

VILLAGE OF MACKINAW CITY RECREATION PLAN *2014-2018*



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**Village of Mackinaw City
Recreation Plan**

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CHAPTER 1: COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Extent of Plan Focus

This Recreation Plan addresses recreational facilities and plans within the boundaries of the Village of Mackinaw City. The plan will evaluate the surrounding recreational opportunities as well as the socio-economic status of Mackinaw City and the surrounding area in order to determine recreational needs of the population and to plan for improvements which fit those needs. Mackinaw City's greatest assets are its people, natural resources and rich history. Today, the natural and historic resources combine to make Mackinaw City the most requested tourist destination in the state. The parks and waterfront are a significant reason so many people choose to visit more than once. Recreational opportunities abound year-round and the Village of Mackinaw City is dedicated to create and maintain a vital recreational system. Planning for these resources is vital for the Village's future.

Location and Regional Setting



The Village of Mackinaw City is located at the tip of Michigan's Lower Peninsula on the Straits of Mackinac. It is a community rich in history and natural beauty. In 1714, the French built a fort on the Straits and called it Michilimackinac, or "Land of the Turtle." The area has seen fur trading, lumbering, fishing, railroads, shipping and ferry service flourish. The Village encompasses 3.2 square miles, and is divided between two townships and two counties. See **Figure 1**. The eastern portion of the Village is 0.6 square miles in size, and is located in Mackinaw Township in Cheboygan County. The western portion of the Village is 2.6 square miles and is located in Wawatam Township in Emmet County. The



Figure 1 – Village of Mackinaw City

northern and eastern Village boundaries extend to an imaginary line half the width of the Straits of Mackinac, where Lakes Michigan and Huron meet. Headlands Road is the Village's western boundary. Trailsend Road generally defines the Village's southern boundary, with the exception of two annexed areas, south of that line. The Village is located in between major trunklines I-75 to its west, and US Highway 23 to its east. The population of Mackinaw City was estimated at 806 in 2010, according to the US Census, a 6.2% decrease from the 2000 Census. However, the population swells in the summer, with estimates of over 10,000 staying in or near Mackinaw each day during the summer season.

Water Resources

One of the most valuable natural resources of Mackinaw City is water. The village is located within the Great Lakes Watershed, with major surface water resources of Lake Michigan and Lake Huron. There are 2.3 miles of Lake Michigan shoreline and 1.8 miles of Lake Huron shoreline within the Village. There are no inland lakes or rivers within the Village limits; however, there are three ponds in the east and central portions of the Village. Lakes Michigan and Huron offer outstanding scenic and recreational amenities to Village residents and visitors. It is a high priority for the Village to protect and preserve these opportunities for views as well as access to the water.

Wetlands

A wetland is land where water is found, either on the surface or near the surface, at any time during the year. Poorly drained soils and water-loving vegetation also may be present. Wetlands are often referred to as marshes, swamps or bogs. Beyond their aesthetic value, wetlands improve water quality of lakes and streams by filtering polluting nutrients, organic chemicals and toxic heavy metals. Additionally, wetlands support wildlife, and wetland vegetation protects shorelines from erosion. Existing wetlands in Mackinaw City are found primarily in the undeveloped portions of the Village in areas just west of I-75. **Figure 2** depicts forested and non-forested wetlands (data developed from the National Wetlands Inventory (US Fish & Wildlife Service).

State of Michigan Land

The State of Michigan operates the Mackinaw City-Straits State Harbor from May to October. The harbor is located on the east side of the Village on Lake Huron. There are also several state historic parks in this area, which are operated by the Mackinac State Historic Parks. The Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse is located just east of the Mackinac Bridge at the northern end of the Village. Just to its west is Colonial Michilimackinac, a reconstructed 18th century fort and fur trading village located right on the Straits of Mackinac. The state also manages Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park, which is south of the Village limits.



Existing Land Use/Land Cover Characteristics

Figure 3 provides a breakdown of land cover/land use in Mackinaw City. Nearly 50% percent of land in the Village is classified as forested land, wetlands, or a combination of both. Another 20% of the land area is classified as open or public/recreational. It also demonstrates that much of the commercial activity is located along the eastern boundary of the Village, while forested land and wetlands become more evident as you travel westward from the Lake Huron shoreline.

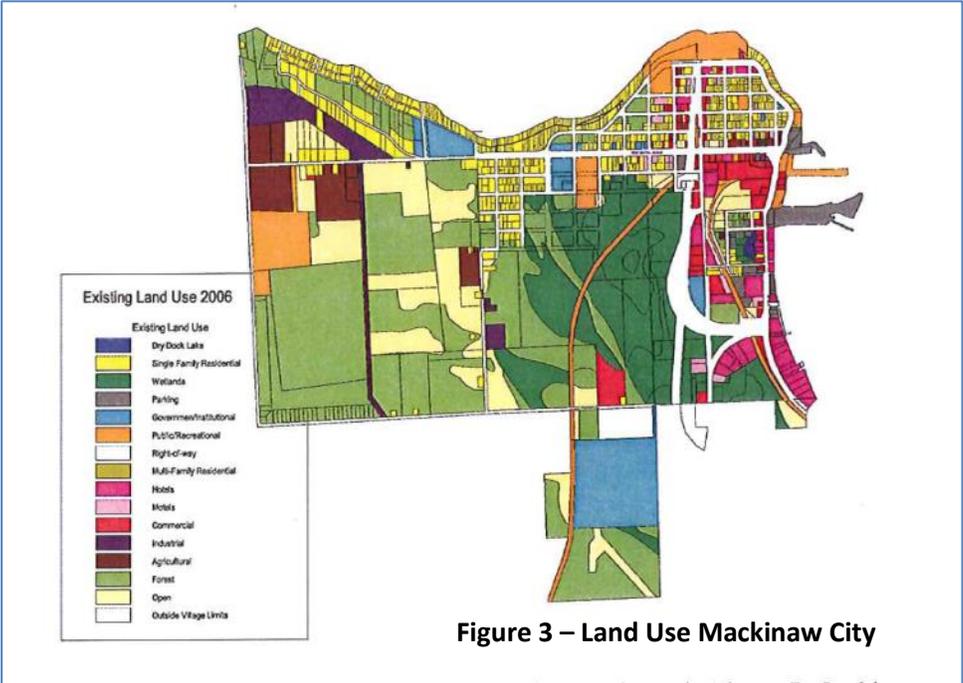


Figure 3 – Land Use Mackinaw City

Scenic Features

The most picturesque scenic views in Mackinaw City are of the Mackinac Bridge, Mackinac Island, Lake Michigan and Lake Huron. Protection of these lake views is a major goal of Mackinaw City decision-makers. The Village also recognizes the opportunities in this area to observe night skies with limited artificial light obstruction. The Emmet County Headlands Park, DNR French Farm and the Village's Heritage Village/Nature Park provide hundreds of acres of night sky viewing that are easily accessible and virtually free of artificial lighting. The Village recognizes the importance of protecting this natural resource of night sky observation and provides this recreational opportunity to the residents and visitors of the Village.

Climate

The Village's climate is similar to those across northern Lower Michigan: long, cold winters and moderately warm summers. However, the proximity to Lake Michigan and Lake Huron serves to moderate temperature extremes as compared to inland communities of northern Michigan. Due to the prevailing westerly winds across Lake Michigan, the spring is late in coming and the first fall freeze delayed. These seasonal extremes pose challenges for the recreation system, as well as demands and opportunities. Hiking, biking and water sports are just a few of the summer activities enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. Village parks provide outdoor facilities for multiple sports, such as basketball, tennis, baseball, and soccer. Winter activities include ice-skating, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, and snowshoeing. Hunting and fishing activities are enjoyed year-round.

CHAPTER 2: ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Administration

The Village of Mackinaw City, the only participating community in this Recreation Plan, operates under a council-manager form of government, with the Council setting administrative policy. Committees of the Council advise the whole Council on specific aspects of Village administration. This structure consists of elected positions for Village President, Clerk, Treasurer and six Trustees. These positions are chosen by registered voters of the Village in an at-large election held every two years. Bylaws adopted by the Village Council determine the order of business and method of conducting regular Village business. The Village Manager administers the Council's goals and objectives and directs the daily operations of the Village.

Direction for the Recreation Department is given by the Marina/Recreation Subcommittee, which is made up of three council members. Their primary responsibility is to formulate new goals and policies for Village recreational facilities. The Village Planning Commission participates in the development and review of the Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plan. The Village's Parks and Recreation System are supported by two positions on the Village staff. The Recreation Director/Harbormaster manages the Recreation Complex, organizes community recreational programs and controls activities associated with the Village's Municipal Marina, along with a staff of approximately 13 part-time employees. The Department of Public Works (DPW) Superintendent manages maintenance staff and oversees the maintenance of all parks outside of the Recreational Complex and oversees construction and refurbishment of all parks and recreation facilities when directed.

Planning Commission

The Village of Mackinaw City Planning Commission is a seven-member body, whose members are intended to represent a broad spectrum of community interests including recreation, commerce, industry, government, education, and transportation. Planning commissioners all contribute their time and talents to the local planning process.

Village Elected Officials

Jeff Hingston, President
Lana Jaggi, Clerk
Patty Pepler, Treasurer
Richard Perlick, Pro Tem, Trustee
Sandy Planisek, Trustee
Robert Glenn, Trustee
Paul Michalak, Trustee
Belinda Mollen, Trustee
Matthew Yoder, Trustee

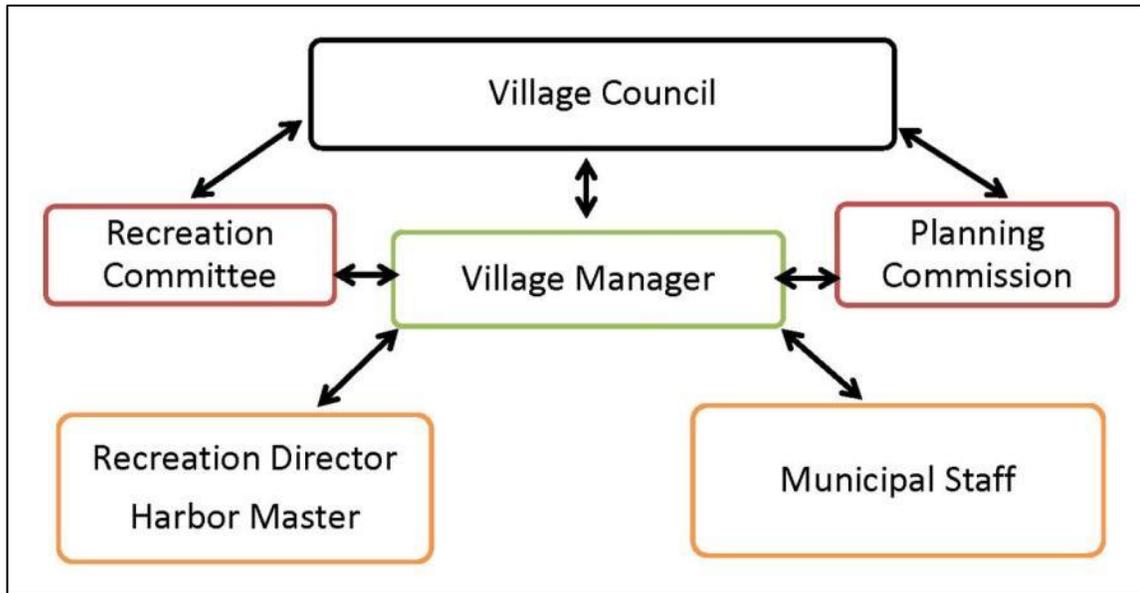
Village Staff

Adam Smith, Manager
Janelle Bancroft, Secretary
Vacant, DPW Superintendent
Dave Paquet, Recreation Director/ Harbormaster

Planning Commission

Rosada Mann, Chair
Mary Clark
Matt Cooley
Ron Dye
Greg Gustafson
Robert Heilman
Earl Taylor

Administrative Chart



Relationship with Other Agencies & Role of Volunteers

Volunteer organizations are involved with the parks and recreation programs in the Village of Mackinaw City.

- 1. Mackinac State Historic Parks:** The Mackinac State Historic Parks Commission operates Colonial Michilimackinac and Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse within the Village limits; Mill Creek Discovery Park and various facilities on Mackinac Island are nearby. These sites are the foundation of tourism attractions to the community.
- 2. Emmet County:** Emmet County owns McGulpin Point Light (located in the Village) and The Headlands (adjacent to the community). Both facilities are major attractions, particularly with the adoption of the National Dark Skies. Mackinaw City has a representative on the County Parks and Recreation Commission.
- 3. Mackinaw Area Historical Society:** This organization partners with the Village and commits many volunteer hours at the Heritage Village, a 43-acre parcel owned by Mackinaw City, which is home to a collection of historic interactive buildings as well as nature trails and picnic areas, all of which is a valuable recreational asset.
- 4. Up North Trails Collaborative:** The Village is an active participant in the Up North Trails Collaborative, a group of stakeholders from all over northern Michigan who have joined together to promote economic development in the region by developing a comprehensive trail marketing plan.
- 5. Michigan Department of Natural Resources:** The MDNR owns the Straits State Harbor, North Central State Trail and North Western State Trail and the Trailhead. The Village has partnered with the MDNR on numerous projects.

The Village has other formal relationships with other public agencies like the Mackinaw City Public Schools. Mackinaw City's high school supports a number of athletic teams which use the Recreation Complex facilities for a variety of sports. The Village also works with more informal

organizations, such as other sporting leagues, to provide recreational opportunities for area residents. Several of the organizations are listed below:

Mackinaw Women's Club
Mackinaw Area Visitor's Bureau
Mackinaw Chamber of Commerce
Mackinac Bridge Authority
Governor's Council on Physical Fitness
Mackinaw City Lions Club
Wawatam Area Senior Center
Top of Michigan Trails Council
Mackinaw City Skating Association
North Emmet Little League
Mackinaw Area Arts Council
Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Snowmobile groups
Straits Area Audubon
North Country Trails Association
Trails and biking groups
Cheboygan County
Mackinac Straits Raptor Watch

Programming

Recreational programming is managed by the volunteer organizations with which the Village partners. Programming at the Recreational Complex is managed by the respective sporting organizations, with oversight by the Village's Recreation Director. Activities at the Historical Village are managed by the Mackinaw Area Historical Society.

Finances/Park & Recreation Maintenance: Current Funding

The total proposed 2014-2015 budget for the Village of Mackinaw City is \$5.8 million. The total parks and recreation general fund budget is \$180,613, which comes from tax revenues. Additional recreational funding budgets include: Recreation Center, \$93,562; Recreation Complex, \$31,364; Conkling Heritage Park Performance Shell, \$17,330; and the Municipal Marina, \$321,475.

The Village's complete budget can be found in Attachment B.

CHAPTER 3: DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING /PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

Schedule

September 11, 2013	The Village of Mackinaw City entered into an agreement with the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments to complete an update to the expired Recreation Plan.
Sept. 2013 - February 2014	Northeast Michigan Council of Governments staff worked with community and developed the Recreation Plan update.
December 12, 2013	Meeting of the Mackinaw City Recreation Committee to discuss initial draft and define process to complete the plan update.
December 18, 2013	Meeting of the Mackinaw City Planning Commission to discuss initial draft and planning process.
January 4, 2014	A notice was placed in the Cheboygan Daily Tribune Newspaper and posted at the Village Hall, library and post office announcing a public input session to be held January 7, 2014 at the Mackinaw City Public Schools.
January 7, 2014	A public input session was held to gather input from Village residents to assist in planning for recreational improvements in the community. There were 18 attendees at the meeting.
January 14, 2014	Meeting of the Mackinaw City Recreation Committee to discuss community comments and finalize the draft plan.
January 17, 2014	The Public Hearing Notice for the Village Council meeting appeared in the Cheboygan Daily Tribune Newspaper.
January 17, 2014	The Recreation Plan became available for public review at the Mackinaw Area Public Library, Village Hall, and on the Mackinaw City web site.
January 23, 2014	The Planning Commission met and recommended adoption of the Recreation Plan by the Village Council.
February 20, 2014	The public hearing was held and the Village Council approved the Recreation Plan.
February 27, 2014	Village of Mackinaw City submitted adopted recreation plan to Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Public Input

Citizen opinion on recreation priorities is key to the development of a recreation plan. The Recreation Committee opted to hold a public input session to gather comprehensive public opinion and ideas about the future of recreation in the Village. The Village placed an advertisement in the Cheboygan Daily Tribune Newspaper. The Workshop was held on January 7, 2014 at the Mackinaw City Public Schools in the Village. Eighteen people attended and participated in the workshop. Information gathered at the workshop was used to guide development of recreation goals and proposed projects.

Public Input Session Notice
Published on December 27, 2013

The Village of Mackinaw City is holding a public input session for its 5-year Community Recreation Plan. The purpose is to gain an understanding of the community's recreation needs, both facilities and programs. The meeting will be held on January 7th at 6:00 p.m. at the Mackinaw City Public School. Residents are invited to attend and participate. Please RSVP by calling 231-436-5351 or sending an email to village@mackinawcity.org

Notes from Mackinaw City Recreation Plan Public Input Session

Date: January 7, 2014

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Mackinaw Schools

Number of persons participating: 18

What do you like about the current recreational system in Mackinaw City?
(Consider programs, relationships and facilities)

1. Great Lakes Lighthouse Library
2. Museum at Ma Ma Mia's Pizza
3. Special events associated with the Mackinac Bridge
4. Recreation opportunities for all age groups
5. Trail connectivity
6. Accessibility to recreation and parks
7. Opportunities for hiking, biking and snowmobiling
8. Many lakeshore parks
9. Connections of trail to waterfront
10. Access to nature and historic sites such as the Heritage Village and Fort Michilmackinac
11. Range of parks from developed parks to wilderness areas
12. Implementation of walkable community concepts
13. Ball fields on Central Avenue
14. Collaboration with counties and groups
15. No fees to access village parks
16. Pavilion and Marina
17. Diversity of recreational opportunities
18. All season's recreation
19. Diversity of recreation opportunities within each season
20. Waterfront access
21. Dark Sky Park at Headlands
22. Historic Parks Commission
23. Recreation programs such as hockey, basketball, little league, t-ball, and adult softball
24. Schools with cooperation of a local motel provide free swimming lessons for younger students

What changes, improvements and/or additions should be made to the current recreational system in Mackinaw City?

1. Explore partnerships with local units of governments, tribal governments, agencies, organizations and businesses.
2. Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians has discussed installing nature interpretive signs along the North Western State Trail and developing a nature center.
3. There is an opportunity to partner with the Mackinaw City Area Arts Council.
4. Develop a multi-purpose community center with space for exhibits, meetings, visitor center, library, and chamber of commerce.
5. Strengthen partnership with Wilderness State Park and French Farm Lake Wildlife Management Area.
6. Establish easements to waterfront where current development restricts access to the Great Lakes.
7. Promote quiet water sports by supporting established Blueways trails.
 - a. Provide information as part of tourism promotion
 - b. Mark access sites identified on Blueways trails
 - c. As interest in coastal paddle sports increases, consider establishing a primary kayak launch site with racks and gear lock facilities.
8. Develop a wayfinding program
9. Work with state agencies such as Michigan State Historic Parks Commission, MDOT, MDNR, and Mackinac Bridge Authority.
10. Consider establishing a recreation authority.
11. Work in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce to relocate to visible location within an upgraded facility.
12. Multi-use trail connection from downtown to the Headlands. In the short term develop wide paved shoulders along Central Avenue, Headlands Road and Ridge Road. In the long term, acquire rights-of-way and easements to develop an off road, grade separated trail.
13. Install a map box at the State Trail Head.
14. Expand interest in bird watching in the straits region by working in partnership with the local chapters of the Audubon Society to establish a community birding trail. Consider expanding on the current Audubon Spring Raptor Count.
15. Promote hunting, fishing, mushrooming, nature studies and wild food plant gathering.
16. Improve beaches by periodic grooming.
17. Community bulletin board to display events and activities
18. Promote quiet sports
19. Establish a recreation fund in partnership with the community foundation where people can make donation to the community
20. Adopt lighting ordinance to support the Dark Sky effort
21. Implement ongoing plans such as the Trail Town Plan, Hike and Bike Plan and Blueways Plan.
22. Decide on future of disc golf whether to repair or discontinue. Poison ivy is a problem at the site.
23. Expand on public private partnerships; conduct a study to identify opportunities.
24. Consider paddle boards in Blueways trail planning

25. Leverage recreation center – Identify and promote other activities to better utilize and support the facility.
26. Maintain current visual and physical access to water and acquire additional public waterfront parcels with the long term goal of having 50% open space and public.
27. The median age of year round residents is increasing and therefore recreation facilities and programs should be designed to accommodate an aging population.
28. Conversion to low maintenance parks by using composite benches and tables, low maintenance vegetation, and economically and environmentally sustainable parks concepts.
29. Name two new properties in the village
30. Fix signage for McRae Nature Park
31. Fishing and Observation Pier needs repairs
32. Conkling Park – Make alterations to allow persons in wheelchairs to view the water and horizon.
33. Continue to improve handicap access at all parks and facilities
34. Develop a permanent solution for geese problems at parks.
35. Kniffen Pond (Dry Dock Lake) – protect from encroachment of development, and explore opportunities to highlight the site as a small natural area and birding site within the developed area of the village,
36. Marina – Floating piers, composite decking, upgrade electric
37. Develop strategies to protect key viewsheds
 - I-75 corridor
 - Views to water from streets
 - Maintain views of the water through parks
 - Limit building heights to maintain a pedestrian scale
 - Parking along lakeside streets blocks views of water
 - RV parking in certain locations blocks views of parks and waterfronts
38. Monitor potential impacts to community in relation to climate change and be proactive in making adjustments from impacts.

PUBLISHED JANUARY 17, 2014

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

VILLAGE OF MACKINAW CITY RECREATION PLAN

The Village of Mackinaw City Council will hold a public hearing on the draft Recreation Plan at the Village Hall at 102 South Huron Street on February 20, 2014 at 7 pm. The draft plan contains an action plan for recreation in Mackinaw City from 2014-2018. The draft plan is available for review at the Mackinaw Area Public Library, Mackinaw City Hall and at <http://www.mackinawcity.org/>. Written comments may be submitted to Village of Mackinaw City, PO Box 580, Mackinaw City, MI 49701 or asmith@mackinawcity.org.

Public Hearing Press Release

PRESS RELEASE

For more information contact:
Adam Smith, Village Manager, 231-436-5351

For Immediate Release

Village of Mackinaw City Recreation Plan available for review.

Village of Mackinaw City has finalized a draft Recreation Plan with the assistance of the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments. The purpose of the Recreation Plan is to inventory recreational facilities in the Township and to provide an action plan for future recreational improvements. In addition, Recreation Plans that have been approved by the Department of Natural Resources allow the Township to be eligible for State recreational grant funding. After gathering public input, the Planning Commission has drafted goals and an action plan for recreation in Village of Mackinaw City.

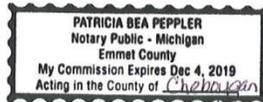
The final draft of the Village of Mackinaw City Recreation Plan is available for public review at the Mackinaw Area Public Library, Mackinaw City Hall and at <http://www.mackinawcity.org/>. Written comments may be submitted to Village of Mackinaw City, PO Box 580, Mackinaw City, MI 49701 or asmith@mackinawcity.org.

Public Input Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF EMMET

Acknowledged before me on this 27th day of February, 2014,
The Cheboygan Daily Tribune printed Notice of Public Meeting
regarding the 2014-2018 Recreation Plan Public Input Meeting, that
was published in the January 4-5, 2014 edition of the Cheboygan
Weekend Tribune.

Patricia Bea Pepler



frostbite, with the most important being limiting the time that you are out in cold, wet, or windy weather. Stay updated on weather forecasts and wind chill readings.

It is important to dress in several layers of loose, warm clothing rather than a single layer. Air trapped between the layers of clothing acts as insulation against the cold.

Wear windproof and waterproof outer garments to protect against wind, snow and rain. Choose undergarments that wick moisture away from your skin.

Wear a hat that fully covers your ears. Heavy woolen or windproof materials make the best headwear for cold protection. Mittens, rather than gloves provide better protection for your hands.

Watch for early signs of frostbite, which include redness, prickling, and numbness.

Lastly, don't drink alcohol. A plan to be outdoors in cold weather. Alcohol beverages cause your body to lose heat faster. Eating a well-balanced meals and drinking warm, sweet drinks such as hot chocolate will help

eight-inch crack in a pipe can spew 250 gallons of water a day, destroying floors, furniture and personal property.

Both plastic and copper pipes can burst in the cold. A simple way to prevent frozen pipes is to let a small trickle of water drip from a faucet, preferably one on an outside wall. It is also recommended that homeowners leave cabinet doors open to allow heat to get to uninsulated pipes under sinks.

Don't forget about pets

pet to sit and lie down, but small enough to hold in body heat. The floor should be raised off the ground and covered with cedar or straw. Doorways should be faced away from

starting the engine to avoid injuring them.

Keep antifreeze away from animals. It has a sweet taste that attracts them, and is a deadly poison.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Village of Mackinaw City will host a
Public Input Meeting
Tuesday, January 07, 2014 at 6:00 PM
for discussion regarding the 2014-2018
Recreation Plan to be held at the Mackinaw City
High School Multi-Purpose Room
609 W. Central Ave. *1/4/14*

CELEBRITY CIPHER
by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"BWZK UYDK XYCFGYD Z HWFAX FD
KWY KSKZA FGZUFAFKM KS IYHYFJY
FGCSILZKFSG CISL ZGMKWFGE GSK
OAREEYX.FG." — UFAA HSDUM

Previous Solution: "I don't think rock music is silly, but I think it should be treated with the irreverence it deserves." — Bob Geldof

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NOTICE

CHEBOYGAN COUNTY ZONING BOARD
OF APPEALS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.
ROOM 135 – COMMISSIONERS ROOM
CHEBOYGAN COUNTY BUILDING,
870 S. MAIN ST., CHEBOYGAN, MI 49721

Laszlo and Nancy Somogyi - Requests a 6ft. side setback variance for an addition to a single family residence in a Residential Development (D-RS) zoning district. The property is located at 6520 Mack Ave. Tuscarora Township, Section 24, parcel #161-M57-000-031-01. An 8 ft. side setback is required in this zoning district.

Please visit the Planning and Zoning office or visit our website to see the application and the associated plan drawings. Site plans may be viewed at www.cheboygan-county.net/planning. Comments, questions, and correspondence may be sent to planning@cheboygancounty.net or Planning & Zoning Department, 870 S. Main St., PO Box 70, Cheboygan, MI 49721, or presented at the meeting.

Notice of Availability of Recreation Plan for at least 30 days

Public Hearing Notice for Village Council meeting

County of Cheboygan, ss
State of Michigan

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RECREATION PLAN**

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Written comments may be submitted to Village of Mackinaw City, PO Box 580, Mackinaw City, MI 49701 or marina@mackinawcity.org.

Nicole Green, being duly sworn, says: I am an employee of THE CHEBOYGAN DAILY TRIBUNE, a newspaper printed and circulated in in said county. The annexed is a printed copy of a notice which was published in said paper on the following dates to wit:

January 17 A.D. 20 14
_____ A.D. 20 _____
_____ A.D. 20 _____

Mich
Subscribed and sworn to me this 14
day of February A.D. 20 14

Janis Anne Coryell
Notary Public, Cheboygan County, Michigan

My Commission expires:

Janis Anne Coryell
Notary Public of Michigan
Cheboygan County
Expires 07/04/2019
Acting in the County of Cheboygan

Resolution of the Planning Commission Recommending Adoption of the Recreation Plan

VILLAGE OF MACKINAW CITY RECREATION PLAN UPDATE

RESOLUTION OF RECOMMENDATION

Village of Mackinaw City Planning Commission

WHEREAS, The Village of Mackinaw City has undertaken a 5-Year Recreation Plan Update which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreational facilities during the period of 2014 – 2018, and

WHEREAS, A public input session was held on January 7, 2014 at the Mackinaw City Public Schools to provide for an opportunity for citizens to discuss the future of recreation in the City, and

WHEREAS, A public notice was published in the Cheboygan Daily Tribune which began a 30-day public review period for the draft plan, and

WHEREAS, The Village of Mackinaw City has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the entire community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Village of Mackinaw City Planning Commission hereby recommends the Village Council adopts the Recreation Plan Update as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of Mackinaw City.

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the forgoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Village of Mackinaw City Planning Commission, held on January 23, 2014.

1-23-14
Date

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Resolution of the Village Council Adopting the Recreation Plan

VILLAGE OF MACKINAW CITY RECREATION PLAN UPDATE

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

Mackinaw City Council

- WHEREAS,** The Village of Mackinaw City has undertaken a 5-Year Recreation Plan Update which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreational facilities during the period of 2014 – 2018, and
- WHEREAS,** A public input session was held on January 7, 2014 at the Mackinaw City Public Schools to provide for an opportunity for citizens to discuss the future of recreation in the City, and
- WHEREAS,** A public notice was published in the Cheboygan Daily Tribune which began a 30-day public review period for the draft plan, and
- WHEREAS,** The Village of Mackinaw City has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the entire community.
- WHEREAS,** The Village of Mackinaw City Planning Commission has recommended adoption of the 5-Year Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mackinaw City Council hereby adopts the Recreation Plan Update as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of Mackinaw City.

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the forgoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Mackinaw City Village Council held on February 20, 2014.

Date: 02/20/2014


Lana Jaggi
Clerk

Minutes from the Village Council Meeting

UNAPPROVED
MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MACKINAW CITY

7:00 P.M.

February 20, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER/TAKING OF ROLL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Hingston called the meeting to order and with the following Trustees present – Robert Glenn, Matt Yoder, Belinda Mollen, Sandy Planisek, Richard Perlick and Paul Michalak. Manager Adam Smith and Clerk Lana Jaggi were also present.

Visitors – List Attached.

Pledge of Allegiance

II. PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

None

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion Glenn seconded Yoder to approve the agenda as amended adding 7. C. Emergency Dredging Application and Certificate for Payment, D. Fire Advisory Board Appointments and E. Public Transportation License Applications-Mackinaw Trolley Company (2). Voice vote – motion carried unanimously.

IV. COUNCIL MINUTES

A. Motion Planisek seconded Mollen to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 20, 2014 as presented. Voice vote – motion carried unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susie Safford-commented on draft recreation plan corrections relative to the Historic Village

Joann Leal-commented on budget

Ron Wallin-commented on budget

VI. PUBLIC HEARING AND SUBSEQUENT ACTION

A. Public Hearing-Mackinaw City Recreation Plan 2014-2018

Pres. Hingston called the Public Hearing to order at 7:11 PM

Manager Smith reviewed the Mackinaw City Recreation Plan process.

Public Comments:

Sid Roth-commented on potential Recreation Center use for Mackinaw Area Arts Council.

Trustee Planisek submitted the following additions and deletions to the Recreation Plan which were given to Rick Deuell, NEMCOG Rec. Plan Facilitator along with pavilion corrections:

Goal #3 Pg. 47 Addition J. Action: Upgrade interpretive signs in parks

Goal #4 Pg. 47 Addition D. Action: Work with Arts Council to augment parks.

Goal #4 Pg. 47 Addition B. Action: Use suitable historic artifacts as part of park furniture.

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Goal # 6 Pg. 50 Delete completely-integrate with Hike & Bike Plan into Rec Plan
Goal # 7 Pg. 50 Addition C. Action: Parks should be monitored on a regular basis for vegetation health and growth. Where appropriate plants will be pruned, removed or replaced.

Goal # 11 Pg. 52 Addition Objective 3. Always consider the sustainability of park improvements. Always consider economic development.

Goal # 14 Pg. 53 Addition B. Action : Install signage at beaches to interpret Great Lakes coastal wetlands.

B. Motion Hingston seconded to Planisek to adopt resolution for the Mackinaw City Recreation Plan Update with plan amendments as discussed. Voice vote – motion carried unanimously.

VII. BUSINESS REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Managers Report was submitted and placed on file.

A. Motion Hingston seconded Perlick to appoint Nicole Pettengill, Straits Area Federal Credit Union, to the Downtown Development Authority Board. Voice vote – motion carried unanimously.

B. Manager Smith reviewed Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Amendments.
Motion Mollen seconded Planisek to accept the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Amendments as presented. Voice vote – motion carried unanimously.

C. Manager Smith recapped the Emergency Dredging Project and status.
Motion Perlick seconded Yoder to approve the Emergency Dredging Application and Certificate for Payment in the amount of \$116,573.40 to Kokosing Construction Co., Inc. for completed work on the Mackinaw City Marina Dredging Project with payment to be released pending Post Bathmetric Survey/Final Soundings approval by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Voice vote – motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion Hingston seconded Planisek to appoint Village Council Trustee Robert Glenn, Village Manager Adam Smith and Village resident Ronald Dye to the Fire Advisory Board. Voice vote – motion carried unanimously.

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E. Motion Planisek seconded Glenn to approve the Public Transportation License Applications (2) from the Mackinaw Trolley Company providing applicants, in addition to the Ordinance Display of License and Decal requirement present their public transportation vehicle to the Mackinaw City Police Department by May 15, 2014 or within 30 days of Council action, whichever comes later, to permanently affix to the right left bumper of each trolley. If, after 30 days, the decal has not been properly affixed to the vehicle, that license and application fee will be forfeited and the license will then become available for application.
Voice vote –Ayes-6 Abstain-1 Motion carried.

VIII. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A. Motion Planisek seconded Michalak to pay the accounts payable for 2/20/2014 in the amount of \$24,018.65. Voice vote-motion carried unanimously.

IX. COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Pres. Hingston requested staff reissue council the Tier Goals List for review.

X. CLOSES SESSION AND SUBSEQUENT COUNCIL ACTION

XI. ADJOURNMENT: 7:58 PM

Respectfully submitted;

Jeff Hingston; President

Lana Jaggi; Clerk



February 26, 2014

Grants Management
Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Po Box 30425
Lansing, MI 48909-7925

Please find enclosed a complete copy of the updated Village of Mackinaw City Recreation Plan that was adopted by the Village Council on January 20, 2014.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Adam Smith
Mackinaw City



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February 26, 2014

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

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Cheboygan County Planning commission
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CHAPTER 4: RECREATION INVENTORY

The Village of Mackinaw City takes pride in providing the best recreational opportunities for the residents of Mackinaw City and the 1.5 million visitors the Village receives each year. **Figure 4** identifies the location of public parks and facilities owned by Mackinaw City, Emmet County and the State of Michigan. This section provides information on parks and facilities in the village and in adjacent communities.

Inventory Procedures

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

Village-Maintained Property

1. **ALEXANDER HENRY PARK:** This 2.1-acre site is located at the northern end of Henry Street and offers the best view of the Mackinac Bridge and the Upper Peninsula. The park is linked to the State Historic Park sites – Colonial Michilimackinac and the Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse - via an 1,800 foot waterfront walkway, and is filled with interpretive displays, picnic accommodations, and telescopes. A detailed inventory includes:

- Historical shipping buoy from St. Mary's River
- Eight (8) park benches
- One (1) handicap-accessible picnic table
- Four (4) picnic tables
- Three (3) telescopes courtesy of local Lions Club
- Four (4) trash receptacles
- One (1) drinking fountain
- One (1) information kiosk
- Six (6) interpretive historical kiosks
- Full-size wood carving of Alexander Henry



The park was built in 1987 as a joint construction project between the Village and the State of Michigan's Mackinac Historic Parks Commission. Partial funding was received from the Coastal Zone Management Program.

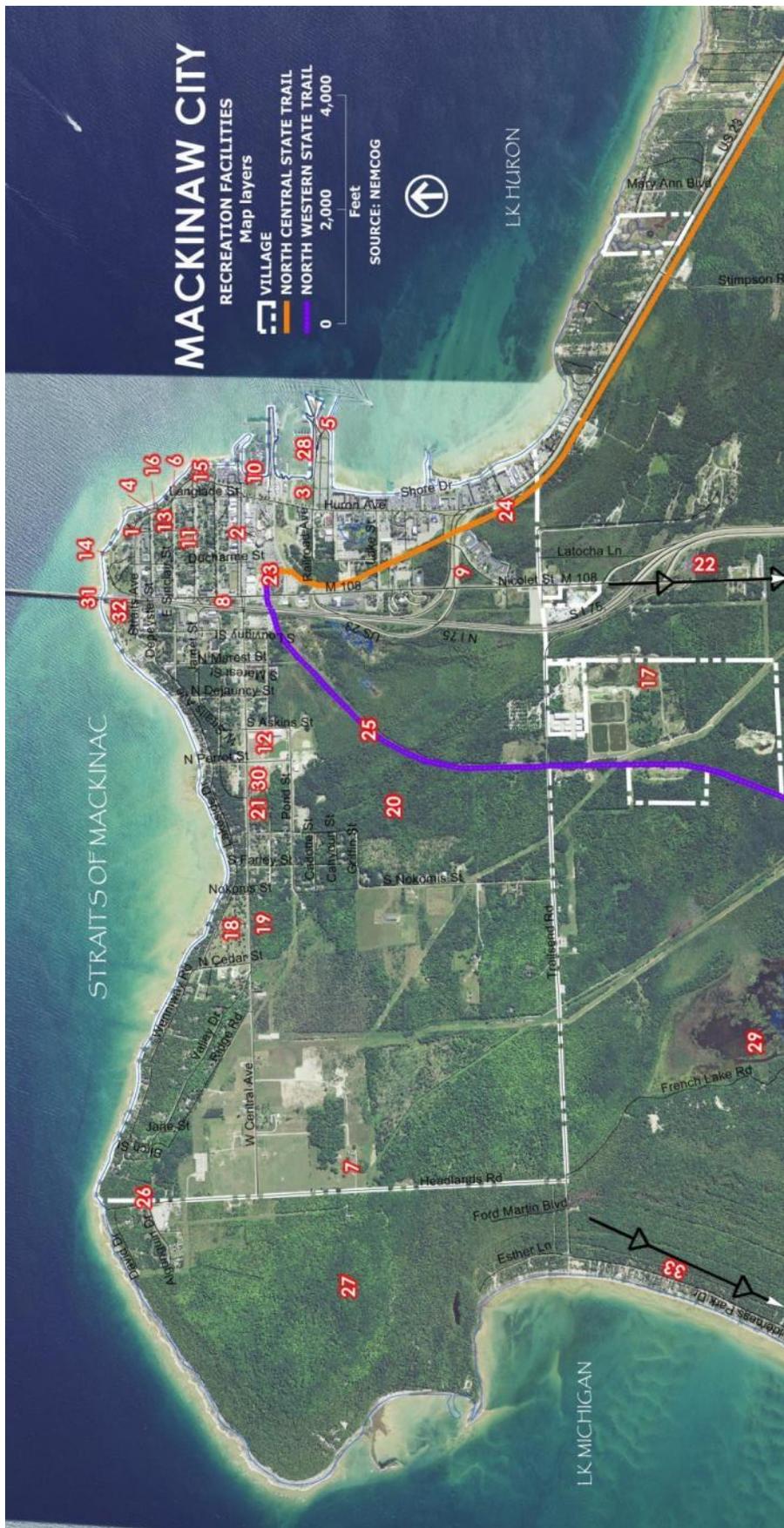


Figure 4 - Mackinaw City's Recreation Facilities. Source: Mackinaw City

Type: Community Park

Service Area: Village of Mackinaw City

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 4 (all of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines) This park provides accessible routes to and around the park, barrier-free parking, proper signage, handicap-accessible benches and picnic tables.

2. **ARNOLD TRANSIT COMPANY PARK:** This 0.4 acre park is located in downtown Mackinaw City. It provides a swing set, slide, picnic tables and benches. There is no bathroom or water at the park, but those amenities are available at the nearby Village Hall and on DuCharme Street.

Type: Private Park with short term lease by Village

Service Area: Village of Mackinaw City

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 1 (none of the facilities meets accessibility guidelines)

This playground does not have any features which are accessible to those with disabilities. There is no ground-level playground equipment present, and the playground surface is sand and grass. No wheelchair-accessible routes are available into the playground. Picnic tables located on the property are not accessible and located away from paved areas.

3. **CONKLING HERITAGE PARK:** Located just north of the Straits Harbor, Conkling Heritage Park is the location of the performance shell and events area. This 4.5 acre park also offers a handicap-accessible picnic table and an observation deck for viewing over the lake, as well as the following facilities:

- Carving of Edgar Conkling
- Performance Shell
- Observation Deck
- Bell tower/Sound booth
- Five (5) park benches
- One (1) historic pathway marker
- Three (3) trash receptacles
- Concrete paved sidewalks
- Handicap Accessible Bathrooms
- Two Buoys



The park hosts a free concert series every summer as well as many other community events. It was formed under a cooperative effort between the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Village through a long term lease. It provides the residents and visitors with over 500 feet of waterfront access along South Huron Avenue.

Type: Community Park

Service Area: Village of Mackinaw City, Region

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 4 (all of the facilities meets accessibility guidelines) This park features paved walkways, some benches and an observation deck which can support the recreational needs of those with disabilities. The performance shell itself is entirely compliant with accessibility guidelines.

4. **DEPEYSTER PARK:** This 0.2 acre park is located on North Huron Avenue across from Depeyster Street. It provides waterfront access, as well as one picnic table, one trash receptacle and three interpretive kiosks.

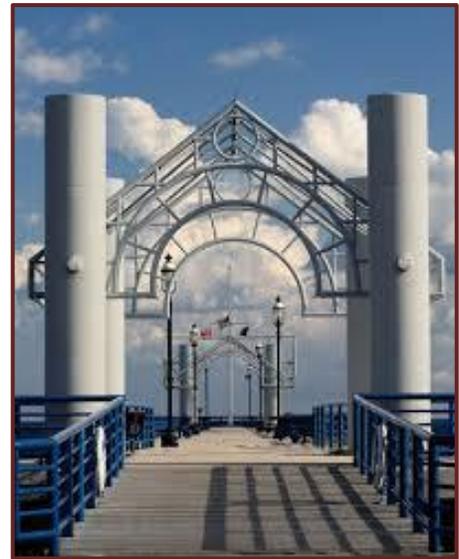
Type: Community Park

Service Area: Village of Mackinaw City

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 3 (most of the facilities meets accessibility guidelines) This park features an accessible route into the park as well as accessible routes leading to and from it. The park also features accessible benches; however, disabled individuals may find difficulty accessing the sand beachfront.

5. **FISHING AND OBSERVATION PIER:** This dock juts 1,100 feet into Lake Huron and offers views of the waterfront from all sides. It offers a walking trail, benches, interpretive signs, rain gardens, environmentally compatible facilities and information markers. The dock provides views of the Mackinac Bridge, the islands and boat traffic entering and exiting the Village. Small wind turbine power many of the marina facilities. Mackinaw City leases the pier from the State of Michigan. Other features include:

- Twelve (12) fish cribs
- Two (2) pier structures
- Thirty-six (36) benches
- Four (4) trash receptacles
- Eight (8) Victorian lanterns
- Three (3) handicap-accessible picnic tables
- One (1) telescope
- Twelve (12) tie lines
- NOAA Weather and Lake Station



Type: Special Use

Service Area: Village of Mackinaw City, Region

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 4 (all of the facilities meets accessibility guidelines) The Fishing and Observation Pier meets all guidelines for such recreational facilities as set forth by the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Fishing Pier features an accessible walkway and railings, which can be used for walking assistance or safety rails.

6. **GARY WILLIAMS PARK:** This 0.8 acre park was formerly known as Sinclair Park and was renamed in honor of a departed Village Council member. The park is located along North Huron Avenue and provides spectacular waterfront views. The park also provides a telescope, two picnic tables, trash receptacle and two interpretive historical kiosks. The park was expanded to the north in 2013 with the purchase of an adjacent residential lot, funded by the Michigan Trust Fund and local donations.



Type: Mini-park

Service Area: Village of Mackinaw City

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 3 (most of the facilities meets accessibility guidelines) This park is mostly accessible through the provision of accessible routes into the park.

7. **HERITAGE VILLAGE:** Heritage Village/Nature Park was purchased as part of the Headlands Park transaction funded by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund, Emmet County, the Shotz Foundation, Little Traverse Conservancy, the McCormick Foundation and the Village of Mackinaw City in 1995. This 44-acre property was deeded to the Village in 2006. It is a unique facility that is designed to provide the recreational opportunity to experience culture and history of the Straits area while providing facilities and programs to enjoy wildlife and plant viewing.

The park includes the following facilities:

- Freedom School
- Historic Pestilence House
- Historic Log Cabin
- Two storage buildings
- Vintage baseball field
- ¾ mile nature trail system
- Seven (7) nature trail information markers
- One (1) water well
- Two (2) horseshoe pits
- Historic Church
- Restroom facilities by way of portable units
- Stimpson Homestead
- Community Gardens
- Parking area
- Cross County running course
- Picnic pavilion
- Orchard
- Sawmill
- Machine and tool shed
- Wigwam



Type: Community Park

Service Area: Village of Mackinaw City, Region

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 3 (most of the facilities meets accessibility guidelines) This is a developing park with limited facilities. Most of the buildings are barrier-free. The drives within the park are compacted gravel and the trail areas are smooth, compacted soil.

8. **INDIAN PATHWAYS PARK:** This 1.8 acre park was developed with the cooperation of the Michigan Department of Transportation. The State allowed the Village to build on this property, which is immediately adjacent to the I-75 corridor. It was beautified by the Village and the Mackinaw City Garden Club. This park is utilized by Village residents as well as

travelers looking for a pleasant place to enjoy an outdoor break and great view of the Mackinac Bridge. The following items are located at this facility:

- Five (5) park benches
- Three (3) picnic tables
- Four (4) trash receptacles
- One (1) grill
- One (1) drinking fountain
- Two (2) interpretive historical kiosks

Type: Community Park

Service Area: Village of Mackinaw City, Region

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 3 (most of the facilities meets accessibility guidelines) This park has accessible routes to the park, but no paved walkways serve the park, meaning that the picnic tables and other facilities are inaccessible to disabled individuals.

9. **MCRAE NATURE PARK:** McRae Nature Park is a 3.9 acre undeveloped park located on Michigan Department of Transportation property bounded by state highways. This facility features a 500-foot wood-chip trail offering views of wetland area and an opportunity to view small wildlife. The trail was developed by volunteers, including a local Girl Scout Troop. There are no items to be inventoried at McRae Park.

Type: Community Park/Natural Resource Area

Service Area: Village of Mackinaw City

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 1 (some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines) McRae Nature Park is primarily undeveloped and therefore lacks features such as parking areas, and other facilities, which support the recreational needs of the disabled.

10. **MUNICIPAL MARINA:** This facility was built and constructed using Federal and State funds. The Marina is a harbor of refuge for transient vessels using the Straits area. Shower and bathroom facilities are available for those docking at the Marina. The Marina lawn provides a gathering place for community events, band concerts, and other such activities. A monument is located on the Marina lawn memorializing Mackinaw City's war veterans. The facilities feature restrooms and shower facilities, an indoor boater recreation area, and a boater information center with Internet access. This Park is home to three civil war cannons from the USS Hartford, which played an important role in the battle for New Orleans during the Civil War.



A brief inventory of Marina facilities is as follows:

- One hundred-four (104) boat slips

- Restroom and shower facilities for transient boaters
- One (1) restroom facility for the general public
- Boater information center
- Boater recreation room
- Electrical hookup capabilities.
- Pump-out facilities
- Fuel facilities
- Veterans Memorial
- Two (2) interpretive historical kiosks
- Parking
- Benches, grills and trash receptacles
- Picnic areas for boaters
- Bike racks

Type: Marina

Service Area: Village of Mackinaw City/Region

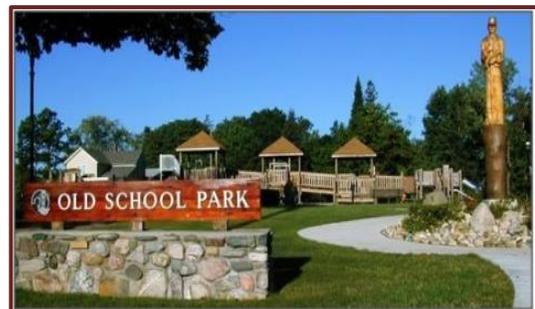
Barrier-Free Accessibility = 4 (all of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines)

The Marina has been constructed in strict compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Marina features slips, which are entirely accessible, barrier-free launch ramps, appropriate parking spaces, and all shower and restroom facilities are accessible.

11. **OLD SCHOOL PARK:** The Village of Mackinaw City purchased the property on which Old School Park is located from the Mackinaw Public Schools in 1984. The 2.3 acre property is the former site of the Mackinaw City Elementary and High Schools. The Village of Mackinaw City purchased the property for the purpose of developing a neighborhood park using Village resources. Over \$18,000 was raised for the construction of the playground, which was constructed using volunteer labor and dedicated on September 28, 1996. The park forms a center for community and visitor activities, especially those of children.

Below is an inventory of park amenities at the site.

- 70' x 46' Play Structure
- Four (4) spring toys
- One (1) five-place swing set
- One (1) backhoe digger
- One (1) wooden bicycle rack
- Three (3) trash receptacles
- Five (5) picnic tables
- Six (6) park benches
- Three (3) Victorian lanterns
- One (1) picnic pavilion
- One (1) historic display plaque
- One (1) drinking fountain
- One (1) basketball court
- Two (2) backboards/rims



- One (1) toy backhoe slide
- One (1) toy bulldozer
- Two (2) memorial plaques
- Concrete pathways
- Light landscaping and open areas
- Life size carving of Perry Darrow

Type: Community Park

Service Area: Village of Mackinaw City

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 3 (most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines)

Old School Park and associated playgrounds have some accessible features, but the accessibility of the park could be improved. The park has accessible routes, with paved walkways leading both to and around the park area. Drinking fountains, benches, and ground-level play structures are accessible features of the park. The park contains a covered picnic pavilion area, which is accessible, but the playground surface is sand, which is not compatible with wheelchair usage.

12. **RECREATION COMPLEX:** The Mackinaw City Recreation Complex is located on 13.1 acres and is the Village's primary community park servicing the needs of participants in organized recreational activities. The Recreation Complex is used by the Village of Mackinaw City School District as a home field for baseball and softball activities. These fields also service the Mackinaw City Little League teams, and men's and coed softball leagues. The Recreation Center is also home ice for the Mackinaw City Skating Association.



The facility, with its locker room and ice making facilities, host dozens of hockey teams throughout the northern Lower Peninsula and the Upper Peninsula. The tennis courts are used by the school district for tennis instruction and are also enjoyed by residents and tourists alike, making it a facility that provides an important economic impact to the Village. This is especially true concerning the skating facility and use for large recreational events.

Currently, the following facilities exist in the outdoor portions of the Mackinaw City Recreation Complex:

- One (1) illuminated softball field with dugouts, permanent fencing and electric scoreboard
- One (1) non-illuminated regulation baseball/softball field with dugouts, scoreboard and concession stand/scoring table
- One (1) non-illuminated softball and little league field with dugouts
- Portable spectator bleachers
- One (1) concession stand with elevated scorer/announcers table
- Four (4) regulation tennis courts and practice wall with high-back fencing.
- One (1) asphalt basketball court with backboards/rims
- One (1) illuminated ice skating rink

- One (1) men/women restroom building
- One (1) picnic pavilion and barbecue pit area
- Miscellaneous playground equipment
- Eight (8) picnic tables
- Four (4) grills
- Three (3) drinking fountains

Additionally, the following facilities exist inside the Mackinaw City Recreation Center:

- One (1) illuminated ice skating rink with ice making system, skate sharpening room, locker room facilities and meeting rooms. The facility hosts organized events and activities throughout the year.
- One (1) seated leg press
- One (1) pressing station
- One (1) fly station
- One (1) cycle machine
- One (1) elliptical cycle machine
- One (1) stair-stepping machine
- One (1) free-weight set
- One (1) bench press machine
- One (1) Treadmill
- Six (6) free-standing basketball hoops
- Two (2) drinking fountains
- Eight (8) trash receptacles
- Two shower rooms with three showers in each.
- Men's and women's restrooms
- Unisex restrooms
- Free-standing lockers
- Two (2) Wall-mounted television
- Two (2) Zamboni ice maintenance vehicle
- Walking Track
- Kitchen Area

Type: Sports Complex

Service Area: Village of Mackinaw City/Region

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 3 (all of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines)

The Recreation Center was constructed according to the guidelines set forth by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The interior of the Recreation Center is compliant with the guidelines of the act. The exterior sections of the Recreation Complex are also largely compliant with a few exceptions. Access to the playing fields for disabled participants and spectators is limited due to no paved route leading to the fields. Additionally, there is no route to the basketball court, no ground level playground equipment exists, and the playground surface is sand.

13. **NANCY DAGWELL CAMPBELL PARK:** The Village of Mackinaw City purchased Campbell Park from a private property owner using Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant funding. The park is dedicated to Nancy Campbell, and is located along North Huron Avenue between Sinclair and Depeyster Streets. The 0.3 acre park provides one picnic table, benches and one interpretive historical kiosk.



Type: Community Park

Service Area: Village of Mackinaw City

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 1 (none of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines). This park is a preserved open grassy area along the waterfront and therefore is not accessible by disabled persons. There is no accessible route into the park and none of the park furniture is accessible due to its location on the grass.

14. **VILLAGE BEACHES:** Two public beach sites, totaling 3.9 acres, are also operated and maintained by the Village. These beaches are located approximately one-half mile west of the Village of Mackinaw City limits along Cecil Bay on Wilderness Park Drive. The Village of Mackinaw City maintains the lakefront properties at which the beaches are located under lease agreements with Wawatam Township and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Public port-a-potties are available at each site. The beaches are sandy with shallow water.

Type: Community Park

Service Area: Village of Mackinaw City/Region

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 1 Mackinaw City's public beaches are largely undeveloped and therefore lack features, which allow for accessibility by those with disabilities. The beaches lack appropriate accessibility in the parking areas, ground surface, and walkways between the parking lots restrooms and beaches.

15. **WAWATAM PARK:** Wawatam Park was also partially constructed with Coastal Zone Management Funds. The waterfront park provides views of Mackinac Island, the marina, and the Bridge. The park provides picnic facilities and a playground for children as well as a carving of Chief Wawatam, one of the Village's forefathers. Both residents and guests use Wawatam Park.



A detailed inventory is as follows:

- Two (2) park benches
- Ten (10) picnic tables
- Four (4) trash receptacles
- Two (2) grills
- Three (3) telescopes courtesy of local Lions Club

- One (1) drinking fountain
- One (1) public restroom
- Miscellaneous playground equipment
- Eight (8) interpretive historical kiosks
- Statue of Chief Wawatam

Type: Community Park

Service Area: Village of Mackinaw City/Region

Barrier-Free Accessibility = 3 (most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines)

Wawatam Park has accessible routes, including paved walkways, and accessible drinking fountains. However, many of the interpretive displays are located in grassy areas as are picnic tables, park benches, and playground equipment. The beach is not accessible for disabled individuals.

16. **MARITIME PARK:** Located on the waterfront the small park provides access to the water and views of the Mackinac Bridge and Island. The park has a bench, anchor, propeller, capstan and three interpretative signs.

Type: Community Park

Service Area: Village of Mackinaw City/Region

Barrier-Free Accessibility: 3

17. **MACKINAW CITY WIND TURBINE PARK AND FRISBEE GOLF COURSE:** Located on village property adjacent to the wind turbines and wastewater treatment facility, the park has two interpretive signs and a Frisbee course with 18 “holes.”

Type: Community Park

Service Area: Village of Mackinaw City/Region

Barrier-Free Accessibility: 1

18. **MACKINAW CITY CEMETERY:** The cemetery is located on Central Avenue and covers approximately 14 acres.

19. **MACKINAW CITY CEMETERY EXPANSION:** The 40 acre parcel was purchased for future expansion of the cemetery.

20. **UNNAMED 40 ACRE PARCEL:** Undeveloped lowland forested parcel of land located along the North Western State Trail. Most of the parcel is classified as wetlands. The parcel will be used for a cross-town trail, groundwater protection and wildlife habitat.

21. **UNNAMED 2 ACRE PARCEL:** Located on Central Avenue, the parcel was purchased by the village and buildings were removed.

22. **FORMER MACKINAW CITY AIRPORT PROPERTY:** The property is located on Linsley Road, south of Village in Carp Lake Township. Once used as the Municipal Airport, a portion of the property is now a golf course and the balance of the property is currently vacant.

Other Publicly-Owned Recreational Facilities in/adjacent to the Village

23. **NORTH CENTRAL STATE TRAILHEAD:** The Village has partnered with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources on the construction and maintenance of the Mackinaw City Trailhead and trail system within the Village. The Trailhead serves two Department of Natural Resources multi-use trails and offers recreation opportunities for hiking, biking, snowmobiling, and more. The Trailhead site features:
- parking area
 - informational kiosk
 - restrooms
 - picnic pavilion
 - bicycle parking
24. **NORTH CENTRAL STATE TRAIL:** The trail within the Village limits is paved. Compacted crushed limestone trails extend beyond the boundaries of the Village to other locations in northern Michigan as far as Cheboygan, Alpena, Gaylord and all points in between. A portion of these trails are also part of the North Country Trail System. It is expected that these trails will be further developed to other portions of the state. The northern terminus of the trail is located at the State Trailhead (see #17)
25. **NORTH WESTERN STATE TRAIL**
The rail-trail from Mackinaw City to Alanson and Petoskey will be upgraded to a trail surface of crushed and compacted limestone to improve summer use and enable bikers to use the trail, while still allowing winter use for snowmobiles. The northern terminus of the trail is located at the State Trailhead (see #17). Segments of the North Western State Trail within the Village have been paved. The trail provides a non-motorized connection to Wind Turbine Park and Frisbee Golf Course.
26. **McGULPIN POINT LIGHTHOUSE:** Emmet County owns and operates McGulpin’s Point Lighthouse Park in the Village limits. McGulpin’s Point Lighthouse was constructed in 1868 and operated until the construction of the Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse and fog signal station in 1892. The Lighthouse was in private ownership from 1906 to 2008 when it was purchased by Emmet County, renovated and open to the public for tours. For more information visit: <http://www.emmetcounty.org/mcgulpin/>
27. **HEADLANDS PARK:** Located immediately west of the Village is Emmet County’s Headlands Park, featuring 600 wooded acres and over 12,000 feet of lakefront. The Headlands Park offers one of the most breath taking views of Lake Michigan and is designated as a National Dark Skies Preserve. For more information visit: <http://www.emmetcounty.org/headlands/>
28. **STRAITS STATE HARBOR:** Owned and operated by the State of Michigan, the harbor is open from May 1st to October 15th. The harbor has 136 transient boat slips, restrooms, showers, laundry, electricity, water, pumpout, gasoline, diesel, boat launch, fishing pier, dog run, grills, picnic shelters, rubbish receptacles, recycle bins and an interpretive walking loop. Small wind turbines power many of the marina’s facilities.

29. **FRENCH FARM LAKE FLOODING STATE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA:** The Michigan Department of Natural Resources manages for wildlife dependent upon shallow floodings, with a specific emphasis on Mallard and Wood Ducks. The management area covers 2,948 acres and includes a launch at French Farm Lake for small boats. The North Country Trail passes through the management area.
30. **MACKINAW PUBLIC SCHOOLS:** The school provides K-12 education for area students. The school has a gymnasium that is used for non-school activities such as community meetings.
31. **MACKINAC BRIDGE:** The Mackinac Bridge connects the Lower and Upper Peninsulas functions as an interior gateway of Michigan. For first time visitors, just driving across the world's fifth longest suspension bridge is a memorable experience. Since its small start in 1958, the annual Labor Bridge Walk now draws between 40,000 and 80,000 people. The Bridge Authority partners with Mackinaw City on other walking and bicycling events.
32. **MACKINAC STATE HISTORIC PARKS:** Mackinaw City residents and visitors have access to a number of recreation facilities, which are not maintained by the Village. The Mackinac State Historic Parks Commission operates Colonial Michilimackinac and Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse within the Village limits; Historic Mill Creek and Discovery State Park and various facilities on Mackinac Island are nearby. Mackinac State Historic Parks estimates that over 100,000 people visit the attractions located in Mackinaw City. For more information visit: <http://mackinacparks.com/>
33. **WILDERNESS STATE PARK:** Located 11 miles west of Mackinaw City, Wilderness State Park has many miles of undeveloped beaches, 2,582 acres of Natural Area, 4,492 acres of Wilderness Area, hiking trails and camping.

Privately-Owned Recreational Facilities in/adjacent to the Village

The **Icebreaker Mackinaw Maritime Museum** is located on S. Huron Avenue in Mackinaw City. With a length of 290 feet and a beam of 74 feet 4 inches, the *Mackinaw* was the largest United States Coast Guard Cutter assigned to the Great Lakes. Decommissioned in 2006, she now resides at her namesake home of Mackinaw City and is open for public tours and group events.

Jack Pine Lumberjack Shows are located just 1.5 miles south of Mackinaw City and demonstrate the turn of the century skills of the lumberjack including chopping, sawing, axe throwing, cross-cut sawing and logrolling. The show educates the audience in the rich history of Michigan's logging past.

Mackinac Bridge Museum is located above MaMa Mia's Restaurant, and was created by the restaurant's owner, J. C. Stilwell, who was one of the Ironworkers who built the Mighty Mac. Ironworkers from around the country began donating items to the museum, including a diving suit, documents, photographs, and many tools and parts used during the construction of the Mackinac Bridge.

Mackinaw Club Golf Course is located three miles south of Mackinaw City. This 18-hole golf course is open to the public and also offers a driving range.

Miniature Golf Courses are located in the community and provide old fashion family entertainment.

Due to its strong tourism heritage, Mackinaw City and the outlying areas offer numerous lodging opportunities too numerous to mention here. The area offers parasailing and fishing charter opportunities, as well as multiple ferry service lines to Mackinac Island.

Regional Recreation in Cheboygan County

Complete information on all public and private recreational facilities can be found in the Cheboygan County Recreation Plan. Most students in Mackinaw City attend Mackinaw Public Schools in neighboring Emmet County. However, additional schools in Cheboygan County are as follows:

- Bishop Baraga Catholic School, Cheboygan
- Cheboygan Public Schools, Cheboygan
- Inland Lakes Public School, Tuscarora Twp.
- Wolverine Public Schools, Wolverine

In addition to facilities listed previously, below is a list of recreational sites in Cheboygan County by location.

Aloha Township

- Aloha Township Hall, mini-park
- Aloha State Park and Campground provides camping facilities, boat water and fishing access, Mullett Lake
- Lake Land Rd. boat water access site, Long Lake
- Coedy Trail boat water access site, Mullett Lake

Beaugrand Township

- Point Nipigon State Roadside Park – US 23

Benton Township

- Cheboygan State Park, Benton Township
- Benton Township Park, Benton Township
- Neuman Rd. boat water access site, Upper Black River
- McRae Rd. boat water access site, Cheboygan/Black Rivers
- Beebe Rd. boat water access site, Cheboygan River
- Mullett Lake Woods Rd. boat water access site, Mullett Lake
- Carter and McDonald Rds. boat water access site, Mullett Lake
- McDonald & Orchard Beach Rds. boat water access site, Mullet Lake
- Gower Lane & Beebe Rd. boat water access site, Mullett Lake
- Nine Mile Point State Roadside Park – US 23
- Abrahamson Rd. boat water access site, Duncan Bay, Lake Huron

Burt Township

- Maple Bay State Forest Campground provides camping facilities, boat water and fishing access, Burt Lake
- White Goose Rd., boat water access site, Burt lake
- Lawless Lane boat water access site, Burt Lake
- Greenman’s Point Rd. boat water access site, Burt Lake
- Roberts Rd. boat water access site, Burt Lake
- Hardwood Rd. boat water access site, Burt Lake
- Brutus Rd. boat water access site, Burt Lake
- Needles Rd. boat water access site, Burt Lake
- Hoppie’s Launch boat water access site, Burt Lake
- Maple Bay Marina

Ellis Township

- Hazard & Afton Rds. boat water access site, Pigeon River
- Scott Rd. boat water access site, Sturgeon River

Grant Township

- Grant Township Hall – mini-park
- Twin Lakes Recreational Area
- Dorvia Beach Rd. boat water access site, Black Lake
- Zolner Rd. boat water access site, Black Lake
- Taylor Rd. boat water access site, Black Lake
- Birch Ridge Rd. boat water access site, Black Lake
- Kuras Drive boat water access site, Upper Black River
- Onaway Dump Rd. public fishing access site, Upper Black River
- Black Mountain Recreation Area
- Black Mountain Pathway Trailhead, Dorvia Beach Rd.
- Black Mountain Pathway Trailhead, Black Mountain Rd.
- Bummer’s Roost Motorcycle Trailhead

Hebron Township

- Dingman Marsh State Wildlife Flooding Area

Inverness Township

- Foote Road Beach, Mullet Lake
- Polish Line Beach, Mullet Lake
- Bowling alley
- Pully Rd. boat water access site, Cheboygan/Black Rivers
- Mullet lake Rd. boat water access site, Mullett Lake
- Bayshore Drive boat water access site, Mullett Lake
- Silver Beach Rd. boat water access site, Mullett Lake

Koehler Township

- Afton Softball Fields
- Jellystone Park Campground
- Cochran Lake Drive boat water access site, Cochran Lake
- Lakeside Drive & Parrott Point Drive boat water access site, Mullett Lake
- Eddy Rd. boat water access site, Pigeon River
- Big Sky Trail & Skiera Rd. boat water access site, Pigeon River
- Roberts Lake Rd. boat water access site, Roberts Lake

Mackinaw Township

- Historic Mill Creek State Park and Campground

Mentor Township

- Hackwood State Forest Campground
- Weber Lake State Forest Campground - boat water access site and Lost Tamarack Trailhead
- White Road boat water access site, Sturgeon River
- S. Straits Hwy & Hackwood Rd. boat water access site, Sturgeon River

Mullett Township

Topinabee Beach Park

- Mullet Township Park
- Devereaux Lake Rd. boat water access site, Mullett Lake
- Woodruff St. boat water access site, Mullett Lake
- Boy Scout Camp Picnic Area
- Topinabee softball fields and tennis courts

Munro Township

- Munro Township Picnic Grounds
- University of Michigan Biological Station
- N. Wilson Rd. water boat access site, Douglas Lake
- Bentley Point Drive boat water access site, Douglas Lake
- Ashton Bay Rd. boat water access site, Douglas Lake
- Young Rd. boat water access site, Douglas Lake
- Van Rd. boat water access site, Douglas Lake
- S. Pell's Island Dr. boat water access site, Douglas Lake
- Lancaster Lake Rd. boat water access site, Lancaster Lake
- Brandau Rd. boat water access site, Munro Lake
- Tomahawk Motorcycle Trailhead

Nunda Township

- Webb Rd. boat water access site, Pigeon River
- Shady Trail boat water access site, Pigeon River
- Campsite Road boat water access site, Pigeon River

Tuscarora Township

- Burt Lake State Park and Campground – provides camping, boat water access sites, beaches on Burt Lake
- Cooperation Park - softball and soccer fields, basketball and tennis courts, outdoor ice rink and warming house
- Plymouth Beach Rd. boat water access site, Burt Lake
- Shawnee Ave. boat water access site, Burt Lake
- Wahbee Ave. boat water access site, Burt Lake
- Ellinger Rd. at King's Pt. boat water access site, Burt Lake
- Chippewa Beach Rd., boat water access site, Burt Lake
- East Fisher Rd. boat water access site, Burt Lake
- King Rd. boat water access site, Burt Lake
- Rotter Rd. boat water access site, Burt Lake
- North Hamilton Drive and Resort Rd. boat water access site, Burt Lake

- Hamilton Rd. and N. Hamilton Drive boat water access site, Burt Lake
- Mundt Rd. boat water access site, Burt Lake
- S. Grandview Beach & Pleasant Beach boat water access site, Mullett Lake
- Fisher Woods Rd. boat water access site, Sturgeon River
- Indian River Marina
- Landings Resort and Marina
- Inland Waterway Trailhead
- Wildwood Hills Pathway Trailhead
- Tuscarora Township Library

Walker Township

- Dog Lake State Wildlife Flooding Area, Walker Twp

Waverly Township

- Stewart Beach Rd. and County Line Rd. boat water access site, Black Lake
- Corbat Rd. boat water access site, Black Lake
- Klieber Rd. boat water access site, Black River/Klieber Pond
- Shanty Rapids Rd. boat water access site, Klieber Pond
- Twin School Rd. boat water access site, Klieber Pond
- Klieber Rd. boat water access site, Klieber Pond
- Osmun Rd. boat water access site, Osmun Lake
- Brady and Waveland Roads public fishing access site, Stoney Creek
- Stoney Creek State Wildlife Flooding Area

Wilmot Township

- Sturgeon River Roadside Park

City of Cheboygan

- Cheboygan County Marina
- Cheboygan County Fairgrounds
- Gordon Turner Park – soccer fields, volleyball and shuffleboard courts,
- Washington Park on Cheboygan River
- Kiwanis Park Playground
- Veterans Memorial Park
- Major City Park – health & exercise trail, softball fields, indoor ice rink
- Cheboygan County Soccer Fields, Cheboygan
- James Felix Merchant Neighborhood Park, Cheboygan
- Cheboygan River water boat access site
- S. Cheboygan River water boat access site
- Fisherman’s Landing fishing access site, Cheboygan River
- Cheboygan City Marina
- Cheboygan Harbor
- Johnson Marine
- Walstrom Marine
- Ferry to Bois Blanc Island
- Duncan Bay Boat Club
- Cheboygan Golf & Country Club
- Cheboygan Opera House
- Cheboygan River Range Lighthouse

- US Coast Guard Base
- Cheboygan Dam & Locks
- Cheboygan Youth Center
- Cheboygan Public Library
- Kingston Theatre movie theater

Village of Wolverine

- Village of Wolverine Park
- Wolverine softball fields

Regional Recreation in Emmet County

Complete information on all public and private recreational facilities can be found in Emmet County's Recreation Plan. In many respects, this county offers very similar recreational opportunities as Cheboygan County. However, Emmet County also offers access to recreational opportunities such as indoor swimming at the Harbor Springs Pool, Dark Sky Park at the Headlands, Camp Pet-o-Se-Ga, and downhill skiing at Nub's Nob and Boyne Highlands.

Communities	Name of Park/Facility	Ownership	Acreage	Service Area
Bear Creek Township	Round Lake, Add. #2	LTC	*14.0	township
	Sharkey, Reginald & Vivian	LTC	*2.2	township
	South Round Lake 1	LTC	*6.0	township
	South Round Lake 2	LTC	*3.9	township
	Little Traverse Wheelway	MDNR/ MDOT	7.8	regional
	Northwestern State trail	MDNR	23.0	regional
	State forest land	MDNR	*1,679.7	county
Bliss Township	Wilderness State Park (part)	MDNR	*10,697.0	regional
	Bliss Township Park	Township	35.2	township
	Bliss Township	Township	7.8	township
	State Forest Land	MDNR	2,671.9	county
Carp Lake Township	Paradise Lake Public Access	MDNR	1.7	Surrounding townships
	Village of Mackinaw City Forest	School	400.3	township
	Grange Hall Park	Township	3.3	township
	Paradise Lake Recreation Area	Township	12.5	township
	Lincoln Park	Township	50.4	township
	Paradise Lake Public Access: Dekruif Road	ECRC	*0.2	surrounding townships
	Paradise Lake Public Access: Sommers Rd	ECRC	*0.2	surrounding townships
	Paradise Lake Public Access: Pachy Road	ECRC	*0.2	surrounding townships
	Stony Point	LTC	46.5	township
	North Western State trail	MDNR	86.1	regional
	State Forest Land	MDNR	6,002.0	county
Center Township	Larks Lake Pioneer Park	Township	20.4	township
	Center Township forest	Township	35.7	township
	Township Hall/Park	Township	12.6	township
	Sims-Moffat	LTC	*70.0	township
	State Forest Land	MDNR	6,240.2	county
Cross Village Township	The Port of Cross Village "Port/Park"	Township	7.6	local
	Cross Village Community Center/Township Hall	Township	0.7	local
	Original Township Hall	Township	0.2	local
	Wilderness State Park (part)	MDNR	*74.1	regional
	Township Forest	Township	14.5	regional
	Enje Nkweshdat Wat	LTC	*35.0	township
	Cranmer	LTC	*4.5	township
	Ryan	LTC	*50.0	township
	Shurtleff	LTC	*0.4	township

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Cross Village Township	Fisher, Walter W. Family	LTC	*41.1	township
	Village Cross	LTC	*0.25	township
	State Forest Land	MDNR	1455.6	township
Friendship Township	Township Hall	Township	1.3	township
	Township Forest	Township	36.6	township
	Township Forest	Township	80.7	township
	John	LTC	*11.0	township
	Stutsmanville Bog	LTC	*64.5	area townships
	State Forest Land	MDNR	4,972.9	regional
Little Traverse Township	Township Hall	Township	*4.6	local
	Former Township Hall (M-119)	Township	0.8	township
	Little Traverse Beach	Township	*0.7	township
	Little Traverse Boat Launch	Township	2.0	county
	Little Traverse Community Center	Township	0.5	local
	Harbor Hills (lot 23)	Township	*.1	local
	Liegl Park Drive	Township	0.4	neighborhood
	M-119/W Conway Rd/ (open space)	Township	0.8	neighborhood
	Duvernay/Pleasantview Rd. (open space)	Township	*2.7	neighborhood
	Harbor Springs School (Athletic Field)	School	18.0	neighborhood
	Harbor Light School Soccer field	School	7.3	neighborhood
	Harbor Light School	School	8.0	neighborhood
	Mill Street Public Access	Township	*0.1	neighborhood
	Warren Street Public Access	Township	*0.1	neighborhood
	Roaring Brook Public Access	ECRC	*0.1	neighborhood
	Little Traverse Wheelway	MDNR/ MDOT	4.2	regional
	Bartley	LTC	*1.9	township
	Bissell	LTC	*9.5	township
	Black Forest Hall	LTC	*23.0	township
	Burley	LTC	*3.0	township
	Davis Family	LTC	*3.0	township
	Fairbairn	LTC	*5.3	township
	Fischer, A.C.	LTC	*42.0	township
	Fisk	LTC	*5.1	township
	Gateway	LTC	*40.0	township
	Goldman	LTC	*3.0	township
	Hailand, Sally & Art	LTC	*50.0	township
	James	LTC	*1.8	township
	James Addition	LTC	*1.4	township
	Kalman	LTC	*58.0	township
Kramer	LTC	*2.0	township	
Kuebler-Trippe	LTC	*34.0	township	

Communities	Name of Park/Facility	Ownership	Acreage	Service Area
Little Traverse Township	MacDonald	LTC	*14.0	township
	Meadowgate	LTC	*9.9	township
	Meadowgate Addition	LTC	*1.3	township
	Menonaqua Woods	LTC	*102.0	township
	LTC Recreation Area	LTC	*10.2	township
	North Country Trail		*4.5	regional
	Menonaqua Woods Add.	LTC	*1.5	township
	Morley	LTC	*3.0	township
	Pleasantview Woods	LTC	*9.0	township
	Ponshewaing	LTC	*21.0	township
	Renker	LTC	*0.5	township
	Roaring Brook	LTC	*20.0	township
	Rockwell	LTC	*6.1	township
	Sandford	LTC	*1.0	township
	Saviano	LTC	*0.6	township
	Schachinger	LTC	*3.0	township
	Schachinger II	LTC	*1.0	township
	Shumway	LTC	*4.0	township
	Watson	LTC	23.7	township
	West Wequetonsing	LTC	*14.0	township
Northwestern State trail	MDNR	1.2	regional	
State Forest Land	MDNR	*895.2	county	
Littlefield Township and Village of Alanson	Alanson Public School	Alanson School	98.3	neighborhood
	Alanson Public School forest	Alanson School	117.1	township
	School Ball Fields and Track	Alanson School	*20.57	village
	Alanson Village Park	Alanson	*1.4	village
	Bass Street Property	Alanson	0.4	village
	Island Sanctuary Park	Alanson	*1.44	Village
	Memorial Park	Alanson	*0.7	Village
	Hillside Garden	Alanson Beautification Center	*1.3	village
	Littlefield Township Fire Department	Littlefield	*7.67	m
	Walter Dow Roadside Park	Littlefield	0.3	township
	Powers Road property	Littlefield	19.5	township
	Moore Road property	Littlefield	37.8	township
	Oden Community Association Park	Oden Com. Association	*5.71	neighborhood
	Oden Community Association Gazebo	Oden Com. Association	*.27	neighborhood

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Littlefield Township Village of Alanson	Pickerel Lake Public Access: Mission Rd.	ECRC	*0.3	surrounding townships
	Woodruff Park	SOM	0.8	neighborhood
	Black Hole	LTC	*5.5	township
	Clements	LTC	*16	township
	Drayton	LTC	40.0	township
	Kreag	LTC	*5.0	township
	Lossing-Harrington	LTC	*8.4	township
	Oden Island	LTC	53.6	township
	Ponshewaing Preserve	LTC	21	township
	Williams	LTC	*5.1	township
	Area surrounding Crooked River locks	MDNR	11.9	township
	Pickerel Lake access	MDNR	1.6	surrounding townships
	Northwestern State trail	MDNR	*6.9	regional
	Oden Fish Hatchery	MDNR	140.5	regional
State Forest Land	MDNR	*910.7	county	
McKinley Township Village of Pellston (part)	McKinley Township Park	Township	8.0	township
	McKinley Township Hall	Township	4.1	township
	Pellston Public School	School	21.7	neighborhood
	University of Michigan Regents	University of Michigan	2,848.8	regional
	Pellston Memorial Park	Village	1.7	village
	Bryan Wildlife	LTC	77.3	township
	Bryan Wildlife Addition	LTC	37.6	township
	Claes	LTC	8.8	township
	Roberts	LTC	8.8	township
	Arbaugh	LTC	39.5	township
	Northwestern State trail	MDNR & County	72.0	regional
State Forest Land	MDNR	6,970.6	county	
Maple River Twp. Village of Pellston (part)	Township Hall	Township	0.6	township
	Township Forest (Tower Road)	Township	40.3	township
	Township Forest (Section 21)	Township	77.2	township
	S.A. McClutchey Memorial Field	Pellston School	14.9	village
	Maple River access	Pellston	.002	village
	Pioneer Park	Pellston	46.1	village
	Philip J. Braun Nature Preserve	LTC	*125	regional

Communities	Name of Park/Facility	Ownership	Acreage	Service Area
Maple River Township Village of Pellston (part)	University of Michigan Regents	University of Michigan	309.8	regional
	Pellston Public School Forest	Pellston Public School	159.6	township
	Northwestern State trail	MDNR	69.8	regional
	State Forest Land	MDNR	1,827.5	county
Pleasantview Twp.	State Forest Land	MDNR	9,937.3	county
	Harbor Springs Schools forest	School	159.1	township
Readmond Township	Readmond Twp. Hall Wormwood Rd.	Township	26.4	township
	Middle Village Park	Township	4.1	area townships
	Readmond Township Park Preserve	Township	41.0	township
	Goodhart Farms	LTC	*557.2	township
	Goodhart Farms addition	LTC	*38.5	township
	Johnston, Elmer	LTC	*220.0	township
	State Forest Land	MDNR	5,564.0	county
Resort Township	Eppler property	Township	20.5	township
	Doernenberg property	Township	15.1	township
	Resort Pike Park	Township	0.7	township
	Morford Park	Township	0.2	township
	Parcel between Resort Pike and Lake Grove	Township	43.8	township
	West Park	Township	34.8	township
	East Park	Township	36.7	regional
	Townsend Road Access	ECRC	*0.2	township
	Stolt Road End Access	ECRC	*0.2	township
	Reycraft Preserve	Private/ com. forest	37.9	township
	Petoskey Public School forest	School	9.6	township
	Multiple Walloon Lake Conservancy properties	WLC	491.0	township
	Kinglet	LTC	*40.0	township
	Kinglet Addition	LTC	*13.0	township
	Little Traverse Wheelway	City of Petoskey/ MDOT/ Bay Harbor	4.7	regional
Springvale Township	Township Park Rd. Park	Township	2.0	township
	Channel Rd. Park	Township	0.8	township
	Township Hall area	Township	38.1	township
	Graham Rd.	Township	0.12	township
	Crooked Lake Public Access: Glenn Rd.	Township	0.1	township

Communities	Name of Park/Facility	Ownership	Acreage	Service Area
Springvale Twp.	Crooked Lake Public Access: Birch Rd.	Township	0.1	township
	Crooked Lake Public Access: Elizabeth St.	Township	0.1	township
	Pickerel Lake Public Access: Artesian Ln	ECRC	.12	township
	Pickerel Lake Public Access: Botsford Rd.	ECRC	*0.1	township
	Crooked Lake Public Access: Graham Rd	ECRC	.12	township
	Johnston, Ray	LTC	*52.3	township
	Laughbaum	LTC	*2.0	township
	McCune, Allan and Virginia	LTC	*168.0	township
	Rocky Point	LTC	*27.0	township
	Channel Road Park	MDNR	1.6	county
	State Forest Land	MDNR	10,574.6	county
Wawatam Twp. & Mackinaw City (Parks in Emmet County)	(Beach 1)	Township	1.4	township
	Recreation Complex	Village	*13.1	village, region
	Fort Michilimackinac	State of Michigan	*27.9	village, region, State
	French Farm Lake Public Access	ECRC	*0.2	county
	Heritage Village	Village	*44.0	region
	Wind Turbine Park	Village	*3.0	village
	Indian Pathways Park	Village	*1.8	village
	Township Forest	Township	*117.2	township
	Mackinaw City Public School Forest	school	62.4	township
	Northwestern State trail and trailhead	MDNR	*53.5	regional
State Forest Land	MDNR	*4,648.5	county	
West Traverse Township	Cook Property	Township	9.9	township
	Ridge Road "80"	Township	81.6	township
	Forty Acres on Hughston Road	Township	40.2	township
	Edwards	LTC	*3.2	township
	Five Mile Creek Swamp I	LTC	*27.0	township
	Five Mile Creek Swamp II	LTC	*24.0	township
	Five Mile Creek Swamp III	LTC	*9.5	township
	Five Mile Creek Swamp-Horner Add.	LTC	*30.0	township
	Raunecker, Nass and Mauger	LTC	*40.0	township
	Weimer's Lake	LTC	*12.2	township
	Winston Charles S.Jr.	LTC	*50.0	township
	Thorne Swift Nature Preserve	LTC	*30.0	township
	Commons area of Middle Road	State of Michigan	1.9	neighborhood

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City of Petoskey	Bates Park	City	*7.0	Regional
	Bayfront Park	City	*25.0	regional
	Bear River Valley Recreation Area	City	*36.0	regional
	Curtis Park	City	*7.8	neighborhood
	Curtis Stadium	School	*6.0	regional
	Library Courtyard Park	City	*0.5	neighborhood
	Little Traverse Wheelway	City	*8.0	regional
	Lockwood Park	City	*2.8	neighborhood
	Magnus Park	City	*21.2	regional
	McLaughlin Field	School	*3	regional
	Memorial Park	City	*0.5	neighborhood
	Mineral Well Park	City	*1.5	neighborhood
	Pennsylvania Park	City	*2.7	regional
	Quarry Park	City	*2.5	neighborhood
	Riverbend Park	City	*2.5	regional
	River Road Sports Complex	City	*91.0	regional
	Skyline Trail	City	*865.0	regional
	Solanus Mission Beach	City	*1.0	neighborhood
	Sunset Park	City	*1.0	neighborhood
	Triangle Park	City	*0.25	neighborhood
	Turcott Park	City	*3.0	regional
	Veterans Park	City	*0.25	neighborhood
	Washington Park	City	*5.0	neighborhood
	Winter Sports Park	City	*30.0	regional
	North Central Community College	NCMC	*265.0	county
	Central School	School	*1.7	neighborhood
	Lincoln School	School	*2.0	neighborhood
	Ottawa Elementary School	School	*9.5	neighborhood
Petoskey H.S.-Middle School Rec. Complex	School/City	*15.0	regional	
St. Francis Xavier	School	3.0	neighborhood	
Sheridan Elementary School	School	*5.0	neighborhood	
City of Harbor Springs	Public Marina	City	*2.0	city
	Ford Park	City	*2.3	neighborhood
	Zoll Street Beach	City	*0.3	neighborhood
	Deer Park	City	*15.0	neighborhood
	Ottawa Indian Stadium	City	*7.0	neighborhood
	Tourist Park	City	*2.0	neighborhood
	Municipal Park	City	*15.0	city
	Zorn Park	City	*3.0	neighborhood
	Kiwanis Park	Kiwanis	19.4	neighborhood
	Harbor Springs Public	School	*50.5	neighborhood
	Leslie	LTC	*5.0	neighborhood
	Leslie Addition	LTC	*0.5	neighborhood

Status Report on Grant-Assisted Recreational Facilities

Grant #	Park Name	Scope Item/Current Condition
26-01152	Wawatam Park	Completed
TF88-181	Fishing & Observation Pier	Completed
TF90-286	Nancy Dagwell Campbell Park	Completed
BF93-189	Recreation Complex	Completed
CM99-094	Mackinaw City Recreation Complex	Completed
TF10-046	Conkling Heritage Park	Completed
TF12-022	Gary R. Williams Park	Completed

See Attachment C for Post-Completion Self Certification Reports

CHAPTER 5: GOALS & OBJECTIVES/ACTION PLAN

Goals & Objectives: Goals and objectives were developed from the public input session as well as by input from the Village Council and Planning Commission. Table 3 contains the Capital Improvements Schedule.

GOAL 1: Promote Village Recreation Programs and Facilities

OBJECTIVE 1: More promotion is needed of the recreational programs, facilities, and events. A marketing campaign will be established to communicate the recreational assets to the users. The three target audiences for any promotional efforts are residents of all ages, visitors and business owners. Business owners, primarily hotel owners, can be promoting the many assets of the parks, recreation and greenways system to the overnight visitors. The recreation system is an important asset that will also promote the Village as a year-round destination for new businesses and residents.

- a. **ACTION:** Develop a recreational map that shows all available public and private recreational opportunities for residents and visitors. Promote and market these maps to all available user groups. Maps and brochures will promote quiet sports, hiking, hunting, fishing, mushrooming, bird watching, geocaching, nature studies and wild food plant gathering.
- b. **ACTION:** Produce maps that promote the recreational trails, blueways and greenways in Mackinaw City and the surrounding region. These maps will include suggested routes for bicyclists, hikers, snowmobilers, kayakers, cross-country skiers and people who want to enjoy all sorts of outdoor activities.
- c. **ACTION:** Distribute maps to local residents as well as hotel visitors, day visitors and potential eco-tourists who are not yet aware of the recreational opportunities in and around Mackinaw City. For example, the Village's Historical Pathway, which highlights over 45 historic markers in a three-mile walking loop, providing education and exercise.
- d. **ACTION:** Coordinate with regional web based recreation marketing efforts such as the US-23 Heritage Route, Up-North Trails, and Great Lakes Water Trails to assure Mackinaw City assets are incorporated and updated. Provide links to these sites from the Village, Chamber and Visitors Bureau web sites.
- e. **ACTION:** Install maps at strategic locations on the two State Trails and provide maps of regional trail and trail/pathways/parks within Mackinaw City.
- f. **ACTION:** Expand upon the current Spring Raptor Count by working in partnership with the Mackinac Straits Raptor Watch to establish a straits birding trail. Develop a map/brochure promoting the birding trail and distribute locally and on the web site. Enter the birding trail information on the US-23 Heritage Route and other regional recreation/marketing web sites.
- g. **ACTION:** Erect a community bulletin board to display events and activities.

- h. **ACTION:** Develop a multi-purpose community center with space for exhibits, art classes, meetings, visitor center, library, and leasable space.
- i. **ACTION:** Develop a wayfinding program to guide visitors to key attractions within the community.

OBJECTIVE 2: Expand the parks system concept to include blueways/water trails and develop maps and web links to market these amenities. The lakeshore is an important attraction for our visitors, but it is not marketed as widely as it could be for boaters. Water trails is a concept that is being adapted in other northern Michigan communities. A water trail is a suggested route for boaters, whether motorized or non-motorized. The Huron Shores Blueways Water Trail, part of the US-23 Heritage Route, is a web based water trail along the Lake Huron coast from the Straits south to Tawas. Current trail organization efforts will connect the Huron Shores Blueways to Lake Michigan Coastal water trails and the Inland Waterway Trail.

- a. **ACTION:** More marketing material will be produced to promote our marina, water access points, and water trails. Work with the Mackinaw Area Visitors Bureau, Mackinaw Area Chamber of Commerce, Emmet County, Cheboygan County, townships, State Parks and regional development organizations to market these recreational assets. Coordinate with the US-23 Heritage Route and Great Lake Water Trails initiative to enhance regional links to our parks, greenways and blueways systems.

GOAL 2: Ensure Adequate Maintenance and Barrier-Free Access to All Parks

OBJECTIVE 1: Maintain park facility cleanliness and facility quality.

- a. **ACTION:** Identify required maintenance activities for placement in the budget and ensure that maintenance crews are adequately staffed and equipped to maintain facilities.
- b. **ACTION:** Continue to upgrade and repair signs in parks.

OBJECTIVE 2: Improve parks to meet accessibility guidelines.

- a. **ACTION:** Identify improvements needed to meet accessibility and universal design guidelines and develop a capital improvement schedule to complete projects.
- b. **ACTION:** Conkling Park – Upgrade to allow persons in wheelchairs to view the water and horizon from the overlook.

OBJECTIVE 3: Select and upgrade a park to state of the art, barrier-free design that can be promoted as a model for other communities in the mid-west.

GOAL 3: Enhance Facilities and Aesthetics of Existing Waterfront Parks

OBJECTIVE 1: Existing waterfront parks are highly valued by visitors and residents alike. These

parks are quiet, natural beach areas where families can picnic and play games. Minor enhancements such as additional seating and landscaping will be added to the parks with the goal of simple design, natural features and universal accessibility. Parks will be featured as well-landscaped parks that offer a peaceful experience, enhance public access to the waterfront, provide pristine waterfront views and contain the proper facilities to meet the public's needs.

- a. **ACTION:** Implement sustainable landscape enhancements to parks where needed.
- b. **ACTION:** Provide proper maintenance of parks to maintain and improve their aesthetic image.
- c. **ACTION:** Implement low maintenance systems in parks by using composite benches and tables, low maintenance vegetation, and sustainable parks.
- d. **ACTION:** Investigate low impact approaches such as planting specific vegetation and turf management to minimize nuisance of wild geese in developed village parks.
- e. **ACTION:** Seek funding and make needed repairs to the Fishing and Observation Pier.
- f. **ACTION:** Seek funding and make improvements at the Municipal Marina. Improvements include floating piers, composite decking, and upgraded electric.
- g. **ACTION:** The Gary Williams Park has been expanded with the purchase of an adjacent parcel. Make improvements to the site after structures have been removed. The park has been identified as the primary blueways water trail kayak launch site. The enhancements should be evaluated to be a model barrier free park.
- h. **ACTION:** Develop a maritime museum at Old Mackinaw Point.
- i. **ACTION:** Conduct study to determine feasibility of developing a cruise ship docking facility at the State Dock.
- j. **ACTION:** Upgrade interpretive signs in parks.
- k. **ACTION:** Provide bicycle access to all parks and bike racks where appropriate.

GOAL 4: Develop policies that preserve valuable natural and cultural assets that are either already in our park system or in need of acquisition as a park.

OBJECTIVE 1: Our parks and greenways are not only great attractions, they are essential to the health of the earth and its residents. This health is dependent upon the preservation of our natural and cultural resources. The parks system is the ideal method to ensure their development and preservation. Specific policies will be developed to use environmentally compatible landscaping and maintenance methods.

- a. **ACTION:** Projects will be implemented based on environmental compatibility.
- b. **ACTION:** Monitor potential impacts to community in relation to climate change and be proactive in making adjustments from impacts.
- c. **ACTION:** Use economic and environmental guidelines to work towards sustainable park management.
- d. **ACTION:** Work with Arts Council to augment parks.

OBJECTIVE 2: Develop policies to use material complementary to natural surroundings and

incorporate historic structures and design into future projects.

- a. **ACTION:** Projects will be constructed using materials to complement natural settings.
- b. **ACTION:** Use suitable historic artifacts as part of park furniture.

OBJECTIVE 3: Parks will be utilized as environmental education tools.

- a. **ACTION:** Cooperation will be sought with Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, Little Traverse Conservancy, Emmet County and local schools to promote the use of parks as environmental education areas.
- b. **ACTION:** The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB) has interest in installing nature interpretive signs along the State Trails and developing a nature center. The community will work with LTBB to implement the activity.
- c. **ACTION:** Develop environmental education partnerships with universities and colleges.
- d. **ACTIONS:** Monitor climate impacts and develop education displays at one of the waterfront parks.

OBJECTIVE 4: Historic preservation will be a priority for all parks and greenways.

- a. **ACTION:** The Village will continue to cooperate with the Mackinaw Area Historical Society and the Mackinac State Historic Parks to identify properties and structures with historical value and incorporate them into our parks system, especially the Heritage Village Park. The Heritage Village/Nature Park is adjacent to the Headlands, an Emmet County park, which provides trails and beaches for visitors and residents. The Heritage Village/Nature Park is a primary park for hosting family-oriented activities that feature history-related activities as well as provide access and programs featuring the natural resources within the park.
- b. **ACTION:** Create an ordinance to protect buried artifacts.

OBJECTIVE 5: New parks to be acquired will have higher priority if they have historic or natural preservation attributes.

- a. **ACTION:** Continue to pursue the purchase of property that protects or provides access to important natural resources or historic property.
- b. **ACTION:** Acquire, either by purchasing or easements, a buffer of land along the entire North Western State Trail in the Village to protect the wild feeling of the trail.

OBJECTIVE 6: Adopt a lighting ordinance to support the Dark Sky effort at The Headlands.

- a. **ACTION:** Research ordinance language and develop the ordinance.
- b. **ACTION:** The Village Council will hold a public hearing and adopt the ordinance.

GOAL 5: Improve connections to the parks and between parks

The most effective parks are part of a system of recreational resources. The parks must be

connected with other parks, neighborhoods and areas with concentrations of user groups. These connections include sidewalks and greenways. More sidewalks and non-motorized greenways will be considered when road improvements and funding allow, with the goal to ensure safe routes to the parks from the homes and public areas they serve.

OBJECTIVE 1: Continue to pursue the completion of a walkway along the waterfront connecting the State Dock with the Village Marina.

- a. **ACTION:** The Village will work with the property owners in this area as well as the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians to secure the necessary easements to construct the project.

OBJECTIVE 2: Design and pursue a western non-motorized connector from the village center to the Heritage Village/Nature Park, McGulpin Point Light and The Headlands. This approach will use wide paved shoulders along Central Avenue, Ridge Road and Headlands Road. Bicycle facilities on wide paved shoulders are marked and designated. On-road facilities can be as simple as a wider than normal travel lane on low volume streets, or a wide paved shoulder designed to ASHTO standards. Narrow, striped lanes, specifically dedicated to bicycle use, are becoming more common in communities.

- a. **ACTION:** Meet with appropriate road agencies to discuss proposed project.
- b. **ACTION:** Pursue grant funding, such as transportation enhancement funds and private contributions to design and construct the pathway.
- c. **ACTION:** Design facility.
- d. **ACTION:** Construct bicycle trail connectors. Where possible, coordinate construction of wide paved shoulders with roadway improvements.
- e. **ACTION:** Pave a connector between North Western State Trail and Cadillac Street for bicycle groups using the Recreation Center.

OBJECTIVE 3: Design and pursue a western connector pathway that will connect the central village residential neighborhoods with the west side Heritage Village/Nature Park and Emmet County's parks. The pathway will utilize public land, undeveloped rights-of-way and possible easements on private land to create a greenway in a natural setting. This will be used for bicycling and walking in the summer and cross-country skiing in the winter.

- a. **ACTION:** Contact property owners to request easements for trail use across their properties.
- b. **ACTION:** Pursue grant funding and private contributions to design and construct the pathway.
- c. **ACTION:** Design connector trail routes.
- d. **ACTION:** Construct trail connectors.

OBJECTIVE 4: Develop land use policies to require developer-installed sidewalks and greenways in new commercial and residential developments to provide access to parks and enhance pedestrian walkability. Establish zoning ordinance requirements for parks in clustered residential developments.

- a. **ACTION:** Implement new ordinance requirements to require sidewalks, greenways and parks in new developments.

OBJECTIVE 5: Enhance regional connections to our parks system.

- a. **ACTION:** Continue working with the DNR, counties and townships to connect Village parks and trails with local, county and state trails.
- b. **ACTION:** Support the enhancement of the Northwestern State Trail, including paving the trail from village center south to the wind turbines.
- c. **ACTION:** Work with State Historic Parks to pave the North Eastern State Trail to Mill Creek Historic Park.

OBJECTIVE 6: Continue to make enhancements and additions to local trail networks while maintaining the existing trail infrastructure.

- a. **ACTION:** Implement the Trail Town Plan and Mackinaw City Hike & Bike Plan
- b. **ACTION:** Undertake studies and implement plans to address community interests and needs.
- c. **ACTION:** Link parks and trail systems to downtown businesses.
- d. **ACTION:** Integrate Mackinaw City Hike and Bike Plan recommendations into the Community Recreation Plan.
- e. **ACTION:** Acquire footprint or small parcel on Central Avenue in the downtown to use as a trail gateway.

OBJECTIVE 6: Promote quiet water sports by implementing the Huron Shores Blueways.

- a. **ACTION:** Establish a primary kayak launch site at a park north of the ferry docks. When usage increases install racks and gear lock facilities.
- b. **ACTION:** Install signs at designated Blueways access sites, both at street side and water side.

GOAL 6: Ensure that new and existing parks preserve open space and protect the natural state of the park's features.

Residents and visitors have indicated a strong preference for open space in the parks of Mackinaw City. This involves preserving an uncluttered, low-density park atmosphere. Many park planning documents emphasize maximum use of the parks by their users. When constructing attractions and facilities, all user groups of all abilities should be considered. The Village values its open space and natural resources.

OBJECTIVE 1: Mackinaw City's Parks, Recreation and Greenways Policies will be set forth to include low-density development encourage simple enjoyment of the outdoors.

- a. **ACTION:** All new parks or park expansions will, first and foremost, preserve the existing natural habitat as much as possible. Any necessary new construction will include environmentally conscious or recycled materials.
- b. **ACTION:** Parks should be monitored on a regular basis for invasive species. Identified plants should be removed and properly disposed of to limit spread and impacts. Planting of desirable replacement vegetation may be necessary.
- c. **ACTION:** Parks should be monitored on a regular basis for vegetation health and growth. Where appropriate plants will be pruned, removed or replaced.

GOAL 7: Continue to seek waterfront land for additions to the public park system.

OBJECTIVE 1: Continue the strategy to acquire lakefront property as it becomes available through a combination of funding sources such as state grants, non-profit grants, corporate donations, private donations, tax benefit donations and Village funding. Preserve the water views and water access throughout the Village for the long term. Waterfront land can only be acquired through long-term planning and financing.

- a. **ACTION:** The acquisition of additional waterfront park access for public use should be pursued when feasible. The acquisition of waterfront property would provide needed access and open space to the Straits of Mackinac for the residents and over one million people who visit the Village each year.
- b. **ACTION:** Kniffen Pond (Dry Dock Lake) continues to be a priority acquisition due to its value as a small natural area and birding site within in a mixed commercial/residential district. The site should be acquired for public purposes. Should the property be obtained, a boardwalk will be constructed.
- c. **ACTION:** Work with landowners to establish easements to waterfront where current development restricts access to Great Lakes.

GOAL 8: Build partnerships with other local units of governments, agencies, organizations and businesses to provide recreation facilities and programs to residents and visitors.

OBJECTIVE 1: The Village will continue to work with existing partnerships and explore new partnerships with local units of governments, tribal governments, agencies, organizations and businesses.

- a. **ACTION:** Work with the Mackinaw City Area Arts Council to add art along trails.
- b. **ACTION:** Develop a partnership with Wilderness State Park to promote each other's facilities and programs.
- c. **ACTION:** Conduct a study to identify opportunities for public-private partnerships to provide recreation to residents and visitors.

- d. **ACTION:** Establish a recreation fund, in partnership with the community foundation, where by people can make donations to the community recreation activities.
- e. **ACTION:** Investigate the establishment of a regional recreation collaborative.

GOAL 9: Adjust the amenities at the Recreation Complex.

OBJECTIVE 1: Expand the winter activities at the park including promoting the sledding hill and use of the original outdoor skating rink. Include more civic organizations' events at the recreation center. Partner with Mackinaw Public Schools to create more after-school youth activities at the complex.

- a. **ACTION:** Leverage Recreation Complex – Identify and promote other activities to better utilize and support the facility.

GOAL 10: Integrate recreation planning with community planning, zoning, economic development, resource conservation and transportation.

OBJECTIVE 1: Develop strategies to protect key viewsheds within the community. Areas of interest include:

- I-75 corridor
- Views of the water from streets and parks
- Limit building heights to maintain a pedestrian scale
- Parking along lakeside streets blocks views of water
- Trim trees and shrubs to improve views to the lake.

OBJECTIVE 2: Mackinaw City as well as other agencies and units of governments have developed plans for various aspects of the community. The village will take advantage of these efforts and work to implement appropriate components of the plans.

OBJECTIVE 3: Always consider the sustainability of park improvements and consider the relationship to economic development.

GOAL 11: Continue with tree inventory updates and utilize designation as a Tree City to raise awareness of their importance in beautification of the Village and long-term health of our environment.

OBJECTIVE 1: Conduct inventory of trees within Village parks.

- a. **ACTION:** Apply for DNR grant funding to conduct inventory.

OBJECTIVE 2: Continue Arbor Day celebrations to provide a greater appreciation of the role

trees play in preserving the health of our environment.

- a. **ACTION:** Continue to work with students, local residents and volunteers to hold Arbor Day celebrations and build our community forest.
- b. **ACTION:** Develop and distribute a list of preferred trees and shrubs suitable for planting in the community. Encourage landowners to participate in sustaining a healthy community forest.
- c. **ACTION:** Adopt a tree ordinance

OBJECTIVE 3: Replace as needed street and park trees to maintain a healthy community forest. Of particular concern are the dead and dying ash trees.

GOAL 12: Add family-oriented, youth and senior citizen activities and amenities to the parks and recreation svstem.

OBJECTIVE 1: Continue integrating families, seniors and youths into the parks planning process with focus group meetings and outreach to youth committees and senior civic organizations.

- a. **ACTION:** Continue to partner with the Wawatam Senior Center to determine the most effective programs for the elderly.
- b. **ACTION:** Continue to partner with the schools and their student councils to identify youth programs.
- c. **ACTION:** Establish and promote Geo-Caching sites with Mackinaw City that highlight historic, recreation and other community assets.

GOAL 13: Establish and communicate clear guidelines for beach cleaning so that they are enjoyable and protect the natural features as required by environmental laws.

OBJECTIVE 1: Provide clean public beaches consistent with State regulations to promote enjoyable use and protect the natural features of the shoreline.

- a. **ACTION:** Apply for state and federal permits to clean beaches below the high water elevation to improve conditions for public use.
- b. **ACTION:** Install signage at beaches to interpret Great Lakes coastal wetlands.

GOAL 14: Continue development of the Heritage Village/Nature Park by constructing additional interpretive facilities, parking lot, restroom facility and nature trail system; developing a landscape plan; and acquiring additional land to accommodate and promote the use of the park for cultural and nature education as well as promote access to natural resources such as wildlife viewing, night sky observation and rare plant observation.

OBJECTIVE 1: The Heritage Village/Nature Park is a unique facility that is designed to provide an educational opportunity to experience the culture and history of the Straits area while providing facilities and programs to enjoy wildlife, plant, geological and celestial viewing. The Village has partnered with the Mackinaw Area Historical Society to develop this park. The Historic Society's mission is to develop and provide events to help educate and continue the cultural and historical values of the Straits area from the late 1800s to World War I. The Historic Society also provides programs to review the geology, wildlife and plant life of the park. The park is currently in need of a parking lot, restroom facility, additional interpretive facilities, landscape buffers, meeting area and upgrading of the nature trail to accommodate the park's increasing use by the public. The park is utilized by all age groups, from young children to senior citizens, who visit to go on nature walks and picnics; experience historic baseball; and attend historical, cultural, wildlife, geological and nature programs held within the park.

- a. **ACTION:** Seek funding through grants, contributions and partnerships to construct a parking lot, restroom facility, meeting area, to upgrade the trail system, and to acquire additional land as needed.
- b. **ACTION:** Continue to work with the Historic Society in the development of historic and natural resource-based programs and interpretive facilities.
- c. **ACTION:** Pursue funding to establish landscape buffers around the property.
- d. **ACTION:** Foundations for buildings will be provided by the village as budgets allow.

BASIS FOR ACTION

According to the 2010 US Census, Mackinaw City reported a population of 806. The median age in 2010 was 49.5 years, which represents a 10.7 percent increase from 2000. By comparison, the median age in Michigan was 38.9 years in 2010. Age groups that experienced growth over the last decade were: 55 to 59 years (21.3% increase), and 65 to 74 years (54.7% increase). Thirty (30) percent of the population was 62 years and over.

The 2010 US Census found there were 413 total household, with 206 family households and 77 households with children under 18 years old. Additionally, there were 155 households with individuals 65 years and over. In Mackinaw City the average household size was 1.95 persons and the average family size was 2.62 persons, in comparison, the State of Michigan was 2.49 persons and 3.05 persons respectively.

According to the 2010 Census, there were 814 housing units, with 413 classified as occupied and 401 units or 49.3 percent classified as vacant. Some 514 housing units (63 percent) were considered owner occupied. Further analysis, of the vacant category finds 230 units or 28.3 percent were seasonal or part time use. Another 115 units or 14.1 percent were considered rental units. The high percentage of seasonal and rental housing units, combined with numerous hotels and motels, clearly shows how the population can dramatically shift during peak summer months.

The Village's economy is directly and substantially related to tourism, and recreation is a key component of tourism. Therefore, the park system of Mackinaw City must serve two primary user groups: residents and visitors. They will have similar needs, but the groups are unique in many ways. It is especially important to recognize the potential seasonal impact of our visitors. The tourist population tends to have a higher number of families with youth, and therefore exhibits a younger demographic mix than the community's year round population.

The overall demand and need for recreational facilities and programs far exceeds what would be expected from a community with a year round population of 806 persons. Mackinaw City is a major interior gateway community in Michigan, with highly popular tourist attractions within and nearby. Estimates of the Village's summer population, including overnight visitors and campers, are 10,000 people may be staying in or very near Mackinaw City each day. This equates to roughly a 1,200 percent increase in population. There are over 1 million visitors per summer season.

These visitors will hopefully return to Mackinaw City because they have found our Village to be an enjoyable, relaxing place to visit that offers quality and value. The parks are enjoyed by many visitors and are, therefore, a major factor in sustaining a healthy economy in Mackinaw City. Steps should be taken to market the Village's parks and recreation system to residents and visitors to promote recreational assets which enhance and sustain the economic viability of the Village. Mackinaw City would not be the desirable destination it is today without our parks and recreation assets.

Table 1: Capital Improvements Schedule 2014-2018

PRIORITY	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT	EST. COST	POSSIBLE FUNDING	YEAR†
High	Connect west side neighborhoods and parks via trail connectors. Coordinate with Emmet County to install wide paved shoulders along Central Avenue when the street is upgraded.	\$129,000	Local and MDOT	2015
Medium	Connect west side neighborhoods and parks via trail connectors. Project to be done in Phases. Phase I: Marest St. Trail Phase II: Cadotte St. Trail	\$14,000 \$140,000	MDNR; Village, MDOT Enhancement	2014-2018
High	Heritage Village/Nature Park Improvements Parking Restrooms	\$60,000 \$100,000	MDNR; local or private foundations; Village; Historic Society	2014-2018
High	Marina Improvements, including floating piers, composite decking and electrical upgrades.	\$3 million	MDNR, local	2014-2018
High	Acquire Dry Dock Lake	TBD	Village, donations	Ongoing
High	Acquire waterfront property as it becomes available	TBD	Village, DNR, donations	Ongoing
Medium	Install wayfinding signage at all parks	\$150000	Village	2014-2018
Low	Identify required maintenance activity for parks and place in budget for funding	TBD	Village, volunteers, donations	2014-2018
Low	Work with various organizations to promote use of parks and preserve their historic and	Staff time	Village, various partners	2014-2018
Medium	Apply to State permit for beach cleanup	\$500	Village	2015
Medium	Apply for DNR funding for tree inventory	\$4,000	Village, DNR	2014-2018
Low	Partner with Senior Center and schools for youth and senior programs.	TBD	Village, partners	2014-2018
Low	Campbell Park landscaping	\$40,000	Village, Coastal Zone	2014-2018
<p>*Some flexibility in the timeline may be necessary in order to allow for necessary engineering studies, environmental surveys, contractual scheduling, and the availability of funding.</p>				

ATTACHMENT A: CHECKLIST



Michigan Department of Natural Resources-Grants Management

COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

By Authority of Parts 19, 703 and 716 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended, submission of this information is required for eligibility to apply for grants

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete, obtain certification signatures and submit this checklist with a locally adopted recreation plan.

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). To be eligible for grant consideration, plans must be submitted to the DNR prior to the grant application deadline **with** a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan.

PLAN INFORMATION		
Name of Plan: Village of Mackinaw City Recreation Plan		
List the community names (including school districts) covered by the plan	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body
Mackinaw City	Cheboygan and Emmet	February 2014

PLAN CONTENT
<p>INSTRUCTIONS: Please check <u>each</u> box to certify that the listed information is included in the <u>final</u> plan.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Programming <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current Funding Sources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Role of Volunteers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations <p>Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities <input type="checkbox"/> Articles of Incorporation <p><input type="checkbox"/> 3. RECREATION INVENTORY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accessibility Assessment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS</p>

6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

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

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

Date of the Notice January 17, 2014

Type of Notice Newspaper, public spaces, public meeting, web

Plan Location Village Hall, Library, web site

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 35

Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)

Date of Notice January 17, 2014

Name of Newspaper Cheboygan Daily Tribune

Date of Meeting February 20, 2014

Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

8. ACTION PROGRAM

9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-INSPECTION REPORT

PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION

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

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

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

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

1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: February 20, 2014

2. Official resolution of the Mackinaw City Planning Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: January 23, 2013

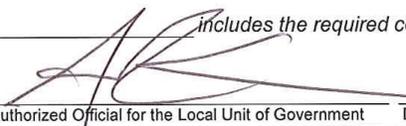
3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: February 27, 2104

4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: February 27, 2104

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 Village of Mackinaw City (Local Unit of Government) includes the required content, as indicated above and as set forth by the DNR.

 2/25/14
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government 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

_____ Date _____

By: _____ Date _____

Grants Management Date

ATTACHMENT B: VILLAGE BUDGET

See Attached Document

ATTACHMENT C: Post-Completion Self-Certification Report

See attached Document