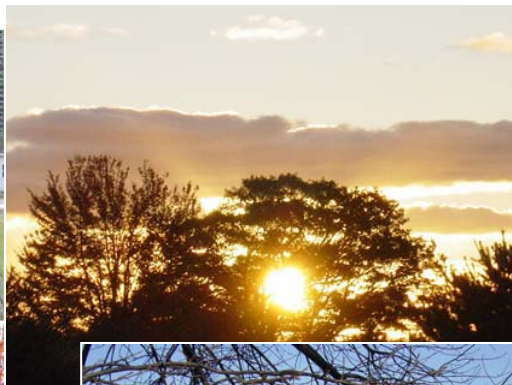


Village of Lincoln

Alcona County, Michigan

RECREATION PLAN



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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). Plans must be submitted to the DNR **with** a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan. Plans may be submitted at any time of the year, but no later than March 1 of the year the local unit of government is applying for grants.

PLAN INFORMATION

Name of Plan:

Village of Lincoln Recreation Plan 2015-2019

List the community names (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan.

County

Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body

Village of Lincoln

Alcona

August 2015

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 6/24/15

Type of Notice Legal Notice

Plan Location Library, Village Hall, and online

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 41 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 7/22/15

Name of Newspaper Alcona Review

Date of Meeting 8/3/15

Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

8. ACTION PROGRAM

9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT(S) *-No previous grants awarded*

PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION

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

1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: 8/3/15

2. Official ^{minutes} resolution of the Planning Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: _____

3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: 8/14/15

4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: 8/14/15

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

Village of Lincoln

(Local Unit of Government)

above and as set forth by the DNR.

includes the required content, as indicated

Phillip S. Jordan
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

8-14-15
Date

This completed checklist must be uploaded in MiRecGrants.

Village of Lincoln Recreation Plan

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Thank you to the Village of Lincoln Downtown Development Authority Beautification Committee.

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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN RECREATION PLAN

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CHAPTER 1: COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Extent of Plan Focus

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

Regional Location

The Village of Lincoln comprises an area of one square mile and is situated in both Gustin and Hawes Townships. The northern portion is in T27N–R8E Sec.36, in Hawes Township, and the southern portion is in T26N–R8E Sec. 1, in Gustin Township. Originally known as West Harrisville, the Village of Lincoln was settled in 1885 when the lumber boom was at its peak and was platted in 1886 with Blocks 1-20 in Hawes Township and Blocks 21-40 in Gustin Township. Through acquisitions over the years since, there are now 356 lots in the Village. The site remained West Harrisville until 1899, when it was renamed Lincoln by the postal service. It became incorporated as a village with the Local Act of 1907 No. 575. The Village of Lincoln is approximately five miles west and two miles north of the City of Harrisville; county highway F-41 enters the Village from the south, becomes Main Street in downtown Lincoln, and then proceeds north to eventually intersect with US 23 in the vicinity of the community of Spruce.

It is believed that the site for the Village of Lincoln was chosen because of the two lakes, Brownlee and Lincoln, located within the village limits. Often referred to as the Twin Lakes, they and the abundant forests provided the necessary ingredients for the growing railroads, the first of which was built by Alger Smith and Company. Lincoln Lake would eventually serve as an integral instrument for the logging industry, as it was used to transport lumber to a nearby train depot for the Detroit and Mackinac Railroad.

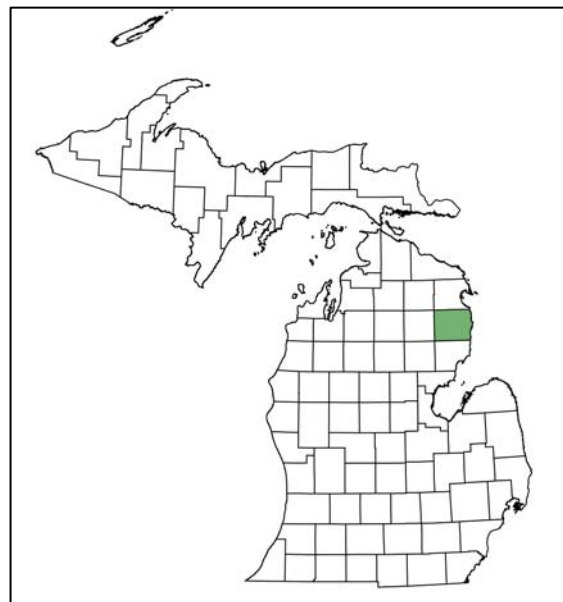


Figure 1-1: Alcona County Location

Figure 1-2: Alcona County Base Map

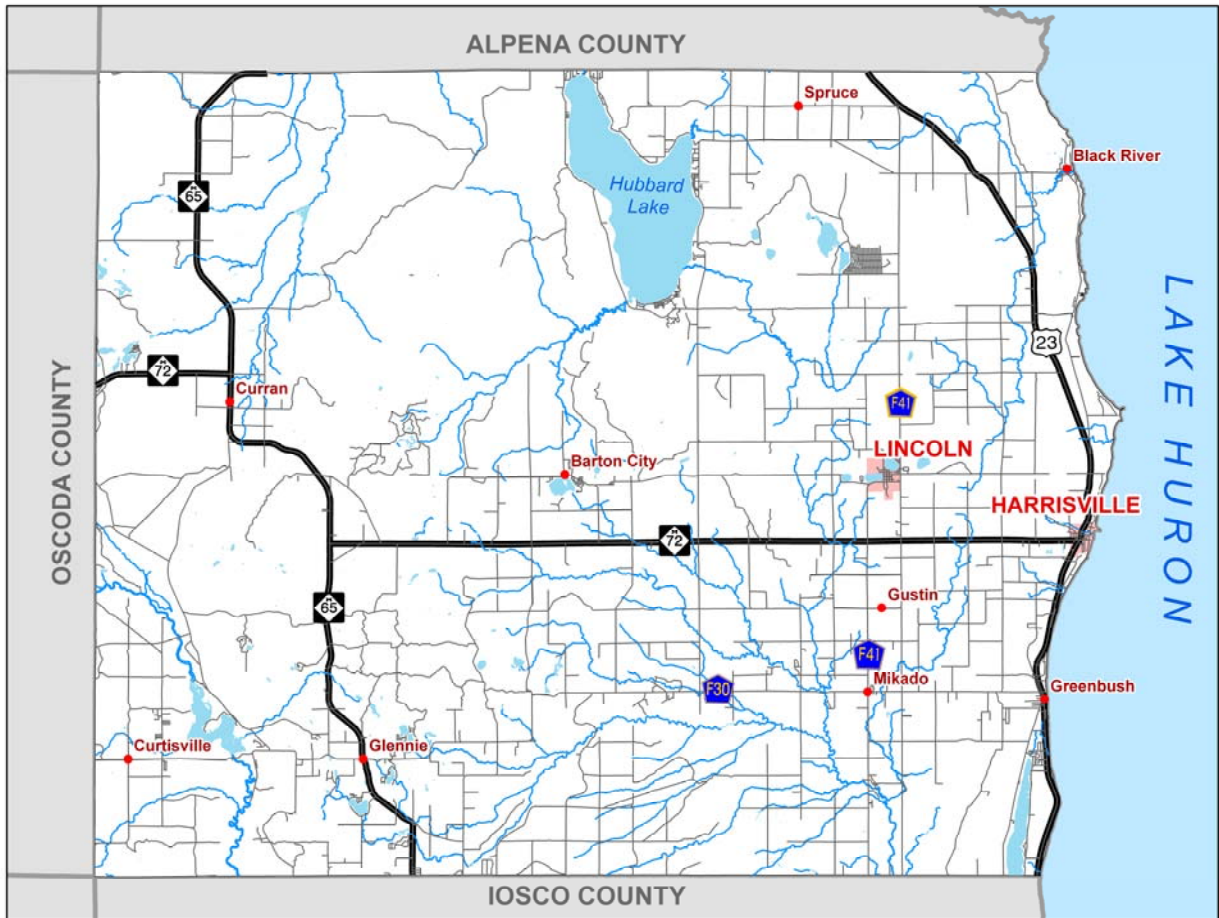


Figure 1-3: Village Of Lincoln Base Map

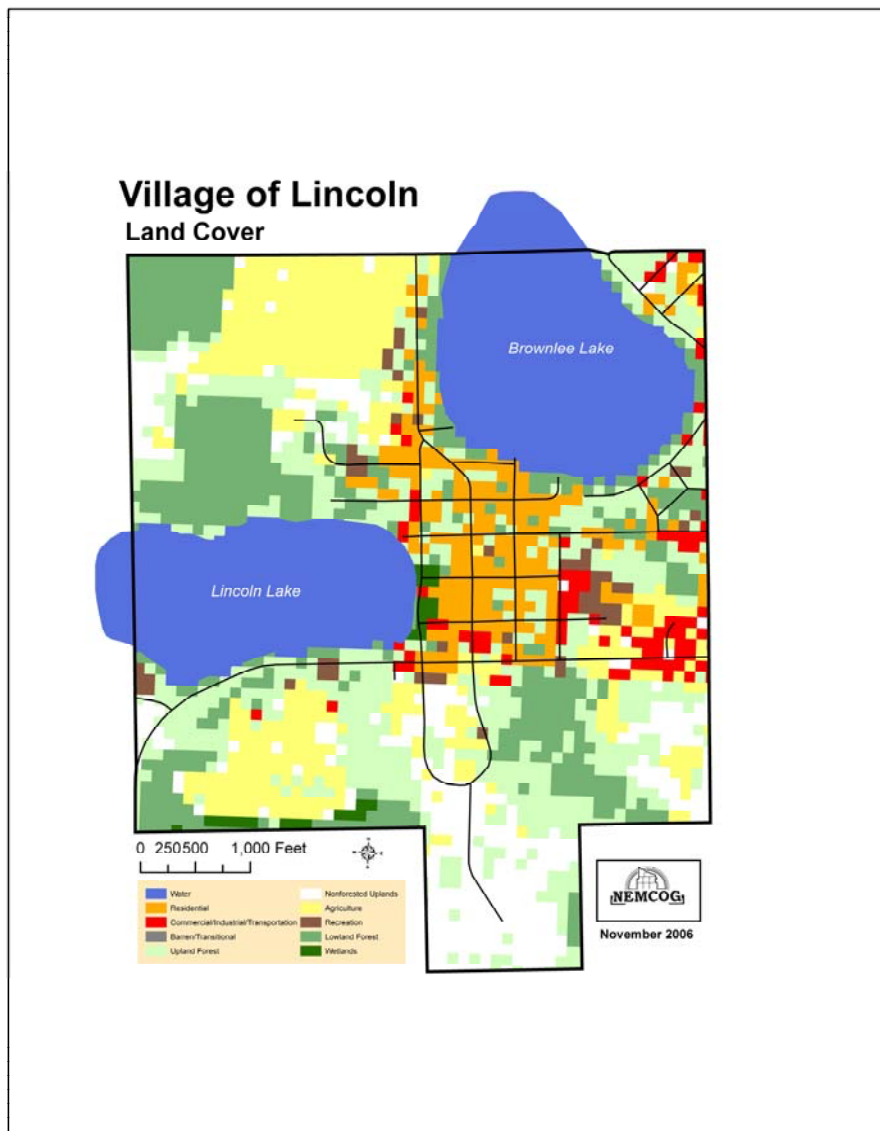


Physical Characteristics

Land Use/Cover Patterns & Zoning

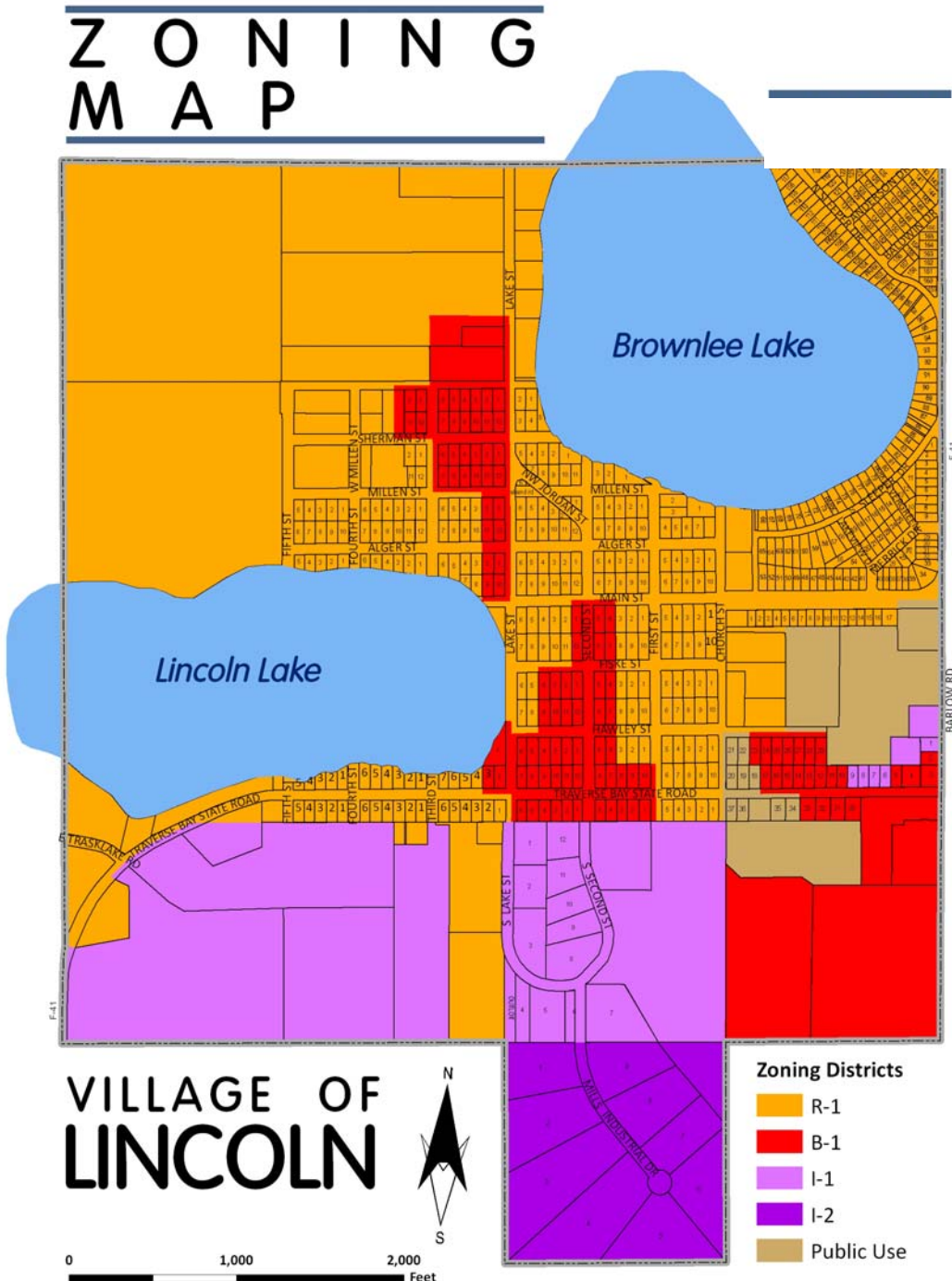
The most abundant land cover in the Village of Lincoln is open water. Approximately 22.3% of the Village is covered by Brownlee Lake and Lincoln Lake. 21.1% and 17.2% of the Village are considered upland forest and lowland forest, respectively. Cultivated lands make up 14.3% of the Village (found mostly in the northwestern portion) and non-forested uplands can be found in 11.6%. Strictly residential and commercial land covers make up about 40.3% of the village and are mostly found in the central portion between Brownlee Lake and Lincoln Lake. Figure 1-4 shows land cover in the Village as derived from the 1992 Michigan Land Cover Data Set from the U.S. Geological Survey.

Figure 1-4: Village of Lincoln Land Cover



The Village of Lincoln has five zoning categories: Residential (R-1); Business (B-1); Industrial (I-1); Industrial (I-2); and Public Use (P-1). Much of the Village is zoned for residential use. However, large areas in the southern portion of the Village are zoned for industrial and commercial uses. In addition, commercial areas are located in the central portion of the Village along Lake Street as well as along 2nd Street between Traverse Bay State Road and Main Street. Figure 1-5 shows the current zoning districts in the Village.

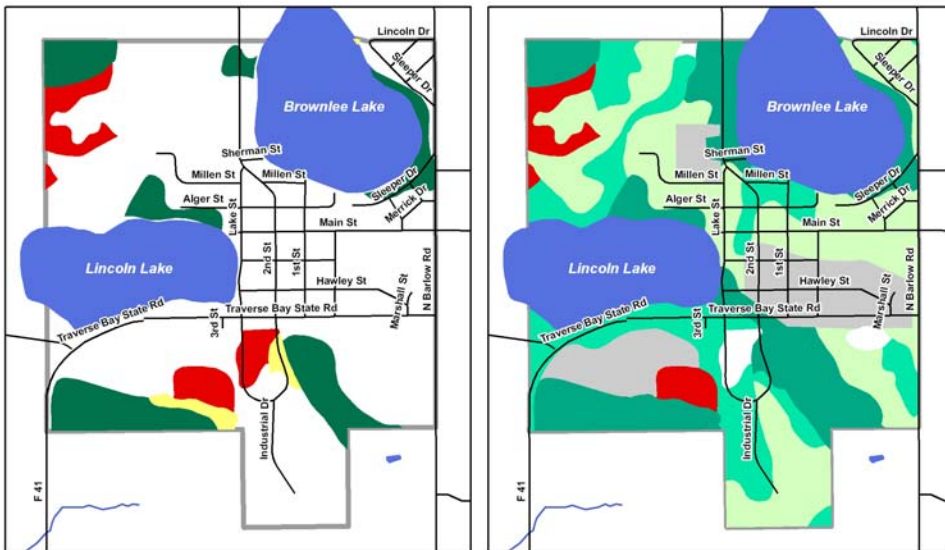
Figure 1-5: Village Of Lincoln Zoning Map



Topography and Soils

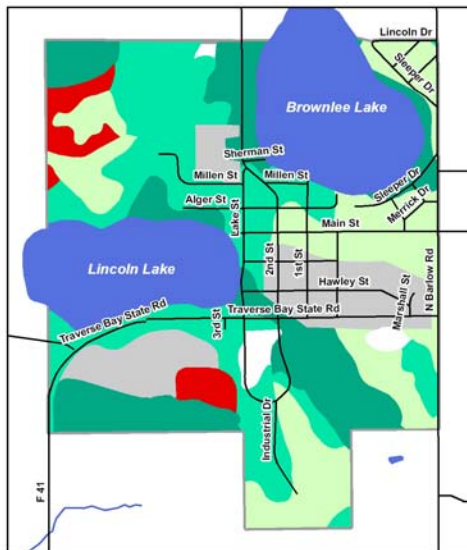
The Village of Lincoln and surrounding area is situated in an area of gently sloping ridges and knolls, with some outwash, lake and till plains interspersed. According to the *Soil Survey of Alcona County, Michigan, Interim Report* published in August 1996 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, there are five major soil classification types in and generally around the Village of Lincoln (Alcona County has 153 different soil types within its boundaries). These include Klacking loamy sand; McGinn loamy sand; Killmaster sandy loam; Hoist sandy loam; and, Udorthents, loamy, nearly level to gently rolling. Figure 1-6 shows soils in the Village that could have some building restrictions due to steep slopes or wetness.

Figure 1-6: Village Of Lincoln Soils Maps



Steep Slopes & Hydric Soils

**Building Limitations
Buildings without Basements**



**Building Limitations
Buildings with Basements**

**Village of Lincoln
Soils Maps**

Steep Slopes & Hydric Soils

- HYDRIC
- INCLUSIONS
- STEEP SLOPE

Soils with Buildings Restrictions

- SEVERE-WETNESS
- MODERATE
- SLIGHT
- SEVERE-SLOPE
- VARIABLE
- WATER



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

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

This map is not intended to restrict development of a given site. Sites classified with building restrictions may be suitable for building with proper engineering.

Water Resources and Fish and Wildlife

The Village of Lincoln is home to two small lakes: Lincoln Lake, also known as Twin Lake, and Brownlee Lake. The majority of both lakes lie within the corporate limits of the Village. Lincoln Lake was used as a repository for sawdust from sawmills by the lumbering industry in the early days of that industry and is considered a dead lake by many. It is, however, home to a variety of marsh grasses and plants, as well as to a large variety of waterfowl and songbirds.



Brownlee Lake is situated within the village limits of the Village of Lincoln and is a shallow 90.4 acre lake with a small single outflow, a public beach and boat launch. The lake is the most outstanding natural feature within the village and a source of community history, pride and recreation. It is also a main economic factor in the village as a sub-division surrounds nearly half of it and is home to many residents. The recreational opportunities on and around the lake



include wildlife viewing, boating, fishing, canoeing, sailing, swimming, ice fishing, ice skating, snowmobiling and winter motorcycle racing.

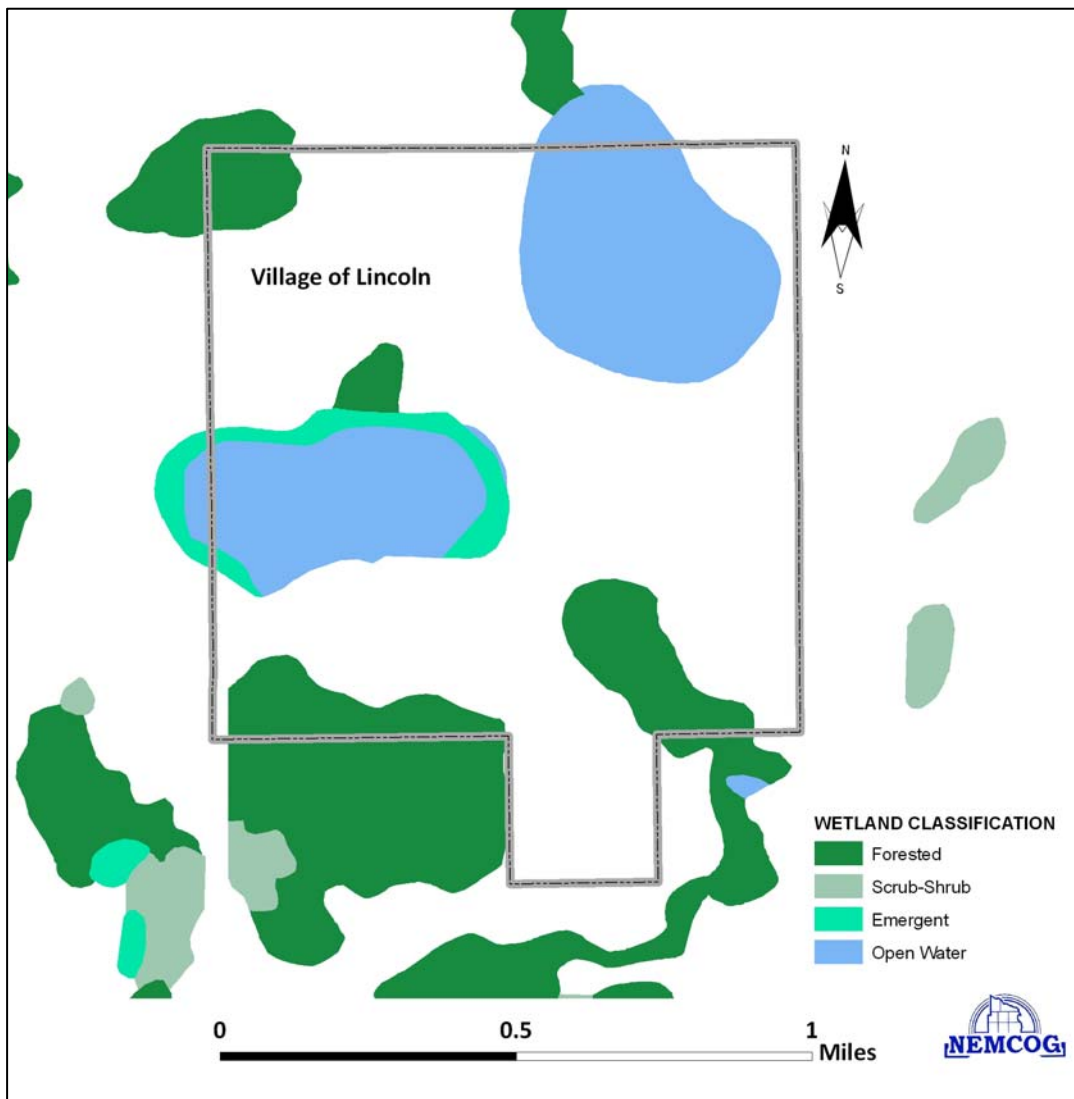
Riparian owners, village residents and businesses have formed the Brownlee Lake Association to collect and disseminate information about Brownlee Lake, to work collectively as a membership and in conjunction with government and other organizations to protect & preserve Brownlee Lake and to prevent its further degradation, and to plan and execute programs designed to restore and preserve the water quality of Brownlee Lake. The Brownlee Lake Association also works to focus attention on the uses of Brownlee Lake which are or may become injurious to public and wildlife health, safety and the general welfare of the Lincoln area. Finally, the Brownlee Lake Association reviews and submits proposals to administrative and legislative bodies considering statutes, ordinances and regulations impacting riparian property owners and Brownlee Lake. In pursuit of the Brownlee Lake Association's goals, it has sought and achieved non-profit status and continues to hold fund raisers to pay for scientific and technical testing of the lake. Ultimately, the Association will strive to remove the organic slurry from the lake without disturbing the natural lake bed and restore the fishery. The cost of accomplishing the cleaning of the slurry from the lake and restoring the fishery is between \$300,000.00

and \$500,000.00 and could take between five and ten years, depending on fundraisers, contributions, government help and grant monies.

Wetlands

A wetland is land where water is found, either on the surface or near the surface, at any time during the year. Wetlands are referred to as marshes, swamps or bogs. People are becoming increasingly more aware of the value of wetlands. Beyond their aesthetic value, wetlands protect water quality of lakes and streams by filtering polluting nutrients, organic chemicals and toxic heavy metals. Wetlands are closely related to high groundwater tables and serve to discharge or recharge aquifers. Wetlands support wildlife, and wetlands vegetation protects shorelines from erosion. Furthermore, in Michigan, development of property determined to be a state-regulated wetland is severely restricted.

Figure 1-7: Village Of Lincoln Wetlands



The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service developed national wetlands inventory program in the 1980's. Through this effort a national wetlands inventory map was compiled for Alcona County. The digital data was acquired from the Center for Geographic Information, State of Michigan, and was used to compile figure 1-7. The map depicts forested and non-forested wetlands.

Climate

The following information is taken from the Alcona County Master Recreation Plan, 2011:

Typical of northern Michigan, the distinct four seasons offer an ever-changing landscape. Long snowy, cold winters and warm summers are separated by a cool, green spring and a cool colorful fall. According to the USDA Soil Survey of Alcona County, the average annual precipitation is 29.46 inches (includes water equivalent of snowfall). Precipitation is heaviest during the summer months with 60 percent of the annual precipitation from April through September. The average annual snowfall is 49.5 inches. Records show a long term average of 93 days when there is at least one inch of snow on the ground. Of course, the number of days varies greatly from year to year. The average daily temperature ranges from 67.9°F for the month of July to 20.0°F during January. The average mid-afternoon relative humidity is 61 percent. Since humidity levels are highest at night, the average relative humidity at dawn is 83 percent.

A 1996 climatological summary prepared by the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Environmental Division, Climatology Program at Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan describes the climate in the county as "highly varied due to both topographic variations and proximity to Lake Huron. These variations cause changes in the climate over distances of only a few miles." The average winter temperature is 22.4 degrees F at East Tawas and 20.1 degrees F at Hale. In the summer, the average temperature is 65.8 degrees F at East Tawas and 65.5 degrees F at Hale. The lowest temperature on record recorded at East Tawas on February 20, 1929 was minus 29 degrees F; the maximum temperature of record, in East Tawas on July 9, 1936, was 106 degrees F. The average temperature in summer is 65.8 degrees F, and the average minimum temperature is 13.5 degrees F in East Tawas and 10.5 degrees F at Hale¹.

According to the Huron Pines Resource Conservation and Development Project, the length of the growing season varies to a large degree within the County. The growing season in the northwestern tip of the county is as short as 90 days, while the area along the shoreline may have a growing season of 140 or more days. The largest part of the County falls within an area with a growing period from 110 to 130 days. This compares to 150 days for neighboring Alpena County to the north and 97 days for Oscoda County to the west. The average relative humidity is approximately 61 percent, and usually is higher at night, peaking to about 83 percent by 7:00 a.m. The sun shines 64 percent of

¹ Data taken from adjacent Iosco County since adequate records are not available in Alcona County.

the time possible in the summer and 37 percent in the winter. The prevailing winds are from the southwest, with an average wind speed of 9.2 miles per hour, in April.

CHAPTER 2: ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Standard Operational Procedures:

The Village of Lincoln operates under an administrative structure consisting of a Village President, Village Clerk, Village Treasurer, and a six-member Board of Trustees. These positions chosen by registered voters of the Village in at-large elections held every other November. The terms of office for Village President, Clerk and Treasurer are two years, while those of the trustees are in staggered two- and four-year terms. Bylaws adopted by the Village Council determine the order of business and method of conducting regular municipal business. Meetings are conducted using *Robert's Rules of Order*. In the case of issues that require a vote for making a determination, a simple majority of trustees present is required.

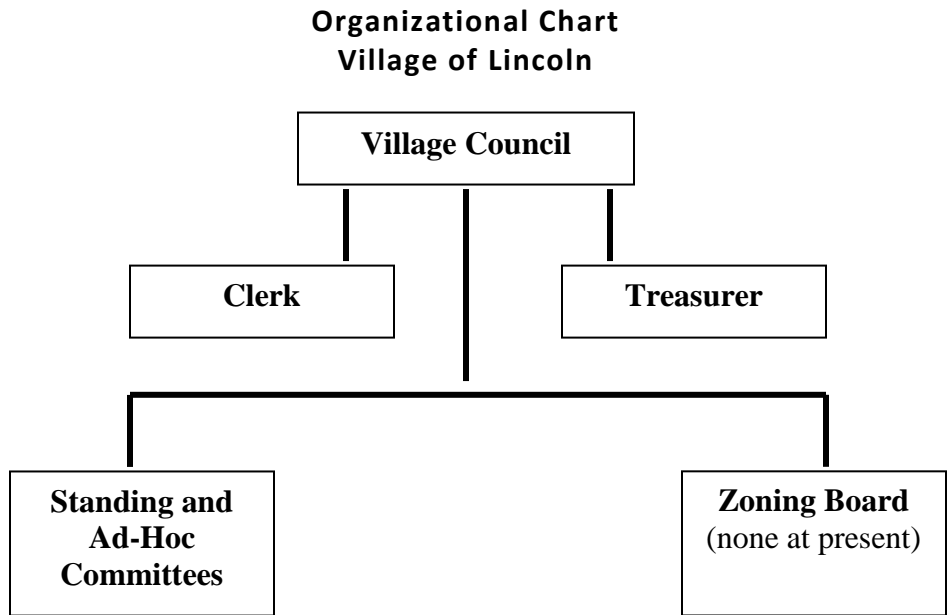
Parks and recreation facilities are under the direct control of the Lincoln Village Council. The Recreation Plan Planning Committee was formed for the exclusive purpose of updating the Recreation Plan. This committee does not oversee park operations. The Lincoln Downtown Development Authority is a publicly funded body established by the Lincoln Village Council in September 1985. The purpose of the DDA is to correct and prevent urban deterioration, encourage economic development and activity, and encourage neighborhood revitalization and historic preservation. Recreation-related projects often coincide with this purpose; therefore the DDA is sometimes involved in the enhancement of recreational facilities in Lincoln.

Table 2-1: Lincoln Elected Officials	
Phillip Jordan	President
Bonny Gauthier	President Pro-Tem
Linda Somers	Clerk
Mary Kossa	Treasurer
Holly Hussain	Deputy Clerk/Treasurer
John Stutzman	Trustee
Sara Healy	Trustee
Richard Somers	Trustee
Glenn Kohn	Trustee

Table 2-2: Planning Commission
Constance Stutzman, Chairperson
Philip Jordan
Linda Somers
Tina Healey
Leonard Morang
Patricia Somers

Table 2-3: Recreation Plan Planning Committee – ad-hoc committee
Phillip Jordan
Bonny Gauthier
Sara Healy

Table 2-4: Lincoln Downtown Development Authority	
David James	President
Dennis Kruttlin	Vice President
Brian Ankner	Secretary
Evelyn Good	Treasurer
Eric Monnier	Trustee
Joe James	Trustee
Karen Godi	Trustee
Kathy Jo Schwartz	Trustee
Phillip Jordan	Lincoln Village Council Representative



Parks & Recreation Department/Staff

The Village employs one full-time person to fulfill the duties of the Department of Public Works. These duties include the maintenance of the park system. A part-time seasonal employee is utilized as well.

Village of Lincoln Budget 2015-2016

Table 2-5: Village of Lincoln Budget 2015-2016	
Equipment Rental Fund	
Expenses	
Wages & Benefits	\$4,000
Repairs & Maintenance	\$7,000
Gasoline	\$5,000
Utilities	\$3,000
Miscellaneous & Travel	\$300
Insurance	\$3,000
Total Expenses	\$22,300
Income	\$22,300
Local Street Fund	
Expenses	
Salaries/RM	\$3,000
Construction	\$5,000
RM Equipment Rental	\$7,000
Salaries/WM	\$2,000
WM Equipment Rental	\$8,000
Total Expenses	\$25,000
Income	
State Revenue	\$12,000
Village Raised Tax Fund	\$13,000
Total Income	\$25,000
Major Street Fund	
Expenses	
Salaries/RM	\$3,000
Construction	\$2,000
RM Equipment Rental	\$15,000
Salaries/WM	\$5,000
WM Equipment Rental	\$13,000
Total Expenses	\$38,000
Income	
State Revenue	\$38,000
Total Revenue	\$38,000
Sewer Fund	
Expenses	
Salaries	\$1,500
Maintenance	\$5,000
Insurance	\$1,000
Administrative Fee	\$2,000

Capital Outlay	\$1,520.40
Equipment Rental	\$1,000
Sewer Fund (Cont)	
Total Expenses	\$12,020.40
Income	
Maintenance Charges	\$12,020.40
Total Income	\$12,020.40
Village Raised Street Fund	
Expenses	
Village Raised/Local	\$13,000
Total Expenses	\$13,000
Income	
Village Raised Taxes	\$20,000
Interest	\$2,000
Total Income	\$22,000
Net Income	\$9,000
General Fund	
Expenses	
Payroll Liabilities	\$6,000
Zoning Board	\$2,500
Council Salary	\$6,750
Miscellaneous	\$9,000
Insurance/General	\$6,000
Clerk Salary	\$7,736.88
Treasurer Salary	\$7,351.56
Office Supplies	\$3,000
Utilities	\$5,500
Maintenance/General	\$6,000
Professional Fees	\$5,000
FD Salary	\$8,500
FD Maintenance/Supplies	\$1,500
FD Gasoline	\$1,500
FD Utilities	\$2,000
FD Insurance	\$4,000
FD Capital Outlay	\$16,000
FD Other Expense	\$9,000
Salaries/General	\$8,000
Equipment Rental/General	\$8,000
Street Lights/Utilities	\$12,000
MFR Salary	\$7,000
MFR Other Expenses	\$1,000
Recreation Improvements	\$5,000

General Fund (Cont)	
Capital Outlay	\$15,000
Total Expenses	\$169,338.44
Income	
Property Tax	\$58,000
State Constitutional Tax	\$25,000
Miscellaneous Income	\$42,338.44
Fire Protection	\$44,000
Total Income	\$169,338.44

Funding for the Parks & Recreation Budget

Funding for park maintenance and improvement is taken from the Village of Lincoln General Fund. Apart from Village funds, other possible funding sources for recreational improvements in the Village exist as grant opportunities with agencies such as the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, private foundations, community service organizations, and community fund-raising groups.

Relationships with Other Agencies/Groups

Numerous groups in the Village of Lincoln are involved with the improvement and operation of recreational facilities in the Village of Lincoln.

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

LAMP Steering Committee: The Lincoln Area Multi-Use Pathway steering committee was formed in 2004 to pursue a non-motorized recreational trail in the Lincoln area. The mission of the group is to establish and maintain a multi-use bike and pedestrian pathway for the encouragement of safe and healthy exercise, to connect downtown, residential and recreational areas within the Village of Lincoln, and to connect to the coastal pathway being developed along the US 23 Heritage Route.

Friends for Flights of Imagination: The Friends for Flights of Imagination is a volunteer collaborated effort of concerned individuals for the purpose of maintaining, protecting, expanding, and promoting the public play area that will enhance recreational opportunities for people of ALL ages in Alcona County and tourists visiting Lincoln, Michigan.

CHAPTER 3: RECREATION INVENTORY

An inventory of recreation facilities available in the Village of Lincoln was completed and is presented in this chapter. The inventory includes Village of Lincoln owned facilities, other publicly owned facilities within the Village. Village of Lincoln owned facilities were evaluated for barrier-free accessibility. A description of the barrier-free accessibility rating criteria is provided below, on page 3-1.

Figure 3-1: Accessibility Assessment Chart

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

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

Inventory Procedures

The methods used to compile this recreational inventory include site visits to each facility, compilation of information provided by village officials, volunteer groups, and the Village Recreation Committee. Compiled information was compared to existing information to ensure consistency and/or accuracy.

Village of Lincoln Recreation Inventory (Figure 3-2)

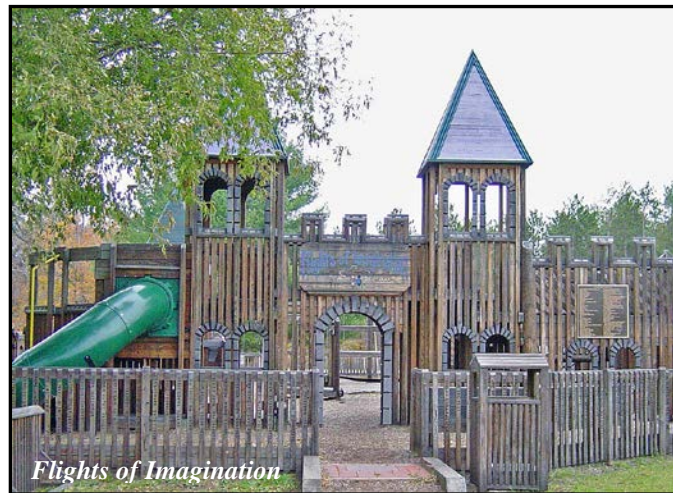
Barlow Road Park/Flights of Imagination Playscape:

Type: Community Park. Barlow Road Park is the primary recreational facility that serves the entire Lincoln area.



Located at the east side of the village, this 11-acre site contains a basketball court/ tennis court, two fenced softball diamonds with dugouts, barrier-free restrooms (for seasonal use only), two other restroom facilities that are available year-around, two BBQ grills, and nine picnic tables. There is also an area that is flooded each winter by the local Lions Club for use as a skating rink. In addition, the park contains a play area – “Flights of Imagination”.

“Flights of Imagination” was spearheaded at a grassroots level and was successfully constructed and opened to the public in September of 2000. This very unique play structure boasts a large castle complete with slides, swings, towers, suspension bridge, and monkey bars. Children ages 2 – 5 have their own space in the “tot lot” complete with little-sized swings, train, train depot, bouncy bridge and low monkey bars. As for the adults, there are park benches in viewing areas to watch the children run, play, swing, slide and let their imaginations soar in this spectacular public playground. Barlow Road Park is located within the Village limits west of F-41 (Barlow Road) and north of M-72.



Barrier-Free Accessibility = 2.

This facility contains seasonal use accessible restrooms adjacent to the ball fields. The Flights of Imagination play structure provides barrier-free accessibility. The accessibility needs of Barlow Road Park continue to be evaluated on an ongoing basis and any needed improvements will be detailed in Chapter 5 (Action Plan).

Flights of Imagination



Tennis Courts



Restrooms and Concession Stand



Brownlee Lake Park (Village of Lincoln Municipal Beach)

Type: Mini-Park. This park primarily serves as the local swimming beach within the community.

One of the busiest areas in the Village, the 75'-100' of sandy beachfront provides approximately one acre of public beach access and swimming on the southwest side of Brownlee Lake. The beach is owned and maintained by the Village. There are two stationary swimming platforms, both of which need replacing. The Village recently obtained permission from the Michigan DNR to use buoys to define the area and to prevent motorized vehicles from entering the area. As of December 2006, the Lincoln Lions Club has volunteered to remove and replace both swimming platforms. Brownlee Lake Association members, the Lincoln Lions, and other community members have also agreed to pay for re-sanding the beach, tree trimming, and painting the railings and trash barrels. The estimated cost of this upgrade is approximately \$8,000. In addition, volunteer labor will be utilized.



In 2009 the Village obtained the proper permits from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for testing of the water in Brownlee Lake. Along with the testing permits, direction for the installation of an aeration system in Brownlee Lake was given to the Village. In 2011, Savin Lake Services was contracted to install components for the planned aeration system. The components included seven shore-based electric air compressors, 22,000 feet of weighted air distribution hoses, and 28 air diffuser discs or pods.

With this system air is pumped from the compressors, through the hoses, to the pods that have tiny holes on the diffuser disc, creating a column of small bubbles that rise to the surface of the lake. These bubbles create a large circular motion that causes the water on the lake bottom to move to the water's surface. Here, at the surface, oxygen is reintroduced through a process called diffusion. This process is meant to speed up the decomposition process of organic material. Increasing the dissolved oxygen in the lake improves the quality of the water body and creates a healthier fishery.



Brownlee Lake Park – Sign



Brownlee Lake Park – Swimming Platforms

Barrier-Free Accessibility Rating = 1

The accessibility needs of this park continue to be evaluated on an ongoing basis and any needed improvements will be detailed in Chapter 5 (Action Plan).

Lincoln Lakefront

Located directly across the street from the Municipal Building and the Playground and Picnic Area, the Village owns a lakefront area approximately 600 ' along the lake by 30' deep. The lake is considered 'dead' by many because of the large quantities of sawdust deposited in it during the early days of the lumbering industry. The lakefront on Lincoln Lake is a grassy area bordered by a variety of wild grasses and vegetation, and is a favorite spot to observe a variety of waterfowl and songbirds.



Type: Natural Resource Area. This area currently serves as a natural resource within the community. Future development will be outlined in Chapter 5 (Action Plan).

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 1

As this area is an undeveloped site, accessibility issues currently do not exist. The future accessibility needs of this natural area continue to be evaluated on an ongoing basis and any needed improvements will be detailed in Chapter 5 (Action Plan).

Railroad Park (aka Veteran’s Park)

Located next to Village Fire Hall, which also serves as the Municipal Building, this area contains picnic tables, grills, a fire pit, a balance beam, a climbing structure, a sandbox, a slide, swings, and a basketball court with two basketball hoops. There is also a war memorial dedicated to those from the Village who have served in the armed services. The Fire Hall and park is situated across the street from Lincoln Lake. No paved walkways exist with the exception of the parking lot area.



Type: Neighborhood Park. This park serves as a social and recreational resource within the village and contains one of the primary playgrounds within the community.

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 1

The accessibility needs of this park continue to be evaluated on an ongoing basis and any needed improvements will be detailed in Chapter 5 (Action Plan).

Brownlee Lake Public Access:

Brownlee Lake contains a public access site at the end of Sherman St. A concrete launch ramp, a dock, and a picnic table are provided at the Sherman Street access. New signage has recently been installed on site to increase usage.

Future plans for this site include a slide-in boat launch and a slide-in boat dock to complement the new boat launch. These upgrades will greatly improve accessibility to Brownlee Lake. Additional improvements are also planned on the terrestrial portion of the site. A 20' x 30' pavilion with 4 standard and 2 ADA compliant picnic tables are planned to be added. With shelter from the summer sun, and light rain, the park use can be extended beyond ideal weather. An area allowing covered picnic opportunities expands the use of this property beyond its current use. Installation of chain-link fencing is also planned on the north side of the

property.

Type: Mini-Park. This park contains a public access to Brownlee Lake, but no other improvements.

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 1

The accessibility needs of this site continue to be evaluated on an ongoing basis and any needed improvements will be detailed in Chapter 5 (Action Plan).



Lincoln Municipal Building & Fire Hall:

Located at the corner of Lake Street and West Fiske Street in downtown Lincoln, this facility contains a garage for three fire trucks and a First Responder vehicle, a conference room, and restrooms. It is the site of Village Council and other meetings, is a voting precinct station, and the basketball court described above is located in the paved parking lot.

Type: A special use facility. This building is the governmental center of the Village of Lincoln but contains facilities for public and civic gatherings.

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 4

The Lincoln Municipal Building conforms to state and federal accessibility standards. The accessibility needs of this facility continue to be evaluated on an ongoing basis and any needed improvements will be detailed in Chapter 5 (Action Plan).

Municipal Service Garage:

Located on a lot adjacent to the Village Municipal Building and Fire Hall, this 40'x60' building is used to for equipment storage and maintenance.

Type: A special use facility.

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 1

This facility is not open for general public use. The accessibility needs of this facility continue to be evaluated on an ongoing basis and any needed improvements will be detailed in Chapter 5 (Action Plan).

Vacant Lots:

The Village also owns three vacant lots at the corner of Hawley and Lake streets, which are earmarked for future growth needs.

Type: Special use facilities.

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 1

This facility is not open for general public use. The accessibility needs of this facility continue to be evaluated on an ongoing basis and any needed improvements will be detailed in Chapter 5 (Action Plan).

Recreation Grant Inventory

The Village of Lincoln has not received grant assistance from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Other Publicly Owned Property

Alcona County Senior Center:

Formerly owned by Alcona County and known as the Lincoln Memorial Center, n/k/a the Alcona County Senior Center, this property was renovated 25 years ago with a Recreation Bond grant. Located in downtown Lincoln, it was conveyed to the Alcona County Commission on Aging as a multiple purpose focal point and congregate meal center for senior citizens activities. It is also available for rentals for community and private use. A circa 1940 two-story cement block structure consisting of 10,800 square feet on two floors on a 78' by 330' lot, the facility boasts a fully-equipped state approved kitchen, dining room seating 130, offices for COA staff, a small meeting room, ADA approved restrooms, a raised stage, and a storage area. It also is described as having the finest hardwood dance floor in the county. The facility has become an important gathering place and site for a large variety of activities for seniors, the most rapidly growing segment of the county's population.



Senior Center



Some improvements are needed in order to continue to provide these vital services: these include roof repairs, site work to prevent erosion and washouts,

landscaping and adding picnic tables and grills, window replacement, some kitchen improvements and enhancements, and a variety of equipment and supplies geared to the recreational needs of the population. The facility also needs an enhanced main entrance, for easier access and egress for visitors and regular patrons.

Type: A special use facility.



Senior Center (front)

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 3

The accessibility needs of this facility continue to be evaluated on an ongoing basis and any needed improvements are addressed by the Alcona County Commission on Aging.

Lincoln Train Depot:

Used from 1896-1929, this structure was recently recognized as a Michigan Historic Site. It has been conveyed by the Village of Lincoln Downtown Development Association to a group called the *Friends of the Lincoln Depot*, under the sponsorship of the Alcona Historical Society. The intent is to restore the facility and preserve it as a museum and visitors' center, with a gift shop and possibly other public uses. This initiative is currently in progress, with much of the improvements to date having been funded through private donations of money, merchants' donations of building materials, local funding from the Lincoln Downtown Development Corporation, and with all of the labor supplied by community volunteers.



Lincoln Depot



Lincoln Depot

The depot is located directly across the street from the municipal building and Lincoln Lake.

Type: A special use facility.

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 2

The accessibility needs of this facility continue to be evaluated on an ongoing basis.

Alcona County Library – Lincoln Branch

The Lincoln Branch of the Alcona County Library, located at 330 Traverse Bay Road, contains books, magazines, audio books, videos/DVDs, a meeting and tutoring room, and high-speed Internet access. In addition, the Library has access to the collections of 16 other library systems currently part of the consortium. The Library also has partnered with the Alcona Historical Society to bring historic photos into an exclusive computer database for public viewing.

Type: A special use facility.

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 4

The facility is handicap accessible. The accessibility needs of this facility are addressed and monitored by Alcona County.

Lincoln Area Multi-Use Pathway:

The primary purpose for the Lincoln Area Multi-Use Pathway (LAMP) is to provide pedestrians and bicycle enthusiasts a safe way to travel from recreational areas and downtown shopping to historical points of interest and cultural events in Lincoln.

Type: The Lincoln Area Multi-Use Pathway consists of designated sidewalks in the downtown area as well as a park trail through Recreation Park.



Barrier-Free Accessibility = 2

Portions of the trail are handicap accessible.

DNR Field Office:

This facility is headquarters for local fire control in the surrounding state and national forests, as a deer checking station during the fall hunting season, and as a storage facility for park maintenance equipment.

Type: A special use facility.

Accessibility: This facility is not open for general public use. The accessibility needs of this facility continue to be evaluated on an ongoing basis and any needed improvements are addressed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Alcona Community Schools:

This property consisting of 54 acres is a centralized area for the elementary and secondary schools. The recreational facilities consist of: a football field, practice football field, baseball diamond, softball diamond, playground area, an Outdoor Environmental Study Center (small amphitheater and log cabin), a signed nature trail in the adjacent woodlot, elementary gymnasium, and secondary gymnasium. The school system is in the process of adding a classroom wing to the middle school, a new auditorium, a new bus garage, and improving and upgrading the track, soccer and football fields, as well as adding separate practice areas. At the elementary school, some of the outdoor playground areas are being redesigned to address some safety issues. The facilities have a limited community use and must have the proper authorization of the Alcona Community Schools.

A recent addition to the school grounds is a 3,000 square foot building adjacent to Alcona Elementary School for providing Head Start, early childhood development and parenting services. The facility, under a long-term lease to Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, Inc., the area Head Start provider, contains two classrooms, a conference room, three restrooms, a kitchen and an office.

Type: School Park. This facility serves as a broad, multi-use complex for the local school system.

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 3

The accessibility needs of the recreational portions of this facility are monitored on an ongoing basis. Identified needs are addressed by the Alcona Public School system.

Alcona Recreation Area (ARA):

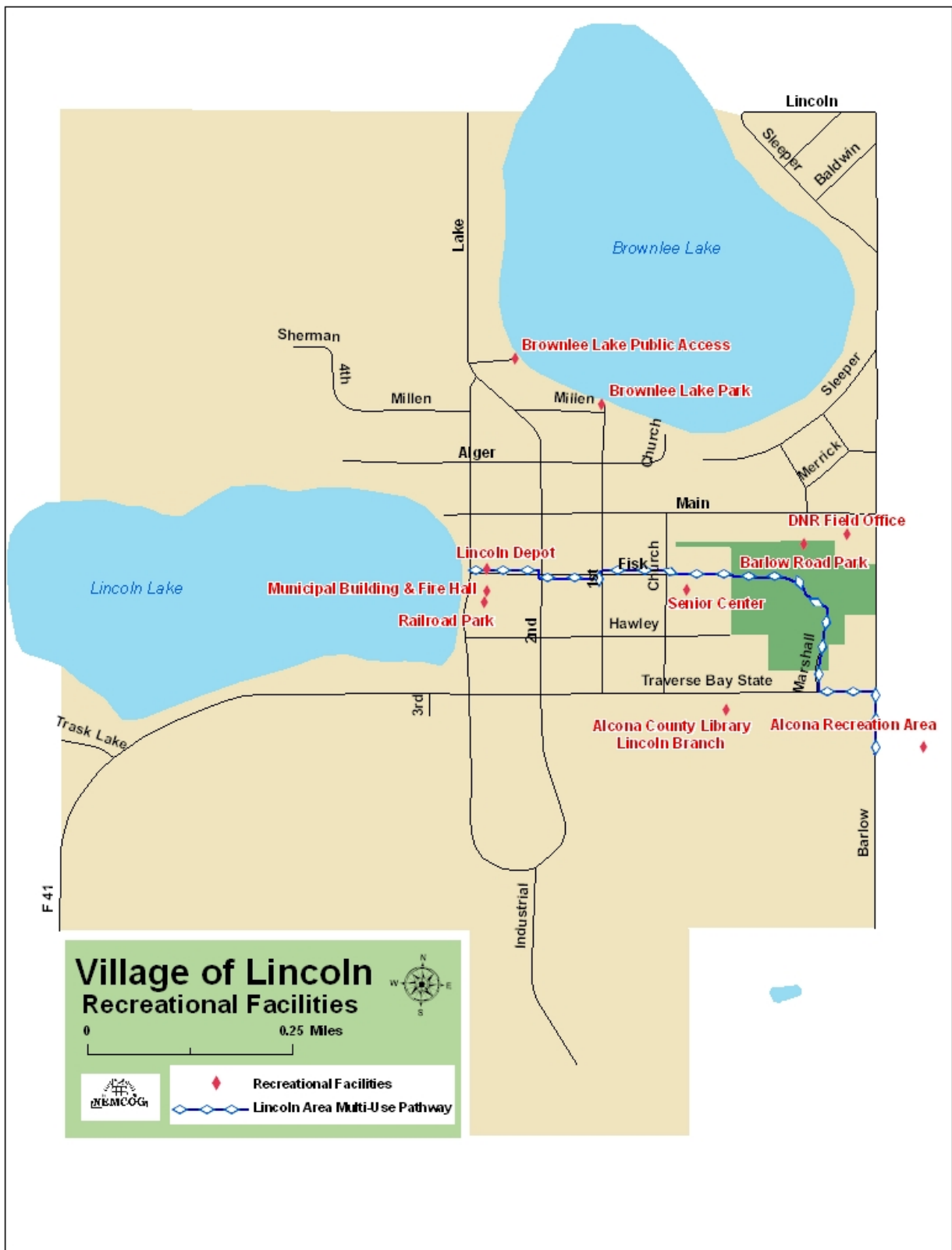
This 121-acre county-owned site is located in the northwest corner of Harrisville Township across Barlow Road from the Village of Lincoln. The Alcona County Fair is held at this location, as are school, club and countywide activities. This site is also used for the Lincoln 250 Snowmobile Enduro Race each winter. Included in the facilities located at this site are a one-half mile dirt track for trotter and snowmobile races; four pole barns; an arena office and maintenance building with flush toilets; a 300' complete BMX track; an observation and broadcast booth; a gate house; two wells; four irrigated soccer fields; water and septic system; six portable toilets; and, 80 acres of undeveloped forest land.

Type: A community park/natural resource area. This multi-use facility serves a broad range of functions within the community.

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 2

The accessibility needs of this facility are monitored on an ongoing basis.

Figure 3-2: Village of Lincoln Recreation Map



Privately-Owned Recreation Property

Greenbush Golf Course: Located four miles south of Harrisville on Highway US-23, this nine-hole, Par 36 facility offers club rental.

Springport Hills Golf Course: Located approximately one and a quarter miles south of Harrisville and west from US-23 on Spruce Road one-quarter mile, this eighteen hole, Par 72 golf course is open to the public.

Eighty-Acre Reserve: Owned by Samuel Andreasen, this site is listed under the Community Federal Reserve (CFR) Act and open to the public for hunting.

Other Recreation Opportunities Outside of the Village Boundaries

Regional Recreation in Alcona County (Figure 3-3)

Complete information on all public and private recreational facilities can be found in the Alcona County Recreation Plan. Following is a list of recreational sites in Alcona County:

Alcona Township

Public:

1. Black River/Lake Huron Site
2. Hubbard Lake Access Sites
3. Black River Recreation Area
4. Negwegon State Park
5. Huron National Forest

Private:

6. Lost Lake Woods Club

Caledonia Township:

Public:

1. Hubbard Lake Access Sites
2. Hickey Hill
3. Spruce Park

Private:

4. Paul Bunyan Campground
5. Monarch Golf Course
6. Will's Gun Shop
7. Hubbard Lake Marine
8. East Bay Outfitters

9. Walleye fish-rearing ponds
10. Churchill Pointe Inn

Curtis Township:

Public:

1. Indian Lakes Park
2. Alcona Park
3. Vaughn Lake Public Access
4. North Lake (trailhead for snowmobiles)

Private:

5. Alcona Canoe Rental & Campground
6. Middleton Campground
7. Eagle Ridge Golf Course
8. Au Sable National Scenic River
9. Huron National Forest

Greenbush Township:

Public:

1. Cedar Lake Access Sites
2. Ten Acres
3. Greenbush Recreation Area
4. Greenbush Country School
5. Swart House
6. Two access sites on Lake Huron

Private:

7. Greenbush Golf Course
8. Timberlakes Subdivision

Gustin Township:

Public:

1. Alcona Community Schools
2. Former Memorial Hall

Harrisville Township:

Public:

1. Harrisville Recreation Area
2. Harrisville State Park
3. Alcona Recreation Area

Private:

4. Springport Hills Golf Course
5. 80-acre Reserve

Hawes Township:

Public:

1. Public Access Site (West Branch River)

Private:

2. Former Timber Creek Resort
3. Deep Woods Taxidermy
4. White Pines National Golf Club
5. Jewell Lake

Haynes Township:

Public:

1. Sturgeon Point Lighthouse
2. Bailey School

Private:

3. Cedarbrook Trout Farm

Mikado Township:

Public:

1. Bruce park
2. Ball parks
3. Ten Acres
4. Pine River National Forest Campground
5. Vandercook Trail Head

Private:

6. Chippewa Indian Settlement
7. Indian Mission Church

Millen Township:

Public:

1. Barton City Community Park
2. Jewell lake Campground
3. Horseshoe Lake Campground
4. Reid Lake Foot Travel Area
5. Sprinkler Lake Education Center

Private:

6. Barton City Eagles Club

Mitchell Township:

Public:

1. Mitchell Township Park
2. Hoist Lake Area
3. O'Brien Lake
4. McCollum Lake State Forest Campground
5. AuSable River

City of Harrisville:

Public:

1. Harrisville Harbor And Harbor Park
2. Harrisville Mill Pond
3. Veteran's Club Property
4. Tennis Courts/Pavilion/City Offices
5. Dock Street Road-End
6. Scenic Overlook, Foot Of Main Street
7. Craftmaker's Cabin And Property
8. City Airport
9. Harrisville Heritage Route Trail
10. Michigan DNR Boat Launch and Public Access Site

Private:

11. Village Lanes Bowling Alley
12. J&J Campground: a 20-acre campground with 25 campsites, electrical hookups and water available.

13. Old Railroad Depot: Located at the west end of Dock Street in Harrisville, the depot was finished in 1902 and still stands. The Depot Restoration Committee, a private non-profit organization that has a long-term lease of the depot from the Lake State Railroad, plans to renovate the Depot as an historical site. Plans call for it to be used as a tourist attraction, possibly as a museum or other cultural facility.
14. Several private fishing related businesses with bait, tackle, charter boat service, fish cleaning stations and radio contact with boats on the water operate within the city.

Following is a detailed description of significant recreational sites in Alcona County (numbers represent the facility on Figure 3-3 (Map 4-2) Regional Recreation):

ALCONA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (#1): Alcona Community School District 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, Lakewood Academy Alternative Education Center, NEMCSA Headstart, a transportation center, outdoor athletic complex, 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 approximately eight miles from the City. 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 approximately five miles north of the city

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), at the southern City limits, 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)**, approximately 10 miles south of the city, 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, and picnic & foot trail areas. The Reid Lake site also offers over six miles of cross country ski trails.

THE HOIST LAKE AREA (#12), maintained by the U.S. Forest Service in Mitchell Township, is approximately 22 miles west of the city. It has seven small lakes and over 20 miles of cross country ski trails.

GABIONS CAMPGROUND (#13) in Mitchell Township offers camping and RV sites.

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 four public nine-hole golf courses: Greenbush Golf Course in

Greenbush, Springport Hills, The Back Nine in Barton City, and Monarch Ridge in Caledonia Township. There are also two 18-hole courses: Loggers' Trace at Springport Hills and White Pine National Golf Course in Spruce. Blackshire Hills, part of Lakewood Shores, is situated just to the south in Oscoda.

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.

SHIPWRECKS: The Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary plans to expand its boundaries to include the waters off Alcona County. The sanctuary currently encompasses the waters off Alpena County and was designated to protect a significant collection of nearly 200 shipwrecks that lie in Lake Huron. The boundary expansion would include the waters off Alcona and Presque Isle Counties to the Canadian border. Visitors can fish, kayak, or snorkel the wrecks.

Recreation Outside of Alcona County

In addition to recreation within Alcona County, Village residents have access to recreational opportunities in Alpena, 32 miles to the north, as well as Oscoda, 16 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 an indoor community pool, a city ice rink with provisions for both hockey and pleasure skating, and many community parks with swimming and fishing access.

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.

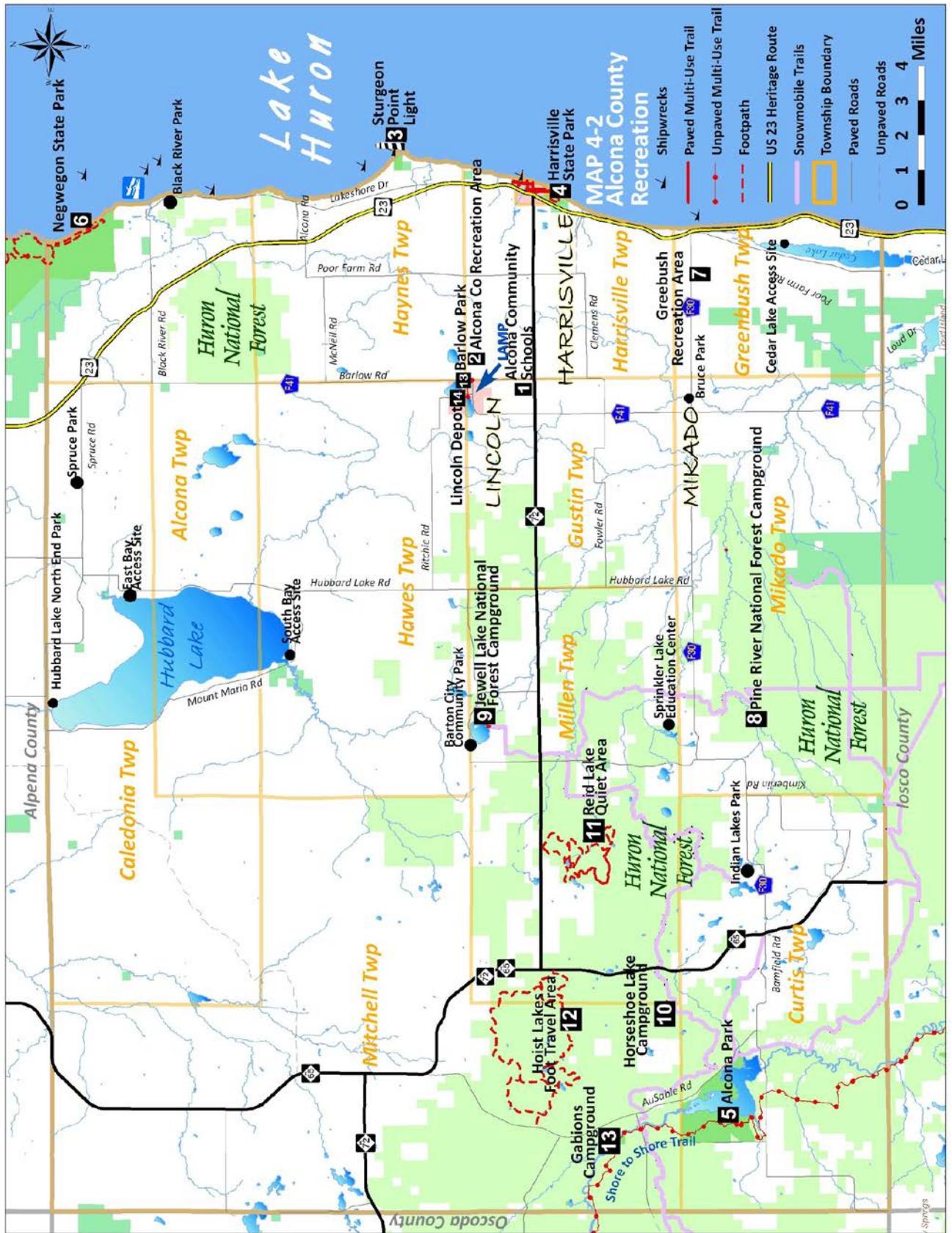
A second lake-side park area, located just north of Oscoda on U.S-23, offers picnicking and swimming. Several campgrounds are located in or near the Huron National Forest, including the Old Orchard Campground on the AuSable River.

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 AuSable 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 the Village of Lincoln, many require fees and all require travel in order to access them.

Figure 3-3: Alcona County Recreation Map



Chapter 4: Description of the Planning Process

The Village of Lincoln Planning Process

Development of a community recreation plan must involve interaction and input from citizens and community groups. The Village of Lincoln Council was the lead entity in developing the Village Recreation Plan. The Village Council sought input from the Recreation Plan Planning Committee. Planning Committee, Planning Commission and Village Council 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:

April 2015	Kyle Robinson of the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments spoke with Phil Jordan, Village of Lincoln Village President about the planning process and to establish a timeline for the plan update.
May 2015	Northeast Michigan Council of Governments reviewed expiring plan and made corrections with information publicly available.
May 2015	Village Officials reviewed expiring plan and made corrections and additions to express current state of recreation in the Village.
June 10, 2015	A public notice was published in the Alcona Review and posted at the Village Hall notifying local residents of the Public Input Session scheduled for Wednesday, June 17 th @ 7:00 pm. In addition, an article was published in the Alpena News about the public input session.
June 17, 2015	The Village of Lincoln Village Council held the Public Input Session. Public comments are recorded below in the Public Input section of this chapter.
June 24, 2015	A public notice was published in the Alcona Review stating that the draft Village of Lincoln Recreation Plan was available for public review at the Lincoln Branch of the Alcona County Library, the Village Hall, the Village Clerk's personal residence and online at www.lincolnmi.com and www.nemcog.org . The notice also included an address for the submittal of comments.

July 22 and 29, 2015 A public notice was published in the Alcona County Review stating that a public hearing would be held by the Lincoln Village Council on August 3, 2015, at 6:00 pm at the Village Hall.

August 3, 2015 A public hearing was held at 6:00. Following the public hearing, the Lincoln Village Council adopted the 2015-2019 Recreation Plan.

Public Input:

Citizen opinion on recreation priorities is key to the development of a recreation plan. Throughout the development of this recreation plan, members of key groups in the Village of Lincoln were involved. Due to the small size of the community, the Recreation Committee opted to hold a public input session to gather comprehensive public opinion and ideas about the future of parks and recreation in Lincoln. The public was notified of the meeting through press releases and notices posted in area businesses as well as by word of mouth. Citizens representing various recreational groups in the Village were present at the session as were other interested citizens. Each of the twelve participants were encouraged to discuss at length the current state of Village recreational facilities as well as what they would like to see for the future. In addition, members of other special interest groups that were not present at the meeting were given the opportunity to submit their comments and ideas via email, many of whom did so. Overall, throughout the plan preparation, all parties with an interest in recreation in the Lincoln area did submit their comments and ideas either in person or by email. Because of the small size of Lincoln, the Recreation Committee felt that the community was well-represented throughout the process. After all public input was gathered and recorded, the Recreation Committee met to prioritize projects for the Action Plan and to develop a capital improvements plan.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC INPUT SESSION

June 17, 2015

- Need a new boat launch. Current boat launch is deteriorating.
- Need a pavilion at the boat launch.
- Need restrooms at the boat launch.
- Need a pavilion at Flights of Imagination.
- Improve or replace playground equipment at Rail Road Park.
- A fence or some other barrier is needed between Rail Road Park and the road.
- Resurface the tennis courts.
- New basketball courts to replace those on the tennis courts.
- Horseshoe pits at Flights of Imagination.

- Need a skate board park.
- Need a fenced in dog park.
- Would like to have skate park and basketball courts in same location.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC INPUT SESSION JANUARY 11, 2007 (Previous Recreation Plan)

BARLOW ROAD PARK/FLIGHTS OF IMAGINATION:

- Teenagers – need something to do
- Skating, biking
- Gross motor skill developmental stations for cause and effect – learning stations for children of all ages
- ADA compliance – need so many learning skills, gross motor definement – accessible activity skills – maze panel, bells, drums, science, solar systems, integrate learning with playing. Gear, cogs.
- Surfacing – climate – natural materials – break down at rapid rate. Replacing surface with a post-consumer rubber surface tire material – safer and more accessible for ADA.
- More outdoor lighting – decrease predators and deter vandalism
- Tennis courts – not a lot of opportunity for tennis –socioeconomically depressed
- Skate park – Barlow Road Park or Railroad Park.
- Pavilion for playground
- Family-environment
- Baseball teams – incorporate that back into the community – teams within the community – need little league back.
- Use the games as funds for fire departments – challenge each other
- Signage – in village and out of town. LAMP trail brochures will help. Sign in Harrisville.
- No signs for village in general.
- Wayfinding program – for parks and businesses in village
- People committing to help out with playground – playground committee
- Should be a park for the county, not just the village.
- Bulletin board at State Park
- First phase of LAMP trail – goes right by FOI
- Trifold ad for these parks – put them at COC in Harrisville.

LINCOLN DEPOT:

- State Historical site
- Alcona Historical Society in charge of property and building
- Considered in any advertising – depot as place to stop

- Lumbering items, tools, model train
- Have trifold in businesses and COC
- Need better signage in front of depot
- Completely renovated
- Develop outside area - Outside displays
- Alcona Comm. Schools – brought students over

BROWNLEE LAKE:

- Brownlee Lake Association
- Boat Parade
- Paddleboat races
- Beach area – had 2 winterfests
- Christmas Tree in lake for fairways – golf courses
- Signs – need – says “Brownlee Lake”
- Nonprofit status
- Fundraisers
- Walmart grants
- Researchers done testing on waters
- Pursue slurry removal and fishing
- Fishing competitions
- Asset to community – beach area used all summer
- Boat launch – boats, canoes, and kayaks
- Wildlife – deer, small animals, eagle
- Asset to greater area
- Fireworks – have – music – boat parade – raffle
- Winter - Crosscountry, planes, motorcycles – lake of all seasons
- Sleeper Drive – barrier – can’t drive down to water – pedestrian access (canoe, kayak launch)
- Beach – Lion’s Club – replacing swim platforms. Volunteer labor from lions. Viking Energy – help pull old out and put new in.
- Permitting – MDEQ – should be forthcoming
- Lake Assoc., community, Council – agreed to spread new sand, trim trees, paint railing.
- Old boat launch – working on refurbishing roll in dock (Village Trustee is doing it). Needs work where boat goes in.
- Beautification – flowers
- Had clean up day.
- Park bench
- Lighting at beach

MULTI-USE AND SNOWMOBILE TRAILS:

- Biking Trail – LAMP – Starts at Depot – using existing sidewalks, to playground to Marshall St. to ARA
- 2nd phase to into ARA – Braille Trail – (phase 3 – to Harrisville – connect to Heritage Route)
- Snowmobile Trail – county recreation people. Subcommittee of DDA – working on trail into Lincoln.
- Trails all end just short of Lincoln.
- Amount of private property between Lincoln and public land – problem.
- Railroad grade to M72 – someone didn't want them crossing his land.
- Taking Trask Lake Rd to Barton City - now
- DDA met with assoc. in Barton City – brings money into community. True winter destination.
- Need lodging.

RAILROAD PARK:

- DDA Beautification
- Move monument, walkway around parking lot
- Excavate peonies to show old turntable
- Gazebo
- New playground
- Old fashioned playground equipment – railroad theme
- Crawl-through engine
- Sign
- Keep historical character
- Water fountain

LINCOLN LAKE:

- Slurry removal?
- Trail committee started as group to interpret lake as wetland – boardwalks, viewing platform – not broad public support
- Cause of lake drying up - Could be naturally becoming a wetland; sawmill dumping; Brownlee Lake is also shallowing. Lincoln Lake is partly a natural process. Dead algae bloom – floats down to bottom – over decades it piles up. 90% water content in algae blooms. 200,500 cubic yards of slurry in Brownlee Lake (peat) – high end nutrients. Use as fertilizers (as long as not contaminated). There is some open water. Supposed to be 2 springs in lake – have been closed off (rumors).
- Riparian owners need to organize and begin to address those issues. – Need by-in by the people who live around it.

- Picnic area, small trees, boat launch. Slurry removal isn't an issue for the village to take on.

Public Input Legal Notice

Affidavit of Publication

In the Matter of Notice of Public Input ~ *Village of Lincoln Recreation Plan*


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 COUNTYOFALCONA } §§

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PUBLIC INPUT NOTICE
VILLAGE OF LINCOLN RECREATION PLAN


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June 10, 2015


 Cheryl L. Peterson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

10th day of June 2015


 Pamela M. Milwrick
 Notary Public for Alcona County,
 Acting in Alcona County
 My Commission Expires 11-28-2016

IN BRIEF
City to hold brush pickup

The City of Alpena will be conducting a brush pickup next week. This is a brush only, no bagged curbside pickup. The schedule is as follows:

- June 15: The area east of Ripley Boulevard and south of Washington Avenue.
- June 16: The area north of the first east end of Chatham Street, from 14th Avenue to the city limits.
- June 17: The area west of Ripley Boulevard and south of Washington Avenue.
- June 18: The area north of Washington Avenue and south of the river and west of Chatham Street, from 14th Avenue to the city limits.

Brush should not be placed outside at this time and should only be placed outside the day prior to your scheduled pickup and no later than 6 a.m. of your scheduled pickup day. Any material placed at the curb after 6 a.m. on your pickup day or after your pickup day will not be collected and you will be required to remove it from the curb. Homeowners are reminded that brush piles are to be no larger than six feet by six feet.

The Public Works Service Center, located at 1001 Long Lake Avenue, is open daily, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. for drop-off of bagged lawn materials for City residents only. Brush drop-off is not permitted at the Public Works Service Center.

Also, as a reminder to city residents, the Public Works Service Center will be open from 3 a.m. to 10 p.m. on the following Saturday for drop-off of bagged lawn material only for city residents.

- June 20
- Aug. 15
- Sept. 19
- Oct. 17
- Nov. 14

No planning comm. meeting

The Alpena Planning Commission meeting scheduled for tonight has been canceled due to a lack of agenda items. The next regular meeting will be July 14 at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at city hall.

Alcona school board approves millage levy

By PAIGE TRISKO
News Staff Writer
LINCOLN — The Alcona Community Schools Board of Education authorized the 2015-16 millage levy of 18 mills on non-homesteaded property and 1.25 mills for a debt retirement for all taxable property for 2015-16 after a public hearing was held to establish the amount being levied for the 2015-16 school year at Monday's meeting.

Alcona County residents will see a reduction in taxes through the bond levy as last year the bond levied 1.8 mills and for the 2015-16 school year 1.25 mills will be levied.

While the maximum of 1.7 mills is allowable, Business Manager Margaret Negro recommended 1.25 mills, which will create total revenues of \$617,622 and the bond payment of \$730,750. This payment will be made up by carry over from previous years in the bond to fulfill payment in order for the net due to be \$669,083.

Superintendent Shawn Thoreson said this next tax season will be the last time the bond is levied. As a part of the annual report for the 18 mill on non-homesteaded properties, Negro told the board the bond, due to be paid in full during the 2015-16 school year, is based on the total taxable value of \$494 million, which is approximately \$80,000 less than the prior school year due to decreases in non-homesteaded values and the elimination of personal property taxes on businesses.

In addition to authorizing the millage levy, the

Preparing for Palau

ROV team from Stockbridge at sanctuary to train for trip to South Pacific

By NICOLE GRULKE
News Staff Writer

ALPENA — The Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary is hosting risk members of the Stockbridge High School's advanced underwater robotics team through Wednesday to allow the students to build teamwork skills and practice diving their remotely operated vehicle in a real-world environment on a seagrass.

The students are practicing their skills as a precursor to traveling to the Republic of Palau in the South Pacific to work with members of the Benflop project, locating and identifying American POW/MIA from World War II in the western Pacific Islands. The mission of the Benflop project is to repatriate every American service member who never returned home, and provide closure and information to the families of those service members.

Through its mission, the project offers a variety of educational programs for students in science, technology, engineering and math.

The six high school students at the sanctuary are learning about what they will see on their trip from two graduates and their robotics teacher, Bob Richards, and hope to practice their skills on small seagrass. This project will help provide the sanctuary with images from the seagrass and the video results, which are both located more than 100 feet below the surface.

Former Stockbridge High School student Chloe Hayes is helping the current students prepare and plan for their trip to Palau next spring, and said the students are excited to be in Alpena.

"We've been here a few times for ROV regional competitions, and there is a good relationship with the sanctuary and our team, so we were invited to work together with industry staff to prepare the students for their trip," Hayes said. "The whole team will be going out on the boat to drive the ROV on some seagrasses and learn what they will need to do with the Benflop Project in Palau."

Hayes said that in her experience in the Republic of Palau, she learned a lot about World War II, the planes and all the people who were killed. She said she enjoyed the different cultures and people on the island and the satisfaction of accomplishing a project that made a difference.

"This is definitely a great hands-on learning experience and the students will be under pressure to perform their best during the project, which is why they are here to practice," she said. "This offers them a real world experience to learn teamwork and how to be professional."

The team fundraises all the money to get to the island and to build their ROV through local fundraisers around Stockbridge, sponsorship and a GoFundMe page.



Stockbridge High School advanced underwater robotics team members, from left to right, Colin Liller, John Chapman, Matt Howard, Sam Nichols, Cade Wright and Faith White, work on their underwater robot at the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary Monday to prepare it for a trip to the Greenlip shipwreck and Water shipwreck.

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Team member John Chapman will be traveling to Palau for the first time, and said he is excited to be using the ROV to search for missing planes and crews in the Pacific.

"The ROV is to travel hundreds of feet below the surface to search for those missing planes," Chapman said. "We're here to test out our ROV to see how far down it can go, and to try and transition with new members, how we should act and what we need to do when we get to Palau."

Richards said the students have a lot of goals they would like to meet while in Alpena, including providing some images of the deeper wrecks to the sanctuary, improving teamwork, successfully running the ROV off a boat and trying to get the ROV down to around 200 feet.

The sanctuary is providing the team

Lincoln to hold meeting to discuss parks plan

By PAIGE TRISKO
News Staff Writer
LINCOLN — The Lincoln Village Council will hold a special public hearing for the revised master parks and recreation plan on June 17 at 7 p.m. at the village hall in order to continue toward the goal of completing the plan by Aug. 1.

The parks and recreation plan at two years outstated and was last updated seven years ago with the assistance of Northeast Michigan Council of Government.

Trustee Benny Gumbler, who updated the council on the progress of the plan, is working with NEMCOG Association Executive Kyle Robinson in order to have it written according to the village budget, recommendations of the council and community input.

Village President Phil Jordan told the council the application for a Department of Natural Resources grant of \$44,000 to be awarded in 2016 is in process by Bill Puskiy who is representing the community for the grant.

The grant would allow for the replacement of the existing boat launch dock and other landscaping updates at Brown's Landing. "Bill Puskiy is doing a tremendous job," Jordan said. "He's very determined and very precise in what he does."

While Jordan said receiving the DNR grant is not guaranteed, in order for the possibility to occur the parks and recreation plan must be in current. Due to an increase in lake use, Jordan said it's a safer and better access necessary.

As a part of the plan update, Jordan said a boat launch, dock, pavilion and other projects "will need to be added along with items for the beach, the Flights of Inspiration Park, the Railroad Park and a potential sledding park. While all of these items will be included, Jordan specified the project cost, all as completed particularly not without funding.

"What you get in your parks and recreation plan is the perfect situation for every possible improvement in the village," he said. "This doesn't mean it will all happen."

After the special meeting on June 17, the updated plan will be made accessible to the public through a village website for 30 days prior to the council completing the final vote on adopting the plan. Gumbler said a hard copy of the plan also will be made available through the village hall.

Gumbler said any improvements village residents want to see in the parks and recreation plan should be brought to the council's attention at the public hearing.

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Graduation program



Thirty-nine students graduated from fifth grade at Alcona Elementary School Monday afternoon during a commencement and awards ceremony at the school. Students received numerous awards for attendance, academic achievement and physical education.

Ford agrees to invest \$3.1 B to get max tax credits

LANSING (AP) — Ford Motor Co. would have to invest \$3.1 billion in Michigan facilities over the next 10 years to qualify for maximum tax credits under a deal announced Monday morning as the state's liability for incentives begins to increase.

The Michigan Strategic Fund approved the agreement with Ford, as Gov. Rick Snyder has to get a handle on \$9.5 billion in business tax credits for the state's liability to increase in 2011.

Many of those credits were issued during the recession, primarily for production by Ford's major auto plants — Ford, General Motors and Chrysler — to keep jobs in the state. Snyder and lawmakers had to make budget cuts months ago after being caught off guard by larger-than-

expected tax credit reimbursements.

State economic development officials said the new deal gives Ford a more certain incentive to maintain and expand its Michigan presence, while the state gets better productivity from the state and funding of credits being claimed annually.

The deal outlines and revises four agreements the automaker struck with the former Michigan Economic Growth Authority between 2009 and 2011. The deal does not change the overall number of retained jobs that Ford can qualify for, currently set at 40,100, but it caps the total value of credits at \$2.3 billion through 2020.

Ford's cumulative in-state capital investment could total to at least \$5.2 billion.

"That's a strong sign that

they believe in Michigan's economy and are interested in investing with it. So I view it as a good win-win," Snyder told The Associated Press.

The \$2.3 billion cap was based on a prediction of what Ford might have qualified for under its original "open-ended" agreements, said Charles Fyffe, Ford's regional director for state and local government relations.

State officials have reported trouble forecasting the budget consequences of prior deals because of rising issues and unexpected power, wages, health care benefits and business' investment in an improving economy.

The Snyder administration approved the deal Monday, hours after telling legislators that Michigan was potentially on the hook for nearly \$3 billion more in business tax credits than

Public Input Sign-In Sheet:

Sign In 6/17/15
For Park & Recreation
input session @ 7:00 p.m

Village Council
members

Philip S. Jordan
Bonny Hawthorn
John Gutzman
Helen Kohn
Dinda Somers
Phil R. Phillips
Sunnealy

Public

Debbie Shanear
Margot Allard
Kathy Putsky
Bill Putsky
Joey Toombs
Troy Somers
Ethan Barnes
Michael Wick
Rebecca Freese
Daniel Schaedig
Mary Heier
Robert Schmitt

Public Input Meeting Minutes (June 17, 2015):

VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
PUBLIC INPUT SESSION FOR
PARKS & RECREATION PLAN
June 17, 2015

The Lincoln Village Council met on Wednesday June 17, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the fire hall for a public input session regarding the proposed Parks and Recreation Plan. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present included President Jordan, Clerk Somers, Council Members Gauthier, Healy, Kohn, Phillips and Stutzman. Council Member Somers was absent. Also present were several guests.

President Jordan explained the need for the Parks and Recreation Plan being updated. In order to get grant funds of any kind it's important to have everything updated before any applications can be made. Copies of the proposed plan were passed out and President Jordan went through the plan page by page.

Goals and needs from the prior outdated plan were talked about. President Jordan stressed that if a priority was not identified in the new plan it can't be considered for funding. Kathy Putsky stated that she would like to see about including a restroom at the boat launch. A pavilion will likely be added to the plan to be placed at the Flight of Imagination Park. Bonny stated that having it there will be a real plus for families to use. Glenn Kohn stated that he would like to see new playground equipment provided at Railroad Park. He further suggested placing a fence or barrier along the roadway at the park. He feels much of the equipment is very outdated. Mary Gillies stated that she felt keeping some of the older stuff is nice in order to keep some old time charm. John Stutzman would like to see the basketball hoops removed from the tennis courts and have them placed elsewhere. He would further like to see the courts resurfaced so that they can be used again. President Jordan would like to see horse shoe pits placed at the Flights of Imagination Park. A group of teenagers appeared to ask for help in getting a skateboard park in the Village. President Jordan stated that we are including it in the new park and recreation plan. Kathy Putsky would like to see a dog park where owners can take their pets to play in a contained area.

A list of goals and objectives was discussed. There were several things on the list that were highlighted. In addition President Jordan suggested working to clean up the LAMP trail that was developed for the blind. Regarding the snowmobile trail coming through the Village there is a lot of problems getting it off the ground again. A Capital Improvements Schedule was also discussed. Glenn Kohn stated

that if and when a skate board park is planned he would like to have input from the young people. There are grant funds out there according to Bonny Gauthier, it's a matter of having someone who will take the initiative to do the application. The meeting was closed at 8:02 p.m. The next step is to turn in the information from this meeting over to Kyle from NEMCOG. He will do the updates and present the plan for public display and hopefully it can be adopted at the August meeting.

Linda K. Somers
Village Clerk
lincolnmi.com

Legal Notice 30-Day Review Period

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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN RECREATION PLAN

Village of Lincoln
Recreation Plan
30-Day Review Notice

Village of Lincoln has finalized a Recreation Plan. The purpose of the Recreation Plan is to inventory recreational facilities in the village and provide an action plan for future recreational improvements. In addition, recreation plans that have been approved by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources allow the village to be eligible for state recreational grant funding. Gathering public input, the Recreation Plan Planning Committee has developed goals and an action plan for recreation in the Village of Lincoln.

The final draft of the Village of Lincoln Recreation Plan is available for public review at the public library, the village hall, the village clerk's personal office, www.lincolnmi.com, www.nemcog.org. Written comments may be submitted to:
Kyle Robinson, NEMCOG
P.O. Box 457
Gaylord, Mich. 49734

Public Hearing Notice


Affidavit of Publication

In the Matter of Public Hearing Notice for Parks and Recreation Plan ~ *Village of Lincoln*

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July 22 and 29, 2015


Cheryl L. Peterson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

29th day of July, 2015



Pamela M. Milwrick
Notary Public for Alcona County,
Acting in Alcona County
My Commission Expires 11-28-2016

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE 7/22 & 7/29
VILLAGE OF LINCOLN RECREATION PLAN
The Village of Lincoln Village Council will hold a public hearing on the draft Recreation Plan. The meeting will take place at Lincoln's Village Hall, located at 117 W. Fiske Street, on August 3, 2015 at 6 p.m. The draft plan contains an action plan for recreation in the Village of Lincoln from 2015-2019. The draft plan is available for review at the public library, the village hall, the village clerk's personal residence, www.lincolnmi.com and www.nemcog.org. Written comments may be submitted to Kyle Robinson, Northeast Michigan Council of Governments P.O. Box 457, Gaylord, MI 49734.

Planning Commission minutes – recommending plan for adoption by Village Council

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**Village of Lincoln Planning Commission
Meeting minutes
July 29, 2015**

Meeting opens @ 7:05 P.M.

Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in remembrance for Chair Connie Stutzman.

**Attending: Village President-Phil Jordan, Zoning Administrator-Troy Somers,
Secretary-Tina Healey, Village Clerk-Linda Somers, Members-Leonard Morang,
and Pat Somers**

Absent: John Stutzman (John Vicchoine has resigned from committee)

Acting Chairman Phil Jordan opens with the purpose of our meeting. We are going over the Parks and Recreation Plan to present to the Village Council for approval.

After reading the Plan thoroughly, members were given the opportunity to voice any questions or concerns. All members agree "These are changes we need" and have no concerns with the plan.

A motion by Leonard Morang to recommend adoption of Parks and Recreation Plan to the Village Council. Motion 2nd by Pat Somers . Ayes - Unanimous

Motion to adjourn by L.Morang, 2nd by Pat Somers

Meeting adjourned @ 8:00 P.M.

Planning Commission Secretary,


Tina Healey

Public Hearing Minutes

VILLAGE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS AUGUST 3, 2015

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday August 3rd, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present included President Jordan, Treasurer Kossa, Clerk Somers, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer Hussain and Council Members Gauthier, Healy, Somers and Stutzman. Council Member Glenn was absent. President Jordan expressed condolences to Glenn in the loss of his wife Arleen. Services will be held Wednesday August 5th at Trinity Lutheran Church.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved on a motion from Healy with support from Gauthier. The Treasurer's report was approved subject to audit on a motion from Gauthier with support from Healy. President Jordan discussed the possible replacement of sidewalks in the near future using funds in Local and Major Street funds. Our auditors have talked to him about the percentage of street funds that can be used for this endeavor. A motion was made by Gauthier with support from Stutzman to put an ad out requesting bids for repairs to Village sidewalks. Motion carried.

One application was received for the open Council Position. A motion was made by Gauthier with support from Stutzman to appoint Patricia Somers to fill the remainder of the term of Phil Phillips. Motion carried. Pat was sworn in by Attorney David Cook. Welcome aboard Pat!

Mike Serafin gave the fire and medical run report for the month. He stated that there were a total of 13 medical and fire runs for the past month. He also has new applicants to introduce at the September meeting. He stated the group will be hosting the pancake breakfast in conjunction with the Lincoln Lions car show on August 22nd.

Village Maintenance man Steve Slater gave an update of work that has been done in the Village. Following a discussion Stutzman made a motion to purchase various signs and reflective strips in the amount of \$280.00. R. Somers gave support. Motion carried.

The parent of one of the young men who vandalized the Flights of Imagination property addressed the board. She expressed concern that she has asked for an itemized bill in regards to damages done by the 2 boys. President Jordan stated that he will get her the requested information and further stated that he is very pleased and proud of the boys for their completing their required community service hours, paying the damages and for their appearance at the July meeting.

He said he believes they've both shown their remorse and it's time to move forward.

President Jordan informed Council Members that all criteria have been met regarding the Parks and Recreation Plan. A motion was made by Gauthier with support from Stutzman to pass the Resolution for Adoption of the Parks and Recreation Plan for 2015-2019. A roll vote was taken: Gauthier, Healy, P. Somers, R. Somers and Stutzman – all ayes. Nays, none. Absent was G. Kohn. It reads:

VILLAGE OF LINCOLN RECREATION PLAN
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION
LINCOLN VILLAGE COUNCIL

WHEREAS: The Village of Lincoln has undertaken a 5 year Recreation Plan 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 2015-2019, and

WHEREAS: A public input session was held on June 17, 2015 at the Lincoln Village Hall to provide for an opportunity for citizens to discuss the Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS: After a 30 day public review period and at least 7 days public hearing notice, a public hearing was held on August 3, 2015 to receive public comment and public comment has been accepted, and

WHEREAS: The Village of Lincoln has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lincoln Village Council hereby adopts the Village of Lincoln Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the Village of Lincoln

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Michigan Department of Resources.

Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the forgoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Lincoln Village Council held on August 3, 2015.

8-3-15 Linda K. Somers
Date Village Clerk

Following a brief discussion an amendment to the Sewer Ordinance Amendment was made. Gauthier made a motion to pass the Resolution to Amend the Sewer Amendment Ordinance. It reads:

RESOLUTION TO AMEND
VILLAGE OF LINCOLN SEWER ORDINANCE NO. 87-2

Resolution of Village Council Adoption

VILLAGE OF LINCOLN RECREATION PLAN

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Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

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8-3-15
Date

Diana K. Somers
Lincoln Village Clerk

Copies of Submittal Letters



"The Village of Lincoln is a family oriented, safe and friendly modern lakeside community with a prosperous and attractive business district and attractive streetscape with environmentally friendly recreation and entertainment opportunities for residents of all ages."

August 4, 2015

Grants Management
Michigan Department of Natural Resources
PO Box 30425
Lansing, MI 48909-7925

RE: Village of Lincoln Recreation Plan

Please find enclosed a complete copy of the new Village of Lincoln Recreation Plan which was adopted by the Village of Lincoln Council on August 3, 2015. We are transmitting this final copy to you as per the requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

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

Sincerely,

Phillip S. Jordan
Village President

Village of Lincoln
117 W. Fiske St.
P.O. Box 337
Lincoln, MI 48742



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CHAPTER 5: GOALS & OBJECTIVES/ACTION PLAN

Goals & Objectives: Goals and objectives were developed from public input session as well as by input from the Recreation Committee.

1. Improve existing parks in the Village of Lincoln

- a. Implement the action plan to bring about improvements that will increase usage of Lincoln Parks as well as make them more accessible.

2. Promote a healthy lifestyle

- a. Encourage residents and visitors to make use of the existing parks and trails by bringing about necessary improvements to increase the availability of recreational amenities.

3. Develop trails and trail connections for motorized and non-motorized uses.

- a. Support the expansion of the Lincoln Area Multi-Use Pathway.
- b. Support the expansion of snowmobile trails into the Village of Lincoln.

4. Encourage the development of community baseball and softball teams

- a. Improve existing ball fields at Recreation Park.

5. Develop a recreational facility geared toward teenagers.

- a. Construct a skate park.
- b. Make basketball courts available.

6. Develop a program to promote Lincoln recreational facilities.

- a. Establish wayfinding and site signage in Lincoln as well as directional signage in outlying areas to direct visitors to Lincoln parks.
- b. Develop a recreational brochure and map for the Village of Lincoln.

Table 5-1: Capital Improvements Schedule

PRIORITY	SITE	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT	EST. COST	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	YEAR*
Barlow Road Park/Flights of Imagination					
HIGH	Barlow Road Park/Flights of Imagination	Playground improvement: motor skill development stations, cause & effect learning stations	\$16,000	MDNR; local foundations; Able To Play; Dept. of Community Health; DOC	2018
HIGH	Barlow Road Park/Flights of Imagination	Transitional pathways/ramps	\$2,000	MDNR; MDOT; DOC	2016
HIGH	Barlow Road Park/Flights of Imagination	Resurface playground	\$60,000	MDNR; Able To Play.	2019
HIGH	Barlow Road Park/Flights of Imagination	Outdoor lighting and beautification	\$30,000	MDNR, local, foundations	2019
MEDIUM	Barlow Road Park	Pavilion, picnic tables, grills	\$40,000	MDNR, local, foundations, community service organizations	2017
HIGH	Barlow Road Park or Railroad Park (<i>final site to be determined</i>)	Construct skate park	\$25,000	MDNR; Dept. of Community Health; DOC; private foundations	2018
MEDIUM	Barlow Road Park	Access improvement, beautification, benches, and signage	TBD	MDNR, local, foundations, community service organizations	2019
LOW	Barlow Road Park	Ball field improvements (site lighting, new dugouts, bleachers, netting)	TBD	MDNR; DOC; Baseball Tomorrow Fund; private foundations	2011
LOW	Barlow Road Park	Install new basketball courts	TBD	MDNR, local, community service organizations	2019
LOW	Barlow Road Park	Resurface tennis courts	TBD	MDNR, local, community service organizations	2019

PRIORITY	SITE	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT	EST. COST	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	YEAR*
LOW	Barlow Road Park	Install horseshoe pits at Flights of Imagination	TBD	MDNR, local, community service organizations	2019
Railroad Park					
HIGH	Railroad Park	Pavilion/gazebo, picnic tables, benches, grills, sidewalks, drinking fountain, pedestrian lighting, trash cans, playground equipment, landscaping, and historical marker	\$100,000	MDNR; Able To Play; local foundations; community service organizations; Dept. of Community Health; DOC; Alcona Historical Society	2017
HIGH	Barlow Road Park or Railroad Park (<i>final site to be determined</i>)	Construct Skate Park	\$25,000	MDNR; Dept. of Community Health; DOC; private foundations	2018
HIGH	Railroad Park	Install fencing or another screened barrier separating park from road	TBD	MDNR, local, community service organizations	2017
Brownlee Lake Park					
HIGH	Brownlee Lake Park	Replace swimming platforms, paint railing and trash cans, re-sand beach, trim trees, and install swim markers (buoys).	\$8,000	Lincoln Lions, Brownlee Lake Association, community member donations, Viking Energy	2016
HIGH	Brownlee Lake	Removal of organic slurry & restore fishery.	TBD	MDNR, Army Corps of Engineers; MDEQ	2017
LOW	Brownlee Lake Park	Barrier-free fishing platform	\$8,000	MDNR, local, community service organizations	2019
MEDIUM	Brownlee Lake Park	Landscaping, benches, lighting, and signage	\$10,000	MDNR, local, foundations, community service organizations: MDEQ	2017
Lincoln Area Multi-Use Pathway (LAMP)					
HIGH	Lincoln Area Multi-Use Pathway	Phase II – trail into the Alcona Recreation Area	TBD	MDNR; MDOT; DOC	2016

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LOW	Lincoln Area Multi-Use Pathway	Phase III – connect to US 23 Heritage Route in Harrisville	TBD	MDNR; MDOT; DOC	2019
Brownlee Lake Public Access-Sherman Street					
HIGH	Brownlee Lake Public Access – Sherman Street	Slide-In Boat Launch	\$12,000	MDNR, local, community service organizations	2016
HIGH	Brownlee Lake Public Access – Sherman Street	Slide-In Boat Dock	\$8,000	MDNR, local, community service organizations	2016
HIGH	Brownlee Lake Public Access – Sherman Street	20' x 30' Pavilion w/ 2 BBQ Grills	\$14,500	MDNR, local, community service organizations	2016
HIGH	Brownlee Lake Public Access – Sherman Street	Chain-link Fencing	\$4,000	MDNR, local, community service organizations	2016
HIGH	Brownlee Lake Public Access – Sherman Street	Picnic Tables (4 Standard, 2 ADA Compliant)	\$6,700	MDNR, local, community service organizations	2016
HIGH	Brownlee Lake Public Access – Sherman Street	Driveway/parking area improvements	TBD	MDNR, MDEQ, local, foundations, community service organizations;	2016
HIGH	Brownlee Lake Public Access – Sherman Street	Benches, lighting, beautification, signage	\$10,000	MDNR, local, foundations, community service organizations; MDEQ	2016
MEDIUM	Brownlee Lake Public Access – Sherman Street	Restrooms	TBD	MDNR, MDEQ, local, foundations, community service organizations;	2018
Lincoln Lake					
MEDIUM	Lincoln Lake	Picnic tables, grills	\$1,800	MDNR, local, foundations, community service organizations	2018

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Snowmobile Trail					
HIGH	Snowmobile Trail	Designate a snowmobile route to Lincoln	TBD	MDNR, local, foundations, community service organizations	2018
Lincoln Depot					
LOW	Lincoln Depot**	Outdoor displays and signage	\$5,000	SHPO; HAL.; local foundations	2019
Senior Center					
MEDIUM	Senior Center**	Sidewalk	TBD	MCACA	2018
LOW	Senior Center**	Landscaping, additional signage, parking lot improvements	TBD	MCACA	2019
LOW	Senior Center** or Barlow Road Park or Railroad Park	Construct covered outdoor structure for games such as horseshoes, shuffleboard, and bocce ball	TBD	Local foundations, community services organizations, MCACA	2019
Village - General					
HIGH	Village – general	Establish a wayfinding program	TBD	Local foundations, community services organizations	2016
MEDIUM	Village – general	Create a fenced in Dog Park	TBD	Local foundations, community services organizations	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> <p>**These facilities are not under the ownership of the Village of Lincoln, however the Village is interested in being a partner in the implementation of these projects, as appropriate.</p>					

Basis for Action

Barlow Road Park:

Flights of Imagination Playground Improvements: The group, Friends for Flights of Imagination, has developed plans to install stations aimed at motor skill development and cause and effect learning. In addition, transitional pathways and ramps are needed to improve accessibility for disabled persons.

Site lighting is also need to provide a safe and secure environment for the age groups that use such a structure. Also, the addition of site lighting will be a deterrent to vandalism. In addition, due to the cold and wet local climate, the current natural surface materials found in the playground break down at a rapid rate. As a result, a fungus problem has developed. Therefore, the surfacing needs to be replaced with a post-consumer rubber surface which is safer and more accessible to meet ADA requirements.

Pavilion/Ice-Rink, Picnic Tables, Grills: The local Lion's Club currently floods and maintains an area each winter for ice-skating. In order to make the area more usable as an all season site, the Village would like to construct an 80'x100' covered picnic pavilion with a concrete pad that could also be used as a covered skating rink during the winter months. It could also be used by residents for family reunions and family gatherings, community group meetings, and a host of other outdoor functions. Included in the design would be the need for lighting and power outlets. Picnic tables and grills would also be included to fill a need for these types of recreational amenities at Recreation Park.

Skate Park: There are a number of village and Lincoln area youth interested in skateboarding and there is a growing need to build an activity area for them in order to provide a safe area for their recreational needs. There is increasing support to provide a skateboarding area for what is now known to be a multi-generational activity. There are grants available to pay for building such an area and between fundraisers and donated labor it is possible to accomplish the creation of a dedicated area for skateboard activities. It is incumbent upon village adults to recognize and provide for recreation for a variety of age groups and this would help in the diversification of the village recreation area. It is an outdoor activity and requires a large amount of energy to perform the skateboarding function and so this facility would be a healthy alternative to passive and sedentary activities.

Access Improvement, Beautification, Benches and Signage: Improvements to the driveways leading into Recreation Park as well as signage are needed to provide a more visible, defined, and appealing park access. Landscaping and benches should be added throughout the park to boost the popularity and to further enhance and advertise the Flights of Imagination playground located inside the park.

Ball Field Improvements: A desire to revitalize the usage of the ball fields was emphasized at the public input session. Improvements are needed at the ball fields in order to make them desirable for players and spectators. High-mounted lighting around the perimeter of the fields and spectator area is needed in order to support the demands placed on these facilities with the as usage increases. This lighting will permit the extended use for summer leagues and expand the kinds of activities that the Village Recreation Committee can sponsor during other times of the year. The addition of new dugouts and bleachers would further enhance the usage that these ball fields receive.

Railroad Park

The improvements planned for Railroad Park will be consistent with the passive nature of the activities occurring at this park. The improvements include a pavilion, picnic tables and benches, grills, sidewalks, the installation of a drinking fountain, pedestrian scale lighting, trash receptacles, playground equipment, and landscaping. These improvements will highlight the park as it relates to railroad history and will provide a completely different park experience than is found at Recreation Park. The development of this “historical” park will greatly complement Village recreation facilities.

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Brownlee Lake Park

Swimming Platforms, Painting, Re-Sanding, Tree Trimming: The swimming platforms which are anchored several yards off shore at depths of 3.5 feet and 6.5 feet receive considerable usage and approximately thirty years old are in need of replacement. Improvements are also necessary to repair the beach area and install MDNR permitted swim-area markers. Repair to the beach area involves re-sanding the beach area, painting the guard rail near the street and trimming back tree growth. The Village intends to install MDNR approved markers to delineate the swim area to prevent the use of any motorized watercraft and fishing in the swim area. Community volunteers and a community based business (Viking Energy) will contribute labor and services in painting, raking, trimming and installing the approved markers.

Removal of Organic Slurry and Restore Fishery: In order to improve both swimming and fishing

on this lake and for the general overall health of this body of water located within the Village, the removal of organic slurry from the lake is necessary due to the fact that the lake is becoming shallower. After the removal of organic slurry has been completed, the issue of restoring the fishery can be addressed.

Landscaping, Benches, Lighting and Signage: Brownlee Lake Park is in need of landscaping to make the area more attractive to visitors. Also, the addition of benches would be an asset to attract users that are unable to sit directly on the beach. The existing sign which states the park rules should be removed and replaced with more decorative signage. Also, decorative lighting in the park would not only make it more aesthetically pleasing but would also provide a safer environment for park visitors.

Barrier-Free Fishing Platform: The construction of a barrier-free fishing platform would open the park to additional types of users which would be an asset for Village and area residents.

Lincoln Area Multi-Use Pathway (LAMP)

Phase II: The second phase of the pathway would extend the trail east of the village into the Alcona Recreation Area.

Phase III: The third phase of the pathway would develop a route from Lincoln to Harrisville to connect to the Heritage Route Trail system which is planned for the US 23 corridor. This pathway would be a great step in the development of a non-motorized trail system in a part of the county which is currently lacking in such facilities.

Brownlee Lake Public Access

Sherman Street Access Improvements: Improvements to the driveway, parking area, boat dock and launch ramp are needed to make the park more accessible to the general and boating public. The addition of benches, lighting, signage, and general beautification of the site would make it a more desirable site to visit and would increase its usage.

Future plans for this site include a slide-in boat launch and a slide-in boat dock to complement the new boat launch. These upgrades will greatly improve accessibility to Brownlee Lake. Additional improvements are also planned on the terrestrial portion of the site. The Village would like to construct a 20' x 30' pavilion with a concrete pad. It could be used by residents for family reunions and family gatherings, community group meetings, and a host of other outdoor functions. Included in the design would be the need for lighting and power outlets.

Four standard and two ADA compliant picnic tables are planned to be added. With shelter from the summer sun, and light rain, the park use can be extended beyond ideal weather. An area allowing covered picnic opportunities expands the use of this property beyond its current use. Installation of chain-link fencing is also planned on the north side of the property.

Lincoln Lake

Lincoln Lake is currently in the process of converting to a wetland area. A detailed study of the lake is necessary to determine the cause of the conversion as well as to determine possible scenarios for the future of the lake. The Village encourages the formation of a Lincoln Lake riparian owner association to begin addressing these issues. In the meantime, the addition of picnic tables and grills along the lakefront across from Railroad Park would encourage visitors to utilize the site for recreation. The construction of a boardwalk, encouraged by the Village, would also expand the use of the site in the form of wildlife viewing and outdoor education.

Extension of the Snowmobile Trail from Barton City into the Village of Lincoln

The extension of the snowmobile trail from Barton City into the Village of Lincoln is addressed in the Lincoln DDA development plan adopted by the Village Council in 2000 and is detailed in the current business plan of the Lincoln DDA. Bringing snowmobiles into downtown Lincoln would improve the economy of the Village during winter months while providing riders with the essentials needed to enjoy a safe and comfortable ride: fuel, food and beverages, access to service, repairs, and snowmobile accessories at area businesses.

A committee of interested persons has been working for several months with the Alcona Parks and Recreation Commission and the Michigan DNR Lincoln Field Office staff to identify the best route for the trail extension. In some areas, the trail will need to cross private property. Therefore, easements will be negotiated with those owners.

In order to extend the snowmobile trail into Lincoln, special parking would need to be provided. In addition, directional and informational signage would be necessary. Alternative winter roadway maintenance procedures would have to be developed. Lastly, promotional materials would be needed to increase knowledge and attract riders to the new trails.

Within the Village of Lincoln, there are many benefits to the community by having access for recreational snowmobiles including the following:

- Increased tourism revenue
Otsego County reported \$15 million of income from snowmobiles in 2004 (more than 100 million for northern Michigan)
- Increased adjacent property values
Desirable property is valuable property. Many studies have shown that trails enhance property values by providing community amenities for fitness and health, aesthetic experience, and reduced crime.
- Improved access for maintenance and law enforcement vehicles
- Opportunities to improve residents' health
- Increased opportunities for aesthetic experiences
- Alternative transportation options
- Family-friendly recreational opportunities

Lincoln Depot

Outdoor Displays and Signage: While the interior of the depot has been renovated and is open for visitors, the development of outdoor displays would enhance the site. Also, the addition of historical signage is needed.

Senior Center

In order to better accommodate senior citizens who frequent the Senior Center, sidewalk installation and parking lot improvements are needed. The addition of landscaping would also be an asset to the site to make it more aesthetically pleasing.