city will purchase, or receive as gifts, additional park lands as deemed appropriate to continue to expand recreational lands for the use of City residents.

Goal Number 4: ***To continue to provide, as much as possible, maximum use of the parks and facilities by residents.***

Objectives:

a. To continue to allow for open use of the park lands and to not charge admission to the facilities.

b. To provide for general public recreational opportunities for all community users regardless of economic status.

c. To minimally charge for special events, private events and athletic field maintenance in order to keep the facilities available for general public use.

Goal Number 5: ***To seek cooperative efforts with adjoining governmental units in providing the public with parks, recreation facilities, and programming.***

Objectives:

a. To continue to support public recreation programming for the community through the Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority (NORA).

b. To continue to seek new and support existing cooperative agreements with adjoining local governmental units for the development and operation of parks and recreation facilities.

c. To support the efforts of the Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission for the acquisition and development of parklands including the Grand River Greenway along the Grand River and the North Coastal Greenway along Lake Michigan.

d. To encourage the development of the "Blue Water Trail" system along the Grand River including signage of public access points along the river from both land and water sides, as well as water route maps.

e. To continue to support the efforts of the Ottawa County Road Commission in the development of end of road access points to the Grand River and bayous.

f. To encourage the discussion of expanding regional based public recreation for facilities, programs, and special events in order to facilitate the best opportunities for residents for the most reasonable expense.

g. To encourage the development of the Non-Motorized Pathway, Sidewalk, and On-Street Systems within the City and surrounding communities for the purpose of facilitating healthy lifestyles through exercise and enjoyment of the environment, as well as link neighborhoods, schools, parks, and commercial areas.

Goal Number 6: ***To support, as appropriate, non-profit organizations and citizens who choose to provide recreational facilities and programming for the residents.***

Objectives:

a. To provide a balance of programming for all ages, cultures and abilities within the community.

b. To provide programming to address social concerns such as senior and preschool populations, after school programs, and community health.

c. To continue to support programs and special events which are jointly supported by public schools, non-profits, and civic organizations.

d. To encourage recreational and cultural events which also support economic development within the community.

e. To encourage and support park facility development within the parks by citizens and non-profits organizations.

Grand Haven Charter Township Goals and Objectives

The Goals and Objectives section of the plan provides goals for the future of parks and recreation within the community. These goals have been written for the plan based on public input for current and future recreational opportunities. Each goal is further defined by the Objectives that follow. The Action Plan section of this plan determines proposed projects that help to meet these goals. These goals are not given in a priority order, and the numerical numbering is for identification only.

Goal Number 1: ***To provide safe multi-generational recreational opportunities within the community as the Township is comprised of persons of all ages.***

Objectives:

a. To provide activities for each of the major age and activity groups.

b. To provide for activities and experiences that can be enjoyed together with persons of multiple ages.

c. To allow for all persons of multiple generations, extended family, and large groups to universally gather and enjoy the parks.

d. Continue adding security measures to parks such as surveillance cameras, and lighting.

Goal Number 2: ***To provide barrier-free and accessible recreational facilities for all people, regardless of age, disability or other factors.***

Objectives:

a. To develop new facilities that will expand recreational opportunities for all residents, including, the recently acquired Schmidt Heritage Park that will provide regional active recreation facilities.

b. To develop and upgrade new and existing facilities that will meet or exceed the Americans with Disabilities Act, (ADA).

c. To develop new, and upgrade existing, facilities that integrate Universal Design in such a way that they are seamlessly used by all residents within the community and to not cause separation of users based on abilities or their need to use a stroller, wagon, cart, etc.

d. Incorporate universally designed soft amenities to existing parks such as benches, drinking fountains, artwork, refuse containers, pet waste disposal stations, bike racks, shaded areas, cooling stations, etc.

e. Upgrade bathroom facilities and incorporate Universal Design.

Goal Number 3: ***To retain all existing park lands for the use and enjoyment of residents.***

Objectives:

a. To retain existing recreational lands for recreational use or to preserve open space.

b. To maintain and upgrade the existing park facilities.

c. Enhancements and upgrades made to the parks should be supported by the Community Recreation Plan.

d. Whenever possible, natural methods should be used, such as stabilizing a shoreline via natural plantings with native species.

e. Create volunteer opportunities for the community to help maintain the parks by picking up trash or removing invasive species.

Goal Number 4: ***As residential growth continues within the Township, the natural areas owned by the Township continue to grow in significance and face increased public usage. The Township will continue to provide diversified natural experiences for the residents.***

Objectives:

a. Support and implement the Hofma Vision.

b. The future of parks and recreation should support the Resilient Master Plan and vice versa. For example, utilizing rain gardens for stormwater disposition and

incorporating native plantings in stormwater basins to filter runoff before it recharges the groundwater.

c. Support future ballot initiatives for long-term maintenance, development of the Schmidt Heritage Park, and other park and recreation related expenses.

d. Whenever feasible, incorporate pollinator habitats by way of wildflower fields and milkweed to help the declining populations of honey bees and monarch butterflies.

e. To protect and plan for the best usage of natural areas within all of the Township's parks, recreational facilities, and natural preserves.

f. To consider property acquisitions in order to expand the existing parks, recreation facilities, and natural preserves within the Township as long as the property abuts an existing park or is waterfront, particularly along Lake Michigan, the Grand River or its bayous.

g. Encourage gifts of land to the Township or the Land Conservancy of West Michigan for potential future park lands and preserves.

h. Although the Township has recently acquired, and started developing, nearly 225 acres of parkland in the last 5 years (*between 2014-2019*), potential donations and acquisitions will all be reviewed and considered carefully based on the circumstances present at the time.

Goal Number 5: ***To continue to provide free use of the parks and facilities, as much as possible.***

Objectives:

a. To continue to allow for open use of the park lands and to not charge admission into the facilities to provide public recreational opportunities for all residents regardless of economic status.

b. To minimally charge, as required, for the boat launch operation, special events, facility usage and athletic fields to keep the facilities maintained and available for public use.

Goal Number 6: ***To continue the planning for the development of the Non-Motorized Pathway System within the Township for the purpose of providing healthy lifestyles through exercise, enjoyment of the environment, and as a non-motorized transportation system linking homes, schools, parks, and commercial areas.***

Objectives:

a. To continue to expand the system providing additional linkages.

b. To link the system whenever possible to other planned county and regional non-motorized systems including linkages shown on the Ottawa County Non-Motorized Pathway Study prepared by the Ottawa County Planning and Grants Department in 2008. The study shows proposed regional routes along Lake Michigan Drive, and Mercury Drive along the Grand River as well as more newly proposed US-35 Bicycle Route from Sault Ste. Marie, MI to Natchez Trace, MS.

c. To support future ballot issues for additional funding for pathway system development and maintenance.

d. For future pathway expansions, create a master plan for pathway development which includes both the Township System and regional proposed pathways.

e. Create an "Adopt-a-Pathway" program to enable volunteer groups to be responsible for caretaking and of a pathway segment.

f. Ensure the community is aware that all mobility-related equipment is allowed on the pathway system. For example, motorized wheelchair, electric scooter, or Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices designed primarily for use by an individual with a mobility disability, for the main purpose of both indoor and outdoor recreation.

Goal Number 7: ***To continue to support Northwest Ottawa Recreation Authority (NORA) which is jointly supported by the regional governmental agencies and public schools. Encourage non-profit organizations to provide recreational programming, maintenance and special events within the community.***

Objectives:

a. To assist, as funds allow, the non-profit organizations through the development and maintenance of recreational facilities that support recreational programming and special events.

b. Support NORA and its mission statement, goals and objectives, programming, and coordination with the surrounding communities.

Goal Number 8: ***Seek cooperative efforts with adjoining governmental units in providing public parks and recreation facilities.***

Goal Number 9: ***To support the efforts of the Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission and continue to nurture the relationship between the Township and the County.***

Objectives:

a. To support the County's acquisition and development of public recreation lands along Lake Michigan known as the North Coastal Greenway. Within Grand Haven Charter Township, these parks currently include Rosy Mound Natural Area and Kirk Park. The County parks along Lake Michigan provide lake access to all Township residents as well as attract users from throughout the larger West Michigan community.

b. To support the County's acquisition and development of public recreation lands along the Grand River known as the Grand River Greenway.

c. To support the County efforts to retain Hiawatha Forest, a 365 acre site east of Kirk Park, as a natural area with hardwoods and pines.

d. Support efforts to protect thousands of acres of natural lands, creating green infrastructure, developing new recreational opportunities and connecting communities, specifically, linking the Bass River State Recreation Area to Grand Haven in order to complete the Grand River Greenway Project.

Goal Number 10: ***To support and encourage the discussion of an expanded regional recreation authority with neighboring cities, townships, and school districts to participate in cooperative efforts.***

Objectives:

a. To plan and provide for active and passive recreational facilities based on regional need and use through the authority.

b. To continue providing programming staff and community recreation programs through a regional recreation authority.

c. To promote NORA's effort to be self-sustaining through a millage proposal.

Goal Number 11: ***To increase public awareness and knowledge of the recreational opportunities which exist for the Township residents and visitors.***

Objectives:

a. Develop promotional brochures and materials with information on the parks, including their amenities, locations, etc.

b. Utilize the Township's website to provide access to electronic versions of information.

c. Utilize the Township's social media presence on Facebook.

d. Add interpretive signage to Township parks.

Goal Number 12: ***To be a community that celebrates and promotes recreational tourism.***

Objectives:

a. To encourage the public use of facilities for special recreational events.

b. To encourage promotion of recreational non-motorized pathways and water trail tourism.

Spring Lake Township Goals and Objectives

The Goals and Objectives provide overall guidance and vision for the future of parks and recreation within the community and are based on the recreation inventory, data, and public input collected throughout the planning process. The Action Plan section of this plan determines proposed projects that help to meet these Goals and Objectives. These Goals are not given in a priority order, with the numerical numbering provided for identification only.

Vision: ***Spring Lake Township strives to be the location of choice to live, learn, work, and recreate.***

Goal Number 1: ***To provide multi-generational recreational opportunities within the community as the Township is comprised of persons of all ages and abilities.***

Objectives:

a. To provide opportunities for each of the major age and activity groups.

b. To provide for opportunities and experiences that can be enjoyed together with persons of multiple ages.

c. To allow for all persons of multiple generations to universally enjoy the parks.

d. To develop new facilities that will expand recreational opportunities for all residents utilizing universal design.

e. To develop new facilities, and renovate existing facilities, that will meet or exceed the Americans with Disabilities Act, (ADA) in a manner that allows seamless use by all residents.

Goal Number 2: ***To retain all existing park lands for the use and enjoyment of residents.***

Objective

a. To maintain the park facilities at a level consistent to the uses and desires of the community.

b. To make improvements to the parks based on the Community Recreation Plan.

Goal Number 3: ***The Township will develop a strategy to ensure that recreational needs are met as residential growth continues within the Township.***

Objectives:

a. To acquire additional cultural, recreational, and natural parklands.

b. To develop individual site utilization plans for each park property.

c. To develop a plan, consistent with the *Spring Lake Township Resource Inventory*, that will encourage gifts of land to the Township or the Land Conservancy of West Michigan for additional parklands and preserves.

d. To create and maintain a Green Infrastructure Plan based, in part, on a natural features inventory.

e. To continue to seek out opportunities to enhance waterfront access to Spring Lake, Lake Michigan, Little Black Lake, and the Grand River, including the concept of pocket parks.

f. To collaborate with other governmental agencies to better serve Township residents and the region as well.

Goal Number 4: ***To continue to provide, as much as possible, free use of the parks and facilities.***

Objectives:

a. To continue to allow for open use of the park lands and to not charge admission into the facilities to provide public recreational opportunities for all residents.

b. To minimally charge, as necessary, for special events, facility usage and athletic field maintenance to keep the facilities available for public use.

Goal Number 5: ***To continue the development and maintenance of the Non-Motorized Pathway System within the Township for the purpose of providing for healthy lifestyles through exercise, enjoyment of the environment, and as a non-motorized transportation system linking homes, schools, parks, and commercial areas.***

Objectives:

a. To maintain the pathway system in a manner to assure the safety of all users and enhance the longevity of the investment.

b. To continue to expand the system providing additional linkages as determined by the Spring Lake Township bike path map approved by the Recreation Committee and Township Board.

c. To link the system whenever possible to other planned county and regional non-motorized systems including linkages shown on the Ottawa County Non-Motorized Pathway Study prepared by the Ottawa County Planning and Grants Department. The study shows proposed regional routes for the North Bank Trail, and the US 35 Bicycle Route from Sault Ste. Marie, MI to Natchez Trace, MS.

d. To maintain a master plan for pathway development and maintenance, which includes both the Township System and regional proposed pathways.

e. To improve orientation, route and information for the pathways through signage and utilization of the latest available technology.

f. To create additional trailhead parking locations, linkages, and small rest parks along the pathways.

g. To consider participating in the "Trail Towns" philosophy that enhances the experience of the trail user through collaboration with local businesses.

Goal Number 7: ***To seek cooperative efforts with adjoining governmental units in providing the public with parks, recreation facilities, and programming.***

Objectives:

a. To continue to support the Spring Lake Area Recreation Commission, who provides public recreation programming for the community.

b. To continue to seek new and support existing cooperative agreements with adjoining local governmental units for the development and operation of parks and recreation facilities.

c. To support the efforts of the Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission for the acquisition and development of parklands that mutually benefit our region.

d. To encourage the development of the "Blue Water Trail" system along the Grand River including signage of public access points along the river from both land and water sides, as well as water route maps.

e. To continue to work cooperatively with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources regarding state owned recreation properties within the Township.

f. To encourage the discussion of expanding regional based public recreation for facilities, programs, and special events in order to facilitate the best opportunities for residents for the most reasonable expense.

Goal Number 7: ***To increase public awareness and knowledge of the recreational opportunities which exist for the township residents and visitors.***

Objectives:

a. To promote parks with the Township through utilization of various means including newsletters, website, brochures and materials with information on the parks.

b. To enhance information related to parks that have Universal and ADA design features.

Goal Number 8: ***To be a community that celebrates and promotes recreational tourism.***

Objectives:

a. To encourage the public use of facilities for special recreational events.

b. To encourage promotion of recreational bicycle and water trail tourism.

Village of Spring Lake Goals and Objectives

The Goals and Objectives provide overall guidance and vision for the future of parks and recreation within the community and are based on the recreation inventory, data, and public input collected throughout the planning process. The Action Plan section of this plan determines proposed projects that help to meet these Goals and Objectives. These Goals are not given in a priority order, with the numerical numbering provided for identification only.

Goal Number 1: ***To provide multi-generational recreational opportunities within the community as the Village is comprised of persons of all ages.***

Objectives:

a. To provide activities for each of the major age and activity groups.

b. To provide for activities and experiences that can be enjoyed together with persons of multiple ages.

c. To allow for all persons of multiple generations, extended family groups, and large groups to universally enjoy the parks.

Goal Number 2: ***To provide recreational facilities for persons of all abilities both mentally and physically.***

Objectives:

a. To develop facilities that will expand recreational opportunities for all residents.

b. To renovate existing facilities, that will meet or exceed the Americans with Disabilities Act, (ADA).

c. To integrate ADA accommodations in all new facilities in such a way that they are seamlessly used by all residents within the community and to not cause separation of users based on abilities.

Goal Number 3: ***To retain and maintain all existing park lands for the use and enjoyment of residents.***

Objectives:

a. To retain existing recreational lands for recreational use.

b. To maintain the park facilities at a level consistent to the uses and desires of the community.

c. To make improvements to the parks based on the Community Recreation Plan.

<u>Goal Number 4:</u> ***To seek cooperative efforts with adjoining governmental units in providing the public with parks, recreation facilities, and programming.***

Objectives:

a. To continue to support public recreation programming for the community.

b. To continue to seek new and support existing cooperative agreements with adjoining local governmental units for the development and operation of parks and recreation facilities.

c. To support the efforts of the Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission for the acquisition and development of parklands including the Grand River Greenway along the Grand river and the North Coastal Greenway along Lake Michigan.

d. To encourage the development of the "Blue Water Trail" system along the Grand River including signage of public access points along the river from both land and water sides, as well as water route maps.

e. To continue to support the efforts of the Ottawa County Road Commission in the development of end of road access points to the Grand River and bayous, as well as non-motorized transportation facilities.

f. To encourage the discussion of expanding regional based public recreation for facilities, programs, and special events in order to facilitate the best opportunities for residents for the most reasonable expense.

<u>Goal Number 5:</u> ***To increase public awareness and knowledge of the recreational opportunities which exist for the Village residents and visitors.***

Objectives:

a. Maintain and improve Village website and social media presence with information on the parks.

b. Utilize technology to provide access to and promote recreational opportunities.

Goal Number 6: ***To be a community that celebrates and promotes recreational tourism.***

Objectives:

a. To encourage the public use of facilities for special recreational events.

b. To encourage promotion of recreational bicycle and water trail tourism.

ACTION PLAN

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The Action Plan section provides the intended direction for making improvements towards accomplishing the Goals and Objectives. The Action Plan includes specific projects, desired land acquisitions, as well as other larger planning and organizational actions that have been identified through the planning process. The projects given within this Section are the ones that have been best identified at the time of the writing of this plan, however, it is very likely that additional projects or means of accomplishing goals will become apparent as time progresses. Therefore, this document is meant as a guide, and it is the overall Goals and Objectives that will continue to provide the framework in the future.

Within this document, an Action Plan is provided for each of the five communities which includes a Capital Improvement Schedule of projects as well as other relevant action items for the communities. These have also been combined in order to provide a community-wide view of the Action Plans.

Consolidated Land Acquisition List

A consolidated list of potential desired land acquisitions has been prepared and in included on the following pages. These are also included individually within each of the five community Action Plans.

Consolidated Capital Improvement Project List

A consolidated list of potential capital improvement projects has been prepared and is included on the following pages. These projects are also included individually within each of the five community Action Plan sections.

Grand River Harbor Park Location Map

The Grand River Harbor Park Location Map has been re-included within this section of the plan in order to provide a reference map for proposed project locations.

Community Potential Property Acquisitions List

The community has identified several pieces of property that are desired to expand the recreational resources and opportunities. Some of these are very specific parcels, such as parcels adjacent to existing parks, while others are desired resources without specific parcels identified. This list consolidates all the parcels allowing them to be viewed as a whole in hopes that through expanded knowledge, greater opportunities and awareness for acquisition may be gained.

City of Ferrysburg

Hartger Parcel located within the boundaries of the Kitchel-Linquist-Hartger Dunes Preserve, to convert the privately held in-holding into preserve land.

Residential property west of Fire Barn Park for improved access, parking and expansion of green space and enhanced use areas and facilities. This property would enlarge the boundaries of the

existing park, resolve conflicts between activities at the park and the residential use, and provide additional off-street parking.

Public access site for a boat launch on the Grand River or Spring Lake at a location to be determined.

City of Grand Haven

The City is currently not seeking any additional parklands.

Grand Haven Charter Township

Grand Haven Charter Township continues to focus on the acquisition of lands adjacent to Hofma Park and Hofma Preserve in order to expand the natural based recreational resources within this unique and naturally rich area of the Township.

Parklands in southwest quadrant of Township are desired as the Township currently does not own any parklands in this area of the Township. As this area is currently the least developed, it is anticipated that overtime demand for greenspace in this southwest area will increase.

Spring Lake Township

Eagles Campground on Little Black Lake for additional waterfront park land and a possible public campground.

Land parcels to be determined along the Grand River and Spring Lake to provide additional waterfront access and pocket park opportunities along the multipurpose pathways.

Village of Spring Lake

The Village of Spring Lake is currently not seeking to purchase additional park lands at this time, as they are currently focus on a program of redevelopment within their existing parks.

Community Potential Projects List

Below is the consolidated list of potential projects for the five communities that allow for viewing the projects on a community-wide basis. Each of these lists are also provided in individual governmental write ups which consolidate the property acquisitions, projects, short summaries, and other relevant information for each agency.

Action Program for City of Ferrysburg

Park Location	Project	Comments
Fire Barn Park	Additional parking	
Fire Barn Park	Connecting walkways in park	
Fire Barn Park	Accessible seating options at fields	
Fire Barn Park	Irrigation of sports fields	
Fire Barn Park	Small picnic shelter	
Fire Barn Park	Review the replacement of court surfaces for pickleball	
Fire Barn Park	Improve lighting	
Coast Guard Park	Phase II improvements	
Coast Guard Park	Entrance area improvements	
Coast Guard Park	West park & amphitheater	
Coast Guard Park	Splash Pad	
Coast Guard Park	Park equipment	
Non-Motorized Path	Benches	
Non-Motorized Path	Pathway along Van Wagoner	
Ferrysburg Nature Preserve	Parking and Trails	
Street End Improvements	Postponed until high water recedes	
Site to be Determined	Canoe & Kayak Launch	
City Hall Park	Site Master Plan	
City Hall Park	New Play Area	
City Hall Park	Benches	
City Hall Park	Connecting accessible walkways	
City Hall Park	Small shelter	
City Hall Park	Lawn play field	

Action Program for the City of Grand Haven

Park Location	Project	Comments
City Beach Park	Replace ADA beach mat	Nearing end of useful life
East Grand River Park	New barrier free restroom & parking	Newly acquired house property
Flahive Boat Launch	Drive and parking improvements	
Harbor Island	Pathway improv., irrigation, landscaping	
Harbor Island	New campground	
Linear Park (South Channel)	Renovate pathway, picnic facilities	
Mulligan's Hollow Park	Trail improvements and signs.	
Mulligan's Hollow	Improve drive to Lodge	
Sluka Park	ADA Accessible playground equip.	

Park Location	Project	Comments
Five Mile Hill	Deck replacement and signage	
North Shore Dunes	Nature and hiking trails	
Linear Park (South Channel)	Concrete sculpture sites	
William Hatton Park	Lighting & site amenities	
Klemple Park/Grant St.	Overlook deck, survey	
Highland Park Reserves	Trail system, decks, steps, signage	
Southeast Neighborhood Park	Property acquisition	
Hayes Street/Hofma Preserve	Parking, canoe launch, walkways, restrooms	
	Nature trails, signage	
Off Leash Dog Park	Fenced parks in N & S COGH	
Chinook Pier Park	Planter box updates, brick replacements,	
	Bike rack, skating	
East End Waterfront Trail	Connector path from East Grand River Park	
Skate Park	Phased expansion	
BMX Park	Location to be determined	
Johnston Park	Wildflower beds	
Rix Robinson Park	Wildflower beds	
Willow Park	Wildflower beds	
Bolt Park	Wildflower beds	

Action Program for Grand Haven Charter Township

Park Location	Project	Comments
All	On-going tree replacement plantings	Replace with native species
All	Park Brochures	
All	Park Signage identifying amenities	
All	Update restrooms	
All	Install drinking fountains	
All	Install more seating areas	
All	Native species for landscaping	Support Resilient Master Plan
All	Incorporate Universal Design	Where feasible
All	Add artwork and/or sculptures	
Hofma Park	Active recreation	Hofma Vision Plan
Hofma Park	Accessible picnic tables	
Hofma Park	Winter informal parking at Ferris St.	
Hofma Park & Preserve	Trails, recreation, overlooks, etc	Hofma Vision Plan
Hofma Park & Preserve	Drinking fountain and table	
Hofma Park & Preserve	Install municipal water	
Hofma Park & Preserve	Security lighting in parking areas	
Hofma Park & Preserve	Overlay drive and parking	
Hofma Park & Preserve	Acquire Groesbeck Property	Expand parkland
Hofma Park & Preserve	Update Hofma Vision Plan	
Hofma Preserve	Plant native flora	Remove non-natives
Hofma Preserve	Update grills	

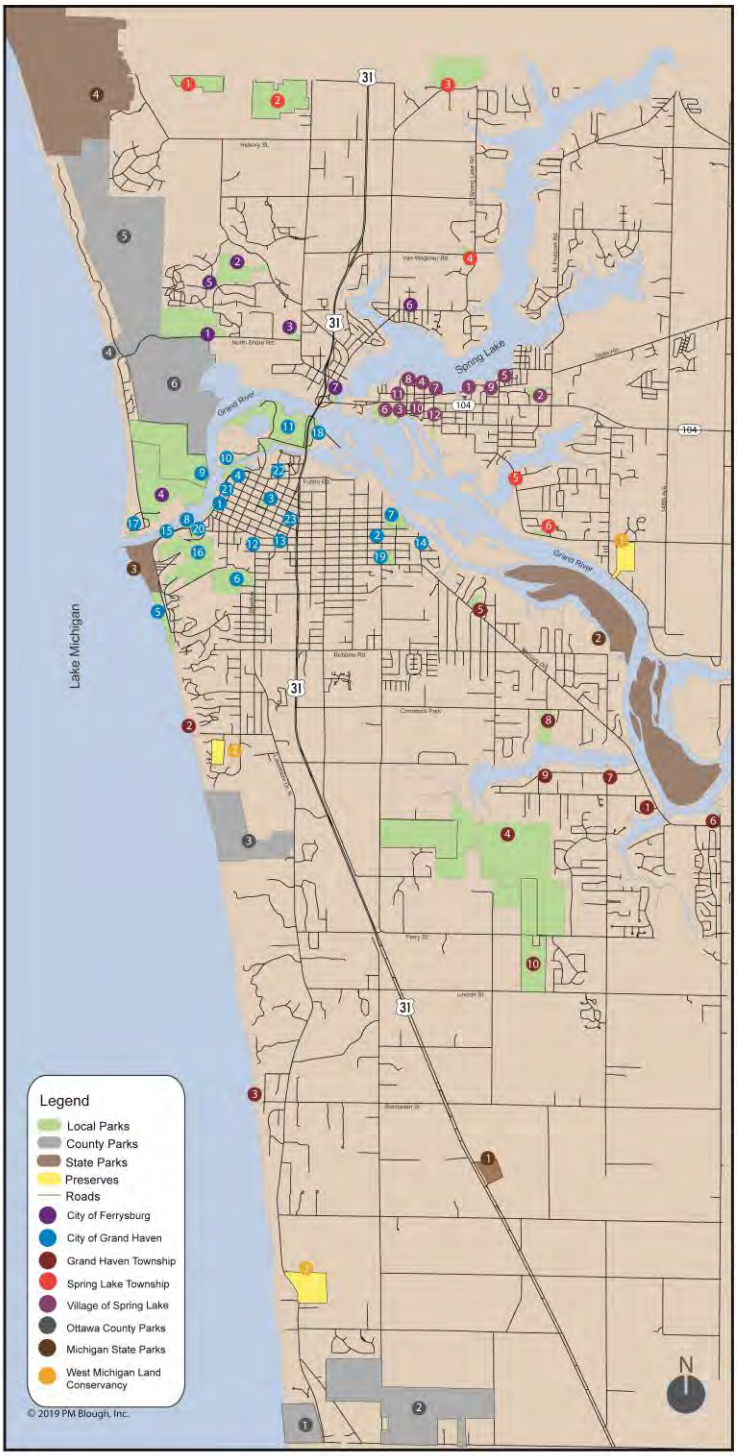
Park Location	Project	Comments
Hofma Preserve	Larger sign at Sleeper Entrance	
Hofma Preserve	Interpretive signage	
Hofma/SHP	Round-About/Traffic Circle	Discuss with OCRC
Mercury Park	Security lighting in parking area	
Non-Motorized Pathways	Stabilize Retaining wall on Lakeshore Dr	
Non-Motorized Pathways	Pathway Connector	Between Ferris & Lincoln
Non-Motorized Pathways	Paved Shoulder on M-45	Lakeshore Dr. east to US-31
Non-Motorized Pathways	Install benches	
Non-Motorized Pathways	Create an "Adopt a Pathway" program	
Non-Motorized Pathways	Other power-driven devices	Amend policy, inform, signage
Other	Outdoor rock wall	See Hofma Vision
Other	Property acquisition in south end	See Hofma Vision
Other	Large playground experience	See Hofma Vision
Other	Splash pad	Consider future Hofma Vision
Other	Zip line	See Hofma Vision
Other	Ropes courses	See Hofma Vision
Other	Shuffleboard	See Hofma Vision
Pottawattomie Park	Stabilize shoreline & Universal Design	Consider natural shoreline
Pottawattomie Park	Historical interpretive signage	
Pottawattomie Park	Kayak and Canoe Launch	
Pottawattomie Park	Install municipal water	
Pottawattomie Park	Replace dock & fishing platform	See Park Waterfront Plan
Pottawattomie Park	Repair/replace boardwalk	See Park Waterfront Plan
Pottawattomie Park	Overlay drive and parking	
Schmidt Heritage Park	Active recreation facilities	Per Donation Agreement
Schmidt Heritage Park	Construct Phase I	Funding needed
Schmidt Heritage Park	Update Hofma Vision Plan	
Trails & Boardwalks	Edge treatments	Prevent roll/step off of edges

Action Program for Spring Lake Township

Park Location	Project	Comments
Black Lake Park	Development of Trails	
Water Tower Park	Development of new Master Plan	
Rycenga Park	Soccer Field	
River Run Park	Restroom Building	
Non-Motorized Pathway	Wayfinding Signage	Trailhead signs & maps
Non-Motorized Pathway	Drinking Fountains & Benches	
Non-Motorized Pathway	Resurfacing & Repairs	
Non-Motorized Pathway	Endowment for Maintenance	
Water Trails	Water Access & Canoe/Kayak Launches	
All Parks	ADA Accessibility Improvements	Include in all projects

Action Program for Village of Spring Lake

Park Location	Project	Comments
Tanglefoot Park	Waterfront Park Redevelopment Phase I	



City of Ferrysburg

1. Coast Guard Park
2. Ferrysburg Nature Preserve
3. Firebarn Park
4. Kitchel-Lindquist - Hartger Dunes Preserve
5. Mike Herman Park
6. Sunnyside Park
7. William Montague Ferry Park

City of Grand Haven

1. Bicentenial Park
2. Bolt Park
3. Central Park
4. Chinook Pier
5. City Beach Park
6. Duncan Woods
7. East Grand River Park
8. Escanaba Park
9. Grand Haven Musical Fountain & Dunes
10. Harbor Island Linear Park
11. Harbor Island
12. Johnston Park
13. Klaver Park
14. Klempel Park
15. Lighthouse Connector Park
16. Mulligan's Hollow
17. North Shore Fisherman's Parking Lot
18. Rix Robinson Park
19. Sluka Field
20. Veterans Memorial Park
21. Lynn Sherwood Waterfront Stadium
22. William Hatton Park
23. Willow Park

Grand Haven Township

1. Bignell Access
2. Brucker Access
3. Buchanan Access
4. Hofma Park & Preserve
5. Mercury Park
6. Odawa Battle Point Boat Launch
7. 152nd Access
8. Pottawattomie Park
9. Shiawassee Access
10. Schmidt Heritage Park

Spring Lake Township

1. Black Lake Park
2. Disc Golf Course
3. Rycenga Park
4. Water Tower Park
5. Glafcke Family Public Preserve
6. River Run Park

Village of Spring Lake

1. Alden Street End
2. Central Park
3. Cutler Street Park
4. Jackson Street End
5. Lakeside Beach
6. Mill Point Park & Boat Launch
7. N. Buchanan Street End
8. N. Division Street End
9. Parkhurst Street End
10. Tanglefoot Park
11. Whistle Stop Playground
12. Spring Lake Community Park

Ottawa County Parks

1. Kirk Park
2. Hiawatha Forest
3. Rosy Mound Natural Area
4. North Beach Park
5. North Ottawa Dunes
6. Ottawa Sands

Michigan State Parks

1. Agnew Roadside Park
2. Grand Haven Game Area
3. Grand Haven State Park
4. PF Hoffmaster State Park

West Michigan Land Conservancy

1. Minnie Skwarek Nature Preserve
2. DePersia South Highlands Nature Preserve
3. Palomita Preserve

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City of Ferrysburg Action Plan

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Potential Property Acquisitions

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Hartger Parcel located within the boundaries Kitchel-Linquist-Hartger Dunes Preserve, to convert the privately held in-holding into preserve land.

Residential property west of Fire Barn Park for improved access, parking and expansion of green space and enhanced use areas and facilities. This property would enlarge the boundaries of the existing park, resolve conflicts between activities at the park and the residential use, and provide additional off-street parking.

Public access site for a boat launch on the Grand River or Spring Lake at a location to be determined.

Action Program and Project List for City of Ferrysburg

Park Location	Project	Comments
Fire Barn Park	Additional parking	
Fire Barn Park	Connecting walkways in park	
Fire Barn Park	Accessible seating options at fields	
Fire Barn Park	Irrigation of sports fields	
Fire Barn Park	Small picnic shelter	
Fire Barn Park	Review the replacement of court surfaces for pickleball	
Fire Barn Park	Improve lighting	
Coast Guard Park	Phase II improvements	
Coast Guard Park	Entrance area improvements	
Coast Guard Park	West park & amphitheater	
Coast Guard Park	Splash Pad	
Coast Guard Park	Park equipment	
Non-Motorized Path	Benches	
Non-Motorized Path	Pathway along Van Wagoner	

Park Location	Project	Comments
Ferrysburg Nature Preserve	Parking and Trails	
Street End Improvements	Postponed until high water recedes	
Site to be Determined	Canoe & Kayak Launch	
City Hall Park	Site Master Plan	
City Hall Park	New Play Area	
City Hall Park	Benches	
City Hall Park	Connecting accessible walkways	
City Hall Park	Small shelter	
City Hall Park	Lawn play field	

Potential Project Summaries

Fire Barn Park

Fire Barn Park is an active park located adjacent to the City's Fire Barn with facilities that were constructed for the most part, several decades ago, and are in need of revitalization. In 2019 the old play equipment was removed and a new large playscape was installed. The park is a popular park which is used for league athletic play as well as individual resident recreation. The current tennis courts need resurfacing and may be converted to pickleball to reflect the residents' current interests. The renovation of the park will bring the facilities up to current standards, increase ADA accessibility, increase overall usability, and complete much needed upgrades.

Coast Guard Park Phase II Improvements

Phase II Improvements will continue the development of Coast Guard Park based on the Master Plan. This next phase of improvements will include entrance area improvements, a new amphitheater to provide an outdoor performance venue, a splash park, and additional park equipment. Coast Guard Park is a popular park and is busy daily for league recreational activities, group picnics and events, as well as individual recreation within the park. All of these new facilities will expand the opportunities for recreational visitors.

Non-Motorized Pathway Improvements

Continued improvements to the Non-Motorized Pathway Improvements including the addition of benches along the pathway to provide for resting points as well as the expansion of the pathway along Van Wagoner Road.

Ferrysburg Nature Preserve

The Ferrysburg Nature Preserve is currently a beautiful wooded nature preserve that has limited access. The proposed projects will provide for a small vehicle entrance off from Dogwood Drive into a small parking lot and the development of a trail system. These developments will provide greater access for the public to these natural resources.

Street End Improvements

The City has identified nine street ends that are located on Spring Lake that provide public access to the water for the residents. These include 4th Street, Lavinia Street, Cove Street, Virginia (Cecilia) Street, Park at the end of Virginia Street, Park on Cecelia Lane, Gruenbauer Street, Reenders Street, Doric Street, The City continues to strive to develop these street ends to expand public access to the water

throughout the City. All of these street ends are currently experiencing high water from the Grand River.

Kayak & Canoe Launch

The City would like to develop a canoe and kayak launch located on either Spring Lake or the Grand River in order to provide public drop-in boat launch access to the water. Currently the City does not have any facilities of this type. A piece of waterfront property large enough in size to provide for the launch and parking needs to be acquired.

City Hall Park

City Hall is located in a former elementary school building which is serving well as a City Hall and community center. The City Hall also includes a large parking lot and the "old playground" from the school. The City plans to redevelop the playground into a City park beginning first with a new master plan for the site which will convert the playground into a park with suitable public facilities such as a play area, small picnic shelter, lawn play field, benches, picnic areas, outdoor court, and accessible walkways.

City of Grand Haven Action Plan

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Potential Property Acquisitions

The City of Grand Haven is currently not seeking additional parklands.

Action Program and Potential Projects List

On the next page is a chart of the potential projects and acquisition identified through the Planning Process for the community's parks. Please reference the chart on the next page.

Potential Project Summaries

Parks 5 Year Master Plan 2019-2023

Park	Action	Estimated Cost	Year will be Undertaken	Priority	Funding Sources
City Beach Park	Replace ADA beach mat at end of useful life	TBD	2019	High	LWCF, General Fund, MNRTF Grant
East Grand River Park (house)	Construct barrier free restrooms and parking	$ 500,000.00	2019	High	General Fund, MNRTF Grant
Flahive Boat Launch	Finish boat launch project with stacking lane and looped drive to launch as designed by W&W and formerly approved by City and State	$ 500,000.00	2019	High	General Fund, Waterways Grant
Harbor Island	Design and construction of campground	$ 3,000,000.00	2019	High	DNR and/or Waterways Grants
Harbor Island	Non-motorized path raise and extension, landscaping, irrigation	$ 375,000.00	2019	High	General Fund, MNRTF Grant
Linear Park (South Channel)	Replace bike path, landscaping, picnic tables, grills, decks, pergolas	$ 750,000.00	2019	High	General Fund, Local Foundations, Private Donations, Artwalk Volunteers, MNRTF Grant
Mulligan's Hollow Park	Trail signs, improve trail system, improve drive to lodge	$ 150,000.00	2019	High	General Fund, MNRTF, Stakeholders
Sluka Park	Playground Equipment ADA	$ 150,000.00	2019	High	MNRTF, General Fund
Sluka Park	Basketball courts, picnic area, landscaping, outfield fence, parking, lighting, pitching/batting cages	$ 350,000.00	2019	High	General Fund, LWCF
Five Mile Hill	Signage, deck replacement	$ 50,000.00	2020	High	General Fund, MNRTF Grant, Local Foundations
North Shore Dunes	Nature and hiking trails	$ 50,000.00	2020	Medium	General Fund, MNRTF Grant
Linear Park (South Channel)	Construct seven concrete pads with or w/out lights for sculptures	$ 20,000.00	2020	Low	Artwalk Funds, Local Foundations
William Hatton Park	Lighting and new site amenities	$ 50,000.00	2020	Low	General Fund, Service Clubs, Local Foundations, Neighborhood Association
Klemple Park / Grant St.	Overlook deck, survey	$ 40,000.00	2021	Low	General Fund, Neighborhood Association
Highland Park Reserves	Trail system, decks, steps, signage	$ 150,000.00	2022	Low	General Fund, Private Donations
Southeast Neighborhood Park	Property acquisition	$ 100,000.00	2023	Low	General Fund
Hayes Street/Hofma Park Preserve Connector	Parking, canoe launch, dock, walkway, boardwalk, restrooms, nature trails and signage	$ 250,000.00	Same year as Twp. Plan	Low	Co-funded with Grand Haven Township, General Fund, MNRTF, Local Foundations, Business Donations
Off Leash Dog Parks	Fenced parks in north and south ends of COGH	TBD	TBD	High	TBD
Chinook Pier Park	Planter box updates, Farmer's Market brick replacements, skating, bike rack	$ 100,000.00	TBD	High	TBD
East End Waterfront Trail	Construct non-motorized connector path from East Grand River Park	TBD	TBD	Medium	General Fund, MNRTF Grant
Skate Park	Phased expansion	$ 500,000.00	TBD	Medium	Donations
BMX Park	Construct at location TBD	TBD	TBD	Low	MNRTF Grant, Donations
Johnston Park	Wild Flower Beds	$ 25,000.00	TBD	Low	TBD
Rix Robinson Park	Wild Flower Beds				
Willow Park	Wild Flower Beds				
Bolt Park	None at this time	$ -	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Bicentennial Park	None at this time	$ -	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Central Park	None at this time	$ -	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Dewey Hill & Musical Fountain	None at this time	$ -	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Duncan Woods	None at this time	$ -	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Escanaba Park	None at this time	$ -	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Klaver Park	None at this time	$ -	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Veteran's Memorial Park	None at this time	$ -	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

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City Beach Accessible Beach Access

Currently the City provides a beach mat walkway system for improved ADA accessibility into the beach and provide greater access near the Lake Michigan water's edge. The walkway needs replacement due to the walkway's deterioration. The new walkway will also improve the ADA accessibility with a more even surface.

East Grand River Park Restroom, Parking Expansions, & Flahive Boat Launch Completion

Acquisition of the adjacent residential property has been completed providing additional parkland. This will allow for the construction of a new expanded restroom with ADA accessibility. The Flahive Boat Launch circulation drives, and parking will also be improved once the existing restroom is removed.

Harbor Island Bike Path Repair

The bike path on Harbor Island is reaching an age where the surface needs repairs and resurfacing. The higher water levels also require that the pathway be raised for greater times of use. This project will also include additional landscaping and irrigation.

Harbor Island Campground

This project is the construction of a new campground to be owned and operated by the City to provide for additional camping within the City. The campground would be in walking distance of the downtown, beach, and have access to the Grand River.

South Channel Linear Park Renovations and Art Park

The park needs renovation due to its age and the fact that it remains a popular park and linkage along the Grand Haven waterfront. Renovations will include replacement of the pathway, landscaping, picnic tables, grills, deck, a small pavilion, and a new Art Park sculpture area. The Art Park will include seven concrete pads for outdoor sculptures with or without lighting.

Mulligan's Hollow Park Trails, Signage, and Drive Improvements

Mulligan's Hollow Park has several informal trails that are used daily by residents for hiking. These will be formalized with trailhead signage and signage along the trails. Improvements will be made to the drive that serves the Lodge for better access and circulation.

Sluka Park Play Equipment

Provide for expanded play area which will include additional ADA accessible play equipment. The playground serves the east side of the community as well as visitors to Saluka Field.

Five Mile Hill Improvements

The projects will include the replacement of the existing deck at the top of the hill, seating, and signage.

North Shore Dunes

Provide signage and connections for the North Shore Dunes that link the trails to neighboring public dunes for expanded hiking and nature experiences.

William Hatton Park

Lighting and new site amenities are proposed for the park.

Klemple Park/Grant St. Overlook Deck

Klemple Park is a .17 acre mini-park that includes Grand River water frontage. The addition of an overlook deck will enhance waterfront access. The project will also include a boundary survey to establish the boundaries of the street end park.

Highland Park Reserves

The Highland Park Reserves is a wooded natural area with informal trails used recreationally by the local community. Proposed are a more formalized trail system with trails, boardwalks, observation decks, signage and maps.

Hayes Street/Hofma Park Preserve Connector

The proposed project will connect the two parks of the City of Grand Haven and Grand Haven Charter Township with a walkway and Grand River access. This unique connector will provide parking, canoe/kayak launch, dock, walkway, boardwalk, restrooms, nature trails and signage.

Off Leash Dog Park

Provide a new Off Leash Dog Park in the community at a location yet to be determined.

Chinook Pier Park

Located along the Grand River, this park also includes the City Market. Improvements will include improved planter boxes, Farmer's Market brick replacements, skating, and bicycle rack.

East End Waterfront Trail

The East End Waterfront Trail will be the construction of a trail along the Grand River from East Grand River Park to the Harbor Island area.

Mulligan's Hollow Skate Park Enhancements

Enhance the existing skate park with modifications to the existing fencing, the addition of lighting, increasing the flat surface area, and adding additional features.

BMX Park

A new BMX Park is desired for pedal bike action within the community. A location for the facility has not been determined.

Wildflower Beds

The addition of wildflower beds is proposed for Johnston Park, Rix Robinson Park, and Willow Park to provide additional native plantings and beauty within the parks. They will also provide for wildlife.

Grand Haven Charter Township Action Plan

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Potential Land Acquisitions

Grand Haven Charter Township has identified the following properties as priorities for acquisitions for parkland:

> Grand Haven Charter Township continues to focus on the acquisition of lands adjacent to Hofma Park and Hofma Preserve in order to expand the natural based recreational resources within this unique and naturally rich area of the Township. Acquire the Groesbeck Property.
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> Parklands in southwest quadrant of Township are desired as the Township currently does not own any parklands in this area of the Township. As this area is currently the least developed, it is anticipated that overtime demand for greenspace in this southwest area will increase.

Action Program and Potential Projects for Grand Haven Charter Township

Park Location	Project	Comments
All	On-going tree replacement plantings	Replace with native species
All	Park Brochures	
All	Park Signage identifying amenities	
All	Update restrooms	
All	Install drinking fountains	
All	Install more seating areas	
All	Native species for landscaping	Support Resilient Master Plan
All	Incorporate Universal Design	Where feasible
All	Add artwork and/or sculptures	
Hofma Park	Active recreation	Hofma Vision Plan
Hofma Park	Accessible picnic tables	
Hofma Park	Winter informal parking at Ferris St.	
Hofma Park & Preserve	Trails, recreation, overlooks, etc	Hofma Vision Plan
Hofma Park & Preserve	Drinking fountain and table	
Hofma Park & Preserve	Install municipal water	
Hofma Park & Preserve	Security lighting in parking areas	

Park Location	Project	Comments
Hofma Park & Preserve	Overlay drive and parking	
Hofma Park & Preserve	Acquire Groesbeck Property	Expand parkland
Hofma Park & Preserve	Update Hofma Vision Plan	
Hofma Preserve	Plant native flora	Remove non-natives
Hofma Preserve	Update grills	
Hofma Preserve	Larger sign at Sleeper Entrance	
Hofma Preserve	Interpretive signage	
Hofma/SHP	Round-About/Traffic Circle	Discuss with OCRC
Mercury Park	Security lighting in parking area	
Non-Motorized Pathways	Stabilize Retaining wall on Lakeshore Dr	
Non-Motorized Pathways	Pathway Connector	Between Ferris & Lincoln
Non-Motorized Pathways	Paved Shoulder on M-45	Lakeshore Dr. east to US-31
Non-Motorized Pathways	Install benches	
Non-Motorized Pathways	Create an “Adopt a Pathway” program	
Non-Motorized Pathways	Other power-driven devices	Amend policy, inform, signage
Other	Outdoor rock wall	See Hofma Vision
Other	Property acquisition in south end	See Hofma Vision
Other	Large playground experience	See Hofma Vision
Other	Splash pad	Consider future Hofma Vision
Other	Zip line	See Hofma Vision
Other	Ropes courses	See Hofma Vision
Other	Shuffleboard	See Hofma Vision
Pottawattomie Park	Stabilize shoreline & Universal Design	Consider natural shoreline
Pottawattomie Park	Historical interpretive signage	
Pottawattomie Park	Kayak and Canoe Launch	
Pottawattomie Park	Install municipal water	
Pottawattomie Park	Replace dock & fishing platform	See Park Waterfront Plan
Pottawattomie Park	Repair/replace boardwalk	See Park Waterfront Plan
Pottawattomie Park	Overlay drive and parking	
Schmidt Heritage Park	Active recreation facilities	Per Donation Agreement
Schmidt Heritage Park	Construct Phase I	Funding needed
Schmidt Heritage Park	Update Hofma Vision Plan	
Trails & Boardwalks	Edge treatments	Prevent roll/step off of edges
Undetermined	Dog Park	

Potential Project Summaries Grand Haven Charter Township

All Parks: Tree Plantings and Landscaping

The Township parks have large older trees providing an existing shady canopy. As these trees age, and die, there are currently limited trees to take their place to maintain the shade canopy. There are also many invasive tree species within the parks. Each of these parks requires new tree plantings to insure the future of the shade canopy. New plantings will be native tree and landscape species to support the Resilient Master Plan.

All Parks: Park Brochures

Park brochures for each of the parks or for the parks would be useful in communicating to the residents what facilities and recreational opportunities are available in each of the parks. These brochures could be posted in the parks, printed as handouts, and available as PDF's on the Township's website.

All Parks: Signage at Park Entrances Identifying Amenities

Additional signage at all the park entrances identifying the park facilities and recreational opportunities will provide residents better knowledge regarding the parks and the potential that they may visit the parks more often.

All Parks: Update Restroom Facilities

Update the restroom facilities within the park. Modernize and improve as needed for each of them.

All Parks: Install Drinking Fountains

Install drinking fountains at all parks to provide for drinking water for park and pathway visitors.

All Parks: Install More Seating Areas

Install additional seating in all the parks and along pathways and trails to allow for resting areas and nature viewing.

All Parks: Incorporate Universal Design

Incorporate the principals of Universal Design wherever feasible within the park to expand usage of the park facilities and enjoyment of nature.

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Hofma Park

The Action Plan for Hofma Park follows the Hofma Vision Plan. Projects specifically identified for Hofma Park include expanding active recreation as based on the master plan. New updated grills with ADA accessible surfaces will be installed at the pavilion to provide better grilling opportunities. The current grills are outdated and are not ADA accessible.

Boat Launch Power Off/On Enforcement Signs

Install signage to increase the awareness regarding the damage to the launch caused by boat owners powering their boats on and off their trailers. Signage will also include the required rules prohibiting these actions.

Hofma Park Additional and ADA Parking at Soccer Field

Construct additional parking at Hofma Park to accommodate athletic field use. Currently park users are parking off the roads into the natural areas in undesignated parking areas due to the lack of adequate parking. This unauthorized parking also creates access issues along the road by narrowing the travel area on the road surface. Provide ADA accessible parking within the redesign of the site parking. Creating a small winter parking lot at the Ferris St. entrance will reduce the amount of snow plowing in the park and provide for easy access for hikers, walkers, snow shoeing and cross-country skiing in the park.

Hofma Park and Preserve Improvements

Based on the Hofma Vision plan, there are several improvements proposed for both Hofma Park and Preserve. These include further development of trails on the property including overlooks, signage, and other amenities. Drinking fountains and tables are needed within the park, with new municipal water rather than the existing wells. Additional security lighting is desired in the parking lots for easier night security. The aging parking and entrance drives will be maintained by the application of a paving overlay. The acquisition of the Groesbeck Property is also a part of the vision for park expansion. Lastly, the Vision Plan will require updating as land holdings expand and the park is developed and used.

Hofma Preserve

Based on the Hofma Vision there are specific projects planned for Hofma Preserve. These include removing the non-native evergreen stock and replanting the site with native vegetation species. Provide barrier free picnic tables and grills on an accessible surface to provide expanded picnic facilities within the Preserve. Install a larger more visible sign at the Sleeper Street entrance to provide better public visibility and access to the park. Provide maps interpretive signage at the trailheads and along the interior trails of the park to provide guidance and education around the Preserve.

Hofma Preserve and Schmidt Heritage Park Round-a-bout

Discuss with the Ottawa County Road Commission the option of constructing a round-a-bout between the two parks as well as other implications of the two parks regarding motorized traffic, pedestrian and bicycle safety, and overall circulation.

Mercury Park Security Lighting in Parking Areas

Improve lighting in the parking areas of the park to aid in policing and security during nighttime hours.

Non-Motorized Pathways

Several improvements are proposed for the non-motorized pathway system. These include providing stabilized retaining walls beside the pathway along Lakeshore Drive. Constructing a pathway connector between Ferris Street and Lincoln Street. Supporting the paving of a shoulder along Lake Michigan Drive between Lakeshore Drive and US-31. Requests for additional benches along the pathways for resting and wildlife viewing. Citizens are also interested in creating an “Adopt-A-Pathway” Program to help

beautify, pick up litter, and support the pathway. Lastly is the exploration of to amend the policy for other power-driven mobility devises and to inform the public and add signage to explain the policy.

Other Active Recreation Facilities

There are several active recreational facilities that have been noted for including in the parks which are being considered for being added to the Hofma Vision as well as the acquisition of parkland in the southern end of the Township. These include an outdoor rock-climbing wall, a large playground experience, splash pad, zipline, ropes course, and shuffleboard.

Pottawattomie Park Projects

Several projects are listed for action for Pottawattomie Park. These include stabilizing the shoreline and providing Universal Access to the Bayou, a new canoe/kayak launch, replacing the floating fishing dock, walkways, and boardwalks along the waterfront. The history of Pottawattomie Park has a historical background which includes Native Americans, early fir traders, settlers, and Girl Scouts prior to becoming a public park. Interpretive signs will provide public information and education regarding these previous land uses. Physical maintenance improvements include overlaying the pavement of the entrance drive and parking areas, and the installation of public water system to replace the well.

Schmidt Heritage Park Development

The newest park in the system is Schmidt Heritage Park which is currently undeveloped. Development is proposed to begin with active recreation facilities, pursuant to a donation agreement. This is to be followed by constructing Phase I facilities as funding is acquired. The Hofma Vision plan will also be updated to include the connections and new facilities made possible by the Schmidt property.

Trails and Boardwalks Edge Treatments

To improve Universal Design by preventing edge roll/step offs edge treatments are proposed for existing trails and boardwalks.

Location Undetermined: Dog Park

Increased pressure is being placed on the Township parks by both resident and non-residents dogs as other parks within the area continue to ban dogs. This increased usage has developed an interest in further investigating the development of a dog park within the community.

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Potential Property Acquisitions

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Eagles Campground on Little Black Lake for additional waterfront park land and a possible public campground.

Explore acquisition of 15-acre site located along the Rail Trail for use for Mountain Biking and potential Sledding Hill.

Land parcels to be determined along the Grand River and Spring Lake to provide additional waterfront access and pocket park opportunities along the multipurpose pathways.

Explore locations for Pocket Parks within the community.

Action Program and Potential Projects for Spring Lake Township

Park Location	Project	Comments
Black Lake Park	Development of Trails	
Water Tower Park	Development of new Master Plan	
Rycenga Park	Soccer Field	
River Run Park	Restroom Building	
Non-Motorized Pathway	Wayfinding Signage	Trailhead signs & maps
Non-Motorized Pathway	Drinking Fountains & Benches	
Non-Motorized Pathway	Resurfacing & Repairs	
Non-Motorized Pathway	Endowment for Maintenance	
Water Trails	Water Access & Canoe/Kayak Launches	
All Parks	ADA Accessibility Improvements	Include in all projects

Other Planning Items

Conduct an annual joint meet with the Village of Spring Lake Recreation Committee

Complete Green Infrastructure Plan and Natural Features Inventory to identify natural elements.

Support adjacent municipalities to complete regional bike path systems.

Work the Road Commission to make the Township roads more bike and pedestrian friendly.

Potential Project Summaries

Black Lake Park

Black Lake Park is a newly acquired parcel of land adjacent to the existing Black Lake Park of the City of Norton Shores. The next focus of development of the park is to formalize a trail system for hiking with signage.

Water Tower Park

Water Tower Park is gaining a new focus as it will now be located with pathways along two sides of the park making it ideal as a trailhead. New neighborhood housing has also been growing around the park. The current park, an informal green space, two tennis courts, and undefined parking, needs to be revitalized into a more relevant park for the current uses. Proposed for the park is the design of a new site development plan that meets the interests of the community.

Rycenga Park Improvements

Rycenga Park is a large active use park within the community and several improvements have been made since the last plan five years ago. There is a desire to add an additional soccer field to the active sports fields at the park.

River Run Park Restrooms

River Run Park is a trailside park with a pavilion and play area with views of the Grand River. The desire is to provide restrooms for trail users as well as park visitors. The discussion is to begin first with portable toilets to review the amount of use, and if use is shown, develop a modern flush toilet facility.

Non-Motorized Pathway Improvements

The Township's non-motorized pathway system is well established with a next phase of development being constructed along M104 from Krueger Street to Fruitport Road. Additionally it is desired to improve wayfinding signage regarding pathway routes, distances, nearby parks, businesses, and attractions. Other items desired by the public include periodic drinking fountains/bottle filling stations and benches for resting and wildlife viewing. As the pathway ages, there are concerns regarding the long-term maintenance and upkeep of the pathway. It is desired to create a Pathway Maintenance Endowment Fund to plan for the perpetual care of the system.

Water Trail Improvements

The growth of the Water Trail along the Grand River continues to grow. Additional planning of public access sites for canoe/kayak access continues. The Township plans to have an active role in the development of the Water Trail.

Universal Access Audits & Strategy

The Township continues to improve Universal accessibility within its parks. To this end, the goal is to complete a thorough Universal Access Audit in each park and to then create an in-depth strategy for designing, funding, and implementing the improvements to upgrade the recreational accessibility.

Other Recreational Planning Items

Annual Joint Meeting with the Village of Spring Lake Recreation Committee

Spring Lake Township and the Village of Spring Lake are located adjacent to each other, and continue to jointly share in providing services for residents where it is mutually beneficial, it is a goal to annual hold a joint meeting to discuss recreational goals and objectives, as well as share information regarding future parks and recreational efforts.

Green Infrastructure Plan

Complete the development of a Green Infrastructure Plan complete with a Natural Features Inventory to identify important natural elements within the Township for the purpose of making better decisions regarding land acquisitions, parks, land development, and greenway preservation.

Multi-purpose Pathways and Bike Lanes

The Recreation Committee identified the following multi-purpose pathways and bike lanes as priorities within the community. The Committee emphasized that safety, density served, and linkages were the critical factors in determine the most important bike paths.

M-104 from Fruitport to Krueger-Separated multi-purpose pathway (High Priority). To be completed in 2020.

168th Ave. from W. Spring Lake Rd. to Van Wagoner Rd-Separated multi-purpose pathway only if partially developed privately via adjacent new development (Medium Priority). Currently under construction at the writing of the Plan.

174th Ave from Taft to Wilson-Bike lanes only to match up to with bike lanes on Grand Haven Rd. in Norton Shores. (Medium Priority).

Palm Drive-Bike lanes only to match up to with bike lanes on Blake Lake Road in Norton Shores. (Medium Priority).

Rannes Road-Separated multi-purpose pathway (Low Priority).

M-104 from Krueger east to 148th Avenue-Separated multi-purpose pathway on south side of M-104 (Low Priority).

Support Regional Non-Motorized Transportation Routes

Continue to support adjacent governmental agencies to complete the regional non-motorized pathway systems that link to the Township's pathways and provide benefits to the community.

Support the Non-Motorized Transportation Efforts of the Ottawa County Road Commission

The Ottawa County Road Commission continues to integrate Non-Motorized transportation facilities into the overall transportation system of the County. Spring Lake Township supports these efforts and intends to continue to support these efforts in order to create roads within the Township which are more bicycle and pedestrian friendly.

Village of Spring Lake Action Plan

The Action Plan section provides the intended direction for making improvements towards accomplishing the Goals and Objectives. The Action Plan includes desired land acquisitions, potential projects, as well as other larger planning and organizational actions that have been identified through the planning process. The projects given within this Section are the ones that have been best identified at the time of the writing of this plan, however, it is very likely that additional projects or means of accomplishing goals will become apparent as time progresses. Therefore, this document is meant as a guide, and it is the overall Goals and Objectives that will continue to provide the framework in the future.

Potential Property Acquisitions

The Village of Spring Lake is currently not seeking to convert public property to park lands at this time, as they are currently focusing on a program of redevelopment within their existing parks. However, the acquisition of property that is located within the floodplain could be contemplated.

Potential Projects List

The Potential Projects List provides a list of the projects identified by the Village during the planning process as potential projects that will improve the recreational opportunities within the community.

Action Program for Village of Spring Lake

Park Location	Project	Comments
Tanglefoot Park	Waterfront Park Redevelopment	

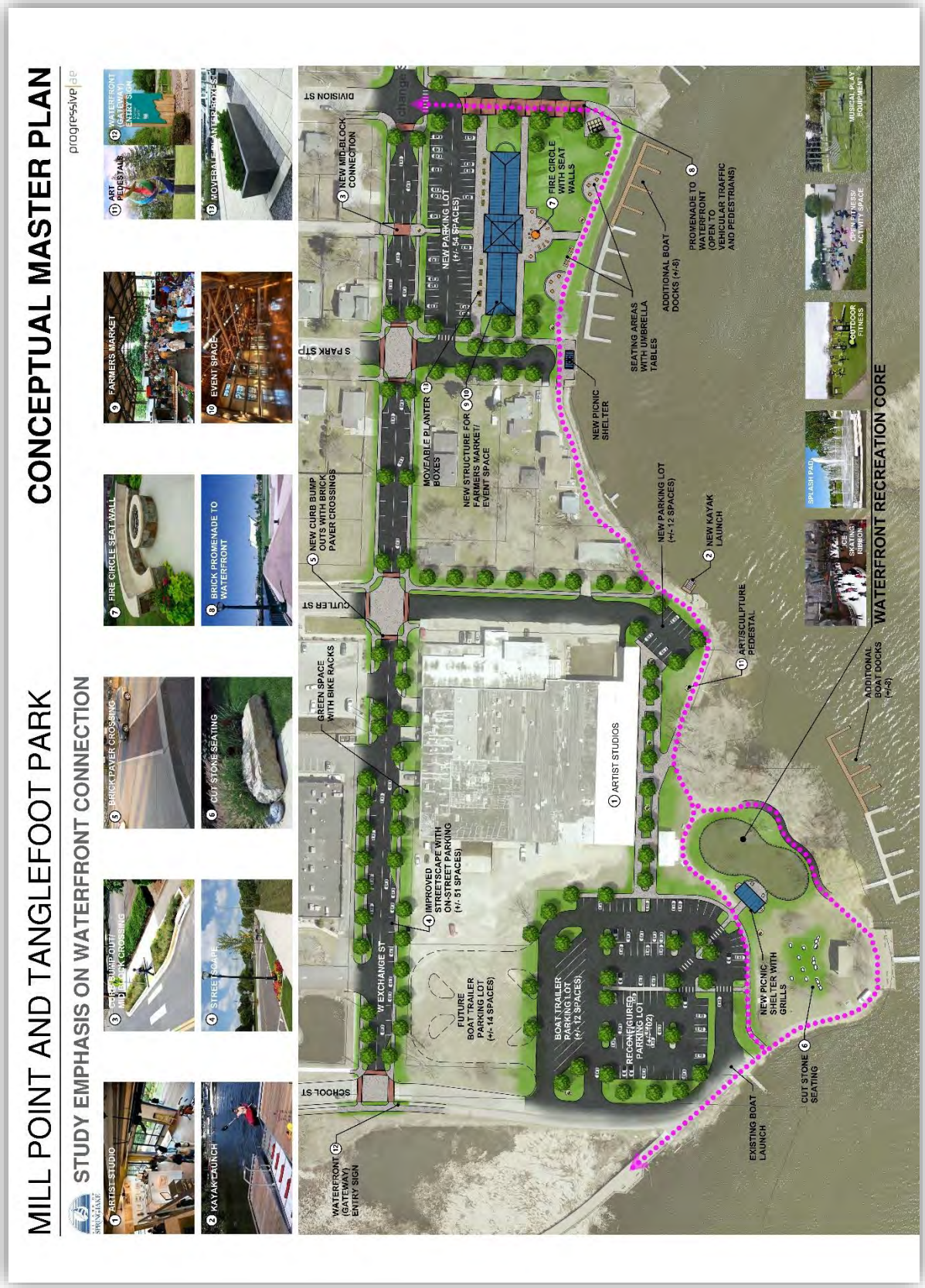
Potential Project Summaries

Waterfront Redevelopment Phase I-Tanglefoot Park Redevelopment

The potential projects identified are for the redevelopment of Tanglefoot Park which has been a seasonal RV park for many decades and is now closed. The park and facilities were utilized for camping and dockage of boats seasonally from April 15th to November 15th. The current facilities have outlived their life expectancy and a plan has been completed for the redevelopment of the park with new facilities which also improve ADA accessibility for the park.

Based on this, a new Waterfront Redevelopment Plan was completed for both Mill Point and Tanglefoot Parks and the connecting riverfront. See the drawing on the following page.

Phase I of the plan is to focus on the redevelopment of Tanglefoot Park. The redeveloped waterfront park will include a covered event space with parking, lawn areas, landscaping, fire circle with seat walls, waterfront seating, boat slips, and connecting waterfront walkways.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STUDY EMPHASIS ON WATERFRONT CONNECTION
1 ARTIST STUDIO
2 KAYAK LAUNCH
3 CURB IMPROVEMENTS FOR CROSSING
4 STREETSCAPE
5 BRICK PAVER CROSSING
6 CUT STONE SEATING
7 FIRE CIRCLE SEAT WALL
8 BRICK PROMENADE TO WATERFRONT
9 FARMERS MARKET
10 EVENT SPACE
11 ART PEDESTALS
12 WATERFRONT (GATEWAY) ENTRY SIGN
13 MOVEABLE PLANTER BOXES
SCHOOL ST
W EXCHANGE ST
CUTLER ST
S PARK ST
DIVISION ST
WATERFRONT (GATEWAY) ENTRY SIGN
GREEN SPACE WITH BIKE RACKS
NEW CURB BUMP OUTS WITH BRICK PAVER CROSSINGS
4 IMPROVED STREETSCAPE WITH ON-STREET PARKING (+/- 51 SPACES)
FUTURE BOAT TRAILER PARKING LOT (+/- 14 SPACES)
BOAT TRAILER PARKING LOT (+/- 12 SPACES)
RECONFIGURED PARKING LOT (+/- 20)
1 ARTIST STUDIOS
MOVEABLE PLANTER BOXES
NEW STRUCTURE FOR FARMERS MARKET/ EVENT SPACE
NEW PARKING LOT (+/- 54 SPACES)
3 NEW MID-BLOCK CONNECTION
NEW PARKING LOT (+/- 12 SPACES)
NEW PICNIC SHELTER
7 FIRE CIRCLE WITH SEAT WALLS
SEATING AREAS WITH UMBRELLA TABLES
ADDITIONAL BOAT DOCKS (+/-8)
8 PROMENADE TO WATERFRONT (OPEN TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIANS)
2 NEW KAYAK LAUNCH
11 ART/SCULPTURE PEDESTAL
ADDITIONAL BOAT DOCKS (+/-8)
NEW PICNIC SHELTER WITH GRILLS
6 CUT STONE SEATING
EXISTING BOAT LAUNCH
SPLASH PAD
ICE SKATING RINK/OR
OUTDOOR FITNESS
OPEN FITNESS/ ACTIVITY SPACE
MUSICAL PLAY EQUIPMENT
WATERFRONT RECREATION CORE

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Continued Regional Joint Planning Effort

Since the original plan was adopted in 2015, the overall community has seen numerous impacts from the regional recreational planning efforts. These have included successful land acquisitions, regional planning on linear parks and pathways, increased funding opportunities, greater knowledge of the regional facilities available, public awareness to recreational opportunities, and overall economic development for the region. In striving to continue from the success of the first plan, this update for the years 2020-2024 seeks to continue what has begun and continue to expand public opportunities.

Establishment of Joint Recreation Plan Development Committee

The five communities established a Joint Recreation Plan Development Committee in which each community assigned one representative to act as the liaison between the Committee and their respective communities. The Committee met and oversaw the development of the planning document. The five communities determined that the best way to complete a joint recreation plan was to retain a recreation consultant to assist in the plan development. The five communities jointly retained the firm of PM Blough, Inc. to assist in the development of the recreation inventory, public input, the planning process, and the writing of the plan document.

Recreation Inventory

A comprehensive inventory was completed of the recreational facilities within the five governmental jurisdictions. The results of this inventory are included in the Recreation Inventory section of this document and are broken into resources by each governmental unit as well as summarized as a whole community. Of significant relevance was the updating of the overall regional mapping of public park sites onto one map and the creation of a unified park facilities inventory chart, which have been very useful and popular for the public and planning purposes. Individual park sheets were updated for each park in a unified manner which can also be used for additional uses beyond the plan such as local websites and informational handouts.

Community Recreation Survey

As part of the planning process to gather public input, a public survey was developed and implemented by the Frost Research Center of Hope College to obtain opinions of community residents on existing recreation programs, park facilities, and future priorities. This extensive scientific based survey collected responses from a total of 835 residents via internet and telephone surveys as well as further in depth stakeholder surveys conducted with advocates and program staff representing aging adults, residents with disabilities, and coaches/program staff. The survey results were compiled by the region as a whole, as well as, broken down for each of

the five governmental units. The survey report, *2019 Northwest Ottawa County Park and Recreation Survey Analysis & Report,* which includes the full survey report and results are included in Appendix A of this document.

Documentation of Administrative Structures for Each Community

The five communities each operate under their own independent administrative structures which provide for administration, funding, operation, programming, development, and planning of the parks within the community. Based on this autonomy, independent summaries of each of the governmental unit structures were updated within the plan. These appear in the Administrative Structure Section of the plan.

Development of Goals & Objectives

As each of the five communities are independent and uniquely different, they each developed a series of Goals and Objectives for providing for parks and recreation within their communities. These goals and objectives were updated for this plan which reflect both the individual characteristics of each governmental unit as well as characteristics and wording from community to community which further emphasizes the unity felt within the expanded community in providing the best opportunities for the residents and visitors. The Goals and Objectives for each of the communities are shown in the Goals and Objectives Section of this plan.

Development of the Action Plan

Independent Action Plans were developed for each community through processes which included staff, community, and elected official input. These resulted in the development of a consolidated community wide Potential Property Acquisition List and a Consolidated Potential Project List, as well as individual Action Plans for each community. The consolidated lists allow for the communities to readily view the thoughts and planning for recreation on a community-wide basis.

Development and Review of Draft Plan

A draft plan document was written and complied for public review and comment prior to formal adoption by the local units of government.

Support from Recreational Boards, Commission and Committees

Each governmental unit has an individual recreation board or advisory committee. Each of these played an active role in reviewing and providing recommendations to their Councils and Boards for the proposed Action Plan for their agency. Minutes and/or resolutions are included in the following pages from each of the five governments.

Ferrysburg Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2020

Revised

1. The meeting was called to order at Ferrysburg City Hall by Chairperson Gitchell at 5:30 p.m.

2. Present: Jean Gitchell, ~~Scott Blease~~, William Montgomery, Joe Kramer, Martin Alexander, *Stephanie Rahilly arr. 5:40*
Absent: James Dean.

3. Moved by Kramer, seconded by Alexander, to approve the November 14, 2019, meeting minutes as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comments: Heather Hawley, 17915 Mohawk commented she would be willing to help promote the use of the Ferrysburg Nature Preserve.

5. Commission Members discussed the draft 2020-2024 Recreation Plan and comments submitted by Sandy Tuggle.

6. Moved by Alexander, seconded by Kramer, to recommend to City Council to adopt the 2020-2024 Recreation Plan as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Commission Members discussed a proposal to designate Smith's Bayou as a park. Comments given:

   - Presented to City Council as the Park designation would make the area more eligible for MDNR grants for fishing amenities.
   - Adds another layer of rules and regulations.
   - Has there been any community input?
   - State could make it more complicated.
   - Need to review on whether the MDNR would consider the park designation on being more eligible for grants.

8. Members Reports:

   Commissioner Montgomery asked if the City Hall property was zoned P – Parks and Preserve. Manager Bessinger commented it was not.

   Commissioner Alexander commented the donor sign at Fire Barn Park looked good.

9. Public Comments: Heather Hawley, 17915 Mohawk, commented on possible ways to promote the use of the Ferrysburg Nature Preserve.

10. The next meeting was scheduled on Thursday, February 13, 5:30 p.m.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Craig Bessinger
Acting Secretary

CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN

Parks and Recreation Board

Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2019

The Parks and Recreation Board meeting was called to order on December 4, 2019 at 6:15 p.m. in the Grand Haven City Hall Conference Room.

Present: Tami Harvey-Chair
Tonya Christiansen, Co-Chair
Don Spry

Absent: Rich Dawkins (excused)

Also Present: Matt Wade, Streets & Utilities Manager and Board liaison, Derek Gajdos, DPW Director, Mike Fritz, Mayor Pro-tem, Bob Monetza, Mayor Elect, Char Seise, Community Affairs Manager, Kathleen Bobeldyk , Community Concert Connnections.

Approval of Minutes from the November 6, 2019 meeting

A motion was made by Christansen and seconded by Spry to approve the P&R Board meeting minutes from November 6, 2019.

Motion was approved 3-0

New Business

19-69 **Special Event - Worship on the Waterfont**
Request Made by: Kathleen Bobeldyk, Community Concert Connections
Location: Waterfront Stadium
Date(s) of Event: 2020 – 6/21, 6/28, 7/5, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26, 8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23
Time Frame: 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Attendee Count: 2,000+
Scheduling Conflict: None at this time
Notes: Setup Time is 2:00 p.m., Event Starts at 7:00 p.m., Cleaned Up/Out by 9:45 p.m.; *****Approved at the November 6, 2019 Parks & Rec Board. Special Event application received after approval noted major changes to organizational structure (currently a for profit organization vs. a non-profit religious organization), periods of exclusive use of the stadium and charging for advanced entry into the stadium. This will also result in additional rental fees based on the for profit organization.*****

Kathleen Bobeldyk states that the non profit status is currently being applied for. Char Seise gives background on the WOW event and the Park rental vs. special event process. Mrs. Bobeldyke has supplied the appropriate liability insurance from the LLC. It is

currently a for profit organization. The park is proposed to be closed off for a period of time so that early passes can be sold in order to get in early. It is the Parks board's belief that exclusive use of the stadium needs some type of parameters. Excluding the public from the use of the park is not something the City would like to endorse. Mrs Bobeldyk spoke about the skip the line pass and explained that it was an attempt to help alleviate the long lines waiting to get into the event. 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. is the proposed shut down time, 5:30 p.m. skip the line pass is granted, 5:45 p.m. handicap entries only and 6:00 p.m. is general admission.

The Parks board has three (3) main issures they would like to resolve.
1. Cost will be based on legal status at the time of each event.
2. Set a standard for the allowable time that the park can be closed to the public.
3. Charging a fee for entry into the City park.

The Parks Board has proposed to set the standard at a two (2) hour closure to the public maximum.

A motion was made by Christensen and seconded by Spry to approve the Special Event, Worship on the Waterfornt, at the Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium as a for profit event contingent on obtaining non profit status. Twenty five percent (25%) of ticket sales is to be deposited into the Community Foundation's Lynne Shewood Waterfront Stadium Fund, and approved pending the exclusive use policy formed by City staff.

The Motion was Approved 3-0

19-73 **Thomas Wedding**
Request Made by: Lakeda Thomas
Location: City Beach
Date(s) of Event: August 8, 2020
Time Frame: 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Attendee Count: 15
Scheduling Conflict: None at this time

A motion was made by Spry and seconded by Christensen to approve the Thomas Wedding at the City Beach on Augst 8, 2020 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The Motion was Approved 3-0

19-74 Parks & Recreation Master Plan – 5 Year Action Plan
Request Made by: Derek Gajdos
To approve as submitted the revised 5 Year Action Plan and the Goals and Ojectives Statements.

A motion was made by Spry and seconded by Christensen to approve the Parks & Recreation Master Plan – 5 Year Action Plan, proposed goals and objectives made by Derek Gajdos, DPW Director.

The Motion was Approved 3-0

General Business

Discuss potential grant applications from the 5 year action plan.

Next grant cycle due April 1st, 2020

1. Sluka park improvents.
2. East Grand River Park restrooms and parking lots

Adjournment

It was moved by Christensen, seconded by Spry, to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 6, 2019 AGENDA
COMMITTEE MEETING – 6:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by chair Ron Redick.

II. ROLL CALL & MINUTES
Roll call:
Committee present: Belter, Frifeldt, Moelter-Gray, Redick, Thoroughman
Absent: Hesselsweet
Staff present: VerBerkmoes, Fedewa

Public: none

Approval of the October 24, 2019 meeting minutes
Motion by Moelter-Gray, second by Thoroughman, to approve the minutes of October 24, 2019 as corrected. Vote: 5-0

III. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

REVIEW, DISCUSS AND UPDATE THE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Goals and objectives for GHCT parks
Goal 1 – d – include lighting
Grammatical corrections were made

Listing of goals
The question of prioritizing the goals was raised. The goals, as present, will remain as listed.

Action program
The revised project list was reviewed

Potential project summaries
Motion to approve the revisions to the GHCT section (goals and objectives and action plan) of the Parks and Rec Master Plan. Thoroughman moved, Frifeldt seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

DISCUSS 'OTHER POWER-DRIVEN MOBILITY DEVICES'
VerBerkmoes recommended that the committee consider revising the section of the ordinance pertaining to the motorized mobility devices. There was consensus to make the changes. Mark will work with the twp. attorney to work on the amendment of the ordinance.
Thoroughman asked if we need to include definition of bicycle – such as 3 and 4-wheel cycles.
Ordinance revision will include: the bicycle definition, amend the prohibition, amend the permitted speed. The ordinance will reflect the federal documents.

OTHER TOPICS OF INTEREST
Fencing at SHP – the fencing around the barn and structures will be replaced with the fencing specified in the property transfer agreement. The fencing will need to be repositioned to accommodate the jogging trail when constructed.
Update on cost of SHP – the latest revision was distributed.

Discussion of meeting with Chris Van Hekken from NORA: Fedewa, VerBerkmoes and Belter shared their discussion points regarding GHCT recreation efforts and needs.

Next meeting: none scheduled
IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: none
Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Mary Jane Belter
Secretary, GHCT Parks and Recreation Committee

Spring Lake Township Recreation Committee Meeting Notes

January 9, 2020 4:30PM

Members Present: Russ Tiles, John Nash, Tim Morrow, Jennifer Boodt, Ellen dela Rosa-Pearn, Nicholas Barbu

Staff Present: Pam Blough, Consultant, and Lukas Hill, Community Development Director

Hill called the meeting to order and explained that the purpose of the meeting was to conduct the final review of the draft 2020 Recreation Plan. Pam Blough of PMB Associates provided an overview of the draft plan with a focus on the action items. Hill suggested that expanding the non-motorized facilities in the Township should also be in the action plan. John Nash mentioned that collaborative efforts between local governments and recreation providers should also be a priority. It was noted that collaboration is listed as a goal with objectives in the Recreation Plan. Ellen dela Rosa-Pearn expressed some concerns about the chart of uses and the intent of the chart was clarified by Ms. Blough. Hill mentioned that the Township should carefully manage the use of chemical pesticides and herbicides.

Russ Tiles moved to recommend the Recreation Plan to the Township Board as adjusted for review and conduction of the public hearing. Motion was seconded by Ellen dela Rosa-Pearn and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45PM

Submitted by Lukas Hill, AICP, Community Development Director

Minutes

Village of Spring Lake
Parks & Recreation Board Meeting
Monday, December 2, 2019
7:00 p.m.
102 West Savidge Street (EOC Room)

I. **Call to Order**

Roll Call: Claire Groenevelt (Vice Chair), George Barfield, Darcy Dye, Erik Poel, Lee Schuitema and Susan Petrus (Village Council Liaison).

Absent: Brower

Also Present: Chris Burns (Village Manager) and Maryann Fonkert (Deputy Clerk)

II. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion by **Barfield,** second from **Dye,** to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 5 No: 0

III. **Approval of the Minutes:** Motion by **Schuitema**, second from **Barfield**, to approve the October 7, 2019 regular meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 5 No: 0

IV. **Finance Report: Burns** shared the finance report and said she had requested a grant, as part of the Forestry Fund from the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation Victoria Verplank Memorial Fund but had not heard back on it yet.

Motion by **Dye**, second from **Schuitema**, to accept the Finance Report. All in favor, motion carried

Yes: 5 No: 0

V. **Miscellaneous Parks Update –**

- **Mill Point & Tanglefoot Boat Slips - Burns** shared boat slip cost comparisons from similar marina's which included Traverse City, Saugatuck and Suttons Bay and asked the Board their thoughts on the current rates at Tanglefoot and Mill Point Park considering the conditions due to water levels. The **Board** agreed they would recommend keeping boat slip rental fees the same but would like to add a condition to restrict registration in January to Village residents only and then open registration to everyone in February.

Motion by **Dye,** second from **Barfield,** to recommend no change in boat slip rental fees, restrict registration January 1st – January 31st to Village residents only and open to everyone starting February 1st. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 5 No: 0

- **Tanglefoot Park - Burns** reported that she had been asked by President Powers to draft a list of Frequently Asked Questions with factual answers regarding the redevelopment of Tanglefoot Park in response to inaccurate information being shared and posted on social media. The **Board** discussed their thoughts on responding to social media. **Burns** said the FAQ's would not be posted on social media, they would be posted on the Village website and at Village Hall. **Dye** suggested acknowledging the feelings of loss and change for those that had been residents of Tanglefoot were having. The **Board** agreed. **Burns** also explained that there was a washer (owned by the residents) that they were going to take care of and a dryer (owned by the Village) that would be sold.

- **Mill Point Park – Burns** said that barricades had been set up to close Mill Point Park because people were driving on the lawn to avoid the flooded parking lot.

- **Barfield** reported that he has been seeing vehicles enter Lakeside Trail by way of Fruitport Road and drive through to Lake Ave. **Dye** and **Schuitema** said they had also seen vehicles drive the bike path. **Burns** said to call 911 if they see that happen again.

- **Art in the Park – Burns** reported that the sculpture submissions had been shared with the Verplank family but they were not what the family had in mind so that was still being worked on. **Burns** said Stanford-Butler had submitted an application to MDOT for permission to allow artist Peppy Gaga to paint the stanchions under the bridge and that a grant for $1,000 had been received to go towards a mural at Seven Steps Up that would be painted by a high school art student.

VI. **Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update – Burns** shared the Draft Community Parks & Recreation Master Plan with the Board and asked them to review the section related to the Village for any changes or updates they would like to see and get them back to her by December 6th.

Tree Board Meeting

VII. **Tree Planting/Trimming/Removal Update – Burns** asked **Poel** if he had been able to contact the owner of the house across the street form him regarding the complaint received on the tree with fungus. **Poel** said he had emailed Lesley Newman about her concerns, who replied that the daughter of the deceased owners said she would take care of it in the spring if the house didn't sell but she

thought the fungus was dormant. **Poel** said Newman had put bleach on the tree fungus.

VIII. Miscellaneous –

- **Burns** reported that the grant request for the tree inventory had been denied.
- The **Board** discussed the damage from high water at their homes and around the Village. The **Board** also discussed the need to enforce the stormwater and grading ordinance.

Adjournment

Motion by **Barfield,** second from **Schuitema,** the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Yes: 5 No: 0

Claire Groenevelt, Vice Chair

Maryann Fonkert, Deputy Clerk

Thirty Day Public Comment Period

Once the draft document was completed, the plan was made available for not less than thirty days for public review by all of the residents in all five of the communities. This was made possible by a joint public notice in the local Grand Haven Tribune newspaper and placement on local governmental public notice posting sites. Draft copies of the plans were made available at all five governmental offices and electronic copies were available on city, village, and township websites.

Public Notice for Thirty Day Public Comment Period and Public Hearings

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE JOINT FIVE YEAR COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN

Entitled: "Explore the Grand Region, A Community Parks & Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2020-2024" Encompassing the

Communities of City of Ferrysburg, City of Grand Haven, Grand Haven Charter Township, Spring Lake Township, and Village of Spring Lake

The public is invited to offer comment on the proposed Joint Five Year Recreation Plan for Northwest Ottawa County, which includes the communities listed herein. The public comment period will be open from December 14, 2019 to January 20, 2020. Comments may be submitted in writing by residents to any of the communities listed or given publicly at any of the public hearings. A public hearing will be held in each of the communities prior to final plan adoption on the following anticipated dates during their regularly scheduled City Council, Village Council, and Township Board Meetings.

At the conclusion of the public comments and hearing, it is the intent to adopt the plan by all five communities and submit the plan to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for approval.

To view the plan, or provide comments:

- Each municipality will also place an electronic copy on their website for viewing.
- Draft copies of the plan can be viewed during normal business hours at the office addresses listed in the table below.
- Written comments will be received at the municipal offices as listed above between the hours of 8:00am – 5:00pm, Monday through Friday.

Municipality
Grand Haven Charter Township
Date of Hearing
January 13, 2020
Time of Hearing
7:00 pm
Address for Hearing
13300 168th Avenue, Grand Haven 49417

Municipality
Spring Lake Township
Date of Hearing
January 13, 2020
Time of Hearing
7:00 pm
Address for Hearing
Meeting: 102 W Exchange, Spring Lake 49456
Office: 101 S Buchanan Spring Lake 49456

Municipality
City of Ferrysburg
Date of Hearing
January 20, 2020
Time of Hearing
7:00 pm
Address for Hearing
17290 Roosevelt Road, Ferrysburg 49409

Municipality
City of Grand Haven
Date of Hearing
January 20, 2020
Time of Hearing
7:30 pm
Address for Hearing
519 Washington, Grand Haven 49417

Municipality
Village of Spring Lake
Date of Hearing
January 20, 2020
Time of Hearing
7:00 pm
Address for Hearing
Meeting: 102 W Exchange, Spring Lake 49456
Office: 102 W Savidge, Spring Lake 49456

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meeting Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The municipality will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the hearings, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials for visually-impaired persons, upon receipt of three days' prior notice. Disabled persons requiring such auxiliary aids or services should so notify the municipality by contacting the respective Clerk of their municipality.
December 14, 2019

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December 14th, 2019

Lee Ann M. LaDronka

Scribed and sworn before me on

December 14th, 2019

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Notary public in and for Ottawa County
State of Michigan
My commission expires: November 13, 2023

AUDRA A. FITZPATRICK-COOK
Notary Public, State of Michigan
County of Ottawa
My Commission Expires 11-13-2023
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Public Hearings and Plan Adoption Minutes

Public Hearings were held at each of the five governmental units prior to adoption of the plan. Minutes of each of the public hearings are provided in the following pages. The Minutes are currently in draft format and will be finalized in February 2020.

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CITY OF FERRYSBURG
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2020

The meeting was called to order at Ferrysburg City Hall by Mayor Hopp at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Hopp gave the invocation. Mayor Hopp led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Council Members Present: Rebecca Hopp, Tim O'Donnell, Richard Carlson, Scott Blease, William Montgomery, Jerry Sias.

Council Members Absent: Mike DeWitt

Also present: City Manager Bessinger and seven citizens.

20-008 Moved by Council Member O'Donnell, seconded by Council Member Blease, to excuse Council Member DeWitt. The motion passed unanimously.

20-009 Moved by Council Member O'Donnell, seconded by Council Member Blease, to approve the January 6, 2020, City Council meeting minutes as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

20-010 Moved by Council Member O'Donnell, seconded by Council Member Blease, to approve the schedule of March Board of Review meetings:

Tuesday, March 3	6:00 p.m. - organizational, no appeals heard
Monday, March 9	1:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 10	1:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The motion passed unanimously.

20-011 Moved by Council Member O'Donnell, seconded by Council Member Blease, to approve the "Poverty Income Standards for 2020 Assessments" and "Asset Level Guideline for 2020 Assessments". The motion passed unanimously.

20-012 Moved by Council Member O'Donnell, seconded by Council Member Blease, to approve an agreement between the City and Grand Haven Area Public School District regarding the collection of the District's property taxes for the calendar year 2020, and to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

20-013 Moved by Council Member O'Donnell, seconded by Council Member Blease, to adopt a resolution approving a request by the Grand Haven Area Public Schools for the City to collect all of the School's 2020 property taxes during the City's 2020 summer tax collection period, and a request by the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District for the City to collect all of the District's 2020 property taxes during the City's 2020 summer tax collection period. The motion passed unanimously.

20-014 Moved by Council Member O'Donnell, seconded by Council Member Blease, to adopt the 2020 Prioritized City Council Goals. The motion passed unanimously.

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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2020
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20-015 Moved by Council Member O'Donnell, seconded by Council Member Blease, to approve a recommendation from Assistant Fire Chief Len VanderJagt to appoint Michael Olthof Jr. to the position of Lieutenant. The motion passed unanimously.

20-016 Mayor Hopp opened at 7:04 pm a public hearing for A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2020-2024. No public comments were heard.

20-017 Mayor Hopp closed at 7:05 pm a public hearing for A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2020-2024.

20-018 Moved by Council Member O'Donnell, seconded by Council Member Blease, to approve a resolution to adopt the Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2020-2024. The motion passed unanimously.

20-019 Moved by Council Member O'Donnell, seconded by Council Member Carlson, to authorize the City Attorney to file suit to collect for damages to the City's Sanitary Sewer System. The motion passed unanimously.

20-020 City Council members discussed Smith's Bridge. Consensus of City Council members was to have Flies and VandenBrink prepare a grant application for rehabilitation, conduct the April inspection, and to schedule an underwater inspection.

20-021 City Council members discussed Stormwater. City Manager Bessinger explained the City's Stormwater permitting and new requirements that are required.

The City Manager, the City Council Members, and the Mayor reported on several current items.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Hopp
Mayor

Debbie Wierenga
City Clerk

CITY OF GRAND HAVEN
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2020
(excerpt)

Present: Council Members Mike Dora, Ryan Cummins, Dennis Scott, Mike Fritz, and Mayor Bob Monetza.

Absent: None.

Others Present: City Manager Patrick McGinnis, City Clerk Linda L. Browand, Assistant to the City Manager Ashley Latsch, Jennifer, Public Works Director Derek Gajdos, Public Safety Director Jeff Hawke, Main Street Directory Jeremy Swiftney, Community Development Manager Jennifer Howland, Water Department Manager Joe VanderStel, and Public Safety Officer Kelvin Miller.

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Linda L. Browand

Linda L. Browand, City Clerk

Grand Haven Charter Township (Public Hearing & Adoption Minutes are Separate)

Public Hearing Minutes

GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020

WORK SESSION

Supervisor Reenders called the work session meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board to order at 6:00 p.m.

Staff noted that information that had previously been provided, including a recent section from the Michigan Township's Association regarding Short Term Rentals (STRs). Staff noted that they are looking for final direction from the Board on how to proceed and whether additional enforcement should begin on any STRs due to the delay in implement proposed regulations.

Discussion was held in verifying whether properties were included in certain associations and whether language in covenants or bylaws specifically excluded rentals. The Board noted an article regarding STRs in the January Michigan Township's magazine.

Discussion was held regarding PREs and enforcement of PRE rules from the State for properties that rent their residence for more than two weeks.

It was noted that about 41% of the 51 known STRs are owned by Township residents. 49% are owned by individual that do not live within the Township. It is unclear on the resident status of the remaining 10% of STRs. The 51 STRs parcels identified account for about 7/10th of 1% of the parcels in the Township

It was noted that the proposed STR regulations were not restricting rights – since short term rentals are not an allowable use under current rules – rather the rules are generating additional property rights.

Manager Cargo noted that staff would begin enforcement on one or more additional STR properties adjacent to Pottawattomie Bayou that had generated complaints, unless there were objections by the Board. (*Enforcement has occurred on four properties.*) No objections were raised.

The Board instructed staff to complete the following:

- ✓ Include language that would require the Ottawa County Department of Public Health to inspect/certify both septic systems and wells (*e.g., upgrade from class II to class III*). Also, to prohibit shared wells.
- ✓ Include language requiring liability insurance for renters – amount not specified.
- ✓ Include language reducing six-day minimum stay to 3-days during off season.

Public Comments included:

1. Jaramie Curtice (15981 Mercury Drive) noted that many web sites that market STRs provided additional liability insurance for the property owner.
2. Richard Bullington (12857 Wilderness Trail) stated that STRs are becoming intolerable within his neighborhood; are a constant headache and that relief is needed.

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3. Kris Riera (18110 Forest Drive #16) is located within the Shore Acres Subdivision, was the Association Treasury for 18 years for the 23 homes within the development, and that the Association monitors STRs within their development.
4. Marcie Barber (11840 Lakeshore Drive) does not consider her property to be in a neighborhood due to the 55-mph speed limit of Lakeshore Drive and believes their property is appropriate for an STR.
5. Ross VandeWege (10975 Lakeshore Drive) stated that their STR is a second house and that rents offset the costs. Wants minimum stay to be reduced from the proposed six-days.
6. Richard Barber (11840 Lakeshore Drive) stated that basing the STR map on platted properties is too broad, his property is not in a neighborhood because of the 55 mph traffic on Lakeshore; and, six night minimum stay is too long.
7. Susan Heiwe (14520 178th Avenue) stated that neighbors do not oppose her STR rentals and that she needs the rents to pay for the property.

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Reenders called the regular meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board to order at 7:06 p.m.

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

III. ROLL CALL

Board members present: Behm, Kieft, Meeusen, Redick, Larsen, Reenders, and Gignac

Board members absent:

Also, present were Manager Cargo, Human Resources Director Dumbrell, and Community Development Director Fedewa.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Meeusen and seconded by Trustee Behm to approve the meeting agenda. **Which motion carried.**

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve December 9, 2019 Regular Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of $915,338.56 (A/P checks of $718,030.39 and payroll on 12/18/2019 of $92,254.34 and payroll on 12/31/2019 of 105,053.83)

Motion by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Meeusen to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda. **Which motion carried**.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Reenders opened the public hearing on the "Grand Region Joint Parks &

Recreation Plan" at 7:08 p.m.

Community Development Director Fedewa noted that the current Township recreation plan expired on December 31st and that an update plan will need to be adopted prior to applying for any recreation grants. The adoption of the plan will need to occur prior to February 1st.

The updated plan is mostly minor changes to reflect changes that occurred over the previous five-years – such as the Schmidt Heritage Park.

Public Comments included:

1. Laird Schaefer (12543 Wilderness Trail) noted that although the plan had been made available for the 30 days required, because of the holidays many did not have an opportunity to review the 258-page plan. Recommended that the resolution be tabled.

There being no further public comments, Supervisor Reenders closed the hearing at 7:12 p.m.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Trustee Redick supported by Clerk Larsen to postpone action of the Proposed Restated Firearm Ordinance until the January 27th Board meeting. This constitutes the first reading. **Which motion carried**.

2. **Motion** by Treasurer Kieft supported by Trustee Redick to approve the Final Plan for Lincoln Pines Subdivision No. 2. **Which motion carried**.

3. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen supported by Treasurer Kieft to postpone action on Resolution 20-01-01 that approves the 2020-2024 Grand Region Joint Parks & Recreation Plan until the January 27th meeting to provide the public further opportunity to review the document. **Which motion carried**, with Trustee Redick voting no.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Treasurer Kieft supported by Trustee Gignac to approve Resolution 20-01-02 amending the Employee Educational Expenses Policy, Section 12.12 of the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual, effective immediately. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:
   Ayes: Larsen, Gignac, Kieft, Meeusen, Redick, Behm
   Nays: Reenders
   Absent:

IX. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

1. Committee Reports
2. Manager's Report
   a. December Building Report
   b. December Ordinance Enforcement Report
   c. December Public Services Report

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d. Final Review of 2019 Project List

3. Others

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Laird Schaefer (12543 Wilderness Trail) noted the increase in emergency runs for the Fire/Rescue Department and that many of the runs were due to Health Pointe or the Village at Rosy Mound. Recommended that the Board draft a policy for reimbursement for properties with multiple calls for emergency service.
2. Ed Everhart (12087 Bluewater) questions whether his parcel is part of a legal plat and provided information for staff to review. Does not believe STRs need to regulate.
3. Susan Vanse (14873 Mercury Drive) does not believe that the Board understands STRs, and that STRs provide a place other than a hotel room.
4. Doug Vanse (14873 Mercury Drive) notes that they screen renters very closely and have a good rating through their STR website. Parcel is an old resort property that has been rented for 50 years.
5. Christina Gorza (Lakeshore Drive) believes the six-day minimum is too high.
6. George DeWild (12103 Bluewater) agrees with Everhart that his property is not in a subdivision and recommended delay of the STR regulations until a ruling by the Michigan Supreme Court.
7. Lee Fisher (Park Township) introduced himself as a candidate for County Prosecutor with endorsements from the current County Prosecutor and Sheriff.
8. Fitz Fitzgerald (Holland Township) provided information on shoreline erosion and materials available for property owners.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Larsen

Laurie Larsen
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk

Mark Reenders
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor

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GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER
Clerk Larsen called the regular meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board to order at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Clerk Larsen supported by Trustee Behm to appoint Trustee Redick as President Pro Tem for the Board meeting. **Which motion carried**.

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

III. ROLL CALL
Board members present: Behm, Gignac, Kieft, Larsen, Meeusen and Redick
Board members absent: Reenders

Also present were HR Director Dumbrell, Community Development Director Fedewa, and Public Services Director VerBerkmoes

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA
Motion by Trustee Meeusen and seconded by Trustee Gignac to approve the meeting agenda. **Which motion carried.**

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
1. Approve January 13, 2020 Regular Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of $329,277.85 (*A/P checks of $204,000.45 and payroll of $125,277.40*)
3. Approve Engineering Services Agreement - Prein & Newhof for the Extension of the Ferris Street Water Main ($30,000)
4. Approve Engineering Services Agreement - Prein & Newhof for the Reconstruction of a Section of Non-Motorized Pathway Along Lakeshore Drive ($55,000)
5. Approve Replacement of the Information Systems Backup Device – ($28,174)
6. Approve Purchase of a Replacement Vehicle – Community Development ($28,399.62)
7. Approve Purchase of a Replacement Vehicle – Public Services ($28,370)

Motion by Treasurer Kieft and seconded by Clerk Larsen to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda. **Which motion carried**.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Trustee Meeusen supported by Trustee Behm to approve and adopt the restated Firearms Ordinance Amendment. This is a second reading. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:
   Ayes: Meeusen, Behm, Larsen, Redick, Gignac, Kieft

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Nays:
Absent: Reenders

2. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen supported by Trustee Behm to approve and adopt Resolution 20-01-01 approving the Grand Region Joint Parks & Recreation. **Which motion carried,** pursuant to the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Meeusen, Behm, Larsen, Redick, Gignac, Kieft
Nays:
Absent: Reenders

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Trustee Meeusen supported by Trustee Behm to approve the 3-year service agreement with Rehmann Technology Solutions, of Grand Rapids, MI, for Information Technology Support Services in the amount of $6,117 monthly. **Which motion carried**.

VII. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

a. Committee Reports
   i. Trustee Redick shared a NORA update regarding a resolution that will be shared with surrounding municipalities requesting .25 millage on the ballots. This would result in ending the municipality's contributions and aid in NORA becoming self-sufficient.
b. Manager's Report
   i. Chamber of Commerce Q4 – 2019 Report
c. Others

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Richard Barber (11840 Lakeshore Drive) stated the Short Term Rental (STR) map as it is currently presented is a sweeping change, based on the number of minimal complaints the Township has received related to STRs; and, Barber asked if there is a way to get rid of a map, do a permit process, and then three years down the road bring the map in at a later date, since the Township already has the tools to take care of minimal issues with cease & desist.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Larsen

Laurie Larsen
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk

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Ronald Redick
Grand Haven Charter Temporary Township Supervisor

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees
January 13, 2020

A meeting of the Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees was held at Fire Station 2, 18964 174th Ave, Spring Lake MI 49456

6:00pm Work Session: Canceled

1. Call to Order/Roll Call of the Board
Supervisor Nash called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
Present: John Nash, Carolyn Boersma, Jim Koster, Ron Lindquist, Catherine Pavick, Jerry Rabideau, Rachel Terpstra
Absent: None
Participants: Gordon Gallagher, Spring Lake Township Manager
Ron Bultje, Spring Lake Township Attorney

2. Invocation and Pledge
Supervisor Nash opened the meeting with a spiritual reading and the pledge of allegiance.

3. Public Comment
Public comment was opened at 7:02pm and closed at 7:03pm. No comments were offered.

4. Approval of Agenda
Motion by Lindquist, support from Terpstra, to approve the agenda with the addition of a new 6, Fire Fighter of the Year Award, and moving the existing 6 to 6a. The motion carried.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda
The consent agenda was approved by voice vote with a **motion** by Lindquist, and supported by Terpstra.
a. Approve December 9, 2019 Minutes
b. Approve payment of all fund bills
c. Receive December 2019 Financials

6. Fire Fighter of the Year Award
County Commissioner Roger Bergman presented the award to Scott Witte. The Township Board appreciates Scott's dedication and 22 years of service.

6a. Recreation Plan Public Hearing
Pam Blough presented the draft recreation plan. Supervisor Nash opened the public hearing at 7:30pm. Michael Kuras suggested that the plan should be more forward thinking as to the future needs, i.e. drones. **Motion** by Terpstra, support from Lindquist, to close the public hearing at 7:32pm. The motion carried.

Motion by Nash, support from Rabideau, to approve the 2020 - 2024 Parks And Recreation Plan Resolution Adopting The Parks And Recreation Plan And Endorsing Its Application For The Purposes Of Addressing Programs, Facilities, Acquisitions, And Funding For A Period Of Time Not To Exceed Five (5) Years, as presented. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

7. Fire Department Pickup Truck Purchase Request
Motion by Lindquist, support from Koster to approve the request with a not-to-exceed limit of $75,000.00. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

8. Bike Path Assessment Contract – Spring Lake Town Homes
Motion by Pavick, support from Terpstra, to approve the drafted 12/19/19 contract as presented and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

9. Water Department Purchase Request
Motion by Terpstra, support from Lindquist, to approve the 2020-SLT-PO-001 as presented. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

10. 2020 Sewer Rates
Motion by Lindquist, support from Pavick, to approve Resolution 20-1, Sewer Rates and Charges as presented. [RC] The motion carried unanimously.

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14. Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Carolyn Boersma, MMC
Spring Township Clerk

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Resolutions of Adoption of the Plan by the Five Governmental Units

The plan was adopted by all five governmental units in the month of January 2020 with the final community approving the plan on January 27, 2020 completing the adoption process. Copies of all of the resolutions are included on the following pages.

City of Ferrysburg Adoption

CITY OF FERRYSBURG

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EXPLORE THE GRAND REGION:
A COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

IN NORTHWEST OTTAWA COUNTY
2020-2024

For City of Ferrysburg
Ottawa County

WHEREAS, the City of Ferrysburg has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2020 through 2024, and

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Offered by Council Member O'Donnell.

Seconded by Council Member Blease.

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

Resolution Adopted

I, Debbie Wierenga, duly appointed Clerk of the City of Ferrysburg, do hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the Ferrysburg City Council at its regular meeting held on January 20, 2020, at or after 7:30 p.m.

Debbie Wierenga

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Grand Haven Charter Township Adoption

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After certain matters of business had been completed, President Pro-Tem Redick announced the next order of business was the consideration of a Resolution for the Grand Region Joint Parks & Recreation Plan.

The proposed resolution was discussed by the members of the Board, and after discussion was completed the following resolution was offered by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm.

GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION 20-01-01

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE GRAND REGION
JOINT PARKS & RECREATION PLAN

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WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Grand Haven Charter Township Board voted to adopt said *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2020-2024*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Grand Haven Charter Township Board hereby adopts the *Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2020-2024*.

AYES: Kieft, Meeusen, Larsen, Redick, Behm, Gignac
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Reenders

RESOLUTION DECLARED APPROVED ON JANUARY 27, 2020.

Laurie Larsen

Laurie Larsen, Township Clerk
Grand Haven Charter Township

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Township Clerk of the Charter Township of Grand Haven, Ottawa County, Michigan, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the Township Board at a regular meeting of the Township Board held on the 27th day of January 2020. I further certify that public notice of the meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Michigan Act 267 of 1976, as amended, and that the minutes of the meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by the Act.

Laurie Larsen

Laurie Larsen, Township Clerk
Grand Haven Charter Township

Spring Lake Township Adoption

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EXCERPTS OF MINUTES

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of Spring Lake Township, Ottawa County, Michigan, held at Fire Station 2, 18964 174th Ave, Spring Lake, Michigan, on the 13th day of January, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., local time.

Present: John Nash, Jim Koster, Carolyn Boersma, Ron Lindquist, Cathy Pavick, Jerry Rabideau, Rachel Terpstra

Absent: None

The Supervisor stated the next order of business was the consideration of a resolution concerning the 2020-2024 Parks and Recreation Plan. The following resolution was offered by Nash and supported by Rabideau:

2020 - 2024 PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN RESOLUTION
A RESOLUTION BY THE SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD ADOPTING THE PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN AND ENDORSING ITS APPLICATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF ADDRESSING PROGRAMS, FACILITIES, ACQUISITIONS, AND FUNDING FOR A PERIOD OF TIME NOT TO EXCEED FIVE (5) YEARS.

WHEREAS, the Township Board authorized preparation of a Parks and Recreation Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board is very supportive of the quality of life enhancements offered by the Parks and Recreation programs, facilities, parks, trails, open space, and amenities; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan will provide direction and be used as a planning guide in Spring Lake Township for the development of parks, facilities, trails and acquisition of property; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board recognizes the importance of the adoption of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan as a planning guide in delivering leisure services to the citizens of Spring Lake Township into the new millennium and beyond until Township buildout; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Plan describes projected desires for acquisitions and/or development of parks, recreational facilities, and open spaces, contingent upon funding for these potential projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Spring Lake Township Board of Trustees formally endorses the recommendations and conclusions of the Parks and Recreation

Plan and hereby adopts the subject Plan, to be used as a planning guide for current and future parks and recreation development, acquisition and planning projects.

YES: Pavick, Lindquist, Rabideau, Terpstra, Boersma, Koster, Nash
NO: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Dated: January 13, 2020.

H. Carolyn Boersma, MMC
Spring Lake Township Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Township Clerk of Spring Lake Township, Ottawa County, Michigan, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board at a regular meeting of the Township Board held on the 13th day of January, 2020. I further certify that public notice of the meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Michigan Act 267 of 1976, as amended, and that the minutes of the meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by the Act.

H. Carolyn Boersma, MMC
Spring Lake Township Clerk

Village of Spring Lake Adoption

VILLAGE OF SPRING LAKE
OTTAWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

At a meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Spring Lake, held in the Barber School, 102 W. Savidge Street, Spring Lake, Michigan 49456, on the 20th of January, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., the following Resolution was offered by **Hanks** and supported by **Duer**.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-02

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTING THE PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN AND ENDORSING ITS APPLICATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF ADDRESSING PROGRAMS, FACILITIES, ACQUISITIONS, AND FUNDING FOR A PERIOD OF TIME NOT TO EXCEED FIVE (5) YEARS.

WHEREAS, the Village Council authorized preparation of a Parks and Recreation Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council is very supportive of the quality of life enhancements offered by the Parks and Recreation programs, facilities, parks, trails, open space and amenities; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan will provide direction and be used as a planning guide in Spring Lake for the development of parks, facilities, trails and acquisition of property; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council recognizes the importance of the adoption of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan as a planning guide in delivering leisure services to the citizens of Spring Lake into the new millennium and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Plan describes projected desires for acquisitions and/or development of parks, recreational facilities, and open spaces, contingent upon funding for these potential projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Spring Lake Village Council formally endorses the recommendations and conclusions of the Parks and Recreation Plan and hereby adopts the subject Plan, to be used as a planning guide for current and future parks and recreation development, acquisition and planning projects.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES: Van Strate, Petrus, Miller, Duer, Hanks, TePastte and Powers

NO: None

ABSTAIN: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

The undersigned Clerk of the Village of Spring Lake hereby certifies that this Resolution was duly adopted by the Village of Spring Lake Council at a meeting held on the 20th day of January, 2020 pursuant to proper notice and compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976.

Marvin Hinga, Clerk
Village of Spring Lake

PMB
PM Blough, Inc.

January 28, 2020

Mr. Mark Knudsen, Director
Ottawa County Planning Commission
12220 Filmore Street, Rm 260
West Olive, MI 49460

RE: Transmittal of Community Recreation Plan
Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan
in Northwest Ottawa County 2020-2024

Dear Mr. Knudsen,

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If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

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Cc: City of Ferrysburg
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Mr. David Bee, Director
West Michigan Regional Planning Commission
1345 Monroe Avenue NW, Suite 255
Grand Rapids, MI 49505-4670

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C. Berry 1-27-2020

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