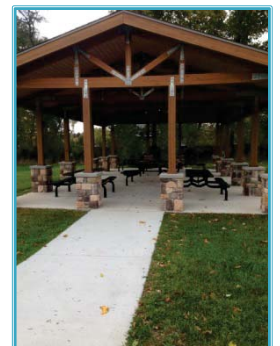


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Chapter 1

Community Description

Extent of Plan Focus

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

Regional Setting

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

Transportation

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

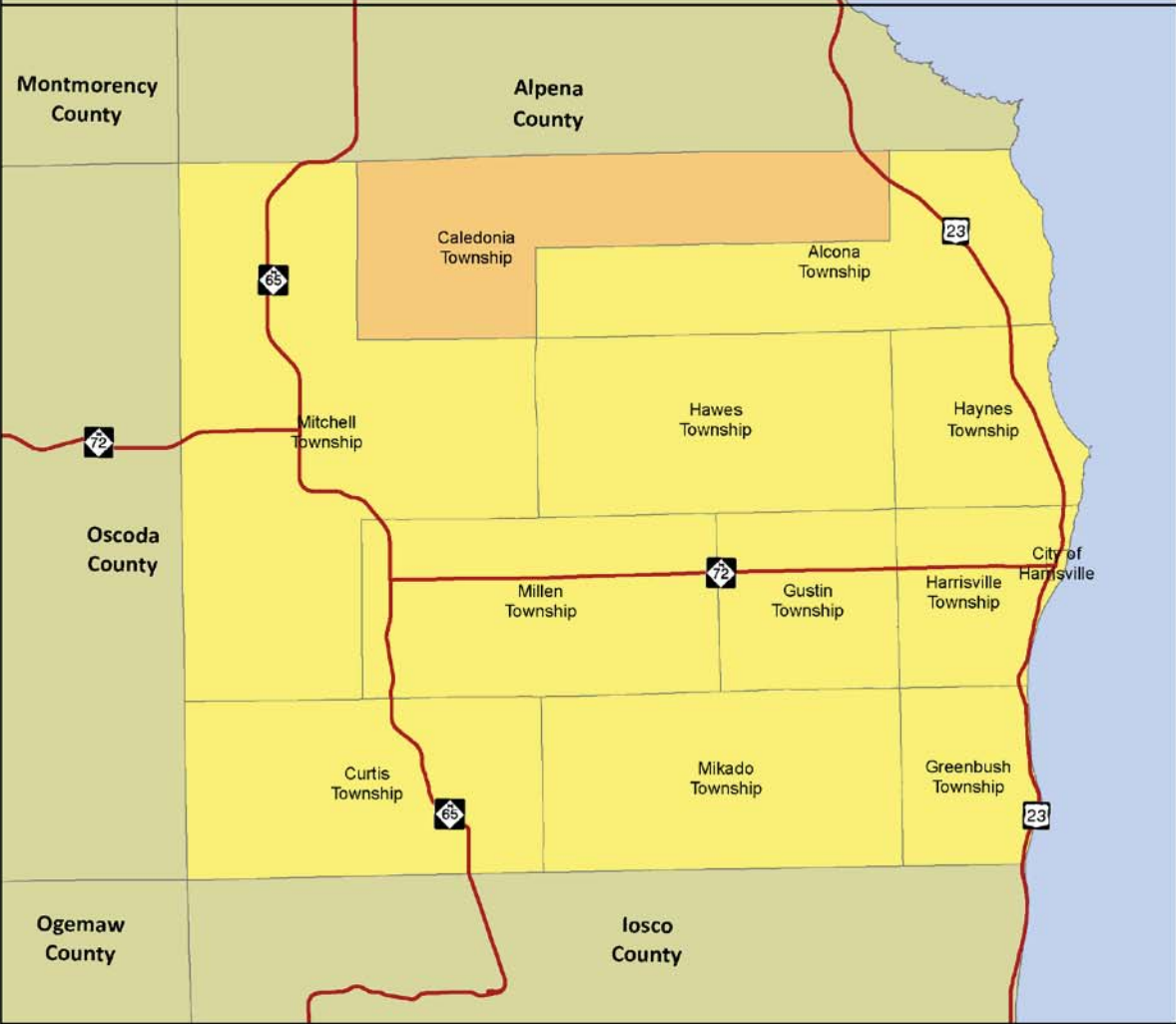
Public transportation is offered by Thunder Bay Transportation Authority, a three-county transit system. No railroads access the Township. Lake State Rail does offer freight rail service and runs just to the east of the Township in Alcona Township. There is no air service within the Township either,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

Caledonia Township Recreation Plan

Regional Location Map



- State Highways
- County Boundaries
- Alcona County
- Local Municipal Boundaries
- Caledonia Township



Population

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the population for Caledonia Township in 2010 was 1,161 persons. In reviewing the 2010 Census data, the figures presented for housing characteristics show 1,155 total units with 576 units as seasonal, recreational, or occasional use homes. Based on the average household size in Caledonia Township of 2.17, the expected seasonal increase would be approximately 1,250 persons, more than doubling the year-round population. In addition, many seasonal or recreational visitors stay at private lodging places, campgrounds, or at the homes of family or friends.

Climate

Caledonia Township's long cold winters and short cool summers provide ample opportunities for year-round outdoor activities. The proximity of Lake Huron serves to moderate temperature extremes in comparison to areas located farther inland. Snowmobiling, skiing and ice fishing are just some of the areas popular winter sports, and summertime activities such as swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, and camping can be enjoyed when the weather turns warm. Spring-time brings out the mushroom hunters and bird watchers, while many await the autumn months for hunting and fall color tours. Typically, the lowest mean temperature of the year occurs in January, and the highest in July. Average annual precipitation is 27 to 28 inches, and average snowfall is 60 to 70 inches annually.

Topography

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

Water Resources

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

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

Fish and Wildlife

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

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

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

Land Use Patterns

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

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

Chapter 2

Administrative Structure

Administration

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

Planning Commission

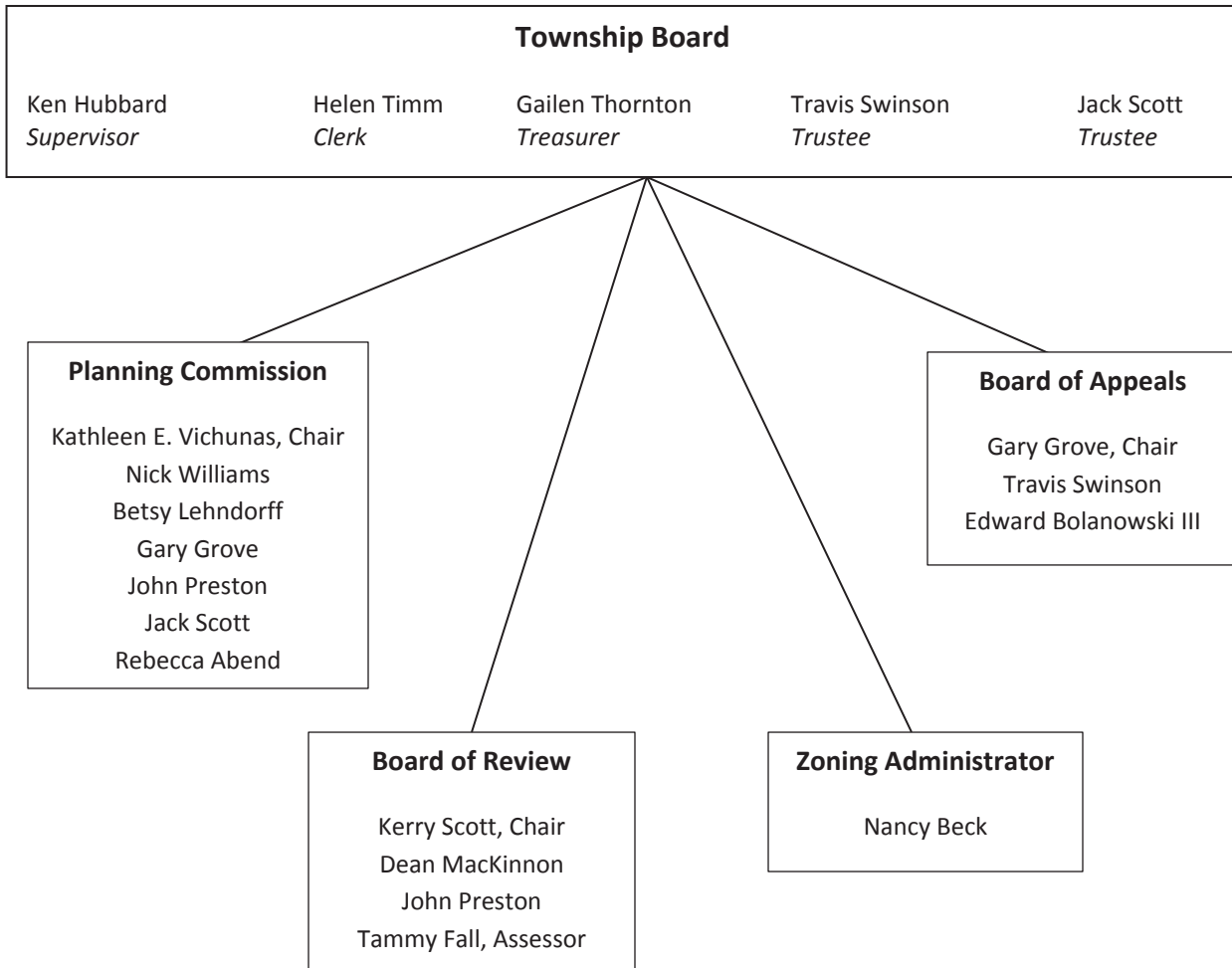
The Caledonia Township Planning Commission is a seven member body, serving three-year staggered terms. Planning Commission members are intended to represent a broad spectrum of community interests, including recreation, commerce, industry, government, education, transportation, and so on. Planning members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

Staff/Parks & Recreation Maintenance

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

Administrative Chart

An organizational chart for the Township is as follows:



Relationship with Other Agencies & Role of Volunteers

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

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

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

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

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

Programming

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

Finances/Park & Recreation Maintenance: Current Funding

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

The current year and projected annual budgets for parks operations and maintenance, recreation planning and capital improvements are listed below in **Table 2-1**. Budget expense items are summarized with the exception of Parks and Recreation which gives a detailed budget.

Table 2-1 - Caledonia Township Budget - General Fund			
	Proposed 2015-2016	Actual Apr. '15-Feb '16	Proposed 2016-2017
INCOME			
Interest from tax account	400.00	0.00	125.00
Delinquent Property Tax	4,000.00	5,699.42	5,000.00
Trust Fund Reimbursement		176,666.25	0.00
Park Sales		759.00	0.00
Property Tax	54,000.00	52,926.23	54,000.00
Michigan PILT	100.00	19.35	500.00
Property Tax - Other (Swamp Tax)		45.34	50.00
Administration Fees	34,000.00	34,249.04	33,000.00
Michigan Shared Revenues	70,000.00	72,568.00	70,000.00
Liquor Licence Refund	1,500.00	1,564.75	1,500.00

Table 2-1 - Caledonia Township Budget - General Fund (Continued)			
	Proposed 2015-2016	Actual Apr. '15-Feb '16	Proposed 2016-2017
Interest - General Fund Account	850.00	678.46	600.00
Land Use Permits	1,000.00	1,180.00	1,000.00
Rental and Leases	1,000.00	2,190.00	1,500.00
Cemetery Lot Sales	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Thunder Bay Power & Consumers Reimb	2,400.00	3,183.66	2,400.00
Roads	0.00		
Schools	4,000.00	4,386.00	4,000.00
Oil, Gas Rights, Tower Leases			4,000.00
Refunds, Misc	100.00	195.66	100.00
Total Income	\$174,350.00	\$356,311.16	\$178,775.00
Carried Over Previous Year	494,024.10	494,024.10	360,248.13
TOTAL RECEIPTS & Carry Over	668,374.10	850,335.26	539,023.13
Expenditures	-304,648.00	-490,087.13	-258,710.00
Balance to Carry Over	363,726.10	360,248.13	280,313.13
EXPENSE			
Employer Match Annuity	7,000.00	4,594.18	7,500.00
Medicare Employer Share	1,300.00	888.64	1,400.00
Township Board	28,526.00	20,838.02	32,135.00
Supervisor	11,714.00	10,321.96	12,239.00
Assessor	22,074.00	18,006.98	25,924.00
Board of Review	2,300.00	549.83	2,300.00
Clerk	16,741.00	14,344.09	17,117.00
Elections	3,500.00	1,743.31	3,700.00
Treasurer	18,064.50	15,450.13	18,458.50
Treasurer- Summer Tax	8,142.50	7,559.42	8,454.50
Building & Grounds	10,874.00	10,697.00	11,084.00
Cemetery	1,810.00	330.00	1,828.00
Hall Cleaning	400.00	880.00	400.00
Township Hall	48,000.00	42,930.20	26,200.00
Parks and Receptions			
· Supplies	300.00	149.89	300.00
· Utilities	750.00	635.68	750.00
· Maintenance	4,000.00	3,084.49	4,000.00
· Hickey	200.00		400.00
· Park Improvements	90,000.00	314,990.30	50,000.00
Total Parks & Receptions	95,250.00	318,860.36	55,450.00
Zoning Administrator	8,328.00	7,331.50	8,696.00
Planning Commission	9,164.00	7,786.60	14,264.00
Zoning Board	1,120.00	450.00	1,120.00
Liquor Law Enforcement	1,500.00	1,225.92	1,600.00
Streets and Roads	2,200.00	1,420.96	2,200.00
Library	4,440.00	3,828.70	4,440.00
Tax Tribunal	200.00	49.33	200.00

Table 2-1 - Caledonia Township Budget - General Fund (Continued)			
	Proposed 2015-2016	Actual Apr. '15-Feb '16	Proposed 2016-2017
Contingency	2,000.00		2,000.00
Total Expense	\$304,648.00	\$490,087.13	\$258,710.00
Public Improvement	\$363,726.10	\$360,248.13	\$280,313.13
Total Budget	\$668,374.10	\$850,335.26	\$539,023.13

Chapter 3

Recreation Inventory

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

Inventory Procedures

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

Accessibility Assessments - An assessment of the accessibility of each park to people with disabilities. This assessment must consider the accessibility of both the facilities themselves (as appropriate), as well as the access routes to them. The barrier-free accessibility information and sources of assistance given in appendices B and D of the MDNR Recreation Plan Guidelines document should be consulted when making this assessment. At a minimum, use the following ranking system for each park:

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

TOWNSHIP-OWNED PROPERTY

Hubbard Lake North End Park

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

Late winter of 2009, a group of approximately a dozen local residents formed a committee to determine and guide improvements for the North End Park. This committee has led the efforts for many of the park improvements in recent years. They continue to meet and plan for additional park improvements.

Type: Community Park

Service Area: Township

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 5 (the entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design).



Hickey Hill 80 Acre Woodland

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

Type: Natural Resource Area

Service Area: Township

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 1 (none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines).

The property is primarily undeveloped and therefore lacks features and other facilities, which support the recreational needs of the disabled.



Spruce Park

Approximately 3 acres of privately owned land, leased to the Township for one dollar per year. This area provides a baseball diamond, an outdoor concrete basketball court, a soccer playing area, a sandbox, a swing and a concrete park bench. The local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post members and its youth affiliate made improvements to the park in 1997 with the Township sharing costs. The Born in the Barn Spruce area 4H Club made improvements in 2009.

Type: Community Park

Service Area: Township

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 1 (none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines).





East Bay Park Access Site

This site has 100 feet of lake frontage and is 200 feet deep (approximately .5 acres) located in a private subdivision on the East Bay of Hubbard Lake. This park is in a semi-developed condition and there is no parking, limited picnicking facilities and is primarily used for swimming. This area is not suitable for boat launching.

Type: Neighborhood Park

Service Area: Township

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 1 (none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines).

The property is primarily undeveloped and therefore lacks features and other facilities, which support the recreational needs of the disabled.

Hansen Road 40 Acre Site

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



Type: Natural Resource Area

Service Area: Township

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 1 (none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines).

The property is primarily undeveloped and therefore lacks features and other facilities, which support the recreational needs of the disabled.

Reforested Gravel Pit

This parcel consists of five acres of land and is open to Township residents. The site is currently undeveloped and the Township has not yet developed a plan for the property.

Type: Natural Resource Area

Service Area: Township

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 1 (none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines).

The property is primarily undeveloped and therefore lacks features and other facilities, which support the recreational needs of the disabled.



Holcomb Creek 40 Acre Site

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

Type: Natural Resource Area

Service Area: Township

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 1 (none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines).

The property is primarily undeveloped and therefore lacks features and other facilities, which support the recreational needs of the disabled.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Caledonia Township Hall

This handicap accessible facility is situated on approximately 1.5 acres on Gillard Road in Spruce. This building is used primarily as a community center. The Township Hall contains four handicap parking spaces and a handicap ramp.

Type: Special Use Area

Service Area: Township

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 3 (most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines)



OTHER PUBLICLY-OWNED PROPERTY

Hubbard Lake Access Site

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

Vacant 40-Acre State Land

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

PRIVATELY-OWNED RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Monarch Hills Golf Course

A 9-hole golf course located on Swede Road west of Highway F-41.

Paul Bunyan Kampground

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

Rodney McKinnon's Hunting Preserve

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

Whitetail Bend Campground

This 18-site campground is located on Hickey Hill Road. It sits on ten semi-wooded acres and offers peaceful rustic camping.

RECREATIONAL SUPPORT BUSINESSES

Blue Water Bait and Gifts

This seasonal shop is located at the north end of Hubbard Lake just east of the North End Park and sells fishing and hunting supplies.

Churchill Pointe Inn

Inn and restaurant located on Bennett Road. With a deck overlooking Hubbard Lake and boat docks, they offer dining access directly from the water. They also offer pontoon boat rental.

Hubbard Lake Marine

Located on Mt. Maria Road on the west shore of Hubbard Lake, the marina provides the only gas dock on Hubbard Lake as well as marine sales and service.

Lynn's Bait Shop

This shop is located at the south end of Hubbard Lake in Hawes Township and sells fishing and hunting supplies as well as some groceries.

Viking Marine

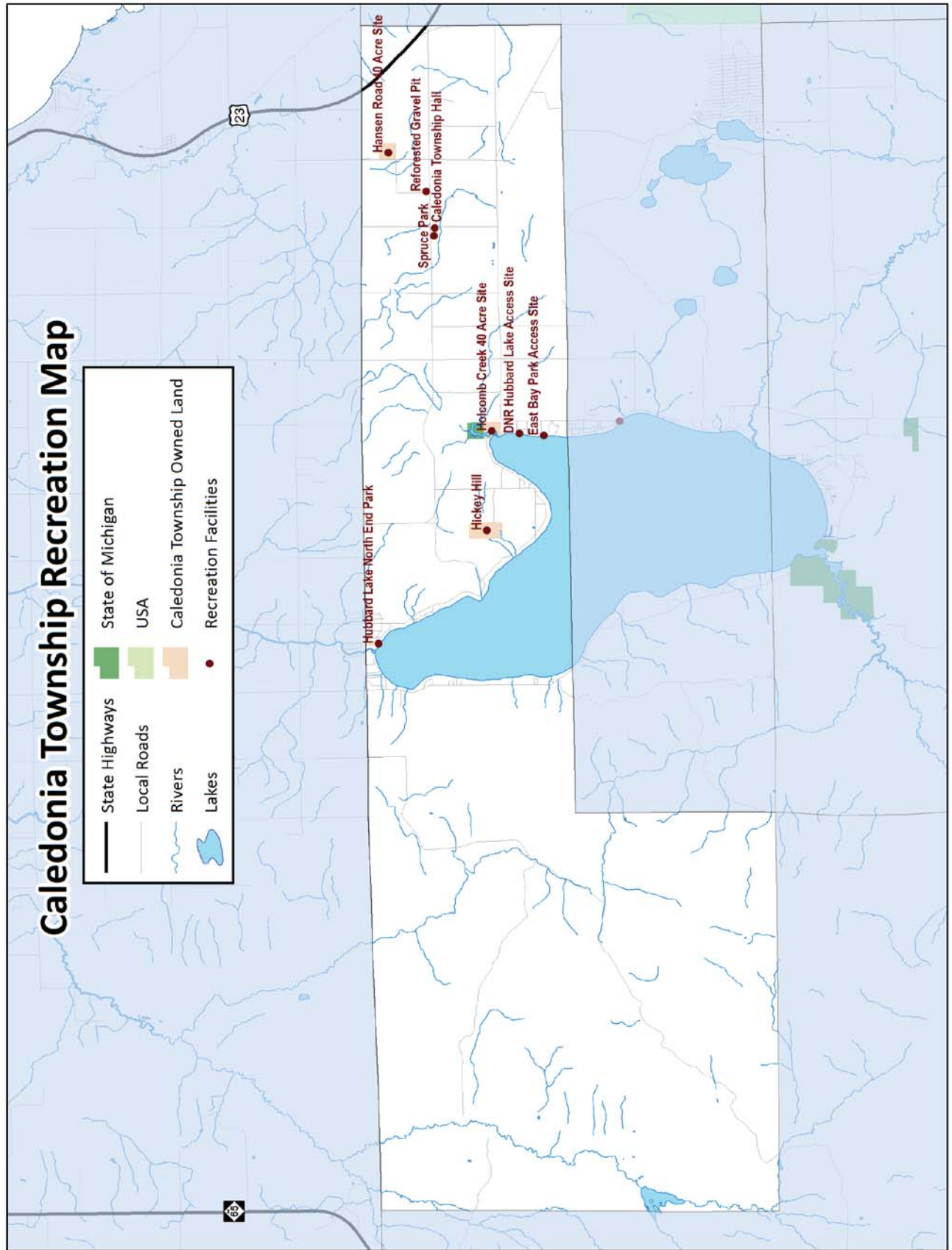
Provides marine sales and service accessible on the east shore of Hubbard Lake in Alcona Township.

Caledonia Township Recreation Grant History

Caledonia Township has received and successfully completed two grants through the MDNR recreation grants program. They were in 1980 and 2012.

Grant #	Project Name	Scope Item	Current Condition
26-01104 S	Holcomb Creek Acquisition	Acquire 40 acres of land at the mouth of Holcomb Creek on Hubbard Lake's East Bay	Acquired property is still part of Township-owned lands and is open to hunting, kayaking, canoeing.
TF12-015	Hubbard Lake North End Park Development	Construct bathroom and changing room facility, pavilion, stairs to water, pathways, and other amenities.	All improvements are still in use and in good condition at a widely used park.

Caledonia Township Recreation Map



Regional Recreation

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

<i>Alcona Township</i>	
Public	Private
Black River/Lake Huron Property	Lost Lake Woods Club
East Shore Hubbard Lake Access	
Black River Recreation Area	
Negwegon State Park	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Alpena County	
Sanborn Township	
Public	Private
Ossineke Park (Sanborn Park)	Dinosaur Gardens
Sanborn Township Launch Site	
Sanborn Twp and Huron Shores Babe Ruth League Ball Diamond	
Shin-ga-ba Shores Playground	
Ossineke Ball Field	
Ossineke State Forest Campground	
Ossineke Sports Park	
Ossineke Township	
Public	Private
Chippewa Hills Pathway	
Lions Park	
Beaver Lake Campground	

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

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

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

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

The **GREENBUSH RECREATION AREA (#7)** is a 34-acre site with an open-air pavilion, two ball fields, a children's playground, nature trails and picnic areas. Bathroom facilities are also available. **THE PINE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST CAMPGROUND (#8)**, located at the former state trout-rearing ponds in the Huron National Forest in Mikado Township, offers eleven primitive campground sites with toilets and hand-pumped water, a picnic pavilion and grills. Three recreation sites are maintained by the U.S. Forest Service in Millen Township: **JEWELL LAKE CAMPGROUND (#9)**, **HORSESHOE LAKE CAMPGROUND (#10)**, and **REID LAKE QUIET AREA (#11)**. Each has primitive campsites, hand-pumped water, picnic and foot trail areas. The Reid Lake site also offers over six miles of cross country ski trails. **THE HOIST LAKES AREA (#12)**,

maintained by the U.S. Forest Service in Mitchell Township, has seven small lakes and over 20 miles of cross country ski trails. **GABIONS CAMPGROUND (#13)** in Mitchell Township offers camping and RV sites. The **OSSINEKE STATE FOREST CAMPGROUND (#20)** is located on the shores of Lake Huron near Ossineke. It offers 42 campsites, picnic tables, fire pits, and a small picnic area. There is also a hiking trail and a sandy beach for swimming.

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

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

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

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

THE LINCOLN DEPOT (#15) is located in the downtown area of the Village of Lincoln and was restored by the Friends of the Lincoln Depot. It now serves as a tourist and educational attraction, and includes many of the original furnishings and a gift shop. **DINOSAUR GARDENS (#21)**, located just north of Ossineke on US-23, is a truly unique tourist attraction, with a 40-acre "zoo" featuring home-made life-size sculptures of dinosaurs and other prehistoric creatures and miniature golf.

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

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

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

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

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



The Black River Route

A Huron Shores Heritage Route Bike Tour

Total Trip: 24 miles



T Trailhead
Harrisville Harbor on Lake Street



Overview Map of Alcona Bike Tours



Travel the "Black River Route"...

12 Historical Marker: Village of Alcona

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

★ Quilt Trail Panel

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

13 Historical Marker: Mt. Joy Cemetery

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

14 Historical Marker: Low School Site

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

15 Historical Marker: St. Gabriel Catholic Church

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

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Recreation Outside of Alcona County

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

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

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

Chapter 4

Planning Process

Caledonia Township Planning Process

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

SCHEDULE

July, 2015	Township Officials contact Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) requesting collaboration in drafting a recreation plan for Caledonia Township.
October 1, 2015	NEMCOG staff suggests partnering with other local units of government that are also updating their recreation plans to conduct a survey to gather public input.
October 13, 2015	The joint online recreation survey was posted to the following websites: Alcona County, Alcona Township, Caledonia Township, NEMCOG, US-23 Heritage Route and was shared via social media. The survey included sites in Alcona County, Alcona Township, Caledonia Township and Harrisville Township. In addition, a link to the survey was provided in the <i>Alcona County Review</i> and on True North Radio Network.
October 28, 2015	NEMCOG staff conducted site visits to Township-owned properties to assess accessibility and gather photos.
October 31, 2015	The online survey was closed. A total of 54 responses were transmitted to the Planning Commission for review.
November 2015	NEMCOG staff develops draft recreation plan chapters and other example information and sends to Caledonia Township for review.
December 7, 2015	The Planning Commission met to review draft chapters and provide further input based on survey responses.

- January 13, 2016** The draft plan is posted for a 30-day public review at the Township Clerks office, and the Caledonia Township and NEMCOG websites. Notice of the plan availability was shared via True North Radio Network Fan Page, word of mouth and posted in the *Alcona County Review*.
- February 10, 2016** Notice of a public hearing on the draft Recreation Plan is posted in the *Alcona County Review*.
- February 15, 2016** Notice of a special Township Board meeting to review and adopt the Recreation Plan is posted on the Township website.
- February 19, 2016** The Caledonia Township Planning Commission holds a public hearing to present the draft Recreation Plan and receive public input. Following the public hearing, the Planning Commission met and recommended adoption of the Recreation Plan by the Township Board pending any final public comment received.
- February 23, 2016** The Township Board met in open session and approved and adopted the Recreation Plan.

Public Input

Citizen opinion on recreation priorities is key to the development of a recreation plan. An online survey was provided for citizens to provide input about recreational facilities. Caledonia Township partnered with Alcona County, Alcona Township and Harrisville Township to create and publicize the survey. A total of 54 people responded to the survey. The survey results can be found in Appendix A at the end of this plan.

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

Joint Online Recreation Survey Publicity

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Submitted by Phil Heimerl on October 15, 2015 – 12:22 am No Comment

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The City of Alpena and several communities in Alcona County are in the process of updating Recreation Plans.

Those communities include Alcona County along with the townships of Caledonia, Harrisville and Alcona.

A Recreation Plan contains future plans for all recreational facilities within these communities, which are required to have Department of Natural Resources (DNR) approved rec plans in order to qualify for future grant funding from the DNR.

The planning process incorporates a community participation element that encourages input from citizens. The five units of government are currently collecting public input through online surveys, which take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete.

All five communities are working with the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) to update their plans. The public surveys can be found on NEMCOG's website at www.nemcog.org. The surveys are also available on each of the municipality's individual websites.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

The 2016-2020 Caledonia Town-
ship Recreation Plan draft is now
available for a 30 day public re-
view and comment period. The
draft plan can be viewed at the
Caledonia Township clerk's of-
fice call (989) 471-2390 or can be
downloaded from
www.nemcog.org or
www.caledoniatwp.net. The plan
will be open for comment and
changes until February 11, 2016.

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CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

MEETINGS: The Caledonia Township Planning Commission meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month in 2013.
Meetings begin at 7 p.m. at the Caledonia Township Hall on Gillard Road, Spruce, MI.
Any change in date or time, or any special meetings, will be advertised or posted separately.

[Planning Commission Annual Report 2015](#)
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The Planning Commission manages the development and modifying of the Township Master Plan and associated ordinances.
The Planning Commission holds public hearings on Township ordinances and advises the Caledonia Township board on planning and zoning issues.

- [Draft Recreation Plan Chapter 1](#)
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN

The Caledonia Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the draft Recreation Plan on Friday, February 19, at 6:30 p.m., at the Caledonia Township Hall located at 6461 Gillard Road, Spruce, Mich. The draft plan contains an action plan for recreation in Caledonia Township from 2016-2020. The draft plan is available for review on www.caledoniatwp.org. Written comments may be submitted to Kathleen Vichunas, 6024 Cedar Drive, Hubbard Lake, Mich. 49747; or by e-mail at kvichunas@charter.net.

CLASSIC MOVIE NIGHT

5:45 p.m. Friday, February 19
Alcona County Library, Harrisville

Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds and Donald O'Connor prove you can sing (and dance) in spite of wet weather. This film is rated 5th best movie ever, and the best musical.

**Free movie, free popcorn,
free beverages**

Alpena trooper receives

A Michigan State Police trooper from the Alpena post has received an award for his efforts to look "past the stop."

Trooper Anthony Utt was awarded the Corporal Samuel A. Mapes Criminal Patrol and Investigation Award. This award is earned by troopers who excel in patrol-generated felony arrests.

Utt received the award at a ceremony held in Lansing, Mich. at the Michigan State Police (MSP) Training Academy on January 21.

Trooper Utt began his career with the Michigan State Police in 2012 as a member of the 124th Recruit School and has served at the Alpena post since his graduation.

The Corporal Samuel A. Mapes Criminal Patrol and Investigation Award winners from the Michigan State Police Seventh District are: Trooper Rick Pearson, Cadillac post; Trooper Marc Moore, Cadillac post; Trooper Jeff Mercer, Gaylord post; Trooper Michael Wilt,

Houghton Lake post and Trooper Anthony Utt, Alpena post.

According to the MSP, this new award is named in honor of Cpl. Sam Mapes, one of the department's early pioneers in criminal patrol and investigation. On May 1, 1927, Mapes was patrolling alone on Highway 23, east of Sturgis, Mich. when he stopped two suspicious westbound vehicles at the same time.

After briefly conversing with one of the drivers, Mapes determined the vehicles were "rum running." It was obvious to the driver his load was going to be seized and he was about to be arrested, so he offered Mapes a bribe of \$300 to let him go. Mapes refused and asked a passing motorist to go to Sturgis and summon assistance to help bring in the vehicles, one of the suspects pulled a gun, walked up behind Mapes, fatally shot him, took his service weapon, and fled.

The suspect was arrested by Michigan State Police

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Minutes from Public Hearing and Planning Commission Meeting

MINUTES OF THE CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION Special Meeting February 19, 2016

Meeting called to order by Chairman Vichunas at 6:30 p.m. at the Caledonia Township Hall, Spruce, Michigan.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present: Vichunas, Abend, Grove, Lehndorff, Preston, Scott and Williams.
Absent: None
Guests: Al Vichunas, Kerry Scott

MOTION by Grove to approve the **AGENDA** as submitted by email; **SUPPORT** by Scott; Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS CONCERNING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA: None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS CONCERNING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None.

RECESS meeting at 6:33 p.m.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING at 6:34 p.m. on the Caledonia Township Recreation Plan 2016-2020:

A. Public Hearing Notice read.

B. Public Comments. No comments were received from the audience for or against the plan. Vichunas advised that no comments were received for or against the proposed plan during the 30-day public review period.

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING at 6:36 p.m.


Deliberations on the Caledonia Township Recreation Plan 2016-2020:

MOTION by Grove to adopt the Caledonia Township Recreation Plan 2016-2020 with the minor changes that were discussed and to recommend adoption of the Plan by the Township Board; **SUPPORT** by Williams. Voice vote: six ayes, one nay; Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS. None.

MOTION by Williams to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.; **SUPPORT** by Scott; Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Betsy Lehndorff
Secretary

PC Minutes – Special Meeting, February 19, 2016 (Final)

Resolution of the Planning Commission Recommending Adoption of the Recreation Plan

**CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP
Alcona County, Michigan**

RECREATION PLAN

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

Caledonia Township Planning Commission

WHEREAS, Caledonia Township has undertaken a 5-Year Recreation Plan update which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreational facilities during the period of 2016 – 2020, and

WHEREAS, An online survey was published on October 13, 2015 and remained open for public input until October 31, 2015 providing residents with an opportunity to comment and guide recreation in the Township, and

WHEREAS, A public notice was published in the ALCONA COUNTY REVIEW which began a 30-day public review period for the draft plan, and

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

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

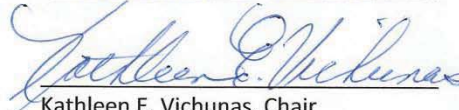
Yeas: 6

Nays: 1

Absent: 0

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Caledonia Township Planning Commission held on FEBRUARY 19, 2016.

FEBRUARY 19, 2016
Date


Kathleen E. Vichunas, Chair

Notice of Township Board Meeting



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CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Caledonia Township does not keep regular office hours at the Township Hall.
Township Officials can be reached by e-mail or postal mail.
P.O. Box 81 Spruce, MI 48762

**The Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting on February 23rd at 6pm.
The reason for the meeting is to consider approval of the Recreation Plan.
The meeting is open to the public.**

[The Caledonia Township Board Meeting Schedule for 2016](#)

The Board meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Township Hall, 5461 Gillard Road, Spruce.
The Board of Trustees is responsible for the day-to-day operation of Caledonia Township, the Township budget, government activities and other duties required by county, state and federal law.

Board members are elected to four-year terms at each presidential election cycle.
Meeting minutes, past and present are posted on this web site.
The public is invited to attend these meetings.

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Minutes from the Township Board Meeting of February 23, 2016

February 23, 2016, Special meeting called to order with Pledge of Allegiance at 6:05 p.m., by supervisor Ken Hubbard. Present on the board Gailen Thornton, Jack Scott, Travis Swinson, Ken Hubbard and Helen Timm.

Public Comment: None


Supervisor thanked the Planning Commission for all their hard work preparing the Recreation Plan.

Motion Thornton, seconded Swinson to adopt the Caledonia Township Recreation Plan 2016-2020 as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the Township and to authorize the Supervisor to sign the required documents. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays Carried.

Supervisor presented resolution form for Hubbard Lake Community Association.

Motion Scott, seconded Thornton that Hubbard Lake Community Association is recognized as a non-profit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses. Carried.

Motion Thornton, seconded Scott to adjourn at 6:20 pm.



Helen Timm, Clerk

Resolution of the Township Board Adopting the Recreation Plan

**CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP
Alcona County, Michigan**

RECREATION PLAN

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

Board of Trustees

WHEREAS, Caledonia Township has undertaken a 5-Year Recreation Plan update which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreational facilities during the period of 2016 – 2020, and

WHEREAS, An online recreation survey was published on October 13, 2015 and remained open for public input until October 31, 2015 providing residents with an opportunity to comment and guide recreation in the Township, and

WHEREAS, A public notice was published in the ALCONA COUNTY REVIEW which began a 30-day public review period for the draft plan, and

WHEREAS, Caledonia Township has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the entire community, and

WHEREAS, A public hearing was held on February 19, 2016 at the Caledonia Township Hall to provide residents the opportunity to ask questions and express opinions on the Recreation Plan.

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

Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Caledonia Township Board of Trustees held on FEBRUARY 23, 2016.

2/23/16
Date

Kenneth D. Nelson

Copies of Submittal Letters

CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP
Alcona County, Michigan

Board of Trustees

February 23, 2016

Alcona County Board of Commissioners
P.O. Box #308
Harrisville, MI 48740

Dear Sir:

Enclosed, please find a complete copy of the 2016 – 2020 Caledonia Township Recreation Plan which was adopted by the Township Board of Trustees on February 23, 2016.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (989) 727-3523.

Sincerely,


Ken Hubbard
Supervisor

Enclosure

CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP
Alcona County, Michigan

Board of Trustees

February 23, 2016

Northeast Michigan Council of Governments
P.O. Box 457
Gaylord, MI 49734

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Ken Hubbard
Supervisor

Enclosure

Chapter 5

Goals, Objectives, and Action Plan

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

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

Hubbard Lake North End Park

Goal: Enhance the recreational opportunities at the Hubbard Lake North End Park to encourage its establishment as a primary recreational facility in the Township.

1. **Objective:** Provide amenities to improve the overall usability of the park.
 - a) **Action:** Creation of an improved beach and swimming area.
 - b) **Action:** Construct additional stairs to the water.
 - c) **Action:** Construct a second pavilion with electrical power.
 - d) **Action:** Develop a children’s playground area.
 - e) **Action:** Create a nature walk in the wooded area.
 - f) **Action:** Add new docks that extend beyond the lake’s rocky bottom.
 - g) **Action:** Develop a skateboard park area.
 - h) **Action:** Add basketball court.
 - i) **Action:** Add safety and educational signage within the Park.

2. **Objective:** Improve overall Park appearance and protect from deterioration.
 - a) **Action:** Remove and replace trees as needed and plant new vegetation along the east fence to provide screening from the adjoining residential area, as well as add landscaping as needed to improve the Park’s overall appearance.
 - b) **Action:** Install a new fence and improve the park entry from Hubert Road.
 - c) **Action:** Clean up and improve the bank at water’s edge.

Hickey Hill 80 Acre Woodland

Goal: Enhance the recreational opportunities at the Hickey Hill property to encourage its establishment as a primary recreational facility in the Township.

1. **Objective:** Develop Park and provide amenities in such a way as to improve the overall usability of the park.
 - a) **Action:** Re-establish boundary lines and markers.
 - b) **Action:** Post no hunting signs on property.
 - c) **Action:** Develop and implement a forestry management program to improve stands of trees, native vegetation, and wildlife habitat.
 - d) **Action:** Develop cross-county skiing and nature foot trails with interpretive signage of the natural features.
 - e) **Action:** Add benches for resting and scenic viewing.
 - f) **Action:** Create a sledding area.

- g) **Action:** Create a parking area.
- h) **Action:** Conduct an engineering study to improve access due to steep grade of Robin Hood Drive.
- i) **Action:** Upgrade facilities to be handicap accessible.
- j) **Action:** Add two new ADA compliant pit toilets.

Spruce Park

Goal: Enhance the recreational opportunities at Spruce Park to encourage its establishment as a primary recreational facility in the Township.

1. **Objective:** Provide amenities to improve the overall usability of the park.
 - a) **Action:** Expand playground, ball diamond, basketball court and add a soccer net.
 - b) **Action:** Develop a skating rink for winter use.
 - c) **Action:** Add bleachers and/or other seating areas, and dugouts on ball field.
 - d) **Action:** Construct a pavilion with picnic tables and grills.
 - e) **Action:** Improve the parking area.
 - f) **Action:** Add informational signage regarding use of the park.
 - g) **Action:** Upgrade facilities to be handicap accessible.
 - h) **Action:** Add site lighting.
 - i) **Action:** Add ADA compliant pit toilet.

East Bay Park Access Site

Goal: Enhance the recreational opportunities at this unimproved site to encourage its establishment as a secondary recreational facility in the Township.

1. **Objective:** Develop this access site and provide amenities in such a way as to improve the overall usability of the park.
 - a) **Action:** Clear site to create picnic areas.
 - b) **Action:** Provide on-site parking.
 - c) **Action:** Add picnic tables and grills.
 - d) **Action:** Add informational signage regarding use of the site.
 - e) **Action:** Determine and re-establish boundary lines.
 - f) **Action:** Add playground equipment.
 - g) **Action:** Upgrade site to be handicap accessible.
 - h) **Action:** Add site lighting.
 - i) **Action:** Add ADA compliant pit toilet.

Hansen Road 40 Acre Site

Goal: Promote and enhance the utilization of this site as a hunting area.

1. **Objective:** Provide limited site amenities to improve usability of site as a hunting area.
 - a) **Action:** Create a limited parking area.
 - b) **Action:** Install informational signage regarding use of the site.
 - c) **Action:** Upgrade site to make handicap accessible.

Reforested Gravel Pit

Goal: Develop a plan for the property to enhance the recreational opportunities within the Township.

1. **Objective:** Explore options to develop a plan for the property.
 - a) **Action:** Gather public input regarding potential uses of the property.
 - b) **Action:** Create a development plan for the property.

Holcomb Creek 40 Acre Site

Goal: To enhance the utilization of the site for duck hunting, canoeing/kayaking, and create a nature preserve.

1. **Objective:** Provide amenities to enhance the use of this site.
 - a) **Action:** Create a limited parking area.
 - b) **Action:** Install informational signage regarding use of the area.
 - c) **Action:** Upgrade site to make handicap accessible.
 - d) **Action:** Improve natural elements of this site as a nature preserve.
 - e) **Action:** Add ADA compliant pit toilet.

Township Hall

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

1. **Objective:** Provide amenities to improve the overall usability of the property.
 - a) **Action:** Add picnic tables and playground equipment such as swings and a slide.
 - b) **Action:** Install a basketball hoop at the far end of the parking lot, utilizing the paved area.

- c) **Action:** Improve and update the interior of the Township Hall to make it more inviting for usage, such as activities for seniors and young people, and to improve handicap accessibility.

Basis for Action Program

Recreation planning in Caledonia Township must consider several pertinent issues.

1. The Township has a largely older population. Individuals 65 years of age and older make up 34% of the population, more than twice the State average of 13.8%. The majority of in-migration is most likely due to retirement and relocation of persons 55 years of age or older. Thought must be given to planning for this large resident population who have both the time and desire for recreational activities.
2. Young people, under the age of 19, make up 17% of the Township's population. Residents aged 20 to 54 represent almost 31% of the population. This fact, along with the percentages of retirement age and young residents, dictates recreational facilities in the Township need to appeal to a very diverse age group.
3. The Township's median household income is \$40,139 compared with the State's median of \$48,411. Almost 63% of households in the Township receive Social Security income, compared to 33% statewide. Forty-seven percent of households have retirement income compared to 23% statewide. Accordingly, to truly be accessible, recreation must also be affordable which means that nearby facilities should be enhanced to lessen the driving time and expenses that residents would incur to travel to facilities farther away.
4. The issue of improving the local economy by establishing the area as a recreation destination is of utmost importance. Unemployment rates in Caledonia Township are reported at 9.9% (2014), and all of Northeast Michigan remained significantly higher than the State average. The Township strives to create a community with a defined sense of place and a high quality of life which will attract young families and entrepreneurs. This quality of life will also help to retain local youth who otherwise would leave the area upon reaching adulthood. The retention of youth and attraction of visitors are two methods with which the Township hopes to continue its economic turn-around.

Figures obtained from U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2009-2013 5-year estimates. Unemployment rate obtained from Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget.

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

1. Hubbard Lake is the largest inland body of water in Northeast Michigan. However, public access to its shores within the Township is limited to two pieces of Township-owned property. One is the North End Park and the other, East Bay Park Access Site, is a small lot located between two homes in a private subdivision and is not yet developed in a way that is suitable to use for access.
2. Private recreational property encumbers a significant portion of Caledonia Township. Hunting camps, summer dwellings and buildings held for "occasional" use represent 50% of the Township's housing units. This population of tourists and hunters has consequential impact on the Township's economic base.
3. Limited maintenance staff and operation and maintenance of recreational property is conducted on a part-time basis. Efforts have been made to increase maintenance efforts at the North End Park during the summer months and to utilize volunteer clean-up and development efforts whenever it is available.
4. The Township has an abundance of great natural beauty. Much of the property listed in the recreation inventory is primitive. Every effort must be made to balance ecological concerns with economic potential in planning for growth and development.

The dam west of the North End Park is owned by the Thunder Bay Power Company. As part of its licensing agreement with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Recreation Plan Article 418), it has planned improvements for this site. The planned improvements are:

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

Capital Improvement Plan

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

Table 5-1: Capital Improvements Schedule					
Hubbard Lake North End Park					
PRIORITY	SITE	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT	EST. COST	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	YEAR*
HIGH	Hubbard Lake North End Park	Create beach and swimming area on bank	\$25,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2016
HIGH	Hubbard Lake North End Park	Construct additional stairs to the water	\$5,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2016
HIGH	Hubbard Lake North End Park	Construct second pavilion with electric	\$100,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2017
HIGH	Hubbard Lake North End Park	Develop a children's playground area	\$25,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2016-2017
MEDIUM	Hubbard Lake North End Park	Create nature walk in wooded area	\$15,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2018
HIGH	Hubbard Lake North End Park	New docks extending beyond rocky lake bottom	\$10,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2017
HIGH	Hubbard Lake North End Park	Develop skateboard park area	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2018
HIGH	Hubbard Lake North End Park	Add basketball court	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2018
HIGH	Hubbard Lake North End Park	Install safety and educational signage	\$2,500	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2016-2017

HIGH	Hubbard Lake North End Park	Remove and replace needed trees; new vegetation and landscaping to improve appearance	\$50,000	Local funds and volunteer efforts; DNR and other grants and funding sources	Ongoing
MEDIUM	Hubbard Lake North End Park	Install fence and improve park entry from Hubert Road	\$50,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2018-2019
HIGH	Hubbard Lake North End Park	Clean up and improve bank at water's edge	\$50,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2016-2018
Hickey Hill 80 Acre Woodland					
PRIORITY	SITE	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT	EST. COST	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	YEAR*
HIGH	Hickey Hill 80 Acre Woodland	Re-establish boundary lines and markers	\$25,000	Local Funds	2016
HIGH	Hickey Hill 80 Acre Woodland	Post No-Hunting signs	\$5,000	Local Funds	2016
HIGH	Hickey Hill 80 Acre Woodland	Develop and implement forestry management program	TBD	Local Funds	2017
HIGH	Hickey Hill 80 Acre Woodland	Develop cross-country and nature foot trails	\$20,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2017-2018
HIGH	Hickey Hill 80 Acre Woodland	Add benches	\$10,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2017
HIGH	Hickey Hill 80 Acre Woodland	Create sledding area	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2018
HIGH	Hickey Hill 80 Acre Woodland	Create a parking area	\$15,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2016
HIGH	Hickey Hill 80 Acre Woodland	Conduct engineering study to improve access due to steep grade	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2016-2018
MEDIUM	Hickey Hill 80 Acre Woodland	Upgrade facilities to be handicap accessible	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2018

MEDIUM	Hickey Hill 80 Acre Woodland	Add two ADA compliant pit toilets	\$20,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2019
Spruce Park					
PRIORITY	SITE	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT	EST. COST	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	YEAR*
HIGH	Spruce Park	Expand playground, ball diamond, and basketball court, and add soccer net	\$20,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2017
MEDIUM	Spruce Park	Develop skating rink for winter use	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2019
HIGH	Spruce Park	Add bleachers and/or other seating areas	\$15,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2017
HIGH	Spruce Park	Build pavilion with picnic tables and grills	\$100,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2018
HIGH	Spruce Park	Improve parking area	\$25,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2016
HIGH	Spruce Park	Add informational signage regarding use of park	\$2,500	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2016
HIGH	Spruce Park	Upgrade facilities to be handicap accessible	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2016-2019
HIGH	Spruce Park	Add site lighting	\$5,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2017
HIGH	Spruce Park	Add ADA compliant pit toilet	\$10,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2017

East Bay Park Access Site					
PRIORITY	SITE	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT	EST. COST	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	YEAR*
HIGH	East Bay Park Access Site	Clear site to create picnic area	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2016
HIGH	East Bay Park Access Site	Provide on-site parking	\$20,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2016
HIGH	East Bay Park Access Site	Add picnic tables and grills	\$10,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2017
HIGH	East Bay Park Access Site	Add signage regarding use of the site	\$2,500	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2016
HIGH	East Bay Park Access Site	Determine and re-establish boundary lines	\$5,000	Local funds	2016
HIGH	East Bay Park Access Site	Add playground equipment	\$10,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2018
HIGH	East Bay Park Access Site	Upgrade site for ADA accessibility	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2017
HIGH	East Bay Park Access Site	Add site lighting	\$2,500	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2019
HIGH	East Bay Park Access Site	Add ADA accessible pit toilet	\$10,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2017

Hansen Road 40 Acre Site					
PRIORITY	SITE	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT	EST. COST	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	YEAR*
HIGH	Hansen Road 40 Acre Site	Create limited parking area	\$10,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2016
HIGH	Hansen Road 40 Acre Site	Install informational signage regarding use of the site	\$2,500	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2016
HIGH	Hansen Road 40 Acre Site	Upgrade site to make handicap accessible	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2018
Reforested Gravel Pit					
LOW	Reforested Gravel Pit	Conduct public opinion survey regarding use of property	TBD	Local funds	2019>
LOW	Reforested Gravel Pit	Create a site development plan	TBD	Local funds and volunteer efforts	2019>
Holcomb Creek 40 Acre Site					
MEDIUM	Holcomb Creek 40 Acre Site	Create limited parking area	\$10,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2017
MEDIUM	Holcomb Creek 40 Acre Site	Install informational signage regarding use of the site	\$2,500	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2017
MEDIUM	Holcomb Creek 40 Acre Site	Upgrade site to make handicap accessible	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2019
MEDIUM	Holcomb Creek 40 Acre Site	Improve natural elements of site as a nature preserve	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	Ongoing
MEDIUM	Holcomb Creek 40 Acre Site	Add ADA compliant pit toilet	\$10,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2018

Caledonia Township Hall					
HIGH	Caledonia Township Hall	Add picnic tables and playground equipment	\$25,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2017
HIGH	Caledonia Township Hall	Install basketball hoop	\$5,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2017
HIGH	Caledonia Township Hall	Improve and update hall interior to improve usage and accessibility	\$50,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2018
<p>*Some flexibility in the timeline may be necessary in order to allow for necessary engineering studies, environmental surveys, contractual scheduling, and the availability of funding.</p>					

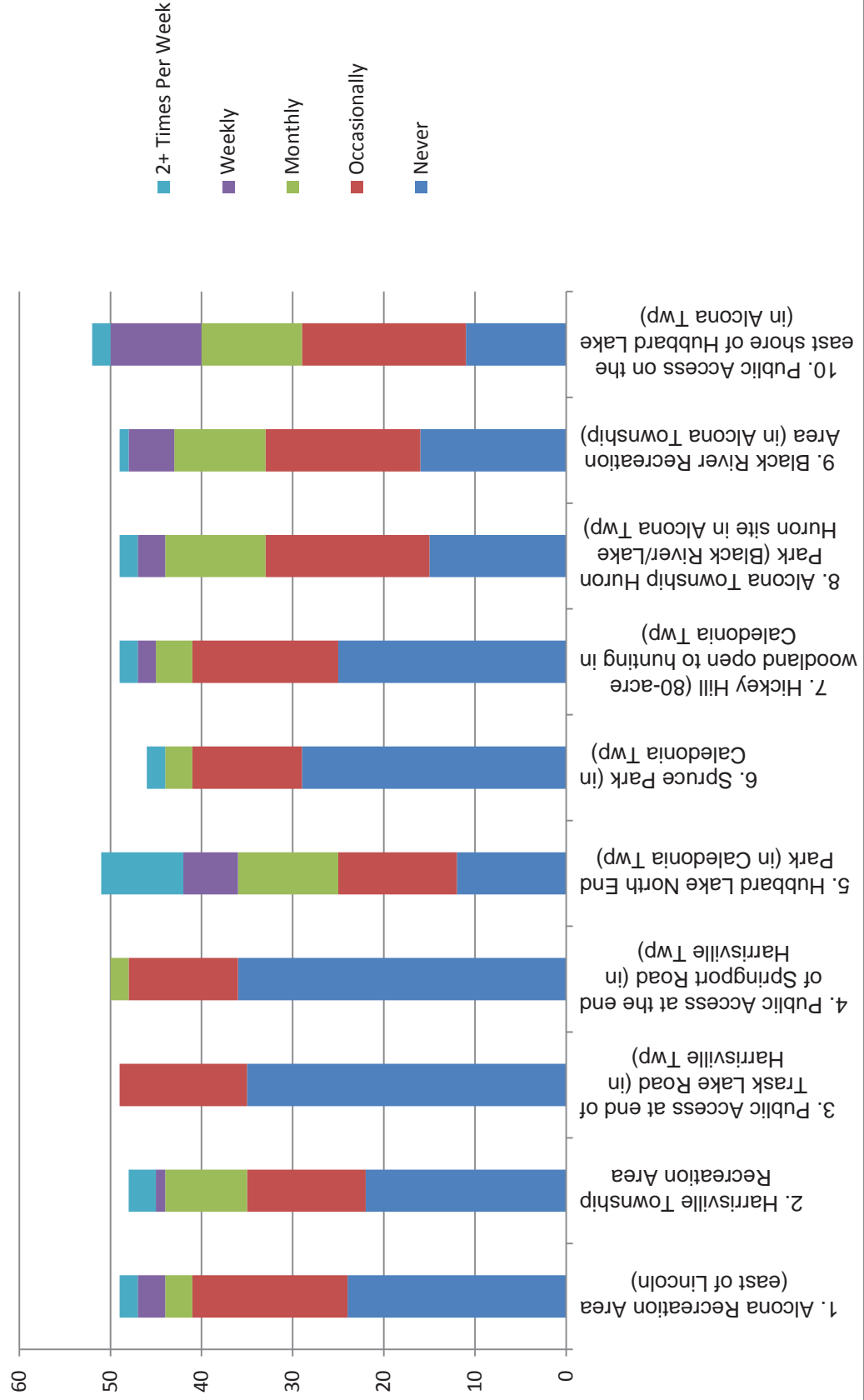
APPENDIX A
ONLINE RECREATION SURVEY RESULTS

Recreation in Alcona County, Caledonia Township, Harrisville Township and Alcona Township

1. How often do you utilize the following recreational facilities?

Answer Options	2+ Times Per Week	Weekly	Monthly	Occasionally	Never	Response Count
1. Alcona Recreation Area (east of Lincoln)	2	3	3	17	24	49
2. Harrisville Township Recreation Area	3	1	9	13	22	48
3. Public Access at end of Trask Lake Road (in Harrisville Twp)	0	0	0	14	35	49
4. Public Access at the end of Springport Road (in Harrisville Twp)	0	0	2	12	36	50
5. Hubbard Lake North End Park (in Caledonia Twp)	9	6	11	13	12	51
6. Spruce Park (in Caledonia Twp)	2	0	3	12	29	46
7. Hickey Hill (80-acre woodland open to hunting in Caledonia Twp)	2	2	4	16	25	49
8. Alcona Township Huron Park (Black River/Lake Huron site in Alcona Twp)	2	3	11	18	15	49
9. Black River Recreation Area (in Alcona Township)	1	5	10	17	16	49
10. Public Access on the east shore of Hubbard Lake (in Alcona Twp)	2	10	11	18	11	52
				<i>answered question</i>		54
				<i>skipped question</i>		0

How often do you utilize the following recreational facilities?



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

Answer Options	Baseball/Soft ball	Basket-ball	Camping	Beach/Swimming	Biking	Boat Launch	Fishing	Picnicking	Playground	Rollerblade, Skateboarding	Sitting/Viewing	Hunting	Wildlife Viewing	Bird Watching	Hiking	Skiing	Response Count
Alcona Recreation Area	0	0	0	2	4	4	4	5	3	0	9	1	5	1	1	1	14
Harrisville Township Recreation Area	2	0	0	4	6	3	4	8	8	0	10	0	6	1	1	1	17
Trask Lake Road Public Access	0	0	0	4	1	1	3	1	1	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	7
Springport Road Public Access	0	0	0	2	1	1	3	1	1	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	5
Hubbard Lake North End Park	0	2	0	10	8	16	11	14	4	2	12	1	6	3	2	2	28
Hickey Hill	0	0	0	3	3	3	3	4	2	2	8	1	8	3	4	5	13
Spruce Park	0	0	0	3	1	2	3	3	3	1	4	1	3	2	1	1	7
Hubbard Lake Access Site	0	1	0	7	5	12	9	5	2	1	9	0	3	2	1	2	19
Alcona Twp Huron Park (Black River/Lake Huron site)	0	0	0	7	3	6	6	5	4	0	10	0	5	1	1	1	14
Black River Recreation Area	1	1	0	4	2	3	2	3	4	0	5	0	6	0	0	0	11
Hubbard Lake (east shore) public access	0	0	0	8	3	13	8	5	2	1	9	1	6	2	1	2	23
Other (please specify)																	3
Number																	35
Other (please specify)																	19
																	<i>answered question</i>
																	<i>skipped question</i>

- 1 walking or hiking in many parks in County and Harrisville especially
- 2 Gardening in Harrisville Twp hoop house multiple times per day during growing season, early spring til late fall.
- 3 do a lot of walking or attending organized events at these places

3. What improvements do you and your family feel are needed to the Alcona Recreation Area?

- 1 Local gun range
- 2 Restroom facilities
- 3 I would like to have more activities for individual hikers and bikers from children to seniors.
- 4 Playground
- 5 Mapped locations at local businesses handouts

4. What improvements do you and your family feel are needed to the Harrisville Township Recreation Area?

- 1 Safe walk paths, public restrooms, clean picnic areas and covered facilities. Ideally Harrisville Township and City of Harrisville could build a Community Center especially for youth and older adults. Many activities could be held inside (concerts,dances,cards and games)
- 2 I would like to see a Par Course with stations for different activities that would increase residents health and well-being. A hiking path with distance markers would encourage more walkers to use the facility and push themselves to increase distances.
- 3 Mapped locationslocations handouts at local businesses

5. What improvements do you and your family feel are needed to the Trask Lake Road Public Access?

No responses

6. What improvements do you and your family feel are needed to Springport Road Public Access?

- 1 I would like to have beach walking paths designated.

7. What improvements do you and your family feel are needed to Hubbard Lake North End Park?

Number	Response Text
1	It is looking beautiful thank you
2	None
3	Beach
4	Boat launch is to shallow. Never was... Just this year.
5	Camping. Restroom
6	Better Beach/swimming area.
7	More swings play area for kids. More bathrooms.
8	Proper swimming beach , volley ball court. Wider in and out point and entrance
9	continue to improve grass-covered areas
10	Would Love to see camping sites put in, I think both rustic and improved sites would be a major improvement, it would bring a lot of people to the area in the summer

8. What improvements do you and your family feel are needed to Spruce Park?

Number	Response Text
1	None
2	soemthing to do there. Great space but nothing to utilize it. I think families could do reunions and such if there was a grilling areas, playground, and post a way to utilize it! Who to contact etc. no info posted about this area. I've often wondered who can use it when? Permission? Who to contact?
3	update through out and make it more inviting. Schedule regular activities.

9. What improvements do you and your family feel are needed to the Hickey Hill area?

Number	Response Text
1	Marked foot trails.
2	None
3	safe sledding area. Kids use it the most in that time of year. Not plowed in winter when families want to use it most. Grilling

area.

- 4 Better camping
- 5 Keep wild. Improve existing trails and health of forests.

10. What improvements do you and your family feel are needed to the Alcona Township Huron Park (Black River/Lake Huron site)?

Number Response Text

- 1 Better/more sand at the shoreline. More garbage cans.
- 2 Bike racks, bike route map, kayak launch, paved parking
- 3 Restroom Facilities
- 4 None
- 5 Boat launch.... The end of the canal gets sand in it and needs cleaning in it. Also need better markers for the channel.. Last year fishermen used sticks to Mark it.
- 6 Better boat singage

11. What improvements do you and your family feel are needed to the Black River Recreation Area?

Number Response Text

- 1 upgrade toilet facilities, new fencing around ball field
- 2 Drinking water
- 3 None

12. What improvements do you and your family feel are needed to the Public Access on the east shore of Hubbard Lake?

Number Response Text

- 1 Better access for foot traffic to lake, improved erosion control--possibly a break wall and some way to deter pick up trucks from gaining access to the lake in winter

- 2 Restrooms and picnic upgrades
- 3 Not ne
- 4 Restroom
- 5 grilling area, more picnic tables, more bathrooms, swimming area.

13. What new or expanded recreational facilities do you and your family feel are needed in Alcona County?

Number Response Text

- 1 Updated playground in Harrisville. Improved Lake Huron beach access.
- 2 walk and bicycle paths paths, a playscape park for little kids
- 3 kayak and bike rental would be nice.
- 4 Hiking trails, trailhead improvements. More picnic tables. Restroom facilities.
- 5 I would very much like to have a cross-county ski trail designated in one of the public areas. We tend to have long winters with very little enticement to spend time outside. If a winter skating area could be developed we could encourage kids to be outside and active and maybe even help develop an early interest in non-organized youth hockey. More community gardening opportunities would be a wonderful way to eat healthy and locally grown foods.
- 6 Movies at the Harbor.
- 7 kayak launches and river trails
- 8 A county gun range.
- 9 Someone to manage and start group activities
- 10 Park for camping and picnics in Hubbard Lk area
- 11 Cross country ski trails
- 12 Fish cleaning station at North end of Hubbard would be nice... There is always people cleaning fish at the boat launch and throwing carcasses around.
- 13 Bike paths, sidewalks around Hubbard Lake.
- 14 Public hunting areas could be better promoted and easier to access. Deer hunting has been on the decline but upland and waterfowl are still strong. The county could us a DNR GEMS program area for grouse hunting and more public waterfowl areas.

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

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Basketball	9.7%	3
Biking	54.8%	17
Bird Watching	38.7%	12
BMX Bikes	0.0%	0
Baseball/Softball	25.8%	8
Boating/Sailing	74.2%	23
Camping	32.3%	10
Canoeing	45.2%	14
Concerts	61.3%	19
Dining Out	90.3%	28
Disc Golf	3.2%	1
Festivals	64.5%	20
Fishing	67.7%	21
Football	22.6%	7
Golfing	29.0%	9
Hiking	58.1%	18
Horseback Riding	12.9%	4
Horseshoes	25.8%	8
Hunting	41.9%	13
Hockey	9.7%	3
Ice Skating	32.3%	10
Jogging	16.1%	5
Kayaking	45.2%	14
Marine Sanctuary	38.7%	12
Martial Arts	3.2%	1
Museums	35.5%	11
ORV/ATV Riding	22.6%	7
Picnicking	51.6%	16
Playgrounds	41.9%	13
Rollerblading	3.2%	1
Running	12.9%	4
Scuba Diving	6.5%	2
Shooting Sports (skeet, targets)	41.9%	13
Skateboarding	3.2%	1
Soccer	12.9%	4
Snowmobiling	35.5%	11
Swimming	61.3%	19
Tennis	16.1%	5
Theaters (live & cinema)	48.4%	15
Volleyball	25.8%	8
Walking	67.7%	21
Water Skiing	29.0%	9
Wildlife/Nature Viewing	67.7%	21
Winter Skiing	35.5%	11
Other (please specify)	9.7%	3

answered question	31
skipped question	23

Number	Response Date	Other (please specify)	Categories
1	Oct 24, 2015 8:08 PM	star gazing, sledding	
2	Oct 20, 2015 6:48 PM	gardening flowers and food.	
3	Oct 14, 2015 12:00 AM	organized activities	



15. What other public or private recreational facilities do you use in Alcona County(example: school playground, city/village park, Michigan DNR site, National Forest site, church recreational facility)?

Number	Response Text
1	City of Harrisville harbor park playground
2	Harbor park
3	Negwegon State Forest. The public access trail to the lake on Lakeshore drive.
4	roadsides for biking, walking
5	Newegon State Park, Hoist Lake & Reid Lake Natl Forests, Harrisville Harbor park.
6	Harrisville Harbor park and performance stage, Harrisville state park, National Forest hiking, mushroom hunting all around the county, all sports that can be done on sand and water at our lakefront property.
7	We love walking the shores of Newagon. Not sure if spelled correctly.
8	Lions park
9	None
10	National forest
11	Use church in lincoln for basketball courts, nothing available in caledonia township for that in the winter.
12	DNR site for bird watching
13	Negwegon State Park: swimming, hiking, hunting

16. How far do you typically travel to use recreational facilities in Alcona County?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
0-1 Miles	6.5%	2
2-5 Miles	19.4%	6
6-10 Miles	25.8%	8
11-20 Miles	29.0%	9
Greater Than 20 Miles	19.4%	6
	<i>answered question</i>	31
	<i>skipped question</i>	23

17. What recreational activities do you leave the Alcona County area for?

Number	Response Text
1	concerts, baseball games, golf and soccer
2	Bike trails
3	Live theater, kayaking, canoeing, museums
4	museums and festivals generally in Alpena, winter skiing, bicycling on trails
5	Movies, Lectures, Dining, Museums, Shopping
6	dining and walking (we walk in Alpena near the NOAA facility)
7	Shooting Skeet, Trap, IDPA, Bull's-eye league
8	Downhill skiing
9	Theatre and dining in Alpena County.
10	Camping, picnic
11	Cross country skiing
12	Pool
13	Boating fishing
14	Down hill Skiing, shopping, concerts,
15	Indoor basketball courts, roller skating, fast food
16	Hunting, fishing, camping, shopping
17	Concerts snow mobile trails camping

18. Do you have family or friends who travel to the Alcona County area who use recreational facilities? If so, which facilities?

Number	Response Text
1	I
2	State park and activities during 4th of July Labor
3	Lake Huron beach at Harrisville state park
4	Many family members use the Harrisville Twp park when they stay with us. We have several bicycles and kids and adults frequently ride bikes around town to shop and to the state park to bike on the trails there. The playground at the harbor is a favorite for all the kids who visit and a wonderful option for days when it's too cold to swim in the summer.
5	DNREast Bay launch
6	Not really.
7	Only the lakes
8	State park in harrisville.
9	Yes, east bay park and boat launch.
10	North end boat launch swimming kayaking
11	Negwegon State Park

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

Age Answer Options	0-5 Years	6-12 Years	13-20 Years	21-40 Years	41-60 Years	61+ Years	Response Count
Your Age	0	0	0	4	14	11	29
Age of Family Member #1	0	1	1	2	13	11	28
Age of Family Member #2	3	2	4	5	3	2	19
Age of Family Member #3	2	2	1	5	0	1	11
Age of Family Member #4	2	0	1	1	1	1	6
Age of Family Member #5	1	0	0	0	0	2	3
Age of Family Member #6	0	1	0	0	0	0	1

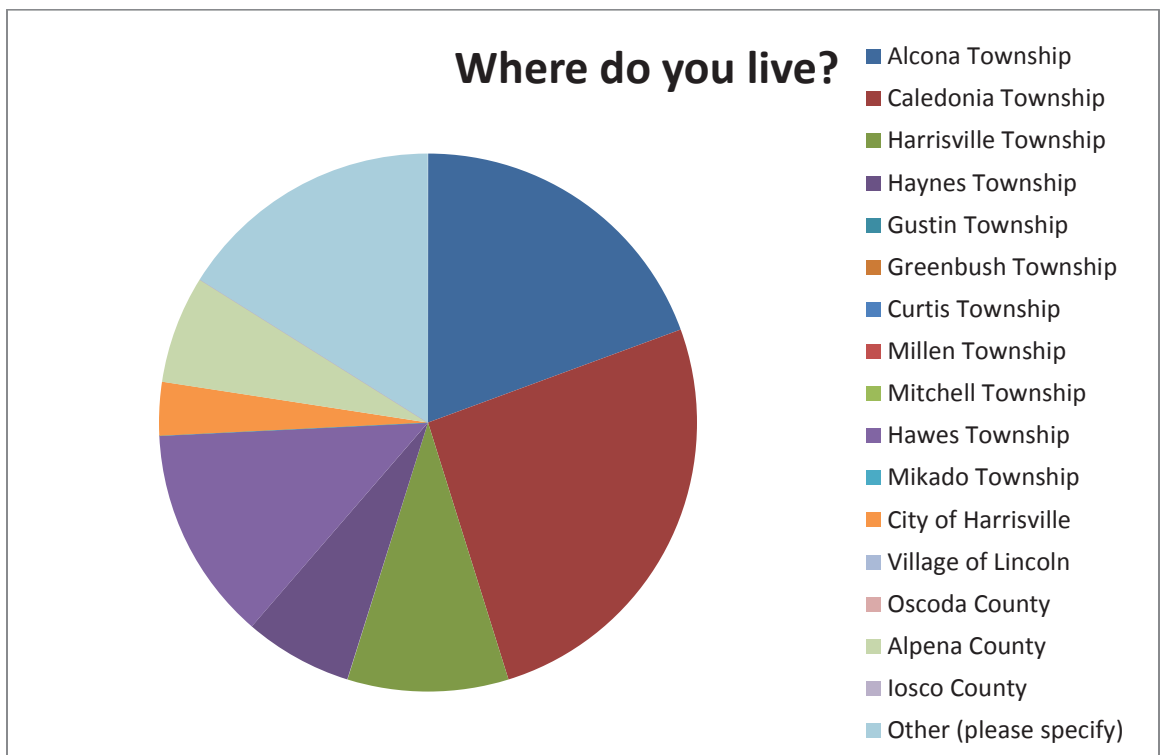
20. Where do you live?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Alcona Township	19.4%	6
Caledonia Township	25.8%	8
Harrisville Township	9.7%	3
Haynes Township	6.5%	2
Gustin Township	0.0%	0
Greenbush Township	0.0%	0
Curtis Township	0.0%	0
Millen Township	0.0%	0
Mitchell Township	0.0%	0
Hawes Township	12.9%	4
Mikado Township	0.0%	0
City of Harrisville	3.2%	1
Village of Lincoln	0.0%	0
Oscoda County	0.0%	0
Alpena County	6.5%	2

Iosco County	0.0%	0
Other (please specify)	16.1%	5
answered question		31
skipped question		23

Number Other (please specify)

1	Bay County with Cabins in both Alcona and Oscoda
2	Oakland County, but also have a place in Alcona & Hawes Twp's
3	Brighton mi
4	Oakland County
5	Livingston county mi



APPENDIX B

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORTS



PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
Post-Completion Self-Certification Report

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

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

GRANTEE: Caledonia Township

PROJECT 26-01104 S PROJECT TYPE: Aquisition

PROJECT TITLE: Holcomb Creek Acquisition

PROJECT SCOPE: Acquisition of 40 acres of land

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Table with 3 columns: Name of Agency (Grantee), Contact Person, Title, Address, Telephone, City, State, ZIP, Email. Contains information for Caledonia Township, Ken Hubbard, Supervisor.

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s). [] Yes [x] No

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

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

Is the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. [] Yes [x] No
The site is undeveloped property and therefore lacks features and amenities which support the recreational needs of the disabled.

List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities.
Currently undeveloped property open to hunting. No developments or amenities exist.

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?

If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

Yes No

No development has occurred yet. Township is in the process of gathering input regarding use of the property and creating a development plan.

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

Yes No

Undeveloped property and therefore no maintenance is necessary.

Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain.

Yes No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

Yes No

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

Yes No

Undeveloped property and therefore no maintenance is necessary at this time.

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

Yes No N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

Yes No

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

Open year around with no set hours due to no development or amenities.

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

There is no Program Recognition sign or plaque at this time due to the lack of development and limited access options to the property. Once site development occurs such sign or plaque will be placed appropriately.

CERTIFICATION

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

KEN HEATHARD

Please print

Kenneth D. Halber

Grantee Authorized Signature

2/23/16

Date

Helen L. Timm

Please print

Helen L. Timm

Witness Signature

2/23/16

Date

Send completed report to:

**POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS
GRANTS MANAGEMENT
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PO BOX 30425
LANSING MI 48909-7925**



PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

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

GRANTEE: Caledonia Township

PROJECT NUMBER: TF12-015

PROJECT TYPE: Park Development

PROJECT TITLE: Hubbard Lake North End Park Development

PROJECT SCOPE: Bath, volleyball, pavilion, stariway, fence, utility, paths, sign.

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Table with 3 columns: Name of Agency (Grantee), Contact Person, Title, Address, Telephone, City, State, ZIP, Email. Row 1: Caledonia Township, Ken Hubbard, Supervisor, PO Box 81, 6461 Gillard Road, Spruce, MI, 48762, kenhubbard083@gmail.com

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s). [] Yes [X] No

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

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

Is the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No

List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities.

Universally-accessible bathrooms, changing rooms, pavilion with picnic tables, fire pit.

Universally-accessible lighted walking paths, paved parking, boat launch.

Dog clean up area, garbage cans, bike racks.

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

SITE QUALITY

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain.

Yes No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

Yes No

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

Yes No

Site is inspected by Township Custodian and members of volunteer North End Park Committee and maintenance performed as needed.

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

Yes No N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities?
(i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

Yes No

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

Open year around with general hours of dawn to dusk.

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

CERTIFICATION

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

KEN HEALSTAD
Please print

Kenneth D. Heald 2/23/16
Grantee Authorized Signature Date

Helen L. Timm
Please print

Helen L. Timm 2/23/16
Witness Signature Date

Send completed report to: POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS
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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PO BOX 30425
LANSING MI 48909-7925



HUBBARD LAKE

NORTH END PARK

ENTRANCE

Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Hubbard Lake North End Park
Entrance

APPENDIX C

RECREATION PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST



COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

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

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

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). To be eligible for grant consideration, plans must be submitted to the DNR prior to the grant application deadline **with** a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan.

PLAN INFORMATION

Name of Plan: Caledonia Township Recreation Plan 2016-2020		
List the community names (including school districts) covered by the plan	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body
Caledonia Township	Alcona	February, 2016

PLAN CONTENT

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

1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

- Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)
- Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart
- Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation
- Programming
- Current Funding Sources
- Role of Volunteers
- Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations

Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only

- Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of
- Participating Communities
- Articles of Incorporation

3. RECREATION INVENTORY

- Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory
- Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities
- Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)
- Accessibility Assessment
- Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities

4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)

5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

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

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

Date of the Notice January 13, 2016

Type of Notice Newspaper and website

Plan Location Township office and website download

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

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

Date of Notice February 10, 2016

Name of Newspaper Alcona Review

Date of Meeting February 19, 2016

Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

8. ACTION PROGRAM

9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-INSPECTION REPORT

PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION

Plans **must** be adopted by the highest level *governing body* (i.e., city council, county commission, township board). If planning is the responsibility of a Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, Recreation Advisory Board or other local Board or Commission, the plan should **also** include a resolution from the Board or Commission recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body.

The local unit of government must submit the final plan to both the County and Regional Planning Agency for their information. Documentation that this was done must be submitted with the plan to the DNR.

Items 1, 3 and 4 below are **required** and must be included in the plan.

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

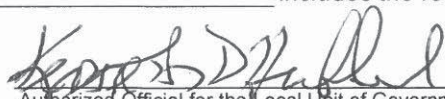
- 1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: 2-23-2016
- 2. Official resolution of the Planning Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: 2-19-2016
- 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: 2-23-2016
- 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: 2-23-2016

OVERALL CERTIFICATION

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

I hereby certify that the recreation plan for

Caledonia Township (Local Unit of Government) includes the required content, as indicated above and as set forth by the DNR.

 2-23-2016
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government Date

This completed checklist must be signed and submitted with a locally adopted recreation plan to:

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

DNR USE ONLY - APPROVAL

The recreation plan is approved by the DNR and the community (ies) covered by the plan, as listed on page 1 of this checklist is/are eligible to apply for recreation grants through

By: _____ Date _____
Grants Management Date _____

