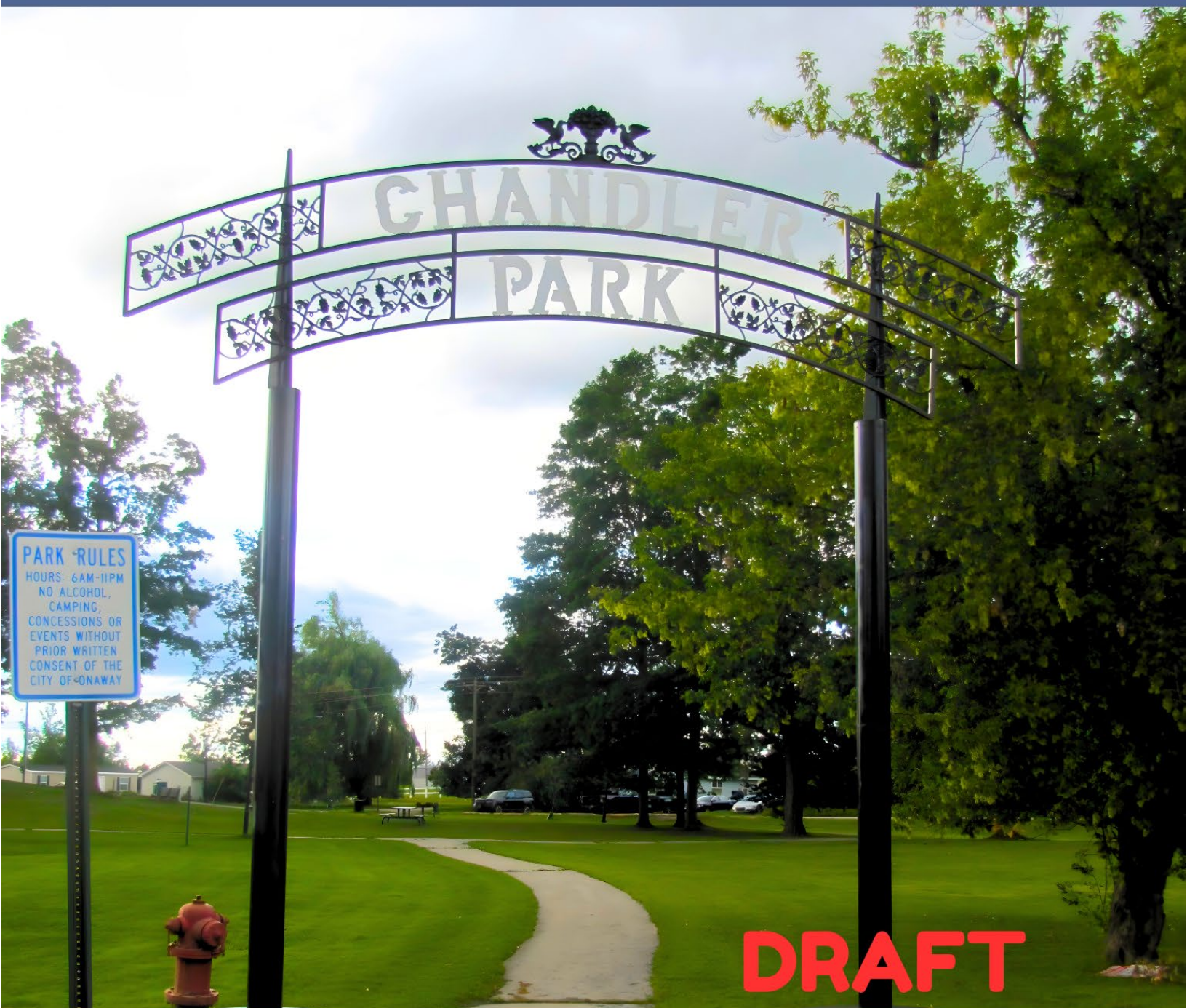


CITY OF ONAWAY RECREATION PLAN



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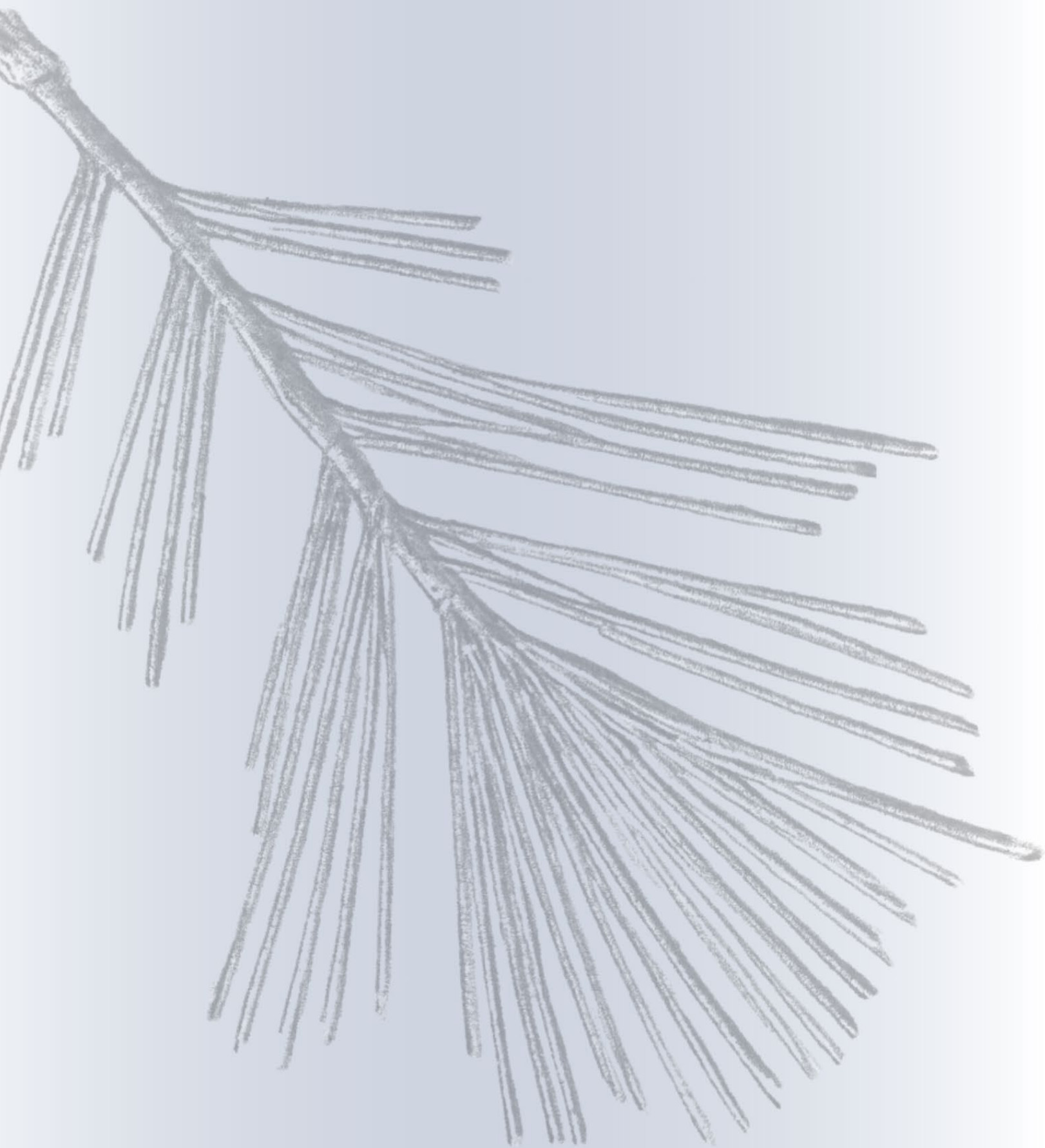
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COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

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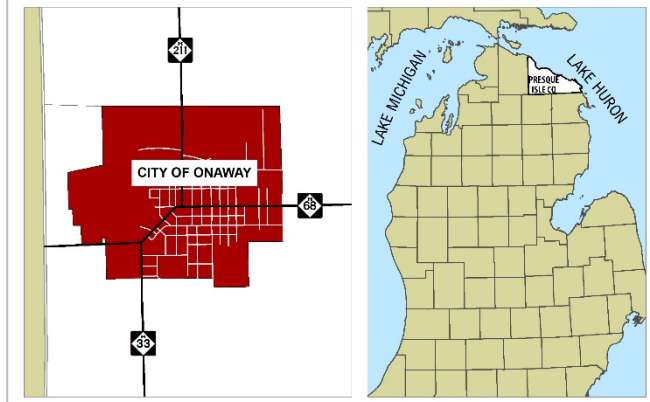
Introduction

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



Local and Regional Setting

The City of Onaway is located at the western end of Presque Isle County, in the extreme northeast portion of Michigan's Lower Peninsula. The City is approximately 1.5 miles square, but despite its small size can be accessed by three state highways, M-68, M-33, and M-211. The City is approximately 19 miles from Indian River, at which I-75 can be accessed, 35 miles from Cheboygan, and 50 miles from the Mackinaw Bridge.



Transportation

The two major transportation routes in the City of Onaway are M-68, which runs east and west through the heart of the City, and intersects I-75 19 miles west, and M-33, which extends south near the western City limits. M-211 begins in the center of the City, connecting M-68 to Onaway State Park, 6 miles north.

In addition, the Presque Isle County Council on Aging operates a bus for senior citizens and disabled residents.

While rail service is no longer available, the abandonment of the railway line led to the creation of the North Eastern State Trail, a 70-mile multi-use, hard-pack limestone trail that extends through the City of Onaway between Cheboygan and Alpena and connects to other trails in the State's trail system.



ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE



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Recreation Administrative Functions

The City of Onaway operates via a Commission/Manager style of government and is governed by a mayor and four City Commissioners who are elected to oversee the City's operations. A City Manager manages all day-to-day City business and oversees all City employees. The City also staffs 3 full-time and 2 part-time seasonal maintenance workers who perform lawn care and trash removal services at the park.

The City Commission oversees the Parks and Recreation functions in the City and has the authority to commit funds for parks and recreation, accept grants, and purchase land on behalf of the community.

The Planning & Zoning Commission is responsible for making park and recreation planning decisions that are consistent with the City's adopted parks and recreation plan and makes recommendations to the City Commission. Other City governmental entities include the City Assessor and Board of Review and the Downtown Development Authority.

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Programming and Relationships with Other Agencies and Volunteers

The City supplies facilities that support a variety of recreational opportunities for the community. It does not run formal recreational programs. Instead, programs are primarily organized by local non-profit organizations, volunteer groups, and educational institutions.

Whenever possible, the City pools resources with other agencies and organizations when undertaking community projects. This has the dual effect of maximizing resources while at the same time benefiting a greater share of the population.

A high level of volunteer support allows a variety of recreational activities to take place in the community throughout the year. The City of Onaway partners with





local organizations and volunteers to coordinate events such as festivals and family activities that take place in the City's recreational parks and facilities.

The City of Onaway has long-standing relationships with a wide variety of local organizations and non-profits to create ongoing partnerships. Some of the partner organizations the City works with include, but are not limited to:

- Onaway Downtown Development Authority
- Onaway Chamber of Commerce
- Onaway Area Schools
- Onaway Area Fire Department
- Presque Isle County Sheriff Department
- Michigan State Police
- Presque Isle District Library (Onaway Branch)
- Onaway Little League
- Onaway Historical Museum
- Presque Isle County Commission on Aging



Recreational Budget

The City of Onaway does not have a separate recreational fund account. The general City budget is inclusive of park and recreation expenditures with a line item allocation of \$770,000, \$721,000 of which has been identified for the Onaway Trailhead Project.

Partnerships with Schools

The City of Onaway is not officially associated with the local school system or its recreational facilities. However, the City works to maintain close relationships with all schools.

Recreational Programming, Featured Events and Activities

The City of Onaway does not directly provide any recreational programming. However, partnering agencies sometimes utilize the City's recreational facilities to offer various recreational programs and activities. Some featured events and recreational activities include:

- Community Family Fun Day
- Onaway Memorial Day Celebration
- "Best 4th in the North" Independence Day Celebration
- Onaway Alumni Picnic & Potluck
- Summer Concert Series
- Summer Movie Nights
- Chandler Park Tree Lighting with Santa







RECREATION INVENTORY



Chapter **3**

Inventory Method and Classification System

An inventory of recreation facilities available in the City of Onaway was completed and includes City-owned facilities, publicly owned facilities, and privately-owned facilities. City-owned facilities were evaluated for barrier-free accessibility.

Creating a park system that is safe, accessible, and usable to all individuals, including those with disabilities, is essential. NEMCOG staff conducted an ADA compliance assessment of recreational facilities available in the City consisting of a visual inspection of the parks with regard to access and circulation of the park facility. This assessment considered the accessibility of both the facility itself as appropriate, as well as the access route. The barrier-free accessibility information and sources of assistance provided in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) Recreation Plan guidelines document were consulted when making this assessment. As noted in the inventory listing described later in this chapter, the parks do not meet all criteria for accessibility. The City of Onaway is dedicated to continuing its efforts towards improving accessibility at each of its parks when improvements are made. This includes accessible parking, paths, restrooms, activity areas, amenities, and signage. A grading system has been developed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to easily identify those parks and facilities that are most and least accessible and usable, based on ADA guidelines. The accessibility grading system used during the assessment includes a five-point system as shown below.

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

DNR Accessibility Grading System for Park and Recreation Facilities (Grade 1-5)

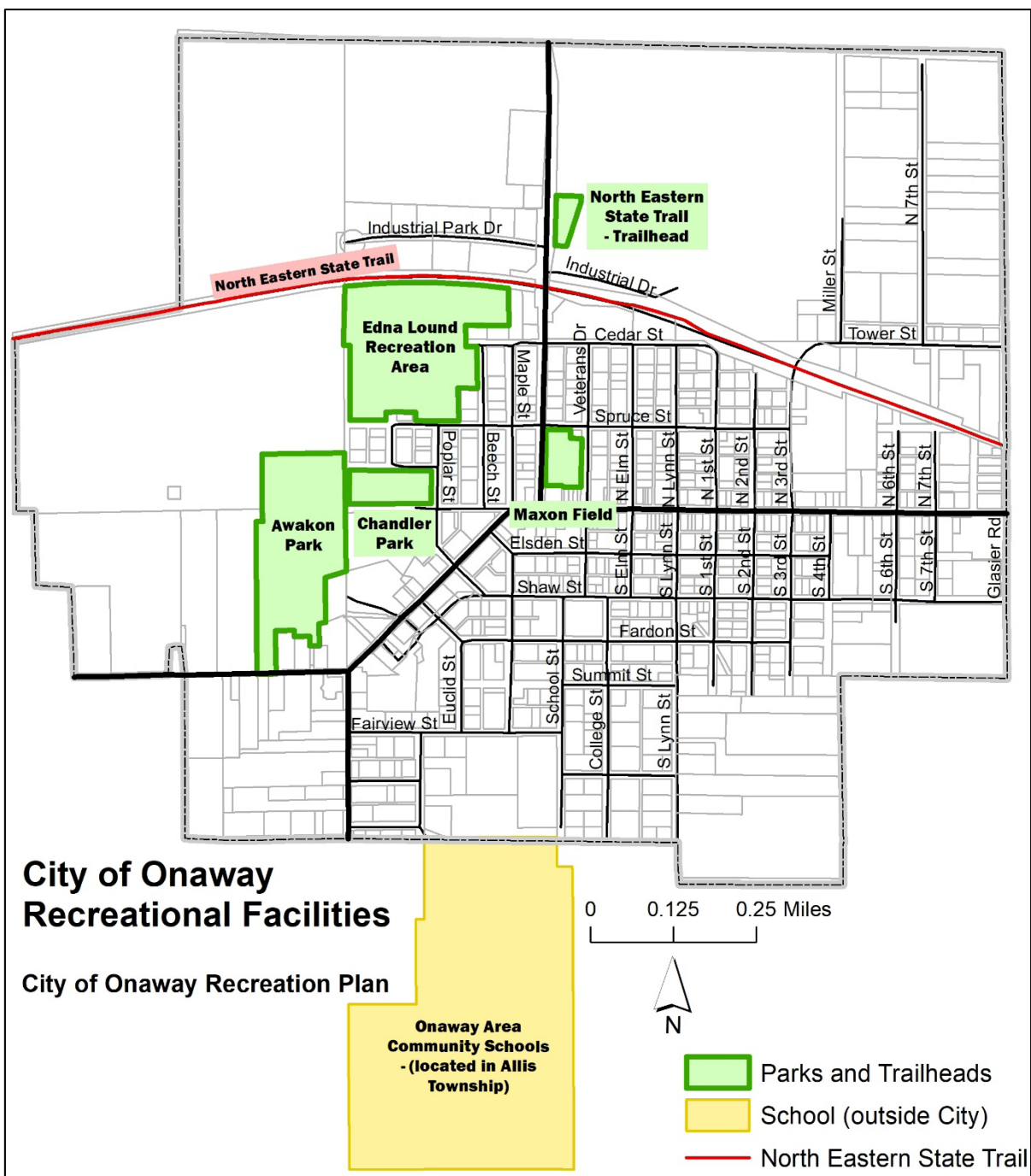
- (1) None of the facility meets the accessibility guidelines.
- (2) Some of the facilities meet the accessibility guidelines.
- (3) Most of the facilities meet the accessibility guidelines.
- (4) The entire park meets accessibility guidelines.
- (5) The entire park was developed using the principles of universal design.

Recreation Grant History and Status

A Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) was previously awarded through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the **Onaway Recreation Area (Grant #26-00918)**. The scope of this grant was to develop 1.5 acres for 2 shuffleboard courts, install 4 lighted tennis courts, a basketball court, a drinking fountain, 2 vault toilets, bleachers, a backstop for the existing ball field, a sidewalk, landscaping, and an LWCF sign. This project is complete, and all grant-funded amenities remain to be in usable condition. Additions since the time of original project completion include a covered picnic table, girls' softball field, and leveling out the ground for a new ball field.



Recreation Map



City-Owned Properties

1	Chandler Park Located west of City Hall at the intersection of State St. and Poplar St.		
	Size 4 acres	Use Community Park	Accessibility 2
	Features Includes a playground, pavilion, fire pit, and a lighted accessible walkway		





2	Edna Lound Recreation Area Located at the intersection of Cedar St. and Beech St.		
	Size 6.5 acres	Use Community Park	Accessibility 2
	Features Includes baseball and softball fields, a covered picnic table, play equipment, tennis courts, basketball hoops, and horseshoe pits		

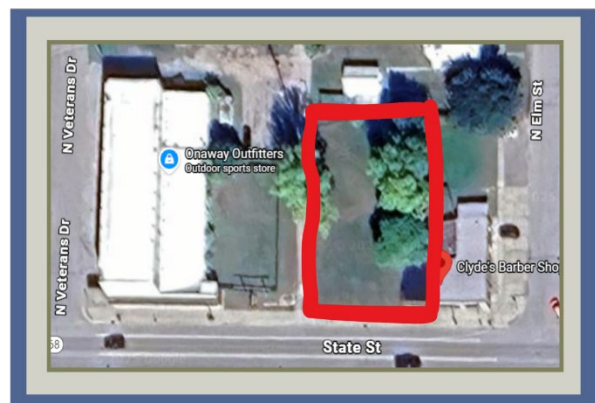


3	Maxon Field Located at the intersection of M-68 and M-211		
	Size 3 acres	Use Community Park	Accessibility 0
	Features Includes a baseball field and batting cages		



HEROES PARK IS A NEW PARK UNDER DEVELOPMENT

4	Heroes Park Located in downtown Onaway, next door to the barber shop		
	Size: <1 acre		
	Use: Community Park		
	Accessibility: Not yet rated		
	Features: At the time this park is completed, it will include a pavilion, benches, and individual memorial gardens for veterans, fire, police, and EMS		





Public Owned Properties

North Eastern State Trail

This hard-packed limestone trail crosses M-68 just east of the City and both N. Third Street and M-211 in the heart of the City and connects Cheboygan to Alpena.



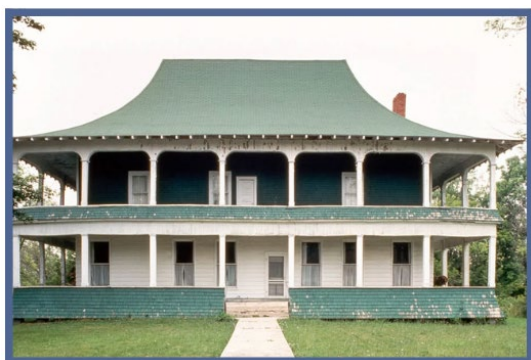
M-211 Renaissance Zone Property

This is a former Renaissance Zone Property owned by Presque Isle Electric and Gas (PIE&G). It contains 1.4 acres of vacant dry land.



Onaway Area Historical Museum

This is a historical museum currently located inside the City of Onaway Courthouse. The historical museum is in the process of restoring the Lobdell Administration Building located on M-68.



Onaway Senior Citizens Center

Located at 4203 S. Lynn Street, the community center is part of the Presque Isle County Council on Aging and provides activities, meals, and information sessions for seniors.



Privately Owned Properties

Awakon Park

Located west of the intersection of M-33 and M-68, this park contains trails, historical sculptures, and a walking bridge that connects to Chandler Park.



Regional Area Recreation Facilities

Residents of the City of Onaway can also utilize recreational facilities outside of the City.

Facility	Location
Black Lake Golf Course	Waverly Township (Cheboygan County)
Onaway State Park	North Allis Township (Presque Isle County)
Clear Lake State Park	Montmorency Township (Montmorency County)
Ocqueoc Falls and Trails	Ocqueoc Township (Presque Isle County)
Ocqueoc Falls State Forest Campground	Ocqueoc Township (Presque Isle County)
Underground Little Ocqueoc River	Ocqueoc Township (Presque Isle County)
Tomahawk Creek Flooding State Forest Campground	Allis Township (Presque Isle County)
Shoepac Lake State Forest Campground	Allis Township (Presque Isle County)
Black Mountain Trail System	Grant Township (Cheboygan County) and Bearinger Township (Presque Isle County)
Pigeon River Country State Forest Campground	Corwith Township (Otsego County)
Black Lake Sportsmen's Club	North Allis Township (Presque Isle County)
Sinkholes Pathway	Allis Township (Presque Isle County)
Black Lake Forest Campground	Grant Township (Cheboygan County)
Tower Recreation Area	Forest Township (Cheboygan County)
Pigeon River	Cheboygan County (Koehler, Ellis, Walker, Nunda Twps) and Otsego County (Corwith, Dover, and Livingston Twps)
Jackson Lake Campground	Briley Township (Montmorency County)

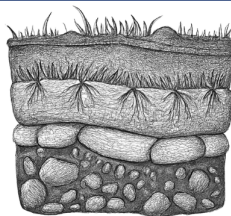


Natural Resource Inventory



Climate

Onaway's inland location keeps it outside Lake Huron's moderating influence. It averages 90–110 frost-free days per year, compared to 120–140 along the county's shoreline. Temperatures run slightly cooler, with annual, January, and July means of 43°F, 18°F, and 66°F. The area gets about 28 inches of precipitation and 80 inches of snow annually, which is suitable for most crops and not limiting to development.

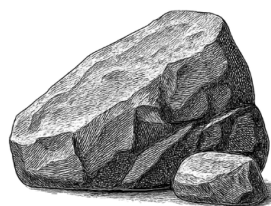


Soils

In northern Onaway, soils are loam to sandy loam, 5–100 feet deep. In the south, clay overlays sandy loam, ranging from 10 to over 100 feet deep.

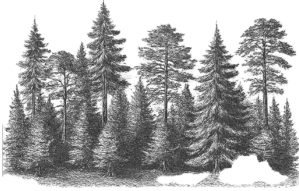
Geology

Onaway's terrain is mostly flat with a small hill in the south-central area. The bedrock, mainly limestone with some shale, is porous and typically yields 10–100 gallons of water per minute, though parts of Presque Isle County produce less than 10.

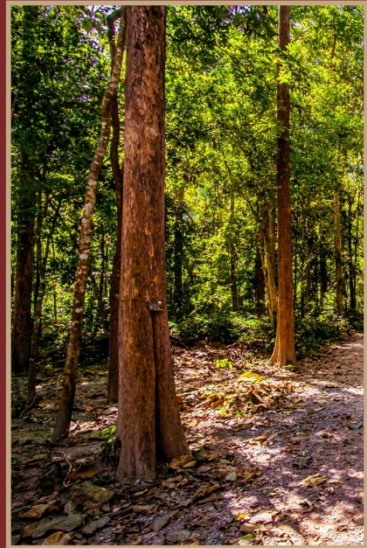


Water Resources

Onaway is located within the Cheboygan-Black River Watershed. The area's lakes and river systems provide City residents and visitors with many recreational and sports activities. Additionally, water resources provide critical habitat components for a wide range of fish and wildlife species. Maintaining high-quality groundwater and surface water is key to the long-term sustainability of the city.

**Forests**

Undeveloped forests are primarily located outside of the city center and include northern hardwoods (sugar maple, red maple, beech, and basswood), aspen-birch, white pine, and northern white cedar.

**Fish and Wildlife**

Known as Michigan's "Sturgeon Capital," Onaway is a hub for outdoor recreation. Surrounded by lakes, rivers, and forests, it offers fishing for walleye, pike, and sturgeon, plus hunting, hiking, and wildlife viewing for elk, bear, and deer.





GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND ACTIONS

Chapter

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Goals and Objectives

After reviewing input from the community and the City's demographic characteristics, the following goals and objectives were created to guide the development of recreation projects.

Timeframe	
Short	Low cost, easy implementation, directly addressing top priorities, or critical to the advancement of other strategies, and to be implemented within the next 1-3 years
Medium	Important actions that have some level of significant cost and can be implemented within the next 4-5 years
Long	Actions that often require significant amounts of funding that must be planned over time , or require other strategies to be completed before their implementation
Ongoing	Actions that are continuously ongoing in the City

Recreational Assets

Enhance existing recreation assets to promote the usage of parks to their fullest extent, improving accessibility and supporting a healthier lifestyle.

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- 1.1 Add amenities to improve recreation options.
- 1.2 Create recreational activities for all individuals of all ages and abilities.
- 1.3 Update recreational assets to provide universal access to meet the needs of all community members, including those of varying abilities.
- 1.4 Identify opportunities to create nature stations throughout the park to stimulate the senses through colors, textures, scents, and sounds for individuals of all developmental and physical abilities.

Safety

Enhance safety features

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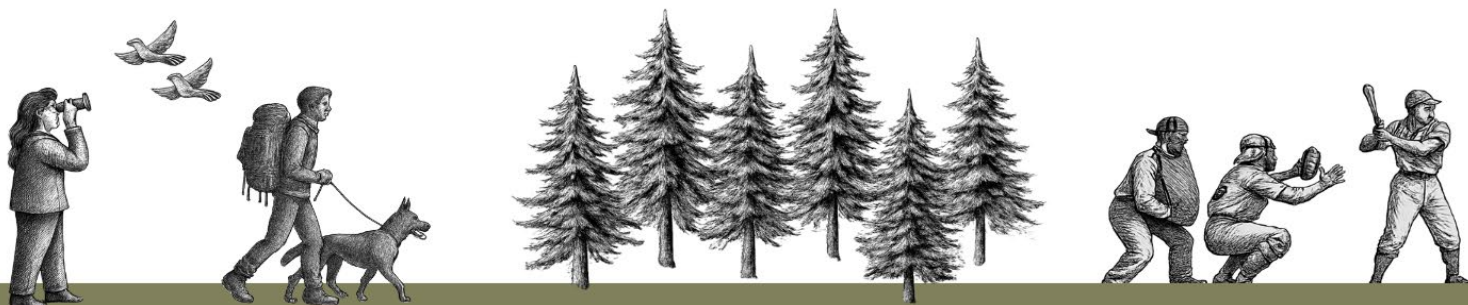
- 2.1 Review and update maintenance, cleaning, and safety standards.
- 2.2 Improve safety and security as needed.
- 2.3 Pursue grant funding to incorporate Safe Routes to School.

Engagement

Engage the community to encourage park usage.

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- 3.1 Collaborate with partners in healthy programs, including hosting relevant events.
- 3.2 Promote & encourage use of City-owned parks and facilities.
- 3.3 Seek partners to host recreation programs and/or activities in City-owned parks.
- 3.4 Create marketing material to advertise City recreation amenities.





Procedures

Establish formal procedures to assure the best management and continuity of Parks Management.

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- 4.1 Establish operation policies.
- 4.2 Ensure area residents are involved in the recreational planning and development process.
- 4.3 Establish forms and policy for maintenance protocols.
- 4.4 Review the Recreation Plan annually and update it every 5 years.

Development

Acquire property within or adjacent to existing parks.

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- 5.1 Identify available properties within or adjacent to existing parks.
- 5.2 Acquire new property if it meets other identified goals and objectives.
- 5.3 Upgrade or expand existing facilities if physically and financially more practical than acquiring or developing new facilities.

Natural and Cultural Preservation

To protect, promote, and preserve the natural resources and cultural characteristics of the Onaway area.

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- 6.1 Assist in promoting cultural tourism in the City.
- 6.2 Identify and promote the significance of historic neighborhoods, buildings, or places.
- 6.3 Pursue grant funding to assist in protecting natural and cultural resources.
- 6.4 To encourage tourism as an economic resource while recognizing the need to maintain community character and protect natural resources.
- 6.5 Increase access and availability for nature and wildlife appreciation while limiting public access to sensitive natural areas. Consider additional benches, natural wildlife habitat features, and informational and interpretive signage for individuals about the natural resource value of the parks.



Capital Improvements Schedule

The Capital Improvements Schedule describes the recreational improvements that the City of Onaway would like to pursue over the next five years. Estimated costs for each project are undetermined at this time, and potential funding sources include the City's general fund, grants, donations, and partnerships.

Improvement	Supports Goal	Timeframe
Edna Lound		
Add dirt around the new covered picnic table and install a ramp leading up to the table.	1.1, 1.3	Short
Install newly purchased playground equipment (currently in storage for winter season – see photos on next page): see-saw, merry-go-round, ladder, ADA swing, and monkey business structure.	1.1, 1.3	Short
Install a new wood fence.	2.2	Short
Renovate and update the tennis courts to include a pickleball court.	1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 5.3	Medium
Renovate the basketball court.	1.3, 5.3	Medium
Install security cameras.	2.2	Short
Install new fencing around the fields.	2.1, 2.2	Short
Plant additional trees. (24 have already been planted)	1.1, 6.5	Short
Add a t-ball field and a new major ballfield	1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 5.3	Long
Add benches. (cost of 4 benches is \$2,400)	1.1, 1.3, 2.1	Short
Chandler Park		
Install newly purchased playground equipment (currently in storage for winter season – see photos on next page): see-saw, spinner, balance beam, slide, ladder, ADA swing, gear panels, and tick-tac-toe.	1.1, 1.3	Short
Add a story time area.	1.1, 1.2, 3.3	Short
Add benches. (1 already purchased; 4 additional = \$2,400)	1.1, 1.3, 2.1	Short
Add a 9-hole disc golf course. (cost is \$3,600)	1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 5.3	Short
Plant additional trees. (4 have already been planted)	1.1, 1.4	Short
Maxon Field		
Add benches. (2 already purchased; 4 additional = \$2,400)	1.1, 1.3, 2.1	Short
Add fencing in the batting cage area.	2.2	Short
Onaway Trailhead (Project currently in process)		
Continue project to include building of restrooms, installation of drinking fountain, benches, picnic tables, and a bike repair station. (Bike repair station cost = \$3,200)	1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 6.5	Short
Heroes Park (project currently in process)		
Install electric and water.	2.1, 5.3	Short
Add an individual memorial garden area for each service represented: veterans, fire, police, and EMS	1.1, 1.4	Short
Add a gazebo.	1.1, 1.3	Short
Install fencing.	2.2	Short



Purchased Playground Equipment for Edna Lound and Chandler Park



Basis for Action

Recreation planning in the City of Onaway should consider its population.

The City has a medium mid-life population. The City's median age is 51.8 years, which is older than the State of Michigan's median age of 40.1 years. Individuals 45 to 64 years of age make up 30.7% of the population, while individuals aged 65 and older make up approximately 16.3% of the population. Therefore, both the mid-life and older populations should be given consideration when planning for recreational activities.

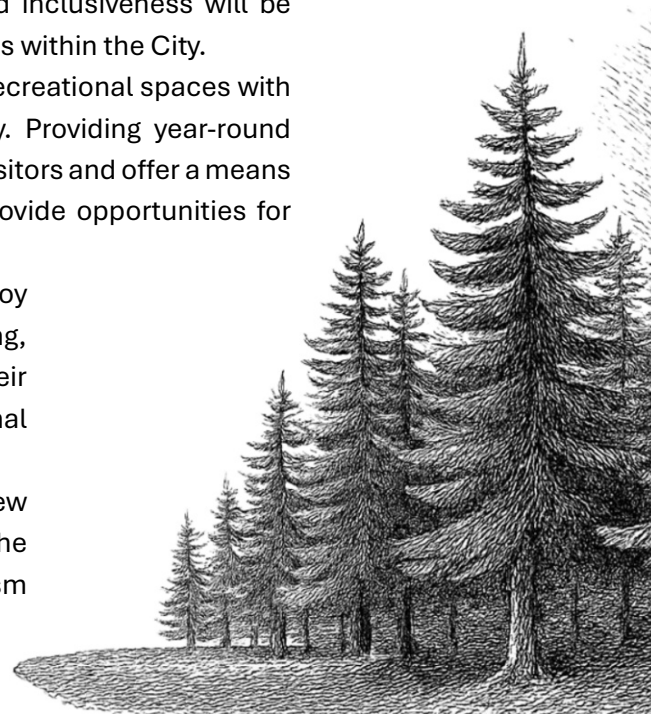
Younger people, under the age of 19, make up 13.5% of the City's population, while individuals between the ages of 20 to 44 years represent 30.5% of the population. Given the population makeup, the recreational facilities in the City need to appeal to diverse age groups.

The City's median household income is \$40,159 compared to the state's median income of \$71,149. About 48.4% of the households in the City receive social security income compared to 34.7% statewide. Additionally, almost 28.4% of the households receive retirement income compared to 28.2% statewide. Consideration should be given to whether or not residents can afford to incur the cost of recreational activities, and the drive-time and expenses associated with travelling to recreational facilities.

Figures obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2023 5-year estimates.

With the City's population in mind, the following factors also influence recreational development in the City of Onaway:

1. All residents and visitors should have access to safe routes that connect recreational facilities, residential areas, and local attractions throughout the City. Consideration of public safety, accessibility, and inclusiveness will be considered when planning for recreational opportunities within the City.
2. The City of Onaway has an abundance of natural and recreational spaces with amenities that improve the quality of life in the City. Providing year-round recreational opportunities in these spaces will attract visitors and offer a means of enjoyment for residents. These spaces will also provide opportunities for social interaction and educational programming.
3. All residents and visitors should be able to enjoy recreational opportunities in the City. When planning, consideration will be given to the types of parks, their location, their distribution, and the types of recreational activities that are offered.
4. The maintenance and operation of both existing and new recreational facilities will balance the preservation of the natural environment and scenic areas with tourism potential.





PLANNING PROCESS



Chapter
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Planning Schedule

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

2025	Activity
05/22/25	NEMCOG received funds through a DNR Spark grant award to assist communities with recreation planning and engaged services with the City of Onaway to update the 5-year Recreation Plan.
June 2025	NEMCOG drafted an online survey with general and specific recreation questions. NEMCOG staff worked with City Officials and the Planning Commission to finalize the survey.
06/19/25	The survey was released to the public and made available on the City website. Additionally, paper copies of the survey were available at City Hall.
07/25/25	NEMCOG staff conducted on-site visits to reach recreational facilities in the City and conducted an accessibility assessment.
08/05/25	The public input survey was closed, and results were compiled.
Sept 2025	NEMCOG reviewed the prior plan and made updates to the community description, administrative structure, and recreation inventory.
10/15/25	NEMCOG staff met with the Planning Commission to discuss survey results and formulate goals, objectives, and an action plan.
11/13/25	The Planning Commission voted to approve the final draft of the recreation Plan and to put the plan out for the required 30-day public review.
11/28/25	A public notice appeared in the Presque Isle County Advance advertising the Recreation Plan's availability for review and the date of the public hearing.
01/05/26	The City Commission held a public hearing on the Recreation Plan, followed by the presentation of a Resolution of Adoption after considering public comment.
01/05/06	The City Commission passed a Resolution of Adoption.

Survey Results Summary

Citizen opinion on recreation priorities is vital to the development of a recreation plan. An online survey was offered to citizens to gain input about recreation facilities in the City. The Planning Commission approved the survey, and it was publicized on the City website, being made available for both City and surrounding area residents. The City received 32 survey responses, which is equal to approximately 4.5% of the City's population. The survey results can be found in the Appendix.

The Planning Commission felt the community was well-represented throughout the process, especially in the online survey. After the public input was gathered and recorded, the Planning Commission met to prioritize the projects for the Action Plan and to develop a capital improvements plan.



Public Survey Postings

THE CITY OF ONAWAY

Community Input Survey

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!

We're revising our **Master Plan and Recreation Plan**, and we want to hear from you! Your input is essential in shaping the future of our community. Let's work together to make the City of Onaway an even better place to live, work, and play!

Paper copies can be picked up at
Onaway City Hall
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The City of Onaway Planning Commission seeks your input as they prepare the 2025 - 2030 Recreation Plan. Please take a few minutes to complete this important survey: ... [See more](#)

City of Onaway Planning Commission

WE WANT YOUR INPUT

The City of Onaway's Planning Commission requests your input on future planning for recreational development as they update the Recreation Plan for 2025. This short survey will take a few minutes of your time and will help the formation of the City of Onaway for years to come!



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Notice of Draft Plan's Availability for Public Review and the Public Hearing

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Notice of Availability and Public Hearing

The 2026-2030 City of Onaway Recreation Plan draft is now available for a 30-day public review and comment period. The draft plan can be viewed at City Hall at 20774 State Street, P.O. Box 761, Onaway, MI 49765, or by [clicking here](#).

How to submit comments:

1. Comments can be submitted at City Hall during normal business hours.
2. Written comments may also be sent to NEMCOG, Attn: Linda Damer, PO Box 457, Gaylord, MI 49734, or via email at ldamer@nemcog.org.

Public Hearing:

Following the 30-day review, the City Commission will hold a public hearing on the Recreation Plan on January 5, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. during their regular meeting at City Hall located at 20774 State Street, P.O. Box 761, Onaway, MI 49765. The public hearing provides an opportunity to participate in the final development of the Recreation Plan.

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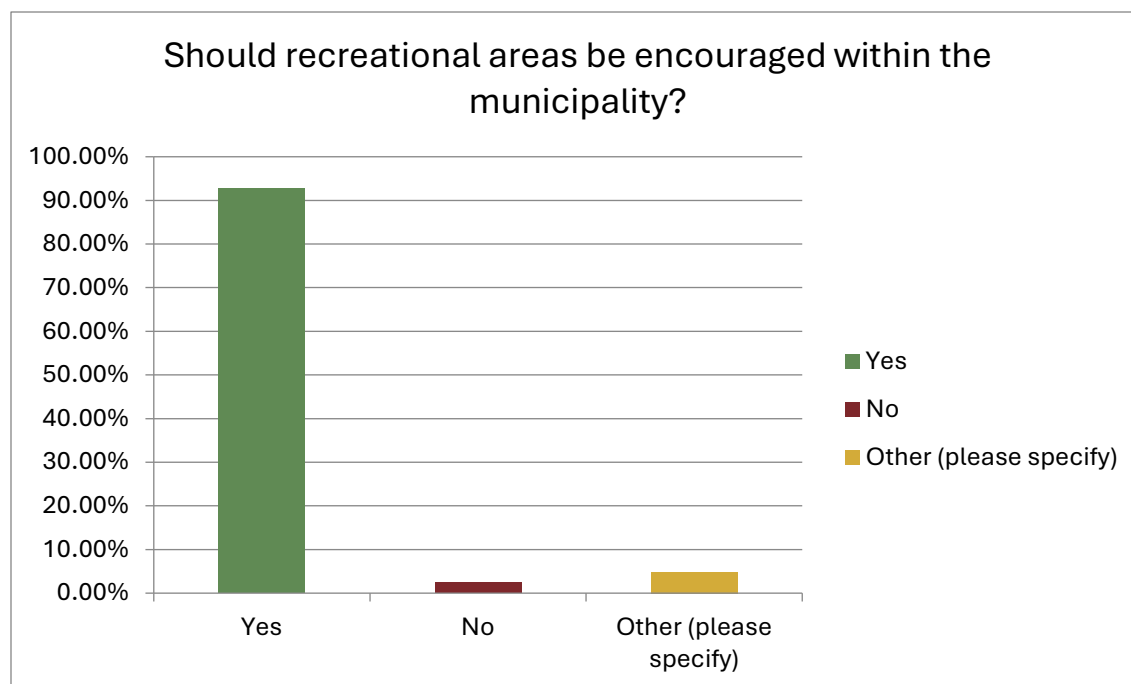
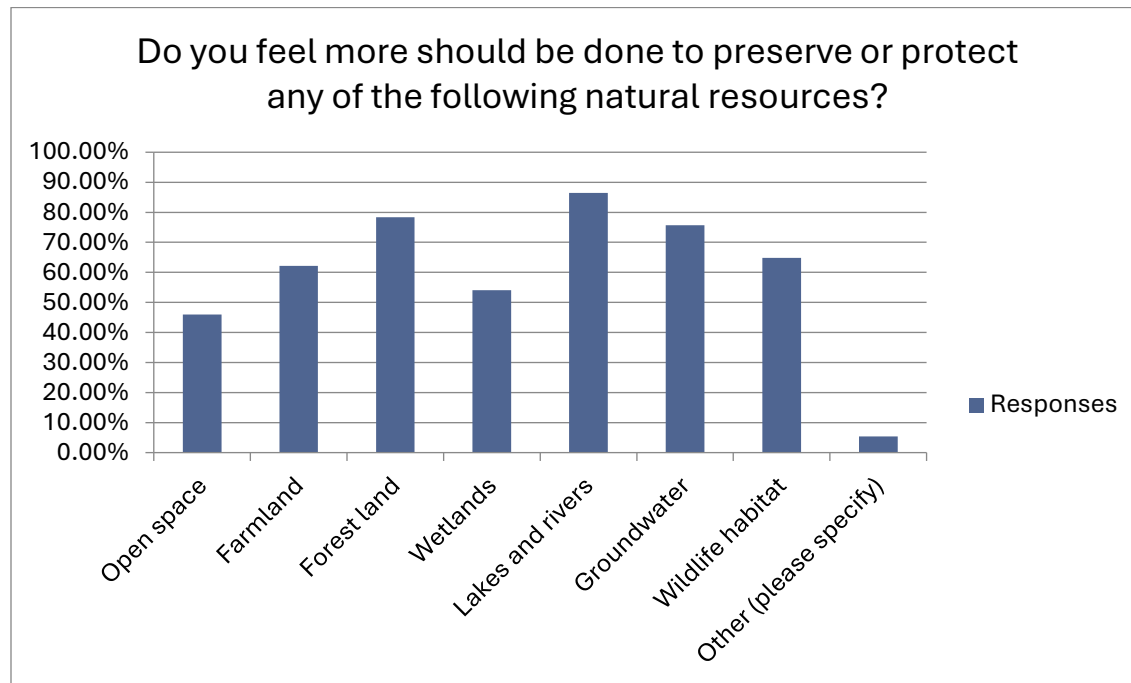
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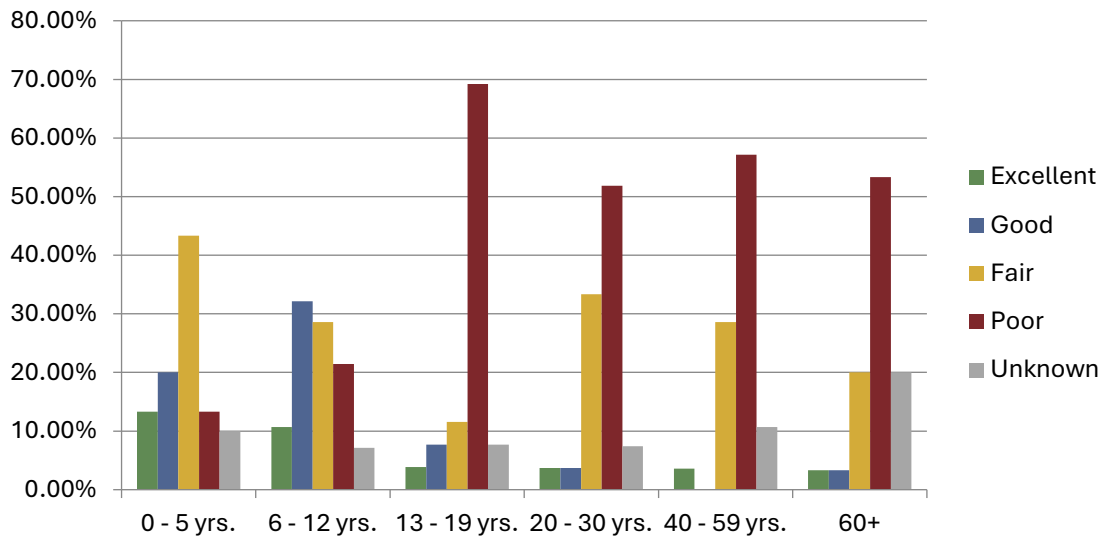
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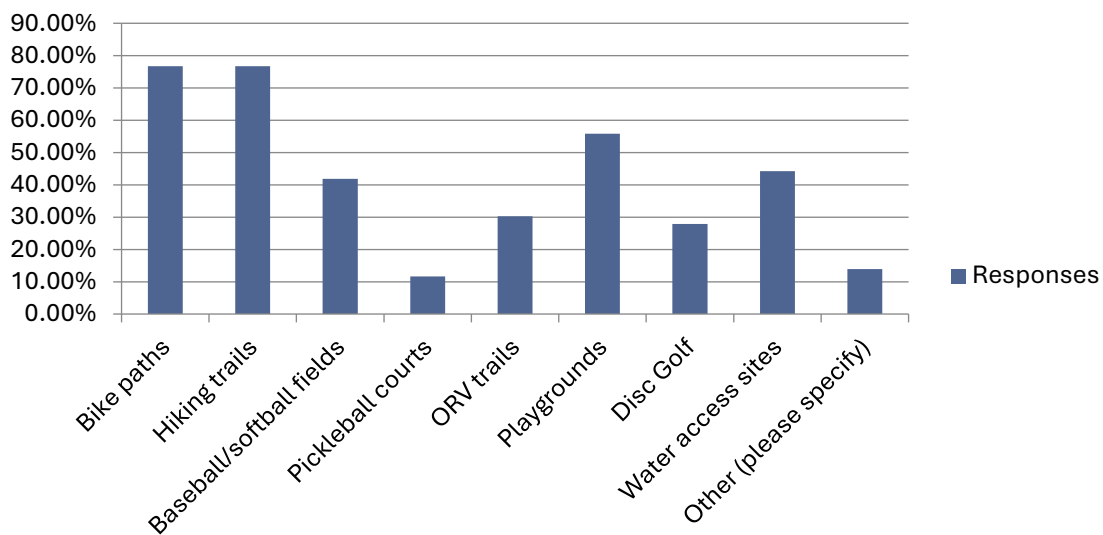
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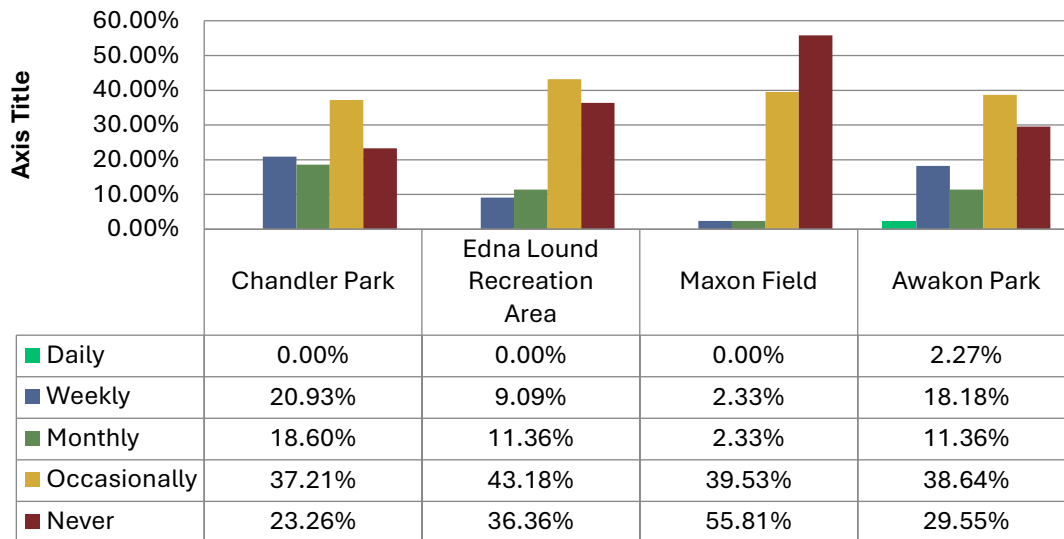
How would you rate the level of recreational amenities provided for the following age groups?



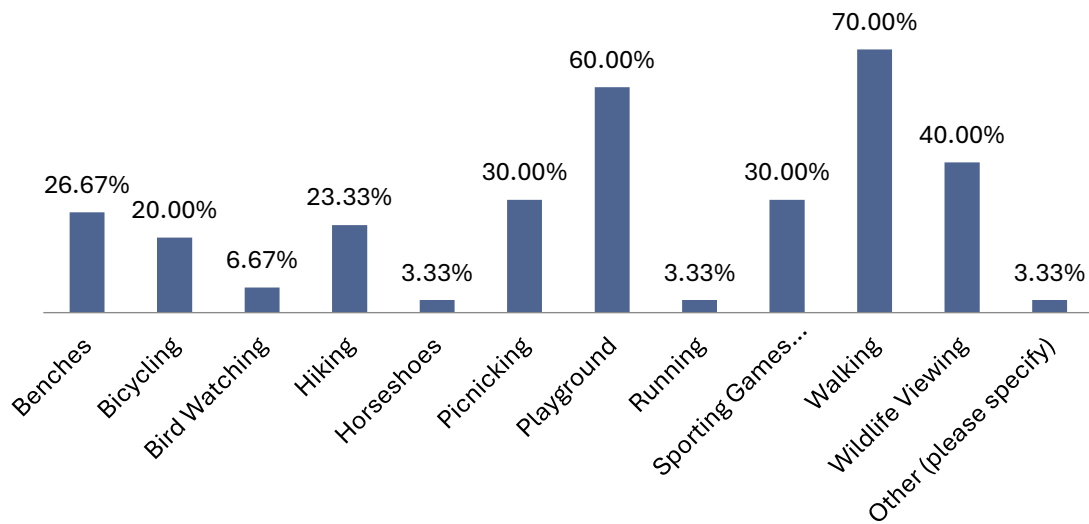
What type of recreational facilities do you like to enjoy, or would you like to have available?



How often do you use the following recreational facilities?

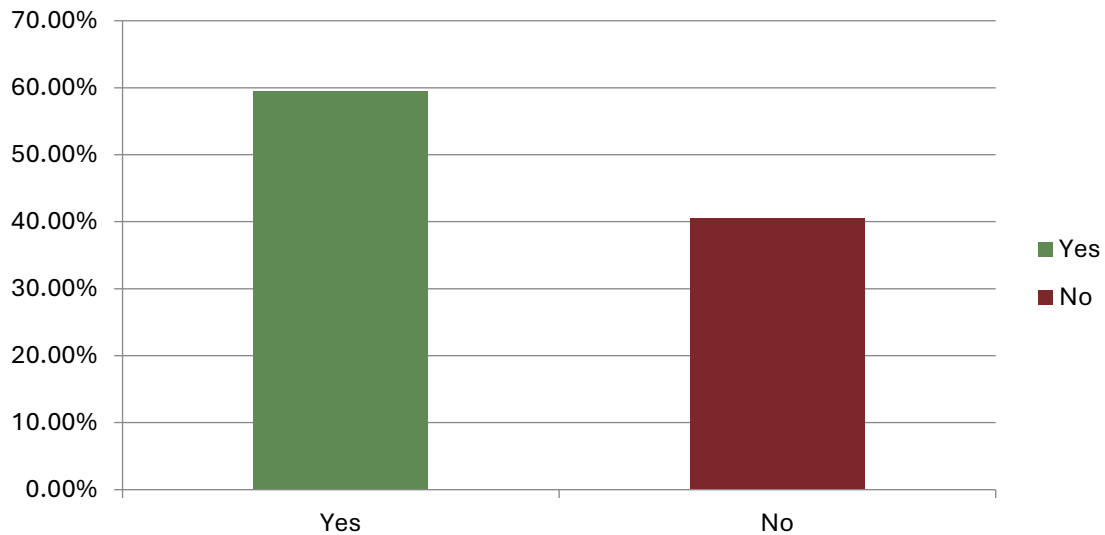


How do you enjoy the City of Onaway's park and recreation areas?

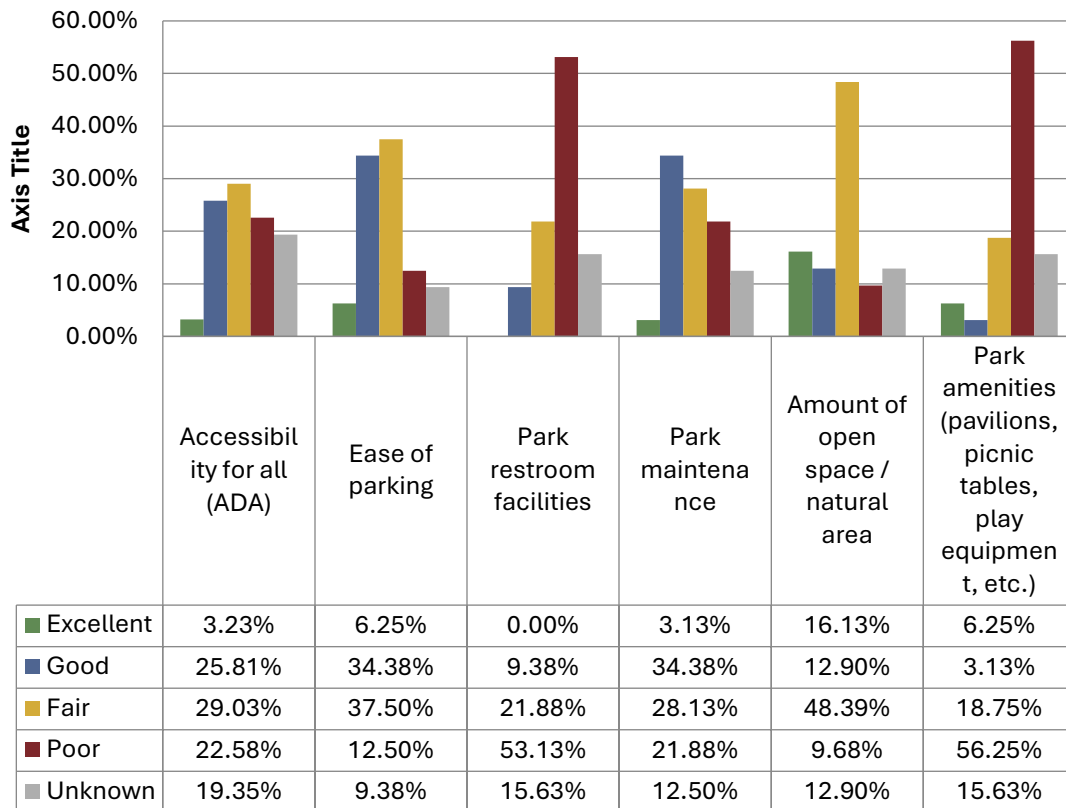


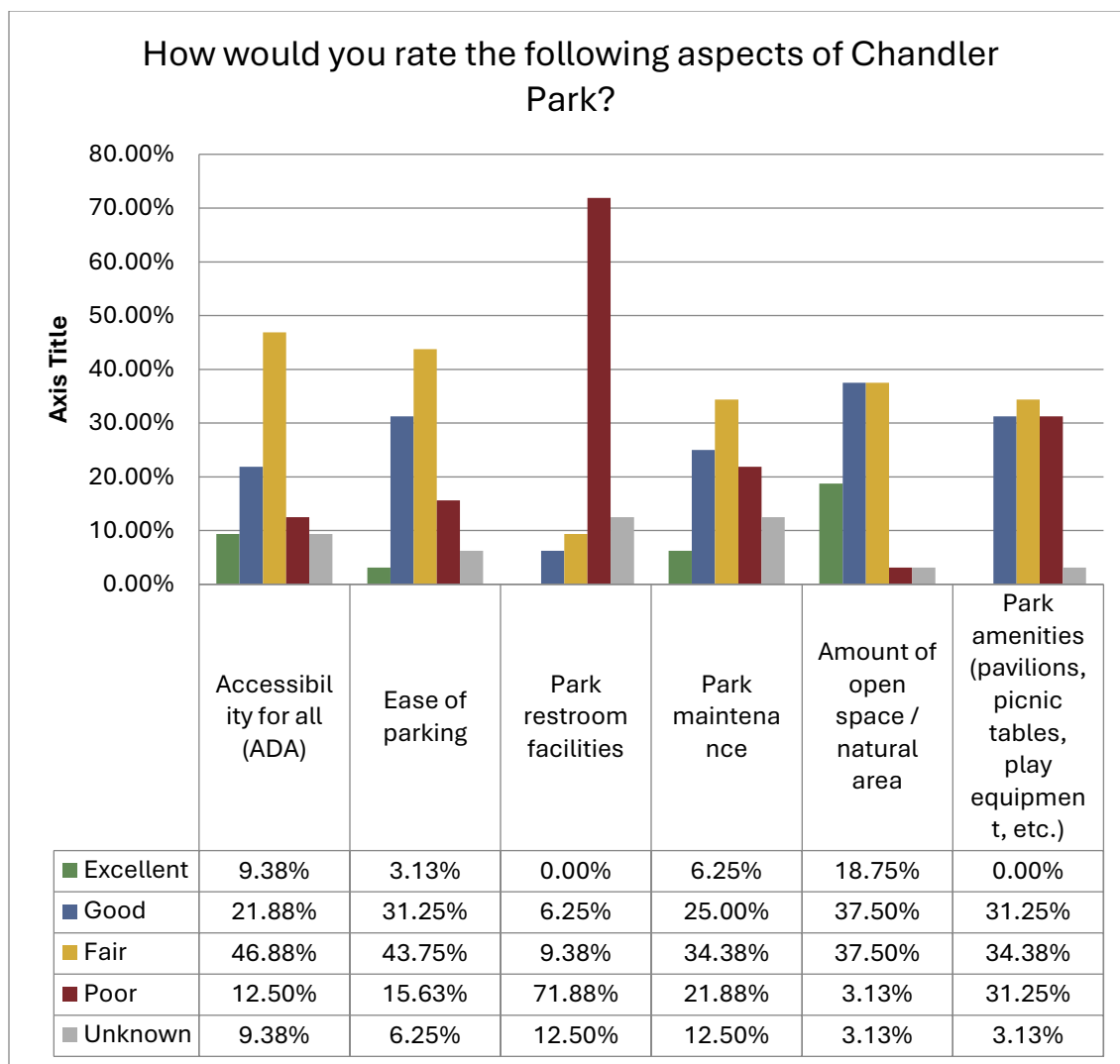


Over the last 5 years, do you think that the overall condition of our parks has improved?



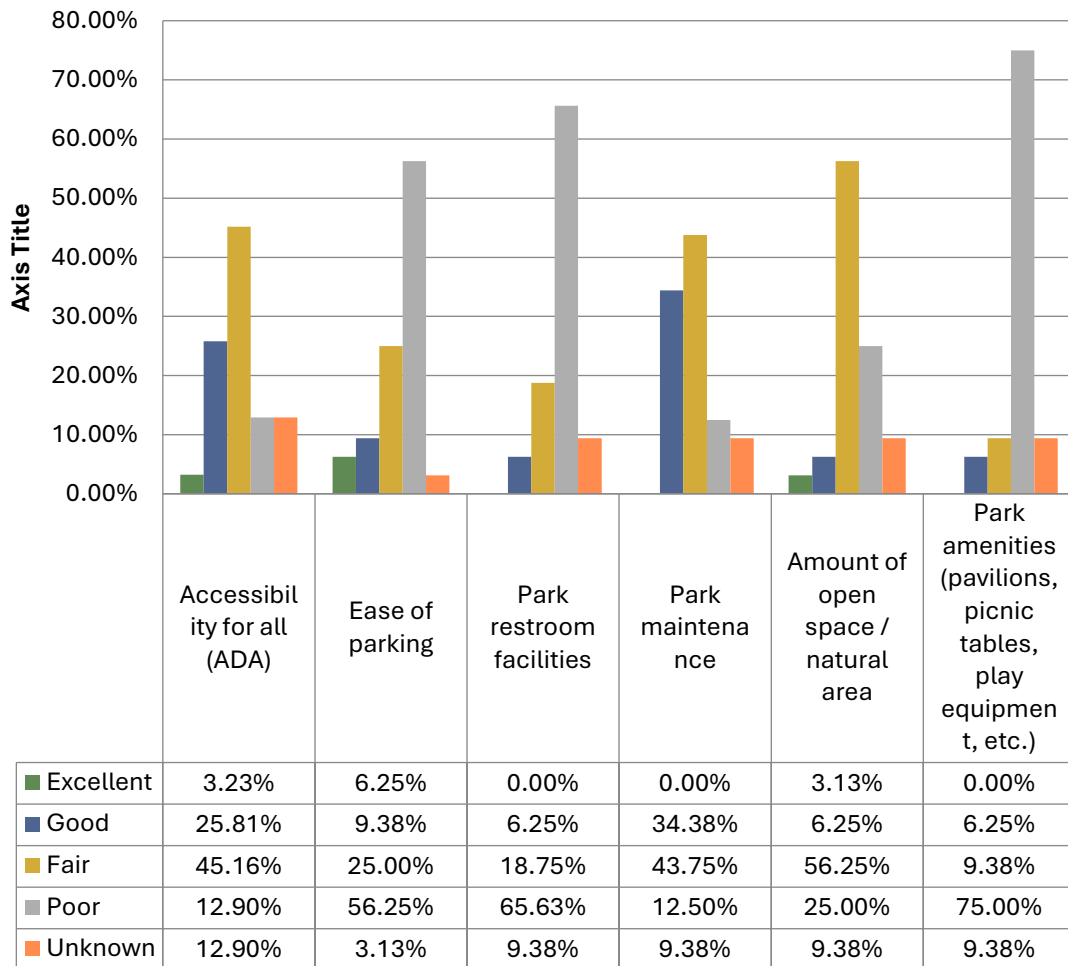
How would you rate the following aspects of Edna Lound Recreation Area?



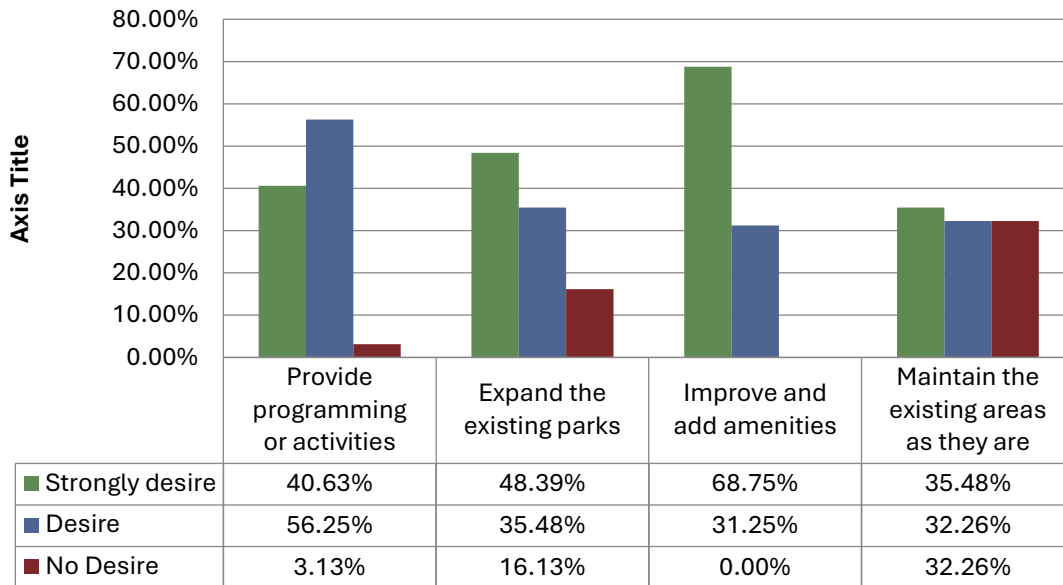




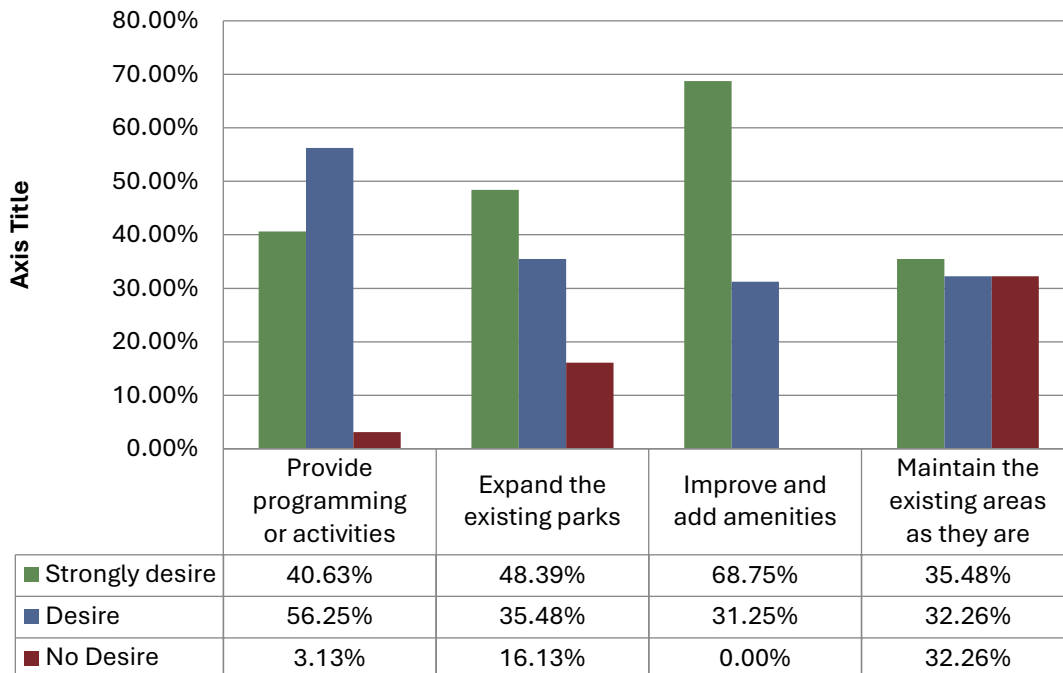
How would you rate the following aspects of Maxon Field?



To what degree would you like to see the following improvements or activities offered at the City's park and recreation areas?



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What improvements need to be made to the parks or other recreational facilities?

Repair or remove junk like the tennis courts, for example.

better working conditions on the playground and walking conditions road side st

Get a handle on the people vandalizing them. Put in more smooth walking paths for people using walkers and canes.

More activities available for all age groups

Well, since there is a mowing ordinance, I feel every inch of city land should also be mowed. Nice and clean like Roger City.

Need to have better and cleaner bathrooms, and more facilities for handicapped people.

The state parks need to be protected and cleaned up, and the steps and guards.

Unsure, but generally, more color makes things more inviting! Paint, bushes, etc.

Please address the invasive plant problems at the local parks (Chandler and Awakon).

Need more for our youth..ice skate park in winter, and something for them to do in summer. Why not utilize Maxon Field, the basketball court? Volleyball court??? Why is there only baseball there? Is that what Mr Maxon wanted??

We need to upgrade playground equipment and add to it. We need to improve our hiking & bike trails.

I think parks need to be updated. Newer swings/sand/rubber mulch. Updated playground equipment. More equipment for different age groups.

Upgrade bathrooms and pavilions.

Permanent bathrooms at Edna Lound and Chandler Park!

I think our local parks are well-maintained and wonderful places to visit. I would love to see more sculptures added to the Awakon park.

Exercise equipment around the walking path in Chandler Park.

A lot of the infrastructure at Edna Lound is looking pretty ragged. Refreshing that site would be valuable.

There were no comments on the solar and wind. Both can have crops planted beneath them. So veg finds the shade of the solar panels beneficial.

Restrooms

More equipment and seating. More shade, a bathroom or outhouse, a pavilion

Are there any areas that need to have small parks added?

No (10); Yes (2); Unsure (1)

Make that Chandler Park into something instead of just a big fire pit. Because there's nothing to do there, that's why I never go there and don't bring my grandkids there, because there's nothing to do. There was a waterpark, or like land cement, pavement with the water coming up from the ground and going back down. That would be nice for all the kids.

A small skatepark in Edna Lound would be great!

I think Chandler Park is a great centralized area for the town.

Restrooms at roadside parks that don't have them

Along the downtown corridor

East end of Onaway, Shaw St., and 6th, like the top of the hill. French town and up near Lynn St manor.

What additional types of recreation programs would you like to see offered?

Maintain what we have; Add lights; Create an ice skating rink.
Pool, improved basketball court, ice skating rink
Pool
Ice skating
Miniature golf course or corn hole
Stuff for seniors
More kid events in the summer (like the kids' day at Maxon Field on the 4th of July)
Disc golf
Something to cater to older children/teens. Maybe a small skate park or other equipment
Summer music at Chandler
Community Garden
Better quality grounds, ballfields, and equipment

What suggestions do you have about the Onaway Trailhead program?

If it is going to be maintained like our current areas, forget it!
Someone needs to maintain it. Who pays to maintain it?
We have cars racing over there often.
Statue/memorial; Plant flowers
It will be nice once it is complete.
Don't know anything about it.
Blight needs to be enforced.
It will be an awesome addition.

The City is in the early planning stages of a new park to honor Veterans, Police, Firefighters, and EMS. How would you suggest these service heroes be honored?

A new park isn't necessary because we have a poor reputation for maintaining what we have.
Put it by the police/fire department/city hall. No new park, just a monument.
Stepping stones with past and present hero names
Functioning items, not just statues and things to look at.
Use plaques around the Chandler Park walking area.
A monument to our public servants would be nice.
We have too many parks. Who's going to maintain it?
Let's pick one or two and make it great.
Local past heroes were recognized by all.
Monuments
Discounts
Names on Benches/ Rocks
Statues, plaques



Please provide any comments you want the City of Onaway Planning Commission to consider?

Take the time to fix up what we have before we branch out. The hero's monument could be built by the City Hall.

Fix what we have. Just look around. I was embarrassed to take people to Chandler Park. It is unkept and needs attention. Edna Lound needs to be filled in on the roads.

More benches and picnic tables around Chandler Park, along with a pavilion with electrical and bathrooms with water....

As a mother of a toddler, I would LOVE to see Chandler Park fenced in.

We need to maintain and improve the existing areas.

A new park to honor people seems irresponsible.

We only have 3 city workers working 4 days a week.

Who will maintain the new areas when we can't maintain what we have now?

Better maintenance of current equipment/parks and adding more options for children of all ages

How about a meeting place for kids of all ages at different sites

I would love to see a summer music program down at Chandler.