

# Recreation Plan 2020-2024



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# Chapter 1

## Community Description

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### Extent of Plan Focus

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

### Regional Location

Albert Township covers approximately 70.6 square miles in the southwestern section of Montmorency County within Michigan's Northeastern Lower Peninsula (Figure 1-1). It is rectangular and encompasses Town 29 North Range 1 East and Town 29 North Range 2 East. The Township is bordered by Otsego County to the west, Oscoda County to the south, Loud Township to the east, and Vienna and Briley Townships to the north.

### Climate

The area's distinct four seasons offer an ever changing landscape and provide ample opportunities for year-round outdoor activities. Snowmobiling, skiing and ice fishing are some of the area's popular winter sports, while summertime activities include swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, and camping. Spring-time brings out the mushroom hunters and bird watchers, while many wait for the autumn months to enjoy hunting and fall color tours. The Township is located 60 miles inland from Lake Huron and 100 miles inland from Lake Michigan, which means the moderating impact of the lakes are less than their effect on the coastal communities.

The lowest temperature occurs in January (8 degrees Fahrenheit), while the highest temperature occurs in July (80 degrees Fahrenheit). The average annual precipitation is 30 inches with the majority of the precipitation falling between May and October. The average annual snowfall is 132 inches per year.

### Population

According to the 2010 U.S. Census Bureau, Albert Township had a population of 2,526 people and had 2,684 total housing units with 1,347 units classified as seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. Based on the Township's average household size of 2.07, the expected seasonal population would be approximately 2,789 persons. However, many seasonal or recreational visitors stay at private lodging places, campgrounds, or at the homes of family or friends, which makes it difficult to obtain a seasonal population estimate.

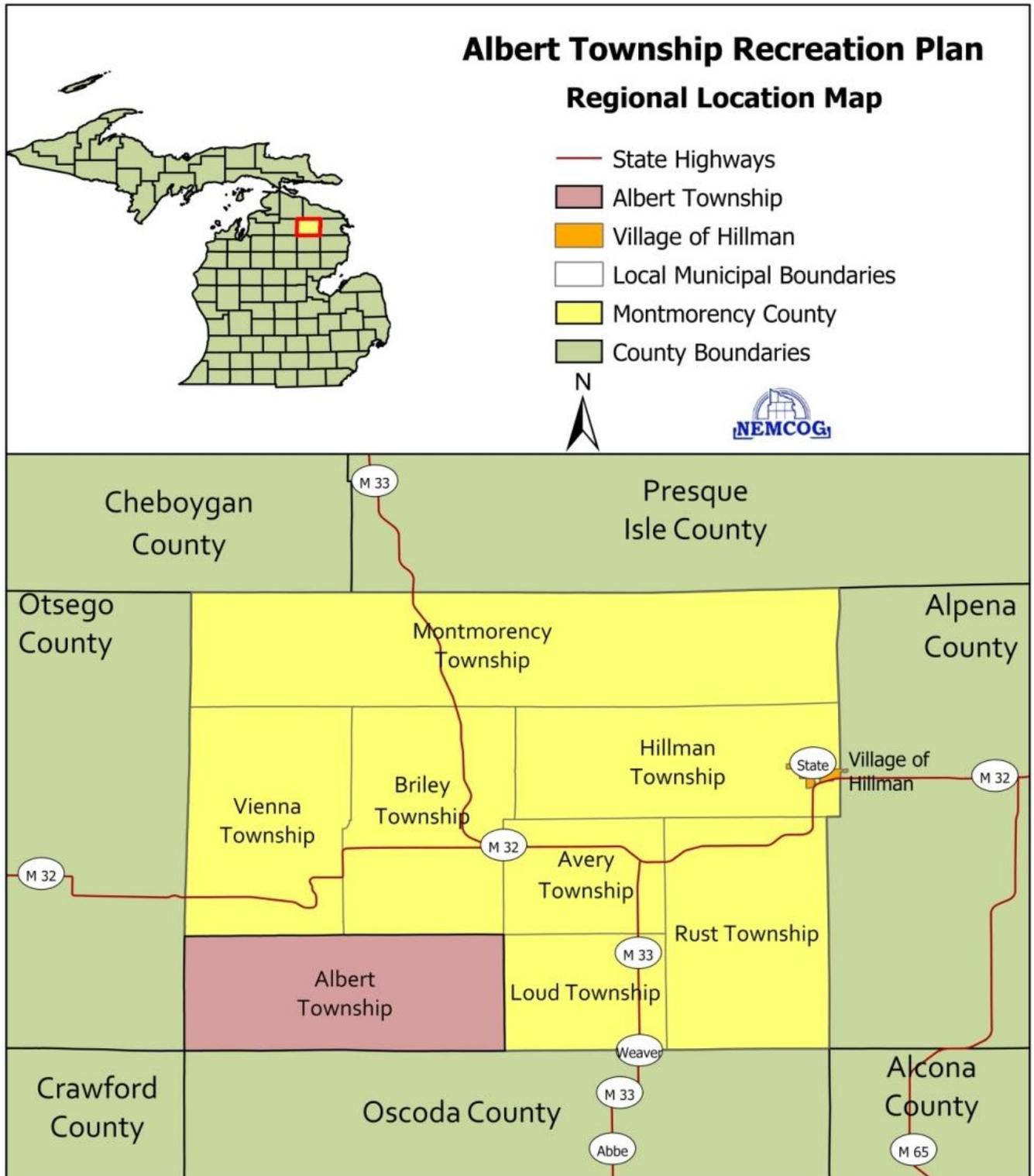


Figure 1-1 Regional Location Map

## Transportation

County Road 489 (Red Oak Road) and County Road 491 (Bear Lake Road) run north and south through the township, while the east and west traffic occurs on County Road 612 (Figure 1-2). Montmorency County maintains the county and private roads in the township and the State of Michigan maintains the two track drives in the state forests. Albert Township does not have state, federal, or interstate highways. Also, the Township does not have a public airport, passenger rail service, or a public bus service. However, Thunder Bay Transportation provides a dial-a-ride service for residents.

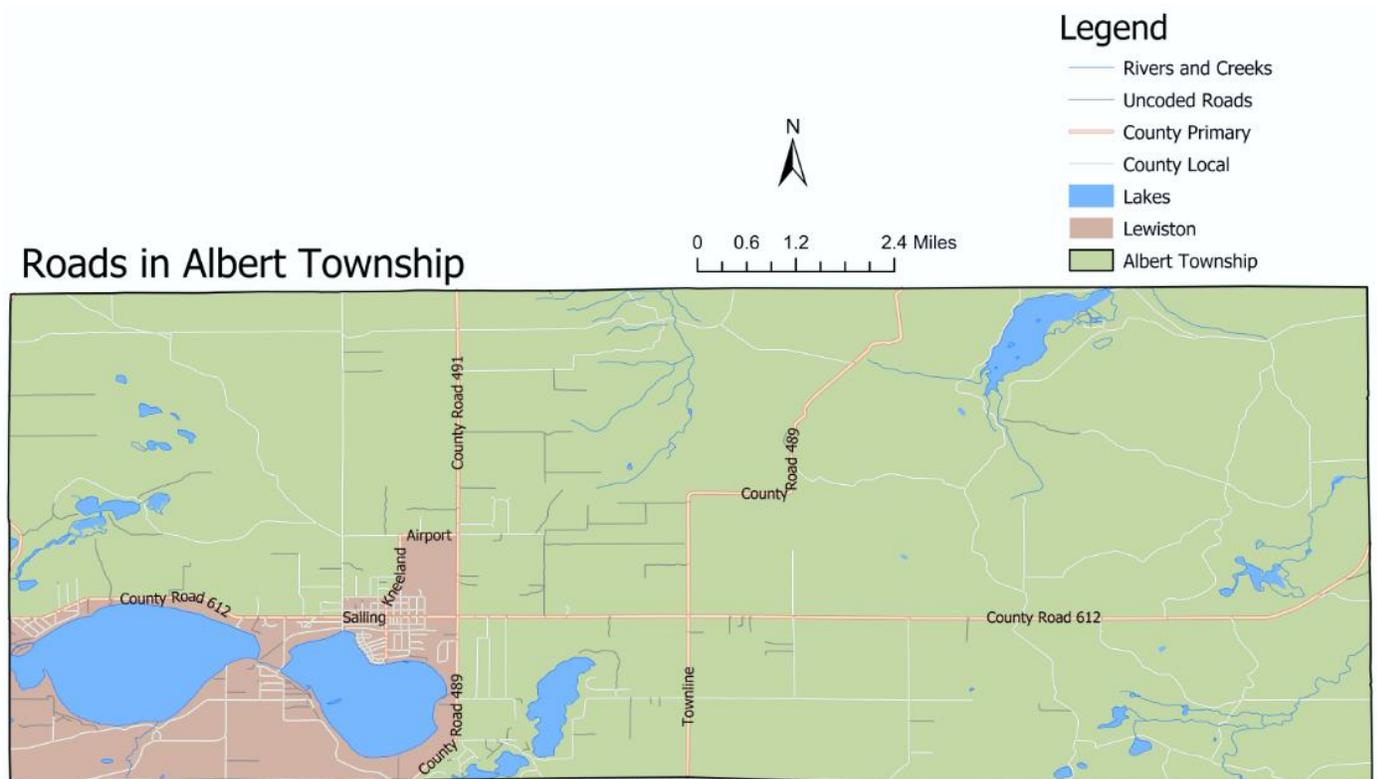


Figure 1-2 Roads in Albert Township

## Topography

Albert Township's topography consists of some rolling hills, with the highest point located in the Comstock Hills at an elevation of 1,449 feet and the lowest point located in Avery Lake at 891 feet above sea level. The unincorporated village of Lewiston is 1,250 feet above sea level. The northeastern portion of the township consists of rolling hills interspersed with small lakes, while the township's central part and the area around Lewiston are flatter. There are hills in the township's northwestern section and in the Comstock Hills that are located in the township's southwest section.

## Water Resources

There are over a dozen lakes within the Township’s boundaries that provide recreational activities, such as fishing, boating, swimming, and water sports (Figure 1-3). The largest lakes are West Twin Lake (1,330 acres) and East Twin Lake (974 acres), which are located in the southwest portion of the township near Lewiston. Big Wolf Lake and Little Wolf Lake are located east of the Twin Lakes. Sage Lake is located on the eastern edge of the township. Avery Lake is in the northeastern part of the township and East Lake, West Lake, Middle Fish Lake, Fuller Lake, and Marshall Pond are in the southeast corner of the township. Shoepack, Hidden, Crystal, Little Crystal, and McMullen Lakes form a chain of small lakes in the northwestern corner of the township. Woodmere Lake, Spectacle Lakes, and Kirtland Lakes are also located in the northwestern portion of the township. A portion of Dollar Lake is located in the southwest corner of the township.

Albert Township is in the Lake Huron Watershed, which consists of two sub-watersheds within the township: the Au Sable River Watershed on its western side and the Thunder Bay River Watershed on its eastern side. Streams within the Au Sable River Watershed flow south toward Mio, then flow east/southeast to Lake Huron. Whereas, streams in the Thunder Bay River Watershed flow toward Fletcher Pond in Alpena County, then to Lake Huron.

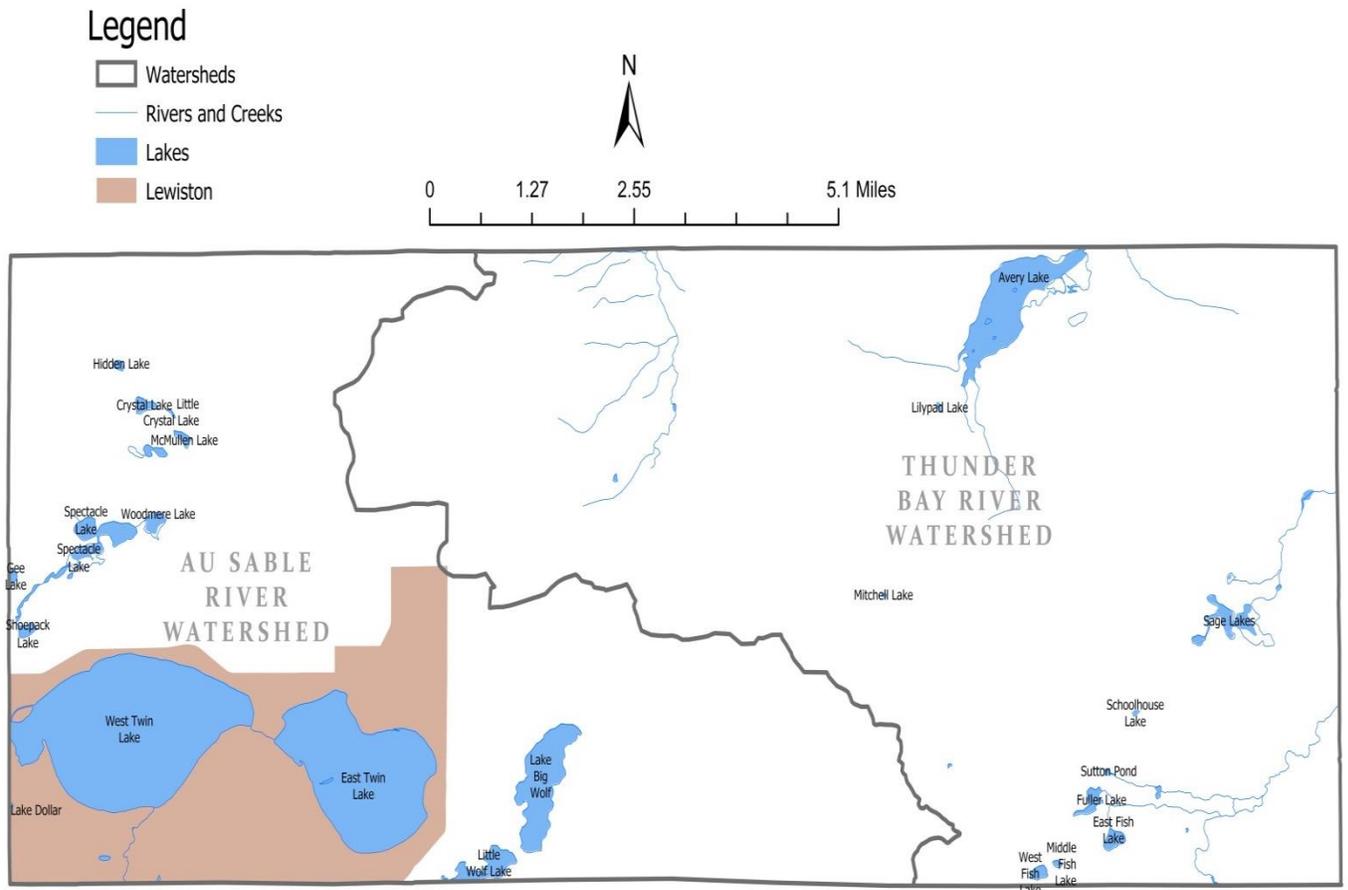


Figure 1-3 Water Resources in Albert Township

## Fish and Wildlife

Albert Township’s topography, climate, abundance of water resources, diverse forestlands, and open areas provide extensive fish and wildlife habitat. The cold water streams have established populations of brook, rainbow, and brown trout, while the warm water lakes have populations of walleye, northern pike, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, and panfish. The area’s wildlife species include elk, white-tailed deer, black bear, raccoon, turkeys, ruffed grouse, woodcock, snowshoe hares, fox, coyotes and other birds and mammals found in the forested regions of northern Michigan. These resources are an important component of the local economy since they attract people who enjoy them.

## Existing Land Use/Land Cover Characteristics

Over 85% of the township consists of undeveloped lands that include upland forests (74%), wetlands (4%), non-forested/open land (6%), and agriculture (1%) (Table 1-1). The Township is covered by 6% of water, 8% of residential areas, 0.5% of commercial lands, 1% of industrial/extractive lands, and 0.5% of institutional/recreational lands.

Approximately 49% (23,000 acres) of Albert Township consists of the Mackinaw State Forest in the northeastern portion of the township and the Au Sable State Forest in the southeastern section of the township.

Table 1-1 Existing Land Use/Land Cover		
Land Use	Acres	Percent of Township Area
Residential	3,277	8%
Commercial	135	0.5%
Industrial/Extractive	270	1%
Institutional/Recreational	135	0.5%
Agriculture	180	1%
Non-Forested/Open land	2,652	6%
Forested	33,500	74%
Wetlands	1,798	4%
Water	2,832	6%
Total	44,779	101%

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# Chapter 2

## Administrative Structure

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### Administration

Albert Township is governed by a five-member elected Board of Trustees consisting of a Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, and two Trustees (Figure 2-1). These positions are chosen by registered voters in an at-large election held every four years. The board is responsible for all recreation decisions in the township. The Planning Commission is responsible for making parks and recreation planning decisions that are consistent with the Township's adopted parks and recreation plan, and makes recommendations to the Township Board. In addition, the Township has a Parks and Recreation Committee that works on park projects and makes recommendations to the Planning Commission. Other Township governmental entities include the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Board of Review.

### Administrative Chart

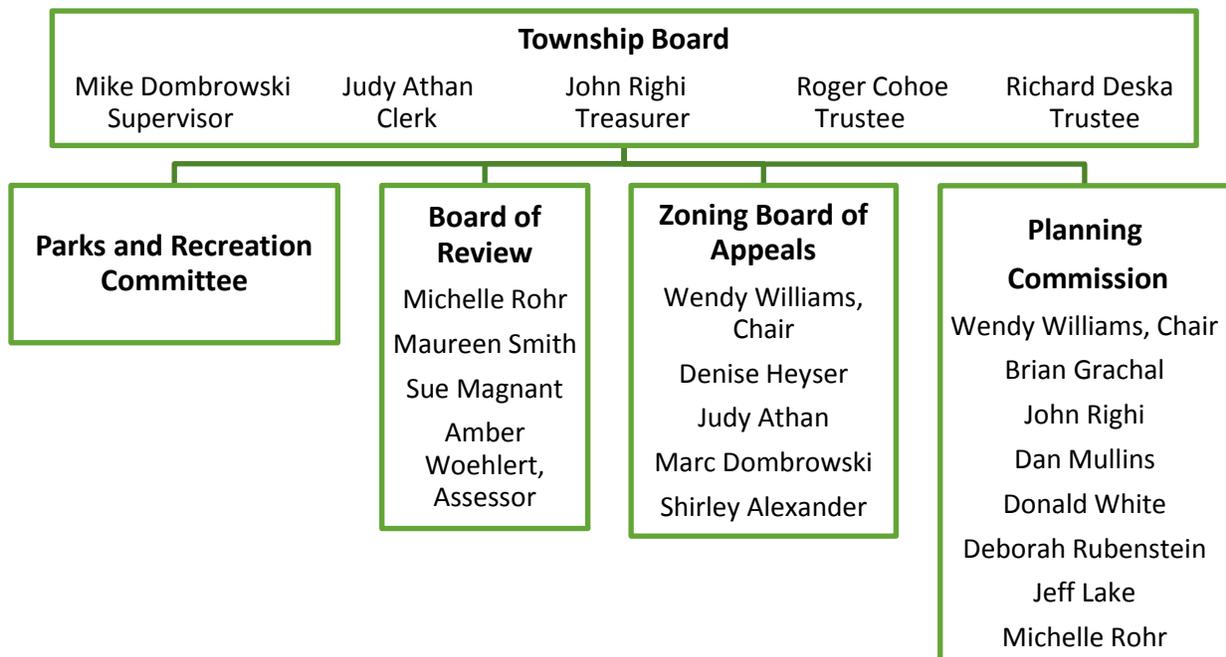


Figure 2-1 Albert Township's Administrative Structure

## Planning Commission

The Albert Township Planning Commission is a nine-member body that serves three year 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 contribute their time and talents to the local planning process through the review of proposed development projects and the preparation of the Master Plan and Recreation Plan.

## Staff/Parks & Recreation Maintenance

Albert Township does not have a parks and recreation department, or staff dedicated solely to parks and recreation operations. The Township Board operates and maintains the township parks. Two members of the maintenance staff maintain the park and recreation facilities and the township secretary takes reservations for special events at the township parks. The Township does not offer any recreational programs. However, there are summer concerts in the Lewiston Village Park.

## Relationships with Other Agencies & Volunteers

Albert Township relies on its community volunteers that include many social clubs, fraternal organizations, the Lewiston Downtown Development Authority, and the Lewiston Area Chamber of Commerce. These dedicated individuals assist with the maintenance and upgrade of facilities, and planning and organizing events and festivals held within the parks. Volunteers also manage the Johannesburg-Lewiston Little League. The May Family is working with the Township to improve the Tom May Memorial Park Beach (previously East Twin Lake Public Beach).

## Finances/Park & Recreation Maintenance: Current Funding

The Albert Township Board has the authority to commit funds for parks and recreation, accept grants, and purchase land on behalf of the community. The majority of the revenue for parks and recreation maintenance and improvements comes from general fund transfers with small amounts of revenue from independent sources, including the reservation fee for the township park. Additionally, private donations have been used for past capital improvements, but are not a steady funding source. The Tom May Family Fund is being used to make improvements at the Tom May Memorial Park Beach (previously East Twin Lake Public Beach).

The 2019-2020 budget for the parks operation and maintenance is \$17,200 and the 2019-2020 capital outlay for parks and recreation is \$10,000. The projected budget is expected to be similar to the 2019-2020 budget.

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# Chapter 3

## Recreation Inventory

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An inventory of recreation facilities available in Albert Township was completed and includes Albert Township-owned facilities, publicly-owned facilities, and privately-owned facilities. Albert Township-owned facilities were evaluated for barrier-free accessibility. A description of the barrier-free accessibility rating criteria is provided below.

**Accessibility Assessments** - 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. The barrier-free accessibility information and sources of assistance given in appendices B and D of the MDNR Recreation Plan Guidelines document should be consulted when making this assessment. At a minimum, use the following ranking system for each park:

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

### Inventory Procedures

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

### Albert Township Recreational Facilities

Albert Township owns and maintains five parks: Buttles Road Park (previously Albert Township Park), Lewiston Village Park, Bingham Park, Lions Park, and Tom May Memorial Park Beach (previously East Twin Lake Public Beach) (Figure 3-1).

## Albert Township Recreational Facilities Location Map

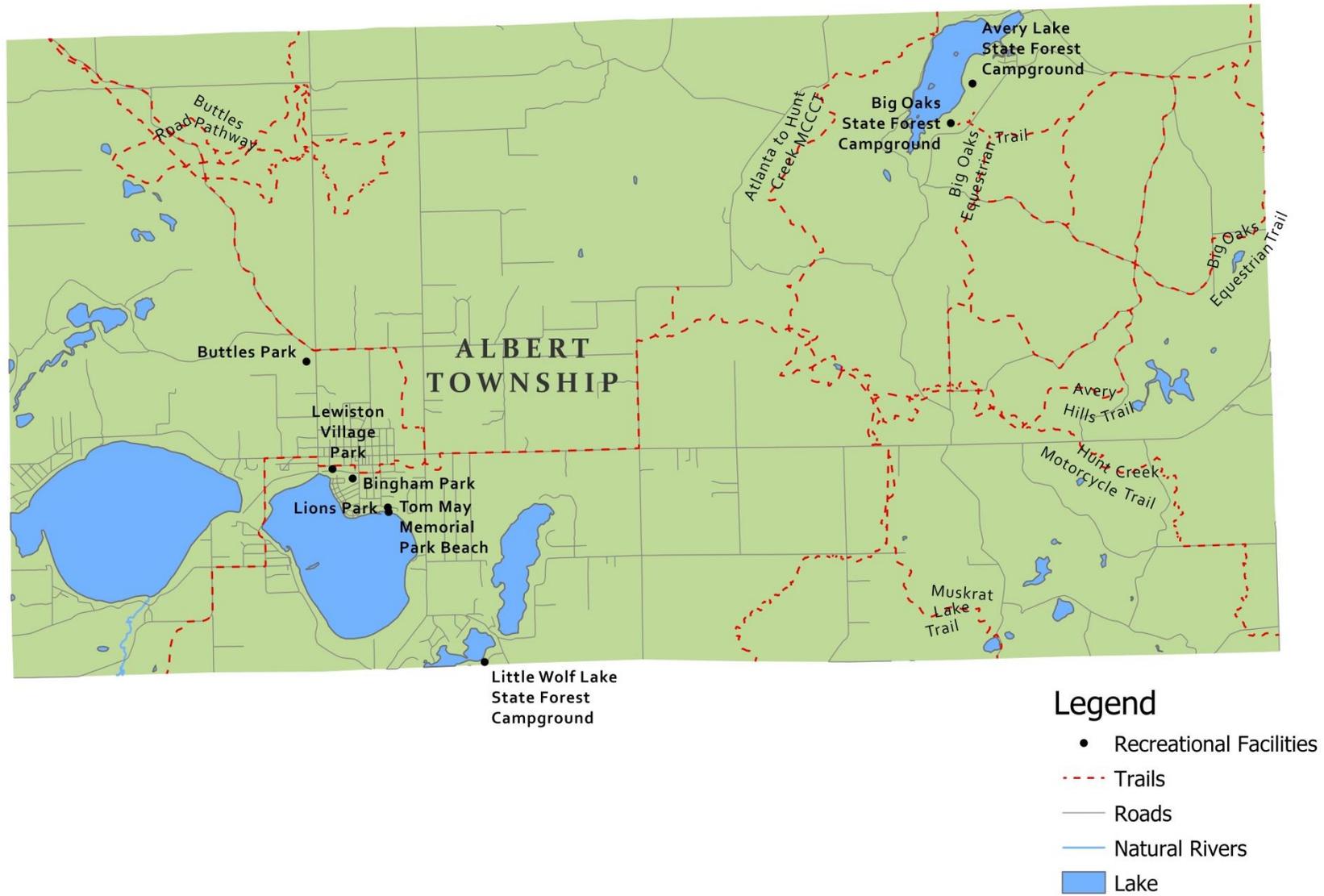


Figure 3-1 Albert Township Recreational Facilities Location Map

## Buttles Road Park (previously Albert Township Park)

Type: Community Park

Size: 40 acres

Buttles Road Park is located south of Airport Road and northwest of Lewiston, along Buttles Road. The park includes two baseball/softball fields, two tennis courts, two horseshoe pits, playground equipment, a pavilion with a grill and picnic tables, porta potties, a hand pump for water, a disc golf course, and a basketball hoop. Portions of the park retain its natural character, while other areas are open to snowmobiling, hiking, and other recreational activities.



Accessibility Assessment: 3

The porta potties, pavilion, and picnic tables are accessible. The playground, tennis courts, and basketball court are on level ground.



## Lewiston Village Park

Type: Neighborhood Park

Size: 2 acres

Lewiston Village Park is located adjacent to the Township Hall in downtown Lewiston. It has two tennis/pickleball courts, a car charging station, a bike rack, a gazebo, two pergolas with benches, and a Big Chair for photo opportunities. The park is a popular community gathering place.



Accessibility Assessment: 4

Most of the park is accessible.

## Bingham Park Little League Field

Type: Neighborhood Park

Size: 2.5 acres

Bingham Park is located south of Lake Street in Lewiston, Michigan. This park hosts the youth baseball league for Albert Township and consists of a regulation field, a concession stand, handicap accessible porta potties, a picnic area, and playground equipment.



Accessibility Assessment: 4

Most of the park is accessible.



## Lions Park

Type: Neighborhood Park

Size: 1 acre

Lions Park is located on Grant Drive across the street from Tom May Memorial Park (previously East Twin Lake Public Beach). The park has a pavilion, grills, and picnic tables that are used for picnicking.



Accessibility Assessment: 3

The pavilion and tables are accessible.

## Tom May Memorial Park Beach (previously East Twin Lake Public Beach)

Type: Community Park

Size: 1 acre

Tom May Memorial Park Beach is located on the north end of East Twin Lake and provides public access to the lake. The park contains a swimming beach, volleyball court, playground, restrooms, bike racks, picnic tables, and grills. There is a Michigan DNR boat launch next to the park that provides public access to the lake for non-motorized crafts. Motorized crafts are not permitted to use the launch due to swimmer safety concerns.

Accessibility Assessment: 3

The picnic area and restrooms are accessible; however, other portions of the park are not.



## Other Publicly-Owned Recreation Properties

### Lewiston K-5 School

The Johannesburg-Lewiston Area School District operates the Lewiston K-5 School in Albert Township. The school is located on the northern side of Lewiston and the 20 acre school grounds feature a basketball court, soccer field, and playground equipment. There is a gymnasium and auditorium within the school that have been used for community recreation. Both the school and the surrounding grounds are accessible for persons with disabilities. In cooperation with Albert Township, the school district keeps the school grounds open for public recreation.

### Avery Lake State Forest

The Avery Lake State Forest encompasses most of the northeastern portion of Albert Township. Recreational opportunities include fishing, swimming, boating, hunting, snowmobile trails, and rustic camping.

### Little Wolf Lake State Forest

The Little Wolf Lake State Forest is located southeast of Lewiston. Recreational activities include fishing, swimming, and tent and trailer camping. Hunting is prohibited.

### Big Oaks Equestrian State Campground

This rustic equestrian campground and day use area is located on Avery Lake. The facility provides opportunities for equestrian riding, hiking, boating, and fishing. There are 24 available sites that are maintained by the Equestrian Friends of Big Oaks. The friends group also maintains the Avery Lake Equestrian Trails.

### Buttles Road Pathway

Buttles Road Pathway is located north of Buttles Road Park and south of Ellsworth Road. The unpaved hiking and cross country ski pathway is maintained by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

### Sage Lake Flooding State Wildlife Management Area

The Sage Lake Flooding State Wildlife Management Area is located along County Road 612 in the eastern portion of the township. The area is managed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to provide wildlife habitat, wildlife viewing, and hunting opportunities. There is a boating access site located on the northern part of the lake.

### Civilian Conservation Corps' Camp Lunden

Camp Lunden is a historical site located within Albert Township. The camp dates back to 1933 when the camp opened as one of the Civilian Conservation Corps' camps. At this site, the workers landscaped an earthen scale model of the State of Michigan with dug out lakes (Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie, and St. Clair) during their spare time.

## Privately-Owned Recreational Properties

### Lewiston 50+ Club

The Lewiston 50+ Club is located in Lewiston and provides a venue for social activities, such as bingo, euchre, an exercise club, and arts and crafts. The club also serves congregate meals.

### Moose Lodge

The Moose Lodge is located in Lewiston and is only open to members and qualified guests. The lodge provides karaoke, social events, meals, and six RV sites with electricity.

### American Legion

The American Legion is located in Lewiston and is only open to members and qualified guests. The legion provides social events, meals, and a baseball league.

### Timber Town Lanes

Timber Town Lanes is a bowling alley in Lewiston that has bowling leagues and tournaments.

### Lewiston Curling Club

The Lewiston Curling Club provides a venue to participate in curling and other social activities in Lewiston.

### Lewiston Sportsmen Club

The Lewiston Sportsmen Club is located northeast of Lewiston. The club offers rifle ranges, pistol ranges, skeet and trap ranges, an archery range with 3D targets, and a clays course.

### Lewiston Fun Ones

The Lewiston Fun Ones is an adventure club located north of Lewiston. The club offers recreation opportunities, including snowmobiling, UTV/ATV/Quad runs, fall color tours, and float trips down the Au Sable River.

### Twin Lakes Marina

Twin Lakes Marina is located on the eastern side of East Twin Lake. The marina sells and rents watercraft, and provides watercraft maintenance, repair, and storage services.

## Albert Township Recreation Grant History

Albert Township has received and successfully completed three grants through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources recreation grants program.

**Albert Township Park (currently Buttles Road Park), 1977, Grant #: 26-00875:** Develop the park to include tennis courts, baseball field, bleachers, parking, access road, picnic equipment, LWCF sign, well, tree planting, and softball field with lighting.

**East Twin Lake Beach/Park/Boat Ramp Improvements (currently Tom May Memorial Park Beach), 2001, Grant #: TF01-142:** Construct a berm to separate the beach from the DNR boat ramp, prevent erosion, expand beach area, and improve the park and bathhouse facilities to be barrier-free.

**Albert Township Tennis Courts, 2013, Grant # RP13-411:** Development to include the removal of existing deteriorating tennis courts and renovate with new surface and materials.

## Regional Recreation Surrounding Albert Township

Residents of Albert Township can also utilize recreational facilities outside of the township. Listed below are the public and private recreational facilities in the vicinity of Albert Township. Complete information on all public and private recreational facilities in Montmorency County can be found in the appropriate township and village recreation plans.

Avery Township	
Public	Private
Avery Park	

Briley Township	
Public	Private
Lake Fifteen Boat Launch	Atlanta Motel
DeCheau Lake Boat Launch	Maple Valley Stable
Voyer Lake Boat Launch	Thunder Bay Canoe Livery
Twin Lake Boat Launch	Win-Sands Motel
Crooked Lake Boat Launches	
Clear Lake-Jackson Lake Pathway	
Clear Lake State Park Trail	
High Country Pathway	
Briley Township Recreation Area	
Briley Township Park	
Davis Field	
Atlanta Senior Citizens Center	
Atlanta Community Schools	
Montmorency County Fairgrounds	
Clear Lake State Park	
Jackson Lake State Forest Campground	
Elk Trail	

Loud Township	
Public	Private
Loud Township Park	

Rust Township	
Public	Private
Rust Township Hall	Anglers Hideaway
Grass Lake Boat Launch	Lyons Landing

<b>Hillman Township</b>	
<b>Public</b>	<b>Private</b>
Hillman Community Center	Hillman Sportsmen's Club
Hillman Fire Hall	Thunder Bay Golf Resort
Tournament Park	Anchor Creek Ranch
Tiger Paw Park	Northern Shore Lodge
Hillman Community Schools	
Lake Avalon Beach and Boat Launch	
Ess Lake Beach and SFCG	

<b>Montmorency Township</b>	
<b>Public</b>	<b>Private</b>
Long Lake Public Access	Canada Creek Ranch
Rush Lake Public Access	Sorenson's Grass Lake Resort
Clear Lake State Park	St. John Lutheran Church
Town Corner Lake SFCG	
Elk Trail	

<b>Vienna Township</b>	
<b>Public</b>	<b>Private</b>
Vienna Township Hall and Fire Hall	Elk View Cabins & Guide Service
Gaylanta Lake Boat Launch	
McCormick Lake Boat Launch	

<b>Village of Hillman</b>	
<b>Public</b>	<b>Private</b>
Brush Creek Mill	Hillman Senior Center
Brush Creek Mill Area	Thunder Bay Golf Resort
Brush Creek Park	Hillman Public Library
Emerick Park	Hillman Community Schools
Pineview Park	

<b>Greenwood Township, Oscoda County</b>	
<b>Public</b>	<b>Private</b>
Steiner Museum	Garland Lodge and Golf Resort
Coopersville USA	
Lewiston Shady Acres Campground	
Parmalee Bridge State Forest Campground	

Charlton Township, Otsego County	
Public	Private
Charlton Township Park	
Johannesburg-Lewiston High School	
Big Bear Lake Campground	
Big Bear Point Campground	
Johnson's Crossing Trail Camp	
West Twin Lake Access Site	
Shore-to-Shore Trail	
High Country Pathway	
Big Bear-Crapo Creek Trail System and North Branch Route	
Snowmobile Trail #448 & #4	

Elmer Township, Oscoda County	
Public	Private
Muskrat Lake State Forest Campground	
Grayling State Forest	

Lovells Township, Crawford County	
Public	Private
Douglas Park	Sno-Trac Village
Sheep Pasture Campground	Warbler's Hideaway Associates
Jones Lake State Forest	
Shupac Lake Campground	
KP Lake Boating Access Site	

## Water Access

In addition to the facilities listed above, Montmorency County has an abundance of pristine lakes and streams that offer numerous recreational opportunities. There are over 100 named lakes accounting for more than 10,000 acres in the county. There are also more than 30 named rivers and streams that account for more than 300 miles of waterways. There are over 20 public boating access sites on the various rivers and lakes.

## Trails

There are numerous trails of various types that run through Montmorency County. There are over 50 miles of hiking/ski trails and more than 250 miles of ORV, snowmobile, and motorcycle trails in the county.

## Recreation Outside of Montmorency County

In addition to recreation within Montmorency County, township residents have access to recreational opportunities in Alpena, 54 miles to the east, as well as Gaylord, 35 miles west. 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, Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary, Water Works Park, McRae Park, and many community parks with swimming and fishing access. Gaylord offers seven recreational properties with many more in the areas surrounding Gaylord in Otsego County. The Gaylord area also has approximately 20 golf courses within a 30-minute drive. The Otsego County Sportsplex is a multi-use facility south of downtown Gaylord offering a swimming pool, ice rink, walking tracks, fitness classes, pickleball, and Energy Outlet play structure.

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

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# Chapter 4

## Planning Process

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### Albert Township Planning Process

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

#### Schedule

##### **August 2019**

Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) met with the Albert Township Planning Commission to provide an overview about the recreation plan update process and gain input on the draft public input survey. NEMCOG staff conducted site visits to the township-owned properties to assess accessibility and take photos.

##### **September 2019**

NEMCOG staff reviewed the expiring plan and made corrections with available public information.

The survey was made available to gain public input and feedback about the recreational opportunities in Albert Township. The survey was made available on Albert Township's website and Facebook page, and NEMCOG's website. A press release was published in *The Montmorency County Tribune*.

##### **October 2019**

The Planning Commission reviewed and updated the community description, administrative structure, and recreation inventory chapters to reflect the current state of recreation in the township. The post-completion self-certification reports were also completed.

##### **November 2019**

NEMCOG and the Planning Commission reviewed and updated the goals, objectives, and action plan chapter.

A public notice about the plan's availability and public meeting was published in *The Montmorency County Tribune* and posted at the Township Hall.

**December 2019**

The draft plan was posted for a 30-day public review period.

**January 2020**

The public meeting was held. No comments were received about the plan. The Planning Commission passed a resolution to adopt the plan and recommend the Township Board adopt the plan.

The Township Board passed a resolution to adopt the recreation plan.

### Public Input

Citizen opinion on recreation priorities is vital to the development of a recreation plan. An online survey was offered to citizens to gain input about recreation facilities in the township. The Planning Commission approved the survey and it was publicized in *The Montmorency County Tribune*, and on the Township's website and Facebook page. The survey results can be found in Appendix A.

The Planning Commission felt the community was well-represented throughout the process, especially in the online survey. After the public input was gathered and recorded, the Planning Commission met to prioritize the projects for the Action Plan and to develop a capital improvements plan.

## Albert Township is updating its Parks and Recreation Plan

Sept. 27, 2019 – Albert Township is in the process of updating its parks and recreation plan with assistance from Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG). The plan contains future strategies for all recreational facilities within the community. To qualify for grant funding from the Michigan DNR, communities are required to have a 5-Year DNR-approved Parks and Recreation Plan.

Currently, community input is being gathered through a survey. The survey will be available online at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/AlbertTownship](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AlbertTownship), on the township's website and Facebook page, and on NEMCOG's website. A completed paper copy may be returned to the Township drop box or mailed to NEMCOG Albert Township Recreation Plan, PO Box 457, 80 Livingston Blvd, Suite U-108, Gaylord, MI 49734. The deadline for completing the survey is Oct. 18, 2019.

In the upcoming months, the draft parks and recreation plan will be available for review and comment.

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## Lewiston Bits and Pieces

by Ruth Munger  
Correspondent

• Thursday, Oct. 3: Aerobics Class, 50+ Club, 10 – 11 a.m.

• Friday, Oct. 4: Aerobics Class, 50+ Club, 10 – 11 a.m.

• Saturday, Oct. 5: Farmers' Market, The Market, Downtown, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.; Witches Night Out, Downtown Lewiston, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

• Sunday, Oct. 6: Fall Fest, Downtown Lewiston, Noon – 3 p.m.

• Monday, Oct. 7: Albert Township Board Meeting, Township Hall, 9 a.m.; Aerobics Class, 50+ Club, 10 – 11 a.m.; St. Francis Women's "Let's Lunch," Lewiston Lodge, 11:30 a.m.

• Tuesday, Oct. 8: TOPS, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 9:15 a.m.; Aerobics Class, 50+ Club, 10 – 11 a.m.; Lewiston Garden Club, MBank Community Room, 10 a.m.; Habitat for Humanity, Lewiston Office, 5 – 6:30 p.m.; Lewiston Historical Society, United Congregational Church, 6:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, Oct. 9: Community Sharing Building Open, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Family Ministry Food Pantry Open, Michelson St., Noon – 2 p.m.

Hi there, readers. Have you been busy cleaning up those flowerbeds and gardens in preparation for winter, which

in turn gets them ready for spring? I must admit I have been a bit behind in that area. I ended up with a nasty fall cold that usually sets in with fall allergies. The resulting cough that follows really doesn't go away too readily either. Kind of a drag on one's whole system, isn't it?

The Chief Shawano Chapter DAR will have its monthly meeting at BJs in Gaylord on Saturday, Oct. 12, at 10 a.m. Honorary Chapter Regent, Sharon Hopkins, will be presenting her program entitled "Benefits of Massage Therapy." All meetings are open to the public. If you are interested in becoming a member of the DAR, someone will be on hand to assist you with the paperwork.

Registration for both Thanksgiving and Christmas give-outs will begin on Wednesday, Oct. 9 and continue every Wednesday through Nov. 6. If you are looking ahead to how you can help, Community Sharing is in need of new toys and pajamas for children ages infant – 18 yrs. Then there is a need of socks, winter coats, gloves, hats and boots for all ages. Socks should be new; the remaining items can be either gently used or new.

Best wishes for a happy anniversary go to Bill and Jean Czopek, Oct. 3; Tom and Jessie Case and Delmer and Janes Jones, Oct. 5; Ted and Hope May, Charlie and Ruth Munger, Oct. 7.

Happy birthday wishes are going to Ron Gougeon and Marilyn Shelton, Oct. 3; Coleman Ball, Mark Foust, Robert Juengel, Kelsey Michael and Zach Moss, Oct. 4; Ron Gugel, Antonio Reene, Peg Rife and Philip Smith, Oct. 5; Chad Chrivia, Cassandra Grigsby, Nathan Lawrence, Cyndie Kievit, Kathy Nieman, Sarah Schneider and Kaye Woodruff, Oct. 6; Barry Rabe and Julie White, Oct. 7; Carleigh Harbron, Tracy Hartwell, Kathy Marsh and Abbe Slater, Oct. 8; and Drew Kapture and Sharon Reckart, Oct. 9.

If you or your non-profit organization have something you'd like to appear in this article, please have your information to me at least one week before it needs to appear here. Email [charlesmunger@frontier.com](mailto:charlesmunger@frontier.com), call me, 786-4534, or sent a note, 2456 S. Co. Rd. 489, Lewiston, 49756.

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*"This is Lewiston, Pure Lewiston"*

**UP COMING MEETINGS**

- Board Meeting Oct 21, at 7 p.m.
- Planning Meeting Oct 23rd, 2019
- DDA Meeting November 7, 2019

**Office Hours**

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Closed for Lunch 12:00-12:30 p.m.

**Transfer Site Hours**

**WHAT'S NEW**

- New Zoning Ordinance
- General Appropriations Act 2018-2019 Budget

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Albert Township is updating its parks and recreation plan-Let your voice be heard-please complete the attached survey!



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**Recreation Plans**

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires communities to have a DNR-approved recreation plan in order to qualify for DNR Recreation Grant programs. Recreation Plans are valid for a five year period. NEMCOG staff works with local communities to create recreation plans as well as assists these communities with the grant application process. There are many steps involved in creating a DNR-approved recreation plan, and NEMCOG staff works closely with Planning Commissions and Recreation Boards to guide them through the process as well as to create the plan itself.



**Recreation Plan News**

[Albert Township Recreation Plan Survey](#)  
Sep 17, 2019  
Albert Township in Montmorency County is updating its Recreation Plan and is asking its residents to participate in an online survey. Please access the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AlbertTownship>

[Village of Lincoln Recreation Plan Survey](#)  
Sep 17, 2019  
The Village of Lincoln in Alcona County is updating its Recreation Plan and is asking its residents to participate in an online survey. Please access the

**Current & Recent Recreation Plan Projects**

- [Kraakow Township Recreation Plan](#) - 2018
- [Presque Isle County Recreation Plan](#)

City of Alpena Master Plan Update 2018

4:27 PM 9/26/2019

# Notice of Draft Plan's Availability for the 30 day Review Period and Public Hearing Notice

12 Wednesday, November 27, 2019 The Montmorency County Tribune

## Legal Notices:

### NOTICE

**BRILEY TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION ORDINANCE #11 of Nov. 7, 2019**  
Effective December 18, 2019  
**REPLACES ORDINANCE #00-10-00-75-08-002-11**

### BRILEY TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE MIS-SION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Briley Township Community Enrichment Committee to aid the Township Board in developing diverse services and programs that promote citizen involvement and a strong sense of community while striving to increase the social, cultural, and physical well-being of its residents and visitors through green space enhancement and recreational opportunities.

### BRILEY TOWNSHIP PARK VISION

Clean and safe parks, green spaces, and recreational facilities

Providing efficient services to Briley Township resi-

firm, corporation, profit or non-profit organizations) using the Recreation Area and Park to either perform or permit to be performed any of the following acts:  
a) Start a ground fire in any place or area other than the one constructed Fire Pit in the Briley Township Recreation Area, at the end of Pettenger Road, is subject to the Rules in this ordinance.  
b) Fires are only allowed when the DNR Fire Danger is Moderate or Low (or the DNR has issued a permit) Contact the DNR @ 866-922-2876.

**GROUND FIRES ARE NEVER ALLOWED IN ANY BRILEY TOWNSHIP PARK.**  
c) Willfully mark, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with, or displace or remove, any buildings, bridges, tables, benches, fireplaces, railings, paving or paving material, waterlines or other public utilities or parts or appurtenances thereof, signs, notices or placards whether temporary or permanent monuments, stakes, posts, or other boundary markers, or other structures or equipment, facilities or

mobiles, snowmobiles, motorcycles, and off road vehicles in the recreation area at the end of Pettenger Rd. or leave any such vehicle in any place other than on established for parking.

b) Animals – It shall be unlawful to bring any dangerous animals into the recreation area and it shall be unlawful to permit any dog to be in the recreation area or park areas unless the dog is on a leash not more than (6) feet long. Animal owners are responsible for the removal of animal feces.

c) Sales – It shall be unlawful for any persons other than those authorized by the Township Board to vend, sell, peddle, or offer for sale any commodity or article within our recreation and parks area without consent of the Township Supervisor, Clerk or Treasurer.

d) Signs – It shall be unlawful unless by special permission of the Township Board for anyone to paste, glue, tack or otherwise post any sign, placard, advertisement, or inscription whatsoever, nor shall any person erect or cause to be erected any sign whatsoever on any public land, highway, or roadway adjacent to the parks and recreation properties.

### NOTICE

#### Notice of Availability of Albert Township's Draft Recreation Plan and Public Hearing for Input on the Draft Recreation Plan

Albert Township is making their draft recreation plan available for public review for a 30-day period of time. After the 30-day public review period, there will be a public hearing on January 8, 2020, 5:30 p.m., at Albert Township Hall located at 4360 Hanson, Lewistown, MI. Public comments are requested either in person or by representative at the public hearing, or submitted to Christina McEmber at [cmember@nemcog.org](mailto:cmember@nemcog.org), or at Albert Township Recreation Plan, PO Box 457, Gaylord, MI 49734. The draft plan is available at <https://www.alberttownship.com> (Albert Township) or at the township hall. All necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services will be provided to individuals at the meeting upon 10 days' notice to the township staff at 4360 Hanson Ave., P.O. Box 153, Lewistown, MI 49756.

parts removed or missing that are integral to the operation of or required by any law or regulation to be present on a motor vehicle, boat, or other item to which it is normally attached.

"Dock" means a pier, platform, or other structure extending from the shore of a lake or river over the water to which a boat is moored.

"Dumpster" means a large metal container for the temporary storage of garbage or refuse that is designed to be hoisted onto a truck for emptying.

"Garbage" means rejected food wastes, including waste accumulation of animal, fruit or vegetable matter used or intended for food or that relate to the preparation, use, cooking, dealing in, or storing of meat, fish, fowl, fruit or vegetables. "Garbage" does not include one (1) compost pile consisting of decaying organic substances intended for fertilizing land; provided, however, that the compost pile is no larger than five feet (5) square and is located on the property so that it cannot be seen from any public highway or seen from any adjoining land owned by another person.

cut off the top of trees.

"Marine equipment" means any item used or intended for use in conjunction with boats or water related activities, including but not limited to swimming rafts, docks, hoists, dock supports, buoys, outboard motors, oars, boat trailers, sails, rope, masts, anchors, and any other stationary or movable structure intended to support a boat.

"Motor vehicle" means any wheeled vehicle which is self-propelled or intended to be self-propelled.

"Owner of a cat or dog" means any person or persons owning or harboring a cat or dog. Any person who harbors a cat or dog on or about property owned or occupied by that person for a period of five (5) days shall be deemed the owner of such animal.

"Person" means an individual, firm, corporation, association, partnership, limited liability company, or other legal entity.

"Recreational Vehicle" means any motor vehicle or trailer capable of being self-propelled or towed that is equipped with living space, sleeping quarters, and associated amenities, including but not limited to motor homes, fifth wheel trailers,

## Public Hearing and Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

### ALBERT TOWNSHIP Planning Commission Minutes January 8, 2020

Chairperson Williams called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Albert Township Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. In attendance were 8 Commissioners including: Wendy Williams, Donald White, John Righi, Brian Grachal, Michelle Rohr, Hope Rosso, Jeff Lake and Dan Mullins. Also, in attendance were Recording Secretary, Cathy White; Deb Downing, Zoning Administrator. Christina from NEMCOG was present and there were two people in the audience.

Members absent: None.

Grachal made a **Motion** to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2019 Planning Commission Meeting, seconded by Mullins. Motion carried with no nays.

**Public Comment** – None.

**Correspondence** – None.

#### **New Business-**

Rohr made a **Motion** to accept the resignation of Debra Rubenstein from the Planning Commission, seconded by White. Motion carried with no nays.  
The Planning Commission welcomed new member Hope Rosso.

#### **Election of Officers-**

Righi made a **Motion** to keep Wendy Williams as the Chairperson of the Planning Commission, seconded by Rohr. Motion carried with no nays.

Williams made a **Motion** to keep Brian Grachal as the Vice Chairperson, seconded by Righi. Motion carried with no nays.

Williams made a **Motion** to elect Michelle Rohr as Secretary of the Planning Commission, seconded by Righi. Motion carried with no nays.

#### **2020 Meeting Dates**

Grachal made a **Motion** to approve the 2020 meeting date calendar as presented, seconded by White. Motion carried with no nays.

#### **Public Hearing open at 5:35 p.m.**

Williams opened the Public Hearing for Comments on the Parks and Recreation Plan at 5:35 p.m.

Tim Seguin stated the Planning Commission did a good job.

**Williams closed the Public Hearing at 5:36 p.m.**

#### **Old Business-**

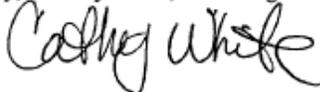
Grachal made a **Motion** to adopt and recommend to the Township Board the Albert Township Parks and Recreation Plan as presented, seconded by Rohr. Motion carried with no nays. The Commissioners previously discussed beginning the Master Plan once the Parks and Recreation plan is completed. At this time the Commissioners should begin reviewing the Master Plan for input on updates.

#### **Other-**

Unless needed the next Planning Commission meeting will be February 26, 2020.

A **Motion** to adjourn was made by Righi. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully, Cathy White, Recording Secretary



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Planning Commission Adoption Resolution

**ALBERT TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN**

**RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION**

**Albert Township Planning Commission**

**WHEREAS,** Albert 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 2020 – 2024, and

**WHEREAS,** an online recreation survey was published on September 27, 2019 and remained open for public input until November 11, 2019, providing residents with an opportunity to comment and guide recreation in the Township, and

**WHEREAS,** a public notice was published in *The Montmorency County Tribune* on November 27, 2019, which began a 30-day public review period for the draft plan, and

**WHEREAS,** Albert Township has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the entire community.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Albert Township Planning Commission hereby adopts the Recreation Plan and recommends to the Township Board adoption of the Albert Township Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of Albert Township.

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the forgoing Resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Albert Township Planning Commission held on January 8, 2020.

1/8/2020  
Date

  
Signature

Michelle K. Rohr  
Name, Title Secretary

## Township Board Meeting Minutes

### MINUTES OF THE ALBERT TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING HELD JANUARY 21, 2020

Supervisor Mike Dombrowski called the Albert Township Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p. m. with four Board Members present, Treasurer John Righi was absent. There were 4 residents in the audience.

Trustee Roger Cohoe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Roger Cohoe made a **motion** to approve the minutes of January 6, 2020 seconded by Trustee Dick Deska, with a correction of spelling on Mitel instead of Mytel. Motion carried with 4 yeas votes.

Trustee Roger Cohoe made a **motion** to pay the List of Bills plus the Additions to the List of Bills in the amount of \$17518.30 and payroll in the amount of \$19607.65, seconded by Supervisor Mike Dombrowski. Motion carried with 4 yeas votes.

Mr. Ted Orm from the Montmorency Road Commission informed the Board that the Road Commission was in the process of snow removal/ice control, also did a little cold patching, sign repair and mail box repair. Mr. Orm also informed the Board of a new spring loaded mechanism for mounting mail box post that they were studying. The downtown street should be cleaned off Wednesday or Thursday for the Snow Drift Rally this week-end.

Discussion was held with Assistant Fire Chief about the need for new equipment for ice and water rescue, with discussion held on the recent ice/water rescue occurring in our community, which proved that we need help to rescue the resident. Trustee Roger Cohoe made a **motion** to purchase (4) ice-rescue suits, (1) 900 foot rope, and (6) life jackets at a total of \$4150.00, seconded by Trustee Dick Deska. Motion carried with a Roll Call vote of 4 yeas.

Following discussion on the possibilities of trying to get a grant to purchase a new fire truck, the Board considered getting a professional Grant Writer to help with the wording in writing the grant which sometimes can make the difference in being awarded the grant. Supervisor Mike Dombrowski made a **motion** to hire a grant writer for the FEMA grant (Fire Grant's Help) at a cost of \$2500.00, seconded by Trustee Roger Cohoe. Motion carried with a Roll Call vote of 4 yeas.

Discussion was held on hose and ladder inspection for the fire department following the discussion Trustee Roger Cohoe made a **motion** to enter into a contract with National Hose Testing Specialties, Inc. for the inspection for a cost of \$2862.50, seconded by Supervisor Mike Dombrowski. Motion carried with a Roll Call vote of 4 yeas. The Board noted that this was already a budgeted item but wanted to enter into a contract.

Approval was given for the Supervisor to sign the agreement for the County Mutual Aid Radio System.

Supervisor Mike Dombrowski made a **motion** to appoint Mark Schrader to the Planning Commission Board, seconded by Trustee Roger Cohoe, Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

Trustee Roger Cohoe made a **motion** to approve the resignation of Dave Gugel from the Parks and Recreation Board, seconded by Supervisor Mike Dombrowski. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

Trustee Dick Deska made a **motion** to not read the Recreation Plan Resolution, seconded by Trustee Roger Cohoe, motion carried with 4 yea votes. Trustee Dick Deska made a **motion** to adopt the 5 Year RECREATION PLAN RESOLUTION, seconded by Supervisor Mike Dombrowski. Motion carried with 4 yea votes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55.

Respectfully,



Judy Athan,  
Clerk

Township Board Adoption Resolution

**RECREATION PLAN  
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION  
#01-2020**

**Albert Township**

**WHEREAS,** Albert 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 the recreational facilities during the period of 2020– 2024, and

**WHEREAS,** an online recreation survey was published on September 27, 2019 and remained open for public input until November 11, 2019, providing residents with an opportunity to comment and guide recreation in the Township, and

**WHEREAS,** a public notice was published in *The Montmorency County Tribune* on November 27, 2019, which began a 30-day public review period for the draft plan, and

**WHEREAS,** Albert 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 hearing was held on January 8, 2020 in conjunction with the specially scheduled Planning Commission Meeting at the Albert Township Hall to provide residents the opportunity to ask questions and express opinions on the Recreation Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Albert 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 regular meeting of the Albert Township Board of Trustees held on January 21, 2020.

1-21-20  
Date

Mike Dombrowski  
Signature, Supervisor

Mike Dombrowski  
Printed Name, Supervisor

## Montmorency County Submittal Letter

January 22, 2020

Albert Township  
4360 Hanson Ave.  
P.O. Box 153  
Lewiston, MI 49756

Montmorency County Clerk  
P.O. Box 789  
Atlanta, MI 49709

Dear Ms. Neilsen:

The Albert Township Board adopted the 2020-2024 Albert Township Recreation Plan on January 21, 2020. Please find an enclosed copy of the plan.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 989-786-2513.

Sincerely,

  
Mike Dombrowski  
Supervisor, Albert Township

## NEMCOG Submittal Letter

January 22, 2020

Albert Township  
4360 Hanson Ave.  
P.O. Box 153  
Lewiston, MI 49756

Northeast Michigan Council of Governments  
PO Box 457  
80 Livingston Blvd, Suite U-108  
Gaylord, MI 49734

Dear Ms. Rekowski:

The Albert Township Board adopted the 2020-2024 Albert Township Recreation Plan on January 21, 2020. Please find an enclosed copy of the plan.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 989-786-2513.

Sincerely,

  
Mike Dombrowski  
Supervisor, Albert Township

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# Chapter 5

## Goals, Objectives, and Action Plan

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### Goals & Objectives

After reviewing input from the community and the Township's demographic characteristics, the following goals and objectives were created to provide guidance in the development of recreational projects.

**Goal 1      Create a recreational system that is visible, that is promoted, and is easily accessible to all users.**

- Objective 1.1 Improve universal accessibility across all parks in the township.
- Objective 1.2 Use signage and maps to connect the local trail system with established trail systems.
- Objective 1.3 Ensure recreation facilities are conveniently located in and near residential areas.
- Objective 1.4 Provide a balance of recreational amenities which are oriented to the aging population to increase the desirability of the community to retirees.
- Objective 1.5 Provide recreational amenities which are oriented toward the younger population and families in order to increase the livability of the community to attract young families to the area and retain older youth.

**Goal 2      Actively improve and maintain recreational resources in Albert Township.**

- Objective 2.1 Adopt a capital facilities program to prioritize and identify funding for expanding existing amenities that would serve the Township's population and to support the ongoing activities at those facilities.
- Objective 2.2 Prepare and implement a regular maintenance plan to keep the Township's parks in good condition.
- Objective 2.3 Repair and replace worn out and damaged equipment.
- Objective 2.4 Improve and expand the restrooms at all parks in the township.

**Goal 3      Ensure a thorough and regional Recreational Planning Process.**

- Objective 3.1 Regularly update the 5-year Parks and Recreation Plan in order to ensure the recreation system reflects current needs of the community.
- Objective 3.2 To develop and maintain strong local government involvement in recreational and tourism planning and projects.
- Objective 3.3 Seek grant funding and other financial assistance to help acquire and develop recreational facilities and achieve the recreation goals of this Plan.
- Objective 3.4 Support cooperative regional recreation planning and development with Montmorency County, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and other surrounding communities.
- Objective 3.5 Improve the quality of life for residents and bring visitors to Albert 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. Create recreational opportunities for people of all abilities and recreational needs.

**Goal 4      Provide new opportunities for passive recreation, allowing residents and visitors to enjoy the natural beauty of the township.**

- Objective 4.1 Pursue the acquisition of natural areas in the community and protect them for one of three purposes: “keep out” natural areas for strict preservation and restoration, “look only” natural areas (may include nature trails, sitting areas, and other passive recreation), and “look-and-touch” natural areas (nature education centers and natural resources gardens) at which people are allowed to touch nature, to hands-on grow nature, to hands-on sustain nature, and to practice sustainability using nature.
- Objective 4.2 Promote the development of non-motorized trails in the Township’s preserved natural spaces.

**Capital Improvements Schedule**

The Capital Improvements Schedule describes the recreational improvements Albert Township would like to pursue over the next five years (Table 5-1).

**Table 5-1 Capital Improvements Schedule**

<b>Bingham Park</b>					
<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>SITE</b>	<b>PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COST</b>	<b>FUNDING SOURCE(S)</b>	<b>YEAR*</b>
High	Bingham Park	Maintain the existing facilities by painting, installing signage, locating handicap porta potties near parking lot, etc.	TBD	Township General Fund; Grants; Donation or Partnership; Parks and Recreation Revenue	2020-2024
High	Bingham Park	Improve Bingham Park through the addition of playground equipment and picnic tables.	TBD	Township General Fund; Grants; Donation or Partnership; Parks and Recreation Revenue	2020-2024
Medium	Bingham Park	Update the concession stand building with a new roof.	TBD	Township General Fund; Grants; Donation or Partnership; Parks and Recreation Revenue	2020-2024
Low	Bingham Park	Add a small fitness course.	TBD	Township General Fund; Grants; Donation or Partnership; Parks and Recreation Revenue	2020-2024

## Buttles Park (previously Albert Township Park)

PRIORITY	SITE	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	YEAR*
High	Buttles Park	Add amenities to attract year-round users.	TBD	Township General Fund; Grants; Donation or Partnership; Parks and Recreation Revenue	2020-2024
High	Buttles Park	Expand the non-motorized trails. Install a trail around the ballfields.	TBD	Township General Fund; Grants; Donation or Partnership; Parks and Recreation Revenue	2020-2024
High	Buttles Park	Improve handicap accessibility.	TBD	Township General Fund; Grants; Donation or Partnership; Parks and Recreation Revenue	2020-2024
High	Buttles Park	Add pickleball to the tennis courts.	TBD	Township General Fund; Grants; Donation or Partnership; Parks and Recreation Revenue	2020-2024
High	Buttles Park	Update/add playground equipment.	TBD	Township General Fund; Grants; Donation or Partnership; Parks and Recreation Revenue	2020-2024
Medium	Buttles Park	Prioritize Comprehensive Plan for Buttles Park and begin implementation.	TBD	Township General Fund; Grants; Donation or Partnership; Parks and Recreation Revenue	Ongoing 2020-2024
Medium	Buttles Park	Improve disc golf course, including installing signage, installing a course map, cutting back vegetation and dead trees, and adding trash bins.	TBD	Township General Fund; Grants; Donation or Partnership; Parks and Recreation Revenue	2020-2024

### Buttles Park (previously Albert Township Park) (Cont.)

PRIORITY	SITE	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	YEAR*
Low	Buttles Park	Work with a local club to develop an educational disc golf workshop.	TBD	Township General Fund; Grants; Donation or Partnership; Parks and Recreation Revenue	2020-2024
Low	Buttles Park	Refurbish the existing facilities, including painting the pavilion.	TBD	Township General Fund; Grants; Donation or Partnership; Parks and Recreation Revenue	2020-2024
Low	Buttles Park	Provide and improve access to natural areas, including installation of educational signs.	TBD	Township General Fund; Grants; Donation or Partnership; Parks and Recreation Revenue	2020-2024
Low	Buttles Park	Advertise recreational activities in the park.	TBD	Township General Fund; Grants; Donation or Partnership; Parks and Recreation Revenue	2020-2024
Low	Buttles Park	Develop plans and install a dog park.	TBD	Township General Fund; Grants; Donation or Partnership; Parks and Recreation Revenue	2020-2024

<b>Lewiston Village Park</b>					
<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>SITE</b>	<b>PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COST</b>	<b>FUNDING SOURCE(S)</b>	<b>YEAR*</b>
High	Lewiston Village Park	Replace gazebo.	TBD	Township General Fund; Grants; Donation or Partnership; Parks and Recreation Revenue	2020-2024
Medium	Lewiston Village Park	Install a sidewalk from the tennis courts to the gazebo replacement.	TBD	Township General Fund; Grants; Donation or Partnership; Parks and Recreation Revenue	2020-2024
Low	Lewiston Village Park	Install signage.	TBD	Township General Fund; Grants; Donation or Partnership; Parks and Recreation Revenue	2020-2024
<b>Tom May Memorial Park Beach (previously East Twin Lake Public Beach)</b>					
<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>SITE</b>	<b>PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COST</b>	<b>FUNDING SOURCE(S)</b>	<b>YEAR*</b>
High	Tom May Memorial Park Beach	Improve and maintain existing facilities, including improvement of the picnic area, parking lot, park accessibility, sprinkler system, signage, and fencing.	TBD	May Family Partnership	2020-2024

Lions Park					
PRIORITY	SITE	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	YEAR*
Medium	Lions Park	Paint and replace the roof on the pavilion.	TBD	Township General Fund; Grants; Donation or Partnership; Parks and Recreation Revenue	2020-2024
Medium	Lions Park	Maintain and improve existing facilities, including the addition of new grills and picnic tables.	TBD	Township General Fund; Grants; Donation or Partnership; Parks and Recreation Revenue	2020-2024
Low	Lions Park	Add playground equipment.	TBD	Township General Fund; Grants; Donation or Partnership; Parks and Recreation Revenue	2020-2024
Low	Lions Park	Research solutions for the park's drainage issues (e.g. filling in areas, installing a drainage system, etc.).	TBD	Township General Fund; Grants; Donation or Partnership; Parks and Recreation Revenue	2020-2024

General					
PRIORITY	SITE	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	YEAR*
High	Albert Township	Develop a sidewalk plan for the township. Install sidewalks throughout the township.	TBD	Township General Fund; Grants; Donations or Partnerships; Parks and Recreation Revenue; other governmental sources	2020-2024
High	Albert Township	Determine the location of the existing non-motorized trail system. Develop and prioritize a non-motorized trail plan for implementation.	TBD	Township General Fund; Grants; Donations or Partnerships; Parks and Recreation Revenue; other governmental sources	2020-2024
High	Albert Township	Determine the feasibility for the installation of bike lanes.	TBD	Township General Fund; Grants; Donations or Partnerships; Parks and Recreation Revenue	2020-2024
High	Township Facilities	Improve barrier-free accessibility during facility updates and developments, including proper surfaces for wheelchairs, accessible picnic tables, and play equipment.	TBD	Township General Fund; Grants; Donations or Partnerships; Parks and Recreation Revenue; Other government resources	2020-2024
Low	Albert Township	Consider the need and uses for an indoor community center.	TBD	Donations or Partnerships; Township General Fund	2020-2024

**General (Cont.)**

<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>SITE</b>	<b>PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COST</b>	<b>FUNDING SOURCE(S)</b>	<b>YEAR*</b>
Low	Township Facilities	Install destination and wayfinding signage for the parks.	TBD	Township General Fund; Grants; Donations or Partnerships; Parks and Recreation Revenue; Other government resources	2020-2024
Low	Fire Hall	Create and promote an ice skating rink during the winter.	TBD	Township General Fund; Grants; Donations or Partnerships; Parks and Recreation Revenue; Other government resources	2020-2024

## Basis for Action

Recreation planning in Albert Township should consider its population.

1. The Township has a large mid-life population. The Township's median age is 55.4 years old, which is older than the State of Michigan's median age of 39.6 years old. Individuals 45 to 64 years of age make up 35.4% of the population, while individuals aged 65 and older make up 28.3%. Therefore, this population should be given consideration when planning for recreational activities.
2. Young people, under the age of 19, make up 18.9% of the Township's population, while individuals between the ages of 20 to 44 years represent 17.4% of the population. Given the population make up, the recreational facilities in the township need to appeal to diverse age groups.
3. The Township's median household income is \$41,563 compared to the state's median income of \$52,668. About 59% of the households in the township receive social security income compared to 34% statewide. Additionally, almost 40% of the households receive retirement income compared to 23% statewide. The Township's unemployment rate is 18.6% compared to 4.5% statewide. Consideration should be given to whether or not residents can afford to incur the cost of recreational activities and the drive time and expenses associated with travelling to recreational facilities.

*Figures obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2013-2017 5-year estimates.*

With the Township's population in mind, the following factors also influence recreational development in Albert Township:

1. All residents and visitors should have access to safe routes that connect recreational facilities, residential areas, and local attractions throughout the township. Consideration of public safety, accessibility and inclusivity will be taken into account when planning for recreational opportunities within the township.
2. Albert Township has an abundance of natural and recreational spaces with amenities that improve the quality of life in the township. Providing year-round recreational opportunities in these spaces will attract visitors and offer a means of enjoyment for residents. These spaces will also provide opportunities for social interaction and educational programming.
3. All residents and visitors should be able to enjoy recreational opportunities in the township. When planning, consideration will be given to the type of parks, their location, their distribution, and the type of recreational activities that are offered.
4. The maintenance and operation of existing and new recreational facilities will balance the preservation of the natural environment and scenic areas with tourism potential.

# Appendix A

## Results of Public Input Survey

Complete results can be viewed at:  
<http://www.discovernortheastmichigan.org/docview.asp?did=650>

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**POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D**

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No  
The landscaping is attended on a weekly basis.

**GENERAL**

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants) Yes No N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain. Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?  
The Park is open daily until dusk.

**COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)**

Empty box for comments.

**POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D**

**CERTIFICATION**

*I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.*

Mike Dombrowski

Please print

*Mike Dombrowski*  
Grantee Authorized Signature

10/10/2019

Date

Debra Downing

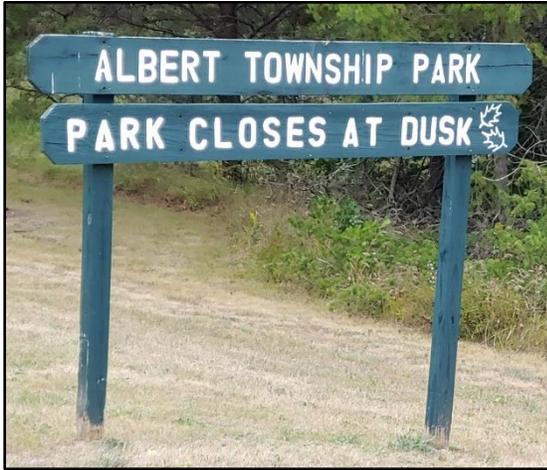
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*Debra Downing*  
Witness Signature

10/10/2019

Date

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GRANTS MANAGEMENT  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
PO BOX 30425  
LANSING MI 48909-7925**



**Buttles Park (previously Albert Township Park) Entrance Signs**



**Buttles Park (previously Albert Township Park) Land and Water Conservation Fund Plaques**



**Buttles Park (previously Albert Township Park)**



Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Management

PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended;
the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964); and Part 715, of PA 451 of 1994, as amended.

GRANT TYPE: [X] MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND [ ] CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE
[ ] LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND [ ] RECREATION PASSPORT [ ] BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Albert Township - Montmorency County

PROJECT NUMBER: TF01-142 PROJECT TYPE: Improvements

PROJECT TITLE: East Twin Lake Beach/Park/Boat Ramp Improvements

PROJECT SCOPE: Expand beach, remove & construct berm/retaining wall, improve restroom

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Table with contact information for Albert Township - Montmorency County, including Name of Agency, Contact Person, Title, Address, Telephone, and City, State, ZIP.

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? [X] Yes [ ] No
If yes, please describe change(s). The berm has been removed to expand the beach area.

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? [ ] Yes [X] No
If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)

Are any of the facilities obsolete? [ ] Yes [X] No
If yes, please explain.

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? [X] Yes [ ] No
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? [X] Yes [ ] No
If no, please explain.

Is vandalism a problem at this site? [ ] Yes [X] No
If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

**POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D**

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.  Yes  No  
During the summer, the Beach is on a daily maintenance schedule.

**GÉNÉRAL**

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)  Yes  No  N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.  Yes  No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.  Yes  No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

The Beach is open daily until dusk.

**COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)**

Empty box for comments.

**POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D**

CERTIFICATION		
<i>I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.</i>		
<u>Mike Dombrowski</u> Please print	<u><i>Mike Dombrowski</i></u> Grantee Authorized Signature	<u>10/10/2019</u> Date
<u>Debra Downing</u> Please print	<u><i>Debra Downing</i></u> Witness Signature	<u>10/10/2019</u> Date

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GRANTS MANAGEMENT  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
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**Tom May Memorial Park Beach (previously East Twin Lake Beach) Entrance Sign**



**Tom May Memorial Park Beach (previously East Twin Lake Beach)  
Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Plaque**



**Tom May Memorial Park Beach (previously East Twin Lake Beach)**



Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Management

**PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT  
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT**

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GRANT TYPE:  MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND  CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE  
(Please select one)  LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND  RECREATION PASSPORT  BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Albert Township - Montmorency County

PROJECT NUMBER: RP13-411

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Albert Township Tennis Courts located in the Village Park

PROJECT SCOPE: Remove and construct tennis courts, walkway

**TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)**

Name of Agency (Grantee) <b>Albert Township - Montmorency County</b>	Contact Person	Title
Address <b>4360 Hanson Ave.</b>	Telephone <b>989-786-2513</b>	
City, State, ZIP <b>Lewiston, MI, 49756</b>	Email	

**SITE DEVELOPMENT**

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?  
If yes, please describe change(s).  Yes  No  
The Township has added "pickleball" as another use on the Tennis Courts.

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)  Yes  No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.  Yes  No

**SITE QUALITY**

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?  
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.  Yes  No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.  Yes  No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.  Yes  No

**POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D**

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No  
The Tennis Courts are a part of the weekly groundskeeping maintenance schedule.

**GENERAL**

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants) Yes No N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain. Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?  
Tennis Courts are open daily during weather permitting season.

**COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)**

Empty space for comments.

**POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D**

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Please print

*Mike Dombrowski*  
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**Lewiston Village Park Entrance Sign**



**Lewiston Village Park Recreation Passport Fund Plaque**



**Lewiston Village Park Tennis Courts**

# Appendix C

## Community Park and Recreation Plan Checklist



Michigan Department of Natural Resources-Grants Management  
**COMMUNITY PARK AND RECREATION PLAN**

**CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST**

*By Authority of Parts 19, 703 and 716 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended, submission of this information is required for eligibility to apply for grants*

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete, obtain certification signatures and submit this checklist with a locally adopted recreation plan.

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park and Recreation Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Plans must be submitted to the DNR through MiRecGrants **with** a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan. Plans may be submitted at any time of the year, but no later than February 1 of the year the local unit of government is applying for grants.

PLAN INFORMATION		
Name of Plan: Albert Township Recreation Plan 2020-2024		
List the community names (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan.	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body
Albert Township	Montmorency	January 2020

**PLAN CONTENT**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please check each box to certify that the listed information is included in the final plan.

- 1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION**
- 2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE**
  - Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)
  - Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart
  - Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming
  - Current Funding Sources
  - Role of Volunteers
  - Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations
  - Recreation Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only:**
    - Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities
    - Articles of Incorporation
- 3. RECREATION INVENTORY**
  - Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory
  - Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities
  - Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)
  - Accessibility Assessment
  - Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities
  - Waterways Inventory (if applicable)
- 4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)**
- 5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS**

**6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS**

Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, including a Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received

Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment

Date of Notice November 27, 2019

Type of Notice Public Notice in The Montmorency County Tribune

Plan Location Township Hall; alberttownship.com; Nemcog.org

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) \_\_\_\_\_

Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)

Date of Notice November 27, 2019

Name of Newspaper The Montmorency County Tribune

Date of Meeting January 8, 2020

Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

**7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

**8. ACTION PROGRAM**

**9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT(S)**

**PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION**

**APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION:** For multi-jurisdictional plans, **each** local unit of government must pass a resolution adopting the plan. Prepare and attach a separate page for each unit of government included in the plan.

1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: January 21, 2020

2. Official resolution of the Planning \_\_\_\_\_ Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: January 8, 2020

3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: January 22, 2020

4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: January 22, 2020

**OVERALL CERTIFICATION**

**NOTE:** For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government. Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.

I hereby certify that the recreation plan for \_\_\_\_\_

Albert Township \_\_\_\_\_ includes the required content, as indicated  
(Local Unit of Government)

above and as set forth by the DNR.

Mike Dombrowski 1-21-20  
 Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government      Date

**This completed checklist must be uploaded in MiRecGrants.**