

Chapter 5: Community Services & Facilities

Overview

Similar to many northern Michigan communities, Presque Isle County is primarily a rural community with relatively low population density. This development pattern presents significant challenges in providing facilities and services to the residents of the County. **Figure 5.1** shows the existing types and locations of public and private infrastructure currently in the county.

County Government

The Presque Isle Board of Commissioners meets on the second Wednesday at 7:00 PM and fourth Friday at 9:30 AM of each month, unless posted otherwise at the County Courthouse, 151 E. Huron Ave., PO Box 110, Rogers City, MI 49779. The County is represented by Five Commissioners. Robert Schell, Kristin A. Sorgenfrei, Michael A. Darga, Stephen Lang, and Carl Altman, Chair

County Clerk	Susan M. Rhode	(989) 734-3288
Register of Deeds	Cathy Idalski	(989) 734-2676
Treasurer	Coleen Main	(989) 734-4075
Sheriff	Robert W. Paschke	(989) 734-2156
Prosecuting Atty.	Richard K. Steiger	(989) 734-4709
Friend of the Court	Kevin Weller	(989) 734-7667
53rd Circuit Ct. Judge	Scott L. Pavlich	(989) 734-3288
53rd Family Ct. Judge	Donald J. McLennan	(989) 734-3268
89th District Ct. Judge	Maria Barton	(989) 734-2411
Probate Court Judge	Donald J. McLennan	(989) 734-3268
Comm. Corrections	Darlene McKinley	(231) 627-3093
Equalization Director	Sharyn Malone	(989) 734-3810
Building Inspector	James Zakshesky	(989) 734-2915
County Surveyor	Norman Quaine, Jr	(989) 734-7175
Drain Commissioner	Charles M. Lyon	(989) 766-3568
MSU Extension	Sienna Suszek	(989) 734-2168
Library Director	Jan Stevenson	(989) 734-2477
Custodial Services	Francis D. Glentz	(989) 734-2263
Emergency Services	Norman J. Smith	(989) 733-8095
E 9-1-1 Coordinator	Renee Szymanski	(989) 734-2156
Veterans Counselor	Walter Wenzel	(989) 734-0302
Conservation District	Ralph Stedman, Adm	(989) 734-4000
Housing Commission	Al West, Dir.	(989) 474-9100
Zoning Administrator	James Zakshesky	

Township Government

- Presque Isle County has fourteen townships:
- Allis Township, 20018 W. 638 Hwy., Mailing Address: 4578 Hayner Rd., Onaway, MI 49765, (989) 733-2036.
- Bearinger Township, 17034 Town Hall Hwy., Mailing Address: 18168 Town Hall Hwy., Ocqueoc, MI 49759, (989) 733-8484.

- Belknap Township, 1720 W. Hwy. 638, Mailing Address: 1594 E. Hawks Hwy., Hawks, MI 49743, (989) 766-8167.
- Bismarck Township, 7662 Claus Rd., Mailing Address: 7567 Schleben Rd., Hawks, MI 49743, (989) 734-8356.
- Case Township, 5280 Maple St., Mailing Address: PO Box 260, Millersburg, MI 49759, (989) 733-4101.
- Krakow Township, 12022 Bolton Rd., Mailing Address: 12470 N. Grand LK Hwy., Posen, MI 49766, (989) 766-8203.
- Metz Township, 9385 Hwy. 441, Mailing Address: 2345 E. Metz Hwy., Posen, MI 49766, (989) 766-8087.
- Moltke Township, 5928 M-68 Hwy., Mailing Address: 1650 N. Ward Branch Rd., Rogers City, MI 49779, (989) 734-2213.
- North Allis Township, 1940 M-211 Hwy, Mailing Address: PO Box 306, Onaway, MI 49765, (989) 733-4585.
- Ocqueoc Township, 14101 N. Allis Hwy., Mailing Address: 1032 S. Ocqueoc Rd., Millersburg, MI 49759, (989) 733-8238.
- Posen Township, 10813 N. Michigan Ave., Mailing Address: 10952 Polaski Rd., Posen 49776, (989) 766-2768.
- Presque Isle Township, 12653 E. Grand LK. Rd., Mailing Address: PO Box 6, Presque Isle, MI 49777, (989) 595-2752.
- Pulawski Township, 5025 Darga Hwy., Mailing Address: PO Box 15, Posen, MI 49776, (989) 766-2547.
- Rogers Township, 2442 M-451 Hwy., Mailing Address: 2290 Co. Rd. 451, Rogers City, MI 49779, (989) 734-4240.

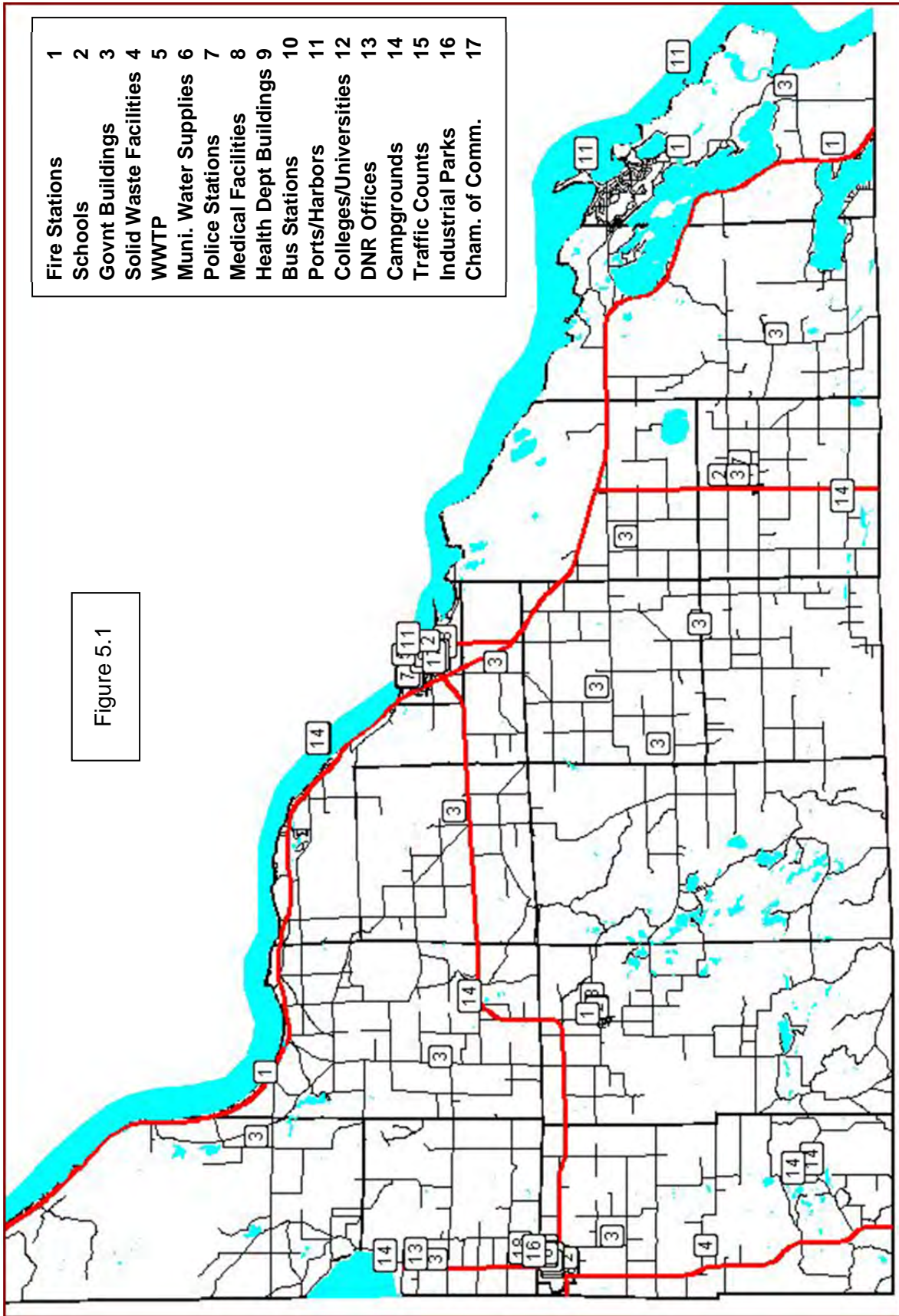
City & Village Government

- City of Onaway, 20631 State St., Mailing Address: PO Box 761, Onaway, MI 49765, (989) 733-8313.
- City of Rogers City, 193 E. Michigan Ave, Rogers City, MI 49779.
- Village of Millersburg, 5525 Main St., Mailing Address: PO Box 135, Millersburg, MI 49759, (989) 733-6337.
- Village of Posen, 7103 State St., Mailing Address: PO Box 126, Posen, MI 49776, (989) 766-2534.

Public Safety

Law Enforcement

Law enforcement protection for Presque Isle County is primarily the responsibility of the Presque Isle County Sheriff Department. The department operates the county jail, maintains 24-hour road patrol, court services, marine patrol, snowmobile patrol, animal control, and emergency dispatch. A victims' services unit was recently added. The Michigan State Police from the Rogers City post on U.S. 23 provide patrols of state highways and provide additional support to the Sheriff Department as necessary. Countywide enhanced 911 emergency services, operated out of the Sheriff Department, receive calls for fire, emergency medical services, and law enforcement and dispatch the call to the appropriate service provider. In addition to the County Sheriff Department, the cities of Rogers City and Onaway operate police departments and provide law enforcement services within their respective boundaries. In addition to the County Sheriff Department, the cities of Rogers City and Onaway operate police departments and provide law enforcement services within their respective boundaries.



Fire Protection

Posen Fire Department, 7091 State St., Posen MI. 49776
Pumpers - 2, Tanker - 1, ATV - 1, Grass Rig - 1, & Rescue Truck - 1.
Staff and Volunteers: 20
Budget: \$58,000
Posen, Pulaski, Krakow, and Metz Twps.
Population served; 2284

Onaway Fire Department, 2800 Beech St., Onaway, MI 49765
Pumpers - 2, Tankers - 2, Grass Rig - 1, & Rescue Truck - 1.
Staff and Volunteers: 18
Budget: \$54,000
Allis, North Allis Twps. and City of Onaway.
Population served; 2646

Ocqueoc/Bearinger Fire Department, 14127 Town Hall Hwy., Millersburg, MI. 49759
Pumper - 1, Tankers - 2, Brush Rig - 1, & Rescue Truck - 1.
Staff and Volunteers: 8
Budget: \$50,000
Ocqueoc and Bearinger Twps.
Population served; 963

East Grand Lake Fire Department, 8959 East Grand Lake Rd. Presque Isle, MI. 49777
ALS Ambulance - 1, Pumpers - 2, Tanker - 1, Fire Boat - 1, & Hovercraft - 1.
Staff and Volunteers: 15
Budget: \$120,000
Portion of Presque Isle Twp.
Population served; 1200

Presque Isle Fire Department, 24335 US 23 South, Presque Isle, MI 49777
Rescue - 1, Pumper - 1, Tankers - 2, Brush Rig - 1, Boat - 1, & Hovercraft - 1.
Staff and Volunteers: 12
Budget: \$144,000
Portion of Presque Isle Twp.
Population served; 800-1000

Rogers City Fire Department, 193 East Michigan Ave., Rogers City, MI 49779
Pumpers - 2, Tankers - 2, Brush Rig - 1, & 50' Platform Pumper -1.
Staff and Volunteers: 26
Budget: \$200,000
Rogers, Belknap, Moltke, Bismark Twps. and City of Rogers City.
Population served: 5885

Case Fire Department, 5280 Maple Street, Millersburg, MI 49759
Pumper - 1, Tanker - 1, Grass Rig - 1, Hovercraft - 1, ATV's - 2, Snowmobile - 1, and
Rescue Rig - 1.
Staff and Volunteers: 35
Budget: \$116,000
Case, South Ocqueoc, and South Allis Twps.
Population served: 1742

DNR Onaway Field Office, PO Box 32, M-211, Onaway, MI 49765:.

Emergency Medical Services

By calling 911, Presque Isle County residents needing emergency medical treatment or ambulance transport will receive care from the appropriate service provider, depending on the caller's location. The Onaway Area Ambulance located on M-211 serves the City of Onaway, Allis, North Allis and Case Townships, portions of Ocqueoc and Bearinger Townships, two Cheboygan County townships and a portion of Montmorency Township in Montmorency County. They provide full life-support and transport service and have three paid paramedics, while ambulance drivers are volunteers.

Through its fire department, Presque Isle Township has ambulance service with an EMT but not a paramedic. When transport is necessary, the Township has an arrangement with Alpena County emergency service providers, because Presque Isle Township is located so near Alpena.

The remainder of the townships and Rogers City fall under the jurisdiction of the Rogers City Area Ambulance Authority for emergency medical services. The authority contracts with Allied EMS Systems, Inc. of Harbor Springs to provide 24-hour, full life-support and transport services. The local facility is located at the industrial park in Rogers City.

Allied EMS 500 Park Drive, Rogers City, MI 49779

Ambulances - 3

Staff: 14

Budget: \$800,000

Bearinger, Belknap, Bismark, Krakow, Metz, Moltke, Ocqueoc, Posen, Pulawski, and Rogers Twps., along with the City of Rogers City.

Population served; 9132

Onaway Ambulance 20734 Industrial Park Drive, Onaway, MI 49765

Ambulances - 3 and non- transport truck - 1.

Staff - 14

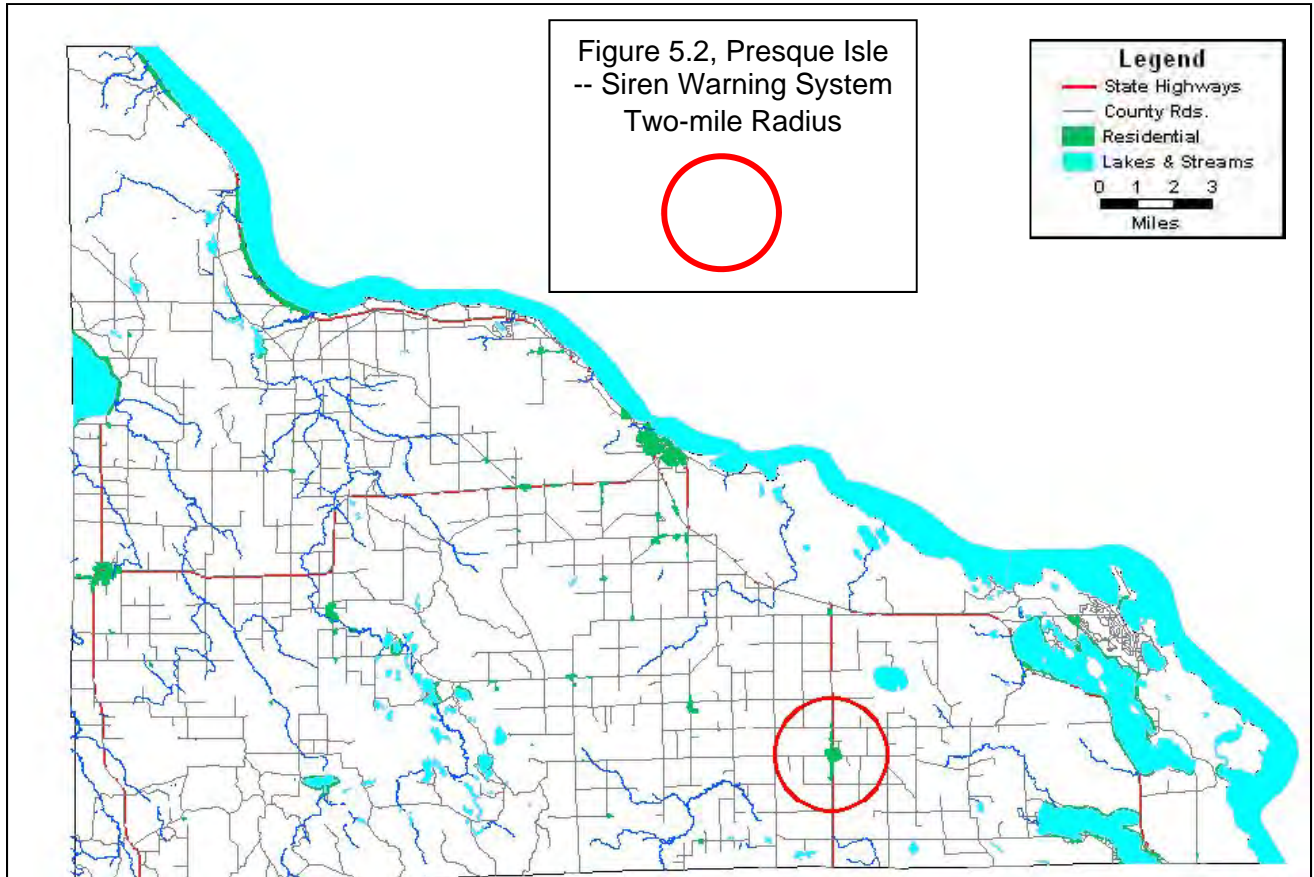
\$330,000 Budget

Case, Allis, North Allis Twps., and portions of Ocqueoc and Bearinger Twps.

Population served; 4551

Early Warning & Siren Systems

At this time there is currently only one siren activated in the County, located at the Fire Hall in the Village of Posen. **(Figure 5.2)** Although there is a siren in Onaway, it is located at the old police station that is no longer manned. Rogers City does not have a warning system. There has been some discussion of installing a more complete warning system through the years, but nothing has materialized. **(see Appendix F.)** The National Weather Service's NOAA Weather Radio alert system and the National Emergency Alert System also serve the County warning system. Signal coverage from the transmitter located in Alpena County covers much of the County with a few areas in the western reaches not served at this time. The Emergency Alert System broadcasts over every radio and television station in the area, but this coverage is compromised since many of the county's rural residents receive their TV programming via satellite, which in many cases does not broadcast local information.



Water and Sewer

Within Presque Isle County, Rogers City and Onaway have both municipal water and sewer service. The Village of Millersburg has had public water services since 1994 and extends to a few residents just outside the village limits. The Village of Posen constructed a new municipal water system in 2002. Residents of the Presque Isle Harbor Development receive water service from the privately owned Presque Isle Harbor Water Company.

Individual wells and septic systems serve the remainder of the County. District Health Department #4 is the permitting agency for private wells and septic systems. Soil conditions such as hydric soils or bedrock close to the surface may pose challenges to siting a traditional septic system. Lakefront communities often crowd residences along the shoreline, which can directly affect both groundwater and surface water quality by increasing the potential for pollutants from improperly designed or inadequately maintained septic systems. Alternative on-site systems, such as raised drainfield systems or hold and pump systems may be appropriate in high-density or cluster lakeshore developments where soil conditions, distance between lots, or shallow bedrock make traditional systems inappropriate. Septic systems meeting Health Department Code, which are properly maintained, provide on-site wastewater treatment that is biologically equivalent to a municipal sewage treatment plant. Careful consideration must be given to protecting the County's surface water and groundwater resources.

Solid Waste

Under the provisions of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, PA 451 or 1994, Part 115, each county is required to have a Solid Waste Management Plan approved by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The *Presque Isle County Solid Waste Management Plan* designates that the County's solid waste may be received at any of the following three Type II Landfills: Elk Run Sanitary Landfill in Allis Township, City Environmental Services, Inc. of Waters in Crawford County, or Montmorency-Oscoda-Alpena Sanitary Landfill in Montmorency County's Loud Township. The plan also indicates that solid waste may be accepted at the Elk Run facility in Presque Isle County from numerous northern Lower Peninsula and eastern Upper Peninsula counties.

Residents and business owners generally contract with private waste haulers to pick up refuse, and the waste haulers deliver the waste to one of the three landfills. Household trash may also be delivered for a per-bag price to transfer stations in Rogers City, Krakow Township or Ocqueoc Township. Additionally, dumpsters are located at several businesses around the County where trash is accepted at a per-bag price. Rogers City and Onaway offer city-wide curbside garbage pick-up for which residents are charged a fee on monthly water/sewer bills.

The *Solid Waste Management Plan* encourages residents to compost yard waste, but the County does not have a formal composting program. The Rogers City Transfer Station provides a collection point for material to be composted for city residents. The plan states, "Composting is expected to remain the responsibility of the individual."

Health Services

Although there is no longer a hospital in Presque Isle County, the amount of health care providers is numerous. Rather than list them in this document, health care services can be located in the "Directory of Health Care Services for Presque Isle County" or by contacting the Health Department or the Presque Isle County Council on Aging.

A GUIDE FOR FAMILY SERVICES IN PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY	
Provided by Early On, Tapestry, and Great Parents/ Great Start COP	
(Telephone numbers are 989 area code unless otherwise indicated)	
Health Care	
Health Dept. #4 Maternal Support Services/Infant Support Services W.I.C. Children's Special Health Care Services Mich-Care Immunizations Family Planning MI Child	734-4723
Alpena General Hospital	989-734-7107
Northern Michigan Hospital Health Access	1-800-248-6777
Poison Control	1-800-222-1222
RC Community Health Center	734-2052
Onaway Medical Center	733-2082

Rogers City Medical Group	734-2171
Early On	231-238-9394
Child Care	
Family Independence Agency	734-2108
C&FS Community Coordinated. Child Care (4C)	1-866-424-4532
Educational Services/Preschool	
Cheboygan-Otsego-Presque Isle ESD	231-238-9394
Project Find	734-3947
Hearing/Speech Screenings	231 238-9394 ext.
Developmental Screening	216
Early On	
TAPESTRY Project	1-80-348-4990
Head Start (All Information)	1-800-968-2226
MSU Extension	989 734-2168
Counseling/Crisis Services	
Shelter Inc. - Domestic Violence Service	356-9650
Catholic Human Services	734-7456
Legal Services of Northern Michigan	356-9081
Third Level Crisis Ctr. & Legal Aid (24 hours) TDD/Voice	1-800-442-7315
NE Mich. Community Mental Health (ACCESS)	1-800-834-3393
Runaway Asst. Program (24 hr.)	1-800-292-4517
Birchwood Ctr. for Chemical Dependency	1-800-288-7242
Center Diagnostic Referral Service	1-800-686-0749
Compass Youth & Family Guidance	1-800-292-3003
Parent Help Line (24 hr	1-800-942-4357
Child Abuse & Neglect	
Presque Isle Co. Sheriff	734-2156
Family Independence Agency	734-2108
Children Protective Services After hours Children Protective Services	517-354-4764 dial 0 and ask for Enterprise 8252
Family Violence Protection (24 hr.)	1-800-996-6228
Shelter Services (Emergency Housing)	
Family Independence Agency	734-2108
Presque Isle Co. Sheriff	734-2156
Salvation Army	734-2446 after 4 pm
NE Michigan Community Service Agency	356-3474
Shelter Inc. - Domestic Violence Service	356-9650
Food Assistance	
Family Independence Agency	734-2108
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Presque Isle Food Pantry	734-3929
Onaway Assembly Of God food pantry	733-2377

District Health Dept. (W.I.C.)	734-4723
Heating Assistance	
Family Independence Agency	734-2108
Assistance & Home Heating	1-800-292-5650
NE Michigan Community Service Agency	356-3474
Westminster Presbyterian Church	734-3929
Onaway Assembly of God	733-2377
Transportation	
Senior Council on Aging	733-2559
Family Independence Agency	734-2108
Straits Area Regional Ride	1-866-354-2487
Financial Planning	
Family Independence Agency	734-2108
Presque Isle Co. MSU Extension	734-2168
Catholic Human Services Homeless Prevention Program	734-7456
Clothing	
Seconds on Third	734-7306
Job Skills	
Employment Security Commission (MESC)	354-2157
NE Michigan Consortium / Michigan Works!	733-8548
Michigan Rehabilitation Services	354-3108
Michigan Indian Employment & Training Services	231-347-9330
Alpena Community College (Retraining Prog.)	356-9021
NEMROC (for Disabled)	356-6141
Displaced Homemakers	356-6569
NE Michigan Community Service Agency Job Line	356-3474
Special Needs	
Social Security Admin	1-800-772-1213
Easter Seal Society	1-800-292-2729
March of Dimes	231-947-2488
Blind Client Assistance	1-800-292-4200
Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Services for Developmental Disabilities	734-7223
Family Support Network of Michigan	1-800-359-3722
Citizens Alliance to Uphold Special Ed	1-800-221-9105
Shriners	1-800-237-5055
Ameritech Special Needs Center	1-800-244-4444
Ameritech Relay Center for TDD Messages	1-800-649-3777
Northland Library Branch for Blind & Physically Handicapped	356-1622
Michigan Protection & Advocacy Services Voice & TDD	1-800-288-5923
Self Help Support Groups	1-800-777-5556

Alpena Fire Setter Evaluation (free)	354-3151
Dyslexia Resource Center	231-526-9282
Presque Isle Co. District Library	734-2477
National Organization-Rare Disorders	1-800-999-6673
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Utilities

Energy

The majority of Presque Isle County’s electric power is provided by Presque Isle Electric and Gas (PIE&G) headquartered in Onaway. Alpena Power serves the southern portion of Presque Isle Township. Rogers City receives electricity from Consumers Energy. Three phase power needed for operating heavy machinery or equipment is available throughout Rogers City and at certain locations throughout the County. On-site diesel generators are also operational at the two major quarrying operations in the County.

Three natural gas providers (Presque Isle Electric and Gas, Aurora Gas Company and DTE Energy/MichCon) serve Presque Isle County. Aurora Gas, located on M-68 just outside Onaway, serves most of the City of Onaway and south on M-33 to the Onaway Area Schools campus. In Allis Township, they provide gas west on M-68 to the Cheboygan County line and south on County Line Road for approximately two miles. In North Allis Township, the service area includes M-211, several side roads and County Road 489 along the east shore of Black Lake. In Bearinger Township, Aurora serves areas near Black Lake. PIE&G furnishes natural gas in portions of Allis, Bearinger, Belknap, Bismarck, Case, Ocqueoc and Rogers townships, as well as the Village of Millersburg. DTE Energy (formerly MichCon) provides natural gas in Rogers City, the Village of Posen, and portions of the Townships of Belknap, Pulawski, Posen, Krakow and Presque Isle, as seen on the natural gas service map.

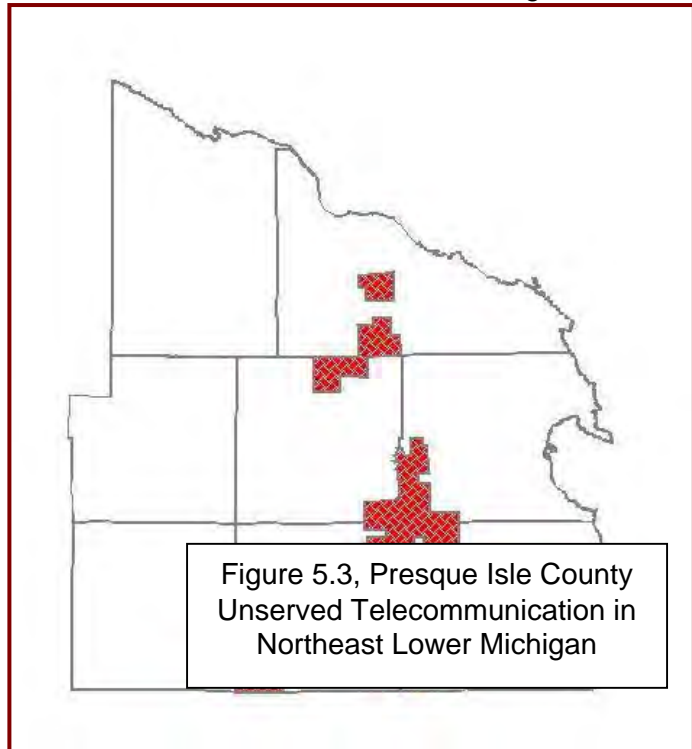
Communications

Except for remote locations, local telephone service is provided throughout the County by Verizon, formerly General Telephone and Electronics (GTE), while residents have the option of choosing long distance service from several long distance carriers. In recent years, calling areas for the local exchanges have been expanded to offer a wider range of toll-free calling. A number of cellular telephone services (NPI Wireless, Cellular One, Alltel, and Nextel) are available throughout the area, and several communications towers are located in Presque Isle County to enhance reception. However, reception and transmission may be limited in areas away from the major road or in areas with low elevation.

Michigan State University (MSU) and NEMCOG are currently involved in a project called “Link Michigan”, whose goals include “the development of a plan to bring broadband services to unserved areas and to implement a plan to bring basic telephone service to unserved residents

and businesses.” The project area includes NEMCOG’s eight-county region. “Link Michigan” is made possible with funding from Michigan Economic Development Corporation. **Figure 5.3** depicts the location of unserved telecommunications area in Northeast Lower Michigan

Charter Communications is the major cable television service provider on the east side of the County, with service in Rogers City, Village of Posen, Presque Isle Township, Posen Township and Moltke Township. In the townships, service is not available throughout. Charter generally installs service where development is at a density of 15 to 20 residences per mile. Northwoods Cable provides service in the Onaway area. Because of the rural nature of the County, many residents rely on private satellite dishes, where reception is comparable to that of cable providers.



Schools

Presque Isle County is divided into four public school districts. The Alpena Public Schools serves students in Presque Isle Township and those in the Long Lake area of Krakow Township. Depending on the grade level, these students are transported

by bus to the appropriate school facility either in or near the City of Alpena. The townships of Posen and Pulawski, the remainder of Krakow, a portion of Belknap, and the southern portion of Metz are included in the Posen Consolidated School District. Posen school facilities are located in the Village of Posen. The Rogers City Area Schools, located in Rogers City, serve students in the townships of Moltke, Bismarck, a portion of Belknap, Rogers, and the northern part of Metz, as well as the City of Rogers City. Onaway Area Schools, with facilities in Onaway and Millersburg, serve the remainder of the County, as well as portions of Cheboygan County.

In addition to the County’s public schools, there are several private elementary schools: St. Ignatius Catholic School and St. John’s Lutheran School, both located in Rogers City; St. Michael’s Lutheran School located in Belknap Township; Seventh Day Adventist School located west of Onaway. Rogers City Baptist Academy located west of Rogers City serves K-12.

For post-secondary education, students may attend Alpena Community College in Alpena. Many state universities have learn-at-home programs, where students earn credit via the internet.

Transportation

Roads

Presque Isle County's road network is critical to providing the flow of goods and services and for enabling residents to move efficiently to and from employment, shopping and recreational activities. The major roads in the County are the following: U.S. 23 runs adjacent to or near the Lake Huron shoreline; M-68 is the major east-west route across the County providing access to I-75; M-33 is the major north-south route on the west side of the County from Onaway to

Montmorency County and points south; and M-65 is the major north-south route on the east side from U.S. 23 through Posen and points south. Northeast Michigan residents traveling to and from “downstate” often use M-68 and M-65. M-211 is also a state trunkline from Onaway to Onaway State Park at Black Lake. Presque Isle County Road Commission maintains these state and federal roads under contract arrangements with Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). The County’s only traffic light is located at the intersection of Third Street (Business U.S. 23) and Erie Street (M-68) in downtown Rogers City. **Figure 5.6** is provided showing the existing road system in Presque Isle County.

A constraint to any northern Michigan county road system is that during the spring thaw, weight restrictions must be placed on any road not meeting certain construction standards. This necessary action often restricts the flow of goods throughout the County for approximately six weeks. **Table 5.1** details the existing “All Season Routes”, as well as those proposed for upgrade in the next few years.

Several other county primary paved roads connect outlying portions of the County with the major road network. In addition to these paved roads, an extensive system of gravel and dirt roads cover all portions of the County providing access to the lakes and forests that serve as residential sites and for recreational activities as well as for forestry management activities. The Road Commission maintains the county primary and county local roads in partnership with the townships. In addition to routine maintenance and snow removal, the Road Commission maintains a plan for scheduling annual projects to improve or replace road surfaces, to improve drainage features, and to upgrade bridges and stream crossings.

To demonstrate the amount of traffic passing through Presque Isle County the following, MDOT traffic count statistics for the year 2000 are provided. The data reflects an average daily count of 4,800 vehicles on U.S. 23 between the Alpena County line and M-65, 5,200 vehicles on U.S. 23 just south of Rogers City, 5,600 vehicles on U.S. 23 just north of Rogers City, 3,400 vehicles on M-68 between Onaway and Rogers City, 1,200 vehicles on M-65 between U.S. 23 and the Alpena County line, 4,300 vehicles on M-33 between Onaway and the Montmorency County line, and 2,200 vehicles on M-211 from Onaway to Black Lake.

**Table 5.1
All Season Routes, Existing and Proposed Presque Isle County, 2003**

Existing	
M-211	Onaway to Onaway State Park
U.S. 23	North/south route east side of County
M-33	Onaway south to Montmorency County line
M-65	U.S. 23 south to Alpena County line
M-68	East/west route through County
County Road 451	U.S. 23 south to Montmorency County line
634 Highway	County Road 451 east to Posen
Ocqueoc Road	U.S. 23 south to M-68
Millersburg Road	M-68 south to County Road 638
County Road 638	Millersburg Road east to County Road 451
Wildcat Highway	Millersburg Road west to Rainy Lake Road
Rainy Lake Road	Wildcat Highway south to Five Mile Highway
County Road 638	West from County Road 451 one mile
Long Lake Highway	M-65 east to Smigelski Road
Grand Lake Highway	M-65 east to U.S. 23
Heythaler Highway	County Road 451 west to South Ward Branch Road
Proposed	
Long Lake Highway (2003)	Alpena County line west four miles
Long Lake Highway (2004)	2003 phase west to Smigelski Road
Bolton Road (2004)	Long Lake Highway south to Alpena County line
North Allis (2005-6)	Ocqueoc Road west to Cheboygan County line

Source: Presque Isle County Road Commission

Public Transportation

While Presque Isle County does not have an overall public transportation system, there is a limited transit system in place. In 1999, the *Presque Isle County Transportation Coordination Study* was conducted with funding assistance from MDOT. The purpose of the study was to inventory existing transportation services, to estimate the overall transportation needs, and to provide a coordination plan for the present transit system. The inventory of existing transportation services found that Presque Isle County Council on Aging (PICCA) was the major provider in the County with three buses. The general public as well as senior citizens and handicap persons may use the buses. Services are provided on a demand/response basis in addition to regularly scheduled out of town trips.

One of the results of the *Presque Isle County Transportation Coordination Study* along with neighboring counties' studies was the creation of the Straits Area Regional Ride. The four-county service area (Cheboygan, Emmet, Otsego and Presque Isle) coordinates buses to provide regional access to medical appointments, employment, shopping or entertainment in Alpena, Cheboygan, Petoskey, Harbor Springs, Gaylord and other regional destinations. Presque Isle County also participates in the Regional Ride effort to coordinate bus services with Alpena and Alcona counties.

Several other agencies, including Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health, Cheboygan-Otsego-Presque Isle Education Service District, Northeast Michigan Community Service

Agency, and Presque Isle County Family Independence Agency provide transportation services to their clients.

Bus Service

Indian Trails provides statewide public transportation services on a daily basis. A bus route runs through Presque Isle County stopping in Rogers City and Onaway to drop off and pick up passengers. The northbound bus passes through the County around 8:00 p.m. with St. Ignace as the final destination. The southbound bus passes through the County around 8:00 a.m. with Detroit as the final destination. The company has two 44-passenger buses set aside for this route. Both are wheelchair lift equipped and have space set aside to accommodate wheelchairs. The original US-23 route directly to Cheboygan was recently changed to US-23, M-68 and M-33 to Cheboygan. This change was made to better serve residents on the west side of Presque Isle County. MDOT subsidizes this transportation service for areas in northern Michigan.

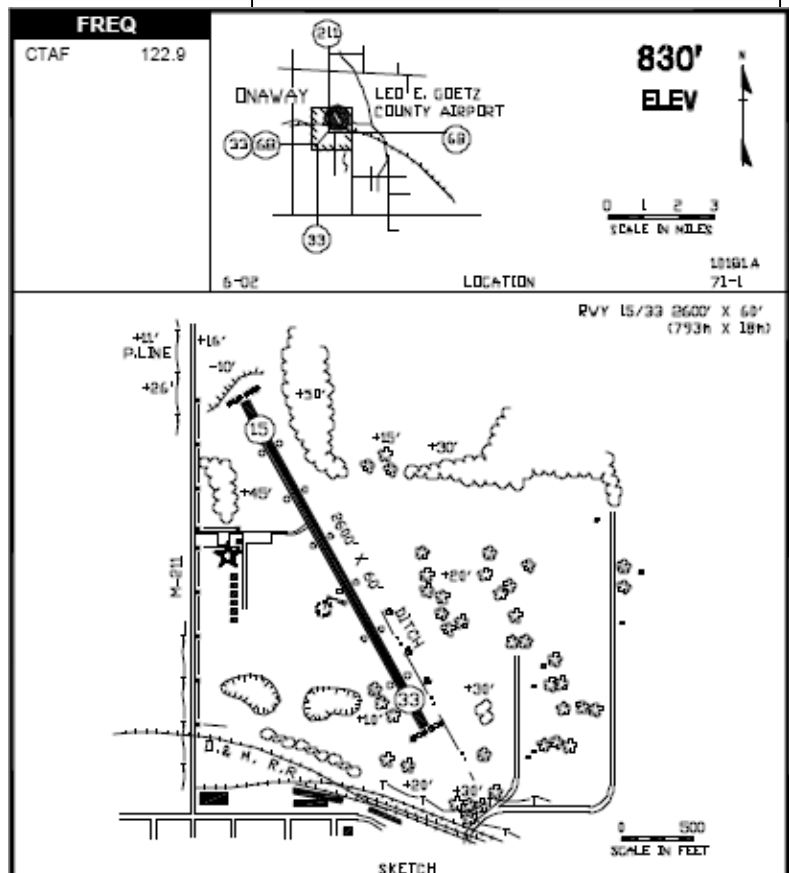
Presque Isle County Council on Aging provides Senior Citizens with transportation for medical and dental appointments, local errands and shopping. Two out-of-town trips are scheduled each month; and seasonal bus outings are also scheduled. The demand response bus system also provides rides to handicapped residents, the general public and school age children. All buses are wheelchair equipped. In addition to the county bus system, two regional transit system provide limited service to residents needing cross county public transportation. The Straits Regional Ride is stationed out of Cheboygan and the Thunder Bay Transportation is based in Alpena.

Figure 5.4, Presque Isle County Leo Goetz County Airport in Onaway

Air Service

Regional air service is available at the Pellston Regional Airport. The County of Presque Isle owns and operates two public airports, a Tier 3 basic utility airport in Onaway and a Tier 1 general utility airport in Rogers City. These airports accommodate general aviation private planes for both business and recreational use. The Leo Goetz County Airport in Onaway includes a 2,600' paved and lighted runway and a 1,365' crosswind sod runway. **(Figure 5.4)** The current pilots' building is planned for replacement in 2003 or 2004. Six private hangars are located on lease lots adjacent to the pilots' building. The airport serves recreational traffic to nearby Black Lake and to the numerous forest recreation properties in the area, as well as provides air access for the Onaway Renaissance Zone and industrial park.

At Rogers City, **(Figure 5.5)** the

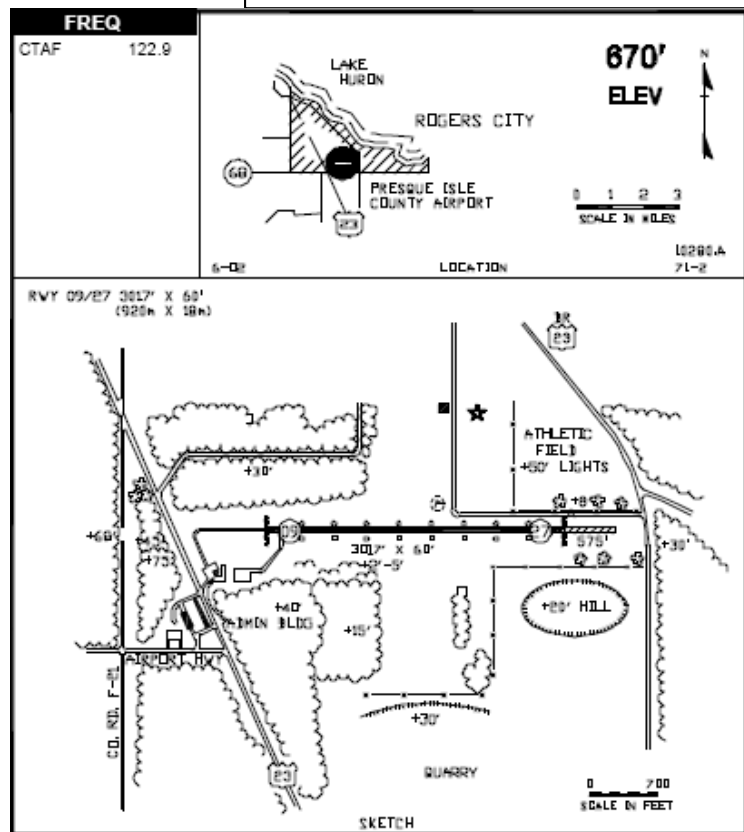


County Airport presently features an east/west 3,000' paved and lighted runway and a pilots' building. Because the State of Michigan has classified this as a Tier I field, it is eligible for State and Federal grant dollars for improvement projects. Presque Isle County is presently undertaking a \$2.5 million, grant-funded five-year improvement project at the Rogers City field. The project will include lengthening the runway to 4,100 feet, widening it from 60' to 75', and installing new lighting and navigation systems, an on-field automated weather station, new aprons and taxiways, County-owned lease hangars, and a fueling system. The County has adopted airport zoning to preserve safe approaches to the new field. This airport provides access to the Rogers City Renaissance Zone and air industrial park, as well as serving recreational and general business traffic on the eastern side of the County.

Deep Water Ports

Port of Calcite in Rogers City operated by Michigan Limestone Operations, a division of Oglebay/Norton, and Port of Stoneport in Presque Isle Township operated by Lafarge Corporation are major commercial port facilities for Great Lakes and international shipping. At the ports of Calcite and Stoneport, limestone is the primary commodity that is shipped to several Great Lakes ports. The location of these ports is important to the limestone producing industry because they provide ready transport for a resource that is located near Lake Huron. In addition, boats using the ports transport limited amounts of other commodities such as fuel oil for boat refueling. A county high wire ordinance resulted in the raising of power lines crossing M-68 to accommodate the transport of tall items from the west side of the County to the Port of Calcite. The effort enabled Moran Ironworks in Onaway to transport large products to Port Calcite for shipment on the Great Lakes. Infrastructure improvements for loading products on ships have increased opportunities to use the deep water port.

Figure 5.5, Presque Isle County Rogers City County Airport



Rail Service

No active rail lines currently exist in Presque Isle County. Former D&M tracks have been sold or leased to Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and have been converted to snowmobile trails. For the past several years, snowmobilers have been able to travel the former grade from Hawks in Presque Isle County to Mackinaw City. The former grade from Alpena to Hawks through Posen was open for snowmobiling for the first time for the winter of 2002-2003. Negotiations for opening the Posen to Rogers City spur are ongoing. The snowmobile trail system in and through Presque Isle County is discussed in detail in the *Presque Isle County Recreation Plan*.

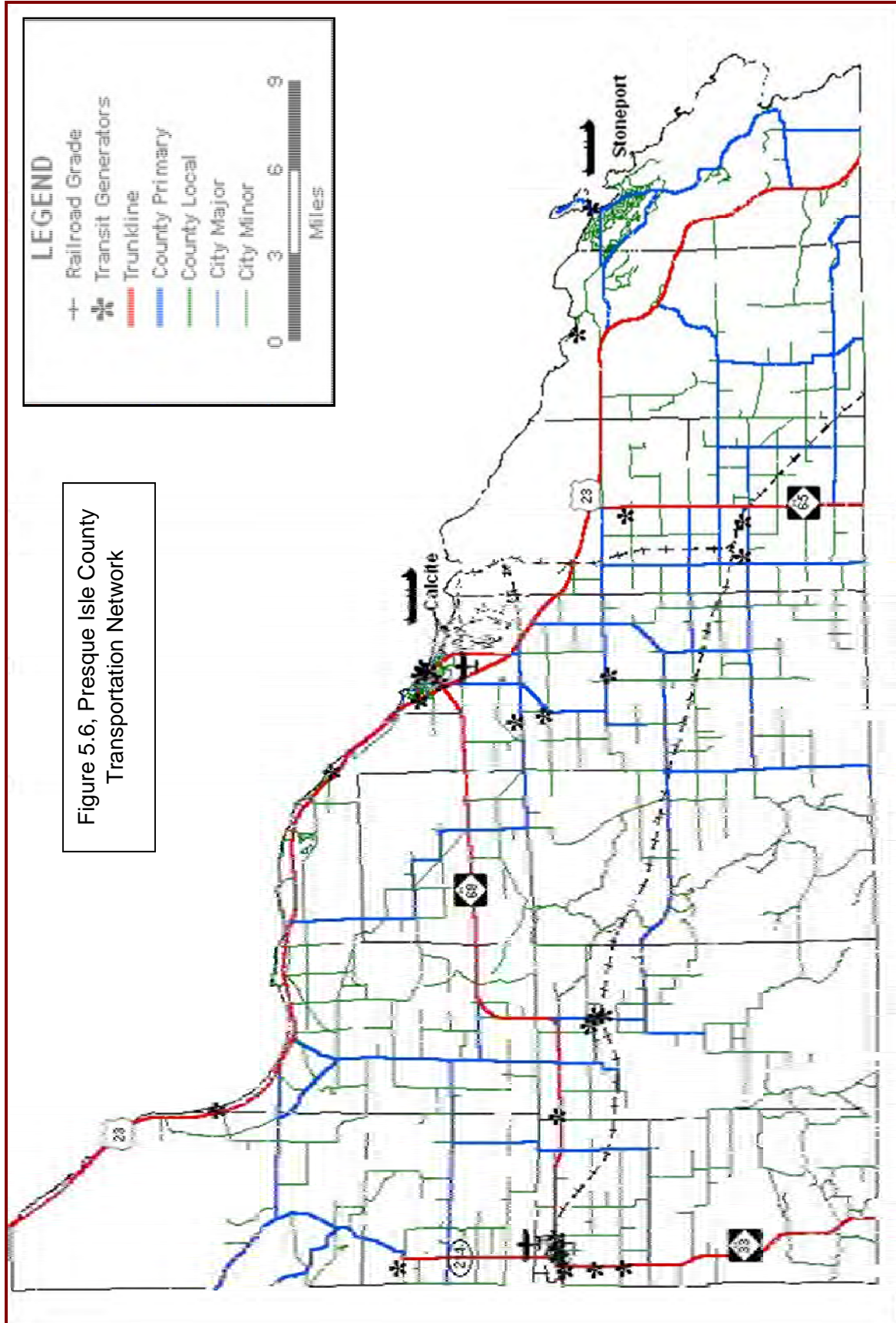


Figure 5.6, Presque Isle County
Transportation Network