CHEBOYGAN COUNTY RECREATION PLAN

Including specific plans for the following townships within Cheboygan County:
Aloha Township
Beaugrand Township
Benton Township
Grant Township
Inverness Township
Mackinaw Township

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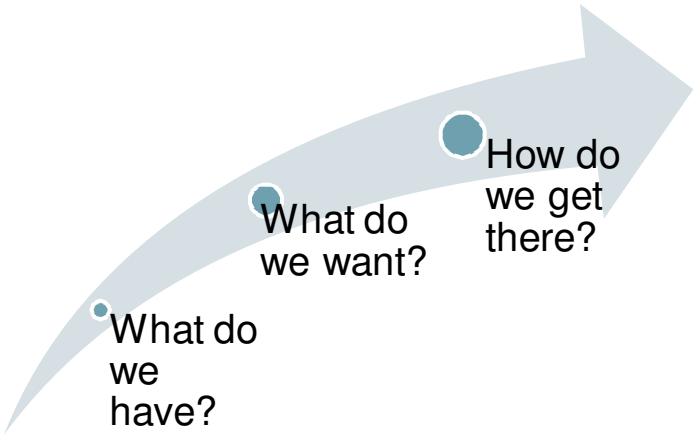
Chapter 1 Intro to Recreation Plan and the Planning Process

What is a Recreation Plan and why do we have one?
Recreation opportunities enhance a community's quality of life and these opportunities abound in Cheboygan County. Residents and visitors of Cheboygan County have access to many acres of public land which include over 400 miles of trails, campgrounds, hunting and fishing areas. The schools of Cheboygan County provide many organized sports and recreational activities for the students. The area is served by many recreational user groups such as sportsman's clubs, trail user groups, and natural resource observers' clubs. Cheboygan County and its municipal units are just some of the many partners that make Cheboygan County a great place to recreate.

This Recreation Plan is intended to guide decision makers in the future development and improvement of the variety of recreation opportunities throughout the county. Since so many opportunities naturally exist in Cheboygan County, the primary emphasis of this plan is to encourage coordination of efforts of the various entities who manage the recreational resources. These entities which need to be at the table when recreational resource planning occurs include the DNR, DEQ, Army Corps of Engineers, County, Townships, City, Villages, land conservancies, and commercial entities.



The Recreation Plan includes an inventory of the existing recreational assets, sets a vision for what recreational amenities should exist in the County in the future, suggests goals to achieve that vision, and then provides a plan for how goals can be achieved.

Why should people be involved?
The success of the County's recreational assets in raising the quality of life for all residents depends on partnerships and efficient use of resources. As more people get involved, better decisions can be made.

For more information, visit the County's website**:** **www.cheboygancounty.net/planning**

Chapter 2 Benefits of Recreation Activity for a Community

Public recreation areas such as parks and trails are deeply ingrained in the fabric of our society. They have been around since the early to middle 1800's. Around the year 1830 there were no public parks per se. There were no public art museums or public botanical gardens. The only large open spaces that the public could utilize were cemeteries. Cemeteries were built with manicured gardens, winding roads, and beautiful views. They were popular places where many people had picnics and even held carriage races.

About the same time that cemeteries became popular as public parks, more interest was also being focused on creating national parks. People were exploring places like Yosemite and Yellowstone. Artists shared their drawings of these magnificent places with the rest of the country and with it there became a shared idea of a national park system to protect these natural resources. In the later 1800's the National Park Service was conceived and the first National Park was created in Yellowstone. Northern Michigan was the location of the second national park, Mackinac National Park on Mackinac Island. Mackinac National Park was established in 1875 and later turned over to the state in 1895, becoming Mackinac Island State Park, the first state park in Michigan.

Parks and recreation areas have grown to fill a wide range of public interests and, therefore, they take many forms. They may be natural areas with no man-made features. They may also be completely paved with many structures. Municipalities have created tennis courts, basketball courts, ice rinks, skateboard parks and ball fields of all sorts as well as natural areas for simply observing nature.

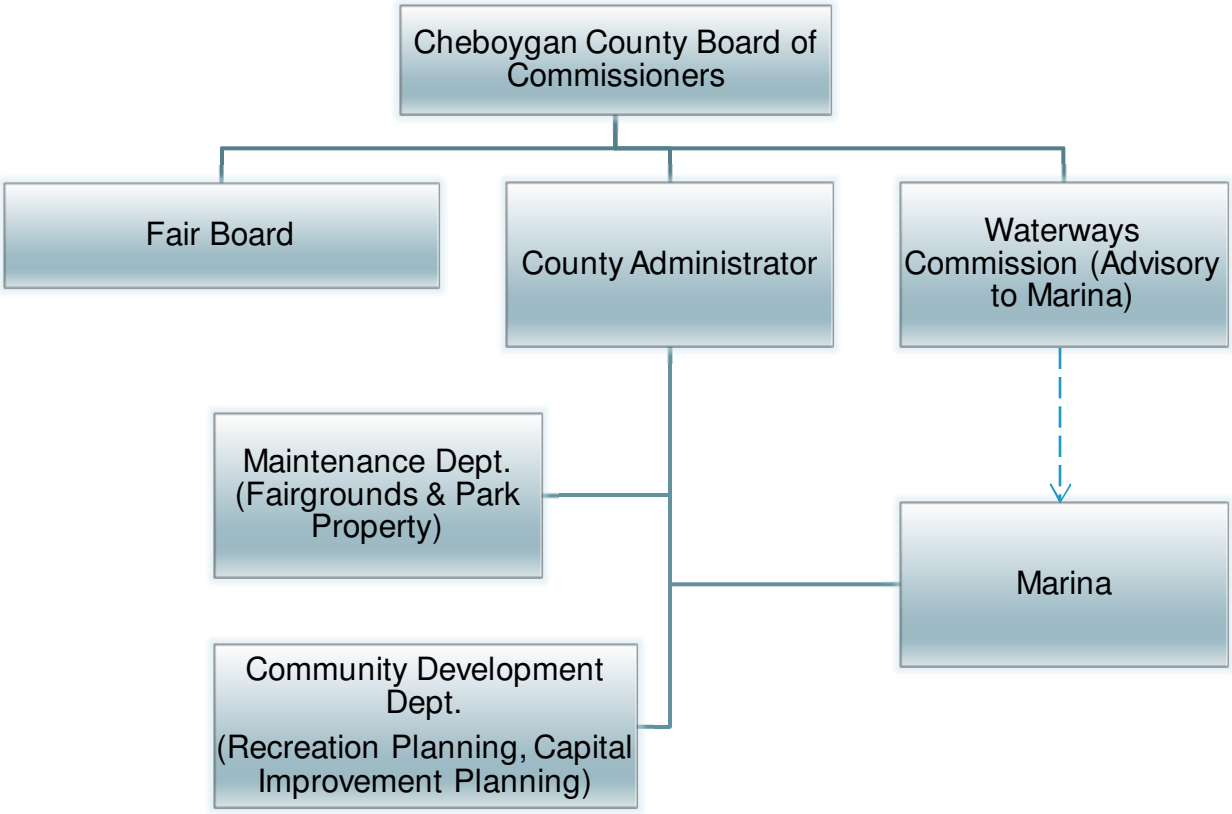
Communities are both social and economic entities. Parks serve both the social and economic needs of a community. Private and public places intertwine providing a mix of assets that raise the residents' quality of life. Parks are public spaces that provide a means for people to exercise and socialize, improving their health. Parks are also assets for the community to gain economic health. More recently, studies have been conducted which quantify the economic benefits of parks and recreation amenities.

The National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) as well as the Trust for Public Land (TPL) have outlined in separate reports scientific proof of the intuitive benefits of park facilities to the health of a community and its residents. Although not all benefits can be measured, some major factors can be. Property value, tourism, health, clean water, and clean air can all be measured. Public parks are an opportunity for people of all income levels to be able to enjoy parkland and recreational opportunities which often have no cost or low cost of admission.

The proximity of a home close to a park has been proven to have a higher value compared to a home away from park land. The activities that parks provide have also proven to improve the health and well-being of residents, thereby lowering health care costs.

Chapter 3 Cheboygan County's and Townships' Administrative Structure

Cheboygan County's recreational activities are under the direct supervision of the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners as shown in the chart below:



In addition to this general recreation administrational structure, two specialized functions are handled by separate boards. The County Fair and County Fairgrounds are overseen by the Cheboygan County Fair Board, which is under the County Board of Commissioners and has County Board representation. The County Fairgrounds are used for a variety of recreational activities in addition to the annual County Fair. These include soccer, baseball and horse-shoes. There are also many organized recreational activities at the Fairgrounds including handicapped horseback riding and a community garden, initiated and maintained by area 4-H youth.

The County Marina is operated by County staff. The Cheboygan County Waterways Commission provides input on operation and capital improvement objectives. The Waterways Commission is a 7-member board appointed by the County Board of Commissioners.

Recreation matters are also discussed at meetings of various committees and informal forums. There is a group of three townships, the city of Cheboygan, and the county of Cheboygan that meet periodically as the Northern Cheboygan County Intermunicipality Planning Committee. This group has included some discussion of recreational goals as part of their planning activity. Also, the County Community Development Department hosts a Cheboygan County Trails Forum every 4th Wednesday of the month to share trails-related information with various county leaders.

Capital improvements planning, as required under the Planning Enabling Act (PA 33 of 2008), occurs annually under the guidance of the Community Development Department through the County Planning Commission finally being submitted to the County Board of Commissioners. This process includes parks improvements by the Fair Board as well as improvements to the County Marina.

STAFF DESCRIPTION

The County has staff that has many planning related duties including recreation planning. The Community Development Department staff who provide recreation planning services include the Community Development Director, Community Planner, and Department Clerk. The Director provides long-term planning services and zoning guidance. The County also supports township efforts to do trails planning. The Director coordinates and facilitates multi-jurisdictional trail planning efforts and hosts a monthly trails forum for township officials and both motorized and non-motorized trails user groups.

The Community Planner provides support for the County Planning Commission and their annual Capital Improvement Planning. The County Marina has a Harbormaster and the general operations are guided by the Waterways Commission. The County Fairgrounds are maintained by Fairground employees.

School District Involvement

Local school districts have been included at the County level. During the County Master Planning process as well as the Recreation Planning process, the local school district leaders were invited to participate in various public input workshops. Master Plan meetings touched on recreation opportunities in the county and the meetings were held at the local schools. Focus group meetings were also held with students at the schools. Their input was very valuable in establishing the Recreation Plan's goals and objectives.

Relationship with other public agencies and private organizations

Cheboygan County partners with Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) on many projects including the Up North Trails project. The County provides guidance and participates in the data gathering and Trail Town programming. Indian River, Topinabee, and Mackinaw City have all completed Trail Town Plans.

Cheboygan values the many miles of trails within its boundaries. There are many other organizations which represent trail users of all types. These trail organizations are valuable partners in recreational asset development in Cheboygan County and are listed on page 38 in Chapter 6 – Existing Recreational Assets in Cheboygan County.

Volunteer Involvement

Volunteers provide guidance to many efforts throughout the county. Since there is no Recreation department within the government structures at the county and township levels, they are relied upon to provide input on project plans as well as maintenance of facilities. Some townships subcontract for a maintenance person to handle restroom cleaning at public parks, but that is very limited activity.

Local rail-trails on property owned by the DNR include volunteers in many aspects of trail maintenance. For summer use by bicyclists and hikers, the trails use volunteer "trail captains" to handle minor maintenance issues.

To prepare for winter activities on these trails the DNR utilizes a club program for snowmobile trail grooming needs. These clubs have an agreement with the DNR which includes some reimbursement. The club members do brushing and trail clearing efforts in exchange. Volunteers also do some trail grooming efforts at Black Mountain Recreation Area for winter cross-country skiing activities.

Aloha Township Structure

Aloha Township has no staff for recreational activities. Township recreation is handled by the Township Board. For 2015, the individuals involved in recreational activities are as follows:

2015 ALOHA TOWNSHIP BOARD

Chuck Maziasz, Supervisor
Barb Hall, Clerk
Charles Veneros, Treasurer
Steve Crusoe, Trustee
Scott Eno, Trustee

Beaugrand Township Structure

Beaugrand Township has no staff for recreational activities. Township recreation is handled by the Township Board. For 2015, the individuals involved in recreational activities are as follows:

2015 BEAUGRAND TOWNSHIP BOARD

Marcia Rocheleau, Supervisor
Terri Sarrault, Clerk
Robin Westfall, Treasurer
Ed Barr, Trustee
John Wanke, Trustee

Benton Township Structure

Benton Township has no staff for recreational activities. Township recreation is handled by the Township Board. For 2015, the individuals involved in recreational activities are as follows:

2015 BENTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Andrew Archambo, Supervisor
Maureen Engle, Clerk
Ann M. Couture, Treasurer

Charles Beckwith, Trustee
Jayne Passeno, Trustee

Grant Township Structure
Grant Township has no staff for recreational activities. Township recreation is handled by the Township Board. For 2015, the individuals involved in recreational activities are as follows:

2015 GRANT TOWNSHIP BOARD
Gil Archambo, Supervisor
Judi Chimner, Clerk
Rachael Vallance, Treasurer
Kathleen Hart, Trustee
Eric Boyd, Trustee

Inverness Township Structure
Inverness Township has no staff for recreational activities. Township recreational activities are under the direct supervision of the Township Board. For 2015, the individuals involved in recreational activities are as follows:

2015 INVERNESS TOWNSHIP BOARD
Ronald J. Neuman, Supervisor
Jean Beethem, Clerk
Kathy Spray, Treasurer
Tim Borowicz, Trustee
Bernard Schramm, Trustee

Mackinaw Township Structure
Mackinaw Township has no staff for recreational activities. Township recreation is handled by the Township Board. For 2015, the individuals involved in recreational activities are as follows:

2015 MACKINAW TOWNSHIP BOARD
Donna Falor, Supervisor
Jack Keck, Clerk
Janice Welch, Treasurer
Charles Brew, Trustee
Kevin Ostwald, Trustee

Chapter 4 Recreation Vision - Goals and Objectives

The following are goals and objectives formed directly from input gathered from Cheboygan County stakeholders. The following is a list of Goals and Objectives for recreation activity in Cheboygan County. It is not meant to indicate a ranking of their importance.

1. Create opportunities for Cheboygan County residents and visitors to live a healthy, active lifestyle.
   Objectives:
   A. Improve existing local (township, city, etc.) parks; create parks in those communities with no nearby facilities; coordinate placement of parks.
      i. Support local acquisition of property and develop public access sites and road ends for boating and fishing.
      ii. Coordinate park planning with street layout and design to integrate city centers with park facilities and trails.
      iii. Locate parks near downtowns to enhance those areas where people already gather.
      iv. Encourage parks that allow youth to gather out of doors in a safe environment.
   B. Ensure the walk-ability and accessibility within the community and to the recreational opportunities in all public places.
   C. Support trail connectors between parks, schools and other community resources.
      i. Support east/west rail-trail improvements that connect the primarily north/south existing rail-trails.
2. Communicate the economic and health benefits of the recreational activities and recreational assets in Cheboygan County.
   Objectives:
   A. Create awareness of recreational opportunities through county websites and other economic development communications.
   B. Coordinate and communicate better the existing recreational opportunities for all citizens of all ages and abilities, especially opportunities for the County's youth and elderly.
   C. Communicate the quality of life benefits that results from having extensive recreational resources.
   D. Encourage appropriate use of our recreational resources for economic development opportunities.
   E. Encourage efforts to raise awareness of the boat launches, harbors, and other water trails ("blueways") especially along the Lake Huron coast and Inland Waterway.
   F. Emphasize the health care benefits of a strong recreation system.
   G. Continue to distribute the County's recreational trails map with thorough and accurate information on the off-road vehicle opportunities and ordinances.
   H. Create opportunities and support rule or policy changes which allow for additional signage beneficial to trail and park users and local businesses.

3. Encourage coordination of park programs and park or trail development projects within Cheboygan County including city, village, township, county, and the state of Michigan.
   Objectives:
   A. Encourage coordination of recreation facility planning with historic destinations. Lighthouses can be paddling destinations. Historic Mill Creek experienced an increase in visitors by adding recreation amenities such as a zip line, climbing wall, and adventure course and now calls itself the Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park.
   B. Host forums for recreation stakeholders to coordinate and cooperatively promote activities and events.
   C. Facilitate communication and cooperative promotion of DNR recreation facilities (state parks, trails, etc.) along with the gateway communities.
   D. Encourage coordination of public transit system with recreational programs to transport community members to recreational events/facilities.
   E. Include recreational activities information from a variety of providers on county website.
   F. Integrate and create better access between recreation facilities and schools, commercial areas, residential areas, libraries and other destinations. Encourage safe routes of transportation between parks and schools and centers of civic activity.
   G. Encourage infill development of public parkland where inholdings exist (private lands which are surrounded by public lands).
   H. Encourage those who control the recreational assets in the County to share access to those facilities for recreational or other public purposes.
   I. Support appropriate development in communities near a trail to service trails users.
      i. Recognize that goods and services that are good for trail users will be appealing to other tourists and residents.
      ii. Trail and park users should be accommodated both physically and socially within the community.
      iii. Allow for trailhead amenities through local ordinances and community plans.
      iv. Provide for adequate wayfinding and off-premise signs to and from the community and the trail or park.
   J. Support Trail Town objectives for communities near a trail or park.
      i. Provide specially-tailored economic development support (such as "economic gardening" or a façade program) for business providing services to trail and park users.
      ii. Promote a Gateway Moment which is a physical feature indicating to trail or park users that they have entered the community.
      iii. Create a "sense of place" by promoting the *unique* asset or attributes of that trail town or central business district.
      iv. Establish the right mix of services appropriate for users of the nearby park or trail.
      v. Promote trail-oriented events.

4. Encourage trail projects for all trail users, including motorized and non-motorized uses as well as providing for accessibility.

   Objectives:

   A. Promote the use of designated trails for a variety of activities, including walking, bicycling, ORV/ATV riding, motorcycle riding, cross country skiing, and horseback riding.

   B. Encourage appropriate transportation system improvements which accommodate users of all abilities to improve access to trails and other recreation amenities.

      i. Improvements could include bike racks on transit buses, wheelchair lifts, longer crosswalk signals, safer routes to schools.

Chapter 5 Action Programs

ACTION PROGRAMS, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULES & RATIONALES
Good planning is essential to ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent appropriately. Based on the previously outlined goals and objectives, action programs have been created by the county as a whole and each township participating in this Recreation Plan. Presented here are those action programs and capital improvement programs which outline how, if funding becomes available, each entity plans to implement their recreation goals and objectives.

Please note that the following action programs and accompanying rationale are presented by each partnering jurisdiction and is a reflection of only that jurisdiction's choices. Although coordinated planning is a goal of this effort, each jurisdiction determines and endorses only its own action program and rationale. Local control and responsibility of these programs is of utmost importance.

Cheboygan County Action Program

The County is blessed with many State owned recreational facilities and the major communities, such as the City of Cheboygan, Mackinaw City and Tuscarora Township also own and operate many recreational facilities and programs which serve the public.

Cheboygan County provides opportunities for the various local government entities within its borders to work together to provide quality recreational opportunities in an efficient and effective manner. For instance, the County hosts a monthly Trails Forum for all people and local government representatives with an interest in recreation trails to share challenges, successes, events, and resources related to trails. This collaboration improves understanding amongst all trail users, both motorized and non-motorized. The County seeks to establish other linkages between all entities that provide and manage recreational opportunities within Cheboygan County.

In addition, Cheboygan County works very closely with DNR staff to discuss how our existing recreational resources can be used most effectively. Periodic meetings of County and DNR staff provide opportunities to share resources and work toward shared goals.

Cheboygan County's Action Program for recreation is as follows:

- Coordinate efforts with municipalities or other appropriating partners, to enhance existing parks and recreation offerings or implement new ones.
- Support the expansion of area trails in order to encourage appropriate and increased usage and appreciation of the area's natural resources.
- Ensure that county sponsored recreational facilities and activities are open and accessible for all members of the public, regardless of residency, age, race, handicap, etc.
- Create better visitor experiences at the County fairgrounds.
- Increase awareness of the County's unique water-based recreational resources such as the Inland Waterway, the Lake Huron shoreline, and the many inland lakes.
- Provide more opportunities for the general public to enjoy the Cheboygan County Fairgrounds year-round.

- County Marina
    - Upgrade facilities at the Cheboygan County Marina. Reconstruct gas dock, replace fuel tanks, provide access walk to waterfront and complete landscaping improvements.
    - Monitor water depth and dredge if necessary.
    - Consider providing additional finger piers to meet future demand.
    - Annually review maintenance needs. Annually the County reviews the needs of the facilities including how well the current capacity meets the demand, fluctuations in demand, depth of water, and maximum draw of visiting boats. Capital Improvements for the Marina are included in the county-wide Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and reviewed annually by the County Planning Commission and County Board of Commissioners. Harbormaster completes these reviews and continuously reviews as needed with the County Administrator and County Waterways Commission.
- Site furnishings and improvements to signs at Veterans Park.
- Support for parkland near and complementary to the Cheboygan County Fairgrounds. Complementary park facilities would take advantage of existing underutilized recreational assets at the fairgrounds including providing restrooms for public use for neighboring soccer fields, neighboring snowmobile trail and existing fairgrounds.
- Encourage recycling receptacles within the parks in townships which participate in recycling programs.

General Basis for Action Program

There is a lot that should influence decision makers when developing recreational opportunities in Cheboygan County. The basis for taking action to create recreational opportunities is:

1. The health of the community improves when recreational opportunities are readily available for all residents. Increased health of the community also means lower health care costs, thereby improving the economy. The Michigan Recreation and Parks Association (MRPA) estimated the costs of various health issues for a township in Michigan and found that for a township of 16,025 people, obesity cost approximately $6.6 million based on estimates from the Center for Disease Control. They also estimate that enhanced access to places for physical activity led to a 25.6% increase in the number of people exercising 3+ days per week.
2. The residents of the county are aging but remaining more active later in life. The proportion of the county's residents who are between 60 and 64 years of age increased by 30.9% between 2000 and 2010. More pathways with crosswalks, harder surfaces, and recreational opportunities for our older population are needed for this growing market.
3. The age group of Cheboygan County residents between the ages of 25 and 34 decreased in size by 22.6% between 2000 and 2010. This generation chooses their place of residence based on the quality of life offered in a community. Quality of life for many of this generation is determined by the recreational and adventure opportunities offered. The recreational amenities of Cheboygan County can help attract and keep young people in Cheboygan County.
4. Cheboygan County has great pride in the beauty of its natural resources and rural character and providing appropriate accessibility to its residents and visitors. For instance, there are some valuable trout streams which must be both protected and enjoyed. The balance between use and protection is a major challenge but an important process.

5. Parks and recreation systems are a significant economic engine for any region, especially in areas that already have a strong travel and tourism economy. Cheboygan County has a stronger economy during the summer season. Parks and Recreation amenities for all seasons are needed to create more economic development in the other seasons. More year-round opportunities will also build on the quality of life attractiveness for all ages and make Cheboygan County an even more desirable year-round destination.

Cheboygan County Capital Improvement Program

Five-Year Action Program		
Year	**Acquisition, Development or Improvement**	**Cost and Funding Source**
2016-2017	**Develop plan for Fairgrounds upgrade to year round, multi-use recreation facility open to the general public**	**$10,000 Municipal, State, & Donations**
2016-2018	**Fairgrounds – construction of restrooms and showers for recreational field users and for fairground activities and users of neighboring recreational trail**	**$200,000 Municipal, State & Donations**
2018	**Develop plan for County owned 40 acre parcel of lake frontage for multi-use recreational purposes in consultation with Mullet Township**	**$10,000 Municipal, State, & Donations**
Ongoing	**Support the development of multi-use trails, especially east/west connectors to existing rail/trails (both motorized and non-motorized)**	**TBD Municipal, State, & Donations**
Ongoing	**Reconstruct gas dock; replace fuel tanks, access walk to waterfront and landscaping improvements to County Marina.**	**$400,000 Municipal, State**
Seeking	**Improve and expand public access to area lakes and rivers**	**TBD Municipal, State, & Donations**

Cheboygan County Rationale

Project	Basis for need
Fairgrounds	**The year-round increase in use of the County Fairground facilities necessitates the enhancement of the facilities and grounds to provide a more user friendly and handicap accessible venue. The County desires to provide more opportunities for the general public to use portions of the fairgrounds as a recreational resource all year long.**
40 Acre Park	**Provide park amenities, programs and handicap accessibility to an area of the County where parks and recreation deficiency exists.**

Trails Improvement	**Provide for an environmentally and pedestrian safe recreation opportunity. The County wants to create opportunities through efficient use of existing resources. Linking two existing trails to create a loop exponentially increases the viability of attracting users to those trails.**
County Marina Improvements	**Provide for a safe and convenient service for boaters. Current gas dock and tanks are approaching their engineered lifespan. This project is essential for environmental protection as well as a critical component of the operation of the marina. Public access to the waterfront and landscaping provides access to the general public as well as a welcoming environment and improves natural resources on the property.**
Access Expansion	**Provide equal opportunity for recreational water usage.**

Aloha Township Action Program

Aloha Township has good access to the area's lakes and rivers for outdoor recreational activities, but has very little township developed recreational facilities available. Aloha Township is very interested in expanding the amount and types of recreational facilities within the township to better meet the needs of its residents.

Aloha Township Capital Improvement Program

Five-Year Action Program			
Project	**Year**	**Acquisition, Development or Improvement**	**Cost and Anticipated Funding Source**
1	**2016-2017**	**Establish Township Park on Hiawatha Drive and Landscape**	**$10,000 (Local, DNR, Private)**
2	**2016-2017**	**Purchase and install playground equipment at Township Park**	**$8,000 (Local, DNR, Private)**
3	**2017-2018**	**Construct handicap accessible restrooms, put in well, electrical and septic**	**$30,000 (Local, DNR, Private)**
4	**2018-2019**	**Fence and lights around park and construct pavilion**	**$90,000 (Local, DNR, Private)**
5	**2019-2020**	**Senior recreation area – shuffle board, horseshoes, etc.**	**$10,000 (Local, DNR, Private)**

Aloha Township Rationale

Project	**Basis for Need**
1	**Addition of Township Park will enhance recreational uses in Township and allow more residents the opportunity to enjoy nature and socialization.**
2	**Adding playground equipment will expand the Park's facilities for children.**

3	**Adding restrooms will make the park more comfortable for public use for all the residents in the Township.**
4	**The addition of fencing and lighting will add security to the park for children and senior citizens. Addition of a Pavilion will enhance the use of the Park and attract more visitors.**
5	**Adding senior recreations will welcome our senior population to enjoy the Township Park.**

Beaugrand Township Action Program

Beaugrand Township has good access to the area's lakes and rivers for outdoor recreational activities, but has no township developed recreational facilities available. Beaugrand Township is interested in developing some type of recreational facilities within the township to better meet the needs of its residents.

Beaugrand Township Action program is as follows:

- Pursue recreational activities which are not currently available within the township.
- Seek property to be used for a township park. This park would be preferably near the shoreline. Larger property inland would also be considered.
- Encourage and support the possibility of a future recreational facility.
- Ensure any future sponsored recreational facilities and activities by the township are open and accessible to all member of the public, regardless of age, race, handicap, etc.

Beaugrand Township Capital Improvement Program

Year	Acquisition, Development or Improvement	Cost and Anticipated Funding Source
2016-2019	**Acquire land for public park, preferably waterfront or near the water.**	**To be determined**
TBD	**Pursue recreational opportunities which are not currently available within the township**	**To be determined**

Beaugrand Township Rationale

Basis for Need
To have available recreational opportunities for the township residents. Public access to Lake Huron and the large amount of water front in the township would ensure that the public would be able to enjoy the natural resources available to them.

Benton Township Action Program

Benton Township has good access to the area's lakes and rivers for outdoor recreational activities. Benton Township has 40 acres of land that is developed into a township park. The Benton Township Park has a walking path, picnic area, bathrooms, pavilion, tennis courts, basketball court, and volleyball court.. Benton Township is interested in expanding the amount and types of recreational facilities within the township in order to better meet the needs of its residents.

Benton Township's Action Program for recreation is as follows:

- Pursue improvements to recreational opportunities which are not currently available within the township

- Encourage and support the construction and maintenance of community facilities equipped to offer a wide variety of educational, recreation and social activities.
- Encourage community-wide craft and recreational programs, designed for all age groups, as an opportunity for seasonal, permanent residents and tourists.
- Support the expansion of access to the area lakes and rivers in order to encourage managed usage and appreciation of the area's natural resources.
- Ensure that township sponsored recreational facilities and activities are open and accessible to all member of the public, regardless of age, race, handicap, etc.

Benton Township Capital Improvement Program

The Capital Improvement Schedule found below describes what recreational improvement Benton Township would like to pursue of the next seven years.

Project #	Year	Project	Est Cost	Possible Funding
1	2016-2017	Gazebo	$ 50,000	Local, DNR, Private Donations
2	2016-2020	Expand walking path	$92,000	Local, DNR, Private Donations
3	2017-2021	Ball field development	$50,000	Local, DNR, Private Donations
4	2016-2019	Complete fence installation around twp park	$20,000	Local, DNR, Private Donations
5	2016-2020	Improvements to public access to area lakes & rivers for swimming, picnicking, etc.	$10,000	Local, DNR, Private Donations

Benton Township Rationale

Project #	Justification
1	A pavilion would bring people to the park for parties or concerts. The tennis, basketball and volleyball have been completed and are used just about every day.
2	The current walking path is very popular expansion would provide the public with a longer walk
3	Improving and development of ball fields will add to the number of park users.
4	Constructing a fence around the Township Park will add security to the facility.
5	Improving the access and facilities at the lakes and rivers will ensure that the waterfront can be enjoyed by all. The township continues to make improvements to public access points within the township to area lakes and rivers. Improvements continue to the road ends within Benton Township by mowing, waste removal, and beach cleaning.

Grant Township Action Program

Grant Township's Action Program for recreation is as follows:

- Promote our park system and recreational opportunities in the township.
- Pursue improvements to recreational opportunities which are not currently available within the township.
- Encourage and support the construction and maintenance of community facilities equipped to offer a wide variety of educational, recreation and social activities.
- Encourage community-wide craft and recreational programs, designed for all age groups, as an opportunity for seasonal, permanent residents and tourists.
- Support the expansion of access to Black Lake in order to encourage managed usage and appreciation of the area's natural resources.
- Ensure that township sponsored recreational facilities and activities are open and accessible to all members of the public, regardless of age, race, handicap, etc.

Grant Township Capital Improvement Program

Project #	Year	Project	Est. Cost	Possible Funding
1	2016-2019	Development of Township Park/land cleaning, fill work, etc.	TBD	Local, DNR, Private Donations
2	2016-2019	Construct rest rooms at Township Park	TBD	Local, DNR, Private Donations
3	2016-2019	Construct picnic area at Township Park	TBD	Local, DNR, Private Donations
4	2016-2019	Purchase & install additional playground equipment at Township Park	TBD	Local, DNR, Private Donations
5	2016-2019	Improvements, including docks, to public access to Black Lake, Black River and surrounding lakes for boating, swimming, picnicking, etc.	Under Investigation	Local, DNR, Private Donations
6	2016-2019	Construct walking path at the Township Park	Under Investigation	Local, DNR, Private Donations
7	2016-2019	Fence around Township Park	TBD	Local, DNR, Private Donations

Grant Township Rationale

Project #	Basis for Need
1	**Results of community survey show a high degree of support and interest in constructing a park within the township.**
2	**Adding rest room to the Township Park will make the facility much more comfortable for public use, especially those with young children.**
3	**Constructing a picnic area with picnic tables and grills will expand the park's facilities for all residents.**
4	**Adding additional playground equipment to the Township Park will expand the parks facilities for families and children.**
5	**Improvements, including docks, to all public access to Black Lake, Black River and surrounding lakes will insure that all the public accesses will be readily available for all residents to use and enjoy.**
6	**Constructing a walking path at the Township Park will increase the park's recreational use for all township residents.**
7	**Constructing a fence around the Township Park will add security to the facility.**

Inverness Township Action Program

As shown in Inverness Township recreation inventory, the township has access to the northwest area of Mullet Lake and access to the Cheboygan River, giving residents' direct link to the Inland Waterway. Developed recreational facilities such as parks, playgrounds, ball fields, etc. are necessary and the township is interested in expanding recreational facilities within the township.

Inverness Township's Action Program for recreation is as follows:

- Pursue improvements to recreational opportunities which are not currently available within the township.
- Encourage and support the construction and maintenance of community facilities equipped to offer a wide variety of educational, recreational and social activities.
- Encourage community-wide craft and recreational programs, designed for all age groups, as an opportunity for seasonal, permanent residents and tourists.
- Support the expansion of access to Mullet Lake and Cheboygan River in order to encourage managed usage and appreciation of the area's natural resources.
- Ensure that township-sponsored recreational facilities and activities are open and accessible to all members of the public, regardless of age, race, handicap, etc.

Inverness Township Capital Improvement Program

The Capital Improvement Schedule found below describes what recreational improvements Inverness Township would like to pursue over the next ten years.

Project #	Year	Project	Est. Cost	Possible Funding Source(s)
1	2016-2021	Construct restrooms at	$50,000	Local, DNR, Private

		Township Park(s)		Donations
2	2016-2021	Fence around Township Park(s)	$20,000	Local, DNR, Private Donations
3	2016-2021	Purchase and install playground equipment at Township Park(s)	$10,000	Local, DNR, Private Donations
4	2016-2021	Paving at Township Park(s)	$10,000	Local, DNR, Private Donations
5	2016-2021	Improvements to public access for swimming, picnics, etc	$10,000	Local, DNR, Private Donations
6	2016-2021	Purchase property abutting existing township property at Polish Line Beach	$75,000	Local, DNR, Private Donations

Inverness Township Rationale

Project #	Basis for Need
1	Adding restrooms to the Township Park(s) will make the facilities much more comfortable for public use, especially for those with young children
2	Constructing a fence around the Township Park(s) will add security to those facilities
3	Adding playground equipment to the Township Park(s) will increase the number of park users
4	Paving the parking area(s) at the Township Park(s) will increase the number of park users
5	Improving access and facilities will ensure that the waterfront can be enjoyed by all
6	Providing more and better opportunities for waterfront recreation and public access to the water, our very valuable recreational resource.

Mackinaw Township Action Program

Approximately half of the village of Mackinaw City is in Mackinaw Township which has a variety of recreational facilities, but there are no recreational facilities available in the rural portion of the township.

Mackinaw Township's Action Program for recreation is as follows:
Phase #1 Ascertain availability of public access Road (or view) to Lake Huron from US 23 in Mackinaw Township

- Pursue improvements to recreational opportunities which are not currently available within the township.
- Approximately half of the village of Mackinaw City is in Mackinaw Township which has a variety of recreational facilities but there are no recreational facilities available in the rural portion of the township.
- The township plan lays out the procedure for determining the availability of public access areas to the Straits of Mackinaw along the US 23 corridor along the Lake Huron Bluff in order to develop a roadside view area including managed recreational usage such as nature trails, picnic area and appreciation of the area's natural resources.
- The US 23Lake Huron Bluff would be an ideal location for such a recreational concept we propose.
- Ensure that township sponsored recreational facilities and activities are open and accessible to all members of the public, regardless of age, race, handicap, etc.

Phase #2 If no public access available research possible private land for purchase or gift of suitable property

Mackinaw Township Capital Improvement Program

Project	Year	Project	Est. Cost	Possible Funding
Phase 1	2016-18	Determine if available Lake Huron Public road access (includes title search).	$3,500	Township, State & Private Sources
	2016-18	Evaluate cost of planning and developing public access right-of-way.	$4,000	Township, State & Private Sources
Phase 2	2017-19	Search for suitable land along US-23 Lake Huron Bluff to establish recreational site.	$5,000	Township, State & Private Sources
	2017-19	If suitable site found, find funding sources for land site development.	Under Investigation	Township, State & Private Sources

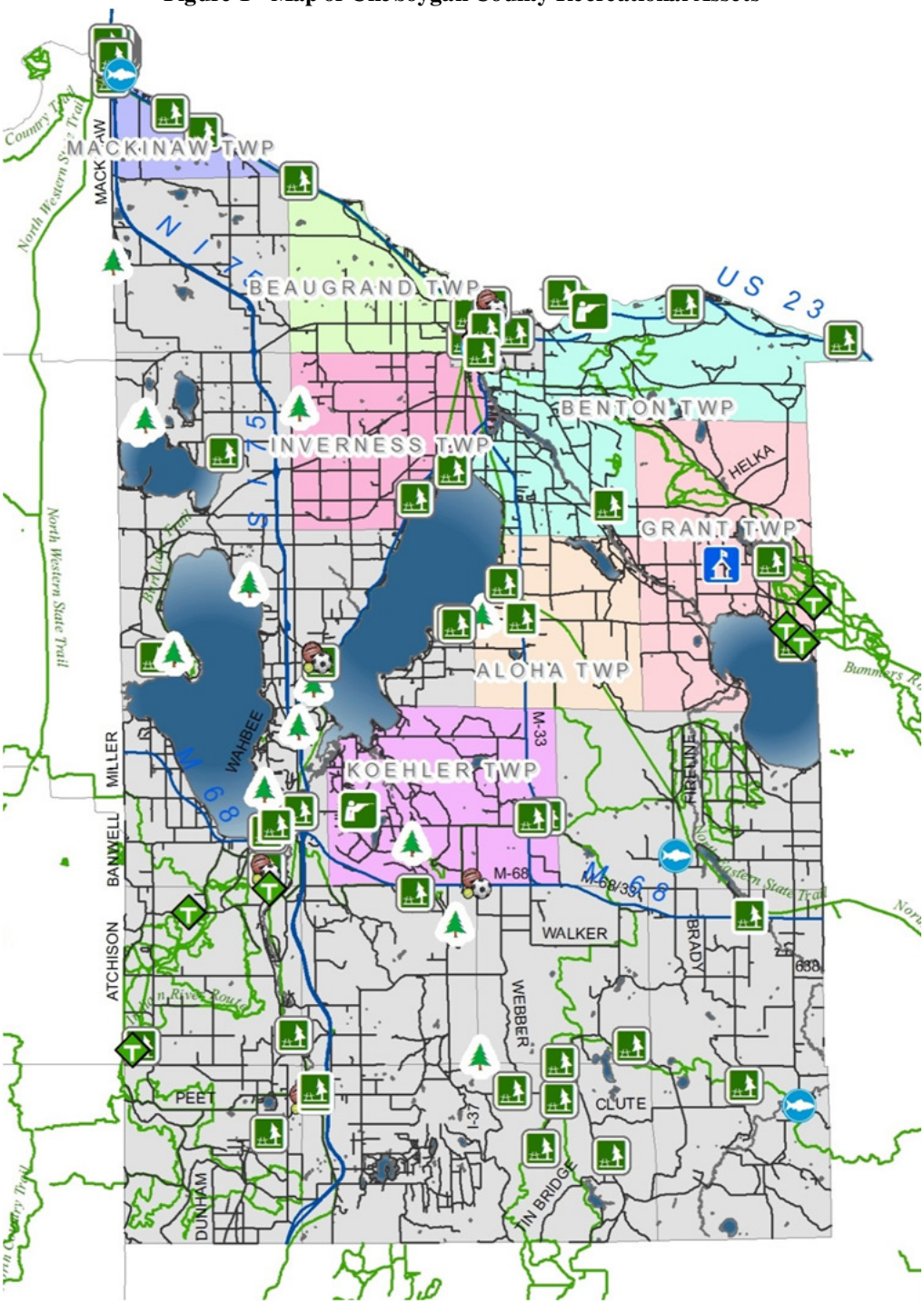
Mackinaw Township Rationale

Project	Basis for Need
Phases 1 and 2	The Lake Huron Bluff would be an ideal location for such a recreational concept we are proposing. The recreational area proposed will improve the public view and increase enjoyment of the natural beauty of Lake Huron South Channel, the passing ships as well as the view of Bois Blanc Island and Mackinac Island.

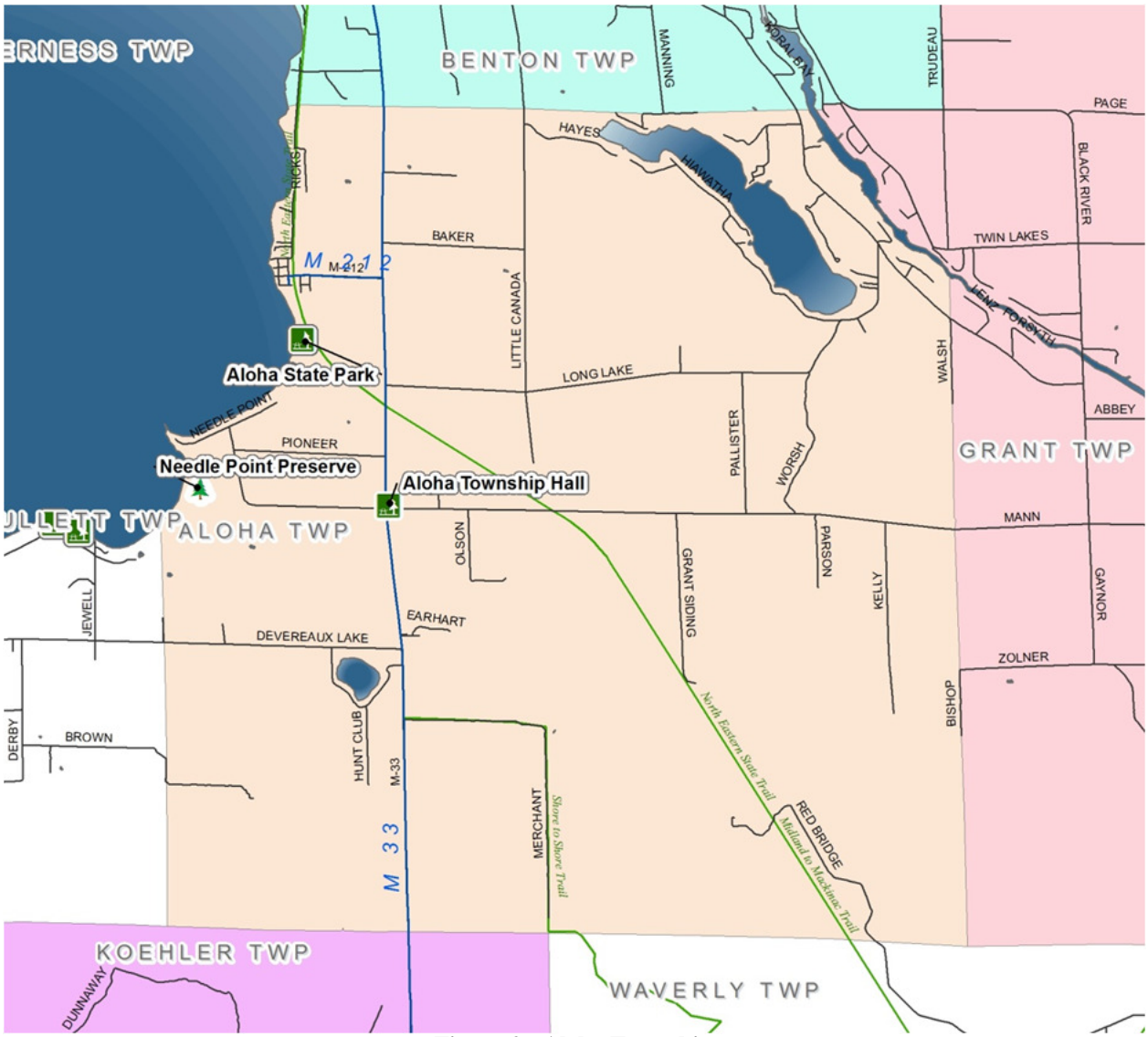
Chapter 6 Existing Recreational Assets of Cheboygan County

The following map shows generally how the various recreational assets are distributed around the county:

Figure 1 - Map of Cheboygan County Recreational Assets



PARKS AND CAMPGROUNDS MAPS, by Township



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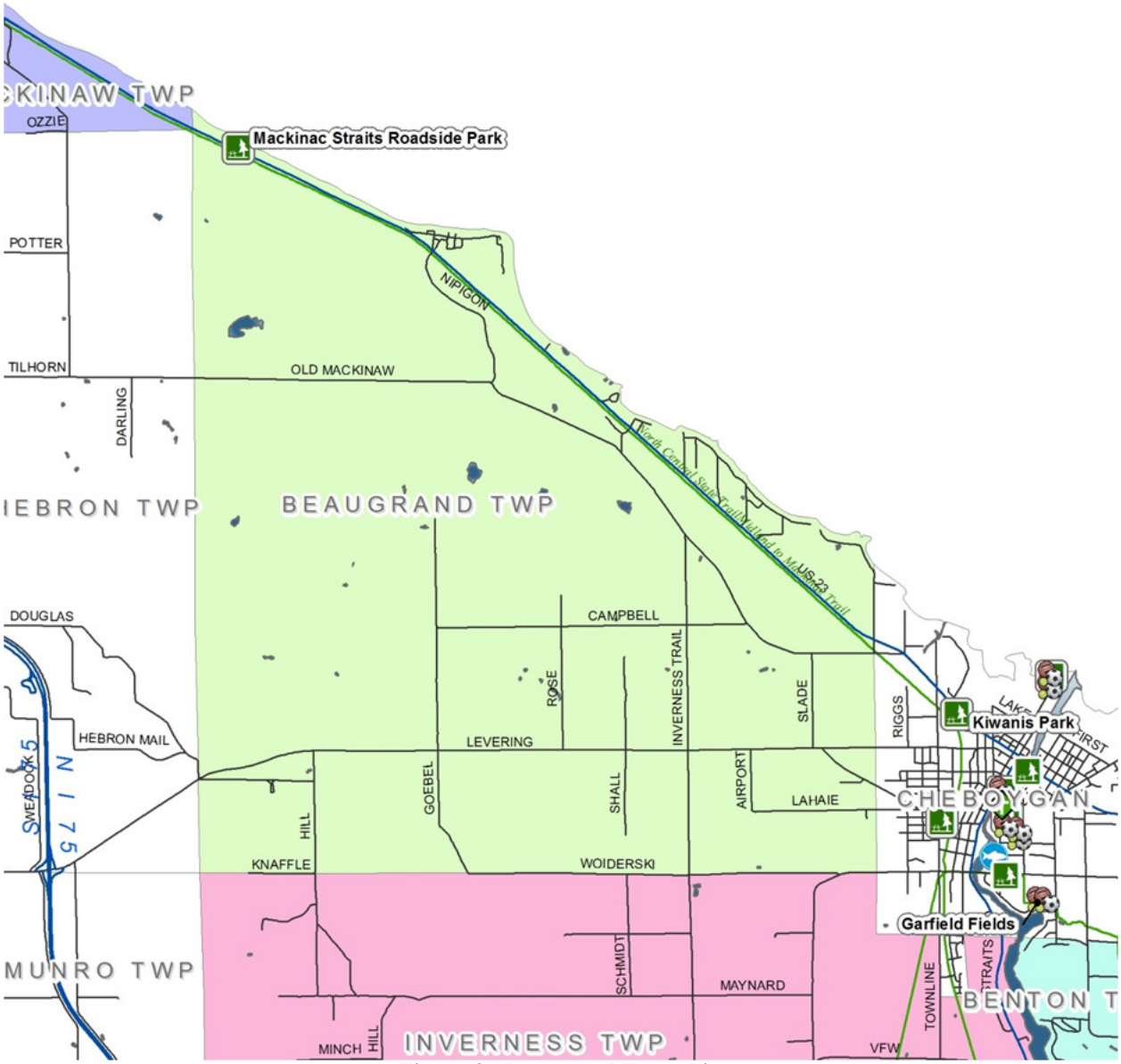

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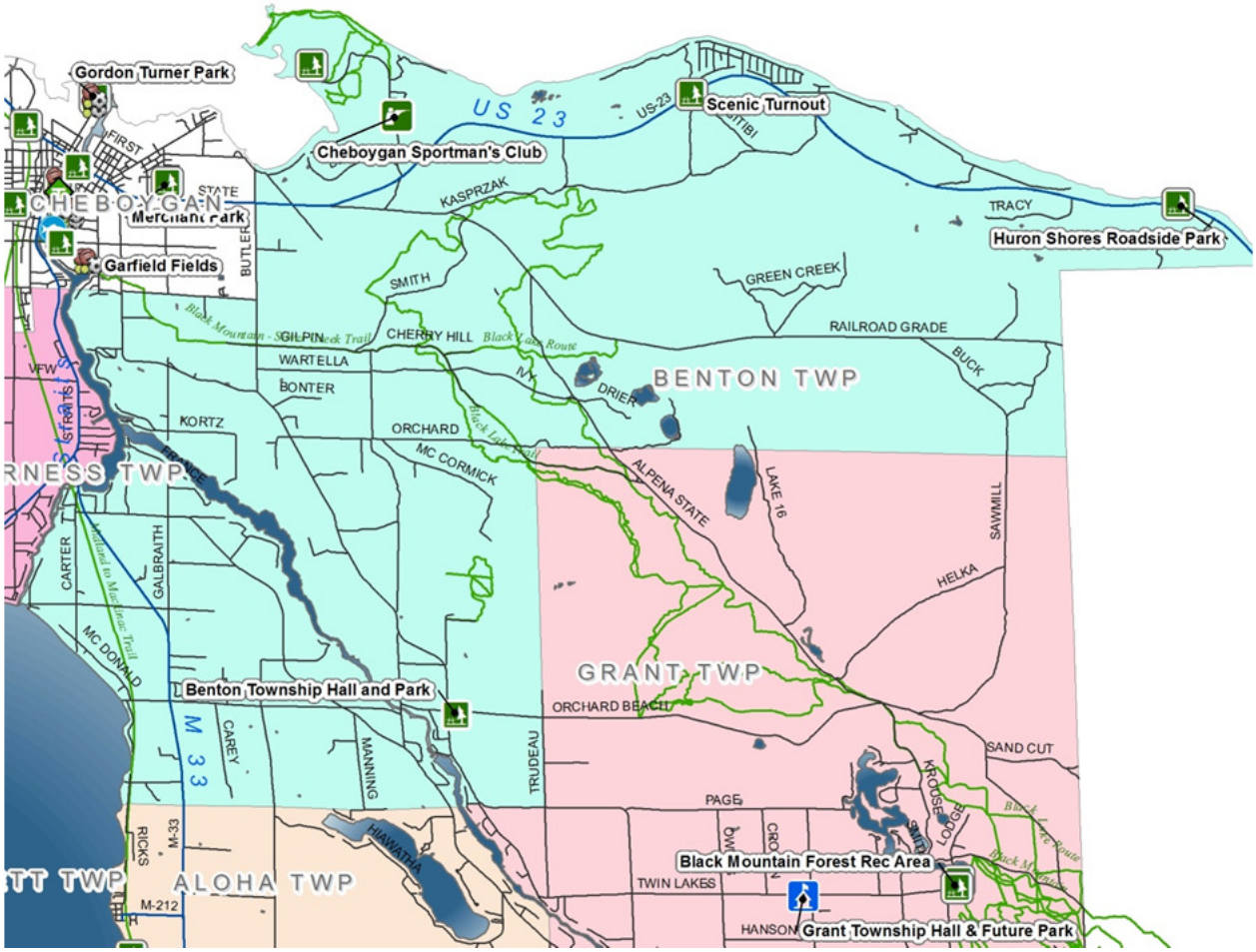

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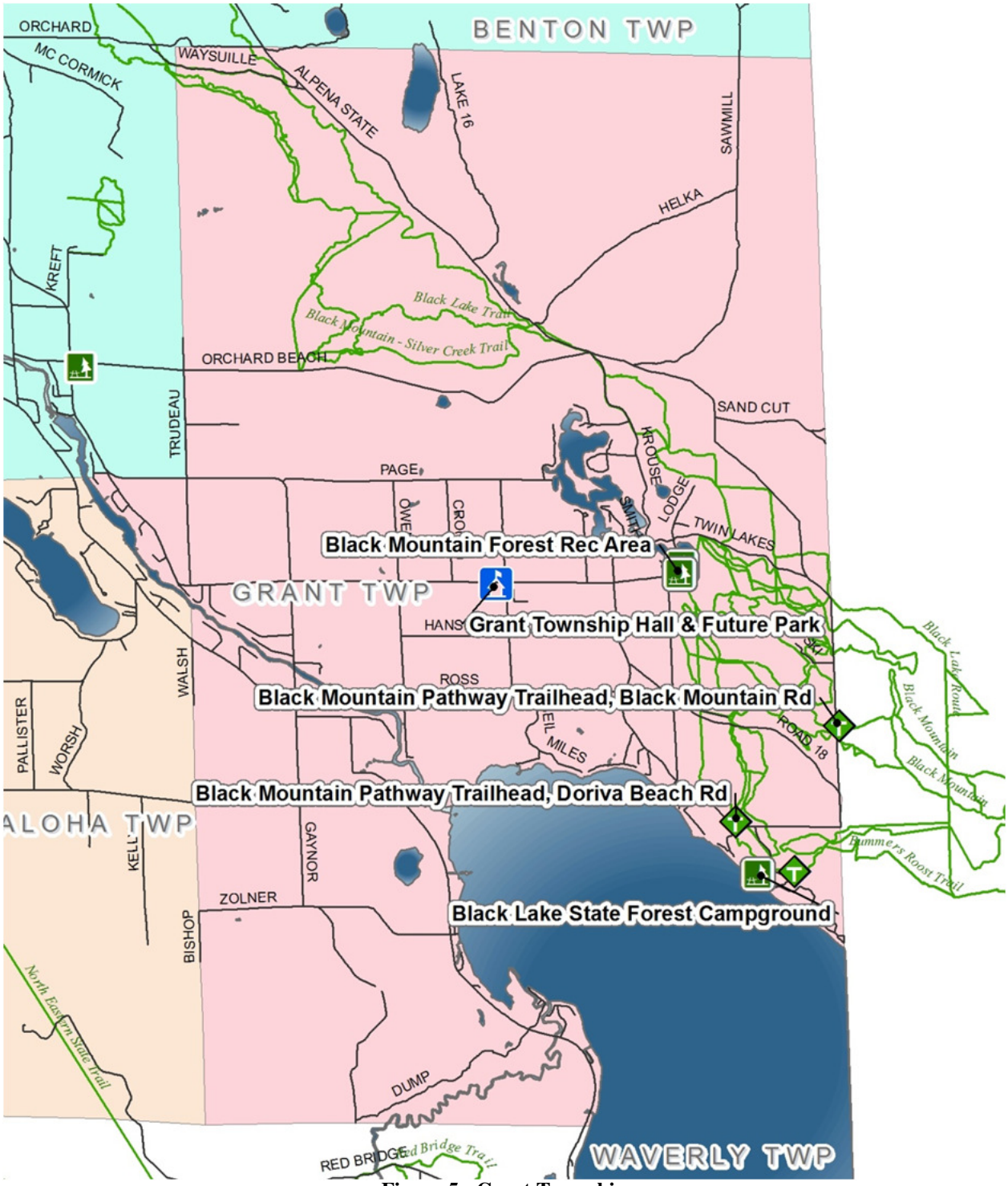

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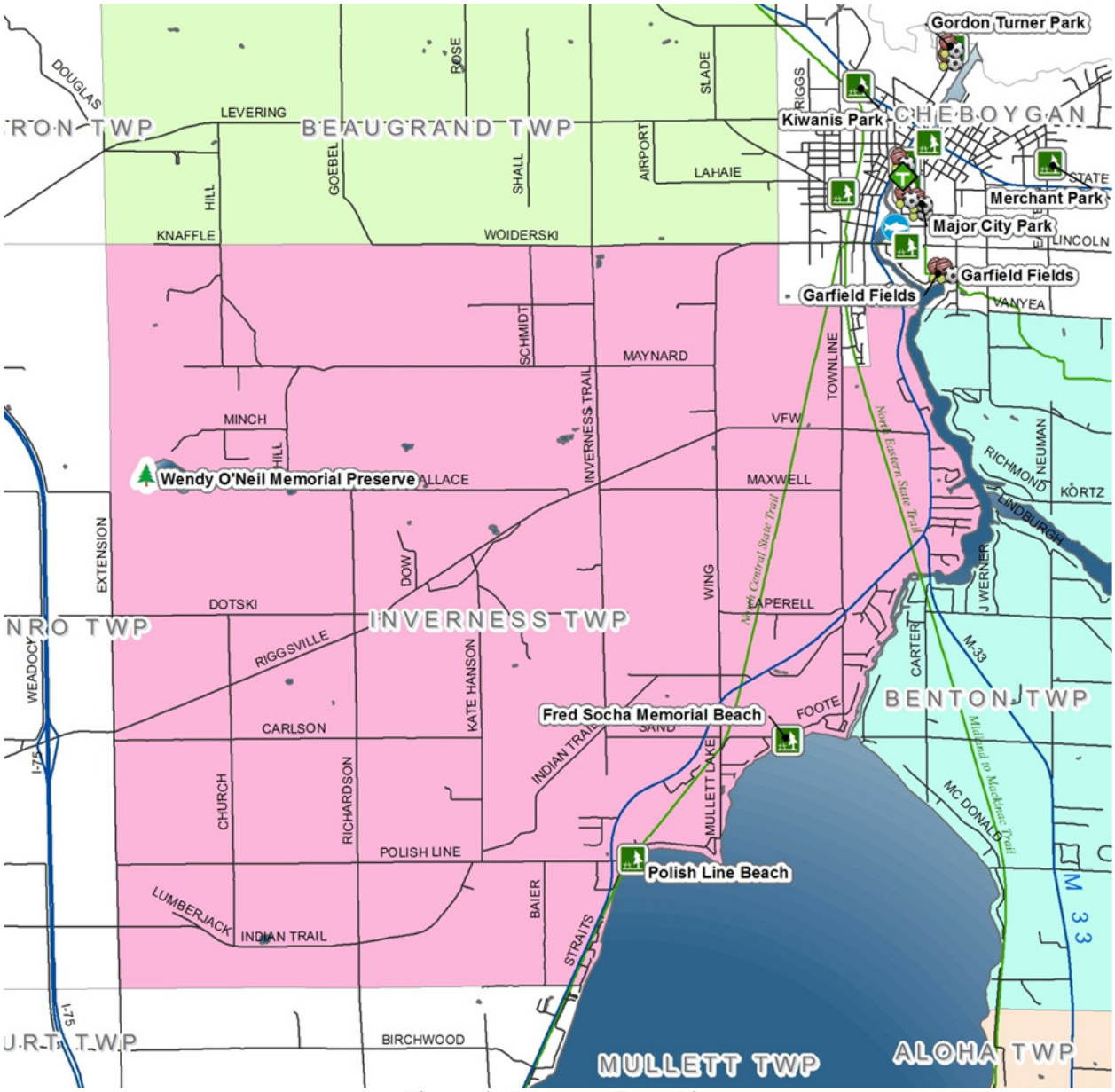

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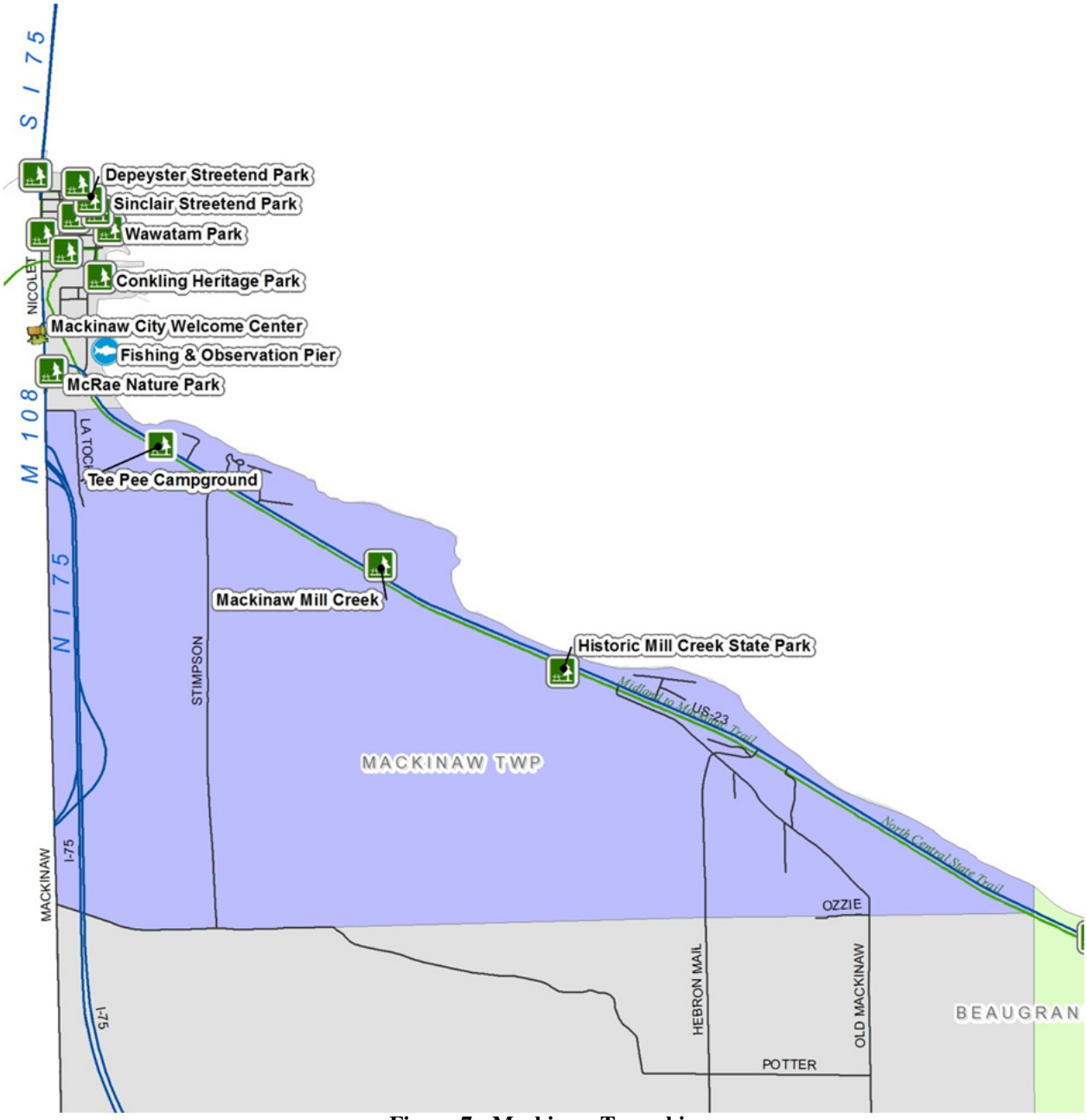


Figure 7 - Mackinaw Township

Parks & Trails

Recreational use of land is an important part of the economic health of our economy and physical health of our people. Planning for adequate long-term maintenance of this land is an important part of land use planning.

Trails

Trails are considered linear parks of which there are over 400 miles in Cheboygan County. These trails serve all users including those who enjoy ORV/ATV's, snowmobiles and bicycles, cross country skiing, hiking, snowshoeing, and horseback riding. Many of these linear parks are owned by the State of Michigan through the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Recent activity in trail development include the resurfacing in 2009 of the North Central State Trail which extends from Gaylord in Otsego County through Wolverine, Indian River, Topinabee, Cheboygan, and ending in Mackinaw City along a former railroad right of way. A similar trail development, called the North Eastern State Trail, was completed in October of 2011, extends from the city of Cheboygan to the south and east through Onaway and on to Alpena.

Rail trail development has been extensive in Cheboygan County. These rail trails are on property owned by the Michigan DNR and were railroad rights of way many years ago. These have been used for quite a while as snowmobile trails in the winter and were able to be used by hikers in the summer. More recently they have been improved with crushed limestone in order to be used in the summer by bicyclists.

Most of these rail trails run north and south. There is a need expressed by trails organizations for east-west connectors to create looped trails. Burt Township has a trail committee which is working on one such connector. A section of the Burt Lake Trail was built along a road right of way in 2013. More sections are in the planning stages. There is a plan to eventually connect two rail trails: the North Central State Trail primarily in Cheboygan County with the North Western State Trail which is primarily in Emmet County, each being north-south trails. See Figure 8 - Burt Lake Trail Plan Draft.

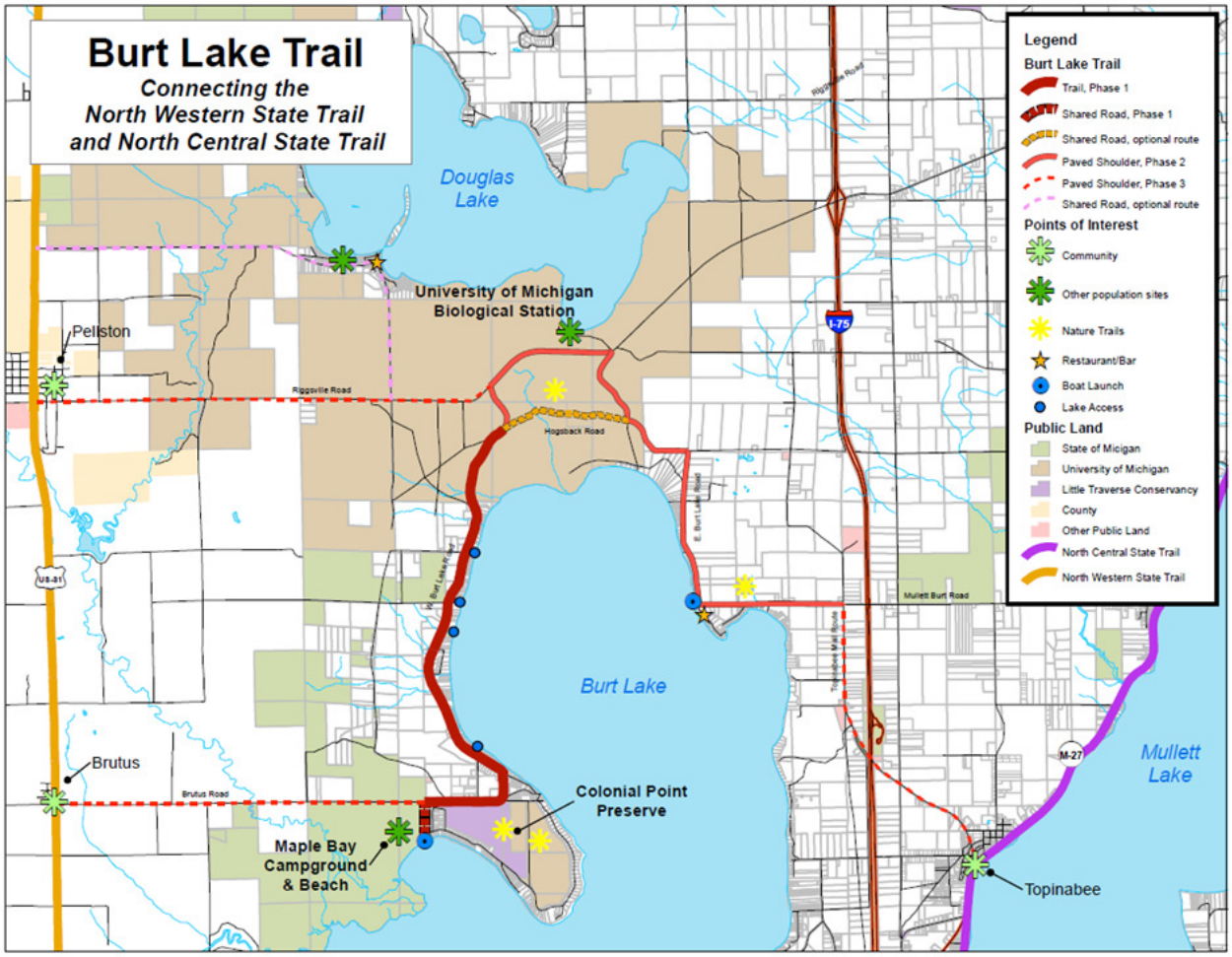


Figure 8 - Burt Lake Trail Plan Draft

Cheboygan County, in early 2011, created maps that represent the recreational trail system in Cheboygan County. In 2009 the county passed an ordinance that allows for ORV's to travel on the side of the road. The County used these new maps to properly show the roads where this type of travel is allowed and where it isn't. These maps used information gathered and mapped by Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG).

In late 2014 updates were made to the 2009-2014 Regional Non-motorized Transportation Plan, produced for the 8-county region of the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG). This regional plan was expiring so an update was made to this plan for the area of Cheboygan County. Public meetings were held and included the Cheboygan County Trails Forum. This is a group of township officials and various trail users who gather informally at the County building every month to share trail updates. The group consists of representatives of all user groups, both motorized and non-motorized. These meetings include township officials and are open to the public. A draft update was developed with this group's guidance which included east-west routes that connect the rail-trails which run primarily north-south. The updated plan was approved by the Cheboygan County Road Commission on November 13, 2014.

The following map shows the preferred non-motorized transportation routes, which can also serve as recreational routes for bicyclists and other non-motorized users:

Figure 9 - 2014 update to regional non-motorized transportation plan

Trail Towns

A Trail Town is a community which understands the importance of the local trail(s) in the economic, social, and human health benefits to their community members. Trails can have a significant impact on the local economy. A "Trail Town Manual" was created for the communities along the North Central State Trail in late 2010. The Manual outlined how these communities can utilize the trail to support future business and economic development opportunities.

When creating a Trail Town concept for a community, it is suggested in the Manual that a community create a "blueprint" for future marketing efforts, capital improvement projects and community involvement strategies that take full advantage of the local trail(s). As stated in the Manual, while the goals may vary between communities, it is suggested that five components of a Trail Town effort include:

- Provide a gateway moment – This could be a physical feature that lets the visitor arriving by trail know that they have entered the trail town.
- Create a sense of place – Emphasize those features unique to that town that will be remembered by the trail visitor.
- Develop a welcoming atmosphere – Make sure that the downtown is safe for trail travelers, who are usually hikers, bikers, snowmobilers, and horseback riders.
- Establish the right mix of services – Know your market and know the needs of your trail visitors. Cyclists, for instance, will need food, drink, and ice cream on a hot day of trail use. Horseback riders will need a place to water their animals.
- Promote trail-oriented events – Events that are unique to the community's historic or cultural history should be emphasized to make the visit a memorable one. Return visitors is a primary goal.

The Trail Town Manual for the North Central State Trail also includes specific and unique recommendations for each of the towns along the trail as to how they can improve the trail users' experience.

WATER TRAILS

There are many miles of waterways throughout Cheboygan County both inland and along Lake Huron. A water trail is a mapped and suggested scenic route for all types of boat travel. Resources along the various water trails are currently being mapped under a Coastal Zone Management grant funded project. Resources exist for motorized boat travel, sailboats, and human powered watercraft.

Inland Waterway

The Inland Waterway is over 38 miles long and is Michigan's longest chain of lakes and rivers. This water trail begins in Emmet County and passes through two locks and one swing-bridge, through the Indian River and Cheboygan communities, and ending in Lake Huron. Boat launches, restaurants, museums, and campgrounds are convenient stops along the way for all travelers.

Lake Huron shore

Along Lake Huron's water trail are scenic lighthouses, views of Mackinac and Bois Blanc islands, and forested shores of Cheboygan County. The route ends at the Straits of Mackinac to the north and views of the Mackinac Bridge.

MOTORIZED TRAILS

Tomahawk Trail System
This trail system is designed for motorcycles and the three loops include over 90 miles of trails. The trail system extends into neighboring Emmet and Charlevoix Counties and is managed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Black Mountain Recreation Area
This unique area includes the only "scramble area" in northern lower Michigan. This is designed for ATV's, motorcycles, and some narrower UTV's.

Snowmobile Trails
These trails run mostly along the rail-trails of both the North Central State Trail and North Eastern State Trail. There are over 100 miles of trails which are groomed by volunteers under an arrangement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Inventory of Recreation Facilities

Back in 2007, Cheboygan County completed a Recreation Plan which includes an inventory of recreation facilities in the County. All townships in the county were mailed the old recreation inventory list to update. The townships updated their portions and the county updated their public recreation facility information. Important to a recreation inventory is the accessibility evaluation of each facility.

Accessibility is rated using the following numerical system.

1=none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
2=some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
3=most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
4=the entire park meets accessibility guidelines
5=the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design

Cheboygan County owns the County Fairgrounds, the Soccer Fields, and the County Marina, which are located in the city of Cheboygan. Part of the Boy Scout Camp in Mullett Township is still owned by Cheboygan County. A description of each follows along with an accessibility assessment of each site.

<u>Boy Scout Camp</u>
The 80 acre Boy Scout Camp is located at 2863 Boy Scout Road. The camp is classified as a special use park. Part of the park was sold for $1 to Mullett Township by the County in 2010 in order to provide the township more opportunities for grant funding of improvements. The township-owned portion of the park's service area is the community with a pavilion and picnic area. The bathrooms were improved in 2014 and are handicap accessible. Accessibility evaluation is #3.

<u>Cheboygan County Marina</u>
County Marina is located at 1080 N. Huron Street, Cheboygan, and its 7.8 acres include 84 slips with gas and electrical hook-up, pump-out, laundry, showers, telephones, grocery and beverage delivery, fresh water. This is a special use park for the county and visitors. Accessibility evaluation is #5.

County Fairgrounds & Soccer Fields
The County Fairgrounds is a 29 acre facility located in Cheboygan. It is a community park offering restrooms and showers. The Soccer Fields are located at 780 Garfield. This property is open for leagues and the general public. Accessibility evaluation is #3.

Aloha Township Hall
The Aloha Township Hall is located at Mann Road and M-33. It is a 0.8 acre mini-park serving the township residents. Accessibility evaluation is #4.

Unimproved Lots
There are two unimproved lots owned by the township. One is on Long Lake and one is on Black River Road with an accessibility evaluation of #1 for both lots.

Benton Township Park
Benton Township Park is a community park situated on 40 acres of land serving visitors and residents from around the township. It offers a walking path, picnic area, playground and recently completed volley ball and basketball courts. Accessibility evaluation is #5.

Grant Township Hall
Grant Township Hall property is 4.2 acres and offers a picnic area that is considered a mini-park serving primarily township residents. The area is handicap accessible. Accessibility evaluation is #4.

Foote Road Beach
Foote Road Beach is located on Mullet Lake in Inverness Township. It is a 0.6 acre community park offering a public outhouse serving beach visitors and area residents. Accessibility evaluation is #2.

Polish Line Beach
Polish Line Beach is a small beach area that is 0.03 acres on Mullet Lake with a service area including beach visitors, area residents and township residents. It is a neighborhood park. Accessibility evaluation is #1.

Afton Softball Field
Afton Softball Field is on 6 acres. It is a neighborhood park that offers one field and no restrooms. Accessibility evaluation is #1.

Sturgeon River Roadside Park
West Branch of the Sturgeon River Roadside Park is a small neighborhood park approximately 4 acres with a pavilion, picnic tables, benches, outhouse, swings, merry-go-round, sandbox and grills. Accessibility evaluation is #2.

US 23 Heritage Route

Each county along the US 23 Heritage Route's 200 mile span has its own team of volunteers which implements projects in its county with the assistance of the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments. In addition, the Cheboygan County Team participates in the US 23 Management Council which provides the overall organizational direction and structure to coordinate efforts along the route. The Cheboygan Heritage Route Team consists of representation from Chambers of Commerce, townships, city/villages, Cheboygan County, and interested citizens. The Team

has developed a national award-winning tourism website (www.us23heritageroute.org) which promotes recreational facilities in the region as well as along US 23 from Standish to Mackinaw City. There are also brochures distributed throughout the state which highlight recreational attractions in Cheboygan County.

Straits of Mackinac Underwater Preserve

The 148 square miles of the Straits of Mackinac Underwater Preserve host a variety of underwater attractions: not the least of which are excellent shore dives in East Moran Bay in St. Ignace Harbor. The St. Ignace Harbor serves the third oldest city in the United States. One harbor dive site is found at the northernmost point of the bay at the end of Hazelton Street. Divers can enter here and swim toward the end of the old mill slip to find discarded tools, machinery, household items, and wreckage from an unknown vessel.

The Straits of Mackinac Underwater Preserve also has its share of shipwrecks. Among them is the Cedarville, which was a 588 foot self-unloading freighter that sank with a load of limestone in 1965. The Cedarville was heading west and approaching the Straits of Mackinac in a fog when it was struck by another ship. The Cedarville is in about 110 feet of water with the hull of the vessel within 35 feet of the surface. The ship's superstructure and cabins, lie at 75 feet and provide exciting exploration opportunities.

Another popular dive site in this preserve is the wreck of the Sandusky. This 110-foot sailing vessel had two masts and a square stem. It sank in a gale in September 1856 and is remarkably preserved. It sits upright in 90 feet of water and is among the few shipwrecks in the Great Lakes to sport a figurehead. Divers will find a kedge anchor, pin rail, wheel and tiller.

Recently, a team of divers discovered an unusual rock formation just a few hundred yards east of Mackinac Island. The formation resembles an underwater maze and is called the "Rock Maze." It offers excellent photography opportunities as well as a chance to see large schools of fish and protection from westerly winds. This site is buoyed but boaters should be cautious about entering the area because of rock formations nearby.

Another site that is quickly gaining popularity is the C.H. Johnson, which can be reached from shore off Gros Cap Road west of St. Ignace. The C.H. Johnson, was a schooner that ran aground in a storm in 1895. It was carrying large sandstone blocks, which are found on the wreck site. Divers enjoy this site because it is protected from most storms and many small artifacts, such as tools, can be found. Large fish generally hide between and under large stone blocks. The C.H. Johnson is in 10 to 15 feet of water and makes an interesting dive for divers of all skill levels.

Other popular dive sites include the wrecks of the William H. Barnum, in 65 feet of water and a wooden barge in 45 feet of water. These sites, and many other wrecks in this area, are served by dive charter services in the area.

Visibility in this preserve ranges from 2 to 20 feet, depending upon currents that are sometimes found here. Generally, however, visibility is greater than 10 feet and divers are able to enjoy one of the finest shipwreck collections in the world comfortably.

Boaters also enjoy the underwater preserve because shipwreck mooring buoys have information attached to them about the shipwreck below. This makes an exciting "water trail" where boaters can learn about our maritime heritage.

Inventory of Trail Organizations Serving Cheboygan County

Michigan DNR – The DNR owns the rail trails and much of the land that the various trails run through. They also play a role in the management of the water resources that make up the blueways. They own almost all of the trails and recreational land in the county. They set the rules for trail use, access rights, and signage. They have a trail plan called the SCORP (State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan) which outlines the DNR's goals and objectives for outdoor recreation on their land.

The DNR's SCORP outlines the supply and demand for outdoor recreation and provides an implementation plan for trails. They state that they are in partnership with the Michigan DOT and many other partners to develop a specific trails plan call "Michigan Trails at the Crossroads: A Vision for Connecting Michigan". The SCORP executive summary states that the plans "tout the economic, health, recreational, and transportation benefits of trail systems and the need for connectivity among existing trail segments and entities".

In May of 2013, the DNR published the "Michigan Comprehensive Trails Plan". This is a 5-year plan as required by PA 45 of 2010 and was completed with the guidance of various trail user groups and the Michigan Snowmobile and Trails Advisory Council (MSTAC). The plan encourages positioning Michigan as the Trails State and recognizing the many miles of trails.

Top of Michigan Trails Council (TOMTC) – The TOMTC is a regional (eight counties including Cheboygan) non-profit trails advocacy organization. The organization has a board of 14 members and a full time executive director. They facilitate trail development, organize events, and coordinate local volunteers in support of trail development and maintenance. There is a system of volunteers who are called trail captains who assist with trail maintenance along the North Central State Trail in Cheboygan County.

Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance – Statewide organization that "fosters and facilitates the creation of an interconnected statewide system of trails and greenways for environmental/cultural preservation purposes." They sponsor the Michigander bike tour that often comes through our county. They have a "trailsfinder" function on their website, www.michigantrails.org.

Top of Michigan Mountain Biking Association (TOMMBA) – This non-profit serves mountain biking trails in the region including Cheboygan County. They work to maintain existing trails such as the High Country Pathway, work to create new and sustainable mountain bike trails, as well as build broad support and enjoyment of the sport of mountain biking for all ages.

Burt Lake Trail Committee – This is a committee of the township of Burt in Cheboygan County with the purpose of creating more trails in their township which would also serve as an east/west non-motorized link between the North Central State Trail to the east and the Petoskey to Mackinaw DNR-owned trail to the west.

City, Village, and Township Recreation Committees - There are some townships which have set up their own recreation committees and manage their own parks. Some have recreation plans approved by the DNR and are, therefore, capable of applying for and receiving grants from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF).

Burt Lake Yacht Club – This is a sailing club that organizes races and promotes sailing as a sport.

Cheboygan Yacht Club – This is a member-based organization that encourages the sport of boating and science of seamanship. Events include boating along the water trail that is the Inland Waterway.

Thunder Bay Trails Association - The mission of the Thunder Bay Trails Association is to promote and protect non-motorized trail systems in Alpena County and adjoining areas and reflect their recreational significance for the enjoyment, education and adventure to area citizens. They handle trail grooming efforts through a partnership with the DNR for trails in the Black Mountain area.

Sporting goods retailers – There are businesses in the county which sell ATV's, boats, motorcycles, and other sporting goods. At this time there is a lack of dedicated shops within the county for people interested in the silent sports such as biking, cross-country skiing, and kayaking/canoeing.

Mud Brothers of the North ATV Club – This non-profit club serves the ATV/UTV community to advance the general welfare and safety of ATV/UTV recreation. They host charity rides and promote community among owners of all-terrain vehicles and to gain access to trails.

Great Lakes ORV Club (GLORV) – There is a group of ORV users in Cheboygan and Emmet Counties that meet periodically to organize events and discuss ORV trail issues.

Pigeon River Country Advisory Council - The Advisory Council is advisory and supportive. Its responsibility is to consider plans, programs and activities proposed or conducted within or affecting the Pigeon River Country, and to advise the Director of the Department of Natural Resources by written report of their views in regard to these matters. One of their primary roles is to develop public support and local cooperation for programs adopted for this unit.

Cheboygan County Waterways Commission – This commission of the county oversees the county's marina in the City of Cheboygan.

Cheboygan County Marina – located in the City of Cheboygan, this facility has full time staff in the boating season and provides docking and boat launch facilities to boaters on the Great Lakes and the Cheboygan River.

Mackinaw City Marina – located in Mackinaw City, the village operates a marina that provides docking and boat launch facilities to boaters on the Great Lakes.

DNR boating facilities – The DNR operates many boat launch facilities and a marina in Mackinaw City.

Indian River Snowmobile Grooming Club – This group organizes the grooming of the snowmobile trails in Cheboygan County.

Top of Michigan Outboard Racers Club (TOMORC) – This group organizes an annual race of small outboard motorboats through the inland waterway.

Indian River Striders – This group organizes running races around Indian River and along the North Central State Trail.

Municipalities with Recreation Plans
The DNR provides grant funding for recreation projects and a prerequisite is that the entity applying for the grant has a DNR-approved recreation plan. The following entities within the county have such recreation plans, in addition to the County and those townships which are partners in this Recreation Plan:

- Burt Township
- Cheboygan, City of
- Inverness Township
- Mackinaw City
- Mullett Township
- Tuscarora Township

Recreational Opportunities Outside of Cheboygan County

The counties which are adjacent to Cheboygan County are Emmet, Otsego and Presque Isle. In many respects these three counties have very similar recreational opportunities as Cheboygan County; a large amount of public lands for hunting and fishing, public water access for boating, fishing, swimming, etc., and various public parks, campgrounds, playgrounds, ball fields, etc. The types of public recreational facilities that these counties have which are not available in Cheboygan County are as follows:

Indoor Swimming Pool, Harbor Springs
Sportsplex, Gaylord (indoor swimming pool and hockey rink)
Downhill Skiing (various ski resorts in both Emmet and Otsego Counties)

Although these facilities are frequently used by residents of Cheboygan County, the driving distance is quite far, especially for those living in the eastern and northern portions of the county.

The following is an inventory of Recreational Assets within Cheboygan County:

PARKS
Aloha State Park
Black Mountain Forest Rec Area
Boy Scout Camp Picnic Are
Burt Lake State Park
Cheboygan State Park
Historic Mill Creek State Park
Mullet Township Park
Munro Township Picnic Grounds
Nine Mile Point State Roadside Park (US23)
"Point Nipigon" State Roadside Park (US23)
Topinabee Beach Park
Topinabee Park
Village of Wolverine Park
Gordon Turner Park, Straits of Mackinac, Cheboygan
Washington Park, Main St. and Cheboygan River, Cheboygan
Kiwanis Park Playground, Mackinaw Ave., Cheboygan
Veterans Memorial Park, Court St., Cheboygan
Major City Park, Cleveland Ave., Cheboygan
James Felix Merchant Neighborhood Park, Eastern Ave., Cheboygan
Indian Pathways Park, Mackinaw City
Alexander Henry Waterfront Park, Mackinaw City
Sinclair Park, Mackinaw City
Depeyster Park, Mackinaw City
Scherf Park, Mackinaw City
Wawatam Park, Mackinaw City
Old School Park, Mackinaw City
Arnold Line Playground Park, Mackinaw City
Conkling Heritage Park, Mackinaw City
McRae Nature Park, Mackinaw City
Co-Operation Park, Indian River

CAMPGROUNDS
Aloha State Park
Black Lake State Forest Campground
Black Lake Trail Camp
Bluffs Resort
Burt Lake State Park Campground
Cheboygan State Park
Dunn's Fishing Camp
East Mullett Campground
Elkwood Campground
Gossards Pigeon Bay Campground
Haakwood State Forest Campground
Indian River RV Resort and Campground
Mackinaw City KOA Campground
Mackinaw Mill Creek
Mackinaw City Campground (Valot's)
Maple Bay State Forest Campground
Pine Grove State Forest Campground
Pigeon River Country Horse Camps
Roberts Landing
Stoney Creek Trail Camp
Sturgeon River Campground
Tee Pee Campground
Twin Lakes State Forest Campground(closed as of 2011)
UAW – Walter & May Reuther Family
Waterways Campground
Weber Lake State Forest Campground
Yogi Bears Jellystone Park Camp

BOAT ACCESS SITES

Black Lake
Black Lake State Forest Campground
Stewarts Beach & Co. Line Rd.

Black River
Neuman Rd.
Kuras Dr.
Klieber Rd., Black River at Klieber Pond

Burt Lake
Plymouth Beach Rd.
White Goose Rd.
Lawless Lane
Greenman's Point Rd.
Plymouth Beach Rd.
Shawnee Ave.
Wahbee Ave.
Ellinger Rd., King's Point
Maple Bay State Forest Campground
Roberts Rd.
Curve of Chippewa Beach Rd.
E. Fisher Rd.

King Rd.
Rotter Rd.
N. Hamilton Dr. & Resort Rd.
Hamilton Rd. & N. Hamilton Dr.
Woodmonsee Rd.
Hardwood Rd.
Mundt Rd.
Brutus Rd.
Needles Rd.
Hoppie's Launch

Cheboygan River
Paully Rd., Cheboygan/Black Rivers
McRae Rd., Cheboygan/Black Rivers
Cheboygan River, Cheboygan
Beebe Rd., S. Cheboygan River
S. Cheboygan River, Cheboygan
Cochran Lake Dr., Cochran Lake
Cornwall Lake Rd., Cornwall Lake
Oshmun Rd., Dog Lake

Douglas Lake
Near Ingleside Resort
N. Wilson Rd.
Bently Point Dr.
Ashton Bay Rd.
Young Rd.
Van Rd.
Douglas Lake Rd.
S. Pell's Island Dr.

Chippewa And Straits Hwy, Indian River
Klieber Pond
Shanty Rapids Rd.
Twin School Rd.
Klieber Rd.

Koepke and W. Lancaster Lake Rd., Lancaster Lake
Lake Land Rd., Long Lake

Mackinaw Area
Mackinaw City
Freedom Rd. & US23, Straits of Mackinac

Mullett Lake
Aloha State Park
Dorvia Beach Rd.
Bowersocks Camp
DNR Boat Access, N. of Boy Scout Camp
Coedy Trail
Mullett Lake Rd.
McDonald & Orchard Beach Rd.
Mullett Lake Woods Rd.
Cater and McDonads Rd.
Bayshore Dr.
Island Route Dr.
Mullett Lake Dr.
Beebe Rd. & Gower Ln.
Lakeside Dr. & Parrott Point Dr.
Devereaux Lake Rd. (Kayak, canoe only)
S. Gradview Beach & Pleasant Beach
Woodruff St.
M-27
Red Bridge Rd.
Silver Beach Rd.
Zolner Rd.
Taylor Rd.
Corbat Rd.
Birch Ridge Rd.
Brandau Rd., Munro Lake
Osmun Rd., Osmun Lake

Munro Lake
Brandau Rd.

Pigeon River
Hazard & Afton Rd.
Eddy Rd.
Big Sky Tr. & Skiera Rd.
Webb Rd.
Shady Trail
Campsite Rd.
Abrahamson Rd., Puncan Bay
Roberts Lake Rd., Roberts Lake
Stoney Creek Rd., Stoney Creek Flooding

Silver Lake
DNR Park Road
Friendly Road

Sturgeon River
White Rd.
S. Straits Hwy. & Hackwood Rd.
Scott Rd.
Fisher Woods Rd.

Tower Pond
Co-Op and E. Tower Rd.
Co-Op Rd. & Barkely Ave.
M33/M68

Twin Lake Forest Campground

Upper Black River
S. Black River Rd. & Dixon Hwy.
Clark Bridge Rd.

Weber Lake State Forest Campground

Wildwood Lake
Wurms Rd.
Island Dr.

PUBLIC FISHING ACCESS SITES
Brady & Waveland Rd., Stoney Creek
Onaway Dump Rd., Upper Black River
Black River Rd., Upper Black River
Wigglesworth Rd., Upper Black River
Section 36, Upper Black River
Fisherman's Landing, South St. and Lincoln Ave., Cheboygan
Fishing and Observation Pier, Mackinaw City

MARINAS, HARBORS, FERRY SERVICE
Cheboygan City Marina
Cheboygan County Marina
Ferry to Bois Blanc Island, Cheboygan
Harbor, city of Cheboygan
Harbor, Mackinaw City
DNR Marina, Mackinaw City
Johnson Marine, Main St., Cheboygan
Walstrom Marine, State St., Cheboygan
Duncan Bay Boat Club, Harrison Ave., Cheboygan

WILDLIFE FLOODING AREAS
Cornwall Lake State Wildlife Flooding
Dingman Marsh State Wildlife Flooding
Dog Lake State Wildlife Flooding
Stoney Creek State Wildlife Flooding

TRAILHEADS
Black Mountain Pathway Trailhead, Doriva Beach Rd.
Black Mountain Pathway Trailhead, Black Mountain Rd.
Bummer's Roost Motorcycle Trailhead
Lost Tamarack Trailhead, Weber Lake State Forest Campground
Indian Waterway Trailhead
Tomahawk Motorcycle Trailhead, Wilson Rd.
Wildwood Hills Pathway Trailhead
Health Path & Exercise Trail, Major City Park, Cheboygan

SCHOOLS
Bishop Baraga Elementary
Black River Elementary
Cheboygan High School
Inland Lakes Schools
Inverness Elementary School
Junior High School, Cheboygan
Smith School
West Side Elementary School
Wolverine Elementary School
Wolverine High School

BALL FIELDS AND COURTS
Soccer Fields, Gordon Turner Park, Cheboygan
Volleyball Court, Gordon Turner Park, Cheboygan
Shuffleboard Courts, Washington Park, Cheboygan
Softball Fields, Major City Park, Cheboygan
Outdoor Basketball Courts, Major City Park, Cheboygan
Softball Fields, Mackinaw City Recreation Complex
Tennis Courts, Mackinaw City Recreation Complex
Basketball Court, Mackinaw City Recreation Complex
Softball Fields, village of Wolverine
Softball & Soccer Fields, Basketball & Tennis Courts, Co-Operation Park, Indian River
Softball Fields, Afton
Softball Fields, Topinabee
Tennis Courts, Topinabee

ICE RINKS
Indoor Ice Rink in Major City Park, Cheboygan
Indoor Ice Rink, Mackinaw City Recreation Complex
Outdoor Ice Rink & Warming House, Cooperation Park, Indian River
Village of Wolverine

OTHER
Bowling Alley "Spare Time Lanes", Cheboygan
Straits of Mackinac Bottomland Preserve
Cheboygan Golf and Country Club
Cheboygan County Fairgrounds, Lincoln Ave., Cheboygan
Cheboygan Opera House, Cheboygan
US Coast Guard Base, Coast Guard Dr., Cheboygan
Cheboygan Dam and Locks, Lincoln Ave., Cheboygan
Indoor Racket Ball Court, Cheboygan
Cheboygan Youth Center, Cheboygan
Cheboygan Public Library

Chapter 7 Budgets

The following tables show the budgets for the County and each participating township. Recreation related line items are included for those entities where they exist.

Cheboygan County

2015	
	Projected Expenditures
Recreation-related items	
Fairgrounds	$218,982
Fairgrounds/events	$36,581
Marina	$562,800
Veteran's Park	$10,900
General Fund Budget	$11,629,504

Aloha Township

2015	
	Projected Expenditures
Recreation/Parks Dept.	$2,000
Rails to Trails	$1,000
General Fund Budget	$192,894

Beaugrand Township

2015	
	Projected Expenditures
Parks & Recreation Dept.	NA
General Fund Budget	$154,030

Benton Township

2015	
	Projected Expenditures
Parks and Recreation Department	
Township Custodian #2	$2,000
Supplies Park	$1,000
Utilities Park	$1,000
Repairs	$1,500
Twp Grounds Project Cost	$1,000
Capital Outlay	$50,000
TOTAL Rec Dept. Appr.	$56,500
TOTAL Budget Appropriations	$702,236

Grant Township

2015	
	Projected Expenditures
Recreation/Parks Dept.	NA
General Fund Budget	$255,507

Inverness Township

2015	
	Projected Expenditures
Parks & Recreation Dept.	
Salaries	$0
Supplies	$1,000
Repairs & Maintenance	$3,000
Insurance	$1,000
Bldgs, Additions	$5,000
SUBTOTAL Parks/Rec Dept.	$10,000
General Fund Budget	$938,800

Mackinaw Township

2015	
	Projected Expenditures
Recreation/Parks Dept.	$2,000
General Fund Budget	$164,875

Chapter 8 Grant History for Cheboygan County

The table on the following pages lists the MNRTF grant history for all entities within Cheboygan County since the inception of the program.

Project Title	Grantee	Location	TF #	Project Type	Grant Amount	Description	Application Year
Colonial Point Forest	University Of Michigan	Burt Township	TF1036	Acquisition	$435,000	Acquisition of 283 acres on Douglas Lake.	1981
Storey Lake Tract	DNR - Forest Resources Division	Wilmot Township	TF474	Acquisition	$900,000	To acquire land on Storey Lake.	1981
Black River Ranch-Ph.II	DNR - Forest Resources Division		TF476	Acquisition	$1,000,000	Second phase to acquire the 8,760 acre Black River Ranch, with 5.8 miles on the Black River mainstream, 4.8 miles on the East Branch of the Black River, and 5,000 feet of Stewart Creek.	1981
Pigeon River Country State Forest	DNR - Forest Resources Division		TF546	Acquisition	$500,000	To acquire an 800 acre tract of upland aspen forest and lowland conifer swamp in the Pigeon River Country State Forest.	1982
Pigeon River Country State Forest-Small Inholdings	DNR - Forest Resources Division		TF547	Acquisition	$100,000	To acquire inholdings in the Pigeon River State Forest. Acquired 240 acres.	1982
Pigeon River Country State Forest - Small Inholdings	DNR - Forest Resources Division		TF679	Acquisition	$100,000	To acquire small inholdings as available within the dedicated boundaries of the Pigeon River State Forest.	1983
Black Mountain Recreation	DNR - Forest Resources Division		TF894	Acquisition	$85,000	Acquisition of 125 acres of Black Mountain, a series of high, steep hills on the	1984

Project Title	Grantee	Location	TF #	Project Type	Grant Amount	Description	Application Year
Area						northeast side of Black Lake.	
Pigeon River State Forest Small Inholdings	DNR - Forest Resources Division		TF895	Acquisition	$200,000	To acquire small inholdings as available within the dedicated boundaries of the Pigeon River Country State Forest.	1984
DeVoe Park Burt Lake	Tuscarora Township	Tuscarora Township	TF1033	Acquisition	$135,000	To purchase 1.3 acres of land at the mouth of the Indian River with 120 feet of frontage and 480 feet of frontage along the shore of Burt Lake.	1985
Reese's Swamp-Burt Lake	Burt Township	Burt Township	TF1037	Acquisition	$100,000	To purchase a portion of a 256 acre parcel with 3,300 feet on shorline on Burt Lake, which drops back to a cedar swamp wetlands.	1985
Major City Park Expansion	City of Cheboygan		TF86-130	Acquisition	$45,000	To acquire approximately six acres of hilly vacant land of the east bank of the Cheboygan River containing 1,000 feet of river frontage, adjacent to the existing Major City Park.	1986
Mackinaw City Pier	Village of Mackinaw City	Mackinaw City	TF88-181	Development	$257,700	To construction an 800-ft. fishing and observation pier through renovation of existing pier.	1988

Project Title	Grantee	Location	TF #	Project Type	Grant Amount	Description	Application Year
Black Mountain Forest Recreation	DNR - Forest Resources Division		TF90-109	Development	$142,000	Construction of trails, parking, signage, scramble area, and erosion control.	1990
Gordon Turner Park Restroom	City of Cheboygan	City of Cheboygan	TF95-118	Development	$45,800	Construction of restroom facilities at Gordon Turner Park.	1995
Cheboygan-Gaylord Trail Corridor - Phase I	DNR - Forest Resources Division		TF97-184	Acquisition	$1,000,000	To assist in the acquisition of the first phase of the Cheboygan-Gaylord Trail Corridor, a 47-mile inactive railroad corridor to be used as a multi-purpose trail. Acquisition is expected to proceed from north to south. Acquisition is contingent on prior	1997
Cheboygan-Gaylord Trail-Phase II	DNR - Forest Resources Division		TF98-191	Acquisition	$1,500,000	Acquire in fee simple the second segment of 47-mile inactive railroad corridor for trail use and Mullett Lake access. 540 total acres acquired for phased project.	1998
Polish Line Beach Expansion Project	Inverness Township	Inverness Township	TF98-255	Acquisition	$75,000	Acquisition in fee simple terms of less than one acre with 42 feet of frontage on Mullett Lake in order to expand the public access to the existing beach and picnic area.	1998

Project Title	Grantee	Location	TF #	Project Type	Grant Amount	Description	Application Year
Cheboygan-Gaylord Trail: Phase III	DNR - Forest Resources Division	Mullet Township	TF98-303	Acquisition	$1,275,000	Acquire in fee simple terms of the third segment of 45-mile inactive railroad corridor for trail use and Mullett Lake access. 540 total acres acquired for phased project.	1998
Major City Park Riverfront Improvement	City of Cheboygan	City of Cheboygan	TF99-055	Development	$266,200	Construction of a boat launch/fishing platform and parking to provide access to the Cheboygan River.	1999
Cheboygan-Gaylord Trail - Phase 5	DNR - Forest Resources Division	Mullet Township	TF99-287	Acquisition	$1,275,000	Acquire in fee simple the fifth segment of 45-mile inactive railroad corridor for trail use and Mullett Lake access. 540 total acres acquired for phased project.	1999
Cheboygan-Gaylord Trail-Phase 6	DNR - Forest Resources Division		TF99-442	Acquisition	$1,250,000	Acquire in fee simple last of six segments of a 45-mile inactive railroad corridor for trail use and Mullett Lake access. 540 total acres acquired for phased project.	1999
Tuscarora Township Park Acquisition	Tuscarora Township	Tuscarora Township	TF00-040	Acquisition	$1,184,000	Acquisition in fee simple of five acres with approximately 1,200 feet of frontage on Indian and Little Sturgeon Rivers for a community park with access to the Inland Waterway and Gaylord-CheboyganTrail.	2000

Project Title	Grantee	Location	TF #	Project Type	Grant Amount	Description	Application Year
Major City Park Riverfront Improvements	City of Cheboygan	City of Cheboygan	TF02-002	Development	$317,900	Project will provide improvements to Cheboygan Major City Park, including barrier-free fishing and viewing piers, walkways, lighting and shoreline stabilization.	2002
Wolverine Lumberman's Memorial Park Development	Village of Wolverine	Wolverine	TF02-052	Development	$15,000	To develop Lumbermens Memorial Park located on the Sturgeon River in the Village of Wolverine with pathway, picnic areas, parking, restrooms and play area.	2002
Lee Grande Ranch Conservation Easement - Phase I	DNR - Forest Resources Division	Koehler Township	TF04-133	Acquisition	$2,750,000	First of two phases to acquire a conservation easement (including public access) on approximately 2,560 acres of land that is almost entirely surrounded by state forest land. Property contains excellent wildlife habitat and hunting opportunities.	2004
Old Mackinac Point Light Station Improvements	DNR - Mackinac Island State Park Commission	Mackinaw City	TF05-111	Development	$189,000	Development of parking, signage, lighting, and park amenities at Old Mackinac Point Light Station along Lake Huron at Michilimackinac State Park.	2005

Project Title	Grantee	Location	TF #	Project Type	Grant Amount	Description	Application Year
Lee Grande Ranch Conservation Easement	DNR - Forest Resources Division	Koehler Township	TF05-141	Acquisition	$2,750,000	Acquisition of a conservation easement including public access on 2,560 acres of land that is almost entirely surrounded by state forest land. Phase 2 of a two-phase project at $2.75 million, requesting a total of $5.5 million. Purchased in fee simple.	2005
Hackett Lake Acquisition (formerly Conservation Easement)	DNR - Forest Resources Division	Nunda Township	TF06-135	Acquisition	$2,600,000	Acquisition of a 640-acre parcel within the Pigeon River Country State Forest dedicated boundary containing Hackett Lake and various creeks for hunting, fishing, boating, and other outdoor recreational opportunities.	2006
Pigeon River Country Acquisition Initiative	DNR - Forest Resources Division	Forest Township	TF08-153	Acquisition	$1,000,000	Acquisition of various properties within the Pigeon River Country State Forest, as well as parcels that provide a habitat buffer to the State Forest.	2008
Indian River Pathway Development	Tuscarora Township	Tuscarora Township	TF09-072	Development	$393,400	Development to include a one- half mile, non-motorized pathway connecting the Gaylord- Cheboygan Trail to the Burt Lake State Park	2009

Project Title	Grantee	Location	TF #	Project Type	Grant Amount	Description	Application Year
						entrance and a pedestrian crossing and outlook over the Sturgeon River.	
Little Pigeon River Property Acquisition	DNR - Forest Resources Division	Nunda Township	TF09-137	Acquisition	$1,800,000	Acquisition of fee simple interest in approximately 1,060 acres of land adjacent to Pigeon River Country, including over 6,600 feet of Little Pigeon River.	2009
Conkling Heritage Park Improvements	Village of Mackinaw City	Mackinaw City	TF10-046	Development	$74,900	Development to include restroom facility.	2010
Burt Lake Non-Motorized Trail Development	Burt Township	Burt Township	TF10-047	Development	$398,500	Development includes 2.9 miles of 10' wide separated non-motorized aggregate trail along W. Burt Lake Road from Maple Bay Campground to N. Raver Road.	2010
Veterans Pier Development	Tuscarora Township	Tuscarora Township	TF10-063	Development	$384,900	Development to include construction of a universally accessible fishing pier at DeVoe Beach Park.	2010
Pigeon River Property Acquisition	DNRE - Forest Management Division	Ellis Township	TF10-123	Acquisition	$1,000,000	Acquisition of 480 acres located adjacent to the Pigeon River Country State Forest.	2010
Topinabee Lakeside Park Improvements	Mullett Township	Mullet Township	TF11-002	Development	$280,000	Development to include site preparation, observation plaza, signage and furniture, plantings, fencing,	2011

Project Title	Grantee	Location	TF #	Project Type	Grant Amount	Description	Application Year
						well/drinking fountain, retaining wall, ADA fishing/viewing deck and ADA play apparatus.	
Marina Park Trailhead Development	Tuscarora Township	Tuscarora Township	TF11-084	Development	$250,900	Development of trailhead for North Central State Trail: parking, trail gateway, landscaping, lighting, benches, trash receptacles, bike rack and upgrading bathrooms for accessibility.	2011
Gary R. Williams Park Extension	Village of Mackinaw City	Mackinaw City	TF12-022	Acquisition	$241,200	Acquisition of .19 acres of Lake Huron waterfront property to extend the Gary R. Williams Park.	2012
Cheboygan State Park	DNR - Parks & Rec. Div.	City of Cheboygan	TF13-133	Acquisition	$40,000	Acquisition of property within Cheboygan State Park.	2013
Lumberman Park Dev.	Village of Wolverine	Village of Wolverine		Development	289,500	Improvements to Lumberman Park and Trailhead	2014
Cheboygan Total				**$26,645,900**			

Chapter 9 Description of the Public Input Process

Cheboygan County undertook an extensive planning process from 2012 through 2014 to write an all-new County Master Plan. The County conducts planning and zoning activities for 18 of the 19 townships in the county. Therefore, public input was sought for this process in all of the townships. The background information for Cheboygan County as well as public input contributed to the basic layout and content of this plan.

In addition, a number of public meetings were held to focus specifically on Recreation Planning. The County's Planning Commission with help of the County Community Development staff coordinated this effort. There were two primary methods used to gather public input. The first of which was a community workshop that included township leaders from the 9 townships as well as Planning Commissioners, members of the public, recreational trail user groups, as well as representatives of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. This meeting was held on September 23rd, 2013, to review the initial draft of the County's Recreation Goals and Objectives as drafted by the County Planning Commission and staff.

Input received emphasized a desire to lower the barriers that keep more people from using public recreational resources. Clearly, the people of Cheboygan County would like to see more information sharing so that people simply knew about the resources. It is apparent that there is a lack of awareness to the location of recreational resources, the laws which govern these resources, and the benefits of these resources.

The public notice for this first meeting was shared with a county trails forum (motorized and non-motorized), the county's Economic Development Corporation , Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners, local paper, on the county's website, local chambers, and township leaders throughout the county. The notice was as follows:

CHEBOYGAN COUNTY
PUBLIC NOTICE
PUBLIC INPUT NEEDED ON
RE-WRITING OF THE COUNTY RECREATION PLAN

The Cheboygan County Recreation Plan is being rewritten and residents are asked to help do their part in rewriting the county Recreation Plan. The public is invited to the Cheboygan County Recreation Plan Input Session, a meeting to hear new ideas as well as reactions to draft goals and objectives as well as action plans for the county.

The meeting will be held at the Cheboygan County Building, Commissioners Room, at 7:00 PM, Monday, September 23rd, 870 S. Main Street in Cheboygan. Draft goals and objectives will be presented at the meeting.

Although it is not required, please RSVP your attendance so that enough chairs can be arranged. RSVP to Steve Schnell, Cheboygan County Community Development Director, at steve@cheboygancounty.net or by calling 231-627-8489.

The following is a brief summary of comments received at the first public input session:

On the evening of Monday, September 23rd, a public input meeting was held to gather information about residents' recreation interests and desires as well as get feedback on the draft goals and objectives. Time was also spent providing information on the purpose of a recreation plan and how recreation activities impact our economy and our health.

There were 21 people in attendance including township leaders, a county planning commissioner, residents, business owners, DNR employees, and a couple people from neighboring Presque Isle County. Participants were asked some questions to get ideas on how people in Cheboygan County enjoy the recreational assets that are in the County. The questions were also designed to find out more about what people want to improve upon and see more of in the County.

Comments received

What is your favorite recreation in Cheboygan County?

- *The wide variety of recreational opportunities*
- *Camping*
- *Hunting*
- *Fishing*
- *Animal/wildlife observation*
- *Family fun, both motorized and non-motorized*
- *More fishing with the family*
- *ORV riding*
- *Township parks*
- *Inland water route*
- *Hiking, biking, cross country skiing*
- *Water sports*
- *Snowmobiling*
- *Star gazing/dark sky*
- *Walking*
- *Outdoor sports (tennis, baseball, soccer)*
- *Fishing*
- *Hunting*
- *Equestrian*
- *Swimming*
- *Parks/camping*
- *Geo-caching*

What recreation facilities in Cheboygan County do you value the most?

- *Township parks*
- *Inland water route*
- *Ice rinks, both indoor and outdoor*
- *Paved/asphalt trails*
- *Road end parks/water access*
- *Black Mountain Trails*
- *Camping/Parks (state parks and state forest)*
- *Rivers*
- *Boating access sites*
- *State forest & natural features i.e. views wildlife, berries, mushrooms, artists*
- *Value the variety*
- *Water and public access*
- *ORV/ATV access on public roads*
- *Boating facilities, esp. overnight*
- *More Snowmobiling trails are desired*

What would you like to be able to do for recreation in Cheboygan County that you can't do right now?

- *Community activity center (not schools)*
- *Communication/publicity of events & programs*
- *Consistent grooming of cross country ski trails*
- *More public access to lakes and rivers*
- *More ATV/ORV access to public land*
- *More camping opportunities (more locations)*
- *Motorcycle track is desired*
- *Restrooms on trails, better maps to facilities*
- *Playgrounds & fields (with fences for children)*
- *Fewer restrictions on legitimate use of public land*

- *Less complicated rules/laws regarding use of state land (laws are so complex they discourage use of the natural resources)*
- *Recreation grant writing assistance is needed. Emily Meyerson, a DNR contract worker and independent consultant, was in attendance and offered assistance.*
- *Coordination of grant applications*
- *More overnight boating opportunities needed*

Misc.

- *West Ostrander Road should be added to the list of boat access sites for the Pigeon River.*
- *A couple of updates to Koehler Township's Capital Improvement list were made.*

The next phase of the planning process involved drafting a version of the Recreation Plan. This was presented to township leaders on March 3rd, 2014, for review. No changes were suggested and it was prepared for final release to the public.

Additional public meetings were held in October and November of 2014 to update the Cheboygan County portion of the soon-to-expire regional non-motorized transportation plan. This plan update identified preferred east-west connector routes between the existing rail-trails, which run mostly north-south.

Stakeholder Involvement

This plan involved stakeholders throughout Cheboygan County as well as specific townships which participated as partners. Those townships would eventually use this plan to support their individual recreation goals and objectives. The County's efforts were conducted by the Community Development staff with input from the County's Planning Commission. The Planning Commission was conducting a concurrent Master Planning process, which finished in early 2014. Information about recreation goals and objectives were incorporated into this process also.

Many members of the public were invited and participated in the Recreation Planning process over many months. The first public meetings on the topic occurred in early 2013. Later in 2013 a draft of the recreation plan goals and objectives were reviewed by stakeholders. Early in 2014 some additional work was done to update the inventory of trails, parks, rivers, and streams. This was completed in September of 2014. The draft plan was updated during 2015 with new information for the participating townships and County Marina.

2013

March 25th – An introductory meeting was held with the partner townships and the County's Planning Commission to outline the recreation planning process and the roles of each partner. It was explained that the planning process would be led by the County's Community Development staff. The township officials would help by supplying supporting documents and assisting with the marketing to gain participation in the public input processes.

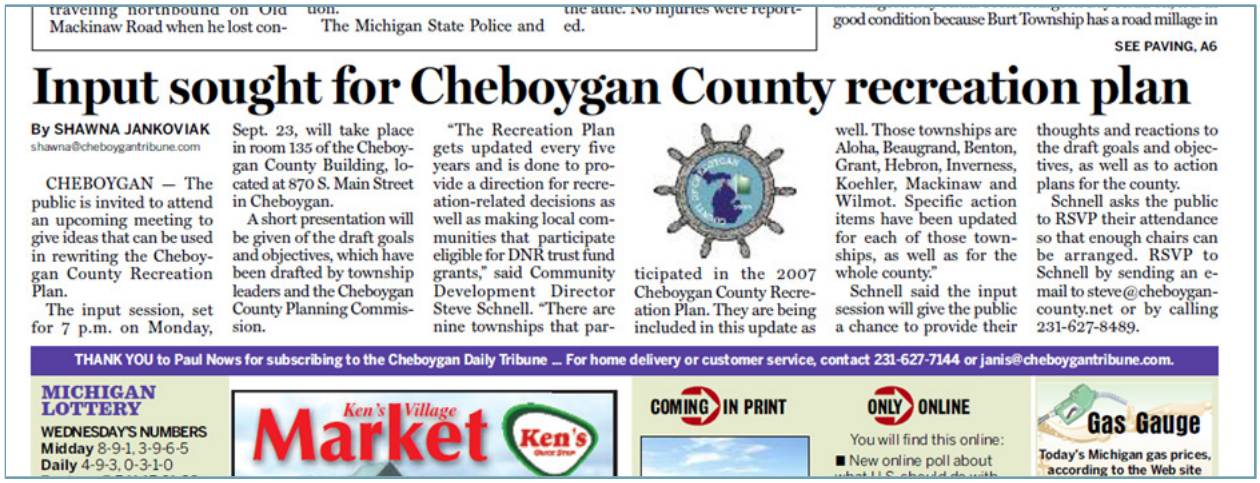
April 3rd – The County Planning Commission held discussion of the recreation planning process and their Master Planning process. The previous goals and objectives and adopted plan were reviewed. The Planning Commission provided comments which were incorporated into draft goals and objectives and action plan for the County.

April 17th – The County Planning Commission reviewed recreation projects as part of the annual Capital Improvement Program planning.

May-August – Townships gathered information at their respective township board meetings to refine the list of projects and action items. At the County level the Community Development staff, with input from the County's GIS department, DNR, NEMCOG, and other stakeholders, updated the recreation asset list and maps.

September 23rd – A public input session was held to gather information from stakeholders. Stakeholders from trail user groups were sought out. The marina staff and county fair stakeholders were invited. Also, the township officials, local residents, and representatives from partner agencies (DNR, NEMCOG, etc.) were invited to participate. Many attendees were older residents and township officials. Partner agency representatives also attended. Public notices as well as an article in the local newspaper preceded the public input gathering session.

The following is a copy of the article in the local paper:



traveling northbound on Old Mackinaw Road when he lost con-

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The Michigan State Police and

the attic. No injuries were report-ed.

good condition because Burt Township has a road millage in

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Input sought for Cheboygan County recreation plan

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CHEBOYGAN — The public is invited to attend an upcoming meeting to give ideas that can be used in rewriting the Cheboygan County Recreation Plan.

The input session, set for 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 23, will take place in room 135 of the Cheboygan County Building, located at 870 S. Main Street in Cheboygan.

A short presentation will be given of the draft goals and objectives, which have been drafted by township leaders and the Cheboygan County Planning Commission.

"The Recreation Plan gets updated every five years and is done to provide a direction for recreation-related decisions as well as making local communities that participate eligible for DNR trust fund grants," said Community Development Director Steve Schnell. "There are nine townships that participated in the 2007 Cheboygan County Recreation Plan. They are being included in this update as well. Those townships are Aloha, Beaugrand, Benton, Grant, Hebron, Inverness, Koehler, Mackinaw and Wilmot. Specific action items have been updated for each of those townships, as well as for the whole county."

Schnell said the input session will give the public a chance to provide their thoughts and reactions to the draft goals and objectives, as well as to action plans for the county.

Schnell asks the public to RSVP their attendance so that enough chairs can be arranged. RSVP to Schnell by sending an e-mail to steve@cheboygan-county.net or by calling 231-627-8489.

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Midday 8-9-1, 3-9-6-5
Daily 4-9-3, 0-3-1-0

Ken's Village Market

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Gas Gauge
Today's Michigan gas prices, according to the Web site

The following is a memo summarizing the input received at the meeting:

MEMO

Date: ***November 5, 2013***
To: ***Planning Commissioners, Township Recreation Planning Partners***
From: ***Steve Schnell***
Re: ***Results of public input meeting (Sept. 23rd)***

Following the latest public input meeting in late September, staff has been proceeding with a draft of the County Recreation Plan. We've taken into account the input received and will be contacting various recreation entities for more information as needed. Near the end of November a draft will be available for more input.

Summary of 9/23/13 Public Input Session
On the evening of Monday, September 23rd, a public input meeting was held to gather information about residents' recreation interests and desires as well as get feedback on the draft goals and objectives. Time was also spent providing information on the purpose of a recreation plan and how recreation activities impact our economy and our health.

There were 21 people in attendance including township leaders, a county planning commissioner, residents, business owners, DNR employees, and a couple people from neighboring Presque Isle County. Participants were asked some questions to get ideas on how people in Cheboygan County enjoy the recreational assets that are in the

County. The questions were also designed to find out more about what people want to improve upon and see more of in the County.

The following were responses received to the various questions:

What is your favorite recreation in Cheboygan County?

- *The wide variety of recreational opportunities*
- *Camping*
- *Hunting*
- *Fishing*
- *Animal/wildlife observation*
- *Family fun, both motorized and non-motorized*
- *Fishing with the family*
- *ORV riding*
- *Township parks*
- *Inland water route*
- *Hiking, biking, cross country skiing*
- *Water sports*
- *Snowmobiling*
- *Star gazing/dark sky*
- *Walking*
- *Outdoor sports (tennis, baseball, soccer)*
- *Fishing*
- *Hunting*
- *Equestrian*
- *Swimming*
- *Parks/camping*
- *Geo-caching*

What recreation facilities in Cheboygan County do you value the most?

- *Township parks*
- *Inland water route*
- *Ice rinks, both indoor and outdoor*
- *Paved/asphalt trails*
- *Road end parks/water access*
- *Black Mountain Trails*
- *Camping/Parks (state parks and state forest)*
- *Rivers*
- *Boating access sites*
- *State forest & natural features i.e. views wildlife, berries, mushrooms, artists*
- *Value the variety*
- *Water and public access*
- *ORV/ATV access on public roads*
- *Boating facilities, esp. overnight*
- *More Snowmobiling trails are desired*

What would you like to be able to do for recreation in Cheboygan County that you can't do right now?

- *Community activity center (not schools)*
- *Communication/publicity of events & programs*
- *Consistent grooming of cross country ski trails*

- *More public access to lakes and rivers*
- *More ATV/ORV access to public land*
- *More camping opportunities (more locations)*
- *Motorcycle track is desired*
- *Restrooms on trails, better maps to facilities*
- *Playgrounds & fields (with fences for children)*
- *Fewer restrictions on legitimate use of public land*
- *Less complicated rules/laws regarding use of state land (laws are so complex they discourage use of the natural resources)*
- *Recreation grant writing assistance is needed. Emily Meyerson, a DNR contract worker and independent consultant, was in attendance and offered assistance.*
- *Coordination of grant applications*
- *More overnight boating opportunities needed*

Misc.

- *West Ostrander Road should be added to the list of boat access sites for the Pigeon River.*
- *A participant wanted to let people know about a couple of updates to Koehler Township's Capital Improvement list that have been made.*

2014

January 15th – The Planning Commission adopts the County's Master Plan which includes recreation elements.

February thru September – Staff works with Up North Trails project to compile trails inventory and roll out www.upnorthtrails.org to promote trail amenities in the region. Staff initiates update to regional non-motorized transportation plan.

November – Public meetings held to update the Cheboygan County portion of the non-motorized transportation plan. Preferred routes along existing county roads for non-motorized transportation were identified (see Figure 3.).

2015

January thru May – County Marina updates considered and plan updated.

August – Recreation Plan updated and township information updated.

October, November – Final public hearings held at County and Township levels

Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment and for the Public Meeting held after the One Month Public Review Period, Before Plan's Adoption

NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW

DRAFT CHEBOYGAN COUNTY RECREATION PLAN

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On October 7, 2015, the Cheboygan County Planning Commission reviewed the Draft Cheboygan County Recreation Plan. During the meeting it was indicated that the plan should be distributed to the public for public review for no less than 30 days. It is available at the County's website at www.cheboygancounty.net and at the Cheboygan Public Library, Mackinaw City Public Library, Indian River Public Library, and the Wolverine Public Library.

Comments on the plan may be directed in writing or via phone to the Community Development Director, Steve Schnell, at 231-627-8485 or via email at steve@cheboygancounty.net.

A Public Hearing will be held to listen to public input. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, November 18th, at 7:00 pm. The hearing will be held at a regular meeting of the Cheboygan County Planning Commission at the Cheboygan County Building, Commissioners Room, 870 South Main Street, Cheboygan, Michigan.

Copy of the Minutes from the Public Review Period, Public Hearing

Relevant excerpt from the November 18th, 2015 Planning Commission meeting minutes:

CHEBOYGAN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, November 18, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.
ROOM 135 – COMMISSIONER'S ROOM - CHEBOYGAN COUNTY BUILDING

PRESENT: Bartlett, Freese, Kavanaugh, Borowicz, Croft, Ostwald, Lyon, Churchill, Jazdzyk

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Scott McNeil

GUESTS: Eric Boyd, John F. Brown, Carl Muscott, Charles Maziasz, Tony Matelski, Chris Brown, John Moore, Russell Crawford, Cheryl Crawford

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Croft at 7:00pm.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ACTION ON REQUESTS

Cheboygan County Recreation Plan

Mr. Schnell noted that two public comments regarding recycling were received and are included in the Planning Commission's packet. Mr. Schnell stated the only changes to be made to the plan are those parts that are highlighted at the end. Mr. Schnell explained that this is where he will add in the resolution of support and the minutes of the meetings. Mr. Schnell stated that five of the six townships already have public hearings scheduled. Mr. Schnell stated that they will approve this on their own which they are required to do.

Mr. Freese stated he would not have any objections to having a paragraph included on the recycling. Mr. Kavanaugh stated he is not sure that it should be included in the Recreation Plan. Mr. Borowicz suggested including language recommending recycling opportunities be available to recreational facilities. Mr. Kavanaugh agreed with Mr. Borowicz's suggested language. Ms. Lyon suggested including language to encourage recycling as there are some townships that do not participate in recycling. Mr. Schnell asked if this means encouraging recycling bins within the parks of townships that are currently participating in the recycling program. Planning Commission members stated yes. Discussion was held.

Ms. Croft asked for public comments. There were no public comments. Public comment closed.

Motion by Mr. Freese, seconded by Mr. Kavanaugh, to recommend to the Cheboygan County Board Of Commissioners to approve Cheboygan County's Recreation Plan and the County's Goals, Objective and Action Plan with the understanding that the township specific information is the product of those respective townships. Motion carried unanimously.

Chapter 10 Plan Adoption Documentation

Cheboygan County Resolution of Adoption

County of Cheboygan

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RESOLUTION 16-02

CHEBOYGAN COUNTY RECREATION PLAN

For Cheboygan County, In partnership with Aloha, Beaugrand, Benton, Grant, Inverness, and Mackinaw Townships in the County of Cheboygan, Michigan

WHEREAS, the County of Cheboygan 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 2016 through 2021, and

WHEREAS, the County of Cheboygan has entered into this planning process in collaboration with the townships of Aloha, Beaugrand, Benton, Grant, Inverness, and Mackinaw, and

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

WHEREAS, the County of Cheboygan is of the understanding that the governing bodies of the aforementioned local units of government intend to pass a similar resolution of adoption of the Cheboygan County Recreation Plan, and

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

WHEREAS, residents of the County of Cheboygan were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on November 18th, 2015 at the Cheboygan County Building to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Cheboygan County Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the County of Cheboygan has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the County of Cheboygan, and

District 1 Chris Brown | District 2 Bruce Gauthier | District 3 Pete Redmond Chair | District 4 Cal Gouine | District 5 Tony Matelski | District 6 John B. Wallace | District 7 Sue Allor Vice-Chair

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the County of Cheboygan voted to adopt said Cheboygan County Recreation Plan,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the County of Cheboygan hereby adopts the Cheboygan County Recreation Plan.

YES: Seven (7)

NO: Zero (0)

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

CHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Pete Redmond, Chairperson

I, the undersigned, the Clerk of the County of Cheboygan, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting held on January 12, 2016 relative to adoption of the resolution therein set forth; that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be made available as required by said Act.

Dated: January 12, 2016

Mary Ellen Tryban
Mary Ellen Tryban, Clerk

Aloha Township Resolution of Adoption

ALOHA TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN
For Aloha Township
In partnership with County of Cheboygan, Beaugrand, Benton, Grant, Inverness, and Mackinaw Townships
in the County of Cheboygan, Michigan
Resolution **#15-0002**

WHEREAS, Aloha Township 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 2016 through 2021, and

WHEREAS, Aloha Township has entered into this planning process in collaboration with the County of Cheboygan and townships of, Beaugrand, Benton, Grant, Inverness, and Mackinaw, and

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

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

WHEREAS, residents of Aloha Township were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on December 14th, 2015 at the Aloha Township Hall to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Aloha Township Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, Aloha Township has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for Aloha Township, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, Aloha Township voted to adopt said Aloha Township Recreation Plan, that is included in the County of Cheboygan Recreation Plan,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Aloha Township hereby adopts the Aloha Township Recreation Plan, included in the County of Cheboygan Recreation Plan.

Motion made by Charles Veneros, supported by Steve Crusoe, to adopt the Aloha Township Recreation Plan, included in the County of Cheboygan recreation Plan.

YES: Charles Maziasz, Barb Hall, Steve Crusoe, Charles Veneros
NO: NONE
ABSENT: Scott Eno

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Aloha Township

By: _____
Charles Maziasz, Supervisor

I, the undersigned, the Clerk of Aloha Township, Cheboygan, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Aloha Township Board at its regular meeting held on December 14, 2015, relative to adoption of the resolution therein set forth; that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be made available as required by said Act.

Dated: 12-14-15

Barbara Hall
Barbara Hall, Clerk

Beaugrand Township Resolution of Adoption

BEAUGRAND TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN
For Cheboygan County
In partnership with Aloha, Benton, Grant, Inverness, and Mackinaw Townships
and the County of Cheboygan, Michigan

WHEREAS, the Township of Beaugrand, with Cheboygan County, 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 2016 through 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Beaugrand has entered into this planning process in collaboration with the townships of Aloha, Benton, Grant, Inverness, Mackinaw, and the County of Cheboygan and

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Beaugrand is of the understanding that the governing bodies of the aforementioned local units of government intend to pass a similar resolution of adoption of the their plans included in the Cheboygan County Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Beaugrand, with the County of Cheboygan, began the process of developing a community recreation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of the Township of Beaugrand were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 13th, 2016 at the Beaugrand Township Hall to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Beaugrand Township Recreation Plan, included in the Cheboygan County Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Beaugrand has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the Township of Beaugrand, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Township of Beaugrand Board of Trustees voted to adopt said Beaugrand Township Recreation Plan, included in the Cheboygan County Recreation Plan,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Township of Beaugrand Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Beaugrand Township Recreation Plan, included in the Cheboygan County Recreation Plan.

YES: John Wanke, Ed Barr, Marcia Rocleleau, Robin Westfall, Terri Sarrault

NO: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

BEAUGRAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

By: Marcia Rocheleau
Marcia Rocheleau, Supervisor

I, the undersigned, the Clerk of the Township of Beaugrand, Cheboygan, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Township of Beaugrand Board of Trustees at its regular meeting held on January 13, 2016 relative to adoption of the resolution therein set forth; that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be made available as required by said Act.

Dated: 1-13-2016

Terri Sarrault
Terri Sarrault, Beaugrand Township Clerk

Benton Township Resolution of Adoption

Grant Township Resolution of Adoption

Cheboygan County Recreational Plan
For Cheboygan County and Grant Township

WHEREAS, Grant Township 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 2016 through 20121, and

WHEREAS, Grant Township has entered into this planning process in collaboration with the townships of Aloha, Beaugrand, Benton, Inverness, Mackinaw and the County of Cheboygan, and

WHERAS, the combined area of the aforementioned local units of government constitutes the planning area, and

WHEREAS, Grant Township is of the understanding that the governing bodies of the aforementioned local units of government intend to pass a similar resolution of adoption of the Cheboygan County Recreational Plan, and

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

WHEREAS, residents of Grant Township were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 12, 2016 at the Grant Township Hall to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Cheboygan County and Grant Township Recreational Plan, and

WHEREAS, Grant Township has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the County of Cheboygan and Grant Township, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, Grant Township voted to adopt said Cheboygan County and Grant Township Recreation Plan,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Grant Township hereby adopts the Cheboygan County Recreation and Gant Township Recreational Plan.

Yes: 5

No: 0

By: Judi Chimner

Judi Chimner, Grant Township Clerk

I, the undersigned, the clerk of Grant Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Grant Township Board at its regular meeting held on Janauary 12, 2016 relative to adoption of the resolution therein set forth; that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be made available as required by said Act.

Dated: 1-12-16

Judi Chimner

Judi Chimner, Grant Township Clerk

Inverness Township Resolution of Adoption

CHEBOYGAN COUNTY RECREATION PLAN
For Cheboygan County
In partnership with Aloha, Beaugrand, Benton, Grant, Inverness, and Mackinaw Townships in the County of Cheboygan, Michigan

WHEREAS, the County of Cheboygan, in partnership with Inverness Township and others, 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 2016 through 2021, and

WHEREAS, the County of Cheboygan, in partnership with Inverness Township and others, has entered into this planning process in collaboration with the townships of Aloha, Beaugrand, Benton, Grant, Inverness, and Mackinaw, and

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

WHEREAS, the County of Cheboygan has requested that the governing bodies of the aforementioned local units of government pass a similar resolution of adoption of the Cheboygan County Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the County of Cheboygan, in partnership with Inverness Township and others, began the process of developing a community recreation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of the County of Cheboygan and the Township of Inverness were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for the period of at least 30 days, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on December 8, 2015, at the Township of Inverness to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Cheboygan County Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the County of Cheboygan, in partnership with Inverness Township and others, has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the County of Cheboygan, including Inverness Township, and

Mackinaw Township Resolution of Adoption

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT RECREATION PLAN
JOINTLY WITH CHEBOYGAN COUNTY

NUMBER: 2016-01

WHEREAS, Public Act 33 of 2008, Section 135.3807 (sec. 7) authorizes a Township to participate in planning recreational facilities owned and run by the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to plan for recreational needs of the Township residence and visitors and the Department of Natural Resource requires a plan to apply for grants;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mackinaw Township Board desires to adopt the Cheboygan County Recreation Plan including the specific plan for Mackinaw Township, as drafted August 29, 2015.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member FALOR.
Second offered by Board Member BREW.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

Aye:
BREW CLOSS KECK WILLIAMS FALOR.

Nay: NONE.

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted

Jack Keck, Clerk

Dated: January 5, 2016

Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency

CHEBOYGAN COUNTY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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January 12, 2016

Northeast Michigan Council of Governments
80 Livingston Blvd, Suite U-108
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Gaylord, MI 49734

Dear Ms. Rekowski:

We are pleased to provide you with the Cheboygan County Recreation Plan. This was adopted by the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners on January 12th, 2016, and is being provided to you as the Regional Planning Agency covering Cheboygan County.

Please let us know if you have any questions about this plan.

Sincerely,

Pete Redmond
Chair of the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners

Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency

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January 12, 2016

Patty Croft, Chair
Cheboygan County Planning Commission
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We are pleased to provide you with the Cheboygan County Recreation Plan. This was adopted by the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners on January 12th, 2016, and is being provided to you as the Cheboygan County Planning Commission.

Please let us know if you have any questions about this plan.

Sincerely,

Pete Redmond
Chair of the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners

Chapter 11 Other plans within Cheboygan County related to recreation planning

- Cheboygan County Master Plan (2014)
- North Central State Trail's *Trail Town* Plan (2010)
- Topinabee *Trail Town* Plan (2013)
- Mackinaw City *Trail Town* Plan (2013)
- Mackinaw City Recreation Plan (2014)
- 2014 Cheboygan County Non-motorized Transportation Plan update
- Tuscarora Township Recreation Plan
- Forest Township Recreation Plan