

Chapter 5 - Community Services and Facilities

Overview

Adequate public and private infrastructure (roads and utilities) and public facilities and services are essential elements of modern life. The cost to construct new infrastructure and facilities and to maintain services is enormous. The costs together with the area's changing population and ever changing technologies associated with many of these items makes planning for future needs imperative. While the County encompasses 527 square miles, the majority of the population and infrastructure is concentrated in and around the City of Grayling and Grayling Charter Township.

County Government

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners meets on the fourth Thursday of each month, unless posted otherwise, at the County Building 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738, telephone (989)-348-2841. The County is represented by Seven Commissioners. Secretary to the Board is Sandra Moore 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738, (989)-344-3200.

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Minor Civil Divisions

Crawford County has six townships along with the City of Grayling.

- Beaver Creek Township**, 8888 S. Grayling Rd, Grayling, MI 49738, (989) 275-8878
- Frederic Township**, 7564 County Rd. 612, PO Box 78 Frederic, MI 49733, (989) 348-8778
- Grayling Township**, 2090 Viking Way, PO Box 521 Grayling, MI 49738, (989) 348-4361
- Lovells Township**, 8405 Twin Bridge Rd., Grayling, MI 49738, (989) 348-9215
- Maple Forest Township**, N. Sherman Rd. (mail to clerk), Frederic, MI 49733, (989) 348-5794
- South Branch Township**, P.O. Box 606, 5245 M-18, Roscommon, MI 48653, (989) 275-8232
- City of Grayling**, 1020 City Blvd., Grayling, Michigan 49738, (989) 348-2131

Public Safety

Law Enforcement

Crawford County has two local law enforcement agencies, the Sheriff’s Office, located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue in Grayling and the City of Grayling Police Department located at 1020 City Blvd. in Grayling. The County 911 system is a separate county function and is co-located in the Sheriff Department as well as the Crawford County Jail. Crawford County is patrolled by Michigan State Police Troopers assigned to the Houghton Lake Post and the Kalkaska Detachment. There are troopers that are assigned to Crawford County that start and end their shifts at the Michigan State Police Crime Lab located on the I-75 business loop in Grayling. Camp Grayling will provide some law enforcement to Crawford County if needed.

Emergency Medical Services

Crawford County maintains Emergency Medical Services (EMS) throughout the county. Medical Response (MMR) units are located in Beaver Creek Township and the City of Grayling. South Branch Township and Frederic Township maintain local Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

Fire and Emergency Services

Crawford County has five community fire departments providing fire protection to all areas of the County. In addition, Camp Grayling has one fire departments, providing fire protection service for the residents of Camp Grayling, but will assist fire departments in Crawford County if needed. **Table 2.5** provides a summary of fire and emergency services,

There are a total of nine Fire Departments located in Crawford County consisting of:

Frederic Township VFD, a partially paid fire department covering 108 square miles, and providing fire protection for approximately 1,994 persons. It is located on 6547 Frederic St., Frederic, MI. The Frederic VFD provides fire and emergency first responder services to Maple Forest Township. The mailing address is PO Box 79, Frederic, MI 49733. Phone (989) 348-8190.

Grayling City-Township FD, a partially paid fire department covering 180 square miles, and providing fire protection for approximately 8,468. It is located on 1041 City Blvd., Grayling, MI. The mailing address is 1041 City Blvd., Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (989) 348-6319. The operating budget is \$250,000. Medical response is provided by MMR and Station 1-Frederic EMS. Water sources are located at Pollack Bridge, Euclid Bridge/Portage Creek, Stephan Bridge, Wakeley Bridge, Wilcox Bridge, and Lake Margrethe ½ mile west of Danish Landing Rd.

Lovells Township FD, a volunteer fire department covering 108 square miles, and providing fire protection for approximately 626. It is located on 8405 Twin Bridge Rd., Grayling, MI. The mailing address is 8405 Twin Bridge Rd., Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (989) 348-9215. The Lovells Township FD provides fire and first responder services township- wide. The annual budget for both the fire fighters and first responders is \$96,425. The water sources are the lakes in the Township.

South Branch Township FD, a partially paid fire department covering 108 square miles, and providing fire protection for approximately 2000. It is located on 5245 N. M-18 Roscommon, MI. The mailing address is 5245 N. M-18, Roscommon, MI 48653. Phone (989) 275-4779. Annual Fire Budget: \$269,000. The Township also provides ambulance protection within the Fire Department with an annual budget of \$97,500.

Beaver Creek FD, a partially paid fire department covering 72 square miles, and providing fire protection for approximately 2000. It is located on 8972 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling, MI. The mailing address is 8972 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (989) 275-8548. The current operating budget for the Fire Department is \$262,247. Mobile Medical Response operates in Crawford County with their primary station located in the City of Grayling and uses this station as a full time satellite station.

Camp Grayling: Fire suppression has been funded through the military. The Camp contracts with the Grayling Fire Department for structural fire suppression and has a seasonal crew for first response on wildfire suppression from March to November.

DNR Grayling Field Office is located on 1955 Hartwick Pines Rd., Grayling, MI 49738. Phone: (989) 348-6371. The northern two thirds of the county covered out of Grayling field office.

DNR Roscommon Field Office is located at 8717 North Roscommon Rd, Roscommon. The southern one third of the county is covered out of the Roscommon Field Office.

(Note: Camp Grayling Fire Departments primarily provide fire protection service to the residents of Camp Grayling but will provide fire protection to Crawford County if needed).

Water Sources for Fire Suppression

Outside the City of Grayling, fire departments must rely on water tenders to fight structural fires and wildfires. In rural areas access to water sources such as dry hydrants need to be strategically located to minimize travel times. A key factor in locating water supply sites is proximity to population areas. In some cases, location is merely driven by easy access to surface waters such as river crossings. Community fire departments supplied maps with locations of developed water sources. Those sites were encoded into a geographic information system and used to develop a Water Supply Map of the county, see **Figure 5-1**

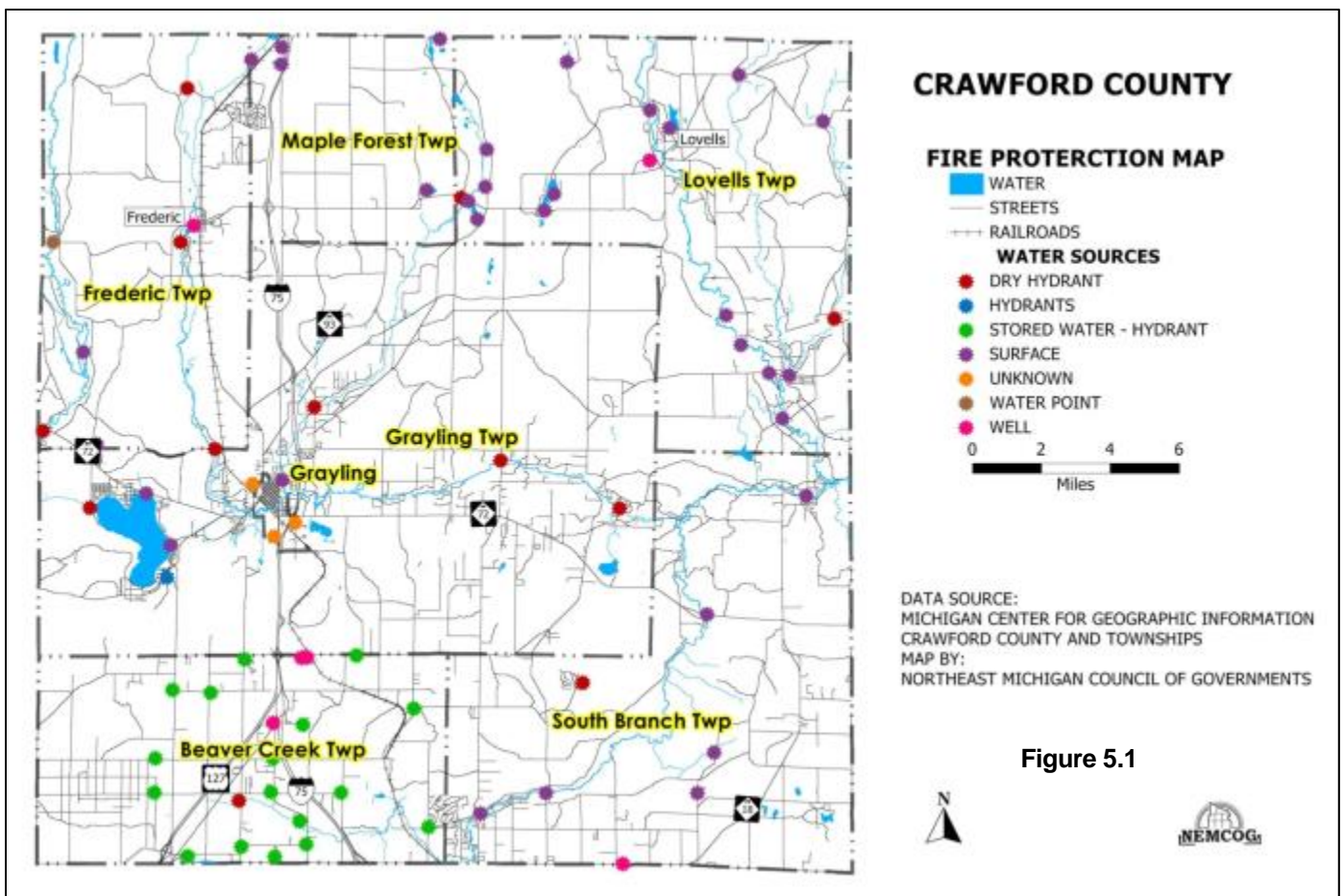


Figure 5.1

CRAWFORD COUNTY

INFRASTRUCTURE MAP LEGEND

- Unimproved Roads
 - Streets
 - ++ Roads
 - Highways
- #### COMMUNITY FACILITIES
- 1 = Fire Stations
 - 2 = Schools
 - 3 = Government Buildings
 - 4 = Solid Waste Facility
 - 5 = WWTTP
 - 6 = Municipal Water Supply
 - 7 = Police Station
 - 8 = Medical Facility
 - 9 = Health Department
 - 10 = Bus/Transit Station
 - 13 = DNR Office
 - 14 = Campground
 - 17 = Chamber of Commerce

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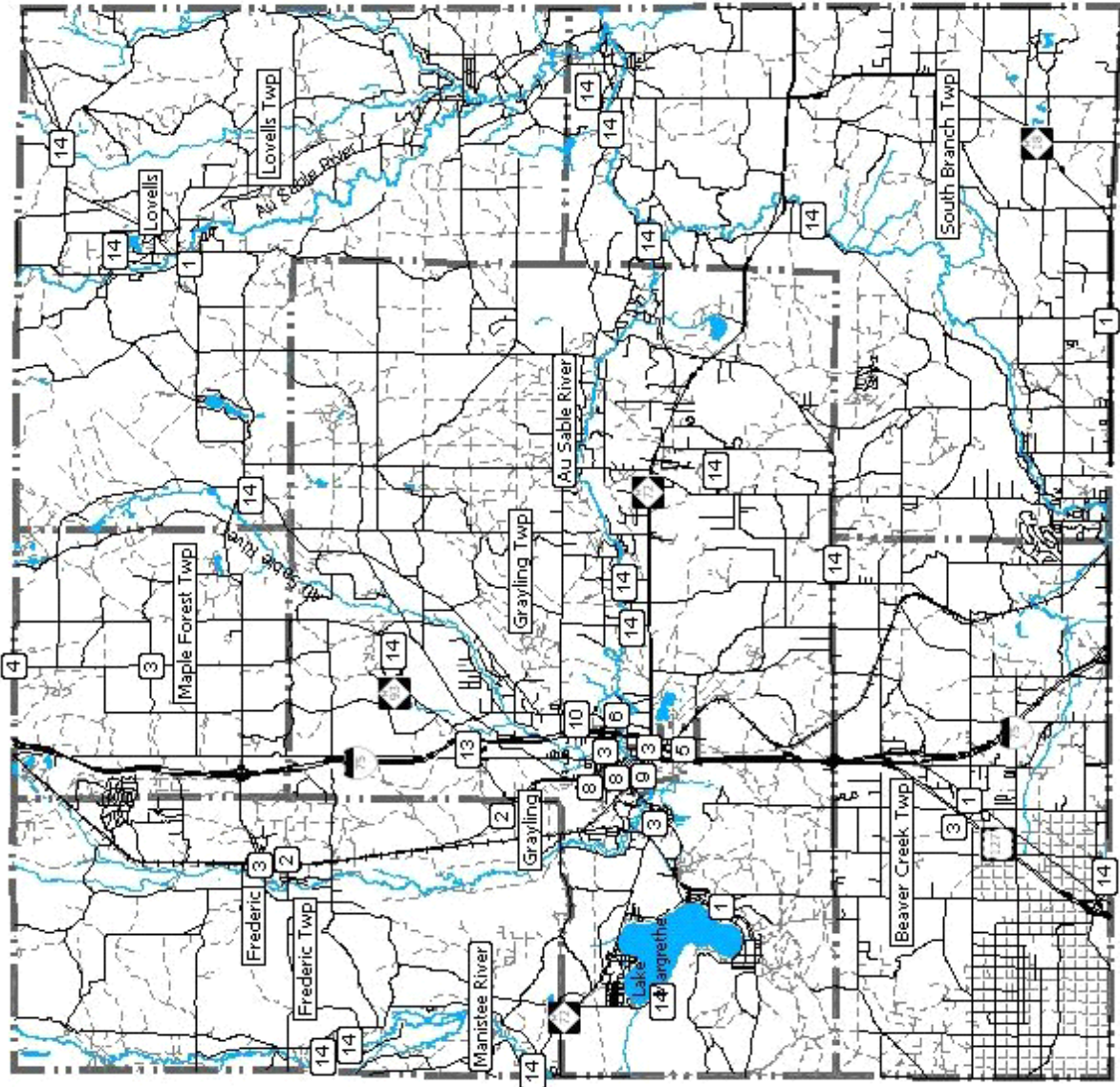


Table 2.5 Crawford County Fire Protection				
Name	Type	Coverage (Sq. miles)	Population	Equipment/Staff
Frederic-Maple Forest FD 6547 Frederic St., Frederic	Paid-Volunteer	108	1,287	Staff: 30 full time or paid on call members Equipment: 1 brush truck 2 engines 1 tanker of 3,000 gallons 1 ORV with a 50 gallon tank of water 4 Advanced Life support ambulances.
Grayling City-Township 1041 City Blvd., Grayling	Partially-paid	180	8,000	Staff/Volunteers: 18 Equipment: Truck #220 – 2,000 Gallon Type 1 Tanker/Pumper Truck #221 – Type 2 Engine, 2 Person Cab Truck #222 – Type 1 Engine, 5 Person Cab Truck #230 – 2,000 Gallon Type 1 Tanker Truck #240 – Light Rescue Truck, Jaws/Ice Rescue Truck #250 – Water Point Truck, 275 GPM Trash Pump Truck #251 – 75' Type 1 Aerial/Engine, Jaws
Lovells Township Twin Bridge Rd., Lovells Twp.	Volunteer	108	626	Volunteers: 15 Equipment: One Small (on a Ford F-550 chassis) Fire Truck One Large Fire Truck One (3,000 gallon capacity) Pumper Truck One vehicle assigned solely to medical response missions
South Branch Township M-18 Hwy., Roscommon	Partially-paid	108	2,001	Staff: 1 Full time Chief and 23 Paid on-call firefighters, 2 Paramedics, 14 EMT-B, 1 EMT-S, 1MFR Equipment: 1250 Gal. Main Engine 1250 Gal. Engine/2000 Gal. Tender 500 Gal. Tender/2000 Gal. 2000 Gal. Tender Water Point Truck Command/Echo Unit Light Brush Truck 300 Gal. 6X6 5 Ton Wild Fire Truck 6X6 2 ½ Ton Wild Fire Truck Basic Ambulance

Beaver Creek Grayling Rd., Beaver Creek Twp.	Paid	72	2,000	<p>Staff and volunteers: The Department has five full time Responders and an additional six Paid On Call employees.</p> <p>Equipment: Unit 722 is a 1250 gpm / 1000 gallon Class A Apparatus. Unit 723 is a 1500 gpm / 1000 gallon Class A Apparatus. Unit 724 is a 1250 gpm / 1000 gallon Class A Apparatus. Unit 731 is a 50 gpm / 2000 gallon Tanker. Unit 740 is a Rescue vehicle Equipped with Medical First Response, Trench Rescue equipment and used to pull Hazmat Trailer or Snowmobile rescue trailer.</p>
Grayling DNR Field Office 1955 Hartwick Pines Rd.	Paid	North 2/3 Crawford	NA	<p>Staff at Grayling 1 Fire Supervisor 2 fulltime Fire Officers 7 other fire line qualified firefighters</p> <p>Equipment: 2- Tractor-plows 1- Skidgine (Skidder) with 500gal of water and plow unit 3- Large water units 1- small water unit</p>
Roscommon DNR Field Office 8717 North Roscommon Rd.	Paid	South 1/3 Crawford	NA	<p>1 Fire Supervisor 2- full-time Fire Officers 5- fire line qualified firefighters</p> <p>Equipment: 1-Tractor plow 2 large water units 1 small water units</p>
Source:				

Medical Facilities

Mercy Hospital Grayling is a 130 bed facility (90 acute care, 40 long term care) and is the largest medical facility in Crawford County. It is located on 1100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. Phone: (989) 348-5461. Troop Medical Clinic is located within Camp Grayling and has minimal

staff much of the year that attend to troop related medical issues, only during troop training does it have a full staff.

District Health Department #10 is often able to fill health care needs of the community. The Crawford County Branch is located on 220 Meadows Dr., Grayling, MI 49738, Phone: (989) 348-7800. Programs offered by the Health Department fall under three categories: home health care services, environmental health services and personal health services. Northern Lakes Community Mental Health of Traverse City provides support services to developmentally disabled persons as well as persons needing mental health services, Phone: (231) 922-4850.

Public Water Supply

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has primary enforcement authority in Michigan for the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act under the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act. The DEQ has regulatory oversight for all public water supplies including approximately 1,500 community and 11,000 non-community water supplies. The program also regulates drinking water well drilling for approximately 25,000 new domestic wells drilled each year. Like most of northern Michigan, Crawford County's only source of drinking water is groundwater. Public water supply for the County is summarized below:

Private Wells: Most of Crawford County's land area is served by private wells and nearly 2,645 of these wells supply water to County residents. If drinking water comes from a private well, the owner is responsible for the water's safety. EPA rules do not apply to private wells, but the agency recommends that well owners have their water tested annually.

Community Water Systems: Community water systems serve the population year-round, such as in private residences or businesses. There are five active community water systems in Crawford County, serving a total of 2,776 persons. This figure includes the City of Grayling community system, which supplies drinking water to 1,952 City residents and is maintained by the City of Grayling Department of Public Works.

Utility Services

Due to the large amount of public land, utility services are lacking in some areas of the County. MichCon provides natural gas service for much of the County, a portion of Crawford County does not have natural gas service. Frontier and AT&T provide telephone service to the largest geographic area of the County. However, there are pockets of un-served areas in the county. Consumer Energy and Great Lakes Energy provide electricity to the developed areas within the County.

The City of Grayling Department of Public Works provides water and sewer services to the City of Grayling. Residents and business owners in the remainder of the County must rely on on-site private wells for domestic drinking water needs and private on-site septic systems for wastewater disposal. District Health Department #10, regulates and maintains a permitting system for private wells and septic systems.

Schools

Most of Crawford County is within the Crawford AuSable School District located on 1135 N. Old US 27, Grayling, MI 49738, Phone: (989) 344-3500. South Branch Township and a portion of Beaver Creek Township are located in the Roscommon Area Public School District located at 702 Lake St., Roscommon, MI 48653, Phone: (989) 275-6600. **Table 2.6** provides a summary of school districts and schools servicing Crawford County.

Table 2.6 Crawford County Schools		
Crawford AuSable School District		
School Name	Address	Students and Staff
Grayling Elementary-AuSable Primary School Phone: (989) 344-3604	100 Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738	Students: 712 Staff: 79
Grayling Middle School Phone: (989) 344-3558	500 Spruce St. Grayling, MI 49738	Students: 368 Staff: 43
Grayling High School-Adult Ed Phone: (989) 344-3508	1135 N. Old-27 Grayling, MI 49738	Students: 566 Staff: 55
Roscommon Area Public Schools		
School Name	Address	Students and Staff
Roscommon Elementary School (989) 275-6610	175 W. Sunset Dr. Roscommon, MI 48653	Students: 510 Staff: 43
Roscommon Middle School Phone: (989) 275-6640	299H W. Sunset Dr. Roscommon, MI 48653	Students: 428 Staff: 44
Roscommon High School Phone: (989) 275-6675	10600 Oakwood Dr. Roscommon, MI 48653	Students: 474 Staff: 41
Other Schools		
School Name	Address	Students and Staff
Calvary Baptist Academy Phone: (989) 348-9220	6504 W. M72 Hwy Grayling, MI 49738	Students: 20 Staff:
Source: NEMCOG		

Special Populations

Nursing homes and adult foster care facilities have residents with special medical needs. Additionally, evacuation of residents from larger facilities presents challenges. As a result, when planning for wildfire protection it is important to identify the location and needs of these facilities. See **Table 2.7**

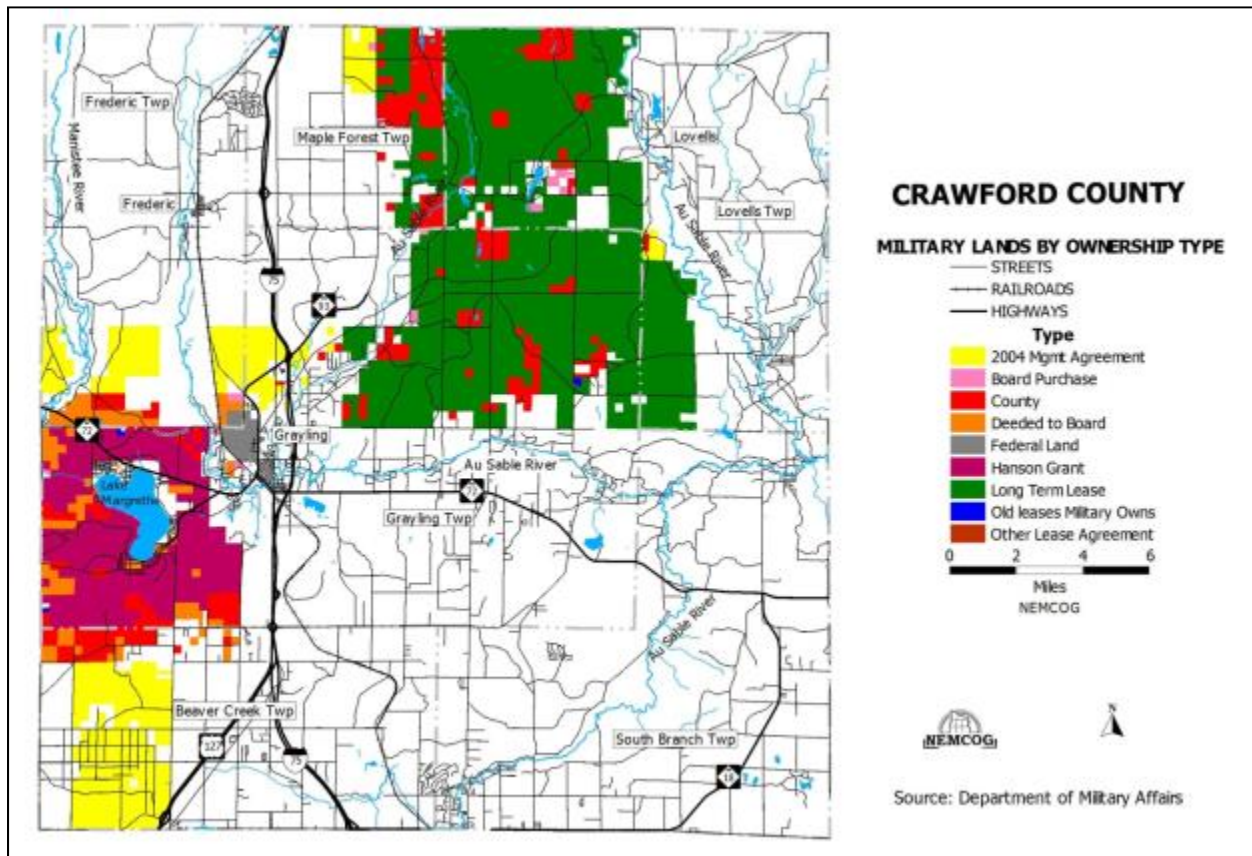
Table 2.7 Special Populations		
Nursing Homes		
Name	Address	Information
Grayling Nursing Centre Phone: (989) 348-2801	331 Meadows Drive Grayling, MI 49738	Beds: 120 Staff: 50
Mercy Hospital-Grayling LTCU Phone: (989) 348-5461	1100 Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738	Beds: 40 Staff: 600
Adult Foster Care/Assisted Living Facilities		
Name	Address	Information
AuSable License Type: Small Group Phone: (989) 248-7603	1086 AuSable Trail Grayling, MI 49738	Capacity: 6 Staff: 1-2
Jones Lake Home License Type: Small Group Phone (989) 348-2461	PO Box 2909, 3464 Jones Lake Grayling, MI 49738	Capacity: 6 Staff: 1-2
Wargos Manor License Type: Medium Group Phone: (989) 348-9647	808 Chestnut Grayling, MI 49738	Capacity: 12 Staff: 1-2
The Brook Phone: (989) 745-6500	503 Rose St. Grayling, MI 49738	Capacity: 24 Apartments Staff: 10
Source: NEMCOG		

Governmental Facilities (Camp Grayling)

Camp Grayling is an important component of the Crawford County community landscape. Camp Grayling, with its 147,000 acres, is the largest military installation east of the Mississippi River, and the nation's largest National Guard training site. This state owned and operated facility accommodates a wide variety of training opportunities ranging from small arms to heavy artillery. It is home to a new "state of the art" Multi-Purpose Range Complex (MPRC) and a MATES facility that houses (527) tracked vehicles, including (77) M1 tanks. **Figure 2.6** shows lands under Camp Grayling's jurisdiction.

Training is conducted here all year round with active and reserve units of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps all making use of Camp Grayling's unique combination of training resources. Training at Camp Grayling focuses on heavy vehicles and larger units.

Camp Grayling has 427 buildings for troop use located at both the main installation grounds and Grayling Army Airfield. Quarters available can house 725 officer and 6,144 enlisted personnel. In addition, tentage availability includes GP large, GP medium and GP small, along with 150 Arctic's with capability of housing 6,780 personnel. Total housing capacity is 13,649 personnel. There are fifteen battalion and higher headquarter buildings for administrative and supply support needs. The camp has an Ammunition Supply Point (ASP) on post, which can handle all ordnance requirements. Bulk fuel sites are operational providing JP-8 and diesel fuels. Seven vehicle buildings with a total of 14 bays can be utilized for maintenance support.



Helicopter/helicopter door gunnery and anti-armor gunneries are also conducted at Camp Grayling. The installation also operates a multi-purpose range complex (MPRC) for tank, TOW, door gunneries and infantry assaults with automated target scenarios. To coincide with all range assets is maneuver land for training tactics. The installation also conducts air-to-ground munitions delivery for fixed wing aircraft with drops up to 500 pounds.

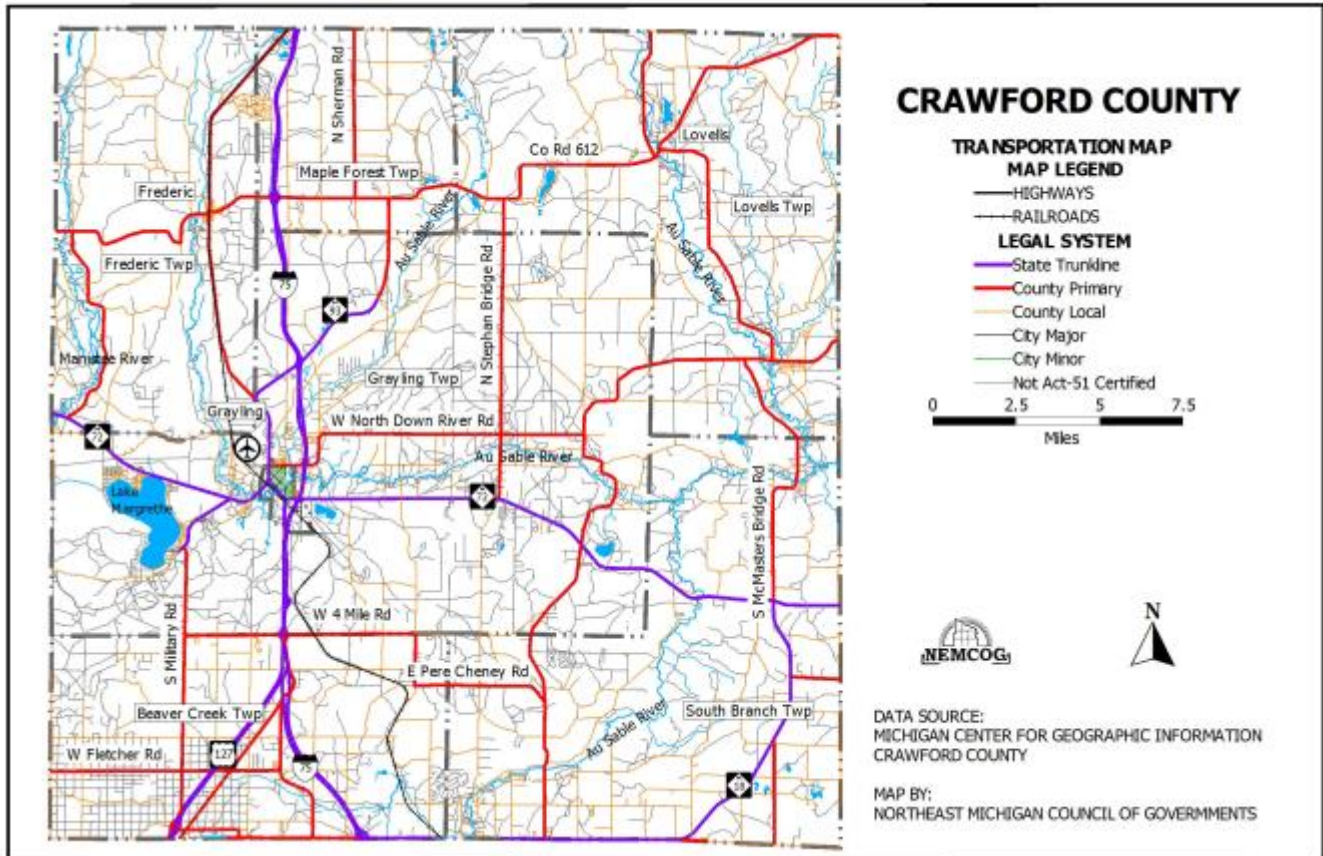
Range 40 Complex includes an air-to-ground bombing range and an artillery range. A Multi-Purpose Range Complex includes MLRS/RRPR, miller drop zone, AT-4, TOW and dragon ranges, M-2 50 caliber MG Range, Jones lake base camp, tracked vehicle maneuver areas, wheeled vehicle maneuver areas and a MATES facility. Grayling Army Airfield has 60 helipad tie down areas, an air traffic control tower, a flight operations center, a cantonment Area, VOR/NDB/VASI/REIL, a hangar facility, and runway lighting system. The South (Main Camp) is the post headquarters, with housing/barracks areas, ARF range, combat pistol range, shotgun/MG ranges, mortar range, demolition range, LANES training areas, maneuver training areas, and NBC gas chamber.

Roads and Highways

The transportation system in Crawford County is depicted in **Figure 2.7**. Interstate 75 is the major north-south highway in Crawford County, and goes through the City of Grayling. Crawford County's major east-west route is M-72, which also comes through the City of Grayling.

Other major roads include US-127 that runs north-south and connects with I-75 in Beaver Creek Township. M-18 runs north-south on the eastern edge of Crawford County and connects with M-72. County Road 612 runs east-west along the northern portion of the County connecting the

Village of Frederic and Lovells. Old-27 parallels I-75 through Crawford County and connects the Village of Frederic and the City of Grayling. North Other County Primary roads include North Down River Road, W. 4 Mile Road, E. Pere Cheney Road, W. Fletcher Road, Chase Bridge Road, S. Military Road, S. McMaster Bridge Road, Lovells Road, N. Sherman Road, County Road 502, Old 144 Road, N. Higgins Lake Road, Grayling Road, Manistee River Road, and Twin Bridge Road.



Public Transportation

The Crawford County Transportation Authority (CCTA) is the only transit service available in Crawford County. It services the City of Grayling and Crawford County with 26 employees running 17 vehicles. CCTA is located on 4276 W. North Down River, Grayling, MI 49738, Phone: (989) 348-8215. See **Table 2.8** for system profile.

Rail Service

An active railroad runs 29 miles north-south across the western parts of the County. Lake State Railway Company (LSRC) currently operates their Mackinac Subdivision, which runs parallel to Michigan's I-75 corridor between Bay City and Gaylord.

Airports

The Grayling AAF Airport is a multiple runway airport located on the Grayling Army Airfield and is the only airport in Crawford County. This airport is owned and operated by the U.S. Government

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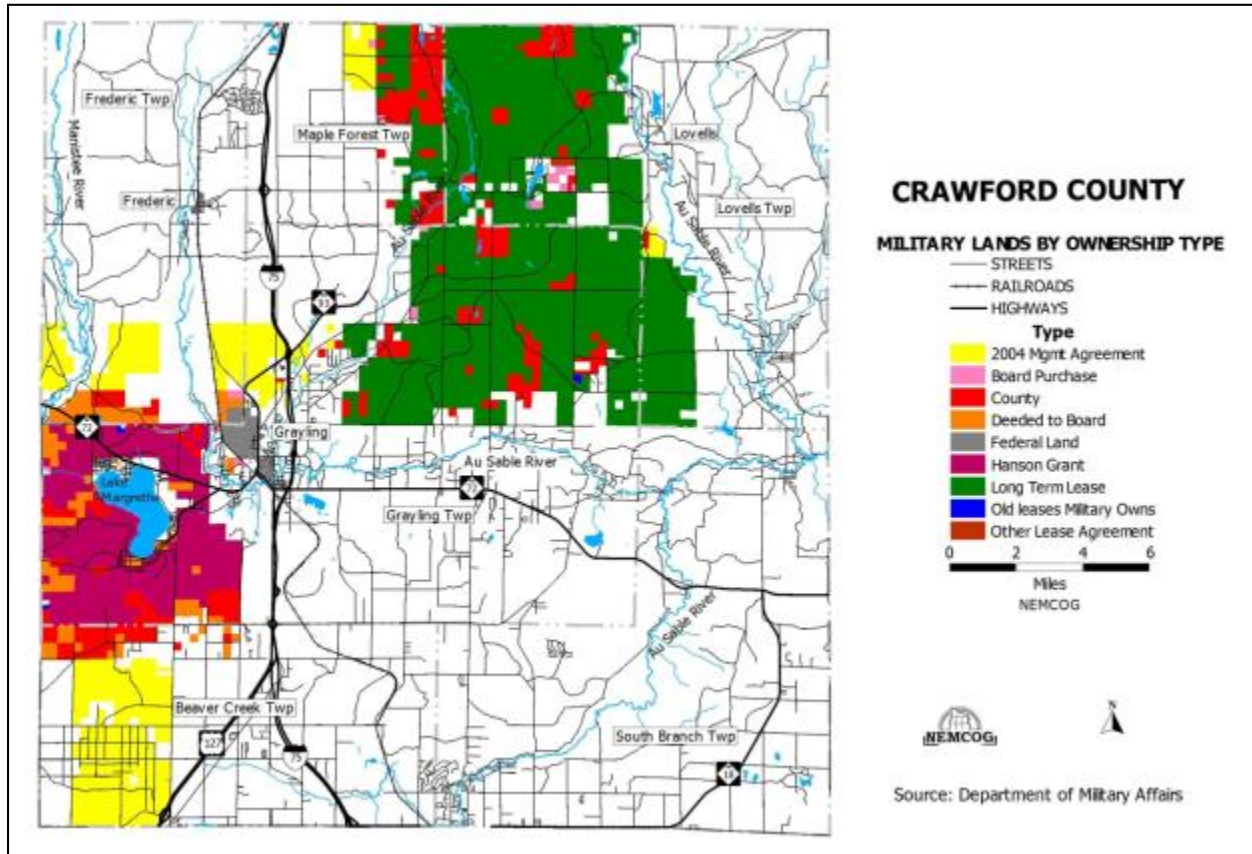
Table 2.8 Transit System Profile	
The Crawford County Transportation Authority has been providing safe, dependable transit services to the citizens of Crawford County and the City of Grayling since 1976. It is one of the first countywide systems in Michigan. The system prides itself on providing an extremely high level of service to a relatively low, sparsely populated county, which results in a high per capita level of ridership.	
System Characteristics	
Days/Hours of Operations:	M-F 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Total vehicles:	17
Lift-equipped vehicles:	16
Population Served:	14,226
Employees:	26
FY 2010 System Data	
Miles:	446,412
Vehicle Hours:	23,485
Passengers:	100,833
Total Eligible Expenses:	\$1,393,965
Source: Michigan Department of Transportation	

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Community Events

Event and Date

Grayling: Annual Christmas Walk, November 20
Men Who Cook, May 19
Mercy Hospital Lights of Love, December 7
AuSable River Marathon, last full weekend of July

Independence Day Celebration, July 4
Thanksgiving Dinner @ AAF, Thanksgiving Day

Early Warning & Siren Systems

There is currently only one active siren located in Crawford County. **(Figure 5.4)**, located in the Village of Frederic. There are no siren warning systems functioning in the City of Grayling. However, there is currently on file with the State of Michigan a request for grant money to erect 10 warning sirens around the county.

The County warning system is also integrated into the National Weather Service's NOAA Weather Radio alert system and the National Emergency Alert System. Signal coverage in Crawford County is comprehensive, covered from the NOAA transmitter in Otsego County to the North. As indicated in **Appendix F**, the Crawford Emergency Management Office has distributed a number of weather alert radios to schools, medical facilities, emergency services, and governmental centers across the County. The Emergency Alert System also broadcasts over every radio and television station in the area. But this coverage is compromised since many of the county's rural residents receive their TV programming via satellite, which in many cases does not broadcast local information.

