

Recreation Plan

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2012-2016



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Posen Township, Michigan

Village of Posen, Michigan

Metz Township, Michigan

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CHAPTER 1

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Because of the recreational character of Presque Isle County and the abundance of water and forest resources, the County wishes to formally plan for recreational facilities and activities. The County's last recreational plan was adopted in January of 2005 and expired in January of 2010. This document is an update to that plan and has become a multi-jurisdictional plan for the following communities:

- ❖ Presque Isle County
- ❖ Village of Posen
- ❖ Posen Township
- ❖ Metz Township

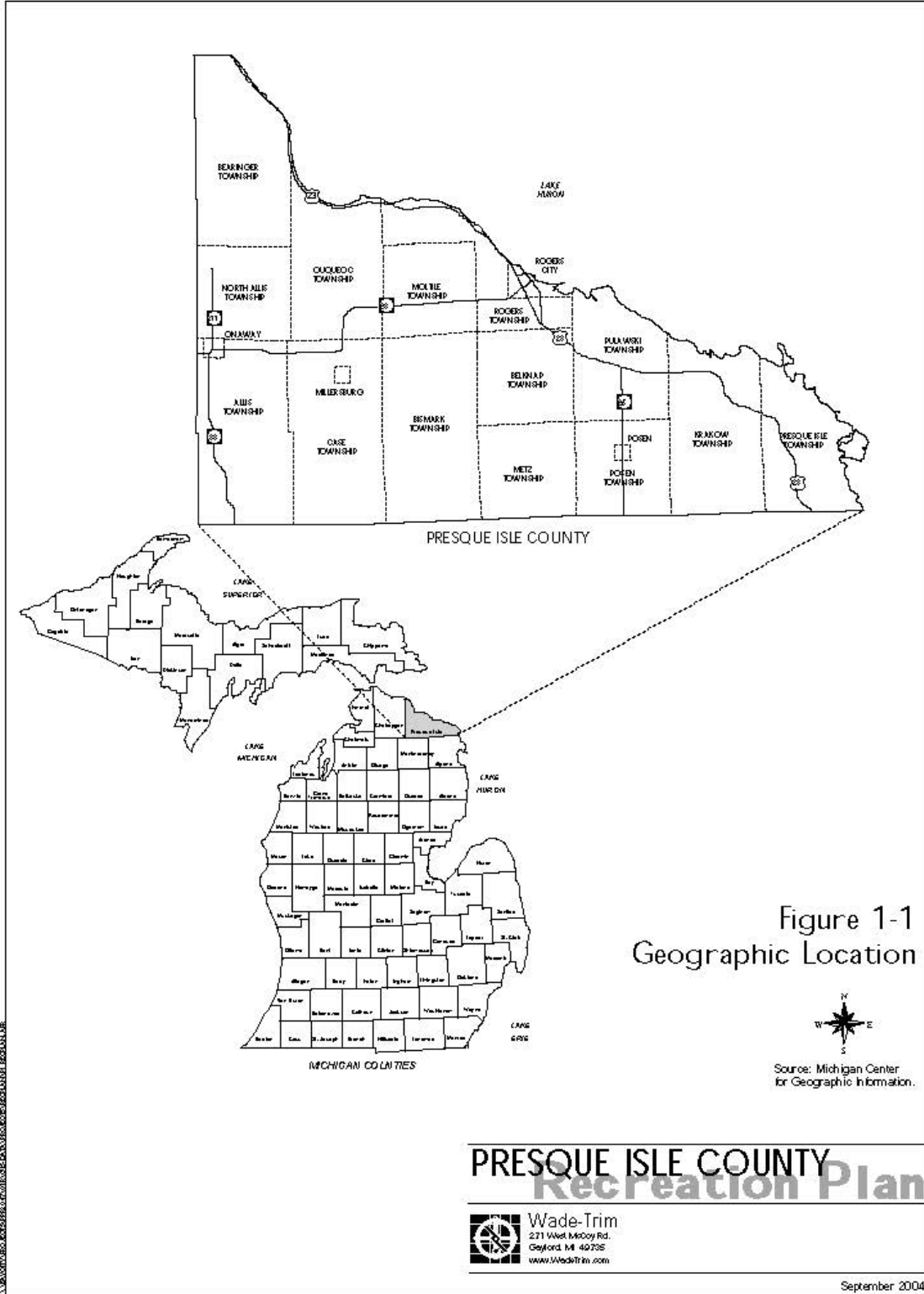
As tourism is very important to the economic well-being of Presque Isle County, the County and Recreation Plan partner communities have provided recreational facilities and services to permanent and seasonal residents and visitors. Therefore, the multiple jurisdictions contained in this plan intend to not only continue providing recreational facilities and services to residents and visitors, but to continue to expand and improve these facilities and services.

All participating governing bodies recognize the importance of planning for future recreation services and facilities. A major factor in the provision of any service is the question of how projects will be funded. One possible source of funding for recreation projects is through grants available from Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). To become grant eligible for MDNR funding, a community must have an approved five-year recreation plan. Components of a MDNR approved recreation plan include:

- ❖ Community Description
- ❖ Recreation Inventory
- ❖ Administrative Structure
- ❖ Description of the Planning Process
- ❖ Action Program and Capital Improvements Schedule
- ❖ Basis for the Action Program
- ❖ Plan Adoption

COMMUNITY LOCATION AND TRANSPORTATION LINKS

Presque Isle County is located in the northeastern portion of Michigan's Lower Peninsula. A location map is provided as **Figure 1-1**. The County has a land area of about 688 square miles. Roughly triangular in shape, the County's northeast edge borders Lake Huron. Most of the County is rural in nature and is characterized by low population density. Posen Township (35 mi²), Metz Township (35 mi²), and the Village of Posen (1 mi²) are all located in the south central portion of Presque Isle County. The 2010 Census registered a County population of 13,376. The City of Rogers City is the County seat and the largest incorporated community with a population of 2,827. The City of Onaway has a population of 880, while the villages of Millersburg and Posen have populations of 206 and 234, respectively. The 14 townships within Presque Isle County vary in population from Moltke (296 persons) to Presque Isle (1,656 persons). Posen and Metz townships contain 850 and 302 people, respectively. Census figures reflect year-round population, but the County has many seasonal residents as well. One-third of the County's housing units are for seasonal or recreational use, so summertime population is much larger than in winter.



The County's geographic location is relatively remote from the large urban areas of Michigan. From the County seat, it is a five-hour drive to Detroit, four hours to Lansing, and two and a half hours to the Bay City/Saginaw area. On the other hand, the recreation and resort areas of northern Michigan are in close proximity. Portions of Presque Isle County are well within an hour's drive of Mackinaw City and the Straits, Petoskey, Harbor Springs, Gaylord, Indian River, and Cheboygan.

Many County residents travel to work in the nearby regional employment centers of Alpena, Cheboygan, and Gaylord. Major transportation routes in the County are U.S. 23, serving the Lake Huron coast, M-65 and M-33 serving north/south traffic, and M-68 serving east/west traffic. Interstate-75 provides freeway access to the County. It is located 22 miles west of Onaway and 42 miles west of Rogers City.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY

Prior to European settlement, Presque Isle County was inhabited by Native American tribes, who used the area as hunting lands. The earliest European visitors in the 1600's were French explorers, missionaries, and fur traders. The county was named Presque Isle (literally "almost an island"), which is French for peninsula. This phrase describes the Presque Isle peninsula (which today is Presque Isle Township), which is east of Grand Lake and juts out into Lake Huron in the southern part of the County. During the late 1700's and early 1800's, the area passed through French, English, and American hands in a succession of skirmishes. In 1836, the land was officially ceded to the United States, and the County was first surveyed in 1839 and officially set-off in 1840. At different periods of the mid-1800's, areas that later became Presque Isle County were attached to Mackinac, Cheboygan, and Alpena counties. A county government was first organized in 1871.

Because of the isolated location and lack of roads, water transportation was the key to early development and trade. Much of Presque Isle County's early settlement began along the Lake Huron shoreline. Presque Isle Harbor, a natural harbor, offered safe refuge from Lake Huron storms, and the surrounding woods supplied fuel for steamboats plying the shoreline. Burnham's Landing, just south of Presque Isle, was established by 1860 as a thriving steamboat depot.

Lighthouses were also essential to Great Lakes navigation and to early land settlement. Three lighthouses were built in Presque Isle County, and all remain intact as popular tourism attractions. The Old Presque Isle Light was built in 1840 and was soon replaced by the New Presque Isle Light in 1870; 40 Mile Point Light, north of Rogers City, was built in 1897.

Early industries in the County were resource based and included fishing, lumbering, and mining. Lumbering not only occurred along the Lake Huron shoreline, but throughout the County. Long before decent roads could be constructed, inland rivers such as the Ocqueoc, provided routes for transporting logs to many local sawmills. Later, the Detroit and Mackinac Railroad helped spur the further development of lumbering towns like Millersburg, Onaway, and Metz. Local lumber barons like Paul Hoeft in Rogers City and Merritt Chandler in Onaway built communities along with their commercial empires in northeast Michigan. The majestic Onaway Courthouse still stands as an example of the prosperity of the County's early entrepreneurs.

German and Polish immigrants, who were recruited in Europe to come work in the lumbering industry, remained in the area as farmers once the land was cleared. Posen, the "Potato Capital" of Michigan, remains a center of Polish history and culture, and is one of the most important agricultural areas of the County. As in other areas of Michigan and the upper Midwest, the timber cutover areas were highly

vulnerable to fire. The devastating Metz Fire of 1908 destroyed over 2.5 million acres, with great loss of life, and the town of Metz never fully recovered.

The Lobdell and Bailey Company (later the American Wood Rim Company) was an early wood products company located in Onaway. The firm produced wooden bicycle rims and auto steering wheels. This company employed over 750 people by 1902 and is the origin of the slogan, "Onaway Steers the World." A disastrous fire in 1926 totally destroyed the factory and reduced Onaway's population by half. The present-day Masonic Lodge is the original Lobdell office building and residence - a reminder of the days when Onaway was the largest community in the County.

Extensive limestone deposits occur in Presque Isle County and are near the surface in many areas of the Lake Huron shoreline. In the early 1900's, Crawford's Quarry was developed to mine a deposit of high chemical-grade stone. Later sold to U.S. Steel, the quarry property was re-named Calcite. Calcite stone was used extensively in the steel-making process, and much of it was shipped to the Rouge River Steel Plant in Detroit. During the height of the Calcite Quarry, Rogers City had many characteristics of a company town. U.S. Steel built and owned much of the local housing stock, and an individual's social status was often determined by his place in the company's management structure.

By the early 1980's, the rise of Japanese steel and the fall of American automobile sales damaged the market for American steel. U. S. Steels' sale of the Calcite quarry property to new owners marked the end of an era. Under the name Michigan Limestone Operations (now owned by Carmeuse), the mine remains in active production and is still the largest limestone quarry in the world. A second vast quarry, Stoneport (now operated by Lafarge Corporation) is located near Presque Isle Harbor in southern Presque Isle County. Both the MLO and Stoneport quarries are served by deep-water ports with thousand-foot freighters loading daily during the shipping season. In the past, the stone shipping fleets were based in the County, providing maritime employment for large numbers of County residents. The self-unloading stone carrier was a type of vessel perfected for the Bradley Steamship Line, based at Rogers City's Port of Calcite.

The tragic sinking of the *Bradley* in 1958 and the *Cedarville* in 1965 cost scores of sailors their lives. The events remain part of the collective memory of this Great Lakes port community. Monuments and museums exist in the County to preserve the community's maritime heritage and honor those who lost their lives in the disasters.

Tourism and recreation have been part of the fabric of Presque Isle County since the late 1800's. Numerous areas of the County can trace their development to tourism. The Grand Lake area was probably the first part of the County to actively solicit tourism businesses during the late 1800's; with several resort hotels being constructed along Grand Lake. Before the advent of good roads, tourist access was via steamboat from Lake Huron. The Fireside Inn and the Presque Isle Lodge, both dating from the early 20th Century, are examples of Grand Lake's early leadership in lake resort development.

The Black Lake area, near Onaway, also developed during the early 20th Century. Black Lake is part of Michigan's inland waterway system; a place of summer escape from the hot and crowded urban centers of southern Michigan. Huron Beach, along the northern Lake Huron shoreline, is an early example of recreational subdivision plat development. Further, the County's woods and waters have hosted private hunting camps and hideaways dating from the early part of the 1900's.

Public forestlands are also a significant tourist and recreational attraction and are located throughout Presque Isle County. These public holdings are largely the result of tax-reverted private lands coming back to State ownership after the physical ravages of fire or the economic ravages of the Depression. The Depression era presented Presque Isle County with some unexpected treasures: two excellent examples of early state park development. During the Depression, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) established the Black Lake CCC Camp (actually located at Ocqueoc Lake). From this base of operations, the CCC built significant recreation facilities at the then-new Onaway and Hoeft State Parks. Most of these Depression-era trail systems and park buildings are still in existence and have been determined eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. The Black Lake CCC Camp itself still remains, now re-named as the Ocqueoc Outdoor Center. Presque Isle County assumed ownership of the facility from the State in early 2004.

The County's history is evident everywhere. The lumbering and quarry industries that built the community are still key components of the area's economy. Tourism and recreation are both the community's past and its future. Water resources continue to draw both people and businesses to the area and the agricultural landscape is one of the most valued aspects of this rural environment.

CHAPTER 2

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY

The administration of recreational facilities and activities located in Presque Isle County is divided along jurisdictional lines. The Presque Isle County Board of Commissioners is the administrative body responsible for all county owned, managed, and operated recreational facilities. As such, the final decision-making and fiscal responsibility for 40 Mile Point Lighthouse Park and Ocqueoc Outdoor Center is the County Board of Commissioners. This five-member Board consists of elected positions representing five political districts across the county. Elections are held in two-year increments and the latest election was held in November, 2010. Current Board members and elected County officials are as follows:

Presque Isle County Board of Commissioners-2012

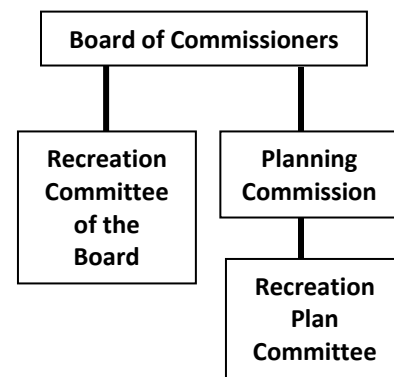
Carl Altman, Chair
Robert Schell, Vice-Chair
Kristin Sorgenfrei
Michael A. Darga
Stephen Lang
Susan M. Rhode, County Clerk and Secretary

Elected County Officials-2011

Susan M. Rhode, County Clerk
Beth E. Heinzel, County Treasurer
Charles Lyon, Drain Commissioner
Hon. Donald J. McLennan, Probate Judge/Presiding Judge, Family Division
Richard K. Steiger, Prosecuting Attorney
Cathy I. Idalski, Register of Deeds
Robert W. Paschke, Sheriff
Norman J. Quaine Jr., Surveyor

Presque Isle County Planning Commission – 2012

Michael Libby, Chair
Richard Wright, Vice-Chair
Fran Brink
Dennis Budnick
Lester Buza
Jerry Counterman
Michael Darga
Byron DeLong
Toby Kuznicki
Julian Pilarski
Gary Wozniak



All decisions involving parks and recreation facilities in the County are deliberated by the Courthouse and Grounds Committee (Darga and Sorgenfrei; Lang - Alternate). Their recommendations are presented to the full Board of Commissioners for final consideration. Jurisdictional responsibilities of the Committee include: Airport, Parks, Road Commission, Equalization & Footings, Building Authority, Courthouse, Jail and Grounds. The County Planning Commission is responsible for creating and updating the Presque Isle County Recreation Plan.

In its park administrative process, the Committee relies on input from the 40 Mile Point Lighthouse Society regarding the management and upkeep of 40 Mile Point Lighthouse Park and from Michigan State University Extension for administration of the Ocqueoc Outdoor Center. Administration of these sites will be discussed in more detail later in this chapter.

Current Year & Projected Annual Budgets for Parks & Recreation

For fiscal year 2011/2012, the total County budget is \$5,105,748. The County budgeted \$12,050 for fiscal year 2011/2012 for general parks and recreation administration and maintenance (40 Mile Point Lighthouse is included in this category); \$11,025 was budgeted for the Ocqueoc Outdoor Center and \$7,925 for Community and Economic Development. Additional allocations are made on an as needed basis for the specific projects or sites.

For fiscal year 2012/2013, a 2% budget increase in parks and recreation resources is anticipated. Therefore, it is anticipated that the County will budget \$12,290 for fiscal year 2012/2013 for general parks and recreation administration and maintenance, which includes 40 Mile Point Lighthouse; \$11,245 for the Ocqueoc Outdoor Center and \$8,084 for Community and Economic Development. Additional allocations will remain being made on an as needed basis for specific projects or sites.

The responsibility for administration of the County budget is through the offices of the County Clerk and the County Treasurer, both elected positions. The administration of grant programs is also the responsibility of those offices, although other departments or organizations may assist, as needed. The County is responsible for any grant-required matching funds. Matching funds may include volunteer labor and donated funds and materials.

Relationships with Other Agencies/Volunteer Groups

40 Mile Point Lighthouse Park and Society

Day-to-day operations of 40 Mile Point Lighthouse Park and its facilities fall to the 40 Mile Point Lighthouse Society; a not-for-profit organization established in the mid-1990's after Presque Isle County assumed ownership of the site. The Society is funded by the sale of memberships, donations, and gift shop revenues. There is no admission charge at the park or entry fee into any of the park buildings, but donations are always accepted.

Over the years, the Society has been largely responsible for overseeing the improvements made to the Keeper's House, the tower and many other park amenities. It fully expects to continue to actively manage, restore, and improve all of the facilities at this park. The Society has been able to leverage a remarkable amount of volunteer labor and donated materials from its members. In 2000, Presque Isle County received an \$112,542 Clean Michigan Initiative Lighthouse Grant (administered by Michigan Department of Environmental Quality) to preserve all of the buildings in a historically correct manner.

The County paid the local match of \$37,514 and the Society provided all of the volunteer labor. Activities included minor repairs, painting and basic improvements to the museum; correction of drainage problems; replacement of picnic tables and the installation of playground equipment.

The Society supported the expansion of the Huron Sunrise Trail from Hoeft State Park to 40 Mile Point Lighthouse, making the park accessible by non-motorized trail all the way to Rogers City. The trail extension has been a great asset for the site.

Glawe School

In addition to county funding to acquire and relocate the one-room school building in 1999, the Glawe School Committee, a non-profit organization, has been instrumental in providing volunteer support for administration, staffing and improvements. The building interior and exterior was repainted, and electricity was installed. The original school bell and doors were recovered and installed. Several desks and other appropriate furnishing have been installed. There is no heat or water in the building, so it is only open from July 4th through Labor Day. Because of limited staffing, there are no regular visiting hours. When the flag is flying, the school is open. The Committee does not charge admission for entrance, but gladly accepts monetary donations. Additional financial support for improvements came from the "Communities First Fund", a charitable trust of Presque Isle Electric and Gas Co-operative. The County does not make routine allocations for the Glawe School, but responds to Committee requests for specific needs. The Committee is in the process of collecting artifacts and photographs associated with this school and other one-room schools.

Ocqueoc Outdoor Center and Michigan State University Extension

Michigan State University Extension handles reservations for rental at the Ocqueoc Outdoor Center and answers various questions for persons seeking information.

The Board of Commissioners has supported funding for the facility since acquiring the Ocqueoc Outdoor Center and the Board has allocated \$11,025 for fiscal year 2011 for maintenance and improvements.

A group calling themselves the "Friends of the Ocqueoc Outdoor Center" has formed to discuss goals, formulate promotional plans, and prioritize upgrades.

Presque Isle County Development Commission

The Director of the Presque Isle County Development Commission oversees grant projects for recreational facilities. The Director also serves as a liaison between Presque Isle County and State agencies.

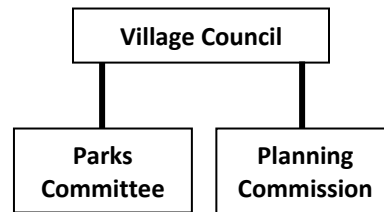
Presque Isle Conservation District

Presque Isle County provides an appropriation to the Presque Isle Conservation District (totaling \$15,000 in FY 2011/2012). The Presque Isle Conservation District owns the Herman Vogler Conservation Area; therefore Presque Isle County provides financial support for this facility through the Conservation District. A 2% increase in the allocation (totaling \$15,300) to the Conservation District is anticipated for FY 2012/2013.

VILLAGE OF POSEN

Village of Posen

Marilyn Kaszubowski, President
Julia Patterson, Clerk
Marcia Urban, Clerk
Dennis Chalupniczak, Trustee
John Ataman, Trustee
Margaret Nowak, Trustee
David Krentz, Trustee
Loretta Wozniak, Trustee
Kathleen Bruski, Trustee



Village of Posen Planning Commission

Paulette Woloszyk
Lori Wozniak
Jessica Romel
Jennifer Gorlewski

Village of Posen Parks Committee

Marilyn Kaszubowski
Lori Wozniak
Marge Nowak

Administration of the parks and recreation facilities in the Village of Posen are the responsibility of the Posen Village Council. A Parks Committee advises on recreation.

Current Year & Projected Annual Budgets for Parks & Recreation

The Village has a total budget of \$46,224 with \$200 budget for parks and recreation administration and maintenance for FY 2011/2012. All funding is generated through a general fund millage. Recreation maintenance is completed through volunteer efforts through Village Council members.

For fiscal year 2012/2013, no budget increases in parks and recreation resources are anticipated. However, allocations will remain being made on an as needed basis for specific projects or sites.

Relationships with Other Agencies/Volunteer Groups

The Village of Posen, Posen Township, and Posen Consolidated Schools jointly own and maintain the ballpark on M-65.

POSEN TOWNSHIP

Posen Township

James Zakshesky, Supervisor

Judy Szczerowski, Clerk

Darlene Polaski, Trustee

Daniel Buza, Trustee

Frank Budnik, Trustee

There is no Planning Commission for Posen Township. Administration of the parks and recreation facilities in Posen Township are the responsibility of the Township officers. No parks committee exists.

Current Year & Projected Annual Budgets for Parks & Recreation

Posen Township has a total budget of \$102,240 with \$8,190 budgeted for "Building & Grounds" for FY 2011/2012. All funding is generated through a general fund millage. Recreation maintenance is completed through volunteer efforts through Township Board members.

For fiscal year 2012/2013, a 1% budget increase in the "Building & Grounds" line item is anticipated. Therefore, it is anticipated that the Township will budget \$8,272 for fiscal year 2012/2013. Additional allocations will remain being made on an as needed basis for specific projects or sites.

Relationships with Other Agencies/Volunteer Groups

The Village of Posen, Posen Township, and Posen Consolidated Schools jointly own and maintain the ballpark on M-65.

METZ TOWNSHIP

Metz Township

Nyle Wickersham, Supervisor

Nancy Kadow, Clerk

Andrea Konwinski

Thomas Hein, Trustee

Louis Urban, Trustee

Metz Township Fire Historical Park Committee

Nancy Kadow

Dan Kadow

Nyle Wickersham

Tom Hein

Jonas Taratuta

Neil Altman

Mark Thompson

There is no Planning Commission for Metz Township. Administration of the parks and recreation facilities in Metz Township are the responsibility of the Township Officers. The Metz Township Fire Historical Park Committee is involved in planning for the Metz Township Fire Historical Park.

Current Year & Projected Annual Budgets for Parks & Recreation

Metz Township has a total budget of \$37,600 and has \$2,500 budgeted for “Township Hall repair/maintenance, equipment/furniture, and improvements” for FY 2011/2012. All funding is generated through a general fund millage. Special grant funding could be available from the Presque Isle Electric & Gas Cooperative Communities First Grant Program.

For fiscal year 2012/2013, a 1% budget increase in the township line item is anticipated. Therefore, it is anticipated that the Township will budget \$2,525 for fiscal year 2012/2013. Additional allocations will remain being made on an as needed basis for specific projects or sites.

Relationships with Other Agencies/Volunteer Groups

Besides the Metz Township Fire Historical Park Committee, there are no established relationships with other agencies/volunteer groups in Metz Township.

Other Local Units of Government

The local subunits of government in Presque Isle County (cities, villages and townships) are administered by elected officials who have the responsibility for their respective jurisdictions and budgets. Each local governmental unit is managed by a board/council consisting of a chief administrator (supervisor/president/mayor), clerk, treasurer and board members. Each unit is responsible for administration of local grant programs and matching funds. Not all governmental subunits in Presque Isle County have locally-owned or operated recreational facilities, but those who do are responsible for the maintenance, management and improvement of their respective facilities.

State of Michigan

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) administers state parks, state forest campgrounds, harbors/marinas, certain public access sites, trail facilities and multi-use trails on state forest lands. Other public access sites and roadside parks along U.S. 23 are owned by the State but are maintained by the Presque Isle County Road Commission. In Presque Isle County, the very active Presque Isle Sno-Trails Club, in conjunction with the DNR, maintains and grooms 111 miles of snowmobile trails during the December 1 through April 1 winter season.

Relationships Between Participating Jurisdictions

Presque Isle County, Metz Township, Posen Township, the Village of Posen and Posen Consolidated Schools are the participating jurisdictions in this Recreation Plan. The townships and Village are municipal entities within the County. The school district also exists within Presque Isle County. In addition, one recreational facilities – the Posen Ballpark – is jointly owned by Posen Township, the Village of Posen, and Posen Consolidated Schools.

US 23 Heritage Route

The US 23 Heritage Route extends 200 miles from Standish to Mackinaw City and is called the “Huron Shores Heritage Route”. Each county along the route has an active Heritage Route Team and participates in an overseeing Management Council. The Presque Isle County Heritage Route Team consists of volunteers interested in tourism and history. Each year, the county teams and the Management Council work toward implementing projects which are stated in the US 23 Heritage Route Management Plan. A landmark project has been the award-winning website www.heritage23.com which provides an interactive one-stop shop of things to see and do along the county-wide Heritage Route corridor. In addition, the Heritage Route publishes maps and brochures highlighting recreational amenities. The “Sunrise Coast” partnership in the Pure Michigan campaign has also helped to increase exposure of recreation in Presque Isle County. Therefore, the US 23 Heritage Route program assists with promotion of public and private recreational facilities in the county.

CHAPTER 3

RECREATION INVENTORY

Existing recreation facilities located in Presque Isle County are grouped according to jurisdictional ownership, followed by a brief description of each location. **Figure 3-1** at the end of the chapter illustrates the location of the most heavily used properties.

PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY RECREATION FACILITIES

Presque Isle County either owns or maintains the following properties, which are currently being used for recreational purposes or could potentially be used for recreational purposes.

40 Mile Point Lighthouse Park/Glawe School

Type: Special Use Facility

Service Area: Northeast Michigan

Barrier-Free Accessibility: 2 - some of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines

More than 20 acres and all buildings, except the lighthouse and 2.4 acres surrounding it, were conveyed to Presque Isle County in 1972 by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation under the “Legacy of Parks” program. When the lighthouse was declared surplus and assigned to the Administrator of General Services for disposal, application was made to have the property conveyed to the County. The U.S. Government conveyed ownership of the lighthouse and remaining 2.4 acres to the County in November, 1998. The County has committed to upkeep and preservation of the light station and park for over 25 years and will continue to do so. At this time, the Coast Guard is only responsible for maintaining the automated light. The lighthouse has been on the National Register since 1984 and is a Sweetwater Trail site. An historic marker exists on the site.

The lighthouse museum is operated by the non-profit 40 Mile Point Lighthouse Society and is open to the public from Memorial Day weekend to mid-October. Hours of operation for the museum/gift shop/out buildings and Calcite Pilot House are Tuesday – Sunday 10 am to 4 pm (closed Monday). However, the park is open to the public year-round, dawn to dusk, with restroom facilities available in summer only. More discussion on the park administration is found in Chapter 2, Administration. Funds are generated from 40 Mile Point Lighthouse Society membership dues, gift shop sales, donations, and are also allocated in the Presque Isle County annual budget.

Features of the site include:

- Light tower with working Fourth Order Fresnel lens set on an 1872 collar—Visitors may climb the tower during hours of operation and is not barrier-free.
- Light keeper’s house, two-story mirror image duplex—It originally provided dwellings for the keeper’s family and the assistant keeper’s family. One side of the light keeper’s house is now occupied year-round by a caretaker. The other side houses a maritime museum. Much of the museum side of the building has been restored to as near original condition as possible. Because of the original architecture, the building is accessible only by steps.
- Bunkhouse/barn—Post and beam constructed building was the original bunkhouse for workers when the tower and keeper’s house were being built. At one point it was used as a barn. It is now used as a gift shop. The building is on ground level and is barrier-free.

- Fog Signal Building—It is now an enclosed pavilion with picnic tables, benches, and electricity. There is one step to enter the building, but it could be made barrier-free with a portable ramp. Adjacent to the building is a playground with swings, grills, and horseshoe pit.
- Restrooms/changing rooms—Barrier-free accessible.
- Enclosed pavilion with removable windows (has a stage and electric outlets) and two vault toilets—Barrier-free accessible and open to the public.
- Two brick privies—Original site buildings; open to the public.
- Brick oil house—Original site building; not open to the public.
- Pilot house from the *Calcite* (built in 1912 and de-commissioned in 1961)—It is completely furnished and equipped to the period and is open when the museum is open.
- Lifeboat from the *Calcite*.
- Kiosk information center.
- 1905 shipwreck remains of the steamer *Joseph S. Fay* on beach – steps going to beach not barrier-free.
- Walking trails and wooded natural area.
- Abandoned shoreline dunes from glacial Lake Huron.
- Swimming beach.
- International Shipmasters Association Memorial.
- Paved entrance with one-way loop.
- Guest keeper campsites (no dumping station).
- Huron Sunrise Trail – links 40 Mile Point with Rogers City.



Dining Room



Lighthouse Tower



Joseph S. Fay shipwreck



Enclosed Pavilion



Keeper's House

The Glawe School

The one-room school was moved to the 40 Mile Point Lighthouse Park site in 1999. Presque Isle County accepted the building from Trinity Lutheran Church when the church was undergoing an expansion project. Originally log-construction with wood clapboard siding, the school was built in 1885 in Ocqueoc Township and was in service until 1960. Grades 1-8 were taught in the one-room school. Photographs and artifacts pertaining to one-room schools are being collected and will be on display. Since there is no heat in the building, visitors may enter the school from July 4th to Labor Day; the building is staffed and open when the flag is out. The Glawe School Committee, a non-profit organization, is working with the County to restore and preserve the school.



Glawe School

Ocqueoc Outdoor Center

Type: Special Use Facility

Service Area: Northeast Michigan

Barrier-Free Accessibility: 2 - some of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines

Presque Isle County acquired this 18-acre site in April, 2004 from Michigan Department of Natural Resources when the agency was considering demolition of the buildings. The site, located on Ocqueoc Lake, was deeded to the County with a reverter clause stating that the facility would be used for recreational purposes or be returned to the State. The facility was first built and used as a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp during President Franklin Roosevelt's time in office. During that time it was called "The Black Lake Camp". The site is currently rented as a group camping and meeting facility.

A group, "Friends of the Ocqueoc Outdoor Center" has met to set goals for the property including how to promote usage and priority of upgrades.

Amenities of the site include:

- Former caretaker residence—Currently being remodeled into the center headquarters/reception building with two offices, meeting room, bathroom, and small kitchen.
- Two bunkhouses—Equipped with new bunk beds and mattresses, the buildings can sleep 77 campers total. The interior has received new paint, and new doors were installed. The bunkhouses have been renamed the Black Mountain Building and Lakes and Streams Building. They are on ground level and are barrier-free. Air conditions are available in each bunk house.
- Bathroom facilities—Shower and restroom facilities are located in a separate building near the bunkhouses. The shower building was renovated with new paint, barrier-free sinks/vanity tops and low-flow toilets; in 2010, new showers were installed.
- Dining room/kitchen—To make the dining room ready for use, the interior was thoroughly cleaned and painted and furnished with new chairs and tables in 2004. It is accessible. The building needs exterior paint and new windows. Groups using the camp furnish food and cook. The kitchen/mess hall can seat 84 and has two commercial ranges, two refrigerators, commercial sinks, preparation space, a walk-in cooler, and dry storage area.
- Classroom building—The interior of this building was renovated and is ready for year-round use. Twelve new tables (six for each side) and chairs furnish the classroom. The building has been renamed the Simon Yarrett Classroom, in honor of the gentleman who resided at and cared for the camp for more than 40 years.

- Media center—This building is the former chaperones quarters. The first-aid station is located in this building. Much renovation, both exterior and interior, need to occur before the media center is ready for use.
- Outdoor platform/chapel overlooking the lake—Suitable for weddings (reception in the dining room) and meditation.
- Lakeside seating needs to be restored.
- Small beach.
- Fishing platform.
- Picnic tables—Donated by Harrisville State Park.
- Log Cabin with classroom – built by Onaway Log Cabin class.
- Basketball area.
- Archery/shooting range.
- Signs have recently been placed at the entrances (placed by the Road Commission).



Bunkhouse



Barrier-free ramp



Window



Kitchen



Kitchen



Dining Hall



Dock



Log Cabin with Classroom



Classroom in Log Cabin

Presque Isle County Building and 4-H Community Garden

Type: Special Use Facility

Service Area: Presque Isle County

Barrier-Free Accessibility:

Presque Isle County Building: 4 – meets accessibility guidelines

Community Garden: 1 – does not meet accessibility guidelines

The Presque Isle County Building contains offices for county facilities as well as the courts. The 4-H Community Garden is a project in process on the site of the Presque Isle County Building. The purpose of the project is to engage youth and adults to learn skills including planning and organizing, decision-making, wise use of resources, healthy lifestyle choices, self-motivation, teamwork, community service, gardening and construction. The garden is proposed for a 142'X24' vacant space and will measure 60'X20'. The current surface is grass, however, when completed, the space could include a variety of raised beds suitable for crop plantings, tool storage, seating, educational signage, bird and bat houses, compost, and rainwater containment. Ideas for the site are being designed by local youth.

Fletcher-Gilcrest Park

NOTE: This park is not a county-owned facility, but is included in this inventory for informational purposes only.

Type: Community Park

Service Area: Presque Isle County

Barrier-Free Accessibility: 1 - none of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines

Fletcher Gilcrest Park, located on Grand Lake and owned by the Presque Isle County Road Commission, contains a boat ramp and parking area. In addition, a pavilion was built by the Grand Lake Sportsmen's Club and Presque Isle Corporation in conjunction with the Presque Isle County Road Commission and was dedicated in August of 1998. The pavilion is convertible from open air to closed. While the pavilion floor is at ground level, no paved walkway exists between the parking lot and the pavilion. In addition, pit toilets are available which are not barrier-free. A small storage shed is also located on the property. In the winter, a free fishing derby is held at the park with prizes available in the pavilion.



Boat Ramp



Pavilion



Pit Toilet

VILLAGE OF POSEN RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Posen Village Park

Type: Community Park

Service Area: Village of Posen

Barrier-Free Accessibility: 1 - none of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines

The Posen Village Park is located on a Michigan Historic Site (50' X 150') where the first utility pole (set by Presque Isle Electric Cooperative) was erected in 1937. Established in 1935, the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) was a New Deal program designed to help cooperatives provide low-cost power to rural areas. In 1937, the Presque Isle Electric Cooperative energized its first 70 miles of line from Norway Dam in Alpena to Moltke Township bringing electricity to 82 families. An historic marker and monument is located at the site. In addition, the park contains playground equipment.



Historic Marker



Playground equipment



Playground equipment

Posen Village Offices

Type: Special Use Facility

Service Area: Village of Posen

Barrier-Free Accessibility: 4 - meets accessibility guidelines

While not a recreational facility, the Posen Village Offices and attached fire hall do meet accessibility guidelines and are located upon a lot (120' X 220') in the Village of Posen.

POSEN TOWNSHIP RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Posen Community Center

Type: Special Use Facility

Service Area: Village/Township of Posen

Barrier-Free Accessibility: 3 – most of the facility meets accessibility guidelines

The Posen Community Center is a township-owned facility, located on a five-acre lot in the Village of Posen, which contains the Posen Township Offices and event facility which is available for rent. The Posen Chapter of the Knights of Columbus occupies the upper level of the facility. The event facility contains barrier-free parking, a bar, kitchen, barrier-free restrooms, stage, and open area for tables. In addition, the property contains a barn which is used for fee-based boat storage in the winter and for events in warm weather.



Event Facility



Event Facility



Kitchen



Bar



Barrier-Free Restrooms



Barn

METZ TOWNSHIP RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Metz Fire Memorial & Township Hall Site

Type: Special Use Facility

Service Area: Metz Township.

Barrier-Free Accessibility: 2 - some of the facilities meets accessibility guidelines



Metz Fire Memorial



Metz Township Hall

This site consists of an historic marker denoting the Metz Fire of 1908. Also on-site is the Metz Township Hall where barrier-free parking is available. Wording on the historic marker is as follows:

On October 15, 1908, raging fires swept the pine forests of Presque Isle County. When the flames approached the village of Metz, a train jammed with women and children left for Posen, five miles away. At Nowicki's siding, two miles out of town, huge piles of blazing wood lined the track. As the engine raced past the siding, where intense heat had warped the rails, the train left the track, leaving an open car full of refugees in the center of the flames. Sixteen were killed and dozens of others badly burned. Throughout this part of the state hundreds were left homeless, as many homes and farms were devastated. Supplies soon poured in so that shelters could be erected before the onset of the northern winter

POSEN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Posen Consolidated School

Type: Special Use Facility

Service Area: Village/Township of Posen, Krakow Township, Pulawski Township, Belknap Township, and Metz Township.

Barrier-Free Accessibility: 4 –meets accessibility guidelines

Posen Consolidated Schools is located on 36 acres and contains a gym, weight room, playground, football field, and track. The school was updated in 1995-96 to be ADA-accessible.

JOINTLY-OWNED RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Ballpark

Type: Special Use Facility

Service Area: Village/Township of Posen, Krakow Township, Pulawski Township, Belknap Township, and Metz Township.

Barrier-Free Accessibility: 1 – does not meet accessibility guidelines

The Ballpark is jointly-owned by Posen Township, the Village of Posen, and Posen Consolidated Schools. It is located on 6.8 acres in Posen



Township immediately outside of the Village limits. The property is maintained by Posen Consolidated Schools and is used for high school baseball. The North Eastern State Trail (rail trail from Alpena to Cheboygan) is located within 0.5 miles of the ballpark.

STATE OF MICHIGAN RECREATION FACILITIES

Onaway State Park

One of the State's oldest parks, it was dedicated in 1921 and contains buildings constructed during the CCC period. Located on the southeast shore of Black Lake, the park covers 158 acres of generally rustic land. Park amenities and activities include:

- Modern full-service campground—96 sites, closed during the winter months.
- Swimming beach.
- Boat launch/dock.
- Children's playground.
- Day-use picnic area—tables and grills.
- Enclosed pavilion—original log structure was built in 1917, the oldest remaining building in the Michigan State Parks system, rusticated during the CCC era, available on a first-come, first-served basis or by reservation.
- Biking—allowed on park roads, but not on the nature trail.
- Hiking or cross-country skiing—three-mile nature trail.

P.H. Hoeft State Park

This 300-acre park is located five miles northwest of Rogers City and includes one mile of sandy Lake Huron shoreline. Like Onaway State Park, Hoeft was one of the early state parks. The land was donated by Mr. Hoeft in 1922. Park amenities and activities include:

- Modern full-service campground—144 sites, closed during the winter months.
- Hunting—about one-half the park is open for hunting.
- Children's playground.
- Swimming beach/beach house—one for day-use and one for the campground.
- Day-use picnic area—tables and grills.
- Log and stone picnic shelter—built by the CCC and eligible for the National Register, provides a view of the lake and is available on a first-come, first-served basis or by reservation.
- Biking—Huron Sunrise Trail from the park's day use area to and through Rogers City.
- Hiking/cross-country skiing—4 ½ mile trail runs through park and along shoreline.

Thompson's Harbor State Park

Situated on Lake Huron in northern Krakow Township, this undeveloped park features more than 5,000 acres and 7 ½ miles of Lake Huron shoreline. The site is home to the endangered Dwarf Lake Iris. There are no structures on the site, but visitors may participate in the following activities:

- Hunting
- Nature viewing

- Fishing
- Biking—on existing roads only
- Hiking/cross-country skiing

Shoepac Lake State Forest Campground

Located in south Allis Township adjacent to Shoepac Lake, the rustic campground offers 28 sites for tent or small trailer use. The natural limestone topography (karst) of the area creates an interesting line of sinkholes, which can be explored along a hiking trail. Site features and activities include:

- Rustic camping—barrier-free vault toilets and potable water from hand pump well.
- Sinkhole viewing
- Swimming beach
- Fishing
- Hiking—2 ½ mile sinkhole trail on site; High Country Trail passes through site.
- Atlanta ATV Trail—one mile south of site.

Tomahawk Creek Flooding State Forest Campground

This 36-site rustic campground is located in south Allis Township about one mile south of Shoepac Lake State Forest Campground. The camping sites are situated around the water. Site features and activities include:

- Rustic camping—barrier-free vault toilets and potable water from hand pump well.
- Fishing
- Canoeing and boat launch
- Wildlife viewing
- Hiking—2 ½ mile sinkhole trail one mile north; High Country Trail passes through site.
- Atlanta ATV Trail—nearby.

Tomahawk Lake State Forest Campground

Also located in south Allis Township, the campground is situated adjacent to Tomahawk Lake and consists of 26 sites for tent and small trailer use. Site features and activities include:

- Rustic camping—barrier-free vault toilets and potable water from hand pump well.
- Fishing
- Boat launch
- Swimming beach
- Wildlife viewing
- Hiking—2 ½ mile sinkhole trail one mile north; High Country Trail passes through site.
- Atlanta ATV Trail—nearby.

Ocqueoc Falls State Forest Campground/Recreation Area

This 15-site rustic campground is located in south Ocqueoc Township on the Ocqueoc River. Site features and activities include:

- Rustic camping—vault toilets and potable water from hand pump well.
- Wildlife viewing
- Fishing
- Picnic area with tables and grills
- Hiking/cross-country skiing/biking—six-mile Ocqueoc Fall Bicentennial Pathway on site, features view of Ocqueoc Falls, the largest waterfall in the Lower Peninsula.

Black Mountain Recreation Area

This area located in both Presque Isle and Cheboygan Counties offers a wide variety of outdoor activities in a forested setting. Known regionally for its multi-use offerings, the area features:

- Hunting
- Fishing
- 40 miles of trails for hiking/cross country skiing, mountain biking and horseshoe riding.
- 80 miles of groomed snowmobile trails.
- 60 miles of ORV trails.

Besser Natural Area

This 134-acre tract, maintained by the MDNR, is located in the southeastern portion of Presque Isle Township along more than 4,000 feet of Lake Huron shoreline at False Presque Isle Harbor. The site is the location of the abandoned lumbering era Village of Bell, whose peak population in the 1880's was 100. The Bell Cemetery, where approximately 30 burials occurred, was restored and rededicated in 1989. A stand of virgin pine is located on the site and is maintained as a memorial to the lumbermen who spared the trees. The one-mile foot trail to a small lagoon is used for hiking, biking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and other non-motorized recreational activities.

Presque Isle Harbor

After nine years of development, construction and expansion, the MDNR boating facility at Presque Isle Harbor was completed in 1998. Early development and construction phases included construction of a jetty and breakwall to protect the harbor and its users. The breakwall features a long concrete walkway with safety railing and a fishing platform near the far end. Both are handicapped accessible and provide outstanding harbor views.

The next phase consisted of the removal of existing docks, dredging of the boat harbor and entrance, installation of shore protection and installation of a permanent launch ramp, entrance lights and a sound signal. The harbormaster facility and comfort stations were constructed and fuel service for boaters provided during this phase.

Two floating piers were installed providing 80 slips for transient boaters. The facility was opened on July 1, 1992 and was formally dedicated on August 11, 1992. A third and final pier was added in 1998, providing an additional 40 slips. Amenities include:

- Barrier-free restrooms/showers.
- Electricity, water, pump-out
- Gasoline, diesel

- Boat launch
- Fishing pier
- Dog run
- Grills
- Swimming beach—shallow, warm water, sandy beach.

Hammond Bay State Refuge Harbor

Located in north Bearinger Township, this site was originally developed to provide a safe harbor from Lake Huron storms. It also provides seasonal and transient boat slips in addition to the following amenities:

- Barrier-free restrooms/showers.
- Electricity, water, pump-out
- Gasoline
- Boat launch
- Dog run
- Grills

PRESQUE ISLE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Herman Vogler Conservation Area

The Conservation District acquired the 270-acre property from the DNR in 1989. This beautiful site is open year-round for a multitude of recreation activities. Approximately one-third of the land lies within the city limits of Rogers City. Seven miles of trails are used by hikers in the warm months and skiers during the winter months. Trout River crosses the property along with several other small creeks. Interpretive signs are posted along the trails and a trail map is posted at the inner parking lot. A portion of the Huron Sunrise Trail enters the park overlooking the pond. Fully accessible restrooms are situated at the parking lot. Game bird and rabbit hunting are permitted along with bow hunting for deer. The site needs bridge, dam, and trail improvements.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN ROGERS CITY, ONAWAY, MILLERSBURG AND PRESQUE ISLE TOWNSHIP

The communities noted above have prepared community recreation plans, and each plan lists several sites giving details about the facilities. For simplicity, the sites are listed with minimal details in this document. Specific amenities can be referenced in the appropriate plan.

Rogers City

- Seagull Point Day Park—43-acre park is set along Lake Huron in a natural dune formation; 1 ½ mile bark path; swimming beach; picnic area.
- Trout River Park—22-acre wooded picnic and recreational area adjacent to the Trout River with picnic tables, benches, fire pit, barbeque grills, volleyball court, and vault toilet.
- North Shore Park—three-acre park along Lake Huron; occupies an abandoned road bed.

- Lakeside Park—the city’s best equipped and most heavily used park is ten acres and is adjacent to the marina; swimming beach and raft; picnic pavilion; two playgrounds; food concession; extensive picnic areas; beach volleyball courts; basketball court; gazebo; permanent band shell; sailors’ memorial; restrooms.
- Westminster Park—one of the city’s older parks; occupies two acres in downtown; historic band gazebo; picnic; play area; the site of many outdoor events.
- Riverview Park—narrow (66 feet) park located at the east end of Riverview Street; grass area and bench; scenic view of the mouth of Trout River at Lake Huron; neighborhood residents planted perennials.
- Sports Park—three-acre site houses a ball diamond in summer and ice rink in winter. A basketball court is also on-site. Barrier-free restrooms and warming shelter; in-line hockey facility.
- South Shore Park and Little League Fields—17-acre site includes ½ mile of Lake Huron shoreline; four regulation Little League fields; dugouts; fencing; bathrooms; concession stand; south trail head for Huron Sunrise Trail. A recently added feature is the nearby fossil park which encourages users to dig for Devonian Period fossils.
- Rogers City Marina—The marina features 140 seasonal slips and transient slips, with additional space available for overflow. The breakwall was extended for safe dockage and includes a barrier-free fishing platform. Rogers City retail and service establishments are within easy walking distance. Marina amenities include: barrier-free restrooms/showers; electricity, water, and pump-out; gasoline and diesel fuel; boat launch; long-term parking; fishing pier; dog run; grills/picnic tables; fish cleaning station; laundry facilities; playground/park adjacent.
- Public Works Park – six acre site with 1,000 feet on Lake Huron; City’s wastewater treatment facility is located here.
- Tennis courts—located on Rogers City School property.
- Huron Sunrise Trail – 9-mile paved system connecting city parks and outlying attractions. The trail follows the Lake Huron shoreline, providing access to the marina and fishing platform, then winds along a renaissance zone and wooded area along the Trout River and ends in Herman Vogler Conservation Area. The trail connects the city to 40-Mile Point Lighthouse Park.
- Snowmobile Trail – in 2008 a designated snowmobile trail into Rogers City was completed.

Onaway

- Edna Lound Recreation Area—three ballfields; fencing; dugouts; tennis courts, basketball courts; horseshoe pits; concession stand; community building.
- Maxon Field—ballfield; ice rink in winter.
- Chandler Park—pavilion with picnic tables and grills; playground; pathways; site of memorial Christmas tree program.

Millersburg

- Trailhead for North Eastern State Trail.
- George W. Russell Memorial Park—located on the Ocqueoc River; swimming; pavilion; picnic area; basketball court.
- Old Millersburg Railroad Depot—the only remaining depot building in the County; recently acquired by the Village; Millersburg Historical Society plans to restore the building as a museum.
- Presque Isle County Fairgrounds—long-term lease of land to the Presque Isle County Fair Board; Fair Board owns building.
- Village ballfields—used by Little League.

Presque Isle Township

- Old Presque Isle Lighthouse Park—built in 1840 and was lit until 1871; Township acquired in 1995; features tower, keeper’s cottage with museum, bell.
- New Presque Isle Lighthouse Park—built in 1870 to replace “old” lighthouse; Township acquired in 1998; Coast Guard operates automated light; features tower, original keeper’s house with museum and gift shop, 1905 “new” keeper’s house, Garraty Hall, picnic shelter, playground.
- Range Light Park—constructed in 1870; light still guides craft into Presque Isle Harbor.
- Safety Trails along Grand Lake Road—paved five-mile trail from Whiskey Point Road to Presque Isle Harbor.

INLAND LAKE ACCESS SITES

The sites listed below are in addition to the major marinas/harbors. Numerous other informal lake access or road-end sites exist throughout the County and are not listed. Many of these informal sites are maintained by the Presque Isle County Road Commission.

- Tomahawk Creek Flooding—DNR operated in Allis Township
- Little Tomahawk Lake—DNR operated in Allis Township
- Bear Den Lake—DNR operated in Allis Township
- Rainy Lake—DNR operated in Case Township
- Lake May—DNR operated in Bismarck Township
- Lake Emma—DNR operated in Bismarck Township
- Lake Nettie—DNR operated in Bismarck Township
- Lost Lake—DNR operated in Bismarck Township
- Lake Ferdelman—DNR operated in Bismarck Township
- Sunken Lake—Alpena County operated in Posen Township; also has 60 modern campsites, fishing, boating, swimming
- Long Lake—DNR operated in Presque Isle Township
- Grand Lake—DNR operated in Presque Isle Township
- Lake Esau—owned by Presque Isle Township
- Black Lake—Onaway State Park
- Ocqueoc Lake—Road Commission maintained in Ocqueoc Township
- Grand Lake and Long Lake sites along US 23—MDOT owned, Road Commission maintained in Krakow and Presque Isle Townships
- Grand Lake sites on Black Bass Road and County Road 638—Road Commission maintained in Krakow Township

LAKE HURON ACCESS SITES

- Hammond Bay Refuge Harbor
- Ocqueoc Public Access
- Grace Road Access
- Hammond Bay Access Site
- MDOT Roadside Park
- Seagull Point Park

- Northshore Park
- Rogers City Marina
- Lakeside Park
- Thompson's Harbor State Park
- Presque Isle Harbor
- Bell River Access
- Rockport Boat Launch
- 40 Mile Point Lighthouse Park
- Ball Diamond Park
- Golden Beach
- Hoeft State Park
- Manitou Beach Road
- New Presque Isle Lighthouse Park
- Presque Isle Township Range Light Park
- Besser Natural Area
- Jon Keldsen Roadside Park

OTHER PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITIES

- Presque Isle District Library— District Library Board; locations in Rogers City, Onaway, Posen, Presque Isle Township, and Millersburg.
- Presque Isle County Historical Museum—operated by the Presque Isle County Historical Society in the former Bradley House.
- Onaway Historical Museum—operated by the Onaway Historical Society in the historic Onaway Courthouse (in the process of acquiring Masonic Hall which will be renovated to accommodate the museum).
- Rogers City Senior Citizens Center—private non-profit; meals; organized activities.
- Great Lakes Lore Maritime Museum—private non-profit.
- Presque Isle County Council on Aging Centers—locations in Onaway and Posen; congregate meals; organized activities.

PRIVATE AND SEMI-PRIVATE RECREATION FACILITIES

- Stoney Links Golf Course—18-hole membership and public course; driving range; putting green; pro shop; bar & grill.
- Harbor View – Carmeuse Lime & Stone.
- Visitor Information Center—Rogers City Chamber of Commerce.
- Nautical Lanes—private; bowling; restaurant and bar.
- Rogers City Theater—private; live theater and movies.
- Driftwood Motel Indoor Pool—private.
- North Star Motel Outdoor Pool – private.
- Rogers City Country Club—18-hole membership and public golfing organization.
- Quarry View— Carmeuse Lime & Stone.
- Onaway Motor Speedway and Motocross Track—private; open seasonally.
- Elowsky Grist Mill—private.
- Presque Isle Harbor Association—private membership; clubhouse with pool, game room, gym, exercise room; North Bay beach/beach house; Grand Lake common area with boat launch,

swimming beach, picnic area, playground, boat rentals; 60-site modern campground; Lake Esau Park; Burnham's Landing Park; nature trails.

- Muy Grande Ranch Resort.
- TLC Ranch.
- Presque Isle County Sportsmen's Club.

TRAILS

All snowmobile trails in Presque Isle County are maintained by the Presque Isle Sno-Trails Club with funding from the State, donations and volunteer labor. The Club and DNR are in continuous negotiations to expand snowmobile trails, in particular the former railroad spur from Posen into Rogers City and finding a connector route from the Silver Creek Trail into Rogers City.

- Huron Sunrise Trail - The Huron Sunrise Trail is a paved trail system which connects the Roger's City parks and Herman Vogler Conservation Area, then extends to 40-Mile Point Light between US 23 and the Lake Huron shoreline; the extension of the original trail to Hoeft State Park was completed in 2003 and the extension to 40-Mile Point Light was completed in 2009. Both extensions were constructed with Transportation Enhancement funding from the Michigan Department of Transportation.
- North Eastern State Trail—snowmobiling in winter; multi-use non-motorized rest of year; the trail is a 71-mile rail trail which connects Alpena to Cheboygan. It was resurfaced as a 10' wide packed crushed limestone surface with two-foot shoulders. The trail is owned and managed by the Michigan Department of Transportation and funded through a federal transportation grant from MDOT, a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant, and from local units of government. Presque Isle County provided \$20,000 in matching funds for the MNRTF grant.
- Millersburg Depot Regional Trailhead Park. Construction will be complete in 2012. This is a Presque Isle County Project with partnership from Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Village of Millersburg and Millersburg Historic Society. The project includes parking, bathrooms, a covered picnic pavilion with open pit fire, a local park element that will be an ice skating rink in the winter and a skate board park in the summer; a reinforced lawn area will be for snowmobile parking in the winter and events in the summer. Also included is an historic interpretive walk between the depot and the Ocqueoc River Trail Bridge including four or five interpretive signs and an overlook of the river. (Bridge will be replaced by DNR in 2012).
- Silver Creek Snowmobile Trail—Millersburg connecting to Black Mountain Snowmobile Trail
- Connector Snowmobile Trail to Montmorency County—Millersburg connection to Atlanta
- Thompson's Harbor State Park Trail System—bicycles on designated roads; hiking/cross-country skiing on three loops for a total of 6.4 miles
- Shoepac Sinkhole Trails—hiking/cross-country skiing on two loops for a total of 2.25 miles
- Ocqueoc Falls Bicentennial Pathway—hiking/cross-country skiing and biking three-, four- and six-mile loops
- Black Mountain Recreation—Presque Isle and Cheboygan counties; 40 miles for hiking/ cross-country skiing, mountain biking and horseback riding; 80 miles of snowmobile trails; 60 miles ORV trails
- High Country Pathway—biking/hiking; passes through Allis Township
- Seagull Point Nature Trails—walking/hiking; Rogers City
- Onaway State Park—walking/hiking
- Hoeft State Park—walking/hiking/cross-country skiing

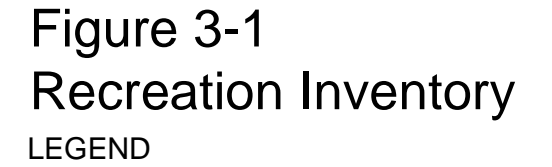
- Besser Bell Natural Area—one-mile trail through stand of virgin pine and abandoned Village of Bell; walking/hiking/cross-country skiing
- Vogler Conservation Area—7 miles of walking/hiking/cross-country skiing
- Sweetwater Trail—highway trail along Great Lakes coastline identifies sites of interest
- Huron Greenways—system of land and water trails for Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan and Presque Isle counties; identifies sites of interest
- US-23 Heritage Route—asset to the local tourism industry; signage to identify points of interest needed

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

- Black Mountain Nordic Classic—March; Black Mountain Recreation Area
- UpNorth Grow Show—April; Posen
- Spring Fling—May; Hawks
- Wooden Boat Show—June; Presque Isle Harbor
- 4th of July Festival—July; Onaway
- Lion's Club Salmon Tournament—July; Rogers City
- Nautical Festival—August; Rogers City
- Hammond Bay Anglers Salmon Tournament—August; Rogers City
- Presque Isle County Fair—August; Millersburg
- Millersburg Homecoming Celebration—September; Millersburg
- Posen Potato Festival—September; Posen
- Last Chance Super Tournament—September; Rogers City
- Haunted House—October; Onaway
- Halloween Party & Parade—October; Rogers City
- Chandler Park Tree Lighting—November; Onaway
- Christmas Tree Lighting & Parade in Rogers City – November
- Grand Lake Sportsmen Club Ice Fishing Contest – February
- Grand Lake Sportsmen Club Fishing Contest – July
- Lions Fishing Tournament – July
- Hammond Bay Anglers – Aug
- Fat Hogs Fishing Frenzy – Sept

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN SCHOOLS

- Rogers City Area Schools—High School practice football field, track, gym, weight room; Elementary School playground, gym; Gilpin Field football field, baseball and softball fields; Grambau Education Center gym, playground. Tennis courts on school property are owned by Rogers City.
- Posen Consolidated School—gym, weight room, playground, football field, track
- Onaway Area Community Schools—Onaway K-12 gym, weight room, playground, football field, practice track; Case Township Community Center with playground equipment, exercise room, and gym; and library
- St. Ignatius Elementary School Rogers City—gym, playground
- St. John's Lutheran School Rogers City—playground
- Seventh Day Adventist School Onaway—playground
- Rogers City Montessori and playground
- Rogers City Baptist Academy—playground



CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL TOURISM SITES IN PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY

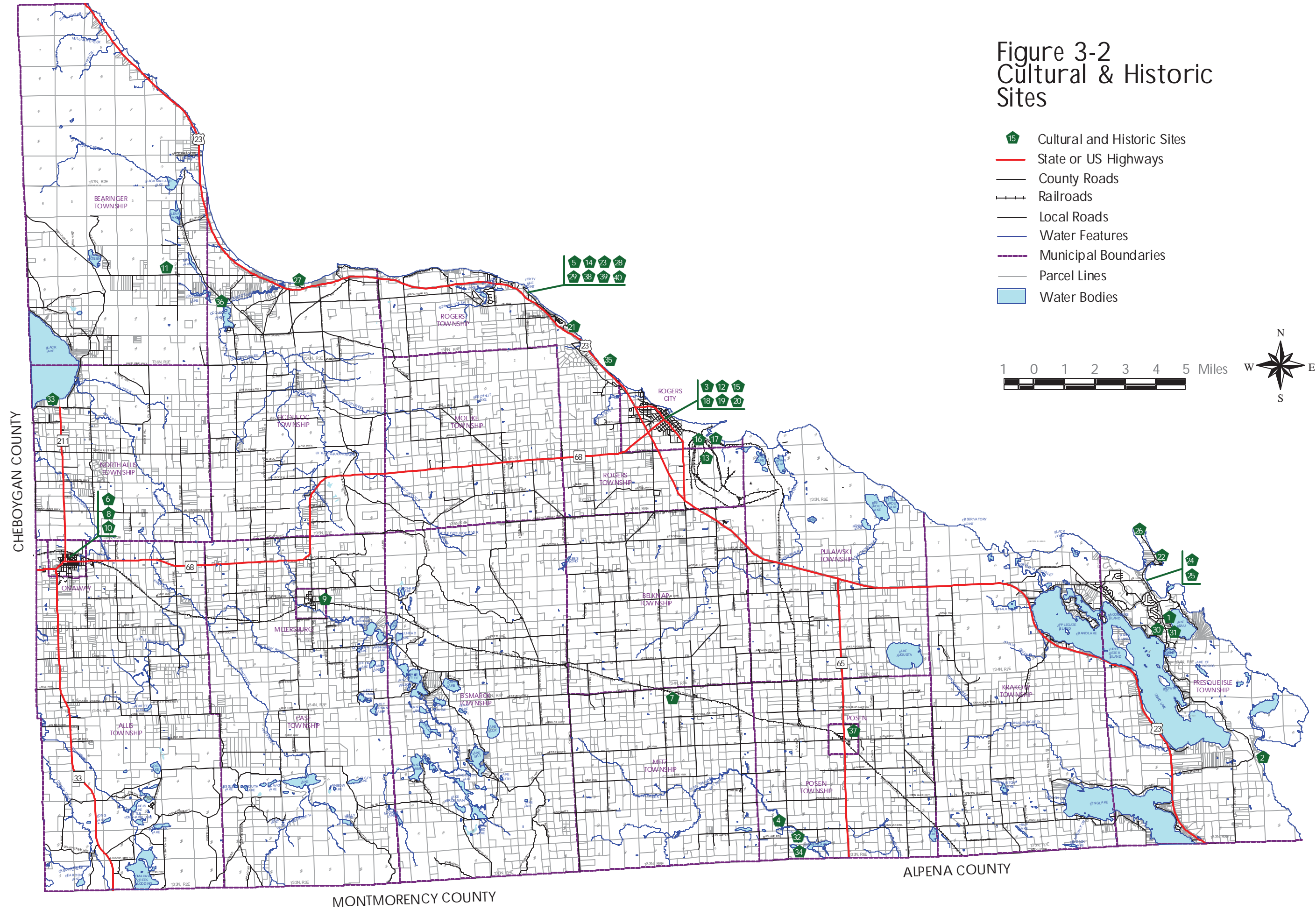
| Lumber/Farming/Settlement Sites | Date | City/Township |
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| 1. Kauffman House | 1862 | Presque Isle Twp. |
| 2. Town of Bell (ghost town) | 1870's | Presque Isle Twp. |
| 3. Kitchen House | 1870's | Rogers City |
| 4. Elowsky Grist Mill | 1870's | Posen Twp. |
| 5. Glawe School | 1885 | Ocqueoc/Rogers Twp. |
| 6. Lobdell Office (Masonic Temple) | 1901 | City of Onaway |
| 7. Metz Fire Memorial | 1908 | Metz Twp. |
| 8. Onaway Courthouse | 1908 | City of Onaway |
| 9. Millersburg Railroad Depot | 1917 | Village of Millersburg |
| 10. Onaway Fire Hose Tower | unknown | City of Onaway |
| 11. Bearinger Township Hall | 1920 | Bearinger Twp. |
| 12. Paul Hoeft Crypt | unknown | Rogers City |
| Mining/Steelmaking/Shipping History | Date | City/Township |
| 13. Crawford's/Calcite Quarry | 1912 | Rogers City |
| 14. Calcite Pilot House | 1912 | Rogers Twp. |
| 15. Bradley House (museum) | 1914 | Rogers City |
| 16. Calcite Power House | 1920's | Rogers City |
| 17. Calcite Screening Tower | 1920's | Rogers City |
| 18. Calcite Worker Housing | 1920's | Rogers City |
| 19. Bungalow Row | 1920's | Rogers City |
| 20. Great Lakes Lore Museum | NA | Rogers City |
| Maritime History Sites | Date | City/Township |
| 21. Sacred Rock (Native American) | Pre-1870 | Rogers Twp. |
| 22. Old Presque Isle Lighthouse | 1840 | Presque Isle Twp. |
| 23. F.T. Barney Shipwreck | 1855-68 | Lake Huron |
| 24. Burnham's Landing | 1860's | Presque Isle Twp. |
| 25. Presque Isle Range Light | 1870 | Presque Isle Twp. |
| 26. New Presque Isle Lighthouse | 1871 | Presque Isle Twp. |
| 27. Hammond Bay Lifesaving Station (USF&W lab) | 1876 | Ocqueoc Twp. |
| 28. 40 Mile Point Lighthouse | 1897 | Rogers Twp. |
| 29. Steamer Fay Shipwreck | 1905 | Rogers Twp. |
| Resorts/Recreation/Tourism | Date | City/Township |
| 30. Fireside Inn | 1908 | Presque Isle Twp. |
| 31. Presque Isle Lodge | 1920 | Presque Isle Twp. |
| 32. Mystery Valley | 1920's | Posen Twp. |
| Depression Era Sites | Date | City/Township |
| 33. Onaway State Park | 1920 | North Allis Twp. |
| 34. Sunken Lake County Park (Alpena Co.) | 1920 | Posen Twp. |
| 35. Hoeft State Park | 1921 | Rogers Twp. |
| 36. Black Lake CCC Camp | 1933 | Ocqueoc Twp. |
| 37. Posen REA Memorial | 1937 | Village of Posen |
| 38. WPA Airport Hangar | 1937 | Rogers City |
| 39. WPA Aerial Sign | late 1930's | Rogers City |
| 40. WPA Mural-Rogers City Post Office | 1941 | Rogers City |

PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY Recreation Plan



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Recreation Grant Inventory

PROJECT TITLE: Millersburg Historic Depot Reg. Trailhead Dev.

PROJECT NUMBER: TF 10-035

YEAR: 2011

GRANT AMOUNT: \$492,100

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Millersburg Depot Regional Trailhead Park. Construction should be in 2012 (funding is in place). Presque Isle County project, with partnership from Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Village of Millersburg, and Millersburg Historic Society. Project includes parking, bathrooms, a covered picnic pavilion with open pit fire, local park element that will be a ice skating rink in the winter and a skate board park in the summer; reinforced lawn area will be for snowmobile parking in the winter and events in the summer (such as a craft fair or farmers market). Also included is an historic interpretive walk between the depot and the Ocqueoc River Trail Bridge, including four or five interpretive signs and an overlook of the river. (Bridge will be replaced by DNR in 2012).

CURRENT STATUS: In April, 2011, Presque Isle County applied for and received a grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund to develop a year round regional facility to serve the North Eastern State Trail. This Millersburg Trailhead Project will be located at the Village of Millersburg Historic Train Depot. The time period allowed for project completion is through May 1, 2013. In August, two complete copies of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Develop Project Agreement were sent with all necessary attachments to the Michigan DNR.

The total grant project is for \$703,000 with \$492,100 coming from the MNRTF and a required 30% of \$210,900 which is being received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The match money Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement (RTP 2100-14-01) was approved by board action on July 13, 2011 and amended on September 15, 2011. The amendment extends the MNRTF grant until September 30, 2012.

The engineering firm of UP Engineers & Architects of Houghton, Michigan, was retained to oversee the project at a cost of \$38,500. This agreement for professional services was approved by the Presque Isle County Board of Commissioners on April 13, 2011.

On June 24, 2011, a lease was executed agreement between Presque Isle County and the Village of Millersburg for the subject premises to maintain, operate, improve, and develop a trailway facility. This lease agreement was amended on November 29, 2011, whereby the Village of Millersburg, at their expense, shall maintain the building and grounds including mowing, snow shoveling, plowing, and janitorial services, and shall keep the premises in good repair. They shall also be responsible for locking and unlocking the bathroom facilities located on the premises.

The Millersburg Trailhead Surface Use lease between the MDNR Forest Management Division and Presque Isle County was executed by the county on November 29, 2011. This lease agreement authorizes the county to maintain the premises as a trailhead facility and trail segment for the North Eastern State Trail.

The subject lease agreement between the Village of Millersburg and Presque Isle County is for a 20 year term beginning on August 1, 2011 or upon actual possession, whichever is later, and ending on July 31, 2031. The rental payment for this lease is \$1.00 and payment was made on November 8, 2011.

The lease agreement between the Michigan DNR Forest Management Division and Presque Isle County is for a 20 year term beginning upon actual possession at 12:01 am on November 29, 2011 and ending at midnight on November 28, 2031, or such later date as provided in paragraph 7 of the lease agreement. The beginning and ending lease term dates may be altered by mutual written consent to reflect the actual date of occupancy. The rental amount of this lease agreement is \$0.00 per year.

Presque Isle County maintains commercial general liability insurance through Argonaut Insurance Co. with Cadillac Insurance Center, Inc. as agent. The Village of Millersburg and the State of Michigan are names as additional insured's on the certificate of liability insurance and both have been provided a copy of said certificate.

Inventory Procedures

The methods used by NEMCOG staff to compile this recreational inventory include site visits to each facility, and a compilation of information provided by county, township and village officials. In addition, the inventory was revised after each public input session. Compiled information was compared to existing information to ensure consistency and/or accuracy.

CHAPTER 4

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

It is the abundance and quality of natural resources that draw people to live and recreate in Presque Isle County. That same abundance of woodlands, wetlands, water, and wildlife drew pioneers here over 100 years ago and Native Americans here thousands of years ago. Today, public lands form a foundation of green space within the County. The public lands are connected by the green infrastructure of forests, wetlands, and open space on private lands.

CLIMATE

The climate is a factor, which contributes to Presque Isle County's appeal as a place to live and recreate. The County's climatic conditions are best described as long cold winters and moderate warm summers. The year round climate is heavily influenced by Lake Huron, particularly in coastal communities like Rogers City. Lake Huron acts like a large hot water bottle in the fall, warming the nearby land area and prolonging the growing season. In the spring and early summer, Lake Huron has the opposite effect of cooling the adjacent land area. Further inland, the lake moderating effect diminishes. Local topography can influence temperatures and associated frost conditions. For example, low areas and depressions will often experience earlier frosts than surrounding uplands. **Table 4-1** contains weather statistics recorded at weather reporting station in Onaway. As mentioned above the weather conditions do vary across the County, depending upon topography and proximity to the Lake Huron.

The frost-free season is typically June 1st to September 12th, which provides for an average 104 day growing season. The mean annual temperature for Presque Isle County is 43.9° F. In the winter the average temperature is 20.1° F, with the average minimum daily temperature of 11.7° F. The lowest temperature on record is minus 35° F. In the summer the average daily temperature is 78.8° F. The highest recorded summer temperature is 107° F. The average annual precipitation, including snowfall, is 30.98 inches. Nearly 19 inches of the precipitation occurs as rainfall during the growing season of April through September. The average annual snowfall is 98 inches.

TABLE 4-1: Average Annual Weather Statistics, Presque Isle County

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| January average minimum temperature | 9.7° F |
| January average maximum temperature | 26.7° F |
| July average minimum temperature | 55.0° F |
| July average maximum temperature | 81.1° F |
| Average daily temperature for the year | 43.9° F |
| Average annual precipitation | 30.98 inches |
| Average annual snowfall | 98 inches |

Source: Weather Reporting Station at Onaway, Michigan

GEOLOGY

The geology of Presque Isle County, as well as the entire northern Lower Peninsula, can be described in terms of the surface geology and bedrock geology. The rolling hills, river valleys, swamps, and lakes were created by the retreating continental glacier some 12,000 years ago. Beneath this mantle of the glacial deposits lays a foundation of layered sedimentary bedrock. This section will describe the glacial landforms or quaternary geology and the underlying bedrock geology.

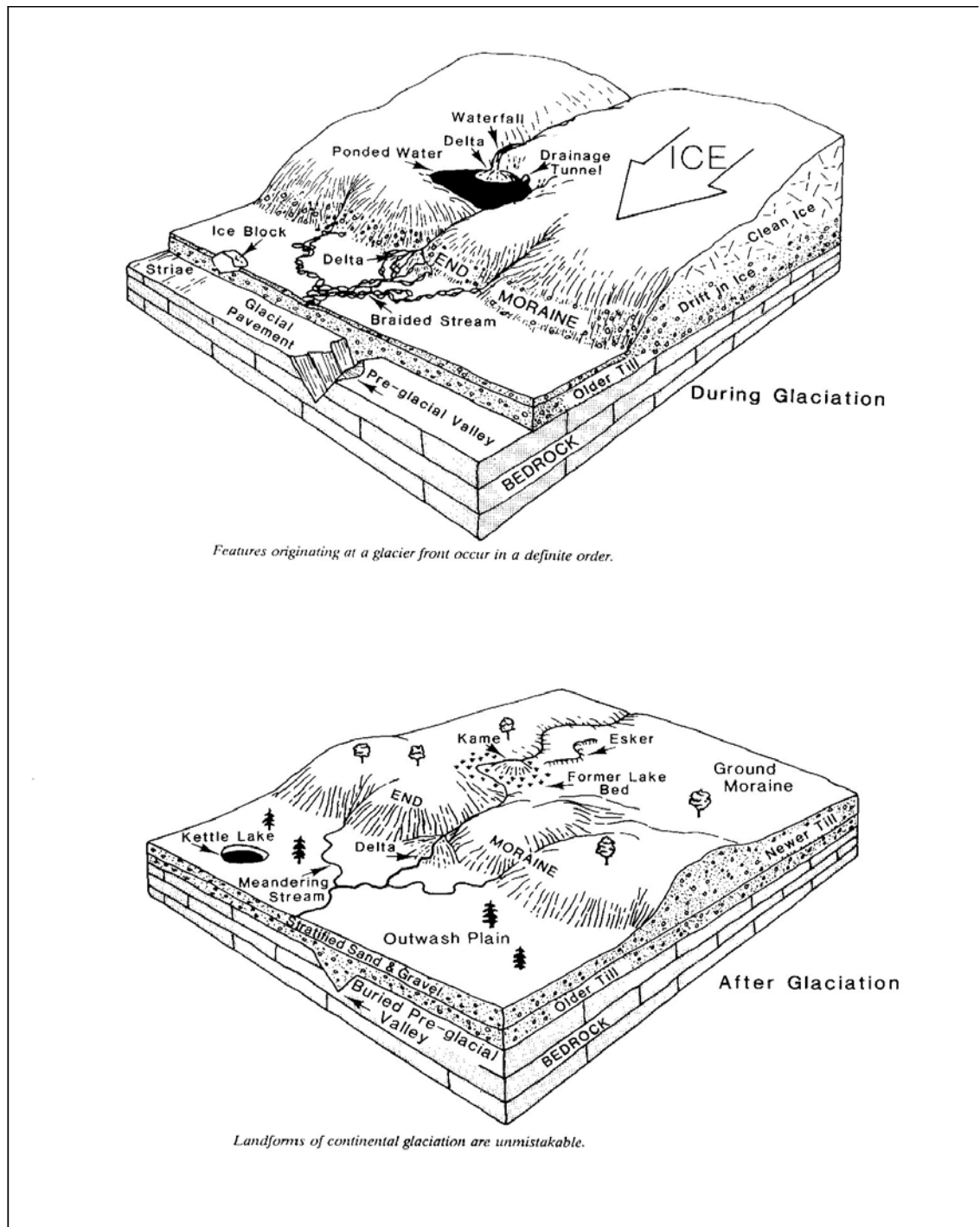
Starting some two million years ago, during the Pleistocene era, continental glaciers formed in the Hudson Bay area. Several times, over this two million year period, the massive sheets of ice built up and inched their way south across what is today Michigan. The massive ice sheets, more than one mile thick, advanced in a southerly direction; bulldozing their way across the landscape. The glacier pushed material in front of it, incorporated rocks and soil into the debris laden ice, and scraped, ground, and broke apart the sedimentary bedrock of the Michigan Basin.

Each advance and retreat of the continental glaciers took tens of thousands of years. This recurring process shaped and reshaped the land, obliterating and then creating hills, valleys, rivers and lakes, swamps, and marshes. The last glacial period, called the Wisconsin era, created the landscape we know today. The glacier left behind boulders, rocks, cobble, sand, gravel, silt, clay, and loam. In some areas the material was deposited in unsorted masses called till plains, ground moraines, and end moraines. Water flowing from the melting glaciers also sorted materials, creating outwash channels, sand deltas, kames, and eskers. Fine materials, captured in the fast moving glacial meltwater, settled to the bottom of expansive glacial lakes creating lacustrine clay and silt plains. **Figure 4-1** (from *Glacial Lakes around Michigan* by W. R. Farrand) shows the formation of glacial landforms.

Within the central and southwestern portions of the County, medium textured glacial till deposits (non-sorted loam and silt loam with variable amounts of cobbles and boulders) created landforms called ground moraines and till plains. The Onaway Drumlin field and Moltke Drumlin Field are located in these areas. The drumlin fields are ground moraine areas that consist of scattered elliptically shaped streamlined hills, sculptured from thin glacial drift. The drumlins trend southeastward direction and record the movement of the glacier. These streamlined hills, up to a mile long, were molded by overriding ice. **Figure 4-2** is a map prepared by W.A. Burgess, titled "Landform Units in Northeastern Lower Michigan."

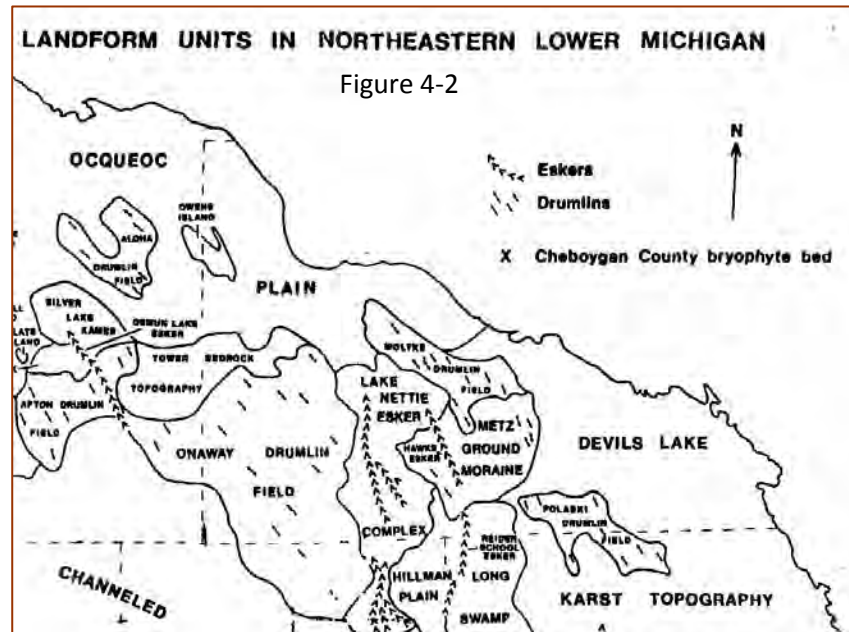
At the front of the massive retreating glaciers, large streams originated from the melting ice. The debris-laden water carved through moraines creating wide drainageways and outwash channels, sometimes filling in low areas and creating wide outwash plains. There are two major glacial outwash areas in Presque Isle County. The largest is located in the lakes region in the south central part of the County and a smaller area is located in the southwest corner. The outwash plain is dominated by water sorted sand and gravel deposits. These glacial landforms extend south into Montmorency County and are part of a much larger complex of glacial outwash plains and channels. Many lakes, streams, creeks, and wetlands are found in these ancient glacial drainage channels. Located within the outwash areas are the Lake Nettie and Hawks esker complexes. Eskers are narrow, winding ridges of glacial outwash (sand and gravel) deposited by a stream flowing in a tunnel beneath the glacier. The eskers are situated in a wide glacial outwash channel. As the continental glaciers melted, huge blocks of ice became separated from the retreating ice front. The ice blocks became embedded in the glacial debris deposited by the retreating glacier.

FIGURE 4-1: Formation of Glacial Landforms



The embedded ice blocks eventually melted and left depressions (kettle holes) which are today's inland lakes and associated wetlands. Most of the natural lakes in Presque Isle were formed in this manner. Two large water bodies, Grand and Long Lakes, have glacial origins different than the numerous kettle lakes. Acting like large bulldozers, the glaciers broke apart the level sedimentary bedrock and scoured out the long linear lake basins we know today. The linear orientation of these lakes is similar to the drumlins found near Onaway and Moltke and is roughly parallel to the Lake Huron shoreline.

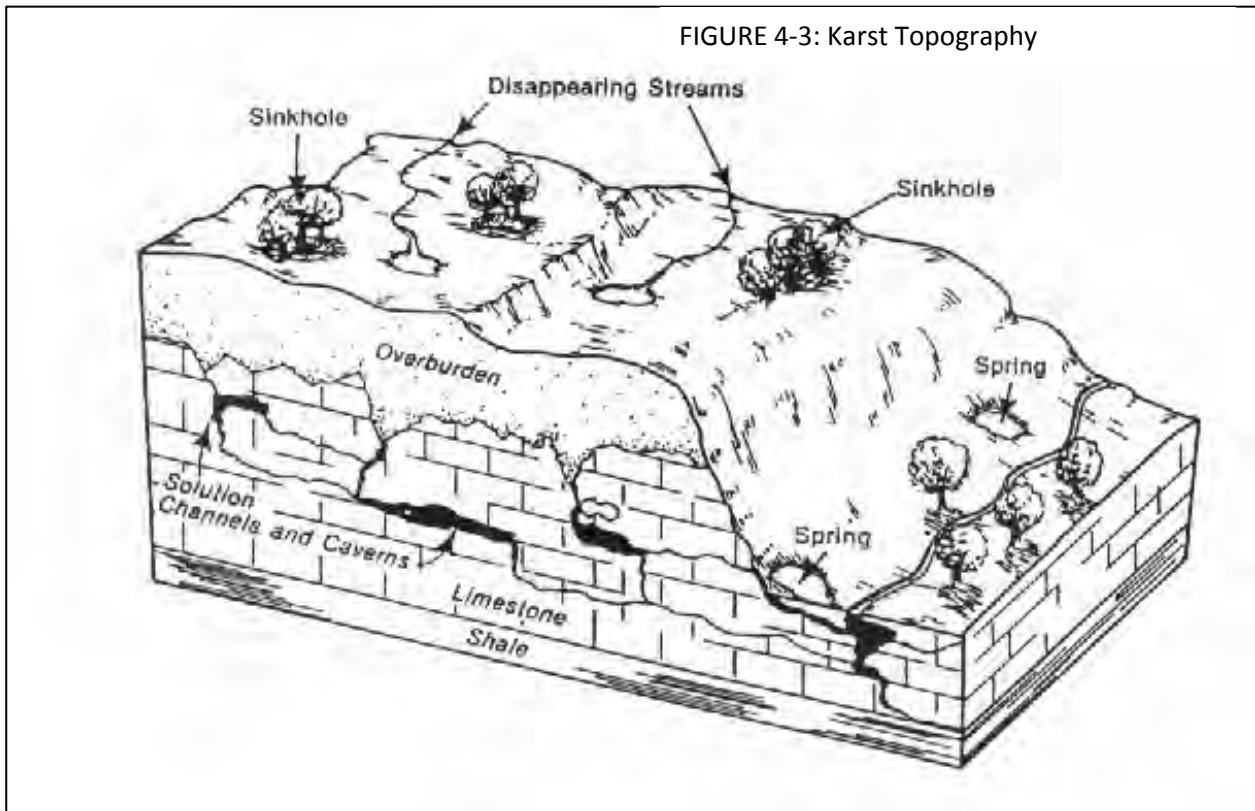
As the continental glaciers melted and retreated from the landscape, deep basins carved from the bedrock filled with water. These emerging lake basins were the beginnings of our Great Lakes. During different periods, the pre and post glacial Great Lakes were both much higher and lower than the lake levels we have grown accustomed to in recent times. Geologists have identified and named the different postglacial Great Lake stages. Glacial Great Lake Warren formed at the front of the melting Huron glacial lobe around 12,000 years before present and was the most extensive, flooding large portions of parts Alpena and Presque Isle Counties.



A two to eleven mile wide lake plain formed from lacustrine sand and gravel deposits runs along the entire coastal area of the County. This relatively level glacial landform was created by the receding postglacial Great Lakes. Some areas are sandy plains covered by pine and aspen forests while other areas consist of poorly drained swamps covered with cedar forests. Black, Grand, and Long Lakes are located in the lacustrine deposits. In the eastern part of the County the mantle of glacial deposits are very thin, and as a result the limestone bedrock is close to the surface and outcrops are frequent.

The foundation of the Lower Peninsula, beneath the thin mantle of glacial deposits, consists of layers of sedimentary bedrock that were created during the upper and lower Devonian ages of the Paleozoic Era. The bedrock was formed in ancient seas, which covered the area some 345 to 405 million years ago. Shallow marine seas deposited layers of silt, clay, sediments, marine animals, plants, coral, and other calcareous materials. These deposits formed shale, limestone, and dolomite bedrock. The youngest bedrock, Antrim Shale, is found in the southwest corner of the County. Traversing the County in a northerly direction, formations include the Traverse Group, Bell Shale, Dundee Limestone, and the Detroit River Group. Limestone and dolomite, extracted from Michigan Limestone and Stoneport quarries, are fine grained, finely crystalline, very pure, and high quality.

One important feature of the regional bedrock is the occurrence of sinkholes and underground streams. As groundwater flows through cracks and fissures in the bedrock, the limestone gradually dissolves and the openings are widened. Over a long period of time underground caverns form and the ceilings become thinner. The ceiling collapses when it becomes too thin to support the weight above, thus forming a sinkhole. "Karst" is the scientific term used to describe a type of topography this is formed in dissolved limestone, dolomite, or gypsum and is characterized by sinkholes, caves, and underground drainage systems. Karst is also a term used to describe a very distinct terrain as well as the process by which it formed. **Figure 4-3** illustrates karst features.



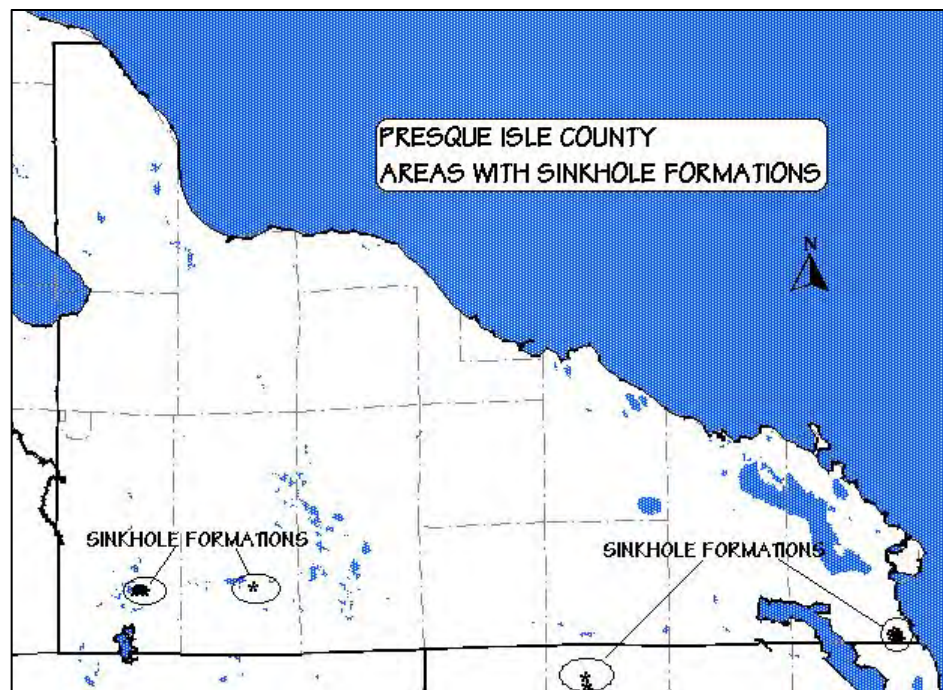
Karst features are present in several northern Michigan counties, but are most prevalent and have the greatest number of exposed features in Presque Isle and Alpena Counties. As **Figure 4-4** shows, groupings of sinkholes are found on the Rockport property in Presque Isle Township and in the Shoepac Lake area in Allis Township. In addition to providing an interesting geographic feature, sinkholes also can host unusual plant communities. The relatively moist terrain with bedrock at or near the surface and the partially subterranean shaded location provide an environment, which sustains vegetation not found in the surrounding surface areas.

Sinkhole areas are often especially vulnerable to pollution. Over the years sinkholes have been used as dump areas. The accumulation of refuse is especially dangerous, because of the direct connection to the groundwater, which usually exists in a sinkhole. One particular sinkhole clean-out project recently netted eight automobiles, three snowmobiles, a 250-gallon fuel oil tank, and several tons of other metal materials, along with a large amount of household trash. Local action to protect and preserve sinkholes is recommended both on account of their scenic value and as a groundwater quality protection measure.

TOPOGRAPHY

While the County consists of plains, rolling plains, and hilly lands, the variations in elevation are not extreme. The average elevation of Lake Huron is 580 feet above sea level, and the highest points in the County are 950 feet above sea level. The highest points are located in Moltke, south Allis, and south Case Townships. The greatest local variations in elevations occur between the lake plain west of Rogers City and the Moltke highlands, in the numerous sinkholes mentioned above, and within the lakes region associated with the upper Ocqueoc River.

FIGURE 4-4: Locations of Sinkholes



SOILS

When planning for types and intensity of recreational uses, soil types and slopes are two important factors that determine the carrying capacity of land. Soils most suitable for development purposes are well drained and are not subject to a high water table. Adequate drainage is important to minimizing stormwater impacts and the efficient operation of septic drain fields. Adequate depth to the water table is necessary to prevent groundwater contamination from septic systems or other non-point source runoff. The construction of roads, buildings, and septic systems on steeply sloped areas or areas with organic and hydric soils require special design considerations. In addition, costs for developing these sensitive areas are greater than in less constrained parts of the landscape. If developed improperly, the impacts to natural resources can be far reaching.

The Natural Resource Conservation Service completed a detailed soil survey of Presque Isle County. A digital or computerized version of the soil survey maps was acquired from the Michigan Center for Geographic Information's web site. Using information contained within the published soil survey book, several maps are presented that depict hydric soils, slopes 18 percent and greater, and areas where the bedrock is close to the surface. While soil constraints discussed in this section can be used as general

guides for the planning process, it should not be used for development of specific sites. Detailed, on-site investigations should be conducted prior to development.

Hydric Soils and Steeply Sloped Areas

Figure 4-5 is a color thematic map that classifies hydric soils and soils on steep slopes. Lower density and less intensive development should be directed to these areas with severe building constraints. Hydric soils are saturated, flooded, or ponded during part of the growing season and are classified as poorly drained and very poorly drained. Hydric soils have poor potential for building site development and sanitary facilities. Wetness and frequent ponding are severe problems that are difficult and costly to overcome. Sites with high water tables may be classified as wetlands and a wetlands permit would be required to develop these areas. Some 137,535 acres (approximately 33 percent of the land area in the County) were mapped as hydric soils. An additional 82,216 acres of soils with hydric inclusions were mapped. These are upland soils with small areas of hydric soils that weren't mapped. The hydric soils are generally located adjacent to streams and creeks. This connectivity of riparian wetlands and surface water features can be seen throughout the landscape.

Hills and steeply rolling terrain provide opportunities for spectacular views of the landscape. However, steeply sloped sites have severe building constraints and are more difficult and costly to develop. Maintenance costs tend to be higher on steeply sloped terrain. Special design standards such as erosion control measures, limiting size of disturbed areas, retaining natural vegetation, re-vegetation, slope stabilization, and on-site retention of water run-off from impervious surfaces would all serve to minimize resource impacts. According to information presented in the Presque Isle County Soil Survey there are limited areas with slopes 18 percent and greater. The hilly and steeply sloped areas were created during the last glacial period and are associated with glacial landforms such as moraines, drumlins, eskers, and beach escarpments. Steeply sloped areas are concentrated in Southwest Bismarck Township in headwaters of the Ocqueoc River and associated lakes; southwest Allis Township near Canada Creek and associated moraines; and post glacial beach escarpments in Moltke Township.

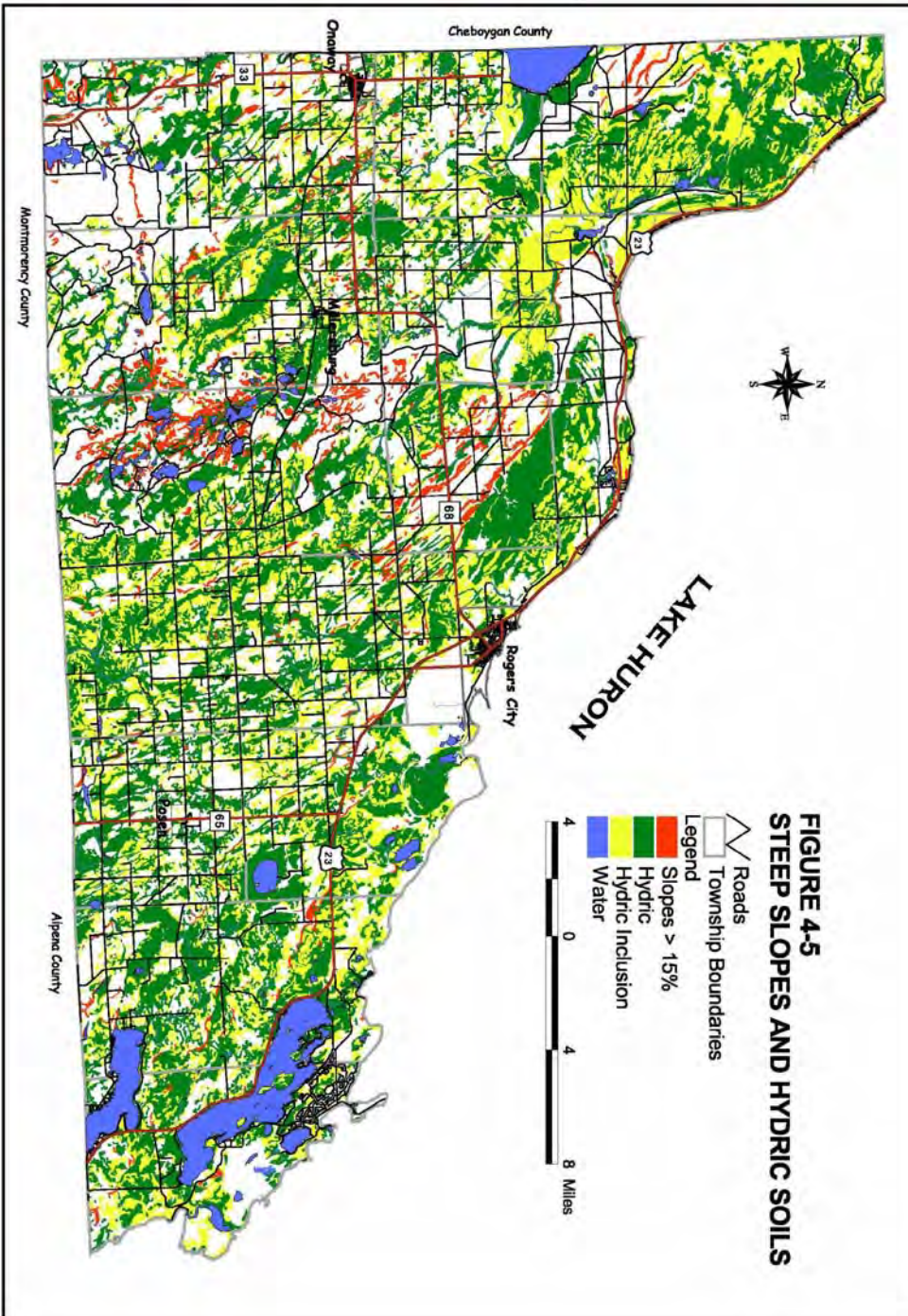
Depth to Bedrock

The soil survey of Presque Isle County identifies soils where the karst bedrock is near the surface. Areas with these shallow soils have severe constraints to development. Of particular concern is that bedrock aquifers are highly vulnerable to surface contamination from septic systems. Effluent from drain fields is treated as it percolates down through the soil. If there is a lack of filtration from the drain field to the bedrock, the effluent is not treated properly by the soil, and it will contaminate the bedrock aquifers with pathogens. The Northeast Michigan Karst Protection Plan described in the sections on groundwater will further explain the issues. **Figure 4-6** show areas with shallow soils over limestone bedrock.

Prime Farmland

Farming is important to the local economy and is part of the lifestyle of many long-term residents of the County. The presence of farmland is also an integral part of the rural landscape. While the amount of land being farmed has been decreasing each decade, generally the land is converting to a less intensive use of open lands and so far has not being converted to subdivisions or commercial uses. **Figure 4-7** shows the prime farmland soils in the County.

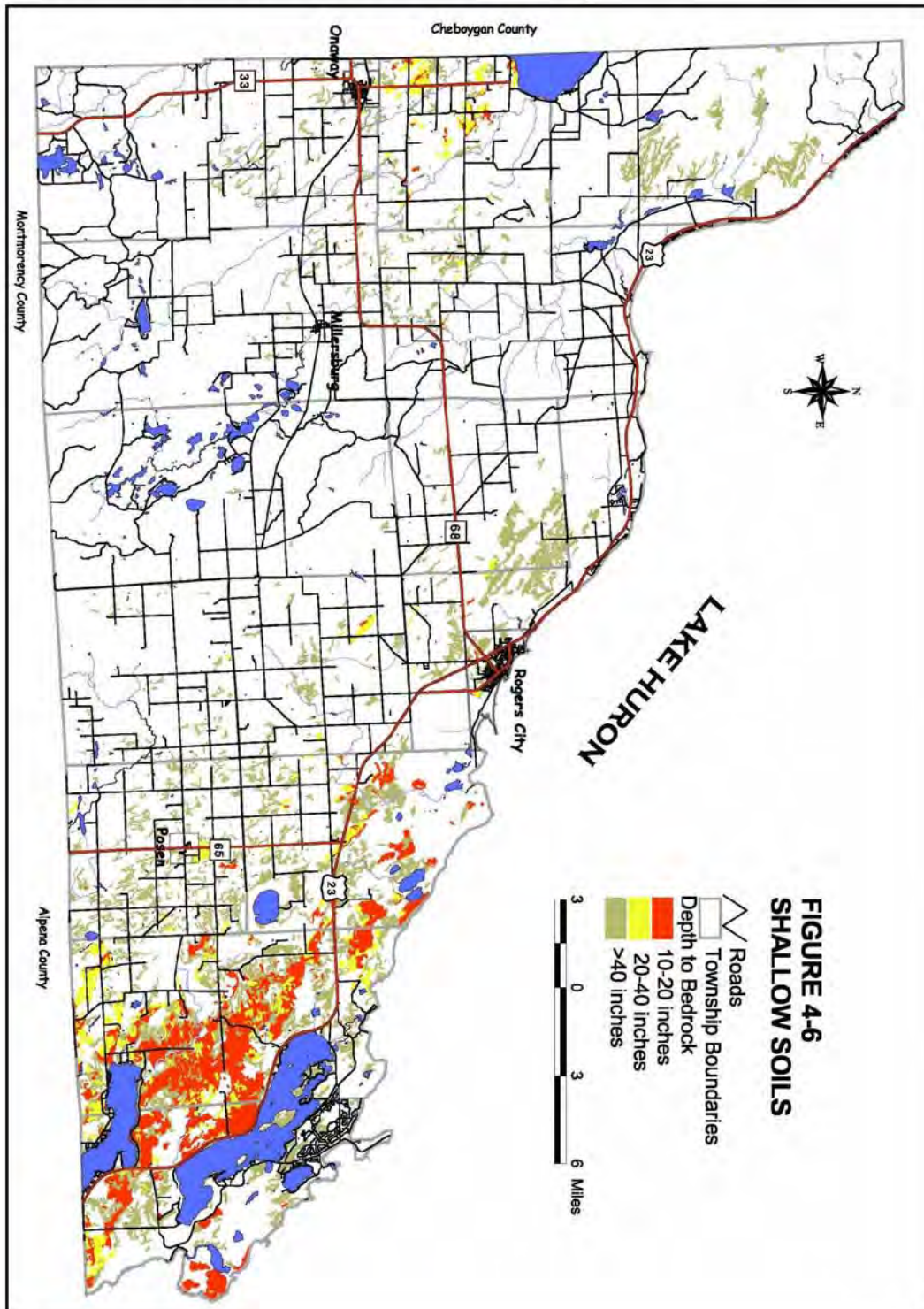
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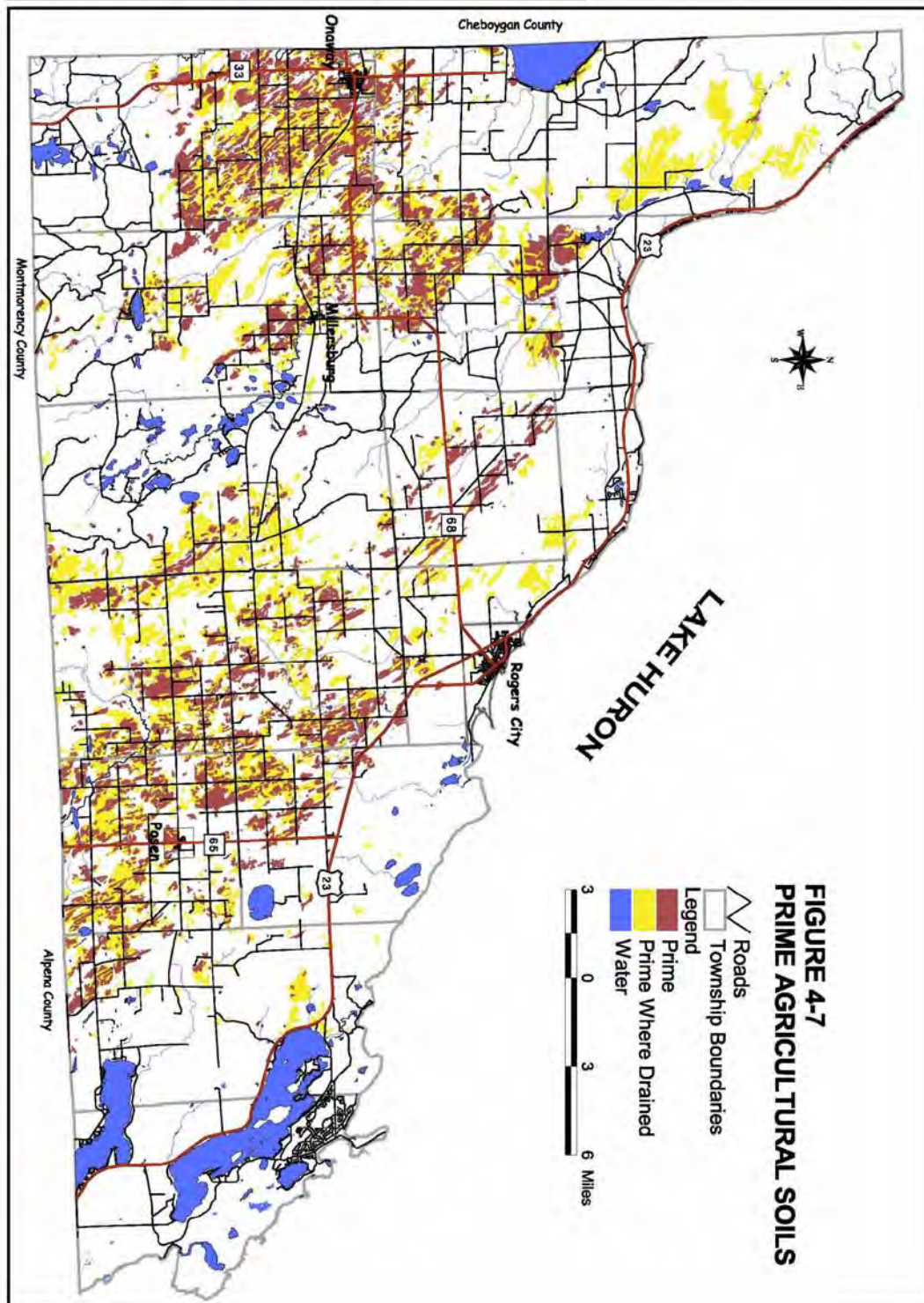
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GROUNDWATER

All of the drinking water in Presque Isle County, whether municipal or individual private wells, is derived from groundwater in subsurface aquifers. *Groundwater* is water beneath the earth's surface, which fills openings (*pore spaces*) in sand or gravel, or in fractures of rock. It begins as rain or snow and passes through the soil and bedrock. An *Aquifer* is an underground layer of rock, sand, or gravel containing enough groundwater to supply a well.

Groundwater is generally available in adequate quantities throughout Presque Isle County. Water wells are developed in glacial deposits and the underlying bedrock. Since the bedrock is close to the surface in many areas, some water wells are developed in limestone bedrock. Overall, Presque Isle County has good water quality. In general, the County's groundwater is quite hard, containing high concentrations of calcium and magnesium. Concentrations range from an average of 250-700 mg/l. Nitrate concentrations in the range of less than two mg/l are common. In localized areas the levels can be much higher and are attributed to septic systems, fertilizers, manure, and septage spreading. Fluoride is fairly common in wells in Presque Isle County with levels averaging around one ppm. Some of the highest levels in the State have occurred in the County. Low levels are beneficial in preventing tooth decay; however, high levels may cause mottling of teeth.

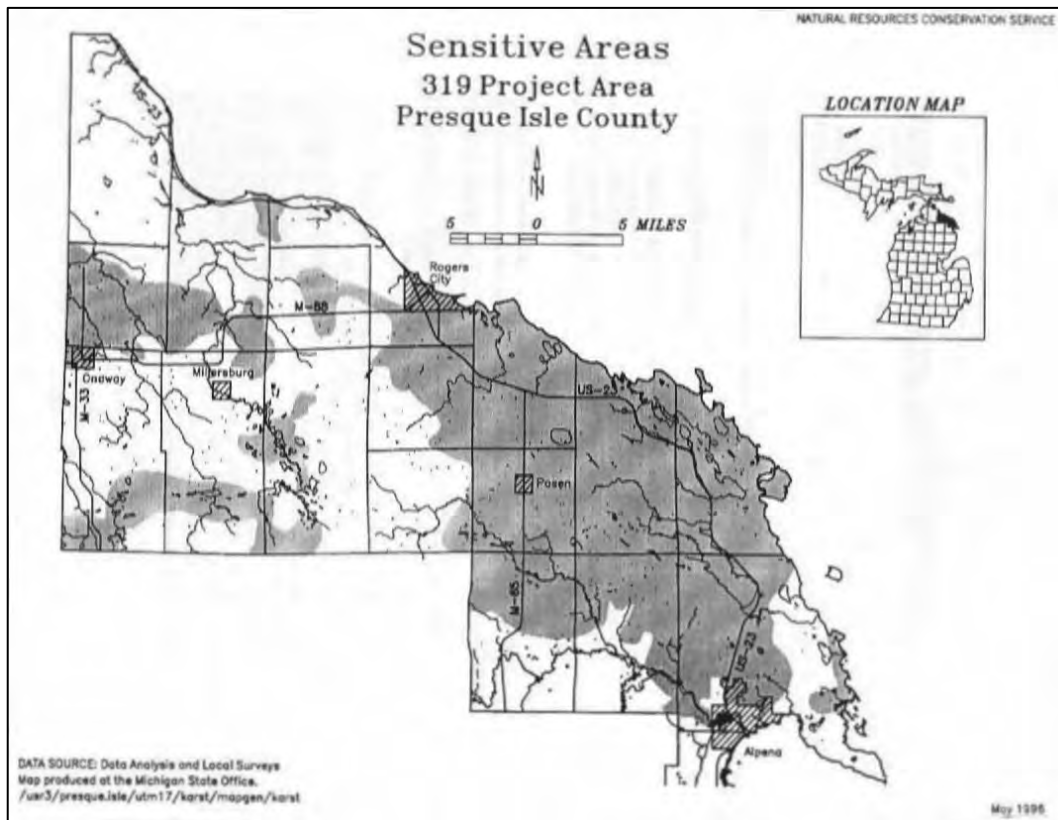
Given the karst geology and sandy soils that are prevalent throughout the County, groundwater in Presque Isle County is a resource at risk. The Presque Isle Soil Conservation District, in cooperation with a number of agencies, has developed the Northeast Michigan Karst Aquifer Protection Plan. The primary objective of the plan is to protect the area's drinking water by correcting the sources of pollution. A secondary objective is to increase awareness of the connection between different land use pollutants and drinking water in karst areas.

The Karst Aquifer Protection Plan covers Presque Isle County and parts of Alpena County. **Figure 4-8** shows karst sensitive areas within the County. According to the plan, "much of the project area is characterized by karst. Karst is defined as a type of topography that is formed over limestone, dolomite, or gypsum by dissolving or solution; and is characterized by sinkholes, caves and underground drainage through fractures in bedrock. Karst waters are just as susceptible to contamination as surface waters because much of the water moves through open channelways, resulting in extremely high aquifer recharge rates. Consequently, the shallow aquifers of the project area are extremely vulnerable to contamination from surface and subsurface sources."

According to the study, "District Health Department #4 has documented 490 cases where domestic water supplies have been adversely affected due to direct migration of pathogens (432), nitrates (54), hydrocarbons (2), sediment (2) from surface sources into aquifers through improper wells, and karst features. In addition, although the cost of testing creates a lack of data, professional judgment is that pesticides, heavy metals, and salts also have the potential to contaminate area aquifers. Prioritized pollutants are as follows: pathogens, nitrates, sediment, pesticides, hydrocarbons, salts, and heavy metals." The study further states, "There are four known sources of pollutants. These are agriculture including barnyards, feedlots, pastures, and croplands; residential including septic systems and abandoned wells; illicit dumps; and road corridors.

The City of Rogers City has developed a Wellhead Protection Plan, in which the protection area extends beyond the city boundary into Rogers Township. The plan identifies potential sources of contamination,

FIGURE 4-8: Karst Sensitive Areas



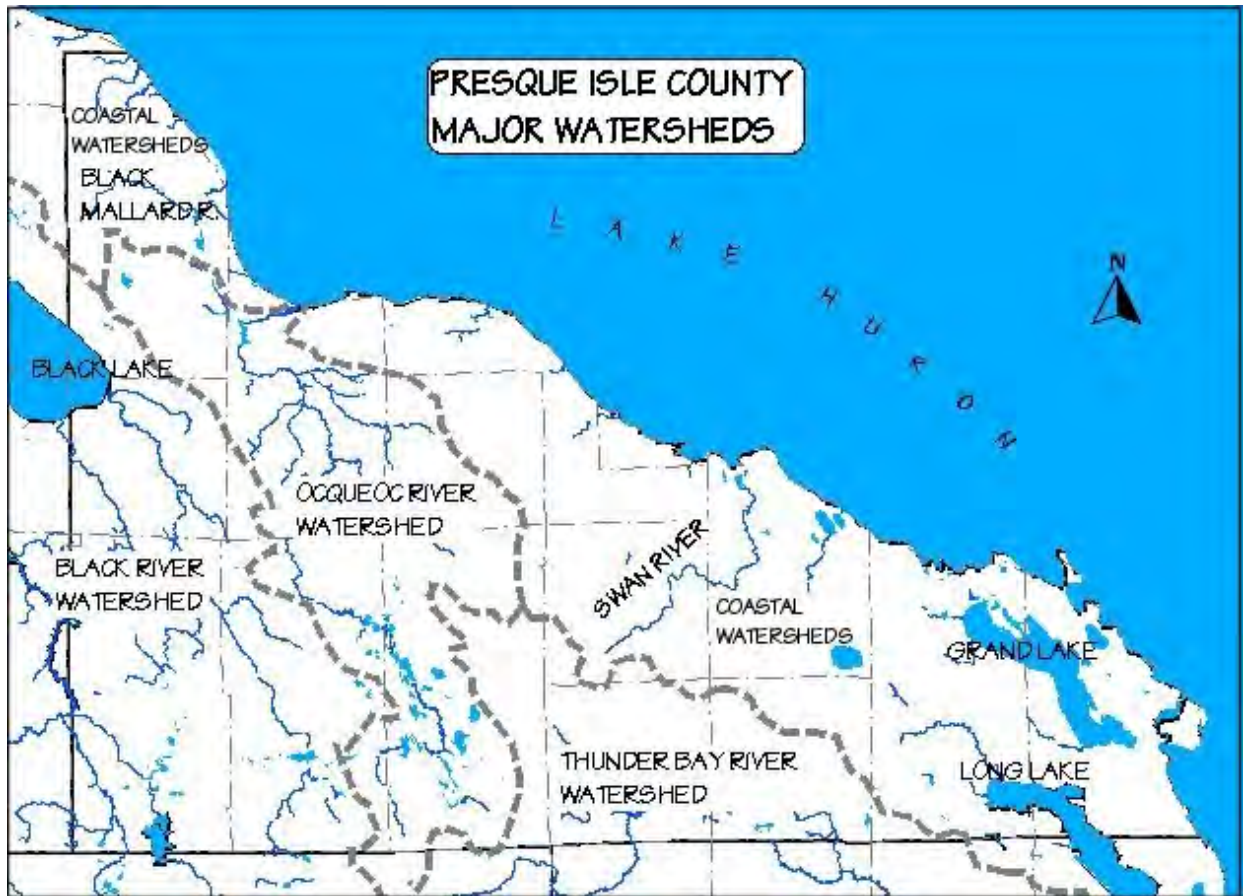
offers guidelines for management of the protection area, and provides contingency plans should a contamination incident occur.

SURFACE WATER

Numerous lakes, streams, and swamps are found throughout Presque Isle County. In addition to these larger bodies of water, there are a great number of small ponds, kettle holes, and marshes. These smaller bodies of water are characterized by moderate seasonal water level fluctuations and various stages of vegetation encroachment. Many of the lakes and smaller bodies of water are interconnected by streams. According to the USDA Soil Survey, Presque Isle County has 89 inland lakes, 13 of which are 100 acres or larger. Black Lake, Grand Lake, and Long Lake are all over 2,000 acres in size. Other larger lakes include Lake Augusta, Lake Esau, Big Trout Lake, Lake Nettie, and Tomahawk Creek Flooding, each with surface areas of 250 acres or more. The soil survey shows 16,376 acres of surface water in the County.

There are three major watersheds in the County, which are all part of the Lake Huron drainage basin. The Black River/Black Lake watershed in the western portion includes the Upper Black River, Canada Creek, Tomahawk Creek, Stony Creek, and Rainy River. This surface water eventually empties into Lake Huron at the City of Cheboygan. The Ocqueoc River watershed drains the west central parts of the County, and includes Lake Emma, Lake Nettie, Barnhart Lakes, and Ocqueoc Lake. The Thunder Bay River Watershed extends into the south central part of the County. The North Branch of the Thunder Bay eventually empties into Lake Huron at the City of Alpena. There are numerous smaller coastal watersheds such as the Black Mallard River, Trout River, Swan River, Little Trout River, Grand Lake, and Long Lake Watersheds. (See **Figure 4-9**).

FIGURE 4-9: Presque Isle County Watersheds



Of course, the largest surface water resource is Lake Huron, with the shoreline making up the entire northeast (long side of the triangle) boundary of the County. The Great Lakes are the largest system of fresh surface water on Earth, containing roughly 18 percent of the world supply. Only the polar ice caps contain more fresh water. Lake Huron is the second largest of the five Great Lakes in surface area (23,000 square miles). However, due to its many islands and inlets, it has the greatest length of shoreline at 3,827 miles, over 1,000 miles more than Lake Superior, which is the largest in surface area. Many miles of Lake Huron shoreline make up the entire northeasterly boundary of Presque Isle County.

For reference **Table 4-2** and **Table 4-3** are provided, showing Presque Isle County lakes and streams, respectively.

| TABLE 4-2: Presque Isle County Lakes | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|---|---|
| Lake | Location | Size in Acres | Description | Use |
| Loon Lake | Allis T33N-R2E 10, 15 | 47 | Natural, shallow, muck & mineral soils | Waterfowl, poor fishing |
| Shoepac | Allis T33N-R2E 15, 22 | 45 | Cold water, mostly mineral soils | Waterfowl, fair fishing (bass, BG, pike) |
| Francis Lake | Allis T33N-R2E 15, 21, 22 | 30 | Cold water, Tomahawk Creek runs through | Trout, some bass, BG, perch |
| Little Tomahawk Lake | Allis T33N-R2E 22 | 22.5 | Warm water, mineral & muck soils, Tomahawk Creek runs through | Bass, BG |
| Big Tomahawk Lake | Allis T33N-R2E 22, 23, 27 | 40 | Warm water | Bass |
| Bear Den Lake | Allis T33N-R2E 32 | 29 | Spring fed, drained by stream | Trout, pike |
| Big Mud Lake | Allis T33N-R2E 34 | 69 | Cold water | Waterfowl, pike, muskie |
| Tomahawk Flooding | Allis T33N-R2E | 900 when full | Cold water, mineral soils | Waterfowl, pike, muskie |
| Gorman Lake (south) | Case T33N-R3E 1 | 31 | Shallow, warm, muck & mineral soils | Waterfowl |
| Kelsey Lake | Case T33N-R3E 14 | 30 | Cold water | Bass, BG |
| Rainy Lake | Case T33N-R3E 15, 16 | 182 | Trout water | Trout, walleye, perch |
| Bass Lake | Case T33N-R3E 17 | 20 | Cold water | Bass, BG |
| Healy Lake | Case T33N-R3E 23 | 28 | Cold water | Trout, all species pan fish |
| Lake Madeline | Case T33N-R3E 22 | 33 | Cold water with warm shallows | Waterfowl, pike, trout |
| Ella Lake | Bismarck T33N-R4E 3, 10 | 120 | Spring fed | Waterfowl |
| Drum Lake | Bismarck T33N-R4E 5, 8 | 95 | Spring lake | Pike, BG |
| Lake Ann | Bismarck T33N-R4E 5 | 26 | Cold water | Pan fish |
| Lake Louise | Bismarck T33N- & T34N-R4E 5, 32 | 40 | Cold water | Pike, pan fish |
| Lake Emma | Bismarck T33N-R4E 7, 18 | 183 | Cold water | Bass, BG |
| Lake May | Bismarck T33N-R4E 9, 16 | 161 | Cold water | Pan fish, pike |
| Sportsman's Flooding | Bismarck T33N-R4E 9, 16 | 96 | Shallow, warm water | Waterfowl, pan fish |
| Ferdelman Lake | Bismarck T33N-R4E 20, 21 | 33 | Spring fed | Trout, bass, perch |
| Clear Lake | Bismarck T33N-R4E 21 | 22 | Shallow, warm water | Waterfowl, pan fish |
| Elowsky Dam | Posen T33N-R6E 30, 31 | 51 | Cold water, North Thunder Bay River | Trout |
| Sunken Lake | Posen T33N-R6E 32, 33 | 50 | Cold water, fluctuating water level | Pan fish |
| Duck Lake | Posen T33N-R6E 36 | 48 | Mostly muck bottom | Waterfowl, pan fish |
| Clinton Lake | Krakov T33N-R7E 21 | 20 | Mucky, shallow | Waterfowl |
| Long Lake | Krakov T33N-R7E, Presque Isle T33N-R8E many sections | 1,600 + 4,052 in Alpena Co. | Cold, spring fed, with deep areas | Bass, BG, perch, walleye, pike, whitefish |
| Trapp Lake | Krakov T33N-R7E 33 | 25 | Deep much & stony | Waterfowl, pan fish |

TABLE 4-2 *Continued*

| Lake | Location | Size in Acres | Description | Use |
|---------------------|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Mindack Lake | Krakow T33N-R7E 35 | 35 + 45 in Alpena Co. | Cold, spring fed | Pan fish |
| Grand Lake | Krakow T34N-R7E, Presque Isle T34N-R8E many sections | 6,080 | Shallow with some deep areas | Pike, walleye, pan fish |
| Upper Barnhart Lake | Case T34N-R3E 24 | 64 | Deep, cold water | Pike, bass, BG |
| Lower Barnhart Lake | Case T34N-R3E 24 | 54 | Deep, cold water | Pike, bass, BG |
| Gifford Lake | Case T34N-R3E 25 | 21 | Mucky, deep water | Pan fish |
| Gorman Lake (north) | Case T34N-R3E 35, 36 | 42 | Shallow, mucky | Waterfowl |
| McIntosh Lake | Case T34N-R3E 25 | | Shallow | Pan fish |
| Bullhead Lake | Bismarck T34N-R4E 19 | 40 | Deep, mucky | BG, bass |
| Mud Lake | Bismarck T34N-R4E 19 | 35 | Deep, mucky | BG, bass |
| Lake Nettie | Bismarck T34N-R4E 29, 30, 31, 32 | 278 | Cold, spring fed | Pike, bass, BG, perch |
| Case Lake | Bismarck T34N-R4E 30 | 40 | Shallow | Bass, BG, pike |
| Lost Lake | Bismarck T34N-R4E 32, 33 | 104 | Deep, spring fed | Bass, BG |
| Klee's Pond | Bismarck T34N-R4E 12 & Belknap T34N-R5E 7 | 70 | Spring fed | Trout, waterfowl |
| Little Trout Lake | Pulawski T34N-R6E 1, 2 & T35N-R6E 35, 36 | 105 | Deep, mineral soils | Trout, waterfowl |
| Big Trout Lake | Pulawski T34N-R6E 2 & T35N-R6E 35 | 234 | Deep | Trout, waterfowl |
| Penny Lake | Pulawski T34N-R6E 2, 3, 11 | 51 | Shallow | Waterfowl |
| Lake Augusta | Pulawski T34N-R6E 25, 26, 35, 36 | 529 | Deep, mineral & muck | Bass, BG, pike, perch |
| Lake Esau | Presque Isle T34N-R8E 27, 28 | 275 | Deep, cold water | Trout |
| Lotus Lake | Presque Isle T34N-R8E 33 | 40 | Private | |
| Black Lake | N. Allis T35N-R2E Bearinger T36N-R2E many sections | 2,050 + 8,080 in Cheboygan Co. | Cold water | Bass, BG, walleye, perch, pike, muskie, sturgeon |
| Sportsman's Dam | Rogers T35N-R5E 17 | 80 | Cold, spring fed | Trout |
| Swan Lake | Pulawski T35N-R6E 29 | 85 | Shallow, filled with sediment | |
| Clear Lake | Bearinger T36N-R2E 1, 2, 11, 12 | 91 | Deep, spring fed | Trout, bass, BG |
| Black Mallard Lake | Bearinger T36N- & T37N-R2E 2, 35, 36 | 65 | Cold, spring fed | Trout, waterfowl |
| Lake Sixteen | Bearinger T36N-R2E 16 | 41 | Shallow, mucky | Waterfowl |
| Orchard Lake | Bearinger T36N-R2E 24 | 35 | Cold, spring fed | |
| Ocqueoc Lake | Ocqueoc T36N-R3E 19, 29, 30 | 132 | Deep, cold water | Trout, BG, bass, perch |

| TABLE 4-3 Rivers & Streams | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| River/Stream | Location | Length | Description | Use |
| Tomahawk Creek | Allis (S) Twp flows into Black River | 8.4 miles 10'-25' wide | Year-round flow, varies in cold temperature | Trout water, mostly on public land |
| Canada Creek | Allis (S) Twp flows into Black River | 5.6 miles | Year-round flow, uniform, unpolluted | Trout water |
| Oxbow Creek | Allis (S) Twp flows into Canada Creek | 4 miles + feeders | Cold, year-round flow | Trout water |
| West Branch Upper Rainy River | Case (S) Twp flows into Rainy Lake | 7.4 miles | Year-round flow, clear, cold | Trout water |
| Healy Creek | Case (S) Twp flows into W. Br. Rainy R. | 1.5 miles | Cold, year-round flow | Trout water |
| Rainy River | Case (N&S)Twp, Allis (N) Twp, North Allis Twp flows into Black Lake | 34.4 miles | Flow varies considerably, during summer months, some pollution from livestock | Trout water |
| Ocqueoc River | Bismarck (N&S) Twp, Case (N) Twp, Ocqueoc (N&S) Twp flows into Lake Huron | 32.1 miles | Flow quite uniform throughout year, some minor pollution Millersburg & above lakes | Trout water |
| Quinn Creek | Bismarck (N&S) Twp, Metz Twp flows into N. Br. Thunder Bay R. | 32.1 miles | Flow varies during season, channel is heavily obstructed with brush, some sedimentation from livestock | Trout quality if cleaned up |
| North Branch Thunder Bay River | Metz Twp, Posen Twp flows into Alpena Co. | 27 miles | Flow uniform except for periods of flooding, some sedimentation from livestock | Trout quality |
| Clinton Creek | Krakov Twp flows into Long Lake | 4 miles | Very variable flow, may dry up during prolonged dry periods | Waterfowl |
| Monaghan Creek | Krakov Twp flows into Long Lake | 6.5 miles | Variable flow, may dry up during prolonged dry periods | Waterfowl |
| Stony Creek | North Allis Twp, Allis (N) Twp flows into Cheboygan Co. | 10 miles | Seasonal flow, may dry up during prolonged dry periods | |
| Little Rainy River | Allis (N) Twp flows into Rainy R. | 7.5 miles | Flow fluctuates considerably, part will dry up during prolonged dry periods | |
| Black River | Allis (N&S) Twp flows into & out of Cheboygan Co. | 3 miles | Uniform constant flow | Trout water |
| Fox Creek | Bismarck (N) Twp flows into Little Ocqueoc R. | 3.5 miles | Constant flow, cold, spring fed | Trout water |
| Little Ocqueoc River | Bismarck (N) Twp, Moltke Twp, Ocqueoc (S) Twp flows into Ocqueoc R. | 8 miles | Uniform flow, spring fed, clear, unpolluted | Trout water |

TABLE 4-3 *Continued*

| River/Stream | Location | Length | Description | Present Use |
|---------------------|--|------------|--|-------------|
| Swan River | Belknap (N&S) Twp, Pulawski Twp flows into Swan Lake | 18.2 miles | Variable flow, summer months considerable fluctuation, some sedimentation from livestock, outlet obstructed | Waterfowl |
| Little Trout River | Pulawski (S) Twp flows into Big Trout Lake | 9.6 miles | Fluctuates in summer, has beaver dams in upper section causing flooding | Waterfowl |
| Trout River | Bismarck (N) Twp, Belknap Twp, Rogers (E) Twp, Moltke Twp flows into Lake Huron | 13.5 miles | Upper sections may dry during prolonged dry periods, lower section maintains some flow- seldom dry | Trout water |
| Cold Creek | Allis (N) Twp, Ocqueoc (S) Twp flows into Black Lake | 8.5 miles | Uniform flow, spring fed, very cold | Trout water |
| Silver Creek | Moltke Twp, Ocqueoc (N&S) Twp flows into Ocqueoc River | 9.5 miles | Constant uniform flow, spring fed, unpolluted | Trout water |
| Schmidt Creek | Rogers (W) Twp, Moltke Twp flows into Lake Huron | 5.5 miles | Spring fed, cold | Trout water |
| Milligan Creek | Bearinger (N) Twp flows into Lake Huron | 3.5 miles | Spring fed, cold, clear | Trout water |
| Black Mallard Creek | Bearinger (N) Twp flows into Lake Huron | 6.5 miles | Spring fed, cold, clear | Trout water |

FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

The predominance of forested land and surface water makes Presque Isle County the home to many species of fish and wildlife. With over 300 miles of fishing streams and creeks, 89 inland lakes, and Lake Huron, the County has an abundance and variety of fish habitat. Brook, rainbow, and brown trout are established singly or in combination in streams. Lakes offer warm water fisheries such as walleye, northern pike, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, and pan fish. Lake Huron is an excellent salmon and lake trout fishery. The annual Salmon Tournament in Rogers City is a testament to the high quality fishery.

Deer, rabbit, grouse, and woodcock are abundant in the County. Bear, coyote, bobcat, elk, and turkey have small to moderate populations that are growing. Wildlife is a resource that brings in hunters and tourists. October and November bring thousands of hunters to the County for small game hunting, bear, and bow season for deer, peaking sharply in mid-November with the opening day of deer rifle season. Michigan's elk herd was formerly centered in western Otsego County, but increased development in that county caused the center of the herd's range to move east into the southwest of Presque Isle County. This is an area of large tracts of State and private club lands, few roads, and little permanent population.

Unfortunately, large deer populations, combined with indiscriminate feeding practices, were contributing factors to the spread of Bovine Tuberculosis (TB) in Presque Isle County and across

northern Michigan. TB is a serious disease caused by bacteria attacking the respiratory system. There are three main types of TB - human, avian, and bovine. Human TB is rarely transmitted to non-humans, and avian TB is typically restricted to birds. Bovine TB - also known as 'cattle TB' is the most infectious of the three, and is capable of infecting most mammals.

Although the State of Michigan attained Bovine TB accredited-free state status in 1979, it is now thought that during earlier periods of high TB reactor rates there was spillover of Bovine TB from infected cows into Michigan's white-tailed deer population, a result of shared pastures. In 1994, a TB infected deer was killed by a hunter in Alpena County. In 2001, Presque Isle County had one deer test positive for TB.¹ Although primarily found in hoofed animals and not considered a health risk to humans, humans can and have contracted Bovine TB. The disease has been found in coyotes, raccoons, black bear, bobcat, red fox, and opossum. The effort to eradicate the disease has led to an aggressive TB testing campaign and the creation of a surveillance zone and Deer Management Unit (DMU) 452. Hunters in the surveillance area are asked to submit deer heads for testing. In DMU 452 testing is mandatory. Presque Isle County (DMU 071) is in the infected area, but is not a part of DMU 452. Efforts to eradicate the disease led to changes in deer feeding rules, deer harvest increases, extension of the number of hunting days, and the banning of new deer or elk farms. In November of 2011, the Natural Resources Commission voted to remove the baiting ban in Presque Isle County effectively allowing hunters to use up to two gallons of bait. Baiting remains illegal in the nearby counties of Alpena, Montmorency, Alcona, and Oscoda.

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

Presque Isle County is also home to a number of plants and animals that are threatened, endangered, or are of special concern as identified in Michigan Natural Features Inventory (MNFI) database which is maintained by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division, Natural Heritage Program. The following list presents the endangered or threatened plant and animal species of Presque Isle County, which are protected under the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act of the State of Michigan (Part 365 of Public Act 451 of 1994, as amended). This list also includes plant and animal species of special concern. While not afforded legal protection under the act, many of these species are of concern because of declining or relict populations in the State. Should these species continue to decline, they would be recommended for threatened or endangered status. Protection of special concern species before they reach dangerously low population levels would prevent the need to list them in the future by maintaining adequate numbers of self-sustaining populations. The MNFI database does not list the piping plover, and none have been noted in Presque Isle County. However, Hoefft State Park and Thompson Harbor State Park have been identified as critical habitat for the endangered bird.

TABLE 4-4 Presque Isle County Threatened and Endangered Species

| Scientific Name | Common Name | Type | Federal Status* | State Status** |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <i>Adlumia fungosa</i> | Climbing fumitory | Vascular Plant | | SC |
| Alvar | Alkaline scrub/grassland | Community | | |
| <i>Appalachia arcana</i> | Secretive locust | Invertebrate | | SC |
| <i>Armoracia lacustris</i> | Lake cress | Vascular Plant | | T |
| <i>Astragalus neglectus</i> | Cooper's milk-vetch | Vascular Plant | | SC |
| <i>Buteo lineatus</i> | Red-shouldered hawk | Bird | | T |
| <i>Cacalia plantaginea</i> | Prairie indian-plantain | Vascular Plant | | SC |
| <i>Calypso bulbosa</i> | Calypso or fairy-slipper | Vascular Plant | | T |
| <i>Carex concinna</i> | Beauty sedge | Vascular Plant | | SC |
| <i>Carex richardsonii</i> | Richardson's sedge | Vascular Plant | | SC |
| <i>Carex scirpoidea</i> | Bulrush sedge | Vascular Plant | | T |
| <i>Cirsium hillii</i> | Hill's thistle | Vascular Plant | | SC |
| <i>Cirsium pitcheri</i> | Pitcher's thistle | Vascular Plant | LT | T |
| | Cobble beach | Community | | |
| <i>Cypripedium arietinum</i> | Ram's head lady's-slipper | Vascular Plant | | SC |
| <i>Dendroica discolor</i> | Prairie warbler | Bird | | E |
| Devonian earth history | Geographical feature | Geologic | | |
| <i>Drosera anglica</i> | English sundew | Vascular Plant | | SC |
| Drumlin | Geographical feature | Geologic | | |
| <i>Eleocharis engelmannii</i> | Engelmann's spike-rush | Vascular Plant | | SC |
| <i>Emydoidea blandingii</i> | Blanding's turtle | Reptile | | SC |
| Esker | Geographical feature | Geologic | | |
| <i>Gavia immer</i> | Common loon | Bird | | T |
| Great blue heron rookery | Great blue heron rookery | Other Element | | |
| Great lakes marsh | | Community | | |
| <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i> | Bald eagle | Bird | (PS:LT,PD L) | T |
| <i>Incisalia henrici</i> | Henry's elfin | Invertebrate | | SC |
| Intermittent wetland | Infertile pond/marsh great lakes | Community | | |
| <i>Iris lacustris</i> | Dwarf lake iris | Vascular Plant | LT | T |
| <i>Juncus militaris</i> | Bayonet rush | Vascular Plant | | T |
| Karst | Geographical feature | Geologic | | |

Source: Michigan Natural Feature Inventory, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division

*LE = Listed endangered, LT = Listed threatened, PDL = Proposed delist, PS = Partial status (federally listed in only part of its range), C = Species being considered for federal status.

** E = Endangered, T = Threatened, SC = Special concern.

TABLE 4-4 Continued

| Scientific Name | Common Name | Type | Federal Status* | State Status** |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <i>Lanius ludovicianus migrans</i> | Migrant loggerhead shrike | Bird | | E |
| <i>Mesodon sayanus</i> | Spike-lip crater | Invertebrate | | SC |
| Northern fen | Alkaline shrub/herb fen | Community | | |
| <i>Notropis anogenus</i> | Pugnose shiner | Fish | | SC |
| <i>Pandion haliaetus</i> | Osprey | Bird | | T |
| <i>Pinguicula vulgaris</i> | Butterwort | Vascular Plant | | SC |
| Pitted outwash | Geographical feature | Geologic | | |
| <i>Potamogeton hillii</i> | Hill's pondweed | Vascular Plant | | T |
| <i>Prosapia ignipectus</i> | Red-legged spittlebug | Invertebrate | | SC |
| <i>Pterospora andromedea</i> | Pine-drops | Vascular Plant | | T |
| <i>Pyrgus wyandot</i> | Grizzled skipper | Invertebrate | | SC |
| Rich conifer swamp | | Community | | |
| <i>Sistrurus catenatus catenatus</i> | Eastern massasauga | Reptile | C | SC |
| <i>Solidago houghtonii</i> | Houghton's goldenrod | Vascular Plant | LT | T |
| <i>Somatochlora hineana</i> | Hine's emerald | Invertebrate | LE | E |
| <i>Sterna hirundo</i> | Common tern | Bird | | T |
| <i>Tanacetum huronense</i> | Lake Huron tansy | Vascular Plant | | T |
| <i>Trimerotropis huroniana</i> | Lake Huron locust | Invertebrate | | T |
| Wooded dune and swale complex | | Community | | |

Source: Michigan Natural Feature Inventory, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division

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WETLANDS AND WOODLANDS

Wetlands are often referred to as marshes, swamps, or bogs. The US Army Corps of Engineers defines wetlands as, "Wetlands are those areas inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions." Residents of Michigan are becoming more aware of the value of wetlands. Beyond their aesthetic value, wetlands improve water quality of lakes and streams by filtering polluting nutrients, organic chemicals, and toxic heavy metals. Wetlands are closely related to high groundwater tables and serve to discharge or recharge aquifers. Additionally, wetlands support wildlife, and wetland vegetation protects shorelines from erosion.

There are several sources that depict the presence of wetlands in Presque Isle County. These include the MIRIS Land Cover Inventory, National Wetlands Inventory, and Presque Isle County Soil Survey. Each source was developed independently, with different criteria and therefore depicts the location and types of wetlands somewhat differently. The MIRIS Land Cover Inventory found forested wetlands to be the dominant wetland type in Presque Isle County. Wetland forest species include lowland conifers such

as northern white cedar, black spruce, and eastern tamarack, and lowland hardwoods such as black ash, elm, balsam poplar, aspen, and red maple.

National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) maps were compiled by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service using color infrared aerial photography and ancillary data. This inventory classified more areas as wetlands than did the MIRIS land cover inventory. Still, the NWI project found forested wetlands to be the most prevalent wetland type. As shown in the section on soils, the Presque Isle County Soil Survey maps hydric soils and soils with hydric inclusions. These soils typically support wetland vegetation.

A COMPARISON OF SURVEYS

Michigan Resource Information System (MIRIS)

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Forested Wetlands | 87,071 acres |
| Shrub-Scrub Wetlands | 10,335 acres |
| Emergent-Aquatic Wetlands | 1,828 acres |

National Wetlands Inventory Maps (NWI)

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Forested Wetlands | 124,462 acres |
| Shrub-Scrub Wetlands | 14,790 acres |
| Emergent-Aquatic Wetlands | 9,879 acres |

Presque Isle County Soil Survey

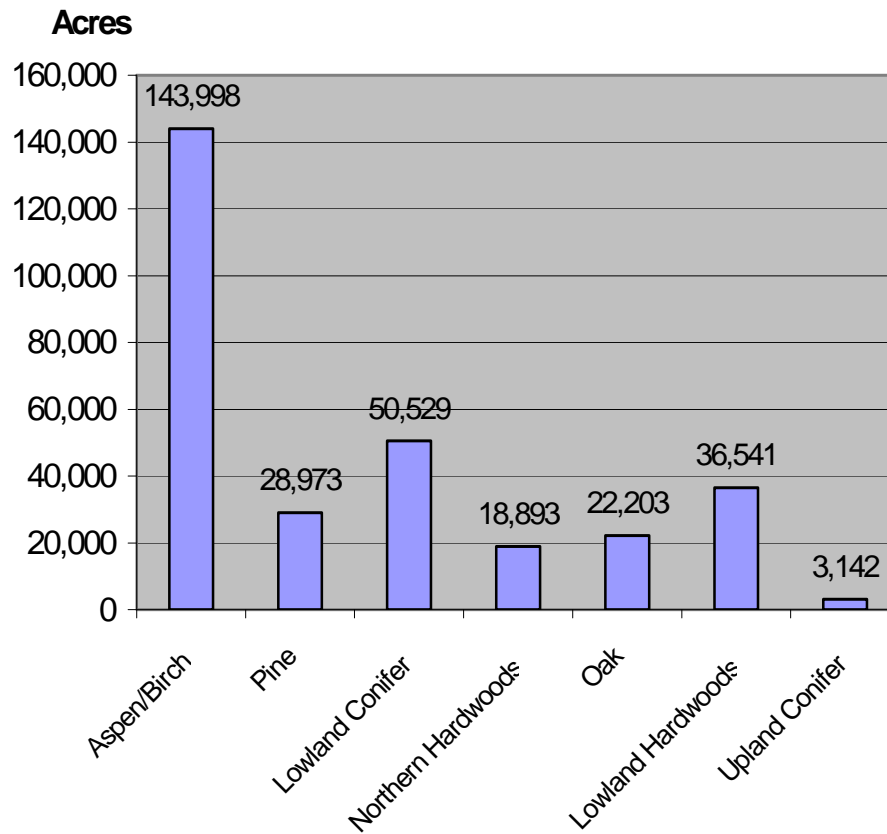
| | |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Hydric Soils | 137,535 acres |
| Soils with Hydric Inclusions | 82,152 acres |

An exercise that would further define the probability of wetlands at a given location would be to overlay the three maps generated from the above sources. If a site is classified as a wetland on all three maps, the likelihood of wetlands being present is very high. It is important to note all of these sources are appropriate for general planning purposes. Any development should have a site specific field survey to determine the presence and location of wetlands that may be impacted.

In addition to the scenic characteristics of woodlands, forested areas provide habitat for wildlife, protect the soil from erosion, and act as a buffer from noise on heavily traveled highways. State forestland encompasses approximately 24 percent of the total land area in the County. In addition, privately owned forestlands can be found throughout the County.

By far the most dominant forest type is aspen/birch. The next most prevalent forest types are lowland conifers (cedar, tamarack, and spruce) and lowland hardwoods (black ash, slippery elm, balsam poplar, aspen, and red maple). Other forest types include pine (red, jack, and white), oak (red and white), and northern hardwoods (sugar maple, American beech, and basswood). **Figure 4-10** depict the forest types and acreage according to the MIRIS Existing Land Cover/Use Data.

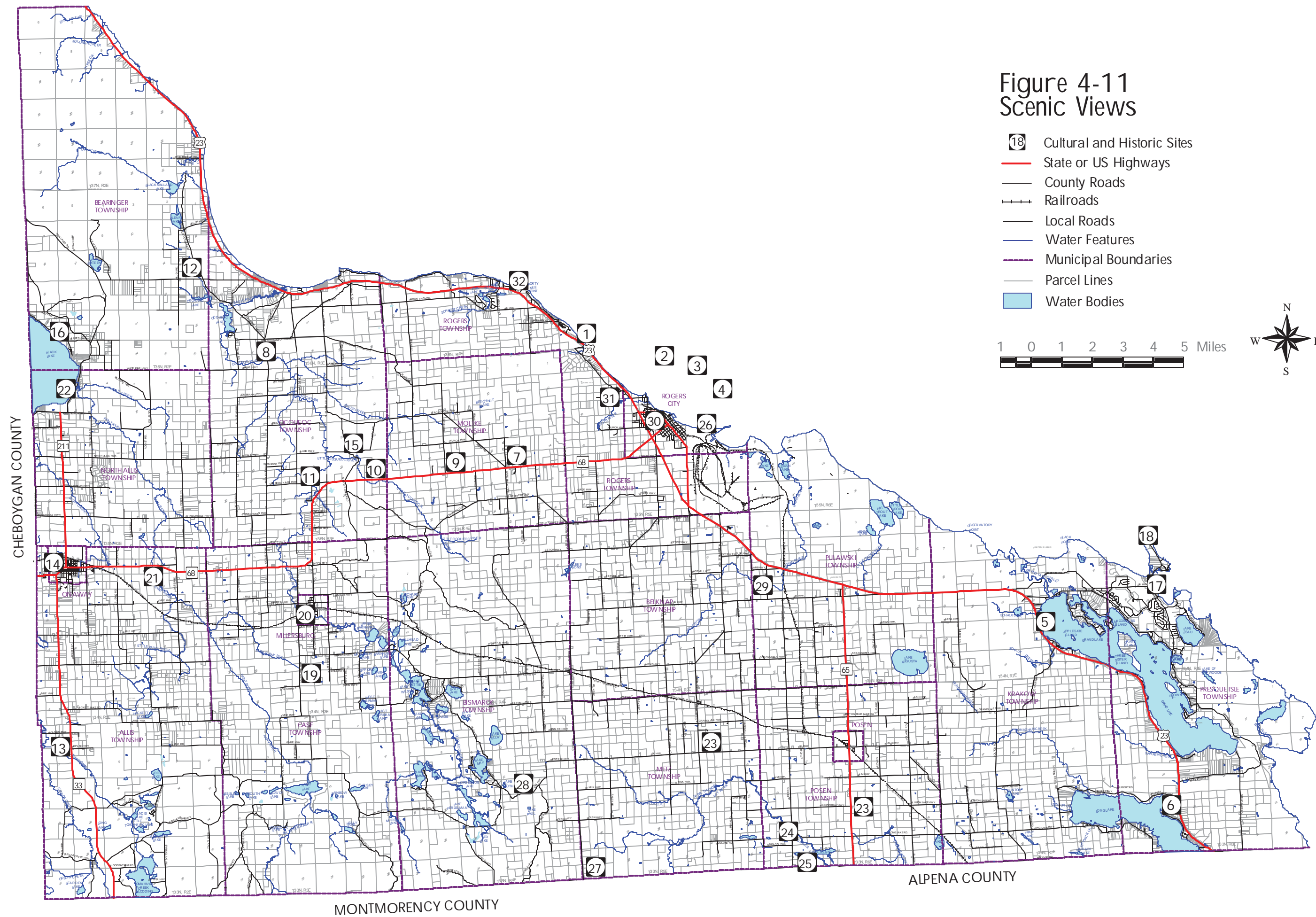
Figure 4-10 Presque Isle County Forest Types



SCENIC VIEWS

Some of the most scenic views in northern Michigan can be seen from the roadways of Presque Isle County. Vistas such as Lake Huron, forest covered glacial moraines, river valleys, marshes, hardwood and conifer forests, and farmlands are pleasing sights to travelers in the County. An informal viewshed analysis was conducted by the planning team and is based solely on local knowledge. It is also important to note that the following list of scenic views is not intended to be all-inclusive, nor is it in any particular order of importance. Rather, it is provided to demonstrate the importance of such features and to recommend that they be protected and preserved. **Figure 4-11** is provided as a reference.

1. U.S. 23 at Birchwood, between Rogers City and Hoeft State Park: views of Lake Huron, views of Rogers City and Michigan Limestone Operations especially at night.
2. Lake freighters along U.S. 23.
3. Sunrise views over Lake Huron.
4. Lake Huron views anywhere along U.S. 23.
5. Views of Grand Lake from U.S. 23.
6. Sunset views over Long Lake from U.S. 23.
7. View of Lake Huron from M-68 at "Radio Hill".
8. North Ocqueoc Road at Ocqueoc River: beautiful valley, stone farmhouse.
9. M-68 at Curtis Road: hills, hardwood forests, and farms, especially in the fall.
10. Little Ocqueoc River at M-68 roadside park.
11. Ocqueoc River on Ocqueoc Highway.
12. View of large wetland on Town Hall Highway and Ocqueoc Lake Road: Mud Lake and County Road 646.
13. M-33 at Tomahawk Creek: log cabin and valley.
14. M-68 in Onaway: Onaway Courthouse.
15. Underground river at Silver Creek Road.
16. Black Lake views from Bluffs Highway.
17. North Bay and Presque Isle Harbor from Grand Lake Road.
18. New Presque Isle Lighthouse from Grand Lake Road.
19. "Long Swamp" from Rainy Lake Road.
20. Ocqueoc River in Millersburg.
21. Rainy River wetlands at M-68.
22. Black Lake views from County Road 489.
23. Farmland views on County Road 634 west of Posen and M-65 south of Posen.
24. Elowsky Mill off Leer Road.
25. Mystery Valley of Leer Road.
26. View of Carmeuse quarry and Lake Huron from Business U.S. 23.
27. County Road 451 at county line: deer grazing in open fields.
28. Forest views on West County Road 634.
29. Valley view of Swan River at Swan River Road.
30. Abandoned Lake Huron shoreline in Rogers City residential areas.
31. Herman Vogler Recreation Area.
32. 40 Mile Point Lighthouse.
33. Numerous elk viewing areas. (not shown on map)



CHAPTER 5

GOALS & OBJECTIVES/ACTION PLAN

STATED GOALS

Ensure the preservation of recreational resources at a level which will meet the needs of permanent and seasonal residents, as well as visitors.

Identified Objectives

1. Expand the County's role as a recreation provider by adopting and maintaining a Recreation Plan with updates at five-year intervals and by relying on citizen volunteer services and support.
2. Identify and apply for appropriate grant funding for recreation projects.
3. Maintain and improve the 40 Mile Point Lighthouse facilities, as existing and future needs require.
4. Maintain and improve Ocqueoc Outdoor Center as a place for outdoor recreation and education.
5. Encourage the expansion and connection of snowmobile trails and motorized and non-motorized trails within the County.
6. Promote tourism and economic growth through recreation facilities development and management.
7. Promote and facilitate activities for youth through MSUE 4-H programs.
8. Establish a working relationship with the DNR in the provision of outdoor recreational opportunities.
9. Install wayfinding signage to direct visitors to and within area recreational facilities.
10. Provide a balance of recreational amenities which cater to the aging population to increase the desirability of the community to retirees.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. Improve the economy of the Presque Isle County area by marketing the area as part of a destination package which offers year-round tourism.
14. Support the US 23 Heritage Route Presque Isle County Team in their efforts to promote the area as a recreation destination.
15. Support the Pure Michigan Sunrise Coast campaign.

The action plan is presented below. Anticipated funding sources will be in the form of cash from the County general fund, non-profit organizations, private contributions, donated labor and materials, and several grant sources. MDNR grant source is Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, and MDEQ grant source is Clean Michigan Incentive. Other appropriate grant programs will be explored.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND PROGRAMS – FIVE-YEAR PLAN¹

| Recreation Site or Project | Year | Improvement or Program | Estimated Cost and Anticipated Funding Source |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|--|---|
| <u>40 Mile Point Lighthouse Park</u> | 2012-2016 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue renovations to the keeper's house 2. 40 Mile Lighthouse Society to continue operations 3. "Night at the Lighthouse" during the annual Great Lakes Lighthouse Festival 4. On-site caretaker 5. Clean & mark walking trails 6. Signage (trees, flora, etc) 7. Storage shed construction 8. Caretaker residence 9. Conversion of current caretaker residence to museum/expand museum. 10. Video kiosk (with views of interior) 11. ADA accessible path to beach and shipwreck 12. Handicap accessible restroom entrance 13. Golf cart/transport vehicle | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. County funds, plus Society funds and in-kind 2 & 3. Society funds 4-12. County funds, society funds, in-kind, and grant programs including MDNR and historic grant sources. 4. \$3,000 5. \$2,500 6. \$20,000 7. \$50,000 8. TBD 9. \$10,000 10. \$15,000 11. \$10,000 12. \$10,000 |
| <u>Glawe School</u> | 2012-2016 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue artifacts search 2. Glawe School Committee to continue operations | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Donations 2. Committee funds |

¹ All costs are estimates only. Actual costs may be less than or greater than the estimates. Projects may be implemented contingent upon the availability of grant funding and are not listed in any prioritized order.

Projects denoted with an "" are considered higher priority projects for the Ocqueoc Outdoor Center.

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| <u>Ocqueoc Outdoor Recreation Center</u> | 2012-2016 | General Upgrades | Grants, local, in-kind, facility revenue |
| | | 1. Upgrade outdoor lighting | 1. \$15,000 |
| | | 2. Open air pavilion by lakeside | 2. \$15,000 |
| | | 3. Create training programs for children of area schools | 3. TBD |
| | | 4. Develop 8-10 campsites | 4. \$10,000 |
| | | 5. Control pest issues | 5. \$4,000 |
| | | 6. Add two caretakers – one for outdoor and one for indoor | 6. TBD |
| | | 7. Upgrade wiring * | 7. \$30,000 |
| | | 8. Repair and replace sidewalks* | 8. \$12,000 |
| | | 9. Mulch for trails | 9. \$5,000 |
| | | 10. Purchase recreational equipment | 10. TBD |
| | | ❖ Canoes, kayaks, paddles, life jackets | |
| | | ❖ Fishing equipment | |
| | | ❖ Balls – soccer, baseball, football, kickball | |
| | | ❖ Kites | |
| | | ❖ Trails – bike, hike, horse | |
| | | 11. Update heating /cooling in all buildings * | 11. \$40,000 |
| | | 12. Insulate buildings* | 12. \$24,000 |
| | | 13. Handicap ramps | 13. \$21,000 |
| | | 14. Entry awnings | 14. \$5,000 |
| | | 15. Fire alarm system* | 15. \$40,000 |
| | | 16. Staff/media/medical building - renovations | 16. \$40,000 |
| | | 17. CCC Monument | 17. \$60,000 |
| | | 18. Boardwalk | 18. \$90,000 |
| | | 19. Fishing platform | 19. \$10,000 |
| | | 20. Rebuild firepit by lakeside | 20. \$3,500 |
| | | 21. New windows/screens* | 21. \$100,000 |
| | | 22. Septic tank/drain field* | 22. \$7,200 |
| | | 23. Computers & software | 23. \$2,000 |
| | | 24. Clean-up lake | 24. TBD |
| | | 25. Increase beach area | 25. \$5,000 |
| | | 26. Signage | 26. \$1,500 |
| | | 27. Stone work | 27. \$2,000 |
| | | 28. Marketing campaign – ads, open house, letters, fund raising committee. | 28. \$10,000 |
| | | Caretaker Residence | |
| | | 1. Remodel residence into living quarters and/or add 2-4 campsites for same purpose. | 1. TBD |
| | | 2. Include heritage center | 2. TBD |
| | | Kitchen/Dining Hall* | |
| | | 1. Replace stoves/hood system | 1. \$25,000 |
| | | 2. Replace back and side doors | 2. \$5,000 |
| | | 3. Kitchen equipment purchases including shelving and utensils | 3. \$13,000 |
| | | 4. Restroom in kitchen/dining hall | 4. \$20,000 |
| | | 5. Sound deadening in kitchen/dining hall | 5. \$10,000 |
| | | 6. Replace motor in walk-in cooler | 6. \$4,000 |
| | | 7. Winterize washer/dryer | 7. TBD |
| | | 8. Add storage cupboards | 8. \$3,000 |
| | | Bunkhouses | |
| | | 1. Replace back-end doors* | 1. \$3,000 |
| | | 2. Replace lights with caged lights | 2. \$2,000 |
| | | 3. Individual shelves/storage lockers | 3. \$16,000 |

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| | | 4. Floor drains in bathrooms Storage Building 1. Replace roof 2. General restoration | 4. TBD 1. \$15,000 2. \$10,000 |
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| Recreation Site or Project | Year | Improvement or Program | Estimated Cost and Anticipated Funding Source |
|-------------------------------|-----------|---|--|
| <u>Metz Fire Memorial</u> | 2012-2016 | 1. Purchase/lease property from DNR 2. Pavilion 3. Vault toilet 4. Picnic area/shelter 5. Playground with equipment 6. Drill well for drinking fountain 7. Excavation and clearing to reveal and preserve historic sites 8. Signage and Interpretive Trail 9. Parking lot 10. Display original relief shack 11. Display gondola train car | Township funds, county funds, in-kind, MDNR, MDOT, historic preservation grants. \$100,000 |
| <u>Posen Village Park</u> | 2012-2016 | 1. Restrooms 2. Pavilion 3. Upgrade playground equipment 4. Add new playground equipment 5. Complete fencing around park 6. Benches 7. Refuse containers 8. Update Presque Isle Electric & Gas Memorial 9. Update Village Offices | Village funds, in-kind, MDNR, local service groups. 1-8 \$150,000 9: TBD |
| <u>Posen Community Center</u> | 2012-2016 | 1. Remodel interior/exterior 2. Update PA system 3. Upgrade kitchen 4. Signage on building 5. Resurface parking lot | Township funds, in-kind, MDNR, local service groups. 1. \$100,000 2. \$12,000 3. \$25,000 4. \$6,000 5. \$75,000 |
| <u>Posen Ballfield</u> | 2012-2016 | 1. Restrooms 2. Concession stand 3. Extend sidewalk from existing sidewalk to ball diamond (approximately one mile) 4. Picnic tables 5. Landscaping 6. Additional bleachers 7. Lighting | Township funds, village funds, school funds, athletic boosters, in-kind, MDNR, local service groups. 1 & 2: \$100,000 3: \$75,000 4-7: \$75,000 |

| Recreation Site or Project | Year | Improvement or Program | Estimated Cost and Anticipated Funding Source |
|---|-----------|---|---|
| <u>Nonmotorized Trails</u> | 2012-2016 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of trail on Rogers City Spur or similar route connecting NEST to Rogers City 2. Development of trail connecting Onaway to Onaway State Park and Black Mountain Recreation Area 3. Development of trail or bike lane connecting Millersburg Historic Depot to Ocqueoc Falls Park. 4. Trailhead facility in Village of Posen (restrooms, parking, bathrooms, pavilion) 5. Trailhead facility in Onaway (restrooms, parking, bathrooms, pavilion) 6. North Eastern State Trail – trailside amenities including signs, benches, overlooks – at scenic locations outside of communities. 7. Trail loop and birding overlook of Duck Lake (in Posen and/or Krakow Township) 8. Bench site and interpretive sign about Big Cut in Bismark Township 9. Promotional materials 10. Trail development for horseback riders 11. Trail from US 23 to Ocqueoc Outdoor Center 12. Trail from Onaway to Allis Twp Park 13. Trail from Allis Twp Park to High Country Pathway 14. Extend Presque Isle Twp Trail to Besser Natural Area | <p>Township funds, county funds, city funds, in-kind, MDNR, MDOT, Top of MI Trails Council</p> <p>1-14. TBD</p> |
| <u>Motorized Trails</u> | 2012-2016 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Snowmobile trails into Posen Village 2. Work with DNR and other local agencies to open roads in State facilities to snowmobiles. | <p>Township funds, county funds, village funds, in-kind, MDNR, MDOT, Snowmobile Associations</p> <p>1-2 TBD</p> |
| <u>New Facilities: Ocqueoc River Underground Area</u> | 2012-2016 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Purchase property on Silver Creek Road (see map in Basis for Action) 2. Create development/management plan 3. Develop boardwalk 4. Signage 5. Develop parking area 6. Develop trails on the property 7. Construct interpretive/nature center with restrooms 8. Work with DNR to re-open access on Silver Creek Rd to Ocqueoc River 9. Maintain wetter areas for trails 10. Connect Ocqueoc Falls, the “Big Pines”, and the Underground River with signage. | <p>County/township funds; MDNR; local grant sources</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TBD 2. \$10,000 3. TBD 4. \$4,000 5. \$25,000 6. TBD 7. TBD 8. TBD 9. TBD 10. \$6,000 |

General Basis for Action

There are a number of issues pertinent to recreation planning in the participant jurisdictions:

1. The area has a significant older population. Individuals 60 years of age and older make up over 34% of the population of Presque Isle County, nearly double that of the state average of 19%. The majority of in-migration is also due to relocation of persons aged 60 or older. Therefore, thought must be given to planning for this large resident population which has both the time and desire for age-appropriate recreational activities.
2. One-third of the population of Presque Isle County is under the age of 35. Due to its rural nature, the county offers little in the way of commercial recreation for young people. An abundance of active recreational activities is needed.
3. Presque Isle County's median household income is \$37,383 compared to that of the state average of \$45,413. Posen Village is \$21,250, Posen Township is \$38,438, and Metz Township is \$37,188, all well below the state average. Accordingly, to truly be accessible, recreation must also be affordable.
4. Natural beauty and history abounds in Presque Isle County. 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.
5. The issue of improving the local economy by establishing the area as a premier recreation destination is of utmost importance. Loss of industrial jobs and closing of businesses have forced communities to take a new look at employment and the future of jobs in northeast Michigan. The County sees an opportunity to re-make itself into a premier tourism destination by capitalizing on its location on Lake Huron. The attraction of visitors to coastal recreational amenities has the potential to create not only direct tourism related jobs, but also to increase sales at local establishments which serve those visitors (i.e. local motels, cottage rentals, watercraft rentals, restaurants, resorts, grocery stores, gas stations, etc.). In addition, the City strives to create a community with a defined sense of place and a high livability/quality of life factor which will attract young families who have the option of work mobility (telecommuters) or who have the potential to be entrepreneurs. This livability/quality of life factor will also help to retain local youth who otherwise would leave the area upon reaching adulthood. The retention of youth and the attraction of visitors are two methods with which the County hopes to begin the much needed economic turn-around.

With these issues in mind, other factors to be considered in recreational plan development for Presque Isle County, Posen Township, Metz Township, and the Village of Posen include:

1. Development of recreation opportunities which are appropriate to the areas major population groups. Both active and passive recreation opportunities require easy access to allow use by those with limited transportation and resources, including the elderly and youth of the area.
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 which preserve their ecological and scenic value, with limited staff.

Basis for Capital Improvements

The following goals, objectives, and actions were developed directly from the input received at the public input sessions as well as from input received from interest groups.

40 Mile Point Light/Glawe School

GOAL: *Presque Isle County Board of Commissioners and 40 Mile Point Lighthouse Society are committed to the historically-correct restoration and continued operation of this site as a key recreation and tourism site in Presque Isle County and Northeast Michigan Region.*

Objective 1: Restoration of the lighthouse

Action: Renovate keeper's house for museum

Action: Expand museum

Action: Convert current caretaker residence to museum

Objective 2: Maintain operations

Action: 40 Mile Point Lighthouse Society to maintain operations

Objective 3: Provide disabled visitors with a lighthouse experience

Action: Video kiosk

Action: Handicap accessible entrance to outdoor restroom

Action: ADA accessible path to beach and shipwreck

Action: Golf cart/transport vehicle

Objective 4: Move caretaker out of museum

Action: Construct caretaker residence

Objective 5: Provide historic and natural resource information

Action: New signage

Objective 6: Provide visitor experience

Action: Expand events

Action: Expand marketing

Basis for Action: In order to expand the historic exhibits at the lighthouse, it is necessary to construct new quarters for the keeper and expand the museum into the current keeper's quarters. Also, due to historic restrictions, the lighthouse cannot be made completely ADA-accessible. Therefore, the Lighthouse Society would like to provide a unique experience to disabled visitors by allowing them to view the interior of the lighthouse on a screen at a kiosk. In addition, the construction of an ADA-accessible ramp to the beach would allow disabled visitors to not only access the beach but also to view the shipwreck which is located on the beach. In northeast Michigan, over 38% of residents are classified as having some type of disability. In addition, National Scenic Byways has reported that people interested in visiting historic sites make up 20% of travelers on scenic byways/heritage routes and they are, on average, 51 years of age. These facts, along with the high number of older resident visitors, make disabled access a priority.

The 40 Mile Point Lighthouse is a popular tourism draw for the area and needs to be maintained. The Michigan Economic Development Corporation reports that over 13% of visitors that visit coastal northeast Michigan stop at an historic site.

Ocqueoc Outdoor Recreation Center

GOAL: To provide a unique gathering place in a relaxed, natural environment for educational, recreational, and social activities. The preservation and improvement of this site is important not only for the operation of an outdoor recreational facility, but because of its historical significance as a former CCC camp.

Objective 1: Have the center function year-round.

Action: Update heating /cooling in all buildings

Action: Insulate buildings

Objective 2: Make the residence livable with option of having live-in "keepers".

Action: Rent to camp caretakers on a weekly/monthly basis

Action: Remodel residence into living quarters and/or add 2-4 campsites for same purpose.

Action: Include heritage center

Objective 3: Provide for an educational facility for youth.

Action: Create training programs children of area schools

Objective 4: Provide for an upgraded facility in order to expand possible uses.

Action: Develop list of maintenance tasks for each building.

Action: Plan for future improvement projects

Action: Encourage "Adopt A Building" by local service clubs (to complete upgrades/maintenance including repairs/painting, replacing windows/doors).

Action: Develop check in and check out list (someone would have to be there for check in and check out for each group)

Action: Schedule a workbee in May to generally get the place spruced up.

Action: Establish caretakers for indoor and outdoor facilities

Action: Upgrade outdoor lighting

Action: Open air pavilion by lakeside

Action: Develop 8-10 campsites with electrical and water hook-ups (pull-through sites near the woods with an area to picket horses)

Action: Handicap ramps

Action: Fire alarm system

Action: Staff/media/medical building

Action: Camp store/info center

Action: Upgrade wiring

Action: Replace stoves

Action: Replace back and side doors

Action: Kitchen equipment purchases including shelving and utensils

Action: Restroom in kitchen/dining hall

Action: Sound deadening in kitchen/dining hall

Action: Replace motor in walk-in cooler

Action: Winterize washer/dryer

Action: Add storage cupboards

Objective 5: Keep maintenance up on facility.

Action: Control pest issues

Action: Repair and replace sidewalks

Action: Mulch for trails

Action: Purchase recreational equipment

- ❖ Canoes, kayaks, paddles, life jackets
- ❖ Fishing equipment
- ❖ Balls – soccer, baseball, football, kickball
- ❖ Kites
- ❖ Trails – bike, hike, horse

Action: Entry awnings

Action: Continue stone work

Action: Boardwalk
Action: Fishing platform
Action: Rebuild firepit by lakeside
Action: New windows/screens
Action: Septic tank/drain field
Action: Computers & software
Action: Clean-up lake
Action: Increase beach area
Action: Stone work
Action: Bunkhouses
Action: Replace back-end doors.
Action: Replace lights with caged lights.
Action: Individual shelves/storage lockers
Action: Floor drains in bathrooms

Objective 6: Increase knowledge of facility to area residents and visitors

Action: Place ads in local tourism guides
Action: Hold open house for public
Action: Direct mailings to target groups
Action: Establish fund-raising committee
Action: CCC Monument
Action: Signage

Basis for Action: The Ocqueoc Outdoor Center is a unique recreational and historic facility which is badly in need of repairs, maintenance, and upgrades. This facility has great potential for use by school, community, and private groups. If properly upgraded, it could serve as a regional draw for locals and visitors alike. Its unique setting, its history, and its proximity to many other recreational amenities only serve to reinforce its importance to the community.

Metz Fire Memorial

GOAL: *To preserve the historical landmarks associated with the Metz Fire of 1908 and to provide and expand on the educational history available in an attempt to draw visitors to the area especially with the “Rails to Trails” adjacent to the property.*

Objective 1: Obtain property for memorial

Action: Purchase or lease property from DNR (DNR currently owns 1380’ X 133’ from centerline of track).

Objective 2: Provide amenities for visitors

Action: Construct:

- Pavilion
- Vault toilet
- Picnic area
- Playground with playground equipment
- Drilling of a well to provide a drinking fountain
- Excavation and clearing to reveal and preserve existing historical sites
- Signage
- Parking lot

Objective 3: Communicate historic information

Action: Display one of the existing original relief shacks provided by the railroad

Action: Display a gondola train car replica of the gondola where women and children perished.

Action: Display signage at 7 other sites.

Basis for Action: The Metz Fire was a historically significant event and the only on-site information that currently exists is an historic marker. Site improvements are needed to allow both residents and visitors to obtain a deeper understanding of this event. Much as the 40 Mile Point Lighthouse, this facility will cater to historic travelers and will give insight into the area. Also, due to its close proximity to the North Eastern State Trail, this facility would serve as a stopping point for trail users.

Posen Village Park

GOAL: *To provide a village park that will cater to all ages of the community.*

Objective 1: Upgrade facilities for youth to enjoy

Action: Upgrade playground equipment

Action: Purchase new playground equipment

Action: Install drinking fountain

Action: Construct restroom

Objective 2: Upgrade facilities for adults to enjoy

Action: Construct pavilion

Action: Install refuse containers

Action: Complete fencing

Action: Install benches

Action: Update Presque Isle Electric & Gas Memorial

Basis for Action: With no other recreation facilities in the Village, it is important to focus efforts on this park which is centrally located and within walking distance to many homes. Over 19% of the Posen population is under 14 years of age; therefore the Village feels it is crucial to provide recreation to these residents.

Posen Community Center

GOAL: *To provide updated community center for use by the residents of the county.*

Objective 1: Upgrade interior

Action: Remodel interior to provide an updated look and feel

Action: Purchase new PA system

Action: Upgrade kitchen facilities

Objective 2: Upgrade exterior

Action: New signage on building

Action: Resurface parking lot

Basis for Action: The Posen Community Center is used for many private events and functions as the hub for community events in the Posen area. Currently, the building has outdated facilities and is in need of upgrades. Due to income limitations (stated above in the “General Basis for Action”), area residents are often unable to afford the rental of private facilities elsewhere. Therefore, upgrades to the Posen Community Center are needed to fulfill this need.

Posen Ballfield

GOAL: *To provide a state of the art ballpark for area residents and the school.*

Objective 1: Improve spectator experience **Action:** Remodel interior to provide an updated look and feel

Action: Construct restrooms

Action: Construct concession stand

Action: Extend sidewalk from village sidewalk to ball diamond

Action: Add picnic tables

Action: Add landscaping

Action: Additional bleachers

Action: Lighting

Basis for Action: The ballpark is an important facility to Posen Township and Village residents. It provides an avenue of active, inexpensive recreation which is badly needed for area youth. Nearly 20% of the area population is under 20 years of age. However, a well maintained facility will also encourage groups older than the target population to use the ballpark.

Trails

GOAL: *Expand and promote the network of trail systems in the area.*

Objective 1: Expand nonmotorized trail network.

Action: Development of trail on Rogers City Spur or similar route connecting NEST to Rogers City

Action: Development of trail connecting Onaway to Onaway State Park and Black Mountain Recreation Area

Action: Development of trail or bike lane connecting Millersburg Historic Depot to Ocqueoc Falls Park.

Action: Trail loop and birding overlook of Loon Lake (in Posen and/or Krakow Township)

Action: Trail from US 23 to Ocqueoc Outdoor Center

Action: Trail from Onaway to Allis Twp Park

Action: Trail from Allis Twp Park to High Country Pathway

Action: Extend Presque Isle Twp Trail to Besser Natural Area

Objective 2: Expand motorized trail network.

Action: Plan for snowmobile trails into Posen for access to businesses.

Action: Work with DNR and other local agencies to open up new areas to snowmobilers

Objective 3: Provide trail amenities for trail users

Action: Trailhead facility in Village of Posen (restrooms, parking, bathrooms, pavilion)

Action: Trailhead facility in Onaway (restrooms, parking, bathrooms, pavilion)

Action: North Eastern State Trail – trailside amenities including signs, benches, overlooks – at scenic locations outside of communities.

Action: Bench site and interpretive sign about Big Cut in Bismark Township

Objective 4: Expand knowledge of area trail systems

Action: Develop promotional materials

Action: Continue to support US 23 Heritage Route efforts

Action: Support other regional marketing efforts

Basis for Action: Trails and ecotourism in Presque Isle County rival those in any other part of the country. There are over 700 miles of nonmotorized trails in Presque Isle, Alpena, and Alcona counties alone as well as over 250 “greenway” attractions. This area has a huge potential for visitor development due to its natural resources. Due to the economic struggles of the area (with an unemployment rate above 12% and in recent years as high as 18%) tourism development is something which is badly needed.

Snowmobiling in Presque Isle is a popular winter recreational activity and is important to the local economy. While the trail system is extensive through the west and central portions of the County, there is no connection into Rogers City or the east side of the County. Discussions are ongoing to open the “Posen spur” of the Alpena to Mackinaw City Rail-to-Trail facility. The MDNR and the Presque Isle Sno-Trails Club are instrumental in these actions. The Sno-Trails Club is also working to identify a trail north from Rogers City connecting to the Silver Creek Trail near the mouth of the Ocqueoc River. This *Recreation Plan* supports expansion and linkage of the snowmobile system in Presque Isle County. These trails are not only used for wintertime snowmobiling, but are available year-round for multiple uses.

This *Recreation Plan* supports the concept of a ten-mile trail system that would connect the Rogers City trail system to the Presque Isle Township trail system. The opening of the “Posen spur” would achieve half this goal. The remaining seven miles from Swan River to Old State Road in Thompson’s Harbor State Park would need to be constructed, as well as a two mile connector from Thompson’s Harbor State Park to the existing trail on Grand Lake Road.

In summary, this *Recreation Plan* supports the goal of multi-purpose trail expansion and linkage throughout Presque Isle County.

Ocqueoc Area/Underground River

GOAL: *Provide public access to the Underground River Area*

Objective 1: Provide access to the public to the underground river area

Action: Purchase property on Silver Creek Road (see map in Basis for Action)

Action: Create development/management plan

Action: Develop parking area

Action: Work with DNR to re-open access on Silver Creek Rd to Ocqueoc River

Objective 2: Implement site improvements to enhance use of site.

Action: Develop boardwalk

Action: Signage

Action: Develop trails on the property

Action: Construct interpretive/nature center with restrooms

Action: Maintain wetter areas for trails

Action: Connect Ocquoec Falls, the “Big Pines”, and the Underground River with signage.

Basis for Action: Members of the public feel that this is an attraction that should be open to the public in order to show the karst topography of the area. The DNR owns a small parcel of land on the west side of Silver Creek Road where the river comes out from under a hill. The east side is currently private property and is an interesting example of Karst. The river goes underground and reappears in several places (**Figures 5-1 and 5-2**).

Once the land is purchased, a management/development plan would be written to protect and preserve the river while making it accessible to the public. Development would include protecting the river with trails and boardwalks. Trails could also meander throughout the 80 acres for hikers, mountain bikers, and for skiers and snowshoers in the winter. Interpretive signage would give information about the Karst geology that defines this part of the river. A nature center would provide a learning opportunity for area youth, visitors, and nature aficionados alike.

Figure 5-1: Plat map showing parcel with underground river

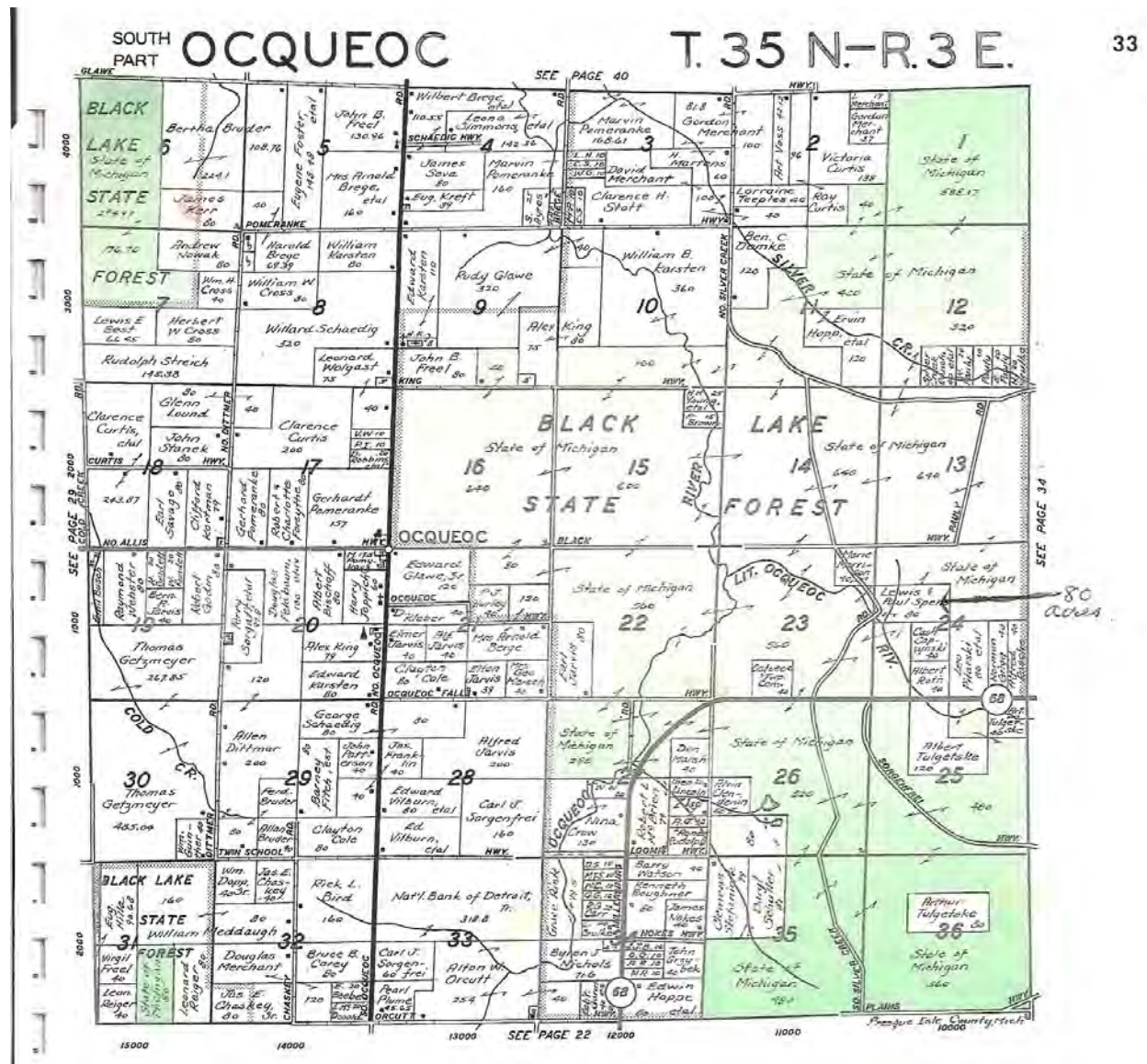
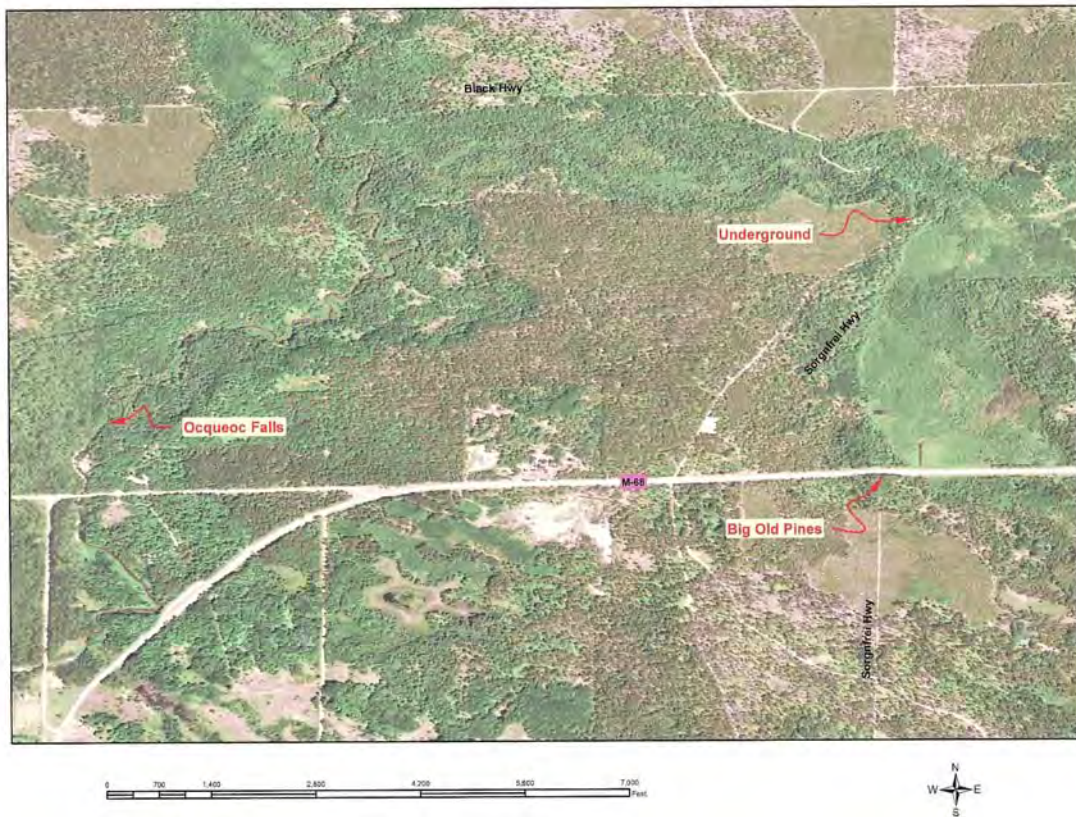


Figure 5-2: Aerial photo showing underground river area



US 23 Heritage Route

Following are the goals and objectives which are part of the US 23 Management Plan. Presque Isle County fully supports the goals of the US 23 Heritage Route Management Council and Presque Isle County Team.

Goal 1: Encourage the maintenance of natural, recreational, historical and cultural attributes along the Huron Shores Heritage Route.

- Objective 1: Encourage the development of community recreation plans that address maintenance of key recreational attributes; and the development of master plans and strategic plans that support the maintenance of historical, natural and cultural resources.
- Objective 2: Work with the appropriate entities to preserve and maintain the public parks, public lands and attractions.
- Objective 3: Encourage the pursuit of state, federal, private, foundation and corporate funding to assist in financing the maintenance of these attractions.

Objective 4: Work together towards the goal of maintaining existing attractions.

Goal 2: Encourage the prudent expansion of and improvements to recreational, natural resource, historical and cultural attributes along the Huron Shores Heritage Route.

Objective 1: Advocate for expansion of and improvements to current recreational, historical and cultural facilities within community recreation plans, master plans and strategic plans.

Objective 2: Encourage public and private sectors to acquire, expand, and improve recreational, historical and cultural attractions to increase tourism levels. Examples may include adding trails, road side parks, and museums associated with lighthouses. Operational improvements may include establishing regular hours and longer hours of operation in addition to extending season beyond summer months.

Objective 3: Expansions of recreational, historical or cultural attractions should be undertaken with minimal impacts on the environment.

Objective 4: Identify theme attractions (i.e. railways, maritime, mining, geology, color tours) that could be developed into self-guided tours.

Objective 5: Encourage more year round festivals and tourist-based events along the Route. Advocate coordinating festivals and tourist-based events between communities and organizations.

Objective 6: Encourage the development of tours (eco-tours, motor coach tours, boat tours, fly-drive tours, hunting and fishing tours, bike tours, packaged tours, etc.) to attract more tourists to the area.

Objective 7: Pursue state, federal, private, foundation and corporate funding to help finance the expansion of and improvements to recreational, historical and cultural attractions along the Route.

Goal 3: Encourage the preservation of the natural environment along the Heritage Route, including: air, water, native vegetation, wildlife and wildlife habitat.

Objective 1: Promote MDOT's Adopt-a-Highway program to help maintain the Route free of litter and debris.

Objective 2: Promote plans that have identified and prioritized environmentally sensitive areas.

Objective 3: Investigate and promote methods to protect prioritized areas, which may include corridor overlay zones, the purchase of development rights, conservation easements or fee simple purchase.

Objective 4: Encourage coordinated zoning ordinances between adjacent local units of government.

Objective 5: Coordinate with MDOT and the local Road Commissions to preserve and protect the native vegetation along the Route.

Objective 6: Support education activities that target both landowners and visitors.

Goal 4: Encourage the preservation and enjoyment of the forests, open spaces and scenic views along the Heritage Route.

Objective 1: Identify and maintain significant scenic views, forest lands and open spaces.

Objective 2: Investigate and promote methods to protect identified critical areas. These methods include corridor overlay zones, the purchase of development rights, conservation easements or fee simple purchase, scenic easements, cluster development, building height restrictions, and green buffers.

Objective 3: Encourage local units of government to develop and enforce controls on new and existing billboards.

Objective 4: New industrial and commercial development should be directed to appropriately zoned areas with existing suitable infrastructure. Sustainable development and green industries should be encouraged.

Objective 5: Educate landowners and visitors on the importance of protecting and preserving forests, scenic view and open space.

Goal 5: Ensure that the Heritage Route will remain safe and inviting for all modes of transportation.

Objective 1: Encourage MDOT to maintain US-23 in excellent condition.

Objective 2: Work with MDOT to encourage the use and development of efficient routes to handle trucks and traffic in the northern Lake Huron vicinity.

Objective 3: In order to facilitate traffic movement, advocate that MDOT continue to construct passing/relief and turn lanes along US-23.

Objective 4: Advance a plan to MDOT and local units of government to construct non-motorized facilities (bicycle facilities on-road, sidewalks, shared use off-road paths and side paths) and snowmobile paths along US-23.

Objective 5: Identify where new pull-off points and roadside parks are needed. Identify existing facilities that should be maintained and improved. Present the findings to MDOT and local units of governments.

Objective 6: Encourage access management practices to improve traffic flow and safety.

Objective 7: Advocate alternative forms of transportation along the Route such as bus, rail, bicycle and group tours.

Objective 8: Encourage pedestrian friendly highway corridors and crossings.

Goal 6: Encourage tourism related public sector attractions and private sector businesses to provide quality services to Heritage Route travelers.

Objective 1: Encourage "package" or guided tours and educational programs involving the Heritage Route, such as eco-tours, motor coach tours, hunting and fishing tours, bike tours, boat tours, Elderhostel, etc.

Objective 2: Identify methods to fund promotional activities, and market the Heritage Route to identified market segments.

Objective 3: Support education programs for businesses and entrepreneurs on how to start and expand tourism oriented business.

Objective 4: Support hospitality education programs for private and public sector service personnel to provide quality service to customers.

Objective 5: Assist in educating front line service personnel regarding the Huron Shores Heritage Route and its attributes.

Goal 7: Encourage the cities and communities along the Heritage Route to continue to improve their attractiveness.

Objective 1: Advocate the adoption and enforcement of blight ordinances by local units of government. Encourage local governmental units to work cooperatively on these tasks. (

Objective 2: Encourage communities to develop an attractive "gateway" into their community, including appropriate signage to persuade visitors to stop and visit their community.

Objective 3: Encourage local units of government direct new commercial and industrial development into appropriately zoned locations and where infrastructure already exists. Promote design standards to minimize visual impacts of new development along the corridor.

Objective 4: Encourage community beautification, landscaping and parking facility improvement projects.

Goal 8: Develop educational information and a coordinated marketing plan for the Heritage Route.

Objective 1: Work with the Coastal Coalition to develop and implement a coordinated marketing plan in mutual harmony with the Heritage Route Management Council.

Objective 2: Participate in statewide efforts to plan for consistent Heritage Route signage and improve way-finding signage along the Heritage Route.

- Objective 3: Work with appropriate recreational, historical and cultural organizations in order to develop educational and promotional materials about the Route and related attractions.
- Objective 4: Work in cooperation with communities and organizations to select key historical, cultural and natural assets for enhancement and marketing.
- Objective 5: Investigate the feasibility of locating a series of tourist information centers along the Route. Determine how the tourist centers will be designed, staffed and maintained.
- Objective 6: Investigate approaches to fund identified marketing, promotional and educational activities.
- Objective 7: Develop a unique web site for the Heritage Route and coordinate with other coastal web sites.

US 23 Heritage Route Action Items: Presque Isle County Team

Marketing and Promotion

- Coordinated "Huron Shores Heritage Route" signs for the entire Route.
- Coordinated educational and directional signs for the entire Route.
- Develop and distribute educational and informational brochures and other promotional literature and maintain a web site about the Route.
- Identify where to establish informational and educational tourist centers at strategic places along the Route. Determine how the tourist centers will be designed, staffed and maintained.
- Support the Maritime Heritage Trail throughout the county.
- Creation of video documentaries promoting the history, culture, and natural resources along the route.

Transportation Enhancement

- Support the construction of more non-motorized and snowmobile paths along US-23 in areas where they can be safely built (i.e. south of town towards Posen.)
- Improve existing pull-off points and roadside parks along and near US-23 (i.e. Quarry View, Harbor View, Presque Isle County Airport View, Hammond Bay, Ocqueoc River, Lifesaving Station area, Grand Lake, Long Lake, Thompson's Harbor Wildflower area).
- Identify the conflict areas and support the development of a plan for implementing access management practices along US-23 where there are traffic conflicts (i.e. in the Rogers City and Bearinger Township areas).

Tourism Enhancement

- Continue to improve multi-use paths in area public lands as a part of a regional network system (i.e. Mackinaw State Forest).
- Support the development self-guided theme tours (e.g. trailways, maritime, mining, geology, small boat launches, ecotourism, color tours) and promote including environmental education via podcasts or CDs.

- Support the development of a connection and "gateway" from US-23 to:
 - the Ocqueoc "Chain of Lakes" water trail
 - the Black Mountain/Black Lake State Park area
 - the Presque Isle Harbor area
 - the Posen agribusiness area
- Support the extension the non motorized pathway from Presque Isle Harbor to connect from Alpena. Support trail from Presque Isle to Rockport via the Negwegon, Rockport and Thompson's Harbor (NRTH) Committee.
- Support the development a nature and geological features trail through the Presque Isle/Alpena County karst areas.
- Grand Lake Twp. Park expansion and improvements.
- Erect interpretive signs for snowmobile trails.
- Support the development of educational signage to mark agricultural sites and businesses of interest on and near US-23.
- Delineate and mark water trails.
- Support hospitality training programs for tourism related businesses.

Environmental

- Plan how to best protect environmentally sensitive areas along US-23.
- Prioritize the most significant scenic views, forest lands and open spaces along the Route to be included in a protection plan. Plan for the best ways in which to protect these areas.

Beautification/Landscaping

- Plan to develop ordinances for the relocation and/or burial of new utility lines located in the urbanized areas or in scenic viewsheds along US-23, where appropriate.
- Support the construction of attractive "gateways" into the communities along US-23, where they don't already exist.
- Plan for community beautification, streetscapes and parking facility improvement projects, where appropriate.
- Plan methods in which to better control the placement of new and the maintenance of existing billboards along US-23.

Depression Era Sites

Presque Isle County is blessed with several sites where CCC and WPA construction activities occurred and now the County is the owner of the premier site, Ocqueoc Outdoor Recreation Center, formerly "Black Lake CCC Camp". This *Recreation Plan* supports identification and promotion of these sites in promotional literature.

CHAPTER 6

DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

Presque Isle County's first Recreation Plan was developed in 1988 with assistance from the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG). The 1995 Recreation Plan was developed internally by County officials and staff. The 2005 Recreation Plan was prepared with input from the County Planning Commission, the County CDC/EDC, the Presque Isle County Tourism Council, Michigan State University Extension (MSUE), the 40 Mile Point Lighthouse Society, the Glawe School Committee, and with technical support from a private planning consultant. The plan is being updated in 2012 with the assistance of the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG).

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| January 20, 2011 | Committee of the Presque Isle County Planning Commission appointed to update recreation plan. |
| February 3, 2011 | Recreation Committee appoints chair and discusses plan for the project. |
| April 25, 2011 | Recreation Committee agrees to hire NEMCOG to help update the plan. |
| May, 2011 | Presque Isle County contracts with NEMCOG to update the Recreation Plan and includes Posen Township and the Village of Posen. |
| September 29, 2011 | NEMCOG staff and members of the Recreation Plan Committee toured all facilities to be included in the Recreation Plan to conduct the barrier free assessment. |
| November/December, 2011 | NEMCOG staff drafted the chapters concerning the Community Description, Administrative Structure, and the Recreation Inventory. |
| November 28, 2011 | NEMCOG staff met with Recreation Plan Committee to discuss Recreation Inventory chapter and to schedule the two public hearings to be held in January. |
| December 19, 2011 | Recreation Plan contract was amended to include Metz Township. |
| December 29, 2011 | An article appears in the Presque Isle County Advance announcing the two public input sessions to be held in Posen and Rogers City. In addition, flyers were distributed within the community. |
| January 4, 2012 | News stories appeared on local radio stations WATZ FM and 107.7 FM The Bay (and also their websites) announcing the public input sessions to be held January 5 in Posen and January 11 in Rogers City. |
| January 5, 2012 | A public input session was held in Posen to gather input from residents and area recreation groups to assist in planning for recreational improvements. 13 people attended the meeting. The attendees |

provided input concerning their specific interests as well as of a general nature. The meeting was facilitated by staff from NEMCOG.

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| January 11, 2012 | A public input session was held in Rogers City to gather input from residents and area recreation groups to assist in planning for recreational improvements. Nine people attended the meeting. The attendees provided input concerning their specific interests as well as of a general nature. The meeting was facilitated by staff from NEMCOG. |
| January 19, 2012 | The Recreation Plan Committee (and Planning Commission) met to discuss the Action Plan, prioritize projects, and to approve the plan for the 30 day public review period to begin. |
| January 25, 2012 | Notice was published in the Presque Isle Advance stating that the plan is available for the 30-day review period. |
| January 25, 2012 | The Recreation Plan became available for public review at the Presque Isle County Library and at www.nemcog.org . |
| February 15, 2012 | The Public Hearing Notice for the Presque Isle County Board meeting, Posen Township Board meeting, Metz Township Board meeting, and Village of Posen Council meeting appeared in the Presque Isle Advance. |
| February 24, 2012 | The public hearing was held and the Presque Isle County Board approved the Recreation Plan. |
| February 24, 2012 | The public hearing was held and the Metz Township Board approved the Recreation Plan. |
| February 27, 2012 | The public hearing was held and the Posen Township Board approved the Recreation Plan. |
| February 27, 2012 | The public hearing was held and the Posen Village Council approved the Recreation Plan. |
| February 29, 2012 | Final Recreation Plan was sent to the Department of Natural Resources, Northeast Michigan Council of Governments, Presque Isle County, Posen Township, the Village of Posen, and Metz Township. |

Public Input

During the planning process for the Recreation Plan, two visioning sessions were conducted in January 2012. The meetings were publicized in the Presque Isle County Advance, WATZ FM, and 107.7 FM along with announcements on their respective websites. A total of 24 people attended the sessions and provided significant input. The Planning Commission felt that each facility and area of interest was well represented at the sessions. Participants were asked to identify recreation needs or desires. Following are images of the advertisements as well as a summary of comments received.

Figure 6-1: Public Input Flyer

All members of the public are invited to attend the...

Recreation Plan

Public Visioning Sessions

for

Presque Isle County
Village of Posen
Posen Township
Posen Consolidated Schools &
Metz Township

Two opportunities for input on the joint plan...each session will be the same!



*Ballfield in Posen
Example of project contained in Recreation Plan*



*40-Mile Point Lighthouse
Example of project contained in Recreation Plan*

Session 1:
Posen Community Center
Thursday, January 5, 2012
7 pm

Session 2:
Presque Isle County Building
Circuit Court Room
Wednesday, January 11, 2012
7 pm

This year, Presque Isle County, the Village of Posen, Posen Township, Posen Consolidated Schools and Metz Township have chosen to combine efforts to create a joint Recreation Plan. The purpose of the Recreation Plan is to inventory recreational facilities and to provide an action plan for future recreational improvements. In addition, projects listed in a DNR-approved Recreation Plan are eligible for DNR grant funding.

Two public input sessions are being held to give the public the opportunity to participate in the planning process. If you have questions, please contact Denise Cline at dmcline@nemcog.org or 231.421.5384 or Jim Zakshesky, Presque Isle County Building Official & Posen Township Supervisor at (989) 734-2915 or pibuild@i2k.net.

Figure 6-2: Announcement in the Presque Isle County Advance



Figure 6-3a: Announcements on the Radio (from radio station websites)



Figure 6-3b: Announcements on the Radio (from radio station websites)

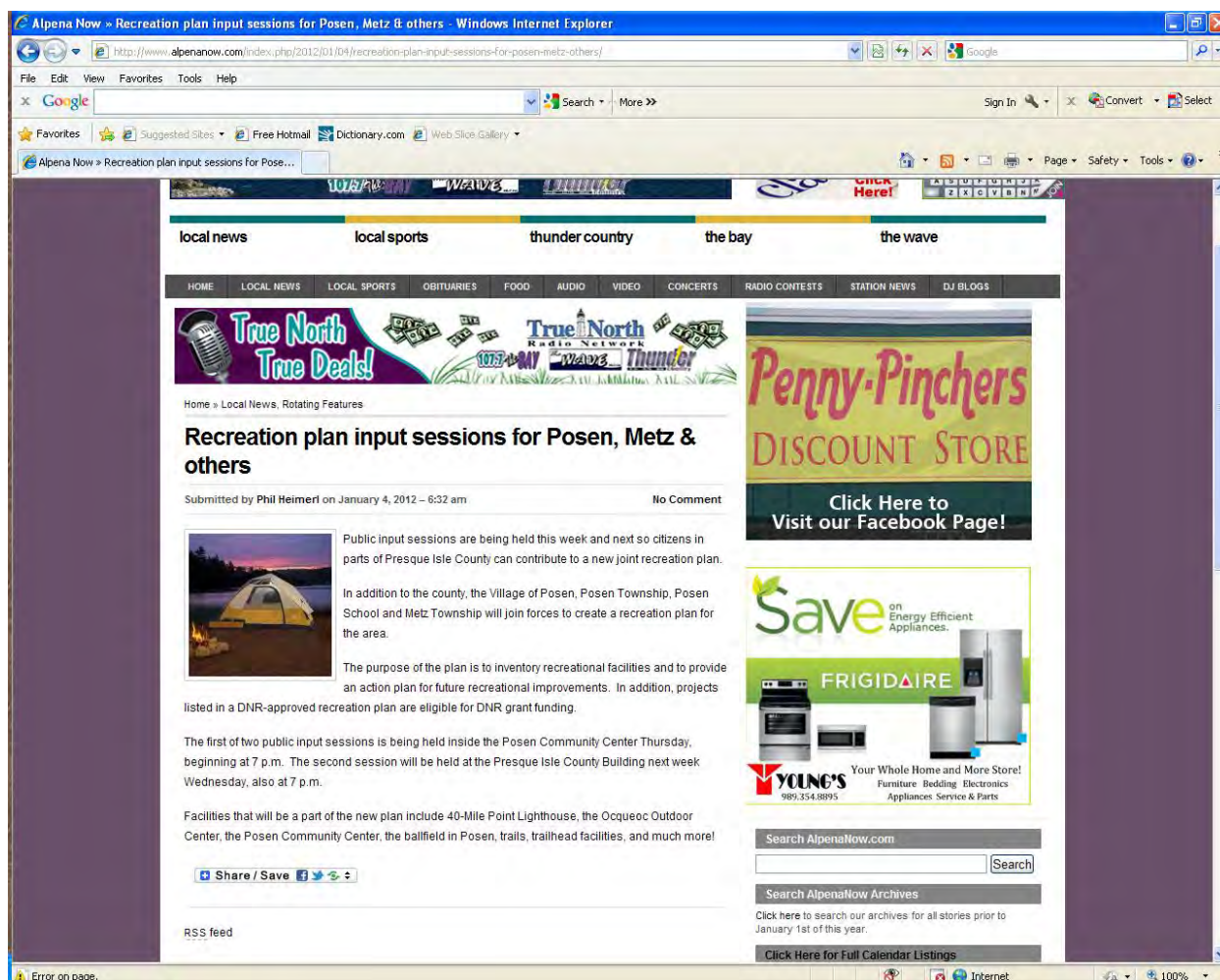


Figure 6-4: Sign-In Sheets

| Presque Isle County/Posen Township/Village of Posen/Posen Consolidated Schools/Metz Township Recreation Plan January 5, 2012 | | | |
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| NAME | Contact Information | Township/Village/City of Residence | |
| 1 TOBY KUZNIK | Danisco Knowls | Bismark - Hawks | |
| 2 DEANAS A BROWNE | PHS | Posen Township | |
| 3 NYLE WICKERSHAM | Metz Township | Metz Township | |
| 4 Mrs. Sorgenfrei | County Commissioner | Willmarburg (Creston) | |
| 5 DAWN WOZNIAK | Posen Village | Posen | |
| 6 Raymond Wozniak | Posen Fire Dept. | Posen | |
| 7 GARY WOSNIAK | Planning Comm. | P. Wosniak | |
| 8 WOSNIAK | Twp Clerk | P. Wosniak | |
| 9 LESTER BAZA | Leo Baza | RL | |
| 10 NANCY KANDAW | Metz Township | Metz n.kandaw@yahoo.com | |
| 11 DANNY KANDAW | Metz Township | Metz | |
| 12 MARILYN KASUBOWSKI | Posen Village President | Posen E-MAIL - m.kasubowski@posen.org | |
| 13 JEFFREY RICHARDS | " | " | |

| Presque Isle County/Posen Township/Village of Posen/Posen Consolidated Schools/Metz Township Recreation Plan January 11, 2012 | | | |
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| NAME | Contact Information | Township/Village/City of Residence | |
| 1 Cynthia Kulczyk | 989-766-2570 | Metz Posen MI 49776 | |
| 2 Christine Quade | 989-734-3823 | Rogers Rogers City MI 49779 | |
| 3 Joseph Cerecone | 989-734-8446 | Rogers City MI 49779 | |
| 4 Janet Galt Hane | 989-734-4587 | Rogers Twp. 49779 | |
| 5 Mary Schalk | 734-2871 | Bellevue Twp | |
| 6 TERESA + FRANK KRIST | 989-734-3100 | ROGERS CITY MI 49779 | |
| 7 Loretta Bogan | | ROGERS CITY | |
| 8 TOBY KUZMYCKI | | Bellevue / Hawks | |
| 9 Katie Kynicki | | Bellevue / Hawks | |
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Summary of Comments Received

40 Mile Point Lighthouse: Input from Rogers City meeting on 1-11-12

1. Clean up and mark walking trails: \$3,000
2. Signage – trees, flora, etc.: \$2,500
3. Storage shed: \$20,000
4. Caretaker residence (to move caretaker out of lighthouse and into a separate facility on-site): \$50,000
5. Convert the current caretaker residence to the museum and expand the museum: TBD
6. Video kiosk with views of the interior and tower accessible to people at ground level (for handicap people who cannot access the lighthouse and tower): \$10,000
7. ADA accessible path to beach and shipwreck: \$15,000
8. Handicap accessible bathroom entrance (public exterior restrooms): \$10,000
9. Golf cart or other vehicle to transport handicap people around facility: \$10,000

Ocqueoc Outdoor Center: Input from Posen meeting on 1-5-12

- Mission Statement: Our mission is to provide a unique gathering place in a relaxed, natural environment for educational, recreational, and social activities.
- Goals:
 - Have the center well functioning as we can to use May – September.
 - Make the residence livable with option of having live-in “keepers”.
 - Extend the season – would need heat in the buildings, etc.
 - Educational facility for youth.

Facilities:

- Remodel residence into living quarters – “rent” to camp caretakers on a weekly/monthly basis and/or add a few (2-4) campsites for the same purpose.
- Control bat and mouse issues
- Need two caretakers – one for outdoor grounds, one for indoor cleaning.
- Develop list of maintenance tasks for each building.
- Plan for future improvement projects
- Encourage “Adopt A Building” by local service clubs (to complete upgrades/maintenance including repairs/painting, replacing windows/doors).
- Develop check in and check out list (someone would have to be there for check in and check out for each group)
- Schedule a workbee in May to generally get the place spruced up.
- Establish heat in all buildings in order to allow winter use of the facility.
- Mulch (not around bunkhouses) – use for trail
- Redo screens on windows (Kiwanis is doing this for boys bunkhouse)
- Look into air conditioners – do they need to be replaced?
- Redo wiring
- Replace light fixtures in bunkhouses with caged ones
- Replace back end doors in both bunkhouses including frames (redo sills).
- Replace back and side doors and frames in kitchen.
- Replace stoves in kitchen.

- Purchase drainboards and dish drainers for kitchen – enough to hold plates for one meal.
- Purchase new pots and pans.
- Purchase brooms, dust pans, mops and cleaning supplies in each building. Need cupboards for storage.
- Winterize washer and dryer in kitchen area.
- Rebuild firepit by lakeside.
- New roof on the storage building.
- Construct open air pavilion overlooking lake.
- Repair and replace sidewalks.

Marketing

- Need ads in current tourism guides.
- Hold open house in spring for general public
- Send letters to target groups about the camp and its features (school and church groups, scouts)
- Establish fund raising committee – write grant proposals, etc.

Ocqueoc Outdoor Center: Input from Rogers City meeting on 1-11-12

General:

- Upgrades to allow extended season/year round use
- Better outdoor lighting
- Update with heating
- Create training programs for children of area schools
- Develop 8-10 campsites with electrical and water hook-ups
 - Pull-through sites
 - Near woods
 - Area to picket horses

Kitchen/Dining Hall:

- Update kitchen – new ranges, shelving, and cooking utensils.
- Bring up to code.
- New motor for power walk-in cooler
- New windows
- New doors
- Pest elimination
- Restroom in kitchen/dining hall
- Sound deadening in dining hall

Dorms:

- Upgrade electrical
- New doors
- Heating/cooling
- Individual storage shelves/lockers

Bathrooms:

- Heating/cooling

- Floor drains to facilitate cleaning

Caretaker Residence:

- Include heritage center
- Camper site next to residence for guest “keeper”

Garage/Storage Facility:

- Restore or demolish and rebuild

Recreational Equipment Needed:

- Canoes, kayaks, paddles, life jackets
- Fishing equipment
- Balls – soccer, baseball, football, kickball
- Kites
- Trails – bike, hike, horse

Metz Fire Memorial: Input from Posen meeting on 1-5-12

Objective:

1. To preserve the historical landmarks associated with the Metz Fire of 1908 and to provide and expand on the educational history available in an attempt to draw visitors to the area especially with the “Rails to Trails” adjacent to the property.
2. To purchase or obtain a lease for property owned by the DNR (currently the DNR owns 1380’ X 133’ from centerline of track.
3. Construction of:
 - Pavilion
 - Vault toilet
 - Picnic area
 - Playground with playground equipment
 - Drilling of a well to provide a drinking fountain
 - Excavation and clearing to reveal and preserve existing historical sites
 - Signage
 - Parking lot
4. Display one of the existing original relief shacks provided by the railroad
5. Display a gondola train car replica of the gondola where women and children perished.
6. Display signage at 7 other sites.

Anticipated cost: \$100,000

Metz Fire Memorial: Input from Rogers City meeting on 1-11-12

More historical information on what happened. Have pictures and re-created rails, railroad depot.

Posen Village Park: Input from Posen meeting on 1-5-12

Construction = \$80,000

- Restroom facilities (water already present)
- Covered pavilion (to provide shade)
- Upgrade playground equipment
- Add new playground equipment (i.e. climbing wall)
- Complete fencing to enclose park
- Benches for adults
- Refuse/waste containers
- Update Presque Isle Electric and Gas Memorial.

Posen Village Offices

- Update offices

Posen Community Center: Input from Posen meeting on 1-5-12

- Remodel interior
- Update PA System
- Upgrade kitchen
- Signage which ID's the building (with phone number)
- Resurface parking lot and pave unpaved portions.

Posen Township Park

- Pavilion with restrooms
- Picnic area

Posen Ballfield: Input from Posen meeting on 1-5-12

- Restrooms
- Concession stand
- Extend sidewalk from existing city sidewalk to ball diamond
- Picnic tables
- Landscaping
- Additional bleachers
- Lighting

Nonmotorized Trails: Input from Posen meeting on 1-5-12

Posen Area:

- Extend trails into Village of Posen
- Pavilion/restrooms
- Refuse containers at Village of Posen entry area

County-wide:

- Trail from Rogers City to Herman Vogler
- Trail from M-68 to Ocqueoc Falls
- Trail from US 23 to Ocqueoc Outdoor Center
- Trail from Onaway to Allis Township Park
- Trail from Allis Township Park to High Country Pathway, then from High Country Pathway to North Allis ballfield and Onaway State Park.
- Extend Presque Isle Township Trail to Besser Natural Area

Motorized Trails: Input from Posen meeting on 1-5-12

- Snowmobile trail access to Posen businesses

Written Input from Northern Lower Peninsula Trails Coordinator concerning trails:

1. Millersburg Depot Regional Trailhead Park. Construction should be in 2012 (funding is in place). Presque Isle County Project with partnership from Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Village of Millersburg and Millersburg Historic Society. Project includes parking, bathrooms, a covered picnic pavilion with open pit fire, local park element that will be a ice skating rink in the winter and a skate board park in the summer, reinforced lawn area will be for snowmobile parking in the winter and events in the summer (such as a craft fair or farmers market). Also included is an historic interpretive walk between the depot and the Ocqueoc River Trail Bridge including four or five interpretive signs and an overlook of the river. (Bridge will be replaced by DNR in 2012).
2. Development of a multi-use trail on the DNR's Rogers City Spur or similar route, connecting the NEST to Rogers City; DNR and potentially the County, Twp and City as partners.
3. Development of a multi-use trail or bike lane to connect Onaway to Onaway State Park and Black Mountain Recreation Area. Partners: MDOT, DNR, State Park, Twps, city and county
4. Development of a bike route or trail connecting Millersburg Historic Depot to Ocqueoc Falls Park. Partners DNR, Twps, Village
5. Trailhead facility (parking, bathrooms, picnic pavilion etc.) in the Village of Posen. Potential partners: DNR, Village, Twp
6. Trailhead facility (same as above) in Onaway. Partnership DNR and City of Onaway
7. Metz Fire Historic Trailside Park; include parking, interpretive signs, historic interpretive trail, historic buildings pit toilets, picnic shelter and a well. Partners: Metz Township, Presque Isle County History Museum, DNR
8. Trailside amenities such as signs, benches, overlooks; partners include Top of Michigan Trails Council, various local governments and county
 - a. Partner with Michigan Audubon Society to provide a trail loop and birding overlook of Loon Lake (Posen and/or Krakow Township)

- b. Bench site and interpretive sign about Big Cut, in Bismark Township
 - c. Bench sites with potential for an interpretive signs, at least one in every township at scenic locations or good stopping points from local communities (maybe about a mile outside the communities to provide destinations for locals to walk to)
9. Promotional materials for the trail; partners include Top of Michigan Trails Council, Chambers and Tourist Bureaus,

Nonmotorized Trails: Input from Rogers City meeting on 1-11-12

- Allow more access to nonmotorized trails for horseback riders.
- Open and create more multiuse trails for horseback riding, bicyclists, walkers, hikers, and snowmobilers.

Motorized Trails: Input from Rogers City meeting on 1-11-12

- Work with DNR and other local agencies to open some of the roads which have been blocked at Thompson's Harbor, Ocqueoc Falls, and Stoneport.

New Programs and Facilities: Input from Posen meeting on 1-5-12

The Underground River on Silver Creek Road:

- Purchase 80 acres of land from Paul Spens
- Develop to preserve river and surroundings
- Develop boardwalk, signs, and a parking area
- Promote as an attraction
- Develop trails on the 80 acres
- Interpretive/Nature Center with restrooms

"This is an attraction that should be open to the public because it shows the karst topography so endemic to the area. The DNR owns a small parcel of land on the west side of Silver Creek Road where the river comes out from under a hill. The east side is on private property and is much more interesting. The river goes underground and reappears in several places. We would like to purchase the 80 acre parcel that includes this part of the river. The owner, Paul Spens, is willing to sell it at the present time.

Once the land is purchased, a management/development plan would be written to protect and preserve the river while making it accessible to the public. Development would include protecting the river with trails and boardwalks. Trails could also meander throughout the 80 acres for hikers, mountain bikers, and for skiers and snowshoers in the winter. Interpretive signage would give information about the Karst geology that defines this part of the river. Perhaps, in the future, a nature center might be a part of the area as well."

Summer golf program

New Programs and Facilities: Input from Rogers City meeting on 1-11-12

Ocqueoc Falls Area:

- Work with DNR to re-open access to the part of the Ocqueoc River that had been accessed from Silver Creek Road.
- Work with DNR to open up the high banks so that people can drive to it and camp or spend time fishing. Fix the steps so that it is easier for families to get to the river to fish.
- Signage.
- Maintain wet areas for trails.
- Establish trails and set up a horse camp.
- Connect the Ocqueoc Falls, the "Big Pines", and the underground river by signage. Develop the big pines and underground so they can provide access easier by a small trail and parking.

Figure 6-5: Article on Public Input Session

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Group takes first look at updated recreation plan

Angie Asam
Staff Writer

A group is working on a plan to best use recreational areas in certain areas of the county. A committee made up of members of the Presque Isle County planning commission has been working on revising the plan which will include the Village of Posen, Posen Township, Posen Schools and Metz Township.

Denise Cline, community planner for the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG), has been assisting in the process. County recreation plans are required to be updated every five years and only facilities and projects in the recreation plan can be considered for department of Natural Resources grant funding.

The purpose of the first visioning screening, held Tuesday in Posen, was to gather ideas and thoughts on the Ocqueoc Outdoor Center, Fletcher-Gilcrest Park, Posen Community Center, 40-Mile Point Lighthouse/Glawe School, Posen village park, the Posen ballfield, a Metz fire memorial, nonmotorized trails and motorized trails to be included in this year's plan.

The plan also includes many parks, state owned facilities, lake accesses and other facilities. With Posen and Metz being included in the newest revision of the plan they were the focus of the visioning session.

Representatives from the planning commission, Posen Township, Posen Schools, Metz township and the county board had roundtable discussions on the various facilities brainstorming ideas and visions for them.

County commissioner Kris Sorgenfrei also spoke to Cline, who facilitated the meeting and will be compiling the ideas, about including an underground river, which is on private property. Cline said the project could be included under the "plan to purchase" portion of the plan.

THE OVERALL goal of the recreation plan is to ensure the preservation of recreational resources at a level which will meet the needs of permanent and seasonal residents as well as visitors. Input for the plan can include new goals and objectives for the recreation plan, upgrades and improvements to existing facilities, construction of new facilities, changes to any existing recreation programs and the creation of new programs.

The second of two visioning sessions was held yesterday (Wednesday) in the Circuit Court Room at the Presque Isle County courthouse. Cline was going to compile all of the input from the meeting in Posen last week to give those at the second session a starting point for discussion.

Once the visioning sessions have been completed and the information is compiled to be put into the plan, all those included will have to formally approve the plan during an open meeting before it is then subject of a 30-day public review session before it can be submitted to the state. Cline is hopeful to have the plan submitted to the state in early March, meaning a tight timeframe for getting it approved, but feels that if any of the projects included are to get funding this year it should be submitted by March 1.

WORKING ON plans to include projects into the new county recreation plan meant a lot of discussion at the first visioning screening. Above Denise Cline from the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) (left) discusses including the underground river with planning commission member Toby Kuznicki (center) and county commissioner Kris Sorgenfrei (right). (Photo by Angie Asam)



Council amends budget for first time this fiscal year

Angie Asam

and Grounds and Fire the Heritage Route program; improvements increased due The Communi

Support

Figure 6-6: Notice of Availability of Plan for at least 30 days

Thursday, January 26, 2012

Recreation plan up for 30-day county review

by Angie Asam
Staff Writer

The 30-day public review period for Presque Isle County's new recreation plan began Wednesday after many new goals and objectives were added to the plan, which will be good through 2016.

The joint effort between the county, the Village of Posen, Posen Township and Metz Township is available in print at the county building and zoning office on the first floor of the courthouse or can be downloaded at www.nemcog.org/recreation.asp.

In the plan is an inventory of countywide recreation facilities and programs as well as goals and objectives for many of those facilities. Upgrades for many county facilities as well as facilities in Posen and Metz are included. In order to be eligible for grant funding from the Natural Resources Trust Fund facilities must be listed in a county recreation plan.

Two public input and visioning sessions were held in recreation plan.

The plan is now completed and is available for review before it can be given final approval at a local level and then be sent to the state for its approval.

The county planning commission is overseeing the entire rewrite with help from Denise Cline of the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments.

A committee made up of planning commission members has been working diligently with Cline and the other local governments involved to include goals and objectives for facilities such as the 40-Mile Point Lighthouse, Ocqueoc Outdoor Center, Metz Fire memorial, Posen village park, Posen community center, Posen ballfield, nonmotorized trails, motorized trails, the underground river and Ocqueoc falls.

THE 40-MILE Point Lighthouse is one of many county facilities included in the new recreation plan, currently under a 30-day public review period. Restoration, handicap accessibility, a caretaker residence, new historic informational signs, and more events and marketing are goals for the future of the lighthouse. (Photo by Angie Asam)

Second annual winter carnival slated for

CHIEF FOURNIER SHOWS a couple truck for the East Grand Lake Fire De

New fire truck features to ease

by Peter Jakey
Managing Editor

The East Grand Lake Fournier.

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Answers

1. Daisy
2. Audrey Meadows
3. Fernan
4. Base of the brain
5. Ruff
6. Byt-kreem
7. New Brunswick
8. William James
9. Ecclesiastes
10. Joan Baez

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WINNERS OF last Saturday's Knights of Columbus free-throw contest in Posen were, front from left, Lily Lewis (11 years old), Brooke Clarkowski (10), Riley Krajniak (9), Wyatt Romef (8), Jared Sharpe (10), Mark Wierewski (11), back, Cami LaTulp (12), Jenna Hineka (13), Samantha Hunt (14), Matthew Wierewski (14) and Travis Sharpe (13). The district competition is in Posen, Feb. 4. (Courtesy photo)

Local News Each Week in The Advance

medical marijuana certification and renewals Only \$100

The Presque Isle County/Posen Township/Village of Posen/Metz Township draft recreation plan update 2012 - 2016 is available for public review beginning January 25, 2012 at the Presque Isle County Building & Zoning Office and online at www.nemcog.org/recreation.asp

Written comments may be submitted to: Denise Cline, Northeast Michigan Council of Governments, P.O. Box 457, Gaylord, MI 49734.

Call 734-2105 by noon Tuesday to place your ad in the classifieds.

Figure 6-7: Public Hearing Notice for Presque Isle County, Posen Township, the Village of Posen, and Metz Township

One was sentenced to 45 days possess alcohol or drugs and \$1,590 in court costs and in jail with credit given for must submit to and pass test- fines.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
**RECREATION PLAN FOR PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY, VILLAGE OF POSEN,
POSEN TOWNSHIP & METZ TOWNSHIP**

There will be a series of public hearings on a draft Recreation Plan as follows:
February 24, 2012: Presque Isle County Board of Commissioners at 9:30 am at the Presque Isle County Courthouse, Commissioners' Room, in Rogers City.
February 24, 2012: Metz Township at 5 pm at the Metz Township Hall.
February 27, 2012: Posen Township & Village of Posen Joint Meeting at 6 pm at the Village Hall in Posen.

The draft plan contains an action plan for recreation in the participating jurisdictions from 2012-2016. The draft plan is available for review at the Presque Isle County Building & Zoning Office and at www.nemcog.org. Written comments may be submitted to Denise Cline, Northeast Michigan Council of Governments, PO Box 457, Gaylord, MI 49734 or to dmcline@nemcog.org.

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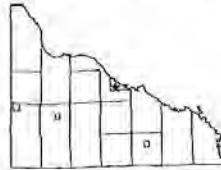
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Presque Isle County Adoption Documents

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Susan M. Rhode

**RECREATION PLAN
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION
Presque Isle County**

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Presque Isle County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Recreation Plan Update as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the County.

Moved by Commissioner Schell and supported by Commissioner Darga to adopt the above resolution and authorize the chairman to sign said resolution and Certification Checklist.

Ayes: Commissioners Schell, Darga, Lang and Chairman Altman.

Nays: None. Excused: Commissioner Sorgenfrei.

Motion carried by roll call vote.


Carl L. Altman, Chairman
Presque Isle County Board of Commissioners

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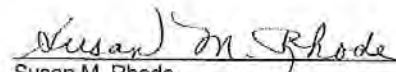
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I, Susan M. Rhode, Clerk of the County of Presque Isle, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true copy taken from the minutes of the Presque Isle County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on February 24, 2012.

Date: February 27, 2012


Susan M. Rhode
Presque Isle County Clerk

Presque Isle County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Presque Isle met in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse in the City of Rogers City on Friday, February 24, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.

Chairman Altman called the meeting to order and Commissioner Darga led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Schell gave the prayer and the Clerk called the roll.

Commissioners present: Robert D. Schell, Michael Darga, Stephen Lang and Chairman Carl L. Altman.

Commissioners excused: Kris Sorgenfrei.

Moved by Commissioner Darga and supported by Commissioner Lang to approve the agenda with the following changes: Delete item #3 – Building Board of Appeals – Appointments (2) and add item #5 to additions – Bank Account Reconciliations Invoice – Anderson, Tackman & Co.

Motion carried by a majority vote.

Moved by Commissioner Darga and supported by Commissioner Lang to approve the minutes of February 8, 2012 with the following clarification in the motion titled “PURCHASE OF VIRTUAL BACKUP – TREASURER’S OFFICE” – Clarify the motion to read “for the back-up for the **County Server**, which will include all county offices on the network”.

Motion carried by a majority vote.

COUNTY TREASURER’S REPORT

Commissioner Lang went to the County Treasurer’s Office and the treasurer stated she was too busy in her office at this time to appear before the board to answer any questions regarding the monthly County Treasurer’s report. No action was taken on the matter.

TABLET COMPUTER PURCHASE – FAMILY DIVISION

Moved by Commissioner Lang and supported by Commissioner Darga to authorize the purchase of a computer ThinkPad Tablet from Chowen & Associates at a cost of \$663.00, with ½ the cost being paid from the Child Care Fund and ½ being paid from the Family Division budget.

Ayes: All, except Commissioner Sorgenfrei who was excused. Motion carried by roll call vote.

DATA TRANSMISSION AGREEMENT – NEMCOG

Moved by Commissioner Lang and supported by Commissioner Schell to approve the Data Transmission Agreement between Presque Isle County and Northeast Michigan Council of Governments, and to authorize the chairman to sign said agreement.

Ayes: All, except Commissioner Sorgenfrei who was excused. Motion carried by roll call vote.

2012 E9-1-1 SURCHARGE

Moved by Commissioner Darga and supported by Commissioner Lang to table the matter of the 2012 E9-1-1 surcharge until the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

Motion carried by a majority vote.

MSU EXTENSION CLERK – INTERVIEWS UPDATE

Commissioner Lang reported that five persons were interviewed for the MSU Extension clerk position.

Moved by Commissioner Lang and supported by Commissioner Darga to authorize the hiring of Tammy Barrett as the MSU Extension clerk, effective March 12, 2012, with wages and fringe benefits to be determined by union contract, and to pursue participation in the Michigan Works Program Workforce Investment Act.

Ayes: All, except Commissioner Sorgenfrei who was excused. Motion carried by roll call vote.

SALE OF USED COMPUTER TOWERS AND KEYBOARD

Moved by Commissioner Lang and supported by Commissioner Darga to accept the offer of \$10.00 from Lori Wirgau for two used computer towers and one keyboard, with the purchaser having to pay the cost of re-formatting the hard drives, if necessary.

Motion carried by a majority vote.

TRANSFERS

Moved by Commissioner Lang and supported by Commissioner Darga to table the matter of Transfers of Appropriations until the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

Motion carried by a majority vote.

MICHIGAN STATE POLICE – H.U.N.T. TEAM ISSUES

Invest. Michael Caldwell and F/LT. Pt Boyd were present and explained the role of the state police in the H.U.N.T. operations and how decisions are made. F/Lt. Mike Hahn of the Alpena Post was also present. The matter of following policies and guidelines was discussed and that H.U.N.T. did not conduct the investigation of Prosecutor Richard Steiger. The State Police will make amendments to the by-laws of H.U.N.T. to avoid miscommunications between H.U.N.T. board members. The Board of Commissioner aired their concerns regarding the passage of the millage for H.U.N.T. and the School Resource Officer program.

MSU EXTENSION DISTRICT COORDINATOR – INTRODUCTION

Kelley Hiemstra introduced herself as the new MSU Extension District Coordinator and explained her role in the MSU Extension office.

RECREATION PLAN

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION
Presque Isle County

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Ayes: All, except Commissioner Sorgenfrei who was excused. Motion carried by roll call vote.

COUNTY RESOURCE OFFICER – CELL PHONE AGREEMENT

Moved by Commissioner Darga and supported by Commissioner Lang to approve the cell phone agreement between Presque Isle County and Joe Libby, County Resource Officer, and to authorize the chairman to sign said agreement.

Ayes: All, except Commissioner Sorgenfrei who was excused. Motion carried by roll call vote.

PRESQUE ISLE CONSERVATION DISTRICT – WEBSITE CONTRIBUTION

Ralph Stedman, Conservation District Director, presented a strategic plan for resource assessment for Presque Isle County. He also requested \$1,500.00 to be used toward the establishment and design of a website for the Conservation District. He was advised to speak with Jeanette Tolan of The PC Advantage about having their office added as a page to the official county website.

LAKE EMMA DAM REPAIR – LEGAL SERVICES INVOICE

Moved by Commissioner Darga and supported by Commissioner Lang to authorize payment of \$155.00 to White, Clarke & Mock for legal services rendered for January in the matter of the Lake Emma Dam, money to come from the Drain Commissioner's budget.

Ayes: All, except Commissioner Sorgenfrei who was excused. Motion carried by roll call vote.

ANDERSON, TACKMAN & CO. – RECONCILIATION OF BANK ACCOUNTS

Moved by Commissioner Lang and supported by Commissioner Schell to authorize the expenditure of up to \$5,000.00 to Anderson, Tackman & Co. to complete the reconciliation of all bank accounts for Presque Isle County and to initiate the use of Pontem software for bank reconciliations, money to come from the Board of Commissioners budget.

Ayes: All, except Commissioner Sorgenfrei who was excused. Motion carried by roll call vote.

11:40 a.m. Moved by Commissioner Lang and supported by Commissioner Darga to recess for ten minutes.

Motion carried by a majority vote.

11:50 a.m. Chairman Altman called the meeting back to order with all commissioners present except Commissioner Sorgenfrei.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Commissioner Darga reported on problems with the Onaway Tower. There are 23 inmates in the jail as of last Wednesday and breakings & enterings are up. The new server was installed over the weekend at the jail. The millage committee for H.U.N.T./School Resource Officer will continue to meet.

U.S.D.A. GRANT APPLICATION – K-9 VEHICLE

Moved by Commissioner Darga and supported by Commissioner Lang to authorize Sheriff Paschke to write for a U.S.D.A. grant to purchase a vehicle for the newly established K-9 Unit.

Ayes: All, except Commissioner Sorgenfrei who was excused. Motion carried by roll call vote.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Commissioner Lang reported on the applications for the custodial position.

CUSTODIAN POSITION – AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE

Moved by Commissioner Darga and supported by Chairman Altman to authorize the hiring of Carleen Paul as a courthouse custodian, with wages and fringe benefits to be determined by union contract, with her hire date to be as soon as is practical, and to pursue participation in the Michigan Works Program Workforce Investment Act.

Ayes: All, except Commissioner Sorgenfrei who was excused. Motion carried by roll call vote.

2012 COUNTY RESOURCE OFFICER CONTRACT

Moved by Commissioner Darga and supported by Commissioner Lang to approve the 2012 contract between Presque Isle County and Joe Libby, County Resource Officer, and to authorize the chairman to sign said contract.

Ayes: All, except Commissioner Sorgenfrei who was excused. Motion carried by roll call vote.

COURTHOUSE & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Darga reported on the status of the Nowicki Building renovation. He also reported on a grant for crack sealing the Onaway Airport runway, the refurbishing of fuel tanks for the airport, and electrical upgrades for the Rogers City Airport.

PROSECUTOR'S REPORT

Assistant Prosecutor Meghan Hurley reported that they have a jury trial in progress and also upcoming trials.

COUNTY RESOURCE OFFICER REPORT

Joe Libby reported that he will have a CDC/EDC loan update for the next meeting. He also presented a contract for a road overlay using Bing maps to be used by the Equalization Department and the 9-1-1 System. He also reported on an ad for the Ocqueoc Outdoor Center, the Millersburg Trailhead project bids and a report on the Michigan Works Program.

STATEWIDE ORTHO IMAGERY PRODUCT CONTRACT

Moved by Commissioner Darga and supported by Commissioner Lang to enter into a contract for fly-over maps with Statewide Ortho Imagery Product at a cost of \$19,180.00, with payment not due until August, 2012, money to come from the Equalization budget.

Ayes: All, except Commissioner Sorgenfrei who was excused. Motion carried by roll call vote.

OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

County Clerk Sue Rhode reported that the 2-1-1 Annual report is available for inspection in her office. She also gave copies of a county profile narrative that had been requested by Michigan Association of Counties.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Schell reported on a Health Board meeting and a job fair posting. He also reported on the recognition of Margaret Radka's donation for the construction of an airport hangar and purchasing a plaque to commemorate her contribution.

Chairman Altman reported on a District Health board meeting, a NEMCOG meeting and a Northern Counties meeting. He also reported on a business meeting recently held and the Pure Michigan advertising campaign.

CORRESPONDENCE

Copies of the following were given to board members for review:

- A letter from MDOT regarding the resolution of support for the CRAM position of the road commissions.
- A letter regarding the 2011 annual report of the 2-1-1 Program.
- A letter from Everett Swift regarding the industrial hemp resolution and H.U.N.T. funding.
- A letter from the DEQ regarding the Elk Run Landfill inspection.
- A notice from Emily Meyerson regarding the grand opening of the Northeastern State Trail.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Commissioner Lang and supported by Commissioner Darga to go into executive session to discuss H.U.N.T. personnel issues at the request of employee Bradley Szatkowski.

Ayes: All, except Commissioner Sorgenfrei who was excused. Motion carried by roll call vote.

1:25 p.m. Chairman Altman called the open meeting back to order with all commissioners present except Commissioner Sorgenfrei.

PAYROLL

Moved by Commissioner Darga and supported by Commissioner Lang to authorize per diem and mileage for this meeting.

Ayes: All, except Commissioner Sorgenfrei who was excused. Motion carried by roll call vote.

ADJOURN

Moved by Commissioner Darga and supported by Commissioner Lang to adjourn until Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., subject to the call of the chair.

Motion carried by a majority vote.

Thereupon the Board adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

Date _____

Carl L. Altman, Chairman

Susan M. Rhode, County Clerk

RECREATION PLAN

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

Posen Township

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WHEREAS, Presque Isle County, Posen Township, the Village of Posen, and Metz Township have developed the plan for the benefit of the entire county to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the entire county, and

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

Yeas: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the forgoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Posen Township Board of Trustees, held on 2-27-12.

2-27-12
Date



TOWNSHIP MINUTES

MINUTES - POSEN TOWNSHIP - 02/27/12

SPECIAL MEETING OF POSEN TOWNSHIP BOARD HELD AT VILLAGE OFFICE FEB 27, 2012 STARTING AT 6:00PM. PRESENT WERE: JAMES ZAKSHESKY, JUDY SZCZEROWSKI, FRANK BUDNIK, AND DAN BUZA. DARLENE POLASKI WAS EXCUSED.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO PRESENT A PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING COMMENT REGARDING ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION FOR THE RECREATION PLAN. PUBLIC HEARING OPENED AT 6:02PM. NO COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC WERE PRESENTED AS NO PUBLIC WAS IN ATTENDANCE. PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 6:04PM.

MOTION BY FRANK BUDNIK, SECOND BY DAN BUZA TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING. MOTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION FOR THE RECREATION PLAN MADE BY FRANK BUDNIK, SECOND BY DAN BUZA. AYES ALL.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:05PM. MOTION BY FRANK BUDNIK, SECOND BY DAN BUZA. AYES ALL.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 0.00PM. MOTION BY , SECOND BY , AYES ALL.

Judy Szyrowski - Sup. Clerk

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Metz Township

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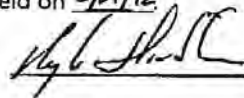
Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the forgoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Metz Township Board of Trustees, held on 2/24/12.

24 FEB 2012
Date



**METZ TOWNSHIP
Special Meeting
February 24, 2012**

A Metz Township special meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Supervisor Nyle Wickersham. Supervisor Wickersham noted the purpose of the meeting is to hold a public hearing to hear comments regarding Metz Township's participation in a joint 5-year recreation plan along with Presque Isle County, Posen Township and the Village of Posen.

Present were: Nyle Wickersham, Supervisor, Andrea Konwinski, Treasurer; Nancy Kandow, Clerk; Thomas Hein and Louis Urban, Trustees. Guests present: Danny Kandow.

Clerk Kandow noted the special meeting was posted in accordance to the open meetings requirement. Notice of the public hearing was published in the February 15, 2012 edition of the Presque Isle Advance.

A motion was made by Kandow and supported by Konwinski to open the public hearing for the 5-year recreation plan. Ayes: All, motion carried. Supervisor Wickersham declared the public hearing opened for public comment. There being no comment from guest Kandow and no other members of the general public present, a motion to close the public hearing for the 5-year recreation plan was made by Hein and supported by Kandow. Ayes: All, motion carried. Supervisor Wickersham declared the public hearing closed.

It was then moved by Konwinski and supported by Urban to adopt the following resolution:

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

Ayes: All; Nays: 0; Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Kandow and support by Konwinski. Ayes: All, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.


Nancy Kandow, Metz Township Clerk

RECREATION PLAN

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

Village of Posen

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Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 2

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the forgoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Posen Village Council, held on February 27, 2012

2-27-12
Date

Julia Patterson

**Village of Posen
Official Proceedings of the Special Meeting
February 27, 2012**

The Village of Posen Council met in special session on February 27, 2012 and the meeting was called to order by President Marilyn Kaszubowski at 6:30 p.m.

The purpose of this special meeting was to hold a public hearing to hear comments regarding the Village of Posen's participation in a joint 5-year recreation plan along with the Presque Isle County, Posen Township, and Metz Township.

Roll Call

Trustees present: Kate Bruski, Dennis Chalupniczak, Laurie Wozniak, and Marge Nowak
Absent: John Ataman and David Krentz
Officers present: Marilyn Kaszubowski, Julie Patterson, and Marcia Urban
Others Present: Jim Zakshesky

Moved by Wozniak, seconded by Chalupniczak to open the public hearing for the 5-year recreation plan. Motion carried unanimously. Kaszubowski declared the public meeting open for comment. There being no comment from the general public present, moved by Wozniak, seconded by Chalupniczak to close the public hearing for the 5-year recreation plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Chalupniczak, and seconded by Nowak to adopt the following resolution:

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Ayes: 5 Nays: 0: Motion carried. Absent: 2

There being no further business, the President adjourned the meeting at with a motion by Bruski, seconded by Wozniak at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.


Julia Patterson
Village Clerk


Marilyn Kaszubowski
President

Minutes of Planning Commission Meeting of January 19, 2012 – recommending Recreation Plan for Adoption by the County Board of Commissioners.

The Presque Isle County Planning Commission for the County of Presque Isle met for their regular meeting on January 19, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. in the Presque Isle County Circuit Courtroom.
Chairman Mike Libby called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call was taken.

Members present: Gary Wozniak, Toby Kuznicki, Byron DeLong, Michael Libby, Jerry Counterman, Julian Pilarski, Richard Wright, Dennis Budnick, Fran Brink, Lester Buza.

Members Absent: Michael Darga.

Others: James Zakshesky, Presque Isle County Building and Zoning Administrator

A motion was made by Fran Brink and supported by Lester Buza to amend the Agenda to include organizational elections.

Ayes: All. Motion carried by majority vote.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Election of Chairman

Julian Pilarski nominated Michael Libby for Chairman. Richard Wright supported the nomination.

After three calls for further nominations and there being none, it was moved by Byron DeLong and supported by Lester Buza to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Michael Libby for Chairman.

Ayes: All. Motion carried by majority vote.

Mr. Libby is Chairman for 2012.

Mr. Libby continued with nominations for Vice Chairman and Secretary.

Election of Vice Chairman

Julian Pilarski nominated Richard Wright for Vice Chairman. Dennis Budnick supported the nomination.

After three calls for further nominations and there being none, it was moved by Julian Pilarski and supported by Jerry Counterman to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Richard Wright for Vice Chairman.

Ayes: All. Motion carried by majority vote.

Election of Secretary

Dennis Budnick nominated Julian Pilarski for Secretary. Richard Wright supported the nomination.

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Ayes: All. Motion carried by majority vote.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2011 MINUTES

The minutes of the November 17, 2011 meeting were submitted for approval.

Members waived the reading of the minutes.

Corrections to the November 17, 2011 minutes were: change minutes for approval from November 17, 2011 to September 15, 2011.

A motion was made by Gary Wozniak and supported by Jerry Counterman to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2011 meeting as amended.

Ayes: All. Motion carried by majority vote.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Zakshesky stated:

- two visioning sessions were held
- discussion with regard to the goals and objectives/action plan
- the intent to adopt is to go into the Thursday, January 26th newspaper
- discussion took place as to whether a resolution of adoption is required by the Planning Commission

A motion was made by Richard Wright and supported by Lester Buza to recommend the approval of the Recreation Plan to be presented to the Board of Commissioners.

Ayes: All. Motion carried by majority vote.

Discussion with regard to special meeting notification and meeting to be held on the 24th at 8:30 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion with regard to antennas and towers; Verizon updating some of their towers.

Public Comment opened at 8:03 p.m.

- There was no public comment.

Public Comment closed at 8:03 p.m.

A motion was made by Dennis Budnick and supported by Byron DeLong to adjourn.

Ayes: All. Motion carried by majority vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Meeting was reconvened at 8:04 p.m.

OATHS OF BOARD MEMBERS

The recording secretary gave the Oaths of Office to Board Members: Fran Brink, Lester Buza and Gary Wozniak.

A motion was made by Richard Wrigt and support by Jerry Counterman to adjourn.

Ayes: All. Motion carried by majority vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Michael Libby, Chairman

Date: _____

Marianne Nowak, Recording Secretary

Date: _____

Transmittal letters



February 28, 2012

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Date of Notice February 15, 2012

Name of Newspaper Presque Isle Advance

Date of Meeting February 24, 2012 (Presque Isle County and Metz Township) & February 27, 2012

☒ Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting (Posen Township & Village of Posen)

X 7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**X 8. ACTION PROGRAM****PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION**

Plans must be adopted by the highest level governing body (i.e., city council, county commission, township board). If planning is the responsibility of a Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, Recreation Advisory Board or other local Board or Commission, the plan should also include a resolution from the Board or Commission recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body.

The local unit of government must submit the final plan to both the County and Regional Planning Agency for their information. Documentation that this was done must be submitted with the plan to the DNR.

Items 1, 3 and 4 below are required and must be included in the plan.

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

☒ 1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: February 24, 2012 for Presque Isle County & Metz Township

☐ 2. Official resolution of the _____ Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: _____

☒ 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: February 28, 2012

☒ 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: February 28, 2012

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


Presque Isle County/Posen Township/Posen Village/Metz Township

(Local Unit of Government)

above and as set forth by the DNR.

Metz Township Supervisor

includes the required content, as indicated


Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

24 Feb. 2012
Date

This completed checklist must be signed and submitted with a locally adopted recreation plan to:

**GRANTS MANAGEMENT
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES
PO BOX 30425
LANSING, MI 48909-7925**

DNR USE ONLY - APPROVAL

The recreation plan is approved by the DNR and the community (ies) covered by the plan, as listed on page 1 of this checklist is/are eligible to apply for recreation grants through

By: _____ Date _____

Grants Management

Date _____