

2. Goal: Improve access to natural resources and recreational facilities for recreational purposes
OUTCOME: Improved access to water.
PROJECT: 10. <u>EXPLORE THE SHORES</u> Continue to support the creation and development of Explore the Shores sites. 11. <u>BLUE WATER TRAILS</u> Develop a County wide Blue Water Trail system complete with way-finding and accesses which meet the criteria of the National Water Trails System under the National Park Service. 11. <u>WAY-FINING</u> Develop a system of way-finding throughout the Counties river systems with information about river segments, including degree of difficulty designation.
OUTCOME: Improved access to land.
PROJECT: 13. <u>NEW ACCESS POINTS</u> Identify gaps and opportunities for new access points to land. 14. <u>EXISTING ACCESS POINTS</u> Identify, evaluate, and make improvement to existing access points.
OUTCOME: Improved access to existing trails
PROJECT: 15. <u>TAIL HUBS</u> Identify hubs of the trail system and seek funding to create the facilities necessary for the trial users. 16. <u>TRAIL USER EVALUATION</u> Evaluate the trails to determine if they are meeting the needs of the user.
3. Goal: Protect our natural resources
OUTCOME: Support for the health of the rivers and watersheds.
PROJECT: 17. <u>SPEED RESTRICTIONS</u> Support, or initiative, the placement of speed restrictions as requested by public for the Hodenpyle Stretch of Manistee River. 18. <u>WATERSHED PLANNING</u> Support watershed plans once adopted by their respective communities.
OUTCOME: Support for the stewardship of our land.
PROJECT: 19. <u>LARGE LAND OWNERS</u> Support the work of the Manistee County Conservation District, Grand Traverse Land Conservancy, United States Forest Service, Consumer Energy, Railroad Corporations, the Department of Natural Resources and other large land owners and seek ways to strengthen their ties with recreational development.

County-Wide
4. Goal: Develop nature and natural resource based tourism within the County
OUTCOME: Increased awareness/marketing of recreational opportunities.
PROJECT: 20. <u>RECREATION TOUR</u> Conduct a tour of the County priority sites. 21. <u>M22 BYWAY</u> Support the M22 Pure Michigan Byway project 22. <u>RECREATION AMBASSADOR’S</u> Create a County Recreation Ambassador Program that uses volunteers to help promote the area by providing person to person contact to give tours, information, etc. 23. <u>RIVER SEGMENT WAY-FINDING</u> Create identifiable segments along the rivers that are marketed, designated for difficulty, and have clearly identifiable point of access. 24. <u>VISITORS BUREAU</u> Work with the Visitors Bureau to link planning work with their Mobile Application. 25. <u>PARTNERSHIPS</u> Create a strong partnership between AES, Planning Department, the Visitor’s Bureau, and any other organization working toward eco-tourism.
OUTCOME: Increased ability to attract businesses that rely on recreation.
PROJECT: 26. <u>OUTFITTERS</u> Encourage outfitter business development. 27. <u>EQUIPMENT RENTAL</u> Encourage business development that leases recreational equipment. 28. <u>RECREATION BUSINESS</u> “POP UP” Encourage the development of a “pop up” business in the City of Manistee possibly located at the beaches.



Image 7.19: Lake Michigan Double Hook Up

County-Wide
5. Goal: Look for ways to improve collaboration and partnerships to support recreation
OUTCOMES: Working relationship with the MRA to enhance natural resource based activities
PROJECT: 29. <u>PROGRAMMING</u> Meet with the MRA to explore ways to increase natural outdoor recreation by offering lessons/programming that teaches kiteboarding, sailing, paddle boarding, fly fishing, and other recreational activities that utilize our natural assets.
OUTCOME: The establishment of a Recreation Collaborative made up of area organizations and businesses that are dedicated to working together to form consensus and work together on recreation projects
PROJECT: 30. <u>RECREATION COLLABORATIVE</u> Identify stakeholders and obtain a representative from each working recreation committee, form group, and meet with the express purpose of forming close working relationships regarding recreation.
OUTCOME: A stronger relationship with the largest land-owners in the County to jointly promote recreational opportunities within the County
PROJECT: 31. <u>COLLABORATION WITH LARGE LAND OWNERS</u> Establish working relationships and a regular meeting schedule with Consumers Power, GTRLC, DNR, US Forest Service, and LRBOI in order to implement this Recreation Plan
6. Goal: Develop a County wide, multi- use, trail system that connects communities, natural features, and is universally accessible.
OUTCOME: A unified way-finding signage system throughout the County for land and water recreational opportunities.
PROJECT: 32. <u>WAY-FINDING</u> Create a Way-finding Plan for the County.
OUTCOME: A Manistee County Trail Plan.
PROJECT: 33. <u>TRAIL COMMITTEE</u> Convene a Trail Committee to oversee the preparation of the Trail Plan. 34. <u>TRAIL PLAN COMPONENTS</u> In the Trail Plan ensure that the following aspects are included: a. Loops in the trail system. b. A Blue Water trail system linking to neighboring Counties.

c. Trails that are off road and procured by purchasing land, seeking easements, and/or converting snowmobile trail leases into multi-use easement lease agreements. d. Utilized railroad grades and crossings especially those identified in individual community goals. e. Recreation hubs at key areas identified in the Plan. f. Safe crossing points on major roads as a result of working with MDOT, Manistee County Road Commission, and local units of governments to identify key crossing areas and make the necessary improvements to increase safety.
OUTCOME: Implemented Trail Plan.
PROJECT: 35. <u>RECREATION TRAIL IMPLEMENTATION TEAM</u> Form a trail implementation team who will work to designate and create trail routes throughout the County. 36. <u>MUNICIPALITY COMMUNICATION</u> Keep an open line of communication with all municipalities. Conduct period discussions concerning the current status of the Plan and on-going projects.
7. Goal: Help improve and promote the use of community parks
OUTCOME: Parks found within Manistee County are used to their fullest extent and service the needs of residents and visitors.
PROJECT: 37. <u>PARK CONNECTIONS</u> Create opportunities for linkages and connections between the parks. 38. <u>COMMUNITY PARK IMPROVEMENT SUPPORT</u> Support efforts by communities to implement their park improvement goals. 39. <u>PROMOTE PARKS</u> Work with the Visitors Bureau to promote parks.



Image 7.20: ADA Accessible Kayak Launch, Arcadia Twp.

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

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

PROJECT:

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



Image 7.22: Golfing, Manistee County



Image 7.24: River Steelhead, Brown Twp.



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



Image 7.21:Brethren Days Boat Race, Dickson Twp.



Image 7.23: Winter Catch, Onekama Twp.



Image 7.25: Fireworks, Portage Lake



Image 7.27: Snowshoeing, Filer Twp.

Chapter 8:
Trail Planning

8.1 Trails Introduction:

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

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

Table 8.1: Regional Land Trails and Large Trail Parks

forward with effective trail implementation.

8.2 Public Support for Trails:

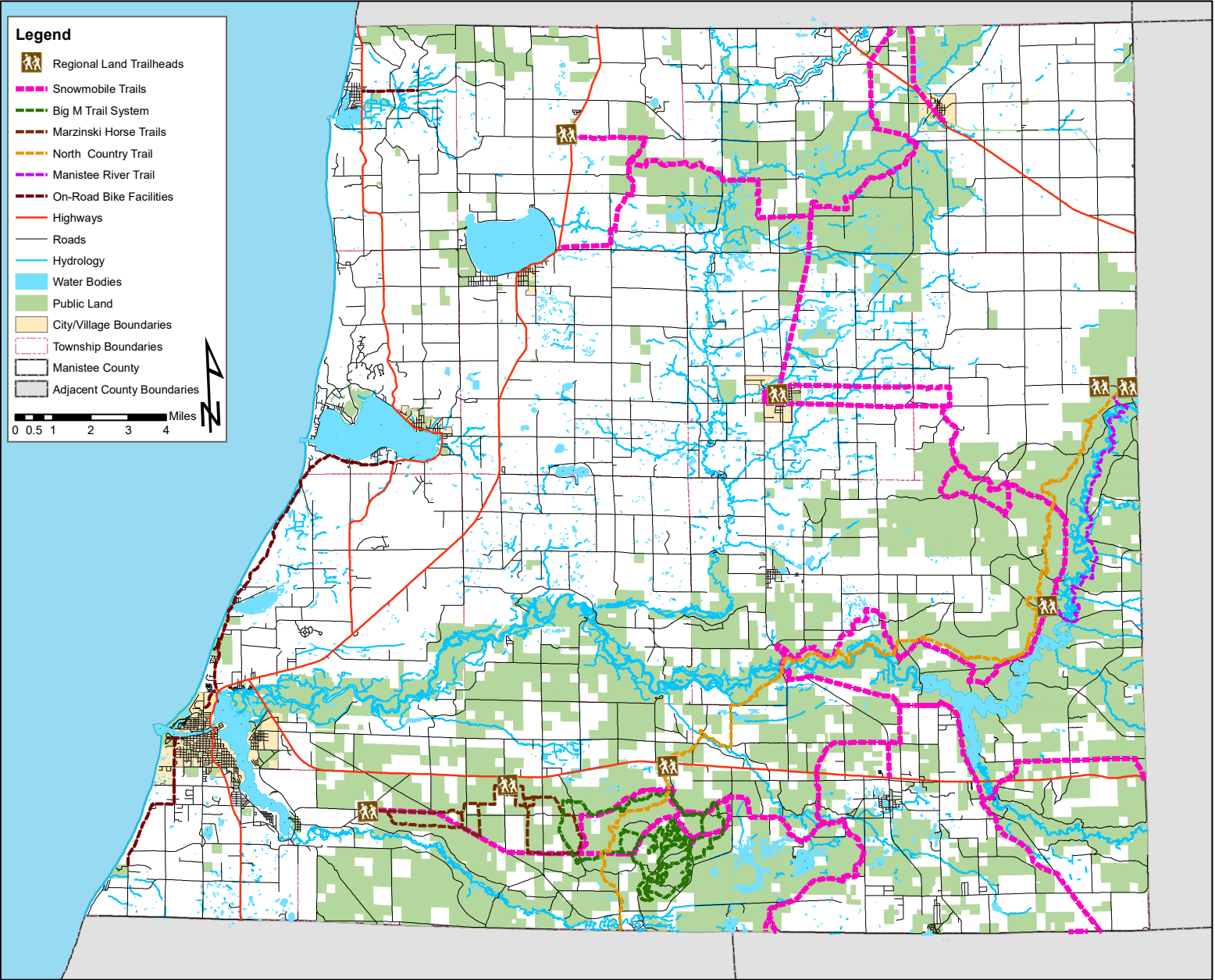
Few goals galvanize an entire community. However, as the public input data shows in Chapter 5 and subsequently the goals developed by each of the 20 communities in the County in Chapter 7, have articulated that residents want multi-use trails. While the County has some established snowmobile trails,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

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

8.3 Existing Trail Systems Inventory:

Abundant public land holdings throughout Manistee County have allowed for trail development to occur in both some larger systems designed for lengthy

snowmobile rides, long hikes, bike rides or backpacking, and also in smaller more localized systems contained wholly within smaller land holdings by Local, State and Federal Governments as well as non-profit clubs and lands held by conservancies. Refer to table 8.1 and map 8.1 for existing Regional Trails and Large Trail Parks, and table 8.2 and map 8.2 for existing Localized Land Trail Parks.



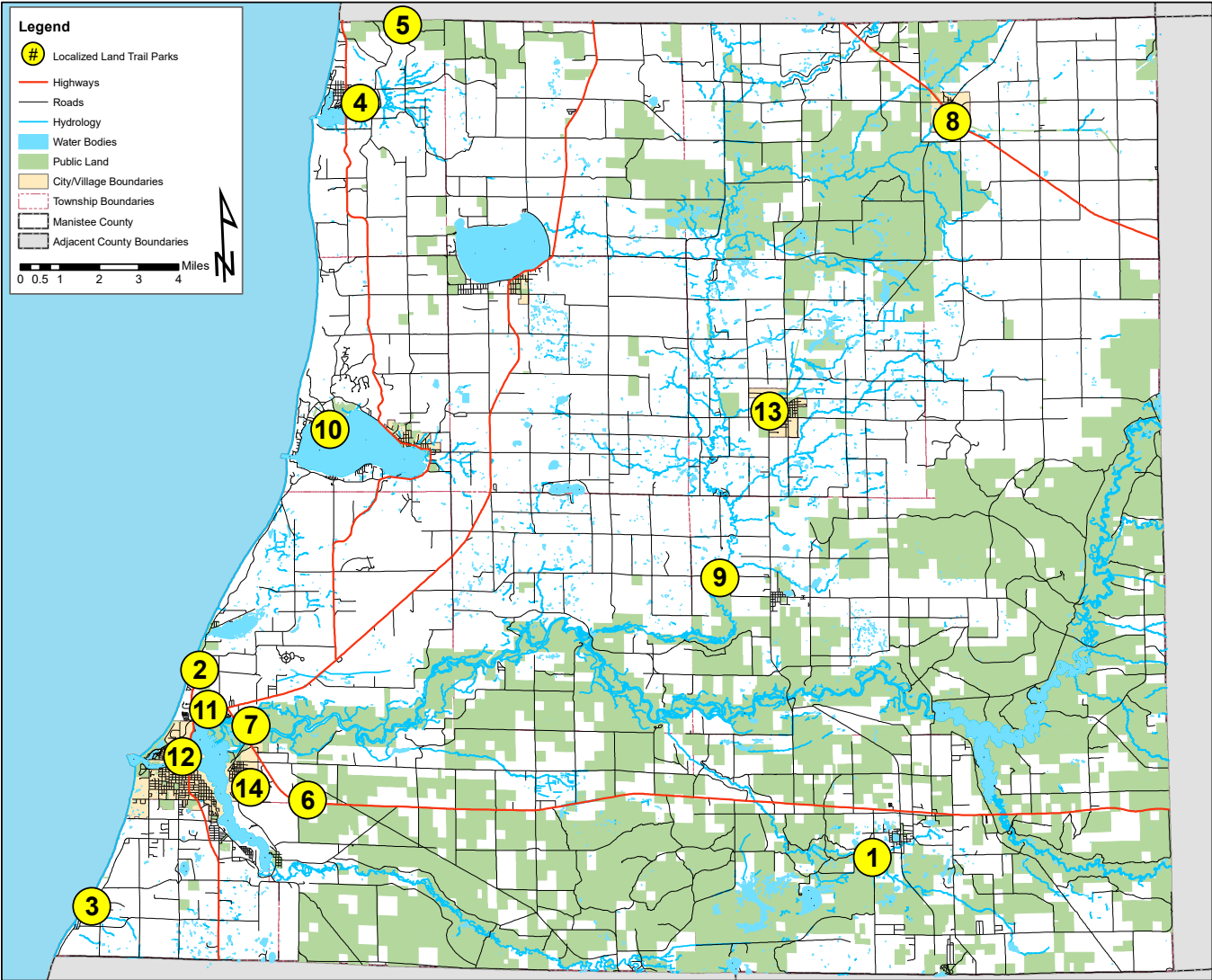
Map 8.1: Regional Land Trails and Large Trail Parks

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

Table 8.2: Localized Land Trail Parks

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

Table 8.2: Localized Land Trail Parks

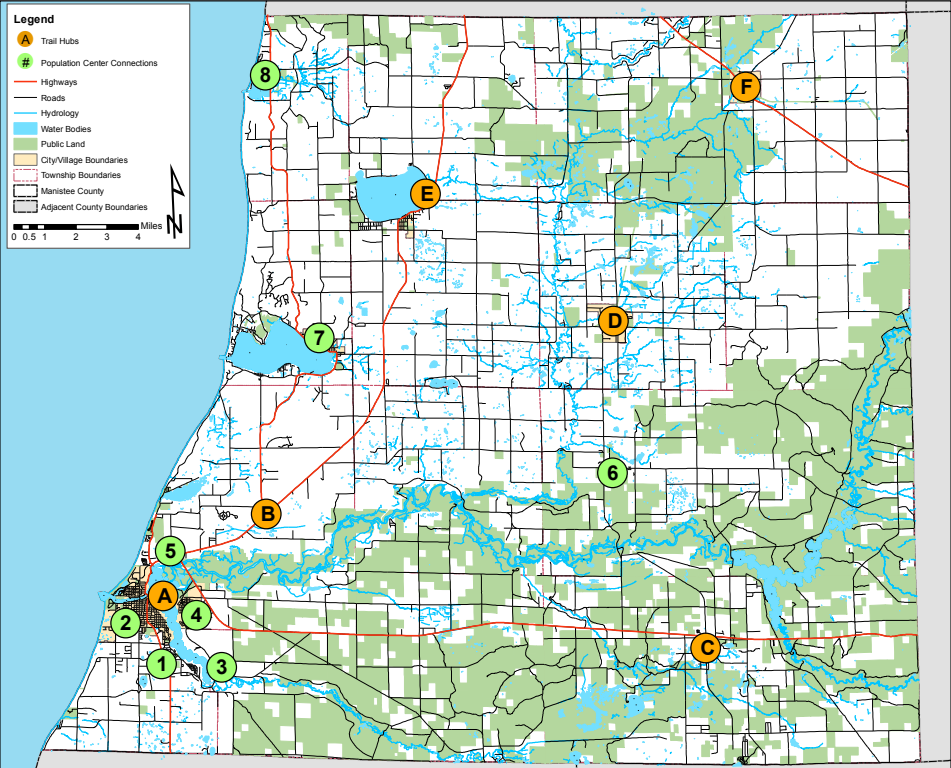


Map 8.2: Localized Land Trail Parks

8.4 Necessity for Regional Connections:

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

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



Map 8.3: Trail Hubs & Population Center Connections

8.5 Trail Pre-Planning Exercise:

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

8.5.1 Identified Land Trail Hubs and Population Center Connections:

8.5.1.1 Identified Hubs:

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

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

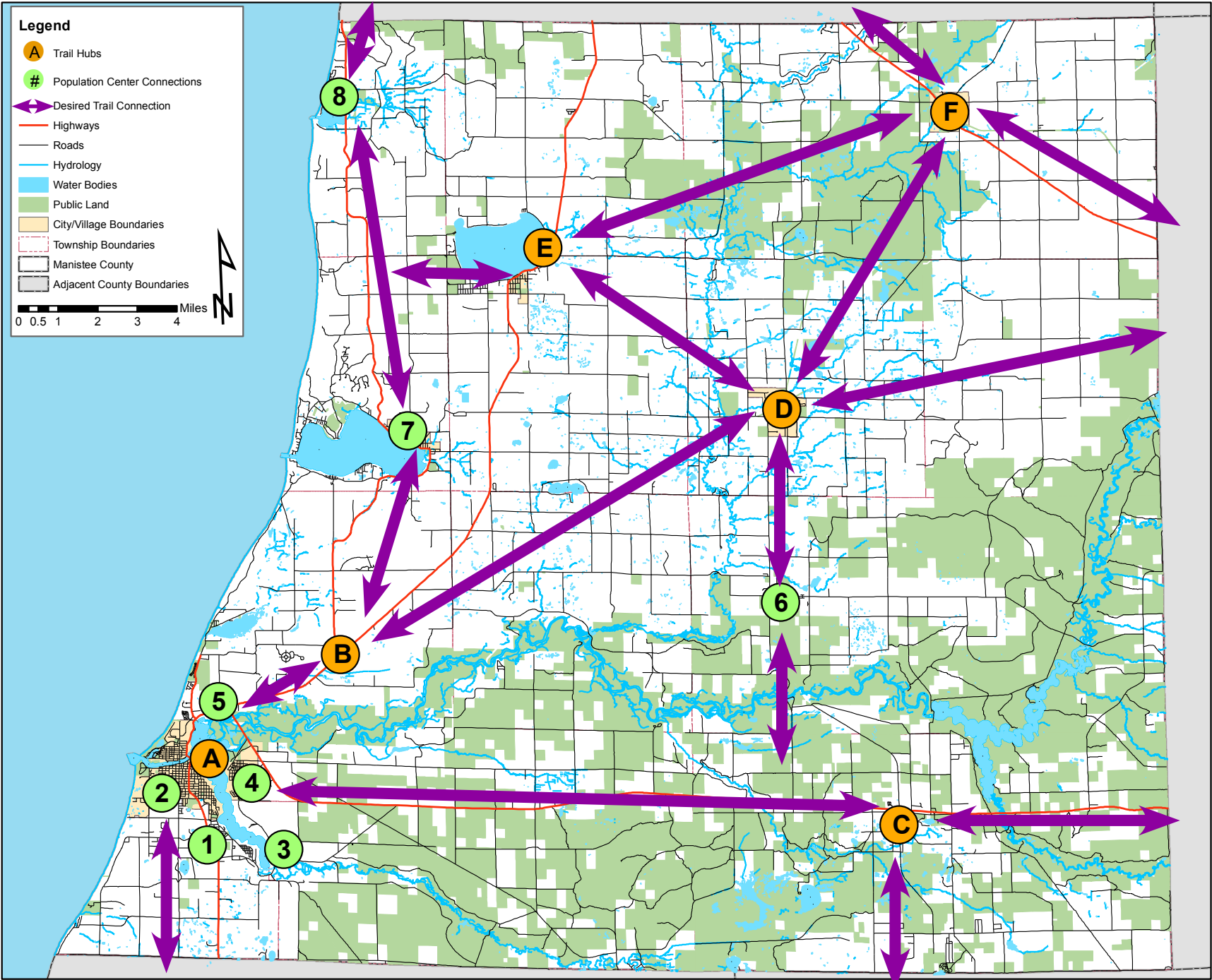
8.5.1.2 Population Center Connections:

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

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|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Filer "City" | 5 Manistee Twp. |
| 2 City of Manistee | 6 Brethren |
| 3 Stronach "Village" | 7 Village of Onkama |
| 4 Village of Eastlake | 8 Arcadia "Village" |

8.5.2 Broad Brush Stroke Connections

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



Map 8.4: Broad Brush Stroke Connections

8.5.3 Identified Loops Non-motorized Loops:

Non-motorized loop trail systems are desired of residents and visitors. Loop trails are desired as they provide for continuous travel along a linear trail providing unique views along the entire route while returning to the initial starting point. Public input as well as the local knowledge of leadership team members identified two locations for desired loop trail implementation.

8.5.3.1 Manistee Lake Trail Loop:

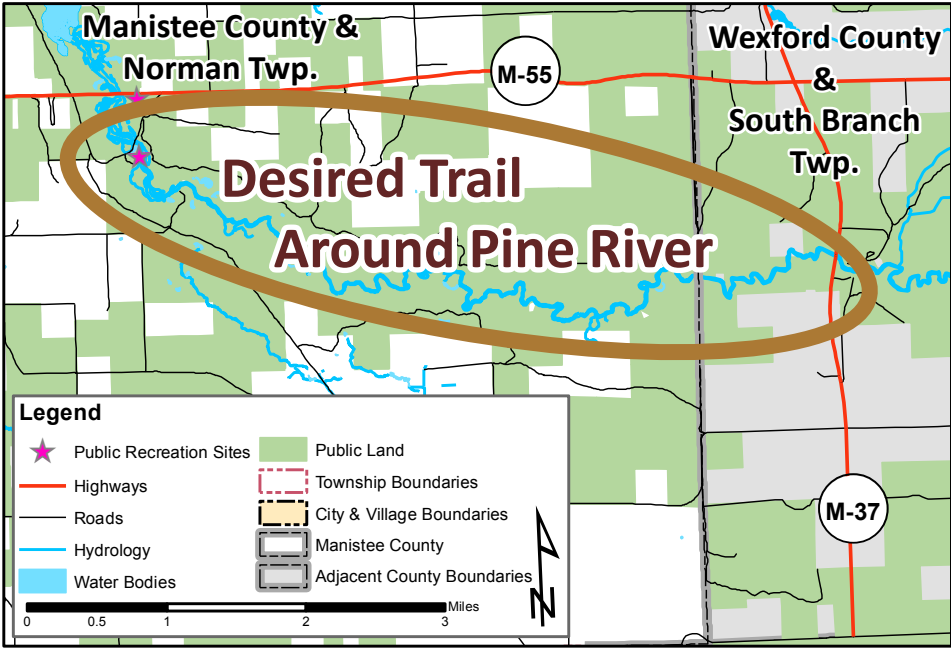
The Manistee Lake Trail is suggested as a non-motorized trail route which would encompass the entirety of Manistee Lake, linking all communities which surround the Lake. Discussions concerning the establishment of a loop trail around Manistee Lake need to include all municipalities which surround the lake, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, the railroad company, all industries along the lake, the DNR, as well as local residents. (See Map 8.5)



Map 8.5: Manistee Lake Loop Trail

8.5.3.2 Pine River Trail:

With the popularity of the Manistee River Trail-NCT Trail loop with hikers and particularly overnight backpacking enthusiasts, it is suggested that a natural surface single track loop trail along the Pine River Corridor in Manistee and Wexford Counties be explored. This beautiful river valley landscape which is contained within the Pine River Corridor, has special regulations for use and any trail implementation efforts must first approach the USFS to initiate conversation. Full collaboration with the USFS is required as the vast majority of land within the corridor is contained within the Manistee National Forest. Collaboration between Manistee and Wexford Counties as well as Norman and South Branch Townships is advised as the trail would likely fall within these municipalities. (See Map 8.6)



Map 8.6: Pine River Loop Trail

8.5.4 Water Trails

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

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

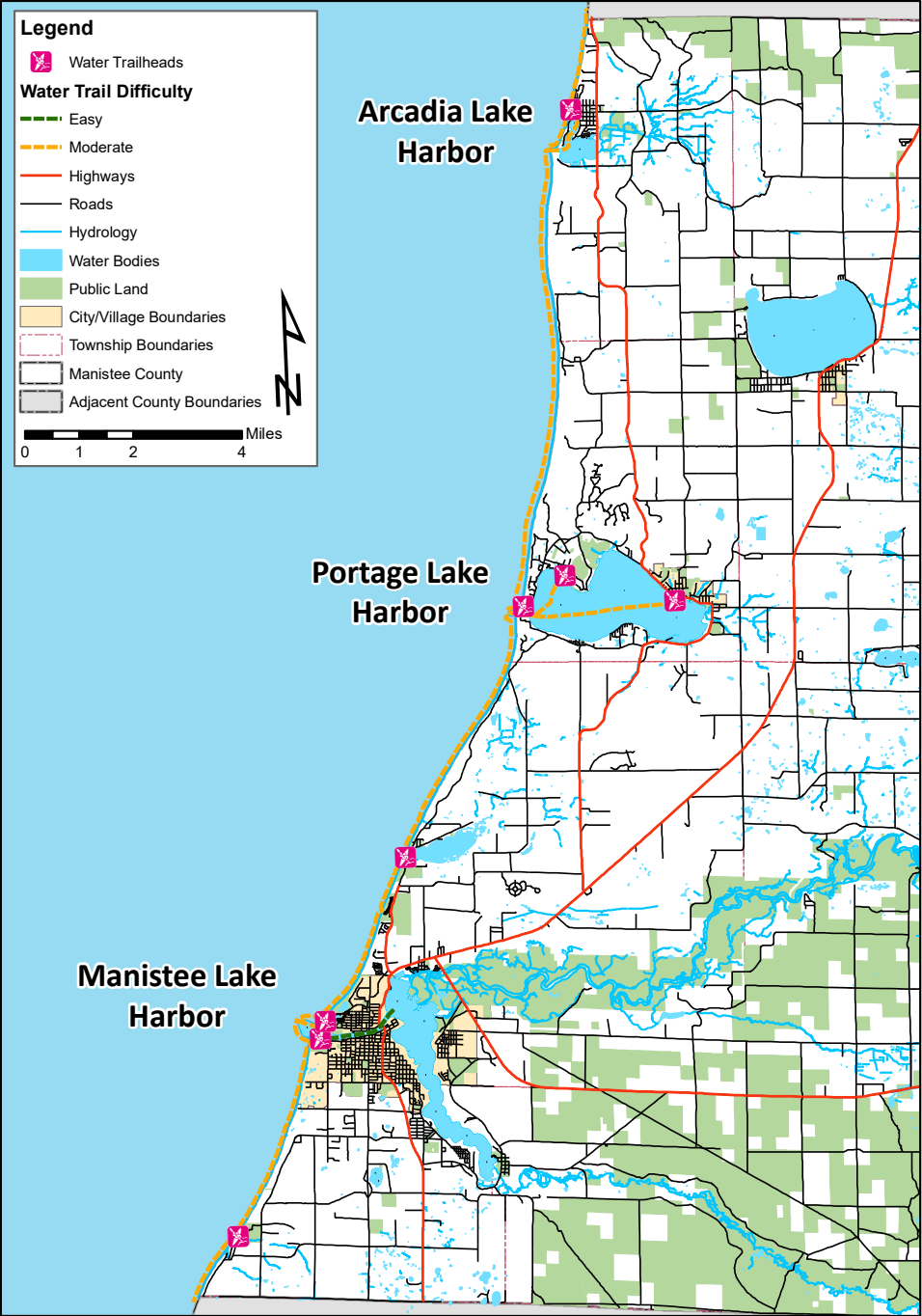
8.5.4.1 Existing Water Trails:

Lake Michigan Water Trail:

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



Image 8.1: Kayaking Lake Michigan Water Trail



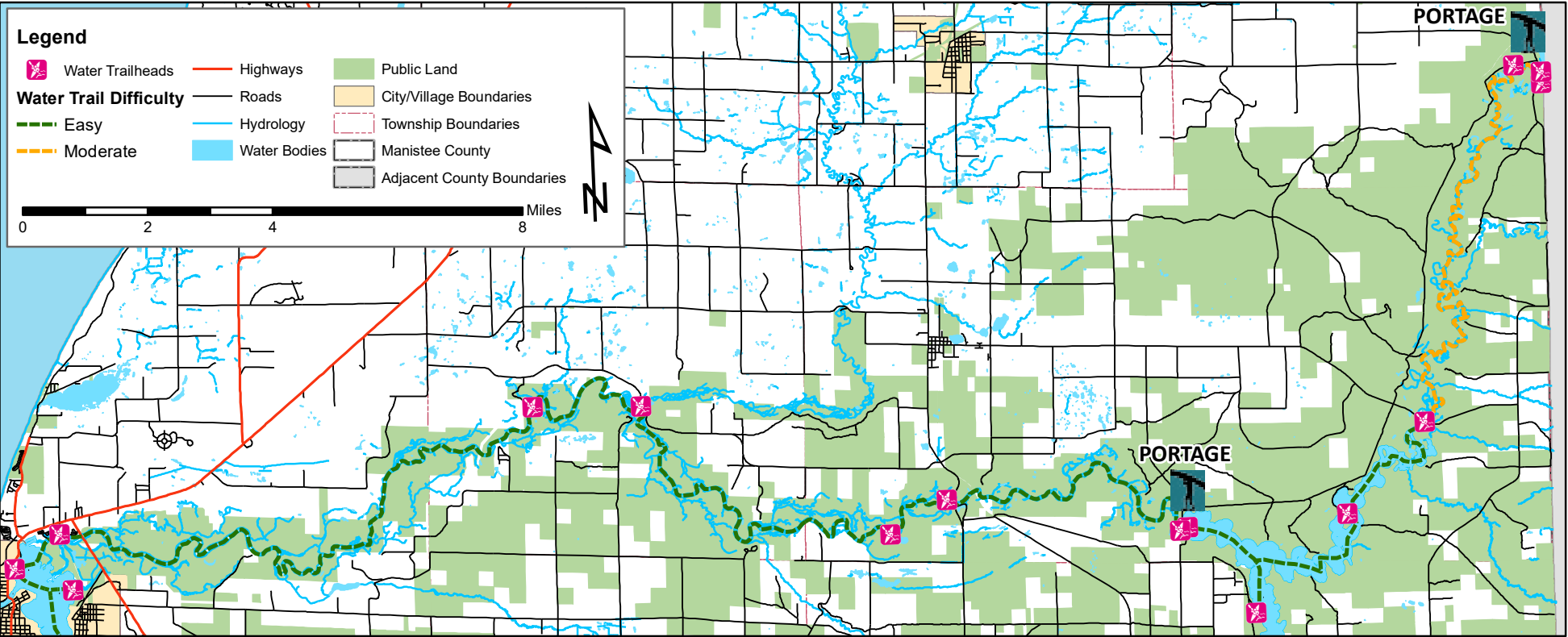
Map 8.7: Lake Michigan Water Trail

Big Manistee River Water Trail:

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



Image 8.2: Kayaking Manistee River Water Trail



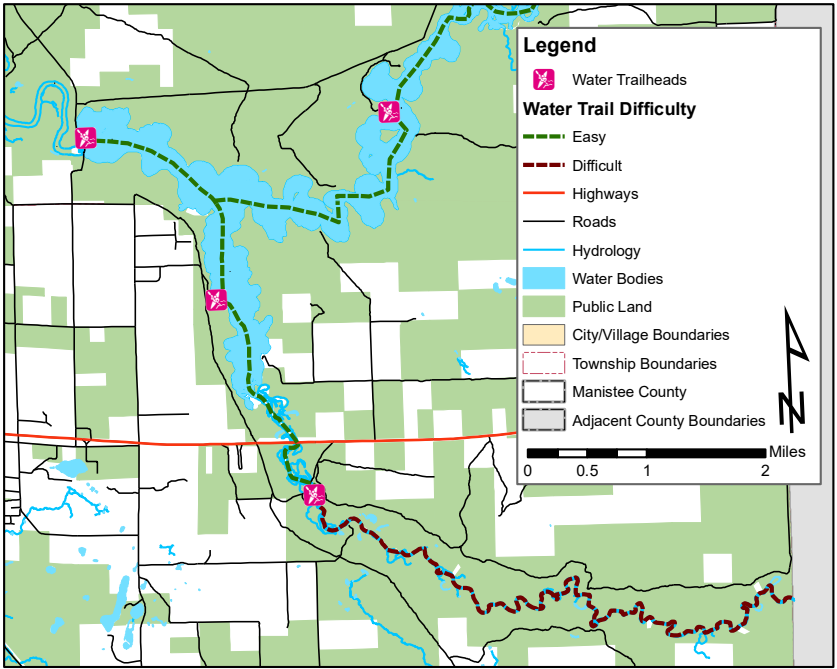
Map 8.8: Manistee River Water Trail

Pine River Water Trail:

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

Little Manistee River Water Trail:

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



Map 8.9: Pine River Water Trail

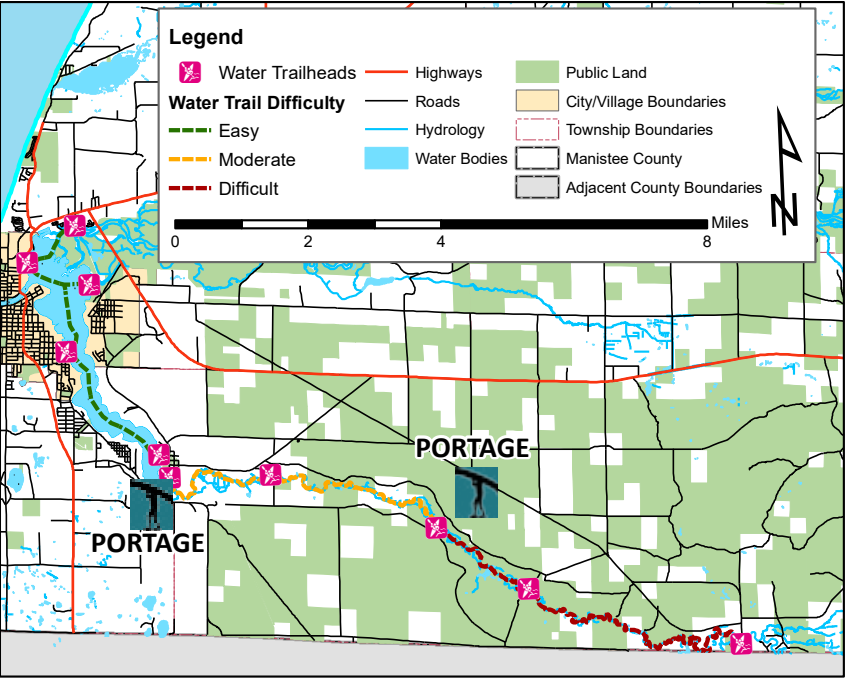
8.5.4.2 Proposed Water Trail Routes:

Betsie River Water Trail:

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



Image 8.3: Kayaking Little Manistee River Water Trail



Map 8.10: Little Manistee River Water Trail

8.5.5 Manistee County Trails Discussion

There is consensus for trail development within Manistee County and support for snowmobile trails as well as non-motorized trails (hiking, biking, equestrian, snow-shoeing, cross-country skiing) development is evident. All future trail development should focus on these user groups, and consideration for collaboration for the development of multi-user trails is a priority. Examples of shared use for trails allowing snowmobiling as well as non-motorized use exist outside our County, and these best management practices should be reviewed for consideration for within Manistee County.

8.5.5.1 Trailheads:

Trailhead placement and proper development is of utmost importance to trail design and implementation. Consideration of parking, amenities such as restrooms, picnic tables or seating, potable water source, informational signage and bike racks and canoe/kayak cradles is very important dependent upon the trailhead use and location. Trailhead design should have some uniformity throughout the County so that a common theme is easily distinguishable. These types of themes are already present across the Manistee National Forest at USFS Recreation Sites. A theme can assist with identification and promotion of sites and allows people to know that they have arrived.

8.5.5.2 Way-finding:

Way-finding is an important consideration during trail implementation efforts. Through directional maps, signage and trail markers or blazes; trail use is planned, route choice is determined, and identification of location is known.. Thoroughly identified routes ensure that trail users can reasonably find there way from one destination to another, without wrong turns occurring at junctions, or wrong route selection. Similar to trailheads, way-finding signage should carry common themes which are specific to individual routes or trail types. Through unique characteristics one can more easily identify when they are utilizing a specific trail or trail type.



Image 8.4: USFS Way-Finding Signage

8.5.5.3 Land Trail Type Discussion:

There are many different trail types pertaining to the design, construction and makeup of the trail surface. Different uses require different widths, surfaces, grades and design. What follows are the most common constructed trail types recommended to be utilized within Manistee County for various trail routes and segments.

Single Track Natural Surface Trail:

Single track natural surface trails are most often utilized for hiking, backpacking and biking during the summer months and snowshoeing during the winter months. Single tracks are designed for the width of a single person or biker so the tight confines of the space limit snowmobile use and become congested quicker in areas of high use.



Image 8.5: Single Track at Big M Trail System

Natural Surface Trail 4'-8' :

4'-8' natural surface trails are often utilized in areas for cross-country skiing and snowmobile use during the winter (allowance for grooming equipment) and unimproved non-motorized uses such as hiking and biking which facilities easier travel compared to single track trails in many cases. This also affords room for multiple users to hike or ride side by side as well as for allowance for easier passage in opposing directions.



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

Hard Packed Surface Trail 8'-12':

8'-12' hard packed trails are designed and constructed to provide ease of travel for the user and to allow for both snowmobile use as well as non-motorized uses during the summer months. Hard packed often refers to crushed limestone, but can also consist of road gravel, crushed concrete or other suitable packable stable material. These trails are often constructed along trail segments further away from population centers and popular recreation sites, where paved trails should be utilized to facilitate universal accessibility. The cost of hard-packed vs. paved trails should be explored for more remote trail segments, as maintenance for

hard packed may be significantly less than costs of resurfacing paved trails.

Paved Trail 8'-12':

8'-12' paved trails are utilized for non-motorized use as well as being available to snowmobile use. Often constructed in high use routes, populated areas and adjacent to popular recreation sites, these trails provide for universal accessibility as they provide a very stable platform for transportation.

Extended Road Shoulder 1-4':

Extended road shoulders are often added to roads to facilitate on-road bicycle use. For experienced riders extended road shoulders are easily and comfortably utilized, but they are seen as less desirable by less experienced riders as well as young riders and families. Road shoulders should continue to be pursued for designated on-road bike routes, although more support for establishment of off-road facilities is evident through public input gathered in Manistee County.

8.5.5.4 Land Trail maintenance:

Maintenance of trail systems is an important consideration during trail implementation. Agencies tasked with management and upkeep of public lands often lack budget funding for the addition of miles of land trails, and can be cautious of adding additional trail miles to public lands. This caution is warranted and discussions early on in a process concerning maintenance and how it will be paid for with monetary funds and/or volunteer hours can ease the implementation and construction of trail segments. Trail maintenance tasks include:

- Clearing debris and garbage
- Maintaining pavement
- Grading of hard surfaces
- Mowing of vegetation
- Grooming of snow

8.5.6 Developing a Framework for Implementation:

As the need, desire, and support is established by this recreation plan to develop multi-use trails, work needs to commence to plan a well designed trail system. By doing so, trail planners have continuously found that good advance planning will result in decreased long term maintenance costs, thoughtful connections and preservation of natural and cultural resources; as well as having a more meaningful economic development impact on the local economy. Meeting the recreational and destination needs, as promoting a healthy lifestyle, of residents is very important. Using the trail system to help promote our communities in order to increase prosperity is also a very important factor. Ultimately, communities will work together to plan and implement the trail plan in a collaborative manner unlike previously seen in Manistee County.

8.5.6.1 Implementation Framework:

Utilizing the information collected within this plan and synthesized within this chapter, leadership members for trail implementation have a tool box with which to move forward. Moving forward requires utilizing these tools and the framework for future steps for regional trail planning which are broken into the three categories of: visioning, collaboration, implementation.

Visioning:

Identifying and analyzing:

- More refined locations of the trail corridors
- Potential funding sources
- Trail layout, design, and trail use
- Landowner/stakeholder identification and outreach

Collaboration:

Identifying stakeholders to collaborate and partner with and seeking to:

- Understand different user groups, their interests and concerns
- Reconcile different goals and needs.
- Obtain ideas for design, locations, and types of uses for the trails

Implementation:

Building the trail planned for will require the following issues/goals accomplished:

- Purchasing of land, receiving donations, or obtaining easements for trail segments.
- Liability issues resolved.
- Accessibility, including being compliant with the American Disability Act, issues highlighted and resolved.
- A trail maintenance and operations policy which includes seeking and cementing a strong trail volunteer group who will assist in day to day operations of caring for the trail system.
- Jurisdictional issues will need to be resolved.
- A general management structure in place for various tail segments.
- The development of a way-finding system.
- Ensuring that the Visitor's Bureau and other methods of promoting the County are involved and have all the most update information available.

Chapter 9: Action Program

9.1 Action Program & Partnerships:

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

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

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

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

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

enjoyment by people of all ages, needs and abilities.

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

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

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

9.1.1.1 The Manistee County Planning Department:

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

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

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

the tools and expertise necessary for success.

9.1.1.2 Alliance for Economic Success:

The AES is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) charitable organization that has three primary purposes:

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

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

How does AES work to implement the Recreation Plan?

The AES will meet with a local government or nonprofit to understand the recreational project. That includes an understanding of:

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

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

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

In providing this assistance, AES also coordinates support with:

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

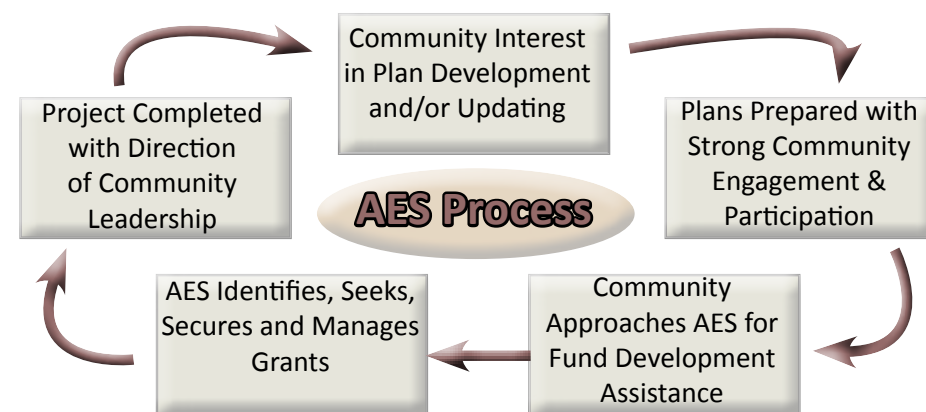


Figure 9.1: AES Process

Assistance through the AES may not be available if:

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

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

9.2 Areas of Priority:

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



Figure 9.2: Eight Priority Areas

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

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

9.3 Framework for Success

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



Figure 9.3: Framework for Success

9.4 Organizational Development

9.4.1 Formal Organizational Structures

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

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



Figure 9.4: Formal Organizational Structure

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

9.4.1.1 Recreation “Authority”:

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

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

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

9.4.2 Capacity Building:

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

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

9.4.2.1 Champions and Emerging Leaders:

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

9.4.2.2 Volunteers:

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

9.4.2.3 Training and Education:

Teaching people what to do and how to do it is imperative. From trail building to directing a tourist to the best fishing locations, training and education turns

all Manistee County residents into ambassadors.

ACTION PLAN: It is recommended that communities and leaders:

- Identifying local champions interested in recreation and mentor emerging leaders
- Encourage and develop volunteer programs and opportunities
- Take advantage of training and educational opportunities

9.5 Funding Resources

9.5.1 Philanthropy:

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

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

They do this by:

- Building community capital.
- Making grants that respond to community needs.
- Convening and catalyze to affect positive community change.

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

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

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

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

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

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

9.5.2 Grants:

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



Image 9.1: DNR

9.5.2.1 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF): Communities may start applying for Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

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



Image 9.2: Trust Fund

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



Images 9.3: Land & Water

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



Image 9.4: Rec. Passport

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Image 9.5: Sense of Place Example

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

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



Image 9.6: Sense of Place Example

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

ACTION PLAN: Communities are encouraged to update zoning ordinances to require walkability and connectivity in new development proposals (trails, sidewalks, paths) and require open space and usable storm water management areas for habitat. Communities are also encouraged to update the site plan review procedures to ensure that the physical appearance of the new development contains the amenities that are often mimic in communities across the State of Michigan.

9.8 Focus Areas for Implementation:
Implementation for this recreation plan can be categorized into five specific focus areas with categorization of actions to be taken within each focus area. The focus areas for implementation are displayed below, and are utilized in the Focus Areas Implementation Tables. (See Figure 9.5)

9.9 Focus Areas Implementation Tables:
Focus areas found within this chapter are displayed within tables which outline necessary action or change, responsible parties, time-frames, resources and necessary channels of communication. The two tables, one for County-Wide Focus Areas and another for Local Municipality Focus Areas follow. (See Tables 9.9.1 and 9.9.2)



Figure 9.5: Focus Areas of Implementation

9.9.1 County-Wide Focus Areas Implementation Table					
FOCUS AREAS	WHAT action or change	WHO will carry out the action or change	WHEN will it take place and for how long	WHAT resources are needed to carry out the change	COMMUNICATION
Organizational Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Create an organizational structure that will successfully implement this Recreation Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Recreation CommitteesAESManistee Co. Planning DepartmentMRA	2016-ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Centralized organization willing to coordinate the organizational structure identified in the Plan. Facilitator’s of meetings VolunteersSupport from local and County governments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ResidentsLocal governmentsCounty governmentRecreation stakeholders
Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Identify areas of strength and weaknesses in the talent available County wide to implement the Plan in order to provide a laser target of skill building opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Assistance from a consulting firm to conduct the analysis.AES	2016-ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">AES arranging for additional grant writers.Contributions from communities to fund training.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ResidentsLocal governmentsCounty governmentRecreation stakeholders

Table 9.1: County-Wide Focus Area Implementation Table

FOCUS AREAS	WHAT action or change	WHO will carry out the action or change	WHEN will it take place and for how long	WHAT resources are needed to carry out the change	COMMUNICATION
Funding Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Utilize to a greater extent existing and new methods and avenues to secure funding from grants, philanthropy, community budgeting, and in-kind sources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">AESManistee Co. Planning DepartmentLocal and County government	2016-ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Seminar’s on the fund development resources available and other sources that need to be explored.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ResidentsLocal governmentsCounty governmentRecreation stakeholders
Collaboration and Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Create a culture of collaboration and partnership based on mutually agreed upon priorities and a strong desire to achieve action.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">AESArea organizations and residents interested in recreation development.	2016-ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Outreach effortsSustained and reliable communicationSupport from local and County governments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ResidentsLocal governmentsCounty governmentRecreation stakeholders
Community Design: Using Recreational Assets to Create a Sense of Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Incorporate this Recreation Plan into local policy and plans to ensure that local government decision makers considers recreation into their community development efforts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Manistee Co. Planning DepartmentManistee Co. Planning Commission	2016-ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">County-wide, systematic review of zoning ordinances and other regulatory tools.Preparation of a Trail PlanPreparation of Community Design Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ResidentsLocal governmentsCounty governmentRecreation stakeholders
PROJECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Assistance from a consulting firm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Local governments boards/ councils/ commissions	2016-ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">ResidentsLocal governmentsCounty governmentRecreation stakeholders

Table 9.1: County-Wide Focus Area Implementation Table

9.9.2 Local Municipalities Focus Areas Implementation Table

FOCUS AREAS	WHAT action or change	WHO will carry out the action or change	WHEN will it take place and for how long	WHAT resources are needed to carry out the change	COMMUNICATION
Organizational Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Establish a recreation sub-committee of the Planning Commission/Township Board/Village CouncilA member of the local recreation sub-committee is encouraged to join a County wide recreation committee of their interest.	Community Planning Commissions/ Township Boards/ Village Councils County Board of Commissioners	2016 - ongoing	Place on a Planning Commission agenda Ask residents to serve on committees Develop a volunteer application form, interview, and select	Individual communities but may be conducted in a coordinated manner across Manistee County with the help of AES
Capacity Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Identify local champions interested in recreationMentor emerging leadersEncourage and develop volunteer programs and opportunitiesTake advantage of training and educational opportunities	Existing local leaders Manistee County Planning Department & AES MSU Extension, AES, and MAP	2016 - ongoing	Place on a Planning Commission agenda Ask residents to serve on committees Develop a volunteer application form, interview, and select	Notify all recreation stakeholders such as the HSCB, sporting groups, youth
Funding Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Review the DNR grant website, contact the Region 2 representative, and become familiar with the grant requirements in order to apply for grants to fund their projects.Establish a recreation line item, and allocate funds, in budgets or include recreation development in Capital Improvement Plans (CIP).For those communities that already budget for recreation (Filer Township, City of Manistee, Onekama Township), a thorough review of their allocation must be completed to ensure that they are meeting the goals of this recreation plan.Consider establishing a fund at the Manistee County Community Foundation for earmarked funds that may be accessed for matches to grants.	Township Board/ City Council/Village Council Planning Commission	2016 - ongoing	AES sponsored recreation plan implementation seminar/training session Presentation by the Manistee County Community Foundation on establishing and growing funds DNR Grants Coordinator presentation/seminar on grant submission requirements	Local residents, County wide, AES, Manistee County Planning Department

Table 9.2: Local Municipality Focus Area Implementation Table

FOCUS AREAS	WHAT action or change	WHO will carry out the action or change	WHEN will it take place and for how long	WHAT resources are needed to carry out the change	COMMUNICATION
Collaboration and Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Identify partners to help develop recreation within the community.Utilize the Shared-Use and Community Partners Agreements templates available at the Manistee County Alliance for Economic Success.	County wide local and County government, schools, all organizations concerned with recreation and fostering a healthy lifestyle, AES, Lakes to Land Communities for Collective Action	2016 - ongoing	Shared-Use Agreement and Community Partners Agreement templates at AES Round table discussions about what Collective Impact is and how it may be used	County and State wide
Community Design: Using Recreational Assets to Create a Sense of Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Update zoning ordinances to require walkability and connectivity in new development proposals (trails, sidewalks, paths) and require open space and usable storm water management areas for habitat.Update the site plan review procedures to ensure that the physical appearance of the new development contains the amenities that are often mimicked in communities across the State of Michigan.	Planning Commissions and/or Boards/Councils	2016 - ongoing	Zoning Ordinance technical expertise from the Manistee County Planning Department, consultants, MSU Extensions	Local residents, County wide
PROJECTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Review the project list and determine which projects will be worked on and include them in the communities yearly Work Plan.	Planning Commission/ Recreation Committees Boards/Councils	2016 - ongoing	Community conversations to identify priority projects for each year, request to AES/Manistee County Planning Department for assistance on seeking grant funding and/or individual community capital campaigns	Local residents, County wide to ensure coordination and to take advantage of economies of scale Recreation Stakeholders including the MRA

Table 9.2: Local Municipality Focus Area Implementation Table

9.10 Local Municipality Area of Priority with Goals Tables:

The Area of Priority in Section 9.2 sets the stage for the ability to move forward with the leadership and funding to accomplish the task of recreational site improvements within Manistee County. The outlined projects developed to meet the goals contained within Chapter 7 are community specific, but fall into eight prioritized areas based on the type of project. By organizing projects of a similar nature, one can more easily identify trends and potential packaging of separate projects into a single implementation effort.

Appendix D of the plan contains all projects identified within Chapter 7 under the Local Municipality Goals. They are organized into the eight areas of priority and displayed within the Appendix D tables. The tables are color-coded with the Area of Priority heading for easier identification of an individual priority table. (See Appendix D)



Figure 9.1: Eight Priority Areas

9.11 County-Wide Focus Areas with Goals Tables:

The individual communities projects described in Section 9.10 and contained in Appendix D are organized by eight Areas of Priority based on the type of project that relates to funding, land acquisition, economic development, natural resources stewardship, collaboration & partnerships, trail development, recreational opportunities and access to land & water. Organization of Local Municipality Goals by this method allows the user to identify trends and potential packaging of projects into a single implementation effort.

This section of the Recreation Plan focuses on County-wide projects. As noted in the Plan, Manistee County does not own land nor do they administer recreational programs. They do provide an important role in supporting recreation and facilitating the necessary steps that only a County-wide, or regional focus can achieve. Therefore, the projects the County undertakes are focused upon implementation and therefore must be organized based upon the Focus Areas of Implementation: organizational development, capacity building, funding, collaboration & partnership, and community design. By doing this, the projects more closely relate to the County-Wide Focus Area Action Program Table (See Table 9.1), and may be viewed as interrelated and connected. County-wide Focus Areas of Implementation Tables 9.3 through 9.7 contained within this section and the Municipality Prioritized Area Project Tables contained in Appendix D work towards one goal: to implement this Recreation Plan.



Figure 9.5: Focus Areas of Implementation

9.11.1 Capacity Building	
GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP	Teach people how to write grants by hosting a grant writing workshop.
DNR GRANTS COORDINATOR	Invite the DNR Grants Coordinator to Manistee County to speak and education the communities about recreation, grants, and other implementation opportunities.

Table 9.3: Capacity Building Table

9.11.2 Organizational Development	
RECREATION AUTHORITY	Educate and inform community leaders about the importance of a recreation authority.
RECREATION SUMMIT	Convene and host a Recreation Summit to seek volunteers for the Committees and to assist them in getting started
PLANNING AND ZONING	The County Planning Commission will review all new zoning ordinance and master plans, and their amendments, with the goals of the Manistee County Recreation Plan as a bench mark for leading practices specifically looking to ensure that concepts such as walkability, forming connections and developing opportunities to create pathways/trails, protection of natural resources, creating access to recreational assets, and watershed protection are included and addressed.
RIVER DESIGNATIONS	Create identifiable segments along the rivers that are marketed, designated for difficulty, and have clearly identifiable point of access.
TRAIL COMMITTEE	Convene a Trail Committee to oversee the preparation of the Trail Plan.
RECREATION TRAIL IMPLEMENTATION TEAM	Form a trail implementation team who will work to designate and create trail routes throughout the County.
MUNICIPALITY COMMUNICATION	Keep an open line of communication with all municipalities. Conduct period discussions concerning the current status of the Plan and on-going projects.

Table 9.4: Organizational Development

9.11.3 Funding	
FUNDING BASED ON NATURAL RESOURCE FEATURES/SYSTEM MAP	Use the Natural Resource Features/Systems and Community Goals Map to seek funding sources for implementation.
LINE ITEM BUDGET FOR RECREATION	Create a County wide dialogue about the importance of creating a line-item budget within individual community’s budgets.
RECREATION SAVINGS ACCOUNT	Create a County wide dialogue about the importance of creating a recreation savings account to save money for the matching funds needed when applying for grants.
FUNDING SEMINAR	Facilitate a seminar hosted by the Manistee County Community Foundation and Alliance for Economic Success to discuss potential funding sources for to implement the Recreation Plan.

Table 9.5: Funding

9.11.4 Community Design	
NATURAL RESOURCES FEATURES/SYSTEMS MAP	Create a map that identifies the large natural resource features/systems found within the County (i.e. Manistee River, DNR land, USFS land, Lake Michigan shoreline)
GOALS ASSOCIATED WITH NATURAL RESOURCES FEATURES	Allocate and assign the various goals, where appropriate, identified by each community to the natural resource features/systems map.
EXPLORE THE SHORES	Continue to support the creation and development of Explore the Shores sites.
BLUE WATER TRAILS	Develop a County wide Blue Water Trail system complete with way-finding.
WAY-FINDING	Develop a system of way-finding throughout the river system with information about river segments, including degree of difficulty designation.
NEW ACCESS POINTS	Identify gaps and opportunities for new access points to land.
EXISTING ACCESS POINTS	Identify, evaluate, and make improvement to existing access points.
TRAIL HUBS	Identify hubs of the trail system and seek funding to create the facilities necessary for the trial users.
TRAIL USER EVALUATION	Evaluate the trails to determine if they are meeting the needs of the user.
OUTFITTERS	Encourage outfitter business development.
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	Encourage business development that leases recreational equipment.
RECREATION BUSINESS “POP UP”	Encourage the development of a “pop up” business in the City of Manistee possibly located at the beaches.
WAY-FINDING	Create a Way-finding Plan for the County.
TRAIL PLAN COMPONENTS	In the Trail Plan ensure that the desired aspects are included.
PARK CONNECTIONS	Create opportunities for linkages and connections between the parks.

Table 9.6: Community Design

9.11.5 Collaboration & Partnerships	
SHARED-USE & COMMUNITY PARTNERS AGREEMENTS	Provide communities with the Shared-Use and Community Partners Agreements
SPEED RESTRICTIONS	Support, or initiative, the placement of speed restrictions on specific sections of rivers.
WATERSHED PLANNING	Support the efforts of Watershed Planning groups and their watershed plans once adopted by their respective communities.
LARGE LAND OWNERS	Support the work of the Manistee County Conservation District, Grand Traverse Land Conservancy, United States Forest Service, Consumer Energy, Railroad Corporations, the Department of Natural Resources and other large land owners and seek ways to strengthen their ties with recreational development.
RECREATION TOUR	Conduct a tour of the County priority sites.
M22 BYWAY	Support the M22 Pure Michigan Byway project
RECREATION AMBASSADOR’S	Create a County Recreation Ambassador Program that uses volunteers to help promote the area by providing person to person contact to give tours, information, etc.
VISITORS BUREAU	Work with the Visitors Bureau to link planning work with their Mobile Application.
PARTNERSHIPS	Create a strong partnership between AES, Planning Department, the Visitor’s Bureau, and any other organization working toward eco-tourism.
PROGRAMMING	Meet with the MRA to explore ways to increase natural outdoor recreation by offering lessons/programming that teaches kiteboarding, sailing, paddle boarding, fly fishing, and other recreational activities that utilize our natural assets.
RECREATION COLLABORATIVE	Identify stakeholders and obtain a representative from each working recreation committee, form group, and meet with the express purpose of forming close working relationships regarding recreation.
COLLABORATION WITH LARGE LAND OWNERS	Establish working relationships and a regular meeting schedule with Consumers Power, GTRLC, DNR, US Forest Service, and LRBOI in order to implement this Recreation Plan
COMMUNITY PARK IMPROVEMENT SUPPORT	Support efforts by communities to implement their park improvement goals.
PROMOTE PARKS	Work with the Visitors Bureau to promote parks.

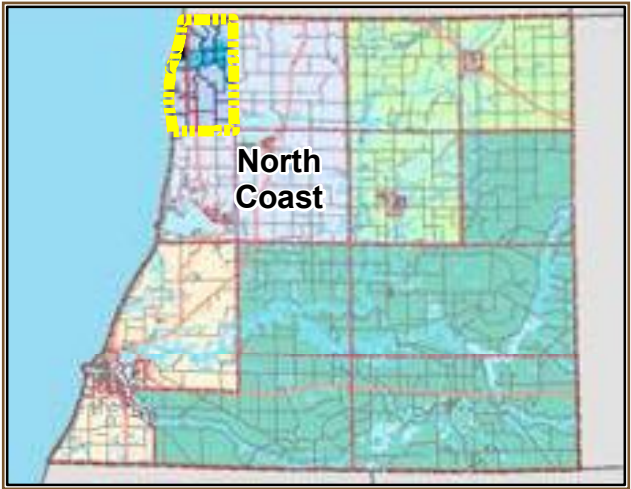
Table 9.7: Collaboration & Partnerships

Chapter 10:
Plan Preparation &
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See Appendix E for all Resolutions, Public Notices and Minutes

10.1 Arcadia Township

North Coast Region



10.1.1 Arcadia Township Resolution of Support



10.1.2 Arcadia Township Public Hearing Notices

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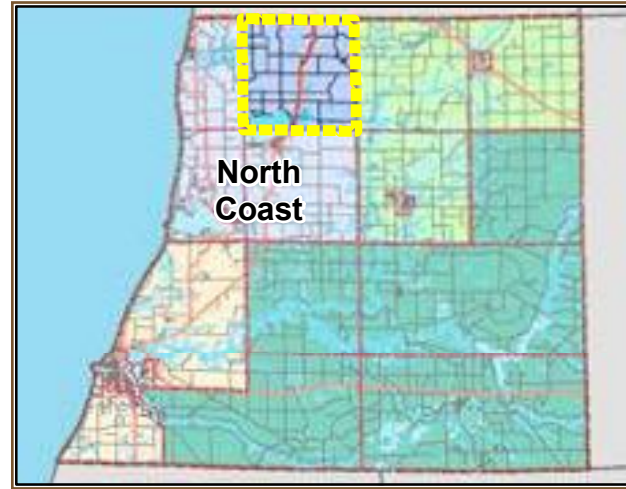
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10.1.3 Arcadia Township Resolution of Adoption



10.2 Pleasanton Township

North Coast Region



10.2.1 Pleasanton Township Resolution of Support



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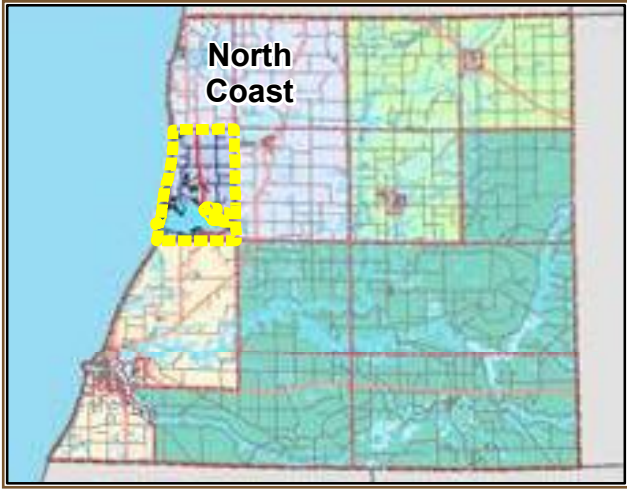
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10.2.3 Pleasanton Township Resolution of Adoption



10.3 Onekama Township

North Coast Region



10.3.1 Onekama Township Resolution of Support



10.3.2 Onekama Township Public Hearing Notices

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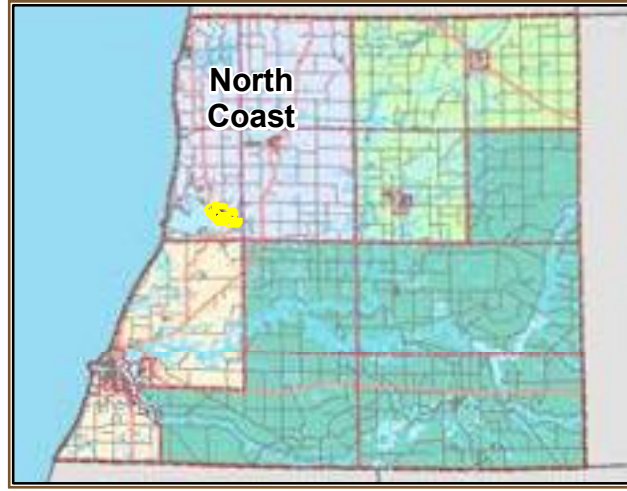
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10.4 Onekama Village

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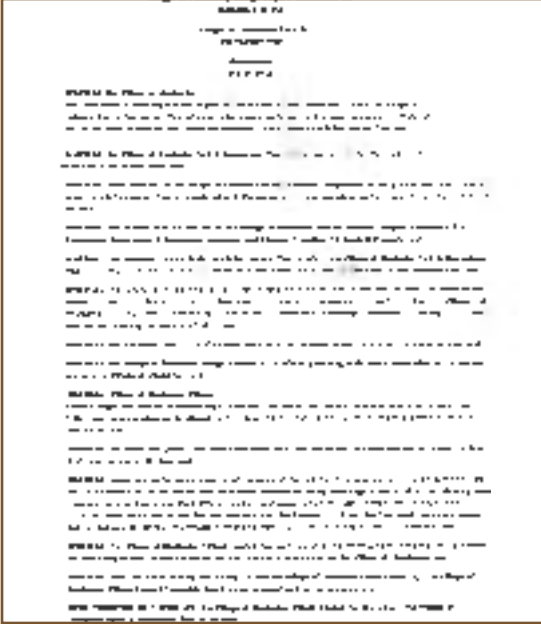
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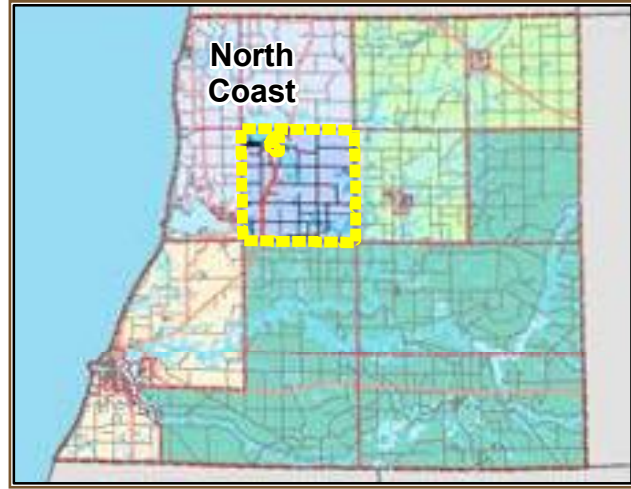
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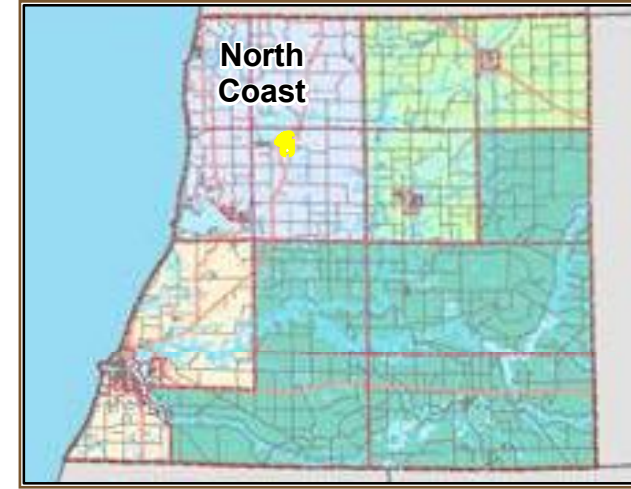
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10.5.1 Bear Lake Township Resolution of Support



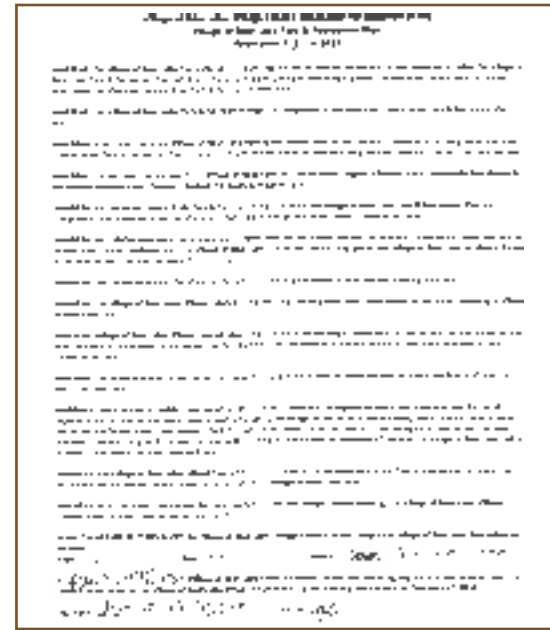
10.5.3 Bear Lake Township Resolution of Adoption



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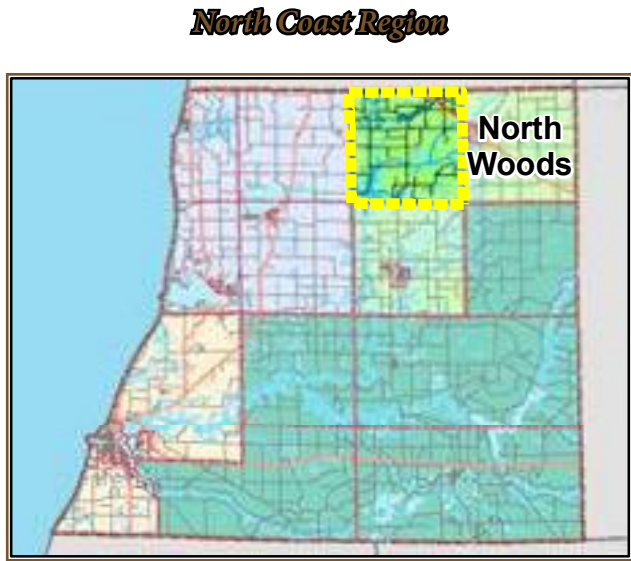


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North Woods

10.7 Springdale Township



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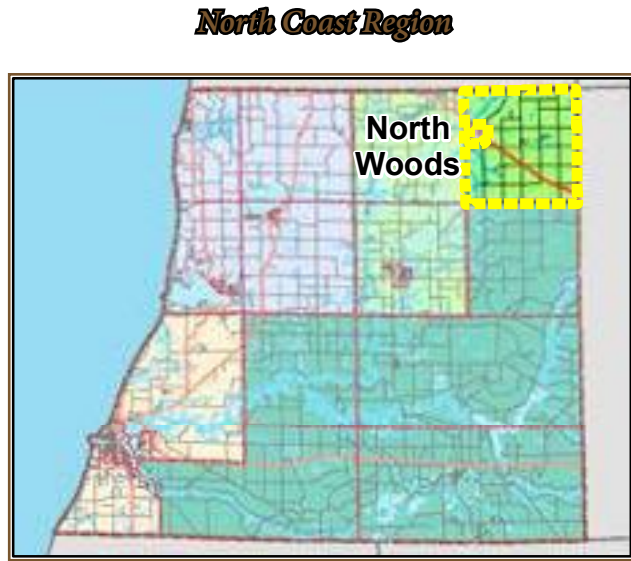
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10.7.3 Springdale Township Resolution of Adoption



10.8 Cleon Township



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North Woods

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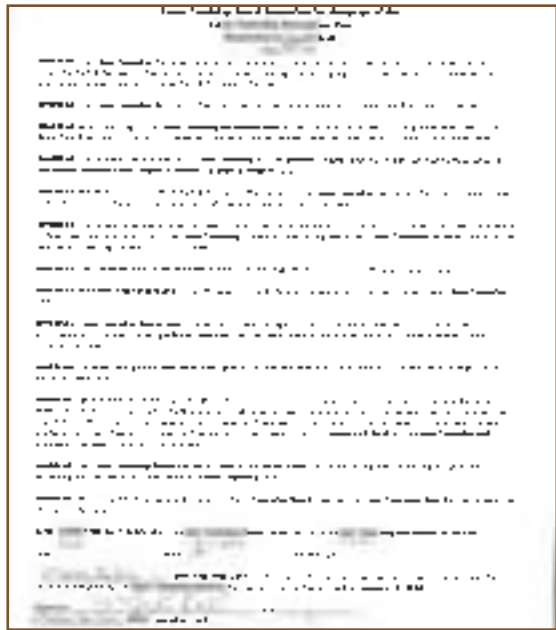
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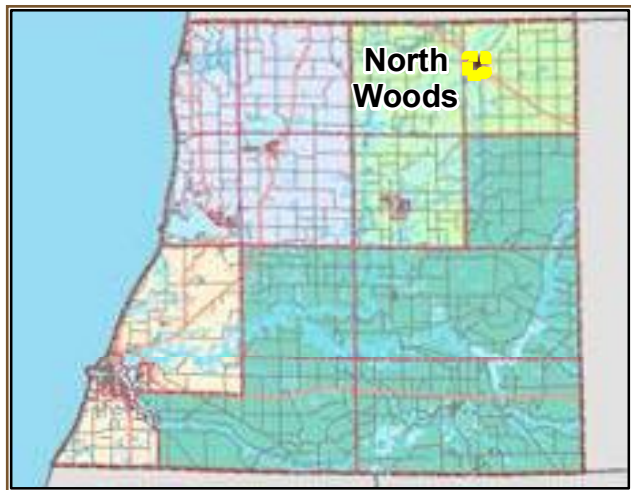
10.8.3 Cleon Township Resolution of Adoption



North Woods

10.9 Copemish Village

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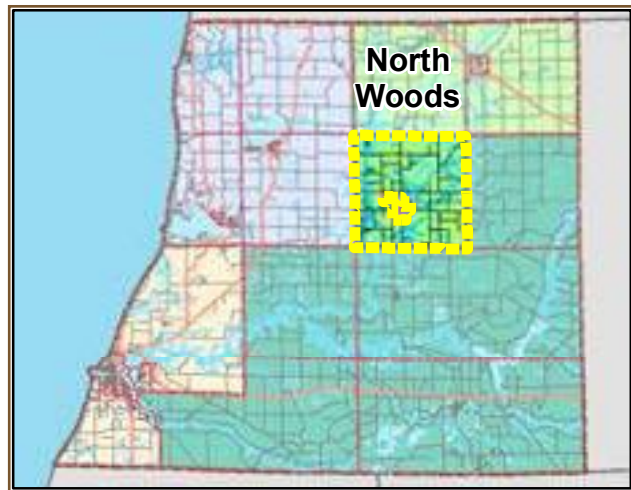
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10.9.3 Copemish Village Resolution of Adoption



10.10 Maple Grove Township

North Coast Region



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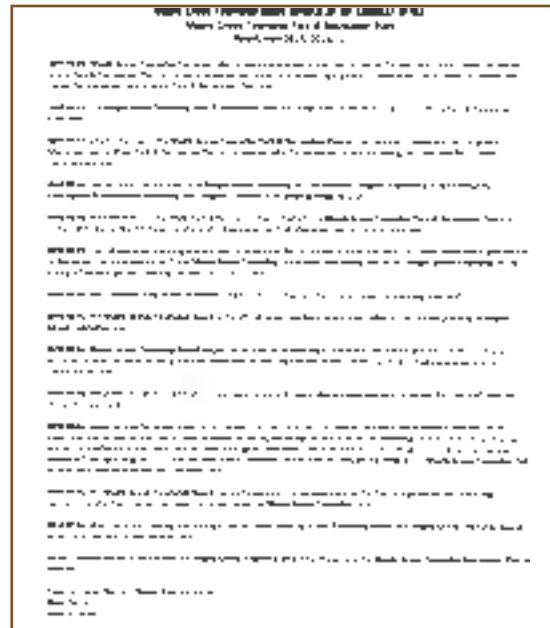
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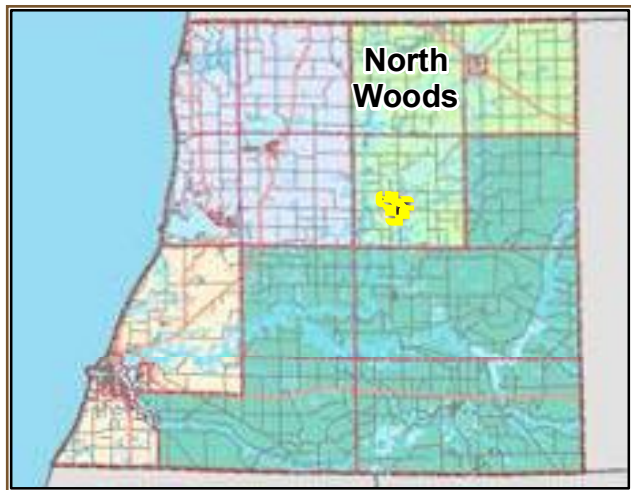
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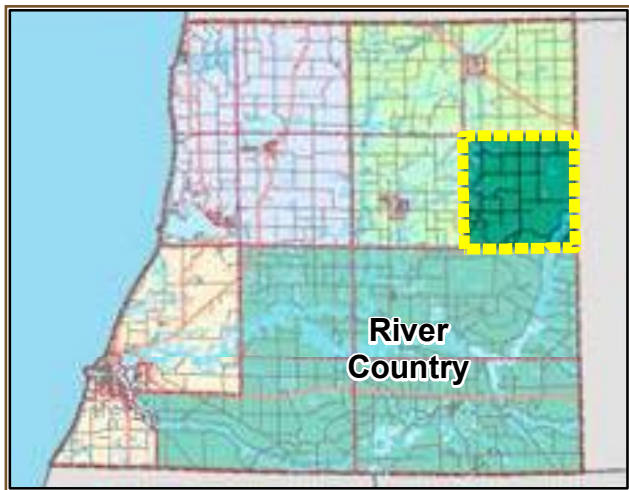
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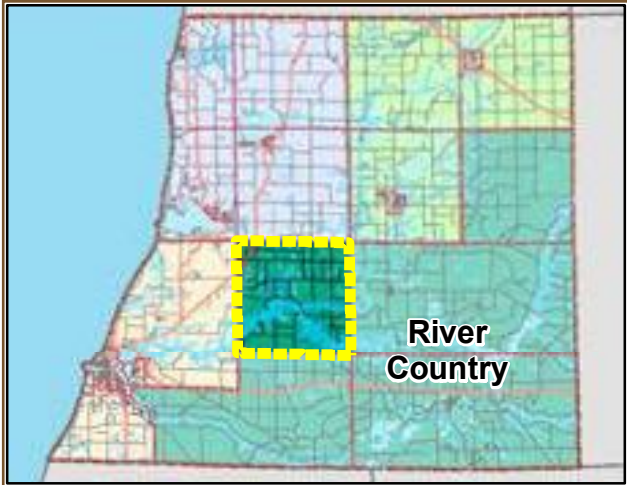
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10.13 Brown Township

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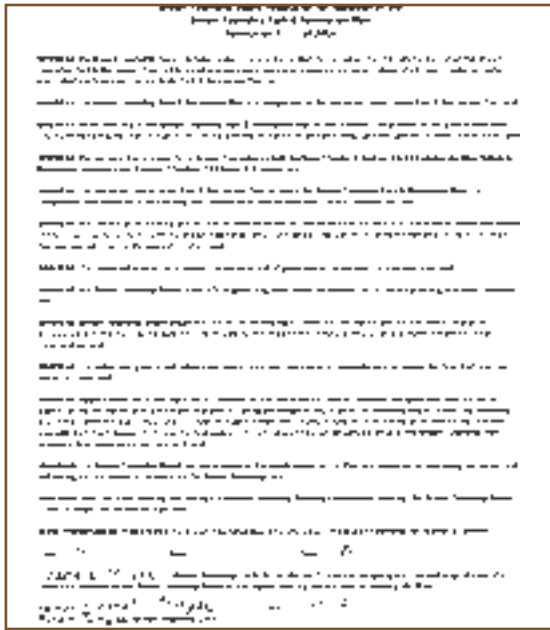
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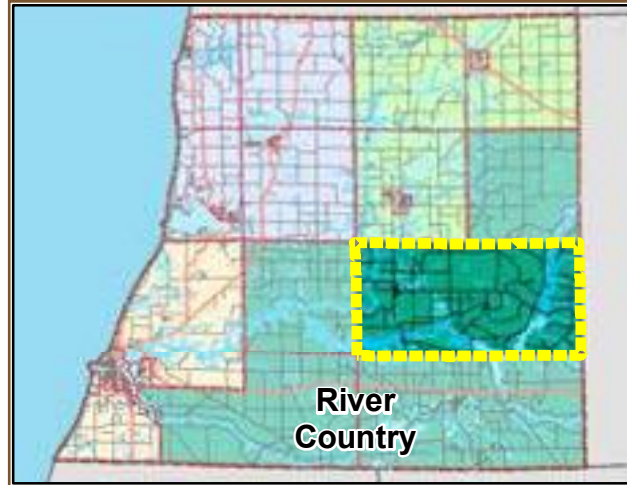
10.13.3 Brown Township Resolution of Adoption



10.14 Dickson Township

River Country

North Coast Region



10.14.1 Dickson Township Resolution of Support



10.14.2 Dickson Township Public Hearing Notices

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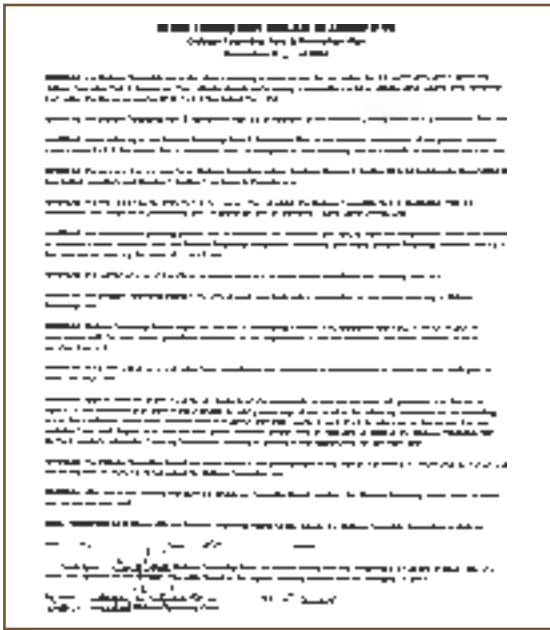
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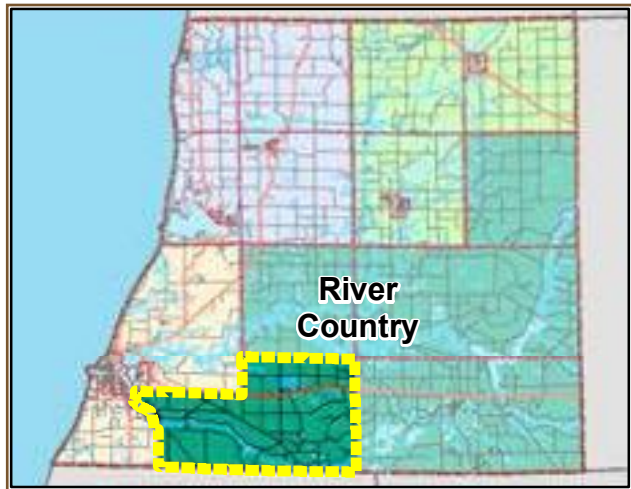
10.14.3 Dickson Township Resolution of Adoption



River Country

10.15 Stronach Township

North Coast Region



10.15.1 Stronach Township Resolution of Support



10.15.2 Stronach Township Public Hearing Notices

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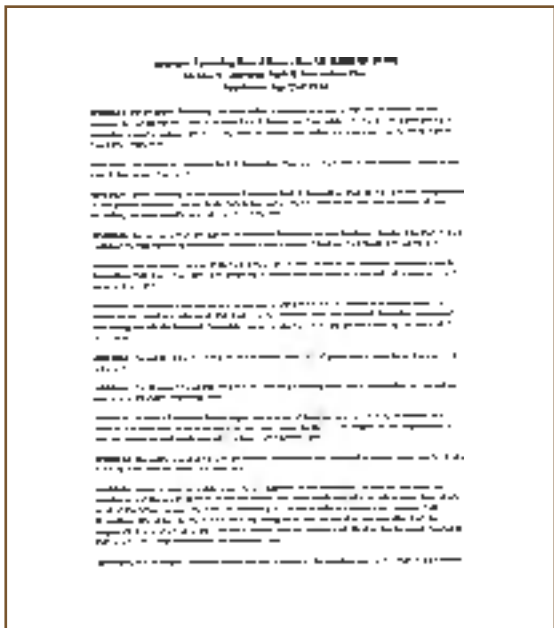
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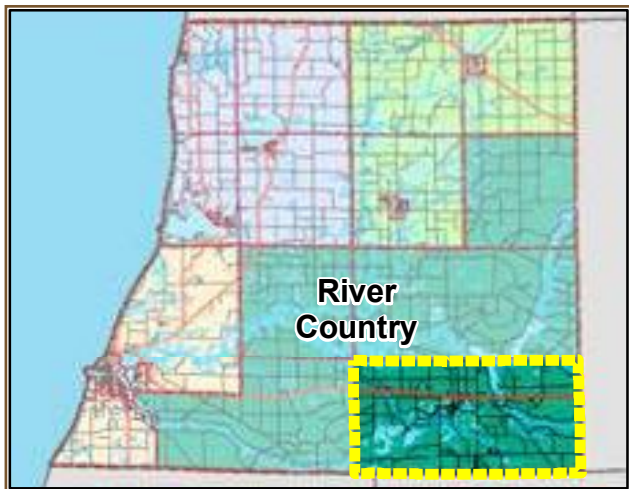
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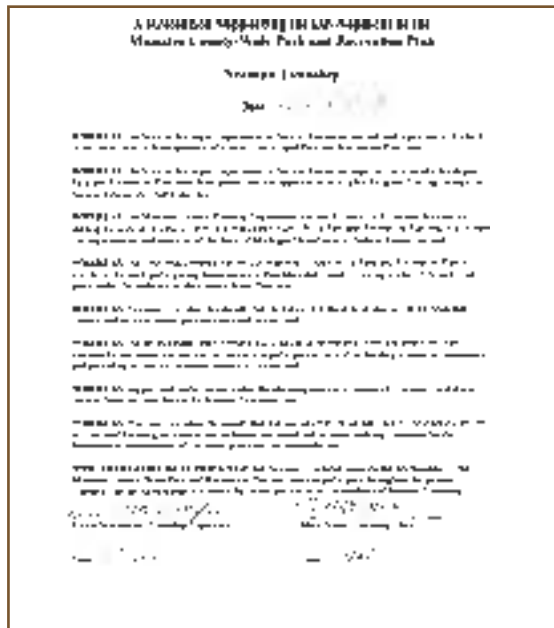


10.16 Norman Township

North Coast Region



10.16.1 Norman Township Resolution of Support



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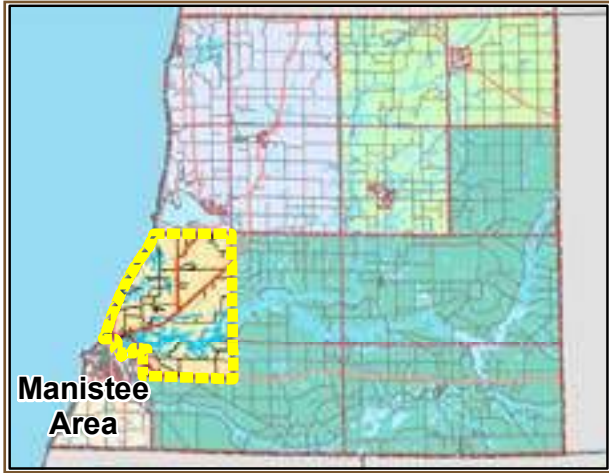
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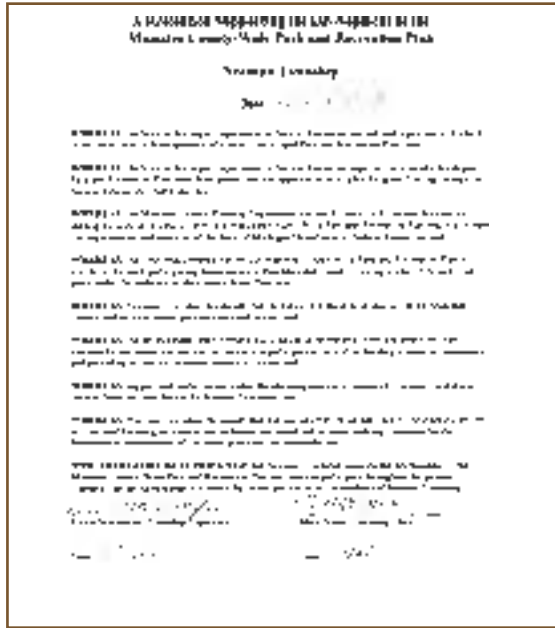
10.17 Manistee Township

Manistee Area

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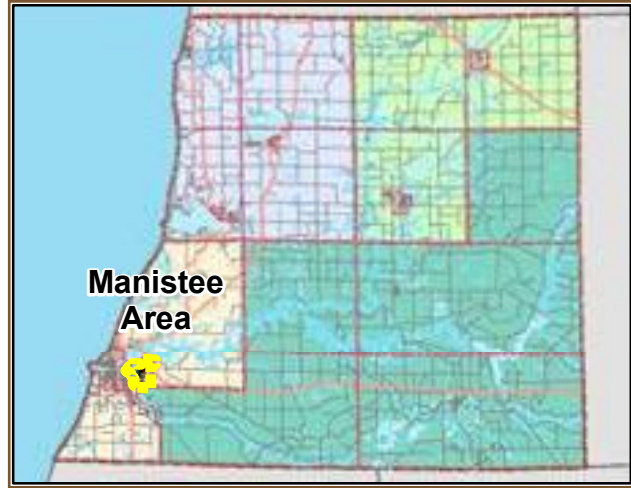


10.18 Eastlake Village

Manistee Area

10.18.2 Eastlake Village Public Hearing Notices

North Coast Region



10.18.1 Eastlake Village Resolution of Support



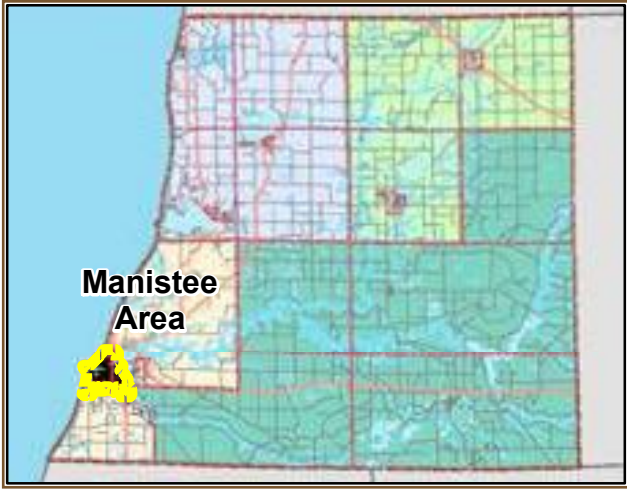
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10.19 City of Manistee

North Coast Region



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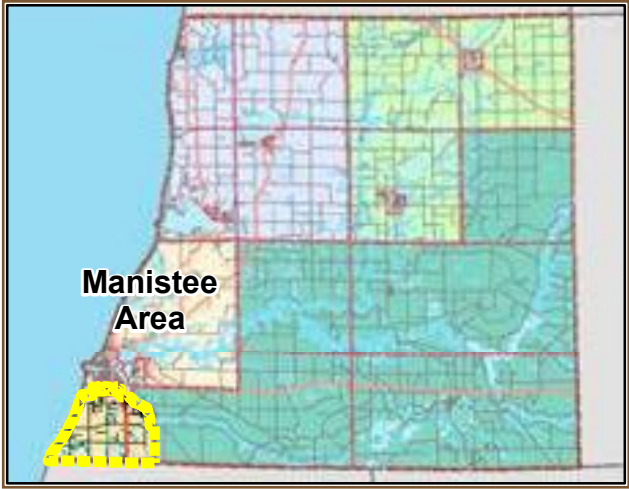
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10.19.3 City of Manistee Resolution of Adoption



10.20 Filer Township

North Coast Region



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10.20.2 Filer Township Public Hearing Notices

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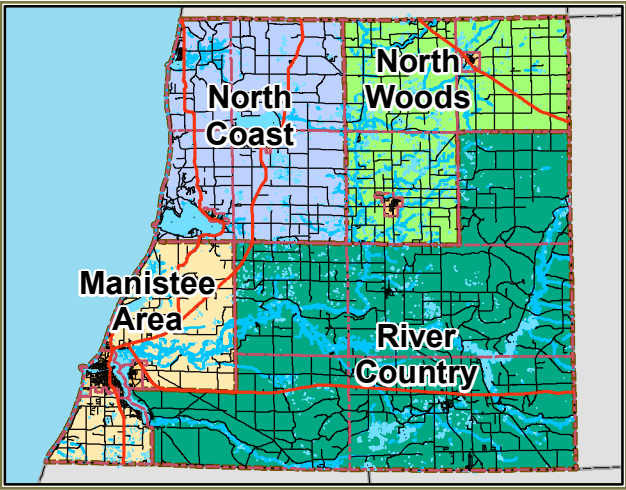
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10.20.3 Filer Township Resolution of Adoption



10.21 Manistee County

County-Wide



10.21.1 Manistee County Resolution of Support



County-Wide

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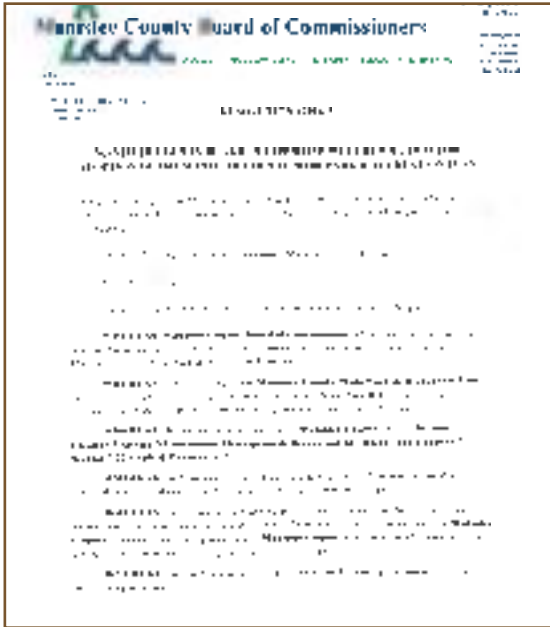
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10.21.3 Manistee County Resolution of Adoption



10.22 Public Hearing Affidavit November 30th, 2015

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November 30, 2015

Marilyn Barker, Publisher

Subscribed and sworn before me, this 25th day of October, 2015.

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State of Michigan, County of Manistee
My Commission Expires: October 21, 2022
Acting Manistee County



30-Day Public Comment and Review Period for the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan

November 30th, 2015: Notice of availability of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan which contains all necessary information for approval of Park and Recreation Plans for all 20 local units of government within Manistee County, as well as for Manistee County.

Public Hearings will be held for each of the local units of government listed below in January and February 2016, for public comment on the draft park and recreation plan for each local unit of government. Copies of the of the recreation plan can be found at each of the Township, Village and City Halls listed below, as well as being made available at public library branches and digitally at the following websites:

http://www.manisteecounty.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=75&Itemid=126
<http://www.allianceforeconomicsuccess.com/>
<http://www.manisteemi.gov/>

Please send comments via email to the Manistee County Planning Dept. at: planning@manisteecountymi.gov

Local Units of Government Public Hearings Location, Dates and Times:			
Arcadia Township	4463 Lake St. Arcadia, MI 49613	1/14/2016	7:00 PM
Bear Lake Township	7771 Lake St. Bear Lake, MI 49614	1/19/2016	6:30 PM
Brown Township	8233 Coates Hwy. Manistee, MI 49660	1/13/2016	6:30 PM
Cleon Township	16505 Imhoff Dr. Copemish, MI 49625	1/13/2016	6:45 PM
Dickson Township	14270 Brethren Blvd. Brethren, MI 49619	2/11/2016	7:00 PM
Filer Township	2505 Filer City Rd. Manistee, MI 49660	1/5/2016	5:45 PM
Manistee Township	410 Holden St. Manistee, MI 49660	1/7/2016	7:00 PM
Marilla Township	9991 Marilla Rd. Copemish, MI 49625	2/11/2016	7:00 PM
Norman Township	1273 S. Seaman Rd. Wellston, MI 49689	2/4/2016	7:00 PM
Onkama Township	5435 Main St. Onkama, MI 49675	1/5/2016	8:45 AM
Pleasanton Township	8958 Lumley Rd. Bear Lake, MI 49614	2/8/2016	7:00 PM
Springdale Township	14492 Glovers Lake Rd. Bear Lake, MI 49614	1/11/2016	7:00 PM
Stronach Township	2471 Main St. Manistee, MI 49660	2/10/2016	7:00 PM
Maple Grove Township & Village of Kaleva	9213 Aura St. Kaleva, MI 49645	1/13/2016	7:00 PM
City of Manistee	70 Maple St. Manistee, MI 49660	1/19/2016	7:00 PM
Onkama Village	5283 Main St. Onkama, MI 49675	1/20/2016	7:00 PM
Bear Lake Village	7727 Lake St. Bear Lake, MI 49614	2/17/2016	7:00 PM
Springdale Township	14492 Glovers Lake Rd. Bear Lake, MI 49614	1/11/2016	7:00 PM
Stronach Township	2471 Main St. Manistee, MI 49660	2/10/2016	7:00 PM
Manistee County	415 Third St. Manistee, MI 49660	2/16/2016	10:00 AM

Each local unit of government will hold public hearings in February on dates which have not been set at this time. A public notice will be provided in December upon selection of dates for public hearings for the following local units of government: Bear Lake Village, Dickson Township, East Lake Village, Manistee Township, Marilla Township, Norman Township, and Pleasanton Township.

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10.23 Public Hearing Affidavit December 7th, 2015

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County of Manistee

Marilyn Barker, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is one of the editors, publishers of the Manistee News Advocate, a newspaper printed, published and circulated in said County of Manistee, and the annexed notice was duly printed and published in said newspaper on the following dates:

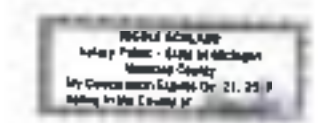
December 7, 2015


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Subscribed and sworn before me, this 25th day of December, 2015.



Notary Public, My Comm. Expiration Date: 10/21/2022
State of Michigan, County of Manistee
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30-Day Public Comment and Review Period for the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan

December 7th, 2015: Notice of availability of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan which contains all necessary information for approval of Park and Recreation Plans for 18 local units of government within Manistee County, as well as for Manistee County.

Public Hearings will be held for each of the local units of government listed below in January and February 2016 for public comment on the draft park and recreation plan for each local unit of government. Copies of the of the recreation plan can be found at each of the Township, Village and City. It is noted below as well as being made available at public library branches and digitally at the following websites:

http://www.manisteecounty.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=125
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Local Units of Government Public Hearing Location, Dates and Times:			
Angola Township	4451 Lake Dr. Angola, MI 49810	1/14/2016	7:00 PM
Beaumont Township	1111 Lake St. Beaumont, MI 49814	1/15/2016	5:30 PM
Brown Township	3255 South Hwy. 10, Brown, MI 49810	1/15/2016	6:30 PM
Clark Township	16005 Clark Dr. Clark, MI 49825	1/15/2016	6:45 PM
Deer Lake Township	16270 Deer Lake Blvd. Deer Lake, MI 49829	2/11/2016	7:00 PM
Ellen Township	2525 Elm St. Ellenton, MI 49829	1/5/2016	5:15 PM
Manistee Township	613 Holden St. Manistee, MI 49660	1/5/2016	7:00 PM
Manistee Township	9991 Manistee Rd. Coopersburg, MI 49825	2/11/2016	7:00 PM
Manistee Township	1671 S. Second St. West Manistee, MI 49829	2/11/2016	7:00 PM
Orland Township	5435 Main St. Orland, MI 49875	1/5/2016	5:45 AM
Pelee Township	8801 Lundy Rd. Pelee Lake, MI 49874	2/15/2016	7:00 PM
Spring Lake Township	14900 Graves Lake Rd. Spring Lake, MI 49811	1/11/2016	7:00 PM
Sturgeon Township	7471 Main St. Manistee, MI 49660	2/15/2016	7:00 PM
Wright Township	8213 Ave. St. Wright, MI 49875	1/11/2016	7:00 PM
Ypsilanti Township	1700 E. 1st St. Ypsilanti, MI 48197	1/11/2016	7:00 PM
Beaumont Village	7751 Lake St. Beaumont, MI 49814	2/11/2016	7:00 PM
Orland Village	5700 Main St. Orland, MI 49875	1/25/2016	7:00 PM
City of Manistee	100 Maple St. Manistee, MI 49660	1/11/2016	7:00 PM
Manistee County	415 Third St. Manistee, MI 49660	2/15/2016	10:00 AM

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10.24 Copy of Letter Transmitting Adopted Plan to Regional Planning Agency (Networks Northwest)

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12/7/2015

Sarah Lucas, AICP
Regional Planning Department Manager
Networks Northwest
PO Box 506
Traverse City, MI 49685

Dear Ms. Lucas,

This letter serves as notice by Manistee County of the release of the Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan for the 30-day public review period. Manistee County under the coordination of the Manistee County Planning Department and the Alliance for Economic Success embarked on a Recreation Planning Process which sought to develop a State of Michigan compliant recreation plans for all 26 local units of government within the County as well as for Manistee County.


The 26 plans are packaged within a singular recreation planning document referred to as the "Manistee County-Wide Park and Recreation Plan". Public Hearing dates have been set in 14 of the 26 local units of government as well as for Manistee County. The public hearing dates and locations can be found on the attached sheet.

We ask that you review our recreation plan and offer any comments or suggested revisions. The recreation plan and all appendices can be found on the CD contained in this mailing. Please provide comments directly to the Manistee County Planning Department by either e-mail or mail to:

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415 Third St. Manistee, MI 49660
Or
planning@manisteecountymi.gov

Thank you for taking the time to review our recreation plan.

Sincerely,



Robert Carson, AICP, Manistee County Planning Director
Tamara Busvinka, AICP, Community Development Director with APS

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Plan Preparation & Adoption Documentation

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10.25 Copy of Letter Transmitting
Adopted Plan to County Planning
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