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# ALCONA TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN

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Michigan Department of Natural Resources-Grants Management

## 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:

Alcona Township Recreation Plan

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

Alcona Township, Michigan

Alcona

February 2016

### PLAN CONTENT

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

☒ **1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION**

☒ **2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE**

- ☒ Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)
- ☒ Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart
- ☒ Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming
- ☒ Current Funding Sources
- ☒ Role of Volunteers
- ☒ Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations
- Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only**
- ☐ Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities
- ☐ Articles of Incorporation

☒ **3. RECREATION INVENTORY**

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

☐ **4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)**

☒ **5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS**

☒ **6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS**

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

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

Date of the Notice 12/16/2015

Type of Notice Newspaper Notice

Plan Location Township office and website

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 58 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 2/3/2016

Name of Newspaper Alcona Review

Date of Meeting 2/11/2016

- ☒ Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

☒ **7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

☒ **8. ACTION PROGRAM**

☒ **9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT(S)**

**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: 2/16/2016

- ☒ 2. Official resolution of the Planning Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: 2/11/2016

- ☒ 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: 2/17/2016

- ☒ 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: 2/17/2016

**OVERALL CERTIFICATION**

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

I hereby certify that the recreation plan for

Alcona Township

(Local Unit of Government)

includes the required content, as indicated

above and as set forth by the DNR.

Martena MacNeil

Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

Date

2-16-16

**This completed checklist must be uploaded in MiRecGrants.**

# Chapter 1

## Community Description

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### Extent of Plan Focus

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

### Regional Setting

Alcona Township is an L-shaped township located in the northeast corner of Alcona County in Town 28 North, Ranges 7, 8, and 9 East. The Township contains approximately 58 square miles of land area and nine square miles of Hubbard Lake. The township is bordered by Alpena County at its northeastern edge. Caledonia Township borders it for part of its northern and western limits. Hawes and Haynes Townships make up its southern border. The eastern boundary is Lake Huron, which gives Alcona Township more than 10 miles of Great Lake shoreline. The distance from the north to the south boundary, at the widest point, is six miles. From east to west, the township stretches for more than 17 miles.

Traffic circulation north and south within the township is along Lakeshore Drive, which follows the shoreline of Lake Huron; Highway U.S. 23, which parallels the shoreline further inland; Highway F-41, which runs north and south several miles inland; and Hubbard Lake Road, which runs along the southeast shore of Hubbard Lake. The major east-west route is Black River Road.

Figure 1-1: Regional Location

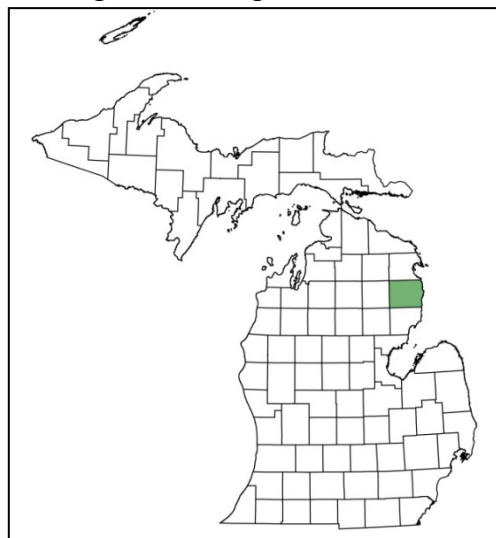


Figure 1-2: Alcona County Base Map

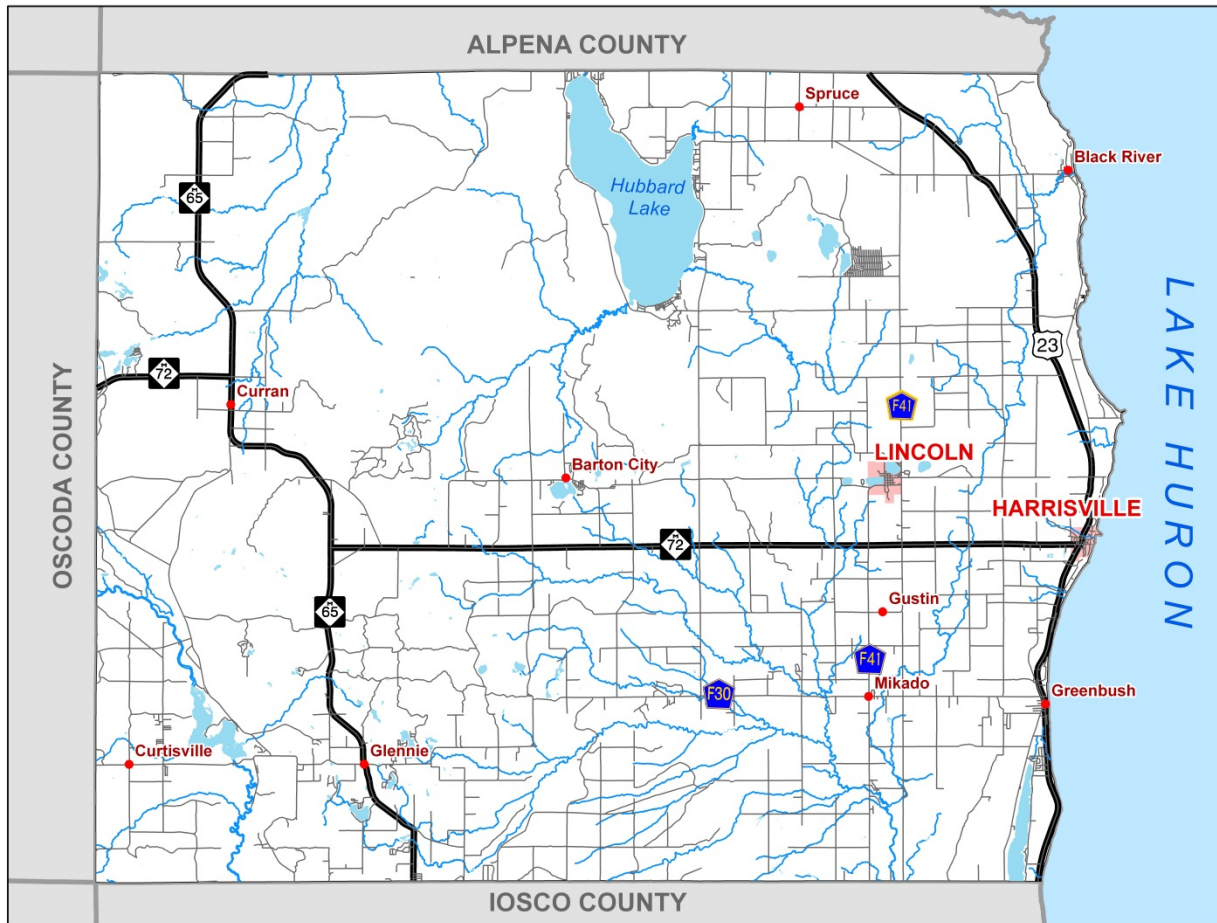
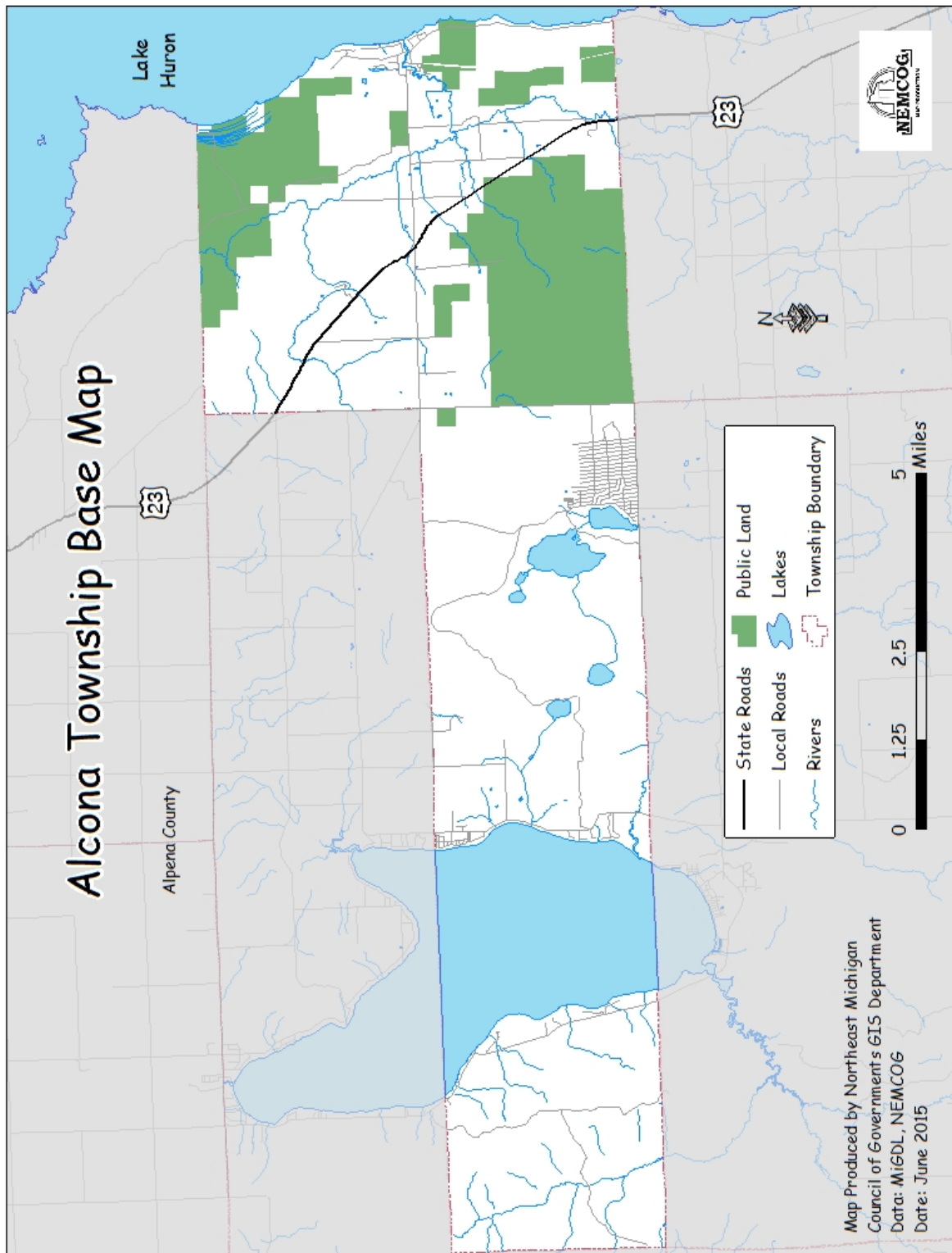


Figure 1-3: Alcona Township Base Map



Alcona Township is ideally situated for year-round outdoor recreation. The Township is located on the east side of Alcona County, on beautiful Lake Huron and reaches into central Alcona County extending across and beyond the mid-section of Hubbard Lake.

## **Population**

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the population for Alcona Township in 2010 was 968 persons. In reviewing the 2010 Census data, the figures presented for housing characteristics show 1,366 total units with 806 units as seasonal, recreational, or occasional use homes. Based on the average household size in Alcona Township of 1.95, the expected seasonal increase would be approximately 1,572 persons, nearly doubling the year-round population. In addition, many seasonal or recreational visitors stay at private lodging places or at the homes of family or friends.

## **Water Resources**

Alcona Township has nearly 10 miles of shoreline along Lake Huron. Approximately nine square miles of Hubbard Lake are contained within this Township. Several other lakes are located within the Township in the private, gated community of Lost Lake Woods. Lost Lake (T28N, R8E) has 14 acres; Bear Lake (T28N, R8E) has 15.7 acres; Deer Lake (T28N, R8E) has 48 acres; Badger Lake (T28N, R8E) has 83 acres; and Muskrat Lake (T28N, R9E) has 6 acres.

The Black River flows through the Township from north to south. Stevens Creek, Sucker Creek, Little North Creek, Liston Creek, Silver Creek, Gauthier Creek, and Derocher Creek are all located within Alcona Township.

## **Forests and Wildlife**

Based on the current plat book for the county, a significant amount of the land is owned by the federal and state government, and that land is maintained as forests. The Huron National Forest covers more than six square miles of Alcona Township. The Au Sable State Forest stretches for several square miles in the Township. A portion of Negwegon State Park is located in Alcona Township. The federal government owns several other parcels of land in the southeast corner of the Township. In addition to this government ownership, a private club holds more than 10,000 acres of land.

The forested areas provide the chief habitat for many game species. Among these are deer and bear, as well as fox, rabbit, raccoon, squirrel, and bobcat. Game fowl include ducks, geese, ruffed grouse, woodcock, and turkey. In addition, the lakes and streams support many fish species.

## **Topography**

The topography of Alcona Township is gently rolling and hilly. Elevation varies from 500' near the Lake Huron shoreline to 800' as one travels westward. Near the shores of Hubbard Lake,



the elevation drops to 700'.

## **Land Use Pattern**

Of the 58 square miles of land in the township, approximately 14 square miles are owned by a single private club. Approximately ten square miles make up Huron National Forest and other federal forestlands. About four square miles are in the State Parks, including Au Sable and Negwegon State Parks. Private ownership, which accounts for the rest of ownership of the township, holds approximately 30 square miles. Nine square miles of Hubbard Lake is included in this township. Figure 1-3 details this land use pattern.

# Chapter 2

## Administrative Structure

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### **Administration**

The Township of Alcona is governed by an elected Board of Trustees. This board is responsible for all recreation decisions in the Township. The Board receives recommendations from the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission advises the board regarding the planning, acquisition, development and funding of all other recreation properties and facilities within the Township. Membership in these two committees is currently being determined. Among other township governmental entities are the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Board of Review.

### **Planning Commission**

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

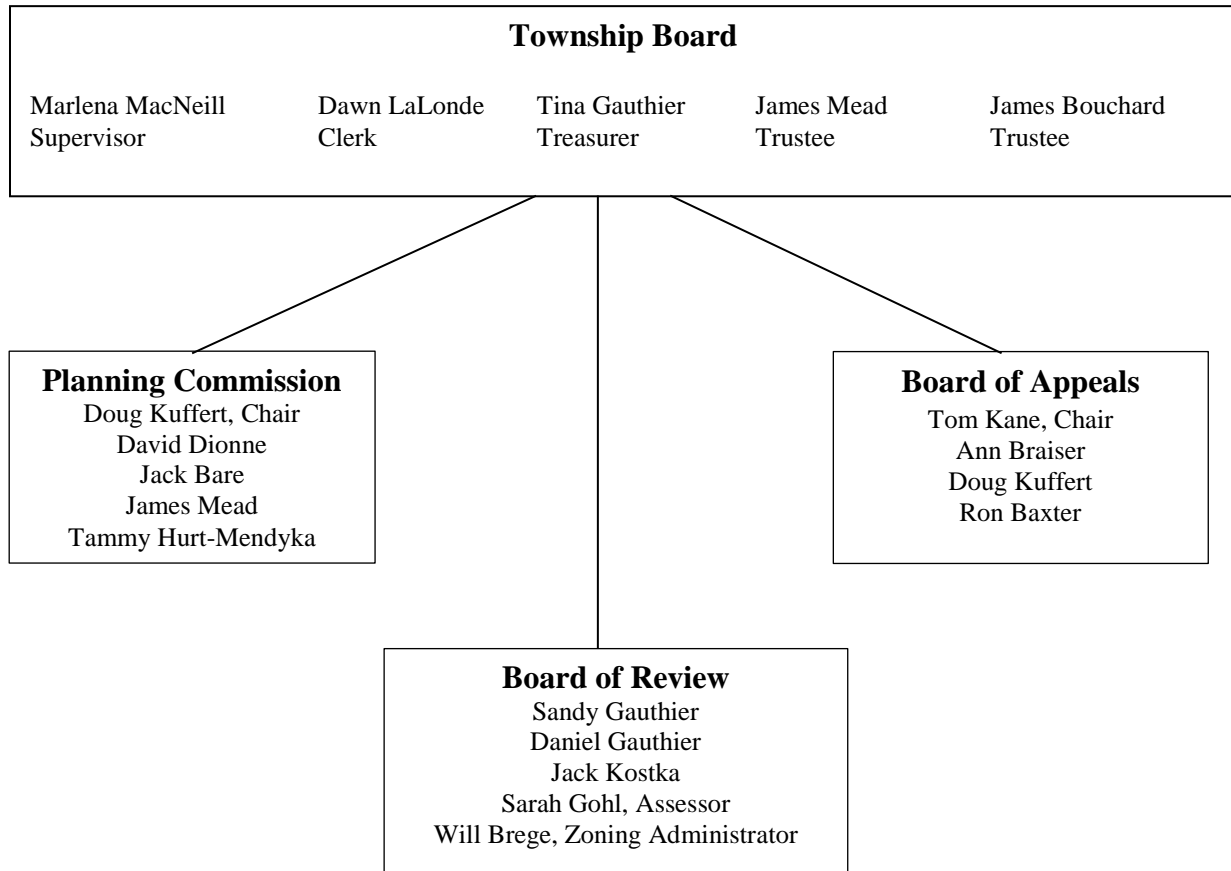
### **Staff/Parks & Recreation Maintenance**

Alcona Township employees a contractor to provide lawn maintenance and snow removal at its Parks and Recreational facilities. Other volunteers have contributed time to clean restrooms and plant flowers over the years. A volunteer day was also held during which volunteers trimmed trees, picked up limbs, repaired picnic tables and painted some structures.

## Administrative Chart

An organizational chart for the Township is as follows:

Figure 2-1



## Alcona Township Budget

In the Township, finances are garnered from property taxes, permits and fees. Maintenance operations for the Township properties are the responsibility of the Board of Trustees. The Board allocates funds for the performance of maintenance tasks. The purpose of updating the Recreation Plan is to establish the groundwork necessary for the Township to be able to seek funding from grant applications. The Township will utilize contingency funds that have been set aside to use as matching funds.

### Funding for the Parks & Recreation Budget

The current Township budget allocates \$15,000 for recreation through March of 2015. An additional \$5,000 is allocated for the Harbor which usually involves dredging the river mouth. An identical budget for recreation is allocated for FY 16.

Estimated General Fund 2015-16			
Expenditures	budgeted 14-15	estimated 14-15	proposed 15-16
<b>Supervisor Salary</b>	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 10,500.00
<b>Supervisor Office exp.</b>	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
<b>Deputy Supervisor</b>	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
<b>Assessor Salary</b>	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 21,000.00
<b>Assessor Mileage</b>	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Treasurer Salary</b>	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 15,502.00
<b>Deputy Treasurer</b>	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
<b>Clerk Salary</b>	\$ 13,480.00	\$ 13,480.00	\$ 15,502.00
<b>Office Exp.</b>	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00
<b>Deputy Clerk Salary</b>	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
<b>Trustee's Salary</b>	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00
<b>Janitor Salary</b>	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,177.43	\$ 6,000.00
<b>Payroll Taxes</b>	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
<b>Fire Dept. Payroll Taxes</b>	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
<b>Office Supplies/postage</b>	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
<b>Office Equipment</b>	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
<b>Education</b>	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
<b>Elections</b>	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
<b>Mileage</b>	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Legal Fees</b>	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
<b>Dues MTA</b>	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 1,826.00	\$ 2,000.00
<b>Board of Review</b>	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,000.00
<b>Contingency</b>	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,000.00
<b>Publishing</b>	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
<b>Recreation</b>	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,350.00	\$ 15,000.00

<b>Zoning Administrator</b>	\$	3,300.00	\$	3,300.00	\$	3,800.00
<b>Zoning Mileage</b>	\$	1,200.00	\$	300.00	\$	1,000.00
<b>Board of Appeals</b>	\$	2,000.00	\$	300.00	\$	2,000.00
<b>Planning board</b>	\$	5,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	5,000.00
<b>Electricity</b>	\$	5,000.00	\$	2,100.00	\$	2,500.00
<b>Telephones/internet</b>	\$	3,500.00	\$	1,600.00	\$	3,500.00
<b>Internet Support</b>					\$	1,800.00
<b>Repairs &amp; Maint.</b>	\$	40,000.00	\$	10,000.00	\$	40,000.00
<b>Gas Heat</b>	\$	10,000.00	\$	4,000.00	\$	10,000.00
<b>Insurance</b>	\$	7,000.00	\$	3,383.00	\$	5,000.00
<b>Web SiteTax Rolls</b>	\$	3,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	3,000.00
<b>Pension Plan</b>	\$	10,000.00	\$	7,000.00	\$	10,000.00
<b>Data Processing</b>	\$	9,000.00	\$	7,201.00	\$	9,000.00
<b>Harbor</b>	\$	5,000.00	\$	525.00	\$	5,000.00
<b>Cash Flow</b>	\$	423,671.00			\$	439,046.00
<b>Audit</b>	\$	4,000.00	\$	2,500.00	\$	2,500.00
<b>Adv/Comm/Svc</b>	\$	3,000.00			\$	3,000.00
<b>Fire Personnel</b>	\$	5,000.00	\$	4,000.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>687,251.00</b>			\$	<b>724,800.00</b>

## Relationship with Other Agencies & Role of Volunteers

The Township of Alcona depends on its community volunteers. These are dedicated individuals who come forward time and again to assist with community improvement projects, festival preparations and other community events. The Township Board has frequent contact and excellent rapport with local/adjoining Township Officials and County Representatives whom they work with on various projects.

Alcona Township has relationships with the following groups:

1. **Hubbard Lake Sportsmen & Improvement Association (HLSIA).** Two of the Planning Commissioners are members that share information relevant to our community.
2. **Lost Lake Woods Club (LLWC).** LLWC houses Fire Station 3 and has a group of volunteer first responders.
3. **Negwagon State Park.** The Township provides an access road into the park and has occasional contact with The Friends of Negwagon.
4. **Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary.** Staff from TBNMS have assisted the Township with determining that there are shipwrecks off the Township shoreline and have encouraged the Township to seek the advancement of improvements to the area to bring additional recreation opportunities to our community.



# Chapter 3

## Recreation Inventory

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An inventory of recreation facilities available in Alcona Township was completed and is presented in this chapter. The inventory includes Alcona Township owned facilities, Alcona County owned facilities, State and organization owned facilities, and privately owned facilities. Alcona Township owned facilities were evaluated for barrier-free accessibility. A description of the barrier-free accessibility rating criteria is provided below, in figure 3-1.

### INVENTORY PROCEDURES

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

### ALCONA TOWNSHIP RECREATION INVENTORY

Figure 3-1

**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

## Township Recreation Property

### Property

- 1. Black River/Lake Huron:** The Township owns this three acre site, which includes 1.5 acres adjacent to the river with 200' of river frontage; and 1.5 acres with 160' frontage of sandy beach on Lake Huron. These properties receive considerable use as a boat launch site, and for picnicking and swimming. They contain a picnic pavilion, two grills, multiple picnic tables, and minimal playground equipment. Because of the increased usage, future expansion plans include adding additional picnic tables and grills; replacing the playground equipment, which is outdated and deteriorating; installing a kayak/canoe launch; improved restroom facilities; paved parking and driveway; installing ADA compliant boardwalk to Lake Huron shoreline; creating a volleyball court; installing rip rap or steel piling along the north shore of the Black River bank to control silting; and improved signage to and within the park. The township presently dredges this area annually to control silting, the annual cost of which is between \$3,000 and \$3,500. The Township is also considering replacing wooden fencing with maintenance free vinyl fencing, reducing upkeep and material and labor costs each year.



In addition, located between these parcels is a 200' by 800' parcel recently acquired by the township from the MDNR through a twenty-five year lease agreement, which greatly increases the township's recreational capabilities at this expanded location.

**Type:** Special Use Area

**Service Area:** Township

**Barrier-Free Accessibility = 2** (some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines).

Concrete sidewalk from parking lot to various locations within the park. The rest of the property is primarily seeded lawn and the walking path to the beach is sand, making access to Lake Huron difficult for patrons with disabilities.





2. **Eastshore Hubbard Lake Public Access:** The Township maintains one launch/access site for small boats, canoes, kayaks, and other small watercraft. In the future, the Township would like to develop this 53' wide by 200' long site by stabilizing the shoreline from erosion. During the winter months this site is used as an access to the lake by fishermen and snowmobilers. In the past, there have been problems with vehicular traffic accessing the ice and disrupting the shoreline in the process. The Township would like to limit access to ATV and snowmobile traffic by means of fencing or a retaining wall with a narrow access point above the high water mark of the lake.

**Type:** Special Use Area

**Service Area:** Township

**Barrier-Free Accessibility = 1** (none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines).  
The property is primarily undeveloped and therefore lacks features and other facilities, which support the recreational needs of the disabled.



3. **Black River Recreation Area:** The Township maintains three acres in the Village of Black River. This area contains a basketball court, one tennis court, a baseball field, a small playground set, one grill, and pit-type toilets. The pond has been/can be used as an ice-skating rink. This area needs considerable site enhancement, including landscaping, fencing upgrades on the ball field and stripe painting on the tennis court and basketball court. The Township would like to add amenities to this site to improve recreational opportunities and usage by residents and visitors including a new pavilion, picnic tables, another grill, and improved restroom facilities.



**Type:** Community Park

**Service Area:** Township

**Barrier-Free Accessibility = 1** (none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines). The property lacks features and other facilities which support the recreational needs of the disabled.



## Public Buildings

4. **Township Hall and Fire Station #1:** Located at the corner of Black River Road and U.S. 23, this property consists of approximately 2 acres. The building is a combination fire hall and township hall.

**Type:** Special Use Area

**Service Area:** Township

**Barrier-Free Accessibility = 2** (some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines).



5. **Fire Station #2:** Situated on approximately 1 acre, this property is used solely as a fire hall. There are no plans in sight for improvement.

**Type:** Community Park

**Service Area:** Township

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

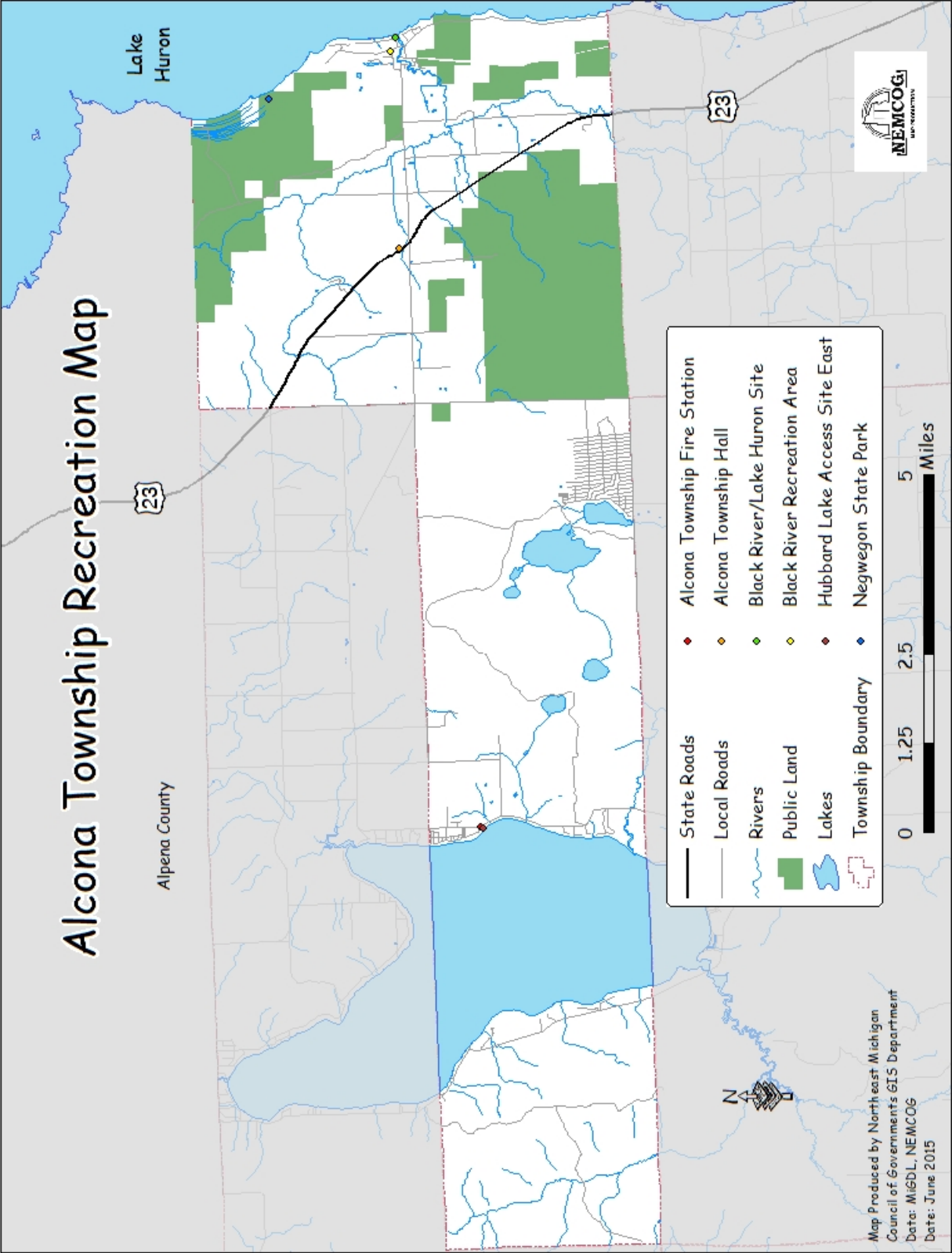


## RECREATION GRANT INVENTORY

Alcona Township has not received grant assistance from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.



Figure 3-2: Recreation Map



### Other Publicly Owned Property

6. **Negwegon State Park:** Owned by the State of Michigan, this land consists of approximately 1,720 acres along the shores of Lake Huron, with the possible inclusion of an additional 1,265 acres in the future. The southern portion of it is located in Alcona Township, while the remaining portion is in Sanborn Township in Alpena County. A gravel entrance road and parking lot currently exist to this large wilderness area. In addition to swimming and picnicking opportunities, there are currently 11.6 miles of marked hiking and nature trails. Camping is permitted at four primitive, walk-in sites that require reservations. Campsites can be accessed by kayak/canoe from Lake Huron. Hunting of deer, turkey, rabbit, woodcock, duck, goose and squirrel is permitted.
7. **Huron National Forest:** Owned by the United States Government, this land consists of approximately 5,400 acres. It includes almost one mile of undeveloped shoreline along Lake Huron. No developed recreational facilities are planned for this area.

### Privately Owned Recreation Facilities

8. **Lost Lake Woods Club:** This is a private club consisting of approximately 10,000 acres, a 40-room clubhouse and four private lakes. The club has complete recreational facilities including hunting, fishing, hiking trails, snowmobile and riding trails, a riding stable, 18 hole golf course, archery range, skeet and rifle ranges and year-round homes. The club, although private, has a tremendous impact on Alcona Township and Alcona County.

There is also a fire station (Fire Station #3) located on this property. The building is owned by Lost Lake Woods Club and the fire truck is owned by the Township. This cooperative arrangement with the township exchanges facilities for housing fire-fighting equipment in return for fire-fighting services.

### **Regional Recreation in Alcona County (Figure 3-4)**

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:

<b><i>Alcona Township</i></b>	
<b>Public</b>	<b>Private</b>
Negwegon State Park	Lost Lake Woods Club
Huron National Forest	Viking Marine

<b><i>Caledonia Township</i></b>	
Public	Private
Hubbard Lake Access Sites	Paul Bunyan Campground
Hickey Hill	Monarch Ridge Golf Course
Spruce Park	Hubbard Lake Marine
	Churchill Pointe Inn

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

<b><i>Greenbush Township</i></b>	
Public	Private
Cedar Lake Access Sites	Greenbush Golf Course
Ten Acres	Timberlakes Subdivision
Greenbush Recreation Area	
Greenbush Country School	
Swart House	
Two access sites on Lake Huron	

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

<b><i>Harrisville Township</i></b>	
Public	Private
Harrisville Recreation Area	Springport Hills Golf Course
Harrisville State Park	80-acre Reserve
Alcona Recreation Area	

<b><i>Village of Lincoln</i></b>	
Public	Private
Barlow Park/Flights of Imagination	
Brownlee Lake Park	
Lincoln Lakefront	
Railroad Park	

Brownlee Lake Public Access	
Lincoln Train Depot	
Lincoln Area Multiuse Pathway (LAMP)	

<b><i>Hawes Township</i></b>	
Public	Private
Public Access Site (West Branch River)	Former Timber Creek Resort
Jewell Lake	Deep Woods Taxidermy
	White Pines National Golf Club

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

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

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

<b><i>Mitchell Township</i></b>	
Public	Private
Mitchell Township Park	
Hoist Lake Area	
O'Brien Lake	
McCollum Lake State Forest Campground	
AuSable River	
<b><i>City of Harrisville</i></b>	
Public	Private

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

Following is a detailed description of significant recreational sites in Alcona County (numbers represent the facility on 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, 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. The area is the site of the Alcona County Fair as well as the Lincoln 250 Enduro Snowmobile Race. The location has a one-half mile dirt track for trotter and snowmobile racing, a Motocross track, four pole barns, four animal barns, a multipurpose building for displays, meetings and other events, a horse arena and show arena, an office and maintenance building with flush toilets, a 300' complete BMX track, an observation/broadcast booth, a gatehouse, two wells, four irrigated soccer fields, water and sewer, six portable toilets, and 80 acres of undeveloped forest land. It also boasts a Braille Nature Trail.

**STURGEON POINT LIGHTHOUSE (#3)**, located in Haynes Township, is a major tourist attraction. The Alcona Historical Society offers summer tours of the still-operating, Federally-owned facility. The State of Michigan owns the 40 acres surrounding the lighthouse and has no immediate plans for development. **Old Bailey School**, one of the few remaining one-room, log schoolhouses in Michigan, is situated near the lighthouse and is open to the public. **HARRISVILLE STATE PARK (#4)**, 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)** 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, 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, Loggers Trace at Springport Hills south of Harrisville, 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. In addition there is an 18 hole private course located in Lost Lake Woods Club.

**FLIGHTS OF IMAGINATION**, a play structure in Lincoln, is located on 11 acres of land in **BARLOW PARK (#14)**. (The park also includes softball and baseball fields, a wooded park and picnic area, tennis courts, and public restrooms). The play structure was designed by Robert A. Leathers & Associates, of Ithaca, New York for the children of Alcona County, as well as seasonal visitors to the area, and was funded and constructed using grassroots community efforts.

**THE LINCOLN DEPOT (#15)** is located in the downtown area of the Village of Lincoln and was restored by the Friends of the Lincoln Depot. It now serves as a tourist and educational attraction, and includes many of the original furnishings and a gift shop.

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

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



**TRAILS:** Three major hiking trail systems are located in Alcona County – the Hoist Lakes Foot Travel Area, Reid Lake Quiet Area, and approximately 14 miles of the Shore to Shore Trail passes through the southwestern portion of the county on its way from Lake Huron to Lake Michigan. Hoist Lakes (over 20 miles of trails) and Reid Lake (12 miles of trails) are footpaths for hikers and skiers while the Shore to Shore Trail is an unpaved multi-use trail for mountain bikes, hikers, and horses.

**SHIPWRECKS:** The boundaries of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary include the waters off Alcona, Alpena and Presque Isle County to the Canadian border. The sanctuary was designated to protect a significant collection of over 200 shipwrecks that lie in Lake Huron. Visitors can fish, kayak, or snorkel the wrecks. There are five shallow-water shipwrecks off the coast of Alcona Township accessible by kayak or small boat.

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

**HUBBARD LAKE:** At 8,850 acres, Hubbard Lake is Michigan's 12<sup>th</sup> largest lake. Its depths range from 90 feet to less than 20 feet. The lake is oriented in a north-south direction which makes for prevailing winds coming from the west-southwest. Hubbard Lake provides water activities including boating, fishing, water skiing, swimming, personal watercraft operation, kayaking and canoeing. Three streams feed the lake: Comstock (West Branch River) at the south end, Sucker on the east side and Holcomb off of East Bay.

Figure 3-3: The Black River Route

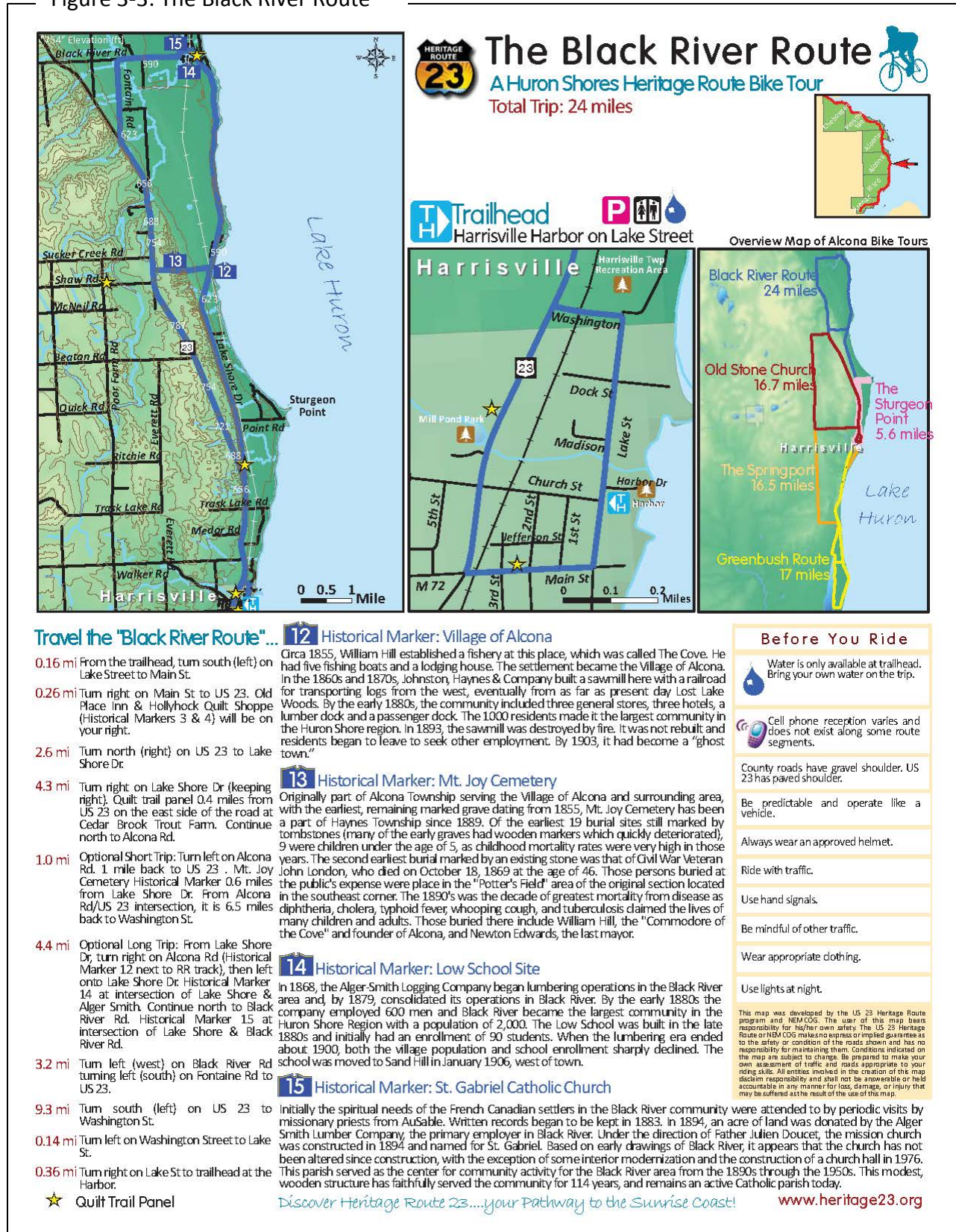
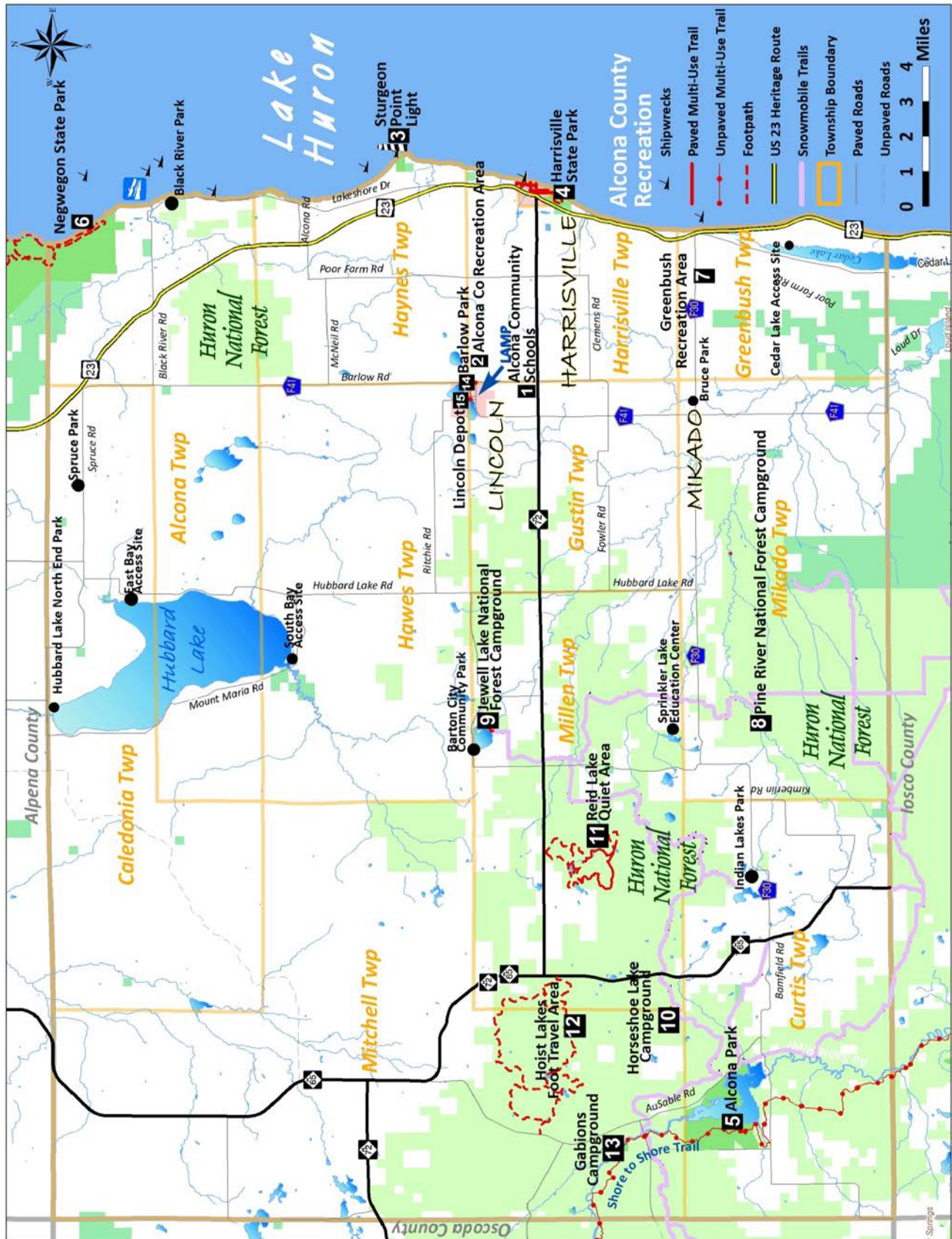




Figure 3-4: Alcona County Recreation



## ***Recreation Outside of Alcona County***

In addition to recreation within Alcona County, city 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 Plaza Pool at Alpena High School 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 Au Sable River. The Lumberman's Monument area on the River Road offers a visitor's center with informative and educational displays depicting lumbering days, a gift shop, interpretive center, the impressive monument itself, numerous scenic hiking and walking trails, and a spectacular view of the Au Sable River. Picnicking and boating is also available at Van Etten Lake in Oscoda.

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

# Chapter 4

## Planning & Public Input Process

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### Alcona Township Planning Process

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

#### SCHEDULE

<b>June 10, 2015</b>	Township Officials contact Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) requesting collaboration in drafting a recreation plan for Alcona Township.
<b>June 2015</b>	Northeast Michigan Council of Governments reviewed expiring plan and made corrections with information publicly available.
<b>July 9, 2015</b>	NEMCOG staff conducted site visits to Township owned properties to assess accessibility and gather photos.
<b>July 10, 2015</b>	A draft plan is sent to Alcona Township officials for review and comment.
<b>September 8, 2015</b>	Alcona Township Planning Commission held a public input session for the Recreation Plan.
<b>October 1, 2015</b>	Alcona Township Planning Commission met to clarify the plan and to further prioritize projects NEMCOG staff suggested partnering with other local units of government that are also updating their recreation plans to conduct a survey to gather more public input. Commission also made changes to the recreation plan to transmit to NEMCOG.

<b>October 13, 2015</b>	Joint online recreation survey was posted to the following websites: Alcona County, Alcona Township, Caledonia Township, NEMCOG, US 23 Heritage Route and was shared via social media. Survey included sites in Alcona County, Alcona Township, Caledonia Township, and Harrisville Township. In addition, a link to the survey was provided in the Alcona Review and on True North Radio Network.
<b>October 31, 2015</b>	The online survey was closed. 54 responses were transmitted to Planning Commission.
<b>November 5, 2015</b>	The Planning Commission met and made further changes to the action table based on survey responses.
<b>December 5, 2015</b>	The Planning Commission met and made minor changes to the recreation plan. The Planning Commission voted to put the plan out for the 30-day review period.
<b>February 3, 2016</b>	A notice appeared in the Alcona Review advertising the public hearing scheduled for February 11, 2016.
<b>February 11, 2016</b>	The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the Recreation Plan. The Planning Commission passed a Resolution of Adoption.
<b>February 16, 2016</b>	The Township Board passed a Resolution of Adoption.

## **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 Alcona Township were involved. Due to the small size of the community, the Planning Committee opted to hold a public input session to gather comprehensive public opinion and ideas about the future of parks and recreation in Alcona Township. The public was notified of the meeting through press releases and notices posted in area businesses as well as by word of mouth. In addition, an online survey was provided for citizens to provide input about recreational facilities. Alcona Township partnered with Alcona County, Caledonia Township, and Harrisville Township to create and publicize the survey. 54 people responded to the survey. The survey results can be found in Appendix A at the end of this plan.

Because of the small size of Alcona Township, the Planning Commission felt that the community was well-represented throughout the process especially in the online survey. After all public

input was gathered and recorded, the Planning Commission met to prioritize projects for the Action Plan and to develop a capital improvements plan.


## Public Input Session Flyer

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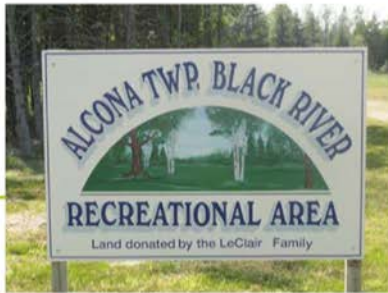

Public Visioning Session

for



# A l c o n a T o w n s h i p

→ Alcona Township Hall (corner of US 23 & Black River Rd)  
Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 6 pm ←



**Bring your ideas or suggestions to the meeting!**  
Questions? Call or email Doug Kuffert 989-727-2790 or [kuffertd@yahoo.com](mailto:kuffertd@yahoo.com)



## Public Input Session Minutes

### Alcona Township Planning Commission Recreation Plan Public Hearing Meeting Minutes September 8, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Marlena MacNeill at 7:00 PM.

The roll call included all members present from the Planning Commission: Doug Kuffert Chairman, Dave Dionne Vice-Chair, Tammy Hurt-Mendyka, Jack Bare, and Jim Mead. Also included were Marlena MacNeill Supervisor, Jim Bouchard Trustee and Citizen Don McKay.

Doug said he had received one e-mail from Carol Zurawka that asked if we would maintain the tennis court as it does get used regularly. It needs to be marked and a new net. Jim said that LLWC has a rubberized surface on their tennis courts and it requires a lot of maintenance.

Jack said his biggest concern is maintaining the facilities and Oscoda has a pristine beach. We should for a Sub-Committee that could go down there and research what they do to maintain their beach and park area. It may be wise for the Recreation Plan to include management.

Our main focus has been on Black River being developed so that it supplies more access to Lake Huron for Recreation. We are currently experiencing high water levels. There is a tidal pool forming.

Brush needs to be removed from both areas and the lawn taken better care of. Discussion on removal of pit toilets and replaced with porta pots. To have flush toilets and running water would require filling an area because of the wet conditions also a well & septic system.

There is such a need to maintain what we have that includes cutting dead trees and mowing just to keep a well-kept appearance before considering additional amenities because those things too will require maintenance. Can we get money in the budget to hire maintenance? There are funds currently being spent for mowing, trimming, and dredging. The Bridge Walk and a ball game that has brought in funds.

Black River/Lake Huron is being used regularly for swimming, picnicking, boating, fishing and biking. It was brought up that there used to be an ice rink...on the pond or by flooding a low area.

Fishing has changed along with the types of fish that are available.

We need to look at our timeline to determine what has to be done yet and have the highlighted areas of the Draft Recreation Plan changed to reflect our needs. We should also adjust some of the costs to be in line with today's costs.

Since we didn't get much input, it would be advisable for us to go over the plan individually and then have another meeting prior to the November meeting so we can move this along. Doug is tentatively setting the meeting for October 1, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tammy Hurt-Mendyka, Secretary

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Tammy Hurt-Mendyka, Secretary

Next Meeting date is **October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM.**

Reminder the Tri-Twp. meeting is October 8 at 7:00 PM in Caledonia Twp.



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## Alcona & Alpena communities seek input on rec plans

Submitted by Phil Heimerl on October 15, 2015 – 12:22 am

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

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

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

funding from the DNR.

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

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

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## Comments

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## Notice of Recreation Plan Availability (30 days) from Alcona Review

### **ALCONA TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN**

Alcona Township has prepared a draft Recreation Plan for 2016-2020 which will be available for the next 30 days at the Alcona Township Offices and online at <http://www.alconatownship.com>.

Written comments may be submitted to (Doug Kuffert, 4026 Mt. Maria Rd, Hubbard Lake, MI 49747 or by email at [kuffertd@yahoo.com](mailto:kuffertd@yahoo.com).

A copy of the Recreation Plan is available for inspection by contacting Dawn LaLonde, Alcona Township Clerk, at 471-2948.

A public hearing will follow the review period.

## Public Hearing Notice from Alcona Review

### **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

#### **ALCONA TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN**

The Alcona Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the draft Recreation Plan. The meeting will take place at Alcona Township Hall, located at 5576 US-23 S, Black River, MI, on February 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. The draft plan contains an action plan for recreation in Alcona Township from 2016-2020. The draft plan is available for review on [www.alconatownship.com](http://www.alconatownship.com). Written comments may be submitted to Doug Kuffert, 4026 Mt. Maria Rd, Hubbard Lake, MI 49747 or by email at [kuffertd@yahoo.com](mailto:kuffertd@yahoo.com)

## Planning Commission Resolution (adopting the Recreation Plan)

### ALCONA TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN

#### RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

##### PLANNING COMMISSION

**WHEREAS,** Alcona Township 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 2016 to 2020, and

**WHEREAS,** A public input session was held on September 8, 2015 at the Alcona Township Hall to provide for an opportunity for citizens to discuss the future of recreation in the Township, and

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

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

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

Yeas: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the forgoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Alcona Township Planning Commission held on February 11, 2016.

February 11, 2016

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Douglas Kuffert, Secretary  
Tammy Hunt-Mendyk, Chair

## Planning Commission minutes from Public Hearing of 2/11/16

### Alcona Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

Public Hearing on February 11, 2016

#### *Proposed Recreation Plan for Years 2016-2020*

Meeting held at Alcona Township Hall.

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Tammy Hurt-Mendyka with the Pledge to the Flag.

Attendance: Tammy Hurt-Mendyka, Jack Bare, Dave Dionne, Doug Kuffert. Absent: Jim Mead  
Also attending: Marlena MacNeill, Township Supervisor.

Public attendance: None. Doug reported no comments were received by letter, email or phone call.

Motion to approve the December 5, 2015 Meeting Minutes of the Alcona Recreation Committee (the Planning Commission by default) was made by Dave Dionne, seconded by Doug Kuffert. Motion carried.

The purpose of this meeting was to receive any further public input about the proposed Recreation Plan and address any comments or concerns before the Planning Commission makes a resolution to adopt the Plan.

Tammy read the attached Resolution of Adoption for the Recreation Plan and called for a vote. The Resolution passed 4-0. (The official vote is recorded on the signed Resolution of Adoption on file.)

Motion to adjourn was made by Doug Kuffert, seconded by Jack Bare. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Douglas Kuffert, Secretary  
Planning Commission, Alcona Township.

## Township Board of Trustees Resolution (adopting the Recreation Plan)

### ALCONA TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN

#### RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

##### Township Board of Trustees

**WHEREAS,** Alcona Township 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 2016-2020, and

**WHEREAS,** A public input session was held on September 8, 2015 at the Alcona Township Hall to provide for an opportunity for citizens to discuss the future of recreation in the Township, and

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

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

**WHEREAS,** Alcona Township Planning Commission has recommended adoption of the 5-Year Recreation Plan;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Alcona Township Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Alcona Township Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of Alcona Township.

Yeas: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: /

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the forgoing Resolution was adopted at a special meeting of the Alcona Township Board of Trustees held on February 16, 2016.

2-16-2016  
Date

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## Township Board of Trustees minutes from Public Hearing of 2/16/16

ALCONA TOWNSHIP  
SPECIAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 16, 2016

Supervisor MacNeill called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Present Supervisor Marlena MacNeill, Clerk Dawn LaLonde, Treasurer Tina Gauthier, and Trustee Jim Bouchard. Excused Trustee Jim Mead.

Planning Chair, Tammy Mendyka, presented an Alcona Township Recreation Plan Resolution of Adoption. The planning commission has spent many hours working on the recreation plan and asked that the board consider adopting the plan.

Motion by Gauthier, seconded by Bouchard, to approve the recreation plan and to sign a Resolution Of Adoption. PASSED All in Favor.

Meeting adjourned at 4:42.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Alcona Township Clerk

**Copies of Submittal Letters to Alcona County and NEMCOG**

# Alcona Township

Alcona County, Michigan

5576 N. US-23  
Black River, MI 48721  
989.471.5004 (voice)

February 17, 2016

Alcona County Board of Commissioners  
PO Box 308  
106 Fifth Street  
Harrisville, MI 48740

Please find enclosed a complete copy of the Alcona Township Recreation Plan which was adopted by the Alcona Township Board of Trustees on February 16, 2016.

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

Sincerely,



Marlena MacNeill  
Alcona Township Supervisor

# Alcona Township

## Alcona County, Michigan

5576 N. US-23  
Black River, MI 48721  
989.471.5004 (voice)

February 17, 2016

Northeast Michigan Council of Governments  
PO Box 457  
Gaylord, MI 49734

Please find enclosed a complete copy of the Alcona Township Recreation Plan which was adopted by the Alcona Township Board of Trustees on February 16, 2016.

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

Sincerely,



Marlena MacNeill  
Alcona Township Supervisor



# Chapter 5

## Goals, Objectives, and Action Plan

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

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

## Black River/ Lake Huron Property

**Goal:** Enhance the recreational opportunities at the Black River/Lake Huron property to encourage its establishment as a primary recreational facility in the Township.

1. **Objective:** Provide amenities to improve the overall usability of the park.

- a) **Action:** Improve signage to and within the park.
- b) **Action:** Remove of dead trees and improved landscaping.
- c) **Action:** Install kayak/canoe launch dock in Black River.
- d) **Action:** Work with Alpena Shipwreck Tours and the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary to develop a kayak/canoe shipwreck trail within close proximity of the property.
- e) **Action:** Install rip rap at the mouth of the river.
- f) **Action:** Improve site lighting.
- g) **Action:** Improve parking and driveways.
- h) **Action:** Add picnic tables, grills and additional playground equipment.
- i) **Action:** Install a volleyball court.
- j) **Action:** Improve boat launch facilities.
- k) **Action:** Construct of a concrete pier extending 300' to 400' into the lake on the north side of Black River.
- l) **Action:** Upgrade entire site to ADA specifications.
- m) **Action:** Construct additional pavilion/addition to existing pavilion to create more picnicking opportunities during busy periods or less than ideal weather conditions.

## Hubbard Lake Eastshore Property

**Goal:** Enhance the recreational opportunities at the Black River/Lake Huron property to encourage its establishment as a primary recreational facility in the Township.

1. **Objective:** Provide amenities to improve the overall usability of the park.

- a) **Action:** Seeding and landscaping.
- b) **Action:** Develop the 53' x 200' site by adding a picnic area with picnic tables and grills.

2. **Objective:** Stop deterioration of property.

- a) **Action:** Stabilize shoreline from erosion.
- b) **Action:** Limit winter traffic accessing lake to ATV and snowmobiles by providing only a narrow access point, not passable by vehicular traffic.

## Black River Recreation Area

**Goal:** Enhance the recreational opportunities at the Black River Recreation Area to encourage its establishment as a primary recreational facility in the Township.

1. **Objective:** Provide amenities to improve the overall usability of the park.

- a) **Action:** Construct pavilion for picnics and patrons using playground equipment.
- b) **Action:** Add picnic tables, grills and additional playground equipment.
- c) **Action:** Paint boundary lines on tennis court and basketball court.
- d) **Action:** Replace nets on tennis court and basketball hoops with suitable material.
- e) **Action:** Mend fencing on baseball field.
- f) **Action:** Improve pit toilets.
- g) **Action:** Landscape improvement and removal of brush and dead trees.

## Township Hall

**Goal:** Enhance the recreational opportunities at the Alcona Township Hall to encourage

its establishment as a primary recreational facility in the Township.

1. **Objective:** Provide amenities to improve the overall usability of the property.

a) **Action:** Add Picnic tables and playground equipment such as swings and a slide.

b) **Action:** Construct pavilion and add grills.

c) **Action:** Install basketball hoop at far end of parking lot, utilizing paved area.

## **Basis for Action Program**

There are a number of issues to consider when planning for recreational facilities in Alcona Township:

1. The median age of residents in Alcona Township is 63.4 years old, compared to the state's median age of 39.1. With a higher median age comes a high percentage of wheelchair use. All of the recreational facilities in Alcona Township lack universal accessibility and are in need of improvements.
2. Young people ages 0-19 comprise 13% of the Township population and 23% of the population is between 20-54 years of age. Recreational facilities in the Township need to appeal to a very diverse age group.
3. Residents of retirement age (65 +) comprise 46% of the Township population. Thought must be given to planning for this large resident population which has both the time and desire for age-appropriate recreational activities.
4. Alcona Township's median household income is \$45,703 compared to that of the state average of \$48,411. Nearly 66% of the households in the township include Social Security recipients, compared to 32.3% statewide. Nearly fifty-two percent of households have retirement income, compared to 22.7% statewide. Accordingly, to truly be accessible, recreation must also be affordable which means that nearby facilities should be enhanced to lessen the driving time and expenses that residents would incur to travel to facilities farther away.
5. Alcona Township is very proud of its natural beauty and rural character. It is important to those planning for its growth and development that every effort be made to balance ecological concerns with tourism potential. Protection of natural resources and scenic areas must therefore be a major element of the planning process.
6. The issue of improving the local economy by establishing the area as a recreation destination is of utmost importance. Unemployment rates in Alcona Township are reported at 10.1% (2014), and all of Northeast Michigan remained significantly higher than the state average. The Township strives to create a community with a defined sense of place and a

high quality of life which will attract young families and entrepreneurs. This quality of life will also help to retain local youth who otherwise would leave the area upon reaching adulthood. The retention of youth and attraction of visitors are two methods with which the Township hopes to continue its economic turn-around.

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

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

1. Development of recreation opportunities which are appropriate to the Township's major population groups. Both active and passive recreation opportunities require easy access to allow use by those with limited transportation resources, including the elderly and youth of the Township.
2. Development and maintenance of recreational opportunities for individuals with diverse incomes, including recreation available at a no-cost or low-cost basis, as well as appealing to upscale, urban visitors.
3. Maintenance and operation of existing and new recreational facilities in a manner that preserve their ecological and scenic value, with limited staff.

## Capital Improvement Plan

The Capital Improvement Schedule found below describes what recreational improvements the parks and recreation committee as well as the Township would like to pursue over the next five years.

Table 5-1: Capital Improvements Schedule					
Black River/Lake Huron Frontage					
PRIORITY	SITE	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT	EST. COST	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	YEAR*
HIGH	Black River/Lake Huron	Removal of dead trees and improvement of landscaping.	TBD	Local funds.	2016
HIGH	Black River/Lake Huron	Improved signage to and within the park	TBD	Local funds.	2016
HIGH	Black River/Lake Huron	Improve Beach Area for swimming and beach activities.	TBD	*Project to take a few years. Start with using dredging materials from mouth of River.	2016>
HIGH	Black River/Lake Huron	Kayak/Canoe launch dock	\$20,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2016
HIGH	Black River/Lake Huron	Improving site lighting	\$5,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2016
HIGH	Black River/Lake Huron	Playground equipment	\$40,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2017
HIGH	Black River/Lake Huron	Picnic tables, grills & benches	\$5,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2016
HIGH	Black River/Lake Huron	Improving parking/driveways	\$20,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2017
HIGH	Black River/Lake Huron	Engineering studies	\$25,000	Municipal Bonds Coastal Zone Mgt. Grant Other appropriate grants	2018
HIGH	Black River/Lake Huron	Install rip rap at the mouth of river.	\$120,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2019

HIGH	Black River/Lake Huron	ADA-compliant boardwalk to Lake Huron	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2019
HIGH	Black River/Lake Huron	Adding/improving boat launches	\$50,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2020
MEDIUM	Black River/Lake Huron	Construct volleyball court	\$500	Local Funds	2020
MEDIUM	Black River/Lake Huron	Concrete pier construction in Black River	\$180,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	TBD
MEDIUM	Black River/Lake Huron	Construct new pavilion	\$25,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2020
LOW	Black River/Lake Huron	Adding ADA Pit Type Restrooms	\$20,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	TBD
<b>Hubbard Lake East Shore Property</b>					
<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>SITE</b>	<b>PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT</b>	<b>EST. COST</b>	<b>FUNDING SOURCE(S)</b>	<b>YEAR*</b>
HIGH	Hubbard Lake East Shore	Seeding & landscaping	\$2,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2016
MEDIUM	Hubbard Lake East Shore	Shoreline stabilization	\$10,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2018
MEDIUM	Hubbard Lake East Shore	Retaining wall with narrow ATV & snowmobile access	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2018
MEDIUM	Hubbard Lake East Shore	Develop picnic area with picnic tables, & grills	\$5,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2020
<b>Black River Recreation Area</b>					
<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>SITE</b>	<b>PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT</b>	<b>EST. COST</b>	<b>FUNDING SOURCE(S)</b>	<b>YEAR*</b>
HIGH	Black River Recreation Area	Install 2 new ADA compliant pit toilets	\$20,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2016

HIGH	Black River Recreation Area	Landscaping & site enhancements	\$5,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2016
HIGH	Black River Recreation Area	Paint basketball and tennis court boundaries. Replace nets on tennis & basketball courts.	\$1,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2016
HIGH	Black River Recreation Area	Mend fencing on baseball field	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2016
HIGH	Black River Recreation Area	Picnic tables, grills, benches and additional playground equipment.	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2016
HIGH	Black River Recreation Area	Construct pavilion	\$25,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2020
<b>Alcona Township Hall</b>					
<b>PRIORITY</b>	<b>SITE</b>	<b>PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT</b>	<b>EST. COST</b>	<b>FUNDING SOURCE(S)</b>	<b>YEAR*</b>
MEDIUM	Alcona Township Hall	Picnic tables, grills & benches	\$5,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2019
MEDIUM	Alcona Township Hall	Install playground equipment	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2019
LOW	Alcona Township Hall	Construct pavilion	\$25,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2020
LOW	Alcona Township Hall	Install basketball court	\$500	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2020
*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.					



## **APPENDIX A**

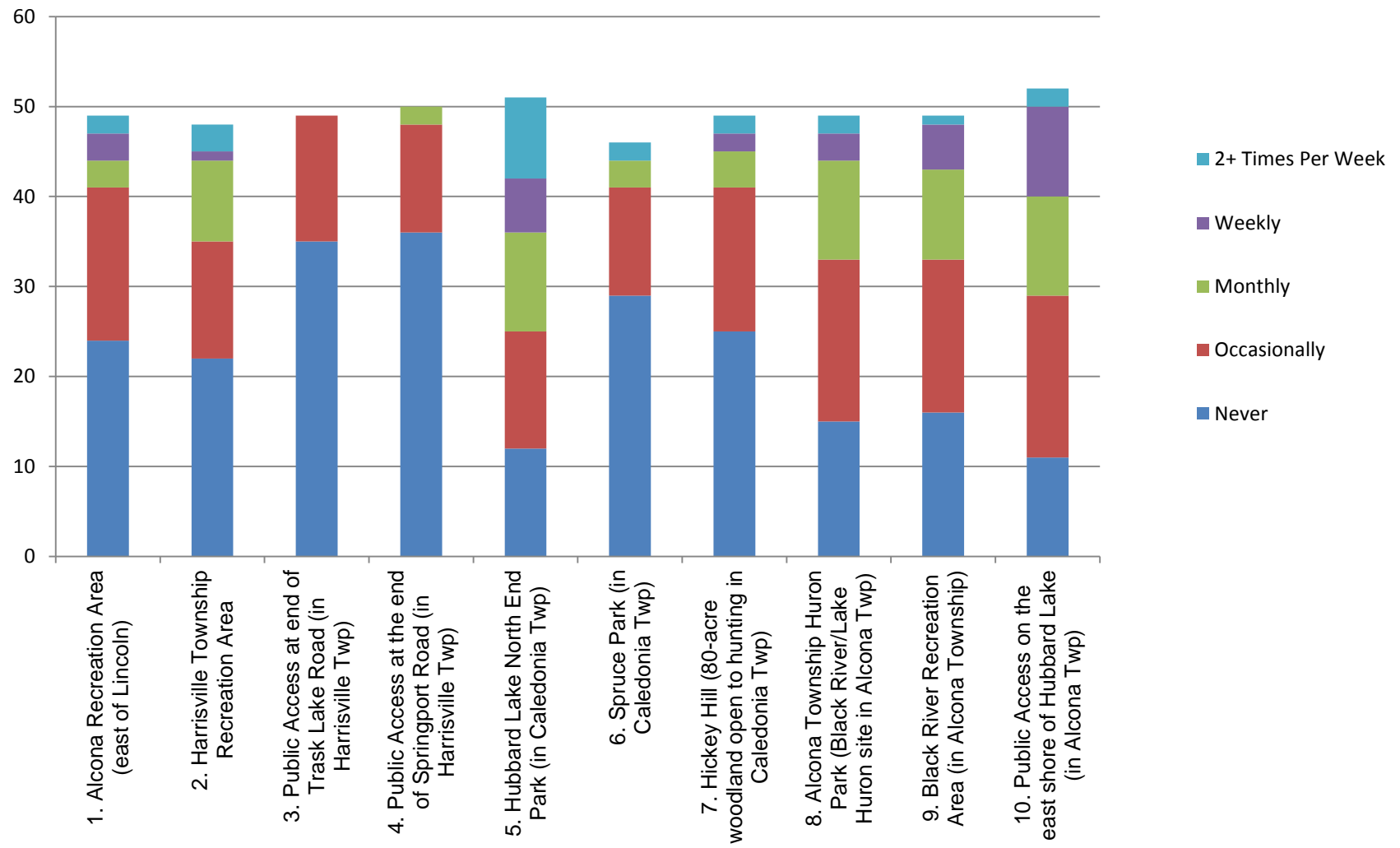
### **Recreation Survey Results**

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

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

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

## How often do you utilize the following recreational facilities?



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

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

Number      **Other (please specify)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

No responses

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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area.

4 Better camping

5 Keep wild. Improve existing trails and health of forests.

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

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

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

Number	Response Text
1	upgrade toilet facilities, new fencing around ball field
2	Drinking water
3	None

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

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

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

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

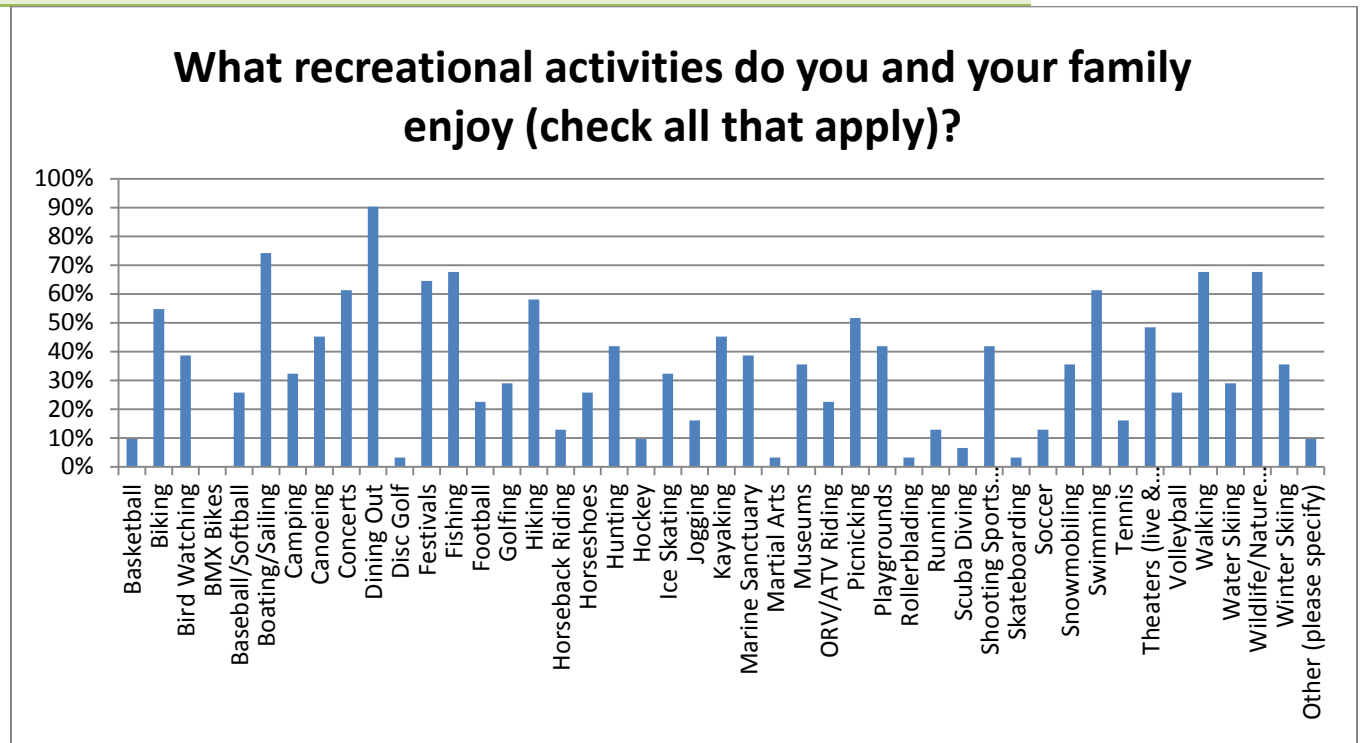
Number	Response Text
1	Updated playground in Harrisville. Improved Lake Huron beach access.
2	walk and bicycle paths paths, a playscape park for little kids
3	kayak and bike rental would be nice.
4	Hiking trails, trailhead improvements. More picnic tables. Restroom facilities.
5	I would very much like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

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

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

answered question	31
skipped question	23

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 20. Where do you live?

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

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

Number Other (please specify)

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

