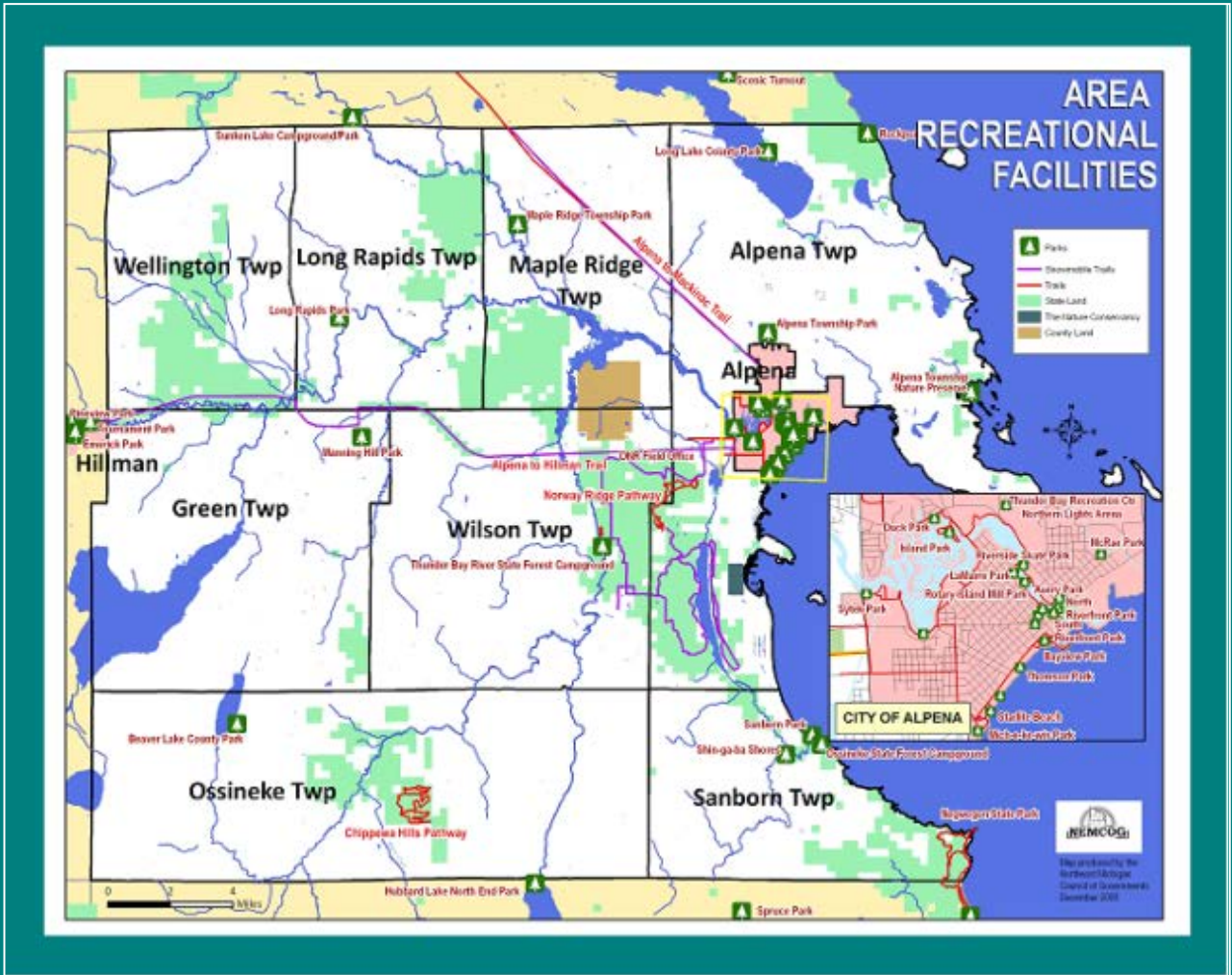


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## Recreation Plan



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## CHAPTER 1: COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

### EXTENT OF PLAN FOCUS

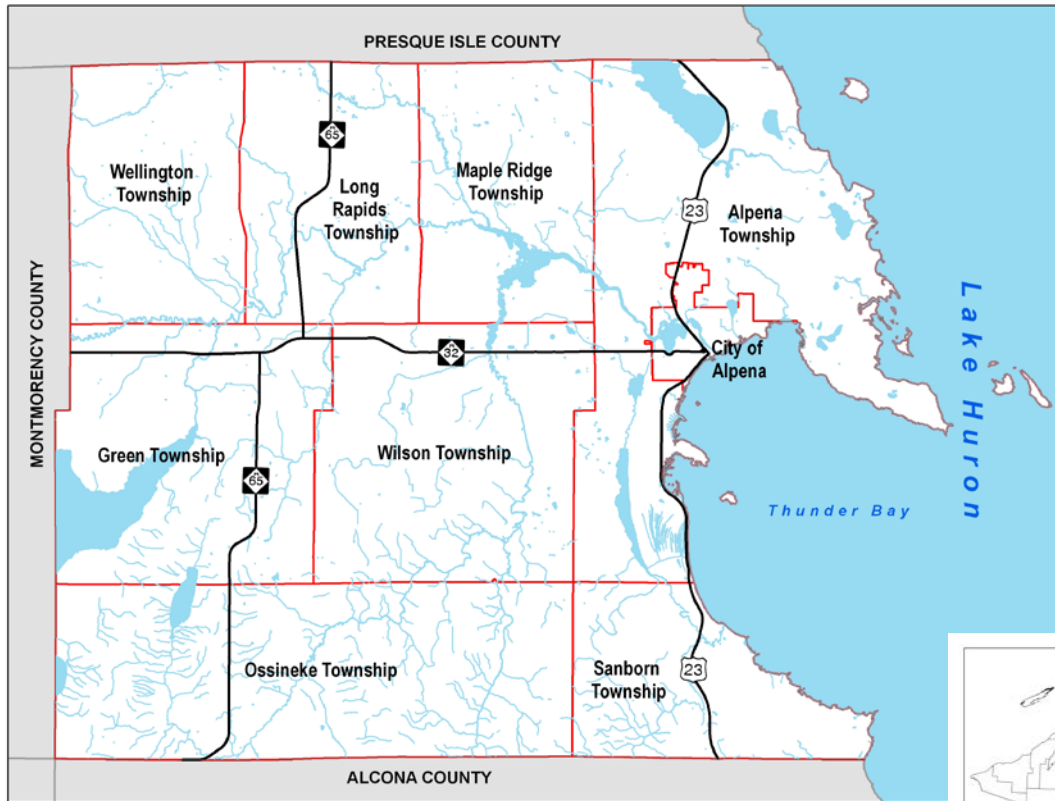
This Recreation Plan addresses recreational facilities and plans within the boundaries of Alpena County. The plan will evaluate the surrounding recreational opportunities as well as the socio-economic status of Alpena County and the surrounding area in order to determine recreational needs of the population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

### LOCATION AND REGIONAL SETTING

Alpena County is located on the shores of Lake Huron in the northeast section of Michigan's Lower Peninsula (see **Figure 1.1**). Covering 568 square miles, the county includes 363,520 acres. It is bordered by Presque Isle County to the north, Montmorency County to the west, Alcona County to the south and Lake Huron to the east.

Alpena County is 24 miles long from north to south. East to west, the county varies from 20.8 miles to 30.8 miles, because of the irregular shoreline of Lake Huron. Additionally, there are several offshore islands in Lake Huron that are a part of the county. The following townships are located within the planning area for this document: Alpena, Green, Long Rapids, Maple Ridge, Ossineke, Sanborn, Wellington and Wilson. Also included in the planning area are the City of Alpena, the Census Designated Place of Ossineke, as well as the unincorporated places of Bolton, Cathro, Herron, Hubbard Lake, Lachine, Leer and Long Rapids.

Figure 1.1: ALPENA COUNTY



## A SNAPSHOT OF NATURAL FEATURES OF THE COMMUNITY

### WETLANDS

A wetland is land where water is found, either on the surface or near the surface, at any time during the year. Poorly drained soils and water loving vegetation also may be present. Wetlands are often referred to as marshes, swamps or bogs. Residents of Michigan are becoming increasingly aware of the value of wetlands. Beyond their aesthetic value, wetlands improve water quality of lakes and streams by filtering polluting nutrients, organic chemicals and toxic heavy metals. Wetlands are closely related to high groundwater tables and serve to discharge or recharge aquifers. By absorbing excess water when river levels are high and releasing water when levels are low, wetlands help prevent floods and droughts. Wetlands are also dynamic ecosystems, which are home to a wide variety of plants and animals.

There are numerous wetland areas scattered throughout Alpena County totaling over 36 thousand acres. In addition to the many inland wetland areas, Alpena County also has significant coastal wetlands scattered along its 61 miles of Lake Huron shoreline. These wetlands are important resting and feeding spots for migratory birds and help slow shoreline erosion by dissipating wave energy.

### WATER RESOURCES

Alpena County is blessed with a great number and variety of water resources located throughout the county (**Figure 1.2**). Alpena County depends on its water resources for development, recreation and commerce. Because water resources are such a prominent and important component of the county, it is necessary to identify and review the different types, quantities and qualities of the water resources available in the county.

There are 68 natural and artificial water bodies scattered throughout Alpena County that range in size from under 1 acre to thousands of acres. The largest water body in the county is Fletcher Pond hydroelectric reservoir. Shared with Montmorency County, the reservoir covers a total of 8,970 acres with 5,310 acres in Alpena County. The largest natural lake is Long Lake that covers 2,750 acres. Other large water bodies in the county include Beaver Lake, Turtle Lake, Devils Lake #1 and #2, Lake Winyah, Lake Besser, Sunset Lake, Grass Lake, Crooked Lake and Middle Lake.

The Main Branch of the Thunder Bay River, with headwaters in Montmorency County, flows from west to east across the county into Lake Huron. Wolf Creek and the Lower South Branch of the Thunder Bay River drain southern Alpena County. The South Branch of the Thunder Bay River flows from the south to the north and was dammed for a hydro-electric reservoir creating Fletcher Pond. The North Branch of the Thunder Bay River flows from Presque Isle County through the northern portion of the county. All three branches empty into Seven Mile Lake that is a hydro-electric reservoir.

Although not included as part of the surface water inventory, Lake Huron is vital to the community and economy of Alpena County. Lake Huron is used as a primary source of drinking water for the community. Currently, up to 6 million gallons of water per day can be drawn, and with the completion of planned improvements at the water treatment facility, up to 8 million gallons a day could be taken from the lake. Thunder Bay is home to many charter fishing vessels and it serves as a shipping port for Alpena County industries. Shipping in Thunder Bay has a long and tumultuous history with over 160 shipwrecks spanning over a century. The rich history of Thunder Bay was recognized as a national treasure and it was designated as the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve.

### SOILS

The most noticeable feature of the soils in Alpena County is their sandy texture, along with some soil types that are considered stony and limestone in texture. This characteristic, although rather striking and very important from agricultural and forestry standpoint, is but one of many features considered in classifying soils.

Soils types found in Alpena County are generally classified as sands, loamy sands, sandy loams, loams, fine sandy loams and muck or organic soils. **Figure 1.3** shows the building and septic limitations that exist for soils in Alpena County. A significant portion of the County contains soils that are considered hydric. The National Technical Committee for Hydric Soils define hydric soils as soils that form under conditions of saturation, flooding, or ponding long enough during the growing season to develop anaerobic conditions in the upper part. These soils are either saturated or inundated long enough during the growing season to support the growth and reproduction of hydrophytic vegetation. However, if proper engineering and building



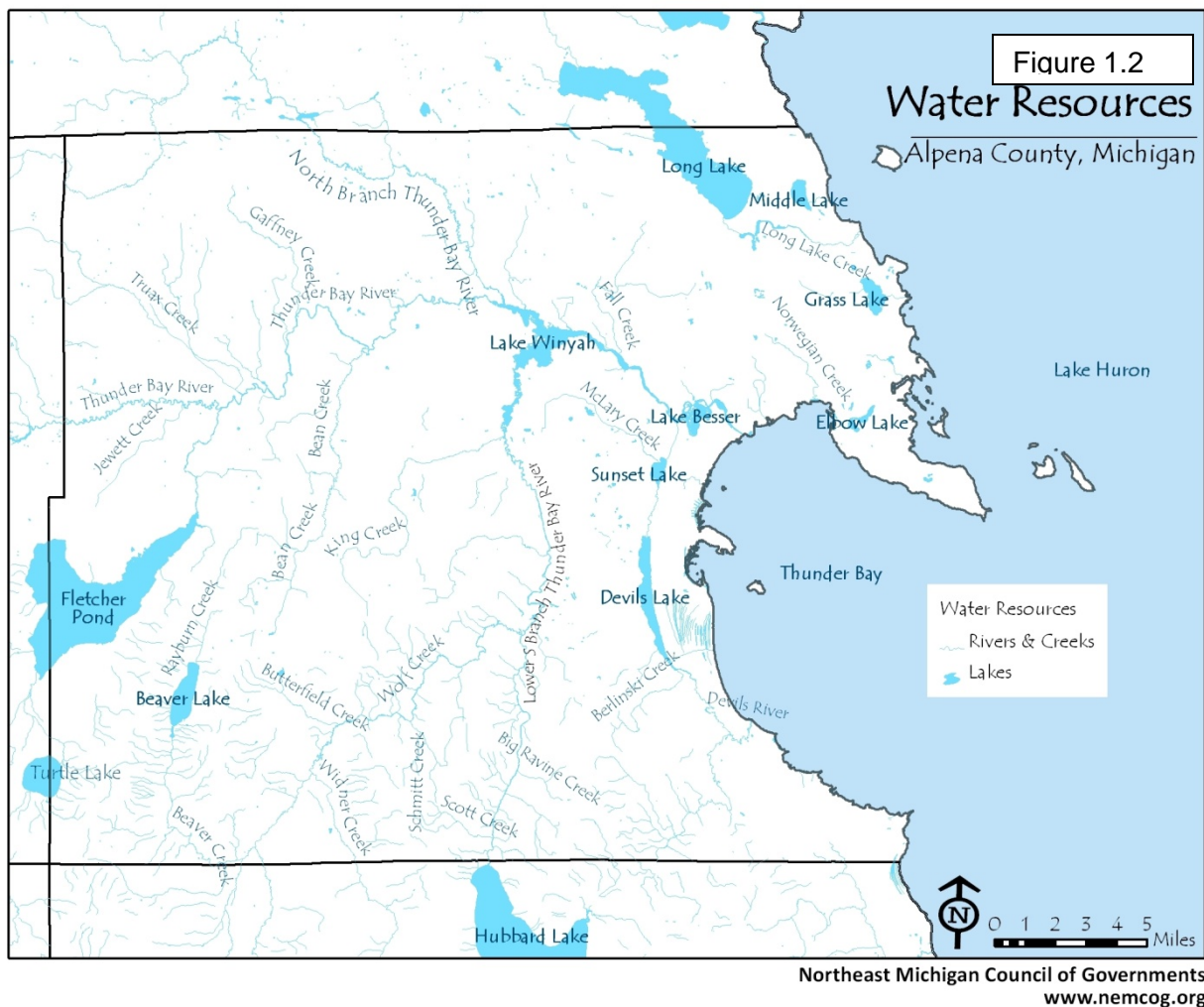
techniques are utilized, much of the land would be considered suitable for building. Soil constraints and suitability should be considered when planning park improvements projects.

## TOPOGRAPHY

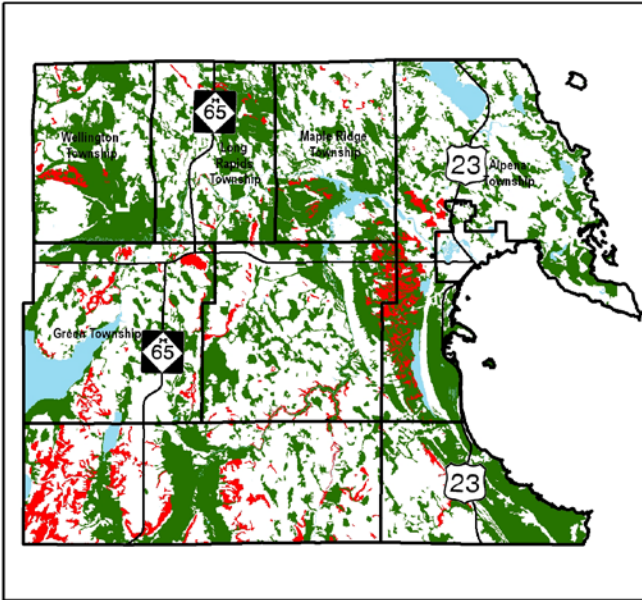
The county presents little relief of considerable magnitude as the general elevation ranges from about 580 to 1140 feet above mean sea level, a difference of 560 feet above the level of Lake Huron. The elevation ranges from about 600 feet in the City of Alpena area to the high of 1,140 feet above sea level near the southwest corner of the county.

The county is diversified with strongly sloping and choppy areas, gently undulating areas, low swell or ridges, level plains, small areas of swampy soils and numerous streams and lakes. The broader surface features are expressions of glacial activity. The more hilly areas, for the most part are moraines; glacial outwash deposits underlie the level plains; and the other parts of the level plains of sandy drift were probably deposited under the ice sheet. This topography is well suited for a diverse agriculture, recreation and forest industry. This topography also makes for a beautiful setting in which to live.

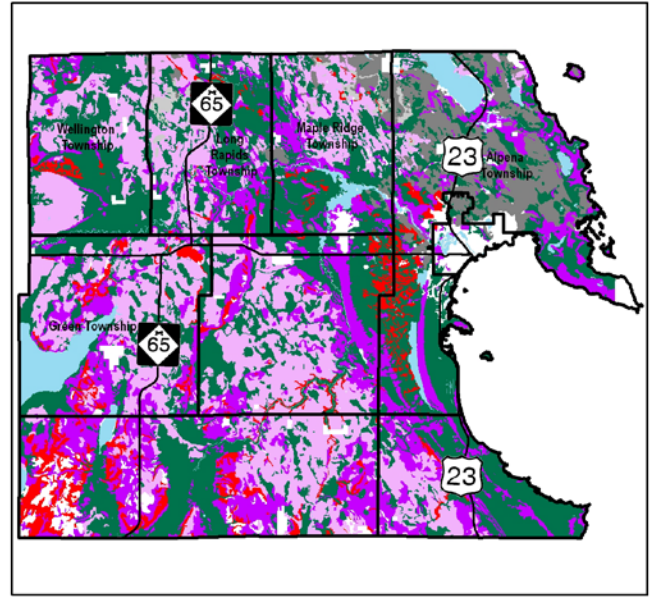
**Figure 1.2: Alpena County Water Resources**







Steep Slopes & Hydric Soils



Septic Limitations

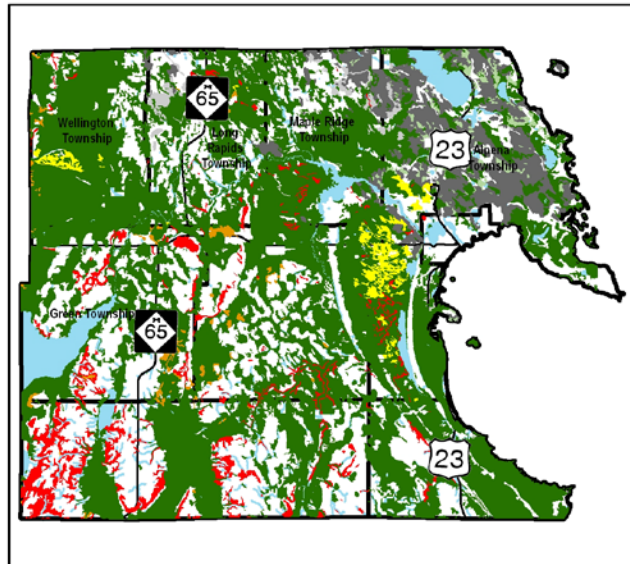
### Building Limitations

#### Buildings without Basements

- SEVERE-SLOPE
- SEVERE-WETNESS
- SEVERE-WETNESS & SLOPE
- SEVERE-WETNESS & BEDROCK
- SEVERE-SHRINK & SWELL
- SEVERE-LARGE STONES
- SEVERE-BEDROCK

#### Septic Limitations

- SEVERE-SLOPE
- SEVERE-WETNESS
- SEVERE-POOR FILTER
- SEVERE-PERCS SLOWLY
- SEVERE-LARGE STONES
- SEVERE-BEDROCK



Building Limitations  
Buildings without basements

## Soil Maps

### Alpena County



Map produced by the  
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Council of Governments  
April 2008

The digital soils data is provided by Michigan Center for Geographic Information and is derived from the soil map prepared as part of the USDA National Cooperative Soil Survey.

This map is for general planning purposes only. This map is not intended to determine soil suitability for a specific use at a specific site.

Figure 1.3

## WOODLANDS

Forestland covers approximately 60 percent of the land area in Alpena County and is the largest single land use in the county. In addition to using the forest resources for timber and fiber, woodlands are also used for all types of outdoor recreation. Large expanses of different forest types offer habitat for a wide variety of species. Forest types include northern hardwood, aspen-birch, northern white cedar, and white, red and jack pine. There are a number of different categories of forest land owners. According to the Resource Assessment of Alpena County prepared by the Alpena Conservation District, the largest amount of forest land is owned by private non-industrial land owners that account for 71.1 percent of the total ownership. Corporations own 15.4 percent, 12.4 percent is state- and federally-owned and cities and townships own 1.1 percent. The forest industry on private lands contributes greatly to the overall economic wellbeing of Alpena County.

Lowland hardwoods (ash, elm, soft maple and cotton wood) with 70,000 acres, lowland conifers (cedar, tamarack, black and white spruce and balsam) with 58,000 acres and aspen/birch with 45,000 acres are the most predominant forest types in Alpena County.

## LAND USE CHARACTERISTICS

**Table 1-1** is a summary of land use characteristics from the 1978 MIRIS land cover/use inventory. Given development trends since the inventory was completed, it is anticipated there is more residential development, particularly low density rural residential development, and less farmland. Expected loss of farmland would be attributed to farms going out of production and not farmland being converted to urban uses.

<b>Table 1.1 Alpena County Land Use</b>		
Land Use	Acres	Percent
Residential	9,750	2.5%
Commercial	920	0.2%
Industrial/Extractive/Transportation	4,743	1.2%
Institutional/Recreational	1,565	0.4%
Agricultural	78,037	19.6%
No forest	34,466	8.7%
Upland Forest	85,120	21.4%
Lowland Forest	132,906	33.4%
Wetlands	36,423	9.2%
Surface Water	13,032	3.3%
Source: MIRIS		

## CHAPTER 2: ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Alpena County Parks Commission was established in 1967 under the authority of Public Act 261, as amended by Act 242, P.A. 1966. The Alpena Area Recreation Commission **(CURRENTLY INACTIVE)** was established in 2000 under the Urban Cooperation Act, P.A. 7 of 1967. The Alpena County Planning Commission, which acts as the coordinating agency for all planning committees and commissions in the county, was re-established in 2000 under the authority of County Planning Enabling Act, Public Act 282 of 1945 as amended and re-established according to Michigan Planning Enabling Act, P.A. 33 of 2008. The process for review and adoption of the County Recreation Plan is as follows:

Alpena County Parks Commission: Review

Alpena County Planning Commission: Public Hearing, Review and Recommendation

Alpena County Board of Commissioners: Adoption

### RECREATION ADMINISTRATION FUNCTIONS

#### Planning

Provide a systematic means of planning the location, acquisition, development, and maintenance of a system of parks, recreation and open space areas, facilities, and activities within the County. Definite criteria for inclusion shall be adopted and periodically revised to keep pace with changes.

#### Acquisition

To provide a program of acquisition of adjoining acreage or to acquire unique of strategic scenic, scientific or historical areas for the enjoyment of the residents of the County and visitors to the area. Said areas shall be acquired in and organized systematic manner and shall provide equal opportunity, access and enjoyment for all people regardless of disability, race, creed, or political preferences.

#### Development

To provide those activities and facilities commensurate with the needs of the people. All development should be carefully planned and be of a durable nature to minimize maintenance.

#### Funding

To explore and utilize every means of financing that is available to the County including State and Federal matching programs, general obligation bonds, general funds, fees, charges, gifts and donations.

#### Operation

To provide the necessary personnel to operate the parks as effectively and efficiently as feasible. Adequate supervision should be provided in all areas to protect the facilities and ensure equal opportunity.

### Maintenance

To maintain all parks and facilities in a clean, neat, sanitary and orderly manner in order to protect the public health, safety and enjoyment of its users

### General Administration

To employ qualified and competent personnel to achieve the above function o the parks systems. To maintain and establish the necessary procedures for maintaining an accurate accounting of all funds.

### **ALPENA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 2014**

District 1	Jeff Kowalski
District 2	Robert Adrian
District 3	Thomas G. Mullaney
District 4	Lyle E. VanWormer
District 5	Scot McKenzie
District 6	Mark Hall
District 7	Cameron N. Habermehl
District 8	Eric Lawson

### **ALPENA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION 2014**

The Alpena County Planning Commission, in accordance with the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, has the statutory authority to develop a county master plan and sub area plans. In addition, the planning commission is responsible for developing the county recreation plan.

#### Appointed Members

Juergen Thusat  
Chuck LeFebvre  
Mark Hunter  
Darlene Wilmot  
Billi Edmonds  
Jeff Kowalski  
Brenda Fournier  
Fred Wegmeyer  
Bret Finzel  
Dane Werth  
Sue Grulke

#### Ex-Officio Members

Mary Dunckel, Ex officio for MSU Extension  
Grant Werth, Ex officio for Environmental  
Don Wood, Ex officio Drain Commissioner  
Larry Orcutt, Ex officio Road Commission

## ALPENa COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION 2014

The Alpena County Parks Commission, in accordance with a county resolution, is responsible for the development, administration and operation of county parks.

Brenda Fournier, Chair  
Stan Mischley, Vice Chair  
Karie Bleau, Secretary  
Jeff Kowalski, (Planning Commission)  
Robert Adrian  
Kurt Pratel  
Cam Habermehl  
Don Wood, Appointed by Statute  
Neil MacArthur, Appointed by Statute  
Kim Ludlow

### Park Managers

Beaver Lake Park:	Earl & Marcia Martin	(989) 379-4462
Long Lake Park:	Ken & Lorilyn LaRoche	(989) 595-2401
Sunken Lake Park:	Mark & Miranda Kinsland	(989) 379-3055

## ALPENa COUNTY FAIR BOARD

Alpena County and the Alpena County Agricultural Society have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the purpose of the operation of the Alpena County fair grounds and facilities. The agreement with the Alpena County Agricultural Society / Fair Board allows for the use of the grounds to the local FFA (School District), Cancer Society, City of Alpena, Optimists Club, Michigan State University Extension Office and also currently hold a lease with the Soil Conservation District for in-kind services to be provided at various county facilities including the Fairgrounds.

## ALPENa AREA RECREATION COMMISSION **(CURRENTLY INACTIVE)**

The Alpena Area Recreation Commission **(CURRENTLY INACTIVE)** is an intergovernmental commission consisting of Alpena County, City of Alpena, and Alpena, Green, Long Rapids, Maple Ridge, Ossineke, Sanborn, Wellington and Wilson Township working together with community representatives to support and promote recreational activities, programs and facilities for the enjoyment of residents of and visitors to the Alpena Area.

### 2008 Membership - Alpena Area Recreation Commission

Marie Twite, Alpena Township  
Lyle VanWormer, Alpena County  
Sam Eiler, City of Alpena  
Eric Smith, Green Township  
Tom Ritter, Maple Ridge Township  
Howard Lumsden, Long Rapids Township  
Ken Lobert, Ossineke Township  
Doug Vam, Sanborn Township

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Ron Lucas, Wellington Township  
Bill Domke, Wilson Township  
Jim Park, Industry  
Joe Stenz, Schools  
Tom Heise, At Large  
Gillespie, Art Parks / Nature  
Jackie Witter, At Large - Plaza Pool  
Steve Mitchell, Service Clubs  
John Plowman, At Large  
Gary M. Schuelke, Competitive Youth Sports  
Lee Shirey, At Large

### ALPENA COUNTY YOUTH AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

#### **District #1-COMMISSIONER**

Jeff Kowalski  
Linda Canfield

#### **District #2-COMMISSIONER**

Robert Adrian  
Calvin L. Howard

#### **District #3-COMMISSIONER**

Tom Mullaney  
Camille Nerkowski

#### **District #4- COMMISSIONER**

Lyle VanWormer  
Tony Suszek

#### **District #5- COMMISSIONER**

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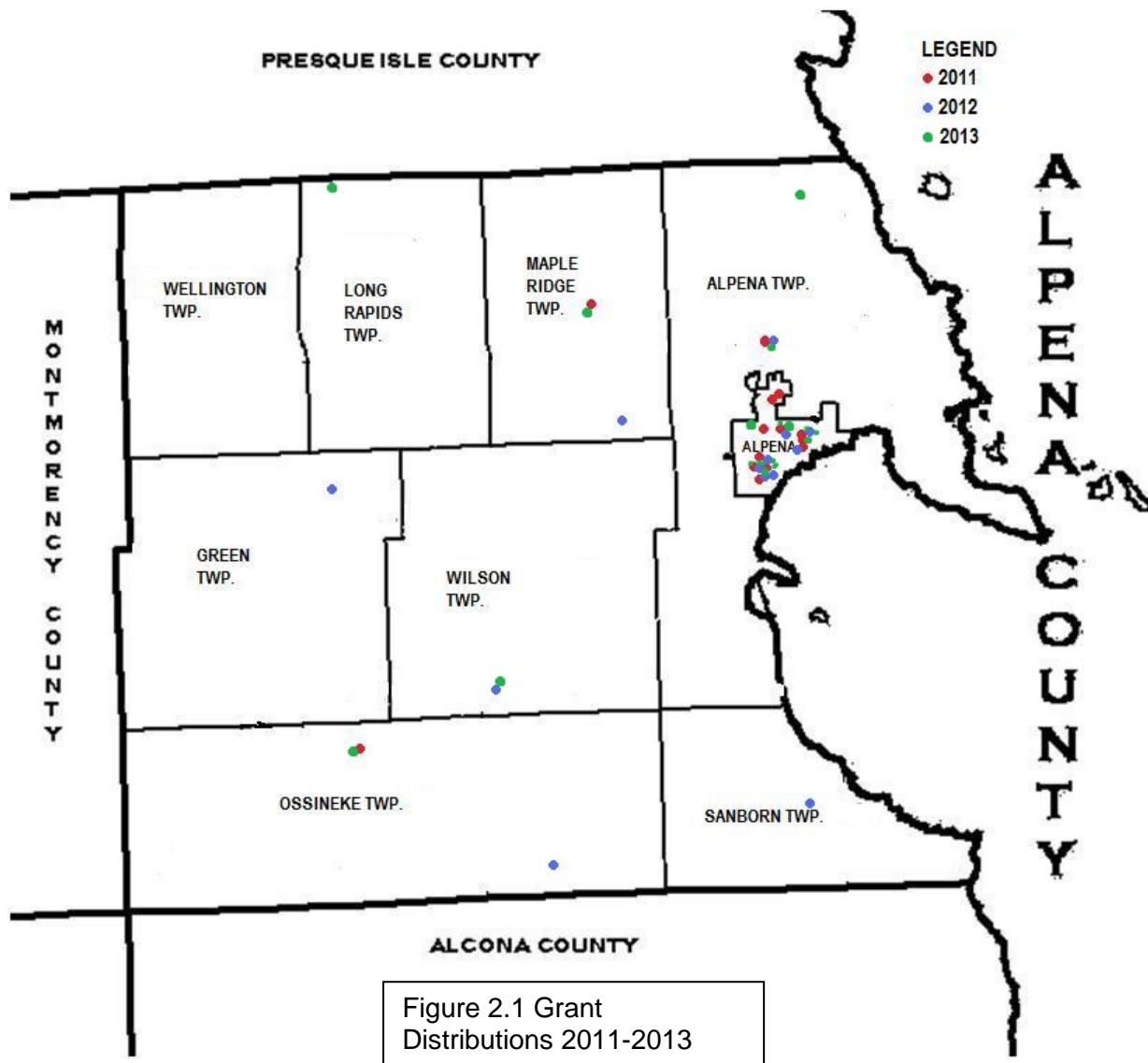
#### **District# 8- COMMISSIONER**

Eric Lawson  
Lisa Siegert

The Committee serves as an advocate for the citizens of the County. The Committee is charged with the sole purpose of providing recreational activities for youth and recreation for Alpena County residents, as well as, recreational service and improvement or development of recreational sites. The Committee is also responsible for recommending to the County Board of Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as "Commissioners", the prudent spending of public funds to promote youth and recreational opportunities to Alpena County citizens.

The Alpena County Youth and Recreation Committee, hereinafter referred to as "Committee", was officially established on September 28, 2010. The committee consists of one representative from each of the districts of the Alpena County Board of Commissioners. Terms of office for representatives from the County Commissioners districts are established to be the same as the elected members of the Board of Commissioners districts, which is a two year term.

The Committee is trying to spread the funds throughout the County, encouraging all the Townships and non-profit organizations, schools, and governmental agencies to apply. The Alpena County Map shown below depicts where the grants were awarded by the red dots for 2011 and the blue dots for 2012 and green dots for 2013.



### NLAC (Northern Lights Arena Community)

NLAC was formed to help raise funds for the purpose of designing and constructing a facility particularly related to skating sports. Additional purposes involve management of the Northern Lights Arena on a not-for-profit basis and assure affordable recreation. The organization is charged with representing all user groups of the facility. NLAC is a charitable, tax exempt 501c-3 corporation. Members represent Alpena Hockey Association, Alpena Figure Skating Association, Alpena Speed Skating Club, Alpena Independent Hockey Association, AGH All Stars, Blue Line Club and Alpena Area Recreation Commission **(CURRENTLY INACTIVE)**.



### **PROGRAMMING/PARKS & RECREATION STAFF:**

Alpena County employs salaried caretakers at Long Lake Park, Beaver Lake Campground/Park, and Sunken Lake Campground/Park. Caretakers are assisted in the operation and upkeep of the parks by the Youth Volunteer Corps and volunteers fulfilling work project requirements through Family Independence Agency. Caretakers are the only employees to receive wages.

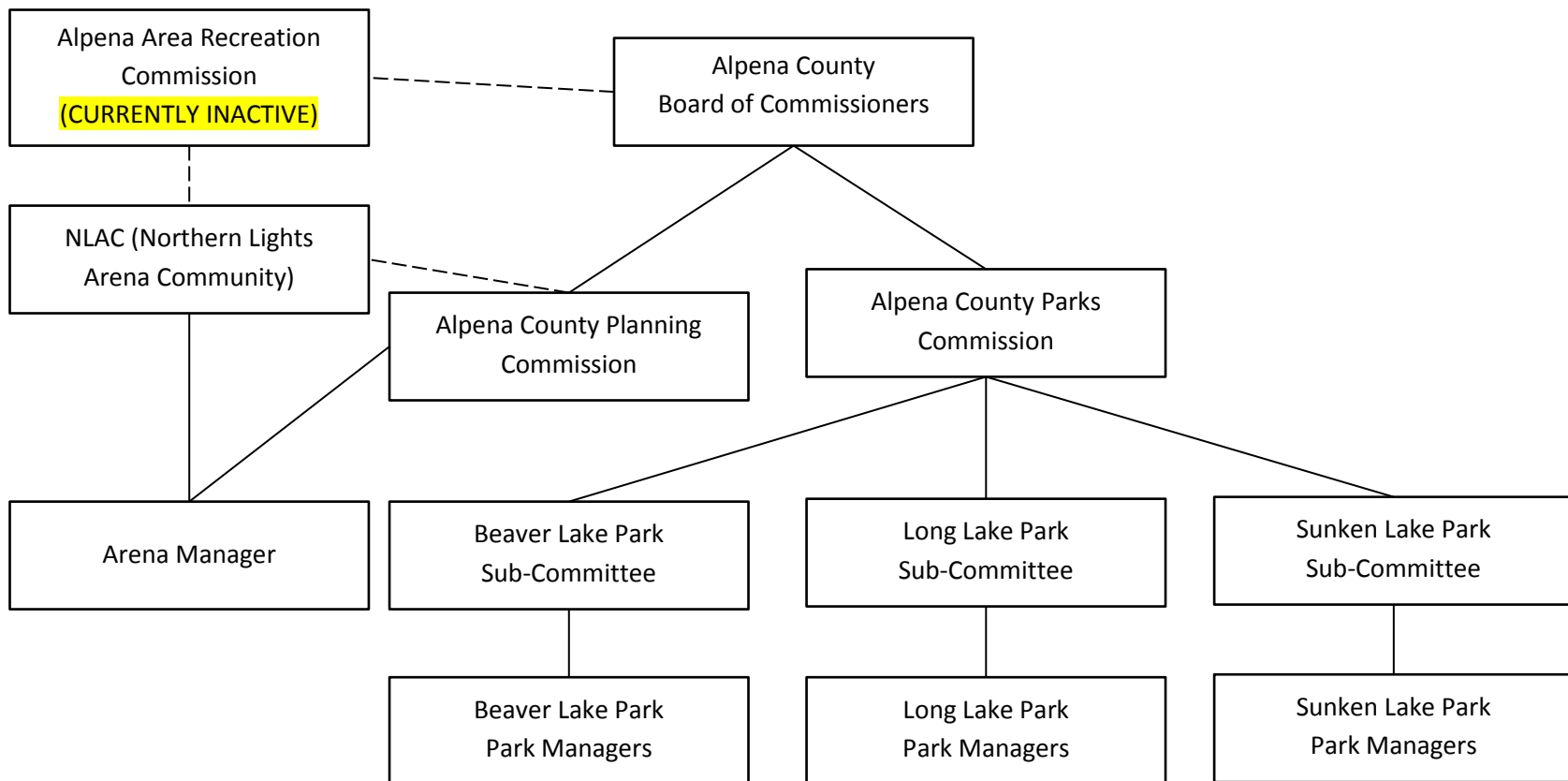
The County Fairgrounds has a part time manager. A caretaker is employed to manage the Fairgrounds. This caretaker is aided by other County employees who are transferred from other departments. By sharing the work load, it amounts to approximately two full time employee positions. Programs include the annual Alpena County Fair, Alpena Blues Fest, Cancer Walk, horseshows, 4-H shows, Moto-cross and snowmobile racing, and tool shows.

The Plaza Pool has a full time Director and seven part time support staff. The Pool Director manages the pool and operates in full-time capacity. There is also one full-time maintenance position at this facility. In addition, there are seven part-time positions that include one for maintenance and six others for lifeguards and swimming instructors. Programs at the pool include Red Cross swimming and lifesaving training sessions; Infant/Toddler water adjustment classes; Senior citizen physical therapy programs; and family swimming programs. Specific targeted programming include: Senior Fitness, Splash Aerobics, Aqua Chi, Water Walking/Running, Rehabilitation and Social Swimming, Lap and Exercise Swimming, Open Swims, Learn to Swim Instruction, Aerobic Sculpt, Robotic Competition (underwater ROV), Boot Camp and Poolates.

The Northern Lights Arena (NLA) has a full time manager and support staff. Hockey, figure skating and speed skating are primary activities at the arena. Numerous clubs and associations use NLA and include Alpena High School Wildcats, Alpena Hockey Association, Alpena Speed Skating Club, Alpena General Men's Hockey League, Alpena Men's Senior Hockey League, Carhardt Senior Hockey League, Alpena Figure Skating Club, Alpena Thunder Bay Wrecks, and NLA R/C Vehicle Club.

The employees of Plaza Pool and Northern Lights Arena are not Alpena County employees.

FIGURE 2.2: ALPENA COUNTY RECREATION ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



ALPENA COUNTY  
**Preliminary Budget Worksheet**  
 Revenues

BUDGETS AND AGREEMENTS

Account Title	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2013 Budget	Preliminary 2014 Budget	Workspace	Account Nbr
<b>Fund: GENERAL OPERATING FUND</b>						
<b>Program Revenues</b>						
<b>Charges for Services</b>						
<b>FAIRGROUNDS</b>						
FIREWOOD SALES	10.00	91.00	91.00	400.00		101-268-645.000
SHOWER FEES	21.00	64.00	64.00	50.00		101-268-652.000
DUMP FEES	721.60	315.00	525.00	300.00		101-268-653.000
<b>Total FAIRGROUNDS</b>	<b>752.60</b>	<b>470.00</b>	<b>680.00</b>	<b>750.00</b>		
<b>Total Charges for Services</b>	<b>752.60</b>	<b>470.00</b>	<b>680.00</b>	<b>750.00</b>		
<b>Fines and Forfeits</b>						
<b>FAIRGROUNDS</b>						
CAMP FEES	13,030.00	17,530.00	16,570.00	13,000.00		101-268-657.000
<b>Total FAIRGROUNDS</b>	<b>13,030.00</b>	<b>17,530.00</b>	<b>16,570.00</b>	<b>13,000.00</b>		
<b>Total Fines and Forfeits</b>	<b>13,030.00</b>	<b>17,530.00</b>	<b>16,570.00</b>	<b>13,000.00</b>		
<b>Interest and Rents</b>						
<b>FAIRGROUNDS</b>						
STORAGE FEES	14,816.43	12,336.70	11,000.00	15,000.00		101-268-668.000
MERCHANT'S RENTAL	7,050.00	5,250.00	5,000.00	5,000.00		101-268-669.000
GROUND'S RENTAL	0.00	2,100.00	1,600.00	2,000.00		101-268-670.000
VENDING CONTRACTS	14.40	44.40	41.00	41.00		101-268-670.001
<b>Total FAIRGROUNDS</b>	<b>21,880.83</b>	<b>19,731.10</b>	<b>17,641.00</b>	<b>22,041.00</b>		
<b>Total Interest and Rents</b>	<b>21,880.83</b>	<b>19,731.10</b>	<b>17,641.00</b>	<b>22,041.00</b>		
<b>Total Program Revenues</b>	<b>35,663.43</b>	<b>37,731.10</b>	<b>34,891.00</b>	<b>35,791.00</b>		

# ALPENA COUNTY

## Preliminary Budget Worksheet

### Revenues

Account Title	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2013 Budget	Preliminary 2014 Budget	Workspace	Account Nbr
<b>Fund: GENERAL OPERATING FUND</b>						
<b>Special Items</b>						
<b>Other Revenue</b>						
<b>FAIRGROUNDS</b>						
FAIRBOARD UTILITY REIMBURSEMENT	8,152.70	4,096.43	3,964.00	4,000.00		101-268-677.002
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	25.00	63.00	0.00	63.00		101-268-694.000
<b>Total FAIRGROUNDS</b>	<b>8,177.70</b>	<b>4,159.43</b>	<b>3,964.00</b>	<b>4,063.00</b>		
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>8,177.70</b>	<b>4,159.43</b>	<b>3,964.00</b>	<b>4,063.00</b>		
<b>Total Special Items</b>	<b>8,177.70</b>	<b>4,159.43</b>	<b>3,964.00</b>	<b>4,063.00</b>		
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>43,841.13</b>	<b>41,890.53</b>	<b>38,855.00</b>	<b>39,854.00</b>		

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Account Title	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2013 Budget	Preliminary 2014 Budget	Workspace	Account Nbr
<b>Fund: GENERAL OPERATING FUND</b>						
<b>General Government</b>						
<b>FAIRGROUNDS</b>						
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	177.36	247.13	203.00	210.00		101-268-725.009
LICENSES	945.00	505.00	375.00	825.00		101-268-731.000
GASOLINE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		101-268-743.000
BLDG & GROUND'S SUPPLIES	522.16	354.67	400.00	500.00		101-268-783.000
JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	135.08	295.53	300.00	500.00		101-268-784.000
FIRE SUPPRESSION	263.80	344.75	400.00	400.00		101-268-802.000
TELEPHONE	637.65	528.57	600.00	600.00		101-268-850.000
NATURAL GAS	8,227.15	8,852.84	8,597.62	10,000.00		101-268-920.000
LIGHTS	28,714.18	31,924.41	31,902.38	33,000.00		101-268-921.000
WATER & SEWER	1,672.44	4,280.89	4,281.85	2,200.00		101-268-922.000
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	711.36	1,130.69	1,131.00	1,000.00		101-268-931.000
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	1,076.92	1,160.08	1,253.00	1,175.00		101-268-932.000
GROUND'S MAINTENANCE	1,679.58	1,538.74	1,634.15	2,300.00		101-268-933.000
<b>Total FAIRGROUNDS</b>	<b>44,762.68</b>	<b>51,163.30</b>	<b>51,078.00</b>	<b>52,710.00</b>		
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>44,762.68</b>	<b>51,163.30</b>	<b>51,078.00</b>	<b>52,710.00</b>		
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>44,762.68</b>	<b>51,163.30</b>	<b>51,078.00</b>	<b>52,710.00</b>		
<b>BUDGETED CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>-921.55</b>	<b>-9,272.77</b>	<b>-12,223.00</b>	<b>-12,856.00</b>		

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### Revenues

Account Title	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2013 Budget	Preliminary 2014 Budget	Workspace	Account Nbr
<b>Fund: PARKS &amp; RECREATION FUND</b>						
<b>General Revenues</b>						
<b>Taxes</b>						
<b>BEAVER LAKE PARK</b>						
BEAVER LAKE PARK	36,076.00	42,075.00	42,075.00	40,000.00		208-692-402.000
BEAVER LAKE PARK-BOAT LAUNCH FEES	1,815.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,500.00		208-692-402.001
BEAVER LAKE PARK-PAVILION	520.00	475.00	630.00	500.00		208-692-402.002
<b>Total BEAVER LAKE PARK</b>	<b>38,411.00</b>	<b>44,350.00</b>	<b>44,505.00</b>	<b>42,000.00</b>		
<b>SUNKEN LAKE PARK</b>						
SUNKEN LAKE PARK	28,556.00	28,722.00	28,722.00	30,000.00		208-693-403.000
SUNKEN LAKE PARK-BOAT LAUNCH FEES	170.00	135.00	165.00	150.00		208-693-403.001
SUNKEN LAKE PARK-PAVILION	400.00	75.00	380.00	300.00		208-693-403.002
<b>Total SUNKEN LAKE PARK</b>	<b>29,126.00</b>	<b>28,932.00</b>	<b>29,267.00</b>	<b>30,450.00</b>		
<b>LONG LAKE PARK</b>						
LONG LAKE PARK	56,526.90	61,947.00	64,910.00	63,000.00		208-696-401.000
LONG LAKE PARK-BOAT LAUNCH FEES	3,895.00	3,919.00	3,919.00	3,800.00		208-696-401.002
LONG LAKE PARK-PAVILION	660.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	750.00		208-696-401.003
<b>Total LONG LAKE PARK</b>	<b>61,081.90</b>	<b>67,166.00</b>	<b>70,129.00</b>	<b>67,550.00</b>		
<b>Total Taxes</b>	<b>128,618.90</b>	<b>140,448.00</b>	<b>143,901.00</b>	<b>140,000.00</b>		
<b>Total General Revenues</b>	<b>128,618.90</b>	<b>140,448.00</b>	<b>143,901.00</b>	<b>140,000.00</b>		
<b>Program Revenues</b>						
<b>Contribution From Local Units</b>						

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Account Title	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2013 Budget	Preliminary 2014 Budget	Workspace	Account Nbr
<b>Fund: PARKS &amp; RECREATION FUND</b>						
<b>Program Revenues</b>						
<b>Contribution From Local Units</b>						
<b>GENERAL PARKS</b>						
YOUTH & RECREATION APPROPRIATION	0.00	31,688.80	31,800.00	0.00		208-694-581.000
<b>Total GENERAL PARKS</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>31,688.80</b>	<b>31,800.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>		
<b>Total Contribution From Local Units</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>31,688.80</b>	<b>31,800.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>		
<b>Charges for Services</b>						
<b>BEAVER LAKE PARK</b>						
RESERVATION FEES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		208-692-623.000
<b>Total BEAVER LAKE PARK</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>		
<b>SUNKEN LAKE PARK</b>						
RESERVATION FEES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		208-693-623.000
<b>Total SUNKEN LAKE PARK</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>		
<b>LONG LAKE PARK</b>						
RESERVATION FEES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		208-696-623.000
<b>Total LONG LAKE PARK</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>		
<b>Total Charges for Services</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>		
<b>Interest and Rents</b>						
<b>BEAVER LAKE PARK</b>						
GAS ROYALTIES	3,376.51	711.49	1,000.00	1,000.00		208-692-668.000
<b>Total BEAVER LAKE PARK</b>	<b>3,376.51</b>	<b>711.49</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>		



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Account Title	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2013 Budget	Preliminary 2014 Budget	Workspace	Account Nbr
<b>Fund: PARKS &amp; RECREATION FUND</b>						
<b>Program Revenues</b>						
<b>Interest and Rents</b>						
<b>GENERAL PARKS</b>						
INVESTMENT EARNINGS	290.41	182.47	200.00	200.00		208-694-665.000
RIVER PARK GAS ROYALTIES	1,079.12	1,265.84	1,266.00	1,000.00		208-694-669.000
<b>Total GENERAL PARKS</b>	<b>1,369.53</b>	<b>1,448.31</b>	<b>1,466.00</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>		
<b>LONG LAKE PARK</b>						
VENDING CONTRACT	12.00	31.20	50.00	50.00		208-696-670.000
<b>Total LONG LAKE PARK</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>31.20</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>		
<b>Total Interest and Rents</b>	<b>4,758.04</b>	<b>2,191.00</b>	<b>2,516.00</b>	<b>2,250.00</b>		
<b>Total Program Revenues</b>	<b>4,758.04</b>	<b>33,879.80</b>	<b>34,316.00</b>	<b>2,250.00</b>		
<b>Special Items</b>						
<b>Other Revenue</b>						
<b>BEAVER LAKE PARK</b>						
PRIVATE DONATIONS/STEPS	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		208-692-675.002
REIMBURSEMENTS & REFUNDS	0.00	474.06	475.00	0.00		208-692-677.000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	185.00	238.00	238.00	150.00		208-692-694.000
ALBAND CONTRACT 2012-2017	75.00	0.00	50.00	50.00		208-692-694.001
<b>Total BEAVER LAKE PARK</b>	<b>1,760.00</b>	<b>712.06</b>	<b>763.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>		
<b>SUNKEN LAKE PARK</b>						
REIMBURSEMENTS & REFUNDS	144.09	380.10	0.00	0.00		208-693-677.000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	94.00	46.00	70.00	70.00		208-693-694.000
<b>Total SUNKEN LAKE PARK</b>	<b>238.09</b>	<b>426.10</b>	<b>70.00</b>	<b>70.00</b>		

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Account Title	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2013 Budget	Preliminary 2014 Budget	Workspace	Account Nbr
<b>Fund: PARKS &amp; RECREATION FUND</b>						
<b>Special Items</b>						
<b>Other Revenue</b>						
<b>GENERAL PARKS</b>						
REIMBURSEMENTS & REFUNDS	206.00	10.90	11.00	100.00		208-694-677.000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00		208-694-694.000
<b>Total GENERAL PARKS</b>	<b>206.00</b>	<b>10.90</b>	<b>111.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>		
<b>LONG LAKE PARK</b>						
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	283.00	184.00	185.00	125.00		208-696-694.000
<b>Total LONG LAKE PARK</b>	<b>283.00</b>	<b>184.00</b>	<b>185.00</b>	<b>125.00</b>		
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>2,487.09</b>	<b>1,333.06</b>	<b>1,129.00</b>	<b>595.00</b>		
<b>Total Special Items</b>	<b>2,487.09</b>	<b>1,333.06</b>	<b>1,129.00</b>	<b>595.00</b>		
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>135,864.03</b>	<b>175,660.86</b>	<b>179,346.00</b>	<b>142,845.00</b>		

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**Preliminary Budget Worksheet**  
**Expenditures**

Account Title	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2013 Budget	Preliminary 2014 Budget	Workspace	Account Nbr
<b>Fund: PARKS &amp; RECREATION FUND</b>						
<b>Community and Economic Development</b>						
<b>BEAVER LAKE PARK</b>						
CARETAKER/CONTRACT	10,261.78	10,601.00	11,025.00	11,025.00		208-692-703.000
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	768.80	810.83	850.00	850.00		208-692-725.001
BUILDINGS/GROUNDS SUPPLIES	1,619.74	804.16	1,500.00	1,700.00		208-692-726.000
OFFICE SUPPLIES	0.00	266.07	275.00	275.00		208-692-727.000
POWER TOOLS	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00		208-692-728.000
JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	2,030.90	1,770.23	1,800.00	1,800.00		208-692-784.000
DUES, SUBSCRIPTIONS, LICENSES	521.18	541.20	542.00	350.00		208-692-807.000
TELEPHONE / INTERNET	881.41	1,739.17	1,780.00	1,800.00		208-692-850.000
GARBAGE PICK-UP	1,151.00	990.00	1,350.00	1,350.00		208-692-862.000
PORTA JOHNS/SEPTIC CLEANING	998.75	1,120.00	1,205.00	1,000.00		208-692-862.001
HEATING PROPANE	2,461.44	2,501.14	2,546.00	3,100.00		208-692-919.000
LIGHTS	6,876.56	8,879.71	8,880.00	5,000.00		208-692-921.000
GASOLINE	1,601.01	1,913.77	1,914.00	1,500.00		208-692-923.000
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE/MECHANIC	2,388.15	4,023.62	4,024.00	3,100.00		208-692-931.000
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	2,232.10	1,581.44	1,582.00	1,500.00		208-692-932.000
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	410.88	205.84	495.00	1,350.00		208-692-933.000
STEP PROJECT	1,501.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		208-692-933.002
INSECT CONTROL	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00		208-692-935.000
ALBAND CONTRACT 2012-2017	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00		208-692-998.000
CONTINGENCY FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00		208-692-998.001
<b>Total BEAVER LAKE PARK</b>	<b>35,704.70</b>	<b>37,748.18</b>	<b>40,318.00</b>	<b>37,750.00</b>		

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Account Title	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2013 Budget	Preliminary 2014 Budget	Workspace	Account Nbr
<b>Fund: PARKS &amp; RECREATION FUND</b>						
<b>Community and Economic Development</b>						
<b>SUNKEN LAKE PARK</b>						
CARETAKER CONTRACT	11,025.04	11,146.06	11,147.00	11,025.00		208-693-703.000
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	843.44	852.70	850.00	850.00		208-693-725.001
BUILDING/GROUNDS SUPPLIES	1,026.27	540.51	600.00	1,100.00		208-693-726.000
OFFICE SUPPLIES	0.00	136.10	200.00	200.00		208-693-727.000
POWER TOOLS	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00		208-693-728.000
JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	836.66	1,092.47	1,093.00	900.00		208-693-784.000
DUES, SUBSCRIPTIONS, LICENSES	410.69	479.14	480.00	200.00		208-693-807.000
TELEPHONE / Internet	617.21	921.67	944.00	1,140.00		208-693-850.000
GARBAGE PICK-UP	624.00	1,322.00	1,322.00	800.00		208-693-862.000
PORTA JOHNS/SEPTIC CLEANING	1,720.00	1,263.75	1,264.00	1,500.00		208-693-862.001
HEATING PROPANE	2,359.72	1,855.05	2,647.00	2,800.00		208-693-919.000
LIGHTS	5,824.00	4,568.00	4,568.00	4,000.00		208-693-921.000
GASOLINE	2,099.04	2,015.60	2,016.00	1,600.00		208-693-923.000
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE/MECHANIC	1,538.48	1,492.83	1,500.00	1,500.00		208-693-931.000
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	656.72	2,093.76	2,094.00	1,200.00		208-693-932.000
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	1,044.89	1,513.36	1,514.00	1,200.00		208-693-933.000
CHLORIDE ROAD	800.00	196.88	197.00	250.00		208-693-934.000
INSECT CONTROL	0.00	250.00	250.00	500.00		208-693-935.000
CONTINGENCY FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00		208-693-998.001
<b>Total SUNKEN LAKE PARK</b>	<b>31,426.16</b>	<b>31,739.88</b>	<b>32,686.00</b>	<b>32,265.00</b>		

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<b>Fund: PARKS &amp; RECREATION FUND</b>						
<b>Community and Economic Development</b>						
<b>GENERAL PARKS</b>						
WAGES-CHAIRMAN OF PARKS COMMISSION	1,533.96	1,414.54	1,611.00	1,611.00		208-694-701.000
SECRETARY/CONTRACT	1,433.04	1,552.46	1,553.00	1,510.00		208-694-703.000
SALARY/COUNTY TREAS	1,510.00	1,510.00	1,510.00	1,510.00		208-694-705.000
MEMBERS PER DIEM	3,306.12	3,300.00	3,700.00	3,700.00		208-694-721.000
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	0.00	242.31	243.00	0.00		208-694-725.000
SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE	684.35	646.43	650.00	650.00		208-694-725.001
WORKERS COMPENSATION	524.08	512.92	600.00	750.00		208-694-725.009
UNEMPLOYMENT	2,270.02	0.00	0.00	1,500.00		208-694-725.010
457 DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN	17.31	0.00	0.00	20.00		208-694-725.013
MERS DEFINED CONTRIBUTION	0.00	105.70	106.00	0.00		208-694-725.014
PARKS-OFC SUPPLIES	936.62	108.99	917.00	860.00		208-694-727.000
POSTAGE	21.55	0.00	84.00	69.00		208-694-728.000
ADVERTISING	359.84	645.46	1,000.00	500.00		208-694-729.000
PROFESSIONAL FEES	50.00	0.00	100.00	100.00		208-694-801.000
COMPUTER ACCOUNTS	0.00	500.00	500.00	1,400.00		208-694-805.000
IT Contract Hours	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00		208-694-805.001
TRAVEL EXPENSE	1,079.16	1,075.88	1,222.00	1,222.00		208-694-860.000
MANNING HILL EXPENSE	650.00	1,302.50	1,500.00	1,500.00		208-694-933.000
CAPITAL OUTLAY-BEAVER LAKE PARK	3,956.53	1,500.00	3,300.00	4,000.00		208-694-960.001
CAPITAL OUTLAY-LONG LAKE PARK	500.00	1,387.30	3,300.00	4,000.00		208-694-960.002
CAPITAL OUTLAY-SUNKEN LAKE PARK	4,652.03	0.00	3,300.00	4,000.00		208-694-960.003
CAPITAL OUTLAY-LL PARK ROAD	2,869.95	2,869.95	2,870.00	0.00		208-694-960.004
CAPITAL OUTLAY-LLP BOAT LAUNCH	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	0.00		208-694-960.005
CAPITAL OUTLAY-Y & R & MATCH	0.00	38,760.80	52,174.00	0.00		208-694-960.006
<b>Total GENERAL PARKS</b>	<b>26,354.56</b>	<b>57,435.24</b>	<b>81,340.00</b>	<b>31,402.00</b>		

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<b>Fund: PARKS &amp; RECREATION FUND</b>						
<b>Community and Economic Development</b>						
<b>LONG LAKE PARK</b>						
CARETAKER/CONTRACT	12,726.92	11,660.50	12,127.00	12,127.00		208-696-703.000
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	973.58	909.03	928.00	928.00		208-696-725.001
BUILDING/GROUNDS SUPPLIES	94.00	150.46	155.00	500.00		208-696-726.000
OFFICE SUPPLIES	0.00	164.25	200.00	200.00		208-696-727.000
POWER TOOLS	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00		208-696-728.000
JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	1,623.18	1,725.25	1,800.00	1,800.00		208-696-784.000
DUES, SUBSCRIPTIONS, LICENSES	620.69	756.14	757.00	500.00		208-696-807.000
TELEPHONE / Internet	768.96	858.75	859.00	1,140.00		208-696-850.000
GARBAGE PICK-UP	1,338.00	1,506.00	1,506.00	1,200.00		208-696-862.000
PORTA JOHNS/SEPTIC CLEANING	720.00	1,080.00	1,175.00	800.00		208-696-862.001
HEATING PROPANE	1,605.35	2,716.28	2,717.00	2,400.00		208-696-919.000
LIGHTS	9,048.01	9,766.81	10,000.00	10,000.00		208-696-921.000
GASOLINE	978.43	663.36	800.00	800.00		208-696-923.000
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE/MECHANIC	211.95	493.22	619.00	1,000.00		208-696-931.000
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	1,327.85	2,769.13	2,770.00	2,700.00		208-696-932.000
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	1,816.24	1,487.89	1,488.00	1,500.00		208-696-933.000
DOCKING/FISH PLANT/PLAYGROUND	0.00	0.00	395.00	395.00		208-696-933.001
CHLORIDE ROADS	322.22	271.97	272.00	250.00		208-696-934.000
INSECT CONTROL	0.00	0.00	800.00	800.00		208-696-935.000
CONTINGENCY FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00		208-696-998.001
<b>Total LONG LAKE PARK</b>	<b>34,175.38</b>	<b>36,979.04</b>	<b>39,368.00</b>	<b>40,540.00</b>		
<b>Total Community and Econo</b>	<b>127,660.80</b>	<b>163,902.34</b>	<b>193,712.00</b>	<b>141,957.00</b>		
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>127,660.80</b>	<b>163,902.34</b>	<b>193,712.00</b>	<b>141,957.00</b>		
<b>BUDGETED CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>8,203.23</b>	<b>11,758.52</b>	<b>-14,366.00</b>	<b>888.00</b>		

#### Report Filter Criteria

Fund Code Range: 208 PARKS & RECREATION FUND to 208 PARKS & RECREATION FUND

**ALPENA COUNTY**  
**Preliminary Budget Worksheet**  
**Revenues**

Account Title	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2013 Budget	Preliminary 2014 Budget	Workspace	Account Nbr
<b>Fund: NORTHERN LIGHTS ARENA SURCHARGE FUND</b>						
<b>Program Revenues</b>						
<b>Charges for Services</b>						
<b>NLA SURCHARGES/CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>						
SURCHARGE-SPECTATORS	11,315.00	8,516.00	12,000.00	12,000.00		580-900-651.001
<b>Total NLA SURCHARGES/CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	<b>11,315.00</b>	<b>8,516.00</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>		
<b>NLA Surcharges / Ice Time Perpetual</b>						
Surcharge / Ice Time Perpetual	0.00	3,250.00	0.00	0.00		580-903-651.000
<b>Total NLA Surcharges / Ice Time Perpetual</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,250.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>		
<b>Total Charges for Services</b>	<b>11,315.00</b>	<b>11,766.00</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>		
<b>Interest and Rents</b>						
<b>NORTHERN LIGHTS ARENA</b>						
INTEREST INCOME-NLA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		580-754-665.000
<b>Total NORTHERN LIGHTS ARENA</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>		
<b>NLA SURCHARGES/CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>						
INTEREST	244.98	172.97	200.00	200.00		580-900-665.000
<b>Total NLA SURCHARGES/CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	<b>244.98</b>	<b>172.97</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>		
<b>NLA Surcharges / Ice Time Perpetual</b>						
INTEREST	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		580-903-665.000
<b>Total NLA Surcharges / Ice Time Perpetual</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>		
<b>Total Interest and Rents</b>	<b>244.98</b>	<b>172.97</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>		
<b>Total Program Revenues</b>	<b>11,559.98</b>	<b>11,938.97</b>	<b>12,200.00</b>	<b>12,200.00</b>		



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Account Title	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2013 Budget	Preliminary 2014 Budget	Workspace	Account Nbr
<b>Fund: NORTHERN LIGHTS ARENA SURCHARGE FUND</b>						
<b>Special Items</b>						
<b>Other Revenue</b>						
<b>NORTHERN LIGHTS ARENA</b>						
NLA MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	0.00	12.33	0.00	0.00		580-754-695.000
<b>Total NORTHERN LIGHTS ARENA</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12.33</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>		
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12.33</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>		
<b>Total Special Items</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12.33</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>		
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>11,559.98</b>	<b>11,951.30</b>	<b>12,200.00</b>	<b>12,200.00</b>		

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Account Title	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2013 Budget	Preliminary 2014 Budget	Workspace	Account Nbr
<b>Fund: NORTHERN LIGHTS ARENA SURCHARGE FUND</b>						
<b>Capital Outlay</b>						
<b>NLA SURCHARGES/CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>						
BUILDINGS/ADDITIONS & IMPROVEMENTS	16,075.35	3,717.09	4,000.00	4,000.00		580-900-975.000
<b>Total NLA SURCHARGES/CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	<b>16,075.35</b>	<b>3,717.09</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>		
<b>Total Capital Outlay</b>	<b>16,075.35</b>	<b>3,717.09</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>		
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>16,075.35</b>	<b>3,717.09</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>		
<b>BUDGETED CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>-4,515.37</b>	<b>8,234.21</b>	<b>8,200.00</b>	<b>8,200.00</b>		

**Report Filter Criteria**

Fund Code Range: 580 NORTHERN LIGHTS ARENA SURCHARGE FUND to 580 NORTHERN LIGHTS ARENA SURCHARGE FUND

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### Revenues

Account Title	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2013 Budget	Preliminary 2014 Budget	Workspace	Account Nbr
<b>Fund: PLAZA POOL FUND</b>						
<b>Program Revenues</b>						
<b>Contribution From Local Units</b>						
<b>PLAZA POOL</b>						
TRANSFER FROM SENIOR CITIZEN FUND	16,432.00	16,653.00	14,802.00	10,000.00		587-774-581.000
TRANSFER FROM YOUTH & RECREATION	70,000.00	84,999.96	85,000.00	85,000.00		587-774-582.000
AREA ON AGING	-501.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		587-774-583.000
<b>Total PLAZA POOL</b>	<b>85,931.00</b>	<b>101,652.96</b>	<b>99,802.00</b>	<b>95,000.00</b>		
<b>MAKE-A-SPLASH</b>						
TRANSFER FROM YOUTH & RECREATION	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	7,500.00		587-776-582.000
<b>Total MAKE-A-SPLASH</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>7,500.00</b>		
<b>Total Contribution From Local Units</b>	<b>85,931.00</b>	<b>106,652.96</b>	<b>104,802.00</b>	<b>102,500.00</b>		
<b>Charges for Services</b>						
<b>PLAZA POOL</b>						
POOL-SENIOR SWIMS/PUNCH CARDS	19,355.50	17,463.50	18,198.00	22,500.00		587-774-650.000
POOL-REGISTRATIONS	10,569.00	17,388.55	11,500.00	20,000.00		587-774-651.000
POOL-OPEN SWIMS	6,286.45	5,999.00	6,000.00	7,500.00		587-774-652.000
POOL-ASC	10,600.00	5,330.00	7,000.00	8,000.00		587-774-653.000
POOL-PASSES	25,677.50	24,234.50	23,500.00	25,000.00		587-774-654.000
<b>Total PLAZA POOL</b>	<b>72,488.45</b>	<b>70,415.55</b>	<b>66,198.00</b>	<b>83,000.00</b>		
<b>Total Charges for Services</b>	<b>72,488.45</b>	<b>70,415.55</b>	<b>66,198.00</b>	<b>83,000.00</b>		
<b>Fines and Forfeits</b>						
<b>PLAZA POOL</b>						
POOL-OPEN SWIM PUNCH CARDS	2,228.50	4,115.00	2,250.00	4,000.00		587-774-655.000
ADVERTISING SALES	0.00	5,000.00	15,000.00	10,000.00		587-774-656.000
<b>Total PLAZA POOL</b>	<b>2,228.50</b>	<b>9,115.00</b>	<b>17,250.00</b>	<b>14,000.00</b>		

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### Revenues

Account Title	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2013 Budget	Preliminary 2014 Budget	Workspace	Account Nbr
<b>Fund: PLAZA POOL FUND</b>						
<b>Program Revenues</b>						
<b>Fines and Forfeits</b>						
<b>Total Fines and Forfeits</b>	<u>2,228.50</u>	<u>9,115.00</u>	<u>17,250.00</u>	<u>14,000.00</u>		
<b>Interest and Rents</b>						
<b>PLAZA POOL</b>						
INTEREST	276.22	177.77	200.00	200.00		587-774-665.000
POOL-RENTALS	29,929.00	23,215.50	24,000.00	22,000.00		587-774-667.000
<b>Total PLAZA POOL</b>	<u>30,205.22</u>	<u>23,393.27</u>	<u>24,200.00</u>	<u>22,200.00</u>		
<b>Total Interest and Rents</b>	<u>30,205.22</u>	<u>23,393.27</u>	<u>24,200.00</u>	<u>22,200.00</u>		
<b>Total Program Revenues</b>	<u>190,853.17</u>	<u>209,576.78</u>	<u>212,450.00</u>	<u>221,700.00</u>		
<b>Special Items</b>						
<b>Other Revenue</b>						
<b>PLAZA POOL</b>						
POOL DONATIONS	113.00	293.75	240.00	0.00		587-774-675.000
VENDING MACHINES	10,224.87	7,309.87	14,000.00	10,000.00		587-774-678.000
MISCELLANEOUS	965.00	121.00	25.00	0.00		587-774-694.000
MISC - Y&R 2014 Supplies/Equip Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00		587-774-694.001
<b>Total PLAZA POOL</b>	<u>11,302.87</u>	<u>7,724.62</u>	<u>14,265.00</u>	<u>12,500.00</u>		
<b>MAKE-A-SPLASH</b>						
PRIVATE DONATIONS	10,550.00	7,100.00	12,000.00	15,000.00		587-776-675.000
<b>Total MAKE-A-SPLASH</b>	<u>10,550.00</u>	<u>7,100.00</u>	<u>12,000.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>		
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<u>21,852.87</u>	<u>14,824.62</u>	<u>26,265.00</u>	<u>27,500.00</u>		
<b>Total Special Items</b>	<u>21,852.87</u>	<u>14,824.62</u>	<u>26,265.00</u>	<u>27,500.00</u>		
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>212,706.04</u>	<u>224,401.40</u>	<u>238,715.00</u>	<u>249,200.00</u>		

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Account Title	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2013 Budget	Preliminary 2014 Budget	Workspace	Account Nbr
<b>Fund: PLAZA POOL FUND</b>						
<b>Recreation and Culture</b>						
<b>PLAZA POOL</b>						
DIRECTOR'S SALARY	14,012.22	0.00	0.00	0.00		587-774-702.000
INSTRUCTORS	31,208.83	0.00	0.00	0.00		587-774-703.000
CUSTODIAN OVERTIME	288.32	83.38	8.50	0.00		587-774-706.000
INCENTIVE PAYMENT	296.69	0.00	0.00	0.00		587-774-720.000
LONGEVITY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		587-774-725.000
SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE	3,502.62	6.15	0.60	0.00		587-774-725.001
HOSPITALIZATION	2,980.78	0.00	0.00	0.00		587-774-725.003
SICK AND ACCIDENT	153.52	0.00	0.00	0.00		587-774-725.005
DENTAL/OPTICAL (NON TAXABLE)	703.31	0.00	0.00	0.00		587-774-725.007
LIFE INSURANCE	64.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		587-774-725.008
WORKERS COMPENSATION	1,863.30	0.00	0.00	0.00		587-774-725.009
UNEMPLOYMENT	0.00	6,154.00	6,516.00	6,516.00		587-774-725.010
MERS DEFINED CONTRIBUTION	980.86	0.00	0.00	0.00		587-774-725.014
MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT	2,929.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		587-774-725.016
POOL OFFICE SUPPLIES	620.48	1,893.87	1,900.00	2,150.00		587-774-727.000
INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES	240.24	624.92	1,500.00	1,000.00		587-774-728.000
EMERGENCY SUPPLIES	7.93	20.50	200.00	200.00		587-774-729.000
LICENSES	935.90	576.00	750.00	1,000.00		587-774-731.000
BUILDING & GROUNDS SUPPLIES	212.72	245.52	300.00	2,500.00		587-774-783.000
JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	2,257.31	2,165.02	3,400.00	3,000.00		587-774-784.000
POOL CHEMICALS	2,472.62	6,023.71	6,500.00	6,500.00		587-774-785.000
PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	8,160.00	24,250.00	24,000.00	24,000.00		587-774-802.000
CONTRACTUAL HELP	41,790.00	99,996.00	100,000.00	105,000.00		587-774-803.000
POOL TELEPHONE	717.54	1,269.86	1,300.00	1,400.00		587-774-850.000
POOL TRAVEL EXPENSE	1,655.83	616.78	1,000.00	800.00		587-774-860.000
POOL ADVERTISING	4,370.73	3,839.62	5,000.00	8,000.00		587-774-903.000
NATURAL GAS	19,685.91	23,377.98	25,000.00	18,000.00		587-774-920.000
LIGHTS	30,692.39	21,851.16	25,500.00	19,785.00		587-774-921.000

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### Expenditures

Account Title	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2013 Budget	Preliminary 2014 Budget	Workspace	Account Nbr
<b>Fund: PLAZA POOL FUND</b>						
<b>Recreation and Culture</b>						
<b>PLAZA POOL</b>						
WATER AND SEWAGE	1,700.78	9,391.88	9,400.00	7,000.00		587-774-922.000
WATER TESTING	144.98	139.10	200.00	200.00		587-774-931.000
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	6,920.19	5,805.64	6,900.00	6,000.00		587-774-931.001
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	2,928.05	3,689.59	5,000.00	6,000.00		587-774-932.000
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	458.05	168.22	250.00	200.00		587-774-955.000
POOL EQUIPMENT	533.81	1,431.05	2,000.00	2,000.00		587-774-977.000
Cap Impr Bond Pymt (2014-2028)	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,000.00		587-774-992.000
<b>Total PLAZA POOL</b>	<b>185,488.91</b>	<b>213,619.95</b>	<b>226,625.10</b>	<b>235,251.00</b>		
<b>MAKE-A-SPLASH</b>						
INSTRUCTORS	1,603.87	0.00	0.00	0.00		587-776-703.000
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	122.68	0.00	0.00	0.00		587-776-725.001
WORKERS COMPENSATION	803.70	179.84	180.00	0.00		587-776-725.009
OFFICE SUPPLIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		587-776-727.000
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	1,756.58	6,043.47	6,500.00	6,000.00		587-776-801.000
TRAVEL	2,139.75	3,910.25	4,000.00	3,500.00		587-776-860.000
ADVERTISING/PROMOTIONS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		587-776-903.000
POOL RENTAL	6,975.00	3,750.00	5,000.00	6,000.00		587-776-947.000
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	6.15	0.00	0.00	0.00		587-776-955.000
<b>Total MAKE-A-SPLASH</b>	<b>13,407.73</b>	<b>13,883.56</b>	<b>15,680.00</b>	<b>15,500.00</b>		
<b>Total Recreation and Culture</b>	<b>198,896.64</b>	<b>227,503.51</b>	<b>242,305.10</b>	<b>250,751.00</b>		
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>198,896.64</b>	<b>227,503.51</b>	<b>242,305.10</b>	<b>250,751.00</b>		
<b>BUDGETED CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>13,809.40</b>	<b>-3,102.11</b>	<b>-3,590.10</b>	<b>-1,551.00</b>		

#### Report Filter Criteria

Fund Code Range: 587 PLAZA POOL FUND to 587 PLAZA POOL FUND

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### Revenues

Account Title	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2013 Budget	Preliminary 2014 Budget	Workspace	Account Nbr
<b>Fund: YOUTH &amp; RECREATION FUND</b>						
<b>General Revenues</b>						
<b>YOUTH &amp; RECREATION</b>						
DELINQUENT REAL (SETTLEMENTS)	117.04	0.00	200.00	200.00		280-751-413.000
<b>Total YOUTH &amp; RECREATION</b>	<b>117.04</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>		
<b>Taxes</b>						
<b>YOUTH &amp; RECREATION</b>						
CURRENT TAXES-EXTRA SPECIAL VOTED	454,902.55	443,768.01	449,084.00	449,258.00		280-751-403.000
CURRENT CFT'S & IFT'S COLLECTIONS	990.25	1,030.46	2,370.00	1,840.00		280-751-409.000
DELINQUENT PERSONAL/DNR	2,591.72	2,492.18	2,200.00	2,200.00		280-751-420.000
<b>Total YOUTH &amp; RECREATION</b>	<b>458,484.52</b>	<b>447,290.65</b>	<b>453,654.00</b>	<b>453,298.00</b>		
<b>Total Taxes</b>	<b>458,484.52</b>	<b>447,290.65</b>	<b>453,654.00</b>	<b>453,298.00</b>		
<b>Total General Revenues</b>	<b>458,601.56</b>	<b>447,290.65</b>	<b>453,854.00</b>	<b>453,498.00</b>		
<b>Program Revenues</b>						
<b>Interest and Rents</b>						
<b>YOUTH &amp; RECREATION</b>						
INTEREST	1,452.01	1,259.73	1,000.00	1,000.00		280-751-665.000
<b>Total YOUTH &amp; RECREATION</b>	<b>1,452.01</b>	<b>1,259.73</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>		
<b>Total Interest and Rents</b>	<b>1,452.01</b>	<b>1,259.73</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>		
<b>Total Program Revenues</b>	<b>1,452.01</b>	<b>1,259.73</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>		
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>460,053.57</b>	<b>448,550.38</b>	<b>454,854.00</b>	<b>454,498.00</b>		



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Account Title	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2013 Budget	Preliminary 2014 Budget	Workspace	Account Nbr
<b>Fund: YOUTH &amp; RECREATION FUND</b>						
<b>Recreation and Culture</b>						
<b>YOUTH &amp; RECREATION</b>						
COUNTY SETTLEMENTS	2,766.29	719.77	500.00	500.00		280-751-962.000
CITY OF ALPENA-RIVER RATS	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00		280-751-999.001
BABE RUTH BASEBALL-OPERATIONS	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00		280-751-999.004
MAPLE RIDGE TWP-BACKSTOP	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00		280-751-999.006
ACC VOLUNTEER CTR-ROPES COURSE	0.00	900.00	900.00	3,500.00		280-751-999.007
ACC LIFELONG LEARNERS-INTERGENERATIONAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00		280-751-999.008
PLAZA POOL- OPERATIONS	70,000.00	84,999.96	85,000.00	85,000.00		280-751-999.009
PLAZA POOL-MAKE A SPLASH	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00		280-751-999.010
A.P.S. INTERSCOLASTICS ATHLETIC FUND	74,235.82	0.00	0.00	0.00		280-751-999.012
BABE RUTH BASEBALL (2)	16,816.73	0.00	0.00	0.00		280-751-999.014
BEAVER LAKE PARK- BASKETBALL COURT	0.00	5,400.00	5,400.00	0.00		280-751-999.015
READY, SET, SERVE TENNIS	0.00	6,996.28	7,000.00	7,500.00		280-751-999.017
MSU 4-H DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM	29,576.81	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,500.00		280-751-999.018
BOYS AND GIRLS-HEATING & COOLING	5,000.00	22,291.00	22,682.00	0.00		280-751-999.019
FRIENDS OF THE PLAZA POOL	9,092.63	2,402.96	4,250.00	2,755.00		280-751-999.020
TB SOCCER ASSOCIATION-FENCING	20,650.00	12,910.00	12,910.00	0.00		280-751-999.021
HURON SHORES LITTLE LEAGUE-FIELD IMPROVEMENTS	20,000.00	15,549.81	26,465.00	0.00		280-751-999.022
PLAZA POOL OUTLAY-HVAC	7,539.57	110,000.00	110,000.00	0.00		280-751-999.023
WILSON TOWNSHIP-PAVILION FLOOR	4,278.47	3,067.00	4,000.00	0.00		280-751-999.026
GREEN TOWNSHIP	13,558.00	0.00	0.00	10,200.00		280-751-999.027
ALPENA SOFTBALL LINE DRIVE-FIELD IMPROVEMENTS	4,320.00	0.00	4,319.00	4,319.00		280-751-999.028
ALPENA BOOSTERS CLUB-WINGS OVER ALPENA	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00		280-751-999.029
ALPENA SWIM CLUB/TB SCHOONERS	10,979.99	4,344.00	5,000.00	6,000.00		280-751-999.030
SANBORN TOWNSHIP	8,472.50	0.00	0.00	0.00		280-751-999.031
HUBBARD LAKE LIONS CLUB	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		280-751-999.032
OPTIMIST CLUB OF ALPENA	4,147.25	0.00	0.00	0.00		280-751-999.033
NLAC-1ST SKATER PROGRAM	1,086.00	2,351.00	6,000.00	0.00		280-751-999.034
NE MI CENTER FOR THE ARTS	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00		280-751-999.035

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<b>Fund: YOUTH &amp; RECREATION FUND</b>						
<b>Recreation and Culture</b>						
<b>YOUTH &amp; RECREATION</b>						
KIWANIS CLUB-KIDDIE PARK IMPROVEMENTS	7,738.73	4,205.93	4,868.00	0.00		280-751-999.036
LONG LAKE PARK-BASKETBALL COURT	0.00	5,400.00	5,400.00	0.00		280-751-999.037
SUNKEN LAKE PARK-PLAYGROUND	0.00	5,888.80	6,000.00	0.00		280-751-999.038
ALPENA COUNTY PARKS-DOCKS	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00		280-751-999.039
ALPENA FIGURE SKATING-ICE TIME	0.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00		280-751-999.040
BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER-JACKETS, BAGS, TRAVEL	0.00	4,641.28	7,316.00	0.00		280-751-999.041
BOYS BASKETBALL-UNIFORMS	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00		280-751-999.042
CHEERLEADING-MATS	0.00	3,898.00	4,000.00	0.00		280-751-999.043
GIRLS BASKETBALL-UNIFORMS & TRAVEL	0.00	5,201.66	6,200.00	0.00		280-751-999.044
ALPENA VOLLEYBALL-UNIFORMS & TRAVEL	0.00	1,500.00	7,000.00	0.00		280-751-999.045
TBJHS ATHLETIC OUTREACH	0.00	10,383.88	18,450.00	19,000.00		280-751-999.046
ALPENA TENNIS ASSOCIATION-BOYS & GIRLS VARSITY	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00		280-751-999.048
ALPENA TOUCHDOWN-EQUIPMENT	0.00	10,384.88	10,400.00	0.00		280-751-999.049
BESSER MUSEUM-PATHWAY	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00		280-751-999.050
CITY OF ALPENA-TRAILHEAD	0.00	0.00	40,000.00	40,000.00		280-751-999.051
NORTHERN LIGHTS ARENA-RINK 2 TURF	0.00	0.00	55,000.00	0.00		280-751-999.052
NORTHERN LIGHTS-READY, SET, SKATE	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00		280-751-999.053
NORTHERN LIGHTS ARENA-SKATES	0.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00		280-751-999.054
AHS TENNIS COURT RECONSTRUCTION	0.00	45,161.64	63,000.00	17,839.00		280-751-999.055
NEMSCA-ROPES COURSE STAFFING	0.00	0.00	4,400.00	0.00		280-751-999.056
THUNDER BAY TRAILS ASSOCIATION	0.00	2,015.07	2,500.00	0.00		280-751-999.057
NAVIGATORS CREW - Scouting Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00		280-751-999.058
Boys & Girls Club- Ceiling & Painting	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,300.00		280-751-999.059
AHS Boys Track & Field - New Uniforms	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,000.00		280-751-999.060
APS/ACC Cross Country	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,600.00		280-751-999.061
APS Woods Track Club	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,100.00		280-751-999.062
Alpena Symphony Orchestra	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,000.00		280-751-999.063
Wilson TWP- Wolf Creek Park Pedestrian Bridge	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00		280-751-999.064

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<b>Fund: YOUTH &amp; RECREATION FUND</b>						
<b>Recreation and Culture</b>						
<b>YOUTH &amp; RECREATION</b>						
Plaza Pool - Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00		280-751-999.065
Plaza Pool - Ready, Set, Swim	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00		280-751-999.066
APS Volleyball Club - Operations	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,500.00		280-751-999.067
Alpena Tennis Association - Operating Support	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,000.00		280-751-999.068
Wildkitten Tumbling - Spring Floor	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,000.00		280-751-999.069
APS Softball Line Drive Club	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00		280-751-999.070
APS AHS boys & Girls Soccer	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,800.00		280-751-999.071
AHS Band Boosters - Symphony Band Uniforms & Instr	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00		280-751-999.072
ACC Lumberjack Cross Country - Boosters	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,700.00		280-751-999.073
TB Soccer Assoc - New Well	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00		280-751-999.074
APS Boys & Girls Basketball - Operating Support	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00		280-751-999.075
Alpena Hockey Assoc-Tournament Support/House Teams	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00		280-751-999.076
Alpena Huron Shores Babe Ruth-Veterans field Oss	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,000.00		280-751-999.077
Alpena Huron Shore Babe Ruth-Operating Support	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00		280-751-999.078
<b>Total YOUTH &amp; RECREATION</b>	<b>348,758.79</b>	<b>451,112.92</b>	<b>630,460.00</b>	<b>468,113.00</b>		
<b>YOUTH &amp; RECREATION ADMINISTRATION</b>						
PER DIEM	2,880.00	2,550.00	3,000.00	3,000.00		280-752-721.000
SOCIAL SECURITY/MEDICARE	253.12	212.50	250.00	250.00		280-752-725.001
OFFICE SUPPLIES	59.40	215.09	500.00	500.00		280-752-727.000
SIGNAGE	1,040.00	751.00	1,200.00	1,200.00		280-752-727.001
POSTAGE	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00		280-752-728.000
PRINTING & BINDING	39.68	0.00	300.00	300.00		280-752-729.000
CENTRAL SERVICES (COST ALLOCATION)	9,993.00	5,109.00	5,109.00	8,605.00		280-752-801.000
TECHNOLOGY ALLOCATION	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00		280-752-802.000
TRAVEL	427.38	225.68	500.00	500.00		280-752-860.000
<b>Total YOUTH &amp; RECREATION ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>17,192.58</b>	<b>11,563.27</b>	<b>13,559.00</b>	<b>17,055.00</b>		

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Account Title	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2013 Budget	Preliminary 2014 Budget	Workspace	Account Nbr
<b>Fund: YOUTH &amp; RECREATION FUND</b>						
Recreation and Culture						
Total Recreation and Culture	<u>365,951.37</u>	<u>462,676.19</u>	<u>644,019.00</u>	<u>485,168.00</u>		
Total Expenditures	<u>365,951.37</u>	<u>462,676.19</u>	<u>644,019.00</u>	<u>485,168.00</u>		
BUDGETED CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	94,102.20	-14,125.81	-189,165.00	-30,670.00		

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Fund Code Range: 280 YOUTH & RECREATION FUND to 280 YOUTH & RECREATION FUND

### RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES/GROUPS & ROLE OF VOLUNTEERS:

**Alpena Area Recreation Commission (CURRENTLY INACTIVE):** The Alpena Area Recreation Commission is an intergovernmental commission consisting of Alpena County, the City of Alpena, and Alpena, Green, Long Rapids, Maple Ridge, Ossineke, Sanborn, Wellington, and Wilson Townships working together with community representatives to support and promote recreational activities, programs and facilities for the enjoyment of residents and visitors to the Alpena area.

**Alpena County Parks Commission:** The Alpena County Parks Commission operates county-owned park facilities.

**Alpena County Fair Board:** The Fair Board is responsible for operating the annual county fair. The Fair Board also assists Alpena County in maintaining the Fair Grounds.

**Alpena Sno-Drifters:** The Alpena Sno-Drifters is a local snowmobile club established in 1969. Monthly meetings are held with programming of interest to snowmobilers. Club members groom and maintain over 70 miles of trails in the Alpena area. Trails which are maintained by the Sno-Drifters include trails from Alpena to Hillman, Alpena to Posen, Norway Ridge, and the Devil's Lake area. The Alpena Sno-Drifters also work toward the establishment of new trails. They maintain a website which covers trail conditions, maps, recent and upcoming events, and club information. In addition, monthly newsletters are sent out to members to keep them informed of club activities, membership, trail conditions, work bees, and other snowmobile issues.

**Exchange Club of Alpena:** This club has a rich history of service in the community. In 2010, the club celebrated 85 years of service dedicated to the prevention of child abuse.

**Optimist Club of Alpena:** The Optimist Club is a volunteer organization which responds to the needs of the community by engaging in such projects as sponsoring youth athletic leagues, educational enhancement, substance abuse programs, tutoring and mentoring young people, providing food baskets for needy families, assisting disaster victims, weatherizing the homes of the elderly, and conducting oratorical contests for young people.

**Sportsmen's Club:** The Alpena Sportsmen's Club facilitates sportsmen's activities and meetings in the Alpena area.

**Alpena Lions:** The Alpena Lions is a community service organization that works to address the needs of the community. The Lions have and continued to provide funding and labor to recreation-related projects in the Alpena area.

**Alpena Rotary Club:** The Rotary Club is an organization consisting of a diverse group of professional leaders who work to address various community and international service needs.

**Kiwanis Club:** The Kiwanis Club is a local service organization that works to develop future generations of leaders by revitalizing neighborhoods, organizing youth-sports programs, tutoring, building playgrounds, and performing other projects to help children and communities.

**Thunder Bay Trails Association:** The Thunder Bay Trails Association is a volunteer organization dedicated to the promotion and protection of non-motorized trail systems in Alpena County and adjoining areas and to reflect their recreational significance for the enjoyment, education and adventure to area citizens. TBTA grooms trails for cross-country skiing, performs

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regular trail maintenance, repair, and new facility construction, and acts as an advocate for non-motorized trail systems. TBTA has a written trails maintenance contract with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and is a partner with Active Michigan Initiative.

**Plaza Pool:** Relationship with school districts, other public agencies and private organizations-Alpena County contracts with Alpena Public Schools for payment of utilities. Ready, Set, Swim! Program is privately funded and offers free swimming lessons to all Alpena County second graders, Friends of the Plaza Pool assists the pool with capital improvements. The Plaza Pool has formed partnerships with Alpena Community College and Bay Athletic Club to offer additional programming to the public. Role of volunteers-Volunteers participate in assisting the Ready, Set, Swim lesson program and various other pool programming such as OPEN KAYAK.

**Northern Lights Arena:** Almost, 98% of user groups of the arena team help are volunteers. Assisting the full and part time staff of the arena, are volunteers who help clean, assist with special events, serve as ice guards, and many other tasks. Sponsors buy ice time for free open skating and often send their staff to help. The total number of volunteers annually exceeds 260 persons. Numerous clubs and associations use NLA and include Alpena High School Wildcats, Alpena Hockey Association, Alpena Speed Skating Club, Alpena General Men's Hockey League, Alpena Men's Senior Hockey League, Carhardt Senior Hockey League, Alpena Figure Skating Club, Alpena Thunder Bay Wrecks, and NLA R/C Vehicle Club. The Alpena Public Schools has been an active participant in the development and use of the NLA. As can be seen above, there are several school clubs that use the facility. It also works with the school district to provide skating programs during the school year. The arena is home to a semi-pro hockey team for 17 to 21 year olds. Because of twin sheets of ice, many regional and state hockey tournaments are held here, which impacts the local economy. The arena is planning to expand the school skating program into school districts in neighboring counties. Beside the not for profit various skating user groups, the area also has a indoor walking track open to the public daily for free. Expanded hours in days have occurred by donation funding. There are arena events involving rodeos, horse shoes, travel trailer shows, sportsman shows, concerts, builder shows, gymnastic training and many others.

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## CHAPTER 3: RECREATION INVENTORY

An inventory of recreation facilities available in Alpena County was completed and is presented in this chapter. The inventory includes county owned facilities, township and City of Alpena owned facilities, state and organization owned facilities, and privately owned facilities. County owned facilities were evaluated for barrier-free accessibility. A description of the barrier-free accessibility rating criteria is provided on page 3-4.

### INVENTORY PROCEDURES

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

### COUNTY OF ALPENA RECREATION INVENTORY

**1. Alpena County Fairgrounds** are located on Eleventh Avenue between Charlotte Street and Tawas Street. Situated on 33 acres, this property includes 2,700 feet of Thunder Bay River frontage. Water and sewer services are provided by the City of Alpena. Livestock barns are available for annual fair events. Campground facilities include 69 licensed campsites, with electricity, picnic tables, and a sanitary dump station. A children's playground is equipped with one slide, two swing sets, one merry-go-round, climbing bars, one rocking horse, one bench, one picnic table, and a sand box area. A four foot high chain link fence with a gate encloses the entire playground and protects the children from the River. Maintained by the Alpena Optimist Club, this activity area is available to all children for recreational purposes. Restrooms and showers are available for use by campers and those attending events. An indoor shelter and a storage building for boats and motor homes are also located at this site. Other recreation facilities include a grandstand which seats approximately 5,000 spectators, portable bleachers used to increase seating capacity for major events, an arena and barn for horse riding events, a race track, a green park for picnics, two horseshoe courts, a fishing area, and two boat launches. The grandstand area is available year round for events.

**Barrier-Free Accessibility = 2:** An evaluation of accessibility issues noted that the exhibit areas and the grandstands were not barrier free. Provisions for viewing grandstand events are made at ground level to accommodate persons with mobility limitations. A handicapped parking area was not designated and marked. The merchants building bathrooms were compliant when constructed but may need to be upgraded to meet current standards.

**2. Alpena Plaza Pool** is located at Alpena High School, 3303 South Third Avenue. The pool building measures 130 feet x 110 feet. The pool can accommodate six lanes, 25 yards long, for swim competition. This pool is located in a centrally accessible area and is the only municipal indoor swimming pool in the County. In addition to being used by high school students and the public, it is a major source of school training and team competition. Senior citizens and area youth also use the pool for family-oriented activities. The pool can be rented for birthday parties. A full-time director schedules and/or supervises the following pool activities some of which include: Red Cross swimming and lifesaving training sessions; Infant/Toddler water adjustment classes; Senior citizen physical therapy programs; and family swimming programs. Specific targeted programming include: Senior Fitness, Splash

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Aerobics, Aqua Chi, Water Walking/Running, Rehabilitation and Social Swimming, Lap and Exercise Swimming, Open Swims, Learn to Swim Instruction, Aerobic Sculpt, Robotic Competition (underwater ROV), Boot Camp and Poolates.

**Barrier-Free Accessibility = 3:** ADA compliant parking area is provided. Access to the facility and pool are barrier free. A S. R. Smith lift is available to assist persons with mobility limitations in and out of the pool. Bathrooms/dressing rooms are ADA compliant with the exception of showers. The shower fixtures are not ADA compliant. A new unisex bathroom/dressing room needs to be constructed. A private changing room is available, without a toilet or sink.

**Status of Grant Funded Activities:** MDNR-Phase 1. 1989 Bond Fund #89-645 has been completed. Phase 2. 1991 #91-157 has been completed.

- 3. Tennis Courts** are located on the grounds of Alpena High School next to the pool building. These four courts are used by students and the public for casual recreation and organized team competition. Recent updates include resurfacing and spectator seating installed.

**Barrier-Free Accessibility = 3:** The facility is near the Plaza Pool

- 4. Long Lake Park/Campground** is located ten miles north of Alpena, one-half mile off U.S. 23. Situated on the east side of Long Lake, this county park occupies 68 acres. A total of 105 campsites are adjacent to the 5,652 acres of water that make up Long Lake. Water and electricity are available at 80 of these sites with the other 25 sites considered primitive. Park facilities include restrooms/showers, dumping station, concession stand, concrete boat ramp, three docks nature trails, two pavilions (with electricity), picnic tables, two playgrounds, two swimming beaches, and outdoor trailer storage. Long Lake Park is open May 15 to October 15. Camping is permitted after October 1<sup>st</sup> until November 1<sup>st</sup> on a daily rate schedule. A park caretaker is on-site.

**Barrier-Free Accessibility = 2:** An evaluation of accessibility issues noted the restrooms and office are not barrier free. Fishing and boating opportunities are limited as the boat launch area and dock are not barrier free. There are no wheel chair accessible picnic tables in the picnic area and there is limited signage and lighting.

- 5. Sunken Lake Park/Campground** is located on Fletcher Park Road at the Presque Isle County line. Adjacent to Sunken Lake's 50 acres of water, this 160 acre county park offers camping, fishing, boating, swimming, and a children's playground. A day use area has picnic tables, grills, playground equipment, and a pavilion. A covered footbridge provides access to an island with nature trails. The camping area offers 60 trailer campsites with water and electricity available. All campsites have picnic tables. There are two bathrooms with showers, a dumping station, a boat ramp and dock, a fish cleaning station, a concession stand, and playground equipment. A park caretaker is on-site.

**Barrier-Free Accessibility = 2:** Bathrooms in picnic area consists of port-a-johns, and are not ADA and access to the pavilion is limited. Sand roads in the camping area limit mobility and access to bathroom. The bathrooms do have ADA stalls but the door handles, showers and shower knobs are not barrier free.

- 6. Beaver Lake Park/Campground** is located 1.2 miles west of M-65 on Beaver Lake Park Road. This county park is situated on 8.19 acres adjacent to Beaver Lake. With a dam to



control lake levels, this natural lake covers 665 acres and offers area residents many water-related recreational opportunities. Swimming, boating, and fishing for pike, bass, and pan fish are popular summertime activities. A pavilion, children's playground, and a fenced-in spring separate the boat launch and camping area from the day use area. The day use area provides an open space with picnic tables, swings, and a swimming beach. Overnight camping is available and a park caretaker is on-site.

**Barrier-Free Accessibility = 2:** An evaluation of accessibility issues noted the restrooms and office are not compliant with ADA guidelines. Fishing and boating opportunities are limited as the boat launch area and dock are not barrier free. There are no wheelchair accessible picnic tables in the picnic area and there is limited signage and lighting.

- 7. Manning Hill Park** is located in Lachine on M-32 near the junction of M-65. Situated on one of the highest points in Alpena County, this two-acre site offers a scenic area with a panoramic view of the surrounding countryside. The historic lookout tower has been removed and an easily accessible observation deck was constructed on the former tower pad. A pavilion, three picnic tables, and two grills provide area residents and visitors with summer recreational opportunities. Sledding is a popular winter activity at this park.

**Barrier-Free Accessibility = 1:** Paths to the pavilion and viewing platform are not barrier free and there is not a barrier free access onto the viewing platform. The barrier free parking is not marked or identified. Port-a-john on site during summer months.

- 8. Northern Lights Arena** is a twin-sheet ice facility adjacent to the APlex. It has two NHL regulation-size ice surfaces and is home to the Alpena High School Wildcats, Alpena Hockey Association, Alpena Speed Skating Club, Alpena General Men's Hockey League, Alpena Men's Senior Hockey League, Carhardt Senior Hockey League, Alpena Figure Skating Club, Alpena Thunder Bay Wrecks, and NLA R/C Vehicle Club. The arena has seating for 900, has two concession stands, a pro shop, an indoor walking/jogging track, exercise/fitness rooms and common areas in the lobby. The 85' x 200' ice rink is large enough to host American Speed Skating Union sanctioned events and will have enough space for figure skaters to practice and perform in front of an audience. The Thunder Bay Soccer Association soccer fields are located north of the Arena.

**Barrier-Free Accessibility = 3:** Bathroom and parking meet ADA guidelines; however, there is limited access to the full spectator seating areas

**Status of Grant Funded Activities:** The original construction program was granted \$500,000 from the DNR Clean Michigan Fund in 2000. Since then, there has been no additional funding.

**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 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

### Recreation Grant Inventory

**Project Title:** Long Lake Park

**Project Number:** 26-00153

**Year:** 1968

**Grant Amount:** \$27,000

**Project Description:** Acquisition of 56 acres, LWCF sign

**Current Status:** Details of the park development are described above in 4. Long Lake Park/Campground. Since acquisition in 1968, the County has made continuous improvements to the park/campground. The park and its facilities are still used extensively and remain in good condition. Maintenance activities are performed continuously to ensure the park is safe and pleasurable to use.

**Project Title:** Alpena River Street Park

**Project Number:** 26-01023 Q1

**Year:** 1977

**Grant Amount:** \$32,016.94

**Project Description:**

**Current Status:** Property ownership transferred to the City of Alpena in February 1997.

**Project Title:** Plaza Pool Facility

**Project Number:** B89-645

**Year:** 1989

**Grant Amount:** \$45,000

**Project Description:** Improvements to Plaza Pool Facility to include replacement of roof, heating system repair, replace filters.

**Current Status:** Details of the facility development are described above in 2. Alpena Plaza Pool. The facilities are still used extensively and remain in good condition. Maintenance activities are performed continuously to ensure the park is safe and pleasurable to use.

**Project Title:** Plaza Pool Improvement Phase II

**Project Number:** BF91-157

**Year:** 1991

**Grant Amount:** \$39,600

**Project Description:** Repair building exterior, repair and repaint ceiling, replace pool vacuum and diving board, provide electronic water treatment unit.

**Current Status:** Details of the facility development are described above in 2. Alpena Plaza Pool. The facilities are still used extensively and remain in good condition. Maintenance activities are performed continuously to ensure the park is safe and pleasurable to use.

**Project Title:** Multi-Purpose Recreation Facility

**Project Number:** CM00-133

**Year:** 2000

**Grant Amount:** \$500,000

**Project Description:** Construct a new multi-purpose building to include a year-round ice surface, walking/jogging track, public lockers/restrooms, meeting room, concession, and spectator seating. AKA Northern Lights.

**Current Status:** Details of the park development are described above in 8. Northern Lights Arena. The facilities are still used extensively and remain in good condition. Maintenance activities are performed continuously to ensure the park is safe and pleasurable to use.

Figure 3-1: Alpena County Map

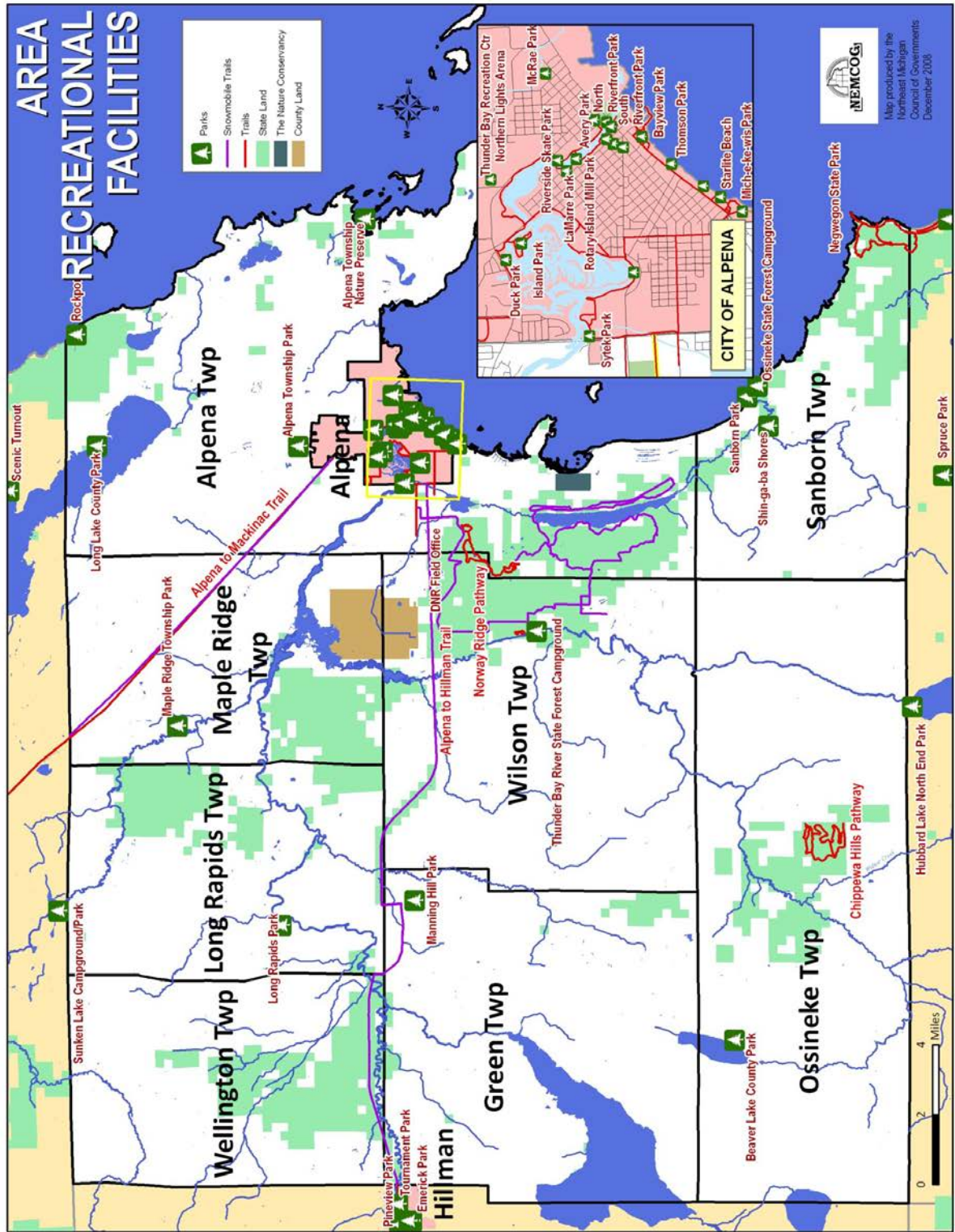




Figure 3.3: Long Lake Park Map

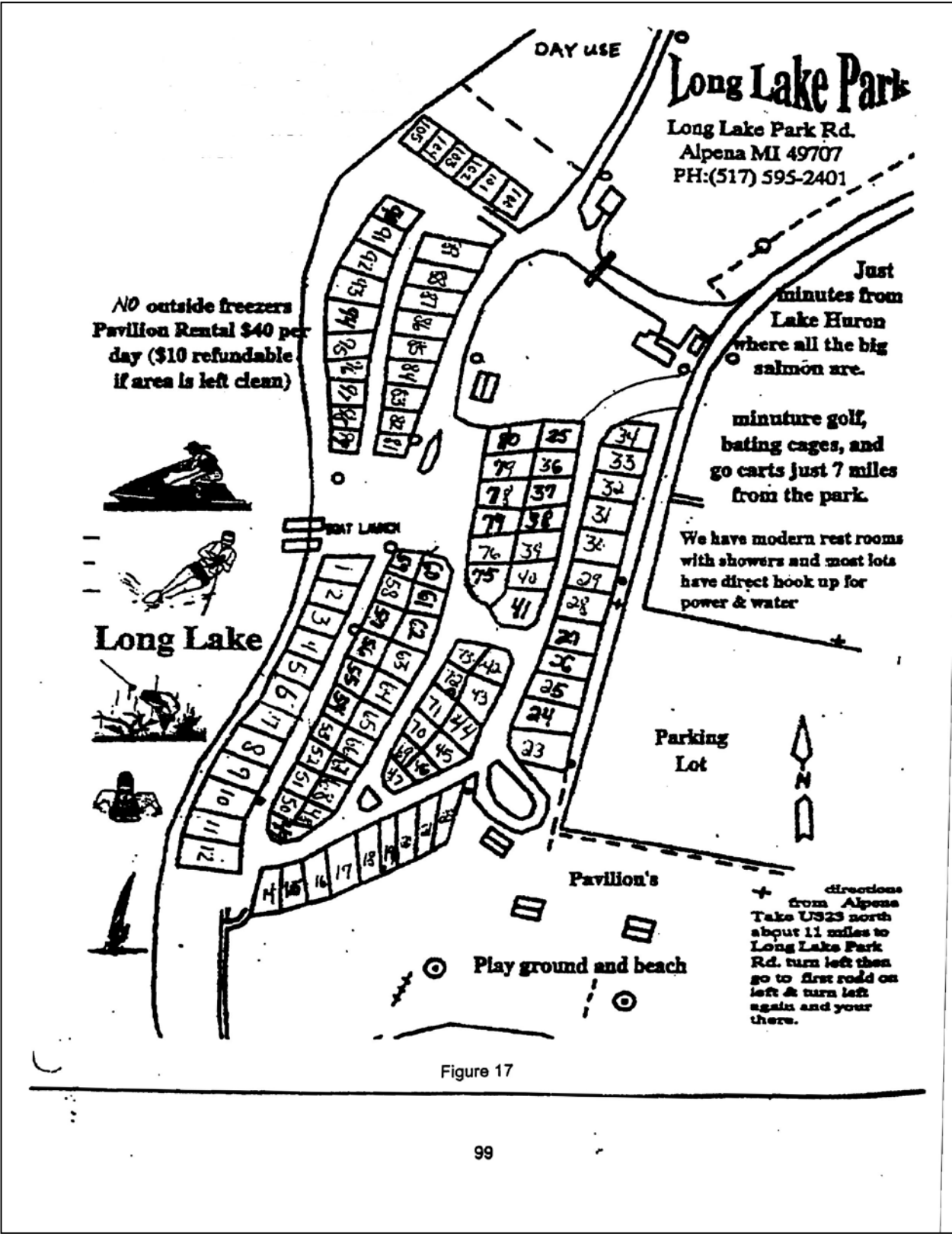


Figure 3.4: Sunken Lake Park Map

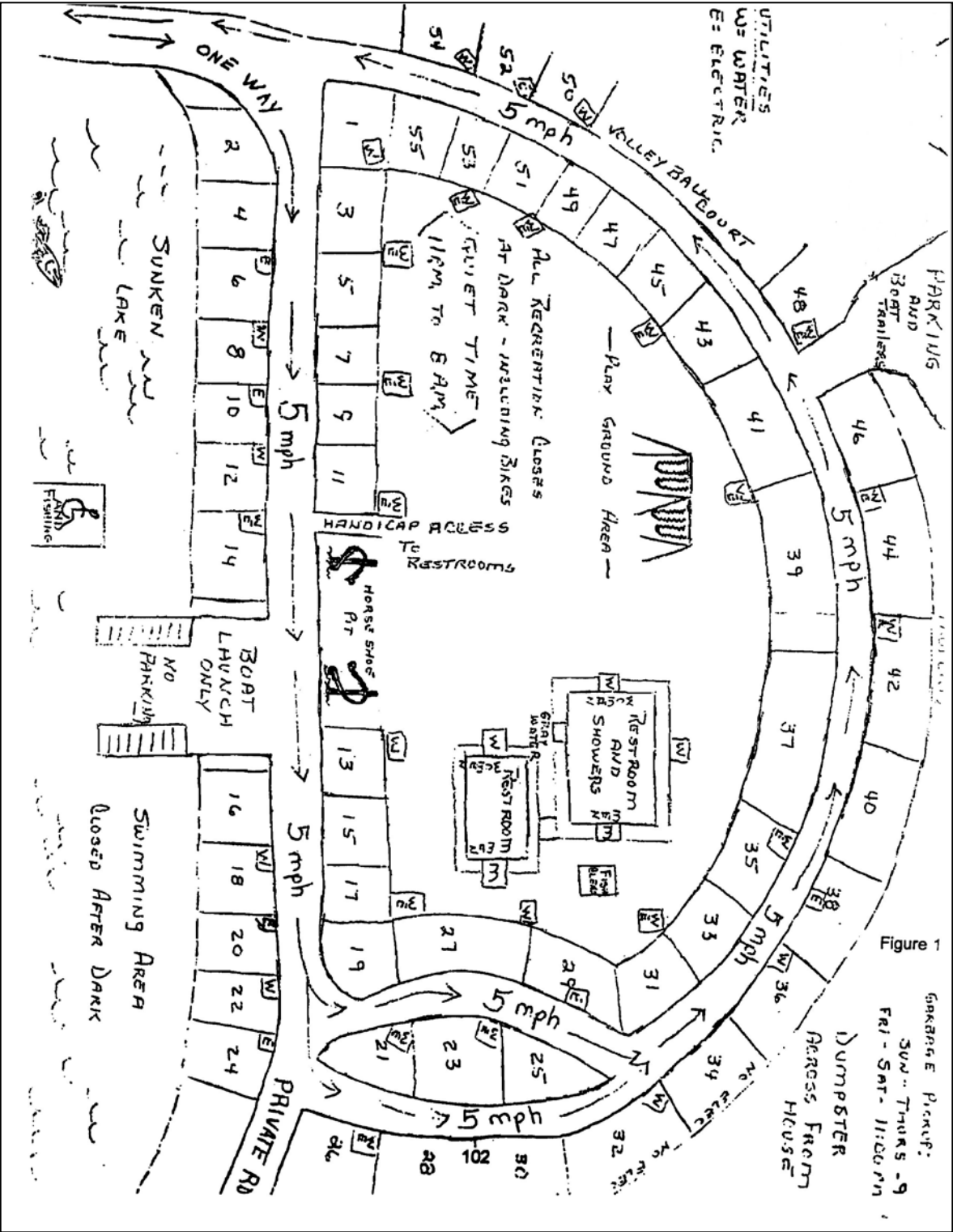
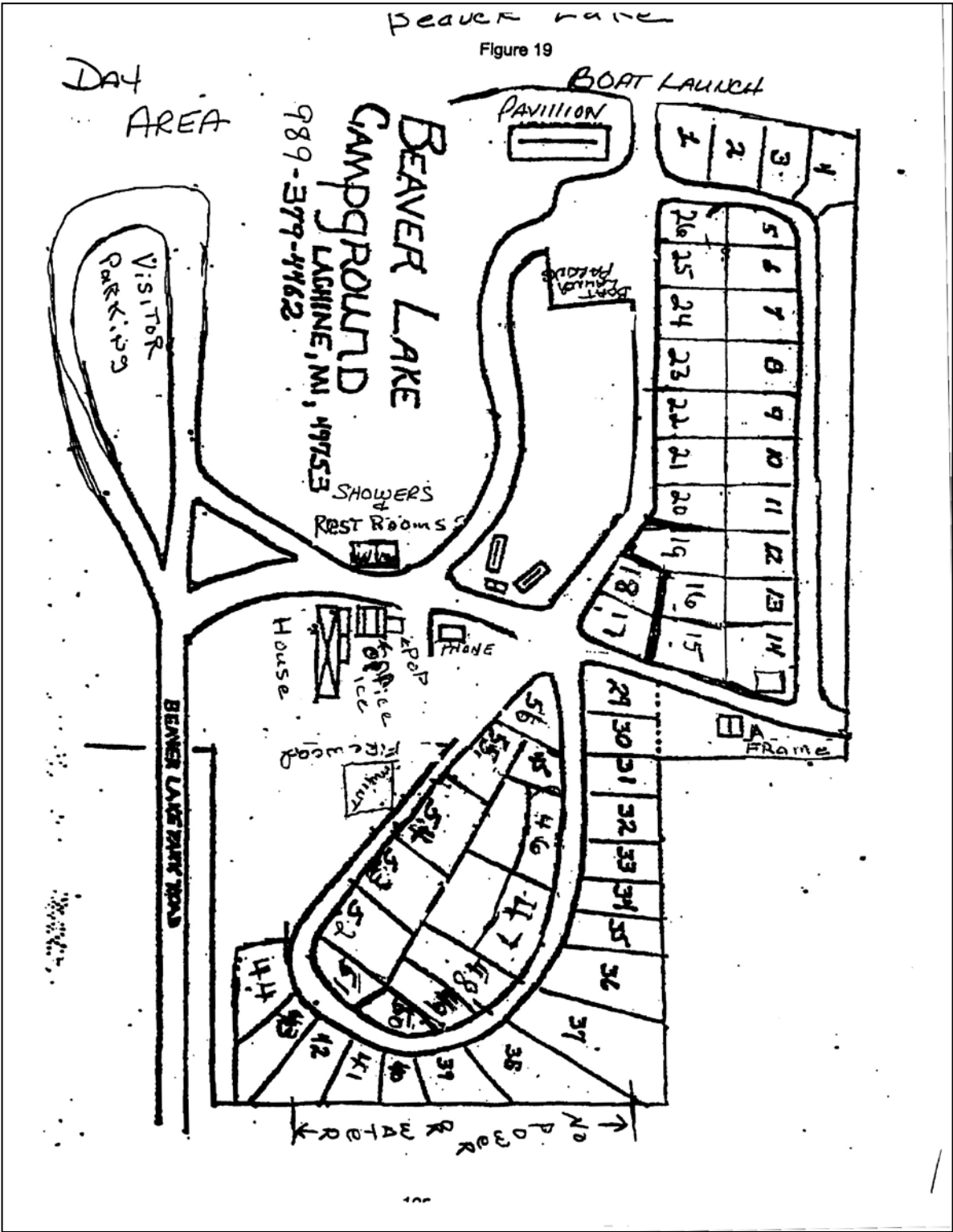


Figure 3.5: Beaver Lake Park Map





### OTHER RECREATION AREAS AND INITIATIVES

#### Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve

In October 2000, the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve was designated as the nation's first freshwater sanctuary. The 448-square mile sanctuary and underwater preserve is located in Thunder Bay off the coast of Alpena County. Its boundaries extend from the north to south county lines and from the shoreline to longitude 83 degrees west. Not only is the Sanctuary/Preserve the first freshwater sanctuary, it is also the first sanctuary to focus solely on a large collection of underwater cultural resources and the first sanctuary to be located entirely within state waters. The Sanctuary is in the process of expanding its boundaries to include portions of the Alcona and Presque Isle Counties' coastal areas.

The focus of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve is on understanding the region's "maritime cultural landscape." While the shipwrecks of the Thunder Bay region are the most obvious underwater cultural resource, the sanctuary puts the shipwrecks in the larger context of the region's lighthouses, lifesaving stations, shipwreck salvage operations, and maritime economic activities.

Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve encourages and promotes recreational activities that include:

- Diving: charter, recreational and commercial
- Fishing: charter, recreational, and commercial
- Boating: recreational and commercial
- Research
- Education

The NOAA protects and manages sanctuaries through the National Marine and Sanctuary System (NMSS). Because the Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary and Preserve is entirely within Michigan waters, a Joint Management Committee was established with NOAA and the State participating as equal partners. The involvement of communities and the development of a stewardship ethic in the community is vitally important to the protection of sanctuary resources. To help facilitate community stewardship, a Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) is established which is supported by NMSS. The 15 member council consists of local members from the community representing a variety of disciplines, interests and political subdivisions. Members are appointed by the director of NMSS and mutually agreed upon by NOAA and the State of Michigan. The primary duties of the SAC are to provide recommendations to NOAA and the State of Michigan concerning sanctuary development and to advise the Sanctuary/Preserve manager about management issues. Sanctuary/Preserve activities will focus on resource protection, education, and research. Priority activities include placing mooring buoys at identified shipwrecks, initiating an inventory and documentation of shipwrecks, and developing a maritime heritage education program.

The Thunder Bay Sanctuary/Preserve Maritime Heritage Center has been developed in a refurbished building within the old Fletcher Paper Mill property along the Thunder Bay River. The museum, education and research center generates considerable activity and has become a focal point in the City of Alpena.

### Thunder Bay Island

Thunder Bay Island sits 4 miles offshore from North Point in Alpena County at the northern edge of Thunder Bay. The Island is the outermost island in a group of islands connected to the north point of Thunder Bay by a shallow bank of numerous rocks, most of which are submerged. This 215 acre Island is composed of limestone bedrock and is covered with large boulders and gravel. A thin layer of soil supports a wide variety of plants and the absence of deer allows vegetation to grow without being browsed. The island is an important nesting site for a variety of bird species. Free from major carnivores, except the raccoon, large colonies of ring-billed gulls, common terns, herring gulls and caspian terns can be found raising their young on the island. Federal land use regulations apply to the island and wildlife and wildlife habitats are managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Island has been part of the Michigan Islands National Wildlife Refuge since 1965.

One of the oldest light stations on Lake Huron is located on Thunder Bay Island. The light tower was first constructed in 1832 and was built to warn mariners of the dangerous reefs extending from the island. The lighthouse was built on the SE tip of the island with a tower of stucco covered brick, and a spiral staircase. In 1857 it was raised 10 feet and a fog signal added. The light keepers' quarters are attached. From 1832 to 1939 the Station was run by the U. S. Lighthouse Service, thereafter the U. S. Coast Guard manned it until it was automated in 1983. The lighthouse and accompanying buildings have long been abandoned and signs of deterioration are showing. The facility is currently undergoing restoration by the Thunder Bay Island Lighthouse Preservation Society.

Squatters were attracted to the federally-owned island and by 1845, a large fishing community thrived there. One hundred and sixty people lived on the island with thirty-one fishing boats harvesting twelve thousand barrels of fish each year. Faced with government action to remove them from the island, the trespassers picked up their belongings and relocated to nearby Sugar Island, where they stayed for years. Currently the Island is owned by the U.S. Coast Guard and is leased to the Thunder Bay Island Preservation Society. Access to the island is limited to the U S Coast Guard, U S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and members of the Thunder Bay Island Preservation Society. At the present time, the most immediate concern for the Island is the rehabilitation of the lighthouse. Repairs are needed to keep the structure sound and restoration would be needed prior to public viewing. Alpena Township is working to acquire the property around the lighthouse and fog horn house to facilitate the restoration of structures.

### Multipurpose Rail-Trails

Rail-Trail Corridors provide the foundation of a non-motorized dedicated trail system in the region. The North Eastern State Trail (NEST) and Alpena to Hillman Trail are part of a larger network of regional trails that cover over 280 miles throughout Northern Michigan. These trails connect multiple communities, parks, public forests, private forests and water features.

The NEST was completed in 2011. Users can walk, bicycle, horseback ride or snowmobile 71 miles from Alpena to Cheboygan. The trail runs from Woodward Avenue in the City of Alpena to the Lincoln Street in City of Cheboygan where it merges with the North Central State Trail which runs south 45 miles to Gaylord or northwest 16 miles to Mackinaw City. The NEST has a 10' wide packed crushed limestone surface with two foot shoulders, new safety signs, access control features and mile marker posts. The trail use, determined by the DNR, is for all non-motorized users year round and snowmobiles from December 1 through March 31. This project was a collaboration between two state departments, local governments and a non-profit

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organization. The Top of Michigan Trails Council (TOMTC) led the effort to help assemble a 3.1 million dollar funding package which included gaining 5% of the project costs from local governments, individuals and organizations. The Michigan Department of Transportation completed the engineering and project oversight while the Michigan Department of Natural Resources oversaw the project implementation and will continue to manage and maintain the facility. The trail now creates a link across northeast Michigan on the former Detroit to Mackinaw Railroad connecting Alpena, Posen, Hawks, Millersburg, Onaway, Aloha and Cheboygan.

The Alpena to Hillman Trail (also known as the Paxon Spur) is an abandoned rail grade that is 22.3 miles long connecting the City of Alpena to the Village of Hillman. The trail is primarily used by snowmobiles in the winter, although all non-motorized users may use the trail. The surface is dirt, cinder and ballast, and not currently ADA accessible. There are gates on the trail and they are closed and locked during the summer months. The trails are still opened for non-motorized use, but the user must enter around the gates. There is a private elk farm right along the trail where users can view the elk.

- Improvements and surfacing of the Alpena to Hillman Rail-Trail to allow for expanded year round non-motorized transportation. This would mirror the North Eastern State Trail, which still supports snowmobile usage during months with adequate snow cover.
- Add amenities and access points along the NEST.
- Improve the surface and accessibility for the Alpena to Hillman Trail.
- Add amenities, trailhead and access points along the Alpena to Hillman Trail.

### **Preservation and Acquisition**

Alpena County is blessed with an abundance and variety of natural resources. There are 67 lakes, ponds and rivers covering over 13,000 acres in Alpena County and the County has over 50 miles of Lake Huron shoreline. Forested lands cover almost 60 percent of the county of which over 85 percent is owned privately. The geology and karst features found in Alpena County is unique to northeast Michigan and the County is home to a large number of sinkholes and sinkhole lakes.

While there is a relatively large amount of sensitive and unique natural features in the County, it is recognized that protection and conservation is needed to insure these natural resources are protected and preserved for future generations. Alpena County supports public and private efforts to preserve and protect unique and sensitive natural resources through the use of smart growth design, conservation easements and procurement. Acquisition of properties to improve public access onto Misery Bay will expand recreational opportunities and complement the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve.

## **RECREATION INVENTORY FOR OTHER COMMUNITIES IN ALPENA COUNTY**

### **CITY OF ALPENA RECREATION INVENTORY**

The City of Alpena is an industrial community located in the northeastern part of Michigan's Lower Peninsula. With its eastern boundary on the shoreline of Lake Huron, the City borders the

Township of Alpena to the north, south and west. As the only city in Alpena County, it is the center for financial, educational, cultural and medical needs for area residents. Recognized as part of the “Sunrise Side” of Michigan, the City of Alpena has become increasingly popular as a vacation and retirement community.

### City Recreation Property

**Bay View Park** located on State Avenue on Lake Huron, adjacent to the Municipal Small Boat Harbor. This is one of the City’s largest developed parks with multiple year-around uses. It contains four tennis courts, four basketball courts, and a multipurpose open lawn area. There is an area of shoreline, space for picnics and an open field for low profile activity. There is the Fine Arts Band shell, which is used for summer band concerts, community celebrations and by various groups for other occasions. A fenced, fully equipped young children’s playground is another of the facilities available at this site. In the northeast section, the boat harbor provides mooring for boats and offers boat launching for sail and motorized craft. A walkway/observation deck has been constructed along the break wall. A harbormaster’s office has been added to the existing restroom/shower building and a fish cleaning station has been built adjacent to the harbor. Additional restrooms are located on Harbor Drive. A bikeway runs through the park and connects the park to other recreation areas. Private recreational property (Alpena Yacht Club) is also located on this site.

**Thomson Park** located on State Avenue on Lake Huron, midway between Starlite Beach and Bay View Park. With 160 feet of Thunder Bay frontage, this park has an excellent swimming beach, which is used quite heavily. Several picnic tables and a bike rack are available. A portable restroom facility is placed at the park during the summer months.

**Blair Street Park** located at the end of Blair Street on Lake Huron. This .4-acre park contains 173 feet of Thunder Bay frontage and a refurbished handicapped-accessible pier for fishing, a picnic area with tables and grills, concrete bike paths connecting the State Avenue bike path to the pier and off-street parking.

**Mich-e-ki-wis Park/Starlite Beach** located on Lake Huron along State Avenue, between Thunder Bay Avenue and Bingham Street. This park is one of the largest developed City-owned recreation areas in Alpena. The park also includes two children’s play areas; warming building; restrooms with two family restrooms; pavilion; two youth/women’s ball fields; a mini skateboard park (designed for beginner and younger skateboard riders); volleyball courts; picnic areas; two beaches – Starlite and Mich-e-ke-wis; off street parking; and the City’s bikeway that runs along the shore.

**Riverfront Park** located near the mouth of the Thunder Bay River, within the City’s downtown area. This park actually consists of two park areas separated by the Thunder Bay River: North Riverfront Park and South Riverfront Park.

**North Riverfront Park** located off Fletcher Street, behind the Post Office. This park has 570 feet of river frontage. A parking lot and boat launch is provided on this site

**South Riverfront Park** located on the south side of the River. With approximately 850 feet of Thunder Bay River frontage, it consists of three parcels of land.

The first parcel, owned by the City, is that area directly behind the National Guard Armory.

Uses of this site include dock fishing, passive recreation and docking of larger watercraft. There are also significant landscaping, lighting, concrete walkways, benches and a parking lot. The second parcel, owned by the U.S. Government, is that area directly behind the Federal Building. It has dock fishing, dockage for large watercraft, paved parking lot and an open green space area. A partial easement has been granted to the City for passive recreational use. The third parcel, owned by the City, is that area directly behind the Alpena Power Company building. Facilities include a parking lot and a walkway along the River. The triangular-shaped property between the parking lot and the river walkway has been landscaped to increase the attractiveness of the entire area. Recreational uses of this park include dock fishing, docking of watercraft and passive recreation.

**Island Park** located on the Thunder Bay River, at the corner of U.S. 23 and Long Rapids Road. This 17-acre island is owned by the City and developed and maintained by the Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary Committee with the help of the Alpena Volunteer Center. The island has 4,400 feet of water frontage. This natural area preserves the rich ecosystems with the flora and the fauna natural to the area. Access to this area is gained by way of a concrete bridge, which is closed to vehicles. (A key may be obtained to drive to a handicapped-accessible viewing area.) Nature/hiking trails criss-cross the Island, providing abundant opportunity for observation and study of nature and wildlife. The opportunity for fishing is provided by fishing platforms at the water's edge. Canoe, kayak, and bike rentals are available. The City of Alpena developed a comprehensive River Plan in 1995, which includes Island Park and the Thunder Bay River Corridor.

Adjoining the Island is Duck Park. The 2.5-acre park has 1,200 feet of Thunder Bay River frontage. It complements the natural setting of the Island by offering an area for more developed recreational uses and vehicular parking. It would also be the proposed site of an environmental interpretive center and adjoining boardwalk from which a range of recreational and educational facilities relating to the river area could be provided. The site includes picnic tables, an area for rest, as well as off-street parking. Ducks, geese, and other wildfowl gather at this site.

**Arthur Sytek Park** located on the Thunder Bay River at the bridge on Bagley Street. This one-half acre wildflower park was developed by the Thunder Bay Watershed Council. The park has a canoe launch site, a handicap accessible fishing platform with a roof and there is a shelter and off-street parking. The property is leased by the City to the Alpena County Road Commission, which maintains the park.

**Avery Park** located on Second Avenue, on the north side of the Second Avenue Bridge. This .4-acre open green space showplaces a large historic four-faced bronze clock, historic gaslights and historic park benches. The park complements the aesthetics of the adjacent Second Avenue area, which has and continues to undergo restoration based on the "Old Town Alpena" theme.

**LaMarre Park** located at Eighth and River Street intersection, on the Thunder Bay River and owned by the City of Alpena. This 1.5-acre site includes 367 feet of wooden pier at water's edge for fishing; interpretative signs; picnic tables and benches; and off-street parking.

**McRae Park** located at the intersection of North Second Avenue and Hueber Street. This park includes three fenced youth/women's ball fields; two other ball fields used for T-ball and minor league play; a children's play area; four tennis courts; two basketball courts; two paved parking

lots; a small concession/restroom building; and a park shelter which is used for meetings and social events.

**Kurrasch Park** is located adjacent to the Kurrasch housing project on Forth Avenue. This 1.48-acre neighborhood park is under the jurisdiction of the City of Alpena Housing Commission. Only partially developed, the park has limited playground equipment and an open field area. The housing commission office building is situated on the property and has a community room that is suitable for many indoor recreational activities.

**BiPath** is a bicycle and pedestrian pathway system, which has been developed throughout the City. This marked bikeway connects with the Alpena Township section that parallels US 23 from the city limits at Thunder Bay Avenue to Bare Point Road. Inside the City limits, residents and visitors are able to bike, walk, roller blade and skateboard on the 11 miles of paved pathway and can access all the waterfront parks in the city. In a cooperative city/county effort, a section of the bikeway follows the shore of the Thunder Bay River through the Alpena County Fairgrounds. Discussions with the Alpena County Road Commission are on going for the possible future extension of the pathway along Bagley Road from M-32 to Long Rapids Road.

**Water Tower Skateboard Park** is located on Ninth Avenue near the Ninth Avenue Bridge. A collaborative effort between a skateboarding/in-line skating group, concerned citizens, and the City resulted in a community recreational skateboarding park. With youth and adults working together, the central location of Water Tower Park provides recreational opportunities for skateboarding and in-line skating. Stunt bikes are not allowed at the facility. Although the park is youth-oriented, it provides all residents of the City of Alpena with the opportunity to participate in this popular activity in a safe and user-friendly environment.

**Washington Avenue Roadside Park** is located on Washington Ave. at Eleventh Avenue. This 3.8-acre park has 1,650 feet of scenic frontage on the Thunder Bay River. Picnic tables, an area for rest, fishing access and off-street parking is available. This park is also a gathering place for wildfowl.

Evergreen Cemetery, Hebrew Cemetery, Holy Cross and Grace Lutheran Cemetery are located within the City limits of Alpena on the west side of the City on Washington Avenue. Evergreen Cemetery, located on Washington Avenue near the west entrance to the City, was dedicated to the City in September 1859, and is 61 acres in size. All developed areas of the cemetery are under irrigation. The Grace Lutheran (SIZE) and Hebrew (SIZE) cemeteries are also operated and maintained by the City. The City Bi-Path runs along the Thunder Bay River, between the river's edge and the cemeteries. Holy Cross Cemetery (SIZE), located across Washington Avenue from Evergreen Cemetery is a Catholic cemetery and is operated and maintained by several area Catholic churches. These cemeteries also provide open space in a beautiful setting, with a maintained landscape and an interesting variety of shrubs and trees.

**Alpena Regional Trailhead** is planned for construction in 2014. The project will build restrooms, a pavilion, parking areas and bike racks, all near the North Eastern State Trail's southern terminus at Woodward Avenue, according to site development plans. Matching funds will be provided by several area organizations, including the city through in-kind donations and the Alpena County Youth and Recreation Fund. The \$245,000 grant will be matched with \$105,000 in local donations, totaling \$350,000 for the project.

### Publicly owned recreational properties

**Alpena County Fairgrounds** located on Eleventh Avenue between Charlotte and Tawas Streets. This 33-acre site, owned by Alpena County, has 2,700 feet of Thunder Bay frontage. Reflecting the variety of functions, which occur at this site, many types of facilities are available. These include general facilities, campground facilities, a shelter, restrooms, picnic tables, fishing pier, boat launch, a walkway system, an equipped children's playground, two horseshoe courts, and other recreation-related items.

**Alpena Plaza Pool** is located at Alpena High School, 3303 South Third Avenue. The pool building measures 130 feet x 110 feet. The pool can accommodate six lanes, 25 yards long, for swim competition. This pool is located in a centrally accessible area and is the only municipal indoor swimming pool in the County.

**Northern Lights Arena** is a twin-sheet ice facility adjacent to the APlex. It has two NHL regulation-size ice surfaces and is home to the Alpena High School Wildcats, Alpena Hockey Association, Alpena Speed Skating Club, Alpena General Men's Hockey League, Alpena Men's Hockey League, Alpena Figure Skating Club, and The Alpena Street Cats. The arena has seating for 900, has two concession stands, a pro shop, an indoor walking/jogging track, exercise/fitness rooms and common areas in the lobby. The 85' x 200' ice rink is large enough to host American Speed Skating Union sanctioned events and will have enough space for figure skaters to practice and perform in front of an audience. The Thunder Bay Soccer Association soccer fields are located north of the Arena.

**Alpena County Library** located at 211 N. First Avenue. This County-owned facility is situated in a building of approximately 20,000 square feet and contains over 40,000 volumes. In addition to the book collection, the library circulates magazines, newspapers, films, art prints, toys, video and audiocassettes. An inter-library loan system provides access to many other libraries. Regular services include an adult literacy program, an employment information center, a children's story hour, a noontime book review program, computers for public use and the Maritime Collection. In addition, the library sponsors a summer reading club for children, an annual literary conference, as well as a variety of other cultural events.

**Alpena Regional Medical Center** located at 1501 W. Chisholm Street. This 2.3-acre site includes 625 feet of Thunder Bay River frontage. An area for rest and off street parking is available. A portion of the BiPath is also located along this section of the river.

**Thunder Bay Underwater Preserve and Underwater Sanctuary, and Maritime Heritage Center.** "Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary was established to protect a nationally significant collection of over 100 shipwrecks, spanning over a century of Great Lakes shipping history. The Sanctuary encompasses 448 square miles of northwest Lake Huron, off the northeast coast of Michigan's Lower Peninsula. The landward boundary of the sanctuary is marked by the northern and southern limits of Alpena County, and the sanctuary extends east from the lakeshore to longitude 83 degrees west<sup>1</sup>." The area has been designated by the State as an Underwater Preserve and is a National Marine Sanctuary. The Maritime Heritage Center is located along the Thunder Bay River in a building once associated with the old Fletcher Paper Plant. The sanctuary offer a variety of outdoor, cultural and historic based recreational opportunities. Scuba diving, snorkeling, boating and kayaking are several ways that visitors can view the many wrecks within the Thunder Bay Underwater Preserve and Underwater Sanctuary.

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<sup>1</sup> Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary web site <http://thunderbay.noaa.gov/welcome.html>

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**North Riverfront Park** is located off Fletcher Street near the mouth of the Thunder Bay River within the City's downtown area, behind the Post Office. This park has 570 feet of river frontage. A parking lot and boat launch is provided on this site. Amenities in the park include benches, picnic tables, walkways, water and power access throughout the park, a drinking fountain, a cantilevered walkway with barrier free access and rail sections allowing fishing for all parties, and an irrigation system to ensure the livelihood of plant material and reduce runoff to the river.

**South Riverfront Park** is located on the south side of the River within the City's downtown area, behind the former Alpena Power Company building, Federal Building, and Memorial Hall. With approximately 850 feet of Thunder Bay River frontage, the site consists of three parcels of land. In 2005, the amenities of the entire park were upgraded with grant funds received from the State's Cool Cities Pilot Program. A colored, stenciled concrete walkway, the first phase of the City's historic river walk, was constructed. Wrought iron safety railing was installed along the head pier and an irrigation system was installed throughout the park. Historic-style pedestrian lights, gazebo, drinking fountain, and wrought iron benches were also installed. Historic markers detailing the history and use of the Thunder Bay River were developed in partnership with the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve and installed along the new walkway.

**Island Mill Park** is located in the Thunder Bay River between Sixth and Seventh Streets. Owned by the Rotary Club of Alpena, this park was developed for recreational use with fishing sites and pathways. There is a bridge connecting the park to the north side of the Thunder Bay River.

### School Properties

**Alpena Senior High School** located at 3303 S. Third Street. This 50-acre site, owned by the Alpena School District, has a natatorium, four tennis courts (both owned by the county); gymnasium a football stadium; hardball field; softball field; two multipurpose fields; an outdoor track, and off-street parking.

**Thunder Bay Junior High School** is located at 3500 S. Third Ave. This 77 acre campus is a single level building, allowing handicapped access to all classrooms. This campus includes a forested outdoor environmental study area with a stream running through the property, two softball fields, track and field course, football field, three outdoor basketball courts, four tennis courts and complete physical education facilities

**Besser Elementary School** located at 375 Wilson Street. The four-acre property, owned by the Alpena School District, has a gymnasium, two youth/women's ball fields, a multi-purpose ball field, a playground and off-street parking.

**Ella White Elementary School** located at 201 N. Ripley. This two and one/half acre site, owned by the Alpena School District, has a gym, one ball field for unorganized play, a basketball court, a playground and off-street parking.

**Hinks Elementary School** is situated on 39 acres on U.S. 23 North at the south end of Long Lake, is owned by the Alpena Public School District. Recreational facilities on the site include a gymnasium, nature trails, baseball diamond, basketball hoops soccer field, and a playground. Although these recreational facilities are principally intended for school use, they are open for public use after school hours.



**Lincoln Elementary School** is located at 309 W. Lake Street. This two-acre site, owned by the Alpena School District, has a gymnasium, a basketball court, a playground, and off-street parking.

**Aces Academy** is located at 700 Pinecrest and is owned by the Alpena School District. Previously used as an elementary school building, this two-acre site has one ball field for unorganized play. ACES Academy offers a nine-hole disc golf course on campus that is free to the public. Disc golf is played like "ball golf" except you throw a special disc. Holes are replaced by baskets and chains. The course is well marked and rules and information on how to play are posted at the entrance, which is located in the front parking lot of the school. Discs can be purchased at Direct Skate Shop in Alpena.

**Sunset Elementary School** is located at 1421 Hobbs Drive. The Alpena School District owns this 40-acre site. It has a gym, an area available for nature study, hiking and biking, a youth/women's ball field, a playground and off-street parking. **CLOSED**

**Sanborn Elementary School Pukweggee Little League Baseball Diamond/School** is located at the intersection of U.S. 23 and Nicholson Hill Road and is owned by Alpena School District. The ball field is fenced and includes a backstop, dugouts, one set of bleachers, two restrooms, a concession stand and a storage building. Playground equipment includes a jungle gym, a slide, a teeter-totter, two basketball hoops, two swing sets and a merry-go-round. Double tennis courts with nets and backstops are also provided. Convenient off road parking invites heavy daytime use during the peak summer season and moderate use, mostly by families and community groups during the off-season.

**Wilson School** is located at 4999 Herron Road. Owned by the Alpena Public School System, the 10-acre property has a school gymnasium, playground and athletic fields. These recreational facilities are primarily intended for school use, but are available for public use after school hours. Many of the playground structures have been upgraded and safety bark has been installed. Playground structures include: three sets of swings, two wooden climbing structures, two metal climbing structures, several slides, a large play structure, tires, a seating area, hanging loops, a funnel ball game, a four-person teeter-totter, learning stations, and a basketball court.

**Alpena Community College, Main Campus** located at 666 Johnson Street. Within the area bounded by U.S. 23, Hamilton Road, Long Lake Avenue, Johnson Street and/or the Thunder Bay River sprawls 704 acres of property belonging to Alpena Community College. Presently, the central campus buildings are located on this property as well as a 400-acre section devoted to field resource study. An athletic campus features softball fields, nature trails and a skeet range. The property includes 1,600 feet of Thunder Bay frontage and encompasses a portion of the present BiPath system. Between Long Lake Avenue and Woodward exists a large area of property, part of that is woodland; the rest is open meadow. Alpena Community College extends its philosophy of shared partnership with the community to its land uses and the functions such land should carry out. The potential uses of these lands present the opportunity for joint planning with other community partners who share ACC's vision of what is most needed and what can best utilize the recreational resources of this property. The BiPath follows the 1,600 feet of Thunder Bay River frontage along Johnson Street and adjoins the college's main campus. The possibility for other developments utilizing this river frontage is great. Among other options are canoeing, dockage, and other river recreation. The athletic campus contains two men's softball fields, a skeet range, and some nature trails. Expansion of this area offers many possibilities, as does the 400-acre field resource study area.

**Pied Piper School** located at 444 Wilson. This two-acre site, owned by the Alpena Montmorency Alcona Educational Service District, offers a playground and off-street parking.

### Parochial School Property

**All Saints School** located at N. 2<sup>ND</sup> Avenue. A fenced children's playground, a basketball court, and off-street parking is available.

**Immanuel Lutheran School** located at 355 Wilson. The property includes a children's playground, a volleyball court, a youth/women's ball field, a soccer field, and off-street parking.

## ALPENA TOWNSHIP INVENTORY

Alpena Township is the largest geographical subdivision in Alpena County. It is comprised of 112.6 square miles of 72,033.0 acres that surround the City of Alpena. Located in the northeast section of the county, it is bordered by Presque Isle County to the north and Lake Huron to the east.

**Alpena Huron Shores Babe Ruth League Fields** is located behind the township municipal building at 4385 U.S. 23 North. The Alpena Huron Shores Babe Ruth League Fields are located behind the municipal building. The site is classified as a sports complex. Current facilities consist of four regulation Babe Ruth League ball diamonds, bleachers, dugouts, scoreboards, restroom/concession building, picnic tables, storage building, well house, two automatic sprinkling systems to maintain the fields, and an enlarged parking area with handicap accessibility. Alpena Huron Shores Babe Ruth League maintains the ball fields, and the Township pays the utilities. The facility is not only used for local Babe Ruth League activities, but is a site for regional tournament games.

**A forty-acre plot** of public land is located on West Long Lake Road in Section 8 of T32N, R8E. This property was formerly used as the Township landfill and is now undeveloped.

**A public access site** is located on .8 acre of land at the Weiss Road Bridge in Section 23 of T32N, R8E. The Narrows of Long Lake Creek flow beneath this bridge and the Township Fire Department uses this site to fill water tanks on the fire trucks. An informal boat launch is formed by a graveled slope to the water.

**Southside Fire Hall** is located at 2201 U.S. 23 South. This facility is situated on two lots just outside of the boundaries of the City of Alpena. In addition to township fire protection services, it is also used for voting purposes.

**Alpena Township Office Building** is located at 4385 U.S. 23 North. It contains offices of the Township Building Inspector, Assessor, Clerk, Treasurer and Supervisor. The Township Water Department and Northside Station of the Township Fire Department are also located at this facility. A barrier-free ramp makes entrance to the building readily accessible. Restrooms are also accessible.

**Alpena Township Nature Preserve** is located in Section 15 of T31N-R9E and consists of approximately 140 acres with 10,000 feet of Lake Huron Shoreline. The Nature Conservancy partnered with Alpena Township in acquiring this property to preserve it from extensive

lakeshore development and to provide public access to unique natural resources. Alpena Township acquired the property with grant support from The Nature Conservancy, Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and Michigan Coastal Management Program. The property is used for low impact outdoor recreation and enjoyment of the rich coastal resources. Alpena Township received funding to develop a park management plan from the Michigan Coastal Management Program and completed the plan in the fall of 2008. Important natural resources on the property include karst geologic features in and around El Cajon Bay, coastal fens, coastal marshes, dwarf lake iris, shore birds and migratory birds. The Michigan Natural Features Inventory has identified a number of threatened and endangered plants and animals on the property. Future uses for the property include nature and interpretive trails, water access for canoes or kayaks. In addition, the waters off this property are important for diving and are part of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve. The Township is planning to acquire small parcels to provide parking facilities and more direct access to Misery Bay for launching kayaks and canoes.

**VanWormer Field** is located on the corner of Bloom Road and Long Lake Road in Section 27 of T32N-R8E, this 5.46-acre site was the home to the old township hall. The building was sold and removed, and the ballfield remains the only use of the site. Alpena Huron Shores Babe Ruth League uses and maintains the field. There is no water on-site, but port-a-potties are provided during the season.

**Rockport Picnic Area** provides gravel parking for use of picnic tables and grills, an access gate, observation benches, signage, and landscaping. This two acre site was recently developed in partnership with DNR and is adjacent to the Rockport boat launch site in Section 6 of T32N-R9E. Alpena Township has a long-term lease from the DNR for this picnic site.

### Publicly Owned Recreation Property

**Long Lake Park** is located off U.S. 23 approximately ten miles north of the City of Alpena. Situated on the east side of Long Lake, this county owned park occupies 68 acres of land with 105 campsites. Water and electricity are provided at 80 campsites while the other 25 sites are primitive. Park facilities include picnic tables, three docks, a concrete boat ramp, two playgrounds, two pavilions with electricity, a concession stand, a dumping station, and outdoor trailer storage. In addition, there are two swimming beaches and several nature trails.

**Mackinaw State Forest** covers 8,500 acres in several areas of Alpena Township. The largest acreage is in the southern section of the township. This State owned land is used for forestry and is designated for multipurpose recreational use. Hunting is the primary recreational use with hiking and nature observation opportunities also available.

**Norway Ridge Pathway** is located 4.5 miles southwest of the City of Alpena on Werth Road. As part of the Mackinaw State Forest, the pathway is maintained by the Thunder Bay Trails Association. It has 7 miles of groomed trails in section 6 of T30N, R8E. Recreation opportunities include cross-country skiing during the winter months and mountain biking/hiking during the spring, summer and fall.

**Devil's Lake Snowmobile Trail and Devils Swamp Snowmobile Trail** are located off Werth Road. These trail circle the length of Devil's Lake and include 26 miles of the Mackinaw State Forest. MDNR owns this land and has developed it for recreational use. The snowmobile trails are maintained by the Alpena Snowmobile Association.

**Devil's Lake Wildlife Flooding Area** is located around Devil's Lake. This site is owned by the MDNR and although it remains undeveloped, it is of interest to those who enjoy nature and wildlife observation in a quite setting.

**A Public Access Site** is located at Partridge Point in Sections 10 and 11 of T30N, R8E. Owned by the MDNR, this site provides access to the waters of Thunder Bay in Lake Huron.

**Thunder Bay Island and Lighthouse** is located in sections 33 and 34 of T31N, R10E and section 3 of T30N, R10E of Alpena Township. Owned by the U.S. Government, this island is situated in Lake Huron's Thunder Bay and is used as a wildlife refuge. The Thunder Bay Island Lighthouse is being restored by the Thunder Bay Island Lighthouse Preservation Society. Alpena Township is working to acquire the land around the lighthouse to enable the community to pursue grants for restoration and management.

**Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve** located off Thunder Bay in Lake Huron. The area has been designated by the State as an Underwater Preserve and by the Federal Government as a National Marine Sanctuary. More details about the Underwater Sanctuary and Preserve are listed in the action plan.

**Middle Island Lighthouse** is located on Middle Island in Lake Huron, approximately 1.5 miles east of Rockport and is operated by the Coast Guard. The rest of the island, the lighthouse keeper's quarters, two privies, and a tool shed are privately owned and are currently being restored.

**Bike Paths:** 1.4 mile paved pathway runs along the east side of U.S. 23 South from the Michigan Department of Transportation to Mich-e-ki-wis Park. Another pathway is located on the north and south side of M-32 from Bagley Street, west one mile to Walter Road. The trails also extend into the City of Alpena with recreational opportunities for bicycling, walking and jogging. The Bike Paths are owned by the Michigan Department of Transportation and Alpena Township is responsible for the maintenance.

**Hinks Elementary School** is situated on 39 acres on U.S. 23 North at the south end of Long Lake, is owned by the Alpena Public School District. Recreational facilities on the site include a gymnasium, nature trails, baseball diamond, basketball hoops soccer field, and a playground. Although these recreational facilities are principally intended for school use, they are open for public use after school hours.

**Gordon School Building** is located south of the City on Gordon Road. Owned by Alpena Public School District, this site has one baseball diamond that is used by the Alpena Huron Shores Babe Ruth League. A portion of the building serves as administrative offices for the school system and the remaining part of the facility is leased to the Northeast Michigan Community Services Agency.

**Rockport Property** is located about ten miles north of the City of Alpena on Lake Huron. Situated on the Alpena/Presque Isle County line, east of U.S. 23, the property covers nearly six square miles. The DNR maintains a public access/boat launch facility. The Township of Alpena has a lease agreement with the Michigan DNR for 2 acres to provide a picnic site. Site features include and inactive limestone quarry, a deep-water harbor with boat launch, trails, parking and picnic areas, eight large and several small sinkholes, several square miles of forested land and historic sites. There is also a unique conservation effort on the property to protect critical bat habitat for several species of bats.

**North Eastern State Trail (N.E.S.T)** is located throughout the Township and offers year round recreation opportunities such as snowmobiling, skiing, hiking and horseback riding.

### **GREEN TOWNSHIP RECREATION INVENTORY**

Green Township is located in the west central portion of Alpena County. Bordered to the west by Montmorency County, Green Township consists of 51,316 acres or 80.2 square miles.

#### Township Recreation Property

**Green Township Ball Park** is located at the junction of M-32 and M-65 and adjoins the Township Hall. The ball field is fenced and has backstops and two dugouts. It is regularly used for T-Ball, Babe Ruth League and softball.

#### Township Buildings

**Green Township Fire Hall** is situated on 10 acres at the intersection of M-65 and Moore's Landing Road. A small meeting room is available at this site.

**Green Township Hall** is located on 8 acres at the junction of M-32 and M-65 adjacent to the ball field. The hall has cooking facilities, restrooms and a meeting room. The Hall has the capacity to accommodate 100-150 people and is available for rent year-round. There is basketball court, swings, and picnic tables at the Township Hall. There are plans to build a pavilion this year.

#### Township Property – Cemeteries

**Greeley Cemetery** is located on M-65 just south of M-32

**Spratt Cemetery** is located 2 miles west of M-65 on Spratt Road.

#### Publicly Owned Recreation Property

**Manning Hill Park** is located on M-32 near the M-65 junction. This 2-acre site is owned by Alpena County and offers an outlook on one of the highest points in the county. Picnic table, grills, and a pavilion are available for year round use.

**DNR Public Access** to Fletcher Pond is located off Jack's Landing Road on Fishing Site Road. This site consists of approximately 10 acres and is owned by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. It has a boat launching ramp, a fishing site, a comfort station and a parking area.

**Mackinaw State Forest** is located in several areas of the township. Approximately 1,377 acres of State Forest are in Green Township. These State Forest lands are designated for multipurpose recreational use as well as forestry. Although hunting is the primary recreational use, hiking and nature observation opportunities are also available.

## LONG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP RECREATION INVENTORY

Long Rapids Township is located in the north central portion of Alpena County. Bordered on the north by Presque Isle County, the township is comprised of 35,129 acres or 54.9 square miles.

### Township Recreation Property

**Gleason Ball Field** is located three miles north of M-32 on M-65. Situated on M 32, the field has bleachers, a backstop and limited fencing.

**Long Rapids Park** is located on the Thunder Bay River just south of Long Rapids Road off M-65. The 10-acre natural area is primarily used as a canoe launch. It also serves as a scenic roadside park with a picnic site and outdoor toilet facilities.

### Township Buildings

**Long Rapids Township Hall** is located on M-65 in Long Rapids approximately 3 miles north of M-32. This building has a capacity of 400-500 people with meeting rooms, cooking facilities and a gymnasium with a basketball court. In the winter months an area outside the building is flooded for use as an ice rink. For more convenient use of the facility, an elevator is being considered to allow easier handicapped access. The hall is available for rent by community residents for social and recreational activities.

**Long Rapids Township Fire Hall** is located on M-65 in Long Rapids.

**Long Rapids Township Cemetery** is located on M-65 in Long Rapids.

### Publicly Owned Recreation Property

**Mackinaw State Forest** is located in the eastern and southeastern parts of Long Rapids Township. Approximately 5,731 acres of this forest are located in the township. Classified as forestland, it is also designated as a multipurpose recreational area. Although the primary recreational use is hunting, opportunities for hiking and nature observation are also available.

**Long Rapids Elementary School Ball Field** is located on Long Rapids Road east of M-65.

**Sunken Lake Campground** is located on Fletcher Park Road at the Presque Isle County line. Adjacent to Sunken Lake's 50 acres of water, this 160 acre county park offers camping, fishing, boating, swimming, and a children's playground. A day use area has picnic tables, grills, playground equipment, and a pavilion. A covered footbridge provides access to an island with nature trails. The camping area offers 60 trailer campsites with water and electricity available. All campsites have picnic tables. There are two bathrooms with showers, a dumping station, a boat ramp and dock, a fish cleaning station, a concession stand, and playground equipment. A park caretaker is on-site.

### MAPLE RIDGE TOWNSHIP RECREATION INVENTORY

Maple Ridge Township is located in the north central section of Alpena County and is bordered on the north by Presque Isle County. The township consists of 34,519 acres or 53.9 square miles.

#### Township Recreation Property

**Maple Ridge Township Park** is located on the west side of LaComb Road on the North Branch of the Thunder Bay River. It is comprised of 45 rustic acres with picnic grounds, hiking trails, and a canoe launch. A popular attraction is the picturesque wooden bridge that leads to an island area. Recent improvements to the park include a newly constructed pavilion and additional playground equipment. Other playground equipment includes a teeter-totter and a large sanded area. A storage building is located on site and outdoor toilet facilities are available. Although there is no electricity at the park, improvement plans include the addition of power lines.

**Maple Ridge Ball Park** is located on Cathro Road in Cathro. This township ballpark is used by residents and ball clubs. The facility includes two dugouts, a backstop, bleachers and fencing.

**A River Access** site is located in section 12 T31N, R7E of the township in lot 5 of the Thunder Bay Village East Shore Subdivision. This property was purchased from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and includes approximately 50 feet of frontage on the Thunder Bay River. This property is undeveloped.

**A River Access** is located at the end of Mabel Avenue in section 15 T32N, R7E provides access to the South Branch of the Thunder Bay River. This property is undeveloped.

#### Township Buildings

**Maple Ridge Township Hall** is located at 6010 LaComb Road at the intersection of Dietz Road. Facilities include a meeting room, restrooms and a basement kitchen/eating area. A bar area and separate dance floor are located on the ground floor. The hall is available for rent and can accommodate 150-200 people. Maple Ridge Township offices are located at 6000 LaComb Road. The office is attached to the Township Hall and provides office space for Township officials.

**Maple Ridge Township Volunteer Fire Department** is located next to the Township Hall on LaComb Road.

#### Township Property

**Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery** is located on Bolton Road on 2.66 acres of Township land.

#### Publicly Owned Recreation Property

**Mackinaw State Forest** is located in the southwest part of the township. With approximately 4,500 acres of land, the State forest is described as forestland with multipurpose recreational use. The land is used primarily for hunting with opportunities for hiking and nature observation also available.

## OSSINEKE TOWNSHIP RECREATION INVENTORY

Ossineke Township is located in the lower western and central sections of Alpena County. It is bordered to the west by Montmorency County and to the south by Alcona County. Ossineke Township is the second largest township in Alpena County with 68,938 acres or 107.7 square miles.

### Township Recreation Property

**Ossineke Township Hall** is located on 1.86 acres at the intersection of Wolf Creek Road and Nicholson Hill Road. Although it is used for public meetings and other community functions, the Hall is also available for private rental. Complete kitchen facilities are available for banquets and social activities. Folding tables and chairs are included in the rental charges.

### Township Owned Property

**Ossineke Township Cemetery** is located on Hubbard Lake Road in the eastern part of the Township in section 28. It is .2 mile north of the intersection of Hubbard Lake and Scott Roads.

### Publicly Owned Recreation Property

**Beaver Lake Campground/Park** is located 1.2 miles west of M-65 on Beaver Lake Park Road. This county park is situated on 8.19 acres adjacent to Beaver Lake. With a dam to control lake levels, this natural lake covers 665 acres and offers area residents many water-related recreational opportunities. Swimming, boating, and fishing for pike, bass, and pan fish are popular summertime activities. A pavilion, children's playground, and a fenced-in spring separate the boat launch and camping area from the day use area. The day use area provides an open space with picnic tables, swings, and a swimming beach. Overnight camping is available and a park caretaker is on-site.

**Mackinaw State Forest** is located in the central section of the township at the intersection of Widner Creek and Wolf Creek. This State forest covers approximately 5,000 acres and includes lands formerly designated as the Wolf Creek Public Hunting Grounds. Chippewa Hills Pathway occupies most of the upland parcels within this State forestland. The remaining land includes forested wetlands that are primarily cedar swamps. These lands are managed for wildlife fiber, not commercial timber production. Although deer hunting is the primary use, these State lands are also open for other recreational uses. Fishing, hiking, and wildlife observation opportunities area limited due to the dense growth, wet terrain and a lack of access roads.

**Chippewa Hills Pathway** is located southwest of Ossineke on Kissau Road. With three groomed trails, it is one of Alpena County's major hiking and cross county ski areas. Trail #1 is 1.3 miles, trail #2 is 2.5 miles and trail #3 is 4.5 miles. These trails have four loops with rolling to hilly terrain and are designated novice to expert. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has proposed improvements at the site, including a track for skate-skiers.



### SANBORN TOWNSHIP RECREATION INVENTORY

Sanborn Township is located in the southeast corner of Alpena County. Consisting of 28,267 acres, the township covers 44.2 square miles of land. It is bordered to the south by Alcona County and the east by Lake Huron. The large Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox are two recognizable US-23 roadside features in the Township.

#### Township Recreation Property

**Ossineke Park** is located east of U.S.23 South on the Lake Huron shore. Also known as Sanborn Park, it has a day use area with picnic tables, grills and pavilion, playground equipment, changing rooms, restrooms and newly paved parking lot that meets ADA accessibility standards. The park has a sandy beach for swimming, but there is no boat launch.

**Sanborn Township Launching Site** is located off Washington Avenue near the mouth of the Devil's River. The site has a parking area, pit toilets and a paved boat launch. It is a cooperative effort between the Township and the DNR.

**Babe Ruth Ball Field and Ossineke Ball Field** are located at the intersection of U.S. 23 and Ossineke Road. Maintained by Alpena Huron Shores Babe Ruth League and Ossineke Baseball Association, they are used by the Alpena County Baseball leagues and casual baseball teams. The fields are fenced and include a backstop, dugouts, bleachers, a storage building, a concession stand and a broadcast booth. Off road parking and two restrooms are provided. This area receives heavy use by the baseball leagues and also by family/friends groups during the summer season.

**Sanborn Township and Alpena Huron Shores Babe Ruth League Baseball Diamond** has a backstop, dugouts, bleachers, fencing, a concession stand, storage building, toilets and off road parking.

**Shin-ga-ba Shores Playground** is located on Ossineke Road off of U.S. 23 South and adjacent to the Baseball Fields. The playground was constructed in 1998 by community support and donations. The playground consists of 8,500 square feet of playground equipment that was designed by the children and is a real asset to the Ossineke area. A 26-foot totem pole was added along with picnic tables and a brick walkway with names was installed in 2002. The community maintains the equipment on a yearly basis to keep it looking new.

#### Township Buildings

**Sanborn Township Hall** is located on .32 acres of land at the corner of Nicholson Hill Road and U.S. 23. It has a barrier free entry, barrier free restrooms, a large meeting room and a modern kitchen. There are also two and one-half fire bays attached to the building.

**Sanborn Annex Building** is located adjacent to the township hall. The combined lot size is 236' x 120' x 217.52' x 247.7'. Adjoining property, lot 22 of Ranger Subdivision, is 60' x 107.5' and is also owned by the township.

#### Township Property

**Sanborn Township Cemetery** is located off old Ossineke Road on five acres of land.

### Publicly Owned Recreation Property

**Mackinaw State Forest** is located in the eastern part of the township. These State forestlands are classified as forestry and used for multipurpose recreational activities. Hunting is the primary recreational use with hiking and nature observation opportunities also available.

**Ossineke State Forest Campground** is located on the shore of Lake Huron. It has 42 campsites, picnic tables, fire pits, water pumps and eight toilets. A small picnic area has four tables, fire pits and grills. The campground also has a non-motorized hiking trail and a sandy beach. There is no boat launch site.

**Negwegon State Park** is located in sections 27, 27, 34 and 35 of T29N, R8E in the township. The park consists of approximately 1,720 acres in Alpena County and an additional 1,265 acres is located in Alcona County. The park is a day-use facility with hiking trails, parking and pit toilets, which are located in Alcona County.

**Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Boat Launch Site** is located off of East Nicholson Hill Road on the shore of Lake Huron. Owned by the MDNR, this four-acre site has one concrete ramp for shallow draft boats. With a parking area for 30 cars, this site would normally receive medium to heavy use, however, Due to the low water levels, this launch has not been used.

**Ossineke Sports Park** is located adjacent to the Sanborn School ball diamond in the northwest corner of section 23 T29N, R8E. Alpena Public Schools owns the property and it is currently leased to the Ossineke Chamber of Commerce. With a grant from Michigan's Neighborhood Builder's Alliance Program, improvements were made that included a soccer field, fenced ball diamond, dugouts, a broadcast booth and restroom facilities.

**Sanborn Elementary School Pukwegee Little League Baseball Diamond/School** is located at the intersection of U.S. 23 and Nicholson Hill Road. The ball field is fenced and includes a backstop, dugouts, one set of bleachers, two restrooms, a concession stand and a storage building. Playground equipment includes a jungle gym, a slide, a teeter-totter, two basketball hoops, two swing sets and a merry-go-round. Double tennis courts with nets and backstops are also provided. Convenient off road parking invites heavy daytime use during the peak summer season and moderate use, mostly by families and community groups during the off-season.

### **WELLINGTON TOWNSHIP RECREATION INVENTORY**

Wellington Township is located in the northwest corner of Alpena County. It is bordered to the north by Presque Isle County and to the west by Montmorency County. The township has the smallest population in the county and is 34,210 acres and covers 53.5 square miles of land.

### Township Buildings

**Wellington Township Hall** is located on .5 acres of land at the intersection of Long Rapids Road and Collins Road. Used for public meeting and social events, the hall is available for rent.

### Publicly Owned Recreation Property

**Mackinaw State Forest** is located in the eastern portion of Township. Covering of 6,600 acres of land, this State forest is designated for multipurpose recreational use in addition to forestry use. Hunting is the primary recreation with hiking and nature observation opportunities also available.

### **WILSON TOWNSHIP RECREATION INVENTORY**

Wilson Township is located in the central portion of Alpena County and covers 79.8 square miles of land with 51,128.1 acres.

#### Township Property

**Wolf Creek Park:** Located off Wolf Creek Road, the 17 acre Wolf Creek property was acquired by Wilson Township from the Alpena County Road Commission. The property consists of the old Wolf Creek Road right-of-way which varies in width. There are two areas where the right-of-way widens to 100' X 100' both north and south of Wolf Creek. There are plans to build a 50' bridge across the river.

**Wilson Township Fire Hall and Township Offices** are located three miles south of M-32 on King Settlement Road. The Township Hall is open all year for community and social functions, the Hall is available for rent with banquet facilities and a dance floor.

**Wilson Township Cemetery** is located on King Settlement Road directly across from the Wilson Township Fire Hall and Township Offices.

#### Other Publicly Owned Recreation Properties

**Mackinaw State Forest** is located in the north and mid-sections of the east side of the township. These 7,000 acres of State forest land are designated for multipurpose recreational use as well as forestry. Hunting is the primary recreational use with hiking and nature observation opportunities available as well.

**Devil's Lake Snowmobile Trail** is located in the eastern portion of Wilson Township in the Mackinaw State Forest. The trail is 21 miles long with 11 miles of which are located in the Township. The snowmobile trails are maintained by the Alpena Sno-Drifters.

**Alpena to Hillman Trail** traverses the northern portion of Wilson Township south of M-32 until the trail crosses M-32 immediately east of Emerson Road. The trail head is located just outside the City of Alpena. The Alpena to Hillman Trail follows State land and is managed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The trail offers opportunities for snowmobiles, hiking, and mountain biking (some sections impassable for mountain bikers). The trail is groomed in the winter months by the Alpena Sno-Drifters.

**Indian Reserve Devils Lake Parking Lot** provides parking for trail users in the area (snowmobile, hiking, biking, skiing, and horse).

**Norway Ridge Pathway** is located in the eastern portion of Wilson Township and the western portion of Alpena Township. As part of the Mackinaw State Forest, the pathway has 4.5 miles of groomed trails and is owned by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). The Thunder Bay Trails Association assists with trail maintenance and improvement. Recreation

opportunities include cross country skiing during the winter months and mountain biking/hiking during the spring, summer and fall. The trailhead for the Norway Ridge Pathway is off Werth Road.

**Thunder Bay River State Forest Campground** is located six miles south of M-32 on Indian Reserve Road. Owned by the State of Michigan, this campground is situated in the Mackinaw State Forest on the Thunder Bay River. It covers **20** acres of land and has 17 rustic campsites, well water, picnic tables, fire rings, toilets and a picnic area. This campground offers opportunities for canoeing, fishing, and wildlife viewing. Also, hiking and mountain biking are available on the 1.5-mile Wah-Wah-Tas-See Pathway. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources closed this campground as of July 9, 2007.

**Wilson School** is located at 4999 Herron Road. Owned by the Alpena Public School System, the property has a school gymnasium, playground and athletic fields. These recreational facilities are primarily intended for school use, but are available for public use after school hours. Many of the playground structures have been upgraded and safety bark has been installed. Playground structures include: three sets of swings, two wooden climbing structures, two metal climbing structures, several slides, a large play structure, tires, a seating area, hanging loops, a funnel ball game, a four-person teeter-totter, learning stations, and a basketball court.

### PRIVATELY OWNED RECREATION PROPERTY

The following is a listing of privately owned recreation property within Alpena County. Due to the difficulty of identifying all sites and the dynamic nature of this economic sector, this is not intended to be a comprehensive listing of all private recreation opportunities.

#### City of Alpena

**APlex** is located on Woodward Avenue across the street from Alpena Community College's student housing and the World Center for Concrete Technology. The facility has a gymnasium, four indoor tennis courts, a fitness facility, conference space, aerobic areas, as well as a spa & sauna. Initially owned by Besser Company, APlex was gifted in 2005 to the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan. In 2007, Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan granted the facility to the Park Family Foundation, and the Park Family Foundation remains the owner to this day. APlex is home to the Alpena Tennis Association, and has numerous gym rentals for cheerleading/tumbling, karate, basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball and soccer. APlex hosts numerous events, such as trade shows, as well social occasions. In spring of 2009, construction of 4 outdoor beach volleyball courts was completed to accommodate and enhance the growing league that utilizes courts at Mich-E-Kiwis.

**Alpena Civic Theatre (ACT)** is located at 401 River Street. This community-based group presents live theatre for area residents from September through May. Special summertime presentations are designed for audiences with children. Children are included in the cast. The building is owned by the City and leased to ACT.

**Thunder Bay Theatre (TBT)** is located at 400 North Second Avenue. Situated in Alpena's "Old Town" area, this professional theatre group presents live productions on a year round basis. As

the only resident professional ensemble in northeast Michigan, the TBT company ranges in size from eight to thirty actors.

**Royal Knight Cinema** is located at 101 South Second Avenue. With three movie screens, this theater offers residents many entertainment choices all year round.

**GKC/State Cinema** is located at 204 North Second Avenue. With five movie screens, this theater offers residents many entertainment choices all year round.

**Alpena Youth Club** is located on Long Rapids Plaza. As a private, non-profit agency, this facility offers the youth of Alpena a variety of specialized entertainment options. A flexible programming schedule allows for time, space and equipment to be available for unscheduled recreational activities.

**Boys and Girls Club** of Alpena is located at 601 River Street. This private, non-profit organization offers programming, space and equipment for youth recreational and educational activities.

**Besser Museum of Northeast Michigan** is located at 491 Johnson Street. Bounded by the Alpena Civic and Convention Center to the west and Alpena Community College to the east, the museum is an intricate part of many of Alpena's cultural/recreational opportunities. A recent addition is a fossil park that is open spring, summer and fall.

**Sky Theater Planetarium** is also a permanent part of the Jesse Besser museum. It offers regularly scheduled as well as special showings in a theater-like setting. Available to all area residents over five years of age, the Planetarium is accessed with an admission fee.

**Alpena Yacht Club** is located at 250 Prentiss Street on the Lake Huron shoreline. Situated across from the Small Boat Harbor, this private club provides recreational activities for members/guests.

**Thunder Bay Shores Marina** is located at 400 East Chisholm Street at the Small Boat Harbor. The facility provides boating related services for residents and visitors to the Alpena area. Acting as a communications center for boaters in the waters of Thunder Bay, the marina cooperates with the U.S. Coast Guard during search and rescue missions. It also posts severe weather warnings.

**Thunder Bay Scuba** is located on Ripley Street. It offers charter services for recreational shipwreck diving. Dockside air stations and rental diving gear is available. Scuba gear sales and service are on-site with scuba diving lessons available.

**Charter Fishing boats** are available through several private contractors from April through October.

**Lee's Miniature Golf** is located at 1016 South State Avenue. It has a mini-golf course with putting green. Game machines are provided in the small rental equipment area. This recreational opportunity is available from Memorial Day to Labor Day and is well lit for evening players.

**Ninth Avenue Dam** is located at the Ninth Avenue Bridge on the Thunder Bay River. Owned by Thunder Bay Power Company, this one-acre site offers fishing access and parking area.

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**Dodge Marina and Storage** is located at 10782 Long Lake Park Road on the southeast side of Long Lake. Recreational opportunities at this facility include paddleboat and outboard motor rentals, fuel, bait, a game room and snack bar.

**Thunder Bowl, Inc.** is located at 2192 U.S. 23 South just outside the City limits of Alpena. It features 36 bowling lanes, a snack bar and billiard/game room. League times and open bowling opportunities are available all year long.

**Alpena Golf Club** is located at 1135 Golf Course Road on 150 acres of land. Although this club is owned by its members, it is open to the public. It features an 18 hole regulation golf course with irrigated fairways, a driving range, a practice putting green and rental electric and pull carts. The clubhouse includes a fully equipped kitchen an enlarged dining room and pro shop. A PGA golf professional is on site and available for lessons for the beginner and advanced golfer.

**Alpena Health and Racquet Club** is located at 2490 U.S. 23 South. Open year-round, this facility offers memberships that include the use of a gymnasium, a weight room and racquetball courts. Group aerobic exercise classes as well as individual exercise programs are available.

**Four Mile Dam** is located on the Thunder Bay River in T31N, R8E of section 17 of Alpena Township. It is owned by Thunder Bay Power Company and has three recreation areas in the vicinity of the Dam and all of them are accessible to the public.

Access Site #1 is located adjacent to the Dam at the end of Four Mile Road. This 2-acre site provides access to fishing with ample parking near the powerhouse. There is canoe portage around the left end of the Dam. Thunder Bay Power Company Plans to improve the parking and portage areas and provide handicapped accessible toilet facilities

Access Site #2 is located across the Thunder Bay River from the Dam and provides an informal access to the impoundment for fishing opportunities and nature observation

Access Site #3 is located .6 mile to the west of both Site #1 and Site #2. This 6-acre site is accessible to the public from Long Rapids Road and offers fishing opportunities with a gravel boat launch. Occasionally this site is used for overnight camping. Thunder Bay Power Company plans to improve the boat launch and parking area.

**JJ's Awesome Acres** is located at 1120 U.S. 23 North just outside the Alpena City limits. It offers an 18-hole miniature golf course and other family related activities. It is closed in the winter.

**The Arzo** located on US-23 North provides miniature golf, bumper cars, a full size indoor carousel, and other family related activities.

### Green Township

**Bradley's Paradise Lodge Resort** is located at 16991 Taylor Hawks Road in Lachine. This privately owned facility offers access to the waters of Fletcher Pond, 75 camping sites (25 with electricity), bathroom facilities, boat rentals, cabin rentals, a playground and a restaurant.

**Upper South Dam\*** is located on the Thunder Bay River in T30N, R5E in section 2 of the township. The Thunder Bay Power Company owns the property and provides two sites for public access.

**Moore's Landing Campground** is located at 17120 Moore's Landing Road and offers 20 primitive individual sites.

**Killions Landing** is located at 5428 Emils Landing Road and offers 30 modern individual sites.

**Jacks Landing Resort** is located at 20836 Tennis Road and offers a restaurant, 30 modern individual sites and has access to Fletcher's Pond.

**Fletcher's Landing** is located at 5614 Emils Landing Rd. Fletcher's Landing offers waterfront cabins located on the shores of the 9,000 acre fishing paradise that is Fletcher Pond. Accommodations consist of 14 waterfront cabins and duplexes that sleep three to six persons. Each features its own kitchen and private bathroom. Included is dock space, a campfire pit and picnic table. A boat launch is available or you can rent boats and motors. A tackle shop is also on site for fishing supplies.

**Anglers Hideaway** is located at 5883 Miller Road and has access to Fletcher's Pond. The resort has nine cabins and is open year round.

### Public Access on Fletcher's Pond

**Site A** is located on 1 acre of land north of the dam. It offers fishing access and parking in the tail water (downstream) section. There is also a canoe portage around the dam. Thunder Bay Power Company has continued plans to organize the parking area, provide handicapped accessible toilet facilities and fishing area and improve the portage area.

**Site B** is located on 1 acre of land to the south (upstream) from the dam. It offers an informal boat launch and access to Fletcher's Pond. The parking area and toilet facilities that were developed in 1997 at Site A also provide services for Site B.

\*The information for Thunder Bay Power facilities (both in this township and in other townships within the county) was obtained from sections of their Recreation Plan dealing with these properties. Information was also supplied by AR Blystra & Associates, Ltd. Consulting Engineers, Valparaiso Indiana.

**Thunder Bay River** access is located at the corner of M 32 and Calcut Rd.

**Beaver Lake** access is located on O'Brian Rd.

### Long Rapids Township

**Sinkholes** are located west of the intersection of Leer Road and Maple Lane. There are two sinkholes located side-by-side at this site and they are referred to as the Stevens Twin Sinks. Purchased by the Michigan Karst Conservancy through donations and membership dues, both of these sinkholes are approximately 200 feet in diameter. One sinkhole is approximately 60 feet deep and the other is about 80 feet deep. Bruski Sink across Leer Road was donated to the Conservancy and made part of the Thunder Bay Karst Preserves.

The Michigan Karst Conservancy has spearheaded a volunteer effort to clean up debris and refuse which has been dumped into these sinkholes. Long-range goals include signs and parking facilities when the sites are opened for limited viewing by the public. In order to protect the unique vegetation and insure safety of viewers, access will be somewhat restricted and prior permission will be necessary before entering the area. Besser Museum of Northeast Michigan is acting as the point of contact since accessibility will likely be gained through guided tours in conjunction with the museum. The Karst Conservancy also owns other property in the Township, which encompasses part of another sinkhole that is privately owned. The Karst group may decide to acquire property that encompasses the entire sinkhole and eventually make available for supervised public viewing. The sinkholes are just a few of over 200, which are found in a 50-mile line from Thunder Bay to Black Lake. Alpena Township's Long Lake is actually a sink. Some of the dry sinkholes in Alpena County range from 100 to 300 feet in diameter and up to 150 feet deep. Because these formations are rare in most areas, they are of interest to geologist and geographers as well as to casual visitors. Botanists are intrigued by the unusual flora, especially ferns and mosses that occur in cool and dark climate of the sinks. Since many of the sinkholes are located on private property, visitors should obtain permission from owners before entering the area.

### Maple Rapids Township

**Campers Cove Campground** is located at 5055 Long Rapids Road on the Thunder Bay River. It offers campsites for tents and recreational vehicles. Some of the sites have electrical hook-ups. This facility has an indoor pool, sauna, game room, mini-golf and shuffleboard courts. Canoe/paddle boat/kayak rentals, fishing and swimming opportunities are available. Restrooms and laundry facilities are also on site.

**Wes Point Shore** is located at 5315 Long Rapids Road on the Thunder Bay River. The facility offers cabins, camping, boat rental, fishing canoeing and boating.

**Norway Point (Seven Mile Dam)** is located in section 12, T31N, R7E in the township. Although the property is owned by Thunder Bay Power Company, there are three sites available for use by the public.

**Site 1** is a one-acre site located upstream from the Dam and offers access to the impoundment. This area is accessible off Long Rapids Road to the west of the Dam on the north side of the Thunder Bay River. This site includes a boat ramp, a restroom, and an area for parking. Thunder Bay Power plans to improve the restroom facilities and the parking area. In addition, a shoreline fishing area is being considered as an addition to the existing boat launch. In 2003 a boat launch and small parking area will be developed on the south side of the impoundment.

**Site 2** is a one acre site on the north side of the Thunder Bay River at the Dam and offers public access and canoe portage

**Site 3** is a two-acre site on the south side of the Thunder Bay River at the Dam and offers tail water access and a parking area. In 2005 Thunder Bay Power Company plans to enlarge the parking area, provide handicapped accessible restroom and fishing area and improve canoe portage to include car top launch.



### Ossineke Township

**Hubbard Lake Lions Park** is located .3 miles north of Hubert Road on Hubbard Lake Road. The 8.1-acre park has the following facilities: two ball diamonds, horseshoe pit, playground, basketball court, a double tennis court, picnic tables, restrooms, walk-in cooler, water well, outdoor ice rink, pavilion and asphalt driveway .

The Lions Park is use for family picnics, organized softball, children's sports activities and the popular event known as "Manjidiwin Days" . Since 1984 this four-day event has been held the last weekend in June and includes music, street dancing, bike and foot races, a triathlon, tractor pulls, children's games, and art fair, a softball tourney and other recreational events. A 99-year lease between the township and the Lions Club has made and additional 5.2 acres adjacent to the park available for park use. Reservations for community and social events are accepted for the pavilion.

**Turtle Lake Club** is the largest landowner in the township. With more than 9,300 acres, the Club owns more property in the township than the State of Michigan. This land covers 14 whole sections in T29N, R5E, and two half sections and one quarter section. In addition to the entire shoreline of Turtle Lake, the Club owns property in Montmorency County and Oscoda County. As a nonprofit corporation, Turtle Lake Club is the oldest hunting club east of the Mississippi River.

### Sanborn Township

**Dinosaur Gardens** is located at 11160 U.S. 23 South. Situated on 40 acres, the property is split by the Devil's River. This prehistoric zoo features life size reproductions of over 25 dinosaurs, birds and other prehistoric animals in a natural outdoor setting. During the warm summer months, an abundance of ferns, wildflowers and many types of trees native to Michigan are found along the picturesque woodland trail. An 18 hole miniature golf course, snack bar and gift shop are also located at this site.

### Wilson Township

**Camp Woodlands Girl Scout Camp** is located three miles south of M-32 on Indian Reserve Road and is surrounded by the Mackinaw State Forest.. The camp, owned by the Mitten Bay Girl Scout Council, was completed in 1958 and has facilities for 36 people including a complete kitchen, three flush toilets, bunk beds and a large activity room with a fireplace. Camp Woodlands is available for rental and is used for various activities such as Cub Scout Day Camps. It consists of a main lodge building which has restroom facilities.

**Alpena Sportsmen's Club** is located at 4260 W. M-32. This 120 acre site is privately owned and includes Zim Lake. The 9,000 square foot club house is barrier free and is equipped with a 16 point indoor shooting range with an approved ventilating/air exchange system. The building also contains a meeting area, kitchen facilities and indoor rest rooms. A maintenance garage, a 100 yard shooting range, a 600 yard rifle range, and sporting clays are also located on the grounds. In addition to club members, the indoor range is also used by local police organizations, 4-H groups, rifle/pistol leagues, and archery league. The clubhouse is available for rent for community and social functions with a non-member fee.

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**Rivers Edge County Club/Golf Course** is located 0.5 mile east of the intersection of Werth Road and Hubbard Lake Road at 6373 Werth Road. Although it is a private club, non-members and guests are welcome. This facility offers an 18-hole golf course with water hazards and wooded terrain. Electric and pull carts are available for rent. A clubhouse with a restaurant, lounge and private banquet area is situated on this site as well as a driving range, putting green, pro shop, tennis court and swimming pool.

**The Alpena Sno-Drifters** office is located at the intersection of M-32 and Herron Road (description contained in Chapter 2 – Administrative Structure).

**Alpena Cycle Club** is located three miles south of Werth Road on Spruce Road. The Alpena Cycle Club will have been in existence 50 years in 2008. It began as a road riding motorcycle club, but has expanded to include events such as a Motocross (four were held in 2007), garden tractor pulls, and a Bump and Run.

**Opal's Landing** is located on M-32 West on the Thunder Bay River. It offers fishing and boat rentals.

**Paxton Shale Quarry** is located at the intersection of M-32 and King Settlement Road. The former quarry is owned by Lafarge and future plans are to continue to develop the 600-acre area as a wildlife habitat. The former quarry is now a lake which has been stocked with fish. Lafarge employees use the site, and the general public can use the area by making advance arrangements. In 2001, the area received certification from the Wildlife Habitat Council, a nonprofit that promotes habitat preservation on corporate lands.

**Alpena Optimist Club** has established “**Optimist Acres**” on M-32 at the junction of Herron Road. Located on 43 acres of land donated by LaFarge Corporation, this recreation area is youth oriented and designed to provide year-round activities. With the Optimist motto “Friend of Youth”, this facility offers recreation opportunities that include a 100' x 100' ice skating rink, a pavilion and a ball diamond. The five year plan includes an ATV trail, a cross county running/ski track, a campground area, modern restrooms, portable bleachers and perimeter fencing.

**PK Fletcher Gun Club:** A Skeet Range owned by P.K. Fletcher is located two mile south of M-32 on Indian Reserve Road.

**Horse Facilities:** Two private horse facilities exist within Wilson Township – A horse riding stable is located on Werth Road and an Arabian ranch is located on Spruce Road.

**Game Bird Adventures:** A private pheasant and quail hunting preserve owned by Floyd and Nancy Montie is located at 10910 Carney Road. The facility is licensed by the Michigan DNR and has been in existence for 10 years. The facility offers pheasant and quail hunting for a fee.

## CHAPTER 4 - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

Development of a community recreation plan must involve interaction and input from citizens and community groups. The Alpena County Planning Commission was the lead entity in developing the county recreation plan. The Planning Commission sought input from the Alpena County Parks Commission. To facilitate citizen opinion on recreation priorities two surveys were distributed. Throughout the summer of 2008, park surveys were distributed to campers that stayed at Beaver Lake Park, Long Lake Park and Sunken Lake Park. A joint City-County Recreation Survey was distributed across the county in the Alpena Newspaper. Surveys were also completed by Alpena Community College students and on class of 5<sup>th</sup> graders at the school in the City of Alpena. County Planning Commission meetings were open to the public with time allocated for comments.

### SCHEDULE

<b>November 27, 2013</b>	NEMCOG contracts with Alpena County to update the Alpena County Five Year Recreation Plan.
<b>December 10, 2013</b>	Meeting scheduled for public input session.
<b>December 17, 2013</b>	Drafts of Recreation Inventory and Action Plan chapters were sent to Alpena County Board of Commissioners, Alpena County Parks and Recreation Board Members, and Alpena County Planning Commission Members for review and updates.
<b>January 4, 2014</b>	Public input notice published in the Alpena News
<b>January 8, 2014</b>	Parks and Recreation Committee reviewed and made changes to the updated draft of the Recreation Inventory and Action Plan chapters.
<b>January 7-16, 2014</b>	Update plan draft with notes from Alpena County staff.
<b>January 16, 2014</b>	NEMCOG staff attends Planning Commission meeting and has public input session for Recreation Plan.
<b>January 20, 2014</b>	Alpena County Recreation Plan posted on county web site, NEMCOG web site, and made available in the Alpena County Library located in the City of Alpena.
<b>January 21, 2014</b>	Public Review for 30 days published in the Alpena News.
<b>February 20, 2014</b>	County Planning Commission holds public hearing and passes resolution recommending the County Board adopt the County Recreation Plan.

## **Alpena County Recreation Plan**

**February 25, 2014**

Alpena County Board of Commissioners adopts the County Recreation Plan at their regular monthly meeting.

### **Public Input**

Citizen opinion on recreation priorities is key to the development of a recreation plan. The Planning Commission opted to hold a public input session to gather comprehensive public opinion and ideas about the future of recreation in the County. A notice was placed in area news media. There were two public attendees at the meeting along with the Planning Commission. Citizens have had, and will continue to have, the opportunity for comment and change at each step of project development. In addition, yearly implementation is also subject to revision based on budget, needs, donations and public input. Those present at the input session discussed the current state of County recreational facilities as well as general recreational needs in the area.

**Comments from Public Input. See Appendix A**

**2008 & 2013 Survey Results. See Appendix B**

Adopted: 2/25/14

**Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes (Public Input Notice) for January 16, 2014.**

**Alpena County Planning Commission  
January 16, 2014**

**Call to Order**

The Alpena County Planning Commission met on Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> in the Howard Male conference room of the courthouse annex building. The meeting was called to order by Juergen Thusat at 4:30 p.m.

Members Present: Brenda Fournier  
Juergen Thusat  
Fred Wegmeyer  
Sue Grulke  
Chuck LeFebvre  
Jeff Kowalski  
Darlene Wilmot  
Dane Werth

Members Excused: Mark Hunter  
Billi Edmonds  
Bret Finzel

Ex-officio Present: Mary Dunckel, MSU Extension  
Don Wood, Drain Commissioner

Guests: Randy Fairbanks  
Hal Butler  
Tammy Bates  
Kyle Robinson  
Nico Tucker

**Approval of Agenda**

A motion to approve the agenda was introduced by Fred Wegmeyer, supported by Darlene Wilmot. Ayes all.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of 9/26/13 was introduced by Sue Grulke, supported by Jeff Kowalski. Ayes all.

**Current Business**

*Election of Officers*

Motion by Juergen Thusat, supported by Darlene Wilmot, to nominate Fred Wegmeyer to the position of Chairperson. There were no other nominations from the floor. Nominations closed and a unanimous ballot was cast. Ayes all. Fred Wegmeyer resumed chairing the meeting.

## Alpena County Recreation Plan

Motion by Brenda Fournier, supported by Darlene Wilmot, to nominate Juergen Thusat to the position of Vice-Chairperson. There were no other nominations from the floor. Nominations closed and a unanimous ballot was cast. Ayes all.

Motion by Jeff Kowaski, supported by Brenda Fournier, to nominate Chuck LeFebvre to the position of Secretary. There were no other nominations from the floor. Nominations closed and a unanimous ballot was cast. Ayes all.

### *Public Hearing: Alpena County Recreation Plan*

Kyle Robinson and Nico Tucker, NEMCOG planning staff members, were present for the public hearing.

Commissioner Wegmeyer opened the meeting for public comment. Randy Fairbanks and Hal Butler, Thunder Bay Trails Association, addressed the commission with concerns and suggestions. They would like to see the trail systems recognized in the plan as well as including the potential for expansion of the system in the plan's goals and objectives. Reword 5-1 to "work and support any entity with an interest in non-motorized transportation".

### *Planning Commission review and discussion of draft chapter of the Recreation Plan*

The following were suggested and will be changed:

For all references to the Alpena Area Recreation Commission indicate that they are "Inactive"

All references to the APlex (make sure P is capitalized)

2-3: update membership and leadership of Parks and Recreation Commission

2-5: Change M-Pac to Northern Lights Arena Community (name change in 2013) and indicate that the rink staff are not county employees

Include capital improvement information for Northern Lights Arena

Sunken Lake Park-remove statement that caretakers take care of Manning Hill

Indicate that Youth and Recreation millage money is one funding source for county owned parks

2-30: rewrite paragraph on Alpena County fairboard so it is more generic; add exchange club; add Alpena County Older Persons Committee as they are a recipient of millage money for recreation activities

3-29: minor changes to Alpena Township information

3-30: minor changes to Green Township information

### *Green Township Zoning Ordinance Amendments*

After review and discussion, Commissioner LeFebvre introduced a motion to support the amendments as presented. Motion was supported by Commissioner Kowalski. Ayes all. Ms. Dunckel will send a letter to Denise Cline, NEMCOG planner.

## **Reports**

Parks and Rec: The commission reviewed the draft of the county recreation plan. The parks had a good year ending in the black. Working on reservation system upgrades and they will be attending a workshop for entities wishing to apply for grants from the Department of Natural Resources.

County Commission: The commissioners heard that they were not selected for the drone project (Center for Excellence). Recently held the organizational meeting and most committee appointments are the same.

## **Alpena County Recreation Plan**

Drain Commissioner: County dams were inspected in October. Receiving complaints of Long Lake water levels.

Transportation: The announcement of Meijer coming to town has raised some concern about the traffic on the M-32 corridor.

### **Future Business**

Next Meeting Date: February 20<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 p.m.

Alpena County Board of Commissioners Meeting: February 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm in the Annex.

Resolution to adopt the recreation plan will be considered.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Commissioner Thusat, supported by Commissioner Kowalski to adjourn at 5:50 pm. Ayes all.

Respectfully submitted: Mary Dunckel



**Notice of Availability of Recreation Plan for at least 30 days (notice dated January 21, 2014):**

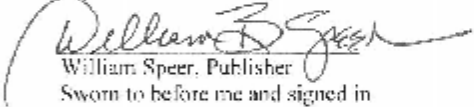
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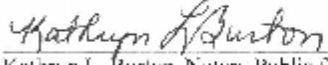
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**Planning Commission Meeting Minutes (Public Hearing) for February 20, 2014.**

**Alpena County Planning Commission  
February 20, 2014**

**Call to Order**

The Alpena County Planning Commission met on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> in the Howard Male conference room of the courthouse annex building. The meeting was called to order by Fred Wegmeyer at 4:31 p.m.

Members Present: Brenda Fournier  
Juergen Thusat  
Fred Wegmeyer  
Chuck LeFebvre  
Bret Finzel  
Darlene Wilmot  
Dane Werth

Members Excused: Mark Hunter  
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Ex-officio Present: Mary Dunckel, MSU Extension

Guests: Tammy Bates, Green Township

**Approval of Agenda**

A motion to approve the agenda was introduced by Bret Finzel, supported by Brenda Fournier. Ayes all.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of 1/16/14 was introduced by Brenda Fournier, supported by Darlene Wilmot. Ayes all.

**Current Business**

*Public Hearing*

Commissioner Wegmeyer opened the floor for the public hearing on the 2014-2018 Alpena County Recreation Plan update. No public was present and the hearing was closed by a motion introduced by Commissioner Thusat; supported by Commissioner LeFebvre. Ayes all.

*Recreation Plan Resolution of Recommendation*

Commissioner Thusat introduced a motion to approve a resolution of recommendation encouraging the county Board of Commissioners to adopt the recreation plan Update as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of Alpena. The motion was supported by Commissioner Wilmot. Ayes all.

All commissioners were invited and encouraged to attend the Alpena County Board of Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

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### *Planning Commission review and discussion of Green Township master plan update*

The following were suggested:

- 3-1 L & N disposal is under new ownership and has a new name “Greenway”
- 2-5 Bingham charter school should be “Bingham Arts Academy”
- 6-4 bullets 7 and 8 add maintenance to the sentences “Support the expansion, creation and maintenance....”
- 6-5 bullet 8 “.....affect air, water and environmental quality.”

Motion by Commissioner Thusat, support by Commissioner LeFebvre to send the above comments to Denise Cline, NEMCOG Community Planner and to congratulate the township on producing an excellent plan. Ayes all.

### *Parks and Recreation Appointment*

Commissioner Wegmeyer appointed Commissioner Kowalski to serve as the County Planning Commission’s Parks and Recreation Commission appointee.

### **Reports**

Parks and Rec: The commission identified several items that need to be repaired. They include: parking lot and roof over the store at Long Lake; roof on the bridge and the pavilion at Sunken Lake; pavilion at Beaver Lake.

County Commission: No report

Drain Commissioner: No report

### **Future Business**

Next Meeting Date: March 27<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

Motion by Commissioner Werth, supported by Commissioner Finzel to adjourn at 5:05 pm. Ayes all.

Respectfully submitted: Mary Dunckel

**Resolution of the Planning Commission Recommending Adoption of the Recreation Plan:**

**ALPENA COUNTY RECREATION PLAN UPDATE**

**RESOLUTION OF RECOMMENDATION**

**Alpena County Planning Commission**

**WHEREAS,** The County of Alpena 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 2014 – 2018, and

**WHEREAS,** A public input session was held on January 16, 2014 at the Alpena County Courthouse Annex to provide for an opportunity for citizens to discuss the future of recreation in the County, and

**WHEREAS,** A public notice was published in the Alpena News which began a 30-day public review period for the draft plan, and

**WHEREAS,** The County of Alpena 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,** the Alpena County Planning Commission hereby recommends the County Board of Commissioners adopts the Recreation Plan Update as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of Alpena County.

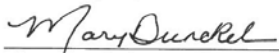
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Absent: 4

**I HEREBY CERTIFY,** that the forgoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Alpena County Planning Commission, held on February 20, 2014.

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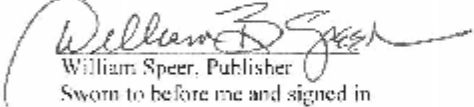
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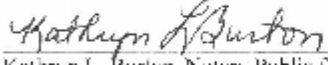
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Resolution of the County Board Adopting the Recreation Plan:



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**ALPENA COUNTY RECREATION PLAN UPDATE**

**RESOLUTION #14-03 OF ADOPTION**

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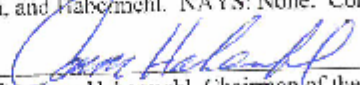
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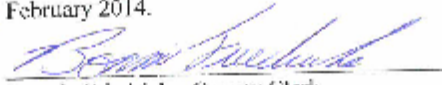
Moved by Commissioner VanWormer and supported by Commissioner Kowalski to adopt the above resolution. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Kowalski, Mullaney, VanWormer, McKenzie, Hall, Lawson, and Habermehl. NAYS: None. Commissioner Adrian excused. Motion carried.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)  
County of Alpena )

  
Cameron Habermehl, Chairman of the Board

I, Bonnie Friedrichs, Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County of Alpena, the same of Court of Record and having a seal do hereby certify that I have compared the annexed copy of the February 25, 2014 session and that it is a true and correct transcript therefrom and of the whole thereof.

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at Alpena this 25th day of February 2014.

  
Bonnie Friedrichs, County Clerk



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February 27, 2014

Alpena County Planning Commission  
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Alpena, MI 49707

RE: Alpena County Recreation Plan

Please find enclosed a complete copy of the new Alpena County Recreation Plan which was adopted by the Alpena County Board of Commissioners on February 25, 2014. We are transmitting this final copy to you as per the requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Cameron N. Habermehl  
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## Alpena County Recreation Plan



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## CHAPTER 5: GOALS, OBJECTIVES & ACTION PLAN

The goals and objectives of the plan provide guidance for management of county parks and facilities as well as development of recreational opportunities within Alpena County. Goals and objectives are based on community, commission and board input. County facility representatives participated in developing the basis for action /capital improvements plan for their respective facility.

*The following principles are the foundation of the County Recreation Plan:*

- *All people should have access to recreation activities and facilities regardless of age, sex, income, cultural background, housing environment or physical and mental challenges.*
- *The provision of parks and recreational opportunities are fundamental to the quality of life for county residents.*
- *Facilities should be developed and maintained in a fiscally responsible manner to minimize the financial burden on county residents. Whenever possible, to offset development costs, the county should pursue outside funding including state, federal, private and foundation sources.*
- *The County should work in cooperation with governmental units within the county and adjoining the county, in addition to state and federal agencies, organizations, foundations and private entities.*
- *The preservation and conservation of the county's natural resources is critical to the long-term sustainability of outdoor recreational activities and resident's quality of life.*
- *Maintaining and improving county recreation facilities and marketing those facilities to a wider geographic area will promote local economic development.*
- *Planning should be a continuous process, which involves periodic evaluation of the recommendations and when needed, changing management approaches.*
- *Citizens should be involved in the recreation planning process.*

### COUNTY GOALS

**Promote** the healthful living of residents and visitors, of all ages and abilities, provide new facilities and enhance existing facilities for including but not limited to walking, hiking, exercising, snowshoeing, skiing, biking, rollerblading, ice skating, hockey, swimming, tennis, baseball, scuba diving, paddle sports, boating, fishing and camping.

**Work** with state agencies, local governments, and other interested entities to improve and enhance non-motorized trail networks for year round use. Continue cooperation between the county and these groups to expand and create more non-motorized trails, offering year round outdoor recreation for all residents and visitors to Alpena County.

**Support** the integration and expansion of non-motorized transportation facilities to link neighborhoods, communities, commercial areas and cultural destinations, parks, schools and regional parks and trails.

**Work** with state agencies and local governments to continue to improve and enhance regional multi-use trails for year round use including the North Eastern State Trail and the Alpena to Hillman Trail. Non-motorized transportation may be in the form of on-road

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bicycle facilities, sidewalks, side-paths, and shared use off-road paths. Great trails have great amenities and there would be need to add rest stops, benches, overlooks, interpretive signs and local access sites along the trails.

**Support** the maintenance and expansion of motorized recreational facilities to accommodate snowmobile and ORV usage with the goal of developing a network to connect communities, service businesses, parks and trails within the county and within the region.

**Continue** to work with land conservancies and public agencies to identify key parcels and set aside undeveloped properties for parks, nature preserves, and future recreational needs.

**Work** in cooperation with communities and agencies to ensure access is available to surface water resources, such as lakes, rivers, Lake Huron and Misery Bay, for activities such as boating, fishing, kayaking, canoeing, swimming, ice fishing, snowmobiling, and ice boating.

**Support** recreation activities related to the Maritime Heritage Center and Thunder Bay Underwater Sanctuary, such as exploring shipwrecks by diving, snorkeling, kayaking and boating.

Nature preserves and parks provide access to natural areas, continue to **support** efforts by communities and organizations to identify unique and rare natural areas and **work** towards conserving those special places for future generations. Areas of special interest include North Point, Misery Bay and sinkholes.

**Preserve and improve** indoor and outdoor recreational, historical, and cultural opportunities, programs and facilities for the enjoyment of residents, visitors and future generations.

### COUNTYWIDE OBJECTIVES (COUNTY MASTER PLAN)

- Encourage the pursuit of outside funding sources, such as State and federal grants, for recreational development and improvements.
- Support the retention and improvement of public water access sites for residents, seasonal residents and visitors.
- In a cooperative effort, designate snowmobile routes that connect communities to regional snowmobile networks by working with the appropriate local unit of government, snowmobile groups, the County Road Commission, County Sheriff Department and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.
- Encourage improvements to non-motorized recreation trails such as cross-country ski trails, bike trails and horseback riding trails.
- Support and encourage the development of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve and other water related recreational opportunities.
- Support and encourage improvements to area indoor and outdoor recreational, historical and cultural facilities and programs in accordance with locally adopted recreation plans or other officially adopted documents.
- Seek input from the public for planning future recreation needs.

### TRAIL OBJECTIVES

Work with state agencies and local governments to continue to improve and enhance regional multi-use trails for year round non-motorized use and snowmobiles in the winter.

- Add amenities and access points along the NEST.
- Improve the surface and accessibility for the Alpena to Hillman Trail.
- Add amenities, trailhead and access points along the Alpena to Hillman Trail.

### FACILITY OBJECTIVES

#### County Parks

*Objectives:*

- *Increase usage of the campgrounds through improved advertising and working with local and state tourism organizations*
- *Continue to make improvements to camp sites and associated facilities to improve user experience*
- *Address Americans Disability Act (ADA) guidelines when making improvements to campground facilities*
- *Expand family oriented activities and activities for kids*
- *Improve boating and fishing opportunities*
- *Provide opportunities for winter recreation at Manning Hill Park*
- *Develop partnerships with community service clubs, organizations and agencies to assist with maintenance and improvements to parks*
- *Seek funding from a variety of sources to support operations and capital investments.*
- *Conduct water quality testing*

#### Plaza Pool

*Objectives:*

- *Enhance marketing and advertising efforts to increase awareness of public pool access to Alpena County residents*
- *Provide a variety of programming offered to all age groups, abilities and fitness levels, including, education as to the health benefits of swimming*
- *Develop partnerships with local clubs and area businesses to facilitate new user groups*
- *Seek funding from a variety of sources to support operations and capital investments*
- *Continue to explore opportunities to operate the pool in an energy efficient and cost effective manner*
- *Continue to make needed improvements to the facilities, including addressing ADA guidelines*

#### Northern Lights Arena

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### Objectives:

- *To continue to focus NLA as one of the economic centers for growth in the County of Alpena*
- *Continue to explore opportunities to operate the arena and facilities in an energy efficient and cost effective manner*
- *To become the center of Winter Sports in Northeastern Michigan, involving every form of ice-skating indoors and outdoors, cross-country skiing, snowmobile head point on the State and Regional Rails to Trails programs, snowshoeing trails, plus other opportunities*
- *Seek development of a modern toboggan run to elevate Alpena as a destination for winter tourists*
- *Continue to provide the community with excellent arena space for special events requiring large areas and seating for 1,000 to 1,500 persons*
- *To seek funding and sponsorships for various programs for all age groups and families to use the assets of NLA to improve the quality of life in Alpena*
- *To continue to raise funds and/or seek funding for capital improvement of the facility and supporting projects*
- *Continue to make needed improvements to the facilities, including addressing ADA guidelines*
- *In the summer, serve as the head point in Alpena for bikers and hikers using the rail to trails program*
- *Work with Alpena County, Alpena Community College, APlex, local government and other groups to implement the Woodward Avenue Vision Plan and Center of Recreation*

### County Fairgrounds

#### Objectives:

- *Continue to provide the site for the Alpena County Fair and other community activities and events*
- *Provide opportunities for camping, open space, outdoor recreation and water access to the Thunder Bay River*
- *Continue to make needed improvements to the facilities, including addressing ADA guidelines*
- *Seek funding from a variety of sources to support operations and capital investments*
- *Develop partnerships with public and private entities to expand opportunities for community use of Fairground facilities*

## **ACTION PLAN**

This section formulates a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), with supporting basis for action. The CIP presents a list of proposed improvements, estimated costs, year of

activity, funding sources and priority. Each facility has identified accessibility improvements to address ADA guidelines.

### Overall Basis for Action

The 2010 Census showed that Alpena County with a population of 29,598 continues to be the most populated County in the Northeast region. Although the county population density averages 51.8 persons per square mile, two thirds of the population is concentrated in Alpena Township and the City of Alpena. The population distribution clearly supports more developed recreational facilities and more cultural opportunities being located in the eastern sectors of the County. The Plaza Pool is the only publicly owned pool facility in Alpena County and the adjacent three counties. The same holds true for the Northern Lights Arena, which is the only indoor ice arena in the four county region. Resource based, recreational activities such as camping and hunting are best located within the more rural areas of the County. There are no state park campgrounds located in Alpena County. The County provides full service camping opportunities at three locations.

The 2010 census data shows that 51 percent of Alpena County's population was 45 years of age or older, a 14.7 percent increase since 2000. The breakdown of County's population by age grouping shows a significant shift in the 25-44 and the 45-64 age groups from 2000 to 2010. The percentage of those in the 45-64 age group grew by 19.5 percent while the 25-44 age group declined by 26 percent. Corresponding to this trend was a decrease in the number of children 19 and under as there were less young families with kids and more "empty-nester" families without children. Still 23.5 percent of the population was 19 years and younger. The senior population (65 years and older) has grown over the last decade, which parallels the increase in median age to 45.6 years. A balanced recreation program is warranted to satisfy the needs of County residents, both young and old.

The 2010 Census reported there were 5,101 (17.4%) disabled persons in Alpena County. A person was classified as having a disability if they had a sensory disability, physical disability, mental disability, self-care disability, going outside the home disability or an employment disability. Some 5 percent of the population from two to 18 years were disabled. The largest numbers of disabled persons in the county were between the ages of 18 - 64 (2588) 14.6 percent of this age group. The 65 and over age group had 38.8 percent some type of disability. These statistics clearly show the need for facilities to strive to meet ADA guidelines and ensure programs are available for persons of all ages and physical abilities.

The median household income for Alpena County from 2008-2012 was \$38,900, nearly \$9,500 lower than the State of Michigan. The lower median income level of County resident suggests recreation must be relatively affordable. Alpena County's economy is shifting from a manufacturing base to a more diverse economy. Tourism and recreation sectors of the economy will continue to grow. Facilities such as the Northern Lights Arena, Plaza Pool, County Campgrounds, County Fairgrounds, Maritime Heritage Center and Thunder Bay Underwater Sanctuary draw people into the community to visit, enjoy local recreational opportunities and help support local businesses.

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Alpena County Fairgrounds Capital Improvements Schedule				
Year	Proposed Improvement	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Priority
2014	Additional water hook-ups will be installed at campsites	\$6,000	General Funds & Grants	High
2014	Begin renovating ball field	\$15,000-\$20,000	General Funds Grants User Group & Private Donations	High
2014	Paint fence around property	\$10,000	General Funds & Grants	Medium
2014-2016	Convert racetrack into modern campsites along NE riverfront	\$15,000	General Funds & Grants	Medium
2014 - 2019	Road paving and drainage project will begin as soon as funds are available.	\$10,000 each year	General Funds & Grants	High
2014 - 2019	New picnic tables will be purchased as needed	\$150 each	General Funds & Grants	Medium
2015	The grandstand wood trim and roof will be painted.		General Funds & Grants	High
2015	Expand into maintenance shop	\$4,500	General Funds & Grants	High
2015	The restroom in the Merchants building will be remodeled with changes to accommodate ADA guidelines and provide easier access to facilities.	\$12,000	General Funds & Grants	High
2016	Adding a 2 <sup>nd</sup> ball field for tournaments	\$60,000	General Funds & Grants	Medium
2016	New kitchen equipment in the Merchant's building		General Funds & Grants	Medium
2018	Remodel restroom at campsites to conform to ADA regulations	\$25,000	General Funds & Grants	High
2019	Install fishing piers along the river	\$4,000	General Funds & Grants	Medium
Long-range projects include new ADA compliant bathroom and showers will be constructed in the south end. Trees will be planted to provide additional privacy for campers and to increase the beauty of the riverfront. Make improvements to the City water supply to the fairgrounds. The water distribution system at the barns will be improved.				

### Accessibility Improvements: Alpena County Fairgrounds

Pathways to the various exhibit areas are needed and barrier free surfaces are needed in the exhibit buildings. Designated parking areas with signage are needed. Existing

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bathrooms need to be renovated or a new ADA compliant bathroom facilities need to be constructed.

### Basis for Action: Alpena County Fairgrounds

These additions, improvements, and upgrades will provide more recreational opportunities, allow easier handicapped access, and enhance usage of this important community asset.

- Because many of the roads are in serious need of repair, a paving and drainage project will begin when funds are available. These unpaved roads have been difficult to maintain with dust and potholes becoming a health and safety concern for increasing numbers of visitors and campers.
- New kitchen equipment will help modernize the Merchant's building and provide better food service and more tables and chairs for the building will be purchased.
- Make improvements to the City water supply to the fairgrounds. This is necessary due to the closed loop system that dead-ends by the Merchants Building. Currently water lays dormant in the 6" supply casting causing rust to form which eventually shows up in the faucet and water closet. The old water distribution system at the barns will be improved to provide a more reliable supply of water for cleaning and animal consumption and water hookups will be installed at the campsites.

Funding for these action projects may be acquired from Fairgrounds revenues, Alpena County general fund, state and federal match funds, MDNR, community service organizations, foundations, private contributions and appropriate grant funding sources.



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<b>Beaver Lake Campground Capital Improvements Schedule</b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>Proposed Improvement</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Priority</b>
2014	Repair roof on house	\$8,000	Local, foundations, Youth & Rec, and MDNR	High
2014	Replace roof on a-frame structure	\$10,000	Local, foundations, Youth & Rec, and MDNR	Medium
2015	Improve Spring Area	\$2,500	Local, foundations, Youth & Rec, and MDNR	High
2015	Repair pavilion	\$5,000	Local, foundations, Youth & Rec, and MDNR	High
2015	Boat slips	\$25,000	Local, foundations, Youth & Rec, and MDNR	Medium
2015	Bathroom replace and showers renovated, ADA compliant	\$100,000	Local, foundations, Youth & Rec, and MDNR	High
2016	Tractor with bucket and blade	\$15,000	Local, Youth & Rec	High
2016	Replace riding lawnmower	\$7,000	Local, Youth & Rec	Medium
2017	New docks, extend fishing dock, ADA guidelines	\$10,000	Local, foundations, Youth & Rec, and MDNR	High
2017	Purchase property (40 acres)	\$80,000	Local, foundations, Youth & Rec, and MDNR	Medium
2018	Update electrical service and water to campsites and extend water lines to east end of park	\$75,000	Local, foundations, Youth & Rec, and MDNR	High
2019	4x4 truck with plow	\$20,000	Local, Youth & Rec	High
Long range projects include: move pavilion to day park, add lakefront campsites, replace fence around property, pave driveway, day park and campgrounds roads, install speed bumps, landscaping of the park's grounds.				

### Accessibility Improvements: Beaver Lake Campground

Construct new barrier free bathrooms and office. Upgrade boat launch facility with barrier free parking and barrier free dock needs to be constructed. Impervious pathways are needed to facilitate movement through the park and to the bathroom. Additional signs to identify barrier free pathways and handicap accessible parking and bathroom facilities are needed.

### Basis for Action: Beaver Lake Campground

These additions, improvements, and upgrades will provide more recreational opportunities, allow easier handicapped access, and enhance the scenic values on Beaver Lake.

- Although the road into the park is now blacktop, the road in the picnic area is still in poor condition and requires annual repair.
- Another project that will continue is the landscaping of the park's grounds. With increased use, the park will be able to offer more available areas to be used for recreational purposes such as picnics, horseshoe games, and badminton.
- Existing restrooms do not meet ADA guidelines; existing facilities need to be upgraded and new handicapped accessible restrooms need to be constructed.
- Plans include the acquisition of land located in the northeast corner of the park. This additional property will allow for the expansion of present park facilities and increase park security. Presently, access to the park cannot be restricted due to private landowners in this section who use the road leading into the park to access their property. Once this property belongs to the park, this section will be secured and the adjoining landowners will access their property from separate entry point.
- The electrical system in the park is outdated and inadequate.
- A farm-type tractor with a front loader and blade is needed and the possibility of purchasing a used unit will be explored.
- Back lots of the park are rustic camping, extending water and electrical hook-ups increase usage of that site.
- New informational signs need to be erected as needed.

Funding for these action projects will be acquired from Beaver Lake Park revenues, Alpena County Parks Commission, State and federal match funds, MDNR, community service organizations, foundations, private contributions and appropriate grant funding sources.

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<b>Long Lake Campground Capital Improvements Schedule</b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>Proposed Improvement</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Priority</b>
Yearly	Picnic tables and refuse containers will require annual maintenance.	\$1,000	Local, Youth & Rec	High
2014	Install back-up battery powered lighting system in the restroom area to provide emergency lights during power outages	\$1,000	Local, Youth & Rec	High
2014	Repair caretaker's home/office	\$10,000	Local, foundations, Youth & Rec, and MDNR	High
2015	Construct new handicap accessible restrooms	\$100,000	Local, foundations, Youth & Rec, and MDNR	High
2015	Upgrade electrical to 50 amp service for 80 campsites	\$150,000	Local, foundations, Youth & Rec, and MDNR	High
2015	Replace riding lawnmower	\$7,000	Local, Youth & Rec,	Medium
2015	Install additional playground equipment	\$40,000	Local, foundations, Youth & Rec, and MDNR	medium
2016	Construct new fish cleaning station near the proposed new boat launch facility	\$5,000	Local, foundations, Youth & Rec, and MDNR	Medium
2016	Site development, land leveling and landscaping on 21 campsites	\$20,000	Local, foundations, Youth & Rec, and MDNR	Medium
2019	Purchase a four-wheel drive pick-up truck with a plow	\$20,000	Local, foundations, Youth & Rec, and MDNR	Medium
2019	Construct an 40' x 40' pole barn type structure to store necessary tools and equipment	\$40,000	Local, foundations, Youth & Rec, and MDNR	Medium
2019	Upgrade 25 rustic camp sites to modern campsites with electricity and water	\$50,000	Local, foundations, Youth & Rec, and MDNR	Medium

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2019	Relocate boat launch and docking area to park cove. Include a handicap accessible pathway to the new facility	\$90,000	Local, foundations, Youth & Rec, and MDNR	Medium
Long-range projects include additional fire pits are needed at approximately 65 campsites, expansion of campground area and facilities, and a tree planting/replacement program needs to be explored and ultimately implemented.				

### Accessibility Improvements: Long Lake Campground

New barrier free bathrooms and office need to be constructed. A new impervious pathway engineered with barrier free slopes down to the pavilion needs to be constructed. Impervious pathways are needed to facilitate movement through the park and to the bathroom. A boat launch facility with barrier free parking and barrier free dock needs to be constructed. Additional signs to identify barrier free pathways, handicap accessible parking and bathroom facilities are also needed.

### Basis for Action: Long Lake Campground

These additions, improvements, and upgrades will provide more recreational opportunities, allow easier handicapped access, and enhance the scenic values on Long Lake.

- The electrical service on the 80 lots with power and water is outdated and inadequate for modern camping equipment. Since many recreational vehicles and camper-type trailers now require upgraded electrical hook-ups for their power source, improvements from 30 to 50-amp service would better accommodate campers.
- There are 21 campsites that are not level thus and causing much difficulty in setting up camping equipment. With a differential of up to three feet, this uneven terrain causes water to accumulate in low areas and drainage becomes a problem at these sites.
- Inadequate drainage in low areas will be corrected with drain tile and gravel. These low lots are often soggy or underwater during rainstorms and snow melt. A raised roadway that runs through these lots has caused this excess water to be trapped in a dam-like situation. When this water reaches an overflow level, the runoff has caused boat launch and dock areas to wash out. An additional comfort and health-related problem has developed with increased infestations of mosquitoes and other undesirable insects breeding in these stagnant water areas. The County will consult with a local contractor for professional input before any work is done. It is anticipated that gravel will be donated and most of the labor will be provided by the current County staff.

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- The increased use of park facilities has surpassed the current restroom capacity and has caused the condition of the current facility to deteriorate. Renovations will increase safety, improve sanitary conditions and address ADA guidelines at this park facility.
- An emergency lighting system in the restroom area would provide emergency lights during periods of power outages. Unavoidable circumstances, such as thunderstorms, frequently cause the power to go out in the campground. When this happens, campers in the bathroom facility are left in total darkness. This back-up unit will allow campers to exit the building safely and return to their campsites.
- The District Health Department recommended additional hand washing sinks, which can be addressed with renovations of bathrooms.
- The current boat launch/docks are located in an area with high winds that cause frequent damage to the docks and to the boats that are moored at or near them. Since the existing docks are not designed for commercial use, they have received extensive damage. If the nearby cove were developed, it would provide natural protection for all boating activities. Before any work begins, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) will be consulted regarding regulations for dredging and developing this area.
- A new dock will be placed at the proposed cove site. It is anticipated a floating dock that will provide ease of maintenance. It will allow freedom of movement during high winds and heavy rain, but remain protected in the calmer cove environment. This floating dock will be commercial grade and incorporate all the necessary requirements for a barrier-free design. A new, larger fish cleaning station will be built at the back of the parking lot near the proposed launch site and docking area. A paved handicap accessible pathway needs to be constructed to access this area.
- Since the park is a family-oriented facility, the improvement and expansion of the current playground, equipment is essential to the overall satisfaction of family campers and day use visitors.
- The existing 24' x 24' tool shed is no longer large enough to accommodate the maintenance equipment. An 80' x 80' pole barn type structure is needed to store these necessary tools, etc
- Many of the trees in the campground need to be removed and replaced with a species that will thrive in the park conditions and act as a method of soil erosion control.

Funding for these action projects will be acquired from Long Lake Park revenues, Alpena County Parks Commission, State and federal match funds, MDNR, community service organizations, foundations, private contributions and appropriate grant funding sources.

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<b>Sunken Lake Campground Capital Improvements Schedule</b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>Proposed Improvement</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Priority</b>
Yearly	Picnic tables and refuse containers will require annual maintenance.	\$1,000	Local, Youth & Rec	High
2014	Improvements to walking bridge, such as replace roof	\$5,000	Local, foundations, Youth & Rec, and MDNR	High
2014	The improvement of hiking trails, work with Karst Conservancy to expand hiking trails into the conservancy land, place signs and add interpretative kiosk	\$15,000	Local, volunteers, foundations, Youth & Rec, and MDNR	Medium
2015	Construct dock with handicap access	\$8,000	Local, volunteers, foundations, Youth & Rec, and MDNR	High
2015	Construct new bathrooms that meet ADA requirements	\$100,000	Local, foundations, Youth & Rec, and MDNR	High
2016	Upgrade electrical to 50 amp service on 40 campsites	\$50,000	Local, foundations, Youth & Rec, and MDNR	High
2016	Replace riding lawnmower	\$7,000	Local, Youth & Rec	Medium
2016	Expand and improve beach area	\$10,000	Local, Youth & Rec	Medium
2017	Landscaping, site prep, and planting shrubs and grasses	\$5000	Local, foundations, Youth & Rec, and MDNR	Medium
2019	Purchase a four-wheel drive pick-up truck with a plow.	\$20,000	Local, Youth & Rec	
2019	Pave roads in park	\$150,000	Local, foundations, Youth & Rec, and MDNR	Medium
Long-range projects include the installation of concrete pads for trailers (\$30,000), construction of fishing piers (\$20,000), 72 guardrail posts for the road (\$500), and construction of a boardwalk along lakeside of the road (\$40,000). Other long-range projects without cost estimates include restroom facilities on the island and a dumpsite clean up.				

### Accessibility Improvements: Sunken Lake Campground

The campground bathroom needs renovation to improve the shower stalls and fixtures. Impervious pathways are needed to facilitate movement through the park and to the bathroom. New ADA bathroom facilities are needed. A pathway to the pavilion is needed. Wheel chair accessible picnic tables need to be provided. Additional signage needs to be installed.

### Basis for Action: Sunken Lake Campground

These additions, improvements, and upgrades will provide more recreational opportunities, allow easier handicapped access, and enhance the natural beauty of the scenic area surrounding Sunken Lake.

- Selected areas of the park will be landscaped with top soil and shrubs to prevent further soil erosion. As more funds become available, stumps will be removed and the ground will be leveled and seeded. Once cleared and landscaped, these areas of the park will become accessible and provide additional recreational opportunities.
- An electrical upgrade is needed in the campground area since newer trailers and recreational vehicles require an upgraded service.
- The roads in the campground, picnic area, and manager's office driveway should be paved. This project will include a paved path to the bathroom to facilitate wheelchair access to the bathroom and showers.
- Landscaping will continue with additional areas targeted for soil erosion control. Shrubs will be purchased and new top soil will be planted to grass. Other areas will be cleared and leveled to provide more usable space for picnics and other recreational activities.
- A dock will replace the permanent dock. Due to the constantly changing water levels, the existing dock is often submerged and unusable.

Funding for these action projects will be acquired from Sunken Lake Park revenues, Alpena County Parks Commission, State and federal match funds, MDNR, community service organizations, foundations, private contributions and appropriate grant funding sources.

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<b>Manning Hill Capital Improvements Schedule</b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>Proposed Improvement</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Priority</b>
Yearly	Park facilities will receive regular maintenance rather than costly improvements.	NA	Local, foundations, MDOT and MDNR	High
2015	Construct road entrance signs at both entrances to the park	NA	Local, foundations, MDOT and MDNR	High
Long-range projects include the continuation of fence repair and searching for a service club or community organization that will volunteer to provide general maintenance and clean up of the park.				

### Accessibility Improvements: Manning Hill Park

Install signs and pavement markings for barrier free parking. Grade and install impervious barrier free pathways to the pavilion and the viewing platform. Construct a ramp onto the viewing platform.

### Basis for Action: Manning Hill Park

Improvements and upgrades will provide more recreational opportunities and preserve one of the county's premiere sites for extended scenic views of rural landscapes. Funding for these actions will be acquired from Alpena County Parks Commission, State and federal match funds, MDNR, MDOT, community service organizations, foundations, private contributions and appropriate grant funding sources.



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<b>Northern Lights Arena Capital Improvements Schedule</b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>Proposed Improvement</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Priority</b>
2014-2019	Energy efficiency upgrade	\$150,000	Local, grants & donations	Medium
2017	Women's Skating Center including: locker space, open training/meeting space, showers-office	\$360,000	Grants and donations	High
2018	Maintenance with equipment storage, a heated workshop, critical part storage, and movable equipment storage.	\$164,000	Local, & donations	High
2018	Mobile maintenance equipment: 60 ft. lift, hi-low, tractor with mower/blower	\$110,000	Donations, Operating NLA Capital	Medium
2019	Community Activity space	\$90,000	Donations & fees	Medium
2014	Multi-sports floor	\$126,000	Donations & Grants	High
2014	Unheated storage building for the multi-sports floor and other appropriate equipment	\$96,000	Donations & Grants	High
2019	Minor League Hockey Area, offices, storage	\$360,000	Donation & lease fees	Medium
Long range projects include: maintenance of melting pit, dehumidification system, Zamboni, mechanical systems, and cooling towers				

### Accessibility Improvements: Northern Lights Arena

There is limited access to the full spectator seating area. An elevator to the second floor would provide more ADA seating.

### Basis for Action: Northern Lights Arena

The Northern Lights Arena (NLA) is the only full service indoor ice arena in Alpena County and adjacent three counties. Ice skating and winter sports have been in the community culture for over 130 years and have had a positive economic influence on Alpena. The NLA is all about families, fun and living. The Northern Lights Arena has involved the entire community, both private contributions and governmental efforts. These additions, improvements, and upgrades will provide more recreational opportunities and allow easier handicapped access.

- Technology has advanced since the facility was built, in addition, energy costs have increased. Several proposed infrastructure improvements will reduce energy costs by an estimated 35%

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- There is no separate locker space, open training/meeting space, showers-office to adequately accommodate women skating activities. There has also been an increase in female team members on hockey teams. Construction of a Women's Skating Center is needed to meet present and projected demands, while accommodating all user groups.
- There is no heated maintenance workshop and storage facility. Construction of a maintenance facility would reduce operation costs and improve efficiency of operations.
- In order to reach the ceiling for maintenance purposes, it is necessary to rent lifts, which constrains maintenance to availability of rental equipment.
- A multi-sports floor would allow the ice to be covered for other non-skating functions, without having to take down the ice and refreeze the ice. The process of taking down the ice and re-freezing the rink is time consuming and costly. As a result, the use of the arena for other community activities is infrequent. A community activity center would also expand opportunities for hosting other community events. Another factor to consider is storage of the multi-sports floor, which would require an unheated storage building. The building could be used for storing other items.
- Minor league hockey continues to grow in popularity. As a result, additional space is needed to accommodate the team's needs.

Funding for these projects will be acquired from NLA Operating Fund, NLA capital fund, voter millages, local general funds, State and federal match funds, MDNR, community service organizations, foundations, private contributions and appropriate grant funding sources.

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<b>Plaza Pool Capital Improvements Schedule</b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>Proposed Improvement</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Priority</b>
2014-2019	Replace all the lockers. Replace sections of lockers throughout the next five years. (170 lockers)	\$12,000	Local, foundations, and MDNR	High
2015	Replace entry way glass with insulated panels	\$5,000	Local, foundations, and MDNR	High
2015	Replace pool circulating motor and pumps	\$8,000	Local, foundations, and MDNR	High
2015	Additional handicap parking between the maintenance door and the entryway doors	\$10,000	Local, foundations, and MDNR	High
2019	Replace 8 filter elements	\$3,200	Local, foundations, and MDNR	High
Long-range projects include expansion of existing facility or construction of new facility to include zero entrance pool area, wading pool, Jacuzzi, competitive diving capability and regulation size pool.				

### Accessibility Improvements: Plaza Pool

A new unisex bathroom needs to be constructed. Additional signage is needed in the facility. Renovate boys and girls bathrooms to be ADA compliant.

### Basis for Action: Plaza Pool

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- The existing lift and circulating motors and pumps have been rebuilt at least twice in the last 10 years. Existing units can be kept for spares.
- The rest room partitions are mostly original equipment. Miscellaneous parts have been replaced over the years but thoughts of new units should be considered.
- Replace all shower towers and showerhead units. They have been rebuilt many times and parts are wearing out.

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- Due to the success of the programming, there is a need for additional handicap parking between the maintenance door and the entryway doors. 10-12 foot wide sections from the building back out to the sidewalk would be poured. Estimate \$3.00 sq. ft. x 2400 sq. ft. plus curb taper
- The lockers are original equipment and need to be upgraded. Additional new lockers need to be installed as replacements for those that have been overused beyond the point of repair.

Funding for these action projects will be acquired from Alpena County general funds, State and federal match funds, MDNR, community service organizations, foundations, private contributions and appropriate grant funding sources.

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<b>Tennis Courts Capital Improvements Schedule</b>				
<b>Year</b>	<b>Proposed Improvement</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Priority</b>
2014	Repaint chain link fence	\$3,000	General Funds & Grants	High
2014	Purchase windscreens and nets	\$5,000	General Funds & Grants	High
2014	Construct viewing bleachers for 80 spectators	\$6,000	Grants	High
2015	Shadow stripe courts	\$7,000	Grants	High
2015	Add side gates for spectators	\$3,000	Grants	Medium
2015	Seal practice area and repaint warm-up area	\$6,000	General Funds & Grants	Medium
2015	Construct pavilion over bleachers	\$15,000	General Funds & Grants	Medium
2017	Construct two additional tennis courts	\$60,000		Low

### Basis for Action: Tennis Courts

Tennis Courts are located on the grounds of Alpena High School next to the pool building. These four courts are used by students and the public for casual recreation and organized team competition. Shadow striping courts will provide for tennis instruction of younger age groups. Bleachers and pavilion will improve spectator numbers.

# Appendix A

## Public Input Comments

Page 3-2, #3 Tennis Courts: There are tennis courts at Thunder Bay Junior High School also. Change "5 courts" to "4 courts" Add "changed to four courts after recent resurfacing to add spectator seating in former center court"

Page 3-2 – section 3: does the fact that there are tennis courts on State St go here or another spot? What about the tennis courts at the A-Plex?

Page 3-3 – section 8: NLA – I believe the Wild Kittens group is tumbling & gymnastics, not figure skating. But maybe they have both? Change "Thunder Bay Recreation Center" to "the APlex" Erase "Alpena High School Wildcats Figure Skating Club, Alpena Wild Kittens Figure Skating Club, Alpena Independent Hockey and the Alpena Ice Diggers" Change "American Speed skating Union" to "American Speed Skating Union"

Page 3-3 – section 9 maybe? Does the A-Plex and NLA get counted together or separately? I do know that there are groups that use the A-Plex side for recreational activities – softball, gymnastics, etc in the A-Plex gym.

3-6 the top or right ball field no longer exists.

Page 3-13 – In the section about Mich-e-ki-wis –need to mention the new bathroom & picnic table shelter area

3-14 Alpena Civic center should be removed.

Page 3-17 Sunset Elementary School is closed. Missing are Sanborn, Hinks and Wilson school as well as Bingham Arts Academy.

All the Huron Shore Little League should be changed to Alpena Huron Shore Babe Ruth. They can be found on pages 3-18, 3-19, 3-24, 3-25, 3-26.

Mark all Alpena Area Recreation Commission Currently Inactive

2-3 Alpena County Parks Commission: remove planning commission from Brenda Fournier, Kari Bleau is Secretary, Stan Mischley is Vice-Chair, Jeff Kowalski is planning commission

2-3 Add Alpena County Older Persons Committee

2-5 M-PAC is now Northern Lights Arena Community (NLAC)

2-5 Sunken Lake: remove caretakers take care of Manning Hill Park

2-30 Alpena County Fair Board "Assists the County in maintaining the Fair Grounds". Add Exchange Club. Alpena County Parks Commission operates county owned park facilities.

3-1 #1 Change "Campground facilities that include 60 licensed campsites, thirty with water and electricity, 60 picnic tables, and a sanitary dump station" to "Campground facilities that include 69 licensed campsites with electricity, picnic tables, and a sanitary dump station" Erase "and a sand box area", "An indoor shelter and a" Change 4 horseshoe courts to 2 horseshoe courts, change "boat launch" to "two boat launches" Add "The grandstand area is available year round for events"

3-1 #2 Erase “Splash Bus, and SCUBA DO!”. Add robotic competition (Underwater ROV), Boot Camp, and Poolates.

3-2 Change “Hoyer lift” to “S.R. Smith lift”. Add Private changing room is available (no toilet or sink)

3-2 #4 “October 1<sup>st</sup>” change to “October 15<sup>th</sup>”

3-2 #5 Change Barrier-Free Accessibility “are not ADA” to “consists of port-a-johns”

3-3 Change “wheel chair” to “wheelchair”

3-3 Manning Hill Park Barrier-Free Accessibility Add “Port-a-john on site during summer months”

3-13 Mich-e-ki-wis Park Erase “outdoor ice ring and” Add “new pavilion and restrooms”

3-13 Island Park Add “update building a new timber framed bridge and kayak, canoe and bike rentals”

3-14 Erase Alpena Civic and Convention Center.

3-15 Alpena County Fairgrounds “4 horseshoe courts” to “2 horseshoe courts”

3-15 Northern Lights Arena make match with 3-3 #8

3-16 Alpena General Hospital Grounds change to “Alpena Regional Medical Center

3-16 Add North Riverfront Park

3-16 Alpena Senior High School change 5 tennis courts to 4, erase men's describing the hardball fields, Add softball field

3-16 Norway Ridge Pathway change “3.5 miles” to “4.5 miles”, Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to “Thunder Bay Trails Association” and “4.5 miles” to “7 miles”

3-17 Aces Academy Add Disc Golf Course

3-17 Pied Piper Opportunity Center change to “Pied Piper School”

3-18 Huron Shores Little League Fields changed to “Alpena Huron Shore Babe Ruth League”

3-19 VanWormer Field “Huron Shores Little League” changed to “Alpena Huron Shore Babe Ruth League”

3-20 Rails to Trails change to “North Eastern State Trail (NEST)”

3-21 Green Township Hall has 8 acres, basketball courts, swings and picnic tables. Building a pavilion this year.

3-21 Change “Situated on the Township Hall property” to “Situated on M 32”



3-26 Wilson Township Recreation Inventory change “80 sq miles” to “79.8 sq miles”, and “1,177 acres” to “51,128.1 acres”

3-26 Wolf Creek Property change to “Wolf Creek Park” Erase “ The property leads to Wolf Creek and a portion of an old bridge which formerly spanned Wolf Creek. Add “There are plans to build a 50’ bridge across the river”

3-26 Wilson Township Cemetery/Building Erase “Building” Change “across from the Wilson Township Hall” to “directly across from the township fire hall and offices”

3-29 Remove Dockside Marina, and Partridge Point Wetlands Property.

3-30 Add Bradley’s to Paradise Lodge. The Drive-In is now called Arzo.

3-31 Angler’s Hideaway is correct address. Fletchers Landing is a separate place, update address and description. Add Thunder Bay River access and Beaver Lake access.

Chapter 5 Add Youth & Rec for funding sources for all county parks in Capital Improvement Schedules

5-1 Rework goals to show stronger support for any entity expressing interest in non-motorized transportation/recreation

5-6 Accessibility Improvements: erase “An improved viewing area needs to be constructed at the grandstand”

5-7 Basis For Action change “this year” to “when funds are available” Erase “A 20’ x 24’ addition to the Merchant’s building will be constructed to provide additional space to be used for community events and special activities”

5-9 Erase “The fish cleaning station is outdated and needs to be replaced”

5-14 Erase “floating” so it will read “A dock will replace the permanent dock. Due to the constantly changing water levels, the existing dock is often submerged and unusable.

5-18 Accessibility Improvements Erase “New ADA compliant shower fixtures will be installed”

5-19 Erase “Air handlers for the boy’s locker room, the girl’s locker room, and the bleacher wall unit. The furnaces are new (5 years) but the air handlers are original equipment. They have been rebuilt several times but definitely need replacing”

Erase “A dehumidification system will be installed for the facility to reduce the excessive amount of maintenance and repair that is caused by the high humidity in the building”

Erase “Pool cover and implementing an energy efficiency upgrades, such as solar heating units would improve efficiency and reduce operational costs in the long term”

5-20 Basis for Action “5 tennis courts” change to “4 tennis courts” Add “Shadow striping courts will provide for tennis instruction of younger age groups. Bleachers and pavilion will improve spectator numbers”

The network of trails is 280+ miles. The Alpena to Hillman Trail is 22.3 miles. Also the current surface of the trail is not ADA accessible. Alpena Regional Trailhead, construction planned for 2014. It is in the City of Alpena but will serve trail users for the NEST.

“great trails have great amenities and there would be need to add rest stops, benches, overlooks, interpretive signs and local access sites along the trails”. The current surface and gates along the Alpena to Hillman Trail are not ADA accessible and the gates make the trail look closed in the summer for non-motorized use. Improvements to the surface and access control are needed to open the trail up as a year round non-motorized recreation corridor and snowmobile trail in the winter.

Goals and Objectives/Actions re : the Alpena to Hillman Trail:

1. Work with state agencies and local governments to continue to improve and enhance regional multi-use trails for year round non-motorized use and snowmobiles in the winter.
  - Add amenities and access points along the NEST.
  - Improve the surface and accessibility for the Alpena to Hillman Trail.
  - Add amenities, trailhead and access points along the Alpena to Hillman Trail.

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Beaver Lake Campground Capital Improvements Schedule				
Year	Proposed Improvement	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Priority
2018	<del>2009</del> Update electrical service and water to campsites and extend water lines to east end of park	\$75,000	Local, foundations, and MDNR	High
	<del>2009</del> Leaf blower	<del>\$500</del>	<del>Local</del>	<del>Medium</del>
2016	<del>2009</del> Tractor with bucket and blade	\$15,000	Local	High
2015	<del>2010</del> Bathroom replace and showers renovated, ADA compliant	\$100,000	Local, foundations, and MDNR	High
2019	<del>2010</del> 4x4 truck with plow	\$20,000	Local	High
	<del>2010</del> Fish cleaning station	<del>\$5,000</del>	<del>Local, foundations, and MDNR</del>	<del>Medium</del>
	<del>2010</del> Replace split rail fence	<del>\$1,000</del>	<del>Local and foundations</del>	<del>Medium</del>
2017	<del>2010</del> Purchase property (40 acres)	\$80,000	Local, foundations, and MDNR	Medium
	<del>2011</del> Fence around the duck park	<del>\$5,000</del>	Local, foundations, and MDNR	High
2015	Improve Spring Area	2,500	Local, foundations, and MDNR	High
	<del>2011</del> Office replace/repair	<del>\$25,000</del>	<del>Local, foundations, and MDNR</del>	<del>High</del>
2016	<del>2011</del> Replace riding lawnmower	\$7,000	Local	Medium
2017	<del>2012</del> New docks, extend fishing dock, ADA guidelines	\$10,000	Local, foundations, and MDNR	High
2014	<del>2012</del> A-frame structure replaced ↑ replace roof on ...	\$10,000	Local, foundations, and MDNR	Medium
2015	<del>2013</del> Boat slips	\$25,000	Local, foundations, and MDNR	Medium
Long range projects include: move pavilion to day park, add lakefront campsites, replace fence around property, pave driveway, day park and campgrounds roads, install speed bumps, landscaping of the park's grounds.				
2014	Repair roof on house	8000	"	high
2015	Repair pavilion	5000	"	high
Accessibility Improvements: Beaver Lake Campground				

Construct new barrier free bathrooms and office. Upgrade boat launch facility with barrier free parking and barrier free dock needs to be constructed. Impervious pathways are needed to facilitate movement through the park and to the bathroom. Additional

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Long Lake Campground Capital Improvements Schedule					
	Year	Proposed Improvement	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Priority
2015	<del>2010</del>	Upgrade electrical to 50 amp service for 80 campsites	\$150,000	Local, foundations, and MDNR	High
2016	<del>2010</del>	Site development, land leveling and landscaping on 21 campsites	\$20,000	Local, foundations, and MDNR	Medium
2014	<del>2009</del>	Install back-up battery powered lighting system in the restroom area to provide emergency lights during power outages	\$1,000	Local	High
2019	<del>2011</del>	Upgrade 25 rustic camp sites to modern campsites with electricity and water	\$50,000	Local, foundations, and MDNR	Medium
2019	<del>2011</del>	Purchase a four-wheel drive pick-up truck with a plow	\$20,000	Local, foundations, and MDNR	<del>High</del> Medium
2015	<del>2012</del>	Construct new handicap accessible restrooms	\$100,000	Local, foundations, and MDNR	High
2015	<del>2012</del>	Install additional playground equipment	\$40,000	Local, foundations, and MDNR	medium
2019 <del>2013</del>	<del>2013</del>	Relocate boat launch and docking area to park cove. Include a handicap accessible pathway to the new facility	\$90,000	Local, foundations, and MDNR	Medium
2014	<del>2013</del>	<del>Construct new caretaker's home/office</del> Repair caretaker's home/office	<del>\$100,000</del> 10,000	Local, foundations, and MDNR	<del>Medium</del> high
2019	<del>2013</del>	Construct an <del>80' x 80'</del> pole barn type structure to store necessary tools and equipment <del>40' x 40'</del>	\$50,000 40,000	Local, foundations, and MDNR	Medium
2016	<del>2014</del>	Construct new fish cleaning station near the proposed new boat launch facility	\$5,000	Local, foundations, and MDNR	Medium
	Yearly	Picnic tables and refuse containers will require annual maintenance.	\$1,000	Local	High
2015	<del>2013</del>	Replace riding lawnmower	\$7,000	Local	Medium
Long-range projects include additional fire pits are needed at approximately 65 campsites, expansion of campground area and facilities, and a tree planting/replacement program needs to be explored and ultimately implemented.					

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Sunken Lake Campground Capital Improvements Schedule					
	Year	Proposed Improvement	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Priority
2016	<del>2009</del>	Upgrade electrical to 50 amp service on 40 campsites	<del>\$100,000</del> 50,000	Local, foundations, and MDNR	High
2014	<del>2010</del>	The improvement of hiking <del>trails</del> trails, work with Karst Conservancy to expand hiking trails into the conservancy land, place signs and add interpretative kiosk	\$15,000	Local, volunteers, foundations, and MDNR	Medium
2014	<del>2010</del>	Improvements to walking bridge, such as replace <del>decking</del> roof	<del>\$8,000</del> 5,000	Local, foundations, and MDNR	<del>Medium</del> high
	<del>2010</del>	Upgrade <del>septic tank</del> at dumping station	<del>\$15,000</del>	<del>Local, foundations, and MDNR</del>	<del>High</del>
2016	<del>2010</del>	Expand and improve beach area	\$10,000	Local	Medium
2015	<del>2010</del>	Construct <del>floating</del> dock with handicap access	<del>\$15,000</del> 8,000	Local, volunteers, foundations, and MDNR	High
2017	<del>2011</del>	Landscaping, site prep, and planting shrubs and grasses	\$5000	Local, foundations, and MDNR	Medium
2015	<del>2011</del>	Construct new bathrooms that meet ADA requirements	\$100,000	Local, foundations, and MDNR	High
2019	<del>2011</del>	Purchased a four-wheel drive pick-up truck with a plow.	\$20,000	Local	
2019	<del>2013</del>	Pave roads in park	\$150,000	Local, foundations, and MDNR	medium
2016	<del>2013</del>	Replace riding lawnmower	\$7,000	Local	Medium
	Yearly	Picnic tables and refuse containers will require annual maintenance.	\$1,000	Local	High
Long-range projects include the installation of concrete pads for trailers (\$30,000), construction of fishing piers (\$20,000), 72 guardrail posts for the road (\$500), and construction of a boardwalk along lakeside of the road (\$40,000). Other long-range projects without cost estimates include restroom facilities on the island, and a dumpsite clean up.					

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Manning Hill Capital Improvements Schedule				
Year	Proposed Improvement	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Priority
Yearly — 2009	Park facilities will receive regular maintenance rather than costly improvements.	NA	Local, foundations, MDOT and MDNR	High
2015 — 2010	Construct road entrance signs at both entrances to the park	NA	Local, foundations, MDOT and MDNR	High
<del>2009</del>	<del>Work to implement ADA guidelines</del>	<del>NA</del>	<del>Local, foundations, MDOT and MDNR</del>	<del>Medium</del>
<del>2009</del>	<del>Provide parking for winter activities</del>		<del>Local</del>	<del>High</del>
Long-range projects include the continuation of fence repair and searching for a service club or community organization that will volunteer to provide general maintenance and clean up of the park.				

### Accessibility Improvements: Manning Hill Park

Install signs and pavement markings for barrier free parking. Grade and install impervious barrier free pathways to the pavilion and the viewing platform. Construct a ramp onto the viewing platform.

### Basis for Action: Manning Hill Park

Improvements and upgrades will provide more recreational opportunities and preserve one of the county's premiere sites for extended scenic views of rural landscapes. Funding for these actions will be acquired from Alpena County Parks Commission, State and federal match funds, MDNR, MDOT, community service organizations, foundations, private contributions and appropriate grant funding sources.

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Alpena County Fairgrounds Capital Improvements Schedule				
Year	Proposed Improvement	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Priority
2009	New lights will be installed in the north half of the Merchant's building and the exterior of the building will be painted.		General Funds & Grants	High
2010	2009 New kitchen equipment in the Merchant's building		General Funds & Grants	Medium
2019	2010 Install fishing piers along the river	\$4,000	General Funds & Grants	Medium
2015	2010 The grandstand wood trim and roof will be painted.		General Funds & Grants	High
2018	2010 Remodel restroom at campsites to conform to ADA regulations	\$15,000 25,000	General Funds & Grants	High
	2010 Construct new pavilion	\$12,000	General Funds & Grants	Medium
2015	2011 The restroom in the Merchants building will be remodeled with changes to accommodate ADA guidelines and provide easier access to facilities.	\$5,000 12,000	General Funds & Grants	High
2014	2012 Additional water hook-ups will be installed at campsites	10,000	General Funds & Grants	Medium HIGH
	2012 Purchase tables and chairs for the Merchants building	\$4,000	General Funds & Grants	Medium
2015	2013 20' x 24' addition to the Merchant's building Expand into Maintenance Shop	\$15,000 4,500	General Funds & Grants	Medium HIGH
2014-2019	2009 - 2013 New picnic tables will be purchased as needed	\$150 each	General Funds & Grants	Medium
2014-2019	2009 - 2013 Road paving and drainage project will begin this year as soon as funds are available	\$10,000 each year	General Funds & Grants	High
<p>* See next page for Note</p> <p>Long-range projects include: installation of permanent seats in the grandstand area which is currently a series of stepped areas that are designed for use with a lawn chair. Permanent seats would provide safer and more convenient seating. New ADA compliant bathroom and showers will be constructed in the south end. Trees will be planted to provide additional privacy for campers and to increase the beauty of the riverfront. Make improvements to the City water supply to the fairgrounds. The water distribution system at the barns will be improved and water hookups will be installed at the campsites.</p>				

### Accessibility Improvements: Alpena County Fairgrounds

Pathways to the various exhibit areas are needed and barrier free surfaces are needed in the exhibit buildings. An improved viewing area needs to be constructed at the grandstand. Designated parking areas with signage are needed. Existing bathrooms

2014-2016	Convert race track into modern campsites along NE riverfront	15,000	Gen. funds + Grants	Medium
2014	Begin renovating ballfield	15-20,000	General funds Grants User group private donation	High
2014	Paint Fence around property	10,000	Gen. funds grants	Medium



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Plaza Pool Capital Improvements Schedule				
Year	Proposed Improvement	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Priority
2015	<del>2009</del> Replace pool circulating motor and pumps	\$8,000	Local, foundations, and MDNR	High
2019	<del>2009</del> Replace 8 filter elements	\$3,200	Local, foundations, and MDNR	High
	<del>2009</del> Replace rest room partitions	<del>\$5,000</del>	<del>Local, foundations, and MDNR</del>	<del>Medium</del>
2014-2019	<del>2009-2013</del> Replace all the lockers. Replace sections of lockers throughout the next five years. (170 lockers)	\$12,000	Local, foundations, and MDNR	High
	<del>2010</del> Replace air handlers for the boy's locker room, the girl's locker room, and the bleacher wall unit.	<del>\$7,500</del>	<del>Local, foundations, and MDNR</del>	<del>High</del>
	<del>2111</del> Replace shower towers	<del>\$3,500</del>	<del>Local, foundations, and MDNR</del>	<del>Medium</del>
2015	<del>2112</del> Additional handicap parking between the maintenance door and the entryway doors	\$10,000	Local, foundations, and MDNR	High
2015	<del>2113</del> Replace entry way glass with insulated panels	\$5,000	Local, foundations, and MDNR	High
	<del>2113</del> A dehumidification system will be installed	<del>NA</del>	<del>Local, foundations, and MDNR</del>	<del>High</del>
Long range projects include: <del>Solar heating system for the pool, thermal cover for pool,</del> expansion of existing facility or construction of new facility to include zero entrance pool area, wading pool, Jacuzzi, competitive diving capability and regulation size pool.				

### Accessibility Improvements: Plaza Pool

A new unisex bathroom needs to be constructed. Additional signage is needed in the facility. Renovate boys and girls bathrooms to be ADA compliant. ~~New ADA compliant shower fixtures will be installed.~~

### Basis for Action: Plaza Pool

The community pool is the only public pool available in a four county area. Pool programs offer a wide variety of water based recreation activities for all age groups,

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Tennis Courts Capital Improvements Schedule				
Year	Proposed Improvement	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Priority
<del>2009</del>	<del>The tennis courts are in need of repair and will require 1" asphalt resurfacing. Stripes need repainting.</del>	<del>\$15,000</del>		<del>High</del>
<del>2012</del>	Construct two additional tennis courts	\$60,000		Low
2014	Construct viewing bleachers for 80 spectators	16,000	grants...	High

2017

2014

## Basis for Action: Tennis Courts

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Add:

2015	Construct pavilion over bleachers	15,000	gen funds + grants	Medium
2015	Shadow stripe courts	7,000	grants	High
2015	Seal practice area + repaint warm-up area	10,000	gen. funds + grants	Medium
2014	Purchase windcreens + nets	5,000	"	High
2014	Repaint chain link fence	3,000	"	High

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2014-2019

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2019

Northern Lights Arena Capital Improvements Schedule				
Year	Proposed Improvement	Cost Estimate	Funding Source	Priority
	Energy efficiency upgrade including: insulation; heat-exchange systems; LED lighting, geothermal hot water	<del>\$604,000</del> 150,000	Local, grants & donations	<del>High</del>
	Women's Skating Center including: locker space, open training/meeting space, showers-office	\$360,000	Grants and donations	High
	Maintenance with equipment storage, a heated workshop and critical part storage and movable equipment storage.	\$164,000	Local, & donations	High
	Mobile maintenance equipment: 60 ft. lift, hi-low, tractor with mower/blower	\$110,000	Donations, Operating NLA Capital	Medium
	Community Activity space	\$90,000	Donations & fees	Medium
	Multi-sports floor	\$126,000	Donations & Grants	High
	Unheated storage building for the multi-sports floor and other appropriate equipment	\$96,000	Donations & Grants	High
	Minor League Hockey Area, offices, storage	\$360,000	Donation & lease fees	Medium
Long range projects include: replacement of melting pit, dehumidification system, Zamboni, mechanical systems, and cooling towers				

#### Accessibility Improvements: Northern Lights Arena

There is limited access to the full spectator seating area. An elevator to the second floor would provide more ADA seating.

#### Basis for Action: Northern Lights Arena

The Northern Lights Arena (NLA) is the only full service indoor ice arena in Alpena County and adjacent three counties. Ice skating and winter sports have been in the community culture for over 130 years and have had a positive economic influence on Alpena. The NLA is all about families, fun and living. The Northern Lights Arena has involved the entire community, both private contributions and governmental efforts. These additions, improvements, and upgrades will provide more recreational opportunities and allow easier handicapped access to the post facility.

- Technology has advanced since the facility was built, in addition, energy costs

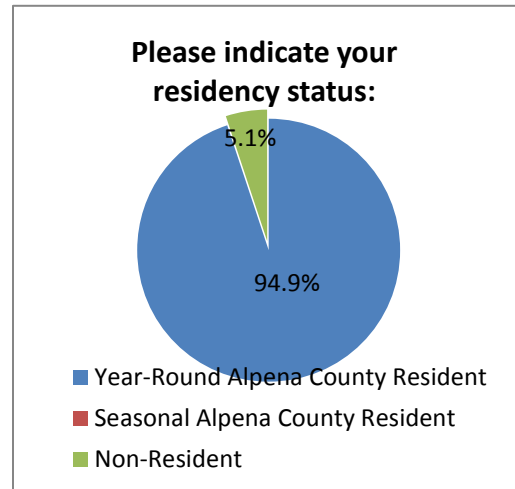
# Appendix B

## Surveys

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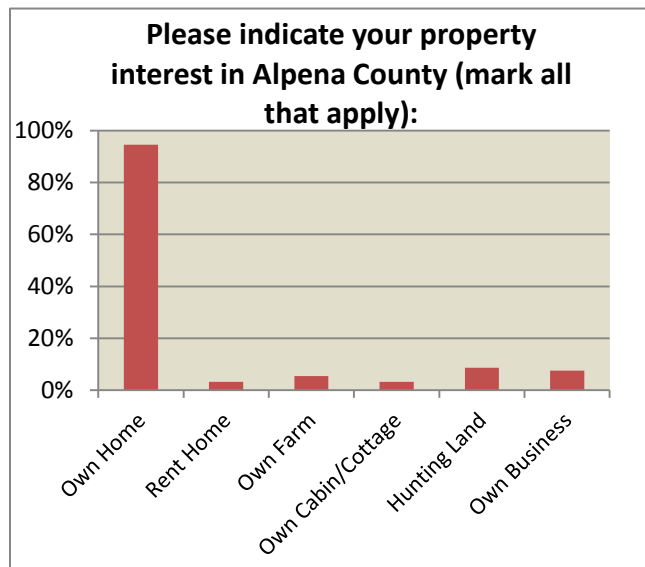
## 2013 SURVEY

1. Please indicate your residency status:		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Year-Round Alpena County Resident	94.9%	94
Seasonal Alpena County Resident	0.0%	0
Non-Resident	5.1%	5
If non-resident, indicate place of residence		3
<i>answered question</i>		99
<i>skipped question</i>		1



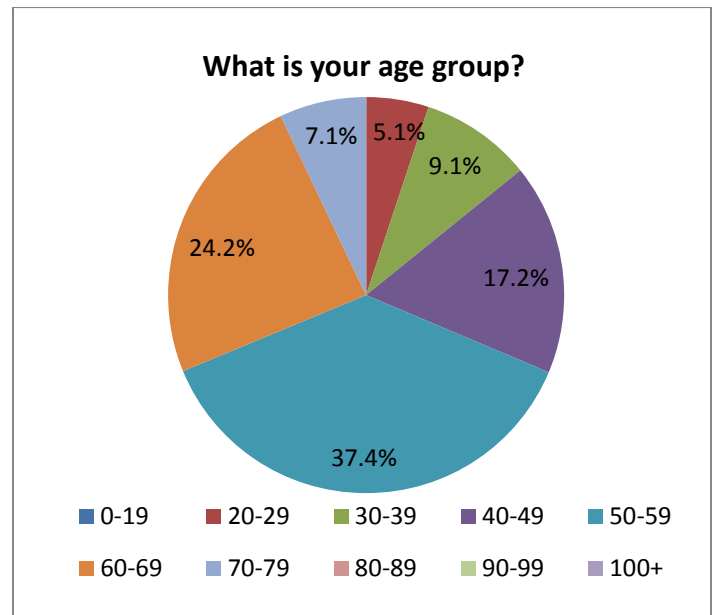
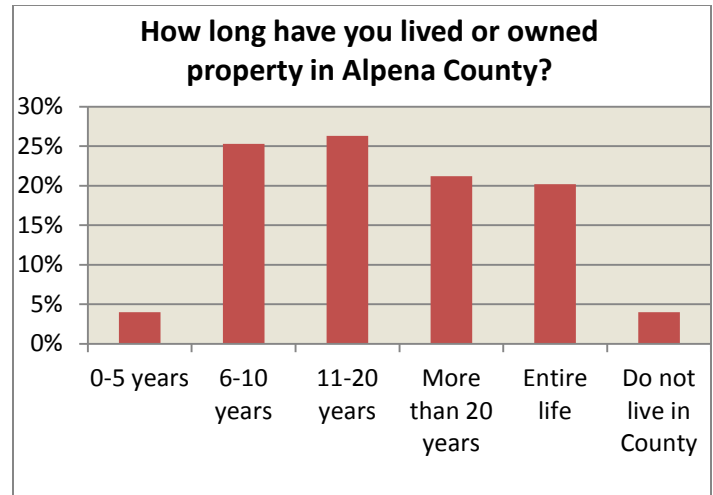
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1	Indiana
2	Presque Isle Township, Presque Isle County
3	Hillman

2. Please indicate your property interest in Alpena County		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Own Home	94.6%	88
Rent Home	3.2%	3
Own Farm	5.4%	5
Own Cabin/Cottage	3.2%	3
Hunting Land	8.6%	8
Own Business	7.5%	7
Other (please specify)	5	
<i>answered question</i>		93
<i>skipped question</i>		7

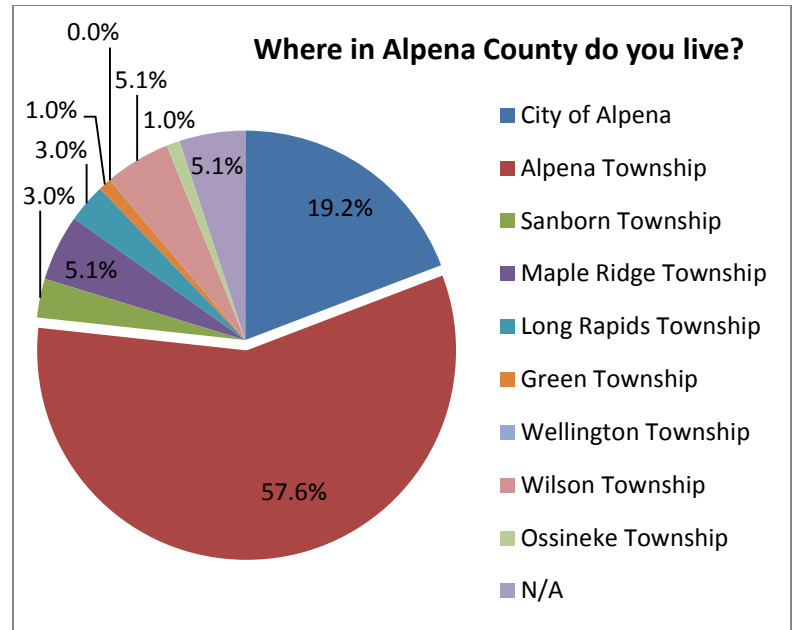


Other (please specify)	
1	Own Rental Home, Own Resort
2	Frequent visitor, family still lives there
3	Employment. Lived in Alpena County for 45 years.
4	Employed here.
5	Live at home of someone who owns

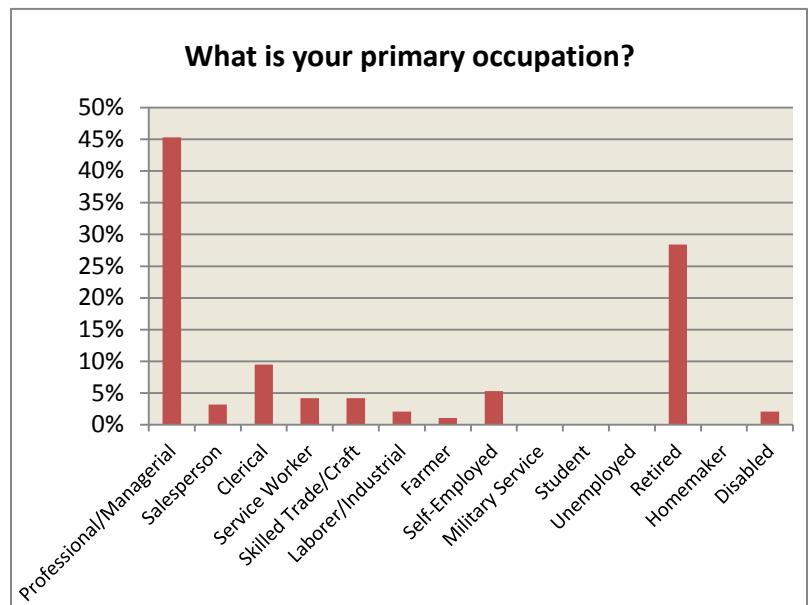
3. How long have you lived or owned property in Alpena County?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
0-5 years	4.0%	4
6-10 years	25.3%	25
11-20 years	26.3%	26
More than 20 years	21.2%	21
Entire life	20.2%	20
Do not live in County	4.0%	4
<b>answered question</b>		<b>99</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>1</b>
4. What is your age group?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
0-19	0.0%	0
20-29	5.1%	5
30-39	9.1%	9
40-49	17.2%	17
50-59	37.4%	37
60-69	24.2%	24
70-79	7.1%	7
80-89	0.0%	0
90-99	0.0%	0
100+	0.0%	0
<b>answered question</b>		<b>99</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>1</b>



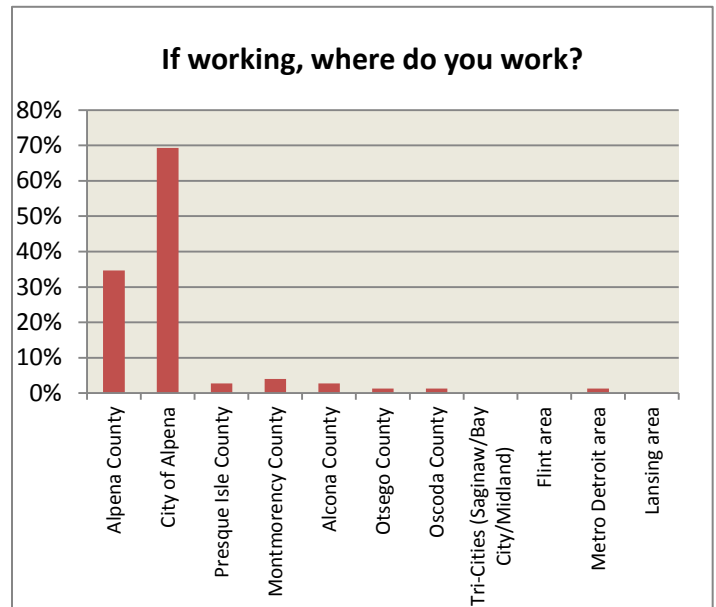
5. Where in Alpena County do you live?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
City of Alpena	19.2%	19
Alpena Township	57.6%	57
Sanborn Township	3.0%	3
Maple Ridge Township	5.1%	5
Long Rapids Township	3.0%	3
Green Township	1.0%	1
Wellington Township	0.0%	0
Wilson Township	5.1%	5
Ossineke Township	1.0%	1
N/A	5.1%	5
<b>answered question</b>		<b>99</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>1</b>



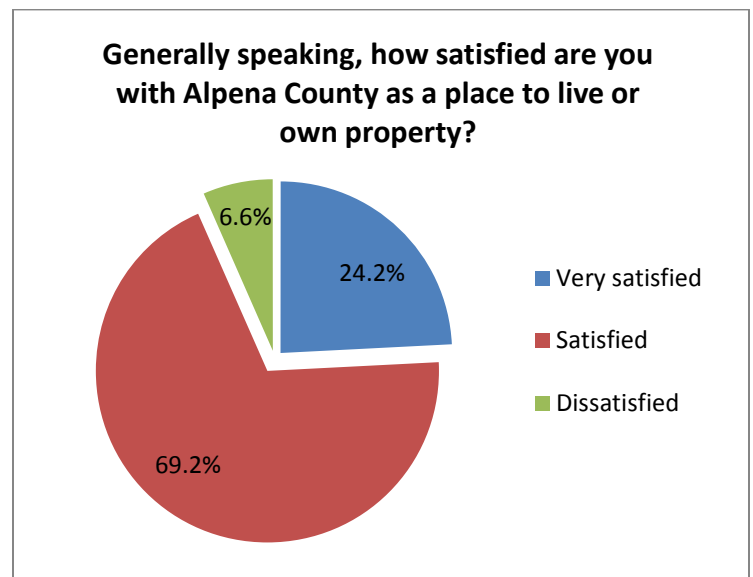
6. What is your primary occupation?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Professional/Managerial	45.3%	43
Salesperson	3.2%	3
Clerical	9.5%	9
Service Worker	4.2%	4
Skilled Trade/Craft	4.2%	4
Laborer/Industrial	2.1%	2
Farmer	1.1%	1
Self-Employed	5.3%	5
Military Service	0.0%	0
Student	0.0%	0
Unemployed	0.0%	0
Retired	28.4%	27
Homemaker	0.0%	0
Disabled	2.1%	2
Other (please specify)		6
<b>answered question</b>		<b>95</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>5</b>



7. If working, where do you work?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Alpena County	34.7%	26
City of Alpena	69.3%	52
Presque Isle County	2.7%	2
Montmorency County	4.0%	3
Alcona County	2.7%	2
Otsego County	1.3%	1
Oscoda County	1.3%	1
Tri-Cities (Saginaw/Bay City/Midland)	0.0%	0
Flint area	0.0%	0
Metro Detroit area	1.3%	1
Lansing area	0.0%	0
Other (please specify)		3
<b>answered question</b>		<b>75</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>25</b>



8. Generally speaking, how satisfied are you with Alpena County as a place to live or own property?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Very satisfied	24.2%	22
Satisfied	69.2%	63
Dissatisfied	6.6%	6
<b>answered question</b>		<b>91</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>9</b>





**9. What 3 things do you like most about Alpena County (3 biggest assets)?**

NUMBER			
1	LAKE HURON	OLD VICTORIAN HOMES	FARMS
2	WATER	FACILITIES	HUNTING
3	FRIENDLY PEOPLE	SIZE OF THE TOWN	LAKES, RIVER
4	WATER	OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES	NO TRAFFIC CONGESTION
5	LAKEFRONT/RIVER	PEOPLE	ARTS, THEATERS, MUSIC
6	WATER		
7	BEAUTIFUL OUTDOORS	LOTS OF ACTIVITIES	FRIENDLY AND ACC
8	LAKE HURON	RURAL	
9	PROXIMITY TO LAKES	AMOUNT OF STATE LAND TO HUNT	SMALL TOWN/COMMUNITY FEEL
10	PLEASANT RURAL AREA TO LIVE	WATER/RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES	NOAA
11	RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES	SMALL TOWN FEEL	PROXIMITY TO LAKES
12	ACCESS TO LAKE HURON	NATURAL AREAS	COMMUNITY COLLEGE
13	LAKESHORE	AIRPORT	IMPORTANCE OF FAMILIES
14	RESORT LIKE COMMUNITY	HUNTING/FISHING CLOSE BY	AMOUNT OF STATE LAND IN COUNTY
15	RURAL LIVING	SAFE ENVIRONMENT	AFFORDABLE
16	NATURAL BEAUTY	PRIDE OF RESIDENTS IN COMMUNITY	SAFE, WHOLESOME ENVIRONMENT
17	OPEN COUNTRY SPACES		
18	LAKE HURON	THUNDER BAY RIVER	SMALL TOWN ATMOSPHERE
19	HUNTING & FISHING OPPORTUNITIES	SMALL TOWN "FEEL"	RELAXED PACE
20	WATERFRONT/RESORT LIKE COMMUNITY	SLOWER PACE	JUST ABOUT ENOUGH DIVERSIONS/ ENTERTAINMENT
21	RURAL SETTING - DO NOT HAVE TO LIVE IN THE CITY	ABUNDANCE OF FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES AND HOME GROWN MEAT	GOOD ROADS TO OUTLYING COMMUNITY AREAS
22	NOT OVER POPULATED	RELAXED ATMOSPHERE	THE CHANGE OF 4 FULL SEASONS
23	BEAUTIFUL AREA		
24	RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES	SMALL TOWN FEEL	GOOD LOCAL ROAD SYSTEM
25	WATERFRONT COMMUNITY	RELAXED ATMOSPHERE & PACE	FRIENDLY PEOPLE (EXCEPT 3 MONTHS OF SUMMER WHEN THE TRUNKSLAMMERS ARE HERE)
26	RELAXED ATMOSPHERE	NOT A LOT OF TRAFFIC	VIEWS OF WOODS/WATER/FARMS
27	WATER	WOODS	SMALL COMMUNITIES, GOOD SCHOOLS
28	LAKE HURON WATERFRONT	THUNDER BAY RIVER ACCESS	CLEAN AND NEAT AREAS IN PARKS AND BIKE PATH
29	SMALL TOWN ATMOSPHERE	THE NUMEROUS TRAILS TO ENJOY THE NATURAL BEAUTY	PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL SITES-THEY MADE ALPENA WHAT IT IS
30	MORE RELAXED PACE	WATERFRONT COMMUNITY	
31	PROXIMITY TO WATER	STATE HUNTING LAND	
32	CLOSE TO WATER AND WOODS		
33	RURAL LIFESTYLE	ALPENA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER-GREAT TO HAVE BUT MAYBE BECAUSE IT IS SOMETHING VERSUS NOTHING	SMALL TOWN POLITICS

34	SMALL TOWN ATMOSPHERE	SCHOOLS	LIBRARY
35	ACCESS TO RECREATIONAL SPORTS	COUNTY GOVERNMENT SEEMS TO BE MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION	ROAD COMMISSION SEEMS TO BE MAINTAINING THE ROADS
36	ENVIRONMENT - WOODS, LAKES, OUTDOORS	LOCATION	PEOPLE
37	AIRPORT/BASE	EXPANDING HOSPITAL	AFFORDABLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
38	NOAA	BI-PATH	PARKS
39	RESORT/WATERFRONT LIKE COMMUNITY	BIKE PATHS AROUND TOWN	CONCERTS IN PARK
40	NORTHERN LIGHTS ARENA/ALEX	M-32 AREA - WALMART, HOME DEPOT AREA	AIRBASE
41	LAKE	RIVER	PARKS
42	OUR STATE FOREST	OUR LARGE AIRPORT	OUR INLAND LAKES
43	LAKES	SCENERY	CHANGE OF SEASONS
44	LAKE FRONT/WATER	PEACEFUL/SAFE COMMUNITY	RELAXED LIFESTYLE
45	GREAT LAKE	4 SEASONS	SMALL FEEL
46	LOCATION	PROXIMITY TO FAMILY	WATER
47	SMALL TOWN FEEL	SENSE OF COMMUNITY	WATER RELATED ACTIVITIES
48	WE LIVE ON LAKE	RESORT COMMUNITY	4 SEASON CHANGES
49	AIR BASE	LOCATION	PEOPLE
50	RESORT COMMUNITY FEEL	SMALL TOWN FEELING	LAKE/RIVER DEVELOPEMENTS
51	LOW POPULATION	SIMPLE LIFESTYLE	LITTLE TRAFFIC
52	LOCATION	SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	FAMILY ATMOSPHERE
53	THE TOPOGRAPHY	SENSE OF COMMUNITY	HISTORY
54	QUALITY OF FIRE AND EMS SERVICES	NATURAL RESOURCES	
55	SMALL TOWN FEEL	RELAXED PACE	OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES
56	LAKES	RIVERS	JOB
57	OUTDOOR RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	GOOD RATIO OF LAND USAGE (IE FARMLAND:WOODLAND: OPEN/ FALLOW LAND:DEVELOPED)	AMISH COMMUNITY
58	THE WATER	STRONG COMMUNITY	NICE AREA TO RAISE A FAMILY
59	LAKE	PEOPLE	ATMOSPHERE
60	LAKES	FISHING	NO TRAFFIC
61	LAKE HURON AND ACCESS TO INLAND LAKES	TRAILS TO HIKE, BIKE, SKI, ETC.	LOCAL BUSINESSES DOWNTOWN
62	WATER, LAKES RIVERS	NATURAL BEAUTY	HISTORY
63	LAKE HURON	CLEAN AIR	SMALLNESS
64	WATER FRONT COMMUNITY	SMALL TOWN FEEL	LOW CRIME RATE
65	WATERFRONT	ARTS	FARMERS MARKET
66	LOCATION	PEOPLE	CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
67	THE LOCATION NEAR LAKE HURON	OUR COMMUNITY FACILITIES	THE PEOPLE
68	BIKE PATHS	CLOSE TO NATURE; GREEN SPACE IN CITY	LAKES AND RIVERS
69	SMALL TOWN FEEL	LOWER CRIME RATES	SCHOOL SYSTEM
70	OUTDOOR RESOURCES	GENERAL LACK OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY	CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES
71	LAKE HURON	HUNTING	RECYCLING
72	LAKE HURON/THUNDER BAY	SMALL COMMUNITY WITH MANY THINGS TO OFFER	WITHOUT QUESTION, THE PEOPLE ARE FRIENDLY

<b>73</b>	HURON WATER FRONT & BI-PATH IMPROVEMENTS	MARITIME HERITAGE CENTER/DRAWING PEOPLE TO ALPENA	DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS/ OUTSTANDING!
<b>74</b>	IMPROVED WATER FRONT (LAKE AND RIVER)	MARITIME CENTER	RECENT CO-OPERATION IN NLA
<b>75</b>	RECREATION	LAKES	FAIRLY RESPONSIVE GOVT
<b>76</b>	FRIENDLY PEOPLE	QUIET LIFE	NATURAL BEAUTY
<b>77</b>	OUTDOORS	QUIET ATMOSPHERE	FAMILY

**10. What 3 things do you dislike most about Alpena County (3 biggest problems)?**

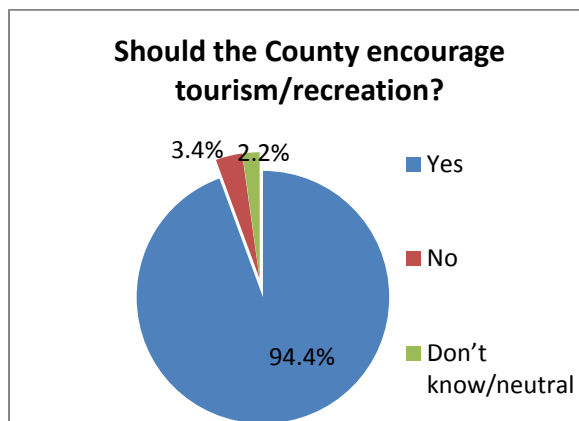
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<b>1</b>	AIR QUALITY IN CITY	BLIGHT	LACK OF THINGS TO DO
<b>2</b>	GOVERNMENT IN-FIGHTING	POORLY MANAGED SCHOOLS	NO SHOPPING
<b>3</b>	NO FREEWAY	GRAVEL ROADS	LACK OF GOOD RESTAURANTS
<b>4</b>	LACK OF JOBS	DISTANCE FROM OTHER AREAS	LACK OF VARIETY IN STORES
<b>5</b>	POOR DEVELOPMENT OF WATERFRONT	NARROW-MINDED COUNTY LEADERS	ALWAYS BEHIND THE TRENDS
<b>6</b>	NEED TO CONSOLIDATE POLICE/FIRE	JOBS NEEDED	
<b>7</b>	HUNT	LACK OF GOVERNMENT COOPERATION	DUPLICATION OF SERVICES
<b>8</b>	TOO MANY LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT	NEED MORE JOBS	LET MORE RETIRED PEOPLE KNOW WHAT A WONDERFUL PLACE THIS IS TO LIVE
<b>9</b>	POLLUTION		
<b>10</b>	LACK OF POLICE PROTECTION CAUSING RISING CRIME	VACANT HOMES & BUSINESSES ALL UP AND DOWN US23	ARERA ATTRACTING VAGRANTS AND CRIMINAL FROM DOWNSTATE
<b>11</b>	SOME POOR ROAD CONDITIONS	LACK OF SHOPPING	ACCESS FOR SOME TYPES OF MEDICAL CARE
<b>12</b>	RISING CRIME	LACK OF EMPLOYMENT	INFLUX OF CRIMINALS FROM DOWNSTATE
<b>13</b>	INDUSTRIALIZATION OF LAKE FRONT AREAS	PRIVATIZATION OF WATER FRONT AREAS	POOR MANAGEMENT OF WILDLIFE
<b>14</b>	OLD SCHOOL GOVERNMENT		
<b>15</b>	INCREASING CRIME/LACK OF DEPUTIES ON STREET	SUNRISE MISSION DRAWING CRIMINALS FROM OTHER PARTS OF STATE	CAN'T LEAVE DOORS/WINDOWS UNLOCKED ANYMORE, SO LOSING SMALL TOWN FEEL
<b>16</b>	DOWNTOWN NEEDS MORE REFURBISHING	NEED MORE RECREATION /ENTERTAINMENT	BETTER RESTAURANTS
<b>17</b>	FEAR/RESUSTANCE TO CHANGE	NAY-SAYING TO INNOVATION	SELF-DENIGRATION OF REGION BY RESIDENTS
<b>18</b>	LACK OF JOBS	LACK OF PROMOTION OF TOURISM	LACK OF PARKS
<b>19</b>	RISING CRIME	NOT ENOUGH POLICE OFFICERS ON STREET	COUNTY SEEMS TO BE ATTRACTING MORE CRIMINALS AND UNEMPLOYED TO AREA
<b>20</b>	LACK OF EMPLOYMENT	VACANT & ABANDONED HOMES /BUSINESSES	FOCUS AND MONEY SPENT ON AIRPORT
<b>21</b>	TRAFFIC IN THE CITY AND ALPENA TOWNSHIP	LACK OF SPECIALITY STORES	DOWNTOWN STORES NOT OPEN IN THE EVENINGS

22	LACK OF JOBS, HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT	MORE CRIME THAN EVER BEFORE	AMOUNT OF TIME/MONEY BEING SPENT ON AIRPORT
23	LACK OF SHOPPING	NEED MORE REASONABLY PRICED STORES IN THE CITY	
24	LACK OF TWO-LANE FREEWAYS TO GET HERE.	LACK OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES	
25	MORE CRIME	BLIGHT	LACK OF JOBS
26	INCREASING CRIME	PLUMETING PROPERTY VALUES	LACK OF EMPLOYMENT
27	RISING CRIME AND FELONIOUS SEVERITY OF IT	LACK OF POLICE PROTECTION	PLUMETING PROPERTY VALUES
28	NO FAST INTERNET	NO CELLULAR SERVICE	CABLE EXORBITANT
29	HIGH WATER BILLS IN ALPENA TOWNSHIP	VANDALISM TO PROPERTY, AND NOT BEING CAUGHT	LP SMELL COMING FROM THEIR PLANT ON FORD AVE.
30	THE SMALL TOWN POLITICAL GARBAGE-SAME PEOPLE, BASED ON YOUR FAMILY NAME, NOT EXPERIENCE OR EDUCATION, FROM GOVERNMENT TO ATHLETICS-VERY SAD	THE RISE IN CRIME IN OUR BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY	LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY IN OUR LEADERS-AS LONG AS THINGS SEEM TO RUN WITHOUT PROBLEMS, GOVERNMENT DOESN'T LOOK HARD ENOUGH TO MAKE SURE ITS RUNNING RIGHT.
31	BLIGHT-EMPTY,VACANT, UNKEPT PROPERTIES	LACK OF EMPLOYMENT	INCREASE IN BOTH QUANTITY AND TYPES OF CRIME
32	INFLUX OF PEOPLE THROUGH SUNRISE MISSION FROM OUT OF AREA	CRIME ON RISE (SEE ABOVE)	LACK OF EMPLOYMENT FOR ALL AGES
33	BLIGHT IN MANY AREAS OF COUNTY	CRIME GOING UP	LACK OF EMPLOYMENT
34	EMPTY AND ABANDONED HOMES AND BUSINESSES	INCREASING CRIME	LACK OF EMPLOYMENT
35	CRIME ON RISE	LACK OF BUSINESSES/ EMPLOYMENT	VACANT HOMES/BUSINESSES
36	CRIME	ALP REG MED CENTER..HAS A TERRIBLE REPUTATION, WELL DESERVED AFTER LISTENING TO MANY PEOPLES HORROR STORIES	POLICE ABSENCE AFTER 10PM
37	FALLING PROPERTY VALUES	INCREASING CRIME	SUNRISE MISSION ATTRACTING UNDESIREABLES FROM DOWNSTATE
38	BLIGHT	LACK OF EMPLOYMENT	
39	GARBAGE ON CITY BEACHES AFTER RAIN	WATERFRONT AT BAY VIEW	RUNDOWN NEIGHBORHOODS
40	LACK OF JOB OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR YOUTH		
41	LACK OF WORK	LOCAL ECONOMY/POLITICS	PEOPLE
42	LACK OF SHOPPING OF LARGE RETAILERS	LACK OF INDUSTRY FOR GOOD PAYING JOBS	ENFORCEMENT OF JUNK ORDINANCES
43	LACK OF SHOPPING	HIGH GAS PRICES	HOTEL ON THE WATERFRONT
44	THE JUNKY,VACANT BUILDINGS ALONG US23	SUNRISE MISSION BRINGING TRANSIENTS INTO AREA	CINDY JOHNSON AND ALL HER PETTY SMALL TOWN POLITICS!
45	BLIGHT	LACK OF SERVICES-RUBBISH,LAWN PICK UP	DRAINAGE ISSUES
46	LACK OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY	SMALL TOWN IDEAS	CLICKS
47	EXISTING ROADS ARE BAD	GRAVEL ROADS NEVER NEWLY PAVED	NATURAL GAS RUNS BY BUT YOU CANT GET IT

48	TOO MUCH GOVERNMENT	COMMUNICATION AMONGST ALL LEVELS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT	EACH LEVEL EXPECTS CONTROL AND POWER. POWER STRUGGLE
49	NOT FORWARD THINKING ENOUGH	TOO CONSERVATIVE/NOT PROGRESSIVE ENOUGH	MORE GROUPS AND GOVERNMENT NEED TO WORK BETTER TOGETHER TO PROMOTE AND BUILD OUR COMMUNITY AND TO HELP CREATE JOBS
50	LACK OF VISION	DO NOT SEEM TO BE PROGRESSIVE	UNWILLING TO TRY SOMETHING NEW
51	LACK OF RESTAURANTS/HOTELS	LACK OF RECREATION ACTIVITIES	LACK OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
52	INCREASING CRIME	BLIGHT	MORE BLIGHT
53	NO JOBS TO KEEP PEOPLE HERE	NO PLACE TO SHOP HERE/LACK OF ENTERTAINMENT	TOO MANY SENIOR CITIZENS
54	INCREASING CRIME	BLIGHT	SUNRISE MISSION'S IMPORTING ALL THE TROUBLE MAKERS FROM OTHER AREA'S.
55	INSUFFICIENT SHOPPING	POOR CONDITION OF BEACHES	LACK OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
56	EMPTY/ABANDONED BUSINESSES & HOMES	BLIGHT, JUNK, GARBAGE, UNCUT LAWNS	LACK OF EMPLOYMENT
57	CRIME	DRUGS	BLIGHT
58	ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES	EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES	NEED MORE SHEIFF DEPUTIES
59	INCREASING CRIME	EMPTY AND DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS	HOMELESS HANGING AROUND CITY STREETS/CORNERS
60	NOT ENOUGH SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES	HOSPITAL HAS INADEQUATE SERVICES, ER IS TOO SMALL	COMMERCE IS IN AND AROUND CITY ONLY
61	BLIGHT	INFLUX OF CRIMINAL ELEMENT	SMALL TOWN POLITICS
62	LACK OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PRESENCE.	LACK OF SNOW REMOVAL ON MAIN ROADS.	LACK OF A GOOD CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
63	CRIME (HOME INVASIONS, DRUGS)	LACK OF ROUTINE LAW ENFORCEMENT PATROLS.	LACK OF "MIDDLE-CLASS LIFESTYLE" JOBS.
64	DISCORD AMONG COMMUNITY LEADERS	WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE BUISNESSES OPEN UP	UNEMPLOYMENT
65	BLIGHT	BLIGHT	BLIGHT
66	UNEMPLOYMENT	LACK OF NEW BUSINESSES	CATERS TO OLDER ADULTS
67	US-23 DRIVING INTO TOWN AND ALONG THE LAKE COULD LOOK A LOT NICER. SOME OF THE BUSINESSES ARE UGLY AND NEED TO DO SOME UPDATES. I HATE THAT WE GIVE BEAUTIFUL LAKE FRONT PROPERTY TO FAST FOOD PLACES AND RUN DOWN LOOKING BUSINESSES.	I DISLIKE THE FACT THAT THERE ARE MANY HOUSES THAT ARE RUN DOWN/ABANDONED IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD. THE HOUSE NEXT DOOR TO MINE IS ABANDONED AND IT MAKES THE WHOLE BLOCK LOOK HORRIBLE.	I WISH THE BUSINESSES WERE OPEN LATER AND THERE WERE MORE PLACES TO HANG OUT.
68	FOCUS ON MANUFACTURING	TOO MANY LEVELS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT	RESISTANCE TO CHANGE
69	NEEDS MORE STORES AND RESURANTS	NEEDS MORE POLICE	NEEDS TO BRING MORE THINGS FOR FAMILIES TO DO
70	CITY COUNCIL	LACK OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION	TAXES
71	AREAS OF BLIGHT/EMPTY BUSINESSES	SUNRISE MISSION BRINGING IN PEOPLE FROM DOWNSTATE	LACK OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH
72	LACK OF PROGRESS	LACK OF NICE HOTEL (WATERFRONT?)	LACK OF OPTIMISM

73	STEREOTYPING AS RETIREMENT COMMUNITY	TOO MUCH FOCUS ON TOURISM	MENTALITY THAT FOLKS MUST LEAVE HERE FOR JOBS
74	NEGATIVE ATTITUDES ABOUT OUR FUTURE	ROADS THAT NEED WORK	INFIGHTING BETWEEN GOVERNMENTAL UNITS
75	POLITICAL TURMOIL	GAS CARTEL AMONG GASOLINE PROVIDERS	FLOODING ISSUES
76	LACK OF SHOPPING	LACK OF RESTAURANTS	GAS PRICES
77	GOVERNMENTS' BELIEF EVERYTHING SHOULD BE TAXED OR FEE IMPOSED	PRICE OF GAS AND GROCERIES	LACK OF "REAL" COOPERATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES
78	LACK OF POLICE SERVICES	ROAD COMMISSION--ROADS NOT KEPT UP, MOWED	NOT ENOUGH EMPHASIS ON TOURISM
79	COUNTY, CITY, ALPENA TOWNSHIP NEED TO BAN TOGETHER		
80	ALPENA TOWNSHIP/CTY ALPENA/SHOULD BE COMBING SRVCS	ELCTD OFFICIALS/OUT OF \$'S/NOT DOING WHAT IS NECESSARY	RECALL OF ELECTED OFFICIALS/GOES WITH NOT WANTING CHANGE
81	UNWILLINGNESS TO TALK ABOUT ANNEXATION		
82	NONE		
83	LAKE OF ENTERTAINMENT OPTIONS	LACK OF JOBS	
84	LACK OF SHOPPING	LACK OF SPORTS BAR (BUFFALO WILD WINGS)	NO FOREIGN CAR DEALERS

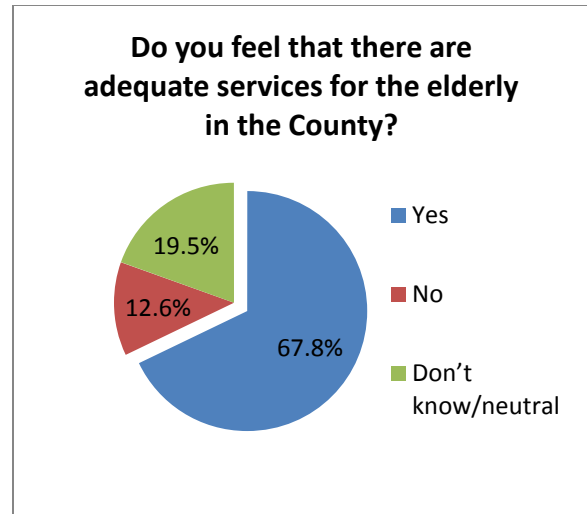
26. Should the County encourage tourism/recreation?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	94.4%	84
No	3.4%	3
Don't know/neutral	2.2%	2
Why or why not?		12
<b>answered question</b>		<b>89</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>11</b>



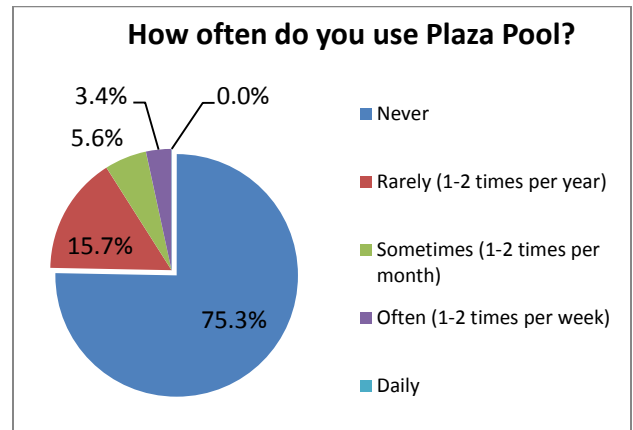
	Why or why not?
1	But don't go overboard
2	Passive recreation. No ATV, wave runners, and we have enough snowmobiles.
3	\$\$\$
4	Jobs
5	If you attract tourists, it helps the economy and may encourage people to relocate here
6	beautiful surroundings
7	Help promote and encourage tourism! Make our community user friendly to recreation people more like the UP! We have very little to loose by being a warm and inviting friendly community where people can come and "Pay To Play!"
8	recreation, something for the younger generation to do
9	tourism is only temporary income and low paying jobs
10	We have a beautiful area and tourists equal income for area services providers
11	We have a BEAUTIFUL place, why not share it?
12	Absolutely! This is the gateway to future residential and commercial growth. But we need the decision makers.

38. Do you feel that there are adequate services for the elderly in the County?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	67.8%	59
No	12.6%	11
Don't know/neutral	19.5%	17
Explanation or comment:		3
<b>answered question</b>		<b>87</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>13</b>

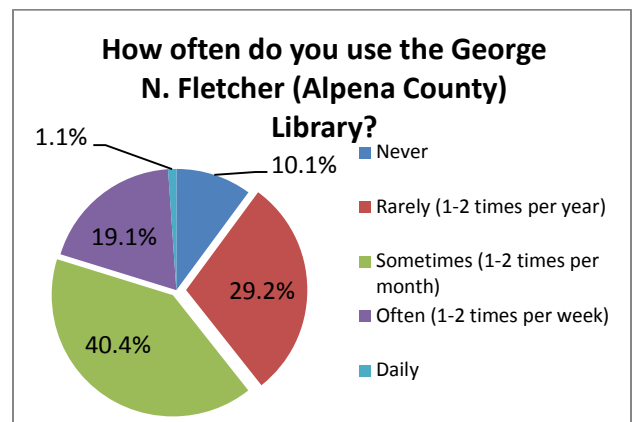
	Explanation or comment:
1	Need senior recreation: bocce, horse shoes, croquet
2	more than enough
3	Too much



48. How often do you use Plaza Pool?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Never	75.3%	67
Rarely (1-2 times per year)	15.7%	14
Sometimes (1-2 times per month)	5.6%	5
Often (1-2 times per week)	3.4%	3
Daily	0.0%	0
<b>answered question</b>		<b>89</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>11</b>

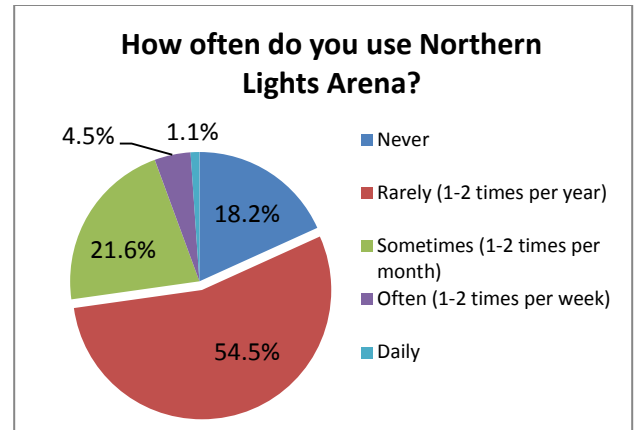


49. How often do you use the George N. Fletcher (Alpena County) Library?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Never	10.1%	9
Rarely (1-2 times per year)	29.2%	26
Sometimes (1-2 times per month)	40.4%	36
Often (1-2 times per week)	19.1%	17
Daily	1.1%	1
<b>answered question</b>		<b>89</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>11</b>

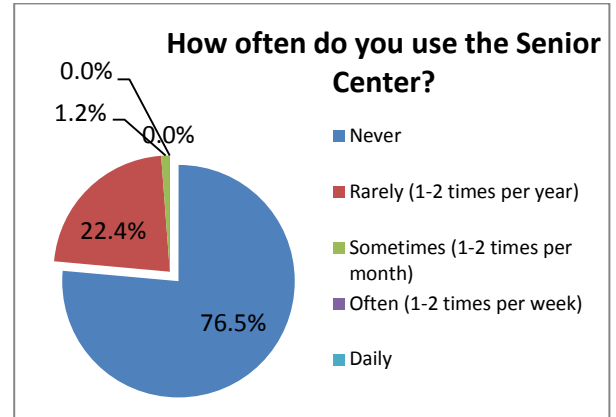


## Alpena County Recreation Plan

50. How often do you use Northern Lights Arena?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Never	18.2%	16
Rarely (1-2 times per year)	54.5%	48
Sometimes (1-2 times per month)	21.6%	19
Often (1-2 times per week)	4.5%	4
Daily	1.1%	1
<b>answered question</b>		<b>88</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>12</b>



51. How often do you use the Senior Center?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Never	76.5%	65
Rarely (1-2 times per year)	22.4%	19
Sometimes (1-2 times per month)	1.2%	1
Often (1-2 times per week)	0.0%	0
Daily	0.0%	0
<b>answered question</b>		<b>85</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>15</b>





## 2008 CAMPER SURVEYS

### Alpena County Parks Survey Results

Throughout the summer of 2008, surveys were distributed to campers that stayed at Beaver Lake Park, Long Lake Park and Sunken Lake Park. The surveys asked the guests of the parks to rate the facilities, services, security and reservations process of the parks and to make general comments on what they liked or disliked about the park. Responses to the facilities, services, security, and reservation process were very positive. In all parks, visitors were informed about the park by word of mouth or were simply return visitors. Most campers are from Alpena and surrounding counties. Respondents had favorable comments about staff at the parks. Full copies of the survey can be found in Appendix D.

#### Long Lake Park

*Distance of park from home:* seven of the eight responses were less than ½ hour from the park

Suggested improvements to park: respondents wanted electrical upgrades, better promotion, and more staff for holidays, and more facilities for kids.

- Sewer hook-ups on some sites would be great
- More playground equipment
- More kids activities – someone walk around throughout the night checking on things
- Something for 9 to 16 year olds to be able to do. Game room for kids when it rains. Hold a 50/50.
- Need a dock or platform for kids to fish.
- All kids should be on their lot at 11:00 p.m.
- Have all kids on their lots at 11 p.m. Too many teenagers walking around the lake.

#### County of Residence

Alpena (6 responses)  
Presque Isle (1 response)

Genesee (1 response)

#### Beaver Lake Park

*Distance of park from home:* Eleven of the nineteen responses were less than 1 hour from the park

Suggested improvements to park: respondents wanted electrical upgrades, upgrades to bathrooms and showers and handicap accessible bathrooms. There needs to be grass planted in many sites

- 30 amp everywhere
- Improve electrical service update
- Electric (have to start generator to run microwave)
- More showers in the ladies bathroom
- Electrical services/facilities upgraded – shower facilities remodeled and modernized. Having a Blue Belly on hand for dump purposes.
- Handicap bathroom stall (at least a handle to help get up).
- Updated bathrooms, washer and dryer for camper use

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- I would improve showers
- Shower need to be split and two entrances, park is great.
- Better lock on women's shower door.
- More power outlets for campers – some spots have to use double cords – power suffers
- Need to level sites
- Handicap rail in bathroom stall – more docks
- More docks
- I'm on lot 4 – long way to electrical box
- Need better electrical box on 4 lot and others
- Improve electrical access, separate showers, laundry facilities, better boat docks
- Electrical – kept losing power
- More docks would be nice, need handicap toilet stalls – one in men's and one in women's
- A music evening once a week

### County of Residence

Alpena (6 responses)	Lake (2 responses)	Lapeer
Montmorency (5 responses)	Otsego	Oakland
Presque Isle (6 responses)	Ottawa	Calhoun

### Sunken Lake Park

*Distance of park from home:* Nine of the nineteen responses were less than 1 hour from the park

Suggested improvements to park: upgrades and to bathrooms and showers, dust control, storage and handicap accessible bathrooms.

- There needs to be grass planted in many sites
- Paving and grass. Even though park is well maintained people that I talk to quit coming because you can take a shower and by the time you walk back to your camper from the bathrooms, you are dirty already and if someone drives by after a dry spell you have to close your camper windows because of the dust.
- More bathroom facilities (toilets)
- More toilets in restrooms
- Would like to see more bathroom facilities
- None (3 responses)
- Improve boat launch. Too many weeds. No place to park trailers. No place to leave a boat for short periods.
- Boat, canoe, kayak rental at reasonable rates, dust control. Newspaper stands.
- Need more overhead clearance for taller vehicles.

### County of Residence

Alpena (5 responses)	Midland	Traverse City
Alcona	Tuscola	Huron

Presque Isle

Wayne (2 responses)

VanBuren  
Macomb

### **Community Survey**

A joint City-County Recreation Survey was distributed across the county in the Alpena Newspaper. Surveys were also completed by Alpena Community College students and on class of 5<sup>th</sup> graders at the school in the City of Alpena. The survey can be found in Appendix D. Surveys from county residents, city residents, college students and grade school students were tabulated separately. The following write-up focuses primarily on county residents, where appropriate responses from city residents relating to county facilities are included. College students and grade school students are described separately.

*Seventy-eight percent the respondents indicated they use the Northern Lights Arena and Fairgrounds, and 51 percent used Plaza Pool. Less than 50 percent used the other county facilities, with only 21 percent indicating they use the tennis courts.*

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1. How often do you utilize the following recreational facilities?  <i>County Residents</i>	2+ times per week	Weekly	Monthly	Occasionally	Never
<b>ALPENa COUNTY FACILITIES</b>					
Beaver Lake Park (off M-65 South)	1	2	2	24	46
Fairgrounds (11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue)	2	1	6	53	17
Long Lake Park (off US 23)	2	3	8	21	41
Manning Hill Park (M-32)				35	41
Northern Lights Arena (Woodward Avenue)	9	5	8	42	13
Plaza Pool (Alpena High School)	5	7	1	27	35
Sunken Lake Park (off M-65 North)			2	21	52
Tennis Courts (Alpena High School)	3	2	3	9	56
<b>CITY OF ALPENa FACILITIES</b>					
11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Boat Launch			4	20	52
Avery Park (North Second Avenue and Oldfield Street)			1	16	53
Bay View Park (State Avenue, band shell area)	6	8	17	44	5
Bi-Path (city wide)	16	17	6	28	13
Blair Street Park (State Avenue and Blair Street pier)	2	1	3	31	40
Island Park/Duck Park (corner of Chisholm Street and Long Rapids Road)	2	7	9	50	13
LaMarre Park (River Street south of Ninth Avenue)	3	2	5	19	44
Marina (Harbor Drive)	5	5	15	37	14
McRae Park (North Second Avenue and Hueber Street)	2	2	1	32	36
Mich-e-ke-wis Park (State Avenue)	4	5	6	51	10
North Riverfront Park (off Fletcher Street behind the Post Office)			5	32	36
Riverside Skate Park/Water Tower Park (Ninth Avenue next to water tower)			1	16	54
South Riverfront Park (behind Memorial Hall and Alpena Power Company)		1	2	35	35
Starlite Beach (State Avenue and Bingham Street)	2	4	7	29	22
Sytek Park (Bagley Street on river)	4	6	8	32	25
Thomson Park (State Ave. between Campbell and Richardson St.)	1	2		14	56
Veteran's Park (2 <sup>nd</sup> and Washington)	2	2	2	19	52
Washington Ave Park (corner of Washington and 11th Avenue)	4	2	6	34	29
<b>ALPENa COUNTY FACILITIES</b>					
Beaver Lake Park (off M-65 South)				8	39
Fairgrounds (11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue)	2	3	2	37	8
Long Lake Park (off US 23)			1	15	32
Manning Hill Park (M-32)				16	29
Northern Lights Arena (Woodward Avenue)	7	5	5	33	4
Plaza Pool (Alpena High School)	9	1	2	12	28
Sunken Lake Park (off M-65 North)				8	36
Tennis Courts (Alpena High School)			1	5	42

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2. What activities do you engage in at the following recreational facilities?  <i>City Residents</i>	Baseball/Softball	Basketball	Camping	Beach/swimming	Biking	Boat launch	Concerts	Festivals	Fishing	Ice skating/hockey	Picnicking	Playground	Rollerblade, skateboard/bicycles	Sitting, viewing	Tennis	Volleyball	Walking/hiking	Other (specify)
<b>ALPENA COUNTY FACILITIES</b>																		
Beaver Lake Park			2	1		2			3		3			2			1	
Fairgrounds			2	5	11	6	11	11	1		1	2		7			18	
Long Lake Park		1	3	2		5			2		2			2			1	
Manning Hill Park											2			5				
Northern Lights Arena							9	5	3	12				6	1		24	
Plaza Pool				21														
Sunken Lake Park			1	1							2			1			7	
Tennis Courts															5			

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<b>ALPENA COUNTY FACILITIES</b>																		
Beaver Lake Park			12	9		9			15		9	4		5			2	
Fairgrounds			3	1	13	5	15	27	7		3	5	2	6			15	
Long Lake Park			14	6	2	13		1	6		9	5		6			6	
Manning Hill Park					1						12	1		12			5	
Northern Lights Arena		1					14	13	1	31	1			5	2		25	
Plaza Pool				34				1										
Sunken Lake Park			6	3		1		1	3		7	4		6			10	
Tennis Courts					1									1	15		1	
<b>CITY OF ALPENA FACILITIES</b>																		
11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Boat Launch					1	12			11		1			1			2	
Avery Park		1						1			1			8			2	
Bay View Park		5		2	9	1	31	21	2		9	7	6	24	5	1	26	
Bi-Path					35						1		7	9		1	43	
Blair Street Park				3	2			1		1	2			16			9	
Island Park/Duck Park					2				8		9	2	1	20			39	
LaMarre Park					5				3		3		1	14			15	
Marina					4	17	6	16	10	1				17			15	
McRae Park	9	3			1			4			3	3		5	5		5	
Mich-e-ke-wis Park	1			15	6			9		2	20	9	3	27	2	6	19	
North Riverfront Park					2	2		3	3		1			8			8	
Riverside Skate Park							1		1		1		6	2			2	
South Riverfront Park					2			7	3		2			7			4	
Starlite Beach		1	2	20	7		1	3			14	11		14			13	
Sytek Park					8	5			8		3		3	14		1	22	
Thomson Park				5	2			1			2	1		11			8	
Veteran's Park					1						2			7			8	
Washington Ave Park					10				4		5		3	14			21	

*There were no unexpected responses to question 2. Beaver Lake, Long Lake and Sunken Lake parks are used primarily from camping, fishing, boating and hiking. Manning Hill is used for picnicking, sitting/viewing and sledding. Primary activities at the Northern Lights Arena are skating, walking, concerts and festivals.*

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<b>2. What other activities do you engage in at the following recreational facilities?</b>	Other (specify)
<b>ALPENNA COUNTY FACILITIES</b>	
Beaver Lake Park	Boating
Fairgrounds	Fair (5), Relay for Life (3), Running (3), MSU Meetings, Hunting, RV Dump, MMA Madness
Long Lake Park	Boating (2), X-C Skiing
Manning Hill Park	Sledding (12), Kite Flying (1), Photography (1)
Northern Lights Arena	Special Events (3), Craft Shows (1), Rodeo (1), Running (1), Wedding (2), Exhibits (1), Ping Pong (1), Home Show (1), Attend Games (1)
Plaza Pool	Lessons (1), ORV's (1), Sport Shows (1), Special Programs (1) Senior Fitness (1)
Sunken Lake Park	Super Friendly
Tennis Courts	
<b>CITY OF ALPENNA FACILITIES</b>	
11 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Boat Launch	Boating (1)
Avery Park	
Bay View Park	Church (1), Art Fair (1)
Bi-Path	Running (1)
Blair Street Park	Dog Swim (1), Baptism (1), Kite Boarding (1), Wind Surfing (1)
Island Park/Duck Park	Parking for bi-path (1), Explore Nature for Kids (1), Enjoy Gardens (1)
LaMarre Park	
Marina	Sailing (1), Boating (1), Enjoy Gardens (1)
McRae Park	Pavilion (2)
Mich-e-ke-wis Park	Fireworks (1)
North Riverfront Park	
Riverside Skate Park	
South Riverfront Park	
Starlite Beach	Driftwood (1), Beach glass (1), Fireworks (1)
Sytek Park	Explore Nature for Kids (1), Kayak (1)
Thomson Park	Driftwood (1), Beach glass (1), Dog Swim (1)
Veteran's Park	
Washington Ave Park	Running (1)

**Question 3: Please provide us with your general opinion/impressions of Alpena County parks:**

***County Residents***

- The Concerts in the Park are a great thing! I believe there has been substantial improvement in recreation over the past few years.
- Too many parks spread out all over! NEED one large park to cover all of the above except camping. Close it at night (protection from vandals, gatherings etc.) A peaceful & fun place to visit. It should have a water park and charge to use it, nice picnic areas, well patrolled by police during open hours. Have a memorial park area in it, people could place benches in it, there in memory of someone, perhaps spread their ashes there, if they were cremated.
- Snowmobile trails should be open to ORV use during summer and permitted on some roadways. Similar to Montmorency County.
- Long Lake Park has been much improved - we have heard good things about the park from family and friends. Alpena needs a bigger and nicer "Welcome Sign". Have you seen the one in Standish!
- We have more recreation than most have the time to use
- The Parks and recreation areas are great for most ages of people. There could be more rental places for canoes, kayaks, cross-country skis, bicycles, strollers, rowboats, etc.
- The care and attention of our City and County planners, answering the need for beautification projects as well as suggestions from area citizenry, has been outstanding. Our area Service Clubs and individuals from the Garden Club have contributed countless hours to expand on these projects. It is obvious that these projects have succeeded in setting a fine example to an increasing number of residents, inspiring them to improve their yards and gardens throughout the City and county!
- No access to the area for snowmobiles to encourage business in the area. Summertime activities are numerous, but winter activities are lacking.
- Alpena needs nature areas for people to enjoy nature, bird watching or just getting sunshine. To watch the waves for 15 minutes and relax from the stress of the day.
- Both County and City Recreational facilities are great (the ones we use). Visitors enjoy them. Great variety and clean for public facilities
- We have some beautiful places to go
- Whenever we have visitors from out of town, they express what wonderful parks we have and how they enjoyed so much viewing Lake Huron in Alpena. They also were in awe of the cleanliness and beauty of the flowers and plants. I definitely agree with them, having moved to this area 30 years ago (husband is an Alpena native) I don't ever plan to leave this area - Alpena has the beauty and quietness of a small city with fresh air and kicked back attitude!
- We love the bike path and the Senior Center for us seniors!
- We have a couple of jewels - the Northern Lights Arena and our Bi-Path. Many communities our size do not such offerings. However, we probably have the poorest lake front offerings considering our nice bay. Too bad the wastewater plant, DP and Lafarge rest on the most valuable real estate in the county. I do applaud all the River Improvements and making it accessible and usable.
- The county (or city) would do well to consider a campground on Lake Huron - close to township/city restaurants/shopping. (e.g. - Tawas)
- Improving & aesthetic look of walking area is beautiful. I use the low ropes course at the college - it is a wonderful place to challenge teamwork with my youth group!
- We like the large number of parks here in Alpena County. That is one of the reasons we moved here from NW Ohio 4 years ago. It's a beautiful area and we need to preserve and protect it or we could lose it like some other places have. In order for people to thrive and



prosper, we must keep our home (the earth) healthy.

- Beaches are not clean; unattractive view. Flowers planted throughout the town look nice but don't bring tourists. Limited recreation options compared to other areas of the state. Need a family friendly attraction (i.e. water park, game center, year-round family concerts)
- Alpena has come a long way. Alpena has waterfront and riverfront that is not fully utilized for tourism. The fairground is not suited for the events and has no room to grow for the future. Riverfront could be a camping draw for tourism along with more cold storage. We do not utilize our area for outside uses. Post office and Parking are a joke, especially in the winter months.
- County Parks and Pool are great assets. City parks (Mich-e-ke-wis and Starlight) are nice parks but seagulls are a problem. Northern Lights Arena - only attend non-ice events - rodeo is very nice. Beaver Lake & Sunken Lake are beautiful. Plaza Pool - great rates, warmth and lighting, excellent programming
- They do a nice job cutting grass make it nice
- This year we were camp host at Long Lake Park and will be next summer which doesn't leave much time for the other things
- Considering the economy of this region, I believe that the county is providing to the best of its financial ability access to a variety of activities. Special activities such as fireworks displays etc. Are provided with assistance of local volunteers and donated funding from contributing business
- Thank you for providing Mutt Mitts and trash cans
- Keep snowmobiles and quads off all roads and highways
- We senior retirees should use the parks more than we do. Everybody should. I am impressed with the visual quality of park maintenance that I see from the roads (especially the fairgrounds maintenance) and by the beautiful flowerpots in Washington Park and on light poles along main city streets and at the Marina. :)
- Beaver Lake Park needs more showers, a newer bathroom. The caretaker does a great job for what he has to work with (looks clean)
- Lake Huron access and use is under-developed and under-used. Look at Tawas; they capitalize on this jewel. Then realize that you have to allow private businesses build hotels and resorts on the water. The government can't hoard all the property. Please consider adding a shoulder to Long Rapids Road. It would be a great extension of the Bike Path into the County.
- Alpena area has many good outdoor activities for the whole family. I mainly walk and bike. My husband fishes. My granddaughter loves the playgrounds. We all enjoy the concerts and festivals.
- Most areas are well maintained-Sytek Park roof need painting. As I travel Bagley Street, there should be a nice walking path over the bridge; a lot of people use the path on their bikes-it's scary when a family on bikes crosses on the bridge.
- Even though I don't use these facilities as much as I would like, PLEASE continue to maintain these beautiful assets to our town.
- Beaver Lake is the only park I use. I am five and like to fish. As for the other parks, I think are nice and well maintained. I enjoy going to the Marina and seeing boats and water
- Please update the LLP speed signs in Park. Remove some geese

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- I would really love to see a water park in Alpena-not a great wolf lodge style, but a metropolitan city park with a central fountain and a large concrete floor area with alternating sprays that invite young and old alike to walk through the sprays on a hot day. A wonderful addition to the vacant land near Mich-e-ke-wis - it would not be obstructive to the water/lake view and it is not exclusive as to who would enjoy it. I can see moms with strollers letting their toddlers explore the random spray and retired travelers stopping to watch and remember their own children as babies. I can see young people splashing for a quick minute as they ride their bike when they don't have time for the beach!
- Have a lot to offer residents. The Northern Lights Arena could be focused on more than hockey. New indoor pool. Outdoor pool or a new one.
- Good - just maintain what there is!
- Fishing on the river is great, I use the bike path about 2 times a year
- The parks are excellent for drive by viewing. The parks give visitors a good impression of Alpena
- Northern Lights Arena is a great addition to our county. Our grandson plays hockey and we enjoy going to his games at the arena. It is a great draw to bring people from around the state and Canada.
- Alpena has many lovely parks and bike/hiking paths. It's upsetting that we don't see more families using these facilities. We live in the township on the lake, but if we lived in town, I know we would use them much more.
- You need a mix of different ages to be successful as a community! There needs to be a daily boating excursion between Rogers City and Harrisville - trolley bus rides around city and county. Tents and open areas between 9th Street Bridge and 2nd Ave. Bridge, with visiting artists, flea markets, bingo card games, horseshoes ball games, and boat dockings
- No toilet facilities in some. Alpena County has many nice parks. Improve boat launch at Beaver Lake, especially DNR
- The Bi-path was the best thing that ever happened for recreation here for safety for walkers and bikers especially beyond the city streets and traffic areas like m32 and Bagley & Long Rapids Rd, etc. The break wall sidewalk at the Harbor was also a fantastic idea. We are older and mainly walk or sit but the things we hated most were taking down too many trees at Starlight and Mich-e-ke-wis and we don't like the cement tables and benches but do understand why you do that because people are so destructive.
- Alpena County has the resources that people should be able to find their personal preference for recreation - it is there.
- A great variety of options. For a small town the facilities like Starlite Park are very impressive. The park at Bay View needs an overhaul! The tennis courts on State are great but need windscreens. It is too windy by the big water to use them.
- Long Lake Park needs major improvements and friendlier staff. Can't complain to staff. They are the biggest parties there. Why Campers Cove is packed all summer and no one at Long Lake Park when it is such a beautiful location?
- The bike path is an awesome thing for the city - enjoy it thoroughly. Playground at Starlite is also very nice. The playground at Band Shell should be fixed up and the grass should be eliminated - just sand or wood chips. In addition, the flowers in the city are very poor - not up kept especially River St., many weeds, and too many grasses. A new gardener who cares about their job would be good.
- Although I don't use the facilities as much as I'd like, I think it is a real PLUS Alpena has over many other communities
- I think we could use more to bring people into the county. Allowing ATV to go onto the county (gravel) roads would allow this.

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- Our family really enjoys walking from Sytek Park bike path. We walk on Island Park and Bay View Park on the bike path
- Better fish stocking in the lakes, better ATV riding area, maybe on the roads
- Long Lake Park is a nice place to swim - would like to see more sand on the beach at the one without the pavilions - also less goose poop
- Need to expand recreation that will bring tourist dollars to community.
- In 2006, Long Lake Park was logged which left the hiking trails in bad disrepair. Otherwise, outdoor recreational opportunities are very good, but underused by the public.
- Need better bike trail along Bagley from M32 to US23. Need to connect Alpena bike trail to Roger City bike path.
- They need to have outdoor sports for kids that are sanctioned.

### ***City Residents***

- I love our parks especially the bi-path. I hate it when the City/County closes the bi-path for their twice yearly duck hunts.
- Overall I believe the County and City do a good job of keeping up the facilities. I used to use more of the facilities at a younger age.
- For the amount being charged at campgrounds, they should be better maintained
- The water frontage that is maintained for the use of the general public is wonderful. Many of our out of town guests comment on this as so often in waterfront communities it is taken up for the use of private owners and businesses
- Parks are good for young people and families. When elderly, many do not drive. Before waiting for dial-a-ride (coming and going home), especially in very warm weather, we are usually told it is healthier to stay where it's cooler (such as a room that is air-conditioned and we need blankets and sweaters to keep from freezing)
- Although we don't use all the opportunities, we feel our facilities are fantastic
- Please clean up the beaches so you can wade in the water and swim. The black stuff from the paper company (or so I'm told) washes in on the shore.
- Somehow, there needs to be programs/activities available so more of our young people are encouraged to get outdoors, get away from sitting in front of TV, video games, etc., and exercise. There is an URGENT need to have a SAFE crossing for bikes and walkers across the river on Bagley Street
- Add bike paths, launch facilities for kayaks, campgrounds on the lake or river, sledding hill.
- Poor - the only recreation that is organized is by private clubs like Little League. You need to hire some recreation directors to organize recreation in the City. Mich-e-ke-wis Park is wasted space. Starlite Beach needs new bathrooms and there are no water fountains to drink out of anywhere in the City especially at the beach. The Be-paths need to be swept off more regularly. There are no signs to connect the paths, no stop signs on the path. Stop signs need to be put on the path at the intersection at Island View Dr. and Long Rapids Rd. There should be no parking on State St. Make a lane for pike riding and remark the road for cars like in the big city. Build a pedestrian bridge over the Thunder Bay River to connect the bi-path to Island View Subdivision so people don't have to use Bagley St. Outlaw Bagley St to bike riders - too dangerous.
- Excellent but age restricts me to walking
- We tend to stay in the city for recreation. Manning Hill Park is nice in the fall -we like to stop there and view the colors. Biking through the fairgrounds is one of our favorite activities.
- Most hunting and fishing has been destroyed. Brown trout, grouse, woodcock, and large salmon are all gone. Snowshoe rabbit is nearly extinct. Most of this has been destroyed

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by MI DNR

- We moved to the city of Alpena in July. We enjoyed very much the beaches and bike/walking paths that the City has to offer. The concerts in the park were wonderful. We are looking forward to next summer. Everything was kept up so beautifully
- Many good opportunities. Swimming beaches could be cleaned. Bay View is beautiful.
- The bi-path is one of the greatest assets to the Alpena area. I think the sport facilities at the parks are great for the youth.
- There are a lot of parks-great if they are utilized or is it too costly?
- Kayaking from the fairgrounds is our most frequent activity. The river and its wildlife is a true GEM. Yet NO effort is made (rentals, maps, etc.) to promote this activity.
- I am a senior citizen and being a City resident use City Parks most. Happy with all improvements and parks. Only problem in my view is Bagley St. Bridge. Should be way to improve passage for all users.
- I walk every day and there are many places to walk with all the bike paths and parks. Also view sports events and walk in the winter at Northern Lights Arena
- Love the pool. Enjoy the flower plantings along walk paths. Would like to see more. Would like to see old state police post made into a visitor center with maps, souvenirs, concert and festival dates and a lot of flower plantings to welcome visitors.
- I enjoy all the open areas as I drive or walk past
- Facilities are designed, built, and maintained very well. They constitute a major plus for the quality of life my family and I enjoy here. I just wish more people would use them in order to cultivate health and fitness
- Beautiful! I love to ride bi Path and walk Bay View Park - everyday.
- Good Variety, good facilities
- More separated trails are needed along roads to connect sites
- Alpena City Council members have been very supportive of improving and expanding recreational activities for youth and adults. The many opportunities available in this community speaks highly of the mayor and City Council and City staff
- Generally good although I'm not familiar with most county parks
- Keep up the good work. Look ahead.
- We have some very nice facilities and other opportunities in our area. We must continue to develop and care for what we currently have in the community. The City must look at a sidewalk or bike path on Campbell St. between Ripley and Washington Ave. It is very dangerous there. Also, it would be nice to have a bike path on Bagley St. after Sytek Park to Long Rapids Rd. for safety purposes. Cars are going fast on that stretch and you are right next to the road. I'm surprised nobody has been killed or severely injured there.
- On the Whole, recreation facilities are quite good
- I have only been to Long Lake Park bird watching in a group in car pool because I don't drive.
- Different strokes for different folks! Certain activities are appropriate for certain age groups
- Those I have been to are OK
- Good. No specifics

**Question 4: Please provide us with your general opinion/impressions of recreation within the City of Alpena:**

- Reasonable. Not involved with baseball but seems like baseball fields were scheduled at McRae but not completed by City
- During the warmer months there are few spots to take a sack lunch and sit at a table and eat. I must sit in my car at any of these spots. Nice to look at only!
- Our parks are a jewel that must be preserved for our enjoyment and the enjoyment for visitors to the community as well as future generations
- Put more money in less parks
- We do think something should be done with Mich-e-ke-wis Park - it sits empty with nothing taking place but the car show. Please- a city campground would be very nice and bring economy to Alpena. Why leave it empty like it is - actually is an eyesore to people coming into the city.
- Good Job.
- Mich-e-ke-wis is a gem that is under used. A pavilion for parties and picnics would be nice. A portable ice-rink not dependent on weather would be great (See South Haven's)
- We were very proud of our bike path(s) when we took friends for and Alpena bike tour
- We should be very proud of the efforts to establish and maintain the enjoyable City and county Parks that beautify our area. What a monumental WASTE
- Bike Path is great! With high energy costs, plowing in winter should be considered so walking, etc. could be continued. Love the band shell area -0 concerts/festivals held there are outstanding. Starlite Beach area seems well maintained.
- Keep Northern Lights Arena going - people all over the state say what a nice facility we have
- Keeping the Lake Huron water clean is very important! Are there logs in the river that can be salvaged from the lumber era?
- Well-kept facilities but lack amenities such as a place to purchase food and drink, change into and out of suites, and the like
- Whenever we have visitors from out of town, they express what wonderful parks we have and how they enjoyed so much viewing Lake Huron in Alpena. They also were in awe of the cleanliness and beauty of the flowers and plants. I definitely agree with them, having moved to this area 30 years ago (husband is an Alpena native) I do not ever plan to leave this area - Alpena has the beauty and quietness of a small city with fresh air and kicked back attitude!
- The summer flowerpots have really given the city a great look. The Bi-path is a jewel! The riverfront improvements are attractive. One improvement would be to improve kayak access to the Big Lake and River. We have great waters for kayaking with very little attention. Band Shell and Bay View is very attractive!
- The city provides wonderful recreation facilities (parks) considering the budget.
- The parks are improving - my frustration has been in observing some of the destruction and graffiti hurt what was a great improvement! One suggestion is that there is no accessible walking tract that is outside that would be or those who are physically challenged. Our track in the arena is wonderful, but I have seen a need for a walking area that is more confined for our aging senior population.
- We like the large number of parks here in Alpena County. That is one of the reasons we moved her from NW Ohio 4 years ago. It is a beautiful area and we need to preserve and protect it or we could lose it as some other places have. In order for people to thrive and prosper, we must keep our home (the earth) healthy.

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- Need music events to include locals as well as downstate bands. More activities along the waterfront like boat races, food festivals, music, street performers, unique shops and restaurants. Cleaner, more attractive beaches that welcome families to picnic and spend the day. Music playing through downtown on summer evenings through a speaker system
- Alpena has a much better (favorable) look than in the past but a need to draw "passers-by" or people passing through to stop, freshen up and think about a revisit, utilize the water, rustic woods, bike paths, camping! Roadside cafes, etc. Friday nights downtown could be expanded (different groups could sponsor each Friday?) Bandshell concerts have been a great thing for Alpena. Gus Macker type events could be encouraged. Need for coordinating functions.
- I think we in Alpena and around the town we have the best bike and recreation around the state
- We are retired military and have moved back after 30 years. The area is great, but more could be done for travelers to Alpena, i.e.: Mich-e-ke-wis Park has a lot of land. What about a park with electric and water plus sewage hook-ups. This would be great income and provide tourist and travelers with a great place to stay. Think income, tourists, and travelers. :)
- In general, continue or improve the site upkeep. I.e. trash removal, clean sanitary toilet facilities, public safety, and family friendly activities at all sites, picnic and viewing areas. Walking paths. Connect the snowmobile trails leading in to but not including the city of Alpena. All other major cities, i.e. Rogers City, Cheboygan, etc. have done so. It helps the local economy and does to increase noise levels to upset residents.
- River walk is a favorite of my guests from down state
- In our early 70s now, we recreate mostly at the Alpena Senior Center, which now has marvelous programs due to a progressive board, Grace Marshall and ship Lovely. The Bi-Path is a godsend for our community, and I am delighted to see it used daily. My wife and I rarely walk portions of it each summer
- Lake recreation is limited based on presentation of private sector efforts to use Lake Huron. There is not even a place to rent wave runners. Please allow property to be sold to hotels and businesses.
- I use the bike path daily- year around-a good safe environment for all ages. Does get a little crowded when the weather is nice.
- I think we are doing fine as a small community-keep up the good work-I wish there could be a fall parks festival in the city. Each service club could be assigned to a park-scarecrow contest-pumpkin contest. Looking forward to the River Center
- I didn't realize how many beautiful parks we are so fortunate to have. Even driving past them is calming!
- I like the parks in Alpena City. They are well kept and clean. I like Mich-e-ke-wis because of the parking
- Work on the playgrounds. Speed signs. Remove some geese
- I would really love to see a water park in Alpena-not a great wolf lodge style, but a metropolitan city park with a central fountain and a large concrete floor area with alternating sprays that invite young and old alike to walk through the sprays on a hot day. A wonderful addition to the vacant land near Mich-e-ke-wis - it would not be obstructive to the water/lake view and it is not exclusive as to who would enjoy it. I can see a mom with strollers letting their toddlers explore the random sprays and retired travelers stopping to watch and remember their own children as babies. I can see young people splashing for a quick minute as they ride their bike when they don't have time for the beach!

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- Have a lot to offer residents. The Northern Lights Arena could be focused on more than hockey. New indoor pool. Outdoor pool or a new one. City needs to remark bike path. Also, widen bike path "sidewalk" because bikes think the path is a racetrack. I am surprised not more are injured due to aggressive bike riders who come out of nowhere and act as if the person on foot in is "their" way. Bikes should use a bell to signal their presence. Park benches near ACC on path, not everywhere, but where views are located.
- Good - maintain what there is!
- Bi Path on west side of Bagley
- Very good
- Walking - Sr. lunches don't get it. Farmers market, fish fest, 4th July, golf takes up 3 weeks - sporadic - you need daily trolley bus tours, etc. year around. 3 weeks a year gives you Alpena. Band shell - Karaoke, dance, singing contests, visiting areas, games, weekly events. Bus people in from 100-mile radius or further - Detroit, Alp, club, train rides, Amtrak, flint, etc. Mich-e-ke-wis - RV Park, volleyball. McRae Park - ball games. Rec Center - NLA, soccer. Civic Center - dances. Duck Park - hiking, biking. Fairgrounds - flea markets, antique auto show, horse shows, sulky races. School grounds - baseball, swimming. If you all want a retirement town that's dead, you got it. What you all need to do is survey an area about 100-mile radius and see what they're doing to get and hold tourist dollars from metro areas. The c/c, Target, DDA, County, and all the overpriced talkers have done nothing to build Alpena into a tourism area. The airports dead. The board harbors dead, except for one week a year. None of you seem to want tourist activities! Why?
- City has many nice parks. There is a Long Rapids Park - never mentioned. Has a canoe launch
- The Bi-Path was the best thing that ever happened for recreation here for safety for walkers and bikers especially beyond the city streets and traffic areas like m32 and Bagley & Long Rapids Rd, etc. The break wall sidewalk at the Harbor was also a fantastic idea. We are older and mainly walk or sit but the things we hated most were taking down too many trees at Starlight and Mich-e-ke-wis and we do not like the cement tables and benches but do understand why you do that because people are so destructive.
- Alpena County has the resources that people should be able to find their personal preference for recreation - it is there. (theaters, restaurants and motels also)
- The Plaza Pool used to be a friendly place until the county hired Brandy Norton. Now there is often conflict. After the Goeke's left, the quality of Life guarding has diminished. Often, present lifeguards are inattentive. I no longer feel safe swimming at the pool!
- The boat launch at Long Lake Park is nice and is kept open late in the fall. Northern Lights is a great facility and very clean. Many options for men's league hockey. Parking lot is nice
- You need ONE group to oversee it all - ONE recreation board. Too much micromanaging going on. If someone is doing a good job - such as Brandy at Plaza Pool and Bob at NLA, let them do their jobs!
- The bike paths are a must!
- The bike path is great - please make sidewalk ramps at street intersections. The parks are very appreciated and used. Thank you for trying to improve our parks system.
- Allow a place in the winter that snowmobiles can get to food and fuel easier. Follow where the old RR tracks ran to get through town to Businesses and to get to the other trail on the other side of town.

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- Our family thinks these parks are well maintained. We appreciate the comfortable, handy benches provided and clean sidewalks. We really enjoy the parks and bike paths.
- Boat launch fee is too expensive. More places to fish along the bike path with seating
- Nice to have another swimming pool - or health club with reasonable rate with a pool!
- I love McRae Park. It is well maintained and has everything!
- Good bike path but need to expand winter recreation such as skiing and snowmobile trails for winter tourism dollars
- Summertime activities are good but the wintertime isn't. Skiing on the bike path? Connector trail for the snowmobile trail?
- Very good.
- Need better bike trail along Bagley from M32 to US 23. Need better bike paths along M32 downtown for shopping, etc. (small sidewalks are not adequate). Need to clear rocks from beaches along Lake Huron shore.
- They need more activities for teens.
- Alpena offers many great places to go. You just have to go out and use them.
- The parks on a whole are very well maintained.
- Bayview Park - the playground gets a lot of abuse from older kids.
- The park was made for the younger children and the older kids are just too big to down there.



**Question 5: What improvements do you and your family feel are needed to existing recreational facilities in Alpena County?**

**Beaver Lake Park**

Beaver Lake Park – suggestions for improvements included upgrading electrical service, improvements to docks, building fishing platforms, improving the boat launch, and beaches.

- Upgrading of camping electric hook ups **BADLY NEEDED - NEW DOCKS.** There is always a problem with power at Beaver Lake when camping - blowing breakers, fuses, melting cords, etc. Desperately needs upgrading! Docks are in tough shape and hard to get to - especially for all the fishermen who really enjoy the lake. The park managers do their best to keep campers and fishermen happy and to keep them coming back but these improvements would bring the park up to speed with other camping/fishing facilities and keep people returning instead of leaving the area.
- Very important to the wellbeing of our citizens. At the very least, minimum improvements and maintenance should be a top priority.
- Simply to maintain and keep them tidy. We cannot allow anyone to litter or trash any of our parks and recreational areas.
- Better sand beach approach
- Needs new restroom
- Lakeshore by boat launch needs filling to keep grass cut nice!
- Improve beach - new steps.
- Beaver Lake Park is suitable when the campers are gone. When fishing season started (last Sat in April Pike & Walleye), the boat dock is not in. I had to get in the water to get my boat out - not good. When campers are there it is dangerous with young kids around. The launch site is near all the campers. I am afraid some will get hurt. The kids like to fish off the boat launch, and they do not like to move when bringing my boat in, even though there are signs for no fishing on the dock. The campers park their boat and trailers in the area where day use boaters are supposed to park, causing congestion. This is the only lake in Alpena County. I would like to see improvements here. Fishing docks for the children and handicapped people. Move day-use boat launch to the day use area that gets little use, avoiding the campers. There are people and clubs that would help with this project and cost very little to the County. I would volunteer my time to this project and money too. Beaver Lake Park would be very nice with these changes. I would gladly meet with anybody to discuss this park
- DNR public access boat launch
- Have the campground open year around to camping
- Repair picnic tables - more parking for boaters
- More fish
- Upgraded Electric at all County Parks, Bath Rooms, Coin Laundry facilities, boat launch
- Improvements to the boat launch, new concrete
- Better boat launch/dock, nicer beach
- New manager, bathroom fix up, more power

### **Fairgrounds**

Fairgrounds – planting trees and landscaping for screening, improvements to bathrooms, and updating and expanding camping facilities.

- Dust control - why are gates locked to the river
- Trees to provide privacy from the road, its UGLY!
- Alpena keeps talking about a campground. This is already a campground with some beautiful river sites, boat launches, etc. Why not develop this further, and move the fairgrounds outside the city as other forward thinking small cities have done?
- Very important to the wellbeing of our citizens. At the very least, minimum improvements and maintenance should be a top priority.
- Update bathrooms
- Green belting from the foundry. Improve riverfront at back.
- Landscaping
- No good walking area. Poor track for relay for life 2008!
- Simply to maintain them and keep them tidy. We cannot allow anyone to litter or trash any of our parks and recreational areas.
- Cleaner facilities; updates to camping area
- needs to be out of town (M-32) and become camping experience
- Maintenance and upkeep of grounds
- Bathrooms need to be improved, especially when the fair is there.
- Flowers at the gate. Clean goose drops
- Nice camping area
- Clean it up. The ball diamonds are ruined, the track needs dirt, buildings need paint, utilize the property more
- Move them off the river
- Sometimes needs clean up
- Relocate campgrounds to lake shore
- Better restrooms
- More concerts and activities

### **Long Lake Park**

Long Lake Park – suggestions included improvements to bathrooms, cleaning and enhancing the beach, paving the entry road, and re-establishing the hiking trails.

- Larger campsites
- Very important to the wellbeing of our citizens. At the very least, minimum improvements and maintenance should be a top priority.
- Blacktop the roads - the entrance road.
- Too many seagulls and bird droppings. Cleaner bathrooms
- Simply to maintain and keep them tidy. We can't allow anyone to litter or trash any of our parks and recreational areas.
- entry road paved - updated bathrooms
- Needs new bathroom and showers. Also more electric sites
- Nicer beach areas - more sand, less goose droppings; clear hiking trails more often.
- Update Bathrooms!!! New playground equipment

- Have the campground open year around to camping
- See #4
- Re-establishing trails after logging operation in 2006
- Improved public beach for swimming
- Would like to see more sand on beach, not with the pavilions/ less goose poop

<b>Sunken Lake Park</b>
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Sunken Lake Park – improve boat launch, and pave trailer pads
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- Already great
- Very important to the wellbeing of our citizens. At the very least, minimum improvements and maintenance should be a top priority.
- Simply to maintain them and keep them tidy. We cannot allow anyone to litter or trash any of our parks and recreational areas.
- Pave certain areas, like in camping area.
- Better boat launch
- More advertising
- Bath rooms, coin laundry facilities, boat launch
- Better information on how to get there
- Do not know how but goose droppings around picnic area need cleaning.

**Northern Lights Arena**

Northern Lights Arena – suggestions promoting non-ice events, and providing ice year round.

- More taxpayer funding to keep it open all year for skating (both sides)
- Very important to the wellbeing of our citizens. At the very least, minimum improvements and maintenance should be a top priority.
- Ice all year long.
- Really improved over the past 2 years!
- Simply to maintain them and keep them tidy. We cannot allow anyone to litter or trash any of our parks and recreational areas.
- Focus on more than hockey and ice-skating.
- Needs more non-ice events
- Beautify grounds.
- Use more often
- Cleaner
- Public ice skating is nearly impossible unless you play hockey
- And indoor skate park and outdoor ice rink and shelter
- Too expensive to skate. Need an hour for adults to skate only. Too many kids running around unsupervised. No salt in the parking lots in the winter. Sidewalks dangerous
- More benefits such as "Relay for Life" etc. Keep ice at its best
- Stability! Quit the bitching. Don't attempt to disillusion volunteers. Is there one operating in MI that is not in the red?
- Too much emphasis placed on this facility
- Less committees
- Lower prices

**Manning Hill Park**

Manning Hill Park – better general maintenance and building bathrooms.

- Very important to the wellbeing of our citizens. At the very least, minimum improvements and maintenance should be a top priority.
- Simply to maintain them and keep them tidy. We cannot allow anyone to litter or trash any of our parks and recreational areas.
- Needs restroom
- Maintenance - table repair, mowing
- What happened to the toilets? We live 1 mile away
- Loved the tower that was removed
- Observation tower
- Needs something - lights, picnic tables, playground
- It needs a restroom
- Benches

**Tennis Courts**

Tennis Courts – Resurface courts, bleachers and better wind screens.

- High school courts need resurfacing
- High School is in terrific need of repair
- Very important to the wellbeing of our citizens. At the very least, minimum improvements and maintenance should be a top priority.
- Badly in need of new surface, cracks repaired
- Additional practice wall areas would be helpful!
- Simply to maintain them and keep them tidy. We cannot allow anyone to litter or trash any of our parks and recreational areas.
- Put bleachers for spectators at Alpena High School
- Better wind screens
- Need patching & resurfacing
- They need resurfacing
- "Love" all especially surrounding new bridge area
- Resurface courts at AHS. Bleachers were taken away from the court area some years ago. A small set of bleachers are needed. A bulletin board to post lessons, camps, mixers.
- Courts need resurfacing - there are big cracks in them

**Plaza Pool**

Plaza Pool – improvements to locker room and showers, and management issues.

- Very important to the wellbeing of our citizens. At the very least, minimum improvements and maintenance should be a top priority.
- Improved locker room showers.
- Great programming!
- Simply to maintain them and keep them tidy. We cannot allow anyone to litter or trash any of our parks and recreational areas.
- Add events or racing for general public
- Consistent hot water in showers - signage to not let water run
- Better publicity of open-swim
- Changing rooms - more privacy
- Handicap bathroom (family) needs to added
- keep it open - as I get older I presume I'll swim more due to health
- Wish there was a shallow area for young kids. Not child friendly
- Better showers
- Director more accessible
- Showers and bathroom and locker rooms need renovating. Restore the 7:00 am - 7:30 am open session
- Lift for handicap patrons for entry and exit into water
- Updated to meet diving competition standards, modernized
- Better advertising of what is available.
- Morning open swim should go longer - at least to 7:15 am
- Too expensive, too many old people just hanging out in the pool socializing and not swimming making it hard to swim laps, time for swimming are not convenient. Times for swimming are in the lunch, dinner hours or 6:00 am. \$4 is too expensive if you go regularly. Life guards don't pay attention to swimmers
- Lower fees and costs
- Get someone to run the pool that is fair to all
- More parking
- Brighter Lighting
- Better lighting and more seating

**6a. What new or expanded recreational facilities do you and your family feel are needed in the County?**

*There were 13 responses related to development of non-motorized trails and transportation and five related to motorized trails. Seven respondents felt there were adequate amounts of recreational facilities; the key is properly maintaining these existing facilities. Three individuals indicated it would be nice to have camping available on Lake Huron.*

**County Residents**

- Snowmobile trails should be open to ORV use during summer and permitted on some roadways. Similar to Montmorency County.
- A good archery range nearer town
- Only as suggested already on previous page
- Do not allow the neglect of these special places will destroy them. We are doing great!
- Area snowmobile trail/golf carts on the bike path
- Better snowmobile trails
- My kids loved the roller rink when it was here
- More camping areas near Lake Huron and Thunder Bay River with some wilderness campsites.
- Horse Shoe courts - more bike path
- More support of Norway Ridge; Chippewa. Both have poor parking and very little advertising. Summer use of the snowmobile trail could be enhanced. (abandoned rail grade)
- Lake Huron camping facilities
- Outdoor walking track, tennis courts (outdoor) organized canoeing - opportunities could be more available here! More cross country skiing advertised. Where to go?
- We have plenty of facilities however we need to promote the activities that will draw people here to spend the weekend or summer vacations in the area
- Fairground camping. A navy pier type large pier at Starlite. The pier would support restaurants, rental bikes, etc. a needed look for Alpena
- Nothing, we have everything now in the county now
- Indoor roller-skating/rollerblading (indoor winter play area - playground and climbing wall). Children's museum - science and activities. Inexpensive winter physical activities. Indoor water park
- Public Wilderness (Park Like Settings) with child friendly activities to be enjoyed by entire family
- Reasonable access to Negwegon Park for regular cars
- Put a campground in squaw bay off US 23. There's no water anyway. DNR sold it all. Would make nice campground. On the other hand, put a dock at end of Partridge Pt. so people can fish, use some of our Great Lakes. Fix the road first.
- I think there are plenty of opportunities - just keeping them clean and safe will make me happy.
- Would be nice to have a new Senior Center with more Senior outside activity.
- More multi-use paved trails, such as the bi-path, rails-to-trails, etc. More ORV/ATV trails/areas
- I love bicycling and would like to see expanded road shoulders to bike on and maps showing walk-hike-and bike paths in county. Bike paths in the county. Advertise online about parks - never heard about sunken lake.

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- Whatever promotes the Thunder Bay River. Quality groomed x-country trails in winter/biking in summer and fall
- Keep repaired and useable what we have!
- I think things are just great
- bi Path from Sytek Park to Long Rapids Road
- Support proposed Alpena to Cheboygan Trail - see attached letter
- Weekly folk music concerts, Mich-e-ke-wis Pavilion and fairgrounds flea markets, civic center dances;.
- Township baseball
- Conference Center. At least one more "chain" hotel - clean and decent. Chain Restaurants (Denny's, etc.)
- cross country ski paths
- I don't feel we need more - just maintain and improve the parks we have
- Roadside Park
- more bike paths
- ATV Trails
- ATV's permitted on the roads
- A county health facility with a pool - workout area - open to all with long hours: 7:00 am to 10:00 pm at least.
- Bike path that runs along US 23 north to the county line.
- More hiking/x-c ski trails development in area between Rockport and Bell Bay.
- Outdoor ice rink, more basketball courts, outdoor volleyball nets.
- Dog park, We need a fenced area for pets "dog park"

### ***City Residents***

- Bleachers at the soccer field on Woodward Ave. Outdoor racquetball courts.
- A state park campground would be nice
- Good beaches
- Disc Golf
- Add outdoor ice rink to Northern Lights Arena plus indoor skate park for kids for the winter months. Better kayaking launch sites.
- Water Park
- None
- Cross-country trails. Some snowmobile access to the City, perhaps the brewery to bring in winter income. Perhaps a snow train, or winter carnival
- Trails
- Dog Park (2)
- Better walking and biking across Bagley St. bridge
- Bird watching areas with no campgrounds but with hike trails
- Better indoor pool. Campground geared to families
- The more parks the better, within reason, of course. Promote restaurants with Lake View.



**6b. What new or expanded recreational facilities do you and your family feel are needed in the City?**

**County Residents**

*There were five responses related to development of non-motorized trails and transportation and six related to motorized trails. Another theme is to provide for rentals for bikes, canoes, kayaks and water sports. There were also a number of suggestions for additions and upgrades to City parks.*

- Campgrounds in the City
- Pavilion at Mich-e-ke-wis. Rentals for outdoor equipment. Outdoor portable ice rinks. McRae and Mich-e-ke-wis
- Only as suggested already on previous page
- Area snowmobile trail into the city/golf carts could be allowed on sidewalks and pathways.
- A zoo would be nice, to protect animals for future generations, with TB and CWD in deer that could spread to other animals (names many); will there be any animals alive for future generations to see?
- More bike trails and walking trails - KEEP CONDOS OFF OF THE WATER FRONT!
- Horse Shoe courts - more bike path
- Connect bi-path so you do not have to cross US23 at Chisholm Bridge.
- Lake Huron camping facilities
- a cleaner, bigger movie theatre
- Clean and update municipal restrooms before VA center opens. Thousands of Vets will be relocating to Alpena because of economy hospital, woods, retirement soon
- Indoor roller-skating /rollerblading (indoor winter play area - playground and climbing wall). Children's museum - science and activities. Inexpensive winter physical activities. Indoor water park
- Connecting the two snowmobile trails leading in and out of Alpena so there is access to restaurants, shopping and gasoline
- more tall ship tours and "Sails"
- Wave Runner rental, snowmobile rental
- Would be nice to have a new Senior Center with more Senior outside activity.
- I know it's impossible, but I would like a bike path that you wouldn't have to cross streets to use. Sometimes, you take your life in your hands crossing streets in Alpena
- The water fountain park
- New indoor and an outdoor pool. More or improved sidewalks throughout town.
- Canoe and kayak livery. Added restaurants
- More hands on for children, i.e. museums or science - learning by doing!
- I think things are just great
- snowmobile connector route thru the city connecting both of Alpena snowmobile trails
- Support proposed Alpena to Cheboygan Trail - see attached letter
- Have all the garage sales at the fairgrounds! Due to safety, parking, toilets. With bingo game or other activities!
- Conference Center. At least one more "chain" hotel - clean and decent. Chain Restaurants (Denny's, etc.)
- Expand/upgrade Bay View Park. More child friendly swimming pool with zero depth entrance. Windscreens on State St. tennis courts

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- Join the snowmobile trails by going through town instead of the Huron Road way.
- Snowmobile trails to connect existing trails and area services. Winter tourism dollars can be very important as well as giving locals direct access to a statewide system. City officials need to look at other cities such as Gaylord and Cheboygan to see what their dollars can do.
- Connector of the snowmobile trails going through the city. This would make getting fuel easier and provide a place to eat. People from out of town like to do a loop when snowmobiling and the link through town would provide this. These people would then stop to eat and buy gas.
- Dog Park where dogs can be let off leash.
- a winter park with a hill to sled on, a tow rope, medium sized ice rink, music, hot cocoa stand, outdoor bon fire pit, a snow machine to make snow, if necessary. I'd like to see the City of Alpena add some summer programming for kids. We have some nice facilities. We need more festivals, picnics with entertainment, events and not just on summer weekends.
- Dog park - improvement of Bayview kiddies park
- We need a fenced area for pets "dog park"

### 7. What recreational activities do you and your family enjoy (circle all that apply)?

Activity	#	Activity	#	Activity	#
Basketball	18	Biking	53	BMX Bikes	0
Canoeing	40	Concerts	61	Dining Out	61
Football	12	Golfing	24	Hiking	34
Ice Skating	24	Jogging	9	Kayaking	24
Playgrounds	29	Rollerblading	14	Running	15
Snowmobiling	24	Swimming	53	Tennis	19
Walking	72	Water Skiing	16	Boating/Sailing	37
Camping	40	Baseball & Softball	19	Festivals	57
Fishing	47	Disc Golf	11	Hunting	34
Hockey	20	Horseshoes	15	Martial Arts	3
Museums	38	Marine Sanctuary	38	Skateboarding	7
Soccer	13	Scuba Diving	5	Volleyball	13
Winter Skiing	21	Theaters (live & Cinema)	47		

*The top eight recreational activities were 1) walking, 2) Concerts, 3) Dining out, 4) Festivals, 5) biking, 6) Swimming, 7) Theaters, 7) Canoeing and 8) Fishing. Three of the top eight are categorized as non-motorized transportation. Four were related to cultural/entertainment activities. Outdoor activities such as fishing, camping, hunting, hiking, canoeing and boating ranked high. Game sports did not rank as high as personal non-competitive sports.*

**Question 7: Other recreational activities**

- Jet Ski
- Sledding
- ORVing
- Picnicking, walking, cross-country skiing
- Flying kites, building sandcastles
- Coffee outings, community outdoor activities with family
- Watching fireworks, beach walking, campfire watching, putt-putt golf
- Wellness center and ALL & College (ACC) sports, activities
- Motorcycle tours
- Snowshoeing
- Why not remodel and use the Civic Center for a welcome-tourist center and have a map to direct people to Duck Park.
- Snorkeling local shipwrecks
- Pontooning on river, fishing on Great Lakes & Thunder Bay River
- ATV, motorcycle riding
- Cross country skiing
- Canoeing

**Question 8: What other public or private recreational facilities do you use in the County of Alpena/City of Alpena?**

*People used a number of other community parks, playgrounds associated to schools, camping facilities (public and private) and trails.*

**County Residents**

- Rec Center
- Marinas on Long Lake/fishing and boating
- Pied Piper Playground
- ACC has many good activities
- Snowmobile trails, bike and walking trails, cross-country ski trails, water park.
- Area snowmobile trails
- Shin-ga-ba Shores/Ossineke
- Campground/park in Ossineke
- Band Shell activities
- When the kids were young, but not now
- Library
- Church - St. Paul's for yoga class
- TBJHS Track, TB Recreation Center, F. Johnson Wellness Center and Park Arena (ACC), Norway Ridge, Chippewa Hills Pathway
- Thunder Bay Rec Center
- Low Ropes at ACC
- Fairgrounds for lunch and reading and looking out at nature
- Use all that are listed
- BAA Playground at school, Sanborn Twp.-beach/park in Ossineke, Shingaba Shores
- Rotary Mill Island (Great place to enjoy the day)

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- Snowmobile trails, boat launches, child play/picnic areas, playgrounds/parks
- ACC Trails, Werth Rd. trails, Ossineke State Forest & Community Park
- Rockport boat launch about 30 times per summer
- Bay Athletic Club, East Campus
- We camp a lot at Campers Cove
- Shin-ga-ba Shores. The best park around! Parking near the play structure, the structure is enclosed, it has areas for all ages and benches inside for parents or grandparents
- Junior High running track
- Thunder Bay Rec Center
- School playgrounds, bounce place-air time?
- We spend a lot of time at camp
- Thunder Bay River
- Norway Ridge (Hiking & cross country skiing)
- There's nothing after 7pm, Why not use all the facilities you have? No new buildings are needed
- School playground
- Norway Ridge (Hiking & cross country skiing)
- Fishing on Thunder Bay River
- Maple Ridge Twp. Park occasionally
- Norway Ridge & Chip Hills
- Maple Ridge Twp. Park
- Marine Sanctuary, Besser Museum
- Hinks School Playground
- Snowmobile trails
- Wilson School playground, baseball field, and basketball court
- Norway Ridge, Negwewon when my family was younger we used a different school playground each week all summer long. We used the Thunder Bay Rec Center 3-4 times a week. TBJH tennis courts.
- Ossineke Children's Park
- Plaza Pool, Bay Athletic Club, Thunder Bay Rec Center.

### **City Residents**

- Love the new Marine Sanctuary - great on the 4th of July
- Ella White playground
- School playgrounds at Ella White and Pied Piper and Sunset Thunder Bay Martial Arts Center, Thunder Bay Basketball Association
- We need a covered picnic shelter that is close.
- Ella White playground with grandkids, JJ's Awesome Acres, indoor Airtime museum (inflatable's) at the mall.
- Starlite Beach, Northern Lights Arena
- Norway Ridge, River's Edge Golf Course
- Besser School Playground and fields. Laser Tag-Armory
- We use the playground at Ella White School. Rotary Club's Island Mill Park and the playground at the Marina
- None
- Norway Ridge
- Besser, Pied Piper, guess all City playgrounds as we take grandchildren to them

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- Boat launch on Marah Road on W Side of Long Lake - no charge and launches on Grand Lake - no charge
- Lincoln School
- None
- Church (Huron Shores Fellowship)
- AHS
- Ossineke State Forest Campground. Cross country skiing at Golf Club, Norway Ridges city cemeteries, Bi-Path. Wildlife sanctuary for canoeing-should be listed with Island Park
- Maritime Museum and Boat Tours
- St. Johns Church-yoga, Grace Lutheran Church, ACC Wellness Center, ALL
- Tennis courts at Thunder Bay Junior High, Rec Center
- Ossineke State Forest Campground
- Jr. High tennis courts

**Question 9: How far do you typically travel to use recreational facilities in Alpena County/City of Alpena (circle one)?**

	0-1 Miles	2-5 Miles	6-10 Miles	11-20 Miles	Greater than 20 Miles
Alpena County	2	23	16	22	10
City of Alpena	3	29	12	14	1

**10. What recreational activities do you leave the Alpena area for?**

- College Football
- Camping, snowmobiling
- Water parks, skiing, sledding
- ORVing, camping, fishing
- Camping, Concerts, Cross-country skiing, canoeing
- Tennis Tournaments, camping (out of state touring)
- Snowmobiling
- Shopping
- To visit zoos and museums
- Camping, restaurants, department store shopping, sightseeing around the state.
- Shopping in Gaylord (non-recreational). We don't leave except for 2 weeks camping in the UP (wilderness camping)

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- Fun in the sun in Texas
- Skiing, downhill and cross country
- Camping
- Tennis, Boating
- Downhill skiing, winter time indoor golf dome (practice). Presque Isle lakeshore and Lighthouse Nature Trails!
- Fishing & sightseeing
- Backpacking, downhill skiing
- Concerts, shopping, are festivals, museums and galleries, lighthouses and nice beaches, children's museums, zoos, water parks, amusement parks, nice restaurants and hotels
- camping (motor home)
- None
- Skiing
- Shopping, unique & quality dining, roller-skating in winter in Hillman, Apple orchard, sightseeing
- Camping, fishing, and hunting
- Sightseeing, water fall access, area festivals, etc., child (grandchild) friendly activities, lighthouses
- Skiing XC, Shore hikes, lighthouse tours
- Camping Alcona Oscoda (Orehand Park) and fishing. Mio camping
- Swimming
- None
- Gambling
- Concerts (travel to Traverse City of Grand Rapids for these), camping, museums, casinos, ORV riding, canoeing, sporting events
- Shopping
- Water park, biking, canoeing & kayaking, dining
- Walking and hiking, bird watching, wooded trails, extended waterside paths
- Musical concerts
- Camping, fishing, boating
- Camping, fishing, hunting, shopping, color tour
- No
- Snowmobiling
- Camping
- Biking
- Cycling and cross country skiing, camping, hiking
- Fresh Air. Casinos, visiting, flea markets, tent sales, daily family activities for tourists and seniors!! Dances, RV Parks, Antique auto museum, etc.
- Downhill skiing
- Shopping, Florida sunshine
- Not much
- Not very often - riding our motorcycle - professional sport games
- Some camping - hard to reserve campsites around holidays
- Bell Bay Park & Beach, skiing in Petoskey, swim lessons in Midland, snowshoeing at Thompson State Park
- Cross country skiing, but that's usually because of snow conditions
- Shopping
- Downhill skiing

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- Craft shows
- Snow skiing, boating, biking, concerts, dining out, kayaking, snowmobiling, hiking
- Casinos
- Boating, fishing, camping, ATV riding, snowmobiling
- ATV trails, snowmobile riding, fishing, boating
- For swimming whenever possible to avoid Plaza Pool. Downhill Skiing. Indoor soccer.
- Boating, snowmobiling
- Snowmobile, camping, boating
- Downhill skiing
- Competitive tennis, water parks, bird watching, rock hunting
- Tennis
- Camping
- Dog walking and running

### **Question 11: Do you have family or friends who travel to the area who use recreational facilities? If so, which facilities?**

- Typically tennis at Rec Center on McRae
- Brown Trout Festival, Blues Festival
- We've had many out of town guests that marvel at our open water front, and always comment that it should be preserved
- Grandson, niece, nephews
- Beaver Lake Park - camping
- Bandshell - always tell us there isn't anything to do in Alpena. Have to go to Long Lake Park to camp - wishes for a city campground.
- Yes, snowmobiling, fishing, skating, swimming, hiking, biking, kayaking, canoeing
- Indoor tennis courts at the Rec Center
- Long Lake Park (3) they come from North Carolina every year.
- Northern Lights Arena (4)
- Marine Sanctuary & Museums
- There come for hunting
- Northern Lights Arena, and soccer complex 2nd Norway and Chippewa hills
- Northern Lights Arena, Marina, Thunder Bowl
- Besser Museum - Alpena Community theater
- They camp at Hoeft or Harrisville SP during the Brown Trout - but complain about the camping
- No-because they don't want to drive so far (from downstate, TC, or Colorado)
- I have lots of family and friends who travel to Alpena County (Long Lake) to visit and depending on their time schedules, we take in all sorts of activities
- Marine Sanctuary , Island Park
- The beaches and playgrounds & bi-path
- Bayview Park, Long Lake Park
- Dinosaur Gardens & Shin-ga-Ba Shores
- Yes-beach, river, playground
- Yes - concerts, festivals, fishing
- Yes, bike path, Norway Ridge, Duck Park, Besser Bell (oops, Presque isle)

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- There is none here that holds interest. Even the mall is closing due to no business. You must do something to build the downtown into a pleasant trip
- Rent cabin on lake, fishing, hunting, swimming, viewing, biking, walking, dining out
- Cross country skiing, BiPath, ice skating, hiking, festivals, biking, walking, playgrounds, concerts, museums, hunting, fishing, swimming
- Our hunting camp - always looking for a place to dine out.
- Fishing, camping
- Yes - Long Lake Park, Beaver Lake Park, Marina
- Marine Sanctuary, Northern Lights Tennis
- NLA, Marine Sanctuary
- Brown Trout Festival
- Starlight Beach; Band Shell concerts; Marina festivals; Maritime Museum exhibits; county fair
- Camping (Alcona County better camping), ATV Riding (Hillman Area), Boating - boat launches
- Tennis courts at McRae, HS, and Bay View. Bike Path.
- Snowmobile trails
- Beaches, trails, paths
- Star Light Beach
- Camping
- Northern Lights Arena for skating - the public beaches for swimming - the Bi-path for walking and biking.

### 12. What are the ages of you and your family members?

*Residents of retirement age (61+ years) represented nearly one-half of the responses. Slightly less than on half represented the middle aged families many who would be classified as “empty nesters.” A small number of respondents were in the young family class.*

Family members	1-5 years	6-12 years	13-20 years	21-40 years	41-60 years	61+ years
Your Age				7	37	41
Age of Family Member #1			4	9	37	31
Age of Family Member #2	3	4	15	11	7	4
Age of Family Member #3	3	5	8	9	3	1
Age of Family Member #4	2	4	2	3	3	1
Age of Family Member #5	1	3	1	4	1	
Age of Family Member #6	1	2	2	1	1	
Totals	10	18	32	37	49	36