

**Albert Township  
Montmorency County**

**Community Recreation Plan Amendment, 2001**

**TOWNSHIP OF ALBERT  
MONTMORENCY COUNTY**

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January 29, 2001

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RE: Albert Township Amended Community Recreation Plan

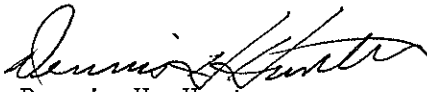
Dear Ms. Rekowski:

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Albert Township Amended Community Recreation Plan adopted by the Township Board on January 15, 2001. This is an amendment to Chapter 6 of the Township's Comprehensive Plan, copy of which was sent to you at the time of its adoption in 1997.

With the exception of minor changes on pages 6,8,&10, the only changes in the Amended Plan are with regard to the Chart of Existing Facilities (Pages 14 & 15 of original Plan; Pages 13 & 14 of Amended Plan).

In order to promote regional cooperation in planning and in providing recreational services, the Township would appreciate your retaining a copy of this Amended Community Recreation Plan on file.

Sincerely,



Dennis H. Hunter  
Township Clerk

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cc: Richard Anderson, Supervisor  
John Righi, Planning Commission Chair

**ALBERT TOWNSHIP COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 1997 UPDATE  
Amendment No. 1**

**CHAPTER 6**

**COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN**

**Introduction**

Because of the recreational opportunities in Albert Township and the abundance of natural resources, the Township wishes to include recreation as a key component in the comprehensive plan.

In past years, the Township has provided recreation services and facilities to residents and visitors. The mix of Township owned facilities such as Lewiston Village Park, Buttles Road Park and Bingham Park along with other publicly owned (Avery Lake State Forest Campground) and privately owned (Lewiston Curling Club) facilities offers a wide range passive and active recreational opportunities. A description of these facilities is included in the recreation inventory, which begins on the following page. Albert Township plans not only to continue providing recreation services to its residents and visitors, but also to make improvements at the existing facilities.

As a recreation service provider, the Township recognizes the importance of planning for future recreation services and facilities. Albert Township adopted its first Recreation Plan in 1976 and revised the plan in 1978. A major factor in the provision of any service is the question of how projects will be funded. One possible source of funding for recreation projects is through grants available from Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR).

To become grant eligible for MDNR funding, a community must have an approved recreation plan. Components of a MDNR approved recreation plan include:

- Community Description
- Recreation Inventory
- Administrative Structure
- Description of the Planning Process
- Action Program
- Basis for the Action Program
- Plan Review and Adoption

Elements of the community description can be found in earlier chapters of this report. A community location map and base map can be found in the Introduction. Chapter 1 discusses socio-economic characteristics of the Township, while data on the natural environment and existing land use patterns are found in Chapters 2 and 4, respectively. The remaining components of the recreation plan are covered in this chapter.

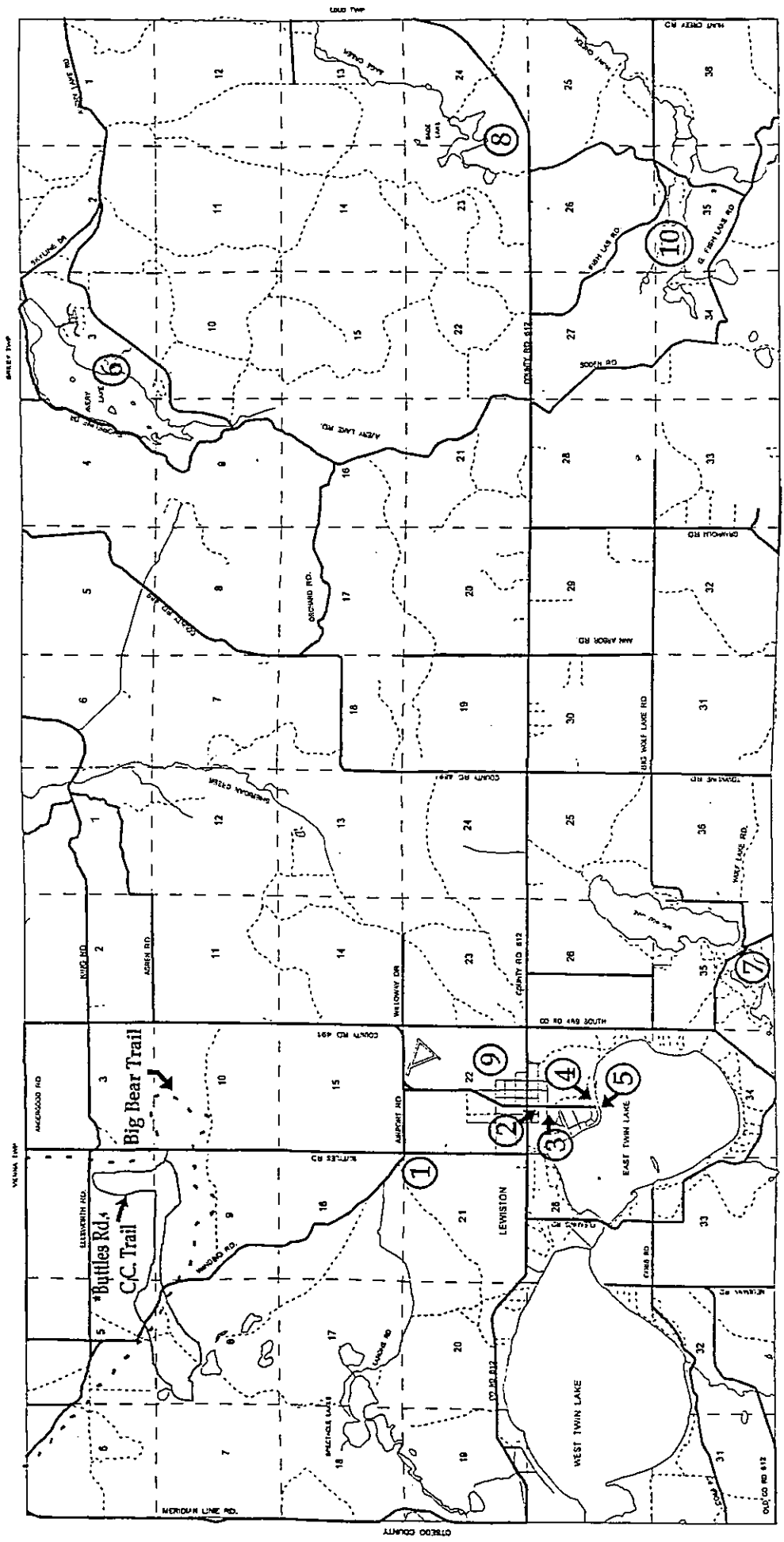
## Inventory of Recreation Facilities in Albert Township

An inventory of existing recreation facilities located in Albert Township is provided below. Sites are grouped according to jurisdictional ownership. Township owned facilities are listed first; then other public sites, and finally privately owned recreation sites. Each listing is followed by a brief description of that location. Figures 6.1 and 6.2 illustrate the location of the public sites.

Albert Township either owns or maintains five properties which are currently being used for recreational purposes. Table 6-1 contains information on these facilities.

Name	Location	Size	Facilities
Buttles Road Park	Buttles Road, approx. one mile north of County Road 612	40 ac.	2 ball fields 2 tennis courts picnic area picnic pavilion playground equipment 2 horseshoes courts outdoor toilets barbecue grills
Lewiston Village Park	Adjacent to the Township Hall	2 ac.	2 tennis courts 2 shuffleboard courts shrub and garden area picnic area
Bingham Park	S. Kneeland Ave.	2.5 ac.	regulation little league field sprinkler system electric scoreboard concession stand playground equipment outdoor toilets picnic area, parking
Lions Park	Corner of Grant and Kneeland, across the street from the East Twin Lake Public Beach	(1 ac.)	picnic pavilion outdoor picnic area playground barbecue grills
East Twin Public Beach	South end of Kneeland Street	< 1 ac.	bath house swimming beach DNR boat ramps

Figure 6.1:  
Publicly Owned Recreation Site Locations  
Albert Township



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Buttles Road Park</li> <li>2. Lewiston Village Park</li> <li>3. Bingham Park</li> <li>4. Lions Park</li> <li>5. East Twin Public Beach</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Avery Lake and Big Oaks State Forest Campgrounds</li> <li>7. Little Wolf Lake State Forest Campground</li> <li>8. Sage Lake Flooding</li> <li>9. Lewiston School, Montmorency Street</li> <li>10. Hunt Creek Research Station</li> </ul> |
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Table 6.2 contains information on other publicly owned lands in Albert Township. There are four State owned facilities in the Township. All of these facilities are located adjacent to water and provide boat ramps and public access to the water bodies. With the exception of Sage Lake Flooding Area, the facilities offer developed activities such as camping and swimming. The Lewiston School located on Montmorency Street has a basketball court, gymnasium, stage and playground area.

Name	Location	Size	Facilities
Avery Lake State Forest Campground	Section 3 of T.29N.-R.2E.	30 ac.	Two locations, with a total of 14 campsites fishing swimming area outdoor toilets
Big Oaks State Forest Campground	Section 9 of T.29N.-R.2E.	NA	23 campsites boat ramp, fishing swimming area outdoor toilets
Little Wolf Lake State Forest Campground	Section 35 T.29N.-R.1E.	8 ac.	28 campsites swimming area special fishing regulations outdoor toilets
Sage Lake Flooding Area	Section 23 & 24 T.29N.-R.2E.	NA	boat ramp fishing
Lewiston School Johannesburg- Lewiston Area School	Montmorency Street	10 ac.	basketball court gymnasium stage playground
Hunt Creek Research Station	Fish Lab Road	NA	environmental education school field trips special tours

There is a wide range of privately owned recreational and cultural opportunities within the Township. Table 6.3 is a listing of these facilities.

Table 6-3 Privately Owned Facilities			
Name	Location	Size	Facilities
Lewiston 50+ Club, Inc.	Kneeland Street	NA	Social activities for seniors, two large meeting rooms, full kitchen, available for rent
Timbertown Lanes	Salling Ave.	NA	Eight bowling lanes
Lewiston Curling Club	Salling Ave.	NA	Two sheets of ice
Lewiston Sportsman Club	Private building on Township owned property, Hanson St.	NA	Activity space with seating capacity of 50
Lewiston Sportsman Club Shooting Range	Located at Sheridan Valley Ski Club Section 6 & 7 T.29N.-R.2E.	115 ac.	Rifle, pistol and archery ranges Trap and skeet shooting range 3-D Archery and Sporting Clays
Lewiston Fun Ones	North County Road 489	10 ac.	Snowmobile clubhouse
Twin Lakes Marina	Between West and East Twin Lakes	NA	Boat docking and rental Snowmobile sales and service
East Twin Bait Shop	Kneeland & Grant Street	NA	Boat livery
Little Wolf Lake Resort	Wolf Lake Road	5 cabins	Cabins, boats, playground and beach
North Shore Resort	Co. Road 612		Cabins, beach and boats
Redwood Motor Inn	County Road 612	50 rooms	Indoor pool, whirlpool and sauna
Tim's Lewiston Lodge	Fleming Road	14 rooms	Meeting room with seating capacity 30, restaurant, outdoor horseshoe pits, boat docking and swimming
Wendell's West Twin Resort	Veeder Road	5 cabins	Fishing boats, small basketball court, playground equipment, horseshoe pits, boat dock and swimming
Smitty's Entertainment Center	County Road 489	NA	Mini-golf, go-carts, arcade and pool tables
Carousel Drive-in	County Road 612	NA	Mini-golf
Lewiston Historical Museum	Kneeland Street	NA	Historical exhibits about the Lewiston area

## Community Recreation Events

There a number of community events held in the Lewiston area throughout the year. These following is a listing of the community events:

### Community Event

Snowmobile Poker Run	January/February
Curling Bonspeil	January
Road Rally	February
Wertz Warriors' Ride	February
Memorial Day Service/Parade	May
Mushroom Festival	May
Parade of Homes	June
Classic/Antique Car Show	June
Little League Tournament	June/July
4th of July Parade/Craft Show	July
Timbertown Festival	July
Arts and Craft Fair	August
Sportsmen's Club Tournaments	Throughout summer months
Harvest Auction	September
Christmas Walk	November
Lewiston Moose Lodge Buck Pole	November
Light-Up Lewiston Event	December

### **Other Montmorency County Recreational Facilities**

Residents of Albert Township can also utilize recreational facilities outside the township bounds. Information on recreational opportunities outside of Albert Township was obtained from the Montmorency County Recreation Plan revised in 1995 by the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments. There are a number of additional public and private recreational facilities in Montmorency County. Some 17 township/state campgrounds and parks offer a wide range of recreational activities from picnicking and baseball to hiking and swimming. The Hillman Community Schools, Atlanta Community Schools and the Hillman Community Center all have recreational facilities. There are ten other sites that offer water recreational opportunities that are not classified as campgrounds or local government and private parks. These public access sites have boat launches, parking areas and toilets. All are maintained by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. In addition, there are 19 privately owned recreational facilities open to the public. The county recreation plan also indicated



there were about 20 resorts for fishermen and hunters scattered throughout the county, some of these are located in Albert Township.

### **Trails**

There are eight recreational facilities classified as trails that are in or run through Montmorency County. The Buttles Road Trail and the Big Bear Creek ORV Trail are in Albert Township. Below is a listing of trails in Montmorency County.

Avery Hills Snowmobile Trails, DNR Forestry, 56 miles in Thunder Bay River State Forest

Big Bear Creek ORV Trail, Albert Township

Brush Creek Snowmobile Trail, 46 miles, Thunder Bay River State Forest

Buttles Road Cross Country Ski and Hiking Trail, Albert Township

Clear Lake-Canada Creek Ski Trail, operated out of Clear Lake State Park

Clear Lake-Jackson Lake Hiking Trail, DNR Forestry, 10 miles

Elk Trail, 15 miles, Briley and Montmorency Townships to Millersburg

High Country Trail, DNR Forestry, 85 miles, through Montmorency, Presque Isle and Otsego Counties.

Mackinaw State Forest Scenic Drive, 48 miles, begins and ends north of Atlanta.

Additionally, snowmobilers have access to other trails in adjacent counties.

Access to Muskrat Lake Trail, 25 miles, Oscoda County

Access to Roll Trail, 25 miles, Crawford and Oscoda Counties

Access to North Branch Trail, 17 miles, Otsego County

Access to Grayling/Lovells Trail, 45 Miles, Crawford County

### **Fairgrounds**

The Montmorency County 4-H Fairgrounds are located on M-33 north of Atlanta. The fairgrounds are located on 109 acres with exhibition buildings, grandstand, track, and food booths. A historical log cabin has been moved to the site for historical displays. The fairgrounds is used for an annual fair, a car show and a flea market.

## **Regional Recreational Opportunities**

Several communities in the counties surrounding Montmorency County have varied recreational opportunities. To the east, the City of Alpena has a number of recreation facilities such as a golf course, athletic fields, a historical museum, the Alpena County Fairgrounds and an indoor pool at the high school. The distance to these facilities would limit all but occasional usage for residents of Albert Township.

To the west, Gaylord offers many golfing opportunities. Additionally, Albert Township's neighbor has the Otsego County Airport, the Otsego County Fairgrounds, ski clubs & trails, and a community hockey rink and indoor pool. Oscoda and Crawford Counties offer a number of indoor and outdoor recreational opportunities, similar to those found in Montmorency County. One important privately owned recreational facility is the Garland Resort, located six miles south of Lewiston in Greenwood Township, Oscoda County. Garland Resort is a 4-star resort, one of only four in Michigan. Garland has four 18 hole golf courses, basketball courts, tennis courts, bicycle trails, nature trails, outdoor and indoor pools, cross-country skiing, skating, sleigh rides, a restaurant, a conference facility, 160 luxury rooms, 30 cottages, and a paved public jet strip. The Lakeview Hills Country Inn Resort just south of Lewiston has a Championship Croquet Court and 15 miles of groomed cross-country ski trails. In addition, there are over 25 golf courses within 45 minutes of Lewiston.

## **Administrative Structure and Funding**

Albert Township has no formal parks and recreation board or commission. The Albert Township Board is responsible for the development and administration of recreation facilities and programs in the Township.

Under the provisions of Michigan's Township Planning Act, recommendations for recreation planning are made by the Albert Township Planning, Zoning and Sanitation Commission to the Township Board which has final authority for recreational policy, administration and funding. The PZ & S Commission, with the assistance of a consultant, developed the Community Recreation Plan. The Commission is also responsible for updating the plan. The Township Board must adopt the recreation plan and approve any amendments to the plan.

The Albert Township Board consists of five members: supervisor, clerk, treasurer and two trustees. Township personnel who are employed on a part-time basis include: zoning administrator, fire chief, fire department secretary, bookkeeper and two transfer site operators. The Township has a full time secretary and a full time assessor. The Township also employs a full time year round maintenance person and a full time, seasonal maintenance person. The zoning administrator is responsible for issuing zoning permits and zoning ordinance enforcement. The fire chief is responsible for overseeing all activities of the volunteer fire department/ambulance service. The full time secretary provides clerical support to the Township Board and records minutes for Township Planning, Zoning and Sanitation Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals

meetings. The assessor updates and maintains tax parcel information for all properties in the Township.

The Township Clerk is responsible for keeping the Township records, paying bills, voter registration and cemetery records, while the Treasurer is charged with keeping the Township's financial records, including receipt of tax payments.

Other recreational facilities and activities utilized by local residents are administered both formally and informally by organizations serving multiple jurisdictions. Albert Township is located within the Johannesburg-Lewiston Schools district, making any of that district's recreational facilities and activities available to Township residents. Township youth may also participate in non-school related recreation organizations such as the Lewiston Little League and PeeWee Football.

Albert Township's recreational activities and facilities are primarily funded through the Township's general fund. Table 6.4 illustrates recreation spending for the past three years, in comparison to the Township's total budget. For the proposed 2000-2001 budget, \$10,150.00 has been budgeted as a recreation line item, demonstrating that the Township Board does routinely allot funding for recreational purposes. Note, labor for recreation areas is budgeted in the Township Hall and grounds maintenance line item.

<b>Table 6.4</b>			
<b>Township Budget and Recreation Expenditures, 1997 - 2000</b>			
<i>FY Ending 3/31</i>	<i>1999-2000</i>	<i>1998-1999</i>	<i>1997-1998</i>
Total Township	\$393,433	\$346,927	\$332,567
Recreation	\$11,480	\$9,964	\$15,617

Source: Albert Township Balance Sheets, 1993-1996

### **Description of the Recreation Planning Process**

Albert Township adopted its first comprehensive plan in 1975 and has been zoned since September of 1971. The Township has a recreation plan developed in 1976 and revised in 1978. The Township is aware of the need to plan for future improvements at locally owned recreation sites and consider in more detail how these projects could be funded.

With these needs in mind, Albert Township signed a contract with professional community planning consultant, Mary Ann Heidemann & Associates in January of 1996 to update their 1988 comprehensive plan. In addition, the Township entered into an agreement with the same consultant to develop a community recreation plan meeting MDNR requirements. The recreation plan is incorporated as a chapter in the comprehensive plan document.

Research for updating the comprehensive plan and writing the draft document began in January of 1996. This research included socio-economic data, natural resources, existing land use and recreation inventory information required by MDNR as part of the recreation plan. Over the next six months, the consultant met monthly with members of the Planning, Zoning and Sanitation Commission who reviewed and helped edit the draft recreation plan prior to submittal to MDNR.

To encourage public participation in the recreation planning process, all meetings with the Albert Township Planning, Zoning and Sanitation Commission were open to the public and posted in local public places.

A meeting of the consultant and the Township Planning, Zoning and Sanitation Commission was held on August 8, 1996 to devise an action plan based on suggestions obtained from a July 16, 1996 work session. On September 19th another meeting was held with the consultant and Township to review and revise the draft document. Finally, interested citizens were invited to attend a public hearing on January 7, 1996. Notice was published in The Montmorency County Tribune, as well as posted in local public places. Three interested citizens attended the public hearing. After the public hearing the complete document was finalized for initial submittal to MDNR.

### **Recreation Goals**

Albert Township, because of its environmental attributes, expanses of state land and low population density, currently enjoys a favorable reputation as an outdoor recreation area. To sustain and increase the current level of recreational activities for all age groups, the Township should encourage the growth of open-space recreation.

Support operation of public and private camping facilities at designated locations of the township.

Through zoning and review procedures, proposed subdivisions, site condominiums, planned unit developments, commercial and industrial developments should be encouraged to provide or participate in the development of neighborhood parks.

Maintain open space and scenic vistas by encouraging PUD, clustering, and conservation easements.

Maintain existing and establish new trails for horseback riding, bike, motorized recreational vehicle, ski and walking use in the Township.

Provide a designated and regulated snowmobile route through Albert Township to connect the community to regional state designated snowmobile trails.

Albert Township has an excellent system of parks, ball fields, and recreational facilities. To meet the needs of a growing population and the increased tourist activity, it is important to improve and expand these recreational facilities. Recreational facilities should be developed to meet the needs of the whole community, all age groups and income levels.

Encourage the consideration of recreational facilities as an integral part of community development plans.

Provide playground equipment for township parks.

Expand and improve the Lions Park and the East Twin Lake Beach area to accommodate increased usage.

Upgrade all ball fields to meet current athletic standards, including lighting.

Provide bathroom facilities at all township parks.

Develop an outdoor basketball court within the community of Lewiston.

Provide picnic and play ground facilities within the central business area of Lewiston.

Construct an ice rink to be used for casual skating and organized ice hockey.

Provide more public beach and water access in a park and picnic area setting for residents, seasonal residents and visitors.

Community-wide programs that provide opportunities for year-round recreation, personal enrichment, art, musical and theatrical groups are contributors to the quality of life and attractiveness of the Township. It is important to ensure accessibility to adequate public recreation facilities and cultural activities for area residents and visitors. Coordinated programs and facilities that reflect the character and desires of the community can play a key role in attracting new commercial and industrial activities.

Support the development and maintenance of a youth center and coordinated activity programming.

Construct a community center with a large seating capacity to accommodate a wide variety of educational, recreational, and social activities.

Encourage community arts and crafts, musical and personal enrichment programs for all age groups and for seasonal and year round residents.

Encourage community based skiing, swimming, and health clubs.

Encourage cultural facilities and events that meet the needs of the entire community.

### Basis for Action Program

For each project discussed in the short-term capital improvements and programs section of the Action Program, a rationale or basis for need will be presented on the following page.

Existing Conditions	Proposed Action
Buttles Road Park- Is an excellent active recreational park with undeveloped areas for additional facilities. There is no outdoor lighting, the bathrooms are port-a-johns and the playground equipment is not adequate.	Provide outdoor lighting for the ball fields. Construct restrooms and changing rooms. Upgrade and expand the playground equipment.
Lewiston Village Park - This is an important downtown park. Presently, there are not enough benches and picnic tables in the park. There is no playground equipment or readily accessible public restrooms in the park or within the downtown area.	Provide permanent benches and picnic tables in the park. Develop access and signage system for restroom facilities adjacent to the park. Develop outdoor basketball courts.
Bingham Park - The park has a regulation little league ball field with associated facilities. There is no outdoor lighting or fencing that separates the park from adjacent residences.	Add outdoor lighting for evening games. Construct a fence and/or landscaping to separate the park from adjacent residences.
Lions Park and East Twin Lake Beach Area - Increased use of these facilities has caused overcrowding during peak recreational periods. Expansion and improvements are needed. The bath house is in disrepair. Public restrooms need to be added. There is no playground equipment in the parks.	Combine and expand the parks by purchasing adjacent parcels. Develop a site plan that addresses parking, access, landscaping, picnic and play areas. Construct a new bath house/restroom/concession facility. Develop a playground area with wooden playground equipment.
Community Center - Currently there is no community center in the Lewiston Area. Activities requiring a large seating capacity must be held outside the community. There is also a need for a youth center that could be housed in the community center.	Construct a community center with an approximately 500 person seating capacity to accommodate a wide variety of educational, recreational, cultural and social activities. Support the development of a youth center and coordinated activity programming.
Pathways - With the exception of the downtown business district, there is only one sidewalk/bike path within the Lewiston Area. There is a need for additional walkways/bicycle paths to connect major attractions in the Township.	Construct walkways/bicycle paths to connect the residential neighborhoods, central business district, school and Township parks.

Open Space - As the community develops the loss of open space in the Lewiston area will become an irreversible condition.	Purchase a large tract of land between 20 and 80 acres adjacent to Lewiston to set aside for future development of open space recreation such as a golf course, driving range and the winter activities.
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## Action Program

The action program is presented below in two tables that describe improvements to existing facilities and the development of new facilities. Anticipated funding sources will be in the form of cash from the Township general fund, in-kind labor, and Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) grant sources are: Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) or other appropriate grant programs.

### Capital Improvements Schedule for Existing Facilities

EXISTING FACILITIES	YEAR	IMPROVEMENT	COST & ANTICIPATED FUNDING SOURCE
Buttles Road Park	2001	Upgrade and expand playground equipment.	Estimated cost - \$5000 Presque Isle Electric Cooperative
	2003	Provide skate board and roller blade area, in-line hockey and basketball court  Natural walking and hiking paths.	Estimated cost - \$200,000 Grant funds, in-kind matching funds  Estimated cost - \$90,000 Grant funds, general funding, matching funds.
	2004	Provide outdoor lighting for the ball fields and construct restrooms and changing rooms facility.	Lighting- estimated cost \$40,000 Building - estimated costs \$35,000 Michcon
Lewiston Village Park	2001	Develop access and signage system for restroom facilities adjacent to the park.	Estimated cost - \$1000 General Fund
	2002	Provide permanent (3) benches and (3) picnic tables.	Estimated cost - \$2,500 50+ Club
	2004	Construct basketball court	\$28,000 Community donations, Lions Club
Lions Park and East Twin Lake Beach Area	2005-06	Combine and expand the parks by purchasing adjacent parcels.	Lake lots (2) \$300,000 Off lake lot \$70,000 Back lots (3) \$9,000 Trust Fund
	2000	Develop a site plan that addresses parking, access, landscaping, picnic areas, play areas and a new bath house/restroom/concession facility.	Estimated cost \$20,000 Trust Fund
	2001	Develop per site plan	Estimated cost \$350,000 Trust Fund

Bingham Park	2002	Construct a 200' fence and/or landscape screening to separate the park from adjacent residences.	Fence \$3,000 Landscape Screening \$5,000
	2003	Add outdoor lighting for evening games.	\$42,000 Little League Fund Raiser

### Capital Improvements Schedule for Proposed New Facilities

NEW FACILITIES	YEAR	DEVELOPMENT	COST & ANTICIPATED FUNDING SOURCE
Community Center	2003	Construct a community center with a 500 person seating capacity to accommodate a wide variety of educational, recreational, and social activities. Support the development of a youth center and coordinated activity programming.	Estimated cost of 100' x 80' building \$672,000  Lions Club
Open Space	2010	Purchase a large tract of land between 20 and 80 acres adjacent to Lewiston to set aside for future development of open space recreation	Estimated cost \$3000 per acre Trust Fund
Pathways	2004-2005	Construct walkways/bicycle paths to connect the residential neighborhoods, central business district, school and Township parks. Path - bituminous 10' wide	CBD to school - 2640 ft., \$30,000 CBD to VFW Hall - 3960 ft., \$46,000 CBD to Buttes Road Park - 6600 ft., \$220,000 ISTEA funds with local match, grant funds.



## Plan Review and Adoption

Recreation plan review and adoption activities are described below in chronological order. Documentation for each of the activities is attached at the end of this chapter.

November 13, 1996 - Draft recreation plan was submitted to Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), Recreation Division for informal review. Albert Township Board and Planning, Zoning and Sanitation Board also were provided an opportunity to review draft plan. (Copy of transmittal letter is attached.)

November 15, 1996 - Planning Consultant received notification from MDNR that draft plan would be reviewed within 30 days. (Copy of letter is attached.)

November 26, 1996 - Planning Consultant received correspondence from MDNR offering suggestions for revisions before plan could be approved. Responses to all comments received were included in the final plan. (Copy of letter is attached.)

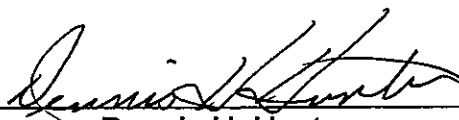
December 4, 1996 and December 24, 1996 - Notice of combined public hearing on the comprehensive plan and recreation plan was published in the Montmorency News. (Copy of affidavit of publication is attached.)

January 7, 1997 - Combined public hearing for the comprehensive plan and recreation plan was held. (Copy of public hearing minutes are attached.)

January 20, 1997 - Albert Township Recreation Plan was presented to the Township Board and adopted at the regular January meeting. (Copy of the resolution of adoption is attached.)

February 6, 1997 - Copies of the Albert Township Recreation Plan were forwarded to Northeast Michigan Council of Governments and Montmorency County. (Copies of transmittal letters are attached.)

The Albert Township Comprehensive Plan 1997 Update, Amendment No.1 was adopted by the Albert Township Board on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2001.



Dennis H. Hunter  
Township Clerk