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CITY OF ALPENA RECREATION PLAN

CHAPTER 1: COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Extent of Plan Focus

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

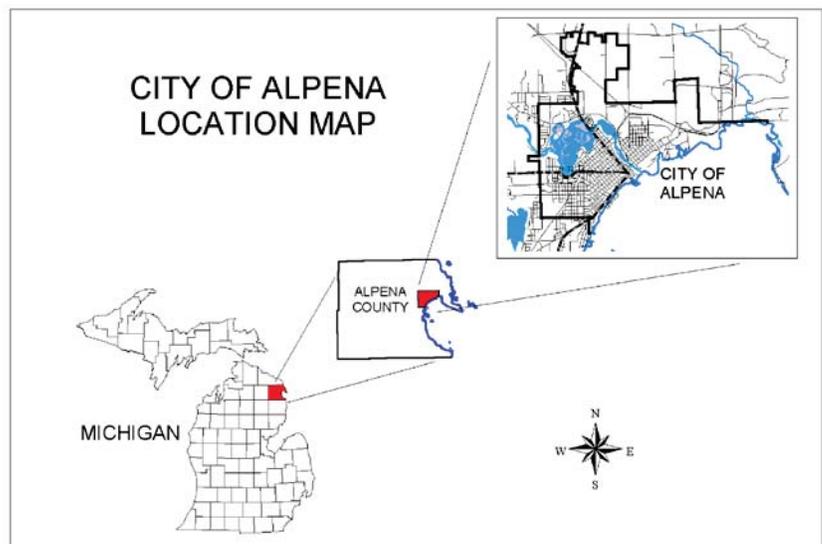
Location

The City of Alpena is situated along the shore of Lake Huron (Thunder Bay) in Alpena County in Northeastern Lower Michigan. With a population of 10,483 residents (2010 Census), it is the largest city in Northeast Michigan, as well as the only incorporated place within the County. The nearest city of larger population is Bay City, 129 miles to the south. Alpena City is surrounded on three sides by Alpena Township with Thunder Bay situated to the east. Alpena Township, with a population of 9,060 (2010 Census), has a concentration of commercial and residential areas. The City, the Township of Alpena, seven other townships, the unincorporated village of Ossineke, as well as several other unincorporated places combine to make up the County of Alpena with a total population of 29,598.

Background

The City of Alpena, located in Alpena County in northeastern Lower Michigan has the unique characteristic of having both a lake and a river within the city limits. The Thunder Bay River divides the city which flows through Besser Lake, located in the northwest section of the City (See **Map 1**). The river was influential in the development of the community and continues to be a primary force in the social, economic and recreational life of the area.

Map 1



The City of Alpena is considered a popular destination for visitors of all types. The City's position in northeastern Lower Michigan affords its citizens easy access to four seasons of

recreation. The area offers hunting, camping, hiking, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, and golfing for the outdoor enthusiast. A number of day-parks offer a pleasant place to relax over a picnic lunch or to take a quick break in the middle of a hectic day. Abundant perch, northern pike, bass, and other pan fish lure avid fisherman to the Thunder Bay River and its many tributaries. Indoor recreational opportunities include bingo, ice skating, roller skating, swimming, movies and bowling. Stores and businesses located in the City's downtown area offer a wide variety of goods and services, and the major buying opportunities draw shoppers from all over the northeastern Michigan region.

Map 2



Population

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the population for Alpena in 2010 was 10,483 persons. In reviewing the 2010 Census data, the figures presented for housing characteristics show 5,278 total units and 70 units as seasonal, recreational, or occasional use homes. Based on the average household size in Alpena of 2.13, the expected seasonal increase would be approximately 149 persons. However, there are many more seasonal homes within a 30 mile radius of Alpena - many of whom use recreational facilities in the city. In addition, many seasonal or recreational visitors stay at private lodging places or at the homes of family or friends.

Land Use Patterns

In December 1985, a land use inventory of the County was prepared by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Division of Land Resource Programs. This data was updated in 2002 and revealed a total area of 78,047.4 acres (9.06 miles) made up the City of Alpena. The land area of Alpena is made up of 77,474 acres, while 572.8 acres is water. The overall land use pattern for the City of Alpena is closely related to major transportation links and the Thunder Bay River. US-23 forms the City's central spine, carrying traffic north and south through the city. M-32 allows access to the City from the west and intersects US-23 just south of the Thunder Bay River. The Thunder Bay River meanders through the Wildlife Sanctuary in the northwest section of the City, then flows southeast through the City to discharge into Lake Huron. Descriptions of Land Use types found in the City of Alpena are listed below:

Urban Land

Urban and Built-up land comprises 3,605.4 acres of City land. This category consists of areas of intensive use with much of the land covered by structures. Included in this category are strip developments along highways, transportation, power and communication facilities, and areas occupied by shopping centers, industrial and commercial complexes, institutions and residential areas. When the land use inventory was updated in 2002, more than one-quarter of the City's land was used for single and multi-family residential housing.

Wetlands

Wetlands comprise 479.9 acres within the City. This category consists of areas between terrestrial and aquatic systems where the water table is at, near, or above the land surface for a significant portion of most years. Examples of wetlands include marshes, mud flats, wooded swamps and floating vegetation situated on the shallow margins of bays, lakes, rivers, ponds, streams and reservoirs. The Thunder Bay River Area, especially Island Park, comprises much of this wetland area. Aerial photography used in the Michigan Resource Information System (MIRIS) mapping reveals wetlands and lowlands in a generalized sense. To determine whether potential construction sites are located within such an area, a DNR inspection is necessary.

Open Land

Open land makes up 342.0 acres of the City. This category consists of land and structures used for outdoor cultural, public assembly, and recreational purposes. Examples would be fairgrounds, golf courses, athletic fields, and parks. This category may include incidental buildings such as shelters, toilets, beach change areas and similar supporting structures on these lands. Also included in this category are cemeteries, as well as the chapels, mausoleums, and maintenance building associated with the cemeteries.

Forest Land

Approximately 5.9 percent (797.8 acres) of City land is considered forest land. This category is comprised of areas that are at least ten percent stocked by forest trees of any size, or formerly have had such tree cover and are not currently developed for non-forest use.

Barren Land

In the City, 3.8 acres are considered barren land. This land has limited ability to support life and has little or no vegetation. Beaches and riverbanks are included in this category.

Water

Nearly ten percent of City acreage is comprised of water. This category includes rivers, streams, creeks and other linear bodies of water, as well as lakes.

Topography

The City of Alpena is situated on the northwest shore of Thunder Bay, eight miles from the open waters of Lake Huron. Lake Huron and Thunder Bay lie at an elevation of 580 feet above sea level. Generally, the land slopes up westward from the lake shore to 689 feet at the airport. Farther to the west and southwest the land becomes higher and more rolling. A range of hills with tops 1,000 to 1,350 feet is found northwest to southeast of the City.

Climate

The climate in Alpena County is greatly influence by its topography and its proximity to Lake Huron. Temperature data from the Midwest Regional Climate Center indicates that the climate along the immediate Lake Huron shore is semi-marine in nature and lacks many of the temperature extremes found only a few miles inland.

Summer months are pleasant with considerable sunshine and a daily average of more than 15 hours of daylight for outdoor activities. Summer temperatures as high as 104 degrees have

been recorded, but are unusual. The average July temperature over the past 30-years was 68.2 degrees Fahrenheit.

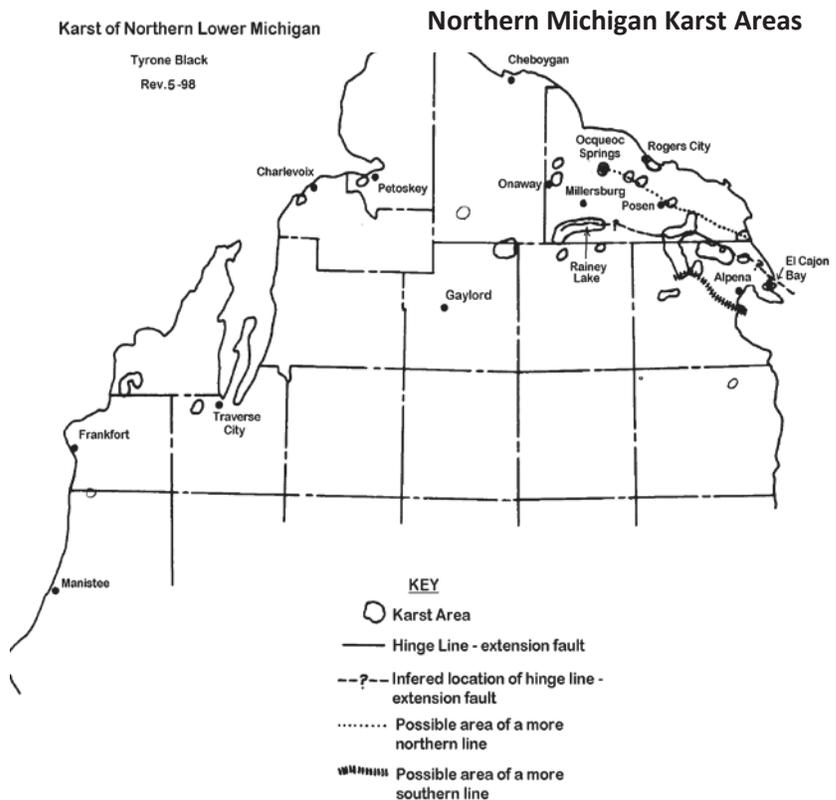
The winter months are usually rather cloudy and marked by frequent snow flurries. Winters have comparatively uniform day-to-day temperatures. Sub-zero temperatures have been recorded as early as November 22, and as late as April 2, but have their highest frequency during February. Thunder Bay and Thunder Bay River are usually free of ice by the first week in April, but water temperatures remain low enough to produce diurnal sea breezes during the middle of the day, with subsequent reduction in maximum temperatures on many days during the spring and summer. The average January temperature over the past 30-years was 20.6 degrees Fahrenheit. The average date of the first killing frost in autumn is October 4. The average date of the last killing frost is May 12, but frost has occurred as late as June 9.

Precipitation is fairly well distributed throughout the year. Nearly all of the winter precipitation, in the form of snow, accumulates sufficiently to form a good cover for grasses and winter grains. The spring thaw and runoff seldom offer any flood danger. Most of the summer precipitation is the result of showers or thundershowers, which occur most often during the months of June, July, and August. Hailstorms average less than one per summer. The annual average rainfall is 30.2 inches. The average annual snowfall was 84 inches. Prevailing winds are from the northwest, with the exception of May and June when southeasterly winds predominate. (Weather data was compiled from publications of the National Climatic Data Center.)

Geology

The Geology of the City of Alpena, Alpena County and, in fact, the entire State of Michigan and surrounding states, was defined by glacial activity. Each advance and retreat of the continental glaciers took tens of thousands of years. This reoccurring process shaped and reshaped the land; first obliterating and then creating hills, valleys, rivers and lakes, swamps and marshes. The last glacial period, called the Wisconsin era, created the landscape we know today. The glacier left behind boulders, rocks, cobble, sand, gravel, silt, clay and loam. In some areas the material was deposited in unsorted masses called till plains, ground moraines and end

Map 3



moraines. Water flowing from the melting glaciers also sorted materials, creating outwash channels, sand deltas, kames and eskers. Fine materials, captured in the fast moving glacial meltwater, settled to the bottom of expansive glacial lakes creating lacustrine clay and silt plains.

The City of Alpena is situated on the northeastern flank of the Michigan Basin; a depressional bedrock feature centered in Gratiot County. The general dip in this area is toward the center of the basin at less than one degree, or 70 feet per mile. The basin consists of over 5,000 feet of sedimentary rocks that formed sediments that were deposited as ancient seas slowly entered and ebbed from the basin some 400 million years ago. Sand, silt and clays were carried to the seas. Animals took lime from the sea water to make their shells and build reefs. When they died, their shells were added to the lime mud. At times life was scarce and little sediment was brought from the land. The climate was arid and chemical actions caused the deposition of calcium carbonate, dolomite, salt, gypsum and anhydrite. As layer upon layer of sediments accumulated, they squeezed together and eventually compacted to solid rock; sandstone from the sands; shale's from the silt; limestone and dolomites from the limy muds; as well as mixtures of these various sediments. Thus, the bedrock of Alpena County formed.

Arguably, the most interesting geologic feature of Alpena County is the karst topography. Karst is defined as a type of topography that is formed over limestone, dolomite, or gypsum by dissolving or solution. Karst is characterized by closed depressions or sinkholes, caves, and underground drainage. Sinkholes are perhaps the most dramatic karst features. Sinkholes and sinkhole lakes are found throughout the northeast part of the county. New sinkholes are constantly being formed, taking several decades to appear on the surface. Where underlying rock dissolves more readily than surface rock, underground cavities form. As erosion continues, the roof rock is weakened and eventually collapses into the cavity forming a steep sided collapse sink. Sinkholes in Alpena County range in size from less than ten feet to more than 1300 feet in diameter.

Karst features are most prevalent in the northern portion of the county (**Map 1.3**). Geologists believe that a hinge-line fault, serving as a pathway for subterranean drainage, interconnects several sinkholes and sinkhole controlled lakes before emptying into Lake Huron at El Cajon Bay.

Soils

In the development of a recreation plan, consideration of soil suitability is an important factor. Soil characteristics help define the lands capacity to support certain types of land uses and the ability to support various types of vegetation. Soils most suitable for development purposes are well drained and not subject to a high water table. Adequate drainage is important to minimizing storm water impacts and the efficient operations of septic drain fields. Adequate depths to the water table are necessary to prevent ground water contamination from septic systems. A high water table also limits the construction of basements. Though civil engineering techniques can be employed to improve drainage and maintain adequate separation from the water table, such techniques are expensive to construct and maintain.

Although some areas in the City of Alpena, especially north and west of Lake Besser are not yet mapped, the following preliminary results have been supplied by the Soil Conservation Office.

The dominant soil type mapped in the City is the “Urbanland-Udipsamments, deep water table, 0 to 3 percent slopes.” The Urban-land part of this map unit consists of impermeable surfaces such as paved areas and buildings. The Udipsamments, deep water table part of these areas are sandy soils that have been altered in some way, usually by leveling. In most places the surface layer is very dark gray sand four inches thick. Below this is brownish yellow fine sand and mottled fine sand and sand to more than 80 inches. The water table is usually between 3.5 to 5 feet below the surface year round. An escarpment or steep slope is adjacent to the Thunder Bay River in most places.

These soils are found in the most populous areas of the City, both north and south of the River, and to the east of Lake Besser. These same soils are found between Long Rapids Road and northern City boundaries, as well as being the predominant soil found south of Lake Besser, between Ripley and Hobbes. The major limitation of Udipsamments for recreational uses is the sandy characteristic of the entire soil profile. Areas may not withstand intensive usage and traffic.

Some scattered areas of the City have soils differing from those described above. At the Island Park, soil limitations are severe because of slope and the soils being too sandy. An area of approximately 80 acres in the southwest corner of the City is an undeveloped area of “Deford muck.” This soil type has a four to six inch muck surface overlying fine sand to a depth of 80 inches. The water table is between one foot above and one foot below the surface most of the year. The major limitation of this soil for recreation uses is due to the high water table.

Vegetation

Forests cover approximately 60 percent of the land area in Alpena County and constitute the largest single land use in the county. In addition to using the forest resources for timber and fiber, woodlands are also used for all types of outdoor recreation. Large expanses of different forest types offer habitat for a wide variety of species. Forest types include northern hardwood, aspen-birch, northern white cedar, and white, red and jack pine.

Historically, the predominate forest types in the area that is now the City of Alpena were northern white cedar and aspen-birch. Today these species, along with elm, cottonwood and several species of oak and maple trees can be found scattered throughout the City, particularly in the City's many parks. Wetland areas in the western portion of the city support healthy variety of vegetation. Species here include cattails, bulrushes, sedges, sweetflag, arrowhead and pickerelweed, as well as tamarack and white cedar.

Water Resources

Surface Water

The most significant surface water resources in the City are Lake Huron, Thunder Bay and Thunder Bay River. A large portion of the City's eastern border follows the shoreline of Lake Huron, which is the second largest Great Lake and the fifth largest freshwater lake in the world. This water resource is used for residential, commercial and institutional facilities, as well as agricultural operations, industrial processes, electric power generation, sanitation and recreation. Lake Huron also serves as habitat for fish, waterfowl, and other aquatic organisms, and offers many fishing opportunities. Brown Trout, Lake Trout, and Rainbow Trout are all plentiful. The Small Boat Harbor provides access for boats. Fishing from shore is also possible at this point, as well as from Blair Street Pier. An abundance of boating and other water-related recreation opportunities are also available through this resource. In addition, the portion of Lake Huron adjacent to Alpena County is included in an area that has been designated as *Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve*. The preserve runs between South Point and Middle Island and includes all bottomland and water from the ordinary high watermark along the shoreline out to the 150-foot depth contour. The area within the preserve contains about 288 square miles.

Thunder Bay has one of the highest densities of shipwrecks per square mile of any spot on the Great Lakes. This is due, in part, to the numerous rock shoals and islands in the area. The high number of wrecks gives divers many opportunities for exploring. The local dive club has buoyed some diving sites for offshore diving, while dive boat charter service is available to others. Local divers have applied for a grant to increase the number of buoyed sites.

In 1981, the Thunder Bay was designated as the first State of Michigan Underwater Preserve. In October 2000, the preserve was designated a National Marine Sanctuary and Preserve. The responsibility for the management and protection of its underwater cultural resources is being shared equally by the State of Michigan and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The sanctuary encompasses most of the State preserve lands, with the boundaries extending from the northern to the southern county lines of Alpena County. This area encompasses over 100 shipwrecks. The sculptured limestone bottomland of the Sanctuary forms a complex system of geologic features. A variety of unique birds, fishes, and plants are found there.

In addition to the Lake Huron (including Thunder Bay) shoreline, there are a total of 7.6 miles of Thunder Bay River frontage located in the City. The river is used for recreation and transportation. The greatest use designated for the river is as *parkland*. The next largest use of this river frontage is *residential*, with residential dwellings occupying 12,247 feet. The remaining 15,352 feet are occupied by *institutional*, *industrial*, and *commercial* uses.

According to the City's 1992 River Plan, the water quality of this river can "be considered fair to good and of a quality that will support intensive urban fishing programs and urban recreation."

The Thunder Bay River includes a small impoundment of 45 acres at the Ninth Street Dam known as Lake Besser and another larger area known as the Wildlife Sanctuary. The Sanctuary is actually a bayou or lake surrounded by the Thunder Bay River. It is visually not apparent where the lake ends and the river begins. Long Rapids, Chisholm, Eleventh/Washington Avenues, and Bagley St. bound this water area. Several islands are located here; Island Park, Cow Island, several smaller islands, and a thin strip of land in the river along Washington Avenue shoreline, which extends for almost a mile. The lake area includes approximately 190 water acres, and the river, 160 acres, for an approximate total water area of 350 acres.

The Thunder Bay Power Company currently operates the Ninth Street hydroelectric dam. The power company has converted to a system, which adopts a “run of the river” operation rather than a “peak flow” operation. This type of operation generally keeps a more consistent water level, which benefits recreational usage, such as docks, fishing platforms, and bridges.

Groundwater

In many areas of Alpena County the depth to groundwater is within a matrix of sand, gravel and clay that is less than 50 feet below the soil surface. Near lakes, streams and wetlands the depth to ground water is much shallower and commonly can be found a few feet below the soil surface. Because of the abundance of shallow groundwater in the County, many drinking water wells are also shallow; just deep enough to reach the uppermost region of the aquifer. This special combination of factors places the ground water of Alpena County at risk of contamination. For groundwater protection planning it should be assumed that the entire County, including the City of Alpena, is vulnerable to contamination. A wide variety of contaminants have already been discovered in the ground water at sites throughout the County and City, and it is likely that there are a number of other sites that have not yet been discovered.

Sinkhole areas are often conduits to groundwater pollution. Historically, many sinkholes have been used as dump sites and some continue to be used in this manner. Agricultural drainage from pastures, feedlots, bean, potato, corn and small grain fields enters the aquifers through karst features such as swallow holes, sinkholes and fractures at the ground surface. Water contamination from agricultural byproducts, nitrates, infectious disease, septic systems and sediment has been documented in this unique karst terrain. These non-point sources of pollution can adversely impact the quality of the City's water in the future, and should be monitored closely. The storage and use of pesticides and fossil fuels can also be a threat to groundwater. If stored and used properly, these substances do not pose a serious threat to groundwater. Spills, leaking storage tanks, accidental discharge or misapplication are the greatest concerns. Because of its high solubility in water, road salt is another significant and common threat to ground water. Tons of rock salt are applied to the roads each year. The primary sources of contamination here are from unprotected salt storage facilities and road runoff that infiltrates through recharge zones into ground water.

Ecosystem Diversity

The "Alpena Eco-Plan" was developed for Alpena in May 2002 by the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG), utilizing reference data such as land cover use maps, topographic maps, and digital aerial photographs, and Maptitude GIS Software. Based on the initial maps, NEMCOG staff conducted a field review to refine boundaries, gather data on vegetation types and conditions, and identify land uses in adjacent urbanized areas.

While much of the central core has developed into urbanized land uses over the last 100 years, there are still extensive undeveloped lands bordering the City. Within developed portions of the City and Township, the wide expanses of forests and wetlands are squeezed into narrow corridors following rivers, railroads and lakeshores. The key ecological corridors are Thunder Bay River, Wildlife Sanctuary, Lake Besser, Norwegian Creek, Fletcher Creek, and several manmade drainage networks. The shoreline and emergent wetlands along the Lake Huron Shoreline are another important, yet very limited corridor. Other important corridors are the Lake States Railroad, that enters the community from the southwest, and the Paxton Spur Rail-Trail that enters the community from the west near the Alpena High School. Though the Lake States Railroad now passes through the community, connecting to Lafarge at the north end, the ecological integrity is greatly compromised in commercial areas.

Map 4 is the Eco-Corridor map for the study area. Seven general land cover types were delineated: forests-shrubs, nonforested open areas, coastal wetlands, islands, water features, recreation/cemeteries and urban built-up.

Forests-Shrubs

The forests-shrubs category accounts for the largest area, covering 6,933 acres or 41 percent of the project area. This high percentage is derived from the extensive undeveloped areas in the Alpena Township portions of the project. In the City, approximately 15 percent of the land area falls within the category. Forests include upland cover types such as jack-red-white pine, aspen-birch, sugar maple-beech and red oak. Northern white cedar thrives on upland sites where limestone bedrock is close to the surface. Lowland forest include lowland conifers and hardwoods, such as northern white cedar, tamarack, black spruce, balsam fir, elm, red maple, willow, black ash, balsam poplar and aspen. Shrubs such as hawthorn, autumn olive, tartarian honeysuckle, spreading junipers can be found growing in upland areas. Speckled alder, willow, and red osier dogwood shrubs dominate wetter areas.

The forests-shrubs cover type prevails in the northern portions of the study area. The dominant forest type, on dry and wet sites, is northern white cedar. South of the river, forest types are best described as lowland forests, with aspen, black ash, elm and willow being most common. A sandy ridge, remnants of an old sand dune, that runs from the southwest to the northeast crossing the river at Sportsman's Island, is dominated by red oak, white oak, jack pine and white pine. Shrubs in the undeveloped, mostly wet areas south of the river are speckled alder, willow, and red osier dogwood.

Non-forested Open Areas

The category covers 1,477 acres or over eight percent of project area. Old farm fields, cleared areas, railroad corridors, marshes and wet meadows are included in this category. The most extensive open areas are located north of the river and include old farm fields, wet meadows and cleared areas. Land bordering the Thunder Bay River, Wildlife Sanctuary and Lake Besser are in this category, with some segments being mowed lawns. The Lake Huron shoreline south of the river mouth and within the City is included in this category. These sites are mainly mowed lawns. The railroad corridors and rail-trail (Paxton Spur) are narrow openings that pierce the urban built-up portions of the Township and City. The open areas, particularly in the urban setting, present wonderful opportunities for planting shrubs and trees to enhance wildlife habitat.

Islands

Numerous curve-a-linear islands, remnants of past erosive powers of the untamed Thunder Bay River, can be found in the Wildlife Sanctuary. Depending upon the soils and elevation above the average water level, vegetation varies for pine and oak on Sportsman Island; willows and ash on lower islands and speckled alder, red osier dogwood, sedges, and cattails on wetter sites.

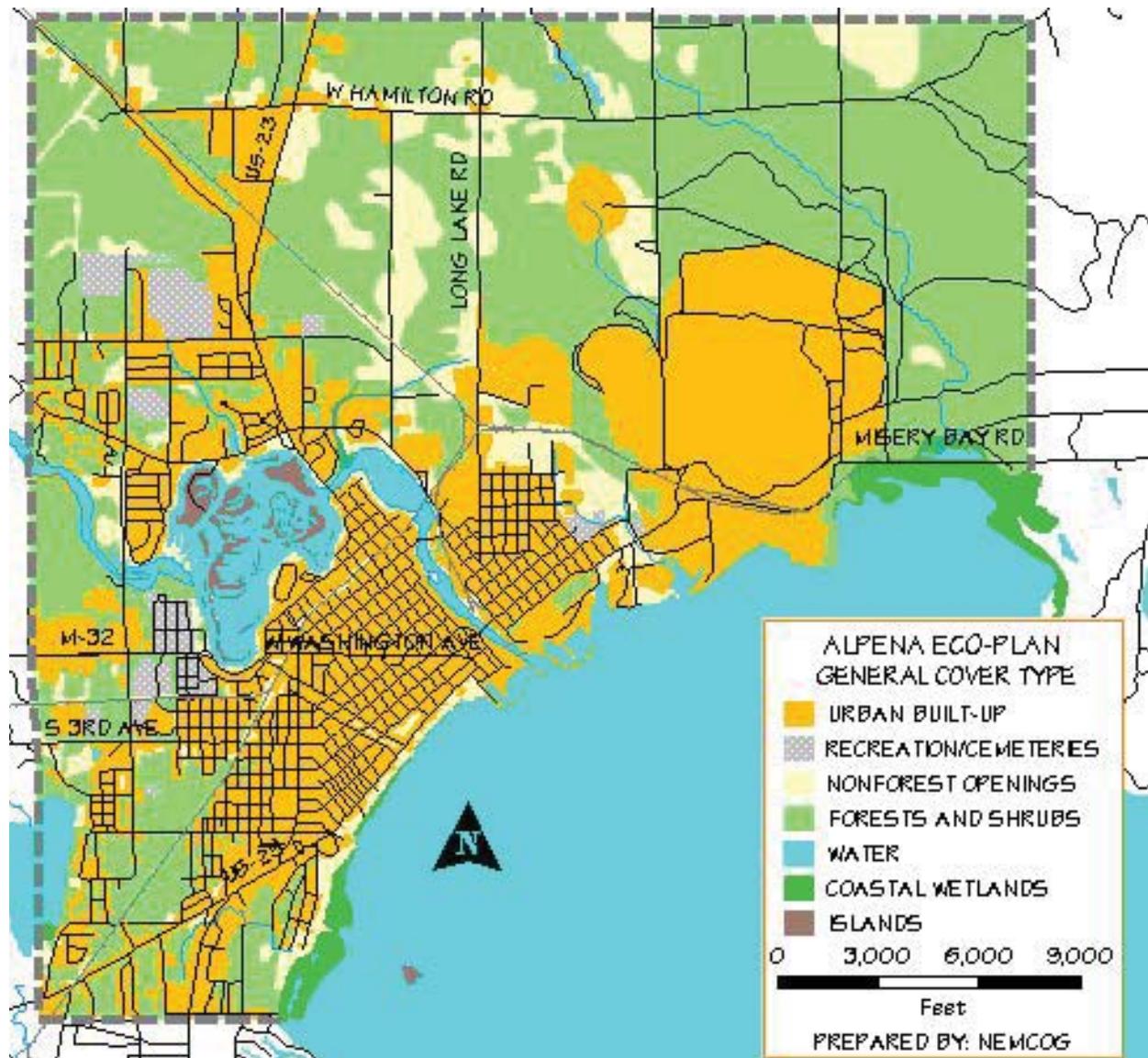
Coastal Wetlands

Emergent wetlands border sections of the Lake Huron shoreline. This study delineated 577 acres of Lake Huron coastal emergent wetlands. Sedges, rushes and cattails are common in these areas. The width of the wetlands varies, depending upon the water levels of Lake Huron. Low water levels the last few years have greatly expanded the coastal wetlands.

Water Features

Lake Besser, Wildlife Sanctuary, Mud Lake, Thunder Bay River and Thunder Bay are included in this category. Surface water totals 757 acres of the total area. Note, this figure does not include Thunder Bay. The maintenance and re-establishment of greenbelts along lakes, streams, creeks and drainage ways should be encouraged, as well as the use of native ground covers, shrubs and trees.

Map 4: Alpena Eco-Corridor Map



Source: "2002 Alpena Eco-Plan" by Northeast Michigan Council of Governments

Recreation-Cemeteries

Baseball fields, soccer fields, golf courses and cemeteries are included in this category. Vegetation in these areas tends to be mowed lawns. While providing open space, manicured lawns have very limited wildlife values. This category accounts for two percent of the project area or 363 acres.

Urban Built-Up

The urban category accounts for the second largest area covering 6,694 acres. This category includes residential, commercial, industrial, extractive and institutional land uses.

Transportation

Roads

Alpena County has no interstate highway but is served by US-23 which follows the shoreline of Lake Huron from Mackinaw City to Standish, and by M-32 which runs east-west, connecting Alpena with I-75 and the City of Gaylord. M-65 heads north and south, which bisects the western portion of the County. State and federal highways include approximately 72 miles of M-32, M-65 and US-23. The county also supports approximately 200 miles of local primary roads and 450 miles of local secondary roads.

In and around the City of Alpena, four bridges cross the Thunder Bay River. The bridges are located on Bagley Street, US-23, Ninth Avenue and Second Avenue (**Map 5**, below). The limited number of river crossings in this densely populated area of the county has created heavy traffic volumes on all the bridges but most notably on the Bagley Street Bridge and the US-23 Bridge. These roads are the primary and secondary truck routes through and around the City of Alpena. Significant traffic congestion and delays would develop if one or more of the river crossings were unavailable. The bridges in the County are in better condition than many other Michigan counties. However, the US-23 Bridge restricts the flow of the Thunder Bay River by 3,000 to 4,000 cubic feet per second during river flows of 17,000 cubic feet per second or greater.

Air Transportation

The Alpena County Regional Airport provides commercial passenger service to Northeast Michigan. It is located on M-32, about seven miles west of the City. With its 11,500 feet of concrete runway, full time fire service and clear air space, the FAA has selected this as an emergency landing site for in-flight emergencies. The airport can accommodate any type of commercial or military aircraft and has state-of-the-art communications and radar systems. The 3,000 acres owned by the airport is mostly undeveloped, although portions of the property have been designated by the State as a Renaissance Zone. A Land Use Plan is being conducted to explore the best future uses for this property.

Aviation related services available at this regional airport include passenger service, charter services, air freight, aircraft rental and flight training, as well as emergency medivac services.

Rail Service

Freight rail service is provided by Lake State Railroad. Rail service is used to deliver raw materials and products to and from the heavy industrial users in the area. No passenger service is offered. Alpena is at the end of the rail line, and Lake State Railroad has only one in-bound and one out-bound train per day, Monday through Saturday. Although the volume of freight is expected to increase, no extension or expansion of the line is anticipated. The rail bridge over the Thunder Bay River (**Map 5**) was replaced in July 2002, financed partially through a loan from the Michigan Department of Transportation.

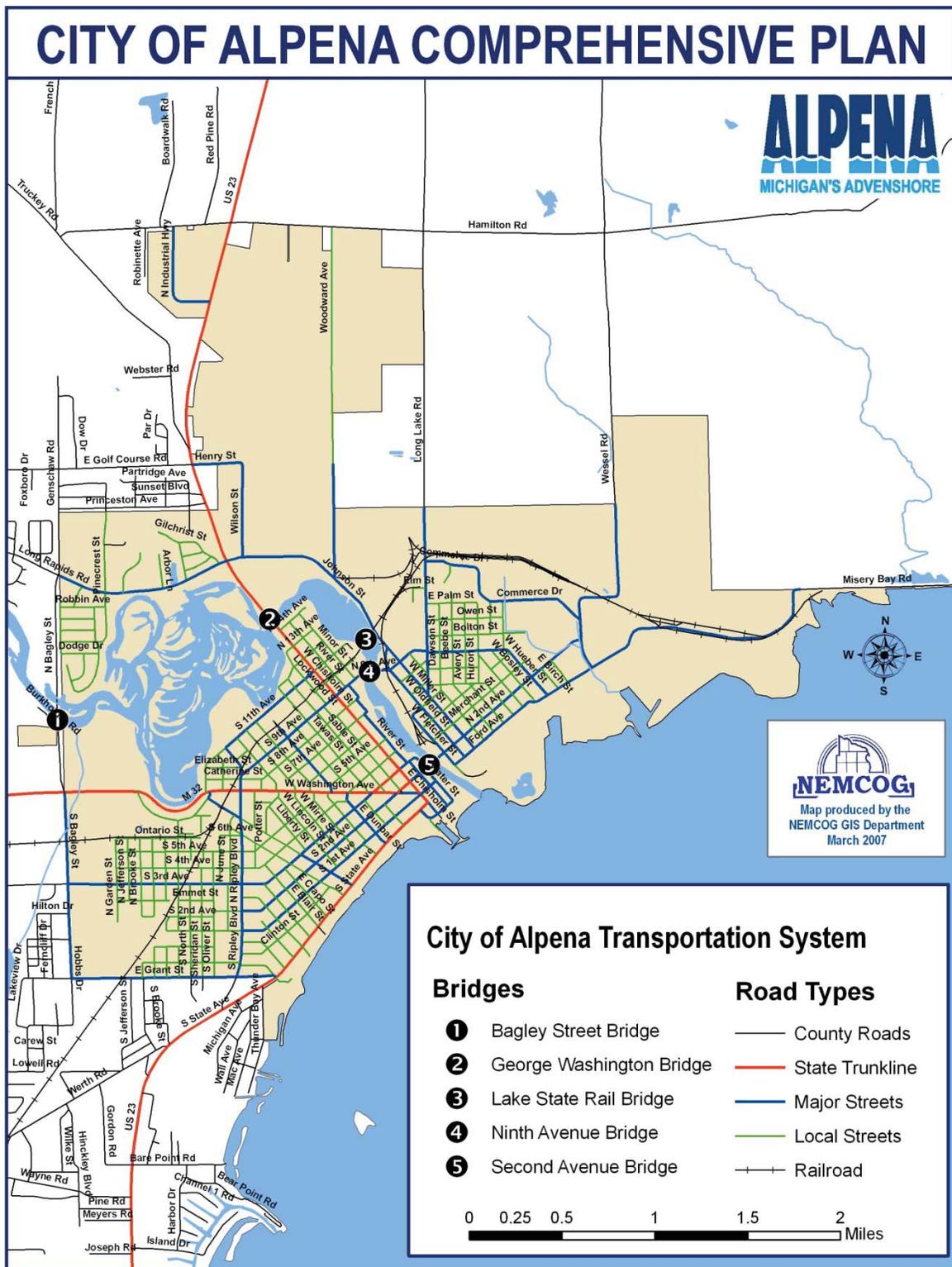
Marine Facilities

The City of Alpena has two channels used for great lakes shipping (see **Map 5**). One channel is for the port of Alpena (Thunder Bay River), and the other for the Lafarge Corporation. The shipping season for Alpena Harbor is from March 15 to December 17.

Transit

A variety of public transportation options are available in Alpena County and the City of Alpena. Bus transportation is an important service locally for the disabled, as well as other persons needing public transportation. In addition to the public transportation, there are also several automobile rental agencies and charter buses available in the City.

Map 5: Alpena Transportation System



CITY OF ALPENA RECREATION PLAN CHAPTER 2: ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Staff Description and Role of City Council, Planning Commission, and Recreation Advisory Board

The *Alpena City Council* serves as the policy-making body with respect to recreation services and facilities. It authorizes the financial resources and manpower for the development and maintenance of the municipal parks and recreation facilities. The development, maintenance and administration of these recreational services and facilities are the responsibility of the City administration. The City staff is under the direct supervision of the City Manager. Those positions most directly involved with recreational services along with their specific functions are listed below.

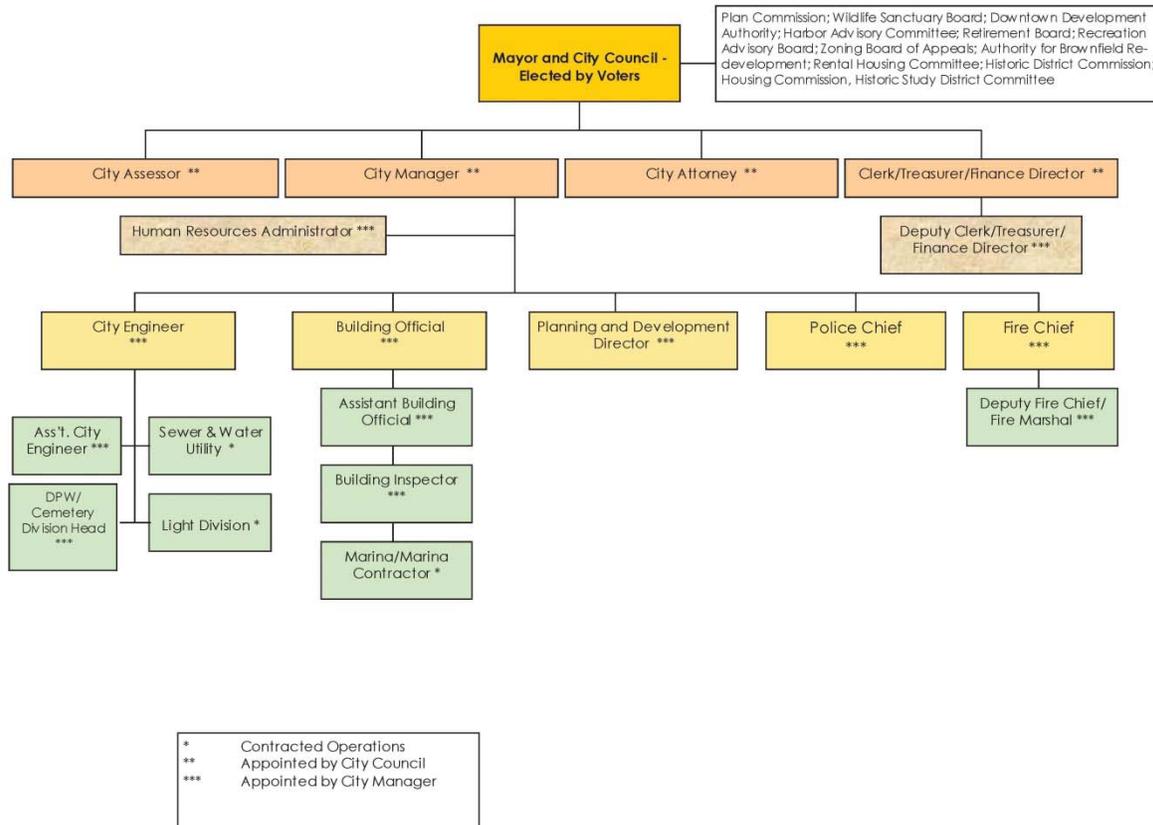
1. *City Planning and Development Director*: Serves as planning staff for the City Planning Commission, staff liaison to Wildlife Sanctuary Board, is responsible for the preparation and updating of various planning studies, including the City Recreation Plan, and solicits funding alternatives, including grants, for the financing of recreational improvements. Coordinates the development of the City's six-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP).
2. *City Engineer*: Responsible for the design, engineering, and construction for the physical improvements to the municipal parks and recreational facilities. In the capacity of a department head, directly oversees the Department of Public Works, which directly handles many of the operational and maintenance needs of the parks and recreational facilities. Responsible for the overall operation and maintenance of the City parks and recreational facilities. Serves as liaison to the Alpena Recreation Advisory Board. Also, administers and monitors contracts with private service providers for operational and maintenance activities related to the City's recreational system, including the City Marina.

The organizational structure for the City park system and recreation facilities is also supplemented by two advisory bodies to City Council. These include the Alpena Recreation Advisory Board and the City Planning Commission.

The *Alpena Recreation Advisory Board* is a seven-person advisory body which makes recommendations to Council on matters of general recreation policy, studies and reports its findings regarding recreation needs, and monitors the recreation programs of the community.

The *City of Alpena Planning Commission* is a nine-member statutory advisory body to the Council responsible for the long-range planning of the overall community. In addition, the Planning Commission is involved in the review and implementation of the City's Capital Improvement Plan, which serves as the mechanism for translating multi-year recreational improvement needs into the annual budget process.

Figure 1: City of Alpena Organizational Chart



Programming

With respect to recreational programming, the City provides the facilities from which a range of recreational services is provided to the community. The actual recreation programs are primarily offered through the various non-profit organizations, volunteer groups, and educational institutions within the City. Some of these groups are the Alpena Babe Ruth Baseball Association, Alpena Men’s Slow Pitch Softball Association, McRae Park Association, Alpena Youth Club, and Alpena Huron Shores Little League.

Parks & Recreation Maintenance

The Department of Public Works (DPW) maintains approximately 100 acres of land that constitutes the City's park system and approximately 1-1/2 miles of Lake Huron shoreline. There are fifteen parks within the City of Alpena including: Avery, Bay View, Blair Street, Duck, Island, LaMarre, McRae, Mich-e-ke-wis, North Riverfront, South Riverfront, Starlite Beach, Thomson, Veterans, Washington Avenue, and Water Tower. In addition, City crews maintain both the City of Alpena's Marina.

The City also has an agreement with the Alpena Rotary Club whereas the Department of Public Works maintains Rotary Island Mill, a private park owned by the Rotary Club but open to the public. Another park, Sytek Park, is owned by the City of Alpena, but managed and maintained by the Alpena County Road Commission through a written agreement. The McRae Park Association is a private service club that also assists the City in the operation and maintenance of McRae Park.

The DPW has been given the maintenance responsibilities to improve the City park system to a showcase level. Irrigation, landscaping and amenities within and throughout the parks are programmed to facilitate these responsibilities. The DPW's goal is to reduce total maintenance costs while improving the general appearance of all parks.

Parks & Recreation Funding

Capital improvements and maintenance activities are funded on an ongoing basis from the City's General Fund. A separate division of the General Fund has been established for this purpose known as Parks and Recreation. Capital improvements and maintenance activities for the City Marina are funded separately from the City's Marina Fund.

The annual and projected budgets and expenditures for projects, operations, maintenance, and capital improvements are detailed in **Tables 1 and 2**.

Current Funding Sources

Funding sources for parks and recreation projects of the City of Alpena include the City General, Equipment, and Marina funds, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), and private contributions.

**Table 1: Parks and Recreation Fund
Current and Proposed Budgets**

DESCRIPTION	2015-16 AMENDED BUDGET	2016-17 PROPOSED BUDGET
Revenue		
STATE GRTS - MISC	245,000	0
CONT FROM LOCAL UNITS	59,000	0
MICH-E-KE-WIS PAVILION	7,200	7,200
STARLITE PAVILION	900	900
MISC. FACILITIES	400	400
OTHER REIMBURSEMENTS	1,000	1,000
MISCELLANEOUS	1,000	1,000
FR EQUIPMENT FUND	0	0
FR TREE/PARK IMPROVEMENTS	8,000	8,000
Expenses		
SALARIES & WAGES	127,500	132,651
HEALTH ACTUARY	5,100	5,306
STATE/FED INS TAX	1,975	2,283
MI CLAIMS TAX	470	525
HEALTH INSURANCE	50,525	58,388
DENTAL INSURANCE	5,000	5,000
LIFE INSURANCE	292	292
FICA	9,754	10,148
RETIREMENT	18,396	22,939
UNIFORMS	1,650	1,750
UNEMPLOYMENT	0	0
LONG TERM DISABILITY	820	820
SUPPLIES	6,000	6,180
PROF & CONTRACTUAL	3,500	500
INSURANCE & BONDS	16,500	17,500
UTILITIES	30,000	32,000
UTILITIES - ICE RINK	8,200	8,500
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	30,000	31,000
MAINT - PARK SHELTER/ICE	500	500
EQUIPMENT RENT	72,000	75,000
MISCELLANEOUS	5,000	5,000
PARK FOUNDATION REC CENT	20,000	20,000
LAND ACQUISITION	0	75,000
CAP - GENERAL PARKS IMP	33,000	0
CAP - ISLAND PARK	24,000	4,000
CAP - BIKE PATH	350,500	196,000
LAND ACQUISITION - PRIN	7,043	6,582
EQUIP FUND ADVANCE - PRIN	46,000	26,000
LAND ACQUISITION - INT	493	1,750
EQUIP FUND ADVANCE - INT	4,040	1,560

**Table 2: Marina Fund
Current and Proposed Budgets**

DESCRIPTION	2015-16 AMENDED BUDGET	2016-17 PROPOSED BUDGET
SALARIES & WAGES	27,000	180,000
HEALTH ACTUARY	3,600	7,200
STATE/FED INS TAX	624	624
MI CLAIMS TAX	108	108
HEALTH INSURANCE	4,600	4,600
DENTAL INSURANCE	389	389
LIFE INSURANCE	25	25
FICA	2,065	13,770
RETIREMENT	2,989	3,128
UNIFORMS	1,000	1,000
LONG TERM DISABILITY	60	60
SUPPLIES	4,500	66,500
DURABLE GOODS	0	0
PROF & CONTRACTUAL	0	0
CONTINUING EDUCATION	1,800	1,000
INSURANCE & BONDS	4,890	5,500
UTILITIES	28,000	29,000
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	9,000	10,000
EQUIPMENT RENT	8,000	10,000
FIBER OPTIC RENT	1,172	0
MISCELLANEOUS	1,600	2,000

Relationships with Other Agencies

Whenever possible, the City of Alpena pools resources with other agencies and organizations when undertaking community projects. This has the dual effect of maximizing resources, while at the same time benefiting a greater share of the population. Some of the agencies the City is currently working in partnership with include, but are not limited to the Alpena Rotary Club, the Alpena Kiwanis Club, the Alpena Optimists Club, the McRae Park Association, the Alpena County Recreation Authority, the Alpena County Road Commission, the Alpena Yacht Club, the Alpena Huron Shores Little League, the Thunder Bay Arts Council, the Michigan Brown Trout Festival, the Alpena Downtown Development Authority, and the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve.

CITY OF ALPENA RECREATION PLAN CHAPTER THREE: THE PLANNING PROCESS

Schedule:

May 18, 2015	The City of Alpena enters into contract with Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) for a Recreation Plan Update.
May 27, 2015	NEMCOG staff reviewed expiring plan and made corrections with information publicly available.
June 5, 2015	NEMCOG staff created a community survey to collect public input on recreation within the City.
October 14, 2015	The recreation survey was released online. The survey was advertised on True North Radio Network and was available on both the City of Alpena website and the NEMCOG website. In addition, it was shared via the US 23 Heritage Route Facebook page.
November 4, 2015	The recreation survey was closed after 105 responses were received. The results are included in Appendix C.
December 2, 2015	The Alpena Recreation Advisory Board met with Planning Commission representatives to review the survey results and discuss changes to the Action Plan.
January 22, 2016	The draft plan is posted for 30-day public review at Alpena City Hall, Alpena Public Library, and the City of Alpena and NEMCOG websites. Notice of the plan was also shared via social media, and local radio stations and their websites.
February 9, 2016	A joint Recreation Advisory Board/Planning Commission meeting and Public Input Session was held to review the draft plan. Both recommended adoption of the Recreation Plan by the City Council pending any final changes resulting from public input received.
February 15, 2016	Notice of a public hearing of the Alpena City Council appeared in the <i>Alpena News</i> .
February 25, 2016	The public hearing was held and the City Council approved the recreation plan.

Public Input: Survey

The City of Alpena feels that the community that utilizes City recreational facilities was well represented in the survey process. Community members from the City, surrounding areas of the county, and also from neighboring counties responded to the survey. Complete survey results can be found in Appendix C.

The Bi-Path, Island Park/Duck Park, Mich-e-ke-wis park, Bayview Park, the City Marina, Starlite Beach, Sytek Park, and Washington Avenue Park were reported as the most utilized facilities in the city. The survey also provides information on the activities that citizens are engaging in at each facility. In addition, survey respondents were provided the opportunity to comment on the improvements needed at each of the recreational facilities in the City. Written comments were received for each facility.

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Alcona & Alpena communities seek input on rec plans

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

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

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

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

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

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City of Alpena Releases Survey for Parks Planning

October 14, 2015 – The City of Alpena, with assistance from the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG), is updating its Recreation Plan.

A Recreation Plan contains plans for the future of all recreational facilities in the city and is required to be updated every five years. Communities are required to have DNR-approved Recreation Plans in order to qualify for grant funding from the Michigan DNR.

The planning process incorporates a community participation element that encourages input from citizens. The City of Alpena has chosen to gather this public input in an online survey. The survey takes approximately 5-10 minutes to complete as is available on the City website or at nemcog.org.

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The City of Alpena highly values the public's opinion and is encouraging citizens that utilize its parks to fill out and submit this survey within the next few weeks.



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Online Survey For Recreation Plan Update

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Online Survey For Recreation Plan Update



The City of Alpena has a number of plans, one of which is their Recreation Plan.

This plan basically allows the city to look at all different elements that are recreation involved, including parks, beaches and other assets that the city has.

A Recreation Plan contains plans for the future of all recreational facilities in the city and is required to be updated every five years.

The backbone of these plans come from getting the public's input.

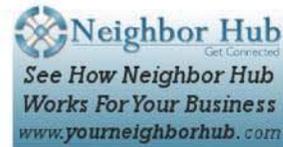
The city has chosen to gather this public input in an online survey that will take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete.

Planning and Development Director Adam Poll said, "If we don't know the communities opinion, we can't do what they want to do in the long run. I think the more input we get from the public, the better the plans going to be and the better goals we'll be able to set."

The City of Alpena highly values the public's opinion and is encouraging citizens who utilize city parks to fill out this survey within the next few weeks.

You can find the online survey on the city's website at www.alpena.mi.us or on the NEMCOG website at www.nemcog.org.

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Public Review Period Press Release

<h1>City of Alpena</h1> <h2>News Release of January 22, 2016</h2>	
	<h3>City Recreation Plan</h3> <p>The City of Alpena has been working towards updating the City's Recreation Plan. The Recreation Plan is used as an inventory of the recreational amenities and a record of proposed projects within the City's recreation system.</p> <p>To provide an opportunity for the public to review the draft plan and submit comments, a hard copy of the draft plan will be available at the reference desk at the Alpena County Library and at the front counter of the City Clerk's Office inside City Hall. The draft plan will also be available on the City's website at www.alpena.mi.us. Any comments need to be submitted by February 22, 2016, to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Adam Poll, Planning and Development Director City of Alpena 208 N. First Avenue Alpena, MI 49707</p>
<h3>CONTACT</h3> <p>Adam Poll, Director Planning & Development City of Alpena 989-354-1770 adamp@alpena.mi.us</p>	<p>The Planning Commission, along with the Recreation Advisory Board, will conduct a public input session at the next Planning Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at 7 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chambers.</p>

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City accepting comment on updated rec plan

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The City of Alpena is accepting comments on a proposed updated Recreation Plan.

The rec plan is used as an inventory of recreational amenities and a record of proposed projects within the city's recreation system.

A hard copy of the draft plan is available at the reference desk at the Alpena County Library and at the front counter of the clerk's office inside city hall. It is also available on the city's website at www.alpena.mi.us.

Any comments on the draft plan must be submitted by Monday, February 22, to Planning and Development Director Adam Poll.

In addition, the city's Planning Commission will review the proposed rec plan during a public input session inside city hall on Tuesday, February 9, at 7 p.m. The planning commission will also collect public comment at its meeting. Members of the city's Recreation Advisory Board will also be on hand at that meeting.

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- Health Insurance Marketplace Open enrollment
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City Provides Public With Recreation Plan Draft

Created on Monday, 25 January 2016 23:40 Written by Bethany Ricciardi

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The City of Alpena has been working towards updating the city's recreation plan and now they have a draft plan available to residents.

The recreation plan is used as an inventory of the recreational amenities and a record of proposed projects within the city's recreation system.

To provide an opportunity for the public to review the draft plan and submit comments, a hard copy of the draft plan will be available at the reference desk at Alpena County Library, the city clerk's office inside city hall or online at the city's website – alpena.mi.us.org

Any comments to the city regarding the plan need to be submitted by February 22nd to Planning and Development Director Adam Poll.

"Well, the important part is to find out what the residents want, what they'd like to see with the parks ultimately speaking. The parks are there for them and they're there for the public so we want to try and have a balance," Poll said.

The draft looks at future uses, potentially within the next 5 years that could occur, such as a splash pad at Starlite Beach, a dog park, or any other topic that has been addressed to the city.

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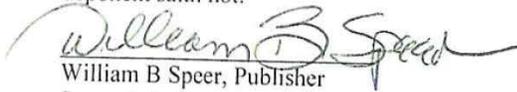
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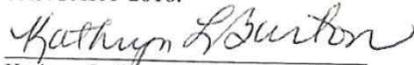
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Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

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City of Alpena Recreation Advisory Board
Joint Meeting
February 9, 2016
Alpena, Michigan

CALL TO ORDER:

The joint meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at 7 p.m. by Dave Kuznicki, Recreation Advisory Board Chair.

ROLL CALL: RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Present: Heath, Kuznicki, Skiba, Dowd

Absent: None.

Staff: Rich Sullenger (City Engineer), Adam Poll (Planning & Development Director), Planning Commission, Vickie Roznowski (Recording Secretary)

Pledge of Allegiance:

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The February 9, 2016, agenda was approved as printed

BUSINESS:

Review and Approval of 2016-2020 Draft Master Recreation Plan

Poll stated that we have had a very long process of updating our Recreation Plan due to NEMCOG staffing changes. The plan is necessary and is required by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). You have to have a 5 year plan on file with the MDNR in order to apply for grants. If a project is not in the plan then you cannot apply for a grant for it. If, for some reason, in the future while the plan is in effect for 5 years and we come up with a project that isn't listed then we would do an amendment and add it in to the plan.

The plan has been out for public review since January 22, 2016. It was available for review at the library, City Hall, the City website, and NEMCOG's website. Anybody could look at it and if they had any comments, questions, or concerns they could submit those. We have not received any comments thus far. We are required to have a meeting of the Recreation Board and Planning Commission for the adoption of Resolutions approving the plan and forwarding it to Council. Council is then required by the regulations of the MDNR to then conduct a Public Hearing. The Public Hearing will be held on February 15, 2016. Once the Public Hearing is done Council will need to adopt a resolution approving the plan at which time the plan will need to be finalized,

attach the resolutions and send into the MDNR. Plan will be valid until December 31, 2020.

The Recreation Advisory Board and Planning Commission reviewed and made changes to the plan.

Motion made by Heath, seconded by Skiba, to make the changes to the plan that were discussed and approve the resolution for adoption of the 2016-2020 Master Recreation Plan and forwarding it to Council for its consideration.

Yays: Dowd, Kuznicki, Heath, Skiba

Nays: None.

Motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m. by Chair Kuznicki.

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

MINUTES

City of Alpena Planning Commission
Regular Meeting
February 9, 2016
Alpena, Michigan

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Planning Commission was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Randy Boboltz, Planning Commission Vice-Chair.

ROLL CALL: PLANNING COMMISSION

Present: Hunter, Gilmore, Dort, VanWagoner, Boboltz, Lewis, Mitchell

Absent: Heraghty, Sabourin

Staff: Adam Poll (Director of Planning & Development), Rich Sullenger (City Engineer), Recreation Advisory Board, Vickie Roznowski (Recording Secretary)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The February 9, 2016, agenda was approved with one change; will hold Public Hearing before the Review of the Draft Recreation Plan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the December 8, 2015, regular meeting were approved as printed.
The Minutes of the January 12, 2016, regular meeting were approved as printed.

PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMISSION ACTION:

PC 16-SU-01: Annette Henski has filed a petition requesting a Special Land Use Permit to allow a Group Child Care Home (7-12 children) within a single family residence located at 115 Charlotte Street in an R-2, One-Family Residential District. She currently operates a Family Child Care Home for 1-6 children at this location.

Henski has operated a Family Child Care Home (1-6 children) from her home at 115 Charlotte Street for six months. She has filed an application with the Michigan Department of Human Services for a Group Child Care Home License (capacity 7-12 children). A requirement of the application is zoning approval from the local jurisdiction. The home at 115 Charlotte Street is a residential use in the R-2 One-Family Residential District and expanding the childcare operation to 7-12 children would require a special permit.

The property is zoned R-2 One-Family Residence District and is principally a single family home, which is permitted in this district. The owner has operated a day care for 1-6 kids at the location for six months without incident. Surrounding uses include residential to the east, north, and south, and commercial to the south.

The applicant has submitted a drawing of the layout of her home, which shows that the rear yard is enclosed by a fence. When staff visited the site a section of the fence was missing. The applicant noted that the fence was removed for the winter to allow her husband vehicular access to the rear yard and would be replaced before the spring. A fenced in play area is a supplemental requirement of the Zoning Ordinance.

Drop off/pick up would not appear to be an issue. The applicant would appear to have driveway space to park two to three vehicles beyond her own, and on street parking is available on Charlotte Street if that is necessary. Charlotte Street is a local street that does not have much vehicular traffic.

The rear yard is larger than it is required to be by the Zoning Ordinance, however, if desired, the Alpena County Fairgrounds are located two blocks to the north and could be used for a close source or recreation without crossing any major streets or truck routes.

The existing home is used as a single family residence and meets zoning requirements. Expanding that number to 7-12 children would not appear to affect its principal use as a single family residence.

Staff recommends approval of the Special Land Use Permit to allow for the increase from 1-6 children to 7-12 children in an R-2 One-Family Residence District with the following conditions; 1) a copy of the State License shall be provided to City staff for its file when granted by the State of Michigan, 2) the applicant be required maintain a fenced play area, and children must stay within that area except when dropped off or picked up or while attending an adult supervised activity to a recreation area, 3) the primary use of the structure must be a residential dwelling with any Family Child Care Home use as an accessory to the principal use as a residential dwelling, and 4) the Special Land Use Permit shall be implemented within twelve (12) months of its approval by the Planning Commission or become null and void. The petitioner may request an extension prior to the expiration of the permit.

FAVOR:

None.

OPPOSITION:

None.

COMMISSIONER'S DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

Hunter questioned if the missing piece of gate would be replaced. Henski stated that the piece of gate was removed for the winter. Poll stated that fence section would need to

be replaced and would not be able to be removed in the future. Henski stated that was not a problem.

Motion made by Hunter, seconded by Dort to approve the Special Land Use Permit to allow for the increase from 1-6 children to 7-12 children with the conditions as stated.

Yays: VanWagoner, Boboltz, Lewis, Mitchell, Hunter, Gilmore, Dort

Nays: None.

Absent: Heraghty, Sabourin

Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

BUSINESS:

Review of 2016-2020 Draft Master Recreation Plan

Poll stated that we have had a very long process of updating our Recreation Plan due to NEMCOG staffing changes. The plan is necessary and is required by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). You have to have a 5 year plan on file with the MDNR in order to apply for grants. If a project is not in the plan then you cannot apply for a grant for it. If, for some reason, in the future while the plan is in effect for 5 years and we come up with a project that isn't listed then we would do an amendment and add it in to the plan.

The plan has been out for public review since January 22, 2016. It was available for review at the library, City Hall, the City website, and NEMCOG's website. Anybody could look at it and if they had any comments, questions, or concerns they could submit those. We have not received any comments thus far. We are required to have a meeting of the Recreation Board and Planning Commission for the adoption of resolutions approving the plan and forwarding it to Council. Council is then required by the regulations of the MDNR to then conduct a Public Hearing. The Public Hearing will be held on February 15, 2016. Once the Public Hearing is done Council will need to adopt a resolution approving the plan at which time the plan will need to be finalized, attach the resolutions and send into the MDNR. Plan will be valid until December 31, 2020.

The Recreation Advisory Board and Planning Commission reviewed and made changes to the plan.

Motion made by VanWagoner, seconded by Lewis, to make the changes to the plan that were discussed and approve the resolution for adoption of the 2016-2020 Master Recreation Plan and forwarding it to Council for its consideration.

Yays: Dort, VanWagoner, Boboltz, Lewis, Mitchell, Hunter, Gilmore,

Nays: None.

Absent: Heraghty, Sabourin

Motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

REPORTS:

Redevelopment Ready Communities

Development Updates

CALL TO PUBLIC:

None.

MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m. by Chair Sabourin.

Wayne Lewis, Secretary

Recreation Advisory Board Resolution

**A RESOLUTION BY
THE CITY OF ALPENA RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
ADOPTING THE 2016-2020 ALPENA CITY RECREATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Alpena Recreation Advisory Board is authorized to develop plans for the development, maintenance and improvement of the City parks system; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (MDNRE) requires that any municipality requesting funds for park acquisitions or improvements must have an approved recreation plan on file with the MDNRE at the time a grant application is submitted; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Advisory Board and the Planning Commission have jointly undertaken the development of a new 5-year Recreation Plan covering the period 2016-2020; and

WHEREAS, the City has solicited public input during the preparation of the Plan through a survey and public meetings; and

WHEREAS, the public was provided a 30-day period to review and submit comments on the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alpena Recreation Advisory Board Alpena has met jointly with the City Planning Commission to address public comments regarding the Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Alpena Recreation Advisory Board does hereby adopt the 2016-2020 Alpena City Recreation Plan as the official Recreation Plan for the City of Alpena and forwards said Plan to the Alpena City Council with a recommendation to adopt the Plan following a public hearing to be conducted at the Council's special meeting on February 25, 2016.

Board member Heath moved to adopt the above resolution, seconded by Board member Skiba.

Ayes: Kuznicki, Skiba, Heath, and Dowd
Nays: None
Absent: None

Resolution declared adopted by the City of Alpena Recreation Advisory Board at a special meeting held February 9, 2016.


Dave Kuznicki, Chair
City of Alpena Recreation Advisory Board

Planning Commission Resolution

A RESOLUTION BY THE ALPENA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION ADOPTING THE 2016-2020 ALPENA CITY RECREATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Alpena City Planning Commission is authorized to develop plans for the general development of the City including its parks system; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (MDNRE) requires that any municipality requesting funds for park acquisitions or improvements must have an approved recreation plan on file with the MDNRE at the time a grant application is submitted; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and the City of Alpena Recreation Advisory Board have jointly undertaken the development of a new 5-year Recreation Plan covering the period 2016-2020; and

WHEREAS, the City has solicited public input during the preparation of the Plan through a survey and public meetings; and

WHEREAS, the public was provided a 30-day period to review and submit comments on the Plan; and

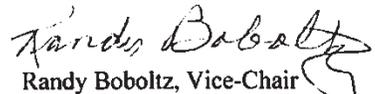
WHEREAS, the Alpena City Planning Commission has met jointly with the City of Alpena Recreation Advisory Board to address public comments regarding the Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alpena City Planning Commission does hereby adopt the 2016-2020 Alpena City Recreation Plan as the official Recreation Plan for the City of Alpena and forwards said Plan to the Alpena City Council with a recommendation to adopt the Plan following a public hearing to be conducted at the Council's meeting on February 25, 2016.

Commissioner VanWagoner moved to adopt the above resolution, seconded by Commissioner Lewis.

Ayes: Hunter, VanWagner, Gilmore, Dort, Boboltz, Mitchell, and Lewis
Nays: None
Absent: Sabourin and Heraghty

Resolution declared adopted by the Alpena City Planning Commission at a meeting held February 9, 2016.


Randy Boboltz, Vice-Chair
Alpena City Planning Commission

Notice of Public Hearing

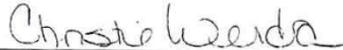
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1004 - Notices
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
City of Alpena Recreation Plan
City Council
February 15, 2016

The Alpena City Council will conduct a public hearing on **Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 5:45pm** in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 208 N. First Avenue, to review and approve the proposed 2016-2020 Alpena Recreation Plan. A draft copy of the proposed Recreation Plan can be found at www.alpena.mi.us or copies are available for review at the City Clerk's Office or the Public Library.

All interested persons are invited to offer comment at the hearing, or written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing date at the following address:

Alpena City Council
Alpena City Hall
208 N. First Avenue
Alpena, MI 49707

Please mark the envelope "Alpena Recreation Plan"

Questions and comments prior to the meeting should be directed to Adam Poll, Planning and Development Director, at (989) 354-1771 or at adamp@alpena.mi.us.
(February 15)

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City Council Meeting Minutes

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

February 25, 2016

The Municipal Council of the City of Alpena met in special session, upon the call of the Mayor, in the City Hall on the above date and was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by the Mayor.

Present: Mayor Waligora, Councilmembers Nielsen, Nowak, Sexton and Johnson.

Absent: None

PUBLIC HEARING

2016 – 2020 ALPENA CITY RECREATION PLAN

Mayor Waligora announced a public hearing on the proposed 2016 – 2020 Recreation Plan.

Adam Poll, Planning and Development Director, presented a report on the Recreation Plan for 2016 – 2020, which is mainly updating goals and objectives accomplished and adding new goals. He explained that the committee will be looking into the feasibility of a proposed RV Park, all staff is neutral at this point, he explained that this idea has been on the table since 1990, and they want to take a closer look at the proposed plan; they have also added language to include the addition of a Splash Park and a Dog Park in the City of Alpena.

Adam Poll has received one e-mail communication from Jim and Pat Schaffer, they are not in support of the proposed RV Park and believe that the Splash Park should be located near the children's play area.

The public comment period was opened.

Mary Bray who lives at 700 S. First Avenue, was interested in the proposed RV Park planning. She stated that the previous councilmembers wanted to keep as much open space as possible, she wanted to know exactly where the park would be located. She said she might feel differently if Alpena had miles of beaches, but since Alpena has only limited space the proposed RV Park would take away from the public view. She would like to know how the proposed RV Park would impact the area and she would like to preserve the lake shore that Alpena has because we have so little.

Mark Hunter who lives at 614 Eighth Street, commented on the fact that many people have been posting comments on Facebook about the proposed RV Park, but

they do not attend these meetings. He looked into easements or reverters on the Mich-
e-ke-wis property and found none; he has also conducted research on the City's
ownership of property and found that the City had purchased the land from private
individuals in Alpena Township, which they have the right to do even if the land is in
another jurisdiction, and then in later years the City of Alpena annexed the property
from Alpena Township.

The City Clerk indicated that there were no written comments.

The public comment period was closed. There was no Council discussion. The
Mayor declared the Public Hearing closed.

RESOLUTION 2016-03

**APPROVING THE 2016 – 2020 ALPENA CITY RECREATION PLAN
AS THE OFFICIAL RECREATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF ALPENA**

Moved by Councilmember Nielsen, seconded by Councilmember Nowak, that
Resolution No. 2016-03, a resolution approving the 2016 – 2020 Alpena City Recreation
Plan as the official Recreation Plan for the City of Alpena, be adopted.

Carried by unanimous vote.

2017 – 2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Municipal Council and the Planning Commission met to hear the Capital
Improvement Plan for 2017 – 2022. All department heads presented their reports to the
Planning Commission and City Council and answered questions.

Moved by Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Sexton, to
approve the 2017 – 2022 Capital Improvement Plan.

Carried by unanimous vote.

On motion of Councilmember Nowak, seconded by Councilmember Sexton, the
Municipal Council adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

MATTHEW J. WALIGORA
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Karen Hebert
City Clerk

City Council Resolution of Adoption

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-03

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2016-2020 ALPENA CITY RECREATION PLAN AS THE OFFICIAL RECREATION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF ALPENA

WHEREAS, the City of Alpena has undertaken the development of a Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan, which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain its recreation facilities during the period 2016-2020; and

WHEREAS, public comment sessions were jointly held by the Alpena City Planning Commission and the Alpena City Recreation Advisory Board during the planning process, on February 9, 2016 at the Alpena City Hall, and another was held by the Alpena City Council on February 15 at their City Council meeting, and a public hearing was held at a special City Council meeting on February 25, 2016, in order to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alpena has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community and intends to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community during the period 2016-2020.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alpena City Council hereby adopts the 2016-2020 Alpena City Recreation Plan as the official recreation plan for the City of Alpena to serve as a guideline for improving recreation for its residents.

Councilperson Nielsen moved to adopt the above resolution, seconded by Councilperson Nowak.

Ayes: Nielsen, Nowak, Sexton, Waligora, and Johnson.
Nays: None
Absent: None

Resolution declared adopted.

I, Karen Hebert, City Clerk of the City of Alpena, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Municipal Council at its regular meeting held February 25, 2016.



Karen Hebert
City Clerk

Copies of Submittal Letters



City Hall
208 North First Avenue
Alpena, Michigan 49707
www.alpena.mi.us

Planning & Development

February 26, 2016

Alpena County Planning Commission
720 W. Chisholm Street
Alpena, MI 49707

RE: City of Alpena 2016-2020 Recreation Plan

Dear Commissioners:

Enclosed is a final copy of the City of Alpena 2016-2020 Recreation Plan adopted by the Alpena City Council on February 25, 2016. This Plan is being submitted per the requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (MDNRE) – Grants Management Division.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 989-354-1771 or at adamp@alpena.mi.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adam Poll".

Adam Poll,
Planning and Development Director
City of Alpena

Enclosure



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Planning & Development

February 26, 2016

Diane Rekowski
Executive Director
Northeast Michigan Council of Governments
PO Box 457
Gaylord, MI 49734

RE: City of Alpena 2016-2020 Recreation Plan

Dear Diane:

Enclosed is a final copy of the City of Alpena 2016-2020 Recreation Plan adopted by the Alpena City Council on February 25, 2016. This Plan is being submitted per the requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (MDNRE) – Grants Management Division.

On behalf of the City of Alpena I wish to thank NEMCOG for its assistance in preparing this Plan. If you have any questions, please contact me at 989-354-1770 or at adamp@alpena.mi.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Poll", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Adam Poll,
Planning and Development Director
City of Alpena

Enclosure

CITY OF ALPENA RECREATION PLAN CHAPTER 4: RECREATION INVENTORY

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

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. 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

City-Owned Recreation Property

1. **Arthur Sytek Park** located on the Thunder Bay River at the bridge on Bagley Street. This one-half acre wildflower park was developed by the Thunder Bay Watershed Council. The park has a canoe launch site, a barrier free fishing platform with a roof, a shelter and off-street parking, and serves as a trailhead for the City's Bi-Path. The property is leased by the City to the Alpena County Road Commission, which maintains the park.

Type: Mini-Park

Service Area: City of Alpena

Barrier Free Accessibility = 4. This facility is barrier-free.



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2. **Avery Park** located on N. Second Avenue, north of the Second Avenue Bridge. This 0.4-acre open green space showplaces a large historic four-faced bronze clock, historic gaslights and historic park benches. The park complements the aesthetics of the adjacent Olde Town Alpena and the historic downtown area.

Type: Mini-Park

Service Area: City of Alpena

Barrier Free Accessibility = 4. This facility is barrier-free.



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3. **Bay View Park** located on State Avenue on Lake Huron, adjacent to the Municipal Small Boat Harbor. This is one of the City's largest developed parks with multiple year-round uses. It contains four tennis courts, three basketball courts, and a multipurpose open lawn area. There is an area of shoreline, space for picnics and an open field for low profile activity. There is the Fine Arts Band shell, which is used for summer band concerts, community celebrations and by various groups for other occasions. A fenced, fully equipped young children's playground, developed by and maintained in partnership with the Alpena Kiwanis Club, is another of the facilities available at this site. Public restrooms are located on Harbor Drive. The Bi-Path runs through the park and connects the park to other recreation areas. The Alpena Yacht Club is located within the Park on property leased from the City.



Type: Community Park

Service Area: Alpena County

Barrier Free Accessibility = 3.

This facility is generally barrier-free. Much of the park, including the band shell is barrier-free. There are no barrier-free picnic tables and the tennis courts and basketball courts are not easily accessible from the paved parking lot.





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4. **Bi-Path** is a bicycle and pedestrian pathway system which has been developed throughout the City. This marked bikeway connects with the Alpena Township section that parallels US- 23 from the city limits at Thunder Bay Avenue to Bare Point Road. Inside the City limits, residents and visitors are able to bike, walk, roller blade and skateboard on the 18.53 miles of 8-10' wide paved pathway and can access all the waterfront parks in the city. In a cooperative city/county effort, a section of the bikeway follows the shore of the Thunder Bay River through the Alpena County Fairgrounds.

Type: Integrated Type II Park Trail and Type II Connector Trail System

Service Area: City of Alpena

Barrier Free Accessibility = 4. This facility is barrier-free.



Map 6: Alpena Bi-Path



5. **Blair Street Park** located at the end of Blair Street on Lake Huron. This 0.4 acre park contains 173 feet of Thunder Bay frontage and a refurbished handicapped-accessible pier for fishing, a picnic area with tables and grills, concrete bike paths connecting the State Avenue bike path to the pier and off-street parking.

Type: Mini-Park

Service Area: City of Alpena

Barrier Free Accessibility = 3. This facility is mostly barrier-free.



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6. **City Marina** is located at 400 East Chisholm Street, adjacent to Bay View Park. The City contracts with a private company, Thunder Bay Shores Marine, for day-to-day operations of the Marina. The City Marina is the only full-service marina in the area. It provides visitors and residents with all necessary, boating-related services, including a full-time staff, a fueling station, 35-ton boat hoist, fish cleaning station, boaters'



restrooms, a marina store, and marine repair facilities. A portion of the City bi-path system has been constructed along the top of the break wall.

The City Marina contains 58 seasonal and 77 transient boater slips. Courtesy docks, a launch ramp, and broadside moorage are also available. The Marina also acts as a communications center for boaters in the waters of Thunder Bay and posts severe weather warnings. Dockage is also provided for a MDNR law enforcement boat and the U.S. Coast Guard.

The City participates in the state Central Reservation System. Under this system, transient boaters are able to reserve dockage at the Marina on specific dates via a centralized, statewide system. Twenty-seven (27) transient slips are available for reservation through this system.



Type: Special Use Facility

Service Area: Variable

Barrier Free Accessibility = 3. This facility is mostly barrier-free. Hardware at the Boaters Restrooms needs to be changed and barrier-free signage needs to be installed on both doors at the proper height. There is no barrier-free access to the east side of the fixed dock basin. The Breakwall bi-path is barrier-free. The Fish Cleaning Station is not barrier-free.

7. **Culligan Plaza** is a small public space located on Chisholm St. at Second Ave. It contains a water fountain and a large public fountain.

Type: Mini-Park

Service Area: City of Alpena

Barrier Free Accessibility = 3. This facility is partially barrier-free. There is barrier-free access from the sidewalk along the perimeter of the plaza, but there is no barrier free access to the fountain.



8. **Downtown Parks:** Downtown Alpena contains two small "pocket parks" which are maintained by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

a. **Chisholm Street Park** is located between Second and Third Ave. It contains a walkway, benches, and plantings. A small portion of this park is leased by a local restaurant to provide outdoor dining.



b. **Waterfront Park** is located between River and Carter St. It contains benches, trees and plantings. Currently privately owned open space, the Alpena DDA is attempting to acquire.



Type: Mini-Parks

Service Area: City of Alpena

Barrier Free Accessibility = 3. Chisholm Street Park is barrier-free Waterfront Park is mostly barrier-free but lacks barrier-free picnic tables.

9. **Duck Park** adjoins Island Park and the Wildlife Sanctuary. This 2.5-acre park has 1,200 feet of Thunder Bay River frontage. It complements the natural setting of Island Park by offering an area for more developed recreational uses and vehicular parking. It is also the proposed site of the River Center and adjoining boardwalk from which a range of recreational and educational activities relating to the river area can be provided. The site includes picnic tables, an area for rest, as well as off-street parking. Ducks, swan, geese, and other wildfowl gather at this site.

Recent improvements to this park include a covered pedestrian bridge to Island Park and a water tower (photo shown within the Island Park description).



Type: Community Park

Service Area: City of Alpena

Barrier Free Accessibility = 2



10. Island Park located on the Thunder Bay River, at the corner of US-23 and Long Rapids Road. This 17-acre island is owned by the City and developed and maintained by the Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary Board with the help of the Alpena Volunteer Center. The island has 4,400 feet of water frontage. This natural area preserves the rich ecosystems with the flora and the fauna natural to the area. Access to this area is gained by way of a concrete bridge, which is closed to vehicles (a key may be obtained to drive to a handicapped-accessible viewing area). Nature/hiking trails crisscross the Island, providing abundant opportunity for observation and study of nature and wildlife. The opportunity for fishing is provided by fishing platforms at the water's edge. The City of Alpena developed a comprehensive River Plan in 1995, which includes Island Park and the Thunder Bay River Corridor. The **Wildlife Sanctuary** is located adjacent to the Island Park. It consists of 600 acres and is home to a variety of native fauna and flora.



Type: 11, 11a, 11b - Natural Resource Areas

Service Area: Alpena County

Barrier Free Accessibility = 2. This facility has some barrier-free facilities. The parking lot is paved and access to the City bi-path is possible from Duck Park. Many viewing opportunities exist to view the water and wildlife. Barrier-free fishing opportunities exist along the pedestrian bridge and in two areas along the bi-path at the island side of the pedestrian bridge. The majority of the viewing and fishing platforms on the island are not barrier free. There are no barrier-free picnic tables and no barrier free access to cooking grills.



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- 11. LaMarre Park** located at Eighth and River Street intersection, on the Thunder Bay River was acquired by the City of Alpena from Alpena County in 1997. This 1.5-acre site includes 367 feet of river frontage and is a popular fishing location and is frequently used as a trailhead to access the City bi-path system.

In 2004, the City, with the assistance of MDEQ Coastal Management Program grant funds, installed a large barrier free concrete walkway and fishing platform along the river's edge. In 2008, the City purchased and removed a residential home at the corner entrance to the park in order to open the view of the park, increase open space, and visibility.

Other amenities at this park include picnic tables, benches; off-street parking, and passive recreation.

Type: Mini-Park

Service Area: City of Alpena

Barrier Free Accessibility = 4. This facility is barrier-free.



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- 12. McRae Park** located at the intersection of North Second Avenue and Hueber Street. This park includes four fenced youth/women's ball fields (three 60-foot base fields and one 90-foot base field); two T-ball fields; a children's play area; four tennis courts; two basketball courts; two paved parking lots; a small concession/restroom building; and a park shelter which is used for meetings and social events. General oversight and maintenance of this park is conducted by the McRae Park Association.



In 2008, construction finished on a new 90-foot base baseball field. This field was constructed to replace an old Babe Ruth field that was closed when Oxbow Park was abandoned by the City. In 2009, the installation of new playground equipment is planned. New equipment was purchased through grant funds obtained in partnership with the Northeast Community Service Agency (NEMCSA) Funds for installation were obtained from a MSHDA Neighborhood Preservation grant; accessed through the City's participation in a community Vision 2020 program.

Type: Community Park

Service Area: County of Alpena

Barrier Free Accessibility = 2. This facility has some barrier-free facilities. The parking lot is paved but there is no barrier-free access to the playground, basketball courts, or ballfield bleachers. The restrooms at the Concession Stand are not barrier-free. The driveway to the new Babe Ruth field is not paved and access to the bleachers is limited. The only access ramp to the community building is in poor condition and needs repair. The community building entrance door threshold needs to be lowered to 5/8". Neither restroom in the community building is compliant; each entrance door must be widened, the restrooms enlarged, and barrier-free hardware installed.

13. Mich-e-ke-wis Park/Starlite Beach located on Lake Huron along State Avenue, between Thunder Bay Avenue and Bingham Street. This park is one of the largest developed City-owned recreation areas. Current facilities include:



Starlite Beach:

- Three large children's play structures
- Two additional children's play areas
- Public restrooms
- Picnic area
- Beach
- Off street parking
- Sections of the City's Bi-Path that run along the Lake Huron shoreline.
- Pavilion with picnic tables
- Barrier-free restrooms and outdoor showers

Mich-e-ke-wis Park

- An enclosed warming/general park shelter building
- Two youth/women's ball fields
- A BMX bike park (designed for beginner and younger riders)
- Volleyball courts
- Horseshoe pits
- Picnic area
- Beach
- Off street parking
- Sections of the City's Bi-Path that run along the Lake Huron shoreline.

In 2004, the City of Alpena adopted a master plan detailing future developments for Starlite Beach/Mich-e-ke-wis Park. The purpose of this plan is to create the framework for future improvements at Mich-e-ke-wis Park, Starlite Beach, and the section of the Bi-Path that parallel State Avenue from Mich-e-ke-wis Park, north to Bay View Park.

Overall, approximately \$4-million in improvements were identified with the intent of making this facility an all-season recreation destination. A summarized list of improvements includes:

1. Starlite Beach Improvements:
 - New picnic pavilion, restroom facility, and concession area. (completed)
 - Children's splash park.
 - Beach promenade, with site lighting, landscaping improvements, and facilities for vendor tents along the promenade.
 - New picnic shelter near the Bingham Street entrance.
 - A decorative pedestrian gateway into the park from State Avenue.
 - Improved site amenities.
 - Parking lot and landscaping improvements.

2. Mich-e-ke-wis Park Improvements:
 - Improvements to the outdoor ice rink area through the construction of landscape islands and improved site drainage.
 - Disc Golf course on the outdoor ice rink area during the summer months.
 - Ice climbing towers.
 - Fire warming pit.
 - Renovation and expansion of the shelter building.
 - Parking lot and internal roadway improvements.
 - Improved site lighting.
 - Bi-Path extension into the park.
 - Kayak launch.
 - Primitive “Yurt Village” camping area.
 - Family picnic shelter.
 - New playground equipment installation.
 - Horseshoe pit improvements.
 - Improved landscaping and picnic amenities.
 - Labyrinth.
 - Landscaped garden.
 - Investigate the feasibility of developing a RV camping area in the park.

3. State Avenue Bi-Path Improvements:
 - Construction of passing “bubbles.”
 - Additional street trees, benches, and trash receptacles.
 - Crosswalk improvements.
 - Historic lighting.
 - Improved landscaping.

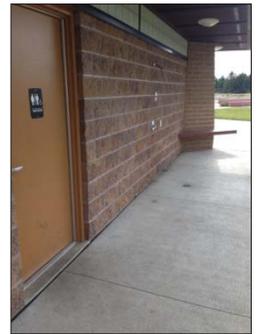
The Starlite Beach/Mich-e-ke-wis Park Master Plan is incorporated by reference and can be referred to the for more information.

Type: Community Park

Service Area: Alpena County

Barrier Free Accessibility = 3. These facilities are mostly barrier-free. There is no barrier-free access from the bi-path to the playground or to the water at Starlite Beach. The Starlite Beach restrooms are barrier-free. The rear parking lot at Mich-e-ke-wis Park is not paved and no barrier free access is available to the playground. There is no barrier-free access from the shelter building to the beach at Mich-e-ke-wis Park. There is no barrier-free playground equipment at either park. The Starlite Beach/Mich-e-ke-wis Park Master Plan has outlined improvements to these deficiencies.

Starlite Beach Photos:



Mich-e-ke-wis Park Photos:







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- 14. North Riverfront Park** located off Fletcher Street near the mouth of the Thunder Bay River within the City's downtown area, behind the Post Office. This park has 570 feet of river frontage. A parking lot and boat launch is provided on this site.

In 2007-2008, the City implemented a number of improvements at North Riverfront Park aided by a grant from the MDNR. The improvements include the installation of a cantilevered walkway with barrier free access and rail sections allowing fishing for all parties. The improvements also included flower, shrub, and tree plantings and the installation of an irrigation system to ensure the livelihood of plan material and reduce runoff to the river. Amenities were also installed in the park including benches, picnic tables, walkways, water and power access and a drinking fountain. These improvements have opened up this previously unimproved park for expanded and enhanced activities. The project, due to available funding, had to be curtailed and elements originally planned for were deleted from the project with hopes of being able to fund them in the future. These include the resurfacing and restriping of the parking lot, parking lot lighting, and installation of water and power access points throughout the park.

Type: Special Use Park

Service Area: City of Alpena; boat launch serves wider area.

Barrier Free Accessibility = 4. This facility is barrier-free.



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- 15. Riverside Skate Park/Water Tower Park** is located on Ninth Avenue near the Ninth Avenue Bridge. A collaborative effort between a skateboarding/in-line skating group, concerned citizens, and the City resulted in the development of this community recreational skateboarding park. The project began in 1997 by a group of area youth involved in Get Excited And Rally (GEAR), with the help of many community supporters. As the proposal gained recognition, committees were formed and public information sessions were held. In the spring of 1998, this well-planned project resulted in the selection of Water Tower Park on Ninth Avenue as the location for the skateboarding facility. With youth and adults working together, the central location of Water Tower Park provides recreational opportunities for skateboarding and in-line skating. Stunt bikes

are not allowed at the facility. Although the park is youth-oriented, it provides all residents of the City of Alpena with the opportunity to participate in this popular activity in a safe and user-friendly environment. A second mini-skate park for beginners was constructed in 2006.

In 2006, with the assistance of a grant from the MDEQ, improvements to Water Tower Park were installed. A 10' wide section of lighted Bi-Path was extended across the park from Ninth Avenue (which connected to a section of the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Trail that extends to Second Avenue). Additional park improvements undertaken during this project included the construction of a barrier free fishing pier along the waters edge, the installation of an irrigation system and terraced rain garden (to control runoff to the river), landscaping upgrades, and the installation of new picnic tables.

Type: Special Use Park

Service Area: City of Alpena

Barrier Free Accessibility = 4. This facility is barrier-free.



16. Rotary Island Mill Park is located in the Thunder Bay River between Sixth and Seventh Streets. Owned by the Rotary Club of Alpena, this park was developed for recreational use with fishing sites and pathways. In 2007, a pedestrian bridge linking the island to the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Trail was installed. This bridge established a connected, non-motorized pathway to both sides of the Thunder Bay River. It also effectively integrated the island into the City park system. In 2008, the Rotary Club signed a maintenance agreement with the City of Alpena whereas the City will maintain specified improvements on the island in exchange for a public access easement across the island.

Type: Mini-Park (Private Park with Granted Public Access)

Service Area: City of Alpena

Barrier Free Accessibility = 4. This facility is barrier-free.

17. South Riverfront Park located on the south side of the River within the City's downtown area, behind the former Alpena Power Company building, Federal Building, and Memorial Hall. With approximately 850 feet of Thunder Bay River frontage, the site consists of three parcels of land.

The first parcel, owned by the City, is located directly behind Memorial Hall. Uses of this site include dock fishing, passive recreation and broadside moorage for larger watercraft. The second parcel, owned by a private individual, is directly behind the Federal Building. A partial easement has been granted to the City for passive recreational use; including dock fishing, and an open green space area. Broadside moorage exists for federally-operated vessels. The third parcel, owned by the City, is located directly behind the former Alpena Power Company building.

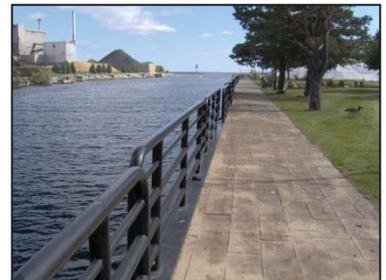
In 2005, the amenities of the entire park were upgraded with grant funds received from the state's *Cool Cities Pilot Program*. A colored, stenciled concrete walkway, the first phase of the City's historic Riverwalk, was constructed. Wrought iron safety railing was installed along the head pier and an irrigation system was installed throughout the park. Historic-style pedestrian lights, gazebo, drinking fountain, and wrought iron benches were also installed. Historic markers detailing the history and use of the Thunder Bay River were developed in partnership with the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve and installed along the new walkway.

Recreational uses of this park include dock fishing, broadside moorage of watercraft and passive recreation. It is also used as the venue for local festivals.

Type: Mini-Park

Service Area: City of Alpena

Barrier Free Accessibility = 4. This facility is barrier-free.



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

Type: Neighborhood Park

Service Area: City of Alpena

Barrier Free Accessibility = 1. This facility is not barrier-free. No barrier-free picnic tables are present within the park and there is no barrier-free access to the beach or lake.



19. Veteran's Memorial Park is another small "pocket park" located at Washington and Second Avenue in downtown Alpena. It contains benches and a memorial to local veterans.

Type: Mini-Park

Service Area: City of Alpena

Barrier Free Accessibility = 4. This facility is barrier-free.



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

Type: Neighborhood Park

Service Area: City of Alpena

Barrier Free Accessibility = 4. This facility is barrier-free.



21. Eleventh Avenue Boat Launch.

Type: Special Use Area

Service Area: City of Alpena

Barrier Free Accessibility = 1. This facility is not barrier-free.

23. Alpena Regional Trailhead is currently under construction. The project will build restrooms, a pavilion, parking areas and bike racks, all near the North Eastern State Trail's southern terminus at Woodward Avenue, according to site development plans. Matching funds will be provided by several area organizations, including the city through in-kind donations and the Alpena County Youth and Recreation Fund. The \$311,000 in grants will be matched with \$188,250 in local donations, totaling \$499,250 for the project.

Map 7: City of Alpena Recreation Sites



TABLE 3: DNR RECREATION GRANT INVENTORY

YEAR	GRANT #	PARK NAME	ITEMS	STATUS	Grant Amount
1977	26-00985	Mich-e-ke-wis Park	7,000 ft ² Park Shelter	Closed	\$116,500
1978	26-01060Y	McRae park	Little league field, paved parking, restroom and concession building, landscaping	Closed	\$32,000
1978	26-00842	Riverfront Park	Acquire 2.28 acres of land for public outdoor recreation.	Closed	\$37,288
1982	TF596	Wildlife Sanctuary	Acquire 17 acre island on the Thunder Bay River within the 500 acre Wildlife Sanctuary.	Closed	\$237,500
1983	26-01265	Starlite Beach	Develop entrance area, roadside park, entrance road and paved parking lot, bicycle/pedestrian trail, picnic area, landscaping.	Closed	\$65,000
1984	TF768	Thunder Bay Rivermouth	Acquire 6.5 acres at the mouth of the Thunder Bay river and Lake Huron. Staging area for underwater park.	Withdrawn	\$720,000
1985	26-01379	North Riverfront Park	Boat launch with paved parking and landscaping	Closed	\$84,000
1987	TF87-016	Small Boat Harbor	Construct new floating dock main pier with 12 finger piers.	Closed	\$80,000
1989	BF89-642	Bay View Park	New parking area, concrete picnic tables, park id and directional signs, concrete sidewalks/bike path, trees, lawn area in front of Bandshell to provide slope.	Closed	\$75,000
1992	TF92-299	Thunder Bay River	Develop hard surface nature trails and pathways, boardwalks, docks, bridge, landscaping and picnic tables.	Closed	\$195,000
1995	TF95-180	River Plan – Phase 2	Pathway system along south side of river, improvements to Island Park and adjoining roadside park.	Closed	\$279,800

TABLE 3: DNR RECREATION GRANT INVENTORY (Continued)

YEAR	GRANT #	PARK NAME	ITEMS	STATUS	Grant Amount
1999	TF99-353	Harbor Breakwall Walkway Extension	Develop 700 linear foot extension of walkway atop the harbor break wall, including railing, pedestrian lighting, fishing platform, and benches.	Closed	\$155,685
2000	TF00-275	Harbor Breakwall Walkway Extension	650 linear foot extension of concrete walkway atop the harbor break wall to its terminus, including railing, pedestrian lighting, fishing platform, and benches.	Closed	\$153,481
2005	TF05-014	North Riverfront Park Heritage Improvements	Walkways, parking, pavilions, lighting, irrigation, and site amenities.	Closed	\$214,500
2007	TF07-023	Starlite Beach Promenade Facilities Project	Picnic pavilion, restroom/storage/ concession building, walkway, utilities, landscaping, & site amenities at Starlite Beach on Thunder Bay	Closed	\$443,300
2013	TF13-022	NEST Alpena Regional Trailhead	Develop year-round trailhead along North Eastern State Trail. Restroom/ storage building, pavilion, paved parking lot, snowmobile parking, access paths, drinking fountain, landscaping, all necessary site amenities, security lighting & camera.	Active	\$245,000
Post-Completion Self Certification Reports contained in Appendix B					

Other Public Recreational Properties

Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve

In October 2000, the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve was designated as the nation's first freshwater sanctuary. The 4,300-square mile sanctuary and underwater preserve is located in Thunder Bay off the coast of Alpena, Alcona and Presque Isle Counties. Its boundaries extend from the north Presque Isle county line to south Alcona County line and from the shoreline to the international boundary. Not only is the Sanctuary/Preserve the first freshwater sanctuary, it is also the first sanctuary to focus solely on a large collection of underwater cultural resources and the first sanctuary to be located entirely within state waters.

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

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

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

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

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

Thunder Bay Island

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

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

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

Multipurpose Rail-Trails

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

The NEST was completed in 2011. Users can walk, bicycle, horseback ride or snowmobile 71 miles from Alpena to Cheboygan. The trail runs from Woodward Avenue in the City of Alpena to the Lincoln Street in City of Cheboygan where it merges with the North Central State Trail which runs south 45 miles to Gaylord or northwest 16 miles to Mackinaw City. The NEST has a 10' wide packed crushed limestone surface with two foot shoulders, new safety signs, access control features and mile marker posts. The trail use, determined by the DNR, is for all non-motorized users year round and snowmobiles from December 1 through March 31. This project was collaboration between two state departments, local governments and a non-profit organization. The Top of Michigan Trails Council (TOMTC) led the effort to help assemble a 3.1 million dollar funding package which included gaining 5% of the project costs from

local governments, individuals and organizations. The Michigan Department of Transportation completed the engineering and project oversight while the Michigan Department of Natural Resources oversaw the project implementation and will continue to manage and maintain the facility. The trail now creates a link across northeast Michigan on the former Detroit to Mackinaw Railroad connecting Alpena, Posen, Hawks, Millersburg, Onaway, Aloha and Cheboygan.

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

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

Natural Features

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

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

Alpena Regional Medical Center

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

Alpena City Housing Commission

The Alpena City Housing Commission has two neighborhood parks under its jurisdiction.

The Kurrasch Park is a 1.48 acre neighborhood park located on Fourth Ave. Only partially developed, the park has limited playground equipment and an open field area. The housing

commission office building is situated on the property and has a community room that is suitable for many indoor recreational activities.

The Eleventh Avenue Park has a playground utilized by area children.

Alpena County Recreational Facilities:

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

Alpena Plaza Pool is located at Alpena High School, 3303 South Third Avenue. The pool building measures 130 feet x 110 feet. The pool can accommodate six lanes, 25 yards long, for swim competition. This pool is located in a centrally accessible area and is the only municipal indoor swimming pool in the County. In addition to being used by high school students and the public, it is a major source of school training and team competition. Senior citizens and area youth also use the pool for family-oriented activities. The pool can be rented for birthday parties. A full-time director schedules and/or supervises the following pool activities some of which include: Red Cross swimming and lifesaving training sessions; Infant/Toddler water adjustment classes; Senior citizen physical therapy programs; and family swimming programs. Specific targeted programming include: Senior Fitness, Splash Aerobics, Aqua Chi, Water Walking/Running, Rehabilitation and Social Swimming, Lap and Exercise Swimming, Open Swims, Learn to Swim Instruction, Aerobic Sculpt, Robotic Competition (underwater ROV), Boot Camp and Poolates.

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

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

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

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

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

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

School Properties

Alpena Senior High School located at 3303 S. Third Ave. This 50-acre site, owned by the Alpena School District, has an auditorium with a stage, a dance studio, a wrestling and weight room, gymnasium, a football stadium, men's hardball fields, two multipurpose fields, an outdoor track, and off-street parking. A natatorium and five tennis courts are also located there, both of which are owned by the County.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thunder Bay Jr. High School located at 3500 S. Third Ave. The junior high school has a gym, track, tennis courts, ball fields and a football field for school use.

Aces Academy is located at 700 Pinecrest and owned by the Alpena School district. Previously used as an elementary school building, this two-acre site has one ball field for unorganized play.

Alpena Community College, Main Campus located at 666 Johnson Street. Within the area bounded by US-23, Hamilton Road, Long Lake Avenue, Johnson Street and/or the Thunder Bay River contains 704 acres of property belonging to Alpena Community College. Presently, the central campus buildings are located on this property as well as a 400-acre section devoted to field resource study. Granum Theater is located on campus for performing arts and other events. An athletic campus features softball fields and some nature trails. The property includes 1,600 feet of Thunder Bay frontage and encompasses a portion of the present Bi-Path system. Between Long Lake Avenue and Woodward exists a large area of property, part of that is woodland; the rest is open meadow.

Alpena Community College extends its philosophy of shared partnership with the community to its land uses and the functions such land should carry out. The potential uses of these lands present the opportunity for joint planning with other community partners who share ACC's vision of what is most needed and what can best utilize the recreational resources of this property.

The City Bi-Path follows the 1,600 feet of Thunder Bay River frontage along Johnson Street and adjoins the college's main campus. The possibility for other developments utilizing this river frontage is great. Among other options are canoeing, dockage, and other river recreation. The athletic campus contains two men's softball fields, a skeet range, and some nature trails. Expansion of this area offers many possibilities, as does the 400 acre field resource study area.

Alpena Community College, East Campus located at the intersection of Ninth Avenue and Walnut Street. This four-acre site contains a gym and five soccer fields, as well as off-street parking. Eventually, all programs will be moved to the main campus. Many possibilities exist for this site when it is vacated; among these is a community recreation center.

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

All Saints School located on N 2nd Ave. A fully equipped, fenced children's playground, a basketball court, and off-street parking is available.

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

Alpena Township

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

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

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

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

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

Alpena Township Office Building is located at 4385 U.S. 23 North. It contains offices of the Township Building Inspector, Assessor, Clerk, Treasurer and Supervisor. The Township Water Department and

Northside Station of the Township Fire Department are also located at this facility. A barrier-free ramp makes entrance to the building readily accessible. Restrooms are also accessible.

Alpena Township Nature Preserve is located in Section 15 of T31N-R9E and consists of approximately 140 acres with 10,000 feet of Lake Huron Shoreline. The Nature Conservancy partnered with Alpena Township in acquiring this property to preserve it from extensive lakeshore development and to provide public access to unique natural resources. Alpena Township acquired the property with grant support from The Nature Conservancy, Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and Michigan Coastal Management Program. The property is used for low impact outdoor recreation and enjoyment of the rich coastal resources. Alpena Township received funding to develop a park management plan from the Michigan Coastal Management Program and completed the plan in the fall of 2008. Important natural resources on the property include karst geologic features in and around El Cajon Bay, coastal fens, coastal marshes, dwarf lake iris, shore birds and migratory birds. The Michigan Natural Features Inventory has identified a number of threatened and endangered plants and animals on the property. Future uses for the property include nature and interpretive trails, water access for canoes or kayaks. In addition, the waters off this property are important for diving and are part of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve. The Township is planning to acquire small parcels to provide parking facilities and more direct access to Misery Bay for launching kayaks and canoes.

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

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

Other Publicly Owned Recreation Property within Alpena Township:

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

Norway Ridge Pathway is located 3.5 miles southwest of the City of Alpena on Werth Road. As part of the Mackinaw State Forest, the pathway is maintained by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). It has 4.5 miles of groomed trails in section 6 of T30N, R8E. Recreation opportunities include cross-country skiing during the winter months and mountain biking/hiking during the spring, summer and fall.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Green Township

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

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

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

Green Township Hall is located on 5 acres at the junction of M-32 and M-65 adjacent to the ball field. The hall has cooking facilities, restrooms and a meeting room. The Hall has the capacity to accommodate 100-150 people and is available for rent year-round. A small outdoor recreational area is located outside the Hall.

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

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

Other Publicly Owned Recreation Property within Green Township

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

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

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

Long Rapids Township

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

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

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

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

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

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

Other Publicly Owned Recreation Property within Long Rapids Township

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

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

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

Maple Ridge Township

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

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

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

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

A River Access is located at the end of Mabel Avenue in section 15 T32N, R7E provides access to the South Branch of the Thunder Bay River. The access is basically unimproved but small boats or canoes can be launched from this location.

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

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

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

Other Publicly Owned Recreation Property within Maple Ridge Township

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

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

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

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

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

Ossineke Township

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

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

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

Hubbard Lake Lion's Park is located .3 miles north of Hubert Road on Hubbard Lake Road. The 8.1-acre park has ball fields, a horseshoe pit, playground, basketball courts, tennis courts, picnic tables, restrooms, walk-in cooler, water well, concession stand, and pavilion.

Other Publicly Owned Recreation Property in Ossineke Township

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

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

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

Sanborn Township

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

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

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

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

Sanborn Township and Huron Shores Little League Baseball Diamond has a backstop, dugouts, bleachers, fencing, concessions stand, storage building, toilets, and off road parking.

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

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

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

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

Other Publicly Owned Recreation Property in Sanborn Township

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

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

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

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

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

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

invites heavy daytime use during the peak summer season and moderate use, mostly by families and community groups during the off-season.

Wellington Township

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

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

Other Publicly Owned Recreation Property in Wellington Township

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

Wilson Township

Wilson Township is located in the central portion of Alpena County and covers 80 square miles of land with 1,177 acres.

Wolf Creek Park: Located off Wolf Creek Road, the Wolf Creek property was acquired by Wilson Township from the Alpena County Road Commission. The property consists of the old Wolf Creek Road right-of-way which varies in width. There are two areas where the right-of-way widens to 100' X 100' both north and south of Wolf Creek. The property leads to Wolf Creek and a portion of an old bridge which formerly spanned Wolf Creek.

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

Wilson Township Cemetery/Building is located on King Settlement Road across from the Wilson Township Hall.

Other Publicly Owned Recreation Properties within Wilson Township

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

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

Alpena to Hillman Trail traverses the northern portion of Wilson Township south of M-32 until the trail crosses M-32 immediately east of Emerson Road. The trail head is located just outside the City of Alpena. The Alpena to Hillman Trail follows State land and is managed by the Michigan Department of

Natural Resources. The trail offers opportunities for snowmobiles, hiking, and mountain biking (some sections impassable for mountain bikers). The trail is groomed in the winter months by the Alpena Sno-Drifters.

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

Norway Ridge Pathway is located in the eastern portion of Wilson Township and the western portion of Alpena Township. As part of the Mackinaw State Forest, the pathway has 4.5 miles of groomed trails and is owned by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). The Thunder Bay Trails Association assists with trail maintenance and improvement. Recreation opportunities include cross country skiing during the winter months and mountain biking/hiking during the spring, summer and fall. The trailhead for the Norway Ridge Pathway is off Werth Road.

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

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

Private Recreational Property

City of Alpena

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

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

Thunder Bay Theatre (TBT) is located at 400 North Second Avenue. Situated in Alpena's "Old Town" area, this professional theater group presents live productions on a year round basis. As the only resident professional ensemble in northeast Michigan, the TBT Company ranges in size from eight to thirty actors.

Creative Arts Center is located in the Thunder Bay Theatre. As a part of Alpena's cultural community, it offers professional instruction in drama, ballet, tap, jazz and piano to area residents.

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

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

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

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

Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan is located at 491 Johnson Street. Bounded by the Alpena Civic and Convention Center to the west and Alpena Community College to the east, the museum is an intricate part of many of Alpena's cultural/recreational opportunities.

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

Alpena Yacht Club is located at 250 Prentiss Street on the Lake Huron shoreline. Situated across from the Small Boat Harbor on leased property within the City's Bay View Park, this private club provides recreational activities for members/guests.

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

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

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

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

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

Bay Athletic Club is located in the Alpena Regional Medical Center. The center offers numerous exercise, training, fitness, and therapy classes in partnership with ARMC.

Bay Urban Fitness is located at 106 River Street in downtown Alpena. The center offers numerous exercise, training, fitness, and therapy classes.

Alpena Township

The Sand Bar and Grill is located at 9027 Long Lake Road at the south end of Long Lake. While not a true recreational facility, they support recreational users with a deck overlooking Long Lake, and boat docks offering dining access directly from the water.

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

Thunder Bowl, Inc. is located at 2192 U.S. 23 South just outside the City limits of Alpena. It features 24 bowling lanes, a snack bar and bar/grill with billiards tables. League times and open bowling opportunities are available all year long.

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

Alpena Health and Racquet Club is located at 2490 U.S. 23 South. **This facility is currently closed and for sale.**

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

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

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

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

The Arzo Sports and Fun Park is located at the intersection of US-23 North and Bloom Road just north of Alpena. Amenities include go-kart track, sky high bungee, full-sized indoor carousel, bumper cars, 18 holes mini golf, driving range, 5 multi speed batting cages, ferris wheel, arcades and more. Open Memorial Day through Labor Day, seven days a week.

Green Township

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Public Access on Fletchers Pond

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

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

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

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

Long Rapids Township

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

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

Maple Ridge Township

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ossineke Township

Hubbard Lake Lions Park is located .3 miles north of Hurbert Road on Hubbard Lake Road. The 8.1-acre park has the following facilities: two ball diamonds, horseshoe pit, playground, 2 basketball courts, a double tennis court, picnic tables, restrooms, walk-in cooler, water well, concession stand, pavilion and asphalt driveway.

The Lions Park is used for family picnics, organized softball, and children's sports activities. A 99-year lease between the township and the Lions Club has made an additional 5.2 acres adjacent to the park available for park use. Reservations for community and social events are accepted for the pavilion.

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

Sanborn Township

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

Wilson Township

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

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

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

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

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

Opal's Landing is located on M-32 West on the Thunder Bay River. It offers fishing and boat rentals. **This property and business is currently for sale.**

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

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

PK Fletcher Gun Club: A privately owned Skeet Range located two miles south of M-32 on Indian Reserve Road.

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

CITY OF ALPENA RECREATION PLAN CHAPTER 5: GOALS & OBJECTIVES, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BASIS FOR ACTION

The coastal City of Alpena offers a wide variety of cultural, historical and natural resources. At the heart of the City's aesthetic appeal are Thunder Bay, the Thunder Bay River, and the City's maritime heritage. With well over a dozen scenic parks scattered throughout the City, Alpena provides ample opportunity for visitors and residents alike to enjoy the unique combination of recreation and maritime resources. Maintaining a healthy park system by implementing improvements, in addition to regular maintenance will enhance the City's popularity as a great place to spend leisure-time hours.

The following goals and objectives were developed in 2009 by the Alpena City Planning Commission and the City Recreation Advisory Board, with additional valuable input from the public.

City of Alpena Recreation Goals

1. Provide a park and recreation system representative of the broad recreational needs and preferences of all segments of the community's population.
2. Focus upon the long-term maintenance and preservation of existing park infrastructure. Undertake park expansion only when fiscally prudent and supported by park development plans.
3. View parks and recreation as a vital component of the City's overall economic development strategy. Projects should be evaluated as to their contribution to the area's economic development efforts.
4. Investigate ongoing water quality issues at City parks to ensure the public can fully access and appreciate the unique and special natural features of the area.
5. Explore the development of new financing sources for future park improvements (i.e. a land acquisition fund).
6. Provide non-motorized linkages between City parks and recreation facilities utilizing the City Bi-Path system.
7. Promote accessibility to the City's parks and recreation facilities by persons of all ages and physical capabilities.
8. Acquire new recreation land, focusing primarily upon in-fill expansion at Bay View and McRae parks, and develop existing parks and facilities so as to take advantage of the

special and unique natural resources and features of the area (Thunder Bay and its shoreline, Thunder Bay River, Wildlife Sanctuary, etc.).

9. Increase the green canopy (trees) within the City park system.
10. Promote and expand the City's Adopt-a-Park program
11. Seek opportunities for public/private partnerships to improve the City's park System.

Development Objectives

The following objectives define general actions to be taken relative to the development, redevelopment, or upgrade of recreation facilities on a citywide basis that are necessary to meet the City recreation goals.

1. Promote projects and/or facilities, which best meet the recreational desires and usage patterns of the overall general population of the community.
2. Upgrade all park and recreation facilities according to approved plans.
3. Research solutions to reduce or eliminate the build-up of organic sediment on City beaches.
4. Fund and promote the development of the Land Acquisition and the McClay Trust funds in order to provide resources for future acquisition, expansion, and development projects.
5. Minimize the duplication of recreation services and facilities.
6. Upgrade or expand existing facilities if physically and financially more practical than acquiring or developing new facilities.
7. Design and operate parks and facilities in a manner that promotes efficient operation, minimizes conflicts, is consistent with the existing development plans for these facilities, and is consistent with the community's ability to support on an ongoing basis.
8. Develop or redevelop parks and recreation facilities so as to reduce general maintenance costs and the potential impact of vandalism.
9. Develop and upgrade facilities that promote and enhance the area's tourism sector, are coordinated with other area tourism/recreation projects, and enhance the community's quality of life.
10. Promote expanded use of the park system to tourists and local residents through improved wayfinding, improved internal signage, and promotion and coordination with

non-local resources (i.e. local marinas, US-23 North Heritage Route, water trails, and state and regional trails and parks).

- 11.** Make full use of all available grant programs to assist in financing recreation development consistent with the recreation goals and objectives of the City.
- 12.** Seek alternative and creative funding for the development, operation and maintenance of City recreational facilities.
- 13.** When practical, encourage local service clubs, user groups, non-profit organizations, etc. to implement approved elements of the recreation plan and discourage inconsistent projects.
- 14.** Promote recreation programming by volunteer recreation organizations.
- 15.** Acquire additional lands or facilities for recreation purposes based on the following criteria. The acquisition:
 - a. Promotes an integrated and complementary system of municipal recreation facilities;
 - b. Enhances public access, use and preservation of the unique and special natural resources of the community; or
 - c. Satisfies an unmet recreational need which cannot be met through existing City or other non-City recreation facilities, adaptive reuse of existing City parks or facilities.

With input from City officials and community members, a list of proposed improvements for park and recreation facilities in the City of Alpena was developed. The proposed developments and improvements will maximize the utilization of the natural resources in the City, meet the recreational requirements of residents, and increase the recreational opportunities for tourists visiting the area. A timetable was developed to guide the implementation process of the recreation plan, and to gauge the progress of the projects over the next six years.

In developing a proposed park improvement schedule, the City of Alpena utilizes a five-year projected project schedule. This project schedule is concurrent with the City's six-year Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) and is designed to ensure that all projects receive resource allocation and are implemented in a manner consistent with other, non-park related City projects. This five-year project schedule is a planning document, which is implemented by the City via an annual, multi-tiered capital improvement and budget planning process.

All projected projects are categorized across each fiscal year of the schedule into four possible priority zones: *On-Going*, *Higher*, *Moderate*, and *Lower*. *On-going* projects are those projects that are or will be implemented across several fiscal years. *On-going* projects have no specific priority since they are implemented across multiple fiscal years. The classifications of *Higher*, *Moderate*, and *Lower* are rudimentary classifications of all remaining proposed projects. These

classifications allow for some categorization of long-range projects without restricting the flexibility of the City to respond to and re-prioritize projects based upon unforeseen developments.

Actual project prioritization occurs annually when all proposed projects are reviewed for inclusion in the City's annual CIP plan. Projects included within the CIP are prioritized based upon a number of factors, including, but not limited to, established City goals and objectives, available funding, implementation schedule, and coordination with other projects. All CIP projects are consecutively reviewed and approved by City staff, the City Planning Commission, and the City Council. Proposed projects not included within the CIP are re-projected and re-prioritized for upcoming years within the improvement schedule.

Basis for Action

There are several important factors to consider when planning for recreational activities and development in the City of Alpena.

1. The City of Alpena is the largest city in the northeast Michigan region. The City largely serves as the economic hub of the region.
2. Tourism is a vital component to the economy of Alpena and the surrounding areas. Recreational planning needs to consider the influx of people looking to relax and recreate in the area.
3. The City population age distribution varies from 23.8% aged 19 and under, to 19.4% age 65 and older. The highest percentage of City residents are of adult working age (20 to 54). The age distribution in surrounding communities largely mirrors that of the City of Alpena. However, surrounding areas generally have slightly higher percentages of those aged 65 and older. Recreational facilities need to appeal to a very diverse age group.
4. The issue of improving the local economy by establishing the area as a recreation destination is of utmost importance. Unemployment rates in the City are reported at 10.1% (2014), and all of northeast Michigan remained significantly higher than the State average. The City 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 would otherwise leave the area upon reaching adulthood.
5. The City's median household income is \$32,377 compared with the State's median of \$48,411. In addition, twenty percent of households live at or below the poverty level. To be truly accessible, recreation must also be affordable.

Figures obtained from U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2009-2013 5-year estimates.

The following justifications are being offered for each project listed in the Proposed Park Improvement Schedule for the City of Alpena Master Recreation Plan. It should also be noted that prior to implementation, each proposed project undergoes thorough staff review and is approved by the City Council as an item in the City's annual Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) and the City's annual budget.

City of Alpena Proposed Improvements and Basis for Action City Parks and Recreation Facilities

1. General Park System Improvements

This category focuses upon improvements that will impact all parks and recreation facilities within the system or administrative changes that will enhance the efficient operation or expansion of park lands and facilities.

Development and financing of a Land Acquisition Fund has been proposed to set aside funds for the future acquisition of new park lands.

The City has established a goal of increasing the green canopy within the park system. The City has established an objective to improve overall amenities within the park system; including the installation of bike racks in all City parks, increased use of City logos and information to better inform park users, and the installation of public art within the park system.

The City Council has established another objective actively pursuing property acquisition opportunities for the expansion of all City parks. This objective also includes pursuing properties for waterfront expansion and opening views of the water.

IMPROVEMENT	COST	IMPLEMENTATION YEAR
Land Acquisition Fund Development	TBD	2016 – 2020+
Tree Planting Program	\$20,000	2016 – 2020+
General Site Amenity Improvements (Bike Racks; Landscaping; Increased use of City Logo & Promotional Material)	TBD	2016 – 2020+
Public Art Installation	TBD	2016 – 2020+
PROJECT TOTALS	\$20,000	

2. City Bi-Path System

Proposed improvements include upgrading, expanding, and lighting of the system.

The Alpena City Council has established an objective of expanding the Bi-Path system through all areas of the City. The City has also established as an objective the upgrading of those portions of the system that are less than 8 feet in width.

The City has an objective of improving amenities along the Bi-Path system. Immediate improvements call for installation of informational kiosks at all City parks along the system; installation of recycling bins along the system; and installation of improved wayfinding and informational signage along the system.

Lighting of the system will permit extended use by the general public. The City has also established an objective of performing preventative maintenance upon the Bi-Path system to extend its use. Resurfacing of Bi-Path segments will occur on an as-needed basis.

A specific project, the Paxton Spur on the west side of the City) includes obtaining an easement from the MDNR on an abandoned rail spur and the construction of a new segment of the City Bi-Path. The construction of this Bi-Path segment on the easement will provide an additional route through residential neighborhoods and another direct connection to the local high school and its recreational facilities.

Another project will improve the shoreline and open the view of Besser Lake along Bi-Path segments as it parallels Johnson Street between Oldfield and Chisholm streets.

a. Pedestrian Lighting

IMPROVEMENT	COST	IMPLEMENTATION YEAR
Downtown Riverfront – 2 nd to 9 th Avenue (3,300’/44 lights)	\$100,000	2016/2017
Starlite Beach/Water Plant (1,800’/25 lights)	\$ 60,000	2017/2018
Washington Avenue Park to Sytek Park (7,000’/94 lights)	\$200,000	2018/2019
County Fairgrounds (4,000’/54 lights)	\$120,000	2019/2020
US-23 North – George Washington Bridge to Long Rapids Road (1,900’/25 lights)	\$ 60,000	2020+
PROJECT TOTALS	\$540,000	

b. General Bi-Path Upgrades

IMPROVEMENT	COST	IMPLEMENTATION YEAR
Informational Kiosk Installation	TBD	2016-2020+
Recycling Bin Installation	TBD	2017-2020+
System Resurfacing	\$30,000	2016-2020+
Paxton Spur Easement Acquisition & Bi-Path Construction	\$90,000	2017
Besser Lake Shoreline Improvements	\$450,000	2020+
PROJECT TOTALS	\$570,000	

3. Avery Park

Avery Park is an underutilized, Victorian-style park in the heart of the City’s Downtown Development Authority district. General improvements will continue to enhance the appearance, character, and quality of this park.

Another City Council objective calls for the continued improvement, maintenance, and beautification of all City parks.

Proposed improvements include installation of an irrigation system, general landscaping, construction of a decorative perimeter wall, and installation of a water fountain.

Other improvements include the construction of a decorative gazebo, installation of decorative sidewalk, and improvements of other general amenities.

IMPROVEMENT	COST	IMPLEMENTATION YEAR
Decorative Wall Construction	TBD	2017/2018
Gazebo Construction	TBD	2017/2018
Decorative Park Sign Installation	TBD	2017/2018
Brick Paver Sidewalk Installation	TBD	2017/2018
Decorative Water Fountain Installation	TBD	2017/2018
PROJECT TOTALS		

4. Bay View Park

Bay View Park is the City’s primary multi-use park, is located in the City’s Downtown Development Authority district, adjacent to the City Marina and is heavily utilized for community events and festivals, such as Art-on-the-Bay and summer music concerts.

The City Council has established an objective that calls for the continued improvement, maintenance, and beautification of all City parks.

The proposed improvements will continue to enhance the use, appearance, character, and quality of this park.

Proposed improvements include upgrades to the tennis court lighting system, general site work, installation of a picnic pavilion, upgrades to existing playground equipment, and construction of a restroom/concession building.

The construction of a new restroom/concession facility will provide additional facilities needed with increased usage of the park for special events as well as by general users.

The development of a fenced dog park will create an area for dog owners to safely allow their pets to run and play.

IMPROVEMENT	COST	IMPLEMENTATION YEAR
Tennis Court Lighting Upgrades	\$31,300	2016/2017
Playground Equipment Upgrades	TBD	2019/2020
Picnic Pavilion Construction	TBD	2019/2020
Restroom/Concession Building Construction	\$200,000	2019/2020
Develop Dog Park	\$7,000	2018/2019
PROJECT TOTALS	\$238,300	

5. **Blair Street Park**

Blair Street Park is a waterfront mini park located on the shore of Lake Huron between Starlite Beach and Thomson Park.

The City Council has established an objective that calls for the continued improvement, maintenance, and beautification of all City parks.

Improvements include repair of the existing pier (new decking) and lighting of the pier and adjoining sidewalk.

Planned lighting will enhance the visual character of the pier and park, and provide increased hours of use by the public.

IMPROVEMENT	COST	IMPLEMENTATION YEAR
Pier Repair and New Decking	\$50,000	2018/2019
Lighting Upgrades	\$20,000	2018/2019
PROJECT TOTALS	\$70,000	

6. Duck/Island Park

Duck Park adjoins Island Park and the Wildlife Sanctuary. It is a 2.5-acre park with 1,200 feet of Thunder Bay River frontage. It complements Island Park and provides more developed recreational uses than the island. Island Park is a 17-acre island located on the Thunder Bay River. It is owned by the City and developed and maintained by the Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary Committee.

The Wildlife Sanctuary Committee has established an objective of developing the River Center interpretive center to provide environmental education opportunities for the public relative to Island Park and the Wildlife Sanctuary.

Replacement of the Island Park fishing platforms to facilitate easier access to the water.

Other improvements in Duck Park include upgrades to existing site amenities and parking lot upgrades.

IMPROVEMENT	COST	IMPLEMENTATION YEAR
River Center Construction	\$3,000,000	2017-2019
Site Amenities (Cooking Grills; Drinking Fountain; Trash Receptacles)	\$20,000	2018/2019
Parking Lot Lighting Upgrades	TBD	2018/2019
Replace Island Park Fishing Platforms	TBD	2016-2020
PROJECT TOTALS	\$3,020,000	

7. LaMarre Park

LaMarre Park is located along the Thunder Bay River and the City Bi-Path. This park is often used as a trailhead for accessing the Bi-Path.

The proposed improvements will continue to enhance the appearance, character, and quality of this park.

The City Council has established an objective that calls for the continued improvement, maintenance, and beautification of all City parks. The City Council has established another objective of installing irrigation systems in all City parks.

Proposed improvements include upgraded site amenities, and construction of a picnic pavilion.

Another improvement calls for the terracing and stabilization of a slope that leads down to the Thunder Bay River. This improvement will provide better erosion control and improve the appearance of the park.

IMPROVEMENT	COST	IMPLEMENTATION YEAR
Slope Stabilization & Terracing	\$88,000	2017-2019
Site Amenities (Park Sign Relocation; Benches; Trash Receptacles	TBD	2017-2019
Picnic Pavilion Construction	TBD	2018/2019
PROJECT TOTALS	\$88,000	

8. Marina

The City Council has established an objective calling for the development of the City Marina into a showcase for the community and all of Northeast Michigan.

The City Marina is heavily utilized, not only by boaters, but also for community events, such as the Brown Trout Festival and several community-fishing tournaments. The Marina is also located within the City’s Downtown Development Authority district and is adjacent to Bay View Park and the City Bi-Path.

The proposed improvements will continue to enhance the use, appearance, character, and quality of the City Marina.

Proposed improvements include replacement of the fixed dock system, light pole replacement and upgrades, safety ladder and fire extinguisher installation on the dock system, sidewalk repairs, installation of a new marina sign and informational kiosk, construction of a picnic pavilion, and maintenance dredging.

Replacement of the fixed dock system will reduce maintenance costs and improve the facility for boaters. Installation of this system has been supported by the Michigan Waterway's Commission.

Planned maintenance dredging at the Marina entrance will reduce the time between extensive dredging of the overall Marina basin.

Construction of a picnic pavilion will provide a needed amenity to the Marina and increase use of the facility by boaters and the general public.

IMPROVEMENT	COST	IMPLEMENTATION YEAR
Fixed Dock Replacement	\$449,240	2016-2017
Light Pole Replacement	\$60,000	2016-2020
Sidewalk Installation and Repairs	11,000	2016/2017
Breakwall Bi-Path Lighting Upgrades	\$30,000	2017/2018
Sign and Kiosk Installation	\$15,000	2017/2018
Picnic Pavilion Installation	\$35,000	2017/2018
Harbor Dredging	\$70,000	2018-2019
PROJECT TOTALS	\$670,240	

9. McRae Park

This neighborhood park is well utilized by the public for recreational and community activities.

The City Council has established an objective that calls for the continued improvement, maintenance, and beautification of all City parks.

The proposed improvement will continue to enhance the use, appearance, character, and quality of this park.

Proposed improvements include picnic pavilion construction, upgrades to the community building, upgrades to the ballfield concession stand, and general site and equipment improvements.

Construction of a picnic pavilion will provide a needed amenity to the park and increase use of the facility by the general public.

IMPROVEMENT	COST	IMPLEMENTATION YEAR
Upgraded Playground Equipment Installation	TBD	2016-2017
Upgraded Site Lighting	TBD	2016-2017
Parking Lot Lighting Upgrades	TBD	2019-2020
Parking Lot Improvements	TBD	2019-2020
Picnic Pavilion Construction	TBD	2020+
Community Building Upgrades or Replacement	TBD	2020+
Upgraded Site Amenities (Benches; Picnic Tables; Park Sign)	\$20,000	2016/2017
Concession Stand Improvements	TBD	2018/2019

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Concession Stand Improvements	TBD	2018/2019
Basketball & Tennis Court Resurfacing and Fencing	TBD	2017/2018
PROJECT TOTALS	\$20,000	

10. Mich-e-ke-wis Park

In 2004, the City Council, City Planning Commission, and the City Recreation Advisory Board, with funding from the Michigan Coastal Management Program, adopted a master plan for both Mich-e-ke-wis Park and Starlite Beach to determine future upgrades in both parks. Initial development items from the plan have focused upon Startlite Beach but additional proposed projects will be submitted for inclusion in the Recreation Plan through the amendment process or listed in subsequent updates. For a complete listing of proposed projects, refer to the Mich-e-ke-wis Park/Starlite Beach Master Plan.

IMPROVEMENT	COST	IMPLEMENTATION YEAR
Skating Rink Improvements	\$470,000	2017/2018; 2019/2020
Explore feasibility of RV campground	TBD	2017-2019
PROJECT TOTALS	\$470,000	

11. North Riverfront Park

The City Council has established an objective that calls for the continued improvement, maintenance, and beautification of all City parks.

The proposed improvements will continue to enhance the use, appearance, character, and quality of this park.

Proposed improvements include site amenity upgrades, installation of historic signage, parking lot improvements and installation of water and power access points throughout the park.

The City Council has established an objective of supporting historic preservation efforts. Establishment of an 8' wide, 1850 LF walkway, connecting North Riverfront Park to the historic light station at the entrance to the Thunder Bay River, will facilitate the preservation of this historic light and make it a more accessible cultural resource for the community. The City is also currently investigating the preservation of the light station as a historic/cultural community resource.

IMPROVEMENT	COST	IMPLEMENTATION YEAR
Parking Lot Improvements	\$25,500	2020+
Electrical & Utility Upgrades	\$5,000	2020+
Decorative Parking Lot Lights	\$30,000	2020+
Upgraded Site Amenities (Banners; Benches; Park Sign; Tree Planting)	TBD	2020+
Lighthouse Walkway Construction	\$37,000	2017/2018
PROJECT TOTALS	\$97,500	

12. South Riverfront Park

South Riverfront Park is located in the heart of the City's Downtown Development Authority district. It is located along the Thunder Bay River and broadside moorage is available for boaters.

The City Council has established an objective that calls for the continued improvement, maintenance, and beautification of all City parks.

The proposed improvement will continue to enhance the appearance, character, and quality of this park.

IMPROVEMENT	COST	IMPLEMENTATION YEAR
Upgraded Site Amenities (Trash Cans; Park Sign)	\$9,000	2017/2018
PROJECT TOTALS	\$9,000	

13. Starlite Beach

In 2004, the City Council, City Planning Commission, and the City Recreation Advisory Board, with funding from the Michigan Coastal Management Program, adopted a master plan for both Mich-e-ke-wis Park and Starlite Beach to determine future upgrades in both parks. Initial development items from the plan have focused upon Startlite Beach. For a complete listing of proposed projects, refer to the Mich-e-ke-wis Park/Starlite Beach Master Plan.

The City Council has established an objective that calls for the continued improvement, maintenance, and beautification of all City parks.

The proposed improvements will continue to enhance the use, appearance, character, and quality of this park.

Proposed improvements include the continued improvements to the pedestrian promenade, and construction of a pedestrian gateway into the park.

Construction of the splash park facility will provide a needed amenity and increase use of the park by the general public.

IMPROVEMENT	COST	IMPLEMENTATION YEAR
Splash Park Construction	\$400,000	2018/2019
Promenade Improvements	\$500,000	2018/2019
Pedestrian Gateway Construction	\$390,000	2019/2020
PROJECT TOTALS	\$1,290,000	

16. Sytek Park

Sytek Park is a City-owned roadside park along the shore of the Thunder Bay River that is maintained by the Alpena County Road Commission under an agreement with the City.

Administratively, the maintenance agreement with the Alpena County Road Commission should be reviewed upon its expiration in order to consider raising the maintenance level of the park to that of other City-owned parks.

The City Council has established an objective that calls for the continued improvement, maintenance, and beautification of all City parks.

The proposed improvements will continue to enhance the use, appearance, character, and quality of this park.

Proposed improvements include shelter upgrades, upgraded site amenities, and improvements to the pedestrian bridge along the Bi-Path that extends to Evergreen Cemetery.

City Council has established an objective of expanding the Bi-Path System through all areas of the City. The construction of a pedestrian bridge across the Thunder Bay River will provide separation of motorized and non-motorized traffic along Bagley Street. This will add to the overall safety of the Bi-Path system.

IMPROVEMENT	COST	IMPLEMENTATION YEAR
Cancel Sytek Park Agreement	N/A	2016
Shelter Upgrades	TBD	2020+
Upgraded Site Amenities (Sign; Picnic Tables; Trash Cans)	TBD	2020+
Bi-Path Pedestrian Bridge	\$300,000	2020+
PROJECT TOTALS	\$300,000	

17. Thomson Park

This small park is located on the shore of Lake Huron and contains one of the primary swimming beaches in the City.

Upgrades are necessary to adequately accommodate the large number of users at this small beach park.

The proposed improvements will continue to enhance the appearance, character, and quality of this park.

Improvements include upgraded site amenities and construction of a new pedestrian walkway entrance to the park.

IMPROVEMENT	COST	IMPLEMENTATION YEAR
Upgraded Site Amenities (Grills)	\$5,000	2019/2020
Pedestrian Sidewalk Construction	\$10,000	2019/2020
PROJECT TOTALS	\$15,000	

18. Veterans Memorial Park

Veterans Memorial Park is located in the heart of the City's Downtown Development Authority district. This small pocket park contains a memorial to American veterans.

The City Council has established an objective that calls for the continued improvement, maintenance, and beautification of all City parks.

The proposed improvement will continue to enhance the appearance, character, and quality of this park.

IMPROVEMENT	COST	IMPLEMENTATION YEAR
Upgraded Site Amenities (Sign; Benches)	\$5,000	2020+
PROJECT TOTALS	\$5,000	

19. Washington Avenue Park

Washington Avenue Park is located along M-32, near the City’s primary western entry corridor. This park is a scenic park, adjacent to both the City’s Bi-Path system and the Thunder Bay River.

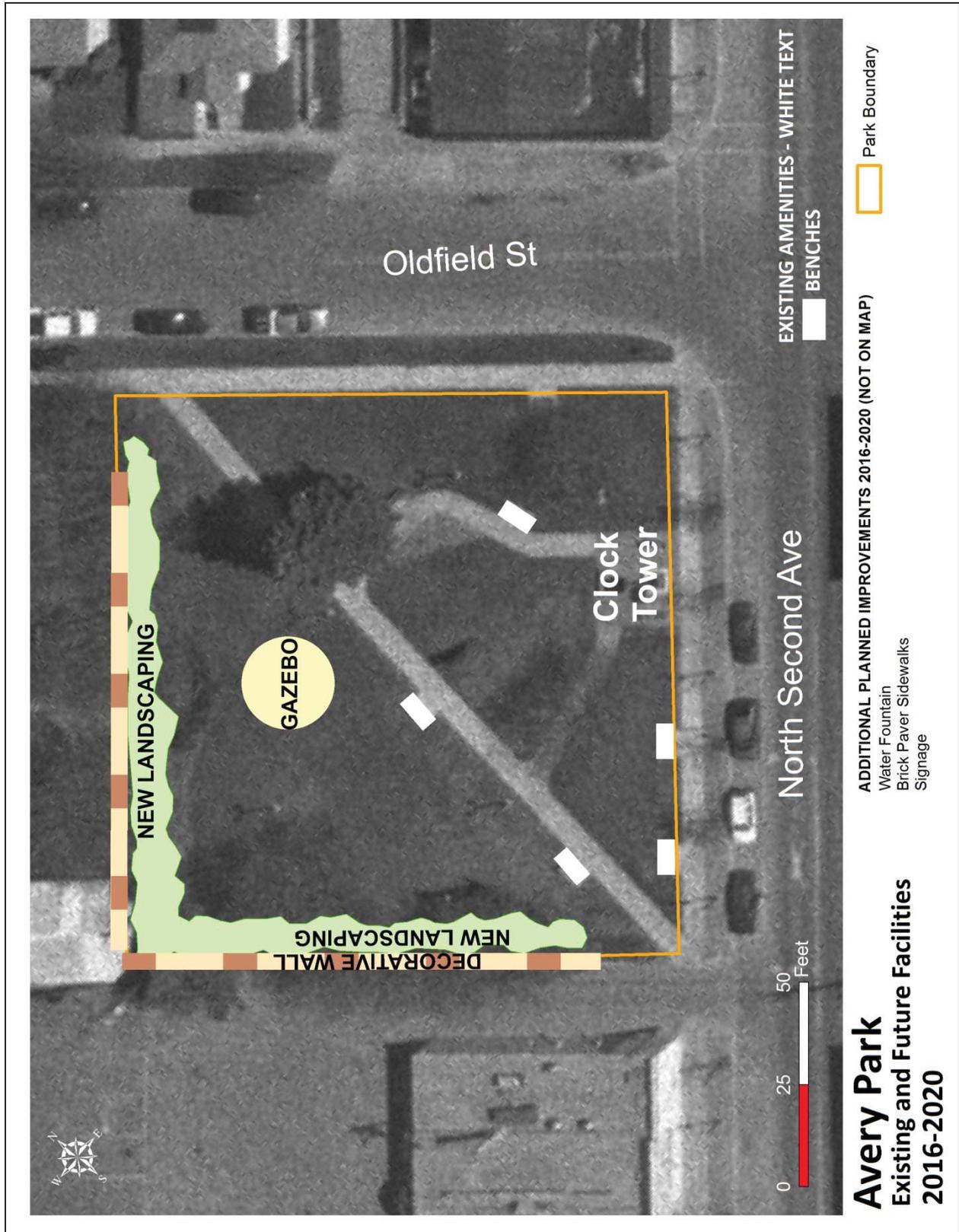
This park is often used as a trailhead for access to the City’s Bi-Path system. The proposed improvement will continue to enhance the appearance, character, and quality of this park.

The City Council has established an objective that calls for the continued improvement, maintenance, and beautification of all City parks.

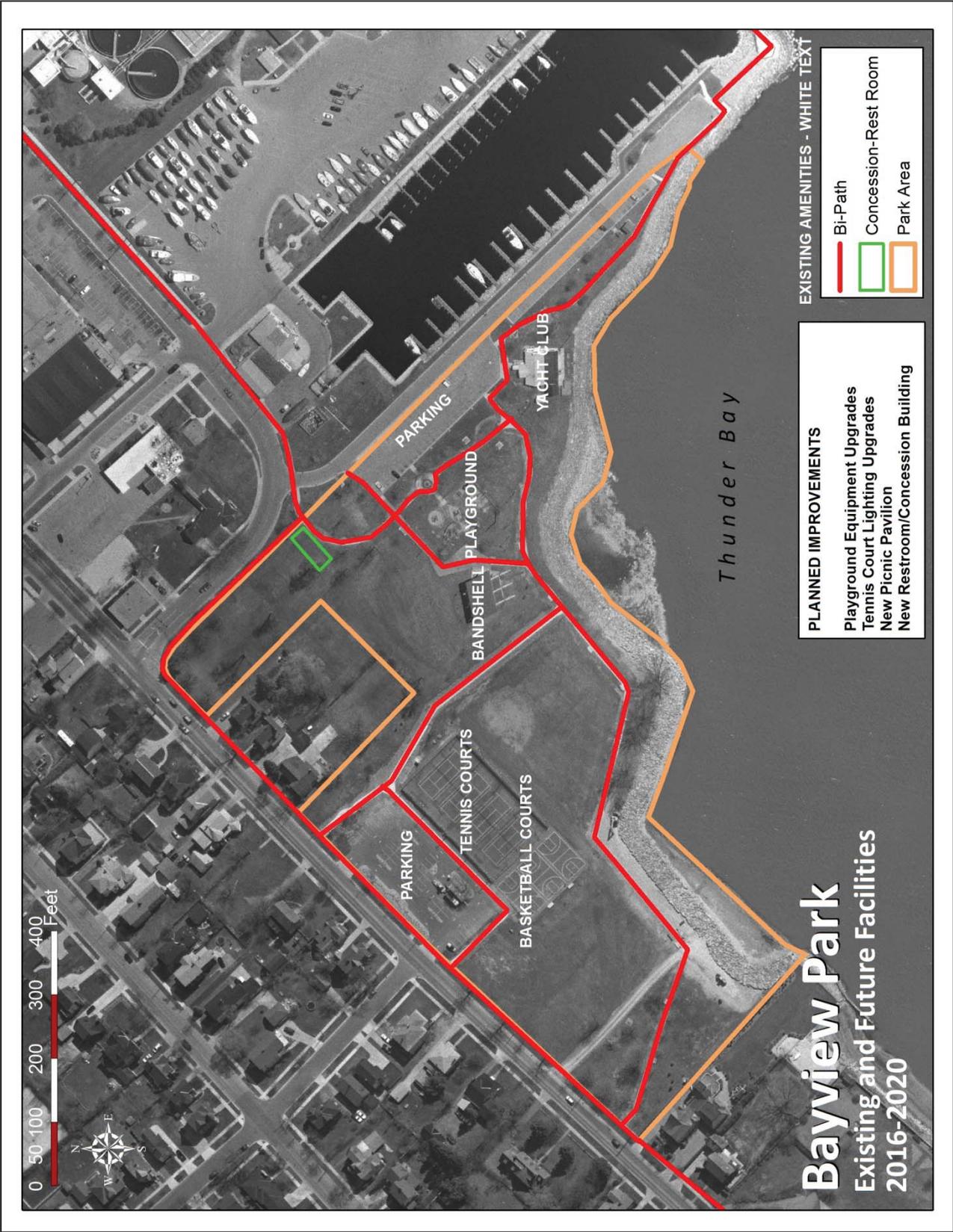
Proposed improvements include installation of a fishing pier along the Thunder Bay River, parking lot and site amenity upgrades, lighting upgrades, and installation of a gazebo.

IMPROVEMENT	COST	IMPLEMENTATION YEAR
Fishing Pier Installation	TBD	2017/2018
Parking Lot Upgrades	TBD	2017/2018
Lighting Upgrades	TBD	
Upgraded Site Amenities (Water Fountain; Picnic Tables; Benches; Two-Person Swings)	TBD	2017/2018
Gazebo Installation	\$20,000	2017/2018
PROJECT TOTALS	\$20,000	

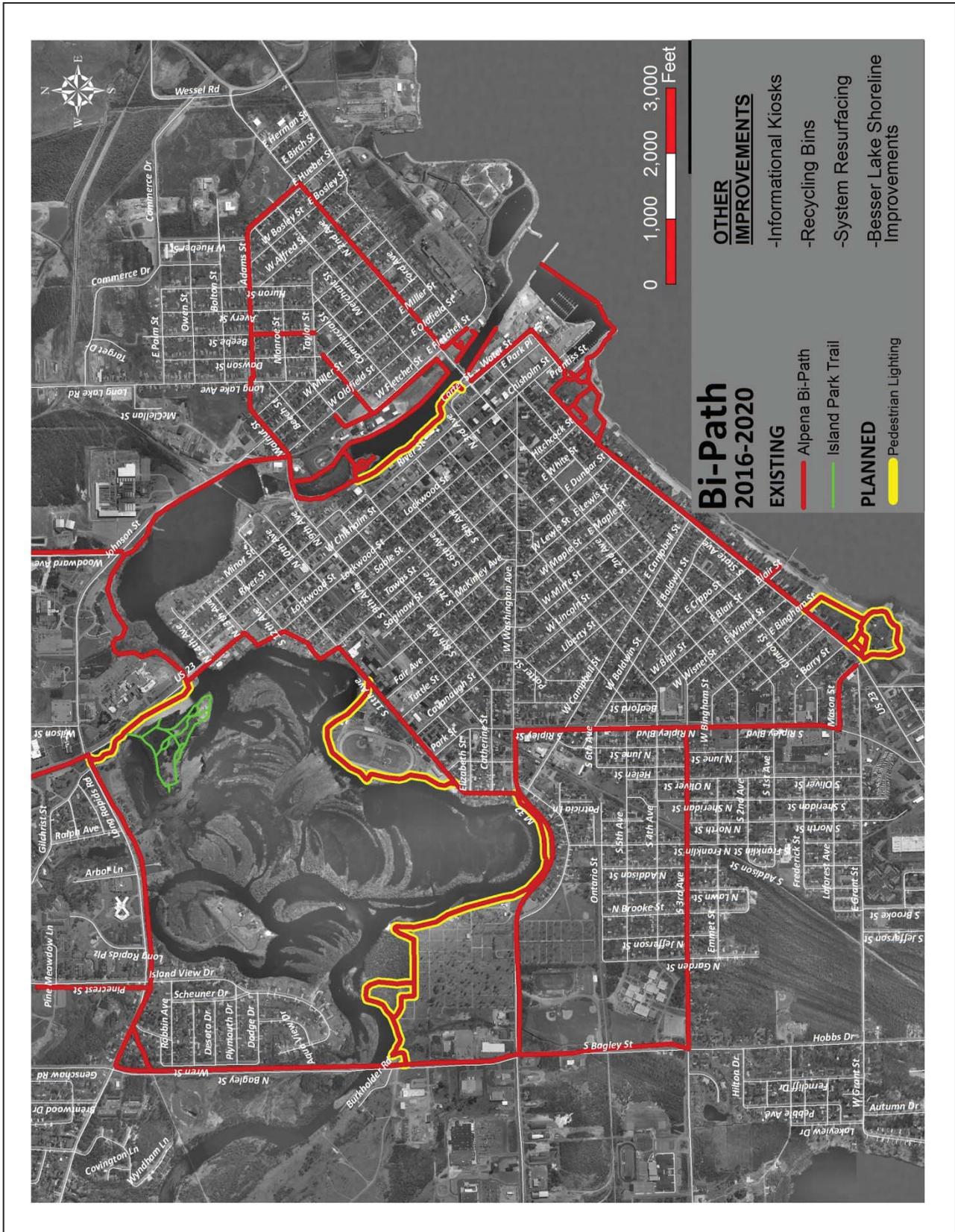
MAP 8: AVERY PARK



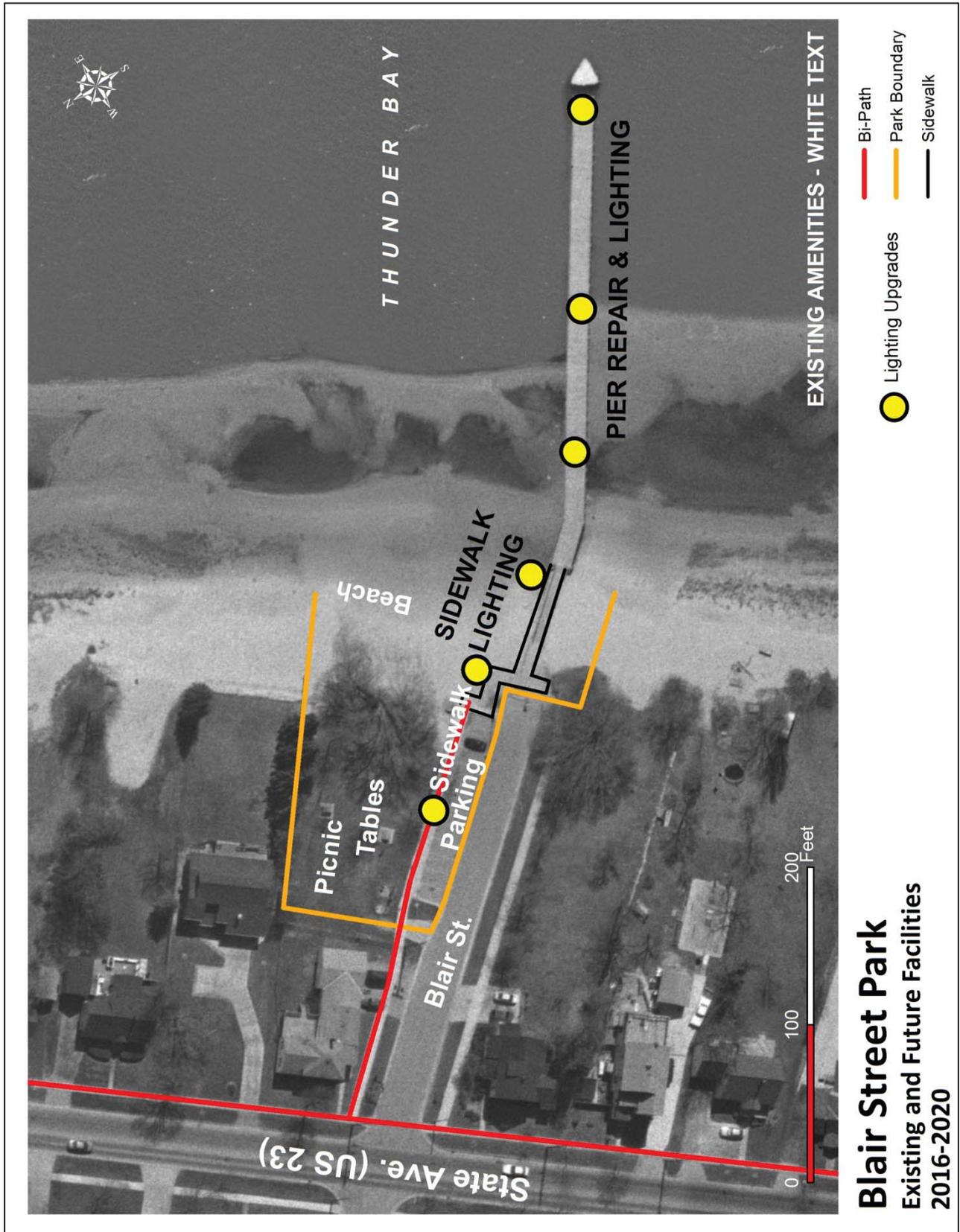
MAP 9: BAYVIEW PARK

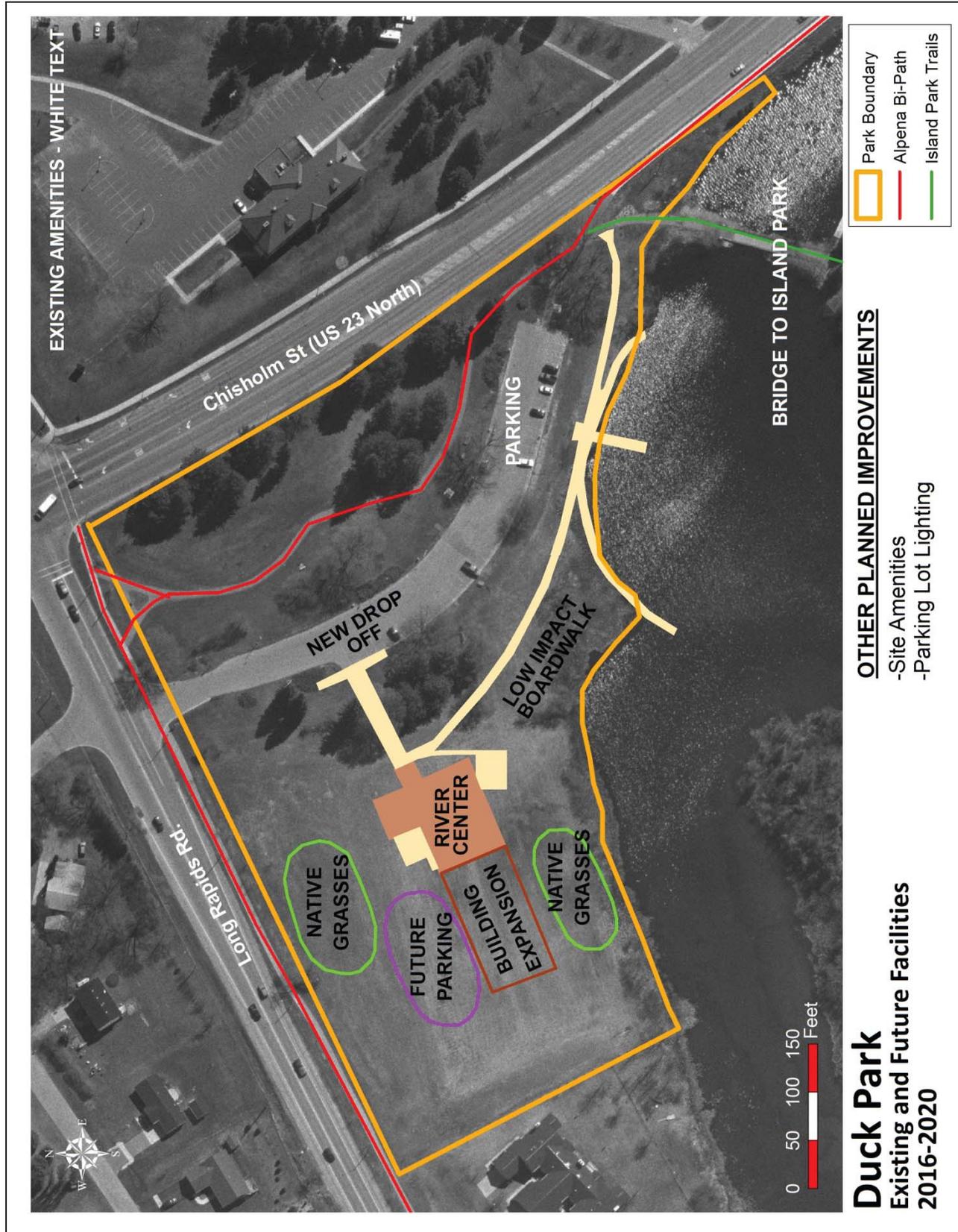


MAP 10: BI-PATH

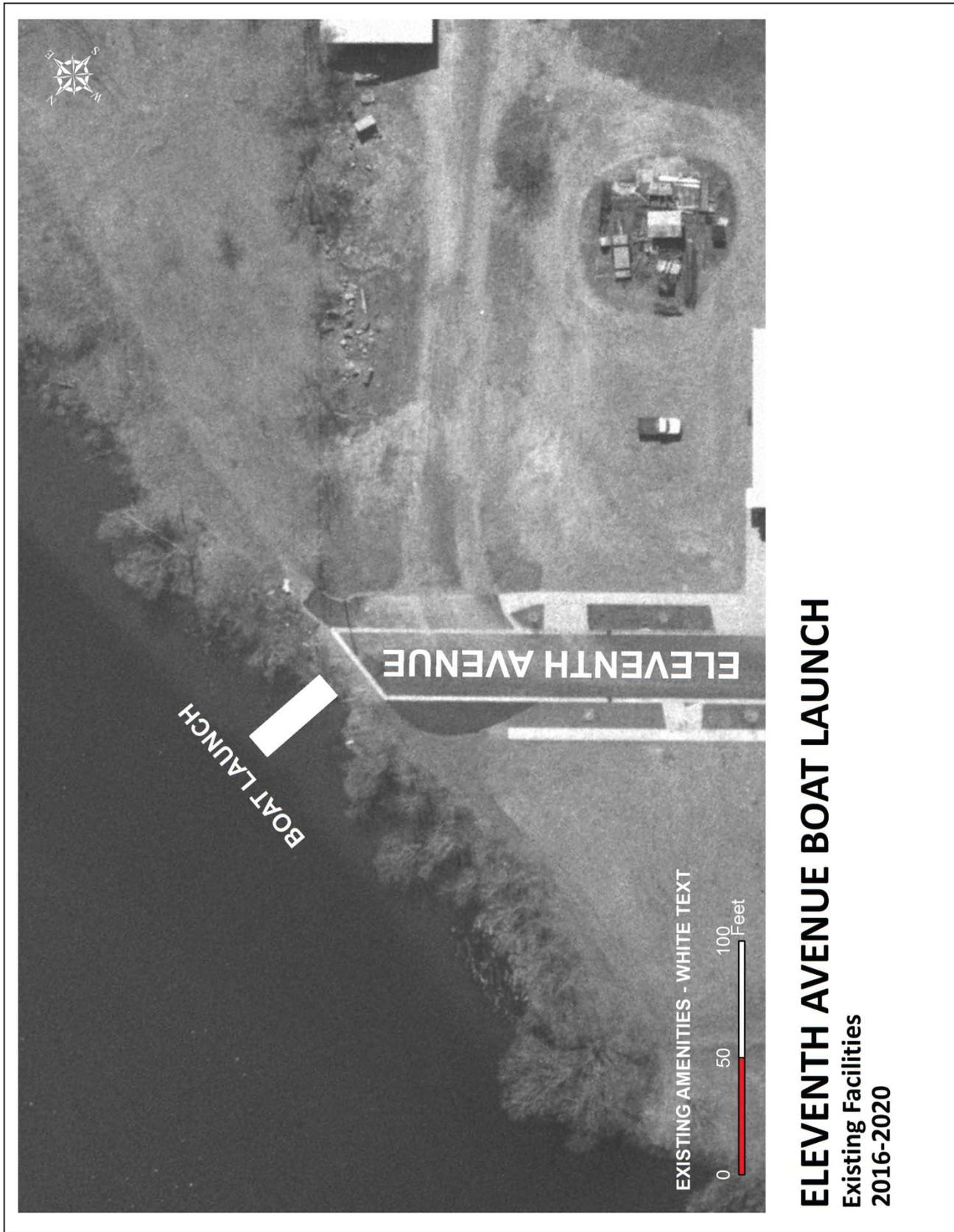


MAP 11: BLAIR STREET PARK



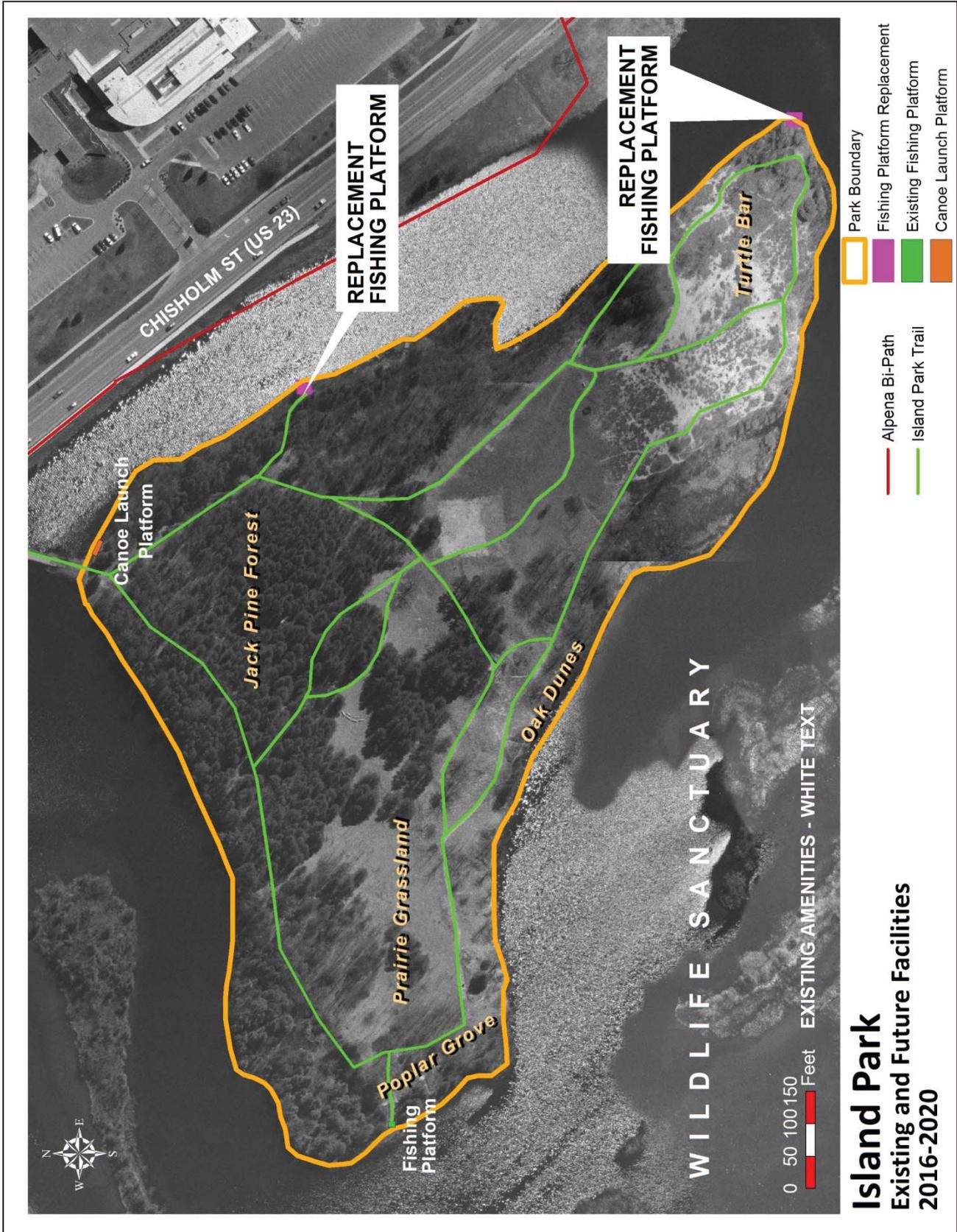


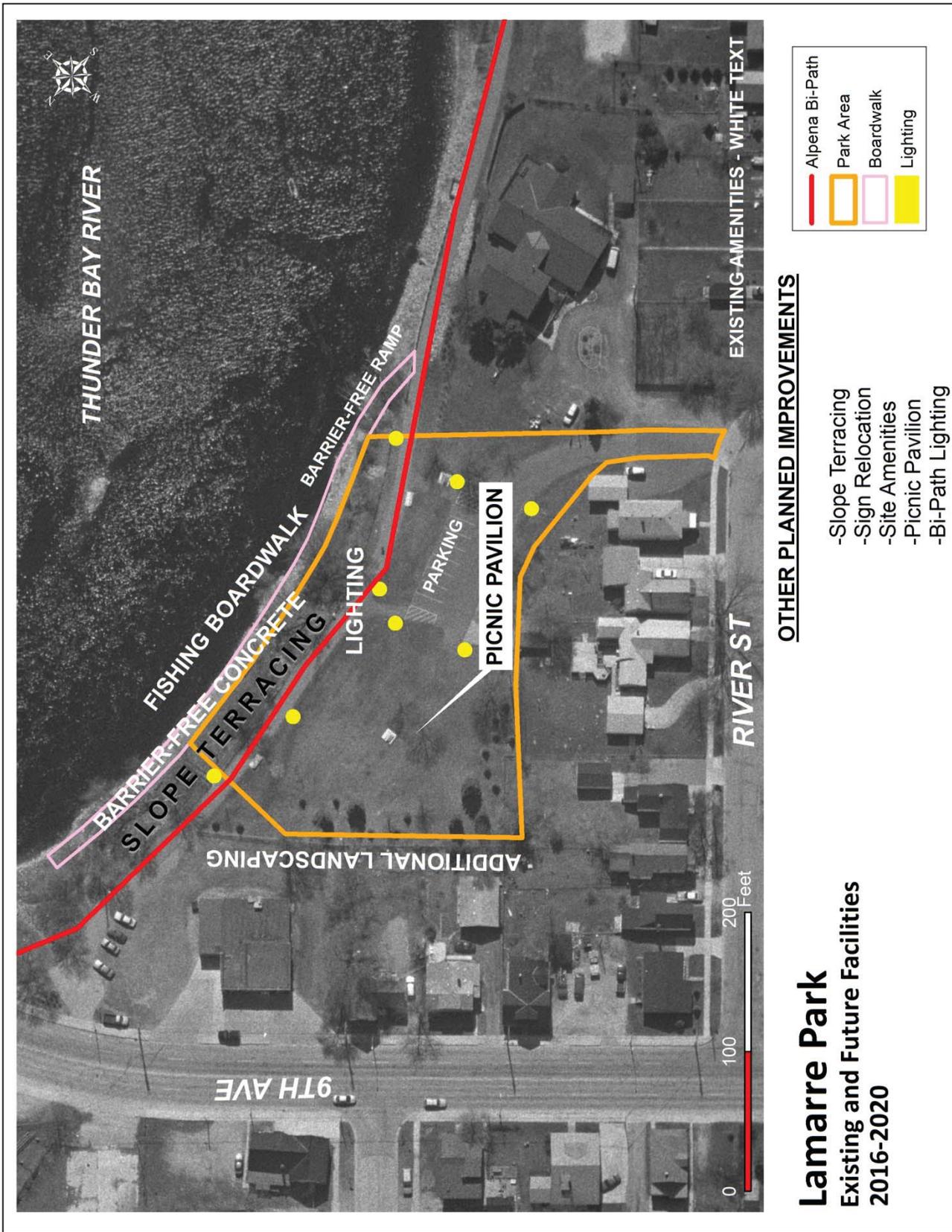
MAP 13: ELEVENTH AVENUE BOAT LAUNCH



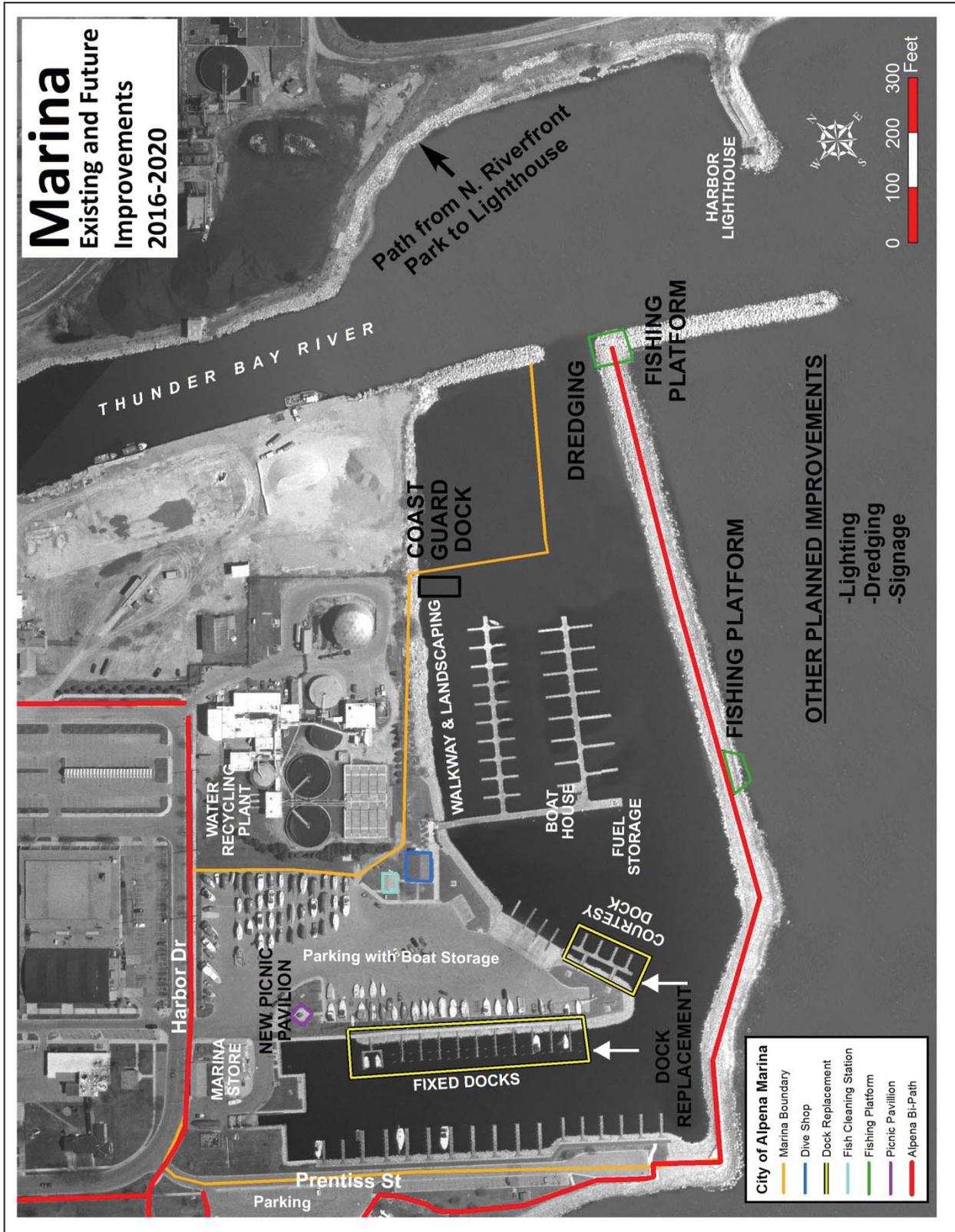
ELEVENTH AVENUE BOAT LAUNCH
Existing Facilities
2016-2020

MAP 14: ISLAND PARK

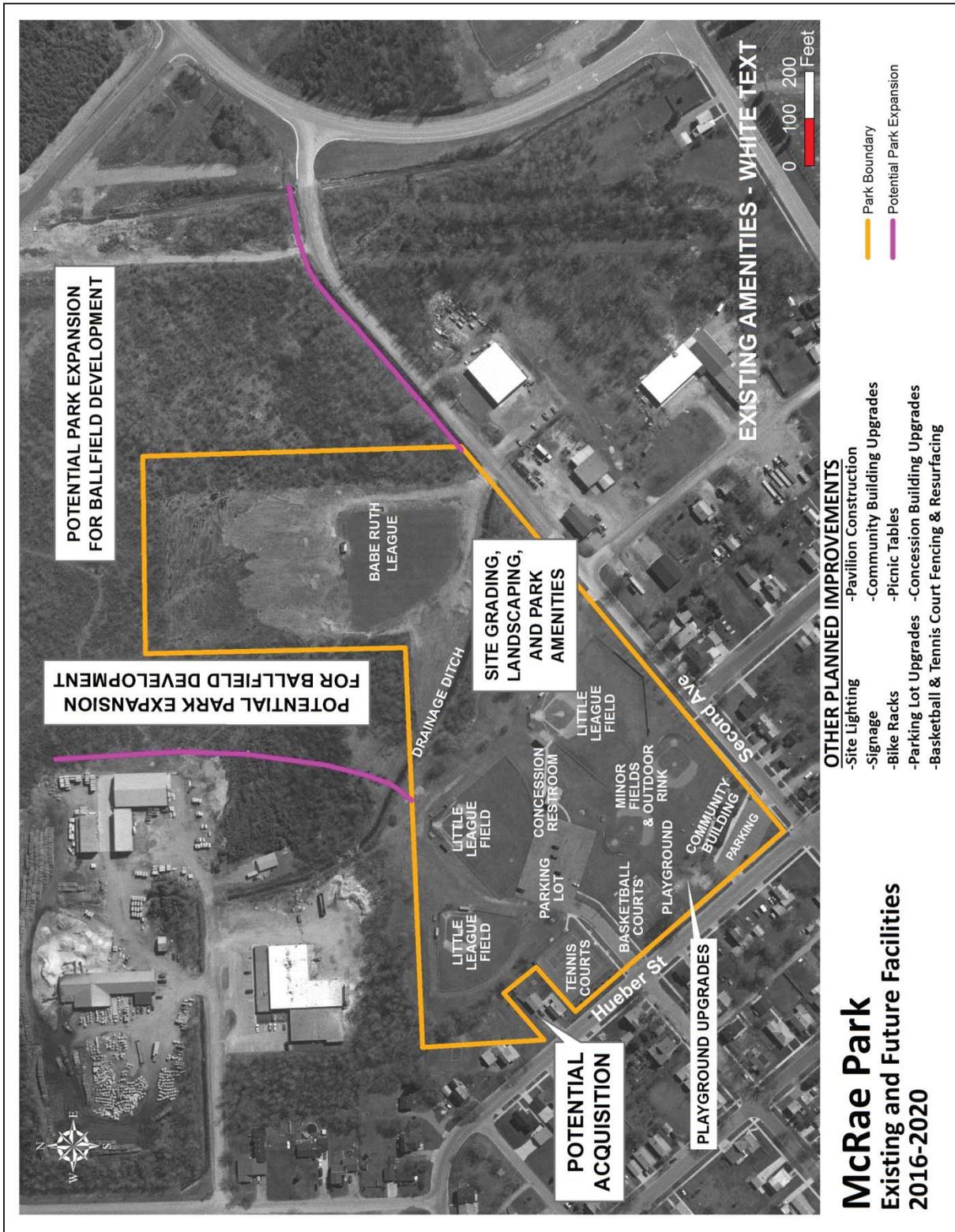




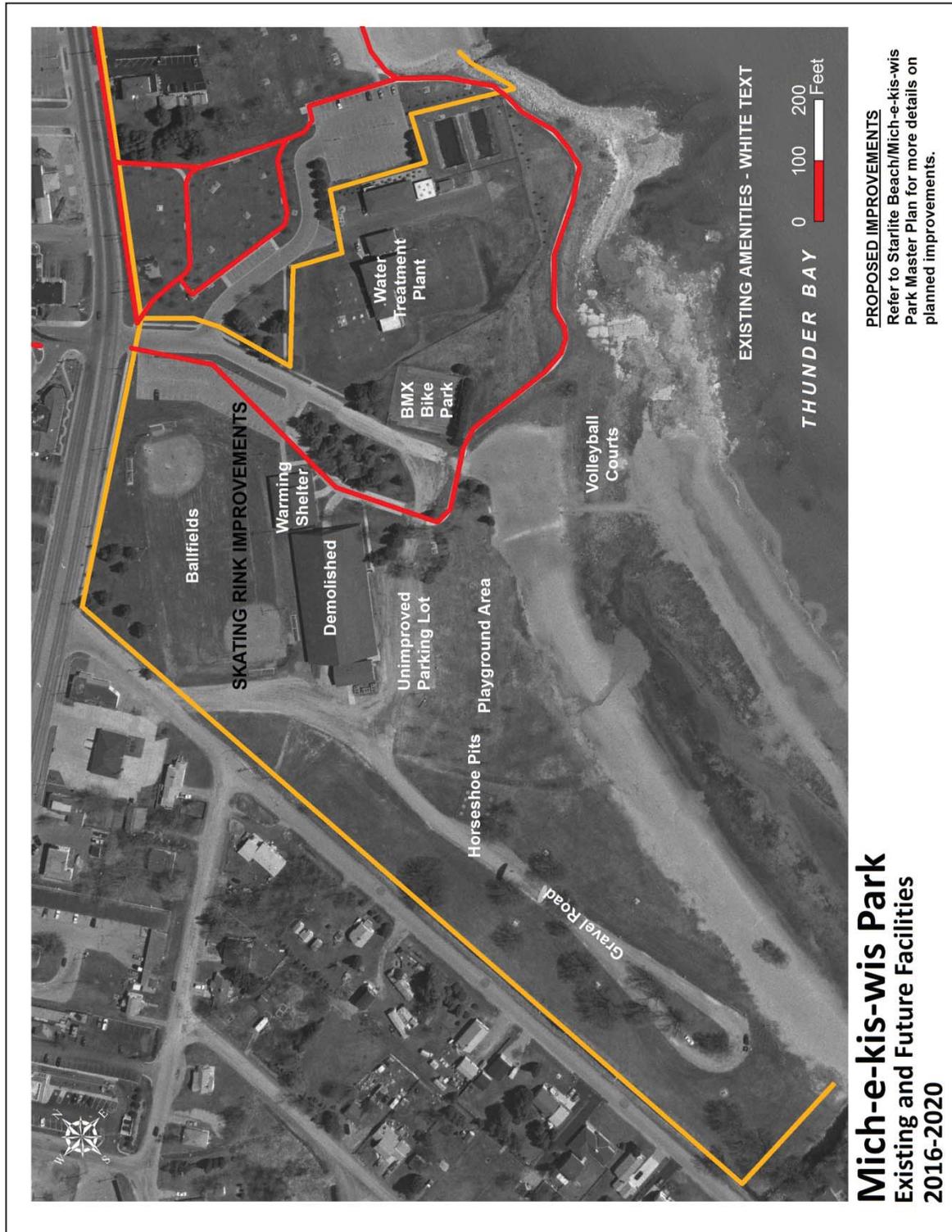
MAP 16: MARINA



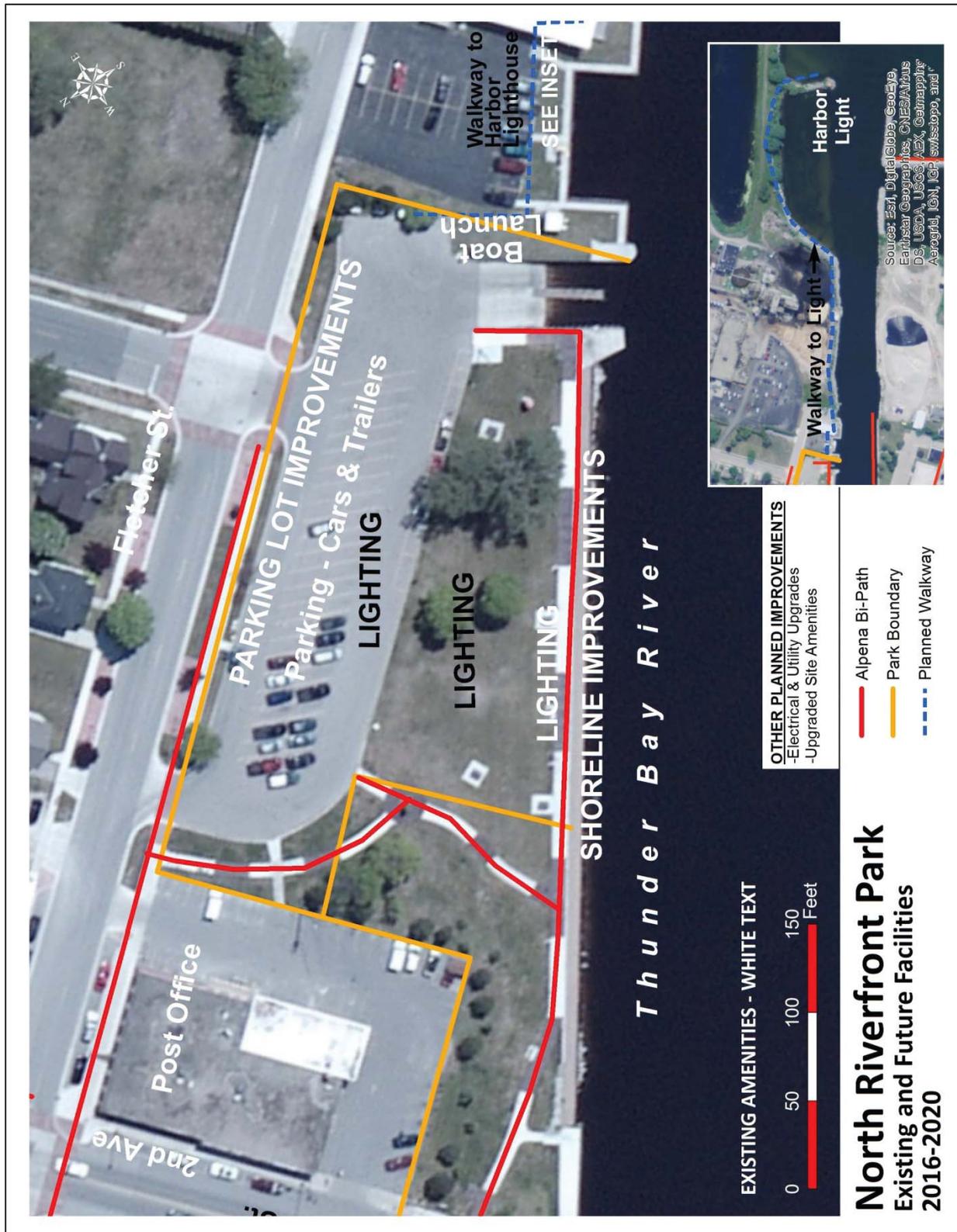
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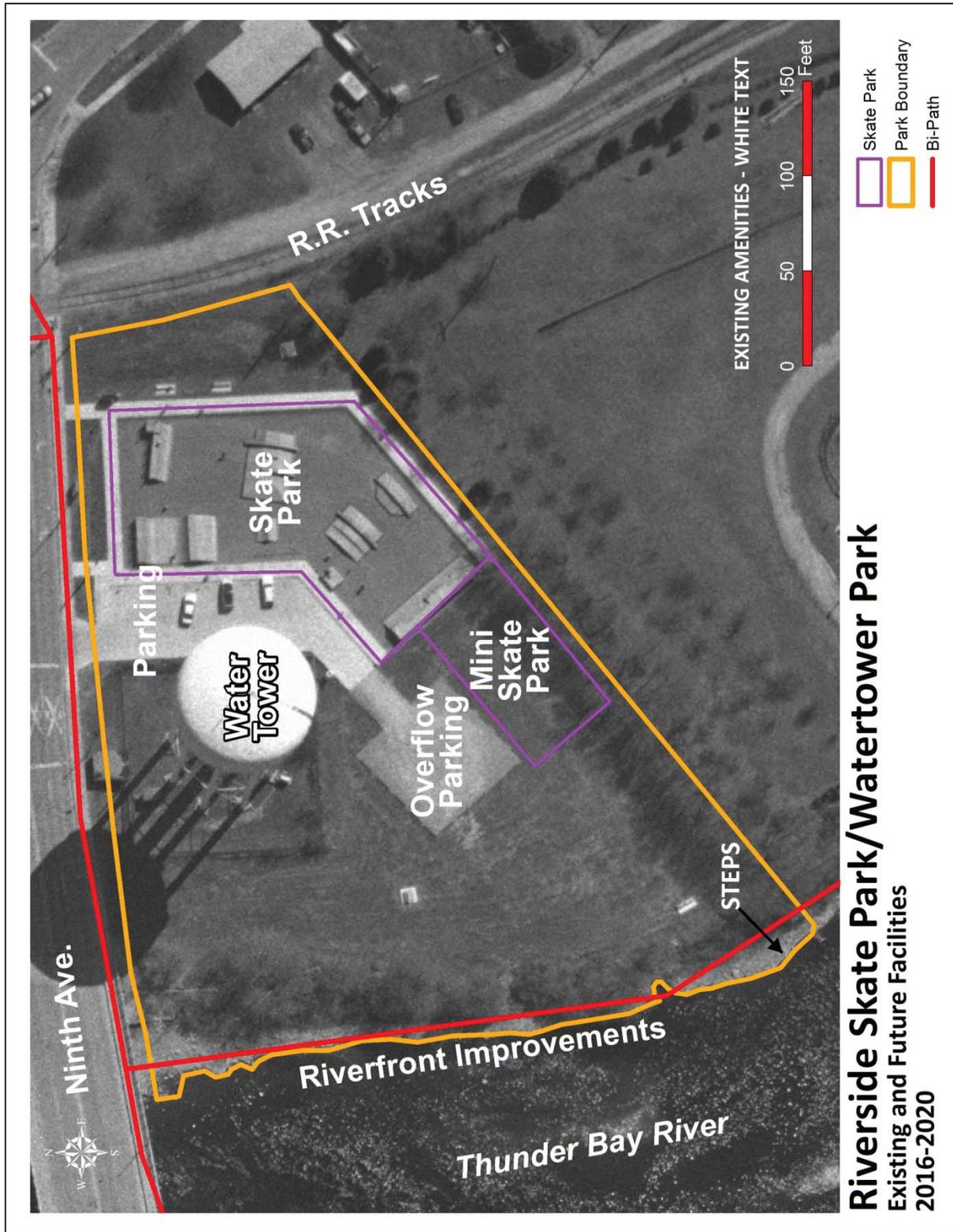
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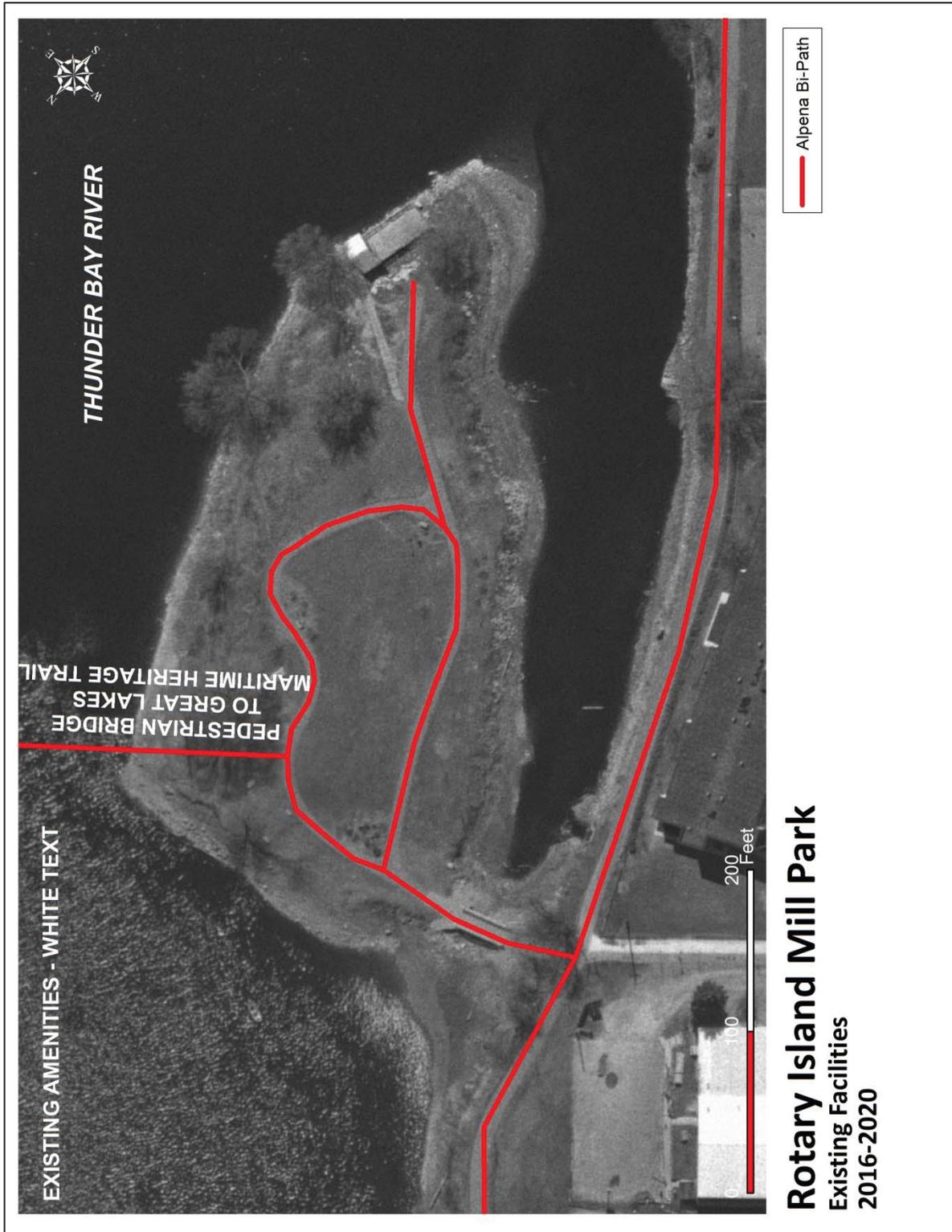
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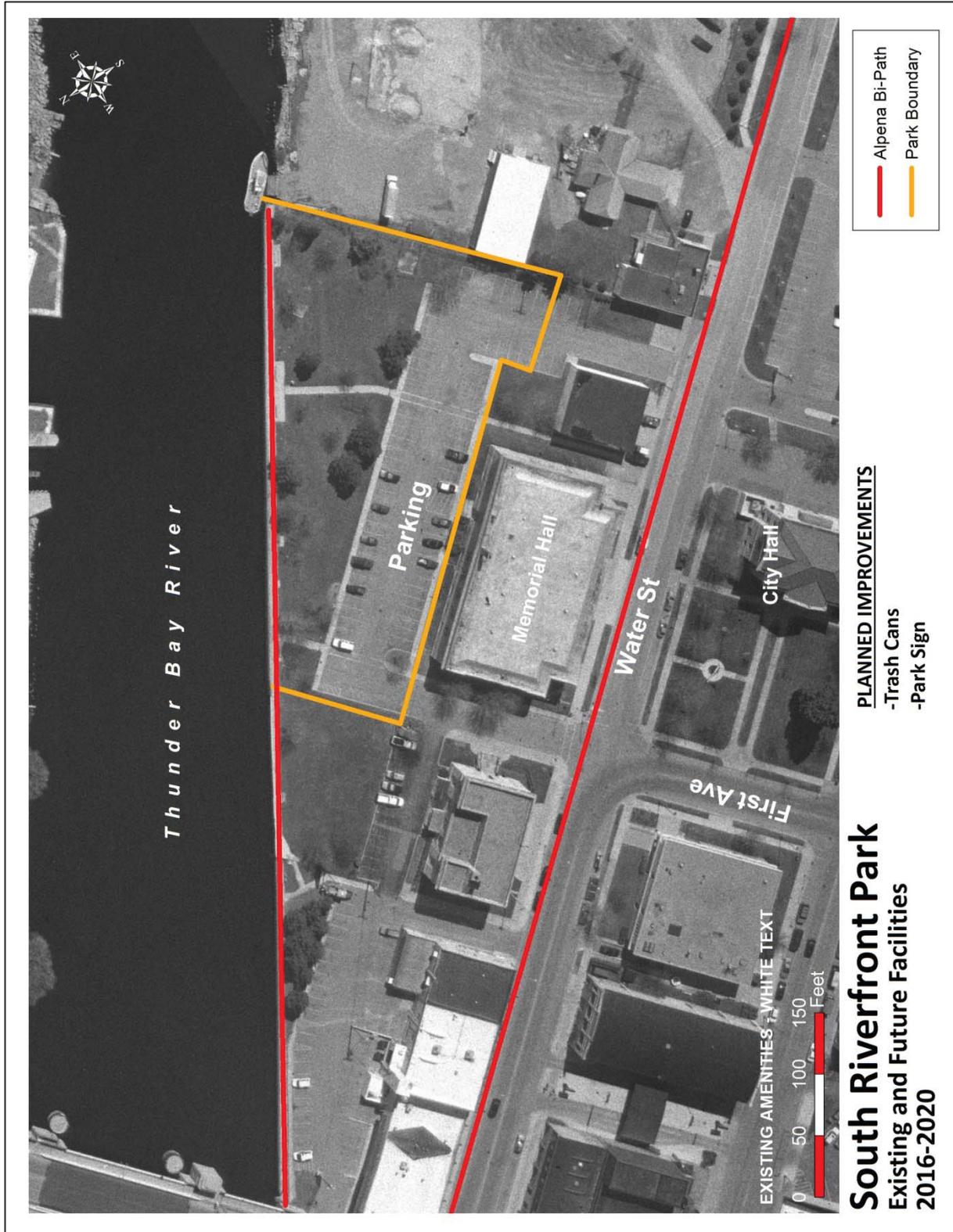


MAP 20: RIVERSIDE SKATE PARK/WATERTOWER PARK

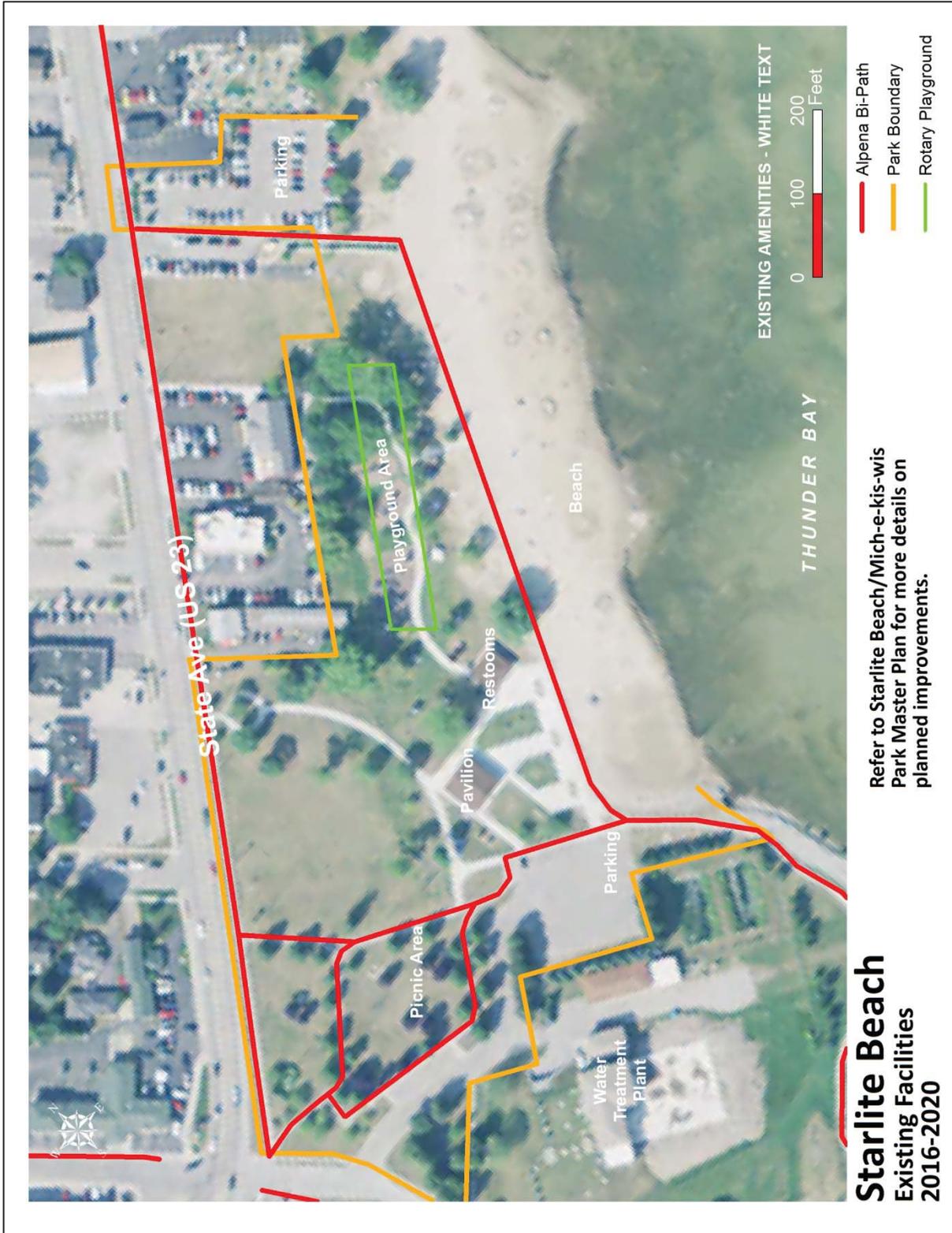


MAP 21: ROTARY ISLAND MILL PARK

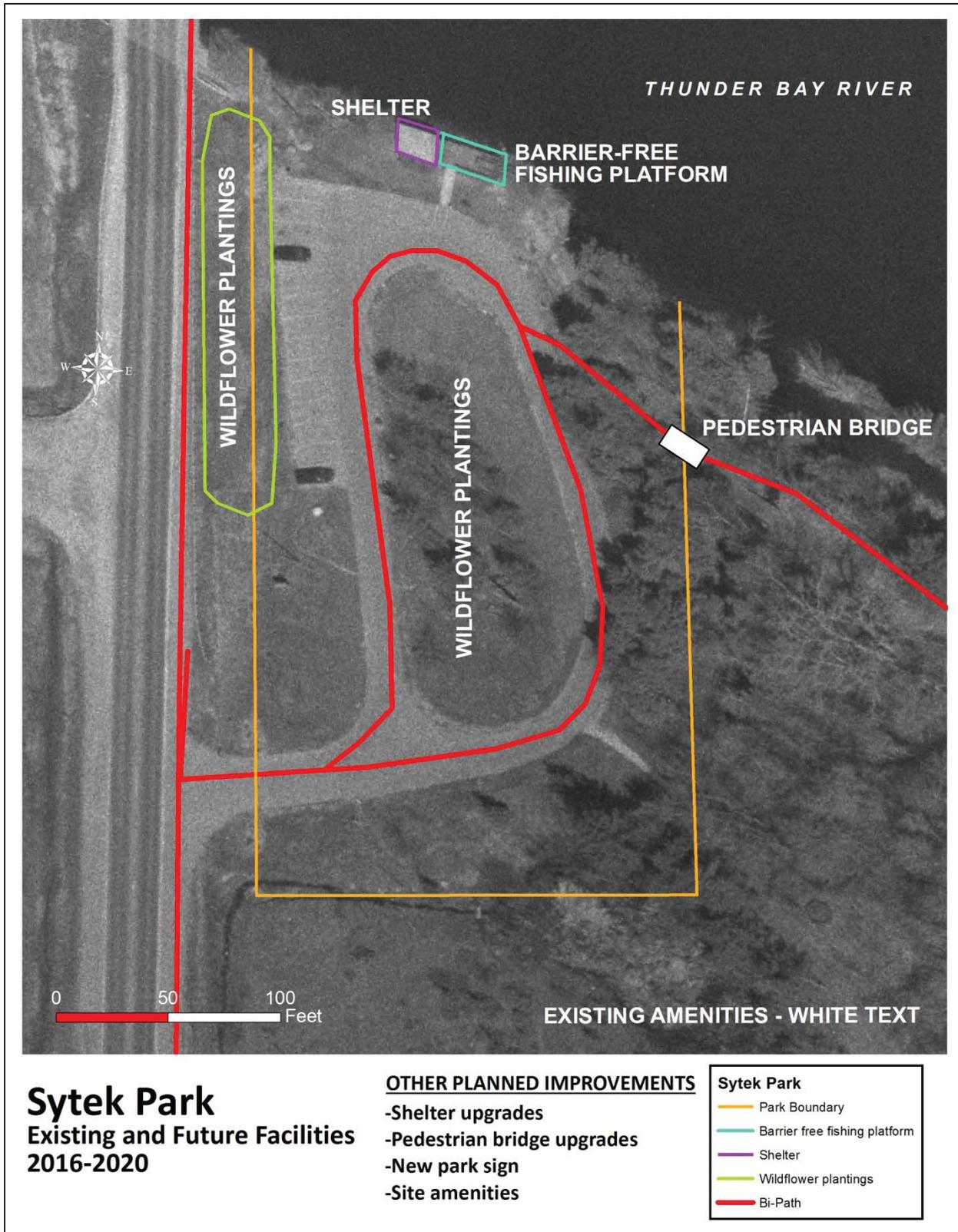


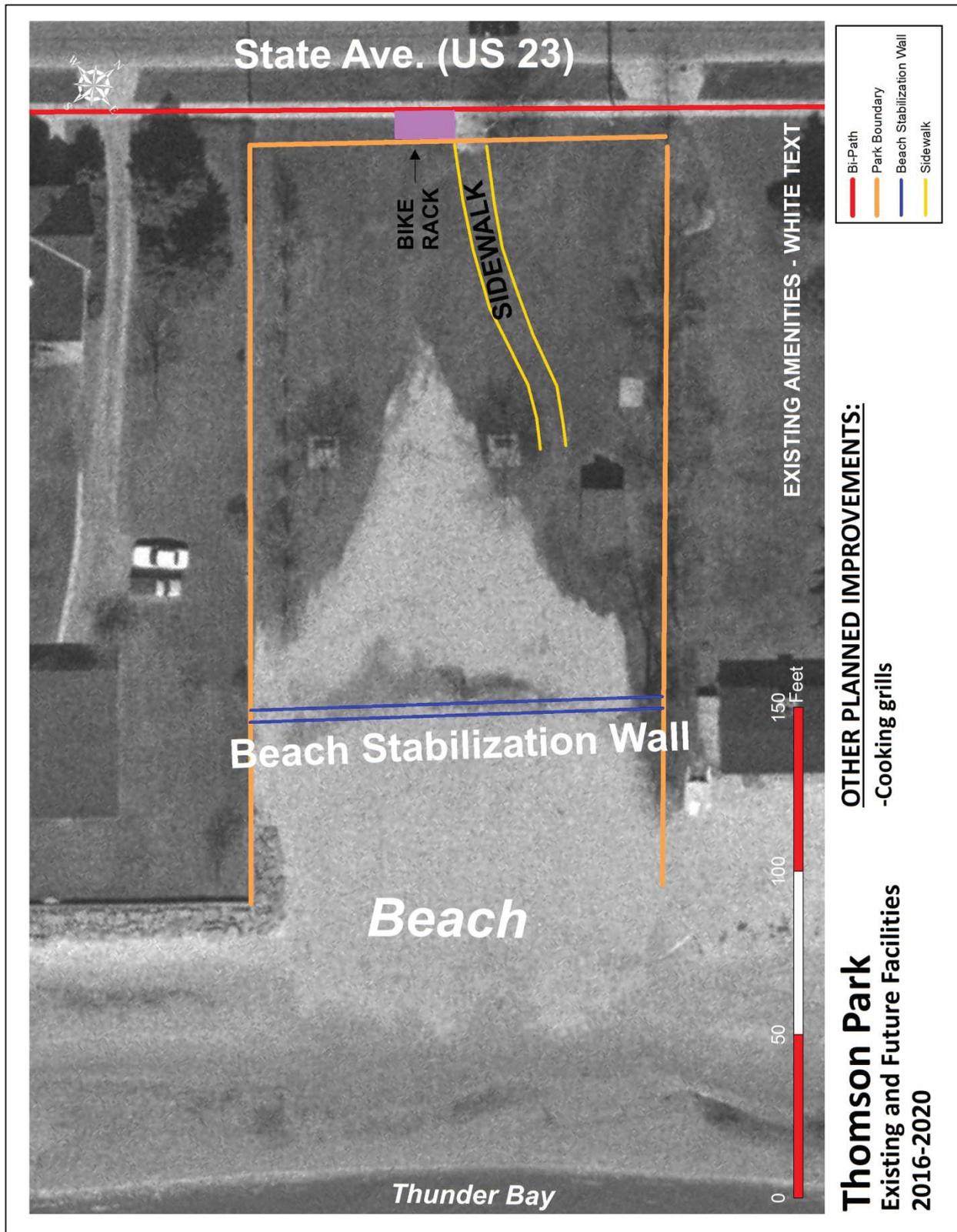


MAP 23: STARLITE BEACH



MAP 24: SYTEK PARK







APPENDIX A

CITY OF ALPENA

PARKS & REC POLICIES & PROCEDURES

City of Alpena Parks and Recreation Policies and Procedures

The following policies and procedures have been developed and implemented by the City of Alpena to ensure a safe and pleasant stay for all visitors.

RIVERSIDE SKATE PARK AND MICH-E-KE-WIS SKATE PARK

Rules and Regulations (Date Issued: May 4, 2000)

Purpose: To establish a standard policy of rules and regulations governing the use of City of Alpena skate parks known as “Riverside Skate Park” and “Mini Skate Park.”

Statement Of Policy: The following are the established rules and regulations for all City skate parks, grounds, and associated facilities.

1. Subject Facilities and Grounds

City facilities and grounds subject to this policy include:

- A. The City Skate Park at Riverside Skate Park. This park is located on Ninth Avenue near the intersection of Oldfield Street.
- B. The City Mini Skate Park at Mich-e-ke-wis Park. Mich-e-ke-wis Park is located on State Avenue. The Skate Park is located near the northeast end of the parking lot, between the Mich-e-ke-wis Shelter and the City Water Treatment Plant.
- C. Any future City Skate Park at the time they become open to the public.

2. Rules and Regulations

The following rules apply to all City Skate Parks:

- A. Skate Parks will not be supervised.
- B. Skaters will skate at their own risk.
- C. The use of protective equipment, including helmets, knee and elbow pads, and wrist guards is recommended by the City of Alpena.
- D. Bicycles and BMX’s are prohibited in the skateboard area.
- E. Alcohol, drugs, smoking, or glass containers are prohibited in the skateboard area.
- F. Spectators are not permitted in the skateboard area.
- G. Respectful conduct toward others is encouraged.
 - 1) Moderate language.
 - 2) Controlled music volumes.
 - 3) Use of provided trash containers.

- H. Respectful skating is encouraged.
- I. Unruly conduct or defacement of the facility may result in the loss of skating privileges.
- J. Skate parks are open from 8:00 a.m. until sunset.
- K. Maintenance problems are to be reported to the City Department of Public Works.
- L. Adult supervision of skaters under the age of eight is recommended.
- M. Scooters and bikes are prohibited in all skate park facilities.

3. Designated Restrictions

The following additional regulations also apply to Riverside Skate Park:

- A. The City Skate Park at Riverside Skate Park is open to users of all ages and skill levels. However, during designated periods, it is restricted for use only by children 12 years old and younger. Use of the Skate Park by others older than 12 years of age is strictly forbidden.
- B. Tuesday and Thursday of each week, from 4:00 p.m. until sunset, is the designated period during which this restriction will be enforced.
- C. Parental supervision of skaters 12 years old and younger is recommended.

4. Administrative Procedures

- A. The City Manager is authorized to enforce all approved rules and regulations at all City Skate Park facilities.
- B. The City Manager is authorized to execute any additional reasonable rules to protect the public's safety and property.
- C. The Department of Public Works is responsible for the overall maintenance of the Skate Parks' grounds and facilities.
- D. Following adoption the policy shall be indexed and reproduced for general distribution to City officials and interested parties.

BAY VIEW PARK FINE ARTS SHELL (Date Issued: 9-17-90)

Purpose: To establish a standard policy for scheduling and rules for use of the Bay View Park Fine Arts Shell (also referred to as "Bandshell") grounds and facilities.

Statement of Policy: The following shall be the policy for the City of Alpena for scheduling and regulating the use of Alpena's Bay View Park Fine Arts Shell facilities.

1. Subject Facilities and Grounds

City facilities and grounds subject to this policy include:

- A. Bay View Park Fine Arts Shell structure including adjacent access and audience areas. This area is roughly bounded by the Prentiss Street (Yacht Club) parking lot, Thunder Bay, Bay View Park Ballfield, and the rear property lines of private property fronting on State Avenue.
- B. The building's rest rooms will be in working order and used by the performers only during warm weather, approximately between May 1 and October 1 of each year. The stage and adjacent areas will be available for rental year-round during times when conditions will safely accommodate the requested use without damage to the facilities or grounds.
- C. During the winter season (October 1 to April 30 of each year), the facilities and grounds will be used in accordance with this policy as modified by the City Manager, as required to assure the public's safety, protect the buildings and grounds from damage, and subject to other needs of the City. Electricity at the facility will not be available during periods of rain or snow, or when snow or ice is present. The stage, adjacent steps, and walks must be free of ice and snow before the facility may be used.

2. Administrative Policies

- A. The Public Works Administrative Officer is responsible for the overall maintenance of the park's grounds and facilities. The Alpena City Clerk's office is responsible for scheduling.
- B. All conflicts of scheduling and determination of and acceptability of use requests as described below, will be resolved by the City Clerk's office in consultation with the City Manager and Public Works Administrative Officer.
- C. A calendar of use will be maintained by the Alpena City Clerk's office showing scheduled use, identifying groups/individuals by name, and date/time of requested use.
- D. The use of the facility and grounds by any individual or individual's agent, representative, or any similar person affiliated with such individual; or by any group or group's affiliated subgroup, organization, club, society, or other similar body of that such group (except the City Band and Thunder Bay Arts Council) shall be limited to one usage per one individual and the individual's agent, representative, or any similar person affiliated with such individual; or any one group or that group's affiliated subgroup, organization, club, society, or other similar body of that said group, during any eight-day period.
- E. At no time shall the Fine Arts Shell spectator area be blocked off or otherwise restricted from the general public.
- F. Variances and exceptions to this policy may be granted by the Municipal Council.

3. Scheduling

- A. Parties desiring to schedule use of the Fine Arts Shell grounds or facilities shall apply for use at least one week before the day of the desired use of the facility or grounds. A satisfactorily completed reservation application and appropriate deposit must be received and approved before a reservation is approved.
- B. No reservation application will be accepted more than twelve (12) months prior to its respective date.
- C. Individuals or groups using parks and buildings on a continuing basis may submit only one application and deposit for regularly scheduled use, and shall advise the scheduling office when they will not be using it within two (2) weeks of the scheduled time.
- D. Reservations are not transferable.
- E. Only the following items are available from the City: sound and electrical equipment.
- F. Only the City and the City Band shall have routine access and use of the facility's storage and rest rooms.

4. Deposits

- A. A deposit will be required for the band shell reservation as listed below. Any portion of a deposit not applied toward City costs (security, cleanup, repair, or deductible) will be returned to the applicant as soon as possible following the reserved date. A reservation's required deposit will be the sum of the following related deposit amounts:

	City Resident	Non-City Resident
Fine Arts Shell \$200.00 \$200.00 Includes the sound system and electrical power. (Clean-up of adjacent grounds and refuse disposal by renter is required.)	\$200.00	\$200.00
Alcohol on premises (Additional deposit)	\$200.00	\$200.00

- B. Deposit amounts shall be reviewed annually by the City Manager and adjusted accordingly. Any individual charges greater than \$25.00 shall first be approved by the City Council. Changes shall not be retroactive to reservations made before the date of the City Manager's proposed adjustments.
- C. Deposits listed above shall not be waived except that the City Band shall be exempt from deposits.

5. Implementation

- A. Reservation applications and deposits shall be submitted for all reservations.

6. Bay View Park Fine Arts Shell Rules

- A. Hours for reserved activities shall be from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Reserved use will be on a daily basis.
- B. Groups are responsible for cleaning up and leaving facilities and grounds clean and in proper order. When rest room facilities are used, they must be left in a clean and orderly appearing condition. The City will inspect the area after each use. Rest rooms are for the exclusive use of authorized performers and shall not be used by the public.
- C. Prevention of injuries to participants and damage to City property are the responsibility of the applicant and event sponsor. Sponsoring groups are responsible for the conduct of their membership and spectators at the respective event. Users of the Fine Arts Shell shall be held monetarily liable for breakage to equipment, damage to the facilities, insurance deductible payments, clean-up, and related costs incurred due to their use. Repairs and replacement of equipment, clean-up, and related activities will be made by the City of Alpena. The cost of such activities will be charged to the responsible organization, group, or individuals.
- D. Reserved users of the facilities shall not have access to the facilities prior to or after the reserved date(s) of the event. The total term of reservations should reflect adequate preparation and clean-up time.
- E. The applicant is responsible for properly removing and disposing of all trash, debris, and refuse from the Fine Arts Shell facility and area during the reserved time period.
- F. Keys and audio equipment shall be picked up by the application signer at the Public Works Garage during its regular business hours on the workday immediately preceding the reserved date. Keys and audio equipment shall be returned the first workday following the activity. Keys are not to be duplicated by users. Failure to promptly return a key in good condition may result in forfeiture of total deposit.
- G. Users may keep or store items or equipment at the Fine Arts Shell during their reserved time. The applicant accepts responsibility for the safety and security of all equipment and personnel related to its event. It is the user's responsibility to properly secure the storage area at all times. The City or its agent shall not be responsible for lost or stolen articles.
- H. Failure to obey these rules, regulations, and deposit checklist (attached) may result in forfeiture of a deposit and barring from future park and building use. The checklist for return of deposit may be modified by the City Manager.
- I. The applicant and sponsoring group or organization are responsible for assuring that any consumption of alcoholic beverages complies with state and local laws.
- J. Any individual or group using City of Alpena facilities agrees to hold the City of Alpena harmless from any liability arising from this usage.

- K. The City Manager is authorized to execute any additional reasonable rules to protect the public's safety and property.

MICH-E-KE-WIS PARK SHELTER (Date Issued: 6-1-87)

Purpose: To establish a standard policy for scheduling and rules for use of Mich-e-ke-wis Park grounds and shelter.

Statement of Policy: The following shall be the policy for the City of Alpena for scheduling and regulating the use of Alpena's Mich-e-ke-wis Park grounds and shelter.

1. Subject Facilities and Grounds

City facilities and grounds subject to this policy include:

- A. Mich-e-ke-wis Park beach, picnic and ball ground areas, including ballfield(s) and respective parking areas.
- B. The shelter building restrooms, between April 1st and December 15th of each year.
- C. During the period of December 15th and April 1st, the shelter shall be used as a warming shelter for the outdoor ice rink.

2. Administrative Policies

- A. The City of Alpena's Mich-e-ke-wis Park facilities and grounds are intended to accommodate the needs of Alpena citizens on both an individual and group basis.
- B. The Assistant City Manager is responsible for the maintenance and operation of the park's grounds and facilities, and the City Clerk's office is responsible for scheduling. During certain sports seasons, the City may delegate scheduling of the ballfields to the City Recreation Advisory Board; such use shall remain subject to this policy.
- C. All conflicts of scheduling, determination of and acceptability of use requests as described below, will be resolved by the City Clerk in consultation with the City Manager and Assistant City Manager.
- D. A calendar of use will be maintained by the City Clerk's office at City Hall showing scheduled use, identifying groups/individuals by name, date, and time of requested use.
- E. The use of the shelter for political gatherings is subject to the requirements of SOP #12. The grounds and facilities shall not be used for money-making purposes by private vendors.
- F. Any individual or group using City of Alpena facilities agrees to hold the City of Alpena harmless from any liability arising from this usage and will provide written proof of liability coverage when requested.

3. Scheduling

- A. Parties desiring to schedule use of the Mich-e-ke-wis Park grounds or facilities shall schedule through the City Clerk's office. A satisfactorily completed reservation

application and appropriate deposit and fees must be received by, and approved by the City Clerk's office before a reservation is approved.

- B. City residents can reserve up to one-year in advance, non-city residents can reserve up to six months in advance. An applicant shall be considered a City resident, for the purposes of this policy, if any of the following apply to the applicant:
 - 1) Is an individual whose principal residence is within the City of Alpena and whose use of the facilities will be for an event personally and directly related to his/her family (i.e., family reunion, reception, etc.).
 - 2) Is a business or organization subject to, and not delinquent in paying, city property (real or personal) taxes.
 - 3) Is a church, school, veteran organization, senior citizen club or fraternal lodge, with principal meeting facilities located within the City of Alpena?
 - 4) Is a group or organization with no offices or exclusively established meeting place and with at least 50% of its members residing within the City?
- C. Any reservation fees other than deposit submitted with a reservation application will be forfeited upon cancellation of a reservation. Cancellations received less than two (2) weeks before the requested date will also result in forfeiture of any deposit.
- D. Individuals or groups using parks and buildings on a continuing basis, may submit only one application and proper charges for regular scheduled use, and shall advise the City Clerk's office when they will not be using it within one (1) week of the scheduled time. Failure to advise the City Clerk's office that the facilities will not be used as scheduled shall be grounds for loss of this privilege.
- E. Reservations are not transferable.
- F. Reservations will not be made for any of the following: outdoor picnic tables, exclusive use of the entire park including all facilities, use of the beach and use of the driveways and parking lots.

4. Deposits and Rents

- A. All Alpena residents are invited to use their parks. To minimize the amount of tax dollars needed to support the parks and their buildings, certain fees may be charged to specific users to recover availability, utility and maintenance costs.
- B. Casual use of the Mich-e-ke-wis Park grounds is free of charge to resident individuals. However, rules of usage shall apply and costs of damages will be assessed when they exceed any deposits.
- C. Deposits: A deposit will be required for park reservation applicants as listed below. Any portion of a deposit not applied towards City costs (security, cleanup, repair, or deductible) will be returned to the applicant as soon as possible following the reserved date. A reservation's required deposit will be the sum of the following related deposit amounts:

City Resident

Non-City Resident

Ball field(s)	*	*
	*(refer to fee schedule)	
Shelter Building (excluding locker rooms)	*	*
	*(refer to fee schedule)	

D. Rent Schedule The sum of the following related rents shall be submitted with a reservation:

<u>Resident</u>	<u>City Resident</u>	<u>Non-City</u>
Ball fields - All reservations	No Charge	No Charge
Shelter Building (excluding locker rooms) (Includes 8 picnic tables & 2 refuse barrels)	*	*
	*(refer to fee schedule)	

E. Deposits and rent schedules shall be reviewed annually by the City Manager and adjusted accordingly. Any individual changes greater than \$25.00 shall first be approved by the City Council. Changes shall not be retroactive to currently reserved bookings.

F. Deposits and rental fees listed above may not be waived.

5. Implementation

- A. Reservation applications and deposits shall be submitted for all reservations.
- B. The rent schedule listed above will apply to reservations for usage occurring on or after May 19, 2003.
- C. All other parts of this policy will become effective upon adoption of this policy.

6. Mich-e-ke-wis Park Rules

- A. Application for use of the park's facilities must be made in writing on the proper reservation form obtained at the City Clerk's office. Rental fees and deposits must be paid at the time the park's facilities are reserved. Checks are to be made out to City of Alpena.
- B. Hours for reserved operation are from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily. Reserved use will be on a daily basis.

- C. Groups using the facilities must comply with local fire and safety regulations, city ordinances, state laws and building regulations.
- D. No fires are permitted inside any park building.
- E. Tables and chairs may be set up by groups authorized to use the facilities, but must be taken down and removed on completion of use.
- F. Furniture and equipment may not be removed from the buildings or grounds.
- G. Groups are responsible for cleaning up and leaving facilities and grounds in condition in which found. Renter MUST inspect facilities prior to use and promptly report any unclean/untidy condition, which exists prior to their actual rental. When rest room facilities are used they must be left in an orderly and clean condition. The City will inspect the area after each use.
- H. Applicants and sponsoring organizations shall provide sufficient competent supervision. Prevention of injuries to participants and damage to City property are the responsibility of the applicant and event sponsor. Sponsoring groups are responsible for the conduct of their membership at all activities. Users of the park shall be held monetarily liable for breakage to equipment, damage to the facilities, insurance deductible payments, cleanup and related costs incurred due to their use. Repairs and replacement of equipment, cleanup and related activities will be made by the City of Alpena and cost of such activities will be charged to the responsible organization, group or individuals.
- I. Reserved users of the facilities shall not monopolize the use of the facilities prior to or after their scheduled event or activities.
 - 1) Renter is required to supply all plastic garbage bags (including those needed for containers), cleaning supplies, brooms, mops, soaps, etc.
 - 2) All tables have been wiped off and have been left clean.
 - 3) Floors have been swept and mopped as required.
 - 4) Renter is required to empty all trash from building and deposit in container located next to the shelter.
- J. Keys shall be picked up at City Hall during regular business hours, the workday, immediately preceding the scheduled activity. Keys shall be returned the first workday following the activity. Keys are not to be duplicated by users. Failure to promptly return a key in good condition will result in forfeiture of total deposit.
- K. Users shall not keep or store any items or equipment at parks buildings.
- L. Failure to obey these rules and regulations may result in forfeiture of a deposit and barring from future park and building use.
- M. The reservation applicant and sponsoring group or organization is responsible for assuring that any consumption of alcoholic beverages in Alpena's park complies with state and local laws.

- N. An application form shall be provided by the City Clerk's office setting forth all rules and responsibilities of usage for Mich-e-ke-wis Park and the shelter, and giving all necessary information concerning groups or organizations requesting use of Mich-e-ke-wis Park. For example - the names, addresses and telephone numbers of organizations as well as those of the spokesperson shall be provided. This application shall be signed by a single spokesperson for that group or organization, and this signature shall constitute tacit acceptance of policies and responsibilities in regard to usage of the Mich-e-ke-wis facilities on the part of those using the facilities. In the case of unorganized groups, the spokesperson signing the application shall be held personally accountable for any damage or infraction of rules.
 - O. Any individual or group using City of Alpena facilities agrees to hold the City of Alpena harmless from any liability arising from this usage and will provide written proof of liability coverage when requested.
 - P. The City Manager is authorized to execute any additional reasonable rules to protect the public's safety and property.
7. The Lessee agrees to comply with the following scheduling rules:
- A. A satisfactorily completed reservation application and appropriate deposit and fees must be received and approved by the City Clerk before a reservation is approved.
 - B. City residents can reserve up to one-year in advance, non-city residents can reserve up to six months in advance. An applicant shall be considered a City resident, for the purposes of this policy, if any of the following apply to the applicant:
 - 1) Is an individual whose principal residence is within the City of Alpena and whose use of the facilities will be for an event personally and directly related to their family (i.e., family reunion, reception, etc.).
 - 2) Is a business or organization subject to and not delinquent in paying city property (real or personal) taxes?
 - 3) Is a church, school, veteran organization, senior citizen club, or fraternal lodge with meeting facilities located within the City of Alpena?
 - 4) Is a group or organization with no offices or exclusively established meeting place and with at least 50% of its members residing within the City.
 - C. Any reservation fees other than deposit submitted with a reservation application will be forfeited upon cancellation of a reservation. Cancellations received less than two (2) weeks before the requested date will also result in forfeiture of any deposit.
 - D. Individuals or groups using parks and buildings on a continuing basis may submit only one application and proper charges for regular scheduled use, and shall advise the City Clerk's office when they will not be using it within one (1) week of the scheduled time. Failure to advise the City Clerk's office that the facilities will not be used as scheduled shall be grounds for loss of this privilege.

- E. Reservations are not transferable.
 - F. Reservations will not be made for any of the following: outdoor picnic tables, exclusive use of the entire park including all facilities, use of the beach, and use of the driveways and parking lots.
8. The Lessee agrees to comply with the following Mich-e-ke-wis Park rules:
- A. Application for use of the park's facilities must be made in writing on the proper reservation form obtained at the City Clerk's office. Rental fees and deposits must be paid at the time the park's facilities are reserved. Checks are to be made out to the City of Alpena.
 - B. Hours for reserved operation are from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. Reserved use will be on a daily basis.
 - C. Groups using the facilities must comply with local fire and safety regulations, City ordinances, state laws, and building regulations.
 - D. No fires are permitted inside any park building.
 - E. Tables and chairs may be set up by groups authorized to use the facilities, but must be taken down and removed on completion of use.
 - F. Furniture and equipment may not be removed from the buildings or grounds.
 - G. Groups are responsible for cleaning up and leaving facilities and grounds in condition in which found. Renter MUST inspect facilities prior to use and promptly report any unclean/untidy condition, which exists prior to their actual rental. When rest room facilities are used they must be left in an orderly and clean condition. The City will inspect the area after each use.
 - H. Applicants and sponsoring organizations shall provide sufficient competent supervision. Prevention of injuries to participants and damage to city property are the responsibility of the applicant and event sponsor. Sponsoring groups are responsible for the conduct of their membership at all activities. Users of the park shall be held monetarily liable for breakage to equipment, damage to the facilities, insurance deductible payments, cleanup, and related costs incurred due to their use. Repairs and replacement of equipment, cleanup, and related activities will be made by the City of Alpena and the cost of such activities will be charged to the responsible organization, group, or individuals.
 - I. Reserved users of the facilities shall not monopolize the use of the facilities prior to or after their scheduled event or activities.
 - 1) Renter is required to supply all plastic garbage bags (including those needed for containers, cleaning supplies, brooms, mops, soaps, etc.
 - 2) All tables have been wiped off and have been left clean.
 - 3) Floors have been swept and mopped as required.
 - 4) Renter is required to empty all trash from building and deposit in container located next to the shelter.

- J. Keys shall be picked up at City Hall during regular business hours the workday immediately preceding the scheduled activity. Keys shall be returned the first workday following the activity. Keys shall be returned the first workday following the activity. Keys are not to be duplicated by users. Failure to promptly return a key in good condition will result in forfeiture of total deposit.
- K. Users shall not keep or store any items or equipment at park buildings.
- L. Failure to obey these rules and regulations may result in forfeiture of a deposit and barring from future park and building use.
- M. The reservation applicant and sponsoring group or organization is responsible for assuring that any consumption of alcoholic beverages in Alpena's parks complies with state and local laws.
- N. An application form shall be provided by the City Clerk setting forth all rules and responsibilities of usage for Mich-e-ke-wis Park and its facilities, and giving all necessary information concerning groups or organizations requesting use of Mich-e-ke-wis Park. For example: the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of organizations as well as those of the spokesperson shall be provided. This application shall be signed by a single spokesperson for that group or organization, and that signature shall constitute tacit acceptance of policies and responsibilities in regard to usage of the Mich-e-ke-wis facilities on the part of those using the facilities. In the case of unorganized groups, the spokesperson signing the application shall be held personally accountable for any damage or infraction of rules.
- O. Any individual or group using City of Alpena facilities agrees to hold the City of Alpena harmless from any liability arising from that usage and will provide written proof of liability coverage when requested.
- P. The City Manager is authorized to execute any additional reasonable rules to protect the public's safety and property.

APPENDIX B
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORTS



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GRANTEE: City of Alpena

PROJECT 26-00985 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Michekewis Park Shelter

PROJECT SCOPE: Construction of new 7000 square ft support facility & LWCF sign

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SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

Shelter was previously used as a warming shelter for ice rink. Ice rink no longer exists
shelter is now leased to a private fitness and recreation equipment rental business.

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

Warming shelter has been converted to a fitness center (private business).

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

Yes, the warming shelter is obsolete because the ice rink no longer exists.

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

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

Facilities at Mich-e-ke-wis Park include ball fields, BMX bike park, volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, picnic area, beach, parking lots, and portions of the Bi-Path.

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SITE QUALITY

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

GENERAL

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

Yes No N/A

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

Private business offers membership and paid classes.

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

Hours are dependent upon schedule of events.

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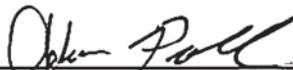
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GRANTEE: City of Alpena

PROJECT 26-01060 Y PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: McRae Park

LL field, paved lot, restroom & concession building, lanscape LWCF

PROJECT SCOPE: sign

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SITE DEVELOPMENT

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Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. [x] Yes [] No
Facilities were built in 1977 and do not meet today's standards.

Is the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. [] Yes [x] No
Facilities are not universally accessible.

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

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SITE QUALITY

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

Loud industrial facility behind ball fields.

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

Site is inspected regularly and maintenance performed regularly.

GENERAL

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Yes No N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities?
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Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Open from Dawn to Dusk year around.

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GRANTEE: City of Alpena

PROJECT 026-00842 PROJECT TYPE: Acquisition

PROJECT TITLE: North Riverfront Park Acquisition

PROJECT SCOPE: Acquisition of 2.28 acres of land for public outdoor recreation.

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

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

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

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SITE QUALITY

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

Site is inspected regularly and maintenance performed as needed.

GENERAL

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

Yes No N/A

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Open from Dawn to Dusk year around

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GRANTEE: City of Alpena

PROJECT TF596 PROJECT TYPE: Acquisition

PROJECT TITLE: Wildlife Sanctuary
Acquire 17 ac island on Thunder Bay R. within Alpena Wildlife

PROJECT SCOPE: Sanctuary

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

Is the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No
Not all paths on the island area accessible, however there is a paved pathway to the center of the island.

List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities.
New bridge to island. Nature pathways throughout island. Fishing platforms on island.
Future plans include development of an interpretive River Center.

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SITE QUALITY

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

Site is inspected regularly and maintenance performed as needed.

GENERAL

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

Yes No N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities?
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Yes No

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

Yes No

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

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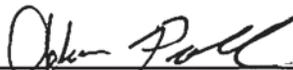
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GRANTEE: City of Alpena

PROJECT 26-01265 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Starlite Beach

Entrance, roadside park, paved lot, bike/walk trail, picnic area,

PROJECT SCOPE: lands

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

Is the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. [] Yes [x] No
No disabled access to playground equipment, beach, picnic tables, or from north parking lot.

List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities.
Playground equipment, sections of Alpena Bi-Path, pavilion and restrooms.

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SITE QUALITY

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

Site is inspected regularly and maintenance performed as needed.

GENERAL

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

Yes No N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities?
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Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Open from Dawn to Dusk year around

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GRANTEE: City of Alpena

PROJECT TF87-016 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Small Boat Harbor

PROJECT SCOPE: Construct new floating dock main pier with 12 finger piers

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

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

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

Boat storage, maintenance and repair facility, marina store, refueling and sewage pump station, electric hookups, restrooms and showers.

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SITE QUALITY

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

Site is inspected regularly and maintenance performed as needed.

GENERAL

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

Yes No N/A

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

Boat launch \$5.00 per day or \$35 annually.

Dockage fees per waterways commission schedule.

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

7:00 am to 9:00 pm from ice out until November 15th.

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Looking at potentially adding barrier free fishing platform at edge of Marina Basin.

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GRANTEE: City of Alpena

PROJECT 26-01379 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: North Riverfront Park Development

PROJECT SCOPE: Boat launch, paved lot, landscaping, LWCF sign

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

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

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

Benches, picnic tables, walkways.

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SITE QUALITY

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Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

Site is inspected regularly and maintenance performed as needed.

GENERAL

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Yes No N/A

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Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Open from Dawn to Dusk year around

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GRANTEE: City of Alpena

PROJECT BF89-642 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Bay View Park Improvement

Prentiss St parking, picnic tables, signage, concrete paths,

PROJECT SCOPE: landscaping

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Playground equipment (which were not part of this grant).

Is the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. [] Yes [X] No
Playground equipment not disabled accessible.
Parking lot and pathways are disabled accessible.

List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities.
Bandshell, playground, benches, walking paths, tennis courts, basketball courts.

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Yes No

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Yes No

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Yes No

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Yes No

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GRANTEE: City of Alpena

PROJECT TF95-180 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: River Plan

PROJECT SCOPE: Complete path system on s side Thunder Bay R, improve Island Park

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Bridge to island. Kayak launch. Walking paths. Plans for River Center (interpretive center). Fishing platforms. Steps to river.

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Yes No

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Yes No

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Yes No

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Yes No

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Yes No

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Yes No N/A

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Yes No

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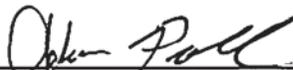
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GRANTEE: City of Alpena

PROJECT TF92-299 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Thunder Bay River Plan
Hard surface nature trails, boardwalks, docks, bridge, landscape, picnic

PROJECT SCOPE: are

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Bridge to island. Walking paths on island. Benches. Fishing platforms. Steps to river.
Plans for interpretive River Center.

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Yes No

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Yes No

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

Yes No

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Yes No

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

Yes No

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Yes No N/A

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Yes No

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Yes No

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

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GRANTEE: City of Alpena

PROJECT TF99-353 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Harbor Breakwall Walkway Extension
700' extension of walkway on

PROJECT SCOPE: breakwall, railing, lighting, benches, fishing

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SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?
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Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

Site is inspected regularly and maintenance performed as needed.

GENERAL

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Yes No N/A

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Yes No

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

Yes No

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

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GRANTEE: City of Alpena

PROJECT TF00-275 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Harbor Breakwall Walkway Extension

650' extension on breakwall to

PROJECT SCOPE: terminus, railing, lighting, benches, fishing

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

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Breakwall, railing, lighting, benches, fishing areas.

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Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

Site is inspected regularly and maintenance performed as needed

GENERAL

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Yes No N/A

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Yes No

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Yes No

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

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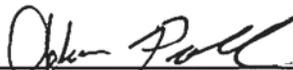
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GRANTEE: City of Alpena

PROJECT TF05-014 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: North Riverfront Park Heritage Improvements

PROJECT SCOPE: Walkways, parking, pavillions, lighting, irrigation, site amenities

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Yes No

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Yes No

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Yes No

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Yes No

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Yes No

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GRANTEE: City of Alpena

PROJECT TF07-023 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Starlite Beach Promenade Facilities Project
Pavillion, restroom/storage/concession, path, utilities, landscape, site

PROJECT SCOPE: amen

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Is the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. [X] Yes [] No
Except playground equipment which is not part of this grant.

List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities.
Playground structures, picnic area, pavilion, outdoor shower area, disabled accessible restrooms, bi-path, utilities, site amenities.

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

SITE QUALITY

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

Site is inspected regularly and maintenance performed as needed.

GENERAL

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

Yes No N/A

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Open from Dawn to Dusk year around

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

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

CERTIFICATION

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

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PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

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

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

GRANTEE: City of Alpena

PROJECT TF13-022 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: NEST Alpena Regional Trailhead
Year-round trailhead on NEST.Restroom/storage,pavillion,paved

PROJECT SCOPE: lot,paths

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Table with 3 columns: Name of Agency (Grantee), Contact Person, Title, Address, Telephone, City, State, ZIP, Email. Row 1: City of Alpena, Adam Poll, Planning/Dev Director, 208 N First Ave, 989-354-1770, Alpena, MI 49707, adamp@alpena.mi.us

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

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

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

Trailhead, restroom, paved lot.

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

SITE QUALITY

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

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

Yes No

There is currently no sign but one will be placed once the project is completed. Expected completion and sign installation will be in 2016.

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

GENERAL

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

Yes No N/A

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

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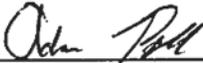
scope continued: snowmobile parking, drinking fountain, landscape, security light and camera, and all necessary site amenities.

Program recognition sign: There is currently no program recognition sign, however one will be installed once the project is completed. Expected completion and sign installation is in 2016.

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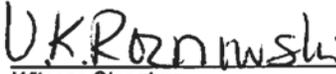
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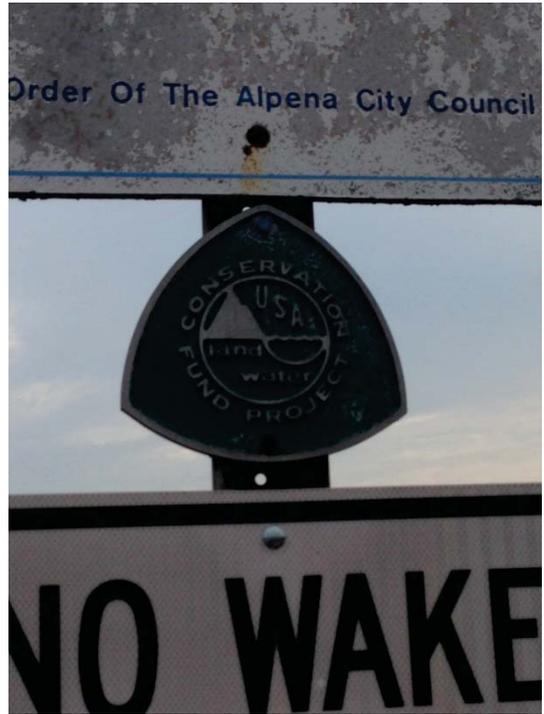
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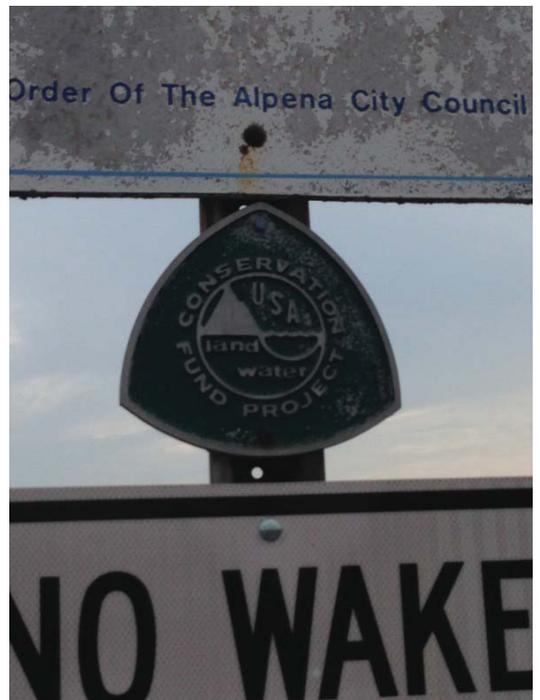
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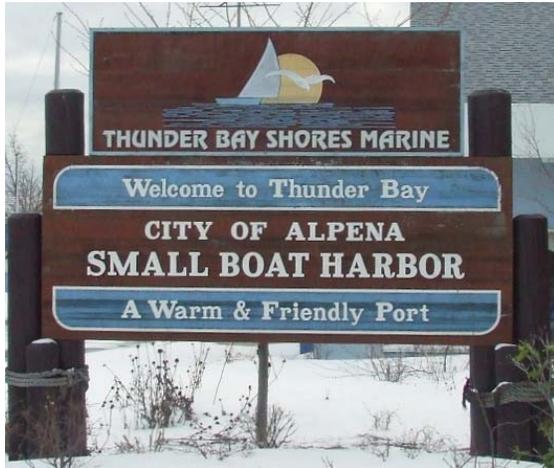
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BF89-642 Bayview Park 1989



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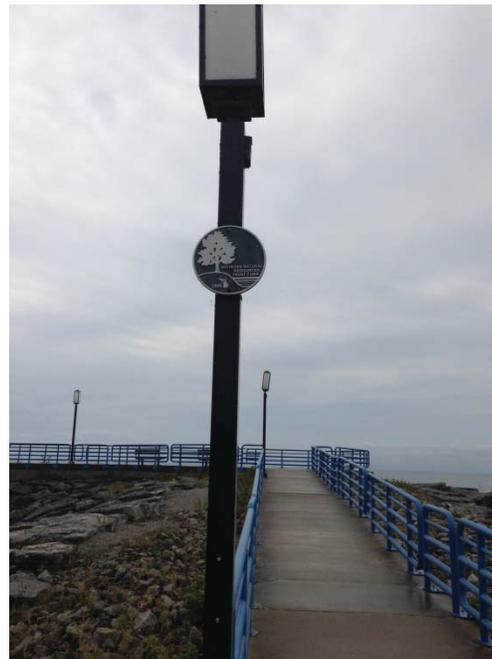
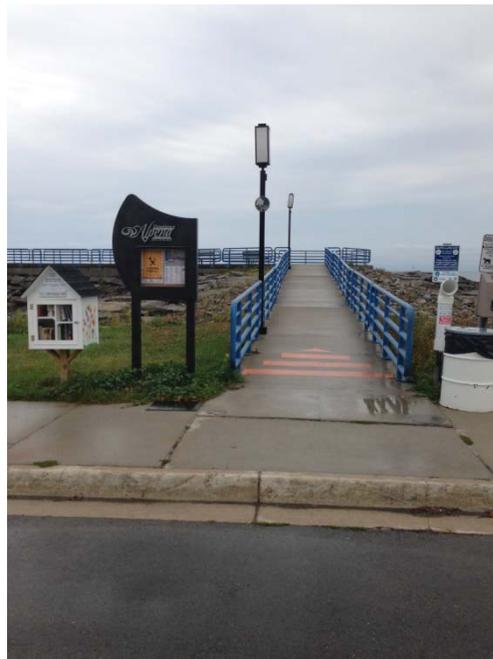
TF92-299 Thunder Bay River Plan 1992



TF99-353 Harbor Breakwall Extension 1999



TF00-275 Harbor Breakwall Extension 2000



TF05-014 North Riverfront Park Heritage Improvements 2005



TF07-023 Starlite Beach 2007



APPENDIX C

CITY OF ALPENA

ONLINE RECREATION SURVEY RESULTS

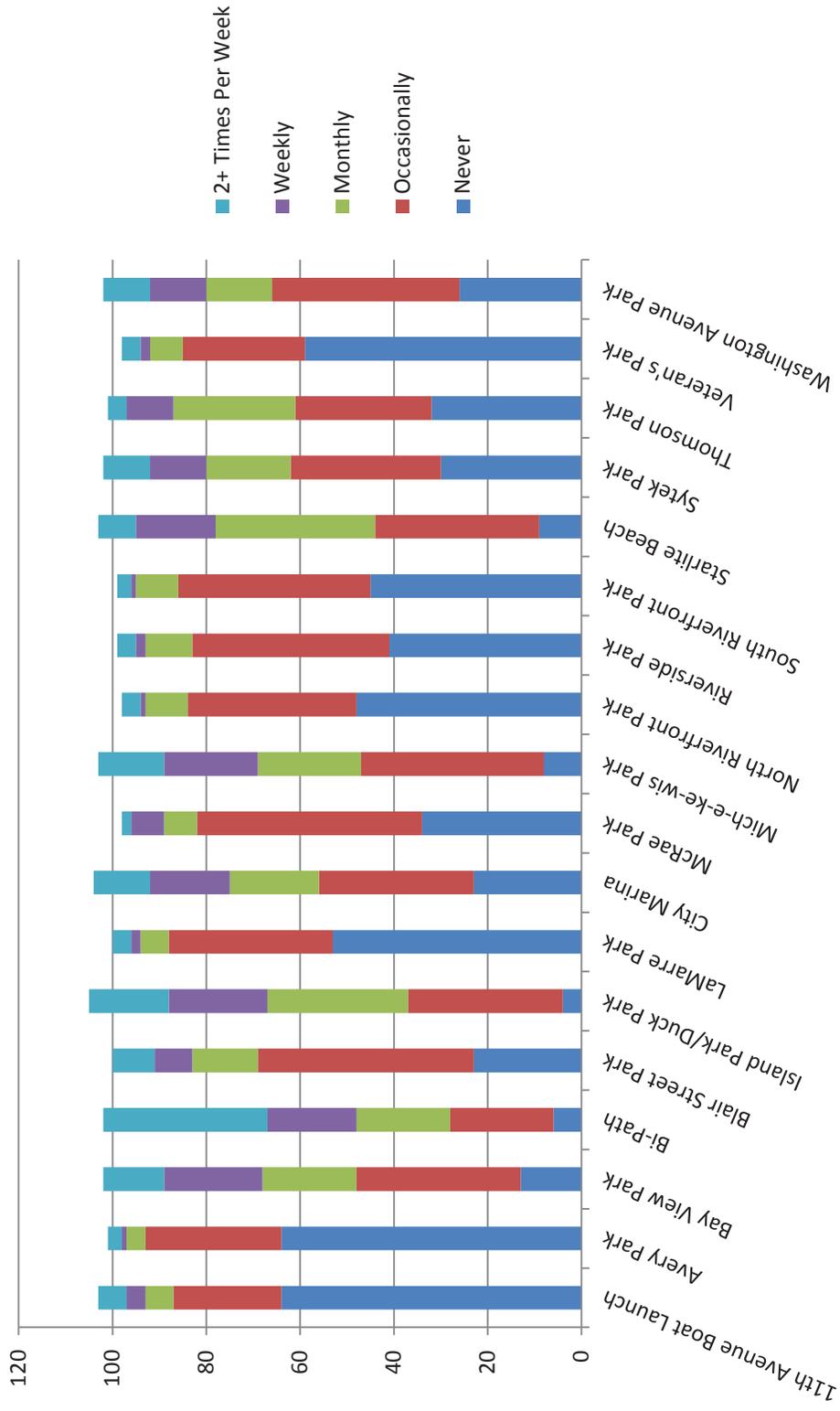
City of Alpena Recreation Online Recreation Survey Results

Survey was release on October 15, 2015 and closed on November 4, 2015. Responses collected = 105.

Q1: How often do you utilize the following recreational facilities?

Answer Options	2+ Times Per Week	Weekly	Monthly	Occasionally	Never	Response Count
11th Avenue Boat Launch	6	4	6	23	64	103
Avery Park	3	1	4	29	64	101
Bay View Park	13	21	20	35	13	102
Bi-Path	35	19	20	22	6	102
Blair Street Park	9	8	14	46	23	100
Island Park/Duck Park	17	21	30	33	4	105
LaMarre Park	4	2	6	35	53	100
City Marina	12	17	19	33	23	104
McRae Park	2	7	7	48	34	98
Mich-e-ke-wis Park	14	20	22	39	8	103
North Riverfront Park	4	1	9	36	48	98
Riverside Park	4	2	10	42	41	99
South Riverfront Park	3	1	9	41	45	99
Starlite Beach	8	17	34	35	9	103
Sytek Park	10	12	18	32	30	102
Thomson Park	4	10	26	29	32	101
Veteran's Park	4	2	7	26	59	98
Washington Avenue Park	10	12	14	40	26	102
<i>answered question</i>						105
<i>skipped question</i>						0

How often do you utilize the following recreational facilities?

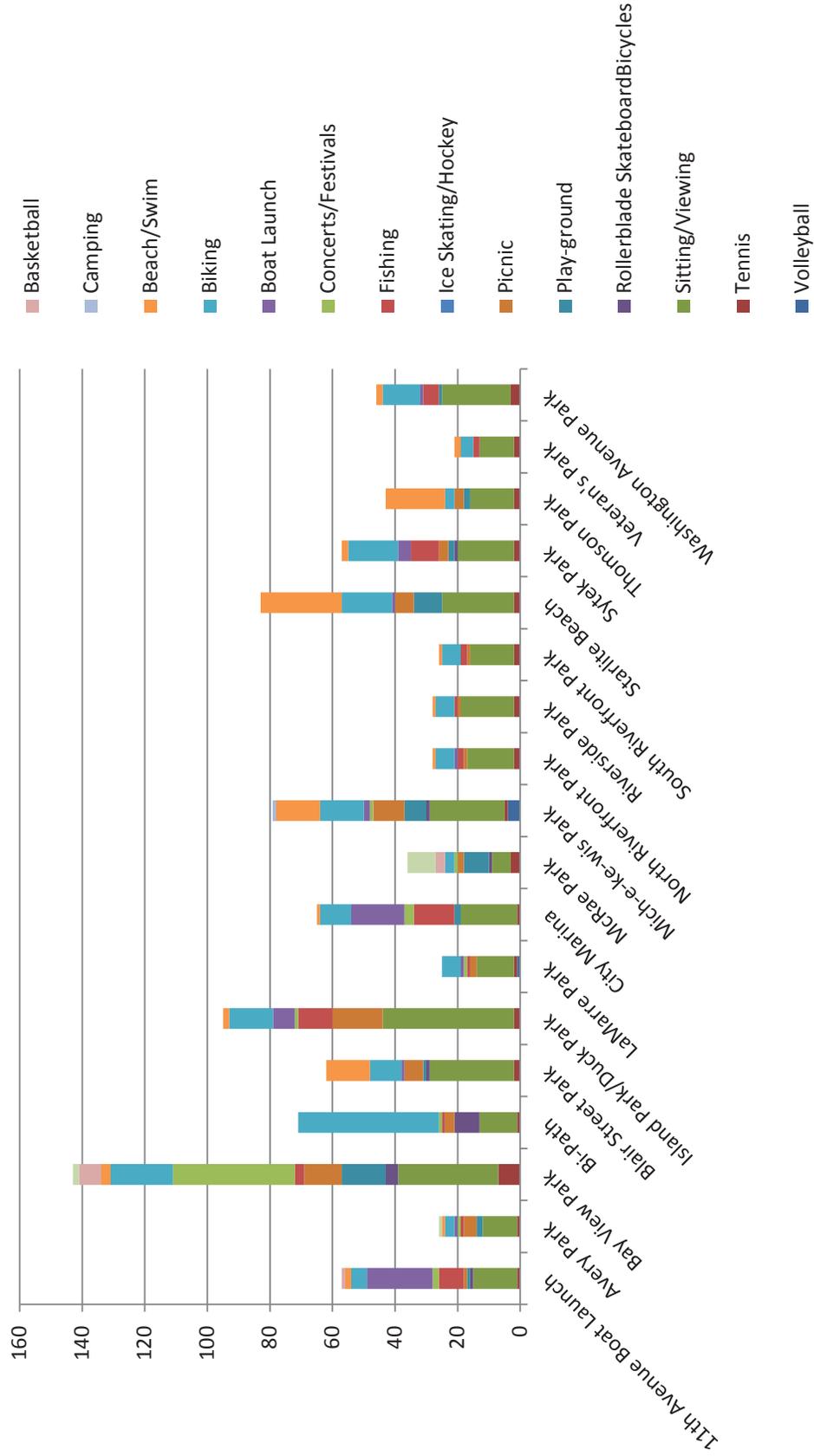


Q2: What activities do you participate in at the following recreational facilities?

Answer Options	Baseball/ Softball	Basket- ball	Camp	Beach/ Swim	Biking	Boat Launch	Concerts / Festivals	Fishing	Ice Skating/ Hockey	Picnic	Play- ground	Rollerblade Skateboard Bicycles	Sit/ Viewing	Tennis	Volley- ball			
11th Avenue Boat Launch	0	1	0	2	5	21	2	8	0	1	1	1	14	1	0	36		
Avery Park	1	0	0	1	3	1	1	1	0	4	2	0	11	1	0	18		
Bay View Park	2	7	0	3	20	0	39	3	0	12	14	4	32	7	0	53		
Bi-Path	0	0	0	0	45	0	1	1	0	3	0	8	12	1	0	51		
Blair Street Park	0	0	0	14	10	1	0	0	0	6	1	1	27	2	0	44		
Island Park/Duck Park	0	0	0	2	14	7	1	11	0	16	0	0	42	2	0	52		
LaMarre Park	0	0	0	0	6	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	12	1	1	19		
City Marina	0	0	0	1	10	17	3	13	0	0	2	0	18	1	0	40		
McRae Park	9	3	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	2	8	1	6	3	0	23		
Mich-e-ke-wis Park	0	0	1	14	14	2	1	0	0	10	7	1	24	1	4	46		
North Riverfront Park	0	0	0	1	6	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	15	2	0	22		
Riverside Park	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	17	2	0	21		
South Riverfront Park	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	14	2	0	20		
Starlite Beach	0	0	0	26	16	1	0	0	0	6	9	0	23	2	0	44		
Sytek Park	0	0	0	2	16	4	0	9	0	3	2	1	18	2	0	30		
Thomson Park	0	0	0	19	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	14	2	0	27		
Veteran's Park	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	11	2	0	17		
Washington Avenue Park	0	0	0	2	12	1	0	5	0	0	1	0	22	3	0	31		
Other (please specify)																22		
																answered question	62	
																	skipped question	43

- 1 I walk to and in many of these locations, so I would consider "Walking" or "strolling" a recreational activity. I also ride my bike to some of these locations, but don't ride the bike in the actual park. Also, I would do more at some of these locations if amenities were there - like launch a small boat or paddle craft along the bi-path if there were easier access than just the big launch near DNR. And finally, this survey is to long - I had to scroll up and down to see the categories on my computer screen = it may cause people to mark the wrong box by accident! Also, for some folks - might not know the "official" name for each of these parks - a map showing their location at the top of the survey would be helpful.
- 2 walking/running - sytek, island, starlite
- 3 I spend a great deal of time on foot, WALKING and enjoying the beautiful parks of Alpena!
- 4 Most of my visits are for enjoyment of the area. Just walking and enjoying the area. This wasn't an option given.
- 5 Volunteer work: AWS and Garden club
- 6 walking
- 7 We utilize the hiking and walking paths-especially with our stroller a lot. So we may use the playground and go on a walk as a family. Walking or running should be on the listed activities above.
- 8 I run through most of the parks and on the bike path.
- 9 Most of the answers of biking are also walking.
- 10 we utilize many of the parks and paths for a leisurely walk
- 11 I walk/hike in these areas or help with environmental projects
- 12 Mostly I walk but that was not an option. I walk on the bike path, and Island Park particularly, but other places as well. I don't know where Veterans Park is.
- 13 I do a lot of walking with my two kids in a stroller, walking wasn't a listed option
- 14 Walking or hiking should be an option in my opinion. For every location that I indicated that I spend time at, walking to an at each of them is one of my favorite ways to pass the time at all of these locations.
- 15 We go to most of these places to walk and just be outdoors. Walking and running are not on the survey as a choice.
- 16 walking!
- 17 You don't have any option listed for hiking, walking, or photography. I use Island Park, Blair St. Park, and Starlite for all of these. You also don't have kayaking listed, which I have done from Duck Park. I take photographs at any of the parks that are on the water (river or Lake Huron). Not enough options listed...
- 18 Hiking/walking is not an option ... Almost all of these are places where I hike or walk.
- 19
- Do not use parks
- 20 We are walkers and walk to many of these areas on our route.
- 21 I keep a sailboat at the boat harbor.
- 22 Walking isn't one of the options to choose but many people walk the breakwall and bike paths

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



Q3: Please provide us with your general opinion/impressions of recreation within the City of Alpena (be as specific as possible):

Answer Options	Response Count
	46
<i>answered question</i>	46
<i>skipped question</i>	59

- 1 I am pleased with the amount of parks and the bi-path (bike/pedestrian trails) in the city, but I think we could use more of both. I think that the city has done an excellent job with improvements at Michikiwis (pavilion) and does a good job at regularly cleaning the beaches during the summer. I think that the city should concentrate on in-fill and/or unifying the parks we have (continue to take opportunities to purchase parcels that currently break up sections of parks). Duck Park and the island are fabulous resources and the city should continue to make improvements there as much as possible. The bi-path needs help - all curbs should be cut along the whole path, there should be a small boat launch on the south side of the river down town (between 9th St. and 2nd St. bridges). So that you could sail a small boat or paddle in this area - easier access for non-motorized boats! The playgrounds could use updating (except for starlite - I think that is still in great shape). Sytek could also use some help. Water fountains and bathrooms in more areas would be great too. More bike racks in more places! I think the greatest "fail" for city recreation is lack of winter options - there should be an outdoor rink for skating and a warming hut somewhere in the city! I would love to see something like Petoskey's winter park: a small rink for free skate and hockey and a small speed skating track and a little warming hut! It seems a shame that you only can use an indoor rink here and not pay a few dollars to just fun skate outside with family. The wildlife sanctuary should consider putting a stairway along the dune on the south side of the island or clear some trees on the north side and make an "official" sledding area - people are already using it for this purpose in the winter....
- 2 Should not have a snow mobile trail through City. Costs not justified by few users and the inconvenience of noise and possible traffic accidents. Snow mobiles are designed for operating on snow. Car are designed to operate on clean pavement, so they are not compatible on the same surface.
- 3 Nice place to live and play
- 4 Good mix of hiking areas, fishing areas, swimming and festival areas. Well maintained, family friendly.
- 5 Generally speaking there is no end to the possible recreational activities available within the City of Alpena. So much so that the previous list omitted so many activities - especially winter.
- 6 for a city of its size, Alpena has wonderful multiple parks and opportunities for recreation of all sorts. The parks system and its trails/paths are one of the reasons we moved to Alpena when we retired. The form I just filled out did not include walking as recreation, but this is how we use most of the parks we use. Sytek, Riverside, Washington St, Island Park, Blair, Starlite and Michekiwis are all favorites for walking and enjoying nature.
- 7 Great variety of opportunities for people of all ages!

Ice skating seems to have been down played, but it is still available.

If you want to do something it is there for the asking.
- 8 I think the island should be an area to enjoy and study nature.

The Wildlife Sanctuary water quality should be protected by enforcing a riparian barrier of native vegetation of 50 feet minimum at Washington Park and as much as 100 ft at Duck Park.

9 I love you being able to kayak, bike, or enjoy any of multiple parks to take my children to. We love going to playgrounds as well as being able to hike on Sportsmen's Island. The river in the center of town is priceless for landscape and adventure.

10 Alpena offers many options and locations which is wonderful. Our parks are nice and well used. When I'm there, I see people playing games and utilizing our facilities.

11 As a family we enjoy the concerts, playgrounds, walking and hiking paths. We enjoy watching the boats and water. We are pleased with the events held at the parks.

12 Alpena has a good cross section of recreation opportunities in the city all the activities mentioned in your survey including snowmobiling, canoeing, kayaking and even the opportunity to rent a surray. I am very impressed for a community our size and the recreational activities we offer. Not to mention you can explore the shipwrecks.

13 clean and attractive

14 Bi path with distance markers, wider along state st. Cleaner beach's

15 There are many great places to go and they are kept up well.

16 city Marina needs better maintenance. I did not like having to step over piles and piles of duck poo to launch my boat.

we should also continue to add amenities to our lake side parks.

Look at developing a campground at Michekewis

17 The city promotes and maintains a wide variety of recreational opportunities. There is something in the aforementioned areas for all age groups.

18 There is next to none.

19 Significantly more people are using recreation areas then I can remember from the past. Specifically the river and it's parks.

20 I think Alpena is blessed with some of the best rec facilities of any city of its size in Michigan. Diverse and well maintained. [I think the directions are opposites - you ask for general opinions and to be specific].

21 Please fix the lights at Bay view tennis courts. We love to play at night but only two of the lights work and it makes it hard to see!

22 The Park near the marina needs a lot of clean up the little kitty park I mean

23 doing a good job over the past 10 years with the many improvements

24 Getting better every year. Keep up the good work.

25 City recreation activity possibilities are vast. We use some of the private recreational possibilities within the city also. Rent McRae for parties would be one I have used. Rent Mich-a-kee-wis used to be available for rent. I attended a tent activity at Star-light. I love the children's play ground for grandchildren.

Observing nature is very pleasant.

26 I like bird watching and Monarch Butterfly migrations at the places I listed on the survey. Duck Park is my favorite. Otherwise, concerts seem to be well liked here.

27 nice variety, easy access,

- 28 There are so many recreation possibilities in Alpena. The ones that I am most involved with are hiking, biking, photography, and swimming. I am VERY impressed with all of the opportunities!
- 29 Needs to be more bike friendly. Bike lanes on streets are a must. The parks are beautifully maintained. Mich-e-ke-wis is a great activities park but needs some infrastructure attention.
- 30 I love it. I REALLY like the new LED light put in around Bay View Park area and hope to see those light change all around the bi-path. It would also be nice if you could somehow create a better bi-path down Bagley st.
- 31 Alpena offers a nice variety of recreational options for residents, visitors. The beaches are challenging because of the debris however, if through signage of some other easily assessable means of communication, the beaches would be less off putting during the rainy season. I am very satisfied with recreation options in our town.
- 32 Please improve our beach like Traverse City. The water is awful.
- 33 There is so much to do with Nature. The lakes and trails. No need for so many parks. We could use a Dog Park
- 34 I enjoy the multiple parks we have located all over the city. I have a dog that I walk daily. I love being able to take him so many different places within the city and enjoy our city's beauty. I firmly believe that if you're bored in Alpena, it's your own fault. There is so much to offer and to do. You just have to go out there and take advantage of it. I love seeing improvements around our community. It seems there is constantly a new renovation or project going on to enhance the city and keep it looking nice, fresh, welcoming, and modern. I love the new Island Park Bridge and landscaping and flowers throughout the city. I am excited to see the new upcoming projects by the river front and the south side of the city. Keep up the good work guys. Your citizens appreciate it!
- 35 My main issue is using the Bi-Path for the snowmobile trail. This is not why it was built. I would be willing to share, but the city thinks that to be a snowmobile trail means it must not be plowed, rendering it useless to walkers and bikers. Snowmobiles run on my plowed street with no problem. In some areas if you can't walk on the path then you must walk in the street.
- 36 Very walker and biker friendly and we use the city of mostly that. Would like to see the city have nice white beach sand brought in to the beaches like it used to be years ago both for cleanliness and usability for beach users. Also would like to see the dead trees removed from the city owned area between the sidewalks and streets and trimming done for safety reasons with branches being too low and not neat and clean looking. Would also like to see a new restroom facility in the downtown area to make it more resident and tourist friendly year around.
- 37 Bike Path/ Sidewalks You can not walk around town without bike riders yelling or ringing their bells for you to get out of the way. I understand that the bike path is for them, but the rules of the road are sidewalks are for walking, the roads are for all other forms of transportation. Michekewis needs to be restored to something. The city in its great wisdom destroyed one of the best things it had, and it still has not recovered. The city needs to start to think outside the box and do something that will help attract people here. For instance this county does not have a single good RV park, if nothing is going to be done at michekewis, the west end would be a good spot for one. There is poor parking at Starlite, why is the old Thunderbird Bird not a parking lot?
My general opinion if it does not benefit a council member in some way they are not going to lift a finger to help the towns people.
- 38 I think these parks need to be updated. They are old and sometimes things don't work. Also they need to do something with the water. It's nasty. It's not very attractive to visitors.
- 39 Keep renovating parks and boat launches to draw in more visitors
- 40 The recent updates to recreational areas of Alpena have been tremendous. I spend a lot of time myself and with family at most locations listed so having them be more appealing makes us want to go to them more. Hope the updates continue.
- 41 It seems like all Alpena has are parks and beaches but not really anything different and unique, especially for the younger generations. Events also seem

to be tailored to country people. It would be nice to have more of a variety. For example, fair and Brown Trout concerts are always country artists, and the summer concert series always consists of oldies and classic rock. More pop, alternative and indie, modern rock, etc. for other tastes and to attract and retain youth.

- 42 Outstanding. There are things I do at the park that aren't listed. Starlite beach-shell and driftwood collection and utilizing the playground. I hope we can continue to add more opportunities. I love our parks. We are so incredibly fortunate.
- 43 As an adult I like the amenities available to us. My hope is that Mich-e-kewis park will be flooded in the winter to allow free ice skating for our youth in the winter.
- 44 Alpena has wonderful parks and recreational areas, however I don't feel they are being used to their full potential. Some park spruce-ups would be beneficial to keep them looking fresh while still allowing the community to feel they are apart of them. Also more programs in the parks. This would allow for additional community outdoor activities different from what is currently available.
- 45 I'm not a big user of the parks other than the marina and Bay View. My feeling is the City should try to keep the parks simple and as maintenance free as possible. The City should not expand or create new parks.
- 46 The bike paths and basketball courts are used constantly. The volleyball courts at Mich-e-ke-wis are used all summer. Skateboard and bike parks are used by the younger kids. The playground equipment at Bay View is very popular.

Q4: What improvements do you and your family feel are needed at the 11th Avenue Boat Launch?

- 1 Improve the dock - add a fishing area (or fishing dock) there that won't interfere with launching, improve parking with better signage, spots, etc. Add bike rack.
- 2 It serves its function as a boat launch.
- 3 None. It is simple and easy to access.
- 4 Just keep it updated and safe.
- 5 We don't really use this park.
- 6 don't use it
- 7 parking spots
- 8 kayak launch
- 9 The goose crap builds up quite a bit before it's cleaned.
- 10 Don't launch a boat.
- 11 I didn't even know there was a boat launch - unless you're talking about the one at the fair grounds? It would be better if you listed the name and location of the park. I bet I use more parks than I realize, I just know them by location, not really by name.
- 12 I have not used it
- 13 Pave the parking lot.
- 14 Better dock. Better parking. No parking directly in front of boat launch. When people do that it is hard to launch or get your boat back on the trailer.
- 15 Parking lot experiences drainage issues and erosion of parking surface.
- 16 Kayak launch like at Island Park.

17 n/a

18 None at this time. We use it to launch our boat. Maybe clean up after the ducks once in a while. (dock)

19 Paved and longer dock, marked parking.

20 It seems very unused maybe because of lack of distinguishing it's a public boat launch. Better ways to establish itself as a recreational area.

21 Additional signage and a more welcoming atmosphere so people know it is open to the public, especially for those coming in from out of town and may not know about it.

22 Keep the boat launch in good repair. There have been times when the boards are in disrepair.

Q5: What improvements do you and your family feel are needed at Avery Park?

1 I almost never use every park - occasionally I might walk past or stop for a few minutes - I would picnic there if tables were available!

2 Grass might be cut a little more often.

3 Avery Park is beautiful as is - if anything programming could take place more.

4 Not used by us.

5 Like it the way it is...

6 more seating

7 Nothing

8 I'm not sure which park this is. If a location was listed I could be of better help

9 None. Beautiful park.

10 n/a - don't use it enough to know.

11 I am unaware of where Avery park is. With that said, maybe more signs of where it is and what it is.

12 I couldn't even think where every park is.

Q6: What improvements do you and your family feel are needed at Bay View Park?

- 1 Update the playground, that's about it - I think it's in pretty good shape! Keep the tennis courts up!
- 2 Should not have torn down restrooms. It is like the City torn those down to make it easier to sell. Replace the restrooms. Do not sell it.
- 3 None
- 4 perfect the way it is!
- 5 Pretty good, keep the playground kept up and family friendly.
- 6 The geese are an issue currently.
- 7 a few picnic tables closer to the lake
- 8 pull rocks and clean the beach, put in seating
- 9 I think the playground should be fenced (more thoroughly) and gated so little ones can't run away.
- 10 The tennis courts lights need to be fixed or simply just the light bulbs need to be replaced.
- 11 Just keep trying to update and keep clean the courts
- 12 Get rid of the geese! But seriously I think it's great for exactly what it's there for, more picnic tables would be my only suggestion.
- 13 We would like a DOG PARK added to this location. A fenced area in which dogs can run free and play with other dogs. Other than the fence and a sign saying that dog owners are responsible for their own pets, the only thing needed onsite are poop bags and garbage cans. A source of water is also appreciated for hotter times, but is not necessary.
- 14 The lights are way to bright at night.
- 15 Bathroom open yer around.
- 16 Wooden swings throughout the park - facing the water. It's a wonderful place to relax & enjoy the view but the seating is not the greatest.
- 17 PLEASE address the lighting!!!!!!!!!!!!!! It is outrageously bright. There is no reason for it to be so bright. This is major light pollution. I would hope the city would be more respectful of surrounding homes that have had to purchase blackout shades to counteract the nauseating amounts of light from the park at night. And what about being a Dark Sky community?
- 18 The tennis/basketball lights needs serious updating.
- 19 Goose droppings are off putting and make use of the park difficult during certain seasons. Playtime at the park for children is very special. If they step or fall in goose droppings, the day is ruined for them. Pets ingest the droppings which makes pet owners avoid the park for several months during the late summer and early fall. While wildlife certainly adds to the beauty and allure of the bay and some droppings are to be expected, we should find a way to control the number of geese that gather in the park.
- 20 More events. I don't know exactly what events...sorry. But it is just such a huge, beautiful space calling for more attentions.
- 21 Maybe more picnic tables and a grilling area. People are starting to return to this way of life we notice recently around town.
- 22 After all the years there is no reason it could not be cleaned up and returned to a beach. Only in Alpena would lakefront be covered in rock, instead of cleaned.
- 23 Bay view park is kept clean and beautiful always. No improvements needed.
- 24 More bathrooms.
- 25 Offering more programs to utilize the park more.
- 26 I would love to see all the weeds gone around the large rocks at the water's edge but this is probably a DEQ issue? More benches would be welcome.

Q7: What improvements do you and your family feel are needed to the Bi-Path?

- 1 make sure the curbs are cut everywhere! It is incredibly jarring to hit one and little kids have to stop and get off their bikes! there should be more cross walk opportunities that are less dangerous (traffic!) and better marked - and improvements to the path areas that cross major roads so you can cross easier. parts of the path that have milkweed and other important wildflowers should have special consideration when mowing - these areas do not block any view and they are beautiful to look at and attract butterfly, birds, and other pollinators, mowing should be more selective. Please STOP "Mulch volcanoes" on mature trees along the Bi-Path and in all the parks - it's been proven that using mulch in this manner actually is damaging to trees!
- 2 Wonder why they run the lights at night by the tennis courts, when the Bi-Path is cover with snow? Bi-Path is not capitalized in the alpena news. Why? They write bi-path.
- 3 Signage improvements.
- 4 The signs being installed by Rotary should help with location and distance. Seems like a great opportunity for interpretive signage, too.
- 5 People need to clean up after their dogs!
- 6 n/a
- 7 The bike path is in pretty good condition, as always it would be nice to see it expanded.
- 8 distance markers, wider
- 9 The path behind the post office ends at the boat launch drop off without warning. The railing should extend around the side of the launch. Also connect to trail north of town.
- 10 I have always thought it should be striped like bike paths are in Europe and one side indicated for walkers and one for bikers and rollerbladers. When I am on my bike, walkers walk hand in hand and don't like to move. It you ring your bell - or don't - they say "Oh, you scared me". And when I am walking, I want respect from bikers - like "Coming up behind you on your left" but that doesn't happen. Pavement indicators would help a lot.
- 11 Get it out to ossineke like Roger city has
- 12 I avoid using the bi-path for my walks with my kids because the most beautiful parts near my home would force me to walk with them on Bagley street for a short period of time and that's just too dangerous
- 13 More of it.
- 14 Enforcing the dog poop pick up.
- 15 We need a wider path than just the sidewalk for riding down State Street.
- 16 Fix cracked areas of pavement.
- 17 The map is confusing but the path itself is nice.
- 18 Bagley st needs to have a safer option for families.
- 19 I believe we need to ensure enough space on the bridges for the safety of bike riders and walkers.
- 20 Love it now!
- 21 Plow it in the winter in a timely fashion, all of it. Use a plow with a blade. The city snowblowers do a lousy job. Put some signs up instructing people to keep to the right. When riding a bike you are constantly trying to navigate around walkers. Find another route for snowmobiles. Too many geese in the area, need more population control. Leave the portable toilets all year.
- 22 More signs and a way to enclose the path out to bagley.
- 23 MORE PATHS and possible links to more bike lanes.

- 24 Could the signage be better?
- 25 Updated signage and mile markers. Some type of app offering to track your distance while on the path.
- 26 Keep it maintained as it is used constantly. since it is used so much maybe add more ? Also, if possible make it wider for ease of both walkers and bikers.

Q8: What improvements do you and your family feel are needed at Blair Street Park?

- 1 Add ladders to the pier - people jump and swim despite the signage - so make it safer by adding ladders at the end! Also, at all beach areas - more NO SMOKING signs and butt disposal in the parking lot - I think the beaches should also be NO DOGS as well - there should be a designated dog park and a dog beach area - maybe near the volley ball courts?
- 2 Buy the house in front of it.
- 3 General improvements - attention to plantings, updated ramp to pier, interpretive signage. Perhaps partner with NOAA and have shipwreck/historical markers all along our Lake Huron coastal way.
- 4 People need to clean up after their dogs. The pier is becoming worn and the wood is starting to weaken in several places. It would be great to see the rotting wood replaced before it becomes worse. This is our favorite and most beloved park, and we walk to it several times a week to enjoy it.
- 5 Clean the beach and tend the smell
- 6 longer pier
- 7 Eliminate the source of the sludge that washes up on shore.
- 8 Benches on the boardwalk. Perhaps lights down it.
- 9 It is a lovely park.
- 10 Updated boardwalk
- 11 Redecking
- 12 Updating to the pier.
- 13 How about a pavilion?

Q9: What improvements do you and your family feel are needed at Island Park/Duck Park?

- 1 make a real sledding hill in winter, real bathrooms and water fountain! A warming hut in the winter! stairs/ramp from the parking lot down to the boat launch, maybe a path along the edge from the far area of the parking lot, and more picnic tables! More dog poop bag stations and cans - people don't pick up!
 - 2 The bridge looks great. Looking forward to the River Center.
 - 3 None
 - 4 Love it and the natural beauty, please don't do anything to develop this natural area, no playgrounds or bikes/skateboards allowed is the way it should stay. People should keep their dogs on a leash and clean up after them.
 - 5 New parking barrier posts, removal of weeds, buckthorn, new grills.
Although it is too late, please allow trees to grow naturally with pruning for their health and appearance but NO trimming of lower branches.
Replace buckthorn that was removed with native trees, mix.
 - 6 none-great new entry and bridge
 - 7 paved all around island, exit out of park onto 23 like it used to be.
 - 8 Nice to see the bridge is open again, it was unfortunate to loose access to the island for most of the summer. Small sacrifice for a beautiful addition.
 - 9 The new bridge is lovely. All we need there now if the new River Center.
 - 10 A pavilion on the island for special events.
 - 11 Love what is happening there. Can't wait for the interpretative center.
 - 12 Loving the new bridge, can't wait till its finished
 - 13 It is being done.
 - 14 The new water tower & covered bridge are so beautiful & I believe they will bring many new visitors to Island Park. The island is well maintained. I don't think any improvements are needed. It is probably the most complete recreation area in Alpena.
 - 15 River Center completion.
 - 16 Bathrooms as that park is becoming a south end hub for people.
 - 17 The improvements that are being made now such as the new bridge and chipping on the paths will ensure that the park is a jewel of Alpena.
 - 18 Put a paved Bi-Path around the Island. Do some weed control in the river.
 - 19 The new bridge and water tower are amazing. Although the landscape of the island itself could use more maintenance.
 - 20 Need to clean up some of the weeds by the launch so that both sides can be used. It's getting bad.
 - 21 The new bridge and those improvements are incredible. Now maybe just more benches on the island itself for people to use for site-seeing. Also, the fishing decks are very welcome and I see people using them - maybe add a few more? I have heard the handicap kayak/canoe site is a welcome addition.
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Q10: What improvements do you and your family feel are needed at LaMarre Park?

- 1 small launch for paddle / non motorized small boats, more picnic tables, bike rack
- 2 n/a
- 3 n/a
- 4 None
- 5 I honestly don't know where LaMarre park is. It would be nice if you designated one of these parks perhaps as a doggie park. :)
- 6 n/a- don't know
- 7 Fence signifying the park itself near homes by it.

Q11: What improvements do you and your family feel are needed at the City Marina?

- 1 more bike racks, picnic area
- 2 Buy the parking lot on the block with the restrooms and update or replace the restrooms. Build a walking bridge over the end of the rock walk to connect back to shore.
- 3 It works great for launching boats. Other than that no reason to go there. If this includes the breakwall, add some fishing platforms.
- 4 Needs to be cleaned up. New paint job. Can tend to look neglected.
- 5 none
- 6 open rest areas, not just for boaters
- 7 better maintenance of the docks
- 8 A completely new marina building w/public restrooms and a decent store and welcome center. Improved overall cleanliness of the grounds including, trash, vegetation and goose crap.
- 9 New ownership.
- 10 It would be fun to have a street food vendor there.
- 11 Paint buildings. Make it more welcoming looking. Improve entrance to downtown so it looks inviting.
- 12 n/a don't know
- 13 Need a person (perhaps retired for a minimum wage) to keep the boat launch docks clean of goose poop during the months the docks are in the water. It is an embarrassing issue that needs to be addressed. Also an ice cream or sandwich shop in the marina area (like the deli that way there years ago) would be a successful venture for the city for sure.
- 14 Public bathrooms
- 15 Bring some attention to it from outside of town so it gets used. Before someone runs 9 miles in the bay to get to it, they will finish the run to Presque Isle or Harrisville. There needs to be something that makes the run into the bay
- 16 The marina itself is not terrible but the board walk rails are really need to be repainted and the lights would be nice to update.
- 17 New marina building, new fish cleaning station
- 18 Docks could use some maintenance.
- 19 Keep the trash out of the water. Keep the break wall railings painted. Keep the store/boat building area (outside) cleaned up. I have seen broken windows, trash by the boat repair building, weeds around the building. The whole area looks unkept.

Q12: What improvements do you and your family feel are needed at McRae Park?

- 1 update playground
- 2 Update kitchen and bathrooms.
- 3 n/a
- 4 Better playground equipment
- 5 Sadly I think there needs to be security cameras there to help curb the drug use and other illegal activity that I know occurs there.
- 6 Better play ground
- 7 Renovations to building and outside play area.
- 8 None
- 9 Don't know
- 10 Needs updating
- 11 Updated building for gatherings.
- 12 Some of the play equipment there scares me and i won't let my child us them.

Q13: What improvements do you and your family feel are needed at Mich-e-ke-wis Park?

- 1 winter ice rink and warming hut!
- 2 Do not sell it. Do not convert to a trailer park.
- 3 n/a
- 4 Love it the way it is, a path that follows the shoreline south/west and back along the far side of the park to join the sidewalk at the bi-path would almost double the distance we could walk for recreation.
Please do not make it an RV park or Campground!
- 5 None keep beach clean and playground upkept.
- 6 The phragmites are a problem.
cleaner beach
- 7 cleaner beach
- 8 this should be developed into a campground. truly this area is underused and under utilized. we have issues with Goose pooo all over our parks.
Petoskey seems to have clean parks by using shadow dogs.
- 9 A full hookup RV Campground at the far end.
- 10 Clean up the grounds,better playground stop the asshole kids from trashing it.
Road way graveled.
- 11 Road way graveled.
- 12 It would be wonderful if there were some way to reclaim the sandy beach that was there, now that the water levels are up. I swam there as a child and it was a beautiful beach.
More trees and flowers.
- 13 More trees and flowers.
- 14 Improve parking lot surface. Get rid of loitering your that constantly litter and use foul language and drive recklessly through the lot. Complete the Mich-e-ke-wis park plan from before (except for the RV park ... that would ruin it). Improve access to the beach and shoreline. Best shoreline in the City

... but you can't get to it without wading through weeds.

15 Seriously. All those kids in their trucks suck. It's an eye sore. Half of them are rude or making derogatory comments when you ride or walk by. And then the ones at the ramps in the back crowd the area so you can't drive through hardly. It feels unsafe back there. I feel bad for the Performance Locker. It would be cool to bring the ice rink back. Maybe use a smaller park or even McRae! It doesn't have to be such a large rink!

16 don't know

17 Paving.

18 It is under utilized for sure. The city should reconsider putting a park there for travel trailers similar to the one in Tawas to get more people here to enjoy this gorgeous area. Tawas is thriving for years because of the decision they made to do this in their downtown area.

19 Clean shoreline

20 Complete rework, used to be a nice place, now it is pretty well un usable

21 Paved drive, rather than gravel. There are always teens littering and tearing that place up and making it very unappealing. Winter activities outside again.

22 Making the ice rink in the winter used to be a fun and exciting event for families and friends. I know that not having the skating rink there anymore makes it difficult and costly to maintain, but if there was a way to bring it back, that would be wonderful. Maybe have there be broomball or something during the days. ACC i'm sure could find enough students to invest in that. That way it's being used during the day. And lots of people would watch a tournament. This community is known as a ice sport town, let's bring that back!

23 Flood the old rink in the winter. Give the kids a place to go to that is free and fun.

24 Bring back the outdoor skating rink.

25 A pavilion down by the water. Many many people use the area for volleyball and it would be nice to have places to sit and watch. Make the berms look more appealing.also.

Q14: What improvements do you and your family feel are needed at North Riverfront Park?

1 nothing - lovely!

2 all good

3 n/a

4 If this is the park by NOAA, the flowers need to be maintained better. They were beautiful when they started out, but have been neglected.

5 None

6 n/a

7 The goose droppings are totally out of control, especially on the north side of the river. At times it is impossible to walk or bike and not be in it.

8 Not sure where this is

Q15: What improvements do you and your family feel are needed at Riverside Park?

- 1 nothing - lovely!
- 2 all good
- 3 n/a
- 4 Put new Alpena logo on the water tower.
- 5 n/a
- 6 Not sure where this is

Q16: What improvements do you and your family feel are needed at South Riverfront Park?

- 1 picnic tables, more bike racks
- 2 all good
- 3 n/a
- 4 None
- 5 n/a
- 6 Not sure where this is

Q17: What improvements do you and your family feel are needed at Starlite Beach?

- 1 more clearly defined parking, allowing food trucks to vend, a spray park feature would be awesome here or at another park that has playground equipment for little ones!
- 2 Do not sell it.
- 3 I enjoy the playground and access to a pavilion and restrooms. It would be nice to add additional sand, but it may not be practical economically.
- 4 Whatever can be done about the debris that often is at the shoreline and floating in the water.
- 5 Perfect the way it is!
- 6 keep beach clean and playground kept up
- 7 A handicap/wheelchair approach from the boardwalk to the water edge.
- 8 I hear a lot of complaints about gunk in the water.
- 9 Cleaning up the water from that black junk. If it were cleaner I would go more.
- 10 Clean the beach in the peek use times more.
- 11 Black goo cleaned out of the water. Lifeguards on duty.
- 12 I know you are already doing a lot to keep the sand & water entrance area clean - any improvements you can make to this process would be great & make the water much more inviting. The locals are used to this but I would think visitors are very put off by the water when it is so dirty.
- 13 More trees and flowers
- 14 Get rid of the sludge that washes up on the beach. Sooner or later the public will get sick of it and push forward to find out where it is really coming from. Better to address is now than have a serious negative publicity problem later.
- 15 Is there anyway you can dredge the area and get rid of the rocks ??
- 16 n/a
- 17 I think it would be nice to have a foot rinse off shower. Like they have in the beaches in Florida.
- 18 Nice clean white sand versus the stinky muck that people lay and sit on to enjoy the beach. This was a beautiful beach years ago. Clean up the black junk from the water on a weekly basis to encourage swimmers and tourists to use it.
- 19 Clean shoreline and water.
- 20 More Parking, get a contractor to rip out the exposed bedrock. This is a mining town, it would be small work. When Alpena beaches are talked about in the surrounding area that is always the joke.
- 21 My entire family never wants to swim there because the beach is always so dirty.
- 22 In general, the beaches of Alpena have very dirty water. Also, the sand is always worked whenever we go, but I'm sure there's not a lot that can be done about that.
- 23 it would be nice to add more sand if possible
- 24 More trees in the open area around the pavilion. Maybe another pavilion and another bathroom down on the other side of the playground? Clean / groomed beaches.

Q18: What improvements do you and your family feel are needed at Sytek Park?

- 1 bathrooms and water fountain, more picnic tables! Pedestrian and bike area better defined from the parking, better landscaping - make it more friendly!
- 2 Perfect the way it is!
- 3 New canoe launch area
- 4 none
- 5 a kayak/canoe launch similar to that at Duck Park.
- 6 Paint the structure maybe.
- 7 None. Great park. A bathroom stop might be nice.
- 8 Kayak launch there too.
- 9 n/a
- 10 New bridges throughout path. Updated covered area
- 11 This area could be tidied up to look nicer as people pass the bridge. It could be turned into a great scenic location with some love to clean it up. Sometimes it looks like the weeds are overpowering it and making it look lackluster.

Q19: What improvements do you and your family feel are needed at Thomson Park?

- 1 less smoking? more no smoking signs? a hard scape path from the bike rack to the sand area - more bike racks
- 2 keep beach clean
- 3 safer parking
- 4 Same as Starlite.
- 5 None
- 6 That park is used so much due to the lack of rocks in the water. More people would use Starlight and lessen the traffic there if you could fix that.
- 7 ok
- 8 This beach is worse than Starlite. It is always very very dirty.

Q20: What improvements do you and your family feel are needed at Veteran's Park?

- 1 nothing - great little pocket park!
- 2 n/a
- 3 None
- 4 n/a
- 5 None
- 6 Not sure where this is.

Q21: What improvements do you and your family feel are needed at Washington Avenue Park?

- 1 stop with the mulch volcanos around the trees! water fountain
- 2 Perfect the way it is!
- 3 Increase shoreline vegetation from water to with in 8 feet of BiPath. Use native wildflowers and short shrubs mainly
- 4 none
- 5 Lights
- 6 in Petoskey they are successful in keeping the geese off the grounds by using shadow dogs. We had no issues with dirty lawns when we visited
- 7 a couple more benches
- 8 Same as at Bay View - such a beautiful view there so I feel we need more seating to enjoy that.
- 9 Port-a-john in summer months. Not so much goose dung. A dock to fish off of.
- 10 Fishing dock
- 11 Maybe make a fishing dock or rail down by the water ?
- 12 n/a
- 13 Too many geese.
- 14 None

Q22: What new or expanded recreational facilities do you and your family feel are needed in the City of Alpena?

- 1 outdoor ice rink, warming hut, and a dog park, allowing food trucks/vending in more areas! Launch/docks in the river between 2nd & 9th St...something permanent that the sailing class can use, but then other people can also launch small non motorized craft here. MORE pocket parks downtown and in neighborhoods, community garden options, more murals in pocket parks - and connecting parks/pedestrian areas downtown so you could walk from say Chisholm St. park all the way to the Marina?
- 2 More things for families
- 3 A dog park would be nice. I have heard suggestions for a sledding hill, although I am not sure if that would be a quality use of resources (space and \$).
- 4 Dog waste bag dispensers in more parks. Can the Bi-Path be extended? Can the Bi-Path be plowed in the winter to allow for walking/running? A trail head small pavilion and facilities at start of NEST. Build up or landscape the riverfront along Fletcher for easier access.
- 5 Preserve walking trails and perhaps expand them where there are opportunities to do so. Bikers and skateboarders on the bipath are not very good about sharing, mostly we have to leave the path to make way for them, startling, intimidating, and difficult to know how to move away to make room when they approach from behind and suddenly yell.
- 6 Can't think of any now. Please keep the swimming Pool open. I know, not a City pool, but try to work with the county to keep it going.
- 7 Would viewing an Arboretum be recreation? If so, build/grow one of those. The lumber industry owes us that.
- 8 I believe the parks are fine; perhaps more lighting at the boat launch.
- 9 I think parks are well kept and we have lots of options. Maybe updating some older playgrounds. Redoing bathrooms to make more family friendly. But those are big wishes.
- 10 Expand the bike path and perhaps the snowmobile trail.

- 11 a campground, but not as big and overtaking as Tawas City. More portal potties during the bigger events. visitors have problems finding facilities
- 12 We need to build the River Center--both for educational and recreational purposes.
- 13 Definitely an RV Campground, we're missing out on a revenue generator that could subsidize other projects.
- 14 This is as good a place as any to say what I DON'T want... please don't mess with the beautiful natural area at the south end of Mich-e-ke-wis. And I know people want a dog park. PLEASE don't consider it for here - or anywhere on the water. A dog park can go anywhere.
- 15 Outdoor ice skating like the old days
- 16 Rental of cross country skis? An outdoor skate rink (the type used in other cities down state where the ice is frozen with refrigeration coils) and a warming shed and skate rental near by. The indoor ones are nice at the arena, but they are expensive for families. Depending on snow for a base is not working for a flooded rink.
- 17 Bay view needs a beach.
- 18 We need more wildlife viewing areas with out motor vehicles, bikes, etc. Just by foot with a parking lot.
- 19 Maybe some type of water park (doesn't need to be huge) for the summer and a sledding hill for winter.
- 20 A greater effort to become a bike friendly community. A dog park. Improved access to water for small watercraft (more kayak launches). Continued preservation of our current assets. We have a beautiful community and the number of parks is great. They are well maintained and hopefully, always will be.
- 21 I've touched on lots. Bring me in!
- 22 I am satisfied with the park system as is.
- 23 Events every weekend to draw tourist. Alpena is all or nothing. One weekend there are lots of things to do and the next, nothing. Why? And our beaches are horrible. We need to capitalize on them.
- 24 Dog Park
- 25 The city can't take care of what we have now.
- 26 More people friendly fishing piers or areas on the river. We see many kids/people fishing off the banks but it would be more usable to have more accessibility.
- 27 RV Campground, and not another Long Lake, an actual RV Park with full hookups that someone with a \$300,000 motor home would stay at.
- 28 Something more for children/teenagers to do. These kids need something to do so they are not getting in trouble. You get after them for sitting in their vehicles at bay view or starlight beach. Give them somewhere to go or places to hang out.
- 29 Dog park
- 30 Drive-in movie theater, splash pad, indoor concert/event venue, dog park, decent shopping mall, indoor building downtown to eat and hang out since it's too cold to be outside but people still want to visit downtown
- 31 Water park,
- 32 toboggan or sledding as in the past.
- 33 Winter skating at Mich-e-kewis. Come on. We can do it!
- 34 I would love to see new outdoor facilities that could be used by all ages such as a high ropes course, zip line, and rock wall.
- 35 Please don't expand! City has a hard time maintaining what they have, and most are under utilize.
- 36 Water park activities for the kids. They have sprinkler type equipment that kids run through. There are no steps to worry about and it can be set on a flat surface (like in Starlight beach or Bay View).
More bike rentals and kayak/canoe rentals all around the city (rivers and the big lake)

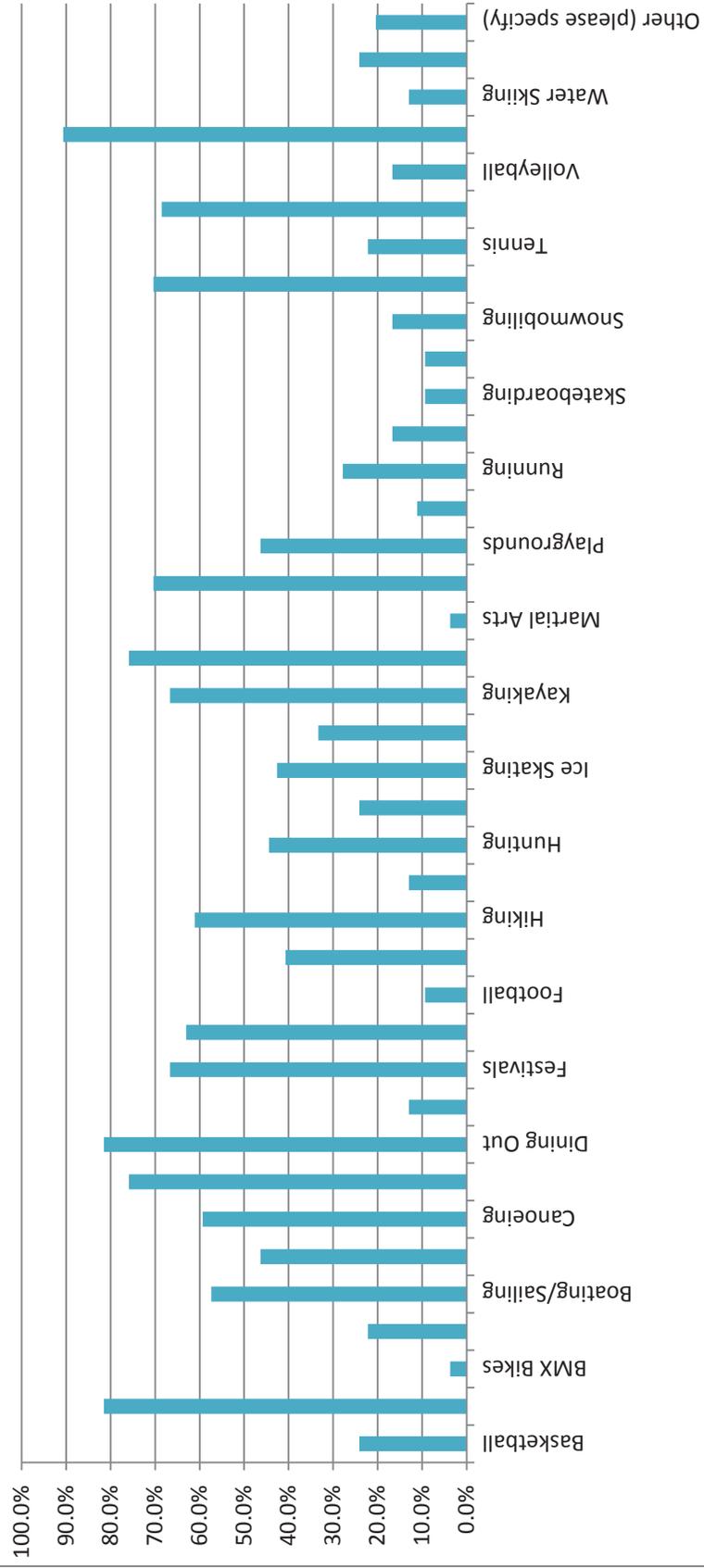
Q23: What recreational activities do you and your family enjoy (check all that apply)?

Walking	90.7%	49	Running	27.8%	15
Biking	81.5%	44	Basketball	24.1%	13
Dining Out	81.5%	44	Hockey	24.1%	13
Concerts	75.9%	41	Winter Skiing	24.1%	13
Marine Sanctuary	75.9%	41	Baseball/Softball	22.2%	12
Museums	70.4%	38	Tennis	22.2%	12
Swimming	70.4%	38	Other (please specify)	20.4%	11
Theaters (live & cinema)	68.5%	37	Scuba Diving	16.7%	9
Festivals	66.7%	36	Snowmobiling	16.7%	9
Kayaking	66.7%	36	Volleyball	16.7%	9
Fishing	63.0%	34	Disc Golf	13.0%	7
Hiking	61.1%	33	Horseshoes	13.0%	7
Canoeing	59.3%	32	Water Skiing	13.0%	7
Boating/Sailing	57.4%	31	Rollerblading	11.1%	6
Camping	46.3%	25	Football	9.3%	5
Playgrounds	46.3%	25	Skateboarding	9.3%	5
Hunting	44.4%	24	Soccer	9.3%	5
Ice Skating	42.6%	23	BMX Bikes	3.7%	2
Golfing	40.7%	22	Martial Arts	3.7%	2
Jogging	33.3%	18			

Other:

1	snow shoeing, snorkeling, kayak, paddle board, picnics
2	rock hounding, miniature golf, horseback riding, picnic, marksmanship shooting ,
3	Snowshoeing
4	gardening, preserving our natural heritage for the future, volunteering,
5	Stand-up Paddle Boarding
6	Picnics, parties
7	Bird watching, Monarch Butterfly surveys, and wild life viewing.
8	exercise classes & swimming at the Alpena Plaza Pool
9	Stand up Paddleboard, mountain biking, horseback riding
10	shooting sports
11	Would love to see more dining on the water places.

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

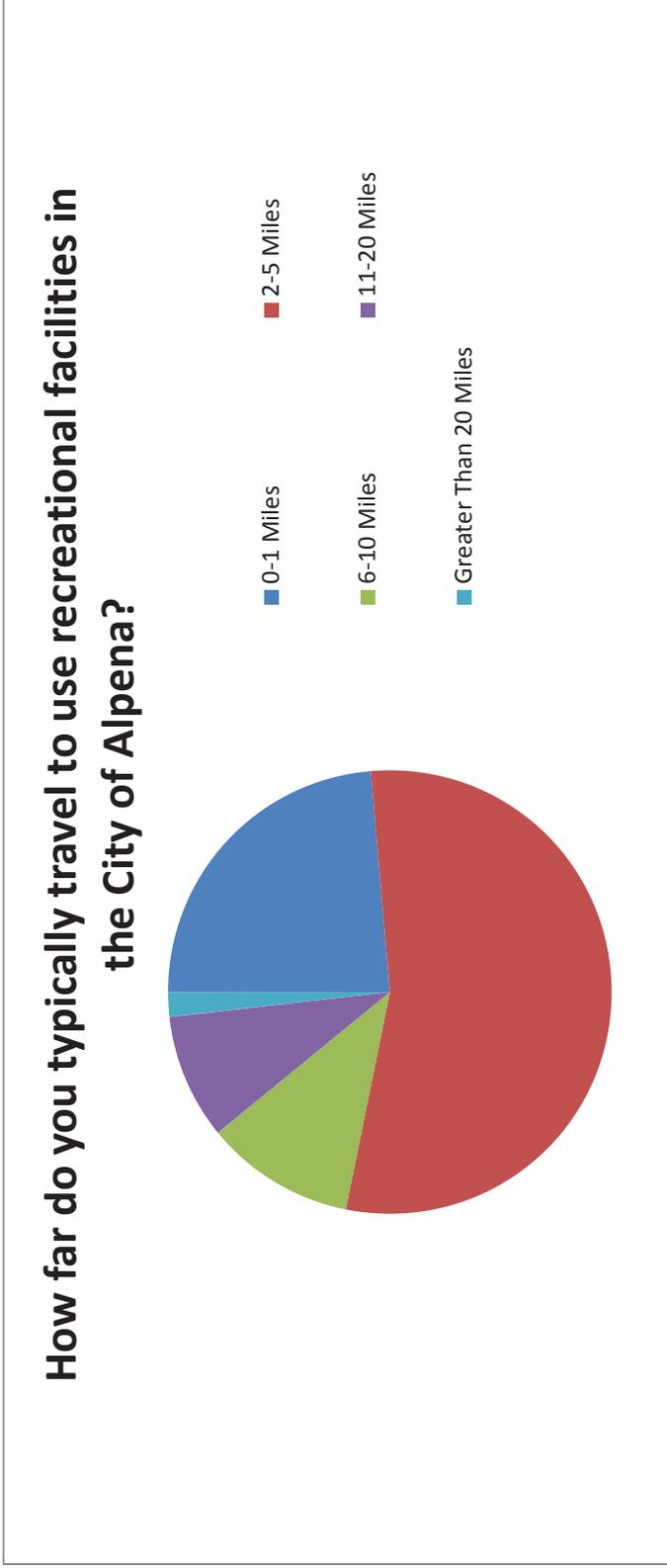


Q24: What other public or private recreational facilities do you use in the City of Alpena (example: school playground, township/county park, church recreational facility)?

1	Ice arena, county pool, school playgrounds in my neighborhood, gyms, laser tag, skiing on Norway Ridge
2	Sunrise Elementary playground. County fairgrounds playground equipment.
3	NEST
4	all of the woodland park trails, beaches, shorelines, also we drive and explore back roads, geological features of landscape such as sinkholes and karst, etc. Swim at the pool, walk at Aplex and the mall.
5	County park
6	School playgrounds
7	Plaza pool, Aplex
8	Aplex fitness gym; (tennis is too costly). school tennis courts;
9	School playgrounds, church playgrounds, all parks, cemeteries,
10	county parks, trails, cemetery for walking,
11	although not in the city the many nature trails around alpena are beautiful.
12	school playgrounds (summer)
13	I use the playgrounds at the fairgrounds a lot because it is away from the big lake so it is less windy and warmer. I use the playgrounds at Ella White, Lincoln, Pied Piper. Love Lee's mini golf.
14	Ella white playground. Walks downtown and Cullegon Plaza
15	Arena walking track, yoga at church, exercise at ACC, fishing on inland lakes, cross country ski at Norway Ridge and Alpena Golf course, NOAA center, Plaza at water fountain music and activities, Art galleries, nature areas.
16	Performance Locker
17	School gyms
18	Not many. We seem to travel to many events. Especially concerts.
19	Northern Lights Arena walking track daily in the cold months.
20	senior center three days a week for exercise, socialization with cards and games.
	Meals at senior center at supper and occasional lunch.
21	Ella white elementary
22	School playgrounds
23	LaFarge Park
24	Northern Lights Arena

Q25: How far do you typically travel to use recreational facilities in the City of Alpena?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
0-1 Miles	23.6%	13
2-5 Miles	54.5%	30
6-10 Miles	10.9%	6
11-20 Miles	9.1%	5
Greater Than 20 Miles	1.8%	1
<i>answered question</i>		
<i>skipped question</i>		
		55
		50



Q26: What recreational activities do you leave the Alpena area for?

- 1 skiing, skating, swimming, boating, soccer, hiking
- 2 Hunting, hiking.
- 3 skiing (downhill), snowshoeing, camping, additional hiking
- 4 forest trails for hiking, shorelines for hiking, camping, shooting, rock and fossil hunting. Love what Alpena has to offer of nature within the city limits, linear path river and Lake parks and island park are outstanding assets to this community.
- 5 hiking, camping, Long Lake and Grand Lake I consider in the Alpena area.
- 6 Beer festivals
- 7 Nature walks
- 8 hiking; kayaking
- 9 hiking, swimming, shopping,
- 10 running, biking.
- 11 Long distance biking on paved trails
- 12 water parks, aquariums,
- 13 None
- 14 Dining, shopping, the arts, beer related events, camping, golfing
- 15 Inland lakes, canoeing, camping.
- 16 Amusement parks, water parks, mini-golf.
- 17 Medical care, skiing, airport
- 18 Hiking, visiting relatives, Plays, sight seeing, eating out, hunting, Theater productions, museums.
- 19 Shopping, camping, entertainment get away from the cold.
- 20 Bird Watching, Monarch Butterfly surveys in September/October.
- 21 snowmobiling
- 22 hiking
- 23 Shopping, half marathon,
- 24 Downhill skiing
- 25 Running. Biking. Kayaking. Skiing. Ice skating.
- 26 water parks
- 27 Bike trails, concerts, dining, golf, camping. All that Alpena has to offer but is lacking in attracting us.
- 28 Casino
- 29 hiking, biking, camping, canoeing, kayaking.
- 30 Car shows, roller derby, fishing, biking, shopping, auto racing.
- 31 Snowboarding.
- 32 Camping, fishing, music festivals
- 33 Camping, Hiking, Dining, Site Seeing, Walking
- 34 Baseball games in Midland from the Loones at least once a month in the summer.

- 35 Swimming, boating, fishing, restaurants, water parks
- 36 Nature trails to hike and bike on mostly. Clean beaches that I am not afraid to swim in.
- 37 Fishing
- 38 Shopping, dining, concerts, mall browsing, Knaebe's type tourist farms, seasonal festivals
- 39 Camping
- 40 Swimming Fishing
- 41 snowboarding, shopping
- 42 Shooting sports, golf
- 43 Hunting - Need to go outside the City of course :)

Q27: Do you have family or friends who travel to the area who use recreational facilities? If so, which facilities?

- 1 Yes. Walking the breakwall, swimming, fishing.
- 2 no
- 3 family to camp, hike, fish, swim in Alpena, Ossineke and Presque Isle areas. Every visitor we have will see the local light houses and visit all of our museums with us!
- 4 APLEX, Swimming, Fishing
- 5 Too many to list
- 6 no
- 7 Yes the beaches in the summer
- 8 beach, parks, NOAA, fireworks,
- 9 Yes, beaches, bi-path, wildlife sanctuary, museum, marine sanctuary, kayaking, walking, dining,
- 10 Maritime museum, fishing
- 11 Bi-path, canoeing
- 12 Yes. The Marine Sanctuary (which I don't think is a rec facility but you listed it as such); playgrounds, the skateboard park, Northern Lights, the bike path, Bay View for concerts and festivals.
- 13 picnic areas
- 14 Yes, Museum, marine sanctuary, playgrounds, festivals, fishing, hunting, camping, cabin rental, canoeing, kayaking, theater productions, concerts, beaches.
- 15 Beach bi path harbor
- 16 N/A
- 17 yes, Duck Park, Sytek park, Washington park, Thompson Park, BayView, City Boat Harbor, Starlite, Mich-e-ki-wis, Bi Path,
- 18 Concerts, hockey, biking.....same as last question.
- 19 Beaches (thompson, starlite). canoe, kayak (sytec), concerts (bayview).
- 20 My family lives on Hillman. They come to Alpena to enjoy events like Art in the Bay. My Grandma is involved with Art groups. My dad used to play in hockey leagues at Northern Lights. And my mom likes to come walk my dog with me at various places in the city.

- 21 Duck Park for kayaking. Bike path.
- 22 None
- 23 Marine sanctuary, museum, beach to watch fireworks in July
- 24 No
- 25 Family love the water - so all water activities (nice beach, kayaks, canoes). They love the bike-path and the Island.

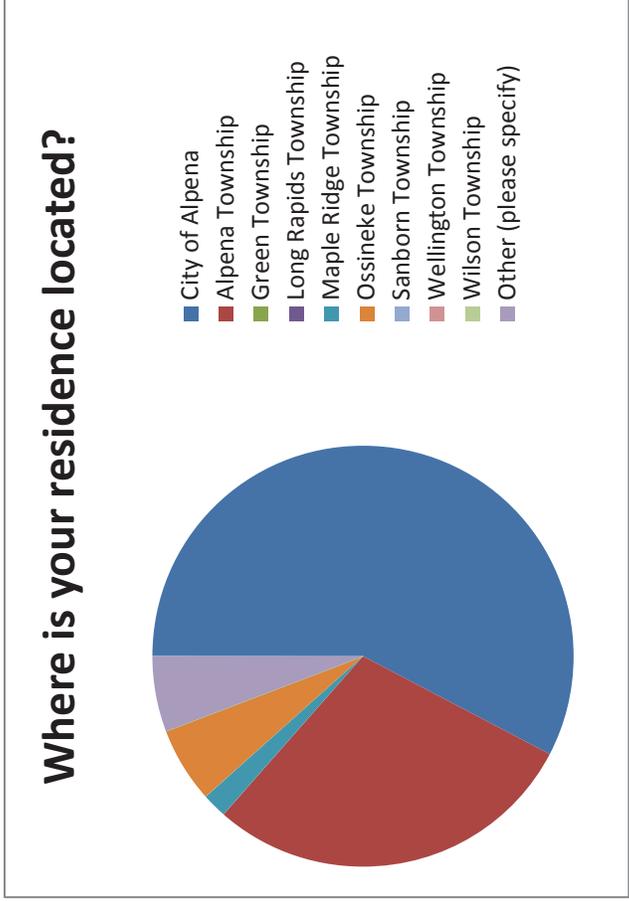
Q28: What are the ages of you and your family members?

Age	0-5 Years	6-12 Years	13-20 Years	21-40 Years	41-60 Years	61+ Years	Response Count
Your Age	0	0	1	17	19	16	53
Age of Family Member #1	0	0	1	16	19	13	49
Age of Family Member #2	8	6	6	6	3	3	32
Age of Family Member #3	7	4	3	6	1	1	22
Age of Family Member #4	1	0	3	4	0	0	8
Age of Family Member #5	0	0	0	4	0	0	4
Age of Family Member #6	1	0	0	1	0	0	2

Question Totals	
<i>answered question</i>	53
<i>skipped question</i>	52

Q29: Where is your residence located?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
City of Alpena	57.7%	30
Alpena Township	28.8%	15
Green Township	0.0%	0
Long Rapids Township	0.0%	0
Maple Ridge Township	1.9%	1
Ossineke Township	5.8%	3
Sanborn Township	0.0%	0
Wellington Township	0.0%	0
Wilson Township	0.0%	0
Other (please specify)	5.8%	3
	<i>answered question</i>	52
	<i>skipped question</i>	53
Other		
1 Krakow Township		
2 Long Lake, Presque Isle County		
3 Presque Isle		



APPENDIX D

RECREATION PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST



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

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

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

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

PLAN INFORMATION

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

PLAN CONTENT

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

1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

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

Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only

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

3. RECREATION INVENTORY

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

4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)

5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

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

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

Date of the Notice January 22, 2016

Type of Notice Website and news media

Plan Location City Hall, Public Library, and website

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

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

Date of Notice February 15, 2016

Name of Newspaper Alpena News

Date of Meeting February 25, 2016

Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

8. ACTION PROGRAM

9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-INSPECTION REPORT

PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION

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

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

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

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

- 1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: 2-25-2016
- 2. Official resolution of the Planning Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: 2-9-2015
- 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: 2-25-2016
- 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: 2-25-2016

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

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

 2-25-2016
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government Date

DNR USE ONLY - APPROVAL

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

By: _____ Date _____
Grants Management Date _____

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

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

