

HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN

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Chapter 1

Community Description

EXTENT OF PLAN FOCUS

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

REGIONAL SETTING

Harrisville Township is located in the Northeastern Lower Peninsula of Michigan in eastern Alcona County on the shores of Lake Huron. The Township contains approximately 30 square miles of land area encompassing Town 26 North, Range 9 East, and a very small portion of Town 26 North, Range 10 East. Harrisville Township is bordered by Haynes Township to the north, Gustin Township to the west, and Greenbush Township to the south. The eastern boundary is Lake Huron, which gives Harrisville Township approximately 6 miles of Great Lakes shoreline. The City of Harrisville, on the eastern edge of the Township, is a separate governmental unit and serves as the Alcona County seat.

TRANSPORTATION

Roads providing north-south travel within the Township are US-23, which follows the Lake Huron shore; Poor Farm Road running through the center portion of the Township; and Barlow Road which forms the western boundary of the Township. The majority of east-west traffic is handled by State Highway M-72, running west from the City of Harrisville through the northern half of the Township. The only other east-west road completely traversing the Township is Walker Road.

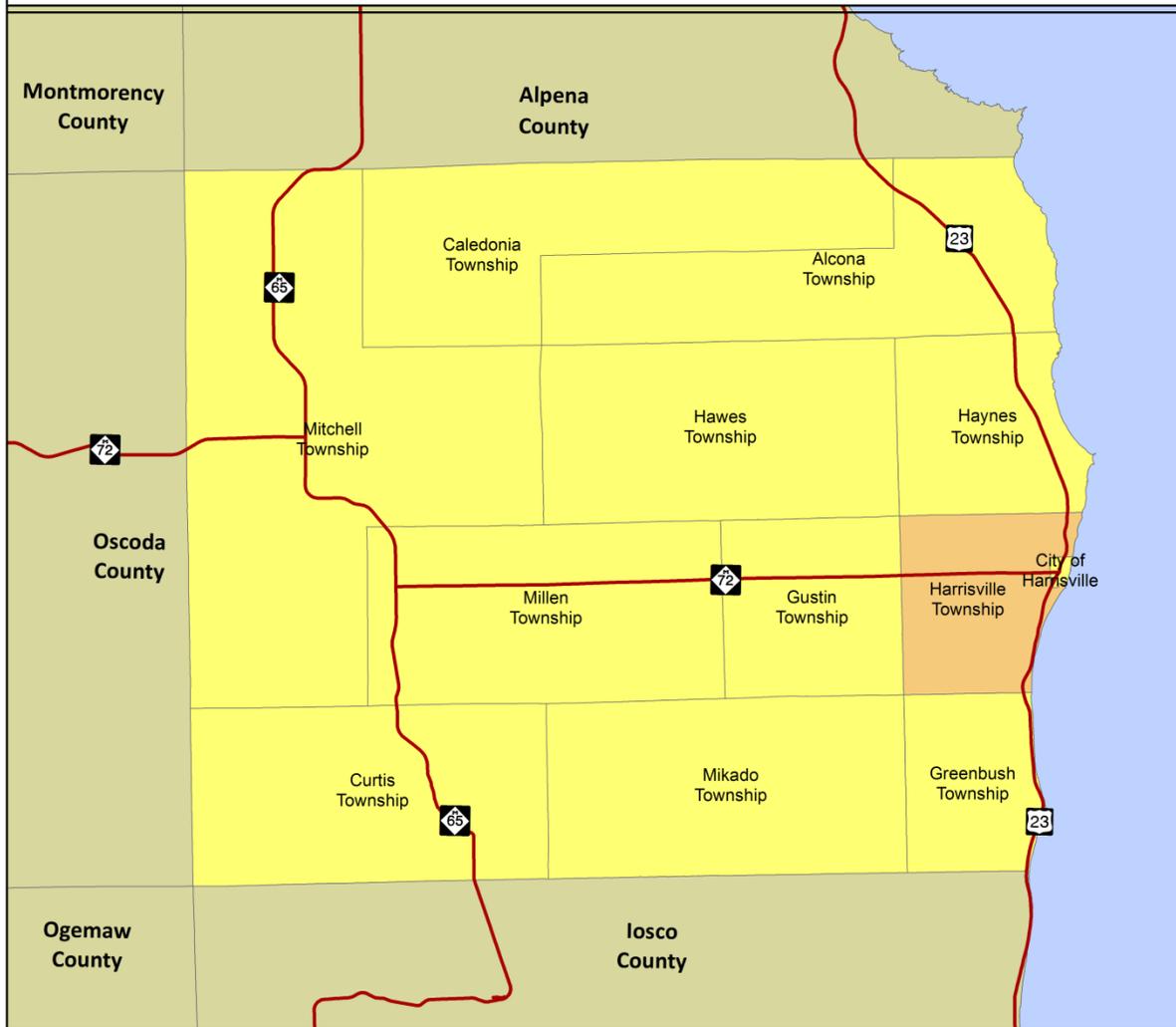
Public Transportation is offered by Thunder Bay Transportation Authority, a three-county transit system. The Lake State Rail offers freight rail service and runs along the eastern edge of the Township between US 23 and the Lake Huron shore. There is a public airport with a grass runway, just northwest of the City of Harrisville, which can handle small aircraft.

Harrisville Township Recreation Plan

Regional Location Map



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



POPULATION

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the population of Harrisville Township in 2010 was 1,348 persons. In reviewing the 2010 Census data, the figures presented for housing characteristics show 874 total units with 205 units as seasonal, recreational, or occasional use homes. Based on the average household size in Harrisville Township of 2.17, the expected seasonal increase would be approximately 445 persons. In addition, many seasonal or recreational visitors stay at private lodging places, campgrounds, or at the homes of family or friends.

CLIMATE

Harrisville Township's long cold winters and short cool summers provide ample opportunities for year-round outdoor activities. The proximity of Lake Huron serves to moderate temperature extremes in comparison to areas located farther inland. Snowmobiling, skiing and ice fishing are just some of the areas popular winter sports, and summertime activities such as swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, and camping can be enjoyed when the weather turns warm. Springtime brings out the mushroom hunters and bird watchers, while many await the autumn months for hunting and fall color tours. Typically, the lowest mean temperature of the year occurs in January, and the highest in July. Average annual precipitation is approximately 30 inches, and average snowfall is approximately 59 inches annually.

TOPOGRAPHY

The topography of Harrisville Township is gently rolling and hilly. The approximate mean Lake Huron elevation is 577 feet above sea level. From Lake Huron, the elevation generally rises as you travel westward. At the US-23 right-of-way, the elevation is approximately 630 feet and gently climbs to around 800 feet at the western Township boundary. The highest elevations in the Township are in the far northwestern corner at just over 820 feet.

WATER RESOURCES

The most valuable water resource for Harrisville Township is Lake Huron. The shoreline is primarily developed for residential and recreational uses. Lake Huron sport fishing is a popular summer activity, along with include boating, diving and snorkeling, and swimming. The promotion of "The Sunrise Side" and the US 23 Heritage Route has made living and vacationing along the Lake Huron Shoreline highly popular.

While there are no inland lakes in Harrisville Township, there are several popular rivers and streams, including Van Etten Creek, Mill Creek and Black River. Van Etten Creek and its tributaries flow southward through the western half of the Township before emptying into the Pine River in Iosco County. Mill Creek flows through the eastern portion of the Township before entering the City of Harrisville and emptying into Lake Huron. The Black River originates in the far north central part of the Township and flows northerly into Haynes Township, ultimately emptying into Lake Huron in Alcona Township.

FISH AND WILDLIFE

The woodlands, wetlands and surface waters of the Township provide habitat to an abundance of fish and wildlife, supporting the recreational activities of hunting, fishing and wildlife viewing.

The forested and wetland areas are home for several game and non-game species common to northern Michigan. Game species include white-tail deer, bear, wild turkey, ruffed grouse, woodcock, pheasant, partridge, rabbit, and waterfowl. Other common wildlife species include: squirrel, fox, raccoon, opossum, skunk, woodchuck, weasel, chipmunk, badger, porcupine and coyote. There is also an abundance of perching birds, shorebirds, waterfowl and birds of prey.

Lake Huron sport fishing is a popular summer activity where several species of salmon, whitefish and lake and brown trout may be taken. Harrisville Mill Pond, located on US 23 in the City of Harrisville, is stocked with rainbow trout and is open for public fishing. The Black River is a diverse river system prized by many. It is a river of historical significance as it has supported a run of Coaster Brook Trout since the 1920's. The river also supports spawning of steelhead, brook trout, and salmon.

LAND USE PATTERNS

Harrisville Township contains many large, privately owned parcels of 160 acres or greater, with many more ranging from 40 acres up to 160 acres. Most of the larger tracts are located in the western two-thirds of the Township, generally west of Poor Farm Road, and are predominately used as farmland. Smaller tracts prevail as you move east of Poor Farm Road, with the most intense development lying along the Lake Huron shore and US 23 corridor. Smaller parcels throughout the Township are generally along primary roadways. The west half of the Township is primarily agricultural. Large forested areas occur in the northeast and southeast corners of the Township. **Table 1-1** provides a breakdown of land cover/land use in Harrisville Township.

Table 1-1 Existing Land Use/Land Cover		
Land Use Category	Number of Acres	Percent of Township Area
Residential	1,132	5.8
Commercial	54	0.3
Industrial	218	1.1
Institutional/Recreational	451	2.3
Agricultural	7,633	39.4
Non-Forested/Openland	2,649	13.7
Forested	6,822	35.3
Wetlands	392	2.0
Water	19	0.1
Totals	19,400	100

Chapter 2

Administrative Structure

ADMINISTRATION

The Township of Harrisville is governed by a five-member elected Board of Trustees consisting of a Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and two Trustees. These positions are chosen by registered voters of the Township in an at-large election held every four years. Parks and recreation facilities are under the direct control of the Township Board of Trustees. The Board receives recommendations from the Planning Commission, which is the body directly responsible for developing the Township Recreation Plan. Among other township governmental entities are the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Board of Review.

Planning Commission

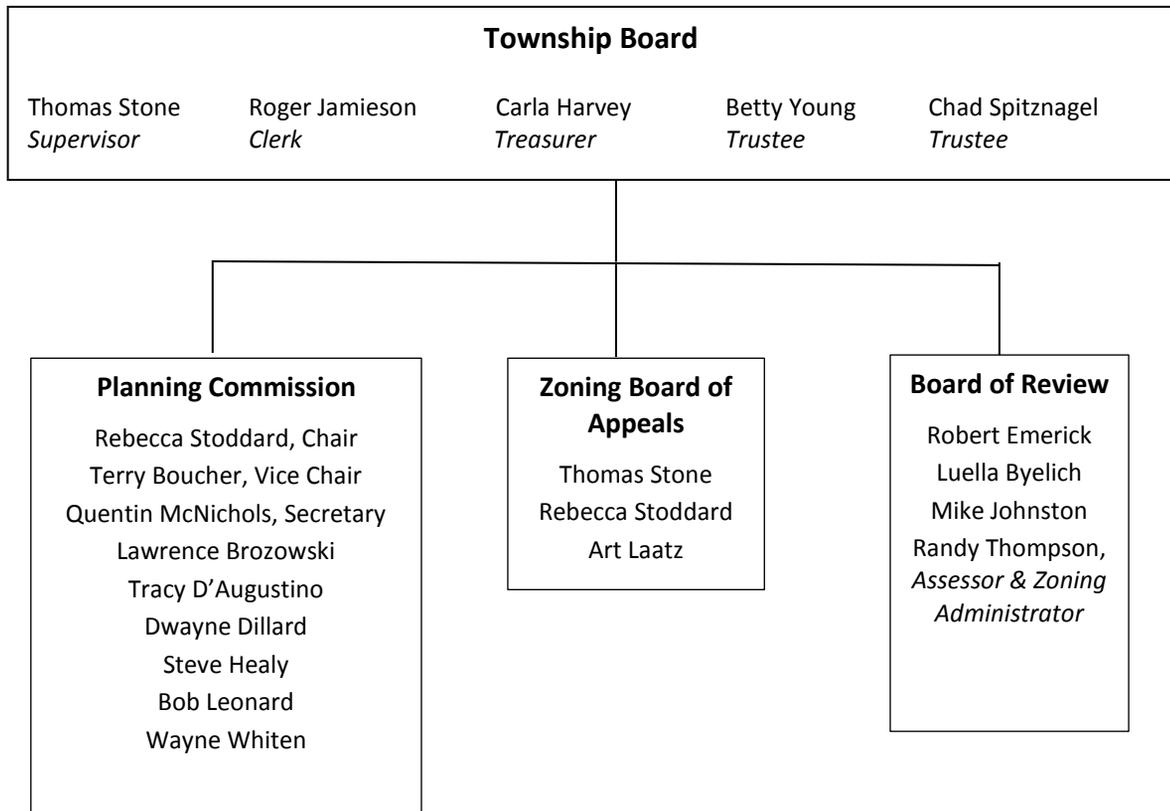
The Harrisville Township Planning Commission is a ten-member body, serving three-year staggered terms. Planning Commission members are intended to represent a broad spectrum of community interests, including recreation, commerce, industry, government, education, transportation, and so on. Planning members may come from many walks of life, but they all contribute their time and talents to the local planning process. In addition to the responsibility of preparing the Master Plan and Recreation Plan, in accordance with the Michigan Planning and Enabling Act of 2008, the Planning Commission is charged with reviewing development projects as they are proposed. The Planning Commission also serves as a Recreation Committee and reviews recreational facilities and projects within the Township and makes recommendations to the Township Board.

Staff/Parks & Recreation Maintenance

Harrisville Township does not employ any dedicated parks and recreation staff. Numerous volunteers have contributed time to maintenance activities, landscaping, and facility development projects over the years. Additional work or maintenance activities are contracted on an as needed basis and at the discretion of the township board.

Administrative Chart

An organizational chart for the Township is as follows:



RELATIONSHIPS WITH PUBLIC AGENCIES & VOLUNTEERS

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

US 23 Huron Shores Heritage Route – Alcona County Team:

Each county along the US 23 Heritage Route's 200 mile span has its own team of volunteers which implements projects in its county with the assistance of the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments. In addition, the Alcona County Team participates in the US 23 Management Council which provides the overall organizational direction and

structure to coordinate efforts along the route. The Alcona Heritage Route Team consists of representation from Harrisville, Harrisville Township, Harrisville and Negwegon State Parks, Alcona County Board of Commissioners, Alcona County MSU Extension, neighboring Sanborn Township (Alpena County), and interested citizens. The Alcona Heritage Route Team was responsible for the establishment of an historic walking trail through the city and, with technical assistance from NEMCOG and a grant from the Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan, developed signage for the trail route as well as a coordinating brochure which describes the historic buildings along the trail. The Team is now interested in developing a trail system throughout Alcona County along US 23 to connect to the city trail. The Team is in the process of developing a tourism website which will market recreational facilities in Harrisville as well as along US 23 from Standish to Mackinaw City. Recently, they completed and printed brochures highlighting recreational attractions in Alcona County and the City of Harrisville.

Chamber of Commerce: The Chamber sponsors or assists with many recreational activities and festivals throughout the year, such as the fireworks on the Fourth of July weekend, the Wine and Cheese Festival, and the Antique Festival at Harrisville Harbor. They also actively promote local businesses.

Lions Club: The Harrisville Lion’s Club sponsors recreational events in Harrisville such as the Duck Race on July 4 and the Lincoln Lions sponsors a fishing tournament in June.

Other organizations that partner with the Township and participate in, or offer, recreational activities are: Alcona Community Schools, City of Harrisville, Alcona County Little League, Sunrise Garden Club, Harrisville Arts Council, East Shore Art Guild, Alcona Master Gardener’s Club, Alcona County Quilt Trail Committee, Harrisville Hoop House Group, MSU Extension, MDNR, and the Alcona County Conservation District.

PROGRAMMING

Harrisville Township does not currently offer recreational programming.

FINANCES/PARK & RECREATION MAINTENANCE: CURRENT FUNDING

Funding for park maintenance and improvement comes from the Township General Fund. In addition, many capital improvements are financed through a combination of public and private grants, private donations, foundation and community service organization grants and donations, and other Township funds. The Township also has a park fund, which was established in 1995, as well as a capital improvements fund, for recreational purposes.

The current year and projected annual budgets for parks operations and maintenance, recreation planning and capital improvements are shown on the following pages. For FY2016-2017, a total of \$3,801 of the township budget can be used for parks and recreation maintenance and projects (see page 12 of the budget under “contingency fund”). A total of \$6,000 is budgeted for the operation and maintenance of the HTRA Site.

HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2016 - 2017

PRESENTED BY THE HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD

DATE: 7 MARCH 2016

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

LOCATION: HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP HALL

ESTIMATED INCOME FOR 2016-2017

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FUND BALANCE FROM 2015-2016

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EXPLANTION OF CD'S AND MONEY SET ASIDE

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SUMMARY OF PAGES 1-2-3

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PUPOSED BUDGET FOR 2016-2017

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HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP PROPOSED BUDGET
FOR 2016-2017
ESTIMATED INCOME FOR 2016-2017

HALL RENTAL	500.00
REVENUE SHARING	102,901.00
TOWNSHIP TAX	34,000.00
INTEREST	400.00
PERMITS/FEES/ADMINISTRATION	16,321.00
CEMETARY LOTS/BURIALS	3,000.00
FIRE INSURANCE COLLECTIONS	-0-
LIQUOR FUND	2,225.00
METRO MONEY	3,541.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME FOR2016-2017	162,888.00

HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP PROPOSED BUDGET
FOR 2016-2017

FUND BALANCES FROM 2015-2016

GENERAL FUND	\$81,066.78
FIREC.D.	\$11,410.55
GENERAL FUND C.D.	\$31,274.20
CEMETERY C.D.	\$7,056.43
CEMETERY FUND	\$2,951.72
CEMETERY SAVINGS (PREPETUAL CARE)	\$6,957.51
LIQUOR FUND	\$6,149.61
VOTED ROAD MILLAGE BALANCE	\$220,807.41
TOTAL FUND BALANCES FROM 2015-2016	\$ 367,674.21

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MONEY SET ASIDE IN SAVINGS AND C.D.'S

FIRE DEPARTMENT C.D.

THIS AMOUNT IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY EXTRA EXPENSES THAT MIGHT
OCCUR DURING THE YEAR IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT \$11,410.55

GENERAL FUND C.D.

THIS AMOUNT IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY MAJOR HALL REPAIRS OR LEGAL
EXPENSES THAT MIGHT OCCUR DURING THE YEAR \$31,224.20

CEMETERY C.D.

THIS AMOUNT IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY EXTRA EXPENSES THAT MIGHT
OCCUR DURING THE YEAR IN OUR TWO CEMETERIES 7,056.43

LIQUORFUND CD \$21,344.76

CEMETERY SAVINGS \$6,957.51

TOTAL AMOUNT OF SAVINGS AND C.D.'S \$77,993.45

THIS TOTAL IS BACKED OUT OF THE MONEY AVAILABLE TO BUDGET FOR
2016-2017

SUMMARY OF PAGES 1-2-3

PAGE 1 ESTIMATED INCOME FOR 2016-2017	\$ 162,888.00
PAGE 2 FUND BALANCES FROM 2015-2016	\$ 367,674.21
TOTAL OF PAGES 1 AND 2	\$ 530,562.21
TOTAL C.D.'S AND SAVINGS BACKED OUT OR SET ASIDE FROM THE ABOVE TOTAL- PAGE 3	\$77,993.45
TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY LEFT TO BUDGET	\$ 452,568.76

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	2015-20166	ACTUAL	2016-2017
SUPERVISOR			
SALARY	6,600.00		6,600.00
COMPENSATION	1,000.00	\$6,780.06	1,000.00
MILEAGE	-0-		-0-
OFFICE	-0-		-0-
TOTALS	7,600.00		7,600.00
CLERK			
SALARY	12,000.00	\$13,641.33	12,000.00
COMPENSATION	1,200.00		1,200.00
MILEAGE	800.00		800.00
OFFICE	1,600.00		1,600.00
TOTALS	15,600.00		15,600.00
TREASURE			
SALARY	12,000.00		12,000.00
COMPENSATION	1,200.00	\$19,050.89	1,200.00
MILEAGE	500.00		500.00
OFFICE	4,500.00		4,500.00
SUMMER TAX	2,400.00		2,400.00
TOTALS	20,600.00		20,600.00

	2015-2016	ACTUAL	2016-2017
TRUSTEE (PYNE)			
SALARY	1,500.00		2,100.00
COMPENSATION	1,000.00	\$ 2,122.02	1,500.00
MILEAGE	300.00		300.00
OFFICE	300.00		300.00
TOTALS	3,100.00		4,200.00
TRUSTEE (YOUNG)			
SALARY	1,500.00		2,100.00
COMPENSATION	600.00	\$ 1,955.00	600.00
MILEAGE	100.00		100.00
OFFICE	300.00		300.00
TOTALS	2,500.00		3,100.00
DEPUTY CLERK			
SALARY	125.00	\$ 125.00	125.00
EXPENSES	100.00		100.00
TOTALS	225.00		225.00
DEPUTY TREASURE			
SALARY	125.00	\$ 1,179.89	125.00
EXPENSES	100.00		100.00
TOTALS	225.00		225.00

	2015-2016	ACTUAL	2016-2017
ASSESSOR			
SALARY	14,000.00		14,000.00
COMPENSATION	1,500.00	\$ 15,993.31	1,500.00
MILEAGE	1,500.00		1,500.00
OFFICE	1,920.00		1,920.00
TOTALS	18,920.00		18,920.00
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR			
SALARY	2,300.00	\$ 3,280.00	2,900.00
COMPENSATION	900.00		900.00
MILEAGE	200.00		200.00
OFFICE	600.00		600.00
TOTALS	4,000.00		4,600.00
BOARD OF REVIEW			
WAGES	1,700.00	\$ 1,135.45	
1,700.00			
OFFICE	300.00		300.00
TRAINING	0		500.00
TOTALS	2,000.00		2,500.00

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HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP PROPOSED BUDGET
FOR 2016-2017

	2015-2016	ACTUAL	2016-2017
ORO. ENFORCER			
SALARY	1,200.00		1,200.00
COMPENSATION	400.00	\$ 1,336.05	400.00
MILEAGE	200.00		200.00
OFFICE	200.00		200.00
 TOTALS	 2,000.00		 2,000.00
 LIQUOR INSPECTOR			
SALARY	700.00		1,200.00
MILEAGE	200.00	\$ 1,628.40	200.00
OFFICE	100.00		100.00
 TOTALS	 1,000.00		 1,500.00
 PLANNING COMMISSION			
WAGES	2,500.00	\$ 1,582.00	2,500.00
OFFICE	500.00		500.00
 TOTALS	 3,000.00		 3,000.00
 ELECTION BOARD			
WAGES	3,000.00	\$ 1,489.37	
3,200.00			
SUPPLIES	1,000.00		1,000.00
 TOTALS	 4,000.00		 4,200.00

HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP PROPOSED BUDGET
FOR 2016-2017

	2015-2016	ACTUAL	2016-2017
TOWNSHIP HALL			
CUSTODIAL WAGES	2 640.00		2,640.00
COMPENSATION	360.00		360.00
ELECTRICITY	4 300.00	\$ 8,409.71	2,300.00
HEATING (GAS)	4 700.00		4,700.00
SUPPLIES	500.00		500.00
MISC.	2 500.00		1,000.00
TOTALS	15 000.00		11,500.00
HTRASITE			
WAGES	500.00		500.00
UTILITIES	1,500.00	\$966.66	1,500.00
MAINTENANCE	5,000.00		2,000.00
MISC.	2,000.00		2,000.00
TOTALS	9,000.00		6,000.00
CEMETERIES			
MAINTENANCE	4,000.00		4,000.00
MOWING	8 000.00	\$ 11,325.00	8,000.00
ORAVE OPENINGS	3 000.00		3,000.00
MISC.	1 000.00		1,000.00
TOTALS	16,000.00		16,000.00

HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP PROPOSED BUDGET
FOR 2016-2017

	2015-2016	ACTUAL	2016-2017
TOWNSHIP BOARD			
STREET LIGHTS	4,000.00		4,000.00
REGISTRATIONS	2,000.00		2,000.00
DUES/FEES	2,000.00		2,000.00
INSURANCE	10,500.00		10,500.00
PROFESSIONAL			
SERVICES	8,153.03	\$ 27,694.38	6,000.00
PUBLICATIONS	2,500.00		2,500.00
UTILITIES	2,000.00		2,000.00
SUPPLIES	2,000.00		2,000.00
COUNTY SUPPORT	6,000.00		3,000.00
 TOTALS	 39,153.03		 34,000.00
 PAYROLL			
PENSIONS	8,000.00	\$ 6,405.63	8,000.00
SOCIAL SECURITY	1,000.00		1,000.00
MEDICARE	1,500.00		2,000.00
 TOTALS	 10,500.00		 11,000.00
 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS			
WAGES	700.00	\$ 0.00	700.00
OFFICE	300.00		300.00
 TOTALS	 1,000.00		 1,000.00

HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP PROPOSED BUDGET
FOR 2016-2017

	2015-2016	ACTUAL		2016-2017
FIRE DEPARTMENT				
FIRE	21,604.00			21,604.00
FIRST RESPONDER	10,500.00	\$ 29,463.09		10,500.00
LINCOLN CONTRACT	6,000.00			7,070.00
FIRE HALL STORAGE	1,800.00			1,800.00
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TOTALS	39,904.00			40,974.00

ROAD MILLAGE BALANCE FROM 2015/2016	220,807.41
2016-2017 METRO MONEY	3,541.00
TOTALS ROAD MONEY AVAILABLE FOR 2016-2017	224,348.41

4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS	675.00
TOWNSHIP HALL REPAIRS	15,000.00

CONTINGENCY FUND	3,801.35
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PAGE 12 TOTAL	\$ 19,476.35
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TOTAL MONIES AVAILABLE TO BUDGET FOR2016-2017	\$452,568.76
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TOTAL MONIES BUDGETED FOR 2016-2017	\$ 452,568.76
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Chapter 3

Recreation Inventory

An inventory of recreation facilities available in Harrisville Township was completed and is presented in this chapter. The inventory includes Harrisville Township-owned facilities; local, state and federal government-owned facilities; school facilities; and privately-owned facilities. Harrisville Township owned facilities were evaluated for barrier-free accessibility. A description of the barrier-free accessibility rating criteria is provided below.

INVENTORY PROCEDURES

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

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

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

HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP RECREATION PROPERTY

Harrisville Township Recreation Area

Harrisville Township Recreation Area (HTRA) is located on 17 acres, just north of the Harrisville city limits. This property was formerly owned by Alcona County and was given to the Township in 1994. The site includes three fenced ball diamonds, including bleachers and dugouts, public restrooms, and a small playground with sandbox, jungle gym and covered pavilion. In addition to regular use of the ball fields and playground, class reunions have also been held here occasionally. The site is also home to the Harrisville Community Hoop House, which is sponsored by the Alcona Local Foods Association.

Type: Special Use Area

Service Area: Township

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 2 (some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines). The property is primarily seeded lawn and gravel parking but is well maintained and level providing some accessibility. The restroom facilities are not accessible.



Harrisville Township Hall

Harrisville Township Hall is situated on one acre just south of M-72 at 114 S. Poor Farm Road. The hall includes a barrier-free bathroom, meeting room and kitchen equipped with refrigerator, stove and sink. The hall is used for Township meetings, local elections and storage. The facility is rented for a nominal rate to the public for private social events and commercial sales events such as tool and antique vendors.

Type: Special Use Area

Service Area: Township

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



Township Cemeteries

While not specifically considered to be recreation facilities, cemeteries often provide outdoor open space for quiet reflection, in addition to serving as community burial grounds. Two cemeteries are located in Harrisville Township. Harrisville Township Springport Cemetery consists of 20 acres of land located on U.S. 23 and Wallace Road. Approximately 95 percent of available space is already used. Westlawn Cemetery contains nine acres of land on M-72. There is about 30 percent of open space still available.

Type: Special Use Area

Service Area: Township

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

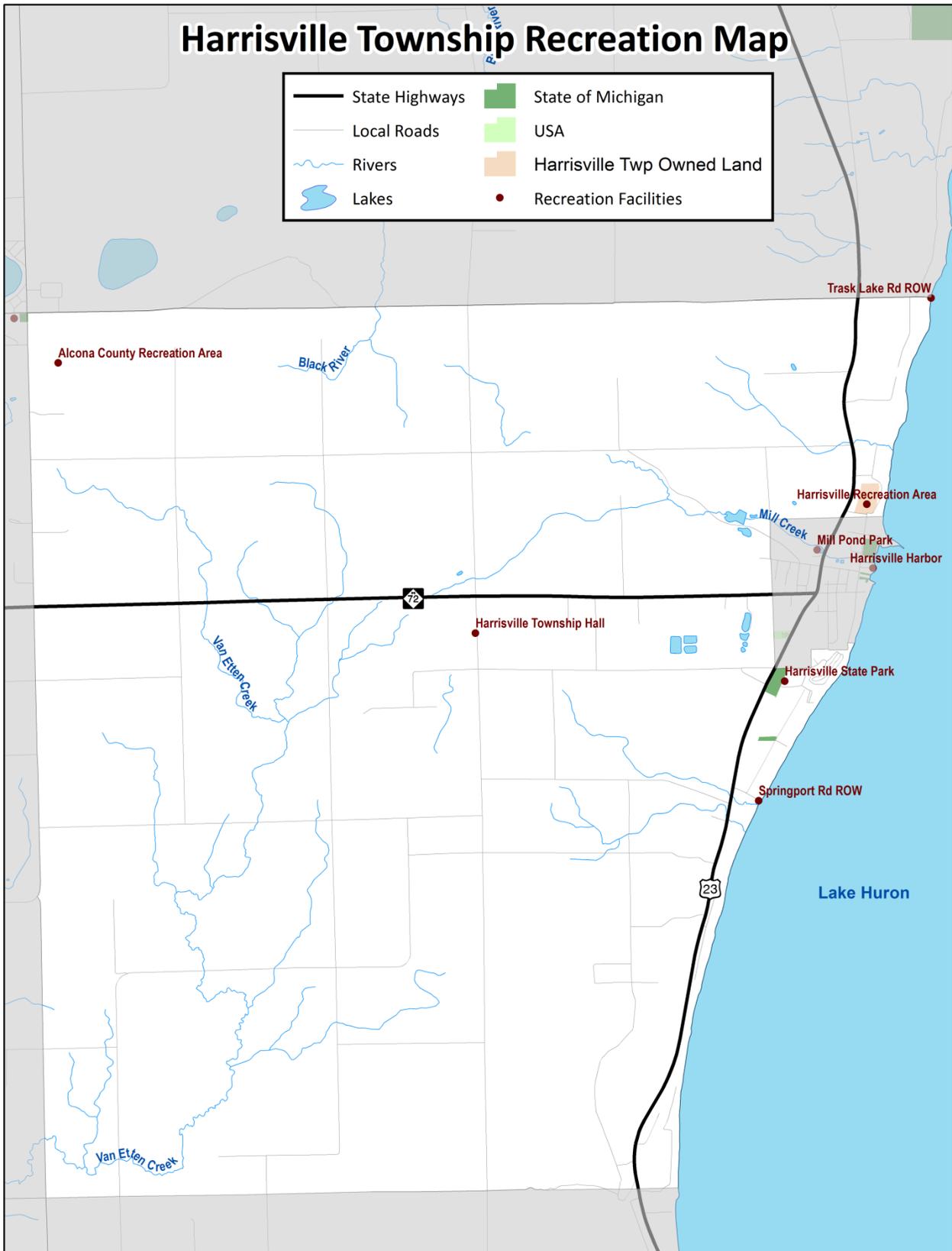
RECREATION GRANT INVENTORY

Harrisville Township has not received grant assistance from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. However, Alcona County received a grant for the Harrisville Township Recreation Area when the property was under the ownership and control of Alcona County (Project #:BF89-530, Project Year: 1989). Grant funded activities included installation and upgrades to fencing for ball diamonds, construction of benches and roofs for dugouts, and other site upgrades. All elements are still in use and maintained by Harrisville Township, however many are nearing their expected lifespan and are in need of upgrades.

Alcona County's Register of Deeds records indicate a transfer of ownership of this site from Alcona County to Harrisville Township via a Quit Claim Deed, dated July 22, 1994, and a second Quit Claim Deed, dated May 7, 2008 (revising the 1994 document). A copy of this documentation is included in **Appendix B**. According to the MDNR Grant Coordinator for Michigan's northeast region, the Harrisville Township Recreation Area will be listed as a possible conversion site until the MDNR has reviewed the land transfer documentation to determine if this is an approved conversion. An approved conversion status would require showing documentation that the responsibility for the grant obligations to maintain this site for recreation use, in perpetuity, was also transferred from the County to the Township along with the land ownership. The MDNR has also indicated that until an approved conversion status is granted, Alcona County will be responsible for completing the Post-Completion, Self-Certification Report for this site, which will be included in the County's 2017-2021 Recreation Plan.

Harrisville Township Recreation Map

 State Highways	 State of Michigan
 Local Roads	 USA
 Rivers	 Harrisville Twp Owned Land
 Lakes	 Recreation Facilities



OTHER PUBLICLY-OWNED PROPERTY IN HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP

Harrisville State Park

This facility, located just south of the City of Harrisville limits, is sited on 110 acres with 2,750 feet of Lake Huron frontage. The park provides 229 modern camp sites, electric hook-up, a sanitation station, showers, playground, ball diamond, beach and a boat launch with fishing facilities. The park also features a roll-out beach mat that allows for universal access to the beach and water's edge. Generally, the busiest weeks for camper and day use are between the first weeks of July and September.

Alcona Recreation Area

This 121.84 acre County-owned site is located in the northwest corner of Harrisville Township. The site is used for the Alcona County Fair and snowmobile races, in addition to other activities. The facility includes one-half mile dirt track, pole barns, arena, office and maintenance building, observation booth and soccer fields. The site hosts a weekly farmer's market from spring to late fall, as well as a monthly recycling collection day. It also encompasses 80 acres of undeveloped forest land.

Trask Lake Road End

This public access site, located within the County's road right-of-way, provides access to 33 feet of beach on Lake Huron where swimming is available. There is no boat launch at this site but canoes may be launched from here.

Springport Road End

This public access site, located within the County's road right-of-way, provides access to 66 feet of beach on Lake Huron where swimming is available. There is no boat launch at this site but canoes may be launched from here.

Harrisville City Airport

This class "D" airport, owned by the City of Harrisville, serves the needs of recreation flyers from the local flying club and those in the area who fly ultra-light aircraft. It has two grass runways with tie-down facilities.

PRIVATELY OWNED RECREATION FACILITIES IN HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP

Greenbush Golf Course

Located four miles south of the City of Harrisville, this nine hole, par 36 facility offers club rental and is opened to the public. The facility also features a bar and grill, and cart and club rental. The course's featured hole is an island green.

Springport Hills & Loggers Trace Golf Course

Located just west of US 23 in the east central portion of the Township, Springport Hills is the original nine-hole par 36 public golf course sited on open rolling hills. Loggers Trace is an 18-hole par 72 course with large elevation changes and fantastic views of Lake Huron from a 100

foot high overlook. The facility also features a restaurant, driving range, and cart and club rental.

J & J Campground

Located on U.S. 23 across from Harrisville State Park, this campground offers 25 primitive sites.

PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITIES LOCATED IN THE CITY OF HARRISVILLE

Harrisville Harbor and Harbor Park

A City-owned 4.5-acre site off Lake Street offering 97 boat slips. Harbor facilities include fuel, pump-outs, electrical hook-ups, public restrooms and showers, laundry service, wireless internet, ice, soft drinks, courtesy van, volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, pavilion, grills, picnic tables, playground and a dog run area. The playground area features benches, a bike rack, water fountain, 2 play structures, swings and another pavilion. Summer concerts are held here.

Harrisville Mill Pond

A City-owned site located on US 23 and formed by the damming of Mill Creek, the pond is stocked with trout and open to public fishing. Site amenities include benches, grills, fire pits, and a water wheel which creates a small waterfall.

(Former) Veteran's Club Property

Located on Lake Street across from Harbor Park, recreation opportunities include a former fish hatchery/trails and basketball courts. The site was recently placed under ownership by the City.

Tennis Courts/Pavilion

A City-owned site adjacent to the Harrisville City Offices, containing two fenced, concrete tennis courts with partial backboard, benches, and open air picnic pavilion on a cement pad. This facility is also used for the Harmony Days Craft Show on Labor Day weekend.

Main Street Scenic Overlook

A City-owned improved area of landscaping, benches, and safety fencing, reinforced by a rock breakwall, where Main Street ends at the Lake Huron shore.

Craftmaker's Cabin and Property

A City-owned log cabin and surrounding property located at the corner of highways US-23 and M-72 in downtown Harrisville. It houses a variety of crafts made and sold by local senior citizens during the summer months, when it also serves as an information and visitors' center. It is staffed by local volunteers, and each year attracts hundreds of visitors.

DNR Boat Launch and Public Access Site

A State-owned, day-use facility located off Lake Street and adjacent to the Harrisville Harbor. Site amenities include two large parking areas, a boat launch, and toilet facilities.

Harrisville Heritage Route Trail

This historic sightseeing route begins at the Harrisville Harbor and follows a route along city streets and greenspace and connects to the Harrisville State Park.

PRIVATE RECREATION FACILITIES LOCATED IN THE CITY OF HARRISVILLE**Village Lanes Bowling**

A modern, 8-lane, seasonal bowling center located on US-23, with a lounge and league/open bowling hours.

REGIONAL RECREATION IN ALCONA COUNTY

Residents of Harrisville Township can also utilize many recreational facilities within the other surrounding communities in Alcona County, which are listed below. Complete information on all public and private recreational facilities can be found in the Alcona County 2017-2021 Recreation Plan.

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

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

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

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

Gustin Township	
Public	Private
Alcona Community Schools	
Former Memorial Hall	

Village of Lincoln	
Public	Private
Barlow Park/Flights of Imagination	
Brownlee Lake Park	
Lincoln Lakefront	
Railroad Park	
Brownlee Lake Public Access	
Lincoln Train Depot	
Lincoln Area Multiuse Pathway (LAMP)	

Hawes Township	
Public	Private
Public Access Site (South Bay – Hubbard Lake)	Former Timber Creek Resort
Jewell Lake	Deep Woods Taxidermy
	White Pine National Golf Course

Haynes Township	
Public	Private
Sturgeon Point Lighthouse	Cedarbrook Trout Farm
Bailey School	

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

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

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

Following is a detailed description of significant recreational sites in Alcona County (numbers represent the facility on the **Regional Recreation Map** that follows):

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

ALCONA RECREATION AREA (#2) is a 123-acre County-owned site located in the northeast corner of Harrisville Township. The area is the site of the Alcona County Fair as well as the Lincoln 250 Enduro Snowmobile Race. The location has a one-half mile dirt track for trotter and snowmobile racing, a Motocross track, four pole barns, four animal barns, a multipurpose building for displays, meetings and other events, a horse arena and show arena, an office and

maintenance building with flush toilets, a 300' complete BMX track, an observation/broadcast booth, a gatehouse, two wells, four irrigated soccer fields, water and sewer, six portable toilets, and 80 acres of undeveloped forest land. It also boasts a Braille Nature Trail.

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

The **GREENBUSH RECREATION AREA (#7)** is a 34-acre site with an open-air pavilion, two ball fields, a children's playground, nature trails and picnic areas. Bathroom facilities are also available. **THE PINE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST CAMPGROUND (#8)**, located at the former state trout-rearing ponds in the Huron National Forest in Mikado Township, offers eleven primitive campground sites with toilets and hand-pumped water, a picnic pavilion and grills. Three recreation sites are maintained by the U.S. Forest Service in Millen Township: **JEWELL LAKE CAMPGROUND (#9)**, **HORSESHOE LAKE CAMPGROUND (#10)**, and **REID LAKE QUIET AREA (#11)**. Each has primitive campsites, hand-pumped water, and picnic & foot trail areas. The Reid Lake site also offers over six miles of cross country ski trails. **THE HOIST LAKE AREA (#12)**, maintained by the U.S. Forest Service in Mitchell Township, has seven small lakes and over 20 miles of cross country ski trails. **GABIONS CAMPGROUND (#13)** in Mitchell Township offers camping and RV sites.

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

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

FLIGHTS OF IMAGINATION, a play structure in Lincoln, is located on 11 acres of land in **BARLOW PARK (#1)**. (The park also includes softball and baseball fields, a wooded park and picnic area, tennis courts, and public restrooms). The play structure was designed by Robert A. Leathers & Associates, of Ithaca, New York for the children of Alcona County, as well as

seasonal visitors to the area, and was funded and constructed using grassroots community efforts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



The Black River Route

A Huron Shores Heritage Route Bike Tour

Total Trip: 24 miles



T Trailhead
Harrisville Harbor on Lake Street



Travel the "Black River Route" ...

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

12 Historical Marker: Village of Alcona

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

13 Historical Marker: Mt. Joy Cemetery

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

14 Historical Marker: Low School Site

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

15 Historical Marker: St. Gabriel Catholic Church

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

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- Use lights at night.

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RECREATION OUTSIDE OF ALCONA COUNTY

In addition to recreation within Alcona County, Township residents have access to recreational opportunities in Alpena, 32 miles to the north, as well as Oscoda, 16 miles south. The City of Alpena is the largest city in the northeast Michigan region and offers 22 recreational properties. Community-based recreation in Alpena includes Plaza Pool at Alpena High School and many community parks with swimming and fishing access.

Oscoda High School has an indoor swimming pool which is open for public use on a limited basis; the community also has a waterfront park on its Lake Huron beach with playground equipment and tennis courts.

A second lake-side park area, located just north of Oscoda on U.S-23, offers picnicking and swimming. Several campgrounds are located in or near the Huron National Forest, including the Old Orchard Campground on the Au Sable River. The Lumberman's Monument area on the River Road offers a visitor's center with informative and educational displays depicting lumbering days, a gift shop, interpretive center, the impressive monument itself, numerous scenic hiking and walking trails, and a spectacular view of the Au Sable River. Picnicking and boating is also available at Van Etten Lake in Oscoda.

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

Chapter 4

Planning & Public Input Process

HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP PLANNING PROCESS

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

SCHEDULE

July, 2015	Township Officials contact Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) requesting collaboration in drafting a recreation plan for Caledonia Township.
October 1, 2015	NEMCOG staff suggests partnering with other local units of government that are also updating their recreation plans to conduct a survey to gather public input.
October 13, 2015	The Joint online recreation survey was posted to the following websites: Alcona County, Alcona Township, Caledonia Township, NEMCOG, US 23 Heritage Route and was shared via social media. Also, public notices, which included a link to the survey, were placed in the Alcona County Review newspaper and on True North Radio Network website.
October 28, 2015	NEMCOG staff conducted site visits to Township owned properties to assess accessibility and gather photos.
October 31, 2015	The online survey was closed. 54 responses were transmitted to the Planning Commission for review.
November 2015	NEMCOG staff develops draft recreation plan chapters and other example information and sends to Harrisville Township for review.
December 2, 2015	The Planning Commission met to review draft chapters and provide further input based on survey responses.

May 2016	NEMCOG submits revised recreation plan draft to Harrisville Township for review.
June 1, 2016	The Township Planning Commission met to review draft chapters.
August 17, 2016	The draft plan is posted for a 30-day public review via a hard copy at the Alcona County Library and on the NEMCOG website. Notice of the plan availability was posted in the <i>Alcona County Review</i> .
November 30, 2016	Notice of a public hearing on the draft Recreation Plan is posted in the <i>Alcona County Review</i> .
December 7, 2016	The Harrisville Township Planning Commission met and reviewed the draft plan and recommended adoption by the Township Board.
December 13, 2016	The public hearing was held and the Township Board approved the Recreation Plan.

PUBLIC INPUT

Citizen opinion on recreation priorities is key to the development of a recreation plan. An online survey was provided for citizens to provide input about recreational facilities. Harrisville Township partnered with Alcona County, Alcona Township, and Caledonia Township to create and publicize the survey. 54 people responded to the survey.

Answers to survey questions pertaining specifically to the Harrisville Township Recreation Area (HTRA) indicated that most people (73%) occasionally or never use the site, while 19% utilize it monthly and 8% utilize it 1-2 times per week.

The survey results also indicated that people use the HTRA mostly for sitting/viewing, picnicking, playground use, wildlife viewing, and biking. Fewer numbers of HTRA visitors participated in fishing, beach use/swimming, boat launch, baseball/softball, and bird watching, hiking and skiing.

Improvements requested by survey participants regarding the HTRA include:

- safe walking paths
- public restrooms
- clean picnic areas and covered facilities
- construction of a Community Center by Harrisville Twp. and the City of Harrisville particularly for youth and older adult activities, concerts, special events

- a Par Course with station for difference exercises
- a path with distance markers
- [a map of recreation] locations to hand out at local businesses.

The recreational activities that most (>50%) survey participants indicated they enjoy include, in descending order: boating/sailing, walking, wildlife/nature viewing, fishing, festivals, swimming, concerts, hiking, biking, and picnicking.

Detailed survey results can be found in **Appendix A** of this plan. It should be noted that questions pertaining to the Trask Lake and Springport Access Road sites were included in the survey, as they are public recreation areas in the Township, but in fact they are not owned by Harrisville Township; they are owned by the Alcona County Road Commission.

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

Joint Online Recreation Survey Publicity

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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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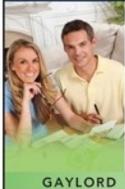
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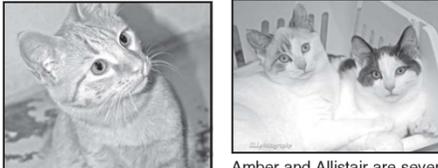
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Local Notes

Away at School

Alyssa Miller of Oscoda recently graduated from Northern Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice.

ARA Farm Market

The ARA Farm Market is open Saturday, Oct. 24 in the Campbell Building on the Alcona County Fairgrounds in Lincoln from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Vendors accept Bridge cards and Project Fresh coupons and also offer Double Up Food Bucks on qualifying purchases. Available this week: Celery, arugula, sorrel, pumpkins, gourds, apples, leeks, onions, tomatillos, carrots, sweet and hot peppers, winter squashes, kale, tomatoes, spinach, lettuce, eggs, chicken, all cuts of grass-fed and grain-fed beef, honey, maple syrup, quick breads, pies, cookies, jams and jellies, baking mixes, flavored popcorn, handmade soaps, homemade laundry detergent, grapevine wreaths, and more. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

On Display at the Library

The Northeast Michigan Artists' Guild's juried art show, "Creative Eye," will be on display at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library beginning Wednesday, Oct. 28. Art of various media, including watercolors, pastels, oils, photographs, collages, monoprints and more will be judged by juror Anita Harmon. An awards ceremony and reception, open to the public, will be held at 1:15 p.m. that same day, hosted by the Friends of

the Library. Juried art will be on display during regular library hours through November 24. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Conservation Board Member

Kevin Perry of Glennie was elected to a four-year term on the Alcona Conservation District Board of Directors at the district's annual meeting on October 8. Perry replaces Bob Emerick of Harrisville whose term expired. Emerick chose not to seek reelection but will remain as an associate director. Perry was appointed as the district's secretary and treasurer. The Alcona Conservation District is a locally controlled entity of state government with the purpose of promoting sustainable natural resource land use decisions through technical assistance and education to private landowners and units of government within Alcona County.

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at various times during the week at senior centers in Glennie, Greenbush and Lincoln. Anyone planning to attend a meal is asked to reserve a place by calling (989) 736-8879 by 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.

- Monday, Oct. 26—Chicken and stuffing casserole, winter blend, tossed salad, and mixed fruit.
- Tuesday, Oct. 27—Cabbage rolls, red bliss potatoes, baby carrots, and pears.
- Wednesday, Oct. 28—Pork chop bake with sweet potatoes and apples, mixed vegetables, and pineapple.
- Thursday, Oct. 29—Herb chicken, wild rice, squash, and mixed fruit.
- Friday, Oct. 30—Beef tips in gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, three bean salad, and tropical fruit.

group of communities in Alcona County with updating their recreation plans. Alcona County, Caledonia Township, Harrisville Township and Alcona Township all have expired recreation plans and are working collaboratively to get them updated. A recreation plan contains future plans for all recreational facilities within these communities. Communities are required to have five-year Michigan Department of Natural Resources (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 four local units of government have chosen to work together to gather this public input in an online survey. The survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete as is available online on the following websites: alconacounty.com, caledoniatwp.net, alconatownship.com, and nemcog.org. or for a direct survey link see: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/alconarecreation>

For those without Internet access, the communities are encouraging citizens to visit the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library during its "Technology Tuesday" event every Tuesday from noon until 4:30 p.m. A staff person can assist people wishing to get online to take the survey during that time. Township and county officials are encouraging citizens in and around Alcona County to fill out and submit this survey because public input is a vital component of the future of the area and the public's opinion is highly valued.

Collage Class

"Get Crafty" will host a collage class on Monday, Nov. 2 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Instructor Ellen LaCross will show adults how to use painting and printmaking techniques.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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Online Recreation Survey

The Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) is assisting a

Notice of Availability of Recreation Plan for at least 30 days



The Fairview High School Class of 1946 held its 70th reunion at Comins Hotel recently. Five members of the class (one classmate was unable to attend) out of 21 graduates were able to attend the reunion. (Front) Maryellen (Nolan) Bohringer, (back row, from left) Jean (LaForge) Dejarlais, Merlin Shantz, Lorraine (Startz) Arnold, and Elsie (Bugg) Bixel enjoyed visiting with each other. Martha (Bugg) Mendyka was unable to attend. *Courtesy photo.*

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I would like to thank everyone
for the cards, get well wishes,
flowers, gifts and telephone calls
during my recovery.
Kay Travis

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Open Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. • Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Organizations Organization Notes Organizations

Nature's Kingdom Wildlife Rehabilitation

Nature's Kingdom Wildlife Rehabilitation (NKWR) is working to help an 18-week-old red fox recover to be released back into the woods. The fox was hit by a car and in an effort to save its life, Joe Schulte took it to Alcona Animal Clinic (AAC) in Lincoln, which contacted NKWR in Harrisville. The fox, which was later named Trooper suffered a broken pelvis and internal bleeding. Working together, Dr. Karen Potter of AAC donated medical attention and NKWR provided a small quiet space for the animal to heal for several weeks. Trooper is now well on his way to a full recovery and is penned in one of NKWR's new outdoor enclosures until he is released.



(From left) Dylan and Misty Baker and Dawn Johnson of Nature's Kingdom Wildlife Rehabilitation (NKWR) of Harrisville stand in front of one of three enclosures built by grant funds from the Binky Foundation. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

The rehab opened in the spring of last year and has helped many ill and orphaned animals become strong enough to be released back into the wild including turtles, raccoons, flying squirrels, and rabbits.

Two of three new enclosures have been built through donated funds from the Binky Foundation and provide room for larger animals such as deer, fox, coyote and wolf. For more information or to volunteer call NKWR at (989) 335-5786.



Trooper is recovering from being hit by a car. *Courtesy photo.*

CLASSIC MOVIE NIGHT

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

Join in the laughter and mayhem as Cary Grant copes with an uncle, who thinks he's Teddy Roosevelt, and with a pair of lethal aunts. Peter Lorre and Boris Karloff costar.

Free movie, free popcorn,
free beverages



Presented by **Inspiration Alcona**
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with partial support from the
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Notice of Public Review
Harrisville Township
Recreation Plan Update

The Harrisville Township Planning Commission has prepared a draft 5-year Recreation Plan which will be available for review and public comment for the next 30 days at the Alcona County Library Reference Desk and at <http://www.discovernortheastmichigan.org/recreation.asp>. Written comments may be submitted to Stephanie Loria, Northeast Michigan Council of Governments, P.O. Box 457, Gaylord, Mich. 49734 or by e-mail to sloria@nemcog.org.

Interested in Free \$60 for Fresh fruits & vegetables?

Register for **Northeast Michigan Prescription for Health**:
Receive up to \$60 to purchase fruits & veggies at farmers markets and local grocery stores

Learn the best way to select and save money when buying fresh seasonal produce, the most nutritious ways to cook, freeze or can them, and much more!

WANT MORE INFORMATION?
Contact Joyce Schultz at (989) 569-6001

Alcona health centers
"your family health center"

Participating counties include Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Presque Isle.

Northeast Michigan Prescription for Health is funded through a grant from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund. Partners include the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan, Alcona Health Center, Thunder Bay Community Health Services, Inc., District Health Departments 2, 4 and 10, and MSU Extension, (V3-6-7-16).

Notice of Availability of Recreation Plan for at least 30 Days

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL www.discovernortheastmichigan.org/article.asp?ait=nv&nid=87. The page features a dark blue header with the text "COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS", "MICHIGAN WORKS!", and "PROSPERITY COLLABORATIVE". Below this is a teal navigation bar with links for "Business", "Job Seekers", "Community", "Agencies", and "Data". The main content area has a white background and includes the "Discover Northeast Michigan" logo with the tagline "EAST OF EXPECTED". The article title is "Harrisville Township Recreation Plan", and the text states: "The Harrisville Township Recreation Plan is available for 30 days for public review. Please send comments to [Stephanie Loria](#)." A link for "Harrisville Township Recreation Plan Draft" is also present, along with a creation date of "Created on Wednesday, August 17, 2016".

Public Hearing Notice

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Calendar of Events

HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN
The Harrisville Township Board will hold a public hearing on the community's draft Recreation Plan on Tuesday, December 13 at 7 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Harrisville Township Hall at 114 S. Poor Farm Road in Harrisville. This input session provides an opportunity for the public to participate in the planning process of developing the recreation plan. The draft plan contains goals, objectives and an action plan for recreation in Harrisville Township for 2017-2021 and is available for review at: discovertheeastmichigan.org/planning.asp. A hard copy of the draft plan is available at the Alcona County Library. Written comments may be submitted to Stephanie Loria at NEMCOG, P.O. Box 457, Gaylord, MI 49734 or by e-mail at sloria@nemcog.org.

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supplies. Items made will be donated to local organizations for distribution.

Alcona woodcarvers will meet from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

The Alcona County Baby Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Raphael Church, 2531 East F-30 in Mikado. Formula, diapers, toys, new and gently used

shoes and clothing, winter coats and boots will be available for residents of Alcona County with newborns to age five. Layettes available for the soon to be born. Santa will be there with treats from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the annual Christmas event and the Oscoda Rotary Club will be giving away books.

Friends of the Alcona County Library will meet at 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch.

Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena Council will meet at 11 a.m. at the VFW Hall, 2900

Common in Alpena. Bring a can of food for the needy. For reservations, call (989) 356-4959 or (989) 727-4080.

A timber and taxes workshop will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. This presentation will include information on how to handle income from timber harvests, tax laws, record keeping and state incentive programs. Free and open to the public. Call (989) 724-5272 for details. Sponsored by the Alcona Conservation District.

My Brother's Hope will be accepting donations from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). Call (989) 335-3541 for details.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:30 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. First meeting is free, handicap accessible. For more information, call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-4483.

Zumba class at 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street at 8:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

A fish fry will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at Maria Hall behind St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville. Take-out available.

Reformers Unanimous, a faith-based addictions program, will meet at 7 p.m. at the Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2430 South State Street. For more information, contact Wayne Whitten at (989) 335-0172.

Storytime and craft for children from 10:15 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

Coloring for Adults will meet from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Coloring pages from books designed especially for adults as well as colored pencils will be provided. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

A community Christmas celebration will be held at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street. Featuring local talent and the United Methodist Choir. A potluck dinner will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. followed by the Christmas program at 6:45 p.m.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Corner of US-23 & Medor Rd.
Harrisville • 724-5160
www.standrewschurchofharisville.org
10 A.M. SUNDAY SERVICE

LOTT BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. 4257 State Rd. Glennie
Sunday morning service 11 a.m. (989)735-3771.
Sunday evening service 6 p.m. Pastor Elmer Ash.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

Family Heritage Baptist Church
4260 M-72 Harrisville (2.5 miles west of the light)
Pastor Ernest Ruemenapp (989) 724-6728 • www.church72.org
Sunday worship services 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Sunday school 10 a.m. Wednesday 7 p.m.
children's ministry. Wednesday 7 p.m. midweek service (preaching and prayer service).

First Baptist Church of Lincoln
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. - Worship 11 a.m.
Bible Study/Prayer, Wed. 7 p.m.
Pastor Dr. Arie VanBrenk • 202 Main Street • 736-8796

New Life Lutheran Church (ELCA)
Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Hubbard Lake Rd.,
1/4 mile south of White Pine National Golf Course
Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
2902 E. F-30, Mikado, MI 48745 • (989) 736-8345
Pastor Tim Steiner, Pastor Emeritus Larry Richmond
Sunday School: 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship Services: 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Monday: 6:30 p.m. *Teen Program (Grades 7-12)
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Study & Youth Programs (Grades K-6*)
*Fall-Spring programs • Website: www.cbcmikado.com

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)
Church Street at Traverse Bay Road
Lincoln, Mich. 48742 • 736-1227
Pastor Jacob Schwartz - Service, Sunday 9 a.m.

Spruce Presbyterian Church
Induction Loop equipped for tele-coil hearing aids
6230 Gillard Road (P.O. Box 37), Spruce, MI 48762 • 471-5464
Worship 9 a.m.
Rev. Ken Krause - Office Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
6891 Nicholson Hill Road, Hubbard Lake, Mich. 49747
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class at 11 a.m.
Pastor Joseph Llewellyn • (989) 727-2496

SOLID ROCK CHURCH OF GOD
158 N. Barlow Road., Harrisville • (989) 736-6350
Pastor Edward Morrison • Full Gospel
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m. • Family Bible Study 7 p.m. Wednesday

Our Savior Lutheran Church
3639 South M-65, Glennie, Michigan
Sunday Morning 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Everyone Welcome

GRACE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN
Jerry Dodds, Pastor
Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
739-3424 • graceonthebase@gmail.com
www.grace-epc.org • www.epc.org
6012 N. Skeel, Oscoda, Next to Parks Library

ALCONA COUNTY CATHOLIC CHURCHES
ST. RAPHAEL, Mikado, Saturday 4:30 p.m.
ST. GABRIEL, Black River Saturday 6:30 p.m.
ST. CATHERINE (Ossinoke) Sunday 9 a.m.
ST. ANNE, Harrisville Sunday 11 a.m.
Pastor: Fr. Robert Bissot • (989) 724-6713

COMMUNITY OF CHRIST
Church School 10 a.m. ~ Worship 11 a.m.
3155 E. F-30, Mikado MI • Church 736-8727
Pastor Char McGuire • 736-3486

Westminster Presbyterian Church U.S.A.
2201 N. Second at Jefferson, Harrisville
Induction Loop equipped for tele-coil hearing aids
9:45 a.m. Adult Class • Worship & Sunday School ~ 11 a.m.
Monday & Wednesday office hours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Rev. Ken Krause - 724-6734

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors The people of the United Methodist Church serving Alcona County
With worship at these locations:
Lincoln at 9 a.m. (101 E. Main St)
Harrisville at 10:30 a.m. (217 N. State St.)

GREENBUSH COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
2430 S. State, Greenbush • 724-5264 • Pastor A. C. Calncross
• Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
• Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6 p.m.
• Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.

All sanctuaries are wheelchair accessible and all sites offer Sunday School for children during the worship hour.
Rev. Mary Soderholm (989) 724-3033 (h)
Come as you are - everyone is welcome!

Haynes Community Church
4505 Shaw Road, Harrisville, Michigan 48740
Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m.
989-724-6665
Pastor Claire Duncan • haynescommunitychurch.org



Minutes from the Planning Commission Meeting of December 7, 2016:

12/20/2016

Meeting minutes

From: Daugustino, Tracy <daugustt@anr.msu.edu>
To: Becky Stoddard <stoddarcb@aol.com>
Subject: Meeting minutes
Date: Wed, Dec 7, 2016 8:55 pm

Harrisville planning commission Meeting December 7, 2016

Attending: Chad spitznagel, Tracy D'Augustino, Duane Dillard, Rebecca Stoddard, Terry Boucher, Bob Leonard, Wayne Whitten, Steve Healy
Also attending: zoning administrator Randy Thompson, Roger Jameson, Rick Duncan, Claire Duncan, Charles Davis

Call to order at 7:00

Randy received a request from Charles Davis and need to review the site plan for the below property.

Zoning application for 366 US south 23

Id: 060-014-400-070-00

Zoned general commercial

Application for auto and truck repair business

All nearby properties have been notified and no written comments were received.

Discussion

Terry - will you be employing any residents?

mr. David, he is leasing the property to someone else and does not know.

Chad, will you be working on commercial trucks?

Mr. Davis, does not know as he will be leasing it to someone else.

Steve, current zoning states garage and since it has not been used as such for 6 month needs an application to reinstate the zoning.

Duane, Will we need to redo it again in 6 months if it's not open by then?

Randy, No they will have one year to get started on it as a garage.

Public- Rick Duncan, concerned about storage of oil and leaking along property line during previous garage occupation, will there be an inspection.

Randy, only if there is a complaint.

Rick, is there an ordinance about the storage of such materials?

Randy, yes as it would be classified as junk.

<https://mail.aol.com/webmail-std/en-us/PrintMessage>

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Recommending Mr. Davis could put in the lease that such oil and petroleum items need to be stored inside.

Terry to Randy, if there were toxic materials leaking would he contact EPA.
Randy, yes.

Motion to approve the site plan review for auto shop Made by Bob Leonard
Seconded by Terry Boucher
Motion carried to approve site plan review.

Motion to accept the minutes for the Oct 5, 2016 Made by Terry Boucher
Seconded by Bob Leonard
Motion carried to pass the minutes

Recreation plan corrections identified by Chad and discussed.

Recreation Plan Resolution of Adoption Harrisville Township
Whereas, Harrisville Township has undertaken a 5-year Recreation Plan update which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired action to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period of 2017-2021 and

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

Whereas, a public notice was published in the Alcona County Review on August 17, 2016, which began a 30-day public review period for the draft plan, and

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

Whereas, a public hearing was held on October 11, 2016 at the Harrisville Township Hall to provide residents the opportunity to ask questions and express opinions on the recreation plan.

Now, Therefore be it resolved, that the Harrisville Township Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Recreation Plan Update as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the township.

Yeas: 7. Nays: 0. Absent: 1

Meeting minutes

Motion to meet 6 times a year in even months on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm Made but Steve Healy

Seconded by Bob Leonard

Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn Made by Duane

Seconded by Terry Boucher

Motion carried 7:45

Minutes by Tracy D'Augustino

Sent from my iPad

Resolution of the Planning Commission Recommending Adoption of the Recreation Plan:

HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP RECREATION PLAN

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

Harrisville Township Planning Commission

WHEREAS, Harrisville Township has undertaken a 5-Year Recreation Plan update which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreational facilities during the period of 2017 – 2021, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Harrisville Township Planning Commission hereby adopts the Recreation Plan and recommends that, following a public hearing session, the Township Board adopt the Harrisville Township Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of Harrisville Township.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the forgoing Resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Harrisville Township Planning Commission held on December 7, 2016.

Dec 7, 2016
Date

Rebecca F. Stoddard
Rebecca Stoddard, Chair

Minutes of the Township Board Meeting/Public Hearing on December 13, 2016:

HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MINUTES
December 13, 2016-7pm Township Hall

(All Members of the Township Board, Committees & Departments have taken the Oath of Office).

The Meeting was opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance". The Full Board and 5 Guest were present.

The Meeting was turned over to the Public Hearing for the input on the Draft of the Harrisville Township Recreation Plan as presented to the Township Board by the Planning Commission. No discussion.

JAMIESON/HEALY: by Resolution #121316, to adopt the "Harrisville Township Recreation Plan as recommended by the Planning Commission. Roll Call Voted; 5ayes, 0nays, 0absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Harrisville City/Township Fire Department Chief Randall Goodman gave an update, saying we have 3 new members, which now will total 15 Volunteers. "Thanks Guys, we appreciate your service".

Clerks last month Minutes approved as read. Treasurers report accepted and reconciled with Clerks Office. Zoning Administrator reported problem with night light shiining on neighbor, taken care of. "Ordinance (your night lights should not be a nuisance to your Neighbor)."

Discussed with Commission Johnston the new County-BS&A Programs and its affect on the Townships. Also talked again about the Counties charge to the Townships for Tax Processing.

HARVEY/YOUNG: Appoint Chad Spitznagel as a Member of the Planning Commission. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

YOUNG/HEALY: PAY THE BILLS. CARRIED.

Adjourned 8:14pm Roger D Jamieson Township Clerk

Resolution of the Township Board Adopting the Recreation Plan:

RECREATION PLAN

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

Harrisville Township

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

Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the forgoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Harrisville Township Board of Trustees, held on 13 DEC. 2016.

13 DEC. 2016
Date

Thomas Stue - Supervisor
Signature/Title

Copies of Submittal Letters:



Harrisville Township - Alcona County

Located on the Sunrise Side!

December 27, 2016

Ms. Diane Rekowski, Executive Director
Northeast Michigan Council of Governments
80 Livingston Blvd., Ste. 108
P.O. Box 457
Gaylord, MI 49734

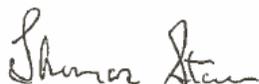
Re: *Harrisville Township Recreation Plan 2017-2021*

Dear Ms. Rekowski,

Please find enclosed a complete copy of the 2017-2021 Harrisville Township Recreation Plan, which was adopted by the Harrisville Township Board on December 13, 2016.

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

Sincerely,


Thomas Stone
Supervisor, Harrisville Township
989-724-6872

Enc.



Harrisville Township - Alcona County

Located on the Sunrise Side!

December 27, 2016

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

Re: *Harrisville Township Recreation Plan 2017-2021*

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

Sincerely,

Thomas Stone
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Chapter 5

Goals, Objectives, and Action Plan

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Goals and objectives were developed from input received from the public and from the Planning Commission.

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

Harrisville Township Recreation Area

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

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

- a) **Action:** Improve parking area.
- b) **Action:** Improve landscaping and site lighting.
- c) **Action:** Add picnic tables, grills and benches.
- d) **Action:** Construct/renovate the pavilion.
- e) **Action:** Upgrade restrooms.
- f) **Action:** Construct bike/walking path around park, with landscaping.
- g) **Action:** Construct outdoor ice skating rink.
- h) **Action:** Improve ball fields and dugouts.
- i) **Action:** Develop disk (Frisbee) golf course and other outdoor games.
- j) **Action:** Construct Community Center.

Harrisville Township Hall

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

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

- a) **Action:** Install an audio-visual system.
- b) **Action:** Improve lights and wiring.
- c) **Action:** Upgrade heating and cooling system.

BASIS FOR ACTION PROGRAM

The following are issues to consider when planning for recreational facilities in Harrisville Township:

1. The median age of residents in Harrisville Township is 53.8 years old, compared to the state's median age of 39.1. With a higher median age comes a high percentage of wheelchair use. All of the recreational facilities in Harrisville Township lack universal accessibility and are in need of improvements.
2. Young people ages 0-19 comprise 17% of the Township population and 34% of the population is between 20-54 years of age. Recreational facilities in the Township need to appeal to a very diverse age group.
3. Residents of retirement age (65 +) comprise 30% of the Township population. Thought must be given to planning for this large resident population which has both the time and desire for age-appropriate recreational activities.
4. Harrisville Township's median household income is \$41,176 compared to that of the state average of \$48,411. Nearly 48% of the households in the township include Social Security recipients, compared to 32.3% statewide. Nearly forty percent of households have retirement income, compared to 22.7% statewide. Accordingly, to truly be accessible, recreation must also be affordable which means that nearby facilities should be enhanced to lessen the driving time and expenses that residents would incur to travel to facilities farther away.
5. Harrisville Township is very proud of its natural beauty and rural character. It is important to those planning for its growth and development that every effort be made to balance ecological concerns with tourism potential. Protection of natural resources and scenic areas must therefore be a major element of the planning process.
6. The issue of improving the local economy by establishing the area as a recreation destination is of utmost importance. Unemployment rates in Harrisville Township are reported at 9.7% (2014), and all of Northeast Michigan remained significantly higher than the state average. The Township strives to create a community with a defined sense of place and a high quality of life which will attract young families and entrepreneurs. This quality of life will also help to retain local youth who otherwise would leave the area upon reaching adulthood. The retention of youth and attraction of visitors are two methods with which the Township hopes to continue its economic turn-around.

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

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

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

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

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

Table 5-1: Capital Improvements Schedule					
Harrisville Township Recreation Area					
PRIORITY	SITE	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT	EST. COST	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	YEAR*
HIGH	Harrisville Twp. Recreation Area	Improve parking area	\$25,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2018
HIGH	Harrisville Twp. Recreation Area	Improve landscaping and site lighting	\$5,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2017
HIGH	Harrisville Twp. Recreation Area	Picnic tables, grills & benches	\$5,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2018
HIGH	Harrisville Twp. Recreation Area	Construct/renovate pavilion	\$25,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2019
LOW	Harrisville Twp. Recreation Area	Upgrade restrooms	\$25,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2020
HIGH	Harrisville Twp. Recreation Area	Construct bike/walking path	\$50,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2020
LOW	Harrisville Twp. Recreation Area	Construct outdoor ice skating rink	\$5,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2021
MEDIUM	Harrisville Twp. Recreation Area	Improve ball fields and dugouts	\$25,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2018
LOW	Harrisville Twp. Recreation Area	Develop disk golf course and other outdoor games	\$5,000	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2018
LOW	Harrisville Twp. Recreation Area	Construct Community Center	TBD	DNR and other grants and funding sources, as appropriate and available Local funds	2021

Harrisville Township Hall					
PRIORITY	SITE	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT	EST. COST	FUNDING SOURCE(S)	YEAR*
HIGH	Harrisville Twp. Hall	Install audio-visual system	\$2,000	TBD	2018
HIGH	Harrisville Twp. Hall	Improve lights and wiring	\$15,000	TBD	2017
MEDIUM	Harrisville Twp. Hall	Upgrade heating and cooling system	\$5,000	TBD	2019
<p>*Some flexibility in the timeline may be necessary in order to allow for necessary engineering studies, environmental surveys, contractual scheduling, and the availability of funding.</p>					

Appendix A

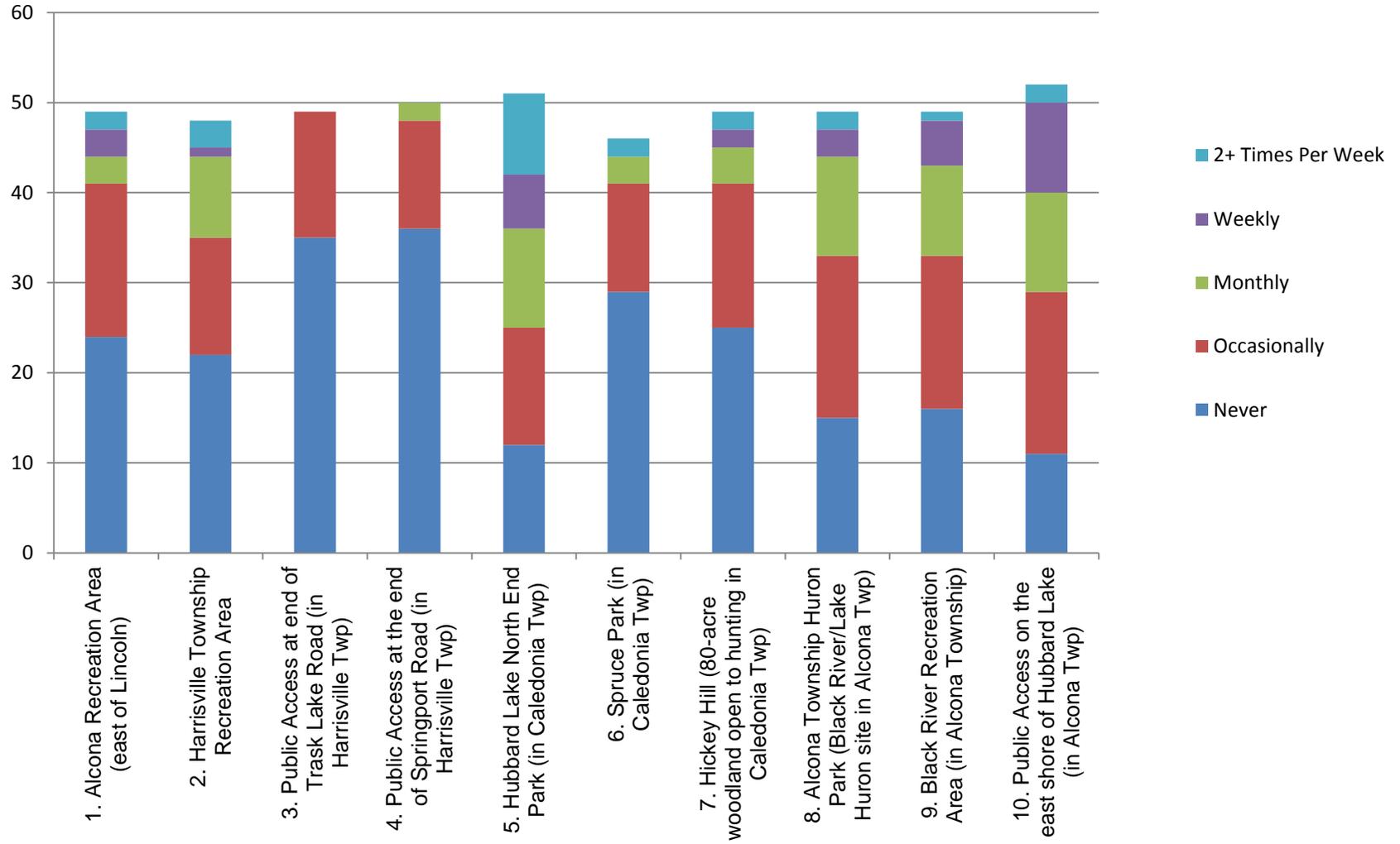
Results of Online Recreation Survey

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

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

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

How often do you utilize the following recreational facilities?



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

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

Number **Other (please specify)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

No responses

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

area.

4 Better camping

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

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

Number	Response Text
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1	Better/more sand at the shoreline. More garbage cans.
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2	Bike racks, bike route map, kayak launch, paved parking
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3	Restroom Facilities
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4	None
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5	Boat launch.... The end of the canal gets sand in it and needs cleaning in it. Also need better markers for the channel.. Last year fishermen used sticks to Mark it.
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6	Better boat singage
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11. What improvements do you and your family feel are needed to the Black River Recreation Area?

Number	Response Text
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1	upgrade toilet facilities, new fencing around ball field
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2	Drinking water
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3	None
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12. What improvements do you and your family feel are needed to the Public Access on the east shore of Hubbard Lake?

Number	Response Text
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1	Better access for foot traffic to lake, improved erosion control--possibly a break wall and some way to deter pick up trucks from gaining access to the lake in winter
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- 2 Restrooms and picnic upgrades
- 3 Not ne
- 4 Restroom
- 5 grilling area, more picnic tables, more bathrooms, swimming area.

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

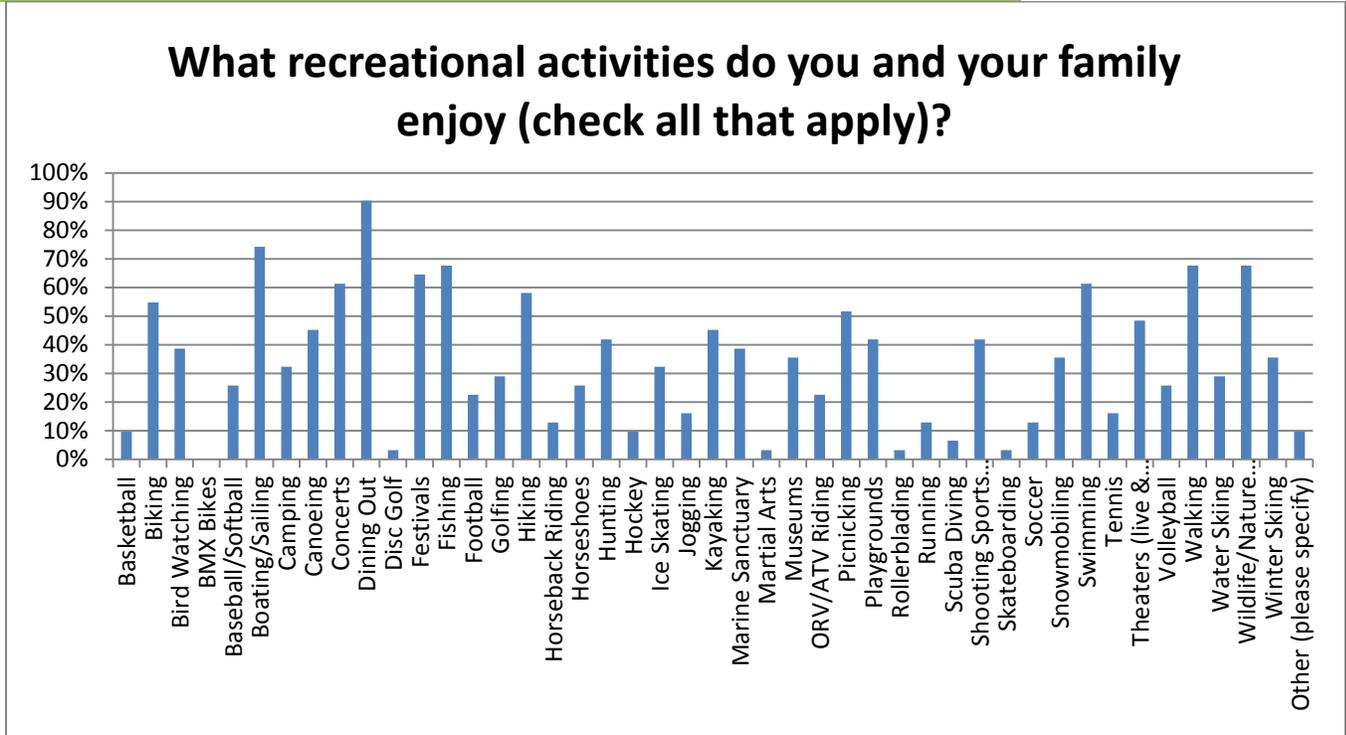
Number	Response Text
1	Updated playground in Harrisville. Improved Lake Huron beach access.
2	walk and bicycle paths paths, a playscape park for little kids
3	kayak and bike rental would be nice.
4	Hiking trails, trailhead improvements. More picnic tables. Restroom facilities.
5	I would very much like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

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

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

answered question	31
skipped question	23

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

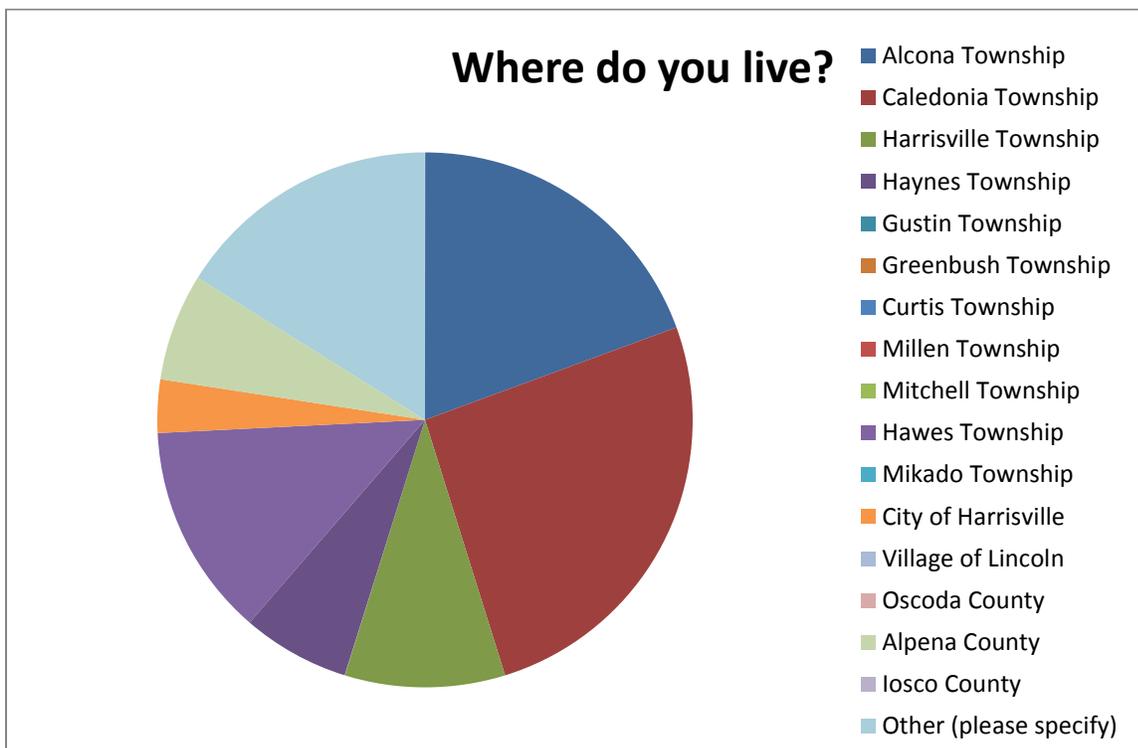
20. Where do you live?

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

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

Number Other (please specify)

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



From: [chad spitznagel](#)
To: [Stephanie Loria](#)
Subject: Re: Harrisville Twp Rec Plan comments
Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2016 9:15:21 PM

Stephanie,

The Township does not own those two sites , They are County Right of ways

CHAD

From: Stephanie Loria <sloria@nemcog.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2016 4:27 PM
To: chad spitznagel
Cc: Stoddardb
Subject: RE: Harrisville Twp Rec Plan comments

Chad,

Regarding your requested change on page 3-3, the description of those two beach access sites needs to stay as is under the inventory of Township Recreation Property because the Township owns them (unless a different entity owns them?).

~ **Stephanie**

From: chad spitznagel [<mailto:cjspitz@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, October 09, 2016 11:23 PM
To: Stephanie Loria
Subject: Harrisville Twp Rec Plan comments

Hello,

I have three comments to the rec plan that is up on your web site

Page 3-7 Greenbush Golf Course _ Add -- The facility also features a bar and grill along with cart and club rental.

Page 3-9 Village Lanes Bowling _ Change to --- A modern 8-lane seasonal bowling

Page 3-3 Move Trask Lake Road End and Springport Road End from Township Recreation Property to Other Publicly-Owned Property and delete Type,Service Area,and Barrier-Free Accessibility

Thank You
Chad Spitznagel

Appendix B

Transfer of Ownership Documentation
for Harrisville Township Recreation Area

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QUIT CLAIM DEED

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: The County of Alcona, a Municipal corporation,

whose address is Harrisville, MI 48740

Quit Claims to the Township of Harrisville, a Municipal corporation,

whose address is Harrisville, MI 48740

the following described premises situated in the Township of Harrisville, County of Alcona, State of Michigan, described as:

Commencing at the NW corner of Gov't Lot 2, Section 12, T26N, R9E; thence N 89 deg. 31 min. E 1395.0 feet to the Northeast corner of the Fairgrounds as deeded; thence S 9 deg. 30' W 60.0 feet to the P.O.B.; thence S 9 deg. 30' W 737.90 feet; thence S 80 deg. 39' E 32.00 feet; thence N. 9 deg. 30' E. 697.90 feet; thence N 29 deg. 10' W 51.22 feet to the Point of Beginning, all being a part of Gov't Lot 2, Section 12, T26N, R9E, Harrisville Township, Alcona County, Michigan and containing 0.53 acres,

AND

All that part of Government Lot Two (2) of Section 12, T26N, R9E, Harrisville Township, Alcona County, Michigan, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at a point on the North line of said Government Lot Two (2) which is 847 feet East of the Southwest corner of Government Lot One (1) of said Section 12; thence South 9 deg. 30 min. West to Washington Street; thence South 80 deg. 30 min. East along the North side of Washington Street 538 feet; thence North 9 deg. 30 min. East to the North line of said Government Lot Two (2); thence West on said line 550 feet to place of beginning.

Subject to a right of reverter in favor of the County of Alcona which shall be activated if the property is sold or fails to be used for public purposes as a recreational park.

Subject to easements and restrictions of record, if any.

for the full consideration of: This deed issued to transfer all right, title and interest to the above described property onto the Grantee, and is exempt under MCL 207.505(a).

Dated this 22nd day of July, 1994.

WITNESSES:

Brenda K. Cordes

Brenda K. Cordes

Dorothy J. McCormick

Dorothy J. McCormick

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

COUNTY OF ALCONA)

) ss.

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The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me, a Notary Public, this 22nd day of July, 1994, by the County of Alcona, a Municipal corporation, by John Gray, Chairman of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners, and by Gayle Simmons, the Alcona County Clerk.

My Commission Expires: May 17, 1998

Based on information provided by Grantor and no title examination was performed.

DRAFTED BY: DAVID H. COOK
ATTORNEY AT LAW
207 MAIN STREET, P.O. BOX 585
HARRISVILLE, MI 48740

Brenda K. Cordes

Brenda K. Cordes
Notary Public

Alcona County, Michigan

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COUNTY OF ALCONA

By John Gray
John Gray, Chairman

REGISTER OF DEEDS
ALCONA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

By: Gayle E. Simmons

Gayle Simmons, Alcona County Clerk

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QUIT CLAIM DEED

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That the County of Alcona, a municipal corporation,

whose address is P.O. Box 305, Harrisville, MI 48740,

Quit Claims to the Township of Harrisville, a municipal corporation,

whose address is 114 S. Poor Farm Road, Harrisville, MI 48740,

The following described premises situated in the Township of Harrisville, County of Alcona, State of Michigan,

Commencing at the NW corner of Government Lot 2, Section 12, T26N, R9E; thence North 89 deg. 31' East 1395.0 feet to the Northeast corner of the Fairgrounds as deeded; thence South 9 deg. 30' West 60.0 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence South 9 deg. 30' West 737.90 feet; thence South 80 deg. 39' East 32.00 feet; thence North 9 deg. 30' East 697.90 feet; thence North 29 deg. 10' West 51.22 feet to the Point of Beginning, all being a part of Government Lot 2, Section 12, T26N, R9E, Harrisville Township, Alcona County, Michigan and containing 0.53 acres.

AND

All that part of Government Lot 2 of Section 12, T26N, R9E, Harrisville Township, Alcona County, Michigan, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at a point on the North line of said Government Lot 2 which is 847 feet East of the Southwest corner of Government Lot 1 of said Section 12; thence South 9 deg. 30' West to Washington Street; thence South 80 deg. 30' East along the North side of Washington Street 538 feet; thence North 9 deg. 30' East to the North line of said Government Lot 2; thence West on said line 550 feet to Place of Beginning.

The Grantors also grants to the Grantees the right to make all divisions under Section 108 of the Land Division Act, Act No. 288 of Public Acts of 1967.

This property may be located within the vicinity of farmland or a farm operation. Generally accepted agricultural and management practices which may generate noise, dust, odors, and other associated conditions may be used and are protected by the Michigan Right to Farm Act.

Together with and subject to all easements, restrictions and reservations of record, if any.

For the full consideration of: Less than \$100.00, for the express purpose of releasing the reverter clause reserved in a Quit Claim Deed recorded in Liber 277, Page 08 Alcona County Records, as such, no tax stamps required under MCL.A 207.505(a) and MCL.A 207.526(a).

Dated: May 7, 2008



Kevin Boyat, Chairman



Patricia Truman, Alcona County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)ss.
COUNTY OF ALCONA)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me, a Notary Public, on this
1st day of May, 2008, by Kevin Boyat, chairman, and Patricia Truman,
Alcona County Clerk, for the County of Alcona

My Commission Expires: 5/17/2013



Brenda K. Cordes
Notary Public
Acting in Alcona County
Alcona County, Michigan

DRAFTED BY:
DAVID H. COOK
ATTORNEY AT LAW
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HARRISVILLE, MI 48740

Based on information provided by grantor
and no title examination was performed.

Appendix C

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

PLAN INFORMATION

Name of Plan: Harrisville Township Recreation Plan 2017-2021		
List the community names (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan.	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body
Harrisville Township	Alcona	December 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 August 17, 2016

Type of Notice Public Notice

Plan Location County Library & NEMCOG's website

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) September 19, 2016

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 November 30, 2016

Name of Newspaper Alcona County Review

Date of Meeting December 13, 2016

Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

8. ACTION PROGRAM

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

PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION

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

1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: December 13, 2016

2. Official resolution of the Harrisville Township Planning Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: December 7, 2016

3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: December 27, 2016

4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: December 27, 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

Harrisville Township
(Local Unit of Government)

above and as set forth by the DNR.

includes the required content, as indicated

[Signature]

Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

DEC. 27. 2016
Date

This completed checklist must be uploaded in MiRecGrants.