

Recreation Plan

2024 - 2028



Caledonia Township
Alcona County, Michigan

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1

INTRODUCTION



Caledonia Township Recreation Plan

Extent of Plan Focus

This Recreation Plan addresses recreational facilities and characteristics within the boundaries of Caledonia Township. The plan will evaluate the surrounding recreational opportunities as well as the socio-economic status of the Township and surrounding area to determine the recreational needs of the population and to plan for improvements that fit those needs.

Location and Regional Setting

Caledonia Township is located in the Northeastern Lower Peninsula of Michigan in northern Alcona County. The Township is L-shaped encompassing Town 28 North Range 6 East, and the upper one half of Town 28 North Ranges 7 and 8 East. Alpena County forms the northern border of the Township. The eastern and majority of the southern border is formed by Alcona Township. The western and remaining southern border is with Mitchell Township. The Township contains approximately 67 square miles of land area and five square miles of Hubbard Lake. A large portion of the Township, thirty-six square miles, is made up of large private hunting camps. The distance from the north to the south boundary, at the widest point, is six miles. From east to west, the Township stretches for almost 18 miles.

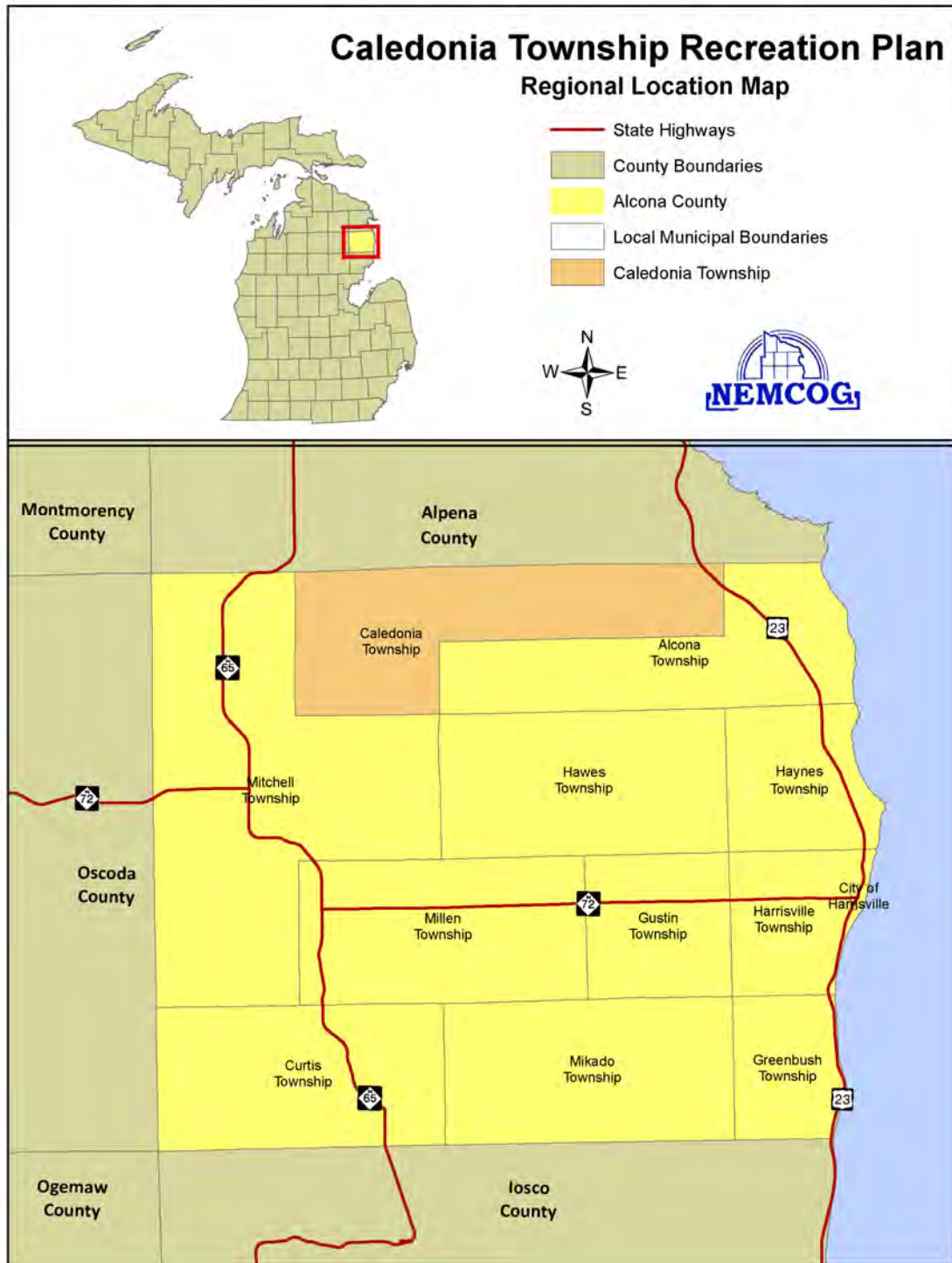
Transportation

East-west traffic within the Township is along Spruce Road, which runs through the center portion of the Township; Hubert Road, which forms the northern boundary; and Swede Road paralleling Spruce Road a mile to the south. The majority of north-south traffic is handled by Hubbard Lake Road and Mt. Maria Road, which generally follow the Hubbard Lake east and west shorelines respectively; Highway F-41 forms the eastern boundary of the Township and US-23 runs through the far northeastern corner. The entire western portion of the Township is completely void of hard-surfaced roads and has only one access road.

Public transportation is offered by Thunder Bay Transportation Authority, a three-county transit system. No railroads access the Township. Lake State Rail does offer freight rail service and runs just to the east of the Township in Alcona Township. There is no air service within the Township either, but Alcona County does have a public airport in Harrisville to the south which can handle small aircraft.

Community Data

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the population of Caledonia Township in 2020 was 1,032 persons. In reviewing the 2020 Census data, the figures presented for housing characteristics show 1,140 total units with 570 units as seasonal, recreational, or occasional-use homes. Based on the average household size in Caledonia Township of 2.12, the expected seasonal increase would be approximately 1,208 persons, more than doubling the year-round population. In addition, many seasonal or recreational visitors stay at private lodging places, campgrounds, or at the homes of family or friends.



Climate

Caledonia Township's long cold winters and short cool summers provide ample opportunities for year-round outdoor activities. The proximity of Lake Huron serves to moderate temperature extremes in comparison to areas located farther inland. Snowmobiling, skiing, and ice fishing are just some of the areas' popular winter sports, and summertime activities such as swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, and camping can be enjoyed when the weather turns warm. Springtime brings out the mushroom hunters and bird watchers, while many await the autumn months for hunting and fall color tours. Typically, the lowest mean temperature of the year occurs in January and the highest in July. Average annual precipitation is approximately 28 inches, and average snowfall is almost 60 inches annually.

Topography

The topography of Caledonia Township is gently rolling and hilly. Elevation varies from around 700' on the eastern edge of the Township and generally increases as you travel westward. Near the shores of Hubbard Lake, the elevation drops to 700'. The highest elevations in the Township are in the central and southern part of Town 28 North Range 6 East at a little over 1000'.

Water Resources

The major water resource in the Township is Hubbard Lake. Hubbard Lake is Michigan's 12th largest inland lake at approximately 8,800 acres in size. The lake is more than eight miles long and three miles wide and has a maximum depth of 97 feet. Caledonia Township has almost 10 miles of Hubbard Lake shoreline. It's crystal clear waters make it a premier lake for swimming, boating, fishing, and other recreational activities.

Many named and intermittent streams flow through portions of Caledonia Township. Holcomb Creek, Little Wolf Creek, McGinn Creek, and Davis Creek all flow through the Township. The headwaters of the South Branch Devils River and Butternut Creek (a tributary to the Black River) both originate in the eastern part of the Township. The Lower South Branch Thunder Bay River originates from the far north end of Hubbard Lake near the Alcona/Alpena county line.

Fish and Wildlife

The woodlands, wetlands and surface waters of the Township provide habitat for an abundance of fish and wildlife. Sport fishing and hunting are popular recreational activities for local residents and visitors alike.

The forested and wetland areas are home to several game and non-game species common to northern Michigan. Game species include whitetail deer, bear, wild turkey, ruffed grouse, woodcock, pheasant, partridge, rabbit, and waterfowl. Non-game species include squirrel, fox, raccoon, opossum, skunk, woodchuck, weasel, chipmunk, badger, porcupine, and coyote. An abundance of perching birds, shorebirds, waterfowl, and birds of prey also call the area home. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has identified the Kirtland's Warbler as endangered and the bald eagle as threatened, both of which have been seen locally.

Game fish found in Hubbard Lake are: northern pike, tiger muskie, walleye, small and largemouth bass, yellow perch, trout, whitefish, catfish, sucker, and several panfish species. Hubbard Lake is also home to beaver, muskrat, loons and turtles.

Land Use Patterns

Caledonia Township contains many large privately owned parcels of 160 acres or greater. Many more range from 40 acres up to 160 acres. Those on the west side of Hubbard Lake are held by hunting clubs, while those on the east side of the lake are predominantly used for farming. The majority of smaller parcels are located around the Hubbard Lake shore, near Spruce, or along US-23. No State or Federal forest lands are located in Caledonia Township; however, the Township does have a large percentage of forested lands. **Table 1** provides a breakdown of land cover/land use in Caledonia Township.

Table 1-1 – Existing Lake Use/Land Cover		
Land Use Category	Number of Acres	Percent of Township Area
Residential	1,306	2.8
Commercial	62	0.1
Industrial	362	0.8
Institutional/Recreational	88	0.2
Agricultural	4,914	10.6
Non-Forested/Openland	4,932	10.6
Upland Forest	21,735	46.9
Lowland Forests	8,188	17.7
Wetlands	1,457	3.1
Lakes/Rivers	3,312	7.1
Totals	46,356	100

CHAPTER

2

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE



Caledonia Township Recreation Plan

Recreation Administrative Functions

The Township of Caledonia is governed by a five-member elected Board of Trustees consisting of a Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, and two Trustees. These positions are chosen by registered voters of the Township in an at-large election held every four years. Parks and recreation facilities are under the direct control of the Township Board of Trustees. Among other Township governmental entities are the three-member Zoning Board of Appeals, a three-member Board of Review, and a five-member Planning Commission. The Township also employs a Zoning Administrator, Assessor, Cemetery Sexton, FOIA Coordinator, Custodian, and a North End Park Custodian. Parks and Recreation committees are appointed by the Township Board of Trustees as needed.

Planning Commission

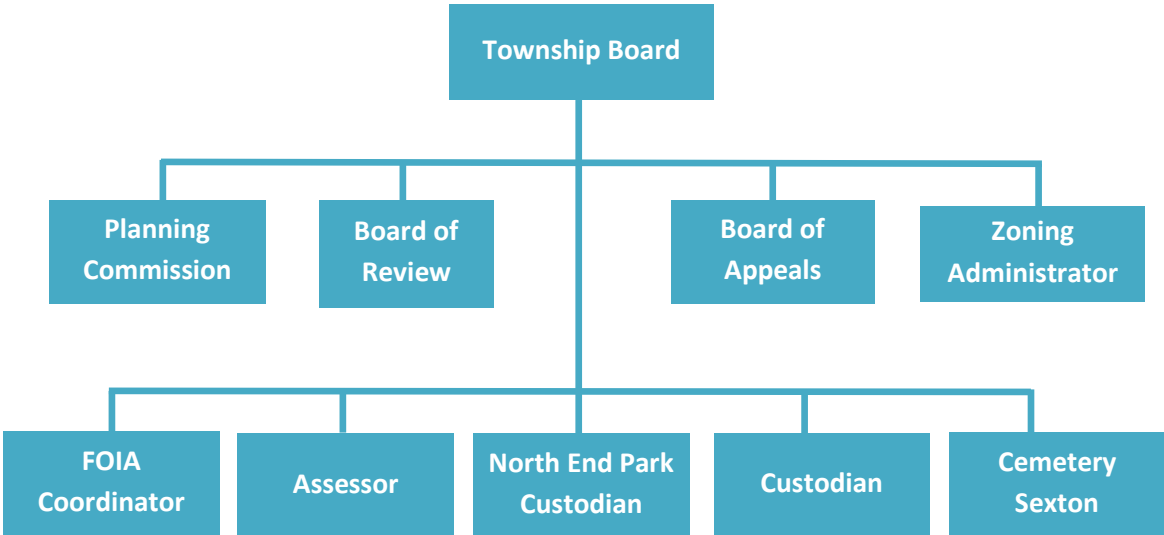
The Caledonia Township Planning Commission is a five-member body, serving three-year staggered terms. Planning Commission members are intended to represent a broad spectrum of community interests, including recreation, commerce, industry, government, education, transportation, and so on. Planning members may come from many walks of life, but they all contribute their time and talents to the local planning process. In addition to the responsibility of preparing the Master Plan, the Caledonia Township Planning Commission is charged with overseeing recreation planning, zoning, and reviewing development projects as they are proposed.

Staff/Parks & Recreation Maintenance

Caledonia Township does not employ any dedicated parks and recreation staff. The Township does employ one permanent part-time Custodian who performs maintenance activities at Township properties under the direction of the Township Board. A permanent part-time North End Park Custodian performs maintenance tasks at Hubbard Lake North End Park under the direction of the Township Board. The Township also employs a contractor to provide lawn maintenance and snow removal at Township facilities. Numerous volunteers have also contributed time to maintenance activities, landscaping, and facility development projects over the years. Additional work or maintenance activities are contracted on an as-needed basis and at the discretion of the Township Board.

Administrative Chart

An organized chart for the Township is as follows:



Relationship with Other Agencies & Role of Volunteers

The Township of Caledonia depends on its community volunteers. These are dedicated individuals who come forward time and again to assist with community improvement projects, festival preparations and other community events. The Township Board has frequent contact and excellent rapport with local/adjoining Township Officials and County Representatives whom they work with on various projects. Below is a list of some of the volunteer agencies and groups that volunteer time, funds, or materials to improve and/or maintain recreational assets in the Caledonia Township area.

North End Park Committee: This volunteer committee provides input to the Township and has guided development efforts at the Hubbard Lake North End Park.

Hubbard Lake Sportsman & Improvement Association (HLSIA): The HLSIA dedicates time and resources to enhancing and protecting the quality of natural resources, fish and wildlife habitat, and water quality of Hubbard Lake. They undertake water quality monitoring, natural resource education campaigns, assist the MDNR with fish stocking, and support the efforts of other environmental and recreational groups.

Alcona County Chamber of Commerce: The Chamber sponsors or assists with recreational activities and festivals throughout the year. They also actively promote local businesses.

Other organizations that partner with the Township and participate in, or offer, recreational activities are the Hubbard Lake Community Association, Alcona Community Schools, local Lions Clubs, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Alcona County Little League.

Programming

There is currently no formal recreational programming in Caledonia Township. The Township does sponsor or assist with recreational programs through partnerships with other local agencies.

Park & Recreation Funding

Funding for park maintenance and improvement comes from the Township General Fund. In addition, many capital improvements are financed through a combination of public and private grants, private donations, foundation and community service organization grants and donations, and other Township funds.

The total Caledonia Township Budget for 2023-24 is \$412,931. Parks and Recreation are funded in whole or part by the Building and Grounds, Township Hall, Parks and Recreation, and Ground Maintenance budget line items. Table 2-1 details the income and expenditures dedicated to parks and recreation.

Table 2-1 – Caledonia Township Parks & Recreation Budget			
	Proposed 2022-2023	Actual Apr 22 – Feb ‘23	Proposed 2023-2024
INCOME			
NE Park Grant Income	\$150,000	\$0	\$150,000
Other Donations to NE Park	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000
Rental and Leases – Hall	\$2,000	\$4,350	\$3,000
Expenditures			
Building and Grounds			
Salary	\$4,200	\$3,850	\$4,800
Office	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$800	\$658.43	\$800
Total – Building and Grounds	\$5,000	\$4,508.43	\$5,600
Township Hall			
Utilities	\$3,000	2\$,658.11	\$3,000
Maintenance	\$1,500	\$1,350.56	\$1,500
Supplies & Expenses	\$600	\$181.90	\$600
Building Improvements	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
Total – Township Hall	\$15,100	\$4,190.57	\$15,100
Parks and Recreation			
Supplies	\$600	\$507.76	\$0
Utilities	\$1,500	\$790.30	\$1,500
Maintenance	\$6,500	\$11,486.60	\$15,000
Hickey Hill	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500
Total – Parks and Recreation	\$10,100	\$12,784.66	\$16,500
Grounds Maintenance			
Lawn Mowing	\$7,000	\$4,295	\$7,000
Total-Grounds Maintenance	\$7,000	\$4,295	\$7,000

CHAPTER

3

INVENTORY



Caledonia Township Recreation Plan

Caledonia Township Recreational Properties

An inventory of recreation facilities available in Caledonia Township was completed and is presented in this chapter. The inventory includes Caledonia Township-owned facilities, Alcona County-owned facilities, State and organization-owned facilities, and privately owned facilities. Caledonia Township-owned facilities were evaluated for barrier-free accessibility. A description of the barrier-free accessibility rating criteria is provided below.

Inventory Method & Classification System

The methods used by NEMCOG staff to compile this recreational inventory include verification and compilation of information from the previous Recreation Plan, and information provided by Caledonia Township officials. Compiled information was compared to existing information to ensure consistency and/or accuracy.

Caledonia Township has seven (8) parks within its limits: Hubbard Lake North End Park, Hickey Hill 80

Acre Woodland, Spruce Park, Tolson Park, Hansen Road 40 Acre Site, Downhill Sledding Park, Holcomb Creek Public Access Site & Natural Area, and Caledonia Township Hall. Facilities found at these parks are described below. Per the guidelines published by the State of Michigan, the City’s parks were ranked for barrier-free accessibility using the following scale:

DNR Accessibility Grading System for Parks and Recreation Facilities
 An assessment of the accessibility of each park to people with disabilities. This assessment must consider the accessibility of both the facilities themselves (as appropriate), as well as the access routes to them. At a minimum, use the following ranking system for each park:

Accessibility Grade	Definition
1	None of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines
2	Some facilities meet accessibility guidelines
3	Most facilities meet accessibility guidelines
4	The entire park meets accessibility guidelines
5	The entire park was developed using the principles of universal design

1 HUBBARD LAKE NORTH END PARK
 Location: Hubert Road

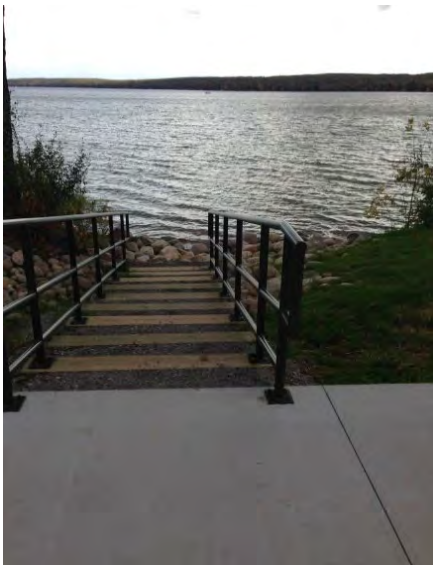
Size (acres)	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating	Accessibility Notes
10	Community Park	5	The entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design.

Description

Development first began on this 10-acre site at the North End of Hubbard Lake in 1993, through a grant received from Thunder Bay Power Company. The Township, through grants, Township funds, private donations, and volunteer efforts has continued to expand and improve this highly popular park over the years. The property features approximately 500 feet of Hubbard Lake Frontage. Site amenities include an accessible bathroom building containing four family restrooms with pit toilets, three changing rooms, a pavilion, benches, picnic tables, a fire pit, a lighted walkway, bike racks, garbage receptacles, a dog cleanup station, and a boat launch. The launch and docks are fully handicap accessible with 27 paved boat/trailer parking spaces. There are six handicapped parking spaces and 22 additional spaces available in the paved parking area.

Late winter of 2009, a group of approximately a dozen local residents formed a committee to determine and guide improvements for the North End Park. This committee has led the efforts for many of the park improvements in recent years. They continue to meet and plan for additional park improvements and have several grant-funded projects underway. A current grant funded project is underway which will improve the swimming area, add swimming docks, a handicap accessible kayak launch and security cameras. A second grant funded project will add a playground, sand play area, additional paved parking with pathway to the waterfront, picnic tables and trash receptacles, and additional beach improvements.





2 HICKEY HILL 80 ACRE WOODLAND
 Location: North Hubbard Lake Road

Size (acres)	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating	Accessibility Notes
80	Natural Resource Area	1	None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines. The property is primarily underdeveloped and therefore lacks features and other facilities that support the recreational needs of the disabled.

Description

This area is generally undeveloped. In 1997, the Township retained the services of a professional forester who created a timber management plan to open up vistas and promote wildlife. Thinning of existing timber improved the site and revenue generated from the project was dedicated to recreational improvement. Other than a paved cul-de-sac, the woodland consists of a forested area.



3 SPRUCE PARK Location:

Size (acres)	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating	Accessibility Notes
4	Community Park	1	None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines.

Description

Spruce Park is currently privately owned and leased to the Township for one dollar per year. The Township is in the process of purchasing the property and making improvements. The 4-acre park provides a baseball diamond, an outdoor concrete basketball court, a soccer playing area, a sandbox, a swing, and a concrete park bench. The local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post members and its youth affiliate made improvements to the park in 1997 with the Township sharing costs. The Born in the Barn Spruce Area 4H Club made improvements in 2009.



4 **TOLLSON PARK**
Location: East Bay of Hubbard Lake

Size (feet)	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating	Accessibility Notes
100	Neighborhood Park	1	None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines. The property is primarily underdeveloped and therefore lacks features and other facilities that support the recreational needs of the disabled.

Description

This site has 100 feet of lake frontage and is 200 feet deep (approximately .5 acres) located in a private subdivision on the East Bay of Hubbard Lake. This park is in a semi-developed condition with no dedicated parking and is primarily used for swimming and family picnics. The Township has recently added docks, picnic tables, a porta-potty, and a park sign. This area is not suitable for boat launching.

5 **HANSEN ROAD 40 ACRE SITE**
Location: North of Spruce Road (East side of Hansen Road)

Size (acres)	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating	Accessibility Notes
40	Natural Resource Area	1	None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines. The property is primarily underdeveloped and therefore lacks features and other facilities that support the recreational needs of the disabled.

Description

This site is located one-half mile north of Spruce Road on the east side of Hansen Road (Town 28 North, Range 8 East, Section 2). This acreage, a former disposal site, has been reforested and is used for public hunting. The Township has no plans for this site at this time.

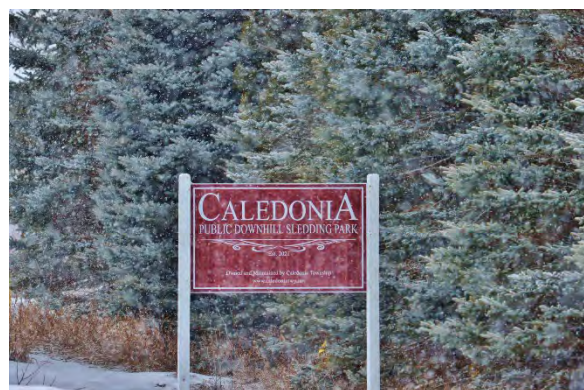


6 DOWNHILL SLEDDING PARK Location: East Spruce Road

Size (acres)	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating	Accessibility Notes
5	Natural Resource Area	1	None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines. The property is primarily underdeveloped and therefore lacks features and other facilities which support the recreational needs of the disabled.

Description

This parcel consists of five acres of land that was formerly a gravel pit. The site has naturally reforested after the closing of the gravel pit. Minor developments have occurred to create the downhill sledding park. Current developments include some landscaping, the creation of the sledding hills, signage, and a sled shack.



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HOLCOMB CREEK PUBLIC ACCESS SITE & NATURAL AREA

Location: Holcomb Creek

Size (acres)	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating	Accessibility Notes
NA	Natural Resource Area	1	None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines. The property is primarily underdeveloped and therefore lacks features and other facilities which support the recreational needs of the disabled.

Description

This site lies at the mouth of Holcomb Creek (Town 28 North, Range 7 East, Section 12). Aside from a small natural parking area off Cedar Drive in the northwest corner of the property, the site is undeveloped and currently has no amenities. The Township would like to establish the area as a hunting and nature preserve. The State of Michigan owns an adjacent 40-acre parcel that is also open to hunting.

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CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP HALL

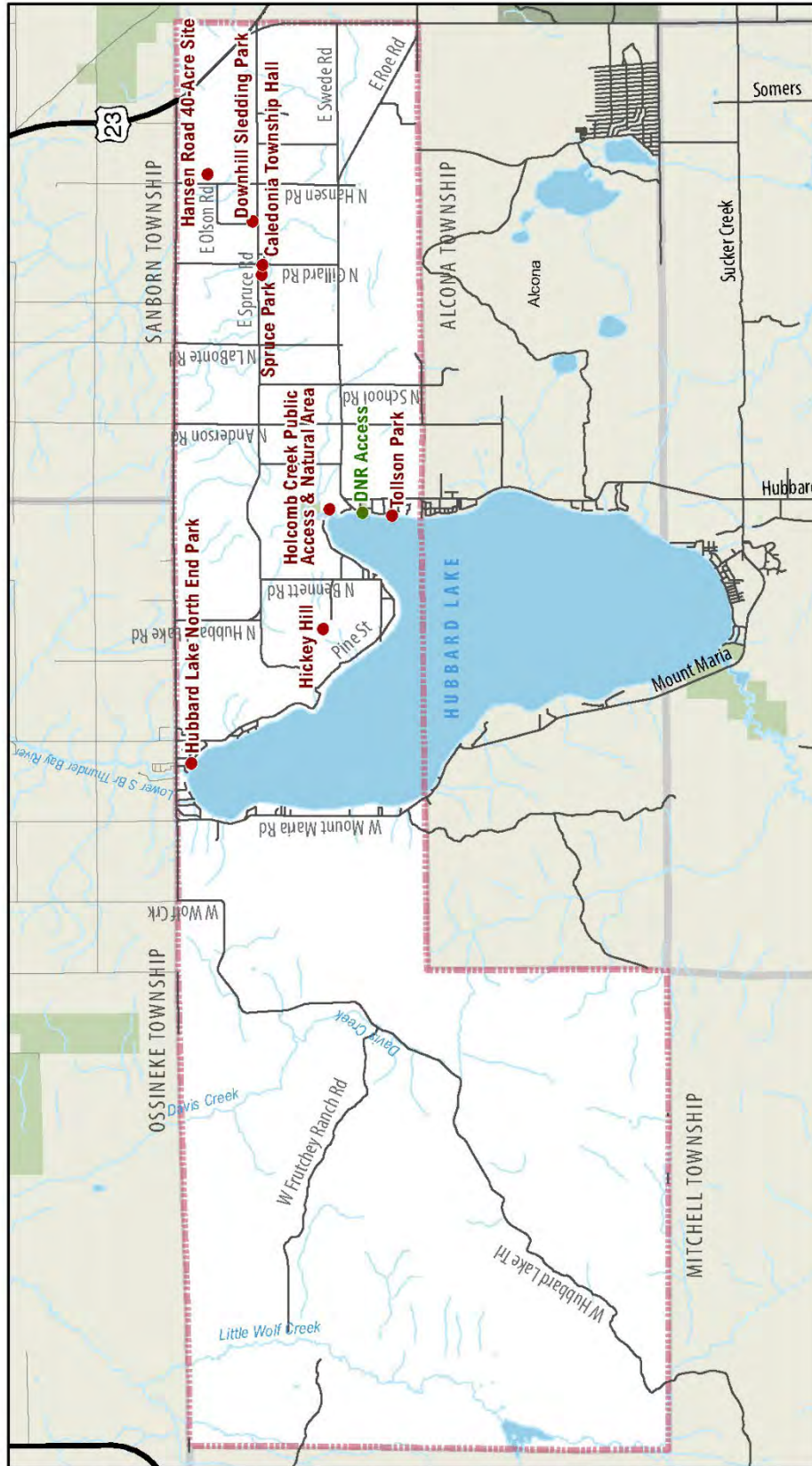
Location: Gillard Road

Size (acres)	Purpose/Use	Accessibility Rating	Accessibility Notes
1.5	Special Use Area	3	Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines.

Description

This handicap-accessible facility is situated on approximately 1.5 acres on Gillard Road in Spruce. This building is used primarily as a community center. The Township Hall contains four handicap parking spaces and a handicap ramp. The Township recently undertook a project to restore the flooring, replace the ceiling, install security cameras, and remodel the kitchen and bar area. The hall is available to rent for private parties, community events, weddings, graduation parties, and wedding and baby showers.





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Township Recreation Facilities (Red dot)

State of Michigan Site (Green dot)

Caledonia Township Boundary (Red dashed line)

State of Michigan Land (Light green box)

National Forest (Dark green box)

Recreation Map
Caledonia Township

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Other Publicly-Owned Properties

Hubbard Lake Access Site

The State of Michigan owns a 200-foot DNR access site on the Easy Bay of Hubbard Lake at the end of Tolson Road. Two concrete ramps and docks, along with a large parking area are provided for boaters.

Vacant 40-Acre State Land

The State of Michigan owns a 40-acre parcel near the mouth of Holcomb Creek (Town 28 North, Range 7 East, Section 12). The property is undeveloped woodlands and lies directly adjacent to the Township's Holcomb Creek 40 Acre site.

Privately-Owned Recreational Facilities

Paul Bunyan Family Campground

This 80-site campground is located on US-23 and includes 60 modern and 20 primitive sites. All sites are grassy pull-through sites with picnic tables and fire pits. Other features include: a large pool, camp/party store, game room, hot showers, laundry room, and a large clubhouse for rent featuring a kitchen and seating for 100.

Rodney McKinnon's Hunting Preserve

This preserve is located on Swede Road. The site is open to the public.

Recreational Support Businesses

Blue Water Bait and Gifts is a seasonal shop, located at the north end of Hubbard Lake, just east of the North End Park. This shop sells fishing and hunting supplies.

Churchill Pointe Inn is an inn and restaurant located on Bennett Road. With a deck overlooking Hubbard Lake and boat docks, they offer dining access from the water. They also offer pontoon boat rentals.

Hubbard Lake Marine is located on Mt. Maria Road on the west shore of Hubbard Lake, and the marina provides the only gas dock on Hubbard Lake as well as marine sales and services.

Viking Marine provides marine sales and service accessible on the east shore of Hubbard Lake in Alcona Township.

Recreational Sites in Alcona, and Southern Alpena County

Following is a detailed description of significant recreational sites in Alcona and southern Alpena County (numbers represent the facility on Alcona County Area Recreation Map):

ALCONA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (#1) encompasses approximately 426 square miles in Alcona County. The 54-acre rural school campus houses Alcona Elementary School, Alcona Middle School, Alcona Community High School, NEMCSA Headstart, a transportation center, outdoor athletic complex, a student run Maple Sugar Shack and a 650-seat community auditorium. Recreational and educational facilities available for community use include three gymnasiums, a weight room, an 8-lane all-weather rubberized track, baseball diamond, softball diamond, football/soccer stadium, football practice field, five locker rooms, two playground areas, two media centers with computer facilities, four computer labs, one interactive television lab, a mobile interactive television unit, two cafeterias, a fully-equipped 650-seat auditorium with stage, light and sound booth, and dressing rooms, and conference and classrooms throughout the District. Community members are welcome to access District facilities through a facility use policy developed by the Alcona Community Schools Board of Education and with District approval.

ALCONA RECREATION AREA (#2) is a 123-acre County-owned site located in the northeast corner of Harrisville Township. The area is the site of the Alcona County Fair as well as the Lincoln 250 Enduro Snowmobile Race. The location has a one-half mile dirt track for trotter and snowmobile racing, a Motocross track, four pole barns, four animal barns, a multipurpose building for displays, meetings and other events, a horse arena and show arena, an office and maintenance building with flush toilets, a 300' complete BMX track, an observation/broadcast booth, a gatehouse, two wells, four irrigated soccer fields, water and sewer, six portable toilets, and 80 acres of undeveloped forest land. It also boasts a Braille Nature Trail.

STURGEON POINT LIGHTHOUSE (#3), located in Haynes Township, is a major tourist attraction. The Alcona Historical Society offers summer tours of the still-operating, Federally-owned facility. The State of Michigan owns the 40 acres surrounding the lighthouse and has no immediate plans for development. **Old Bailey School**, one of the few remaining one-room, log schoolhouses in Michigan, is situated near the lighthouse and is open to the public. **HARRISVILLE STATE PARK (#4)**, in Harrisville, and **ALCONA PARK (#5)**, near Glennie in Curtis Township, offer modern camping facilities. **NEGWEGON STATE PARK (#6)** is an unimproved state park, which currently includes 3,378 acres of land, falls partly in Alcona Township in Alcona County and partly in Alpena County's Sanborn Township. Present facilities allow for primitive camping and provide hiking and nature trails.

The **GREENBUSH RECREATION AREA (#7)** is a 34-acre site with an open-air pavilion, two ball fields, a children's playground, nature trails and picnic areas. Bathroom facilities are also available. **THE PINE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST CAMPGROUND (#8)**, located at the former state trout-rearing ponds in the Huron National Forest in Mikado Township, offers eleven primitive campground sites with toilets and hand-

pumped water, a picnic pavilion and grills. Three recreation sites are maintained by the U.S. Forest Service in Millen Township: **JEWELL LAKE CAMPGROUND (#9)**, **HORSESHOE LAKE CAMPGROUND (#10)**, and **REID LAKE QUIET AREA (#11)**. Each has primitive campsites, hand-pumped water, picnic and foot trail areas. The Reid Lake site also offers over six miles of cross country ski trails. **THE HOIST LAKES AREA (#12)**, maintained by the U.S. Forest Service in Mitchell Township, has seven small lakes and over 20 miles of cross country ski trails. **GABIONS CAMPGROUND (#13)** in Mitchell Township offers camping and RV sites. The **OSSINEKE STATE FOREST CAMPGROUND (#20)** is located on the shores of Lake Huron near Ossineke. It offers 42 campsites, picnic tables, fire pits, and a small picnic area. There is also a hiking trail and a sandy beach for swimming.

FOREST LAND: Approximately 74.5% of the land in Alcona County is forested, with State and Federal Forest areas comprising approximately 35.6% of it. Most of these areas are open to the public for hunting, hiking, camping and other outdoor sporting activities. Facilities on Federal forests are utilized primarily for primitive camping, hiking and wildlife observation.

GOLF: Alcona County has three public nine-hole golf courses: Greenbush Golf Course in Harrisville Township near Greenbush, Springport Hills Golf Course south of Harrisville, and Monarch Hills in Caledonia Township. There are also three 18-hole courses: Loggers' Trace at Springport Hills, Eagle Ridge in Glennie, and White Pine National Golf Course in Spruce. Blackshire, part of Lakewood Shores, is situated just to the south in Oscoda. In addition there is an 18-hole private course located in Lost Lake Woods Club.

FLIGHTS OF IMAGINATION, a play structure in Lincoln, is located on 11 acres of land in **BARLOW PARK (#14)**. (The park also includes softball and baseball fields, a wooded park, picnic area, tennis courts and public restrooms). The play structure was designed by Robert A. Leathers & Associates, of Ithaca, New York for the children of Alcona County, as well as seasonal visitors to the area, and was funded and constructed using grassroots community efforts. **SHIN-GA-BA SHORES PLAYGROUND (#18)**, located just north in Ossineke, is a large 8,500 square foot children's playground that was designed by children and constructed in 1998 by community support and donations. The **HURON SHORES BABE RUTH LEAGUE BASEBALL DIAMOND**, and Ossineke ball fields, are also located here. **OSSINEKE SPORTS PARK (#22)** is located adjacent to the Sanborn Elementary School in Ossineke. Owned by Alpena Public Schools and leased to the Ossineke Chamber of Commerce, the facility offers a soccer field, fenced ball diamond with dugouts, a broadcast booth and restroom facilities.

OSSINEKE PARK (#19), also known as Sanborn Park, is located east of Ossineke on Lake Huron. The park offers picnic tables, grills, pavilion, playground equipment, changing rooms, restrooms, and a sandy swimming beach. **LIONS PARK (#17)** is located just north of the "4 Corners" on Hubbard Lake Road in Alpena County. The 8-acre park contains two ball diamonds, horseshoe pits, playground, two basketball courts, a double tennis court, picnic tables, restrooms and a pavilion with a cook shack and walk-in cooler.

THE LINCOLN DEPOT (#15) is located in the downtown area of the Village of Lincoln and was restored by the Friends of the Lincoln Depot. It now serves as a tourist and educational attraction, and includes many of the original furnishings and a gift shop. **DINOSAUR GARDENS (#21)**, located just north of Ossineke

on US-23, is a truly unique tourist attraction, with a 40-acre “zoo” featuring home-made life-size sculptures of dinosaurs and other prehistoric creatures and miniature golf.

The **LINCOLN AREA MULTI-USE PATHWAY (LAMP)** travels through the streets of Lincoln and Barlow Park.

SNOWMOBILE TRAILS: There are 90 miles of groomed trails in Alcona County; while Oscoda County, to the west, has 121 miles and Iosco County, to the south, has 94 miles.

TRAILS: Three major hiking trail systems are located in Alcona County – the Hoist Lakes Foot Travel Area, Reid Lake Quiet Area, and approximately 14 miles of the Shore to Shore Trail passes through the southwestern portion of the County on its way from Lake Huron to Lake Michigan. Hoist Lakes (over 20 miles of trails) and Reid Lake (12 miles of trails) are footpaths for hikers and skiers while the Shore to Shore Trail is an unpaved multi-use trail for mountain bikes, hikers, and horses. **CHIPPEWA HILLS PATHWAY (#16)** is located northwest of Hubbard Lake and features three groomed trails. The three trails present multiple loop options of varying length over rolling to hilly terrain.

SHIPWRECKS: The boundaries of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary include the waters off Alcona, Alpena and Presque Isle County to the Canadian border. The Sanctuary was designated to protect a significant collection of over 200 shipwrecks that lie in Lake Huron. Visitors can fish, kayak or snorkel the wrecks.

THE BLACK RIVER ROUTE: The Black River Route is a 24-mile round-trip self-guided bike tour beginning in Harrisville. Travel the Black River Route to historic points along the Huron coast. Historic sites you will view on this trip include the Village of Alcona (now a ghost town), Mt. Joy Cemetery (with graves from as far back as 1855), the Low School Site (which was opened to accommodate students during the lumbering era), and St. Gabriel Catholic Church (which was constructed in 1894 and has not been altered since).



The Black River Route

A Huron Shores Heritage Route Bike Tour
Total Trip: 24 miles

T Trailhead
Harrisville Harbor on Lake Street

Overview Map of Alcona Bike Tours



Travel the "Black River Route"...

- 0.16 mi From the trailhead, turn south (left) on Lake Street to Main St.
- 0.26 mi Turn right on Main St to US 23. Old Place Inn & Hollyhock Quilt Shoppe (Historical Markers 3 & 4) will be on your right.
- 2.6 mi Turn north (right) on US 23 to Lake Shore Dr.
- 4.3 mi Turn right on Lake Shore Dr (keeping right). Quilt trail panel 0.4 miles from US 23 on the east side of the road at Cedar Brook Trout Farm. Continue north to Alcona Rd.
- 1.0 mi Optional Short Trip: Turn left on Alcona Rd. 1 mile back to US 23. Mt. Joy Cemetery Historical Marker 0.6 miles from Lake Shore Dr. From Alcona Rd/US 23 intersection, it is 6.5 miles back to Washington St.
- 4.4 mi Optional Long Trip: From Lake Shore Dr, turn right on Alcona Rd (Historical Marker 12 next to RR track), then left onto Lake Shore Dr. Historical Marker 14 at intersection of Lake Shore & Alger Smith. Continue north to Black River Rd. Historical Marker 15 at intersection of Lake Shore & Black River Rd.
- 3.2 mi Turn left (west) on Black River Rd turning left (south) on Fontaine Rd to US 23.
- 9.3 mi Turn south (left) on US 23 to Washington St.
- 0.14 mi Turn left on Washington Street to Lake St.
- 0.36 mi Turn right on Lake St to trailhead at the Harbor.

★ Quilt Trail Panel

12 Historical Marker: Village of Alcona

Circa 1855, William Hill established a fishery at this place, which was called The Cove. He had five fishing boats and a lodging house. The settlement became the Village of Alcona. In the 1860s and 1870s, Johnston, Haynes & Company built a sawmill here with a railroad for transporting logs from the west, eventually from as far as present day Lost Lake Woods. By the early 1880s, the community included three general stores, three hotels, a lumber dock and a passenger dock. The 1000 residents made it the largest community in the Huron Shore region. In 1893, the sawmill was destroyed by fire. It was not rebuilt and residents began to leave to seek other employment. By 1903, it had become a "ghost town."

13 Historical Marker: Mt. Joy Cemetery

Originally part of Alcona Township serving the Village of Alcona and surrounding area, with the earliest, remaining marked grave dating from 1855, Mt. Joy Cemetery has been a part of Haynes Township since 1889. Of the earliest 19 burial sites still marked by tombstones (many of the early graves had wooden markers which quickly deteriorated), 9 were children under the age of 5, as childhood mortality rates were very high in those years. The second earliest burial marked by an existing stone was that of Civil War Veteran John London, who died on October 18, 1869 at the age of 46. Those persons buried at the public's expense were placed in the "Potter's Field" area of the original section located in the southeast corner. The 1890's was the decade of greatest mortality from disease as diphtheria, cholera, typhoid fever, whooping cough, and tuberculosis claimed the lives of many children and adults. Those buried there include William Hill, the "Commodore of the Cove" and founder of Alcona, and Newton Edwards, the last mayor.

14 Historical Marker: Low School Site

In 1868, the Alger-Smith Logging Company began lumbering operations in the Black River area and, by 1879, consolidated its operations in Black River. By the early 1880s the company employed 600 men and Black River became the largest community in the Huron Shore Region with a population of 2,000. The Low School was built in the late 1880s and initially had an enrollment of 90 students. When the lumbering era ended about 1900, both the village population and school enrollment sharply declined. The school was moved to Sand Hill in January 1906, west of town.

15 Historical Marker: St. Gabriel Catholic Church

Initially the spiritual needs of the French Canadian settlers in the Black River community were attended to by periodic visits by missionary priests from AuSable. Written records began to be kept in 1883. In 1894, an acre of land was donated by the Alger Smith Lumber Company, the primary employer in Black River. Under the direction of Father Julien Doucet, the mission church was constructed in 1894 and named for St. Gabriel. Based on early drawings of Black River, it appears that the church has not been altered since construction, with the exception of some interior modernization and the construction of a church hall in 1976. This parish served as the center for community activity for the Black River area from the 1890s through the 1950s. This modest, wooden structure has faithfully served the community for 114 years, and remains an active Catholic parish today.

Discover Heritage Route 23...your Pathway to the Sunrise Coast!

Before You Ride

- Water is only available at trailhead. Bring your own water on the trip.
- Cell phone reception varies and does not exist along some route segments.
- County roads have gravel shoulder. US 23 has paved shoulder.
- Be predictable and operate like a vehicle.
- Always wear an approved helmet.
- Ride with traffic.
- Use hand signals.
- Be mindful of other traffic.
- Wear appropriate clothing.
- Use lights at night.

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Caledonia Township Recreation Grant History

Caledonia Township has received and successfully completed two grants through the MDNR recreation grants program. They were in 1980 and 2012. The Township has received two Recreation Passport Grants in 2019 and 2020. Engineering and construction activities are underway for those two grants.

Grant #	Project Name	Scope Item	Current Condition
26-01104 S	Holcomb Creek Acquisition	Acquire 40 acres of land at the mouth of Holcomb Creek on Hubbard Lake’s East Bay	Acquired property is still part of Township-owned lands and is open to hunting, kayaking, canoeing.
TF12-015	Hubbard Lake North End Park Development	Development to include pavilions, ADA bathrooms, shoreline protection, beach volleyball, well, electricity, lighting, ADA platform for beach viewing and landscape furniture.	All improvements are still in use and in good condition at a widely used park.
RP19-0105	Development of Hubbard Lake North End Park	Development of Hubbard Lake North End Park to provide an accessible kayak launch, shoreline beautification, water access staircase, two 60'x6' swimming docks, swimming platform, regulatory swimming buoys, two swimming safety rescue stations, swale beautification plantings, ADA drinking fountain, security cameras, and landscape furniture.	Project Agreement executed and project planning, engineering, and construction is underway.
RP20-0083	Development of Hubbard Lake North End Park	Development of the lakefront area to provide a sand beach area, universal design playground, 6' wide pathways connecting to existing pathways, drainage swale with native plantings, and additional parking at North End Park.	Project Agreement executed and project planning, engineering, and construction is underway.

Regional Recreation

Complete information on all public and private recreational facilities can be found in each community's Recreation Plan. Following is a list of recreational sites surrounding Caledonia Township:

<i>Alcona Township</i>	
Public	Private
Alcona Township Black River Park	Lost Lake Woods Club
Larson Beach	Viking Marine
Black River Recreation Area	
Negwegon State Park	

<i>Curtis Township</i>	
Public	Private
Indian Lakes Park	Alcona Canoe Rental & Campground
Alcona Park	Middleton Campground
Vaughn Lake Public Access	Eagle Ridge Golf Course
North Lake (trailhead for snowmobiles)	
Au Sable National Scenic River	
Huron National Forest	

<i>Greenbush Township</i>	
Public	Private
Cedar Lake Access Sites	Blackshire at Lakewood Shores
Ten Acres	
Greenbush Recreation Area	
Greenbush Country School	
Swart House	
Two access sites on Lake Huron	

<i>Gustin Township</i>	
Public	Private
Alcona Community Schools	
Former Memorial Hall	

<i>Harrisville Township</i>	
Public	Private
Harrisville Recreation Area	Springport/Loggers Trace Golf Courses
Harrisville State Park	80-acre Reserve
Alcona Recreation Area	Greenbush Golf Course

<i>Village of Lincoln</i>	
Public	Private
Barlow Park/Flights of Imagination	
Brownlee Lake Park	
Lincoln Lakefront	
Railroad Park	
Brownlee Lake Public Access	
Lincoln Train Depot	
Lincoln Area Multi-use Pathway (LAMP)	

<i>Hawes Township</i>	
Public	Private
Public Access Site (West Branch River)	Former Timber Creek Resort
Jewell Lake	White Pine National Golf Course

<i>Haynes Township</i>	
Public	Private
Sturgeon Point Lighthouse	Cedarbrook Trout Farm
Bailey School	

<i>Mikado Township</i>	
Public	Private
Bruce Park	Chippewa Indian Settlement
Ball parks	Indian Mission Church
Ten Acres	
Pine River National Forest Campground	
Vandercook Trail Head	

<i>Millen Township</i>	
Public	Private
Barton City Community Park	Barton City Eagles Club
Jewell Lake Campground	
Horseshoe Lake Campground	
Reid Lake Foot Travel Area	
Sprinkler Lake Education Center	

<i>Mitchell Township</i>	
Public	Private
Mitchell Township Park	
Hoist Lakes Area	
O'Brien Lake	
McCollum Lake State Forest Campground	
Gabions Campground	
Au Sable River	

<i>City of Harrisville</i>	
Public	Private
Harrisville Harbor and Harbor Park	Village Lanes Bowling
Mill Pond	
Veteran's Club Property	
Tennis Courts, Pavilion	
Dock Street Road End	
Scenic Overlook – foot of Main St	
Craftmaker's Cabin	
Harrisville Heritage Route Trail	
Harrisville State Park	

<i>Alpena County</i>	
<i>Sanborn Township</i>	
Public	Private
Ossineke Park (Sanborn Park)	Dinosaur Gardens
Sanborn Township Launch Site	
Sanborn Twp and Huron Shores Babe Ruth League Ball Diamond	
Shin-ga-ba Shores Playground	
Ossineke Ball Field	
Ossineke State Forest Campground	
Ossineke Sports Park	

<i>Ossineke Township</i>	
Public	Private
Chippewa Hills Pathway	
Lions Park	
Beaver Lake Campground	

Recreation Outside of Alpena County

In addition to recreation within Alpena County, Township residents have access to recreational opportunities in Alpena, 15 miles to the north, as well as Oscoda, 31 miles south. The City of Alpena is the largest city in the northeast Michigan region and offers 22 recreational properties. Community based recreation in Alpena includes Plaza Pool at Alpena High School and many community parks with swimming and fishing access. In addition, there is a multi-purpose arena in Alpena Township with provisions for hockey and figure skating.

Oscoda offers many commercial recreation-based businesses, such as miniature golf and bowling. Oscoda High School has an indoor swimming pool which is open for public use on a limited basis; the community also has a waterfront park on its Lake Huron beach with playground equipment and tennis courts. A second lake-side park area, located just north of Oscoda on US-23, offers picnicking and swimming. Several campgrounds are located in or near the Huron National Forest, including the Old Orchard Campground on the Au Sable River. The Lumberman's Monument area on the River Road offers a visitor's center with informative and educational displays depicting lumbering days, a gift shop, interpretive center, the impressive monument itself, numerous scenic hiking and walking trails, and a spectacular view of the Au Sable River. Picnicking and boating is also available at Van Etten Lake in Oscoda.

It is important to note that, while all of these regional recreational opportunities are available to residents of Caledonia Township, many require fees and all require travel in order to access them.

State of Michigan Trails

Nonmotorized and motorized trails are promoted in northern Michigan through the **Up North Trails** website. All trails whether they are motorized or non-motorized are depicted on an interactive map. Descriptions of the trail as well as the legal trail uses are included on this map. This site can be viewed at www.upnorthtrails.org.

Regional

US 23 Heritage Route

An officially designated *Pure Michigan Byway*, the US 23 Heritage Route extends 200 miles from Standish to Mackinaw City. The communities and organizations along the route serve on an active Heritage Route Management Council which works toward implementing projects in the US 23 Heritage Route Management Plan. The US 23 program maintains a tourism website (us23heritageroute.org) which promotes over 2,000 things to see and do along the Byway, produces tourism materials for the route, produces short videos as promotional tools, and engages in many other projects contained within the Management Plan. NEMCOG manages the US 23 Heritage Route program as part of a contract with MDOT which oversees and administers the Pure Michigan Byway program.



Huron Blueways

The Huron Blueways is a 265-mile water trail stretching from the Straits of Mackinac down to Saginaw Bay. The water trail is highlighted on the US 23 Heritage Route. A waterproof paddling atlas has been produced which displays maps, points of interest, access points, amenities, at each access point, latitude/longitude of access points, and distance between access points.

Up North Trails

Up North Trails is a public multi-regional collaborative program that maps and promotes all nonmotorized and motorized trail systems in Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. The program is maintained by the regional planning agencies including the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments, Networks Northwest, Eastern U.P. Planning and Development Region, Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Regional Commission, and the Western U.P. Planning and Development Region. Recently the Genessee-Lapeer-Shiawassee Planning and Development Committee joined the program. Over 10,000 miles of trails are promoted on upnorthtrails.org using interactive trail maps.

Sunrise Coast Birding Trail

The Sunrise Coast Birding Trail is a 145-mile birding trail along coastal Lake Huron from Oscoda/AuSable to Mackinaw City. With approximately 30 birding trail stops along the coast, it also connects to the Saginaw Bay Birding Trail (142 miles around Saginaw Bay). The birding trail stops are marked with signage and guidebooks are available.

CHAPTER

4

GOALS & ACTION PLAN



Caledonia Township Recreation Plan

Caledonia Township Goals & Objectives

Goals and objectives were developed from public input sessions as well as by input from the Planning Commission.

1. To protect, promote, and preserve the area.
2. To develop and maintain strong local government involvement in recreational and tourism planning and projects.
3. To actively expand and improve upon the recreational needs of the community.
4. Provide a balance of recreational amenities that are oriented to the aging population to increase the desirability of the community to retirees.
5. Provide recreational amenities that are oriented toward the younger population and families to increase the livability of the community, to attract young families to the area and retain older youth.
6. Support cooperative regional recreation planning and development with Alcona County, the Michigan DNR, and other surrounding communities.
7. Improve the quality of life for residents and bring visitors to Caledonia Township by maintaining, improving, and expanding recreation within the Township and surrounding areas by working cooperatively with local and State governmental agencies, community service agencies, and local businesses.
8. To encourage tourism as an economic resource for the community yet recognize the need to provide other recreational opportunities for the residents.
9. Improve the overall local economy by enhancing the livability of the community to attract entrepreneurs and encourage the creation of new tourism-based jobs.
10. To provide outdoor recreational facilities for the enjoyment of residents, sports enthusiasts, and visitors to Caledonia Township.

Caledonia Township Action Plan

Action Plan

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT

Hubbard Lake North End Park – the goal is to enhance the recreational opportunities at Hubbard Lake North End Park to encourage its establishment as a primary recreational facility in the Township.

1. Provide amenities to improve the overall usability of the park.
 - A. Add a boat washing station.
 - B. Develop a skateboard park area.
 - C. Develop an ice-skating rink.
 - D. Develop a volleyball court.
 - E. Add a basketball court.
 - F. Develop a disk golf course.
 - G. Add safety and educational signage within the park.
 - H. Add additional parking.
2. Improve overall park appearance and protect from deterioration.

- A. Remove and replace trees as needed and plant new vegetation along the east

Hickey Hill 80 Acre Woodland – enhance the recreational opportunities at the Hickey Hill Property to encourage its establishment as a primary recreational facility in the Township.

1. Develop the Park and provide amenities in such a way as to improve the overall usability of the park.
 - A. Re-establish boundary lines and markers.
 - B. Implement, and update as necessary, the forestry management plan to improve stands of trees, native vegetation, and wildlife habitat.
 - C. Develop cross-country skiing and nature foot trails.
 - D. Add benches for resting and scenic viewing.
 - E. Construct a pavilion.
 - F. Create a sledding area.
 - G. Create and improve a driveway and parking area.
 - H. Conduct an engineering study to improve access due to the steep grade of Robin Hood Drive.
 - I. Upgrade facilities to be handicap accessible.
 - J. Add two new ADA-compliant pit toilets.
 - K. Add signage noting the history of the site.
 - L. Add signage with trail maps, and identifying birds, wildlife, and plants.
 - M. Preserve and increase existing orchard.
 - N. Develop wild pollinator and habitat plots.

Spruce Park – enhance the recreational opportunities at Spruce Park to encourage its establishment as a primary recreational facility in the Township.

1. Provide amenities to improve the overall usability of the park.
 - A. Expand the playground and basketball court and add a soccer net.
 - B. Develop a skating rink for winter use.
 - C. Develop a volleyball court.
 - D. Develop a disc golf course.
 - E. Improve the ballfield and add fencing, concrete dugouts, and a scoreboard.
 - F. Add bleachers and/or other seating areas on the ball field.
 - G. Construct a pavilion with picnic tables and grills.
 - H. Construct a gazebo.
 - I. Improve the parking areas.
 - J. Add informational signage regarding the use of the park.
 - K. Upgrade facilities to be handicap accessible.
 - L. Add site lighting.
 - M. Add ADA-compliant pit toilet and eventually replace with modern restrooms.

Tollson Park – enhance the recreational opportunities at the site to encourage its establishment as a secondary recreational facility in the Township.

1. Develop the access site and provide amenities in such a way as to improve the overall usability of the park.
 - A. Provide on-site parking.
 - B. Develop a pathway connecting site amenities.
 - C. Construct a stairway to the docks.
 - D. Add a dock for mooring boats.
 - E. Add informational signage regarding the use of the site.
 - F. Construct handicap accessible viewing platform.
 - G. Add playground equipment.
 - H. Upgrade the overall site to be handicap accessible.
 - I. Add site lighting.
 - J. Add ADA-compliant pit toilet and eventually replace with modern restrooms.

Hansen Road 40 Acre Site– Promote and enhance the utilization of this site as a community site for hunting, bird and wildlife viewing, and nature area.

1. Provide site amenities to improve the usability of the site.
 - A. Perform a property survey to establish and mark property boundaries.
 - B. Perform an environmental study to determine and mitigate any potential development impacts.
 - C. Develop a driveway and parking area.
 - D. Install informational signage regarding the use of the site.
 - E. Upgrade the site to make it handicap accessible.
 - F. Develop hiking and cross-country ski trails.
 - G. Develop a nature park area.
 - H. Develop a target shooting area.
 - I. Develop a rustic camping area.
 - J. Develop bird and wildlife viewing areas.
 - K. Develop a dog park area.
 - L. Develop a community area with a recycling center and a community greenhouse and gardening area.

Downhill Sledding Park – Enhance the recreational opportunities at the site to encourage its establishment as a primary recreational facility in the Township.

1. Provide amenities to improve the overall usability of the park.
 - A. Develop a dedicated parking lot.
 - B. Install power and site lighting for nighttime sledding.
 - C. Install a tow rope on the sledding hill.
 - D. Install landscaping at the sledding hill area to improve the overall appearance.

- E. Construct a pavilion with a fireplace.
- F. Add ADA-accessible restrooms.
- G. Add picnic tables, benches, and trash receptacles.
- H. Develop hiking trails.

Holcomb Creek Public Access Site & Natural Area – to enhance the utilization of the site for duck hunting, canoeing/kayaking, bird watching and nature viewing, and create a nature preserve.

1. Provide amenities to enhance the use of this site.
 - A. Improve driveway
 - B. Install informational signage about the property and creek.
 - C. Install fencing to screen adjacent residential areas.
 - D. Add power to the site and install security cameras and site lighting.
 - E. Upgrade the site to make handicap accessible.
 - F. Improve the natural elements of this site as a nature preserve.
 - G. Add ADA-compliant pit toilet and eventually replace with modern restrooms.
 - H. Develop a pathway to the lake and creek.
 - I. Add dock and kayak launch.
 - J. Construct a bird and wildlife viewing tower/station.

Township Hall – Enhance the recreational opportunities at the Caledonia Township Hall to encourage its establishment as a primary recreational facility in the Township.

1. Provide amenities to improve the overall usability of the property.
 - A. Add picnic tables and playground equipment such as swings and a slide.
 - B. Install a basketball hoop at the far end of the parking lot, utilizing the paved area.
 - C. Enlarge the parking area.
 - D. Install improved internet for guest use.
 - E. Develop an outdoor seating area.
 - F. Construct a handicap accessible deck on the back of the hall.

Basis for Action

Recreation planning in Caledonia Township must consider several pertinent issues.

1. The Township has a largely older population. Individuals 65 years of age and older make up 41% of the population, more than twice the State average of 18.1%. The majority of in-migration is most likely due to the retirement and relocation of persons 55 years of age or older. Thought must be given to planning for this large resident population who have both the time and desire for recreational activities.
2. Young people, under the age of 18, make up approximately 9.4% of the Township's population. Residents aged 20 to 54 represent almost 25% of the population. This fact, along with the percentages of retirement age and young residents, dictates recreational facilities in the Township need to appeal to a very diverse age group.

3. The Township's median household income is \$56,250 compared with the State's median of \$63,202. Nearly ten percent of the population is below the poverty level in Caledonia Township. That percentage increases to 16.5% for people 18-64 years and increases yet again to 38.8% for those 18-34 years. Accordingly, to truly be accessible, recreation must also be affordable which means that nearby facilities should be enhanced to lessen the driving time and expenses that residents would incur to travel to facilities farther away.
4. The issue of improving the local economy by establishing the area as a recreation destination is of utmost importance. Unemployment rates in Caledonia Township are reported at 7.0% (2022), and all of Northeast Michigan remained significantly higher than the State average of 4.2%. The Township strives to create a community with a defined sense of place and a high quality of life which will attract young families and entrepreneurs. This quality of life will also help to retain local youth who otherwise would leave the area upon reaching adulthood. The retention of youth and attraction of visitors are two methods with which the Township hopes to continue its economic turn-around.

Figures obtained from U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2021 5-year estimates. Unemployment rate obtained from Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget.

With these issues in mind, other factors to be considered in recreational plan development for Caledonia Township include:

1. Hubbard Lake is the largest inland body of water in Northeast Michigan. However, public access to its shores within the Township is limited to three pieces of Township-owned property. One is North End Park, and the other two, Tolson Park and Holcomb Creek, are not yet fully developed sites so they only provide limited access.
2. Private recreational property encumbers a significant portion of Caledonia Township. Hunting camps, summer dwellings and buildings held for "occasional" use represent 50% of the Township's housing units. This population of tourists and hunters has consequential impact on the Township's economic base.
3. Limited maintenance staff and operation and maintenance of recreational property is conducted on a part-time basis. Efforts have been made to increase maintenance efforts at the North End Park during the summer months and to utilize volunteer clean-up and development efforts whenever it is available.

The dam west of the North End Park is owned by the Thunder Bay Power Company. As part of its licensing agreement with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission it has planned improvements for this site. The planned improvements are:

1. Create a canoe portage take-out of Hubbard Lake in the area upstream from the buoy line on the right embankment. Six-inch by six-inch ten-foot long timbers will be placed in the ground. The downstream bank to the right side is shallow enough to allow canoeists easy access to the lake. No improvement is planned for the put-in area and proper signage will also be installed.
2. Build a 12-foot wide by 14-foot long fishing platform on the downstream side of the dam. The platform will be constructed of concrete, wood and metal and will be accessible to persons with disabilities.
3. Provide a shoreline fishing area near the North End Park.

Capital Improvement Plan

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

Table 4-1 – Capital Improvement Schedule			
SITE	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT	ESTIMATED COST	SOURCE(S) OF FUNDING
Hubbard Lake North End Park			
Hubbard Lake North End Park	Add a boat washing station	\$5,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Hubbard Lake North End Park	Develop a skateboard park area	\$150,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Hubbard Lake North End Park	Develop an ice skating rink	\$60,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Hubbard Lake North End Park	Develop volleyball court	\$12,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Hubbard Lake North End Park	Add a basketball court	\$45,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Hubbard Lake North End Park	Develop a disc golf course	\$10,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Hubbard Lake North End Park	Install safety and educational signage	\$2,500	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Hubbard Lake North End Park	Add additional parking	\$25,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Hubbard Lake North End Park	Remove and replace needed trees; new vegetation and landscaping to improve appearance	TBD	Local funds and volunteer efforts; DNR and other grants and funding sources.
Hickey Hill 80 Acre Woodland			
Hickey Hill 80 Acre Woodland	Re-establish boundary lines and markers	\$25,000	Local funds
Hickey Hill 80 Acre Woodland	Implement and update the forestry management plan	TBD	Local funds
Hickey Hill 80 Acre Woodland	Develop cross-country and nature foot trails	\$20,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.

Hickey Hill 80 Acre Woodland	Add benches	\$10,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Hickey Hill 80 Acre Woodland	Construct a pavilion	\$45,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Hickey Hill 80 Acre Woodland	Create sledding area	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Hickey Hill 80 Acre Woodland	Create and improve driveway and parking area	\$15,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Hickey Hill 80 Acre Woodland	Conduct engineering study to improve access due to steep grade	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Hickey Hill 80 Acre Woodland	Upgrade facilities to be handicap accessible	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Hickey Hill 80 Acre Woodland	Add two ADA-compliant pit toilets	\$20,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Hickey Hill 80 Acre Woodland	Add signage noting the history of the site	\$2,500	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Hickey Hill 80 Acre Woodland	Add signage with trail maps, and interpretive signage identifying birds, wildlife, and plants	\$2,500	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Hickey Hill 80 Acre Woodland	Preserve and increase existing orchard	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Hickey Hill 80 Acre Woodland	Develop wild pollinator and habitat plots	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Spruce Park			
Spruce Park	Expand the playground and basketball court and add a soccer net	\$20,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Spruce Park	Develop a skating rink for winter use	\$60,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Spruce Park	Develop a volleyball court	\$12,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Spruce Park	Develop a disc golf course	\$10,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.

Spruce Park	Improve ballfield and add fencing, concrete dugouts, and a scoreboard	\$40,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Spruce Park	Add bleachers and/or other seating areas	\$15,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Spruce Park	Build a pavilion with picnic tables and grills	\$100,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Spruce Park	Construct a gazebo	\$10,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Spruce Park	Improve parking area	\$50,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Spruce Park	Add informational signage regarding use of park	\$2,500	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Spruce Park	Upgrade facilities to be handicap accessible	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Spruce Park	Add site lighting	\$5,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Spruce Park	Add ADA compliant pit toilet and eventually replace with modern restrooms	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Tollson Park			
Tollson Park	Provide on-site parking	\$40,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Tollson Park	Develop pathway connecting site amenities	\$15,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Tollson Park	Construct stairway to the dock	\$10,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Tollson Park	Add dock for mooring boats	\$5,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Tollson Park	Add signage regarding use of the site	\$2,500	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Tollson Park	Construct handicap accessible viewing platform	\$15,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.

Tollson Park	Add playground equipment	\$40,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Tollson Park	Upgrade site for ADA accessibility	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Tollson Park	Add site lighting	\$2,500	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Tollson Park	Add ADA accessible pit toilet and eventually replace with modern restrooms	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Hansen Road 40 Acre Site			
Hansen Road 40 Acre Site	Perform property survey to establish and mark property boundaries	\$2,500	Local funds
Hansen Road 40 Acre Site	Perform environmental study to determine and mitigate any potential development impacts	TBD	Local funds
Hansen Road 40 Acre Site	Develop a driveway and parking area	\$50,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Hansen Road 40 Acre Site	Install informational signage regarding use of the site	\$2,500	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Hansen Road 40 Acre Site	Upgrade site to make handicap accessible	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Hansen Road 40 Acre Site	Develop hiking and cross-country ski trails	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Hansen Road 40 Acre Site	Develop nature park area	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Hansen Road 40 Acre Site	Develop target shooting area	\$15,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Hansen Road 40 Acre Site	Develop rustic camping area	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Hansen Road 40 Acre Site	Develop bird and wildlife viewing area	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Hansen Road 40 Acre Site	Develop a dog park area	\$10,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.

Hanson Road 40 Acre Site	Develop a community area with recycling center and community greenhouse and gardening area	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Downhill Sledding Park			
Downhill Sledding Park	Develop a dedicated parking area	\$50,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Downhill Sledding Park	Install power and site lighting for nighttime sledding	\$20,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Downhill Sledding Park	Install a tow rope for the sledding hill	\$5,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Downhill Sledding Park	Install landscaping at sledding hill	\$2,500	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Downhill Sledding Park	Construct a pavilion with fireplace	\$50,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Downhill Sledding Park	Add ADA accessible restrooms	\$40,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Downhill Sledding Park	Add picnic tables, benches, and trash receptacles	\$10,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Downhill Sledding Park	Develop hiking trails	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Holcomb Creek Public Access Site & Natural Area			
Holcomb Creek Public Access Site & Natural Area	Improve driveway and parking area	\$50,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Holcomb Creek Public Access Site & Natural Area	Install informational signage about the property and creek	\$2,500	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Holcomb Creek Public Access Site & Natural Area	Install fencing to screen adjacent residential area	\$5,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Holcomb Creek Public Access Site & Natural Area	Add power to site and install lighting and security cameras	\$20,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Holcomb Creek Public Access Site & Natural Area	Upgrade site to make handicap accessible	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.

Holcomb Creek Public Access Site & Natural Area	Improve natural elements of site as a nature preserve	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Holcomb Creek Public Access Site & Natural Area	Add ADA compliant pit toilet and eventually replace with modern restrooms	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Holcomb Creek Public Access Site & Natural Area	Develop pathway to the lake and creek	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Holcomb Creek Public Access Site & Natural Area	Add dock and kayak launch	\$45,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Holcomb Creek Public Access Site & Natural Area	Construct a bird and wildlife viewing platform/station	\$20,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Caledonia Township Hall			
Caledonia Township Hall	Add picnic tables and playground equipment	\$25,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Caledonia Township Hall	Install basketball hoop	\$5,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Caledonia Township Hall	Enlarge parking area	\$25,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Caledonia Township Hall	Install improved internet for guests	TBD	Local funds
Caledonia Township Hall	Develop outdoor seating area	\$5,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available local funds.
Caledonia Township Hall	Construct handicap accessible deck on back of hall	\$15,000	Local funds

CHAPTER

5

PLANNING PROCESS



Caledonia Township Recreation Plan

Caledonia Township Planning Process

The development of a community recreation plan must involve interaction and input from citizens and community groups. The Caledonia Township Board of Trustees was the lead entity in developing the Township Recreation Plan. Planning Commission and Township Board meetings were open to the public with time allocated for comments. A timeline for the development of the recreation plan update is as follows:

August 2021

Township Officials contact Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) requesting collaboration in drafting a recreation plan for Caledonia Township.

September 2021

Caledonia Township enters into a contract with NEMCOG to update the township recreation plan.

October 2021

NEMCOG developed an online recreation survey to gather public input. The online recreation survey was posted to the NEMCOG and Caledonia Township websites.

December 2021

Due to multiple factors such as COVID impacts, Township official changes, and NEMCOG staff shortages, the recreation plan project is paused.

January 2023

The online survey is reactivated and promoted through the NEMCOG and Caledonia Township websites. The survey is also promoted through the Township, and township officials' private social media accounts.

April 2023

After receiving 295 responses to the recreation survey, the survey is closed, and the results are

downloaded and analyzed. The survey results are transmitted to Township officials for their review.

June 2023

NEMCOG staff conducted site visits to Township-owned properties to assess accessibility and gather photos.

July 2023

NEMCOG staff develops draft recreation plan chapters and other example information and sends to Caledonia Township for review.

December 13, 2023

The draft plan is posted for a 30-day public review on the Caledonia Township and NEMCOG websites. Notice of the plan availability was posted in the Alcona County Review.

January 10, 2024

Notice of a Caledonia Township Board of Trustees Special Meeting and Public Hearing on the draft Recreation Plan is posted in the Alcona County Review.

January 24, 2024

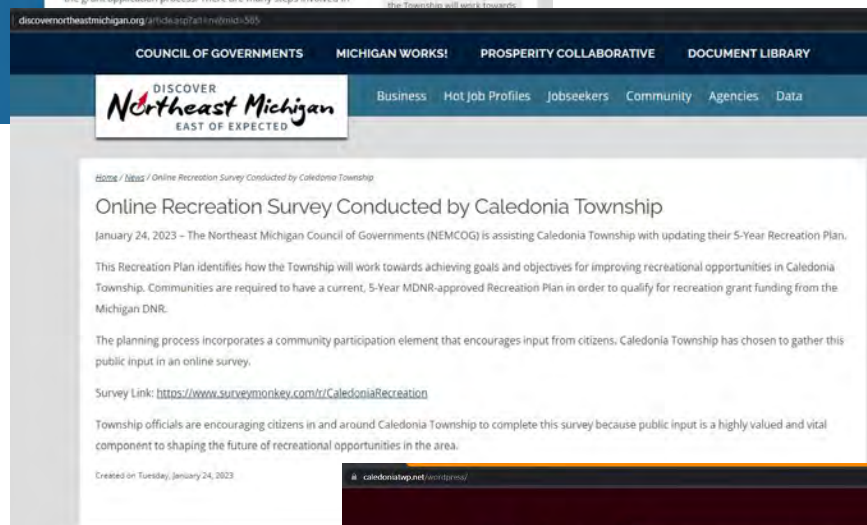
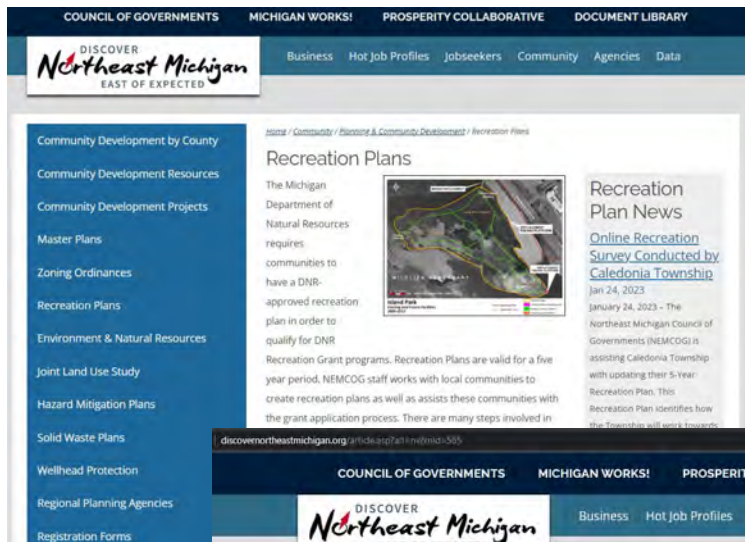
The Caledonia Township Board holds a public hearing to present the draft Recreation Plan and receive public input. Following the public hearing, the Board met and adopted the recreation plan.

Public Input

Citizen opinion on recreation priorities is key to the development of a recreation plan. An online survey was provided for citizens to provide input about recreational facilities. A total of 295 people responded to the survey. The survey results can be found in Appendix A at the end of this plan.

Because of the small size of Caledonia Township, the Township Board felt that the community was well-represented throughout the process, especially in the online survey. After all public input was gathered and recorded, the Township Board prioritized projects for the Action Plan and developed a capital improvements plan.

Online Recreation Survey Publicity



Notice of Availability of Recreation Plan for at least 30 Days

Affidavit of Publication


In the Matter of Notice of Public Hearing for Recreation Plan ~ Caledonia Township

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COUNTY OF ALCONA

Cheryl L. Peterson being first duly sworn, says that she is the publisher of the Alcona County Review, a newspaper published in Alcona County, Michigan, in the English language for the dissemination of local or transmitted news and intelligence of a general character and legal news, which is a duly qualified newspaper, and that annexed hereto is a copy of a certain order taken from said newspaper, in which the order was published on:

December 13, 2023

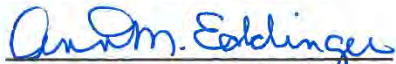
<p align="center">PUBLIC NOTICE</p> <p align="center">Caledonia Township Recreation Plan</p> <p>The Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) is assisting Caledonia Township with updating its 5-year community recreation plan. A draft of the plan will be available for public review and comments for at least 30 days. The draft plan can be downloaded from http://www.discovernortheastmichigan.org/recreation.asp or the Caledonia Township website at https://caledoniatwp.net/wordpress/. Comments may be submitted to Nico Tucker, NEMCOG, P.O. Box 457, Gaylord, MI 49734, or by email to ntucker@nemcog.org. This recreation plan identifies goals, objectives, and action items for improving recreational opportunities in Caledonia Township. Communities are required to have a current, 5-year, Department of Natural Resources-approved recreation plan to qualify for recreation grant funding from the MDNR.</p>



Cheryl L. Peterson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

13 day of December 2023



Ann M. Eddinger
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Notice of Township Board Special Meeting & Public Hearing


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**SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

RECREATION PLAN FOR CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP

The Caledonia Township Board of Trustees will hold a Special Meeting and Public Hearing, on the draft Caledonia Township Recreation Plan, on January 24, 2024, at 7:00 pm, at the Caledonia Township Hall located at 6461 Gillard Rd., Spruce, MI 48762.

The public hearing allows the public to participate in the final development of the recreation plan. The recreation plan contains goals, objectives, and action items pertaining to recreation improvements in Caledonia Township for 2024-2028. The current draft plan may be reviewed at: <http://www.discovernortheastmichigan.org/recreation.asp>. Written comments may be submitted to Nico Tucker, Northeast Michigan Council of Governments, P.O. Box 457, Gaylord, MI 49734; or by e-mail at ntucker@nemcog.org.

Resolution of the Township Board Adopting the Recreation Plan

RECREATION PLAN

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

Caledonia Township

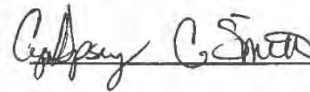
- WHEREAS,** Caledonia Township has undertaken a 5-Year Recreation Plan update which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreational facilities during the period of 2024 – 2028, and
- WHEREAS,** An online recreation survey was posted on January 24, 2023 and remained open for public input until March 30, 2023 providing residents with an opportunity to comment and guide recreation in the Township, and
- WHEREAS,** A public notice was published in the *Alcona County Review* on December 13, 2023 which began a 30-day public review period for the draft plan, and
- WHEREAS,** Caledonia Township has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the entire community, and
- WHEREAS,** A public notice was published in the *Alcona County Review* on January 10, 2024, notifying the public of a Public Hearing and Special Township Board Meeting regarding the recreation plan, and
- WHEREAS,** a public hearing was held on January 24, 2024, at the Caledonia Township Hall to provide residents the opportunity to ask questions and express opinions on the Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Caledonia Township Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Recreation Plan Update as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the Township.

Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the forgoing Resolution was adopted at a special meeting of the Caledonia Township Board of Trustees, held on January 24, 2024.

01/24/2024
Date



Copies of Submittal Letters



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January 26, 2024

Alcona County Board of Commissioners
PO Box 308
Harrisville, Michigan 48740

On behalf of Caledonia Township, we are pleased to inform you that the Township has approved and adopted a 5-year Recreation Plan. This plan received public input from online surveys, in person public hearings, and other public meetings.

Please find enclosed a complete copy of the final Recreation Plan. The plan will serve as a guide for improvements of recreational opportunities and facilities in these communities over the next five years.

Please let us know if you have any questions about the Recreation Plan.

Sincerely,

Nico Tucker
Senior Planner
Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG)

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APPENDIX

A

**SURVEY
RESULTS**

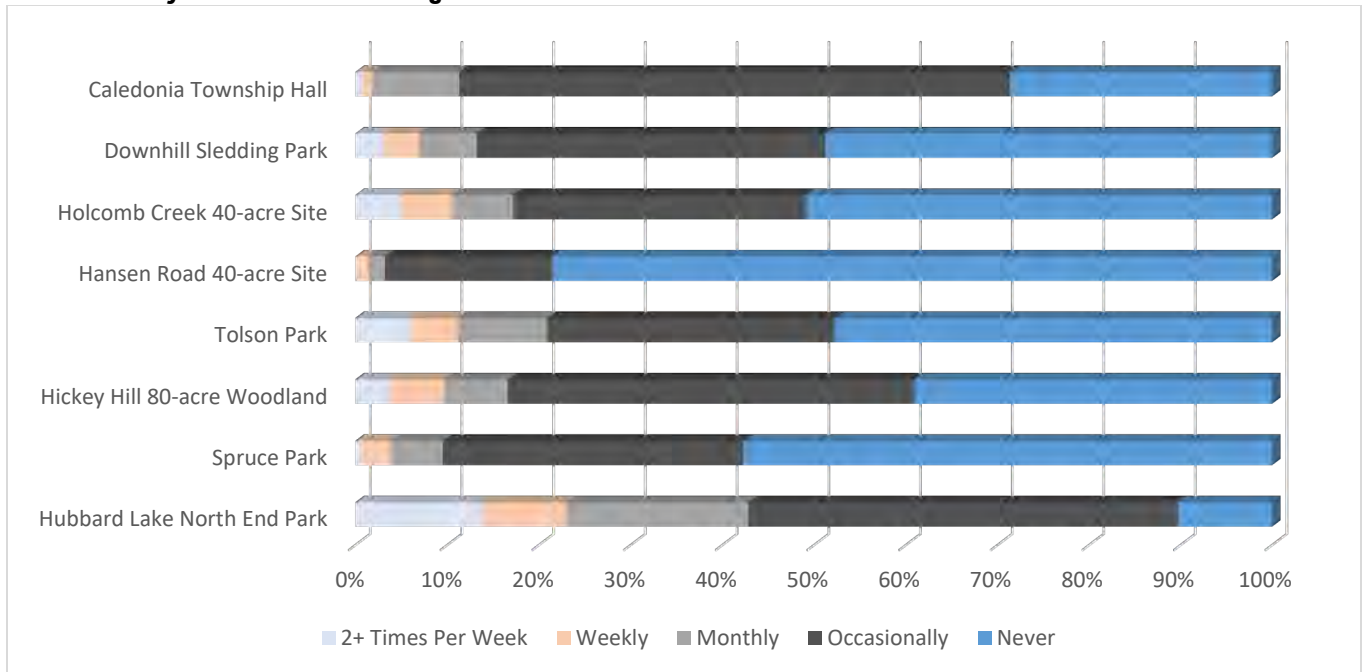


Caledonia Township Master Plan

Caledonia Township Recreation Plan Survey Results

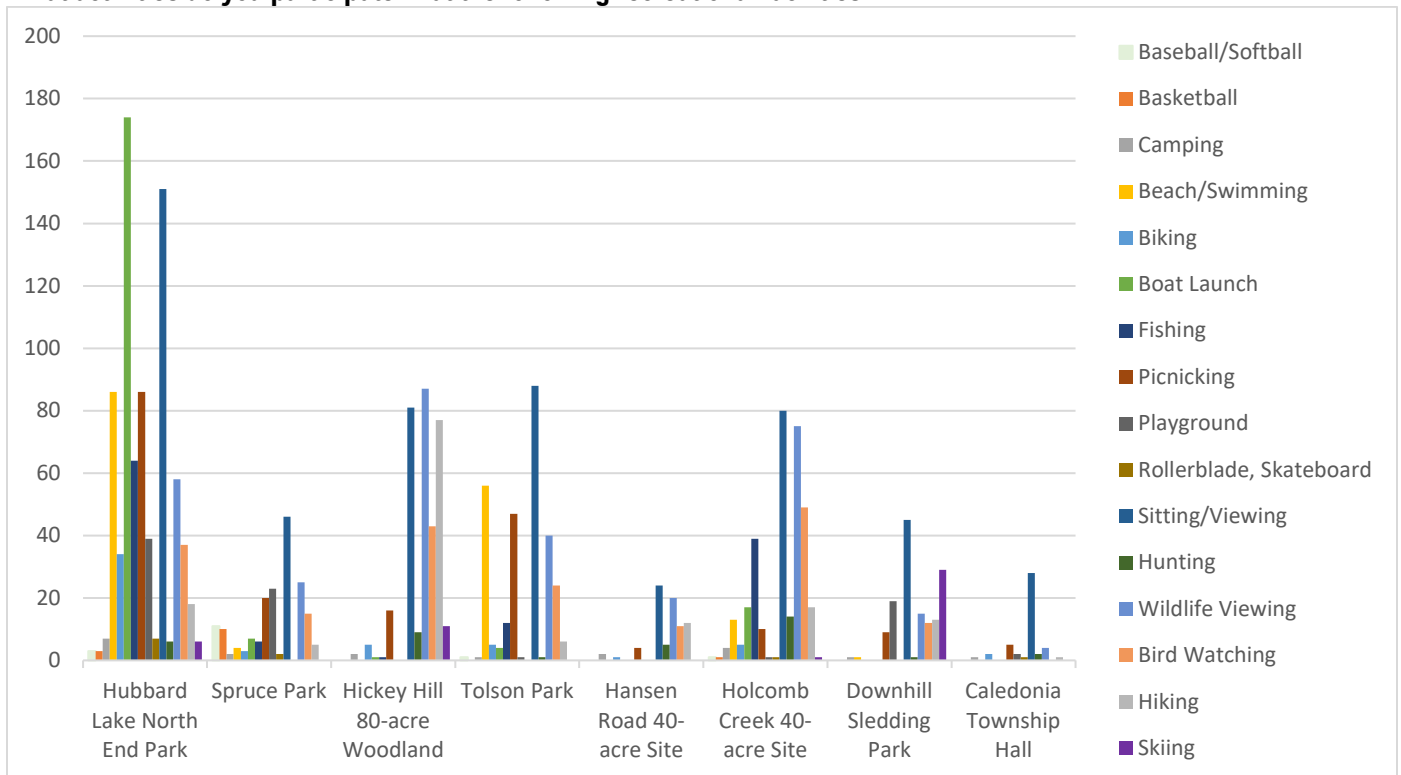
Question 1

How often do you utilize the following recreational facilities?



Question 2

What activities do you participate in at the following recreational facilities?



'Other' responses included:

- These parks need more advertising and security.
- Township meetings. The water is horrible there. There is no sound system. The lighting need upgrading. The parking lot is dark. Needs lights for the evening hours. The township needs a recycling center.
- Caledonia township hall- events
- Sledding hill- sledding and family fun!
- The sledding hill is amazing! The north end park is a gem. Everything that has been done to enhance the accessibility of the areas around the Lake is wonderful and very much appreciated by many who live here.
- Events.
- Voting, meetings
- Would be nice to have winter access via ATV/UTV from Tolsen.
- Special occasions at the hall
- Party/special events for the township hall.
- We use the twp. hall weekly for our church service.
- Downhill sledding at the Caledonia sledding hill
- The only good place is North End Park... the others are jokes. Maybe our township board should focus on real issues rather than spending time and money on these stupid so-called recreational properties.
- Whatever is being held.
- Kayaking Holcomb Creek.
- Weddings and fundraisers at Caledonia Hall
- Meetings, events
- Voting
- Sledding-sledding hills, weddings/events at the Township Hall.
- Skiing means sledding
- we also use the DNR boat launch in East Bay
- Aren't a couple of these sites protected land? Holcomb creek is absolutely wetlands which should be protected by the Department of Environmental Quality. Hansen road should also remain protected. We should be preserving the natural ecosystems of our community, not plowing them down to turn them into parks for people to litter in and destroy further.
- Some of these places listed here aren't even facilities, how can I do activities at them. And one of them is down a private drive, how can you even get to it to do any activities if you don't live on the drive?
- Functions like voting, weddings, other functions I'm invited to.
- Meetings or township activity.
- Activities in hall - occasionally
- Celebrating
- Caledonia Township Hall - Township meetings. Benefits, Weddings, and voting.
- I think all the parks are beautiful!
- Voting at the township hall
- Rental events, voting
- These parks should not be influenced by just a hand full of people that disapprove. We have an entire township that pays taxes and these hand full of people should be told they do not speak for the majority of the township. If this was the case, no improvement in our community would ever be made. Please let's take a stand and get our township behind this. We need to let every tax payer know what's going on in their township. Thank you, Mark.
- Don't use the parks.
- Township Hall for meetings. I do not see Kayaking, jet ski, or paddle boarding listed. Maybe the next

one could include.

- A larger category for these. Hickey Hill and Hansen Road I did not know they were available for hiking etc. We will go and check them out.
- Voting, special occasions.
- We were not aware of the Hansen Road or Holcomb Creek 40-acre sites to be able to use them.
- Meetings and voting
- I've rented the haul out multiple times for several different events.
- I already completed this but wanted to add some things. The possibility of a bike path around part of the lake. I see so many people walking and riding on Mt Maria. Also, with regard to Hickey Hill a connection to access to Huron Pines would be great, with minimal invasion. A park/recreation director someday will be needed as you continue to grow our parks. Thank you for giving the community a chance to voice our opinions. ❤️. Sally Marshall
- Weddings and other indoor events
- Downhill sledding hill - bonfires and sledding.
- Personally, I would like to see the old baseball field in spruce utilized more. My kids are grown but as a kid we spent time there mostly for ball. I'm not saying baseball but maybe some pavement or cement for kids to rollerblade, skateboard etc.
- Weddings, get-togethers.
- Use the hall. Graduations, wedding, bachelor party, reunion, funeral after party and birthdays.
- Wildlife viewing at the township meetings.
- Bike and walking trail to lake Roe to Swede to Hubba
- We would really like a disc golf course at one of the parks.
- Voting and various social events
- Vote at the township hall. Otherwise, don't use it.
- We need a bike and walking trail around the lake!
- Sailing Hubbard Lake
- Monthly meetings
- Sledding park for sledding 😊
- Hiking at Hickey Hill, sledding at sledding park.
- We are rather new to the area. When in Hubbard Lake we go to the north park frequently. Haven't had a chance yet to enjoy the other areas on this list. Doesn't mean we won't but haven't had the opportunity yet. We are in Caledonia Township.
- Township Hall: occasional meetings or parties
- Hall rental
- Downhill sledding park: Sledding
- Caledonia township hall: Voting, Township Meetings, Community Meetings
- Hickey Hill: Hiking, Mushroom Hunting, Cross country skiing
- Monthly meetings when in town
- Sledding hill is used in the winter months.
- As a Kayaker, a kayak launch at Holcomb Creek would be great. Some sort of small craft launch.

Question 3**What improvements do you and your family feel are needed at Hubbard Lake North End Park?****Pickleball court, security cameras**

- Would like to see the recreational park aspects of the facility enhanced for family enjoyment of picnicking, swimming, kayaking. It would also be an improvement if the trailers could park further back in the parking lot and allow beach parking to be closer to beach.
- None.
- Deeper water at boat launch but I understand that is already underway. It is needed due to the lower water levels and last fall was a real challenge to get boats and pontoons out.
- Playground, camping, swimming beach.
- I would like to see pickle ball courts and a lighted basketball court.
- It would be nice to have a sandy beach or area for kids and maybe a splash pad.
- Security cameras
- Playground equipment. Better access to the beach. Floating dock.
- Real beach area, clean up shoreline, playground or more activities to do in the grassy area.
- Grant work complete.
- Another dock for boats to anchor to.
- Volleyball court.
- Ice skating rink.
- Farmers market.
- A couple more benches to view the lake and maybe another set of steps leading down to the theater.
- More docks for swimming.
- Disc golf course.
- Dredged out.
- Definitely needs to be cleaned more less rocks.
- Dredged for bigger boats.
- Bigger cleared shoreline.
- Parking, beach.
- Improve the beach front. The weeds and bushes along the frontage make the area look junky. Would be nice to add more recreation such as volley ball and/or pickle ball courts.
- Beach camping.
- We would love to see a few pickleball courts put in. There is a significant group for the Hubbard Lake area that have to travel to McRea Park to play.
- I love all the plans.
- Better docking facilities, the dock is too short for pontoons, and bigger boats.
- None
- A band shell would be so very nice for events, 4th of July program, veterans' programs, bands in summer. Maybe with a movie screen that could come down for summer movie nights. Would love to see a half-court basketball, pickle ball if possible. small play area for young children. A real firepit area for people to gather around in winter for tree lighting.
- Finish it. The parking needs to be reorganized.
- None
- None
- None.
- Handicap canoe and kayak launch.
- Better swimming.
- Ice skating horseshoes parking.

- Playground, winter activities.
- Better maintenance, extend the boat dock, too short for low water levels.
- Ice skating rink, volleyball court, some walking paths in the wooded area with benches for seating, playground, dock.
- The only good place is the North End Park... the others are jokes. Maybe our township board should focus on real issues rather than spending time and money on these stupid so-called recreational properties.
- None
- Nothing
- I am happy about recent upgrades, so satisfied for now.
- Boat launch needs improvements/upgrades.
- Maintenance.
- N/A
- Monitoring of alcohol/drug use, monitoring of drunks coming in off the lakes to drive, maybe a dog park section, maybe kids' equipment/toys for them away from the water's edge, shaded area besides the gazebo, continue to maintain over growth as it comes back with a vengeance and there's poison ivy present in some places.
- Playground, a dock for mooring boats to so boats can dock and enjoy the park, volleyball or tennis courts.
- You cannot drive in and sit in your car and look at the lake straight on. All the spots are handicap spots so if I drive in with my elderly mother, we cannot park straight in for her to see the lake. We need to park off to the side. And most times the handicap spots are vacant but unusable to non-handicapped vehicles. Maybe move two of the handicap spots to another location, but why should they get all four that face the lake. Sometimes people like to eat their lunch in their car and look at the lake but cannot use those spots. I think 2 handicap spots facing the lake would be enough and additional by the bathrooms, etc. Not sure if code or zoning would allow, but I'd like to suggest. Like I said, most times ALL handicap parking spots are vacant so 1 or 2 facing the lake would be sufficient. Also, swimming buoys to mark the swim area. Boats come too close. Last year while we were there people on wave runners were doing doughnuts next to the dock with little kids right there. If he lost control or throttle stuck people would have been hurt or killed. Boats come too close and sometimes drive over swimmers while they are swimming under water. Put enough buoys out so they will keep boats are far out.
- None
- It would be great to have a small bandshell for events: programs for veterans on the 4th of July or music in the park, large outdoor movie screen for family movie nights. Would love to see the final phase complete to clean up the waterfront of brush and weeds and installation of children's play area and kayak launch.
- Walking paths, in the wooded area, maybe some type of winter activities like ice skating or hockey.
- Nothing, it's not used enough now. Don't waste the money.
- None, the boat launch is great and there are always enough parking spaces for me and my buddies.
- Security/surveillance. Local vandalism is out of control. The park, boats, and neighboring cottages. Reckless vehicle operators. Prosecute, fine, and ban from the park.
- Good
- Bathrooms taken care of more regularly.
- Clean up the shore. Remove all the stumps and put in walk paths. Way too much of this property is underutilized. So many attributes at this park, just need to finish what you started.
- Finish the planned design.
- Nothing

- It looks nice the way it is.
- Swimming sand area, beach area cleaned up.
- Another dock.
- Finish the project. This is the jewel of the Township, and it should be the main focus. An entertainment pavilion would be great. Parking for the beach needs improvement. Boaters should be moved to the rear of the parking area to allow safer access to the beach. Perhaps bicycle rental during the summer?
- Dock needs to be out more.
- I'm very happy with the improvements already made but would like to see a distinctly marked swimming area.
- Cleaner restrooms.
- None.
- Beach area for family's to sit on sand/shore for swimming.
- Updated courts. Regular maintenance.
- Boat launch.
- Good security cameras, if not already installed.
- A playground would be awesome! More parking would be helpful. Another dock for launching boats would most certainly be utilized, as this is a very busy boat launch.
- Camera that public can view to determine usage when we want to put in/take out our boat.
- Continue working on ways to stop vandalism and trash dumping at the park."
- Play equipment.
- Shuffleboard.
- The shoreline still could be user friendly for swimming.
- Restrooms are usually filthy boat launch dock can be too short when water is low.
- Don't need so no improvement.
- Playground and swimming area.
- None.
- I think the previous improvements have been excellent. Docks are great but any way to clear boulders at the boat ramp.
- Better boat ramps or possibly one more added. It is very busy and a big drop off.
- More trash cans or schedule more frequent pick up.
- Flowering shrubs.
- Cleaning up fence line of old debris and fallen branches.
- Beach front development and flush toilets.
- Active long-term plan to eliminate autumn olive.
- Northend Park is really nice. More parking for the swimmers and picnic area.
- Beach area.
- None.
- We desperately need a safe walking: running trail, loop, something in the area.
- More for smaller children to do, safer swimming power in the pavilion so outdoor events would be easier.
- New beach.
- Playground, volley ball court, ice skating rink. More parking. Nature areas with benches and walking paths in the wooded area.
- Cameras plus more plus more.
- Cleaning up the shore line better boat ramp playground equipment for the kids.
- None looks good.
- Larger swimming area.

- Cameras, increased security related to vandalism.
- Beach area with Sand!
- Maybe some huge lake floats, AKA water rafts. (Adventure fun) Water park style! Definitely some soft warm sandy beach spot to build sand castles, go bare foot! Play volleyball!
- A kayak launch would be great! Pickleball courts!
- Managed caretaking.... Security...
- Play area for the kids.
- Easier access to fishing in the dam area and putting in Canoes or kayaks in the river by the dam.
- Also, a small disc golf course!
- New boat launch cement.
- Exercise park.
- Removal of large rocks on boat ramp.
- Think it's great.
- Better parking layout.
- A fishing platform, swimming area.
- No more improvements!!!
- Swimming area with sandy beach.
- Playground for kids. Kayak launch.
- Pickle ball courts - improved trash pickup.
- Better boat launch ramp.
- Mostly try to keep the vandals away. I only go a few times a year to check out the improvements and people watch for a few minutes.
- Upgrade the cement and actual launch pad. Put a boat wash in.
- Horse shoe pits would be nice.
- Since we have moved here wonderful improvements have been made. I think it's great that a swimming area was added.
- Better boat launch cement.
- Bigger pavilion.
- N/a
- Nothing. Very underused now. Save our tax dollars.
- More parking.
- Playground equipment.
- Would be nice if the bathrooms were open all the time.
- Continued maintenance at the park and boat launch.
- More parking.
- Fix the angle of parking.
- Volleyball nets.
- The boat parking should be in the rear. Beach goers should have parking near the lake.
- Regular security to reduce vandalism.
- Swimming beach.
- Kayak launch.
- None.
- Playground equipment and designated swim area.
- It's really nice. Love it. It's really been nicely done since we moved here 5 years ago.
- Water front cleaning of brush. Sandy Beach is an area for swimming. A few more water front benches. Actual boat launch could be improved and made better accessible in lower water levels.
- More shade, trees like it used to have.

- The completion of the grant work, playground, beach area, docks, swimming area. Increased parking. More power to allow for Christmas type lighting, possibly a volleyball court area, ice skating rink, or some other fun activity near the pavilion. More open for public events.
- There is a lot of unused area at the north end park would like to see a nice kid's playground and maybe even a baseball field. Also, a nice sand beach area would be great for families to enjoy Hubbard lake.

Question 4

What improvements do you and your family feel are needed at Spruce Park?

- Dog park. Pickleball courts.
- Not familiar with that park.
- Until looking at the map, I didn't realize it was a public area.
- Restrooms.
- Ball diamond repaired. Basketball court. Volleyball, tennis.
- Picnic tables.
- Disc golf course.
- More playground
- Is this the park across from Anchor Market? If so, the homeowners in the cedar house, who do not pay waterfront property taxes are the rudest bullies around the lake. They have totally infringed and bullied anyone who tries to use this open space and public access. Please look to add swings or a children's play equipment and plant trees around the homes so there is some Seclusion for people to enjoy this public space in peace - I would be willing to donate some funds to add children's play equipment.
- Don't know - don't use.
- Upgrade playground equipment if keeping. Would love to see pickleball courts in one of Caledonia parks.
- Don't know anything about it.
- I take my daughter and niece who are both 3 of age to this park and it really needs up graded for little kids.
- A whole new update. The park doesn't really have anything, and it would be nice to take my kids and nieces to the park down the road if it had updates such as new swings, slides, play structures and maybe even a small Pavilion. Spruce is a lovely area and appreciated by many local areas and it would be nice to have things like that in the middle of our town for the locals and others to utilize.
- The spruce park is very outdated. I live close by the park and almost every neighbor I have either has young children or grandchildren. I am very active with my kids in the summer, and I have been saying every year how wonderful it would be to have a great and updated playground for the kids right down the road with better swings, slides, a merry go round structure etc.
- None.
- None, no one uses it.
- Try doing something else in our township rather than wasting time and effort on this crap.
- Dumb.
- Never heard of this place.
- Nothing.
- Make dog park.
- Haven't used it, yet.
- N/A.
- Equipment upgrade, porta potty, possibly water spiced, maintained field as to be able to actually use it if desired without injury.

- Lots. It is run down, ball diamond replaced, benches, tables, basketball court, play ground.
- I guess I'm not sure where this park is.
- None.
- A nice basketball court, the field redone, maybe even a ice skating rink there or volley ball net would be good too.
- Nothing.
- None, it is great just as it is.
- Paint and TLC.
- Maintenance and upgrade for family use.
- N/A.
- New baseball field with dugout and parking area. New basketball court.
- More equipment for smaller kids.
- Spruce Park is underutilized and not promoted for use. It is an ideal space that could be used for recreation and community events. Ideas for improvement: New fencing, improve baseball diamond and playground. Improve parking. Build a pavilion to use for community concerts and markets. Improvements to this site could revitalize downtown Spruce.
- More playground equipment, bathroom facility.
- None.
- None.
- None.
- Gazebo.
- Where is it?
- None.
- None.
- None.
- Pavilion, playground, update baseball field, rustic bathroom.
- None.
- Do not use this park.
- None.
- The last time the equipment was maintained my children's 4H group painted it. Around 10 years ago so general maintenance.
- Parking.
- Lots, ballcourts, tennis courts, picnic tables, porta potties, ball field renewed, benches, ice skating rink, volley ball court, lighting.
- Clean up area and maybe some place for kids to skateboard or just have an area to run. Donations of sleds worked at the snow hill. Maybe we can take donations for supplies such as balls 🏀 🏈 🏉 - bats, not a 100% what for.
- Picnic tables, upgraded kids play area.
- Updated equipment, more playground equipment, and benches.
- To make the park safe again. Take out the old broken bench. Update play equipment, benches, and baseball field.
- Disc golf course.
- None.
- I didn't know that this property is township owned? If the township doesn't own it, they should not be doing anything to it.
- New playground equipment.
- No more improvements!!!

- Never go there.
- None.
- N/a.
- Nothing.
- N/a.
- Continue to maintain the baseball playing field.
- Make the diamond usable.
- Bases and plates.
- Make it a dog park.
- Additional organized activities for community youth.
- None.
- New ball field, new basketball court, playground equipment, benches. Volleyball court, ice skating rink, Picnic tables. Possibly a town park with flowers and tree planting. Small pavilion.
- Update playground equipment.

Question 5

What improvements do you and your family feel are needed at the Hickey Hill 80-acre Woodland?

- A bathroom.
- Viewing benches.
- Signage to indicate what is H. Hill property and what is private property. We walked there but could see nothing to indicate what was and wasn't township property. It is a very lovely area.
- ORV trails.
- Parking.
- Marked trails. Informational signage. Picnic tables, parking, pavilion.
- Disc golf course.
- more sliding hills.
- Access.
- Clear some of the woods for a better view of the lake. Improved hiking trails.
- Parking.
- Clear signage for loops.
- Don't know - don't use.
- Marked walking paths to know where private land begins so as not to trespass.
- N/a.
- N/a.
- Wouldn't there be legal problems with the private road access?
- Trails, seating area, signage, advertising parking.
- Improve trails. Gathering area.
- None, access is limited, it's a private road, There is a nature center less than a mile away.
- Cross country ski trails, a driveway might be great with some parking, so we do not have to park on the road. Picnic tables.
- ??? really? what is this?
- Dumb.
- Really?
- Nothing.
- Leave it as natural as possible!
- Protection & restoration as a natural area. The woodland has been degraded continuously for the 50

years that I've frequented it. Starting with the gas company access roads, extensive ATV erosion, and recently the thoughtless introduction of a perimeter trail bordering landowner property lines, it is a shadow of the place I knew in my youth.

- None.
- Nothing. Leave it natural.
- It needs to be left as is. Part of the drive up there is a private road. Anyone who has been by in the winter can tell because the county only plows part of the road and the rest is left untouched. Why can't we just leave it natural and untouched as it should be?
- Maybe a standard location for a firepit and stationary tripod for cooking/cocoa for sledding parties, porta potty.
- Walking cross country skiing paths.
- A trail system. Or walking, hiking, cross country skiing.
- I would like to see this remain a nature area for bird watching, maybe take a walk along a trail or ride your bike on wood chips through the woods.
- Trails established, parking and driveway area, sitting area.
- None.
- A groomed walking path that could maybe connect with the Nature Preserve for a nice long hike in the woods.
- I would love to see a trail system that we could follow. Also, some picnic tables or a pavilion would be wonderful. A parking lot would be an asset as well. I could spend an entire day there if I had a place to stop for lunch. A porta potty or bathroom would be wonderful too.
- Nothing
- Maintain it as a natural, protected place. No hunting. Any improvements respectful of private landowners surrounding the area. Provide some degree of oversight and enforcement.
- None, the nature is beautiful, and we should preserve more of it, especially in such a wooded area. There are no improvements you could make to make it better, the less human manipulation of the area, the better it is.
- Good.
- Absolutely nothing.
- None. It's the untouched natural state that has been why so many, and I mean MANY, have been drawn to and loved it for generations. It's a shame that we can't just love it for what it offers as it's loved and used by so many now.
- Placards identifying trees, flowers, and plant life. Common birds and animals in the area.
- N/a.
- Leave in natural state.
- The Board wants to create hiking trails here, but why invest in a property that has established and funded hiking trails at the Hubbard Lake Nature Preserve which is within one mile? Perhaps create a bird or butterfly sanctuary?
- I believe the top part of that road leading up there is private so not sure why Grant money would be allowed or allocated. Same for Holcomb Creek wetland. That's on a private drive as well. Another Grant as to not understanding why would be allowed or allocated.
- None no access.
- None.
- None.
- ?
- Selective tree cutting, prune apple trees, plant to establish new heirloom apple trees and maybe other varieties of fruit trees, wild flowers, walking trails.

- Gazebo.
- Nothing/keep natural.
- None. This is a very nice place to hike.
- None, private road too many problems.
- None.
- Parking, bathroom, trails, benches.
- None.
- Keep it rustic.
- Hiking trails with markers. Invasive species clean up.
- Mark the property lines. Mark hiking trails. Map board of hiking trails. Active long-term plan to eliminate autumn olive. Partner with neighboring land (Huron Pines) to connect hiking trails.
- Accessible nature trails.
- Pavilion, park like.
- None
- Would be nice to have a local gun range seems like this location would be the only spot this could be done. I have to travel to Alpena or Lincoln to sight my guns in at a range.
- Hiking trails would be great.
- None.
- Trails, improvements and markings, map with trails displayed at site, informational maps, place to park, sitting area, picnic tables. Signage. Cross country skiing.
- Walking trails, native wildflower planting to aid bee and butterfly pollinators. Increased knowledge of the history of Hickey Hill.
- Autumn olive control and trail creation. Consider how to connect to Huron Pines property at Hubbard Lake Nature Preserve.
- Expand access. Increase benches, picnic areas, parking, but only if going to be managed.
- Nothing.
- Disc golf course!!!
- None.
- None. Leave it in it's natural state.
- Better signage to know what is park vs private.
- None. Keep it natural.
- I do not use this.
- Leave Hickey Hill alone!!!
- Nothing at this time.
- Better signage.
- Parking area.
- Better marked walking trails.
- This is a beautiful natural area with more than enough trails for walking. I have seen fox, bear and plentiful woodpeckers, birds. Please leave as is as it's a beautiful place for nature lovers.
- None.
- N/a.
- None needed now.
- Accessibility and forest management.
- N/a.
- Better signage for hiking usage.
- Marked trails for hiking.
- Absolutely none.

- None. Natural. People love the hill just the way is.
- There are currently enough nice walking trails.
- Maybe a picnic or resting bench near the entrance.
- Disk golf, hiking trail.
- Made a 14-point proposal that was adopted by the board to improve the natural health of the forest and fields.
- Signage showing trails, original homestead area, cleanup of the original orchard. Trail improvement, parking area, pavilion, information on the site posted on site. More public info available.

Question 6

What improvements do you and your family feel are needed at Tolson Park?

- None.
- Not a park that we would utilize and have only been there once to see where it was.
- Kayak launch.
- Longer dock, bathrooms, platform for handicap viewing.
- A set of steps to walk down to the water's edge.
- Disc golf course.
- More benches, less rocks more docks.
- None.
- Children's play equipment.
- Nothing it is great just the way it is.
- Don't know - don't use.
- Because of the different pressure cracks/ridges, it would be nice if it were to be allowed to get on the ice via ATV/UTV, which would make some ice fishing safer, certainly traveling around pressure cracks.
- Stairs down to the water to assist with the incline.
- It's perfect.
- None.
- N/a.
- Safer dock.
- Bathroom.
- Bathroom. Water.
- Park has ADA issues. No ADA approved path to the dock, dock lacks handrails. No ADA parking, No ADA restrooms.
- A bathroom, longer dock.
- Lot turned into a park? What a joke.
- Dumb.
- Nothing... already spent too much money.
- Nothing.
- Easier access to the water.
- Haven't used it, yet.
- N/A.
- ?
- Bathroom longer dock.
- Bathroom and longer dock.
- Upgrading the porta potty to a bathroom like the north end would be great and a garbage can that bears can't get into.

- Bathroom, some type of parking, more dock and swimming area.
- None.
- What a beautiful park this is. There is not much more it needs other than a parking area might be helpful, sometimes the grass can be slippery when we go to leave and a bathroom would be nice.
- None.
- None, the boat launch is great, use it many times every year. There is a huge lot already and never too many cars. I always get a parking spot.
- Nothing.
- Ensure it remains a minimally evasive footprint on nature.
- N/a.
- Looks good as-is.
- Love Tolson Park!
- It's very small. Not much that can be done.
- ADA compliance.
- None.
- None.
- ?
- Nothing.
- None.
- Park is wide open for an ADA civil rights case. Dock is not compliant. Restroom and parking are not compliant.
- None.
- Stairs to water with hand rail and small playground.
- None: enough stuff there already on a 100 ft lot.
- More frequent trash pick-up.
- Continue to seasonally install and remove dockage. Great park!
- Parking.
- Accessible picnic tables and maybe a beach area.
- None.
- None.
- Picnic tables.
- Bathrooms, parking area.
- Love this place. Looking great!!!!
- Get the agitated neighbors to leave people alone.
- Swimming area.
- This park is good as is.
- Absolutely nothing. It's beautiful!
- None.
- None. Public parks should not be in neighborhoods.
- Garbage cans would make sense. Remove the grills, which seem like a hazard with all the foliage around.
- I think it's perfect.
- No more improvements!!!
- Nothing at this time.
- More parking.
- N/a.
- None.

- N/a.
- Better parking.
- Steps to water.
- None.
- Parking area, Handicap access trail to the bluff/picnic area, Pit toilets, outdoor lighting, possibly more dock length and a floating dock for swimming.

Question 7

What improvements do you and your family feel are needed at the Hansen Road 40-acre Site?

- None.
- Not familiar with this site or where it is actually located.
- Kayak launch area.
- Didn't know anything about this area, maybe a hiking trail would be nice.
- Disc golf course.
- None.
- Don't know - don't use.
- I have never been to this site so don't know how to make suggestions.
- None.
- N/a.
- None waste of money.
- None.
- Never heard of this.
- Dumb.
- Never heard of this place.
- Nothing.
- Haven't used it, yet.
- N/A.
- ?
- None.
- I do not go there much but I feel we could use it for a gun sighting range or rustic campgrounds?
- None.
- None, not even sure where that is, is it even a park/facility that's open to the public?
- More maintained trails.
- Ensure it retains minimal footprint but with parking, benches to visit and view.
- N/a.
- Sell it if you can. This is the old township dump site and is probably too contaminated to sell.
- I'm not familiar with this site. Maybe bike trails or cross-country ski trails? Dog park?
- Please leave as natural as possible.
- None.
- None.
- None.
- ?
- Need to know more about this forgotten piece of township property. 40-acre site probably could use some select timbering as well.
- Don't know.
- ????
- None.

- None.
- Rustic bathroom and trails for hiking.
- None.
- Do not know this parcel.
- Accessible nature trails, picnic tables and maybe a pavilion.
- None.
- Trails, walking and hiking.
- Walking trail.
- Parking and accessibility.
- Nothing. Perfect the way it is.
- None.
- None. The property is good for hunting and that is about it.
- No more improvements!!!
- Never go there. Never go there.
- None.
- Possibly a gun shooting range, primitive camping area? Signage and information on site.
- None.
- N/a.
- Hiking trail maintenance.
- Anything.
- None.
- I haven't been there.
- Don't know about it.
- Improve small craft (kayak) launching. I've turned around due to the mud and went home.

Question 8

What improvements do you and your family feel are needed at the Holcomb 40-acre Site?

- Signs.
- Leave natural for nature viewing.
- Do not know how to even get to this site.
- Kayak launch.
- Kayak launch and dock. Signage with lake and creek info. Fencing on property line. Neighbors were yelling and vulgar during our visit.
- Disc golf course.
- None.
- Walking paths and bigger beach.
- Boardwalk.
- Tall fence, camera to watch neighbors harass visitors.
- More directions on where to park a vehicle. Don't feel safe there with all of the no trespassing signs. Would like to park there and feel your mode of transportation is safe.
- Don't know - don't use.
- In the summer a portable toilet would be nice but other than that it is a great place to view nature so keeping it quiet and natural is a nice contrast to our other parks.
- It's a swamp. Lots of money spent over nothing.
- None.
- N/a.
- Access is limited it's a wetland should never be developed.

- Kayak dock, seating area, bathroom.
- Dock. Raised deck for watching waterfowl beavers and others.
- None, it's a protected wetland, not supposed to be improved. Access is very limited. There is litigation pending due to illegal access and improper and unpermitted construction.
- Kayak launch would be amazing. Some type of dock would be helpful. A way to be able to see the waterfowl.
- Swamp land trying to be made into something? Another joke.
- Dumb.
- This place is a swamp land! trying to turn a turd into a diamond. Bugs and leaches.
- Nothing... limited access and protected wetlands.
- I have only kayaked, so fine the way it is.
- Preserving public access. Most people are not aware that the sand pit on Robin Hood Drive was the result of the illegal filling and development of the lots along Cedar Drive up to the mouth of Holcomb Creek. Before the shore marshland was filled in, it was a truly unique place. Although it's gone now, I believe public access should be maintained so the remnant of Holcomb Creek can be accessible for future generations.
- Nothing. Leave it natural. It is unique as is and any change would be negative.
- It should be left alone. Have you ever been down there? It's an overgrown swamp I believe it would be an absolute waste of money to try and do anything with that plot of land. It's also situated at the end of a private road. Just like I said for Hickey Hill, it should be left in its natural and untouched state.
- ?
- Kayak dock. Bathrooms. Higher fence neighbors harassed us.
- I would like one of those stands with a set of binoculars on the top of it. Maybe a kayak or a canoe launch. Bathroom picnic tables.
- I would love to see a dock with a bench like at Tolson Park and a bathroom facility. Maybe garbage can like the DNR has that bear can't get into.
- Dock, somehow to be able to see the creek, waterfowl and wildlife, bathroom, sitting area
- None.
- Another wonderful site that I did not know was there until recently and I find it a beautiful peaceful place to visit. I would think a kayak dock would be wonderful. I would love a way to view the creek and the birds from a higher spot so maybe sometime of viewing platform? Fencing between the neighbors as those neighbors sure can cuss.
- None.
- Oversee purpose and conditions and pick up litter.
- None, it's at the end of a private drive, how can it even be improved or used by the public? How do I access this site if it's on a private drive?
- Good.
- More welcoming property neighbors. Other than that, it's perfect.
- Leave the site as is. Let people use the property as they have for decades. Don't attempt to over utilize such limited space with unnecessary upgrades.
- Designate as a "Natural Wildlife Preserve", ensure "zero footprint" plans to ensure continued natural wildlife and marine environment. Limit access and parking for wildlife, butterflies, birds, bees so it remains environmentally pristine.
- N/a.
- Make it a wetland sanctuary and leave it alone.
- Nicer neighbor to the property.
- My understanding is that it is a wetland and should not have been developed according to the

Township's deed. It's wet, marshy and not suited for recreation. Given the legal issues over this site, why not create a new access road by buying a strip of surrounding property leading directly to the site? Maybe have a strip of property donated for this purpose? Maybe create additional access on the other side of the creek? The money the Township has spent in legal fees over this site could have easily been spent creating alternative access to the muck.

- Public road access.
- Please...Keep the wetlands intact for the wildlife in the area.
- This is on a private drive, not intended for public use and that area, according to recorded documents, is to be left natural and untouched. Any "improvements" that have been done and are pushing to get done have and are destroying the peacefulness and a place where the loons use to nest, turtles no longer lay their eggs there, wildlife is being driven out. There is the north end park and the DNR launch, in East Bay, that are fully equipped to handle what is being pushed at Holcomb Creek wetlands.
- None protected wetland.
- None.
- None.
- Kayak launch.
- ?
- Lighting for security and safety. Kayak ramp, bird watching tower, and additional fill so its not so wet. These improvements would give access to the viewing of the lake and the beauty. Remember just because you live on the lake doesn't mean that you are the only one paying taxes in the township. We all pay taxes and these improvements allow others that might not be so fortunate to live on the lake the opportunity to still enjoy the lake. Just because you have money to live on the lake doesn't give you the right to exclude others that also pay taxes to enjoy the lake.
- ????
- None.
- None.
- Bathroom.
- None: leave alone.
- Safe and respectful neighbors. Some of the residents are trying to intimidate visitors so they won't want to come back. Taking pictures of license plates and telling you it's private property. The lake and its shoreline is for everyone. The roads are not private and we should be able to use them without fear. You go to nature for the peacefulness, not confrontation. Prevention of erosion and invasive species.
- Possibly a small dock for kayak launching. Possibly a garbage can.
- Accessible nature trails, picnic tables and maybe a pavilion.
- Boardwalk.
- Don't mess up the protected wetland.
- Gravel, gets very muddy during duck hunting season and certain fishing seasons. Would be nice to have a kayak/canoe launch by the marsh access. Would love to see more people use this after the residents of that area treated people so bad for using the property.
- Kayak launch and or a dock. Picnic Tables, bathrooms, would be the perfect place to put in an elevated bird watching area, informational signage with the history of Holcomb creek.
- Boat launch.
- Leave it natural.
- Easier access.
- Parking, kayak launch.
- Nothing.
- Parking.

- None.
- None. It is a wetland. Leave it in it's natural state.
- Nothing. It is a wetland and meant to be left alone. Every time something is done there it has an adverse effect on the wildlife.
- Picnic area and bird viewing platform with binocular mounted for public use.
- No more improvements!!!
- A tower for bird watching. Kayak launch.
- Parking area, gravel. Bench seating area lakeside.
- None.
- N/a.
- Leave it as is.
- Kayak launch.
- N/a.
- Better parking area once into the access area.
- Bird watching station please!
- None.
- Improve access to water so it is easier to put a kayak or canoe in.
- A bird watching tower! Dock, kayak launch, picnic table, porta potty. Nicer Neighbors. Signage with information about the site and Holcomb Creek.

Question 9

What improvements do you and your family feel are needed at the Downhill Sledding Park?

none

- Again, I am not familiar with this park or it's location.
- It would be nice to have a tow rope or a rail to help people walk back up the hill.
- Restroom.
- Parking lot. Driveway. Fireplace. Picnic tables. Night lighting. Warming area.
- Disc golf course.
- Nothing it's wonderful there.
- Shelter, fire pit.
- Parking.
- This area when busy made me very nervous with little kids. Everyone sledding towards the same spot downhill created a lot of opportunity for collision and injury.
- Perfect.
- Don't know - don't use.
- Occasional grooming of snow but other than that it is a wonderful addition to Caledonia.
- Too dangerous. I'd be worried about someone being injured.
- None.
- None.
- Current litigation due to zoning issues development is currently against township ordinance.
- Warming area.
- None. It's currently listed in the DNR rec plan as set aside for Reforestation. Any improvements are in direct violation of current Township ordinance. There was illegal and unpermitted construction recently done. Notices of violation have been filed.
- Parking driveway area improvements would be helpful. Maybe some picnic tables some lighting for night time sledding
- Lawsuits from future injuries. Our two boards need to get a life and focus on real issues.

- Could possibly work. Except our township may get sued over no proper safety regs in place.
- How about a parking lot so people don't drive their cars down the hill and die.
- Nothing.
- Haven't used it, yet.
- None, from my understanding it was supposed to be a regrowth forest that was cut down. I've heard from others that have been down the hill that it can be very dangerous. I don't know why anyone would have decided to cut down the trees. For safety, I feel it needs to be replanted with trees. I would hate to see kids get hurt.
- Bathroom, hut to get out of weather/dry seat/wind break for those sledding to take breaks out of elements.
- Driveway parking lot. Barrier to keep sleds off the hills. Porta potty.
- Better driveway, warming area, a way to get back up the hills.
- Designated parking area, driveways, warming station.
- Promote a community bonfire/hot dog roasting day once a month to bring people out and together at the park (when there's enough snow). Probably a community event at all the parks to promote them, get people to know where they are and then they'll remember to use them.
- None.
- Hmmm, this is a place that so many enjoy! It is great to have winter recreation. I would say driveway and parking area improvements. I really like the talk of a pavilion and fireplace.
- None.
- None, there are enough hills around that I can go to anyone of them, I don't need to have that one improved.
- Nothing.
- Determine liability. If it cannot be retained, transform it into a nature trail and wildlife viewing area.
- N/a.
- It is not a downhill sledding park, never was and was never approved to be. It is supposed to be a "Reforestation" project based on the 2016 - 2020 Recreation Plan.
- The liability on this site is a real concern. It needs to be inspected by a qualified engineering firm to evaluate potential risk for injury. The parking area needs improvement. I do not support expansion of this property due to the high liability.
- From what has been going around it sounds like it is a huge liability for injuries.
- More benches and sledding equipment.
- None, township ordinance prohibits any development.
- None.
- None.
- ?
- Better signage as to where entry is.
- None.
- Make parking better.
- None except increased liability insurance to protect from injury lawsuits.
- None.
- Bathroom pavilion and parking.
- None.
- Warming station with fire pit. Garbage pickup and more SNOW.
- None.
- The grant you applied for seems to have some wonderful improvements - all of which I agree with!!!
- Pavilion with tables.

- Some type of lighting for night sledding, a small hill area for little kids, seating viewing area for parents, and an improved driveway. More sleds.
- Maybe a pavilion with fire pit, picnic tables.
- A place to keep firewood dry.
- I feel this is such a blessing to our area! Sleds and storage. Bench.
- A small food/drink booth! Buy hot coco with little marshmallows, coffee, water, or pop. Hot dogs, popcorn, or candy bars. Hot pack warmers for hands and feet! Or have a bit bigger building with food, drinks, and merchandise (list all the above plus those cheap gloves that one size fits all) Maybe have logo print on them! Sell snow sleds, inflatable snow tubes, snow shoes for hiking! Possibly have a horse and sleigh ride. Or pull kids behind the snowmobile. The building could be a spot for parents to sit and chat with others while their kids or grandkids are outside in the snow. Or bring a book along and have a cozy place to read while the little ones and older ones are out for winter play.
- None.
- Nothing. So fun!
- None.
- It is not a safe, well planned sledding hill. The liability is too high as well for our township.
- I think it's good.
- No more improvements!!!
- Never go there.
- My neighbors use this and love it.
- None.
- N/a.
- More seating.
- Parking area is horrible. This site needs to be reviewed by professional designers. The liability to the Township is huge.
- None.
- My neighbors use it with their grandchildren. Love it.
- Better parking and bench seating.
- Pavilion viewing area, lighting for outdoor use in the winter, fireplace, sleds, picnic tables, Hiking trails around the site and up and down hills for summertime use. Picnic area, parking lot, driveways, handicap access to a viewing area.

Question 10

What improvements do you and your family feel are needed to the Caledonia Township Hall?

- Lights, sound system, a timer for the 3 minute limit. Better water system.
- Last board meeting showed several improvements underway. Basically our involvement there is for the township meetings and voting.
- Updates to the building, internet and sound system.
- Kitchen. Outdoor area with picnic tables.
- Disc golf course.
- Maybe a play area.
- None.
- Need a work out facility.
- General remodel.
- Don't know of anything.
- Don't know -don't use.
- You already have plans for the right improvements.

- A commercial kitchen that is approved by the health department would be wonderful for rental to make things to sell at the farmer market etc.
- None. I love the hall for special occasions!
- Easier access to hall rental information.
- Better sound equipment and recycling dumpster.
- Proper sound system for meetings etc. The current supervisor is proposing cosmetic changes (her sons upcoming wedding) Complete waste of money. Money should be spent on new proposed Community center.
- Try improving the way you hold meetings.
- The hall is fine for what it is used for.
- Maybe speaker system and what on zoom.
- Speakers, so we can hear people talk.
- For an older hall, I think it's pretty darn good, but I haven't used the kitchen.
- N/A.
- Bathrooms & kitchen.
- Kitchen.
- None.
- I do not go there often so I can not really say. It seems to be getting used a lot which is more than it did in the past, but I only drive by so I can really add much to this question.
- Internet support.
- None, building is in good shape, maybe a fresh coat of paint every now and again.
- Nothing.
- Only maintaining and making changes as demand shows the need.
- Upgrade the exterior. Provide better wi-fi.
- Clean it up. Replace ceiling and A/C system. Building has a very strong mold/mildew smell inside.
- The drop ceiling needs to be repaired and a sound system needs to be installed that is better than the one purchased so EVERYONE in the meeting can hear the board quietly speaking to each other.
- Maybe add recycling bins?
- Better Wi-Fi for zooming when unable to attend the board meetings, microphone and speaker equipment that works.
- Perfect as is.
- Better PA system for meetings.
- None.
- None.
- Warmer for meetings.
- Recycle availability.
- Reserved Parking for Veteran Rep.- Pleasant View Cemetery.
- None.
- Kitchen needs help.
- Sound system for meetings needs to work. Ceiling tile has gotten wet, mold is a real possibility. Damaged tile should be replaced.
- None.
- Kitchen and boundaries to property clearly marked.
- None.
- Do not really use it.
- New interior ceiling tiles. Continue great maintenance.
- The hall needs to have better lighting outside and a sound system for meetings.

- None.
- None.
- Have no opinion we do not use it.
- Better internet meeting coverage.
- Updated bar area.
- None.
- Nothing.
- None.
- Pickleball courts.
- Update the building instead of patch jobs.
- Kitchen updates, fridge is in a bad location for use. No freezer is available. Bar area needs updates lighting and sinks.
- Nothing!!!
- I think the hall is just fine.
- Only have used this to vote.
- None.
- N/a.
- Internet.
- N/a.
- Inside remodeled.
- None.
- Get rid of Rabid Republicans.
- Better Internet, New Kitchen, air conditioning, better outside lighting.

Questions 11

What new or expanded recreational facilities do you and your family feel are needed in Caledonia Township?

- Sound system to be able to hear better.
- None.
- Hope you receive some good feedback. Other than safe from the crazy drivers places to walk we really have no great ideas. Thanks for asking for feedback from the community. Do appreciate your efforts.
- Kayak launch and parking at the creek.
- Pickle ball courts and lighted basketball courts.
- Pickleball courts.
- Camping, public beach area.
- Have you ever considered a skateboard park for the kids?
- A hiking trail would be nice.
- Disc golf course.
- Softball field.
- Bike/walking paths.
- A swimming pool and workout center.
- ORV designated Area.
- None.
- A kayak launch at North End Park, Pickle Ball Court/s, basketball courts, tennis courts. A common band shell with speakers/sound system, microphone and movie screen for events.
- Focus on places that make sense, not on places that no one uses.
- I would like to see the spruce park redone for the little kids to be able to have fun and enjoy it the way I did as a child.

- An updated spruce park please! Maybe even a tennis court somewhere.
- A new park for the kids with maybe an area to grill or have a picnic.
- Replace the community center.
- Dire need to replace the aging and poorly maintained Community center Township should focus efforts on something that will benefit the entire community, not just the board and their friends and family.
- Snowmobile trails! Ice skating downhill skiing winter activities.
- Try doing something else in our township rather than wasting time and effort on this crap.
- Dumb... focus on real issues. seams like the only thing our board thinks about are these s hole properties.
- None... focus on real problems.
- None.
- None at this time.
- Walking paths along main roads. Update boat launch on my Maria Rd on West shore of the lake. Need a dock and launch area needs to be fixed.
- None, we enjoy the natural and untouched feel of Caledonia Township which was a major selling point for living here. I want nothing to do with the Township starting to feel like a more developed city than what it is.
- Bike path, walking paths, dog park, beach cleaning/mowing/raking/etc, disc golf, place for teens to just hang out-basketball, soccer, tennis, hacky sack, volleyball, sitting area in shade, tied off water items like floats to jump off of or trampoline or something, diving section that someone was able to set up mentored activities for free diving or whatnot.....use the community that's got the wealth of knowledge and experience to intertwine and offer activities that perhaps their family isn't familiar with or not interested in.....post a monthly calendar of events that are available....do at least twice for any event.....in case of a prior commitment that prevents availability to participate.
- I would like to thank the Caledonia Township board for all that they have done in the last 4 years to improve the recreational facilities in our Township.
- Wonder the current township board has done a wonderful job in improving and making our public grounds available to us. The only thing I think they've missed is a volleyball court or an ice rink. But I'm sure if we get them time they'll get it.
- Somewhere to safely ride four wheelers, trails for riding around the community.
- Ice skating.
- Maybe the Township could work with the Lions to get the tennis court fixed or converted to a Pickleball court. Then cannot afford to do it on their own, yet it's a shame that beautiful property is sitting there unused. Maybe a basketball competition one weekend, corn hole tournament, etc. I know it's not in Caledonia Twp, but visitors to the Lions park may shop at the north ends businesses. As far as most people are concerned that area is a common area--not Caledonia here and Ossineke there.
- I would prefer it to stay as natural and quiet as possible. I live here to relax in peace away from noise and commotion.
- Safe bicycle paths.
- Enforcement and maintenance of current holdings.
- None, I think we need to stop expanding and building on these nature areas. They are beautiful as is and we need to enjoy them for what they are. Going into these undeveloped areas and building on them destroys the habitat for so many different animals, this should be about preserving nature and the beauty of hubbard lake, not developing it.
- Walking/biking path on Hubert/Mt Maria Roads.
- There are two properties on Hubbard Lake on Caledonia Street that are public access points but look abandoned by the Township. These two properties could be cleaned up, benches and pathway to the

lake for usage as the designated public access they are represented to be.

- Address near 6629/6627 and 6647 Caledonia St.
- Best investment will be at the north end park. Such a beautiful park with so many opportunities for local residents to utilize and enjoy everything Hubbard Lake has to offer.
- Trails for off road vehicles for winter and summer sports.
- We have excellent facilities in place right now that need to be properly maintained (for the ones with facilities) and left alone (for the ones supposedly dedicated for nature).
- Focus on the Northend Park. The current Township Board invests money to improve recreational sites based on emotion, not community need. I believe the only property with a site plan is the Northend Park. The smaller sites were created on a whim without site plans which created ill will with neighboring property owners. Spruce Park and the Hansen Road site show promise for development because there's space.
- Activities and events at Holcomb Creek.
- We need a recycling facility and garbage removal and to get a waste facility back up and running to take "dump" materials to.
- Bike trails, places to eat!
- None, so many basic services missing. New community center should be a priority.
- None. We are in a recession. We need to save money because maintenance costs will increase.
- I notice a lot of road walkers around the lake all year long as I drive around the lake. It would be nice and a lot safer to see a walking/biking pathway around the lake. I know it's a super big task to accomplish, but putting a pathway system in the master plan may enable the township to qualify for federal money to gradually build a pathway system.
- Sidewalk/Bike Path around Hubbard Lake would be one of the best improvements to our Hubbard Lake community. So many people love to walk/run/bike, take the baby in a stroller, take the dog for a walk but fear of traffic and no shoulder. We do have people that do brave walking/riding their bike but so many more would take advantage of fresh air, exercise and the beautiful views of this area if they would feel safe walking away from speeding traffic.
- Ice rink, updated basketball courts, picnic tables, free swim area.
- ?
- I don't believe we need any further recreational facilities. Just maintain the ones we already have.
- Getting our new library going.
- Community center needs to be replaced. Recycling dumpster, a township trash collection contract for reduced rates.
- Would like a recycling service at the Caledonia Township Hall.
- Bike and hiking paths and more playgrounds, maybe camping areas.
- None.
- Camping facility would be nice.
- Camp grounds at one or more of the locations.
- None.
- Accessible nature trails for all to be able to enjoy!
- Picnic tables at the east boat launch.
- None.
- Playground. Walking/running trail, loop, something. I run and walk a lot and the only place I can go do this is the local churches north of town or on the main road around the lake, which honestly isn't that safe.
- It would be awesome if Caledonia township bought more property for hunting.
- The north end park is nice, power and better bathrooms would make it great for birthday parties or

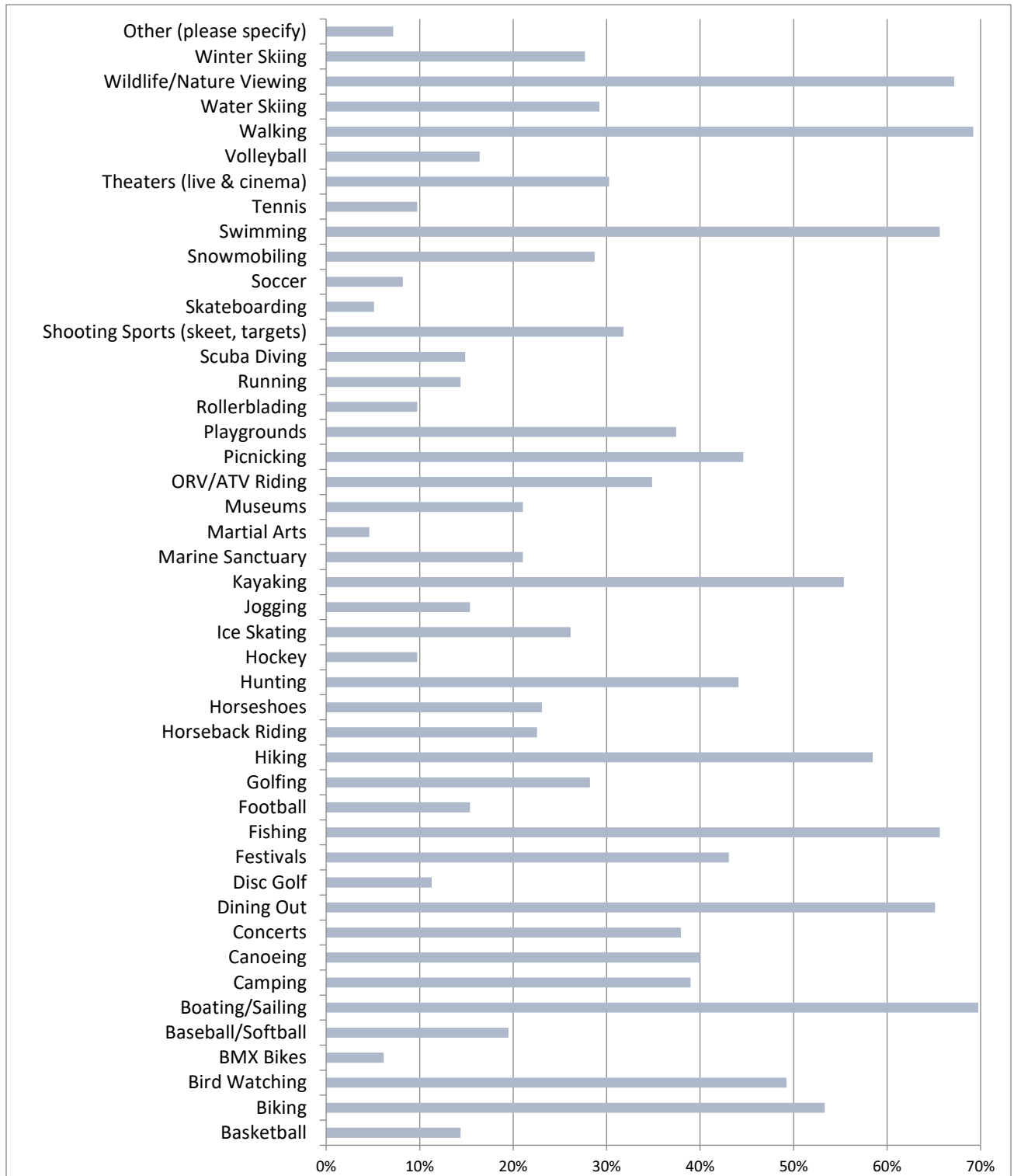
- graduation events etc.
- Pavilion with fire pit at the sledding hill.
 - Biking trails. Maybe could add mountain biking to Hickey Hill, but some type of trail system around the lake for walking and biking?
 - I forgot to add, concerts in the north end park.
 - Transportation for kids in the area (township run bus) get kids to and from all of these places. Mainly in summer time while parents are working. Like a twice a day thing. Noon and three. Not sure just to get kids back and forth safely.
 - Water slide splash park.
 - More public swimming areas the DNR took the good ones away.
 - All township parks opened to the public.
 - The problem is we should force adventure or pay a fine! Lol! Not kidding though. We all sit back and say there is nothing to do... NO, we do nothing! I would love to be a part of a big happy community that was filled with adventures, fun, scavenger hunts, games, togetherness, laughing. The smiles the memories! Those remember when moments that could be placed inside a This is us at Hubbard Lake memory book! (Hallmark channel communities) Let's exists! We all say we need to have this or that. Or instead of enjoying what has been added we complain about what's not there! I would love to see Hubbard lake having more, 'hey, let's hold a competition/activities/family time." SOME DAMN FUN!
 - Pickleball courts.
 - More community activities at Township hall.
 - Nothing. It's beautiful.
 - Disc golf course and walking trails by the lake.
 - None.
 - Pickleball courts.
 - Paved bicycle/walking paths along Spruce Road out to US 23.
 - Walking/ biking paths on main roads.
 - I don't think things should be added or expanded. Existing sites have issues now and money would be better spent on infrastructure...internet, township hall, etc.
 - Nothing!
 - Camping sites with at least electric.
 - Can't think of anything right now.
 - Pickle ball courts.
 - A frisbee course would be great.
 - We need to get the DNR to approve a walking and biking trail around the lake! It is dangerous to walk or ride on the roads around the lake!
 - Sheriff to ticket boaters that don't know boating rules.
 - None. Instead of investing time and money in rec facilities properties in total disrepair should be fixed up. The 4 corners in Hubbard Lake is an embarrassment. Our township is 50% responsible for that. There should be zoning rules that don't permit places to get that bad. I am ashamed of what is allowed. Looks like a slum near a beautiful lake.
 - A Recreation Director to provide activities for Seniors as we seem to have an older population.
 - None.
 - None.
 - Less is better.
 - Even more Beach access for families. Shore fishing.
 - None at this time as more facilities mean more expenses and more oversight, both of which are lacking. This survey is a good start for the development of five and ten year plans and succession planning.

Please engage more people in the parks and recreation committees so more individuals bring more diverse viewpoints to projects.

- Activities for kids.
- Feel everything is just fine.
- Pickleball courts.
- Something needs to be done about/for bikers and walkers on Mt. Maria Rd. Summertime is dangerous as traffic increases and everyone thinks they own the road. No room!
- Ice skating pond at the north end in winter months also widen the in and out of the park and get rid of the sharp turn / curve with the tree on the out side of the boat launch exit.
- Disk golf, Hiking trails.
- Create and fund a parks department and put in toilet facilities at select sites. Keep areas as natural as possible, similar to Negewgon State Park.
- Biking trails.
- A nice beach with sand and nice sized swim area so kids and swim and the adults can relax on the beach and watch the kids in the water. Also a nice swim platform in the water. Would like to see a nice baseball field.

Questions 12

What recreational activities do you and your family enjoy? (check all that apply)



Question 13

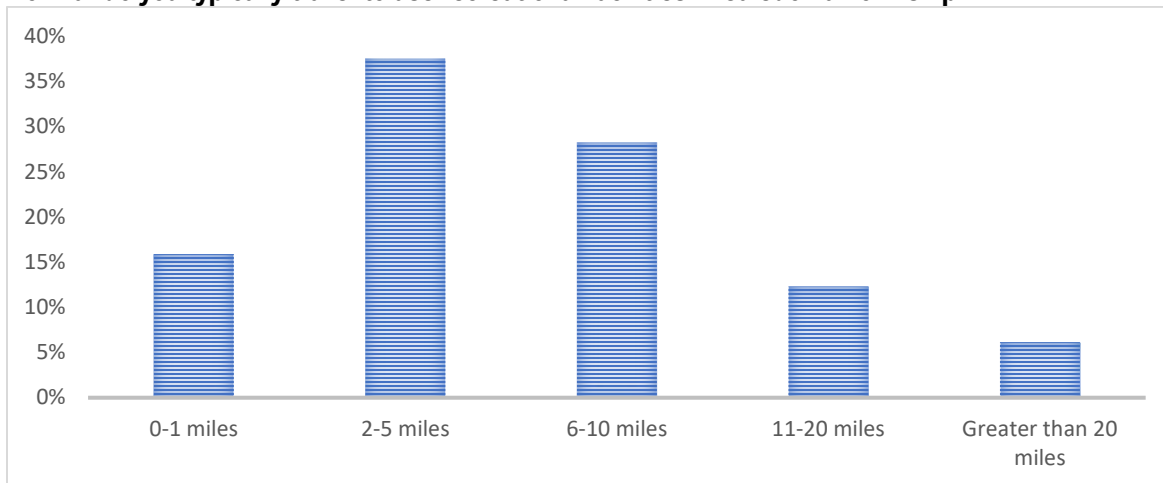
What other public or private recreational facilities do you use in Caledonia Township (Example: Michigan DNR Site, National Forest site, church recreational facility)?

- Utilize the boat launch sites twice a year. Use area hiking trails.
- Kayak landing
- DNR boat ramp
- DNR boat launch
- DNR south bay
- All of the above
- DNR facilities, and boat launches.
- None.
- DNR launches, Exploring State land by hiking
- East Bat boat launch
- Township hall
- Sledding hill
- DNR boat launch at Hubbard lake
- DNR boat launch
- DNR boat ramp
- East Bay boat launch
- DNR BOAT RAMP FOR MY BOAT AND LAND FOR HUNTING... STOP WASTING OUR MONEY
- DNR ramp and Church
- DNR boat ramp
- DNR boat ramp
- None
- DNR site on West shore needs to be fixed and dock added
- DNR launch
- Private- target shooting both guns and bow and arrows, events/parties, bon fires....
- DNR boat launch
- DNR East Bay Launch
- DNE site
- None
- DNR site
- Michigan DNR
- Lion's Park
- DNR launches
- Community Center
- All DNR and National Forest sites.
- DNR ramp for boat launching
- National forest site and mi DNR sites
- Michigan DNR site
- Private hunting, fishing, camping, and basketball facilities. NE Michigan has a lot of private recreational facilities that do not require township taxpayer dollars (Or DNR taxpayer dollars) to be used to compete with the private sector.
- East bay boat launch
- The DNR boat launch
- Only Holcomb creek
- DNR boat launch

- Community center would be a nice addition, could cater to all kinds of events for our residents, visitors, etc.
- Ice skating rink.
- None
- Michigan DNR site
- DNR site
- None
- Michigan DNR site on East Bay across from Smokies, private hunting land
- all of the above
- DNR boat launch
- DNR site
- None
- East Bay DNR boat launch.
- National Forest site. I wish the Spruce Presbyterian church had an accessible fellowship area.
- Boat launch
- None
- Lions Park
- East Bay Boat Launch.
- DNR boat launches
- Hubbard Lake Nature Preserve
- Mich DNR site, national forest site, DNR trails
- None
- East Bay boat launch
- Lions Park, North End
- Lions park
- DNR boat launch and several just outside the township (HL Lions Park, Black River, Lost Lake Woods Club, Lincoln Park)
- None
- DNR boat launch
- Launch DNR
- Stay home mostly. People watch at North end occasionally.
- DNR boat launch
- None. Special goose hunts need to be organized. There are far to many and they are having a bad effect on the lake. Soon we will have a problem with e-coli on hot days.
- DNR launch sites.
- None
- DNR Site, National Forest Site
- The hiking trail off Bennett Rd. At this time, our largest concern is the maintenance of the boat launches so we are able to put our boat in for the summer and out for winter storage. We own other property and don't rely on other public property for recreational activities in Alcona county.
- East bay boat launch
- Michigan DNR
- DNR boat launch
- Private hunting land, St. Catherine's Church
- East Bay Boat Launch

Question 14

How far do you typically travel to use recreational facilities in Caledonia Township?



Question 15

What recreational activities do you leave the Caledonia Township area for?

- Pickleball
- Don't usually leave for recreation except for vacation.
- Pickleball, swimming at the Alpena Plaza Pool.
- Ice skating splash pad
- Beach, kayaking, ATV, swimming, picnicking
- Sporting events
- Downhill skiing, roller skating, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling
- Hockey
- ATV trails
- Camping
- Disc golf
- Festivals
- Shoreline fishing, hiking
- Restaurants, biking, hiking, boating
- Golf
- Pickleball, beach volleyball, cinema
- Work out facility.
- Concerts, splash pad/waterpark
- Bowling.
- None
- Nicer beaches
- Horseback riding
- Public gym, general workout facility, pickleball, tennis, outdoor concerts
- Summer Concerts
- Tennis, playgrounds, and camping
- Better parks
- Hiking, camping, fishing, hunting, paddling and much more.
- None

- Fishing
- EVERYTHING EXCEPT FOR THE BOATING
- Dinner, concerts, and Lake Huron
- Dining
- Everything
- Rock hunting lake superior
- Boat launch
- Restaurants
- I don't
- Downhill skiing, disc golf, laser tag, movies, soccer, biking, target shooting, bon fires, sledding, swimming, kiddie parks, dog park, hiking, octaball pits, BTF with Christian artists, splash pad.
- Bowling
- Camping, fishing, kayaking, boating, swimming,
- None
- No
- Bike trails, camping
- Golf
- Bowling, beach activities, golf
- Dining
- Snowboarding/skiing
- Scuba Diving, snowmobiling, hiking, bird/animal viewing.
- Boating on Lake Huron
- Lake Huron beaches
- Restaurants
- Basketball, baseball, soccer, tennis, and hunting.
- Concerts
- Eating out, Putt putt golf, Bowling
- Music and entertainment at the Alpena Boat Harbor pavilion
- Biking
- Fishing
- Ice skating, eating out, movies.
- Hunting and fishing
- Alpine Snow skiing
- Golfing. Biking, Rollerblading
- Dining out
- Theatres, restaurants.
- None
- None
- Fishing at "the tube" - don't have a boat
- Hunting and some fishing
- Beach Tanning on the Ocean
- Fishing
- Movies, restaurants, biking
- Not just Caledonia but if there was a way for the Hubbard Lake area to connect to the area snowmobile/ ORV trail system either north or south of the lake.
- Camp grounds, picnic areas, hunting, fishing.
- Hunting.

- off roading and hiking
- Hiking, skiing, biking
- Expanded hunting opportunities.
- Biking
- Playground, Ice skating, Gymnastics, Fitness facility/group exercise classes
- Trail riding, duck hunting, bow hunting, shooting skeet and target practice.
- Swimming basketball picnics
- Hiking hunting fishing
- Dining, shopping, ice skating,
- ATV riding, downhill skiing
- Fishing rock collecting
- Festivals, concerts, kayaking
- Camping
- Off road/ORV, Fishing, Target shooting, archery, swimming, etc.
- Skiing, swimming,
- Pickleball
- Not many, ocean fishing.
- Disc Golf
- Parties
- Pickleball
- Pickle ball
- Theater, dining, shopping, fishing, snowmobiling, camping.
- All sorts of things
- Skiing, Biking, Hiking
- Swimming, target shooting, ATV riding, golf, hunting
- Disc golf, soccer
- Basketball and Tennis at Lion's Park, gym for working out.
- Camping
- Dinning out.
- Golf
- Pickle ball
- Pickleball courts
- Visiting family. AuSable river beats any local water so we go there. We leave for almost everything, locals not welcoming and definitely a good ole boys' mentality with things.
- Concerts, movies, dining
- Hiking, skiing
- Hiking hunting biking
- None
- Bike riding a long Lake Huron North of Rogers City. Horseback riding in Posen. Lake Huron beaches, Sturgeon Point and state parks. Beaches for Rock Hunting a long Lake Huron. Fishing.
- None
- Hiking, shooting
- Skiing
- Dinner. Museums. Horseback riding for grandkids
- Hunting, hiking, snowmobiling, concerts at Interlochen, quality dining, dog training, downhill skiing, festivals
- Shopping and dining

- Dining. Community plays. Snowmobile.
- Horseback Riding, sometimes biking to Rogers City along the Lake Huron bike path. Rock collecting.
- Alpena shopping, dining, craft show, lighthouse viewing, shipwreck museum.
- Concerts, festivals, malls.
- Negwegon State Park
- Trail riding with Quads, biking, and walking/hiking paths
- Beach

Question 16

Do you have a family or friend who travels to Caledonia Township who use recreational facilities? If so, which facilities?

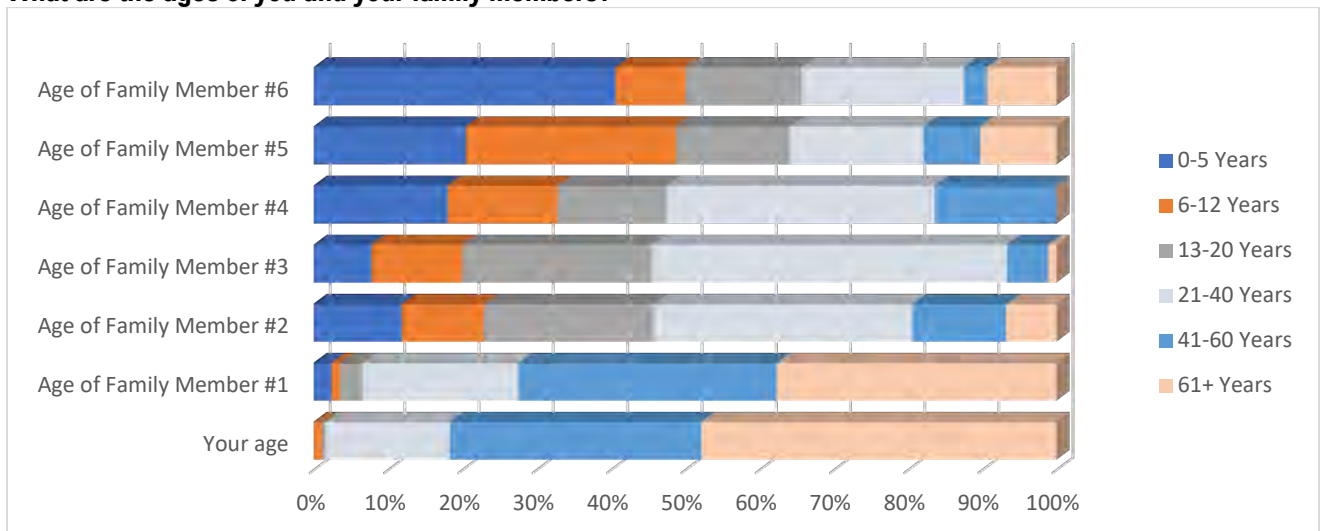
- Yes
- Fishing and or swimming
- The Caledonia Hall, boat launch's,
- North end park
- DNR boat ramp north end park sledding hill. Public access swimming
- North end boating and fishing
- Sledding swimming boat launch
- North end park and Tolson park and the sledding hill
- The lake, North end
- No
- Yes, north end park.
- North end park
- No
- Boat launch, dining, skiing, sledding
- Boat launch mainly
- Boat launches, picnic areas. Tennis.
- No
- North end park
- A lot of my family and friends come and visit with me all throughout the summer, many having small kids. We have said for a long time that it would be nice to have a better playground to walk down to during the summer.
- Yes. The township hall and they all would be utilizing the park if we had an updated one.
- North end park and Hicky Hill
- Yes
- DNR boat ramp
- Yes, basically all the outdoor facilities.
- THE LAKE FOR WATER ACTIVITIES... STOP WASTING OUR MONEY
- Just the lake... these other properties are a joke.
- Peace and quiet.
- Yes, DNR boat ramp.
- Yes, Northend Park.
- Family from downstate visit Hickey Hill.
- North end park
- None
- North End boat launch, Hickey Hill, Caledonia sledding hill
- Yes. Pretty much all

- When my family visits from out of state we visit all the outdoor facilities in Caledonia Township. We enjoy the rural peaceful friendly community.
- Just the DNR site
- My family does travel with me to the sledding hill, Hickey Hill, Holcomb Creek and the North end park
- None
- Hickey Hill
- None
- Hickey Hill, Hanson Rd, Holcomb creek
- Hickey Hill
- North End Park.
- No
- No
- Lions park
- No, they join us at other facilities in the Alpena/Alcona area.
- Boat launches
- Boat launches
- North end park
- No
- Holcomb creek
- Yes, Caledonia park and hall
- North end park
- Mostly the north end boat launch
- North End Park, East Bay Boat Launch, Tolson Park, Hickey Hill, Downhill Sledding
- No
- Boat ramps
- Northend park
- Yes! The boat launch and the sledding hills for sure!
- Northend Park, Sledding Hill, Hickey Hill.
- DNR boat launch on East Bay, North End Park
- ???
- No
- Holcomb creek--hunting. Tolson park--swimming. North end park- swimming, boating, pavilion. Sled hill
- None
- North end park.
- North end park
- Holcomb creek friends come to the area constantly to duck hunt and fish.
- North end park, Tolson park, township hall
- The boat ramps, the sledding hill
- Sledding hill, township hall, Tolson park, Holcomb creek
- North end park and east bay boat launches
- Township hall, sledging hill, fishing /boating Hubbard lake
- Boat launches rock hunting fishing
- Hiking, boating
- Boat ramps swimming areas pavilions
- Caledonia Hall, Spruce park, North End boat launch, Tolson Park
- Sledding area and boat ramps

- Yes - hiking
- Yes, the lake always!
- Yes. Boat launch. Holcomb creek, north end park
- Boat launches swimming areas sledding areas.
- North end park
- No
- Yes, sledding hill, Holcomb creek, Tolson Park, Northend Park
- Sledding hill and the hall
- No
- Boat launch
- North end park
- Lake, boat ramps, sports on lake, biking
- Nope. We go elsewhere for everything we can.
- Sledding hill
- North end boat ramp
- Cabin rental and swimming
- When our friends visit, they enjoy nature trails and swimming, boating, and fishing in Hubbard Lake.
- No
- I live here.
- Snow hill, Lake, Hunting, Hiking
- The North End Boat Launch
- Sledding hill, Hall rental, Boat launch
- No
- Lake, north end park, dining, dinosaur park
- Yes. Boat launch.
- Yes, we use north end park and sledding hill
- I live in the Township.
- Sledding hill, Tolson park, Holcomb creek, north end park, twp. hall.
- North end park

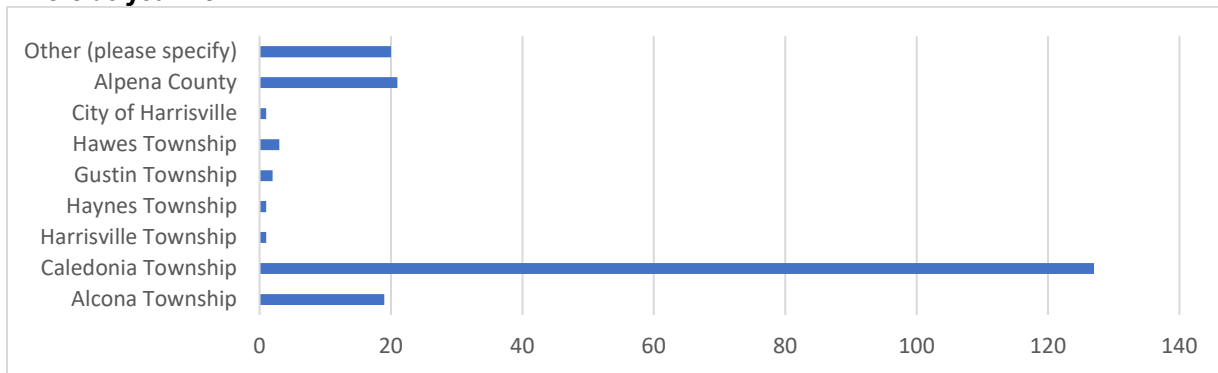
Question 17

What are the ages of you and your family members?



Question 18

Where do you live?



'Other' responses included:

- Downstate, currently using property as second home.
- Sanilac County
- Sanborn Township
- Oakland County
- Colorado
- Ossineke
- Sanborn, Alpena County
- Macomb
- Oscoda
- Trenton, MI
- Lansing area
- Ossineke Township
- Utica, MI
- Clear Water Township
- Macomb County
- Midland, MI with cottage in Caledonia Township
- Essexville, MI
- Primary home is not located in Alcona County