# PARKS & RECREATION PLAN 2021-2025

# **Antrim County**

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## Introduction

The purpose of the 2021-2025 Antrim County Parks & Recreation Plan is to guide future decisions about recreational facilities, parkland, and properties of Antrim County, Michigan. This plan focuses on all aspects of parks and recreation within the County, from land and trail acquisitions, infrastructure development, and improvement of existing recreational opportunities.

#### NATURAL RESOURCES

Antrim County contains a wealth of natural resources which are enjoyed throughout the year by visitors and residents alike. The fresh water lakes and rivers in the County comprise nearly 20,480 acres, including the Chain of Lakes, the Jordan River Valley and numerous watersheds. Public and private forests cover nearly half of the County, approximately 280 square miles. Recreation for residents and visitors is year-round, where hunting, fishing, boating and snowmobiling are popular activities. The County attracts a large number of tourists during the Fall Color Season, specifically in the Northeast corner of the County in the Jordan River Valley.

The Elk River/Chain of Lakes Watershed is a major tourist attraction, encompassing approximately 500 square miles in four counties: Antrim, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Charlevoix. Approximately 23% of the basin drainage area is covered by water. There are more than 30,000 acres of wetland soils associated with more than 200 streams that flow directly into the Chain of Lakes. At least 138 miles of recognized trout streams are within the watershed, including 55 miles of designated Class 1 trout streams, according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Fisheries Division.

The Upper Chain in the Elk Rapids/Chain of Lakes is above the dam in the Village of Bellaire and consists of Beals Lake, Scotts Lake, Six Mile Lake, St. Clair Lake, Ellsworth Lake, Wilson Lake, Benway Lake, Hanley Lake and Intermediate Lake. Below the dam begins the Lower Chain which includes Lake Bellaire, Clam Lake, Torch Lake, Skegemog Lake and Elk Lake. Lake Bellaire and Clam Lake are connected by the Grass River, which is well known

for its protection of natural resources and environment. The high water quality of the lakes and streams in the Elk Rapids/Chain of Lakes is one of our County's most important assets.

The Elk River/Chain of Lakes Watershed covers the majority of the western half of the County and is the largest sub-watershed of the Grand Traverse Bay Watershed. According to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the Elk River/Chain of Lakes Watershed contributes nearly 60% of the surface water flowing into Grand Traverse Bay, including fourteen (14) primarily oligotrophic and mesotrophic lakes in its chain. An additional fourteen (14) lakes exist as closed basins or headwaters of minor tributaries. Torch Lake alone accounts for 5% of the total inland lake surface water and 24% of the inland lake water volume in the State of Michigan.

This unique watershed has over 163 miles of shoreline and almost 65 square miles of surface water. The water drops 40 feet in elevation as it flows the nearly 55 miles on its way to Grand Traverse Bay/ Lake Michigan.

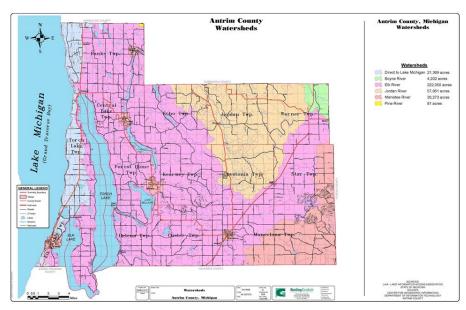


Figure 1: Antrim County Watershed

#### **CLIMATE**

The Michigan Department of Agriculture, Climatologic Division prepared the follow climate data:

In winter months, the temperature ranges in the high-to-mid-20's for an average high and the average low temperature is in the mid-teens. During the growing season, the average highs are about 70 degrees with lows near 50 degrees at night. The temperatures are influenced and modified in the spring and fall from the lake effect. This "Great Lake Effect" provides cooler temperatures in the spring and warmer temperatures in the fall. The west half of Antrim County lies within the presence of Lake Michigan, which tends to lessen extremes in temperature and creates a climate favorable to production of specialty crops such as cherries, grapes and other various fruits. The inland lakes and soil conditions of this western area permit such types of agriculture not otherwise feasible at this high latitude. During the summer, the off-the-lake air currents tend to prevent high temperatures and maintain humidity. In the autumn months, they retain heat and in the spring help retard premature growth with the cold retained in the lakes.

Growing degree-days are equivalent to the "heat units." During the month, growing degree-days accumulate by the amount that the average temperature each day exceeds a base temperature (50 degrees F.) The normal monthly accumulation is used to schedule single or successive plantings of a crop between the last freeze in spring and the first freeze in fall. The scheduling of pesticide application is also based on degree days.

The total annual rainfall ranges from 30 to 33 inches. Of this rainfall, 18.7 inches usually fall in April through September. The growing season for most crops lies within this period. Evaporation generally exceeds rainfall during the growing season. The average seasonal snowfall, as recorded by the Road Commission, is 156 inches and the winter storage of water in the root zone is important for the production of forest and agricultural crops for the upcoming year. Thunderstorms occur on approximately 31 days of each year.

The average relative humidity in mid-afternoon is about 63%. The sun shines 75% of the time possible in summer and 40% in winter. The prevailing wind is from the southwest. Lake Michigan, on the western portion of the County, impacts the weather for an average distance of 10 to 15 miles inland.

#### **HISTORY**

Originally known as Meguzee County, the county was laid out in 1840. In 1843, the county became organized and the name was changed to Antrim. Antrim County began to become a serious recreational and tourism destination in the 1920's after the decline of the then dominant lumber industry. The County was also home to several of the earliest summer camps in Northern Lower Michigan, the first being founded on Clam Lake in 1895. In 1998 Michigan State University Extension estimated that Antrim County had 44,445 acres devoted to public recreational use.

In the late 1930's the County began acquiring lands for the purposes of parkland development and forestland management. This began with the purchase of 50 acres on the shore of Lake Michigan for \$1,000 that later became the first county park, Barnes Park, which today provides excellent camping facilities, swimming and hiking trails for residents and visitors. Tax reverted lands were added to the County's land base throughout the early 1940's. The Grass River Natural Area represents the first area dedicated as an official Natural Area and

is well known as an outdoor educational area today. The Grass River Natural Area includes 73 parcels totaling nearly 1,492 acres.

The County continues to develop its stewardship ethic towards its natural resources and recreational areas. Today, the County faces a number of influences in regards to its recreational areas and land uses that did not necessarily exist in the past.



Figure 2: Part of the rehabilitated boardwalk at Grass River Natural Area

The County's population growth will continue to affect its stewardship, as since the 1960's Antrim County has experienced a demographic transition from a declining population to a population undergoing rapid growth and back to low growth in the last two decades. However, over the decades there has been a migration from growth from the incorporated villages in the County to primarily growth in the County's remaining undeveloped areas.

There continue to be challenges associated with providing recreational opportunities for a wide variety of recreational pursuits, with the County making parks more accessible to tourists while preserving the natural resources. Addressing these challenges will impact how the County can continue to provide recreational opportunities in a way that keeps pace with the changing population and shift in tourism as well as balance the need to protect and enhance our natural resources for the foreseeable future.

#### RELATIONSHIP TO THE COUNTY MASTER PLAN

The 2021 Antrim County Master Plan recognizes the need for a strong Parks and Recreation program to help with the continued development of the County. This plan was reviewed by the County Planning Commission. The *Economic Development* section states the County should endeavor to educate residents in areas of development by "target[ing] community investments on place-based improvements... with a focus on green infrastructure investments, parks, trails, [and] recreation areas." Part of the *Human Element* section includes recommendations to improve already existing parks such as Barnes Park and Elk Rapids Day Park, to maintain and improve inventory of existing natural areas such as Glacial Hills Pathway & Natural Area, and to develop a strategic network of trails to connect already existing trails.

#### THE PLANNING PROCESS

An essential task in the recreation planning process is to determine the needs of the community, as they serve as a basis for the development of an action plan. While creating this plan, Administration & Planning department staff and the Parks & Recreation Plan Subcommittee facilitated various means of gathering information and data - including community input efforts and the collection of institutional knowledge from stakeholders - to review current conditions and identify opportunities for improvement of recreational opportunities. There were two opportunities for direct public involvement as the plan was developed.

Information gained from public input opportunities, in conjunction with park accessibility evaluations and guidelines, helped to shape the goals and objectives outlined in this plan.

#### Board of Commissioners, Advisory Committees Contributions

The Board of Commissioners has been working for two years to develop a plan that represents a road map to guide in the acquisition, planning, development, programming, management, and funding of the county parks and recreation areas throughout Antrim County.

In 2018, the Buildings, Lands, and Infrastructure, a standing committee of the Board of Commissioners at that time, began the process of updating the existing 2013-2018 Parks & Recreation Plan. That committee recommended the Antrim County Planning Commission provide input, as well as representatives from Grass River Natural Area, Inc., Antrim Creek Natural Area, and the Antrim Conservation District.

This plan was ultimately prepared under the direction of a three-person subcommittee of the Antrim County Board of Commissioners with input from the Executive Director of Grass River Natural Area, Inc., the Board of the Antrim Creek Natural Area, the Antrim County Planning Commission, and the 2018 Buildings, Lands, and Infrastructure Committee. The subcommittee was composed of the following members:

Karen Bargy, County Commissioner Dawn LaVanway, County Commissioner Christian Marcus, County Commissioner

The Parks & Recreation Plan Subcommittee held ten (10) meetings, all of which were open to the public. They gathered input from the public, local township officials, and other outside agencies. As with the 2013-2018 plan, it was determined that so much information was different from the prior plan, that a re-evaluation of existing facilities was required to effectively identify and prioritize recreation needs in the community.

#### **Local Units**

Local townships and villages were contacted, with a copy of the previous recreational inventory being mailed to each unit, requesting the inventory be reviewed for accuracy and completeness. Subsequent communications clarified changes and new facilities were added to the inventory. As the inventory developed, final copies pertaining to each local unit of government were mailed to them for their review and final approval of the compiled inventory.

#### **Community Input: Online Surveys**

To gauge community input, two online public surveys were conducted. The 2018 survey, published during the early stages of the planning process, was conducted via google docs and garnered 230 individual responses. The 2020 survey (appendix A), which garnered 890 individual responses, was conducted via Qualtrics survey and was available throughout the entire month of July, 2020. Both surveys were advertised in local area newspapers and published prominently on the home page of the County's website. Additionally, the 2020 survey was also promoted using social media, cooperating local units and agency newsletters, strategic sign placement at County-owned park entrances, and flyer campaigns held at household hazardous waste events, the Milton Township Clean Up Day and Barnes Park Campground.

### **Profile of Respondents**

- 59% of respondents were year-round residents of Antrim County, with the remaining respondents consisting of seasonal residents (22%), non-residents who vacation or visit the area (15%)
- 81% owned property in Antrim County
- 44.8% of respondents were 50 years and older

#### Parks and Activities

 Grass River Natural Area, Glacial Hills Pathway & Natural Area, and Barnes Park Campground are the most frequently used County parks

- Highest ranked activities in which residents are currently participating are walking, cycling, boating, camping, and snowmobiling
- Respondents considered trails, beaches, and water quality to be of the highest value to County parks

#### **Increased Opportunities, Improvements**

- The majority of respondents wanted to see increased opportunities for cycling, ORV/snowmobiling, and hiking.
- The availability of restrooms was identified as the most requested improvement at existing County parks, followed by multi-use trails, boat/kayak launches, and non-motorized trails.

# **COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION**

#### SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS AND POPULATION

In 2017, U.S. Census estimates revealed Antrim County's population as 23,292 residents, distributed among 15 townships and 5 incorporated villages. This represents a 1.2% decrease over the 2010 Census figures of 23,580 residents.

In the 1960s, Antrim County began experiencing a demographic transition from a declining population to a population undergoing rapid, sustained growth. This phenomenon accelerated during the 1970 and 1980s, and continued through the end of the twentieth century. Due to largely economic changes, this slowed in the early 2000s.

This return migration process has greatly altered the socioeconomic patterns of Antrim County over the last 25 years. In addition to the general trend of high growth and most recently steady growth in the year round population over the decades, a

Antrim County - Population by Age Group %			
	2010	2017	Change
Total Population	23,580	23,133	-1.2
Under 5 years	1,155	995	-13.9
5 to 9 years	1,387	1,073	-22.6
10 to 14 years	1,444	1,423	-1.5
15 to 19 years	1,417	1,296	-8.5
20 to 24 years	914	1,094	19.7
25 to 34 years	2,033	1,953	-3.9
35 to 44 years	2,629	2,196	-16.5
45 to 54 years	3,628	3,185	-12.2
55 to 59 years	1,934	1,818	-6.0
60 to 64 years	1,823	2,162	18.6
65 to 74 years	3,054	3,472	13.7
75 to 84 years	1,625	1,833	12.8
85 years and			
over	537	633	17.9
Median age	47.4	50.4	

Figure 3: Population by age in Antrim County

2014 Seasonal Population Study commissioned by Networks Northwest indicates the Antrim County population increases by 42% on a seasonal basis mostly due to the return of individuals and families returning to their second homes. The socioeconomic structure of the County depended upon recreation/tourism activities for the majority of the twentieth century, and this dependence continues to grow into the twenty-first century. The reverse migration process of individuals seeking a rural setting to escape the pressures and strains of urban life, along with the large seasonal population within the County, continues to increase demands for local public services, specifically

recreational services. This constitutes a strain on existing facilities within the County. This increase in population continues to present challenges to planning and services the County will face for the foreseeable future as we continue into the twenty-first century.

#### POPULATION DISTRIBUTION WITHIN THE COUNTY

The population centers within Antrim County fall primarily within the limits of the five incorporated villages. Figure 4 gives a graphical representation of the actual location of the residents as recorded by the 2010 census database.

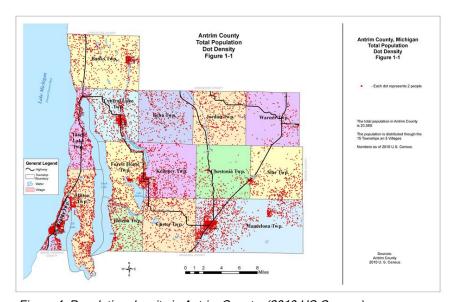


Figure 4: Population density in Antrim County. (2010 US Census)

#### **DEMOGRAPHICS IN ANTRIM COUNTY**

Much of the demographic information for Antrim County was compiled by Networks Northwest (formally the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments) using data from the US Census Bureau, the US Bureau of Economic Analysis, and the US Bureau of Labor Statistics. This information provides a detailed picture of demographics in Antrim County between the years of 2010 and 2017.

#### **HOUSEHOLDS**

Census Bureau data shows a slight decrease (<1%) in the number of households in Antrim County since the 2010 census.

#### AGE DISTRIBUTION OF RESIDENTS

According to the US Census Bureau, the median age in Antrim County has increased. In 2010, the median age was 47.4 years; in 2019, the median age was 50.4 years. Census bureau data also shows that the largest age group living in Antrim County are older adults (45-64), which make up approximately 31% of residents.

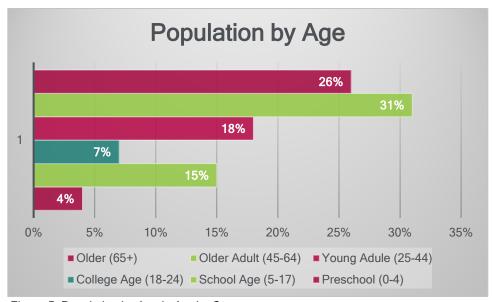


Figure 5: Population by Age in Antrim County

#### **GENDER**

Information provided by the US Census Bureau shows overall, the distribution of Antrim County is evenly distributed with women making up 50.2% of the population and men making up 49.8% of the population as of 2019.

#### **SENIOR CITIZENS**

The population of senior citizens (age 65 and over) has grown from 22% in 2010 to 26% in 2019. The lakeshore townships tend to have higher proportions of senior citizens.

An aging population presents numerous challenges to Antrim County in the provision of public facilities and services. For recreational facilities, the importance of providing appropriate and accessible access for all abilities becomes a key design, construction, and cost matter. The relative distribution of *types* of recreation facilities may also become a factor as the demographics of the local population continue to evolve.

#### **RACE**

Antrim County is predominantly a single-race community, with 95% of the community identifying itself as white. However, the proportion of members of other races, while small, has continued to grow over the years. Additionally, during the winter and summer tourist seasons, families from diverse backgrounds visit Antrim County to enjoy the numerous recreational opportunities that are available.

#### ANTRIM COUNTY LABOR FORCE

A 2019 study published by Networks Northwest indicates Antrim County has a labor force of over 10,000 people with an unemployment rate of 4.3%. The top industries in the County which provide employment are hospitality (25%), manufacturing (22%), retail (16%), health care (9%), and construction (8%).

## 3 Administrative Structure

Antrim County does not have a Parks Department, nor does it have a Parks Director. The County manages its recreational facilities by a mixture of direct management using a combination of County staff and by contracting with non-profit organizations for the management of specific facilities and the performance of specific tasks. The current holdings of County-owned property is approximately 5,300 acres. Other assets include public road endings that serve as water access points, ball field sites, and lake and stream frontages. The figure below shows the management for the park system in Antrim County.

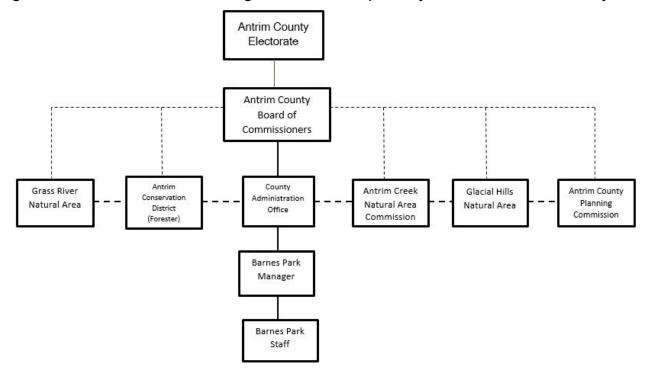


Figure 6: Administrative Structure Organizational Chart

#### ANTRIM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

In January of 2019, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners abolished standing committees, including the Building, Lands, and Infrastructure Committee which dealt, in part, with County-owned parks and recreation facilities. The Board of Commissioners took on the overall oversight of the development and management of the physical parks and forest lands within Antrim County, and relies on the County Administration Office to coordinate projects and improvements with each of the involved organizations and County

staff. The Board also acts as the financial oversight for the County park system and oversees the budget process. The Board hears monthly updates from the Administration Office, the Antrim Conservation District, and the County Forester, and once quarterly from Grass River Natural Area, Inc., Glacial Hills Pathway & Natural Area, and the Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission.

#### BUDGET

Capital budgets for the various County-managed recreational entities are, whenever possible, provided by the County General Fund. However, the recent financial crisis that many counties face, including Antrim, has forced an increased reliance on outside grant funding, both public and private, for capital improvements. Antrim County has applied for grants from the Rotary Charities, the Grand Traverse Band of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians, Coastal Zone Management, Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund, the Great Lakes Fisheries Trust, the Mott Foundation, and the Norcross Foundation, as well as various federal agencies. These grant applications have met with varying degrees of success. In most grant budgets, the County will typically provide some percentage of the total project cost with a local cash match.

In the future, should funding through grants and the general fund alone be drastically insufficient to meet the needs of the parks and recreation system in Antrim County, other types of funding could be pursued by the County. A general countywide millage is one possibility. Another possibility would be purchase of stickers required to enter and use County recreation facilities. Special assessment districts may, in some cases, be possible and appropriate. Such steps can only be taken after a thorough consensus develops throughout the County over the direction and long-term objectives that are articulated in the Parks and Recreation Plan.

#### STAFF AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT PERSONNEL

Antrim County employs one seasonal Park Manager and numerous seasonal attendants at the County-owned campground, Barnes Park Campground. Antrim

County does not have a Parks Director, opting instead to include day-to-day operational oversight of the Elk Rapids Day Park in the duties of the duties of the Barnes Park Manager. The Park Manager and staff also perform occasional maintenance at the Antrim Creek Natural Area, Noteware's Landing, Willow Day Park and other County-owned parks as needed.

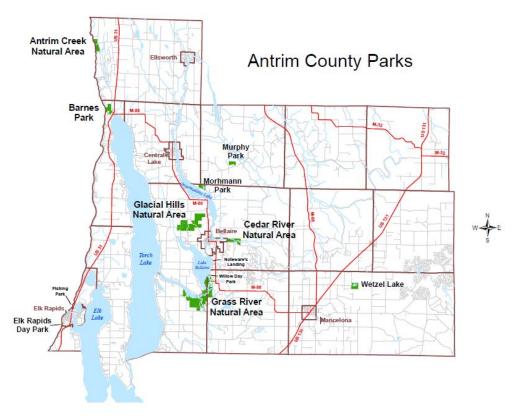


Figure 7: Antrim County Parks

The staff of the County Administration Office administers any and all functions associated with the County parks and/or recreation opportunities, i.e. grant administration, park development, trail implementation, etc. The staff of the Administration Office is the official record taker of all minutes for the Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission. The office also holds all documents and files associated with the Parks & Recreation Plan subcommittee and the Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission.

#### GRASS RIVER NATURAL AREA (GRNA), INC.

In 1980, Antrim County and Grass River Natural Area, Inc. signed an agreement for the management of the County-owned Grass River Natural Area. Today, 1,492 acres have been preserved for the enjoyment of our community. In 2020, Antrim County appropriated \$36,000 to the Grass River Fund for operational expenses. Grass River Natural Area, Inc.

provides the remainder of funds for the management of the natural area. The remainder of the operational funds are generated through sources including: donations, fundraising events, grants, program fees, and gift shop sales. When major capital projects are slated to improve the natural area experience, funding is



Figure 8: Courtesy of Grass River Natural Area

again sought from private donations or grants such as the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund.

Grass River Natural Area, Inc. provides educational programming for all ages at the Grass River Education Center which was constructed in 2011. Continuing environmental education through the grades, and combining it with leadership training, will be the best way to ensure respect and stewardship of our natural resources in and around Antrim County. In addition, GRNA partners with other agencies in the County and holds multiple education programs at Antrim Creek Natural Area throughout the warmer months.

#### FRIENDS OF GLACIAL HILLS

In 2015, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Bellaire and Forest Home Township to create the Friends of Glacial Hills Recreation Board. All three

governmental entities own separate portions of the 832 acre property and contribute funding for operational expenses annually. This board is responsible for the management of the activities on the trails at Glacial Hills Pathway & Natural Area.



Figure 9: Courtesy of Friends of Glacial Hills

Made up entirely of volunteers, the Friends of Glacial Hills maintain the 31.5 miles of multi-use single-track trail and the four trailheads. The trails are open to non-motorized sports including hiking, running, and mountain biking in warmer months, and snowshoeing, fattire biking, and cross-country skiing in the winter months. In 2020, Antrim County

appropriated \$5,400 for operational expenses. Aside from the funding provided by the three landowners, operational expenses and trail upgrades are supported through various sources including private donations, annual memberships, and local fundraising events.

#### ANTRIM CREEK NATURAL AREA COMMISSION

The Board of Commissioners created the Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission to oversee the development of a 154-acre natural area, which includes nearly a mile of shoreline along Grand Traverse Bay. The Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission is a collaborative effort between Antrim County, Banks



Figure 10: Antrim Creek Natural Area

Township, and the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy. In accordance with the Antrim Creek Natural Area Plan, the County nominates three members of the Commission and Banks Township nominates two members. The appointment of all five are approved by the County Board of Commissioners.

Annual operational expenditures for the Antrim Creek Natural Area are made from the Antrim County General Fund. An Endowment Fund has also been established for the preservation and maintenance of the Natural Area. This Endowment Fund is overseen by an Endowment Committee, established by and managed on a day-to-day basis by the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation. Additionally, Antrim County has contracted with Antrim Conservation District and recruited volunteers to maintain the beaches and trail system within the Natural Area. The County has used the interest from the Endowment to match funds from the MNRTF, the Coastal Management Program, and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians for the development of trails,

parking lots, and information

kiosks.

#### WETZEL LAKE DAY PARK

In partnership with Mancelona
Township and the Antrim
Conservation District, the
Antrim County Board of
Commissioners has established
a Day Park at Wetzel Lake. The
land the park sits on is owned
by the State of Michigan, but
Antrim County has a long-term
lease agreement for the site



Figure 11: Wetzel Lake Day Park

through the forestry management unit of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

#### FORESTLAND RESOURCES

Antrim County has an agreement with the Antrim Conservation District (ACD) to manage County forest resources and provide private forest land management to residents free of charge. As part of its contractual obligations, the ACD, through the County Forester, manages thirty-one (31) parcels containing 3,947 acres of forest, parklands, and natural areas that lie entirely within the County forest lands under its jurisdiction. These

include Mohrmann Park, Murphy Park, and the Cedar River Natural Area, among others.

#### **ELK RAPIDS DAM FISHING PARK**



Figure 12 Elk Rapids Dam Fishing Park

The Elk Rapids Dam Fishing Park is located at the tailrace area of the Elk Rapids Hydroelectric dam and hydroelectric power plant. The park is maintained by the Village of Elk Rapids through a lease agreement with the County for the land and the adjoining beach area.

#### OPERATIONAL BUDGET

The Antrim County Board of Commissioners appropriate funds from the Antrim County general fund for the operations of the County park system on an annual basis. The 2020 budget for the Antrim County parks and recreations system is outlined in Figure 13.

ITEM	2020	BUDGET
Barnes Park Campground	\$	302,475.00
Elk Rapids Day Park	\$	19,862.00
Grass River Natural Area	\$	36,000.00
Glacial Hills Natural Area	\$	5,400.00
Antrim Creek Natural Area	\$	7,270.00
Cedar River Natural Area	\$	1,000.00
Mohrmann Natural Area	\$	2,400.00
Wetzel Lake, Noteware's Landing,Beal Lake and Willow Day Park	\$	8,150.00
Murphy Park	\$	500.00
Forestry	\$	86,426.00
TOTAL	\$	469,483.00

Figure 13: Parks 2020 operational budget

#### INTER-AGENCY RELATIONS

Coordination between the Antrim County Board of Commissioners and the various reporting entities is handled in a number of ways:

- A County Commissioner serves as a liaison of the Board of Directors of Grass River Natural Area, Inc. This helps to ensure County input and oversight into the operations of Grass River natural Area, Inc. and the management of the Grass River Natural Area. Similarly, a County Commissioner serves as a voting member of the Friends of Glacial Hills Recreation Board.
- 2. The Executive Director of Grass River Natural Area, Inc. and the Chair (or designee) of the Friends of Glacial Hills Recreation Board provide regular quarterly reports to the Antrim County Board of Commissioners. This ensures communication and coordination between staff and administrative bodies on various projects and in areas of overlapping administrative authority.
- 3. Although it is not required, the Chairman of the Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission is routinely a County Commissioner.
- 4. County forest lands (and associated recreational facilities and natural areas) are managed by the County Forester through a contract with the Antrim Conservation District. The County Forester or the District Manager report monthly to the Antrim County Board of Commissioners regarding forestland activities.
- 5. The staff of the Antrim County Administration Office serves as administrative staff to the Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission. This helps to ensure a proper flow of information and coordination of projects of mutual jurisdiction and interest. Similarly, the Administration Office coordinates with various park-related entities around the County, with the Deputy Administrator serving as the budget administrator for County parks, exclusive of Barnes Park, Glacial Hills Pathway &

Natural Area, and Grass River Natural Area, Inc.

# RULES & REGULATIONS GOVERNING USE OF COUNTY PARKLAND

Rules and regulations governing the use of County Park and Forestlands have been established and amended by the vote of the Board of Commissioners. These rules are typically posted at the park. In the case of Barnes Park, rules are outlined on the reservation website and printed on the registration form/ticket for the campsite.

In special cases, where inter-jurisdictional agreements are involved, an ordinance for the establishment of the park or natural area may be enacted, with specific rules of use being part of such an ordinance. The Antrim Creek Natural Area Ordinance is an example of such an ordinance.

The County ordinances governing County owned properties serve as an umbrella for the management of the forestlands, parks and natural areas. For the forestlands, the specific rules and regulations governing each parcel is laid out in the parcels forest management plan written by the County Forester and the Forestry Property Area Ordinance approved by the County Board of Commissioners. Other ordinances for County properties include: the Antrim Creek Natural Area Ordinance, the Barnes Park Ordinance, the Grass River Natural Area Ordinance, and the Sport Shooting Target Ordinance.

#### COMMUNITY BARRIER-FREE COMPLIANCE STATUS

All County recreational facilities are evaluated for accessibility on an on-going basis. As part of a past recreation inventory process, all local units of government (townships and villages) were asked to report their degree of barrier-free compliance at all their facilities. All local units of government were also asked to report any planned improvement schedules in regards to making the facilities barrier-free.

Antrim County continues to address and resolve all identified accessibility issues at all major county recreation areas. Projects that have increased

accessibility to our recreational resources include:

- An accessible bathhouse, a paved non-motorized vehicle and walking path and accessible playground equipment were installed at Barnes Park.
- Antrim Creek Natural Area includes two barrier-free trail and accessible portable toilet units at both the North and South entrances.
- In 2018, reconstruction of the boardwalk along the Perception Pathway at Grass River Natural Area provided visitors a wider, more accessible boardwalk. A portion of this trail also features a guiding rope and newly installed braille interpretive signs.
- Construction of the Grass River Center in 2011 made the entrance to the Center barrier-free and fully accessible.
- In 2019, installation of two accessible vault toilets and changing rooms was completed at two of the three main trailheads at Glacial Hills Pathway & Natural Area. The Vandermark Trailhead is County-owned; the Eckhardt Trailhead is owned by Forest Home Township.
- All County parks that have a porta john have at least one accessible porta john unit.

Many individuals have chosen Antrim County as their retirement community. With this aging population, Antrim County is very committed to maintaining and increasing accessibility to our recreational resources. It should be stressed all future facilities and programs and improvements will be developed in compliance with ADA guidelines and the guidelines developed by the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

# **Recreation in Antrim County**

Antrim County is rich in the natural resources that attract visitors year-round to enjoy our outdoor and nature-based activities. The abundance of beautiful natural scenery to admire, fresh waters and streams for fishing, canoeing, kayaking and boating, as well as hiking trails, golf courses, and ski hills continue to make Antrim County a repeated destination site for families and visitors for generations.

The County's fresh water resources including the Chain of Lakes, the Jordan River Valley and access to Lake Michigan, as well as many other areas, provide constant opportunity for hunters, fishermen, hikers, and snowmobilers alike. In 2000, the Antrim County Parks and Recreation Board and Staff from the Antrim County Administration Department completed a comprehensive inventory of community recreational resources. In 2004, 2010, and 2020 that list was updated by the Administration Department. A comprehensive, updated inventory was required before effective identification and prioritization of community recreational needs could be accomplished. Data was compiled with the goal of placing the information in a searchable database on the Antrim County web site (www.antrimcounty.org).

#### REGIONAL RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

After updating the county recreational inventory Administration Office staff also updated an inventory of recreational facilities outside of the County. The purpose of this regional inventory was to provide a broader perspective to available recreational opportunities, thereby permitting the County to better assess community recreational needs.

In compiling this regional recreation inventory, only those counties immediately adjacent to Antrim County were inventoried. It is believed that the counties adjacent to Antrim County would provide the best perspective in which to analyze community recreation needs. It should also be noted that this regional recreation inventory is not exhaustive (many local recreational facilities and

perhaps some county facilities were not accounted for). The purpose of the regional recreation inventory was to better assess recreation needs within Antrim County. Therefore, only the most significant recreational facilities within the adjacent counties were inventoried.

The immediate recreational opportunities lying to the north of Antrim County are located within Charlevoix County. Recreational opportunities within Charlevoix County include:

- Fisherman's Island State Park on the shore of Lake Michigan
- Numerous skiing and golfing opportunities at Boyne Mountain Resort
- Multi-purpose trail opportunities (hiking, biking, snowmobiling, equestrian) on the Top of Michigan Trails Council Trail Network
- Non-motorized activities on the Little Traverse Wheelway

Recreation opportunities located to the east of Antrim County are found primarily within Otsego County:

- Otsego State Park
- Pigeon River Country State Forest
- Hartwick Pines State Park
- Treetops Sylvan Resort
- Numerous motorized and non-motorized trails, including the 62-mile
   North Central State Trail that runs from Gaylord to Mackinaw City

The majority of immediately accessible regional recreation opportunities are found to the south and west within the counties of Kalkaska and Grand Traverse. Significant acres of State Forest land are located within Kalkaska County. Within State Forest land areas, and along the heavily used Boardman River and Manistee River are numerous State, county, and privately-owned camping and canoeing facilities.

- The Village of Kalkaska is home to the Kaliseum recreational complex.
- Kalkaska County has many motorized (Kalkaska Area ORV Trail, the Blue Bear Snowmobile Trail, several MDNRE snowmobile and ORV trails) and non-motorized trails (including North Country Trail, the

- Shore to Shore Trail, Kalkaska Winterfest Trail, and the Boardman River Water Trail) within its borders.
- Skegemog Lake Wildlife Area
- The Heritage Park Athletic Field in Rapid City hosts numerous Little League games each summer.
- The Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy manages five nature preserves within the County including the recently acquired (2020) 1,288 acre Upper Manistee Headwater: The Milock Family Preserve and the Seven Bridges Natural Area.

Grand Traverse County, the most heavily populated county in the immediate region, contains the largest variety of recreational opportunities in the area. Grand Traverse County contains several natural areas and state parks.

- Sand Lakes Quiet Area
- Maple Bay Natural Area
- Ptobego Wildlife Management Area
- Brown Bridge Quiet Area
- Traverse City State Park
- Grand Traverse Natural Education Reserve

Numerous non-motorized trail opportunities are found within Grand Traverse County including:

- The North American Vasa Trail
- Single-track mountain biking path
- Traverse Area Recreation Trail (TART)
- The North Country Trail
- Muncie Lakes Pathway
- Shore to Shore Horseback Riding Trail
- Boardman River Water Trail
- East Bay Eater Trail

In addition, to non-motorized opportunities, several motorized trail opportunities exist, including Boardman Valley Snowmobile Trail and the Grand Traverse

ORV Cycle Trail. Numerous private skiing, golfing, and gaming opportunities exist within the County. Highlighting these opportunities are the Grand Traverse Resort, the Turtle Creek Casino and Resort, and the Holiday Hills Recreational Area.

#### **DEMAND FOR RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

The most popular and demanded recreational activities are related to access to our natural resources. Boating, fishing, paddlesports, and beach activities are primary water uses. Hunting, snowmobiling, hiking, and biking are seasonal activities that are currently supported primarily on public lands and golf and skiing are provided on private lands. ORV trails were also identified as an activity those who completed the survey would like to see increased in Antrim County. All of these recreational activities are considered high on the demand list.

#### **TOURISM IN THE REGION**

Currently Antrim County hosts a variety of tourist-based festivals and recreational attractions. An annual Petoskey Stone Festival is held yearly at Barnes Park, located on the shore of Lake Michigan, which draws people from outside Michigan as well as around Northern Michigan, to celebrate the State Stone. Antrim County is also home to a series of parades and festivals throughout the warmer months, such as the Rubber Ducky Festival in Downtown Bellaire, Harbor Days in Elk Rapids, the Bass Festival in Mancelona, the Central Lake Car Show, the annual Alden Days, Fireman Day in Alba, and the Ellsworth Pig Roast. Weekly events are scheduled during the summer evenings to continue to promote tourism in the downtown areas of Bellaire, Alden, and Elk Rapids.

# **EQUITABLE ACCESS**

Recreation close to home and work is important to residents in Antrim County. This is consistent with the Antrim County Board of Commissioner's desire to make Antrim County a good place to visit, raise a family, start a business, and to

retire. Creating a highly valued quality of life can be supplemented by having a recreational system that can be accessed throughout the County.

#### **PARTNERSHIPS**

Many proposals for enhancing park and recreational opportunities within Antrim County cannot be achieved without the cooperation between multiple service providers, agencies and user groups. Grants and funding will continue to be necessary, as well as working with the various clubs and organizations in Antrim County. Local village and township zoning officials work with the County in order to locate and secure recreational areas that can be used by both visitors and residents alike. Antrim County has had a great record of working with various local units of government to accomplish various projects throughout the County. Examples include:

- Working with the Antrim Conservation District and Mancelona Township to create and maintain the Wetzel Lake Day Park;
- Working with Banks Township to create and operate the Antrim Creek Natural Area; and
- Working with Forest Home Township and the village of Bellaire in the creation of Glacial Hills Pathway & Natural Area.

# **Recreational Inventory**

The following pages contain the maps and recreational inventory for Antrim County. The Parks & Recreation subcommittee, working with the County Administration Office, local units of government, and recreation boards have denoted places of interest, parks, forest lands, recreational facilities, and camping areas for residents and visitors alike. In some instances, road access surrounding the lakes incorporated in the Chain of Lakes act as boat launches and swimming areas. This plan represents the most complete listing of these areas for future planning and use issues.

#### **COUNTY PARK INVENTORY**

The Deputy Administrator conducted site visits in order to assess and rate each County-owned park. Each park was rated utilizing the 2010 American Disability Act Standards for Accessible Design. The ratings are identified in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans and ranked 1-5 as follows:

- 1 = none of the site elements meet 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design
- 2 = some of the site elements meet 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design
- 3 = most of the site elements meet 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design
- 4 = all of the site elements meet 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design
- 5 = the facility meets the Principals of Universal Design

NAME:	Antrim Creek Natural Area
SIZE (ACRES):	156 Acres, 2.2 miles of non-motorized trail
DESCRIPTION:	General recreational use including hiking, fishing, swimming, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing; educational programming offered in summer months
PRIMARY SERVICE AREA:	Banks Township
FACILITIES:	Two-day use parking lot; boat launch access to Lake Michigan
ADA SCORE:	2 - There is two (2) barrier free loops within the trail system that is accessible, as well as accessible portable restrooms
SITE PLAN	ACNA Site Plan (Appendix B)

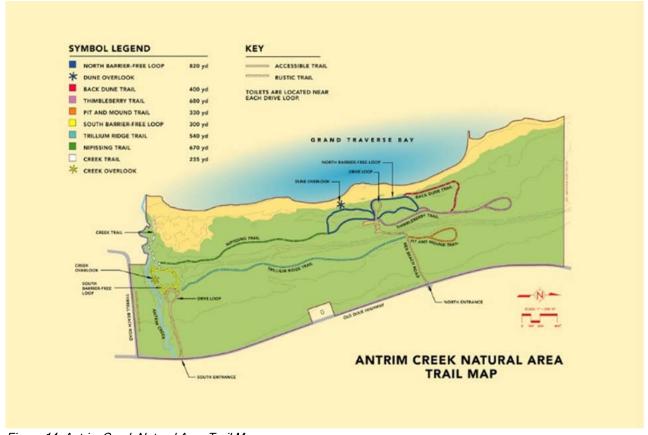


Figure 14: Antrim Creek Natural Area Trail Map

NAME:	Barnes Park Campground
SIZE (ACRES):	163 acres, 3 miles of non-motorized trail
DESCRIPTION:	Campground, general recreation use such as hiking, picnicking, swimming, and fishing
PRIMARY SERVICE AREA:	Torch Lake Township
FACILITIES:	Two (2) bathhouses w/ restroom facilities Two (2) pavilions Park Office Building
ADA SCORE:	2 - Both bathhouses are ADA accessible; 30+ campsites are ADA accessible; one trail is paved; 1 - pavilion is ADA accessible
SITE PLAN	n/a



Figure 15: Barnes Park Trail Map

NAME:	Cedar River Natural Area
SIZE (ACRES):	187 acres, 4 miles of designated non-motorized trail
DESCRIPTION:	General recreation uses such as hiking, fishing, and snowshoeing
PRIMARY SERVICE AREA:	Village of Bellaire, Kearney Township
FACILITIES:	Antrim Conservation District Office Three (3) trailheads
ADA SCORE:	1 - Not ADA accessible
SITE PLAN	n/a

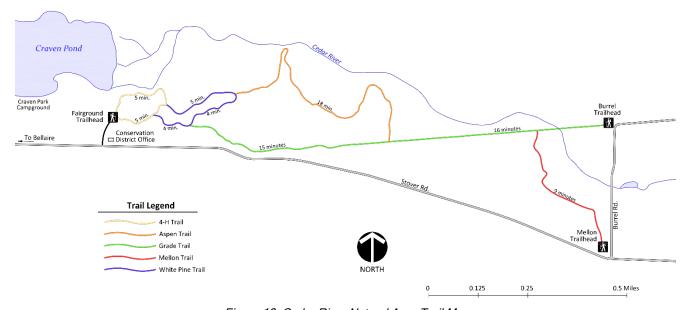


Figure 16: Cedar River Natural Area Trail Map

NAME:	Elk Rapids Day Park
SIZE (ACRES):	15 acres
DESCRIPTION:	General recreation including swimming, fishing, picnicking, cross-country skiing; outdoor art sculpture gallery
PRIMARY SERVICE AREA:	Village of Elk Rapids, Elk Rapids Township
FACILITIES:	1 Bathhouse/restroom
	1 pavilion
	Day use parking lot
	Playground
	Picnic sites
ADA SCORE:	1 - Not ADA accessible
SITE PLAN	n/a

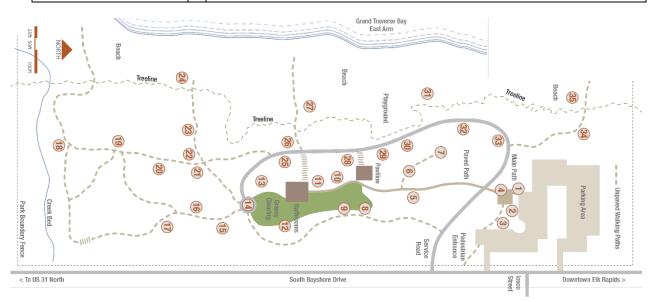


Figure 17: Elk Rapids Day Park Art! Rapids Trail Map

NAME:	Glacial Hills Pathway & Natural Area
SIZE (ACRES):	814 total acres (split between Antrim County [608], Forest Home Township [175], and the Village of Bellaire [13]), 31.2 miles of non-motorized trail
DESCRIPTION:	General recreation use including hiking, snowshoeing, mountain biking, and hunting
PRIMARY SERVICE AREA:	Forest Home Township, Village of Bellaire
FACILITIES:	3 day use parking lots 2 permanent restrooms/changing rooms
ADA SCORE:	1 - Both restroom/changing rooms are ADA accessible
SITE PLAN	n/a

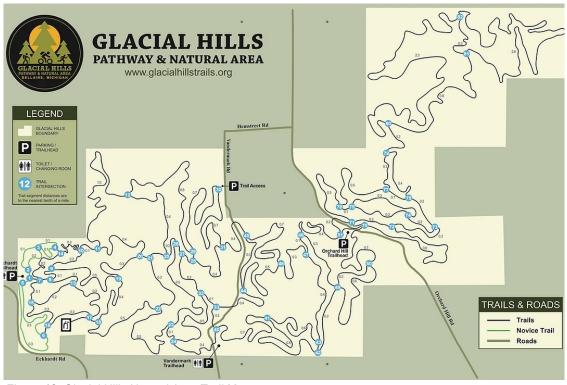


Figure 18: Glacial Hills Natural Area Trail Map

NAME:	Grass River Natural Area
SIZE (ACRES):	1,492 acres, 7 miles of non-motorized trail or boardwalk
DESCRIPTION:	General recreational use such as hiking, snowshoeing, and nature programming. Fishing and hunting allowed in designated zones
PRIMARY SERVICE AREA:	Forest Home Township
FACILITIES:	3 day-use parking lots 2 restroom facilities Grass River Center
ADA SCORE:	3 - Indoor restrooms are ADA accessible; Tamarack Loop boardwalk is barrier-free for physically and visually impaired; parking lots are accessible
SITE PLAN	GRNA 2020 Strategic Plan (Appendix C)



Figure 19: Grass River Natural Area Trail Map

NAME:	Mohrmann Natural Area
SIZE (ACRES):	105 acres,1 mile of non-motorized trail
DESCRIPTION:	General recreational use such as hiking, cross- country skiing, and hunting Additional 250 acres of forest land under management contract with Antrim Conservation District
PRIMARY SERVICE AREA:	Kearney & Echo Townships
FACILITIES:	None
ADA SCORE:	1
SITE PLAN	N/A

NAME:	Murphy Park
SIZE (ACRES):	73 acres
DESCRIPTION:	General recreation such as hiking
PRIMARY SERVICE AREA:	Echo Township
FACILITIES:	None
ADA SCORE:	1
SITE PLAN	N/A

NAME:	Noteware's Landing
SIZE (ACRES):	Less than 1 acre
DESCRIPTION:	general recreation use such as picnicking, swimming and fishing
PRIMARY SERVICE AREA:	Kearney Township
FACILITIES:	Day-use parking lot; accessible portable restroom; Chain of Lakes Water Trail trailhead
ADA SCORE:	1
SITE PLAN	N/A

NAME:	Wetzel Lake Park
SIZE (ACRES):	Less than 1 acre
DESCRIPTION:	General recreation such as picnicking, swimming and fishing
PRIMARY SERVICE AREA:	Mancelona Township
FACILITIES:	Accessible portable restrooms in warmer months; rustic launch for non-motorized boat access
ADA SCORE:	2 - Parking lot is ADA accessible; beach has compacted path to water's edge
SITE PLAN	Appendix D

NAME:	Willow Day Park
SIZE (ACRES):	Less than 1 acre
DESCRIPTION:	General recreation use such as picnicking, swimming and fishing
PRIMARY SERVICE AREA:	Kearney Township
FACILITIES:	Accessible portable restrooms in warmer months; Chain of Lakes Water trail trailhead
ADA SCORE:	1
SITE PLAN	N/A

#### LOCAL UNIT RECREATION INVENTORY

The Administration Office worked closely with local units to provide an accurate inventory of available recreation opportunities in each township and village. Each inventory contains information on the controlling authority of each recreational site, the amenities provided, and accompanying maps showing the location of each facility. The inventory and respective maps are included in as Appendix E.

#### PRIVATELY OWNED RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Antrim County boasts a number of privately held recreational facilities that take full advantage of the abundance of natural resources. The opportunities that are available are largely dependent on the season. During the warmer months, golfing is a popular draw for residents and visitors alike. During the winter months, downhill skiing is the primary offering.

NAME OF FACILITY	LOCATION	TYPE OF RECREATION
A-Ga-Ming Golf Resort	Kewadin, MI	Golf Course
Antrim Dells Golf Course	Ellsworth, MI	Golf Course
Shanty Creek Resorts	Bellaire, MI	Golf Course, Downhill Skiing
Hawk's Eye Golf Course	Bellaire, MI	Golf Course
Bellaire Centennial Golf Club	Bellaire, MI	Golf Course
The Farm Golf Course	Bellaire, MI	Golf Course
Lakes of the North Golf Course	Mancelona, MI	Golf Course
Elk Rapids, Golf Course	Elk Rapids, MI	Golf Course
Camp Hayo-went-a	Central Lake, MI	YMCA Day Camp
Honcho Rest Campground	Elk Rapids, MI	Swimming, Boating, Fishing
Torch Lake Yacht & Country Club	Bellaire, MI	Sailing

#### CHAIN OF LAKES WATER TRAIL

In 2018, the Chain of Lakes Water Trail was recognized by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources as one of the first official state waterways. The inland water trail runs primarily through Antrim County, extending through nine townships and four villages with access sites in each municipality. Of the more than 100 access sites on the water trail, 88 are located in Antrim County.

In 2018, Antrim County partnered with Paddle Antrim (a non-profit organization that works to protect the water trail) and other local units to implement and promote the Chain of Lakes Water Trail and to promote water trail access sites throughout the county. Antrim County owns the water trail trailheads at Noteware's



Figure 20 Courtesy of Paddle Antrim

Landing and Willow Day Park, as well as a rest stop at Grass River Natural Area. As part of the 2018 agreement, Paddle Antrim has worked with the County to create roadway directional signs and wayfinding signs at each of the trailheads and the rest stop. A list of water trail trailheads, rest stops, and emergency access sites that are part of the Chain of Lakes Water Trail can be found in Appendix F.

#### **EXISTING RECREATIONAL BOATING FACILITIES**

Water access has always been a priority for residents and visitors of Antrim County. The continued importance of accessibility to bodies of water for recreational purposes is borne out by the number of respondents who participate in some form of water-related activity, whether passive (e.g. kayaking, swimming, fishing) or active (e.g. boating, SCUBA diving, water skiing).

In Antrim County, there are many access sites, but very few larger boating facilities that are county-owned or operated. The only exceptions are rustic boat launches located at Antrim Creek Natural Area and Beal's Lake, and kayak trailheads at Noteware's Landing and Willow Day Park. The Antrim County Road Commission maintains the remaining sites as road endings, and any landscaping is handled by the respective townships. Boat launches at access sites are primarily rustic, hand-launch sites. The undeveloped nature of the sites are not conducive to ADA compatibility, as there is no infrastructure in place. In addition to the Chain of Lakes Water Trail access sites found in Appendix F, a list of boat launches can be found in Appendix G. The one harbor in Antrim County, located in Elk Rapids, is owned by the Village.

#### **GRANT ASSISTED FACILITIES**

Throughout the years, Antrim County has been awarded various grants from State organizations to help offset costs for land acquisitions, facility upgrades, and renovations. A list of grant awards and the status of each project can be found in H.

## **Goals and Objectives**

The following goals and objectives were set through input from the County Planning Commission, Antrim Creek Natural Area Commission, Grass River Natural Area, Inc., members of the Parks and Recreation Plan Subcommittee and a county-wide opinion survey. Through the survey, residents/citizens were asked their opinions on current County park facilities, services and properties as well as the need for additional facilities and services. All information gathered became the basis for charting the future direction for parks and recreation in Antrim County that will better enable the County to provide sustainable benefits to residents and visitors alike.

Adjustments may be made by the Board of Commissioners, as a result of the public comment period and public hearing.

#### GOAL 1

IMPROVE CURRENT OR EXPAND PARK FACILITIES AND AMENITIES AS NEEDED THROUGHOUT ALL COUNTY PARKS

Grass River Natural Area was identified as the most utilized County-owned park, followed by Glacial Hills Pathway and Natural Area, Barnes Park, Elk Rapids Day Park, and Antrim Creek Natural Area. The survey also identified other parks with low utilization. This information is useful for identifying infrastructure and amenities that require upgrading in the higher utilized parks as well as planning for increased amenities that could potentially improve utilization in the under-utilized parks.

Residents also identified which improvements they would like to see in the parks including but not limited to restrooms, additional parking facilities, and improved maintenance, which has been used for guidance for the action plan in this document.

#### **OBJECTIVE A:**

Any upgrades will incorporate and meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards for Accessible Design, whenever possible.

#### GOAL 2

#### INCREASE EXPOSURE AND RECOGNITION OF COUNTY PARK LANDS

Of the eleven County parks included in the survey, over 85% of the respondents preferred six specific parks. The remaining five parks, which received less than 15% of the votes, tend to be less known and in many cases are unimproved parks. The hope is that by increasing awareness of all County parks, there will be increased usage of these lesser known parks, as well. This would also provide additional opportunities for residents to get out and explore in Antrim County.

#### **OBJECTIVE A:**

Improve and develop resource materials to that both advertise and provide easy to follow instructions for accessing Antrim County parks and forestlands.

#### **OBJECTIVE B:**

Improve communication with county residents and visitors. Antrim County, with almost 25 tracts of forestry property throughout the County, is somewhat unique in the State of Michigan. Yet aside from some very basic rules, there has never been an official document drafted to let residents and visitors know what activities can take place on the properties. Such a document, whether it be an ordinance or something simpler, should be drafted for approval by the Board of Commissioners

### GOAL 3

#### EXPAND CURRENT TRAIL SYSTEMS TO MAXIMIZE USE WHERE PRACTICAL

As identified through the public survey, there is interest in both non-motorized and motorized trails. When asked about improvements in the parks system, 'multi-use trails' ranked second to restroom improvements.

Trail development throughout Antrim County ranks high in popularity. Trails for biking have consistently ranked high on the priority list. However, snowmobiling and ORV trails were also identified in the 2020 public survey as a recreational need for Antrim County, as were kayak launches along the chain of lakes.

#### **OBJECTIVE A:**

Give consideration to proposals from established organizations regarding the expansion of trails, including (and not limited to) motorized, nonmotorized, mixed-use (motorized/non-motorized), and water trails.

#### GOAL 4

#### IMPROVE ACCESS TO COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

The importance of existing trails for walking, hiking, and bicycling all ranked in the top 5 activities in which survey respondents indicated they participate. With an aging population, it is important to maintain and provide amenities that are not only clean and welcoming, but also safe for all ages and abilities.

#### **OBJECTIVE A:**

Whenever improvements are made to a County park or facility, the County will strive to incorporate the standards of the Americans with Disability Act (ADA). For the construction of new buildings, ADA compliance is required. However, the County will also strive to meet ADA standards when constructing new trails, replacing existing boardwalks, or improving existing beach and other water access properties.

#### **OBJECTIVE B:**

Repair or improve roads access, parking lots, and boat launches at Antrim County parks.

### GOAL 5

#### STRATEGIC ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL PARKLANDS

To increase and expand parks and trails, more land must be acquired.

#### **OBJECTIVE A:**

When land for sale is unique to the County based on location, park and recreation value, holds historical value, or is adjacent to - or an infill of - current parks, it should be examined for purchase. If a purchase is being considered, the public should be involved in the process to the greatest extent possible.

#### GOAL 6

DEVELOP AN ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE TO OVERSEE MAINTENANCE, DEVELOPMENT, AND GROWTH OF COUNTY'S PARKS & RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

#### **OBJECTIVE A:**

Consider future possibilities for long-term restructure of the Antrim County Parks staffing structure for all recreational properties

#### GOAL 7

#### PROTECTION OF LAND AND WATER QUALITY

While not specifically identified by the survey, invasive species are a serious threat that need to be considered. Development of a plan to combat the further spread of invasive species is important to the preservation of the County's natural resources.

#### **OBJECTIVE A:**

Developing measures to protect land and waters from invasive species.

#### **OBJECTIVE B:**

Use the Chain of Lakes hydrology study and past research to inform future decision related to water levels and community impact.

#### **OBJECTIVE C:**

Promote and provide educational resources on invasive species as well as natural land use practices such as rain gardens and natural buffer strips.

### **ACTION PLAN**

#### **RATIONALE**

The development of the Antrim County 2021 Parks & Recreation Plan was a nearly 3-year effort conducted by the Antrim County Board of Commissioners, its advisory boards and subcommittee, the staff of Grass River Natural Area, Inc, the Antrim Conservation District, and the staff of the Administration and Planning Department.

Public responses confirm the results from various surveys taken over the years. All of the resident/citizens responding to a survey used to craft the 2013 plan considered the natural and recreational resources of Antrim County to be "somewhat to very important" to the County's economy. Results of the 2018 and 2020 surveys used for this plan reflect that, as well.

As previously noted, the goals and objectives were set through input from the advisory committees to the Antrim County Board of Commissioners, public input obtained from countywide surveys, as well as historical data and completed projects. Results of the survey showed residents and visitors to Antrim County considered investment in improving already existing facilities and expanding usage top priorities. Specific suggestions and/or concerns from more than 250 respondents have been received and noted.

The following action program describes ways in which the goals for individual and existing facilities, and expanding recreation services as a whole, will be met.

#### **ACTION PROGRAM**

#### SATISFYING GOAL 1

Antrim County's outstanding outdoor natural resources are the basis for tourism and the area's recreation-based economy. Exceptional recreational and educational benefits are available for all visitors and residents. Maintaining and upgrading existing facilities must continue to be a priority for Antrim County, and

must be addressed in the Parks and Recreation Plan. Continued expansion and acquisition of natural areas and better facilities will continue to benefit the area economy.

A number of projects have been identified by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee, the Administration Office, and various advisory committees as being vital to continued improvement of existing facilities. Through the use of capital improvement planning, the Board of Commissioners has forecast the budgeting of a number of future improvements to Grass River Natural Area and Barnes Park.

PROJECT	TARGET DATE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE	PRIORITY
Barnes Park Interior Road Repaving	Future Need	Repaving of the interior road at Barnes Park campground	\$160,000	General Fund	3
Day Park Stairs	2021	Replacement of 2 stairways at Elk Rapids Day Park	\$9,900	Forestry Fund	1
Pedestal Replacement	2021	Replacement of 29 pedestals at Barnes Park Campground	\$40,000	General Fund	1
GRNA Boardwalk	2024	Phase 2 Reconstruction of 4,500' of wetland boardwalk at Grass River Natural Area	\$2.5 million (overall total)	General Fund, Donations, Grants	1
Drain Field Replacement	2024	Build a new drain field at Barnes Park Campground	TBD	General Fund, Grant	3
Wetzel Lake	2022	Update facilities at Wetzel Lake	TBD	General Fund, Grants	2
Antrim Creek Schoolhouse	Future Need	Purchase of property adjacent to Antrim Creek Natural area; update existing building for educational center	TBD	ACNA Endowment, Grants	3
Antrim Creek Trails	Future Need	Replace and increase wayfinding signage	TBD	ACNA Endowment, Grants	3

<sup>\* 1 =</sup> Highest Priority

To further identify needs and opportunities for improvement and expansion of current parks and facilities, an inspection based on a linear scale will need to be completed (e.g. current land uses, conditions of facilities, ADA accessibility).

Creating a scoring system for current County parks and facilities will help identify future needs. Adding this to the results of the survey would further assist with the identification of where resources would best be utilized. Once completed, decisions will be made regarding which amenities make sense for which park.

#### **SATISFYING GOAL 2**

As previously noted, an overwhelming majority of survey respondents showed a preference for six (6) County-owned parks. It is believed the remaining parks and County forestlands are simply lesser-known to residents of surrounding communities and visitors to the area.

In order to increase awareness and usage of all parks and forestland in the County in the short term, the County has identified projects that should be completed in the next 2-3 years to encourage use by visitors:

- Upgrade the current interactive parks and forestlands map on the County website;
- Work with partners such as Grass River Natural Area, Inc., Friends of Glacial Hills Recreation Board, and the Antrim Conservation District, to develop an interactive map to identify all recreational opportunities in the county;
- Complete wayfinding signage inventory of each park and determine standards for future signs;
- Develop an official document to inform residents and visitors about the twenty-five (25) tracts of forest property owned by Antrim County;

An overwhelming number of survey respondents indicated an interest in staying informed through electronic means. While working on the development of resource material to improve visitor usage, communications with county residents and visitors alike will also be improved by:

 Developing a marketing & communications plan to assess the County's current efforts and develop plans for future communications;  Put extra focus on communications through email, social media, and the website, which over 75% of those surveyed indicated that they prefer one or more of those methods.

#### **SATISFYING GOAL 3**

Trail development throughout Antrim County ranks high in popularity. When asked about increasing recreational opportunities, over 25% of survey respondents wanted to see expanded trails on land (motorized and non-motorized) and in water. Comments specific to motorized trail expansion noted the distinct lack of snowmobiling and ORV trails in Antrim County.

Antrim County has agreements in place to maintain the localized trail systems on Glacial Hills Pathway & Natural Area and Grass River Natural Area, but nothing in place to expand recreational opportunities such as snowmobiling and cycling that would connect all parts of the county. To that end, the County will:

- Explore and develop partnerships with established organizations to focus on trails that connect communities via single-use trails, including increased public access to water trails;
- Explore and develop partnerships with established organizations to focus on trails that connect communities via mixed-use trails;
- Evaluate each proposal for favorable connections to the County's recreation objectives.

Each item will be treated as ongoing as projects and funding for recreational opportunities come available.

#### **SATISFYING GOAL 4**

Based on 2019 US Census Bureau information, Antrim County residents age 50 years and older make up just over half of the County's population. Given the number of survey respondents age 50 and older (45%), it is clear that the need to improve accessibility and provide amenities that are accessible to residents and visitors of all ages and abilities.

The remainder of the accessible boardwalk reconstruction (River access, Sedge-Meadow Loop, and Fern Trail) at the Grass River Natural Area are included as a capital improvement project that is set to be complete by 2024.

To ensure repairs or improvements are made to roads access, parking lots, and boat launches at Antrim County parks, site evaluations will be conducted over a two year period and a scoring system will be created to determine priorities for repairs or improvements.

#### **SATISFYING GOAL 5**

As properties are identified that meet the goals and objectives of the County, they will be brought to the Board of Commissioners to determine its value as an addition to the parks and recreation inventory.

#### **SATISFYING GOAL 6**

As recreational opportunities grow, so will the need to more efficiently manage the properties and staff to maintain them. While there is currently a seasonal Park Manager with seasonal staff, much of their time is dedicated to Barnes Park Campground. The County Administration and Planning Department has worked with outside agencies like the Antrim Conservation District, Grass River Natural Area, Inc., and the Friends of Glacial Hills Recreation Board to develop arrangements that would aid the Barnes Park Campground staff in maintaining existing parks and trails.

The establishment of a Parks Department, and subsequent hiring of a Parks Director, would better allow for the fulfillment of the Parks & Recreation Plan goals, objectives, and action programs. It would also allow for better coordination of resource management, development, and public outreach, as well as timely updates of existing parks master plans.

#### SATISFYING GOAL 7

While not specifically identified by the survey, the importance of developing a plan to combat and prevent invasive species is vital to protecting the natural resources that are unique to Antrim County. Invasive species such as Purple Loosestrife and Phragmites have threatened County and local recreation and natural areas. A plan such as this could be done on a multi-jurisdictional basis for the preservation of currently owned County lands, as well as the surrounding communities' lands and waters. To accomplish this, the County will:

- Work with local experts (e.g. Antrim Conservation District, CAKE-CISMA, Grass River Natural Area, Inc., ERCOL-WIPT), State agencies (e.g. Department of Natural Resources, EGLE, MDARD), and Federal agencies (e.g. Army Corps of Engineers, EPA, USDA) to identify invasive species programs that can be promoted in which the County could potentially participate.
- Include information on local invasive species threats as well as resources to address them on the County's website and social media.
- Work with the Antrim Conservation District and other local professionals to develop materials that would provide educational resources on invasive species and natural ways to combat them.

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**APPENDIX A:** 

2020 SURVEY



## ANTRIM COUNTY WANTS YOUR INPUT!

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Please share your thoughts on the future of the parks and recreation facilities in Antrim by visiting the Antrim County home page www.antrimcounty.org or find us on Facebook @AntrimCountyMI.

The survey is available through July 31, 2020.

#### **AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION**

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Jacqueline L. Tarrant, Partner/General Manager of the Antrim Review hereby acknowledges that the Public Notice for Antrim Co Planning was published in the above entitled newspaper for the weeks of July 2, 2020.

Jazouzine L. Tarrant

Subscribed and Sworn to on the 2nd Day of July 2020

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Antrim County, Michigan

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#### **PRESS RELEASE**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

End Date: July 31, 2020



# ANTRIM COUNTY SEEKS INPUT FOR COMMUNITY PARK AND RECREATION PLAN

Antrim County is updating its Community Park and Recreation Plan. The goal of the plan is to: inventory existing facilities and resources, identify community recreation and open space needs, and set a 5-year plan of action for these spaces.

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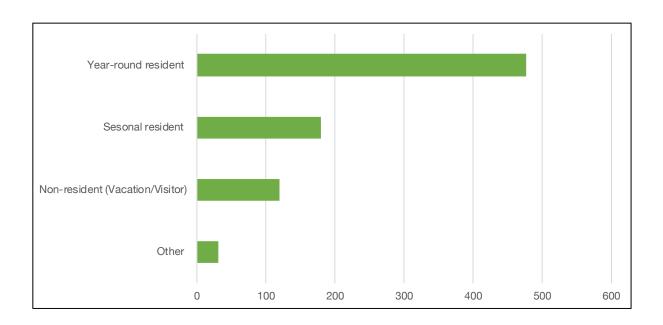
#### Antrim County Parks & Recreation Survey

1,900 320

People reached Engagements

**Boost Post** 

## Q3. Which of the following best describes your residential status in Antrim County? - Selected Choice

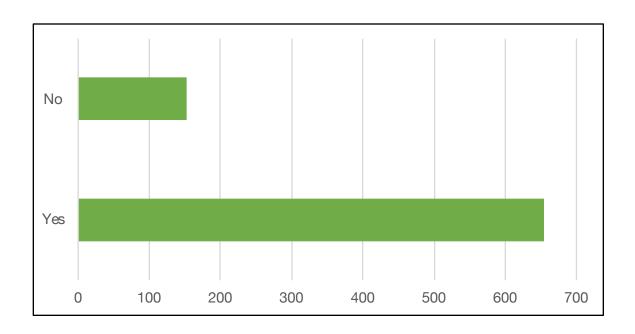


Choice	%	Count
Year-round resident	59.03	477
Sesonal resident	22.28	180
Non-resident (Vacation/Visitor	14.85	120
Other	3.84	31
Total		808

### **Q3.** Residency Status Comments

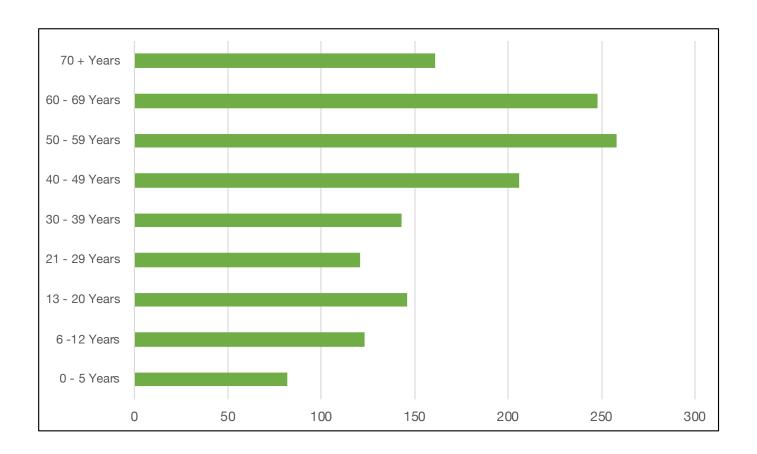
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Category	Responses	Specific Response	Responses
		Secondary home.	3
		We have a second home in Bellaire but use it year round	1
		Second home. There every other weekend	1
Second Home &/or		Own a home & come up monthly	1
Property	11	Own house in Bellaire. Visit 1x/ week to visit family	1
Property		Cabin	1
		Own property in Antrim county with a camper. Year round	1
		Split time equally	1
		House in Bellaire. Live downstate. Travel to Antrim Co all year.	1
1		Visit my parents who live there	1
	3	Visits throughout the year for many trail sports.	1
Visitors		Non resident but here all year round	1
Kalkaska	2	Kalkaska County resident	2
Otsego County	2	Live in Otsego and use system often	2
Work in County	2	Work in Antrim County and recreate, shop, and dine regularly	2
Grand Traverse	1	live in Grand Traverse County	3
			# of
		Other comments uncateogorized	Responses
		Previous home owner for 45 years	1
		Buying a home here	1

# Q4 - Do you own property in Antrim County?



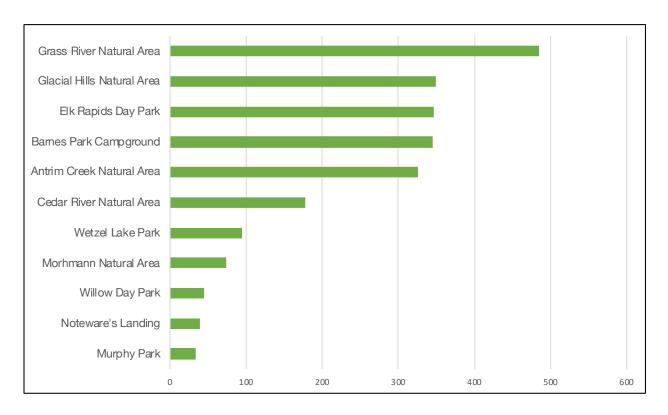
Choices	%	Count	
Yes	81.16	655	
No	18.84	152	

## Q5 - What are the ages of your household members? (Select all that apply)



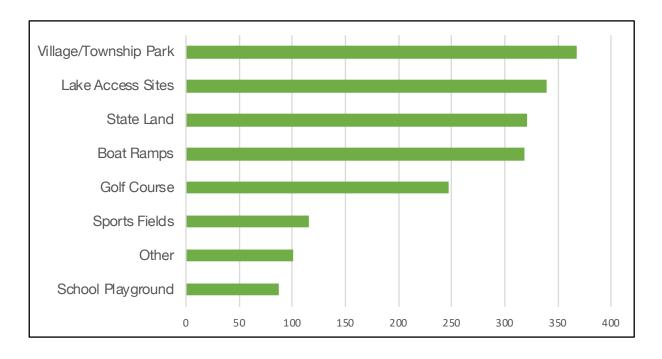
Choice	%	Count
0 - 5 Years	5.51	82
6 -12 Years	8.27	123
13 - 20 Years	9.81	146
21 - 29 Years	8.13	121
30 - 39 Years	9.61	143
40 - 49 Years	13.84	206
50 - 59 Years	17.34	258
60 - 69 Years	16.67	248
70 + Years	10.82	161
Total		1488

### Q6. Which parks have you &/or your family utilized in past two years?



Answer	%	Count
Grass River Natural Area	20.97%	485
Glacial Hills Natural Area	15.09%	349
Elk Rapids Day Park	14.96%	346
Barnes Park Campground	14.92%	345
Antrim Creek Natural Area	14.09%	326
Cedar River Natural Area	7.65%	177
Wetzel Lake Park	4.06%	94
Morhmann Natural Area	3.20%	74
Willow Day Park	1.95%	45
Noteware's Landing	1.69%	39
Murphy Park	1.43%	33
Total		2313

# Q7 - What other public or private recreational facilities do you and/or your family us. Antrim County? (Select all that apply and Please identify specific locations)



Answer	%	Count
Village/Township Park	19.39%	368
Lake Access Sites	17.86%	339
State Land	16.91%	321
Boat Ramps	16.81%	319
Golf Course	13.01%	247
Sports Fields	6.11%	116
Other	5.32%	101
School Playground	4.58%	87
Total	100%	1898

Comments to Follow

## Q7\_1 State Land

	Number of		# of
General Area	Responses	Specific Response	responses
		Jordan Valley/Jordan River/Jordan River Valley	20
		Deadman's Hill	6
lordon Divor Valloy	30	Graves Crossing State Forest Campground	1
Jordan River Valley	30	Landslide Overlook	1
		Pinney Bridge State Forest Campground	1
		Webster Bridge	1
		Petobego State Game Area	3
		Eastport Landing	2
		Mackinaw State Forest	1
		Birch Lake Roadside Park	1
Other	10	Bush and Skinkle Rd	1
Other	10	Fisherman's Paradise	1
		Hatchery	1
		Shumaker and Oslund Rd	1
		Warner Creek Pathway	1
		Wetzel Lake Park	1
		Sand Lake	3
Sand Lake Area	9	St land south of Mancelona Rd/Off Mancelona Rd	2
Saliu Lake Alea	9	Lakes of the North/South of Lakes of the North	2
		Deward Rd	1

Locations that are outside Antrim County, Not	# of
State Lands, or are activities	Responses
Snowmobile trails/snowmobiling	21
ORV/ATV/SxS/UTV/Quad	14
Lots of/various places	6
Hunting	4
Maplehurst Natural Area	3
Maple Bay Natural Area	2
Sleeping Bear Dunes Nat'l Lakeshore	1
VASA Pathway	1
Mayhem Swamp	1
Barnes Park	1
Hiking	1
Frog Hollow	1
Stover Rd	1
On Antrim/Kalkaska Line	1
North Country Trail	1

## Q7\_2 Village/Township Park

	# of		# of
General Area	Responses	Response	Responses
		Veteran's Memorial (Elk Rapids)	26
		Dam Beach	16
Elk Papida Araa	74	Milton Township Park/Kewadin Park	14
Elk Rapids Area	74	Elk Rapids - not specified	12
		Rotary Park	3
		Elk Rapids Old Beach	3
		Downtown Bellaire/Richardi Park	45
Bellaire	55	Craven Park	8
		Bellaire Walking and Biking Path	2
Central Lake	28	Central Lake/Thurston Park	26
Central Lake	20	North Street Nature Trail	2
		Alden/Alden Depot Park/Helena Twp Depot Park/Alden Beach	14
Alden	21	Alden Ballpark	3
Alden	21	Coy Mountain	3
		Helena Township Community Center	1
		Banks Township Park	8
		Forest Home Township Park	4
		Echo Park/Echo Township Park	3
Other	20	Ellsworth Community and River Park	2
		Alba Memorial Park	1
		Wooden Shoe Park	1
		Custer Township Park - Lake of the Woods	1
Eastport/Torch Lake	18	Torch Lake Township Day Park/William B Good Day Park	17
Village Area	10	Torch Bay Nature Preserve	11
		Palmer Park	4
Mancelona	8	Mancelona - not specified	3
		Railroad Park	1

Locations that are not village/township parks, are not in Antrim	# of
County, are activities, or otherwise undiscernable	Responses
Maplehurst Natural Area	9
Elk Rapids Day Park / Art Park	5
Maple Bay Natural Area	3
Palmer-Wilcox-Shah Natural Area	3
Norwood Beach	2
Torch Lake Natural Area	2
Whitewater Township Park	2
Barnes Park	2
Various	1
Seven Bridges Natural Area	1
Traverse City Open Space	1
Two Lake Bellaire Access Sites	1
Torch Lake Access Sites	1
Bass Lake Access	1
Downtown Park	1
Clearwater Township playground	1
North Arms	1
Noteware's Landing	1
Cedar River Natural Area	1
Hiking	1

## Q7\_3 School Playgrounds

	# of
Response	Responses
JR Rodgers/Bellaire	9
Elk Rapids/Lakeland	9
Ellsworth	3
Mancelona	2
Central Lake	2
Alba	1
Ebenezer Christian School	1

Not in Antrim County or otherwise	#of
uncountable	Responses
Rapid City	3
Several	2
Cherry/Cherryland Elementary	2
Elementary	1

## Q7\_4 Sports Fields

	# of		# of
General Area	Responses	Specific Sports Complex	Responses
Elk Papida/Kawadia	20	Milton Twp Prk/Kewadin soccer, baseball, softball fields, and plygrn	12
Elk Rapids/Kewadin	20	Elk Rapids schools/high school/tennis courts at HS	8
		Bellaire Soccer Fields	8
		Bellaire Track/Football Field	2
Bellaire	15	Craven Park	2
bellaire	15	Tennis courts Bellaire	1
		Rotary Youth League Park baseball/softball fields	1
		Bellaire unspecified	1
		Central Lake tennis courts/pickleball courts	4
Central Lake	13	Central Lake Track/Football Field/Herrick	3
Certifal Lake	13	Central Lake Schools/Softball Fields/Ron Donaldson	3
		Central Lake unspecified	3
		Mancelona unspecified	1
Mancelona/Alba	3	Palmer Park	1
		Chestonia Township Ball Fields	1
Ellsworth	2	Ellsworth	2
Eastport/Torch Lake Twp	1	Barnes Park	1
Alden	1	Helena Township Tennis Court Park	1

	# of
Not in Antrim County or otherwise uncountable	Responses
Several	2
Baseball and softball fields	1
Soccer	1
Freedom Park baseball	1
Dog walking in Heritage Park in Clearwater Township	1
Dog frisbee	1
Football field	1
Grass River area near Bellaire Soccer Fields	1

## Q7\_5 Golf Courses

	# of		# of
Larger Area	Responses	Specific Course	Responses
		Shanty Creek Unspecified	23
		Schuss Mountain	4
Shanty Creek	32	Summit	2
		Cedar River	2
		The Legend	1
A-Ga-Ming/The Torch	22	A-Ga-Ming/The Torch	22
Elk Rapids	19	Elk Rapids	19
Deer Run/Lakes of the North	19	Deer Run/Lakes of the North	19
The Farm/Centennial	13	The Farm/Centennial	13
Antrim Dells	10	Antrim Dells	10
Hawk's Eye	5	Hawk's Eye	5
The Chief	5	The Chief	5

Not in Antrim County or otherwise uncountable	# of Responses
All/others/many/various	15
The Loon	1
The Mallard	1
Timber Ridge	1
T.C. Golf Courses	1
Bowen Lakes Golf Club	1
Grandview Club	1

## Q7\_6 Boat Ramps

	# of		# of
Body of Water	Responses	Specific Boat Launch	Responses
		Torch Lake unspecified	10
Torch Lake		Bill Good Day Park/Torch Lake Township Park	8
	28	Alden/Safe Harbor	5
		Eastport	4
		Creswell/NW Torch Lake	1
		Central Lake (Ballard St/E Bradford St)/Thurston Park	10
Intermediate Lake	27	Openo	8
intermediate Lake	21	Intermediate Lake unspecified	8
		Gorham Beach	1
		Elk Rapids/Grace Memorial/Elk River Marina	13
	25	Elk Lake unspecified	5
Elk Lake		East side of Elk Lake/Elk Lake Dr	3
		Kewadin/North end of Elk Lake	3
		Elk Tip Rd	1
Lake Bellaire	21	Lake Bellaire unspecified	12
Earle Benaire	Z 1	Fisherman's Paradise	9
	20	Torch River Bridge/Torch River DNR access site/South Torch	11
Torch River		Torch River unspecified	8
		Aarwood Trail	1
Clam Lake	18	Clam Lake DNR Launch	18
Bellaire	, 11	Bellaire village unspecified	5
village/Intermediate River		Ohio Street/Behind Bellaire main St	4
vinage, intermediate riiver		River Street	2
	9	Saint Clair Lake	2
Other		Lake of the Woods	2
		Ellsworth/Ellsworth Lake	2
		Lake Harold	1
		Echo Township Park	1
		Wilson Lake	1

	# of
Not in Antrim County or otherwise uncountable	Responses
All/may others/Chain of Lakes	4
Six Mile Lake	3
Yuba/Sayler Park	3
Day Park	2
Otsego Lake	2
DNR Launches	2
East Jordan	1
Charlevoix	1
Whitewater	1
Torch Bay Nature Preserve (no longer usable)	1
Township Access Sites	1
"Also the one on Lake Bel Air to Interlake Bel Air"	1

### Q7\_7 Lake Access Sites

Conord A	# of		# of
General Area	Responses	Response	Responses
	•	Torch Lake unspecified	26
T		Eastport/North end of Torch	5
		Alden	3
		Pinnell public access	3
		Torch Lake Day Park	2
Torch Lake/River	44	Crystal Beach Rd access points	1
		Dockside	1
		Forest Home Township Family Day Park	1
		Best St/Pere Marquette N	1
		Torch River unspecified	i
		Lake Bellaire unspecified	18
		Fisherman's Paradise	6
		Miley's/end of Steiner Rd	4
		Noteware's Landing	2
Lake Bellaire/Grass	37	Summit Village Beach Club/Shanty Creek Beach Cl	2
River	31		2
		Grass River unspecified	1
		Willow Day Park	
		Bellaire through river	1
		Cottage Dr Park	1
		Kewadin/Milton Township Park	7
		Elk Rapids unspecified	4
		Elk River/Kayak launch in Elk River	3
		Elk Lake unspecified	3
	24	Birch Lake	3
Elk Rapids/Kewadin		Old Bathing Beach	2
Lik Hapids/Newadin		Erickson Rd	2
		O'Dell Rd	2
		Elk Rapids Day Park/Art Park	1
		Memorial Park	1
		Dam Beach	1
		Bass Lake	1
		Intermediate Lake unspecified	3
Intermediate		Thurston Park/Lake St	3
Intermediate	10	Gorham Beach	2
Lake/Hanley Lake		Deep Water Point	1
		Hanley Lake unspecified	1
Lake Harold/Lakes of		Lake Harold	7
the North	10	Lakes of the North unspecified	3
the North		CLam Lake unspecified	5
Clam Lake	8	Clam Lake boat launch (Clam Lake Rd)	2
Ciairi Lake	Ü	Paige Rd access	1
Lake of the Woods	4	Lake of the Woods	4
Torch Lake Twp and		Torch Bay Nature Preserve	2
•	3	Rex Beach	1
Banks Twp - Lake Green Lake	3	Green Lake	3
GIEET LAKE	J	Ellsworth	1
Ellsworth Lake	2	Wooden Shoe	1
Cand Laka	0	Sand Lake	2
Sand Lake	2		
Six Mile Lake	3	Echo Township Park	2
		Six Mile Lake unspecified	1
Saint Clair Lake	1	Saint Clair Lake	1
Beals Lake	1	Beals Lake	1
Henry Lake	1	Henry Lake	1
Wetzel Lake	1	Wetzel Lake	1

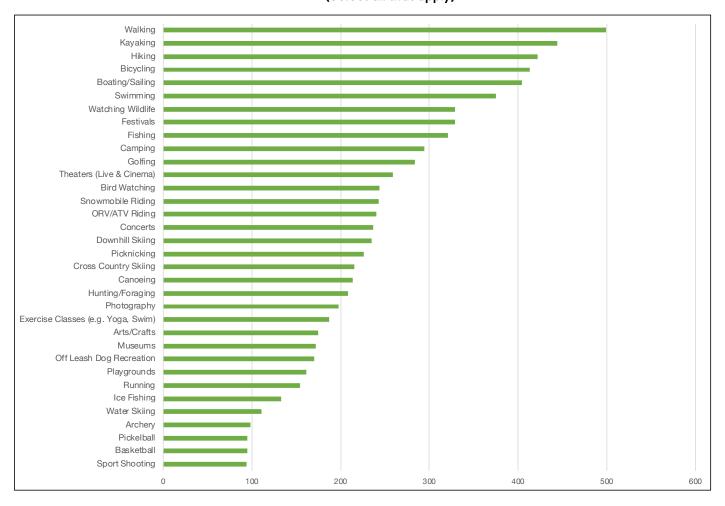
	# of
Not in Antrim County or otherwise uncountable	Responses
Lake St	1
Arrowhead	2
Lake Michigan/Big Lake	2
Charlevoix/Lake Charlevoix	1
Pencil Lake	2
Otsego Lake	1
Road end access points	2
Various/many/numerous/others/all	11
Township Parks	1
Nature Preserve	1
Swimming	1
Bellaire Highway	1

### Q7\_8 Other

	# of		# of
Category	Responses	Specific Response	Responses
		GTRLC - Maplehurst	10
		GTRLC - Wilcox-Palmer-Shah	4
		Grass River Natural Area	3
		GTRLC - Maple Bay	3
		Hiking/Trails	3
		GTRLC unspecified	2
		Deadman's Hill/Jordan River Pathway	2
Natural Areas/Hiking Trails	36	Glacial Hills	1
		North Country Trail	1
		GTRLC - Bauer	1
		GTRLC - Cosner & Bennet-Barnes	1
		GTRLC - St. Clair Lake-Six Mile Lake	1
		Cedar River Natural Area	1
		Coy Mountain	1
		Petobego Conservancy Land unspecified	1
Snowmobiling	19	Snowmobiling unspecified	19
ORV/ATV	10	ORV/ATV unspecified	10
CHV//TTV	10	Lakes of the North unspecified	3
	7	Lakes of the North - Lake Harold	2
Other		Helena Community Center	1
		"The public spot at the end of Garbor St off S.	
		Bridge St in Bellaire"	1
		Beaches unspecified	2
		Elk Rapids Harbor	1
Beaches/Harbors/Boating	6	Chain of Lakes boating	1
		Torch River marina	1
		Dockside	1
		Kayaking unspecified	2
Paddling sports	6	Jordan River	2
l addining openie	•	Kayak launch at Old State Rd	1
		End of Grass River Rd access site	1
<b>.</b>		Shanty Creek/Schuss Mtn downhill skiing	3
Skiing	6	GRNA cross-country skiing	2
		Shanty Creek cross-country skiing	1
Sports complexes	3	Pickle ball	2
·		Kewadin tennis courts	1
Davidso (al.	3	Bellaire parks	1
Parks/playgrounds		Milton Township park playground	1
	2	Torch Lake Township park playground	1
Paved trails		TART Trail	1
		Bellaire Senior Trail	1
Biking	2	Bike trails	1
		Road biking	1

Not in Antrim County or otherwise uncountable	# of Responses
Private woods/beaches	3
Yuba Creek Natural Area unspecified	2
National Parks	1
Adopt a Stream monitoring of Yuba Creek	1
Seven Bridges	1
VASA Trail	1
Many	1

Q8 - What recreational activities do you and/or your family currently participate in (Select all that apply)



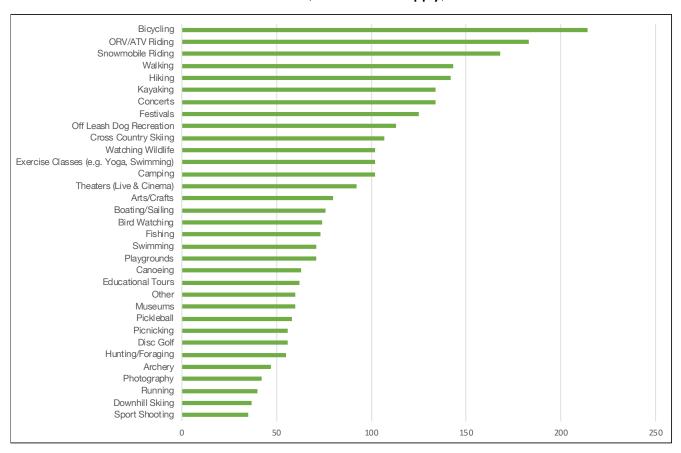
Answer	%	Count	Answer	%	Count	Answer	%	Count
Walking	5.34%	499	Photography	2.12%	198	Volleyball	0.66%	62
Kayaking	4.75%	444	Exercise Classes (e.g. Yoga, Swi	2.00%	187	Horseshoes	0.56%	52
Hiking	4.51%	422	Arts/Crafts	1.87%	175	Geocaching/Virtual Scavenger Hun	0.55%	51
Bicycling	4.42%	413	Museums	1.84%	172	Motocross	0.48%	45
Boating/Sailing	4.32%	404	Off Leash Dog Recreation	1.82%	170	Other	0.48%	45
Swimming	4.01%	375	Playgrounds	1.72%	161	Rollerblading	0.43%	40
Festivals	3.52%	329	Running	1.65%	154	Skateboarding	0.43%	40
Watching Wildlife	3.52%	329	Ice Fishing	1.42%	133	Social Gaming	0.42%	39
Fishing	3.43%	321	Water Skiing	1.19%	111	Hockey	0.34%	32
Camping	3.14%	294	Archery	1.05%	98	SCUBA Diving	0.27%	25
Golfing	3.04%	284	Basketball	1.02%	95	BMX	0.17%	16
Theaters (Live & Cinema)	2.77%	259	Pickelball	1.02%	95	Martial Arts	0.10%	9
Bird Watching	2.61%	244	Sport Shooting	1.01%	94	Total	100%	9349
Snowmobile Riding	2.60%	243	Educational Tours	0.95%	89			
ORV/ATV Riding	2.57%	240	Tennis	0.95%	89			
Concerts	2.54%	237	Disc Golf	0.88%	82	Red line indicates those activities the	nat are sh	own on chart.
Downhill Skiing	2.51%	235	Baseball/Softball	0.87%	81			
Picknicking	2.42%	226	Ice Skating	0.83%	78			
Cross Country Skiing	2.30%	215	Horseback Riding	0.72%	67			
Canoeing	2.29%	214	Soccer	0.71%	66			
Hunting/Foraging	2.22%	208	Football	0.67%	63			

## **Q8\_Current Activities Comments**

			# of
		Response	Responses
Snowshoeing	15	Snowshoeing	15
		Gardening	3
Homesteading/Gardening	6	Maple syrup production	1
riomostodamig, dardomig	Ü	Woodchopping for home wood stov	1
		Hobby Farming	1
		Mountain biking	3
Biking	5	Road cycling	1
		Bikepacking	1
Foraging	4	Morel mushroom hunting	3
roraging		Foraging unspecified	1
Rock hunting/hounding	3	Rock hunting/hounding	3
Astronomy/star gazing	3	Astronomy/star gazing	3
Stand up paddleboarding	3	Stand up paddleboarding	3
Rowing	1	Rowing	1
Snorkeling	1	Snorkeling	1
Disc Golf	1	Disc Golf	1
Corn Hole	1	Corn Hole	1
4 square gaming	1	4 square gaming	1
Going to the beach	1	Going to the beach	1
Flying private airplane	1	Flying private airplane	1

	# of
Comments	Responses
More trails for ORVs	1

# Q9 - What recreational opportunities would you like to see increased in Antrim County? (Select all that apply)



Answer	%	Count	Answer	%	Count
Bicycling	6.25%	214	Hunting/Foraging	1.61%	55
ORV/ATV Riding	5.35%	183	Archery	1.37%	47
Snowmobile Riding	4.91%	168	Photography	1.23%	42
Walking	4.18%	143	Running	1.17%	40
Hiking	4.15%	142	Downhill Skiing	1.08%	37
Concerts	3.91%	134	Sport Shooting	1.02%	35
Kayaking	3.91%	134	Ice Skating	0.96%	33
Festivals	3.65%	125	Motocross	0.96%	33
Off Leash Dog Recreation	3.30%	113	Golfing	0.93%	32
Cross Country Skiing	3.13%	107	Geocaching/Virtual Scavenger Hunts	0.91%	31
Camping	2.98%	102	Horseback Riding	0.91%	31
Exercise Classes (e.g. Yoga, Swim)	2.98%	102	Baseball/Softball	0.82%	28
Watching Wildlife	2.98%	102	Ice Fishing	0.79%	27
Theaters (Live & Cinema)	2.69%	92	Skateboarding	0.76%	26
Arts/Crafts	2.34%	80	Basketball	0.64%	22
Boating/Sailing	2.22%	76	Tennis	0.64%	22
Bird Watching	2.16%	74	Volleyball	0.56%	19
Fishing	2.13%	73	Soccer	0.53%	18
Playgrounds	2.07%	71	BMX	0.50%	17
Swimming	2.07%	71	Hockey	0.50%	17
Canoeing	1.84%	63	Martial Arts	0.50%	17
Educational Tours	1.81%	62	SCUBA Diving	0.50%	17
Museums	1.75%	60	Horseshoes	0.41%	14
Other	1.75%	60	Water Skiing	0.38%	13
Pickleball	1.69%	58	Rollerblading	0.35%	12
Disc Golf	1.64%	56	Social Gaming	0.35%	12
Picnicking	1.64%	56	Football	0.15%	5
			Total	100%	3423

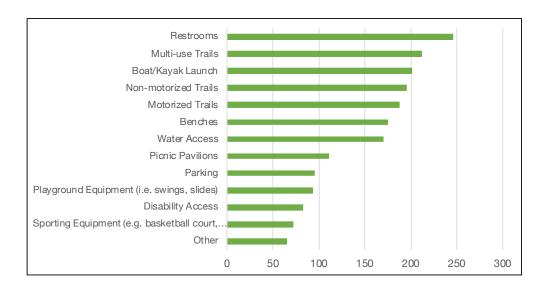
Red line Indicates those opportunities that are charted above.

## **Q9 Increased Opportunities Comments**

	# of		# of
Category	Responses	Specific Response	Responses
		Paved biking and walking trails/safe paths/TART Trail	5
		Mountain biking	4
		Bike park/more advanced mountain biking trails	4
		Snowshoeing	4
Non-motorized trails	26	Wider shoulders for road cycling	3
		Biking unspecified	2
		Non-motorized trails unspecified	2
		Longer hiking trails/wider paths	1
		Skate skiing trails	1
		ORV	2
		Dirt bikes	1
Vehicle-based recreation	6	Motorcycling	1
		Drag racing	1
		UTV and snowmobile trails	1
		Boat launches/access for boats	2
Water access	6	Shore fishing access/safe onshore fishing access for kids	2
water access	O	Water access unspecified	1
		SUP	1
		YMCA with gym, classes, and swimming	1
Indoor facilities	4	Indoor platform tennis	1
indoor racinties	4	Lap swimming	1
		Dance classes for exercise	1
		More use of Mancelona airport	1
Other	4	Kit and drone flights	1
Other	4	Disc Golf	1
		Ironman Track	1
		Cornhole	1
Outdoor Games	3	Shuffleboard	1
		Horse shoes	1
		Indoor community gathering places	1
Socially-based	3	Concerts on Friday nights (but not Sundays)	1
		More clubs and events like Ladies' Night Out	1
Quiet outdoor areas	2	Quiet space	1
Quiet outdoor areas		Conservation of land	1
Parks	2	Cemetary Park enjoyment	1
rarks	2	Update playground	1

	# of
Specific comments from responses that are reflected above	Responses
You're doing a good job/there are enough opportunities	5
All of the above/we'll try anything	2
More technical biking trails near Atwood	1
Expansion on Glacial Hills and Maplehurst	1
More of the TART trail through Antrim County	1
UTV and snowmobile from west of Torch Lake to Mancelona/I	1
With Kaliseum closed, closest pool is TC	1
Whatever other people want	1
Suggest a boardwalk on the north end of Torch with coffee sh	1

# Q10 - What improvements would you like to see at existing Antrim County parks? (Select all that apply and please explain)



Answer	%	Count
Benches	9.18%	175
Boat/Kayak Launch	10.54%	201
Disability Access	4.35%	83
Motorized Trails	9.86%	188
Multi-use Trails	11.12%	212
Non-motorized Trails	10.28%	196
Parking	4.98%	95
Picnic Pavilions	5.82%	111
Playground Equipment (i.e. swings, slides)	4.88%	93
Restrooms	12.90%	246
Sporting Equipment (e.g. basketball & pickelball court)	3.78%	72
Water Access	8.91%	170
Other	3.41%	65
Total	100%	1907

Comments to Follow

### Q10\_1 Benches Comments

Response	# of Responses
For eldery/I'm old/can't walk w/o benches	6
More at Glacial Hills	3
Want benches at all trails	3
Want new benches/quality materials	3
More near water/lakes/beaches	3
Want benches at Antrim Creek Natural Area	2
More benches at parks	2
More benches unspecified	2
Want benches at Alden Depot Park	1
More at playgrounds	1
More benches around town	1
Benches/picnic tables at Palmer Park	1

Off topic/uncountable	# of Responses	
More sandy beaches along Torch Lake	1	
More/better beach access for kids to play and swim	1	

Specific comments	# of Responses
Big logs cut lengthwise make good benches	1
I should think some "jobs" from jail inmates could be to make this kind of seating and be able to sell it to any and all park areasnear bylearn a trade, income to make more like the picnic tables, maybe a scope in one	
or two to see great views	1
I would love to see some kind of park setting at the beach like Elk Rapids has. It's a shame that we have these beautiful lakes and barely any large areas for people to enjoy the beaches. We have very small access that can't have too many people at one time and no	
beach sand.	1

## Q10\_2 Boat/Kayak Launches Comments

			# of
General category	Number of Responses	Specific Response	Responses
		More access/launches unspecified	7
		Make improvements to/maintain launches,	
		unspecified locations	6
		More access to Torch Lake	3
		Paddle Antrim Water Trail should improve	
Unspecified Launch Type	21	launches	1
		Improved maintenance for access point at end	
		of 3rd street in Torch Lake village	1
		Intermediate River	1
		At end of Harbor St in Bellaire	1
		Clam Lake launch	1
		More/better ones, unspecified location	11
	16	At Torch Lake and Lake Bellaire	1
Kayak Launches		In Central Lake	1
1 100, 011 2001101101		Universal kayak lauches	1
		Connect Chain of Lakes with kayak portages	1
		At Willow Day Park	1
		Another/more on Torch Lake	3 2
		More for East Bay/Lake Michigan access There are none N of Elk Rapids	1
		Boat docking at Torch Lake Day Park	1
		More on Elk Lake	1
Boat Launches	11	Improve Bellaire launch depth	1
		Put in double launch at Clam Lake boat	·
		launch, and dock should be longer for boats	1
		Out of county residents should pay fees for	·
		lake access	1
		Better parking	2
. , , ,	_	More signage	1
Signage/other facilities	5	Clearly marked so you can see sign while driving	
		Open restrooms	1

	# of
Specific Comments	Responses
Access point at end of 3rd St is Torch Lake	
village is almost completely blocked	1
Kayaking is easier on wildlife	1
Not charging ramp fees is a tremendous loss	
of revenue for the townships/county	1

## Q10\_3 Disability Access Comments

D	# of
Response	Responses
More unspecified/at all parks	7
At Elk Rapids Day Park/Wall of Art	3
At Central Lake Thurston Park swimming area	1
Mandatory first thing to be done, parks should not just be bleach	1

### Q10\_4 Motorized Trails Comments

	# of		# of
General category	Responses	Specific Response	Responses
		More ORV/ATV/dirt bike/side by side trails unspecified location	19
More/improved ORV/ATC/dirt	25	More motorcycle trails/motorycle single track	3
bike/side by side trails	25	More ORV trails in W side of county/W of Torch Lake connecting to ones near Kalkaska/Mancelo	2
		More ORV trails near bellaire	1
		More unspecified motorized trails	5
		Increased connectivity to other trail systems	2
		Access to Bellaire from groomed trails	1
		Improved trails	1
More/improved unspecified trail type	14	Direction signs on trails	1
		More frequent grooming	1
		Grading bumps	1
		A north-south trail through the county is needed	1
		Access to in town gas stations	1
		More snowmobile trails	11
More/improved snowmobile trails	13	Snowmobile access to Bellaire	1
		Open Mancelona snowmobile connectors	1
		They shouldn't be allowed anywhere	3
Opposition to motorized trails	5	In some, not all parks	1
		No snowmobiles or ATVs on roads	1

Specific comments	# of Responses
The ORV population is increasing by the month if we had more structured system it could be expanded to capture a bigger part of this plus cut down on the damage they can do by finding	
thier own way	1
ORV is a large economic driver. Getting riders access to the small communities could really be	
a great economic boost	1
Snowmobiles and orv tend to pay for themselves and actually spend lots of money in our comm	1
There is currently no known passage through Antrim County for side by side vehicles or 4 wheelers. One path through the county is not sufficient because the traffic through that one path would have very heavy traffic and then people would be complaining about road damage	
or other issues caused by heavy usage.	1

## Q10\_5 Mixed Use Trails Comments

	# of		# of
General Category	Responses	Specific Response	Responses
		Bicycling unspecified	4
Nonmotorized uses	9	Hiking	2
Nonmotorized uses	9	Mountain biking	2
		Bike paths connecting communities	1
		Expand them/more	6
Unspecified use	8	Build trails on railroad grade/utility easements	2
Onspecified use	0	Better marking	1
		Grading bumps	1
Motorized uses	1	More for ORVs/dirt bikes/snowmobiles	3
Motorized uses	4	Allow snowmobiles on bike trails	1
Opposition to multi-use	1	Too dangerous for hikers	1

	# of
Specific Requests	Responses
Add bike park/skills section to glacial hills and add some	
intermediate and advanced trail options (with ride around	
options)/more difficult singletrack	2
Rail trail from Grass River to Baseball fields in Bellaire	1
Extend the walking path.	1
Jordan Valley	1
Make it easier for People to walk the trails at glacier Hills and	
also ride bikes	1
Add mountain bike and hiking trails within county - Wetzel	
Lake Property?	1
TART extension	1
Elk rapids needs a much better bike/walk /run pathway	
connecting both the East and west sides as well as the east	
side of rotary park over the river to the east side of town area.	1
All users pay fees to use, not just snowmobiles for	
snowmobile trails, i.e., bikes get trail sticker	1
Trim trees on day park trails	1
The bridges at the park and on the trail behind the senior	
center is all sorts of messed up. The wood is caved into the	
ground and they're not usable.	1

Specific Comments	# of Responses
Need Nakwema Trail	2
Love to walk trails	1
We must remember our county has a older group of	
residentslet's remember them too.	1
Look at grant opportunities	1

## Q10\_6 Nonmotorized Trails Comments

	# of		# of
General category	Responses	Specific Response	Responses
		More nonmotorized unspecified trails/alternatives to roac	8
		More connections/linkages	4
General	16	More peaceful areas	2
		More trail systems like Glacial Hills	1
		Dog-friendly trails	1
		More paved bike trails	7
Biking	12	More mountain bike trails (challenging/singletrack)	4
		NO more mountain bike trails	1
		Better signage/trail marking	3
Improvements	5	Put trail difficulty on maps/trailheads	1
		Better trail maintenance; cut down hazardous trees	1
Walking	4	More walking trails	3
Waiking	4	Safer for seniors walking	1
Hiking	3	More hiking trails	3
No motorized vehicles on trails	2	No ATVs/motors	2
Ski Trails	1	More skiing trails	1

Suggestions for Specific Non-motorized Trails	# of Responses
Bike trail linking Alden with Bellaire (pave Rail Trail)	2
Nakwema Trail	3
Expand Glacial Hills trail system	2

Specific Comments	
TART is critical as well as more non motorized paths in small communities for safe travel on foot/bike with families. Every municipality should incorporate non motorized paths as part of civic planning	1
Glacial Hills is overrun by mountain bikes	1
We have LOVED the addition of Maplehurst for hiking, biking and snowshoeing!	1
Needed for popular e-bikes	1
Antrim County desperately needs roads improved to widen the shoulder for bicycle travel	1

## Q10\_7 Parking Comments

General Category	# of Responses	Specific Response	# of Responses
		More, unspecified location	3
		In Bellaire	1
More parking	9	Torch Bay Nature Preserve (now the lake levels have risen)	1
		Clam Lake boat launch	1
		By water at Barnes Park	1
		By water at Antrim Creek Natural Area	1
		Near launch sites on Torch Lake	1
		Elk Rapids Day Park - potholes need to be fix	2
Parking Improvements	5	Senior parking area for boat access at Elk Lal	1
		Take down fence at day park on S Bayshore	1
		Closer parking	1

	# of
Specific Comments	Responses
Downtown people park in posted business	
parking when not using that business	1
Could Antrim stipulate that boat trailers	
lodging at Depot park have to pay for the	
taking up of space? The funds could be	
used to pay for the park upkeep.	1

## Q10\_8 Picnic Pavilions Comments

	# of		# of
General Category	Responses	Specific Response	Responses
		At Antrim Creek	2
More picnic pavilions	5	In scenic spots, unspecified	1
		More covered pavilions	1
		In Bellaire	1
		Covered in cobwebs all the time	1
Maintenance/Improvements	3	Due for upgrades everywhere	1
		More shade from trees/structures	1
Logistics	2	Could rent them out	2

Specific Comment	# of Responses
It would be beneficial to put a trash receptacle at the beginning of all of the entries to Glacial Hills. People are asked to pick up after their dogs but there's no place to throw the dog waste.	1

## Q10\_9 Playground Equipment Comments

	# of		# of
General category	Responses	Specific Response	Responses
		Updated equipment in Bellaire parks, unspecified	4
		Update equipment unspecified location	4
Updated playground equipment	12	Updated equipment at Richardi Park	2
		Veterans Memorial Park	1
		Benches for adults	1
		More equipment at unspecified location	2
		Playground equipment at Banks Township Park	2
		Add skate park/ramp	2
More playaround equipment	11	More equipment at Central Lake	1
More playground equipment	11	Add splash pad	1
		Add climbing wall	1
		Add pump tracks	1
		More access to water (kayaks/SUPs)	1
		Investing in parks ensures county's sustainable	
General	3	growth/shapes economic output by attracting	
		quality residents	3

## Q10\_Sports Equipment/Facilities Comments

	# of		#of
General category	Responses	Specific Response	Responses
		Pickleball, unspecified location	5
		Pickleball at Barnes Park	1
		Pickleball indoors	1
		Pickleball in Alden	1
		Second basketball hoop at Palmer Park	1
More sports complexes	11	Skatepark	1
		Things for younger age group (teens)	1
		Indoor facility for winter	1
		Courts, unspecified type	1
		Baseball fields	1
		Disc Golf course	1
		Better baseball fields/ones that don't	
		flood like Kewadin	2
		Redo basketball courts, make safer from	
		sand/rain run-off	1
	_	Add lighting	1
Improvements	7	Basketball courts are cracked and hoops	
		are bad	1
			-
		Have dark sky and planet watches at parks	1
		Equipment rental options at parks	1

## Q10\_12 Water Access Comments

	# of		# of
General category	Responses	Specific Response	Responses
		More, unspecified location	7
More access, unspecified type	11	More on Torch Lake	3
		More on inland lakes	1
		Better maintenance, unspecified location	2
		More wayfinding/signage	1
Maintenance/facilities	6	Cut/maintain vegetation at public access at end	
Maintenance/racintles	O	of 3rd St in Torch Lake Township	1
		More parking at Eastport public access	1
		More parking at Miley's access on Lake Bellaire	1
		More, unspecified location	3
Boat launches	6	More on Torch Lake	2
		Make them deeper so you can launch a large boat	1
Dublic beaches/awimming	5	More, unspecified location	4
Public beaches/swimming	ິວ	In Alden	1
Kayak/canoe/SUP launches	3	More, unspecified location	2
Nayar/Carioe/SOF lauriches	J	Launch at end of Harbor St, Bellaire	1

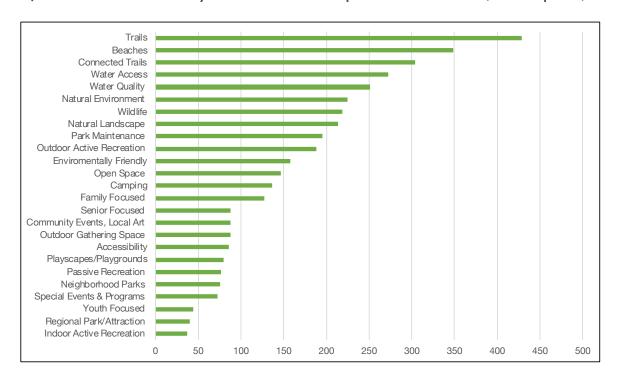
Specific Comments	# of Responses
Concerned by paranoid cranky homeowners	1
Think about loops with water routes and trails so that people can lock a bike at an end point, drive their car to the start point, paddle downstream and then ride their bike back to their car, then	
shuttle back to pick up kayak/canoe.	1

### Q10\_13 Other Comments

	# of		# of
General category	Responses	Specific Response	Responses
		Biking trails	3
		Paved walking/running trails	2
		Longer hiking trails	2
More non-motorized		More advanced mountain biking trails	2
trails/road shoulders	15	Bike skills loop/pump tracks	2
		TART Trail	1
		Beginning mountain biking loop	1
		Sidewalks on E side of Elk Rapids	1
		Bike lane on shoulder of Cherry Ave	1
		Dog park/off-leash park	4
		Splash pad at Bellaire park	1
		Shade	1
Diameter de /des		More picnic tables along Elk Rapids waterfront	1
Playgrounds/day	13	Remove Elk Rapids Day Park fence all year	1
parks/beaches		Better management at Barnes Park Network of parks that connect across county	1
		Handicap accessibility for Elk Rapids Day Park paths	1
		Beach Park	1
		Park for drone flying and robotics	1
		More snowmobile trails, unspecified location	4
		Snowmobile trails in W side of county	1
More motorized trails	8	More ORV Trails	1
		Motorcycle-only trails	1
		Improved signage	3
		Wider trails, mowed	1
B 1 / 1		Trash cans, unspecified location	1
Park/trail maintenance	8	More frequent trash removal - Torch Lake Twp Park	1
		Keep beaches clean of goose poop (Richardi Park)	1
		Enforcement of no smoking, clean up after dog, dogs on leashes	1
		Swimming pool	2
		Skating rink	1
Other facilities	7	Skate Park	1
Other racinties	,	Community/educational gardening	1
		Golf practice facility	1
		Disc golf course at Maple Bay	1
Sports facilities	3	Indoor gym or senior center	1
ороно пасинос		Platform tennis	1
Dark sky	3	Dark sky provisions, unspecified location	2
20		Night photography at Torch Lake public access	1
Boating	2	Sailboat rentals	1
		More patroling on lake to decrease wake	1
Hunting/fishing	2	More hunting access	1
L		Remove restrictions on hunting/fishing at Maplehurst	1

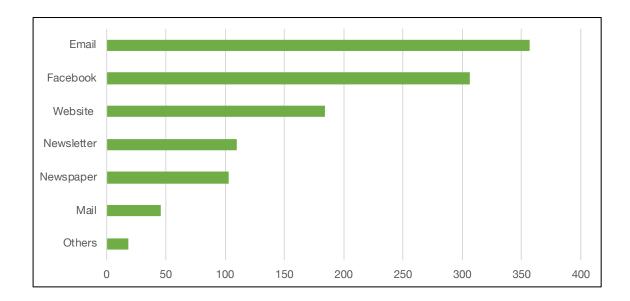
Specific Comments/Requests	# of Responses
Keep parks/natural areas as natural as possible	2
Sell unused parks that are not being maintained (Willow Day, Noteware's, etc) and buy better property for parks/trails	2
I do not want more facilities, just activities.	1
Funneling day swimmers into tiny access chutes on torch lake causes the people not to care for the surroundings. If you treat them like garbage, it's what they leave.	1
Hi, we live 4 house down from elk rapids day park on south Bayshore. We have had a huge influx of people that some are walking the beach, and most rock collecting. Unfortunately we have many people who stand or sit on our beachfront for 45 minutes plus, and some even go onto our dock. Many of us homeowners are amazed at how these people are loitering, even going on our private docks. Many have dogs, and leave their poop bags on our properties. Can you please post a sign for people not to loiter and leave trash.? That would be greatly appreciated. Please call me to discuss this issue. Beth Brolick 231-392-3163	1

#### Q11 - Which attributes do you value most about parks & recreation? (Select up to 5)



Option	%	Count
Beaches	8.74	349
Camping	3.43	137
Connected Ti	7.62	304
Trails	10.75	429
Playscapes/F	2	80
Water Acces	6.81	272
Wildlife	5.49	219
Accessibility	2.15	86
Enviromenta	3.96	158
Natural Land	5.36	214
Natural Envii	5.64	225
Water Qualit	6.29	251
Park Mainter	4.88	195
Passive Recr	1.93	77
Open Space	3.68	147
Outdoor Gat	2.2	88
Neighborhoo	1.9	76
Regional Par	1	40
Special Even	1.83	73
Community E	2.2	88
Outdoor Acti	4.71	188
Indoor Active	0.93	37
Family Focus	3.18	127
Senior Focus	2.2	88
Youth Focuse	1.1	44

### Q12 - What is your preferred method for staying informed about Antrim County Parks?

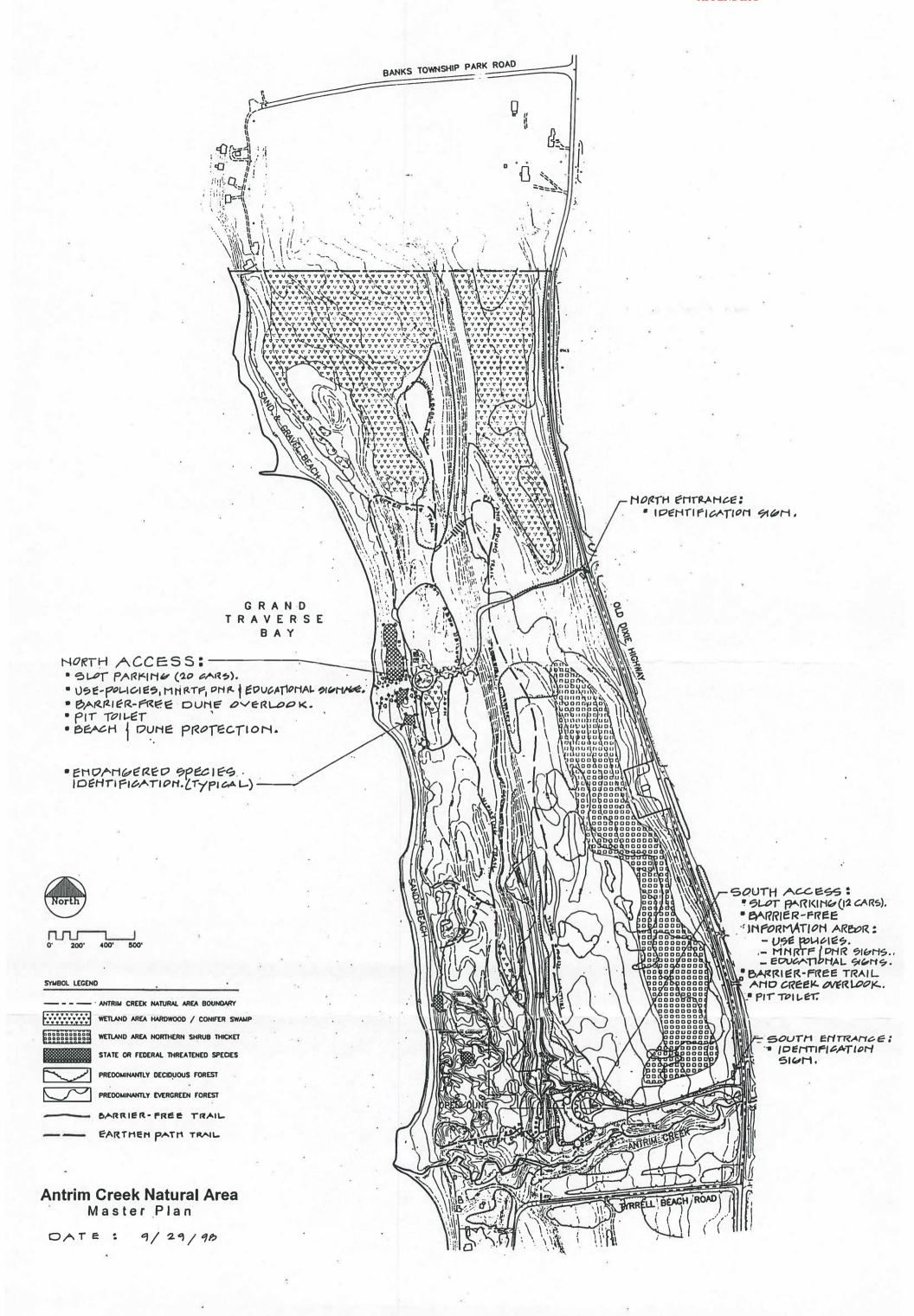


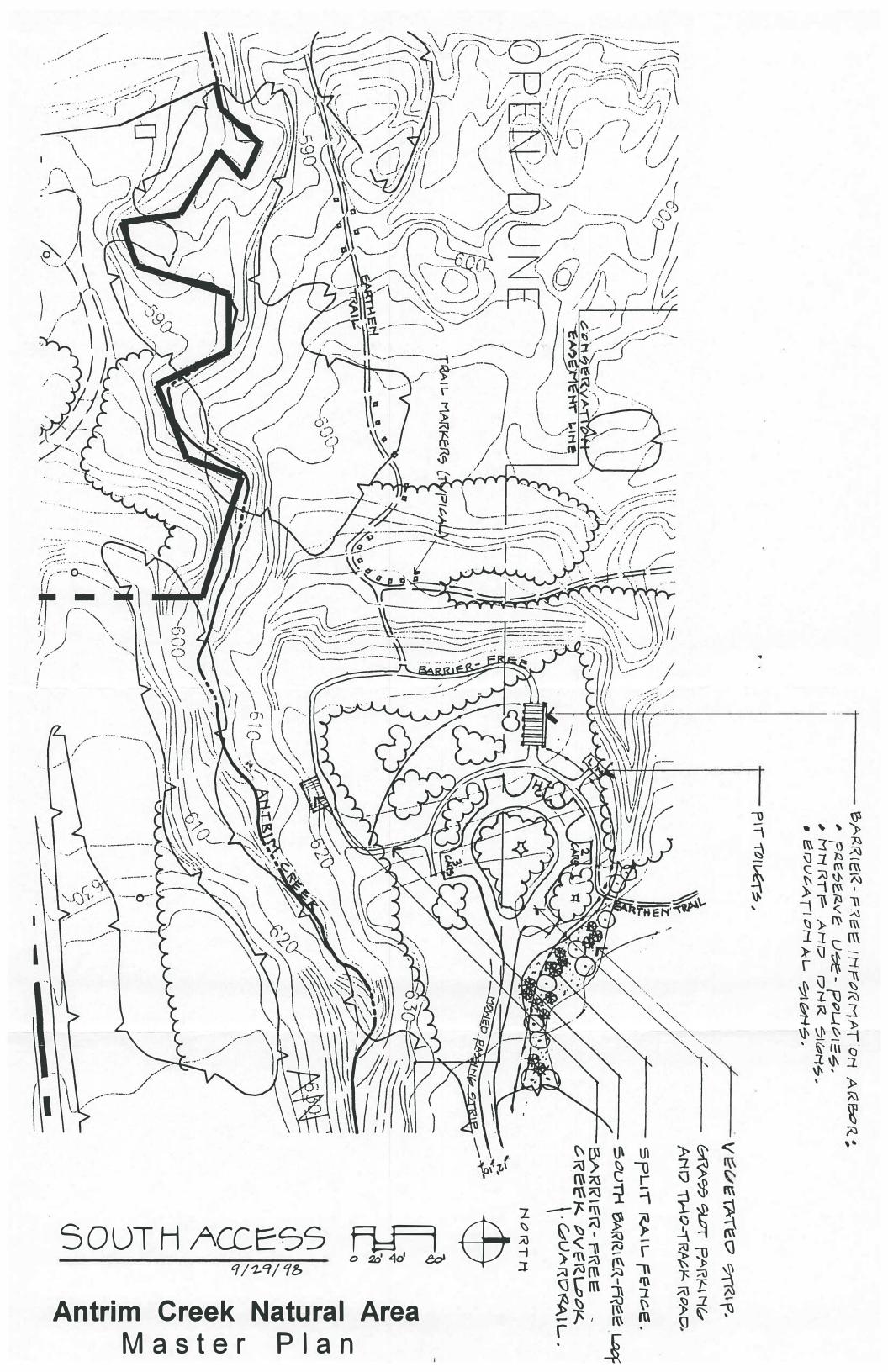
Option	%	Count
Email	31.76	357
Facebook	27.22	306
Mail	4.09	46
Newsletter	9.79	110
Newspaper	9.16	103
Website	16.37	184
Others	1.6	18

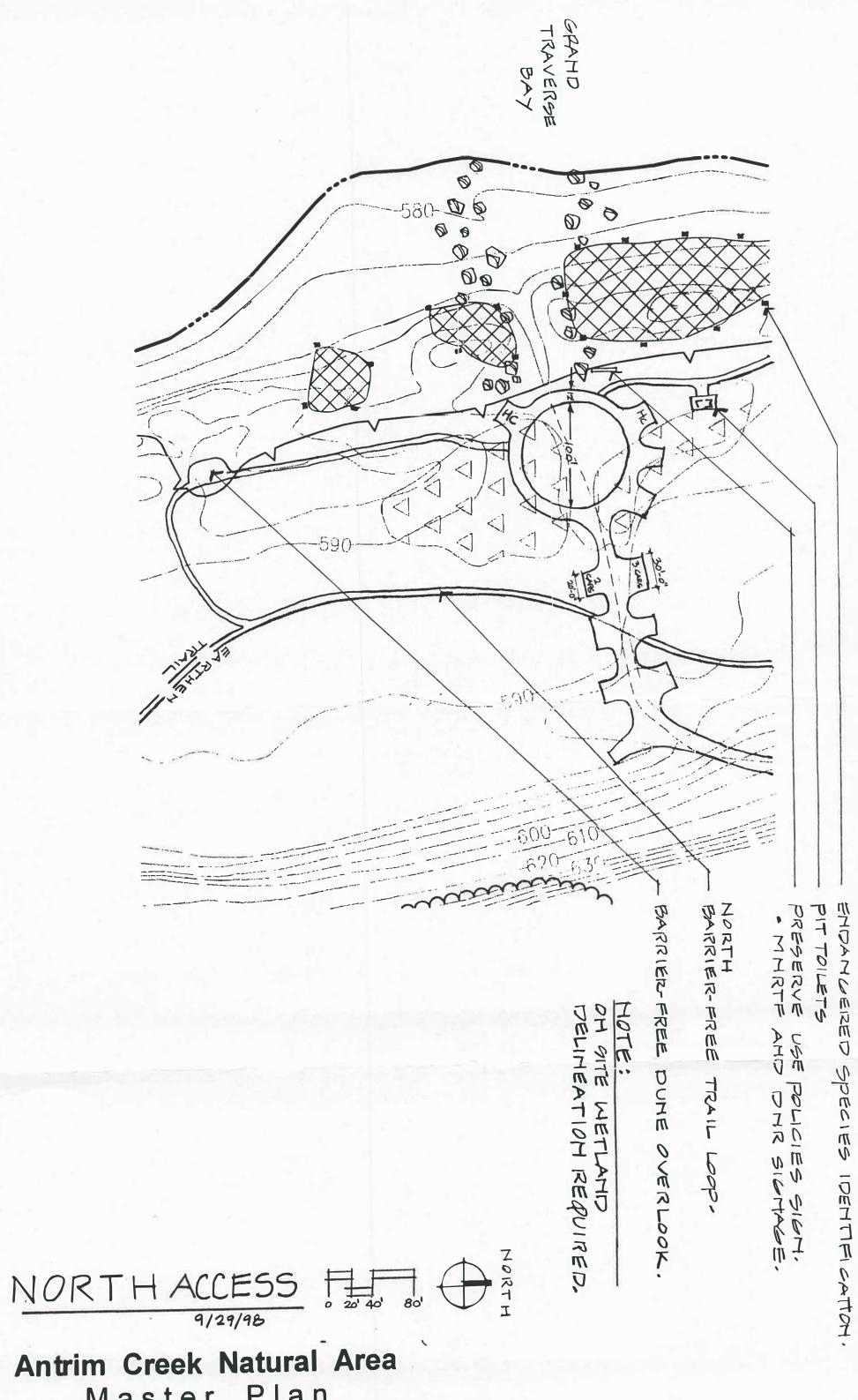
Q12. Communication Comments						
General Area	# of General Area Responses Specific Response					
Email	5	Individual E-mail addresses	5			
Text, SMS	4	Text alerts/SMS				
Local Signage/Maps	3	Maps & info available in County building and elsewhere, shops, stores, etc. signage on site to be informed of things to do in this particular park/trail signs Sign at the N entrance to Antrim creek is where I learned of survey.	1 1 1			
E-Communication	2	E newsletter updated videos on each communities website	1			
Word of Mouth/Local Connections	2	Word-of-mouth, hearing from friends, neighbors, etc. Senior Center Newsletter	1			
Social Media	Social Media 1 Instagram, Twitter					

### **APPENDIX B:**

## **Antrim Creek Natural Area Site Plan**







Master Plan

### **APPENDIX C:**

## **Grass River Natural Area Strategic Plan**





Strategic Plan
May 2017 through May 2020

#### INTRODUCTION

The Board of Directors (BOD) of Grass River Natural Area, Inc. is pleased to present this strategic plan for 2017 to 2020. The plan represents a roadmap for growth and resiliency. It was developed during a planning session in February 2017 after completion of several organizational SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) assessments conducted by board members, staff and stakeholders. Six goals were identified and multiple strategies with specific action items were applied to each goal.

#### MISSION STATEMENT

To manage the Grass River Natural Area, conserve and protect its watershed and provide opportunities that increase knowledge, appreciation and community-wide stewardship of the natural environment.

### **Summary of the Grass River Natural Area Strategic Plan 2017-2020**

The Grass River Natura Area board and staff leadership have identified the following five Goals and related Strategies as priorities for 2017-2020. The Goals and Strategies are not listed in priority order.

#### 1. Steward natural resources and facilities with best practices

- a. Provide a safe environment for visitor usage
- b. Define and prioritize facility maintenance and land management needs
- c. Increase knowledge of physical and biological natural resources within GRNA

#### 2. Expand awareness and position GRNA as a premier resource

- a. Build and maintain relationships with other organizations
- b. Increase visibility with area businesses
- c. Increase visibility within and outside of Antrim County

#### 3. Build financial stability

- a. Foster a giving culture
- b. Define and build endowments
- c. Cultivate relationships with donors, prospects and other stakeholders
- d. Increase opportunities for earned income

#### 4. Enhance visitor experiences through education and programs

- a. Establish strategic partnerships that enhance programming and outreach
- b. Enhance signage and passive interpretation of site
- c. Evaluate existing programming and expand new programs as resources allow

#### 5. Provide for sound administration of GRNA

- a. Assess internal technology and plan for future needs
- b. Effectively organize human development and staffing needs
- c. Review, clarify and create policies with board oversight
- d. Enhance internal communications and strengthen board leadership

## **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION GRID**

1	GOAL 1: Steward Natural Resources and Facilities with Best Practices							
A	Strategy: Provide safe environment for visitor		•					
		Timing	Lead	Measure of Success	Status			
1	Add additional wayfinding signage where needed as funding allows	Fall 2017 – Fall 2018	Staff	2020 Community Input Survey shows 20% of visitors feel visitor				
2	Improve safety and accessibility of boardwalk with short-term, effective "fixes"	Spring 2017, ongoing	Facilities and Land Steward	experience at GRNA has improved compared to	In progress			
3	Replace boardwalk in stages as fundraising allows	Spring 2018 – Fall 2020	Executive Director	2017.				
4	Work with commissioners to obtain funds for boardwalk and road improvement per County Capital Improvement Plan	Spring 2017- Fall 2020	Executive Director	90% of maintenance tasks to improve recreational safety are accomplished	in progress			
5	Improve/repair outhouses	Spring 2017	Facilities and Land Steward	by 2020	In progress			
6	Investigate options and create plan for cabin usage (include revenue generating ideas)	Fall 2019 – Spring 2020	Staff	First phase of boardwalk is completed by 2018				
				County sets total of \$200,000 aside for road improvement and implements project in 2020.				
В	Strategy: Define and prioritize facility mainten	ance and land m	nanagement needs	5				
		Timing	Lead	Measure of Success	Status			
1	Develop manual identifying year-round and	Spring 2017 –	Facilities and	With prioritization of	In progress			

	seasonal preventive and routine maintenance	Fall 2017	Land Steward	annual and long-term	
2	Create list of deferred maintenance and	Spring 2017-	Facilities and	maintenance needs,	In progress
	associated cost analysis	Fall 2017	Land Steward	GRNA is able to	
3	Implement tasks outlined in comprehensive	Spring 2017 -	Land	implement 90% of routine	
	management plan	Fall 2020	Management	maintenance tasks each	
			Committee,	year.	
			Executive		
			Director	With deferred	
4	Develop strategy for control of invasive species	Spring 2018-	Land	maintenance and cost	
		Fall 2018	Management	analysis laid out, GRNA Inc	
			Committee,	better communicates cost	
			Outreach	of stewardship needs to	N N
			Coordinator	commissioners and	
				therefore generates 5%	
				increase in giving from	
				Antrim County toward	
				stewardship-specific tasks	
				by 2020.	
				Because of a new invasive	
				species control strategy,	
				GRNA Inc. successfully	
				applies for grant funds to	
				assist in control practices	
				by 2020.	
С	Increase knowledge of natural resources and k	oiota within GRN	A		
		Timing	Lead	Measure of Success	Status
1	Increase scientific knowledge of biota through	Spring 2017-	Land	GRNA partners with 4 new	In progress
	biological inventory projects	fall 2017;	Management	entities by 2020 which	
		ongoing	Committee,	help to increase scientific	
			Executive	knowledge of natural area	
			Director	to aid in management.	

2	Promote reciprocal sharing of knowledge	2017-2020	James Dake		
	between education and resource management			Research questions	
	team			related to impact of	
3	Invite scientists/researchers to conduct relevant	Spring 2019-	Staff	climate change result in 1	
	research at GRNA (e.g. MSU, LSU, UofM, CMU)	Fall 2019		new grant application for	
4	Create a list of possible effects of climate change on GRNA and develop associated research questions to direct grant applications	Spring 2020	Land Management Committee/Staff	project to begin in 2020.	
			Committee/Stan		

2	GOAL 2: Expand Awareness and Position	GRNA as a Pre	mier Resourc	e		
Α	Strategy: Build and maintain relationships with other organizations					
		Timing	Lead	Measure of Success	Status	
1	Board adopts active role to steward relationships with local organizations	Fall 2017- Spring 2020	Board Chair	100% of board members write a personal communication inviting a board member from another local group to attend GRNA's annual gala 2017-2020.		
В	Strategy: Increase visibility with area businesses				4	
		Timing	Lead	Measure of Success	Status	
1	Increase board participation in Chamber events e.g., annual meetings, after hours, etc.	Spring 2018- Fall 2020	Board Chair	50% of GRNA board members attend an event		
2	Promote GR Center as meeting place for area businesses, Chamber or non-profits	Fall 2018	Outreach Coordinator	put on by local businesses/chambers once		
3	Evaluate feasibility of developing a Business Society	Winter 2017 - Spring 2018	Development & Marketing Committee	a year, 2018-2020.  GR Center use by regional groups increases by 20%		
				by 2020.		
C	Strategy: Increase visibility within and outside of	f Antrim County				
		Timing	Lead	Measure of Success	Status	
1	Increase public service announcements/news releases	Spring 2017- Fall 2020	Outreach Coordinator	GRNA cultivates a long- term, in-kind service from	In progress	
2	Cultivate relationships with area media	Spring 2018- Spring 2019	Development & Marketing Committee, Staff	a local advertising entity by 2019.  Target market groups are	In progress	
3	Enhance relations with adjacent property owners	Summer 2018	Outreach	defined with a clear		

		- Summer 2019	Coordinator	marketing strategy associated with each by	
4	Develop full marketing plan for GRNA	Fall 2017 — Spring 2018	Development & Marketing Committee, Staff	Both Facebook and website engagement by visitors increase by 50% by 2020.	

3	GOAL 3: Build Financial Stability						
A	Strategy: Foster giving culture						
		Timing	Lead	Measure of Success	Status		
1	Provide talking points for staff, board and volunteers and include donor messaging in programs as appropriate	Fall 2017 – Spring 2018	Executive Director, Development & Marketing Committee	90% of board members are comfortable with new donor messaging and actively use it to cultivate donors at fundraising			
2	Expand opportunities for sponsorship, underwriting, or "adopt a program" at GRNA (camp, adult learning series)	Fall 2017 – Fall 2020; ongoing	Staff	events as measured by an annual survey.	In progress		
3	Promote Legacy Society	Summer 2017, ongoing	Executive Director, BOD	Staff cultivate 5 new sponsorship, underwriting, or "adopt a program"	In progress		
4	Implement Boardwalk Reconstruction Special Project Campaign and use as leverage to cultivate donors for future Capital Campaign	Spring 2017 – Fall 2018	Executive Director, BOD	donors by 2020.  Meet Special Project	In progress		
5	Organize comprehensive Capital Campaign, beginning with a feasibility study (building off positive momentum from Special Project Campaign). Update giving categories and Major Gift plan	Spring 2019- Fall 2020 Spring 2018	Capital Campaign Cabinet BOD	Campaign Goal of \$350,000 and generate interest from 2 new foundations to support			

				future Capital Campaign at \$100,000 +.	
В	Strategy: Cultivate relationships with donors, pro	ospects and othe	r stakeholders		
		Timing	Lead	Measure of Success	Status
	With board as lead, create corporate advisory board to encourage business owners to participate in GRNA	Summer 2020	BOD	GRNA witnesses a 5% increase in total donors each year, 2017-2020.	
Total Control	Increase board activity in inviting prospects to events and to tour GRNA	Spring 2017- 2020; ongoing	Governance Committee	GRNA witnesses a 15%	
	Increase board activity accompanying Exec Director on donor visits	Fall 2017 — Spring 2018	Executive Director	increase in major donors by 2020.	
	Board and staff develop enhanced networking event for major donors and Legacy Society (boat tour, wine night, house party/dinner)	Fall 2018	BOD, Executive Director	Donor retention increases from 60 to 67% by 2020.	
	Board members take active role in thanking donors (e.g. thank you notes, phone calls, etc.)	2017-2020	BOD	GRNA witnesses an	In progress
	Continue to include County Commissioners in communications, events and newsletters	2017-2020	Executive Director, BOD	increase in interest from commissioners as measured by a general	In progress
	Increase communication about Planned Giving options: "ways to give" (e.g. IRA charitable withdrawals, charitable gift)	Summer 2017- 2020; ongoing	Executive Director	increase in attendance of GRNA events.  The Legacy Society	In progress
				comprises 15 donors by 2020.	
	Strategy: Define and build endowments		5		
		Timing	Lead	Measure of Success	Status
0	Clarify use of funds for each existing endowment and investments (communicate info to board)	Fall 2017 — Spring 2018	BOD, Executive	By 2020, 90% of board and staff understand how to	

			Director	message our endowment	
2	Develop strategy to build additional endowment(s)	Summer 2018	BOD	fund(s) to donors as	
		- Summer		measured by a board/staff	
		2019		survey.	
3	Encourage gifts to endowment(s) to increase fund	Spring 2020	Staff/BOD		
	amounts			GRNA's board directed	
V.				endowment supporting	
				general operations	
				increases from \$19,500 to	
L				\$40,000 by 2020.	
D	Strategy: Increase opportunities for earned inco	ome			
		Timing	Lead	Measure of Success	Status
1	Analyze market and implement fee-based programs	Spring 2017;	Education	Earned revenue increases	
	for revenue potential if/where appropriate	ongoing,	Director	to \$35,000 by 2020.	
		annual			
2	Evaluate options to rent Center with volunteer	Summer 2018	Outreach	A reinstated membership	In progress
	staffing; Consider policies, rules and procedures	}	Coordinator	program brings in an	
3	staffing; Consider policies, rules and procedures  Enhance gift shop and increase promotion	Spring 2019	Coordinator Education	program brings in an additional \$2500 a year in	
3		Spring 2019		, ,	
3		Spring 2019	Education	additional \$2500 a year in	
3		Spring 2019	Education Director,	additional \$2500 a year in	
3	Enhance gift shop and increase promotion		Education Director, Development	additional \$2500 a year in	
3		Spring 2019 Fall 2017;	Education Director, Development & Marketing	additional \$2500 a year in	
	Enhance gift shop and increase promotion		Education Director, Development & Marketing Committee	additional \$2500 a year in	
	Enhance gift shop and increase promotion  Review events for cost benefit analysis and ROI	Fall 2017; ongoing, annual	Education Director, Development & Marketing Committee Executive	additional \$2500 a year in	
	Enhance gift shop and increase promotion  Review events for cost benefit analysis and ROI  Research pros and cons of reintroducing	Fall 2017; ongoing,	Education Director, Development & Marketing Committee Executive	additional \$2500 a year in	
4	Enhance gift shop and increase promotion  Review events for cost benefit analysis and ROI	Fall 2017; ongoing, annual	Education Director, Development & Marketing Committee Executive Director	additional \$2500 a year in	

4	GOAL 4: Enhance Visitor Experiences thro	ough Education	and Progran	ns			
A	Strategy: Establish strategic partnerships that enhance programming and outreach						
		Timing	Lead	Measure of Success	Status		
I	Determine feasibility of partnering on current program/event offerings with local entities.	Summer 2019 - 2020	Staff	GRNA forges 2 new, impactful partnerships with a local or regional			
2	Identify possible unique regional partnerships (regional nature centers, museums, universities, etc)	Summer 2017- 2020, ongoing	Staff	group that result in a 5% increase in outreach engagement.			
3	Strategy: Enhance signage and passive interpreta	tion of site	l				
Ī		Timing	Lead	Measure of Success	Status		
L	Design and install interpretive signage on trails	Summer 2017- Summer 2018	Education Director and Staff	10 new interpretive and wayfinding signs are installed by 2020.	In progress		
2	Create plan and cost estimate to upgrade exhibits in center with themes that reflect GRNA ecosystem and history as funding allows	Summer 2017	Education Director and Staff	Exhibits in GR Center are upgraded and reflect	In progress		
_				GRNA ecosystem by 2019.			
;	Strategy: Evaluate existing programming and expand new programming as resources allow						
1		Timing	Lead	Measure of Success	Status		
	Implement Cost Benefit Analysis for existing programs to determine cost of offering program	Spring – Fall 2017	Education Director	Offsite outreach contact hours increase by 20% by	Completed		
	Evaluate and document current education staffing needs	Summer 2017- 2019	Executive Director, Education Director	2020.  Program evaluation strategy is implemented	In progress		
3	Develop new programming as staff resources allow, including programs for adults, Millennials, Boomers,	Summer 2017 -2020; ongoing	Education Director &	by 2017 and repeated annually.			

	Scouts		staff	
4	Increase off-season offsite outreach programs as staff resources allow	Summer 2017 - Fall 2018	Outreach Coordinator, Education	In progress
5	Encourage local individuals to use GRNA as a publisher (for fee) and promote this service	2019/2020	Staff, BOD	

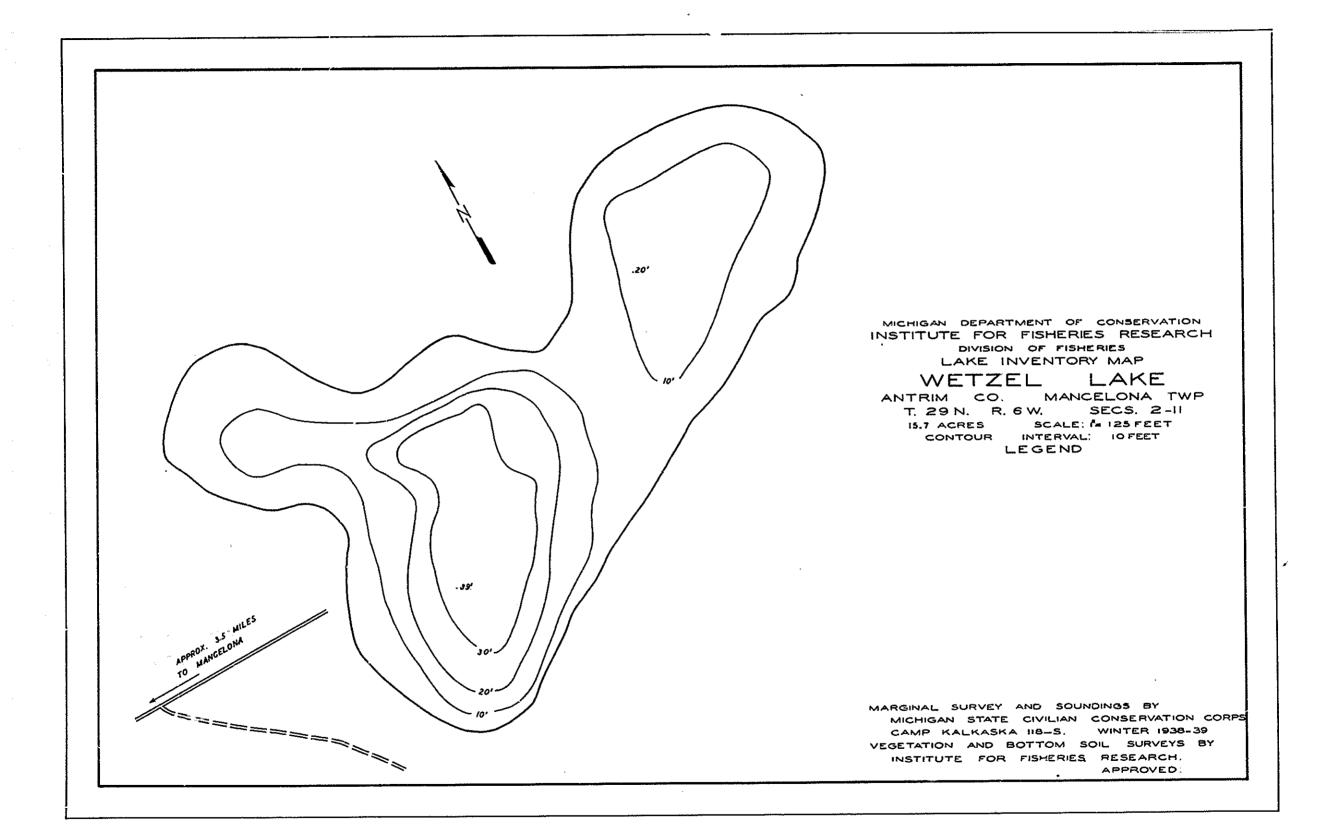
5	GOAL 5: Provide for Sound Administration of GRNA						
A	Strategy: Assess internal technology and plan for future needs						
		Timing	Lead	Measure of Success	Status		
1	Create list of computer and technology needs at county office and GR Center	Spring 2018	Office Manager, Facilities and Land Steward	New donor database training and implementation is completed by Sept 2017.			
2	Obtain attorney opinion on Freedom of Information Act as it pertains to donor records, etc.	Fall 2017	BOD	Top three priorities for technological needs are			
3	Complete implementation of Salesforce to improve donor reporting and stewardship	Spring 2017 – Fall 2017	Executive Director, Office Manager	defined by 2019 and grant funds are pursued in 2020.	In progress		
			1	-			
3	Strategy: Effectively organize human development and staffing needs						
		Timing	Lead	Measure of Success	Status		
	Create list of support functions that could be conducted by board (under staff direction) and implement	Winter 2017	Board Chair, Executive Director	Board defines staff succession plan by 2018.			
2	Establish next generation staffing model	Spring 2018	Executive	Next generation staffing			

3	Establish staff succession plan	Fall 2017	Director, BOD BOD	model is designed and informs organizational restructuring in 2019.  Top three support tasks outlined by staff to be conducted by board members are completed	
С	Strategy: Review, clarify and create policies with	board oversight		by 2020	
E		Timing	Lead	Measure of Success	Status
1	Review and revise County Contract	Fall 2019	Executive Director, BOD (county too!)	An ad hoc committee is formed to tackle the development of new county contract by	
2	Finalize and approve employee handbook, volunteer handbook, and GRNA Center safety plan	Summer 2017	BOD	Spring 2019.	In progress
3	Evaluate and document ownership of assets and properties	Winter 2017	Board member	Land acquisition policy messaging is used to	In progress
4	Work with county to modify alcohol policy	Fall 2017	Executive Director	communicate long-term intentions to the public	In progress
5	Develop land acquisition strategy and policy	Spring 2018- Summer 2018	BOD, Executive Director	on website, one-on-one visits, etc., beginning 2019.	
D	Strategy: Enhance internal communications and s	trengthen board	leadership		
		Timing	Lead	Measure of Success	Status
1	Conduct periodic staff meetings	2017, ongoing	Executive Director	By 2020, 5 new board members are recruited	In progress

2	Conduct employee and volunteer trainings (e.g. fundraising, social media, database management, customer service)	Summer 2017 - 2020; ongoing, annual	Executive Director, Outreach Coordinator	all containing preferred skills as defined by governance committee matrix.	In progress
3	Develop annual professional development plan for the Board based on the self-assessment results and conduct trainings annually	Fall 2017 – 2020; ongoing, annual	Governance Committee	Staff and volunteers are introduced to one new	
4	Establish a succession plan for board leadership	Spring 2017; ongoing	Governance Committee	training a year for professional	
5	Evaluate board composition and develop method for continual, strategic board and committee recruitment	Summer 2017	Governance Committee	development, 2017- 2020.  Each year, 80% of the BOD has attended annual professional trainings as defined by	In progress
				the annual board evaluation.	

### APPENDIX D:

Wetzel Lake Site Plan



### **APPENDIX E:**

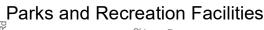
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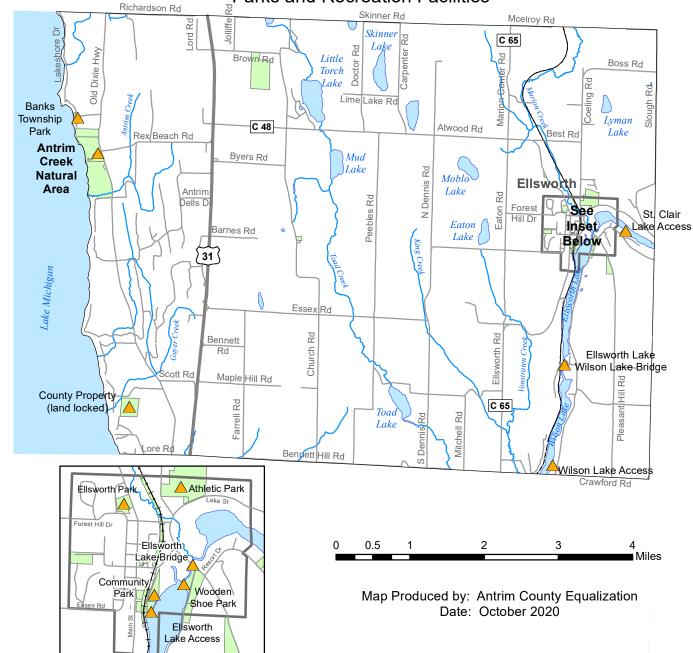
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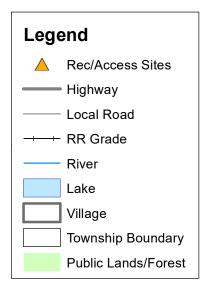
#### **BANKS TOWNSHIP**

Facility	Controlling Authority	Asset	Handican A	Acres	Electrified C.	Rustic Cam.	Beach (qty)	Restrooms	Bath Hone	Picnic Area	Playground	Nature Tree:		Fishing Trails	Volleyball	Tennis Court	Basketball C	Equestrian T.	Groomed x. C.	X-Country Ski Trails	/ s	Softball Fig. 1.	Baseball First	Golf Holes	Connected Was	h (See	Notes Tor type)	_
Antrim Creek Natural Area	Antrim County	Natural Area		140			X	X				X														Michig		
Lore Road (Landlocked)	Antrim County	Forest Area		40																								
Banks Township Park	Banks Township	Beach		2			X	X																	Lake	Michig	an	
Wilson Lake (Rushton Rd)	Banks Township	Access Site																							Wilso	n Lake	,	
Ellsworth Lake Bridge	County Road Commission	Access Site																										
Ellsworth Lake/Wilson Lake Bridge	County Road Commission	Access Site																							Ellsw	orth La	ike	
Ellsworth Lake Access	DNR	Access Site																							Ellsw	orth La	ike	
St. Clair Lake Access	DNR	Access Site																							Lake	St. Cla	ir	
Ellsworth Athletic Park	Village of Ellsworth	Recreation Field		20									X									1	1					
Ellsworth Community Park	Village of Ellsworth	Park		6																								
Ellsworth Park	Village of Ellsworth	Park		3							X	X				2	1				1	1	1			X		
Wooden Shoe Park	Village of Ellsworth	Campground	X	3	40	15	X		X	X																		

<sup>\*</sup>Antrim Creek Natural Area had a boat launch installed in May of 2017. Due to wave energy and impact from the current, the Boat launch is not useable, and is slated to be removed at a future date.

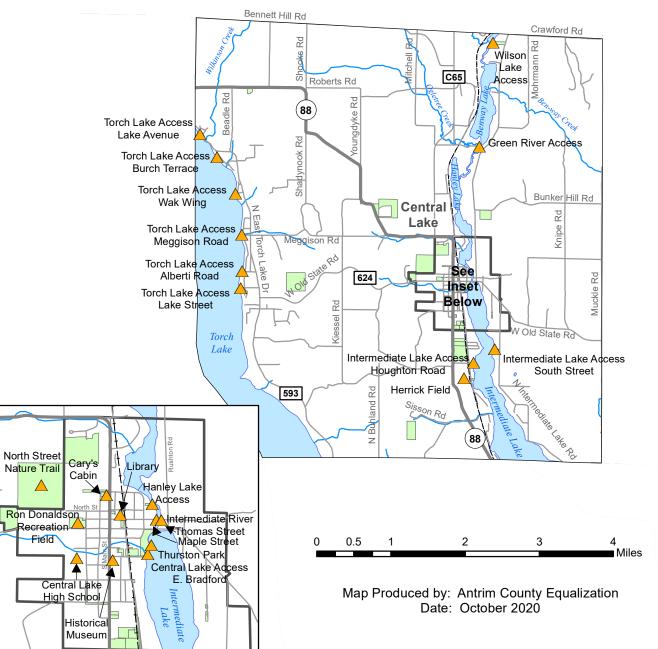
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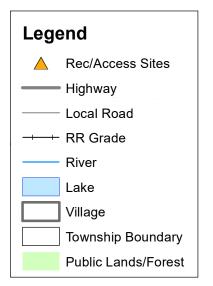


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Facility	Controlling Authority	Asset	Handicap A	Acres	Electrified Co	Rustic Cames:	Beach (qty)	Restrooms	Bath House	Play Ground	Picnic Area	Nature Trais	Mountain 7.	Track &	Fishing	Volleyhan	Tennis G	Baskethon -	Equestrian T	Groomed X G	X-Country St. Trails	Ice Skating	Softball Field	Baseball Field	Golf Holes	Boat Launch	Connected Work	Notes Taler body	//	
Central Lake High School		Recreation Field	х					x						х								,		1						
Central Lake Library	Central Lake Twp	Library	х					х																						
Herrick Field	Central Lake Twp	Recreation Field		13				X			X			x			1	2						1						
Intermediate Lake Access - Houghton Rd	Central Lake Twp	Access Site																									Interr	nediate	Lake	
Intermediate Lake Access - South Street	Central Lake Twp	Access Site																									Interr	nediate	Lake	
Torch Lake Access - Alberti Access	Central Lake Twp	Access Site																									Torch	Lake		
Torch Lake Access - Burch Terrace	Central Lake Twp	Access Site																									ш			
Torch Lake Access - Lake Avenue	Central Lake Twp	Access Site																									Torch	Lake		
Torch Lake Access - Lake Street	Central Lake Twp	Access Site																									Torch	Lake		
Torch Lake Access - Meggisson Road	Central Lake Twp	Access Site																									Torch	Lake		
Torch Lake Access - Wak Wing	Central Lake Twp	Access Site																									Torch	Lake		
Central Lake Access - E. Bradford	Vlg. of Central Lake	Access Site	X																							X	Centr	al Lake	:	
Central Lake Historical Museum	Vlg. of Central Lake	Museum																									ш			
North Street Nature Trail	Vlg. of Central Lake	Forest Area										x	x							X							ш			
Intermediate River - Maple Street	Vlg. of Central Lake	Access Site																									Interr	nediate	River	
Intermediate River - Thomas Street	Vlg. of Central Lake	Access Site																									Interr	nediate	River	
Wilson Lake Access	DNR	Access Site	X					x																		X	Wilso	n Lake	;	
Ron Donaldson Recreation Fields	Vlg. of Central Lake	Recreation Field	x	1				x		x				x			1	2 1					1							
Thurston Park	Vlg. of Central Lake	Campground	X	4	36		X	x	X	x	x				x											X	Interr	nediate	Lake	
Hanley Lake Access	Vlg. of Central Lake	Access Site																									Hanle	y Lake	;	

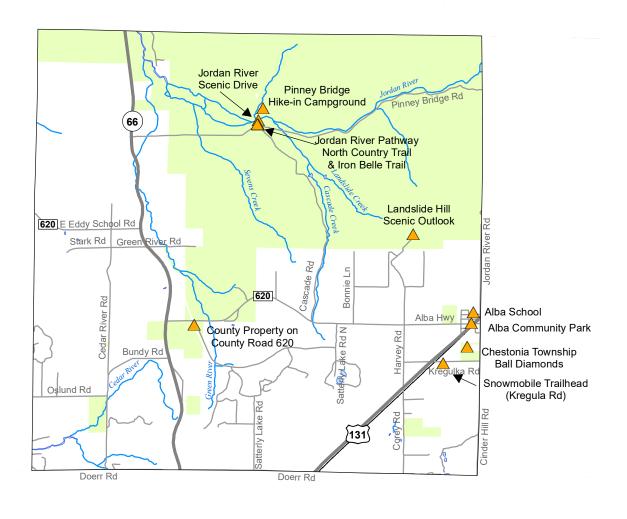
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# **Chestonia Township**

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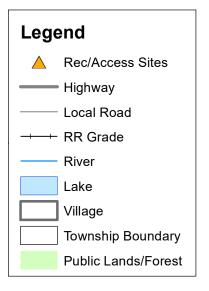
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#### **Chestonia Township**

Facility	Controlling Authority	Asser	Handican A	Acres	Lied	Rustic Campsiles (qty)	Restrooms	Bath House	Picnic Area	Playground	Nature Trait.		Hunting	Volleyball	Tennis Court	∄/≦	Equestrian T.	SLS	۲۲ / <u>ن</u>	Ski Rentals	Softball E.	Baseball First	Golf Holes	Connected w	Notes (see notes for type)		
Alba Community Center	Alba Comm. Center	Comm. Center	X				X			X						1				1							
Property on County Rd. 620	Antrim County	Forest Area		179																							
Chestonia Twp Ball Diamonds	Chestonia Twp.	Recreation Field	X	60			X			X												2					
Landslide Hill Scenic Outlook	DNR	Forest Area																									
Pinney Bridge Hike-in Cmpgd	DNR	Forest Area				10	X		X			X	X														
Jordan Valley Pathway	DNR	Forest Area									X														18 mi	les lo	ng
Jordan River Scenic Drive	DNR	Forest Area									X														15 mi	les lo	ng
Iron Belle Trail* (Partial)	DNR	Hiking Trail															X	Х									
North Country Trail* (Partial)	National Parks Service	Hiking Trail															Х	X									
Snowmobile Trails	DNR	Snowmobile Trails																									

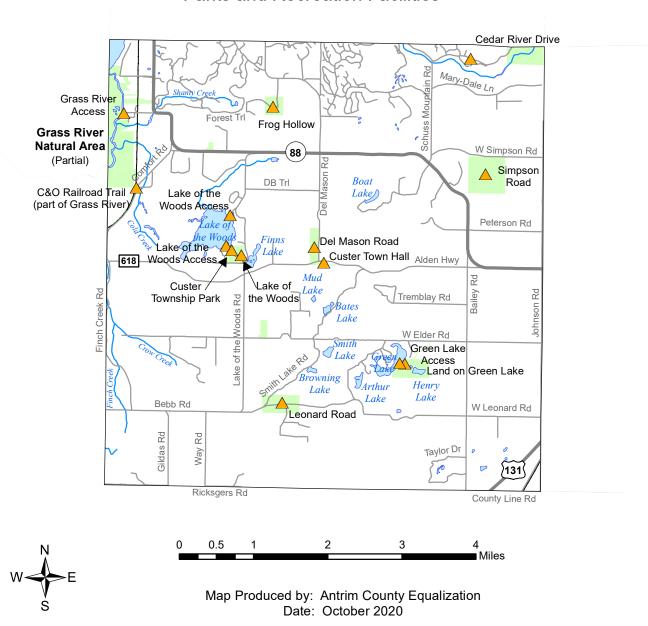
<sup>\*</sup>The North Country Trail and Iron Belle Trails run concordant with one another and share a trailhead/access point at Pinney Bridge Campground.

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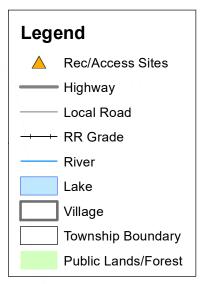
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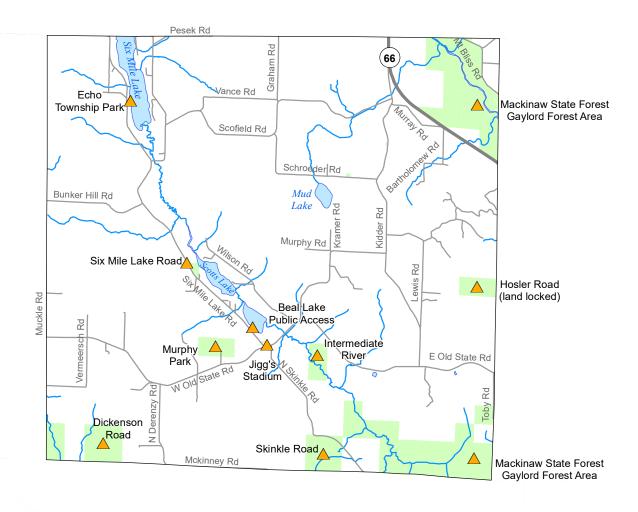
Facility	Controlling Authority	Asser	Handicap Accessis .	Acres	Electrified Cam.	Rustic Campsing	Beach Cares (qty)	Kestrooms	Bath House	Picnic Area	Playground	Nature Trail.	Mountain B:	Track & O.	Fishing Cher Field	Volleyhan	Tennis Co	Baskethan 6	Equestrian T.	ΞI.	X-County Ski Trail	Ski Rentals	Softball F.	Baseball F.	Golf Hole	Connected	Boat Laung	Notes Notes	1 1
C&O Railroad Trail	Antrim County	Walking/Bike Path										X																	
Del Mason Rd., Section 16	Antrim County	Forest Area		40																									
Frog Hollow, Section 4	Antrim County	Forest Area		40																									
Lake of the Woods, Section 17	Antrim County	Forest Area		20																									
Leonard Rd. Section 28	Antrim County	Forest Area		80																									
Simpson Rd., Section 12	Antrim County	Forest Area		160																									
Custer Township Hall	Custer Township	Community Center					Х																						
Custer Township Park	Custer Township	Park				)									X												X		
Green Lake Access	DNR	Access Site																								Gree	n Lak	æ	
Lake of the Woods Access (2)	DNR	Access Sites																								Lake	of the	e Wo	ods
Cedar River Drive, Section 1	State of Michigan	Forest Area		79																									
Land-locked on Green Lake	State of Michigan	Forest Area		80																						Gree	n Lak	e/Her	nry Lake
Grass River Access	Antrim County	Access Site																								Gras	s Rive	er	
Grass River Natural Area (partial)	Antrim County	Natural Area	(				Х					X														Gras	s Rive	er	

# Echo Township Antrim County, Michigan



### **Echo Township**

#### Parks and Recreation Facilities







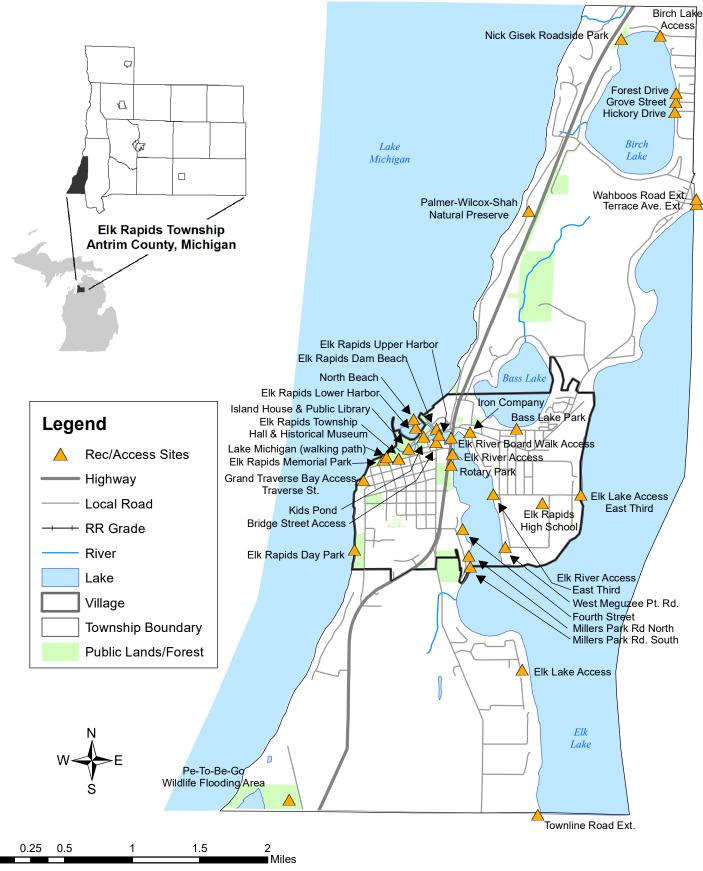
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#### **Echo Township**

Facility	Controlling Authority	Asset	Handicap Ao.	Acres	] jed	Rustic Camposites (qty)	Beach Frances (qty)	Restrooms	Bath House	Picnic Area	Playground	Nature Trail.	- 1	Fishing Field	Volleyball	Tennis Court	_ /	Equestrian T.	Groom Cro.	ntals	Softball Field	Baseball First	Boat Laured	Connected w	/ /	
Beal Lake Public Access	Antrim County	Access Sites																					X	Beal	Lake	
Dickerson Road	Antrim County	Forest Area		160																						
Hosler Road - Section 24 (landlocked)	Antrim County	Forest Area		80																						
Intermediate River - Section 27	Antrim County	Forest Area		80																				Intern	nediate	River
Murphy Park - Section 34	Antrim County	Forest Area		73								X														
Skinkle Road - Section 34	Antrim County	Forest Area		150																						
Echo Township Park	Echo Township	Beach					X	X		X	X												Х	Six N	Iile Lak	e
Jigg's Stadium	Echo Township	Stadium																				1				
Mackinaw State Forest -Gaylord Forest Area	DNR	Forest Area										X														
Six Mile Lake Road - Section 20	DNR	Forest Area		13																						
Bauer/Polaczyk Nature Preserve	GTRLC	Forest Area		362	ļ							Х												Intern	nediate	River

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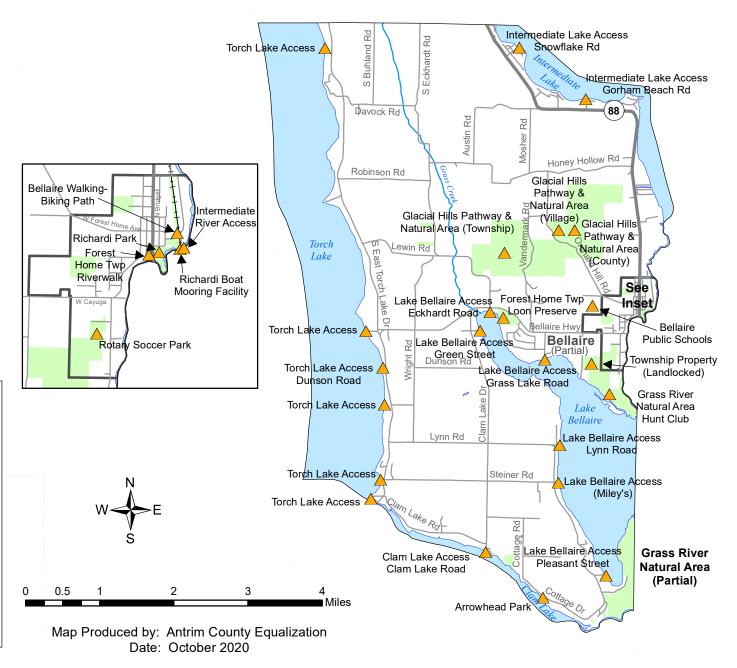
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Bass Lake Park	Vlg. of Elk Rapids	Park							<u> </u>	Х												<u> </u>	-	₩	₩		Bass La		
Birch Lake Access	DNR	Access Site							<u> </u>															₩	—	-	Birch L		
Bridge Street Access	Vlg. of Elk Rapids	Access Site							<u> </u>															—	—	X	Bass La		
Elk Lake Access - East Third	Vlg. of Elk Rapids	Access Site							<u> </u>													-		₩	—	X	Elk Riv		
Elk Rapids Dam Beach	Vlg. of Elk Rapids	Park	X				X	Х	<u> </u>															₩	—		Elk Lak		
Elk Rapids Day Park	Antrim County	Park		13			X		Х	Х														₩	—		Grand T	Traver	se Bay
Elk Rapids High School	Board of Education	Rec. Field						х	<u> </u>			х					1	2						X			$\perp \perp \downarrow$		
Elk Rapids Iron Company	Elk Rapids Twp.	Historic Site							<u> </u>															┷			$\bot \bot$		
Elk Rapids Lower Harbor	Vlg. of Elk Rapids	Beach	X				Х	х	<u> </u>	х														┷	┷		Elk Riv	/er	
Elk Rapids Memorial Park	Vlg. of Elk Rapids	Beach	X	3			X	Х	<u> </u>	Х	X						4	2								X	Grand T	Traver	se Bay
Elk Rapids Twp. Hall	Elk Rapids Twp.	Historic Site							<u> </u>																				
Elk Rapids Upper Harbor	Vlg. of Elk Rapids	Beach	x	1			X	x	<u> </u>	x																	Grand T	Traver	se Bay
Elk River Access - East Third	Vlg. of Elk Rapids	Access Site							<u> </u>																		Elk Riv	/er	
Elk River Access - Fourth Street	Vlg. of Elk Rapids	Access Site																									Elk Riv	/er	
Elk River Access - Millers Park Rd. North	Vlg. of Elk Rapids	Access Site																									Elk Riv	/er	
Elk River Access - Millers Park Rd. South	Vlg. of Elk Rapids	Access Site																									Elk Riv	/er	
Elk River Access - West Meguzee Pt. Rd.	Vlg. of Elk Rapids	Access Site																									Elk Riv	/er	
Elk River Boardwalk Access	Vlg. of Elk Rapids	Access Site	X																								Elk Riv	/er	
Grand Traverse Bay Access	Vlg. of Elk Rapids	Access Site																									Grand T	Traver	se Bay
Island House and Elk Rapids Public Library	Vlg. of Elk Rapids	Library																											
Kids Pond	Vlg. of Elk Rapids	Park	X							х																	Grand T	Traver	se Bay
Maple Street	Vlg. of Elk Rapids	Access Site																											
Nick Gisek Roadside Park	Michigan DOT	Park																											
North Beach	Vlg. of Elk Rapids	Park		1			х	х		х																	Grand T	Traver	se Bay
Ptobego Wildlife Flooding Area	State of Michigan	Nature Area																							1				
Rotary Park	Vlg. of Elk Rapids	Park		2						х																x	Elk Lak	ke	
Wahboos Road Extension	Antrim County	Access Site																							1		Elk Lake	e	
Birch Lake Access - Forest Drive	Antrim County	Access Site						l		l															1		Birch L	ake	
Birch Lake Access - Grove Street	Antrim County	Access Site																									Birch L	ake	
Birch Lake Access - Hickory Drive	Antrim County	Access Site																									Birch L	ake	
Terrace Ave Extension	Antrim County	Access Site						l		l															1		Elk Lak	ke	$\neg$
Palmer-Wilcox-Shah Natural Pres.	Antrim County	Nature Area																				1		1	1		Grand T	Traver	se Bay
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Lake Michigan - walking path	Antrim County	Walking Path							Ι,																				

 $<sup>*</sup>Nakwema\ Trail:\ The\ Nakwema\ Trail\ route\ through\ the\ Village\ of\ Elk\ Rapids\ was\ approved\ in\ July\ 2020.$ 

# Forest Home Township Antrim County, Michigan

### **Forest Home Township**

Parks and Recreation Facilities



Legend

A Rec/Access Sites

Highway

Local Road

→ RR Grade

River

Lake

Village

Township Boundary

Public Lands/Forest

#### **Forest Home Township**

Facility	Controlling Authority	Asset	Handicon	Acres	Electrified C.	Rustic Camposites (qty)	Beach (qty)	$Restroom_c$	Bath House	Picnic Area	Playground	Nature T.	Biking T.	Track & C	Fishing Other Field	Volleybon	Tennis Co	Baskethan 6	Equestrian T	Groom Cree	Cross Come	Ice Skating	Softball Fiel 1	Baseball E.	Golf Holes	Boat Lan.	Connected Waterbody	Notes
Glacial Hills Natural Area &																												
Pathway/Kirkpatrick Forest	Antrim County	Natural Area		536				x				x	x															
Grass River Natural Area (Hunt Club)	Antrim County	Natural Area																									Intermediate Lake	
Grass River Natural Area	Antrim County	Natural Area	X									X															Grass River	
Bellaire Public Schools	Board of Education	Rec. Field	X					X			X			X														
Lake Bellaire Access (Miley's)	DNR	Access Site								X																	Lake Bellaire	
Clam Lake Access - Clam Lake Road	DNR	Access Site																								X	Clam Lake	
Intermediate Lk Access - Gorham Bch	DNR	Access Site																									Intermediate Lake	
Lk Bellaire Pub. Access - Cottage Dr.	DNR	Access Site					X																				Lake Bellaire	
Richardi Boat Mooring Fac River St.	Village of Bellaire	Access Site																								х	Intermediate River	
Richardi Park	Village of Bellaire	Park	х	8			X	х		х	X	х					2	3				1					Intermediate River	
Rotary Soccer Park	Village of Bellaire	Park		10										Х														
Bellaire Walking/Bike Path	Village of Bellaire	Walking/Bike Trail	X					X				X	X															
Glacial Hills Natural Area & Pathway	Village of Bellaire	Natural Area		32									X															
Intermediate River Access (Richardi Park)	Village of Bellaire	Access Site											X														Intermediate River	
Intermediate Lake Access - Snowflake	Forest Home Twp.	Access Site																									Intermediate Lake	
Lake Bellaire Access (Green St.)	Forest Home Twp.	Access Site																									Lake Bellaire	
Lake Bellaire Access (Pleasant St.)	Forest Home Twp.	Access Site																									Lake Bellaire	
Lake Bellaire Access (Lynn Rd)	Forest Home Twp.	Access Site																									Lake Bellaire	
Lake Bellare Access (Eckhardt Rd)	Forest Home Twp.	Access Site																									Lake Bellaire	
Lake Bellaire Access (Grass Lake Rd)	Forest Home Twp.	Access Site																									Lake Bellaire	
Torch Lake Access (Dunson Rd)	Forest Home Twp.	Access Site											1		1												Torch Lake	
Torch Lake Access (Old Torch Lake Dr.)	Forest Home Twp.	Beach																									Torch Lake	
Arrowhead Park	Forest Home Twp.	Park								X																	Clam Lake	
Township Property (Landlocked)	Forest Home Twp.			30									1		1													
Glacial Hills Natural Area & Pathway	Forest Home Twp.	Natural Area		183				х				х	х														Grass River	
Forest Home Township Loon Preserve	Forest Home Twp.	Natural Area										х															Lake Bellaire	
Forest Home Township Park	Forest Home Twp.	Park								х																X	Torch Lake	Hand launch
Torch Lake Access (Jacobs Rd)	Forest Home Twp.	Access Site																									Torch Lake	
Torch Lake Access (Pinnel Rd)	Forest Home Twp.	Access Site								X																	Torch Lake	
Torch Lake Access (Steiner Rd)	Forest Home Twp.	Access Site											1	1	1												Torch Lake	
Intermediate River Boardwalk	Forest Home Twp.	Walking Trail																										

# Helena Township Antrim County, Michigan

# **Helena Township**

Parks and Recreation Facilities





A Rec/Access Sites

Union Street Ext.

Tyler Street Ext.

Archie Valleau Landing

Franklin Street Ext.

Valley Street Ext.

Lake Street

Safe Harbor /

**Torch** 

Lake

— Highway

- Local Road

--- RR Grade

River

Lake

Village

Township Boundary

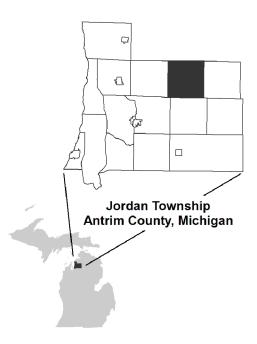
Public Lands/Forest

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#### **Helena Township**

Facility	Controlling Authority	Asset	Handiean	Acres + Accessibe	Electrified S	Rustic C.	Beach (qty)	Restronge	Bath House	Picnic A.	Playgram	Nature T	Track & C	Fishing Other Field	Volleyban	Tennis C.	Baskethe	Equestrai	Groom C	Cross Co.	Ice Skat:	Softball F.	Basebarr	Golf Hei	Connected Waterbody	$Boat_{Lans}$ .	Notes
Chessie Pause Depot Park	Helena Twp.	Museum	X	2.7				X	,	X					х								Ĺ		Torch Lake	Ţ,	
Clam Lake Access - Chapman Rd	Helena Twp.	Access Site	Х																						Clam Lake		
Clam Lake Access - Crystal Spring Rd	Helena Twp.	Access Site	Х																						Clam Lake		
Helena Twp. Ball Diamond	Helena Twp.	Recreation Field		6.2			Х			х													1		Torch Lake	Х	kayak launch
Helena Twp. Tennis Court Park	Helena Twp.	Park	х	2.3				х		Х	X					2	2										
Archie Valleau Landing	Helena Twp.	Access Site					Х			х															Torch Lake		
Lake Street between Lots 116 & 117	Helena Twp.	Access Site																							Torch Lake		
Valley Street Extension	Helena Twp.	Access Site																							Torch Lake		
Franklin Street Extension	Helena Twp.	Access Site																							Torch Lake		
Safe Harbor	Helena Twp.	Access Site		1				X						Х											Torch Lake		dock
Tyler Street Extension	Helena Twp.	Access Site																							Torch Lake		
Union Street Extension	Helena Twp.	Access Site																							Torch Lake		
Elder Street Extension	Helena Twp.	Access Site					Х																		Torch Lake		
Best Road Extension	Helena Twp.	Access Site																							Torch Lake		
Pere Marquette Road	Helena Twp.	Access Site																							Torch Lake		
Paige Road Extension	Helena Twp.	Access Site																							Torch Lake		
Thayer Lake Access	Helena Twp.	Access Site																							Thayer Lake		
Lone Tree Point	Helena Twp.	Access Site																							Torch Lake		
Coy Mountain Natural Area	Helena Twp.	Park		17								X															
Grass River Natural Area (Partial)	Antrim County	Natural Area																									
Alden District Library/Comm. Ctr.	Library Governing Board	Library	X	4.7				Х									1										



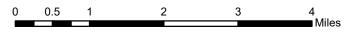


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#### Parks and Recreation Facilities







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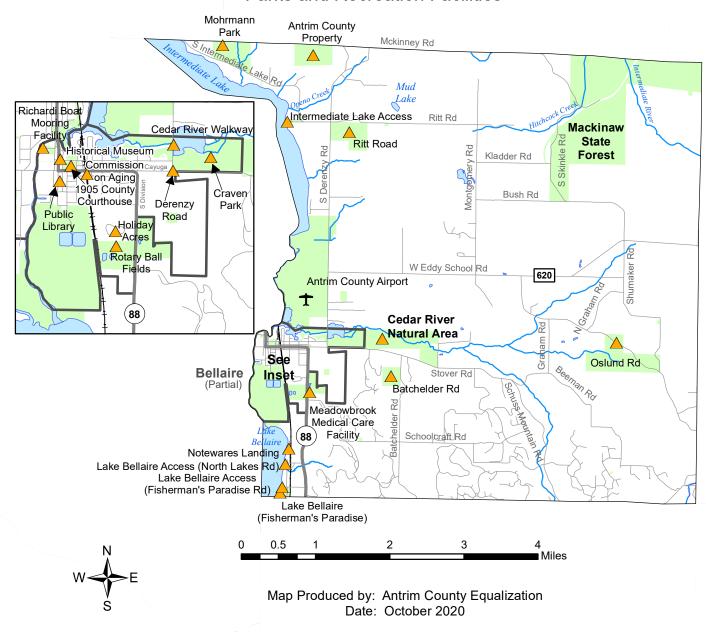
#### Jordan Township

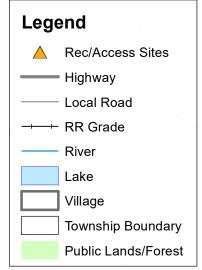
Facility	Controlling Authority	Asser	Handicap A.	Acres	fied C.	stic Campsite	J <sub>sc</sub> p	Restrooms		1 4	Playground	1		Volleyball	/ .∞	cetball Com	Equestrian Train		Ski Rentals	13	Golf Holes	, / <u>;</u>	Boat Laure 1	Notes
Morris Road	Antrim County	Forest Area		120																				
Graves Crossing Campground	DNR	Access Site				10		X	)	X		Х	X											Kayak launch, vault toilets
Webster Bridge Access	DNR	Access Site																						
Jordan River Access Site	Road Commission	Access Site																						Kayak launch
Snowmobile Trail	DNR	Snowmobile Trail																						Trailhead at Graves Crossing

# Kearney Township Antrim County, Michigan

# **Kearney Township**

Parks and Recreation Facilities





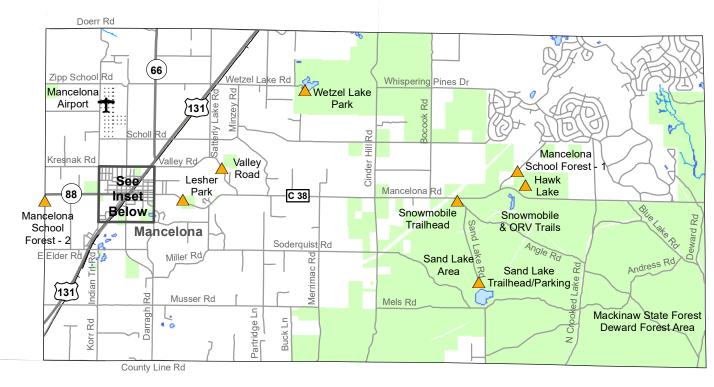
#### **Kearney Township**

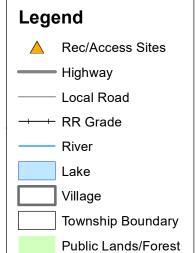
1905 Antrim County Courthouse	Controlling Authority	County Building	× Handican A	Acres	Electrifica	Rustic C.	Beach (qty)	x Restroca	Bath H.	Picnic 4	Plave	Natrice	Biv.	Treat	Fiet: Other Field	Sumor	volleyball x	<sup>1</sup> emnis Courts	Basketball Cours	Equestrian T.	Groom Cros	Cross Co	Ice Skating	Softban	Basehan E	Golf Hod	Boatlan	Com.	Notes Naterbody		
Antrim County Airport	Antrim County	Airport	X	350				X																				T			
Antrim Cty Prop Landlocked	Antrim County	Forest Area		90																											
Batchelder Road	Antrim County	Forest Area		40																											
Cedar River Natural Area	Antrim County	Natural Area		187								Х																Ce	dar Ri	ver	
Derenzy Road	Antrim County	Forest Area		100																											
Meadowbrook Med. Care Fac.	Antrim County	Care Facility	X	105				X																				T			
Mohrmann Park	Antrim County	Park		249						X		Х																			
Notewates Landing	Antrim County	Access Site					X	X																				Lal	ke Bel	laire	
Ritt Rd	Antrim County	Forest Area																													
Commission on Aging	Antrim County	County Building	х					х																							
Rotary Ball Fields	Antrim County	Park																						х	х						
Bellaire Public Library	Forest Home/Kearney Twp	Library	X					X																							
Fisherman's Paradise Pub. Acc.	Kearney Township	Access Site					X	X																			X	Lal	ke Bel	laire	
Intermediate Lake Access	Kearney Township	Access Site																									X	Int	ermed	iate L	ζ.
Lake Bellaire Access (North Lakes Rd)	Kearney Township	Access Site																										Lal	ke Bel	laire	
Lake Bellaire Access (Fishermans Paradise Rd)	Kearney Township	Access Site																										Lal	ke Bel	laire	
Oslund Road	DNR	Forest Area		240																											
Mackinaw State Forest - Gaylord Forest Area	DNR	Forest Area																													
Cedar River Walkway	Village of Bellaire	Walking/Bike Patl	h									X																Ce	dar Ri	ver	
Craven Park	Village of Bellaire	Campground	Х	80	28	7		X	X	Х	Х	X	Х											1	2			Cra	aven P	ond	
Holiday Acres	Village of Bellaire	Park		1							X																				
Richardi Mooring Fac Ohio St.	Village of Bellaire	Access Site																									X	Int	ermed	iate R	vr
River Street Access Site	Village of Bellaire	Access Site																									X	Int	ermed	iate R	iver
Bellaire Historical Museum	Vlg of Bellaire/Kearney	Museum	Х					X						Ī																	

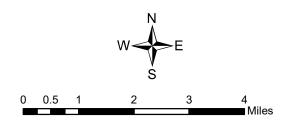
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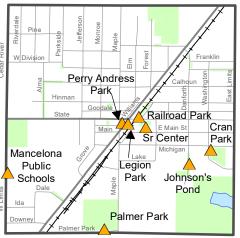
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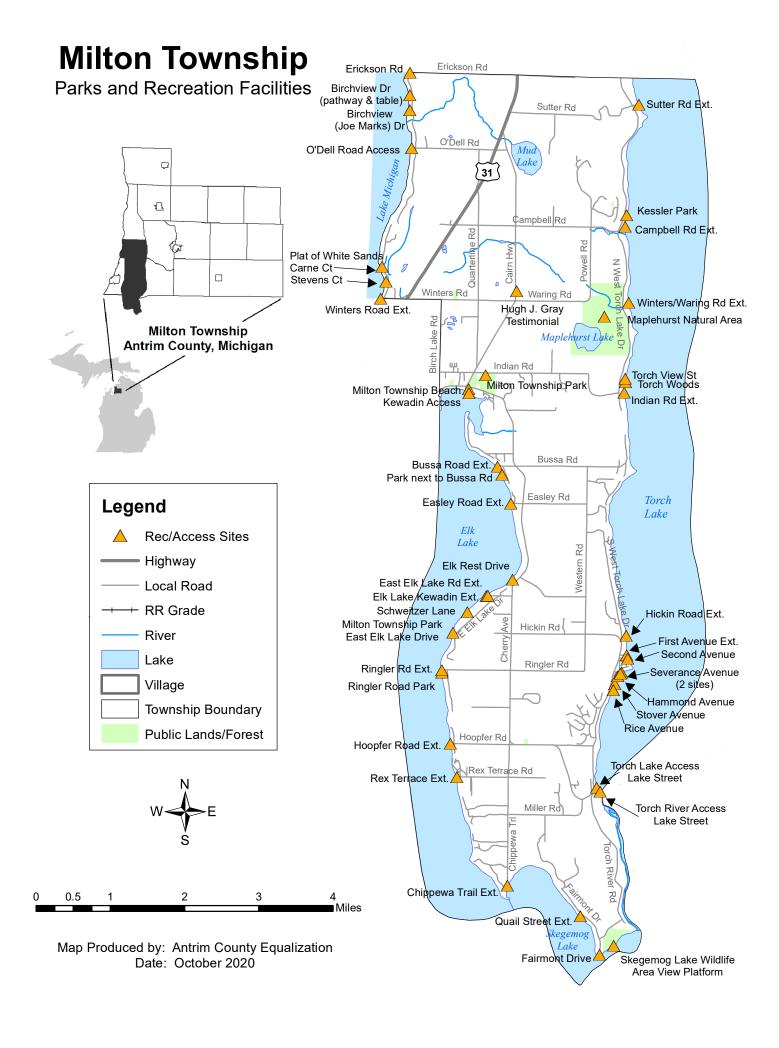


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#### **Mancelona Township**

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Facility	Controlling Authonity	Asset	Handicap A	Acres	Electrified Co.	Rustic Camposites (qty)	Beach	Restrooms	Bath House	Picnic Area	Playground	Nature Train.		Fishing	Volleybar	Tennis C.	Saskethon -	Equestric (qty)	Groom G	Closs C	Ice St.	Softh	P. Fields (qty)	Seeball Fields (qtv.)	Golf Holes	Connected Ware	Boat Launch (c.	Disc Golf	$^{\prime}$ $/$	/	/	
Mancelona Senior Center	Mancelona Township	Recreation Facility				,		x		,		,												Ť	Ť					1		
Hawk Lake	Antrim County	Forest Area		160																					I	lawk	Lake	,		1		
Valley Rd	Antrim County	Forest Area		40																								l		1		
Mancelona Public Schools	Board of Education	Recreation Field						х			X		х															l		1		
Mancelona School Forest - 1	Board of Education	Forest Area		200																								i		1		
Mancelona School Forest - 2	Board of Education	Forest Area		80																								i		1		
Wetzel Lake park	Antrim County	Park					X			X															,	Wetze	el Lak	.e		1		
Lesher Park	Mancelona Township	Forest Area		40																								i		1		
Mancelona Airport	Mancelona Township	Airport																														
Cran Park	Village of Mancelona	Park		2																												
Palmer Park	Village of Mancelona	Campground	X	29				X		X	X		X			2	2 1						1	2				X		]		
Railroad Park	Village of Mancelona	Park	X	1				X		x	X																	<u> </u>				
Johnson's Pond	Village of Mancelona	Park		40										х														<u> </u>				
Legion Park	Village of Mancelona	Park																										<u> </u>				
Perry Andress Park (Triangle Park)	Village of Mancelona	Park																										<u> </u>				
Sand Lake Area	DNR	Forest Area																										<u> </u>				
Snowmobile Trails	DNR	Snowmobile Trails																										<u> </u>				
Deward Area	DNR	ORV Trails																														
Sand Lake Area Trail Head	DNR	Snowmobile Trails																										<u> </u>				
North Country Trail	National Parks Service	Hiking Trail										х																<u> </u>		]		



#### Milton Township #1

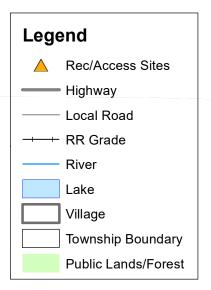
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Facility	Controlling Authority	1350g	Handicap 4.	Acres	Electric Campsites	Reserve Campsites (qtv)	/ /	Bath Ho.	Picnic A	Playgram :	Nature Tross	Silver	Track & Other	Fishing Guer Field	Volleyball	Tennis Courts	Basketball Con-	Equestrian Trails	Groom X-Country cr.	Cross Country Ski Rom	Sec. Skating	Softball Fields $(qty)$	Golf 13	Connected Waterbody	Soar	Notes	/		
Bussa Road Extension	Milton Twp.	Access Site			7 / 7	+	1~	1~	1~	1		Ĺ	``	~ /		` '	~ /	~ /		<del>- 1 -</del>	<del>`                                    </del>	1	<del></del>	Elk Lake	1~	7	1	$\top$	-
Chippewa Trail Extension	Milton Twp.	Access Site				1															1			Elk Lake			$\top$	+	$\overline{}$
Easly Road Extension	Milton Twp.	Access Site				1															1			Elk Lake			$\top$	+	$\overline{}$
Hoopfer Road Extension	Milton Twp.	Access Site																						Elk Lake			$\top$	+	
Quail Street Extension	Milton Twp.	Access Site				1														T	T			Elk Lake			$\top$	+	
Rex Terrace Extension	Milton Twp.	Access Site																						Elk Lake					
East Elk Lake Drive	DNR	Access Site																						Elk Lake					
East Elk Lake Rd. Extension	Milton Twp.	Access Site																						Elk Lake					
Elk Lake - Kewadin Extension	Milton Twp.	Access Site																						Elk Lake					
Elk Lake Access - Schweitzer Lane Addition	Milton Twp.	Access Site				х																		Elk Lake					
Elk Rest Drive	Milton Twp.	Access Site																						Elk Lake					
Milton Township Waterfront Park	Milton Twp.	Park/Beach	х	3.3		х																		Elk Lake					
Milton Twp. Park - East Elk Lake Drive	Milton Twp.	Park							Х															Elk Lake					
Plat of Woodlawn - Park A next to Bussa Road	Milton Twp.	Access Site																						Elk Lake					
Ringler Road Park/Elk Lake, Site #38	Milton Twp.	Park	X	4		х			X															Elk Lake					
Erickson Road	Milton Twp.	Access Site																						Grand Traverse Bay					
O'Dell Road Access	Milton Twp.	Access Site				х																		Grand Traverse Bay					
Winters Road Extension	Milton Twp.	Access Site				х																		Grand Traverse Bay					
Birchview (Joe Marks) Dr.	Milton Twp.	Access Site																						Grand Traverse Bay					
Birchview Dr. 94 ft on Lake - Pathway and Table	Milton Twp.	Access Site																						Grand Traverse Bay					
Carne Court, Plat of White Sands	Milton Twp.	Access Site																						Grand Traverse Bay					
Stevens Ct., Plat of White Sands	Milton Twp.	Access Site																						Grand Traverse Bay					
Skegemog Lake Wildlife Viewing Platform	GTRLC*	Viewing Platform			X	Х																		Lake Skegemog					
Skegemog Access - Fairmont Dr Site # 48	Milton Twp.	Access Site																						Lake Skegemog					
Torch River Bridge Boat Launch	DNR	Boat Launch																						Torch Lake					

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#### Milton Township #2

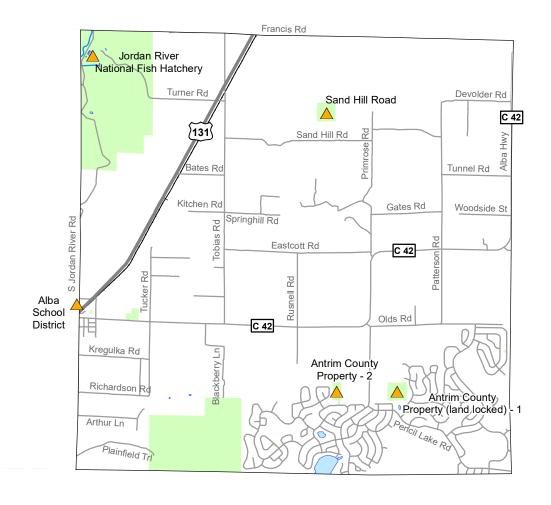
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Torch River Access - Lake Street	Milton Twp.	Access Site					X																			Torch Lake			
Cairn Monument	Milton Twp.	Monument																											
Milton Twp. Park - Cairn/Indian	Milton Twp.	Park	X	33				X		X	X	X		X		X	4	2					1	3					
Campbell Rd. Extension	Milton Twp.	Access Site																								Torch Lake			
First Avenue Extension (Cedar Street)	Milton Twp.	Access Site																								Torch Lake			
Hammond Avenue - Plat of Harbor Beach	Milton Twp.	Access Site																								Torch Lake			
Hickin Road Extension	Milton Twp.	Access Site																								Torch Lake			
Indian Road Extension	Milton Twp.	Access Site																								Torch Lake			1
Rice Avenue - Plat of Harbor Beach	Milton Twp.	Access Site																								Torch Lake			1
Ringler Rd. Extension of Torch Lake	Milton Twp.	Access Site																								Torch Lake			1
Stover Avenue - Plat of Harbor Beach	Milton Twp.	Access Site																								Torch Lake			
Sutter Road Extension	Milton Twp.	Access Site																								Torch Lake			1
Winters/Waring Road Extension	Milton Twp.	Access Site														T					T					Torch Lake			_
Torch Lake Access - Severance Avenue	Milton Twp.	Access Site					X																			Torch Lake			]
Torch Lake Access - Kessler Park - Site #93	Milton Twp.	Access Site																								Torch Lake			]
Lake St. Plat of New Highlands	Milton Twp.	Access Site																								Torch Lake			1
Second Avenue - Harbor Beach (Pine Tr. Ln.)	Milton Twp.	Access Site																								Torch Lake			1
Torch Lake Access - Severance Avenue Addition	Milton Twp.	Access Site					X																			Torch Lake			1
Torch View Street (Torch Lake Acres)	Milton Twp.	Access Site																								Torch Lake			1
Torch Woods #26 Lot #33 (100.38 Feet - Co. Land)	Milton Twp.	Access Site																								Torch Lake			1
Maplehurst Natural Area	Milton Twp.	Park		389								х	х		х					х								Kids only fishing	1

# Star Township Antrim County, Michigan

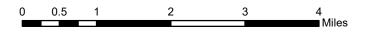


# **Star Township**

#### Parks and Recreation Facilities



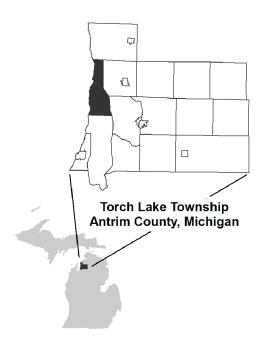


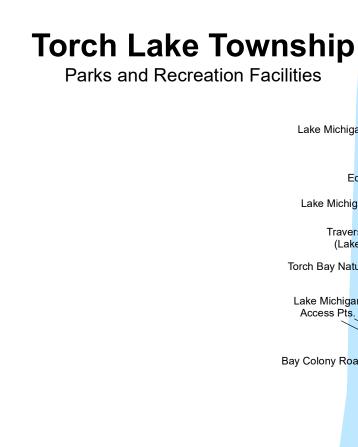


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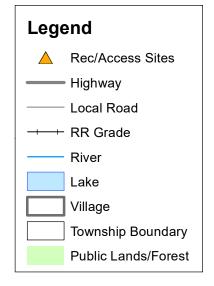
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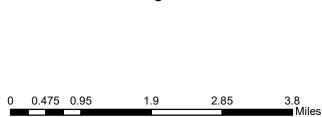
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Antrim County Property (Landlocked) - 1	Antrim County	Forest Area		40																			
Antrim CountyProperty - 2	Antrim County	Forest Area		20																			
Sand Hill Rd.	Antrim County	Forest Area		40																			
Alba School District	Board of Education	Recreation Field					X																
Alba Community Park	Star Township	Park								X													
Jordan River National Fish Hatchery	US Fish & Wildlife	Fish Hatchery																					
North Country Trail (Partial)	National Parks Service	Hiking Trail																					
Jordan River Pathway	DNR	Hiking Trail																					
Snowmobile Trail	DNR	Snowmobile Trail																					









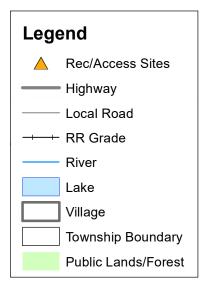


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#### **Torch Lake Township**

Facility	Controlling Authority	Asset	Handican A	Acres T. Assesible	Electrified G	Rustic Campsiles (qty) Beach	Restruc	Bath House	Picnic Area	Playground	Nature Trails	•	Fishing	Volleyball	Tennis Courre	Basketball C.	Eqestrian Trois	Groom Cross	Cross Country Ski Trails	Ice Scating	Sofibalt E.	Basehalt E	Golf He,	Boat I.	Connected Waterbody Notes	
Barnes Park	Antrim County	Campground	X	163	64	11 x	X	X	X	X	X				2	X									Lake Michigan	
Torch Lake Access	DNR	Access Site				X	X																	X	Torch Lake	
Torch Lake Township Bill Good Day	P Torch Lake Twp	Park		4		X	X		X	X				X	2	X								X	Torch Lake	
Golden Beach Access	Torch Lake Twp	Access Site				X																			Lake Michigan	
NW Torch Lake Drive Boat Ramp	Torch Lake Twp	Access Site		8																				X	Torch Lake	
Torch Bay Nature Preserve	Torch Lake Twp	Access Site		38		X					X													X	Lake Michigan	
Eastport Torch Lake Access	DNR	Access Site																							Torch Lake	
Traverse Bay Road	Antrim County	Access Site																							Torch Lake	
Birchview Drive	Torch Lake Twp	Access Site																							Torch Lake	
Lake Michigan Access (multiple)	Torch Lake Twp	Access Site																							Lake Michigan	
Eden Shores	Torch Lake Twp	Access Site																							Lake Michigan	
Creswell Road Extension	Antrim County	Access Site																							Lake Michigan	
Kruger Road Extension	Antrim County	Access Site																							Lake Michigan	
Bay Colony Road Extension																										

# Warner Township Antrim County, Michigan

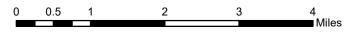


# **Warner Township**

#### Parks and Recreation Facilities







Map Produced by: Antrim County Equalization

#### Warner Township

Facility	Controlling Authority	Asset	Handicap 4.	Acres	Electrified Co.	Rustic Camposites (qty)	Restrooms	Bath House	Picnic Area	Playgroun d	Nature Tr	Fishing Guer Field	Volleyball	Tennis Con-	Basketball C	Equestrian T.	[ ] rai	ž / ż	' Ski Rentals	Baseball Fig. 1	Golf Holes	Connected W.	Boat Launch (see	Notes (See notes for type)
Deadman's Hill Scenic Outlook	DNR	Forest Area					X				x													
Warner Creek Pathway	DNR	Forest Area									X													
Warner Creek	DNR	Forest Area														X	X							
Jordan River Rd.	DNR	Snowmobile Trail																						
Jordan Valley Pathway	DNR	Hiking Trail																						
North Country Trail* (Partial)	National Parks Service	Hiking Trail									X				_									
Iron Belle Trail* (Partial)	DNR	Hiking Trail									X													
Snowmobile Trail	DNR	Snowmobile Trail													_									

<sup>\*</sup>The North Country Trail and Iron Belle Trails run concordant with one another and share a trailhead/parking lot with the Deadman's Hill Scenic Outlook.

#### **APPENDIX F:**

### Paddle Antrim Access Sites



# LEGEND

- Boat Launch (Barrier Free)
- Boat Launch (Developed)
- Boat Launch (Carry-in)
- Camping
- **TI** Dining
- Hiking
- **G** Kayak Rack
- Launch Fee
- Parking
- Parking (Trailer)
- Picnic Area
- Picnic Shelter
- Potable Water
- ili Restrooms
- **Trash**
- Wildlife Viewing
- Beginner Level Route Intermediate Level Route
- Trailhead
- Alternate Access
- Emergency Access
- Hazard

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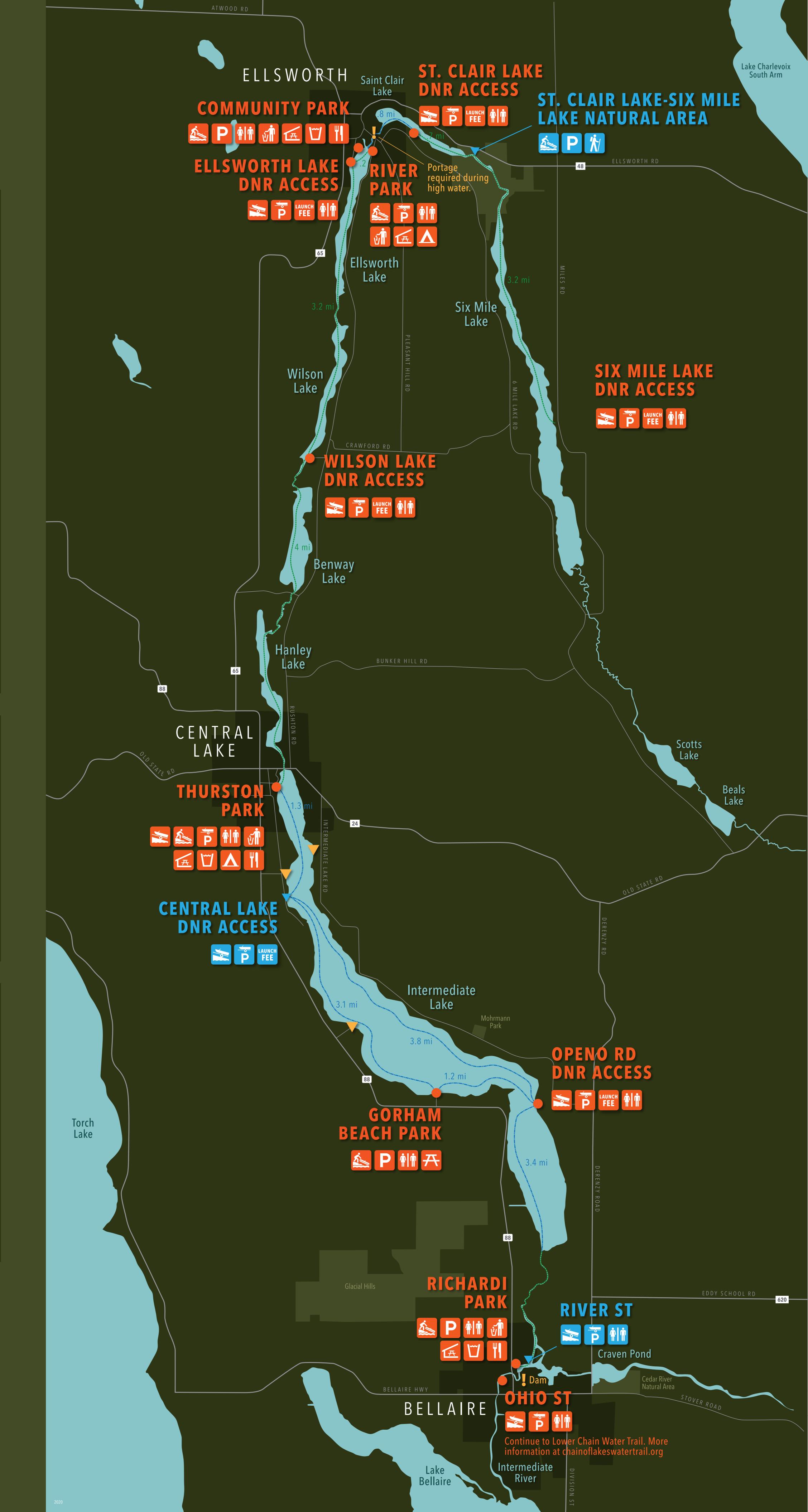
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# UPPER CHAIN



#### Paddle Antrim Access Sites - Upper Chain of Lakes

Location	Location Type	Body of Water	Access Site Owner
Six Mile Lake DNR Access	Trailhead	Six Mile Lake	DNR
St. Clair Lake-Six Mile Lake			
Natural Area	Access Site	St. Clair Lake-Six Mile Lake	LTC & GTRLC
St. Clair Lake DNR Access	Trailhead	St. Clair Lake	DNR
River Park	Trailhead	Ellsworth Lake	Village of Ellsworth
Community Park	Trailhead	Ellsworth Lake	Village of Ellsworth
Ellsworth Lake DNR Access	Trailhead	Ellsworth Lake	DNR
Wilson Lake DNR Access	Trailhead	Wilson Lake	DNR
Thurston Park	Trailhead	Intermediate Lake	Village of Central Lake
Houghton Rd	Emergency	Intermediate Lake	Central Lake Township
Central Lake DNR Access	Access Site	Intermediate Lake	DNR
South Street	Emergency	Intermediate Lake	Central Lake Township
Snowflake Road Rest Stop	Emergency	Intermediate Lake	Forest Home Township
			Forest Home Township &
Gorham Beach Park	Trailhead	Intermediate Lake	DNR
Openo Rd DNR Access	Trailhead	Intermediate Lake	DNR
River St	Access Site	Intermediate River	Village of Bellaire
Richardi Park	Trailhead	Intermediate River	Village of Bellaire



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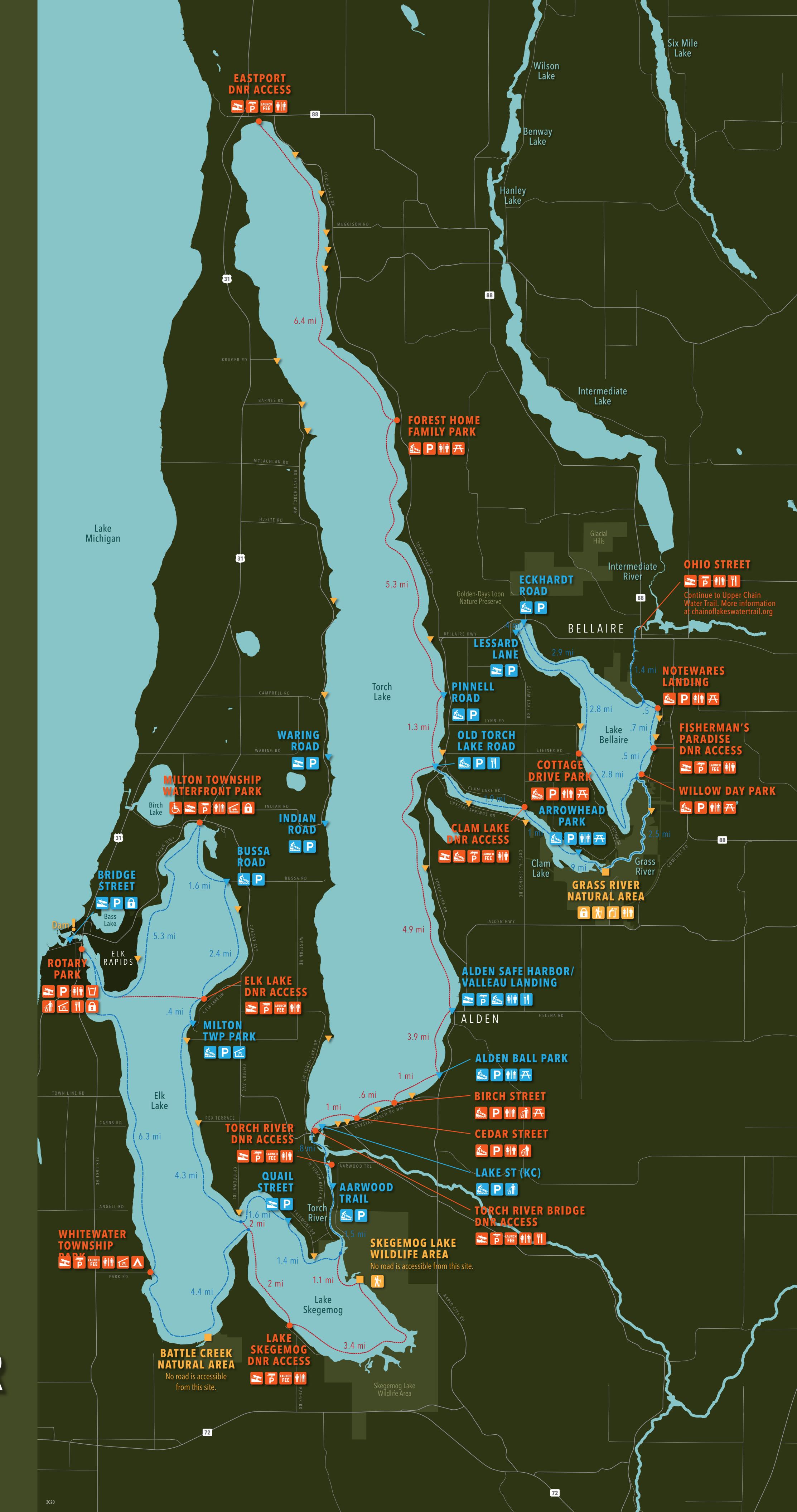
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# LOWER CHAIN



#### **Paddle Antrim Access Sites - Lower Chain of Lakes**

Location	Location Type	Access Site Owner	Site Specific Rule Panel
Ohio St	Trailhead	Village of Bellaire	
Eckhardt Rd	Access site	Forest Home Township	
Lessard Ln	Access site	Forest Home Township	
Lynn Rd	emergency	Forest Home Township	* Access site closes at 11PM * Overnight parking is allowed *No camping on site, campground across street
Cottage Drive Park	Trailhead	Forest Home Township	*Access site closes at 11PM *Overnight parking is allowed
Notewares Landing	Trailhead	Antrim County	ada portapotty. Mid-May-Mid-October
North Lakes Rd	emergency	Kearney Township	
Fisherman's Paradise Rd	emergency	Kearney Township	*Overnight parking is allowed *Trailer parking is located up on hill *Restrooms and garbage are available through campground at pavilion (seasonally May-Oct)
Fisherman's Paradise DNR Access	Trailhead	DNR	
Willow Day Park	Trailhead	Antrim County	ADA portapotty Mid-May-Mid October
Grass River Rd	emergency	Antrim Road Commission	
Grass River Natural Area	Rest Stop	GRNA/Antrim County	
Arrowhead Park	Access site	Forest Home Township	
Crystal Springs Rd	emergency	Helena Township	*Park hours 8am-10pm *No overnight parking *Amenities available May-Sept.
Clam Lake DNR Access	Trailhead	DNR/FH Township	
Chapman Rd	emergency	Helena Township	
Chapman Rd Location	emergency  Location Type	Helena Township  Access Site Owner	Site Specific Rule Panel
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Location	Location Type	Access Site Owner	Site Specific Rule Panel

#### **Paddle Antrim Access Sites - Lower Chain of Lakes**

Waring Rd	Trailhead	Milton Township	
Indian Rd	Access site	Milton Township	
Severance Ave	emergency	Milton Township	
Torch River Bridge DNR Access	Trailhead	DNR	
Lake St South	Access site	Clearwater Township	
Division St	emergency	Clearwater Township	
Pine St	Access site	Clearwater Township	
Cedar St	Trailhead	Clearwater Township	
Maple St	emergency	Clearwater Township	
Birch St	Trailhead	Clearwater Township	
Oak St	emergency	Clearwater Township	
Alden Ball Park	Access site	Holono Township	
Aldeli Bali Park	Access site	Helena Township	
Valleau Landing/Alden Safe Harbor	Trailhead	Helena Township	
Paige Rd	emergency	Helena Township	
Old Torch Lake Rd	Access site	Forest Home Township	
Steiner Rd	emergency	Forest Home Township	
Pinnell Rd	Access site	Forest Home Township	
Hwy 612	emergency	Forest Home Township	
Forest Home Foreity Dodg	Trailbaad	Farant Harra Tayyanhin	
Forest Home Family Park Lake St North	Trailhead	Forest Home Township	
	emergency	Central Lake Township	
Alberta St	emergency	Central Lake Township	
Meggison Rd	emergency	Central Lake Township	
Wak-Wing Rd Lake Ave	emergency	Central Lake Township	
Lake Ave	emergency	Central Lake Township	
Location	Location Type	Access Site Owner	Site Specific Rule Panel
Torch River DNR Access	Trailhead	DNR	
Aarwood Trail	Access site	Clearwater Township	
Fairmont Dr	emergency	Milton Township	
Quail St	Access site	Milton Township	
Chippewa Trail	emergency	Milton Township	

#### **Paddle Antrim Access Sites - Lower Chain of Lakes**

Lake Skegemog DNR Access	Trailhead	DNR	
Rex Terrace	emergency	Milton Township	
Milton Twp Park	Access site	Milton Township	
Ringler Rd	emergency	Milton Township	
Elk Lake DNR Access	Trailhead	DNR	
Easley Rd	emergency	Milton Township	
Bussa Rd	Access site	Milton Township	
Milton Township Waterfront Park	Trailhead	Milton Township	
E Third St	emergency	Village of Elk Rapids	
Battle Creek Natural Area	Rest Stop	Whitewater Township	
Whitewater Township Park	Trailhead	Whitewater Township	
Rotary Park	Trailhead	Village of Elk Rapids	
Bridge St	Access site	Village of Elk Rapids	
407 Boat Launch	emergency	Torch Lake Township	
Barnes Rd	emergency	Torch Lake Township	
Krugern Rd	emergency	Torch Lake Township	
Lake Skegemog Wildlife Area	Rest Stop	DNR & GTRLC	
Hoiles Rd	emergency	Kalkaska County RC	
carns Rd	emergency	Grand Traverse Road Commission	
Angell Rd	emergency	Grand Traverse Road Commission	

#### **APPENDIX G:**

**Boat Launch Sites** 



Bass Lake Park Elk Rapids Township GPS: 44.90095 N, -85.39977 W

**Details:** 

Rustic, unimproved boat launch

Lake Map

**Driving Directions:** 

Located on the northeast side of the Village of Elk Rapids.

Features: Boat Launch



Beal Lake Public Access Echo Township GPS: 45.06125 N, -85.16630 W

Details:

Lake Map

**Driving Directions:** 

From Central Lake: Go east on Old State Road approx. 6 miles to Six Mile Lake Road.

Site is just north of Old State Road.

Features: Boat Launch

Bridge Street Access Elk Rapids Township GPS: 44.89935 N, -85.41185 W

Features: Boat Launch



Central Lake Access - E. Bradford Central Lake Township

GPS: 45.06819 N, -85.26001 W

Details:

Lake Map

**Driving Directions:** 

South Of Central Lake approx. 2 miles. Access is "mile south of the extension of

Houghton Road. **Features:** Boat Launch



Chippewa Trail Extension Milton Township

GPS: 44.83212 N, -85.35324 W

Details:

66ft

Lake Map

Driving Directions:

Located South of Kewadin Approx. 7 Miles to Chippewa Trails Extension

Features: Boat Launch



Clam Lake Access - Clam Lake Road Forest Home Township

GPS: 44.93252 N, -85.25191 W

Details:

Lake Map

**Driving Directions:** 

Located Southwest of Bellaire on the South Extension of Clam Lake Rd.



Craven Park Kearney Township GPS: 44.97700 N, -85.18763 W

Details:

lighted athletic field, fishing, 4-H facilities

Features: Boat Launch



Custer Township Park (Lake of the Woods) Custer Township

GPS: 44.90534 N, -85.17680 W

**Details:** no facilities

Features: Boat Launch



Eastport Torch Lake Access Torch Lake Township

GPS: 45.10576 N, -85.34642 W

Details: Lake Map

**Driving Directions:** 

Located at the Southeast Side of the Village of Eastport

Features: Boat Launch



Echo Township Park Echo Township

GPS: 45.10523 N, -85.20059 W

Details:

water skiing, canoe trips **Features:** Boat Launch



Elk Lake - Kewadin Access Milton Township

GPS: 44.92817 N, -85.36547 W

Details: Lake Map

Driving Directions:

Located in the Village of Kewadin South Side of Cherry Ave

Features: Boat Launch



Elk Rapids Lower Harbor Elk Rapids Township

GPS: 44.90093 N, -85.41497 W



Indian Rd Extension Milton Township GPS: 44.92859 N, -85.32281 W

Details: 66ft

<u>Lake Map</u>

**Driving Directions:** 

From Kewadin Travel Approx. 2 Miles East to Indian Rd. Extension

Features: Boat Launch



Intermediate Lake Access Kearney Township GPS: 45.01946 N, -85.20488 W

Details: Lake Map

**Driving Directions:** 

Located 3 Mile North of Bellaire on Derenzy Road to Intermediate Lake Road. Go

South to Lake

Features: Boat Launch



Intermediate River Access Forest Home Township GPS: 44.97986 N, -85.20697 W

Details:

Trailer parking.

**Driving Directions:** 

On north side of the Village of Bellaire. Travel east on Green Acres Avenue to River

Street Extension. **Features:** Boat Launch



Lake Bellaire (Fisherman's Paradise) Kearney Township GPS: 44.94699 N, -85.20578 W

Details:

Lake Map

**Driving Directions:** 

Travel South from Bellaire on M-88 to Fishman's Paradise Rd. Go West on Fisherman's Paradise Road to MDNR Access on the South Side of Road

Features: Boat Launch



NW Torch Lake Drive Boat Ramp Torch Lake Township GPS: 45.03443 N, -85.33124 W

Details:

Lake Map

**Driving Directions:** 

Located South of Eastport 5 Miles on US 31 To Barnes Rd. Travel East 1 Mile to

Access



Ohio Street Boat Mooring Facility Kearney Township GPS: 44.97785 N, -85.21243 W

**Driving Directions:** 

Located on the west side of the Village of Bellaire.

Features: Boat Launch

River Street Access Site Kearney Township

GPS: 44.98050 N, -85.20753 W

**Details:** trailer parking

Features: Boat Launch

Rotary Park Elk Rapids Township GPS: 44.89694 N, -85.40952 W

Details: <u>Lake Map</u> Features: Boat Launch



Skegemog Access - Fairmont Drive - Site #48 Milton Township

GPS: 44.81890 N, -85.32775 W

**Driving Directions:** 

Located South of Torch River Approx. 2 Miles on Torch River Rd to Fairmont Drive

Travel South to Access **Features:** Boat Launch



Skegemog Lake Wildlife Area View Platform Milton Township

GPS: 44.82065 N, -85.32394 W

Features: Boat Launch



Thayer Lake Access Helena Township

GPS: 44.93209 N, -85.28608 W

Details: <u>Lake Map</u> Driving Directions:

Located North of Alden Approx. 4 Miles on East Torch Lake Dr. Travel East to Access

Features: Boat Launch



Thurston Park Central Lake Township

GPS: 45.06887 N, -85.25966 W

Details: <u>Lake Map</u> Driving Directions:

Thurston Park, Village of Central Lake



Torch Bay Nature Preserve Torch Lake Township GPS: 45.07646 N, -85.36496 W

Features: Boat Launch



Torch Lake Township Bill Good Day Park Torch Lake Township GPS: 45.07429 N, -85.35609 W

Details: Lake Map Features: Boat Launch



Township Dock Helena Township GPS: 44.88124 N, -85.27752 W

Details: Lake Map **Driving Directions:** 

Located in the Village of Alden at the End of the Main Street

Features: Boat Launch



Wilson Lake Access Central Lake Township

GPS: 45.12036 N, -85.25035 W

Details: Lake Map **Driving Directions:** 

From Central Lake: Go east on Old State Road to Rushton Road. Go north.

Features: Boat Launch



Wooden Shoe Park Banks Township

GPS: 45.16403 N, -85.24088 W

Details: Lake Map **Driving Directions:** 

East of Ellsworth at the intersection of Rushton Road and Pleasant Hill Road.

#### **APPENDIX H:**

#### **Grant Assisted Facilities**

Grantee

**Antrim County - Antrim County** 

Project No. 26-00043 Project County: Antrim Project Year: 0000

Project Title: Barnes Park #1

Project Status: Withdrawn Grant Amount: \$2,550.00

**Project Description:** Acquire 10 acres of land at the entrance of Barnes Park. 8/8/68 Request

withdrawal - land was not acquired during project period. 9/10/68 BOR has withdrawn project. Project file

has been destroyed.

Project No. 26-00041 Project County: Antrim Project Year: 1966

Project Title: Barnes Park

Project Status: Grant Closed Grant Amount: \$30,000.00

Scope Item: Change courts Comfort stations

Parking areas

Picnicking and playground areas

Road ways Trailer camping

Water, sewage, electric

Project Description: Change courts, comfort stations, roadways and parking areas, water, sewer, electric, trailer camping, picnic

and playground area, LWCF sign.

Project No. 26-01093 Project County: Antrim Project Year: 1980

Project Title: Grass River Natural Area

Project Status: Grant Closed Grant Amount: \$43,271.00

Scope Item:

parking lots access road

natural trails with boardwalk & bridge

vault toilets

Project Description: Acquistion of 294 acres for outdoor recreation (fee, part by donation) Parking lots, access road, vault toilets,

nature trail with boardwalk bridge, LWCF sign

Project No. TF613 Project County: Antrim Project Year: 1982

Project Title: Grass River Recreation Trail

Project Status: Withdrawn Grant Amount: \$40,500.00

Project Description: Acquire 7 miles of abandoned railroad ROW running from the City of Bellaire through the 960 acre Grass River

Natural Area. The ROW consists of about 85 acres.

Grantee

**Antrim County - Antrim County** 

Project No. 26-01304 Project County: Antrim Project Year: 1984

Project Title: Grass River Natural Area

Project Status: Grant Closed Grant Amount: \$10,305.46

Scope Item:

2 observation towers benches educational platform electrical utilities signs

signs

vehicle turnout

well

Project Description: Educational platform, observation towers (2), benches, utilities, electricty only, well, signs, vechial turnout and

LWCF sign

Project No. TF86-186 Project County: Antrim Project Year: 1986

Project Title: Grass River Natural Area

Project Status: Grant Closed Grant Amount: \$45,000.00

Project Description: Acquisition of 114 acres to provide link with Clam Lake shoreline between existing Grass River Natural Area

parcels. Number of acres actually acquired is 28.48.

Project No. TF90-249 Project County: Antrim Project Year: 1990

Project Title: Barnes Park

Project Status: Grant Closed Grant Amount: \$41,750.00

Scope Item:

100' stairway to lake Bathhouse floor Electrical service Re-roof bathhouse Vault toilets (4)

Project Description: Development to include renovation of the bathhouse, four vault toilets, extend electric to additional campsites,

and a 100-foot stairway to beach on Lake Michigan.

Project No. TF95-051 Project County: Antrim Project Year: 1995

Project Title: Antrim Creek Natural Area

Project Status: Grant Closed Grant Amount: \$4,764,100.00

Project Description: Acquisition of 150.96 acres with approximately 5,000 feet frontage on Grand Traverse Bay, including the

mouth of Antrim Creek.



Grantee

**Antrim County - Antrim County** 

Project No. TF95-081 Project County: Antrim Project Year: 1995

Project Title: Grass River Boardwalk

Project Status: Grant Closed Grant Amount: \$41,600.00

Scope Item:

**Decking Nails** 

Labor

RR Tie Supports

Supplies

**Treated Lumber Decking** 

Project Description: To raise and widen existing self-guiding boardwalk trail in unique wetland area of Antrim County's Grass River

Natural Area.

Project No. TF97-170 Project County: Antrim Project Year: 1997

Project Title: Grass River Natural Area Land Protection

Project Status: Grant Closed Grant Amount: \$243,178.00

Project Description: Acquisition of 63 acres with 745' of wetland shoreline on Lake Bellaire, Grass River and Clam Lake.

Project No. TF98-269 Project County: Antrim Project Year: 1998

Project Title: Grass River Wetland Addition

Project Status: Grant Closed Grant Amount: \$86,925.00

Project Description: Acquisition in fee simple terms of 400 feet of waterfront on Grass River and four acres of wetland habitat to

add to the existing Grass River Natural Area.

Project No. TF99-436 Project County: Antrim Project Year: 1999

Project Title: Jabara Property

Project Status: Grant Closed Grant Amount: \$320,662.00

Project Description: Acquisition in fee simple of about 115 acres for resources prorection and public outdoor recreation. The site

includesh 2,640 feet of frontage along the north and south banks of the Cedar River.

Project No. CM00-215 Project County: Antrim Project Year: 2000

Project Title: Barnes Park Improvement Project

Project Status: Grant Closed Grant Amount: \$117,238.00

Scope Item:

Barrier-Free Bathhouse

Barrier-Free Playground Equipment

walkway

Project Description: Improvements to Barnes Park to include replacement of existing playground equipment, installation of new

basketball court, upgrade 19 campsites with electric, construct new bathhouse addition, and resurface park

road.

Grantee

**Antrim County - Antrim County** 

Project No. TF00-145 Project County: Antrim Project Year: 2000

Project Title: Grass River Natural Area Parcels

Project Status: Grant Closed Grant Amount: \$348,750.00

Project Description: Acquisition in fee simple of five parcels, totaling 37.5 acres including 2,777 feet on Clam Lake, Grass River,

and Shanty Creek, all to be included in the Grass River Natural Area.

Project No. TF00-349 Project County: Antrim Project Year: 2000

Project Title: Antrim Creek Natural Area Development and Protection

Project Status: Grant Closed Grant Amount: \$143,154.00

Scope Item: 2 Overlooks 2 Pit toilets

2 Pit tollets

Information arbor

Interpretive signs/markers

Landscaping Parking

Trails

Project Description: Construction at north access includes signs, overlooks, education displays and port-a-toilet. South access

includes fence, port-a-toilet with parking shell, landscaping, overlook, trails and information arbor.

Project No. TF03-160 Project County: Antrim Project Year: 2003

Project Title: Barnes Park Improvements

Project Status: Grant Closed Grant Amount: \$160,100.00

Scope Item:

Facility furnishings Improved walking path to U.S. 31 Upgrade 27 sites to electric Visitor center/classroom/staff room

Water, sewer, heating

Project Description: Improve Barnes Park on Lake Michigan with campsite upgrades, walking path, and visitors' center.

Project No. TF04-166 Project County: Antrim Project Year: 2004

Project Title: Waterfront Additions to Grass River Natural Area

Project Status: Grant Closed Grant Amount: \$100,000.00

Project Description: Acquisition in fee simple of two parcels with mature forested wetlands adjacent to the existing Grass River

Natural Area boundaries.

Grantee

**Antrim County - Antrim County** 

Project No. TF05-024 Project County: Antrim Project Year: 2005

Project Title: Grass River Natural Area Addition

Project Status: Grant Closed Grant Amount: \$50,000.00

Project Description: Acquisition in fee simple of 9.27 acres of forested wetland with 150 feet of frontage on Clam Lake, and 1.2

acres of forested wetland with 111 feet of frontage on the Grass River.

Project No. TF06-014 Project County: Antrim Project Year: 2006

Project Title: North Shore Hunt Club Acquisition

Project Status: Grant Closed Grant Amount: \$2,093,000.00

**Project Description:** Acquisition of 172 acres on Lake Bellaire and Grass River, including 8,080 feet of waterfront.

Project No. TF07-113 Project County: Antrim Project Year: 2007

Project Title: Grass River Center

Project Status: Grant Closed Grant Amount: \$400,000.00

Scope Item: Grass River Center Permit Fees

**Project Description:** Development of nature center building at Grass River Natural Area.

Project No. TF07-163 Project County: Antrim Project Year: 2007

Project Title: Glacial Hills Pathway and Natural Area

Project Status: Grant Closed Grant Amount: \$162,000.00

Project Description: Acquisition of the remaining 180 aces of the proposed 763-acre Glacial Hills Pathway and Natural Area for

hunting, hiking, and other passive outdoor recreation.

Total Number of Projects: 21

**Total Amount of Grant Given:** \$9,244,083.46

#### **Grant Assisted Facilities - Antrim County**

					Appendix H
Funding Source	Grant #	Park Name	Grand Amount	Scope and Current Condition	Status
Land and Water Conservation Fund	26-00041	Barnes Park	\$30,000.00	Change courts, comfort stations, roadways and parking areas, water, sewer, trailer camping, picnic and playground area	Completed
Land and Water Conservation Fund	26-01093	Grass River Natural Area	\$43,291.00	294 acres purchased for outdoor recreation, parking lots, access roads, vault toilets, nature walk with boardwalk bridge	Completed
Land and Water Conservation Fund	26-01304	Grass River Natural Area	\$10,305.46	Educational platform, observation towers, benches, utilities, well, signs, vehicle turnout	Completed
Trust Fund	TF86-186	Grass River Natural Area	\$45,000.00	28.48 acres purchased to provide a link with Clam Lake frontage between existing Grass River Natural Area Parcels.	Completed
Trust Fund	TF90-249	Barnes Park	\$41,750.00	Renovate Bathhouse, replace Vault Toilets, Extend Electric to additional campsites, and construct stairway to the beach to control foot traffic and prevent further erosion.	Completed
Trust Fund	TF95-051	Antrim Creek Natural Area	\$4,764,100.00	Acquisition of 170 Acres with 170 acres approximately 5,000 feet of frontage on Grand Traverse Bay, including the mouth of Antrim Creek	Completed
Trust Fund	TF95-081	Grass River Natural Area	\$41,600.00	Raise and widen existing self guided boardwalk trail in unique wetland area of Antrim Counties Grass River Natural Area	Completed
Trust Fund	TF97-170	Grass River Natural Area	\$243,178.00	Acquisition of 63 Acres and 745 feet if wetland shoreline on Lake Bellaire, Grass River, and Clam Lake	Completed

#### **Grant Assisted Facilities - Antrim County**

Trust Fund	TF98-269	Grass River Natural Area	\$86,925.00	Acquisition of 400feet of Grass River and 4 acres of wetland habitat to be added to the Existing Grass River natural Area	Completed
Trust Fund	TF99-436	Cedar River Natural Area	\$320,662.00	Acquisition of 115 Acres with 2,640 feet of frontage along the north and south banks of Cedar River to protect its ecological functions, scenic beauty, and recreational access	Completed
Trust Fund	TF00-349	Antrim Creek Natural Area	\$143,154.00	Construction of signs, educational displays, porta- a-john structure, overlooks, trails, and information arbor.	Completed
Clean Michigan initiative	CM00- 215	Barnes Park	\$117,238.00	Replacement of existing playground equipment, installation of a new basketball court, upgrade 19 sites to electric, construct new bathhouse, and resurface road	Completed
Trust Fund	TF00-145	Grass River Natural Area	\$348,750.00	37.5 acres purchased including 2,777 feet on clam lake, Grass River and Shanty Creek to be included in the Grass River Natural Area.	Completed
Trust Fund	TF03-160	Barnes Park	\$160,100.00	Construction of a visitor center, walking path and upgrades to campsites	Completed
Trust Fund	TF04-116	Grass River Natural Area	\$100,000.00	20.5 acres purchased with over 1,600 feet of Finch Creek frontage.	Completed
Trust Fund	TF05-024	Grass River Natural Area	\$50,000.00	10.47 acres purchased with over 260 feet Clam Lake and Grass River Frontage	Completed
Trust Fund	TF06-014	Grass River Natural Area Glacial Hills	\$2,093,000.00	Acquisition of 172 acres on Lake Bellaire and Grass River including 8,080 feet of water frontage.	Completed
Trust Fund	TF07-163	Pathway and Natural area	\$162,000.00	Acquisition of 180 acres for the 763 acre Glacial Hills Pathway and Natural Area.	Completed

#### Antrim Creek Natural Area



Glacial Hills Pathway and Natural Area



Cedar River Natural Area



Grass River Natural Area





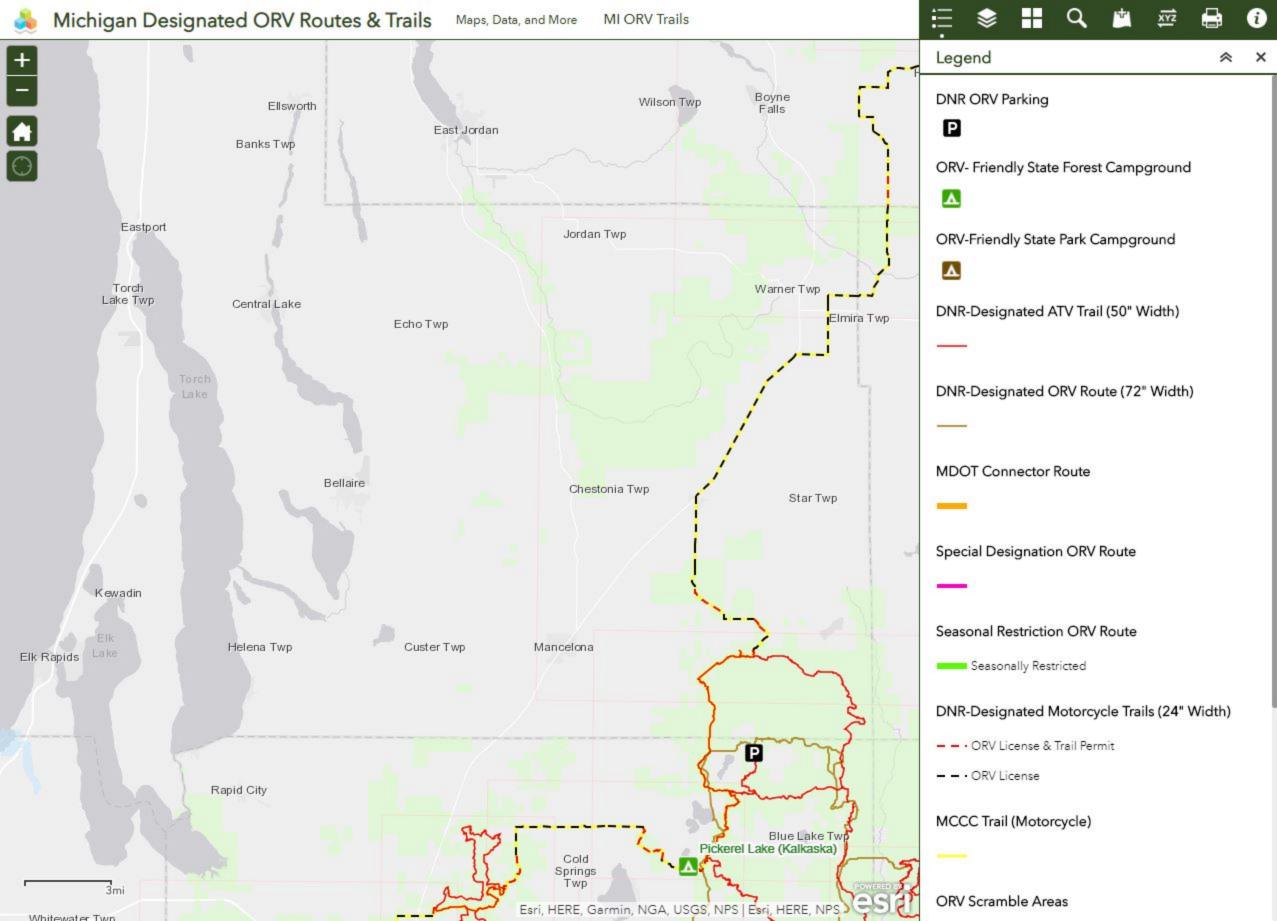
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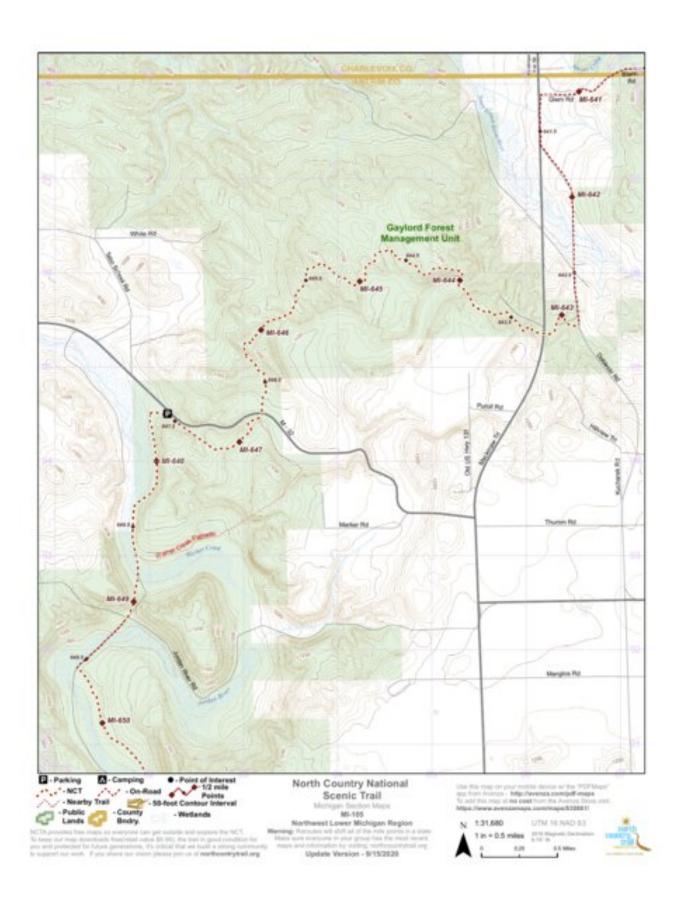


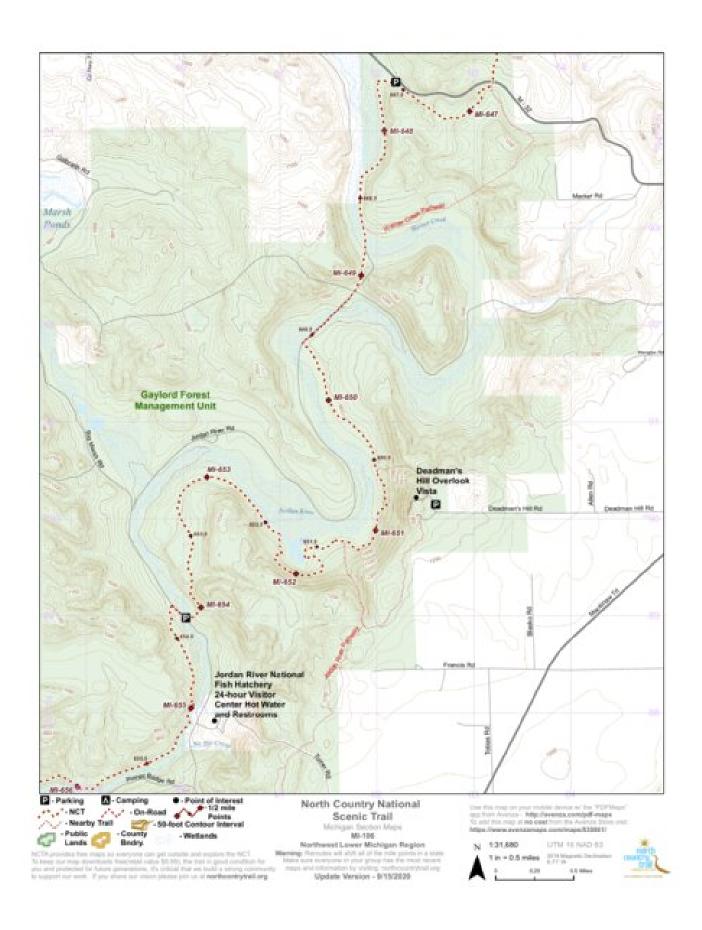
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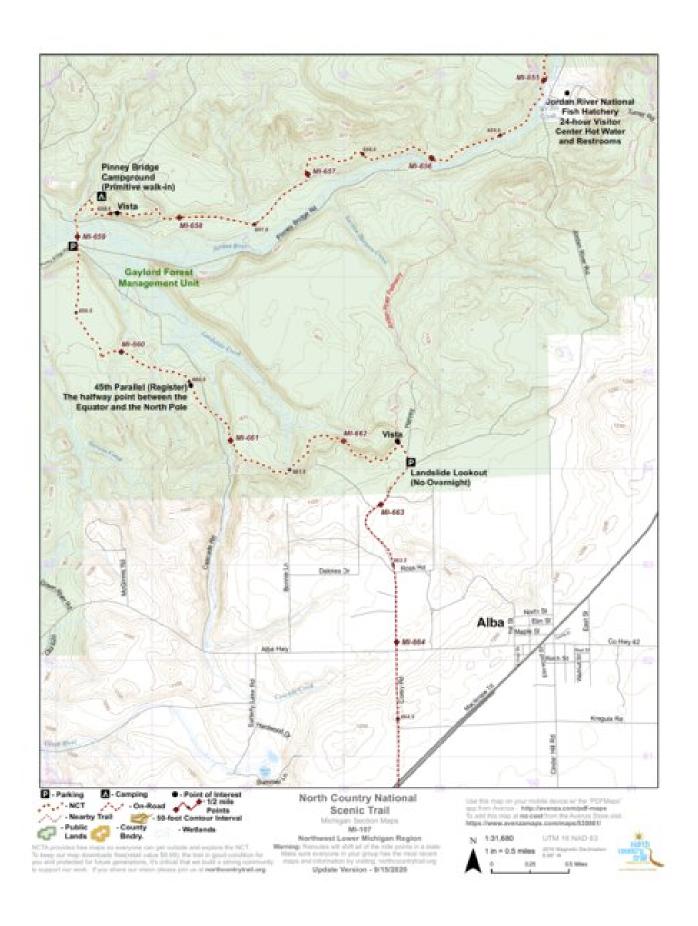
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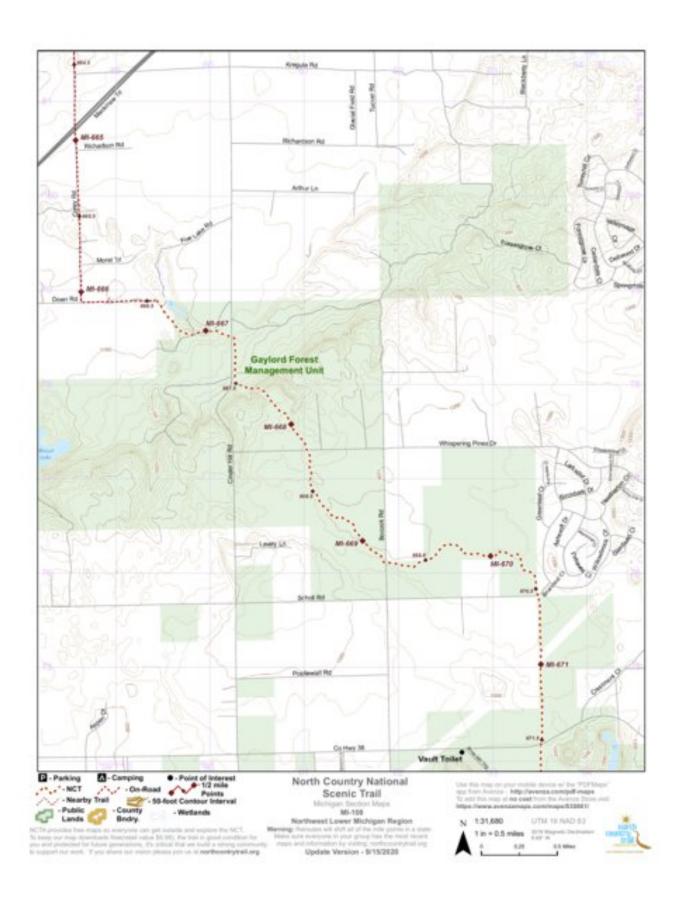
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- North Country Trail
- Jordan Valley Pathway
- Michigan Department of Natural Resources Designated Snowmobile Trails

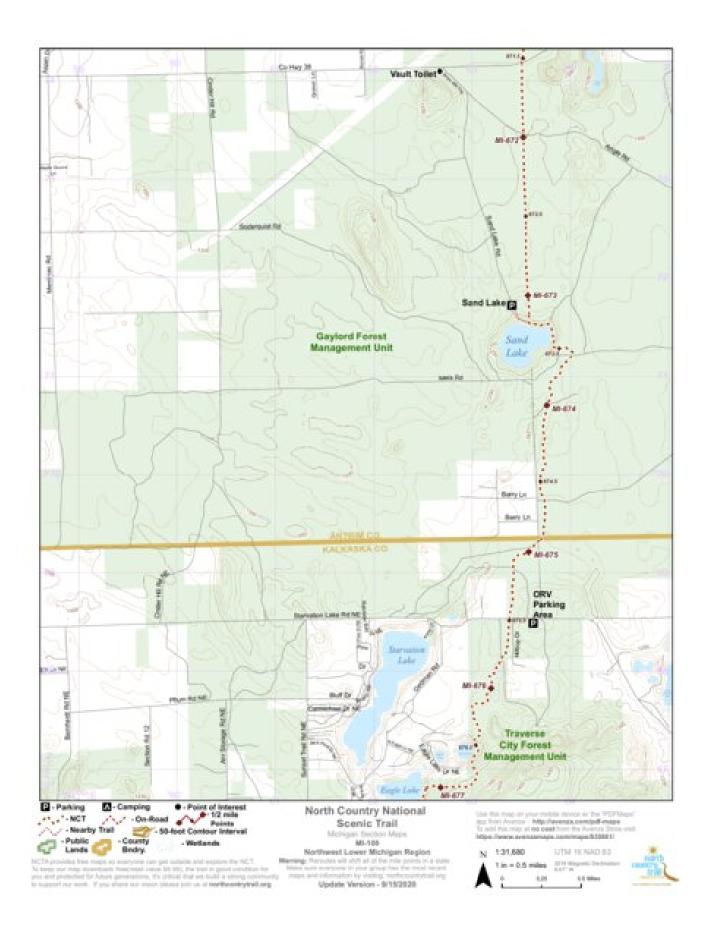










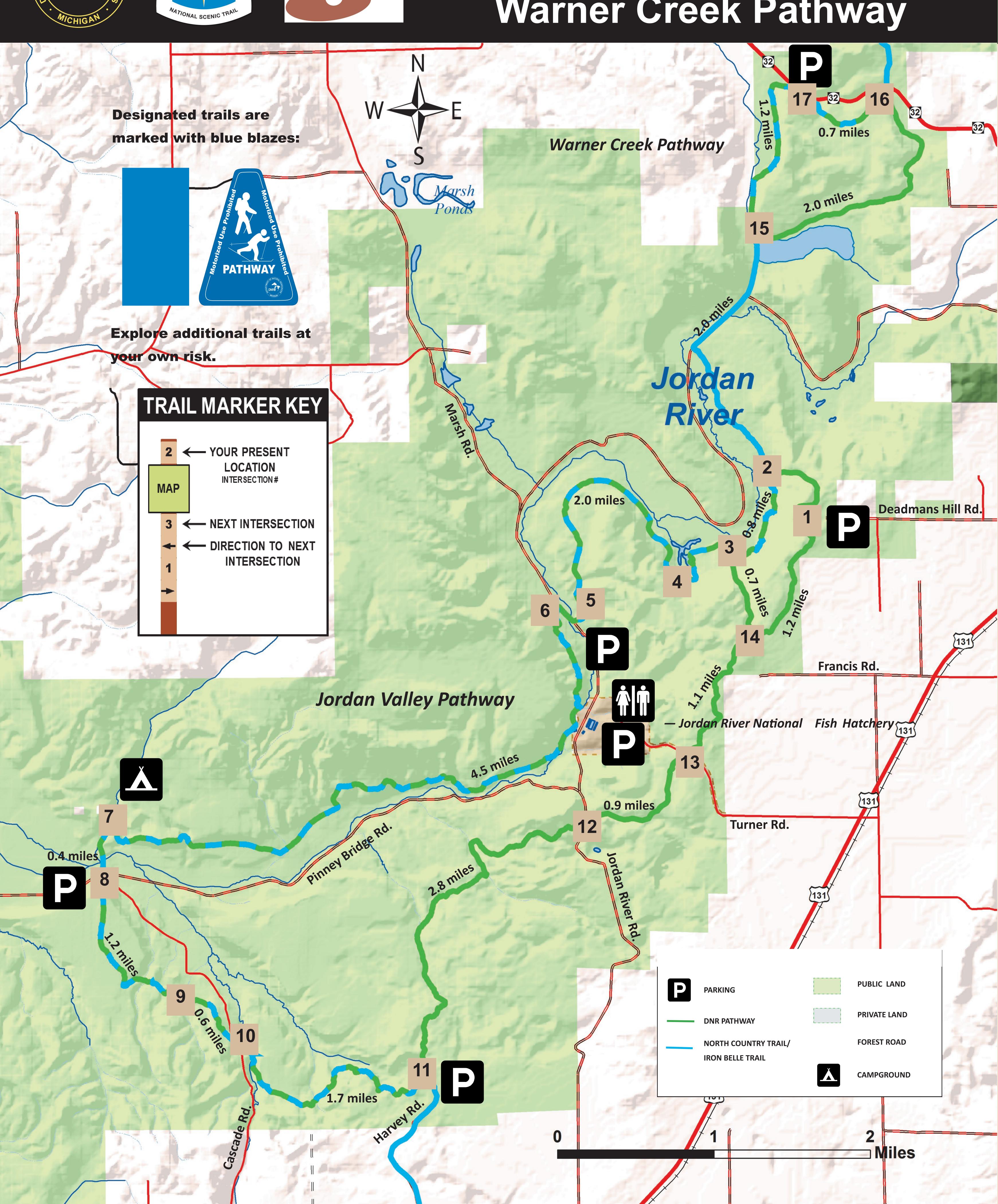


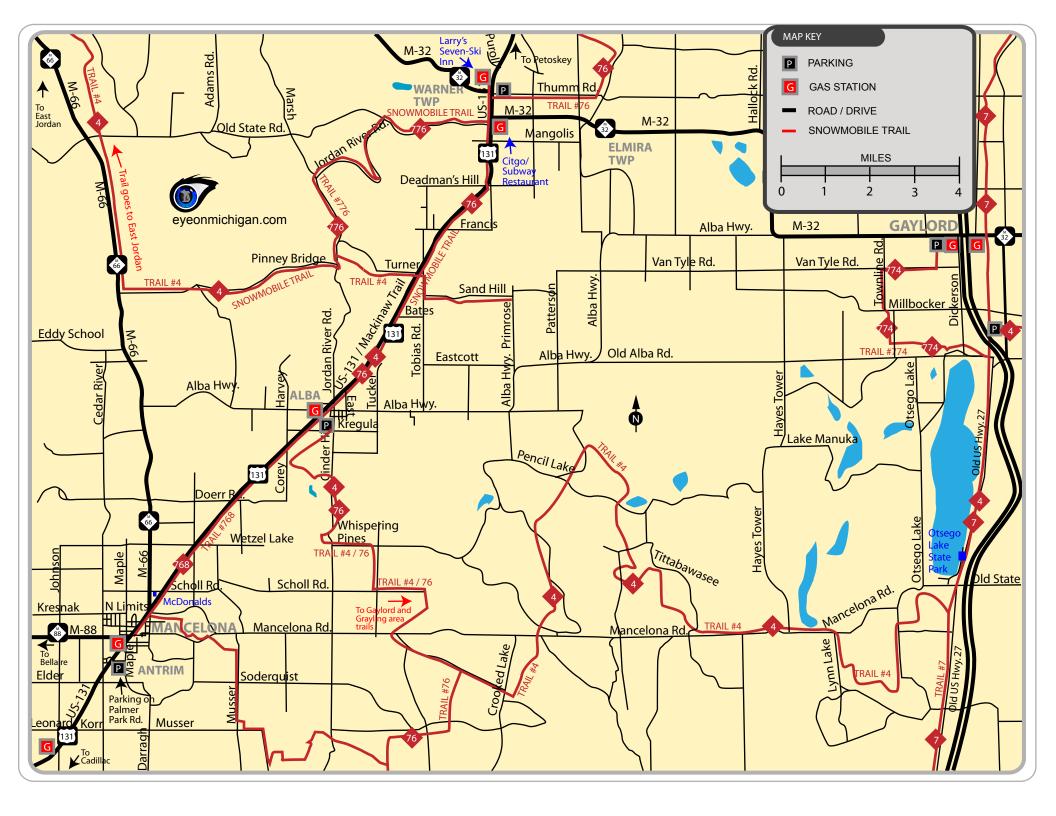






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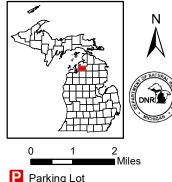




#### Michigan Department of Natural Resources Designated **Snowmobile Trails**

**Antrim County** 

Updated: 7/20/2020



Parking Lot

State Forest Campground

Designated Snowmobile Trails

Highway

Paved Road

Gravel or Dirt Road

State Forest Land

Federal Land

Lakes and Rivers

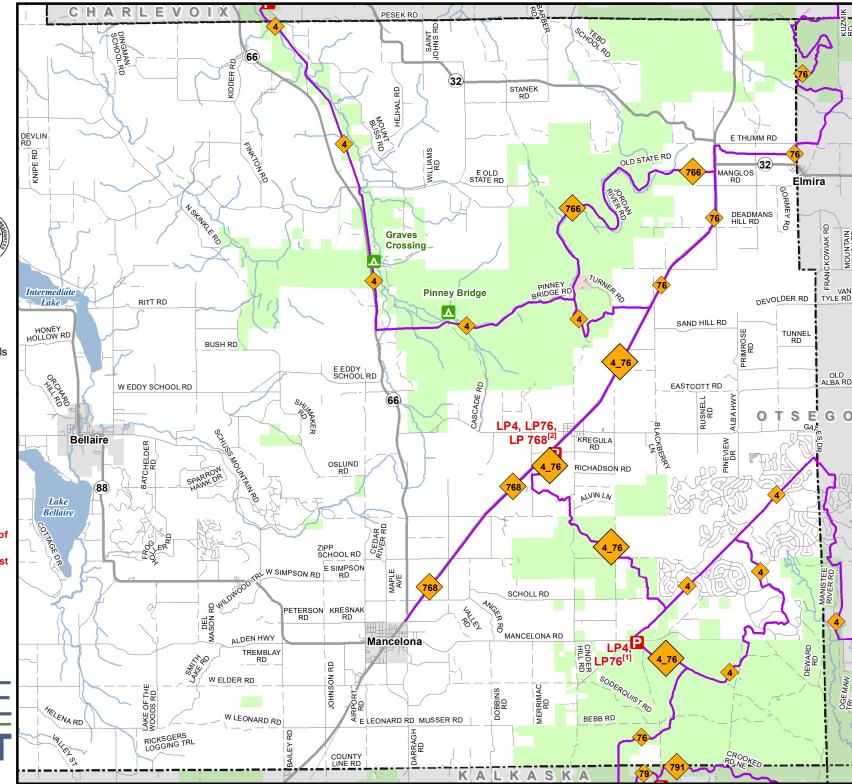
County Boundary Outline

LP4, LP476<sup>[1]</sup> Mancelona Rd West of Crooked Lake Rd

LP4, LP76, LP768<sup>[2]</sup> Kregula Rd East of US 131



Michigan.gov/Snowmobiling



#### **APPENDIX J:**

#### **In-Progress Connecting Trails**



#### **APPENDIX K:**

Public Notice for 30 Day Comment Period

#### AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

LEGAL NOTICE
A draft of the 2021-2026 Antrim County Parks & Recreation Plan will be available for public review and comment for 30 days beginning at noon on December 19, 2020. Anyone interested may review the plan and forward comments.

Written comments may be sent to the Antrim County Administration & Planning Office, PO Box 187, Bellaire, Mi 49615. Email comments may be sent to countyadmin@antrimcounty.org.

Copies of the plan are on file at the Antrim County Administration Office, located at 203 E. Cayuga Street, Room 204, Bellaire, MI. To review the plan in person, contact the Administration Office for an appointment.

The plan is also available for viewing online at http://www.antrimcounty.org/downloads/20212026 parks\_rec\_plan\_draft\_boc.p

For more Information, contact the Antrim County Administration Office at (231)533-6265.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN **County of Grand Traverse** 

Paul Heidbreder being duly sworn deposes and says the annexed printed copy of notice was taken from the Traverse City RECORD EAGLE, a newspaper printed and circulated in said State and County, and that said notice was published in said newspaper on the following dates:

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that he or she is the agent of the printers of said newspaper, and knows well the facts stated herein

Subscribed and sworn to before this 21st of December, 2020.

Denise A. Lingerfelt Notary Public, State of MI **County of Grand Traverse** 09/28/2023

**Acting in County of Grand Traverse** 

#### **APPENDIX L:**

Notice of Public Meeting

#### **AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION**

STATE OF MICHIGAN )

COUNTY OF ANTRIM )

Jacqueline L. Tarrant, Partner/General Manager of the Antrim Review hereby acknowledges that the Public Notice for Antrim Co. Planners was published in the above entitled newspaper for the weeks of January 14, 2021.

Jacqueline L. Tarrant

Subscribed and Sworn to on the 14th Day of January 2021

Jacklyn S. White Notery Public

Antrim County, Michigan

My Commission Expires: 01/23/24

JACKLYN S. WHITE NOTARY PUBLIC • ANTRIM COUNTY

NOTARY PUBLIC • ANTRIM COUNTY MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 01/23/24

#### **Notice**

The Antrim County Board of Commissioners will be holding a public hearing on the Antrim County Parks & Recreation plan on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., prior to the regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting. The Public Hearing will be held virtually via Zoom Webinar. To attend the hearing virtually, interested parties can go to https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84168742882?pwd=WEVTWDFoNXlxWVcxdnhzR3NjRjQwdz09. When prompted, the password is Antrim.

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### **APPENDIX M:**

Post-Completion Self Certification Reports



#### Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Management

# PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

GRANT TYPE:   MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TR  (Please select one)   LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION F		_
GRANTEE: Antrim County		
PROJECT NUMBER: TF00349 P	ROJECT TYPE: Development	& Protection
PROJECT TITLE: Antrim Creek Natural Area De	evelopment and Protect:	ion
PROJECT SCOPE: 2 overlooks, 2 pit toilets,	fence, kiosk, markers	, trails, parking
TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRA	ANTEE)	
Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
Antrim County	Peter Garwood	County Administrator
Address 203 E. Cayuga, PO Box 187	Telephone (231)533-6265	
City, State, ZIP Bellaire, MI 49615	Email countyadmin@antrimcount	y.org
SITE DEVELOPMENT		
Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation ac If yes, please describe change(s).	ctivities provided?	⊠Yes
Boat launch added in 2013		
Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use o describe what portion and describe use. (This would include 2 vault toilets		
Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.		□Yes ⊠No
SITE QUALITY		
Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facil If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please		⊠Yes ⊡No
Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If	no, please explain.	⊠Yes ⊡No
Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures be	peing taken to prevent or minimize	vandalism. □Yes ⊠No

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.  County staff and vol's perform trail maintenance weekly. The County has	⊠Yes □No contracted with
the Antrim Conservation District for 4hrs/wk for trail maintenance.  GENERAL	
Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)	⊠Yes □No □N/A
Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.	□Yes ⊠No
Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.	□Yes ⊠No
What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?  open year round	
COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)	

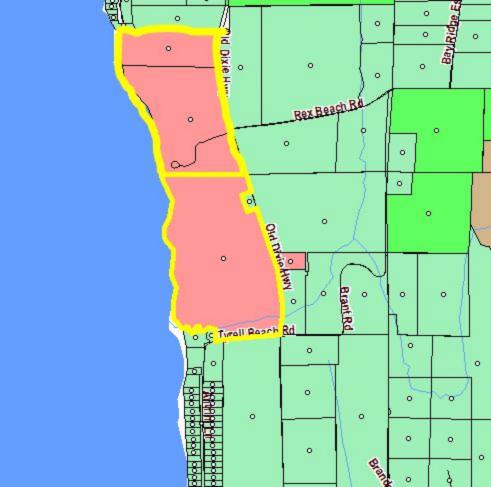
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#### Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Management

# Public Outdoor Recreation Grant Post-Completion Self-Certification Report

GRANT TYPE:   MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TR  (Please select one)   LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION F		
GRANTEE: Antrim County		
PROJECT NUMBER: TF-95-051 P	ROJECT TYPE: Property Ac	quisition
Program Town Autorian Greek Waterwall Aug		
PROJECT TITLE: Antrim Creek Natural Area		
PROJECT Scope: acquisition of 150.96 acres	w/ 5000' frontage on	Lake Michigan
TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRA	NTEE)	
Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
Antrim County	Pete Garwood	County Administrator
Address 203 E. Cayuga, PO Box 187	Telephone 231-533-6265	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
Bellaire, MI 49615	countyadmin@antrimcount	y.org
SITE DEVELOPMENT		
Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation ac If yes, please describe change(s).	tivities provided?	□Yes □No
Since the grant was awarded in 1995, trails	have been cut, parking	lots have been
built at each entrance, and a boat launch ha	s been installed	
Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use o describe what portion and describe use. (This would include		
Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.		□Yes ⊠No
SITE QUALITY		
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Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facil If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please		⊠Yes □No
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Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If I	no, please explain.	⊠Yes □No
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Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures b	peing taken to prevent or minimize	vandalism. □Yes ⊠No

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.  County staff and volunteers perform trail maintenance weekly. The County	⊠Yes □No has contracted
with the Antrim Conservation District for 4 hrs/week for trail maintenant	ice.
GENERAL	
Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)	⊠Yes □No □N/A
Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities?  (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.	□Yes ⊠No
Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.	□Yes ⊠No
What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?  Open year round  COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)	

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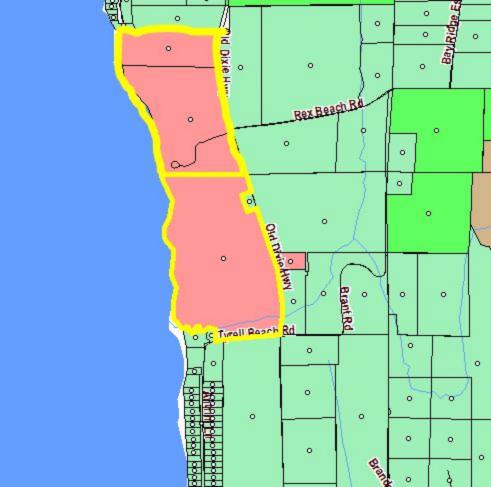
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#### Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Management

# PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

GRANT TYPE: ☐ MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TO (Please select one) ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION F		
GRANTEE: Antrim COunty		
PROJECT NUMBER: CM00-215 P	ROJECT TYPE: Facility Im	provement
PROJECT TITLE: Barnes Park Improvement Proj	ject	
PROJECT SCOPE: Barrier-free bathouse and pl	layground equip, walkw	ay
TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRA	NTEE)	
Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
Antrim County	Peter Garwood	(231)533-6265
Address 203 E. Cayuga, PO Box 187	Telephone (231)533-6265	
City, State, ZIP  Bellaire, MI 49615	Email countyadmin@antrimcount	y.org
SITE DEVELOPMENT		
Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation ac If yes, please describe change(s).	ctivities provided?	□Yes ⊠No
Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use of describe what portion and describe use. (This would include New playground equipment, new basketball cou	cell towers and any non-recrea	tion buildings.) ⊠Yes □No
Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.		⊠Yes □No
Pedestals need to upgraded replaced/upgraded to 50Amp		
SITE QUALITY		
Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facil If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please		⊠Yes ⊡No
Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If	no, please explain.	⊠Yes ⊡No
Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures b	peing taken to prevent or minimize	vandalism. ☐Yes ☑No

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.  Seasonal staff provides maintenance daily when in season. During the off property is checked weekly and maintenance provided as needed.  GENERAL	⊠Yes □No season, the
Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)	⊠Yes □No □N/A
Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.	□Yes ⊠No
Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.  Fee structure is attached	⊠Yes □No
What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?	
COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED) Fees are for camping permits and pavillion rental only, no charge for dayt park.	ime use of the

CERTIFICATION		
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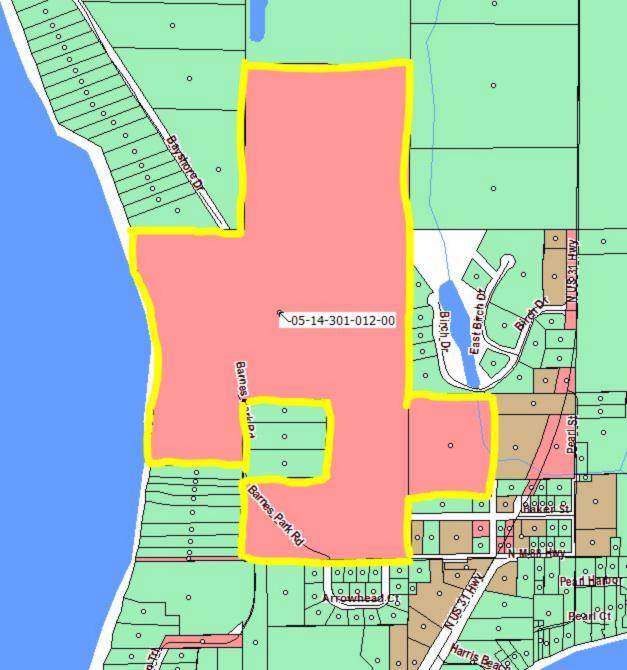


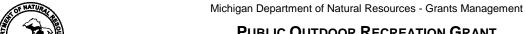


## Barnes Park Campground Fee Schedule

RATES*	
Electrical Sites	\$34
Rustic Sites	\$30
Pavilion (per day, non-refundable)	\$50
Firewood	\$5
Ice	\$3
Dump Site Usage (non-campers)	\$15
Restroom Shower (5 minutes)	\$0.50

<sup>\*</sup>The Park charges per adult camping unit on a site





# Public Outdoor Recreation Grant Post-Completion Self-Certification Report

GRANT TYPE: MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TR (Please select one) LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION F		
GRANTEE: Antrim County		
PROJECT NUMBER: <u>26-00041</u> P	ROJECT TYPE: Improvement	
PROJECT TITLE: Barnes Park		
PROJECT SCOPE: trailer camping, picnic & pl	ayground, update road	s & parking,utilities
TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRA	NTEE)	
Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
Antrim County Address	Pete Garwood	County Administrator
203 E. Cayuga, PO Box 187	Telephone 231-533-6265	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
Bellaire, MI 49615	countyadmin@antrimcount	y.org
SITE DEVELOPMENT		
Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation ac If yes, please describe change(s).	tivities provided?	⊠Yes ⊡No
Trails added, playground updated, additional	bathhouse built,	
beach staircase constructed and park office	built.	
Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use or describe what portion and describe use. (This would include		
Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.		⊠Yes □No
Pedestals need to upgraded replaced/upgraded to 50Amp		
SITE QUALITY		
Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facil If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please		⊠Yes ⊡No
Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If it	no, please explain.	⊠Yes ⊡No
Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures be	eing taken to prevent or minimize	vandalism. □Yes ⊠No

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.  Seasonal staff provides maintenance to property daily when in season.  season, the property is checked weekly and maintenance provided as nee	
GENERAL	deu:
Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)	⊠Yes □No □N/A
Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.	□Yes ⊠No
Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.  Fee structure is attached	⊠Yes □No
What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?  Memorial Day - 2 <sup>nd</sup> week of October (weather permitting)  COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)	
Fees are for camping permits and pavillion rental only, no charge for dapark.	ytime use of the

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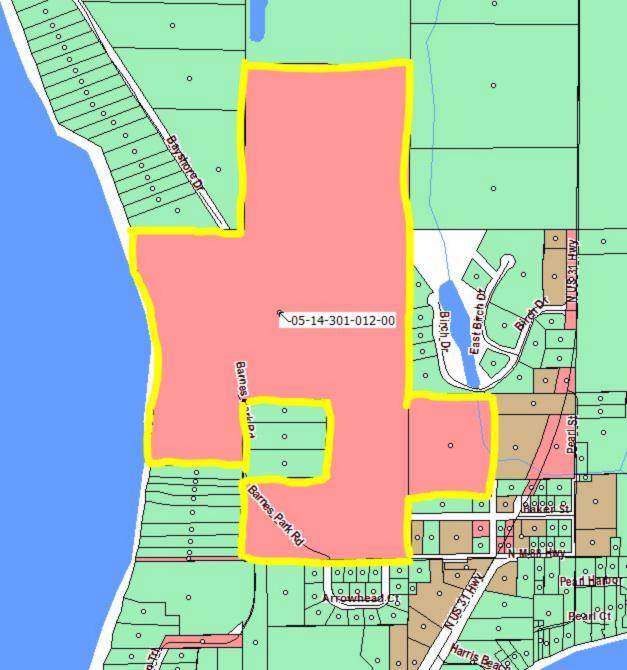


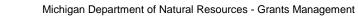


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Pavilion (per day, non-refundable)	\$50
Firewood	\$5
Ice	\$3
Dump Site Usage (non-campers)	\$15
Restroom Shower (5 minutes)	\$0.50

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# PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

GRANT TYPE:   MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND  CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE  (Please select one)   LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND  RECREATION PASSPORT  BOND FUND				
GRANTEE: Antrim County				
PROJECT NUMBER: TF03-160	PROJECT TYPE: Facility Im	provements		
PROJECT TITLE: Barnes Park Improvements				
PROJECT SCOPE: Furnishings, electrical up	pgrades, path, utilities	, visitor center		
TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (C	GRANTEE)			
Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title		
Antrim County	Peter Garwood	County Administrator		
Address 203 E. Cayuga, PO Box 187	Telephone (231)533-6265			
City, State, ZIP  Bellaire, MI 49615	Email countyadmin@antrimcount	y.org		
SITE DEVELOPMENT				
Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?  If yes, please describe change(s).  bathhouse upgrades, electric site upgrades				
Has any portion of the project site been converted to a us describe what portion and describe use. (This would incl				
Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.		⊠Yes □No		
Pedestals need to upgraded replaced/upgraded to 50Amp				
SITE QUALITY				
Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or f If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please		⊠Yes ⊡No		
Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained?	If no, please explain.	⊠Yes □No		
Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measur	res being taken to prevent or minimize	vandalism. □Yes ⊠No		

## POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. ☐Yes ☐No Seasonal staff provides maintenance to property daily when in season. During off season the property is checked weekly and maintenance provided as needed. **GENERAL** Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants) ⊠Yes □No □N/A Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? ☐Yes ☒No (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain. ☐Yes ☐No Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Fee structure attached What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site? Memorial Day - $2^{nd}$ week of October (weather permitting) COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED) Fees are for camping permits and pavillion rental only, no charge for daytime use of the park.

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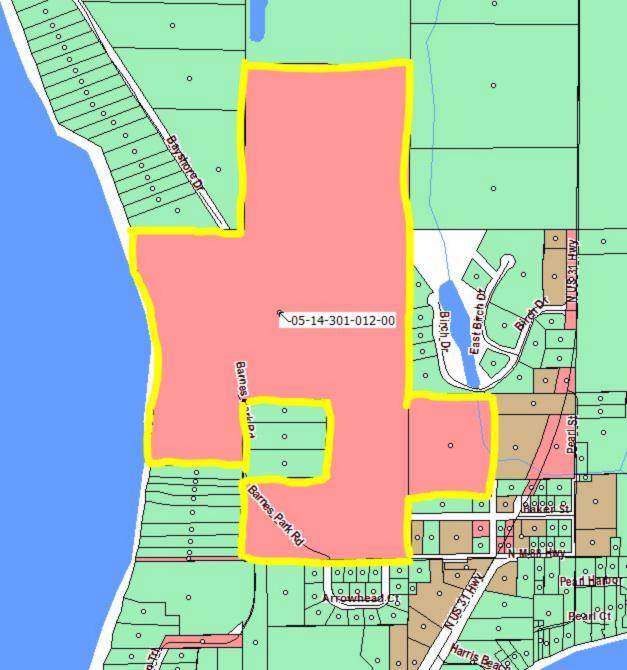




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Dump Site Usage (non-campers)	\$15
Restroom Shower (5 minutes)	\$0.50

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# PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

GRANT TYPE:   MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TR  (Please select one)   LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION F		
GRANTEE: Antrim COunty		
PROJECT NUMBER: TF90-249 P	ROJECT TYPE: Renovation	& Site Development
PROJECT TITLE: Barnes Park		
PROJECT SCOPE: 100' staircase, renovations	of bathhouse, utiliti	es, vault toilets
TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRA	NTEE)	
Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
Antrim County Address	Pete Garwood	County Administrator
201 E. Cayuga, PO Box 187	Telephone 231-533-6265	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
Bellaire, MI 49615	countyadmin@antrimcount	y.org
SITE DEVELOPMENT		
Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?  If yes, please describe change(s).		
Furnishings, electrical upgrades, path, util	ities, visitor center	
Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use of describe what portion and describe use. (This would include		
Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.		⊠Yes □No
Pedestals need to upgraded replaced/upgraded to 50Amp		
SITE QUALITY		
Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facilityes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please		⊠Yes ⊡No
Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If r	no, please explain.	 ⊠Yes □No
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Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures b	eing taken to prevent or minimize	vandalism. □Yes ⊠No

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.  Seasonal staff provides maintenance to property daily when in season. Due the property is checked weekly and maintenance provided as needed.  GENERAL	⊠Yes □No
Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)	⊠Yes □No □N/A
Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities?  (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.	□Yes ⊠No
Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.  Fee structure attached	□Yes □No
What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?  Memorial Day - 2 <sup>nd</sup> week of October (weather permitting)	
COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)  Fees are for camping permits and pavillion rental only, no charge for dayt: park.	ime use of the

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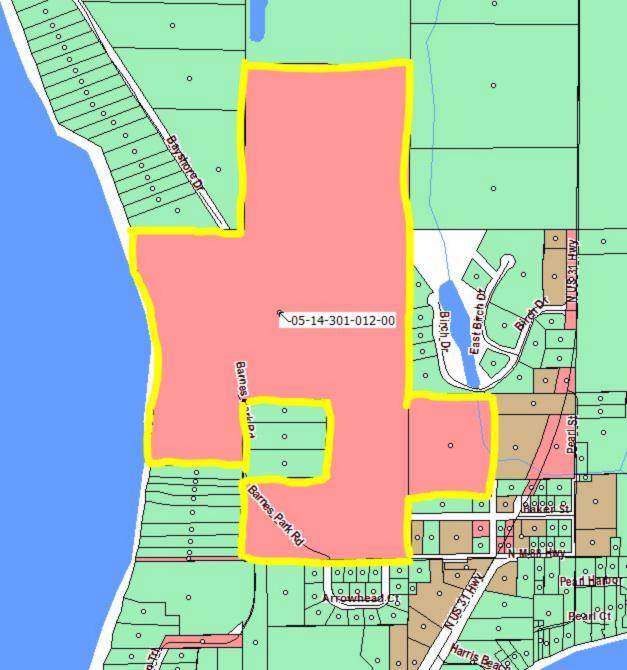




# Barnes Park Campground Fee Schedule

RATES*	
Electrical Sites	\$34
Rustic Sites	\$30
Pavilion (per day, non-refundable)	\$50
Firewood	\$5
Ice	\$3
Dump Site Usage (non-campers)	\$15
Restroom Shower (5 minutes)	\$0.50

<sup>\*</sup>The Park charges per adult camping unit on a site





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GRANT TYPE:   MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOLUTION (Please select one)   LAND AND WATER CONSER		AN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE REATION PASSPORT BOND FUND
GRANTEE: Antrim County		
PROJECT NUMBER: TF99-436	Land PROJECT TYPE: Prote	Acquisition: Res. ection
PROJECT TITLE: Jabara Property		
PROJECT SCOPE: 115 acres incl. 2,640	' along Cedar River	
TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGE		
Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
Antrim County	Peter Garwood	County Administrator
Address 203 E. Cayuga, PO Box 187	Telephone (231)533-6265	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
Bellaire, MI 49615	countyadmin@antr	rimcounty.org
SITE DEVELOPMENT		
Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or rec If yes, please describe change(s).	reation activities provided?	∐Yes ⊠No
Trails, bridge and signage		
Has any portion of the project site been converted to describe what portion and describe use. (This wou		
Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please ex	plain.	□Yes ⊠No
SITE QUALITY		
Is there a park entry sign which identifies the prope If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If n		on area? ⊠Yes ⊡No
Are the facilities and the site being properly maintai	ined? If no, please explain.	⊠Yes □No
Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the n	neasures being taken to prevent o	r minimize vandalism. ☐Yes ⊠No

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)	Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain Property management is handled by the County Forester who checks ically for signs of vandalism, fallen trees, and trail hazards	
Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)  Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.  Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.  What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?  open year round		
(i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.  □Yes □  Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.  □Yes □  What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?  open year round	Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide	de a ⊠Yes
What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?  open year round		□Yes ⊠No
open year round	Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.	□Yes ⊠No
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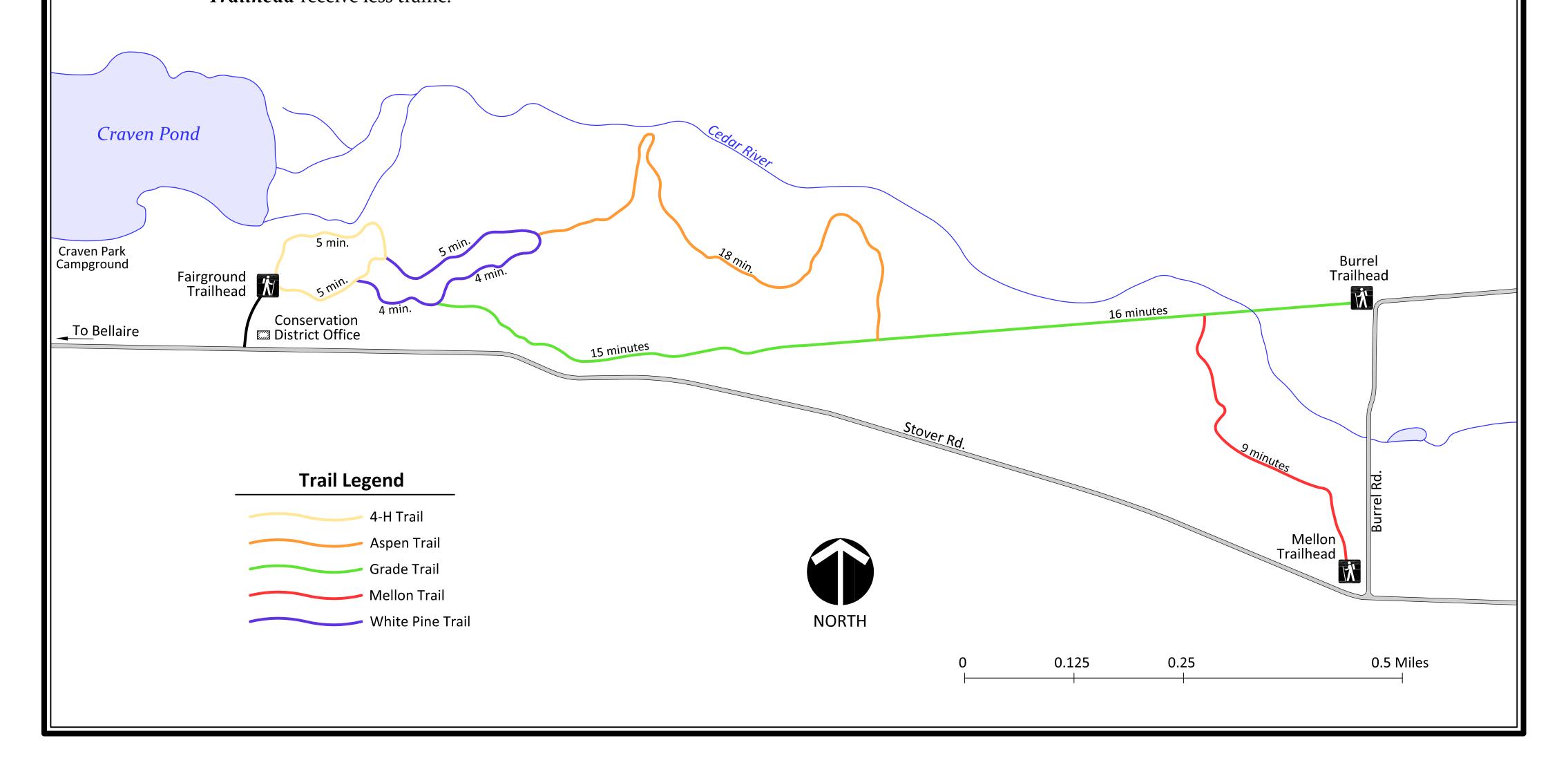
# Cedar River Natural Area Trails System Map

The Cedar River Natural Area contains one of the least known trail systems within Antrim County. These trails meander through untouched swamp conifer forest, upland forest, and riparian forest along the Cedar River.

There are three trailhead access points. The *Fairground Trailhead* is located at the County Fairgrounds and is the most used access point. The *Burrel Trailhead* and the *Mellon Trailhead* receive less traffic.

A variety of trail loops exist within the natural area. In total, there are 4 miles of trails. Trails are color coded and the approximate number of minutes it takes to walk a segment has been placed on the map below. Some of the trails are well-used, others are more adventurous.

The trails are jointly owned and maintained by the Village of Bellaire and Antrim County.

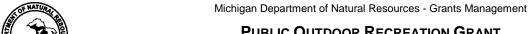












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GRANT TYPE:   MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TR  (Please select one)   LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION F		
GRANTEE: Antrim County		
PROJECT NUMBER: TF07-163 P	ROJECT TYPE: Land Acquis	ition
PROJECT TITLE: Glacial Hills Pathway & Natu	ural Area	
PROJECT TILE. GIACIAI MILIS PACHWAY & NACC	ITAL ALCA	
PROJECT SCOPE: 180 acres of proposed 763 ac	res natural area for	outdoor recreation
TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRA		
Name of Agency (Grantee) Antrim County	Contact Person  Peter Garwood	Title County Administrator
Address	Telephone	Country Administrator
203 E. Cayuga, PO Box 187	(231)533-6265	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
Bellaire, MI 49615	countyadmin@antrimcount	y.org
SITE DEVELOPMENT		
Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation ac If yes, please describe change(s).	ctivities provided?	⊠Yes □No
31.5 miles of multi-use single non-motorized	track has been cut acr	oss 763 acres;
3 trailheads with parking lots, 2 vault toilets, 1 storage facility for equipment		
Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use o describe what portion and describe use. (This would include		
Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.		□Yes ⊠No
SITE QUALITY		
	ity on a public represtion area?	
Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facil If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please		⊠Yes □No
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Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained?	no, please explain.	⊠Yes □No
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Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures b	peing taken to prevent or minimize	vandalism. ☐Yes ⊠No

# POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. ⊠Yes □No See comments section GENERAL Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants) ⊠Yes □No □N/A Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain. ☐Yes ⊠No ☐Yes ⊠No Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Donations are welcome What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site? open year round, day and night COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED) Maintenance schedule: April - October: Volunteer crews with the Friends of Glacial Hills host annual clean-up day in the spring. Every Thursday morning is the weekly volunteer trail work day. Additional clean maintenance is on an as-needed basis, usually following major storms. The governing board (Friends of Glacial Hills Recreation Board) contracts with the Antrim Conservation District for sixteen hours of weekly trail maintenance. November-March: Volunteer crews with the Friends of Glacial Hills groom approximately 5 miles of trail for fat biking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing.

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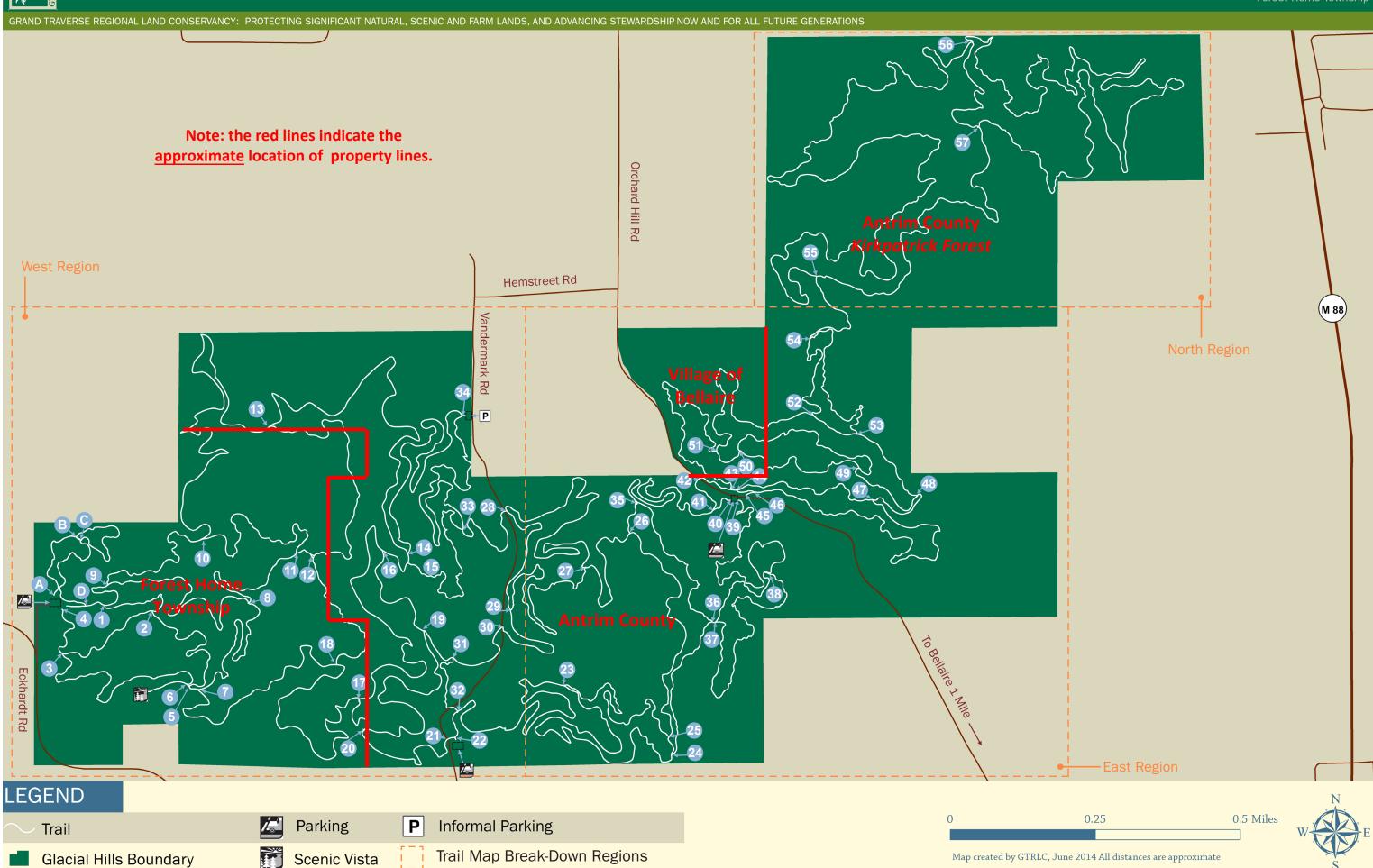
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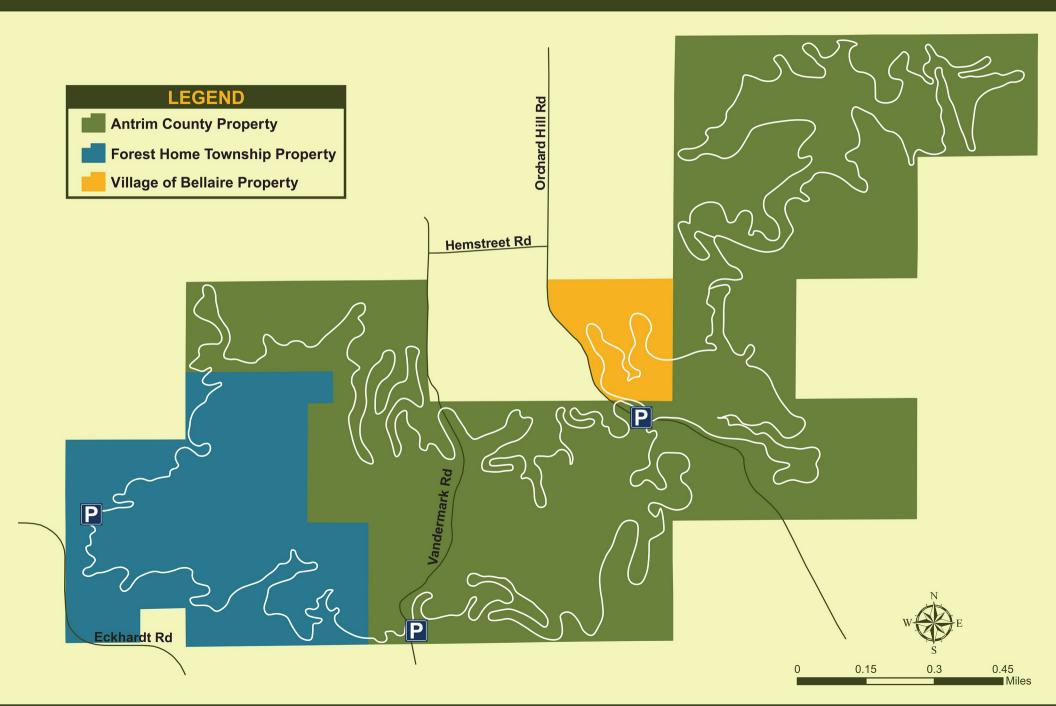
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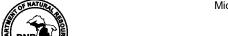






# GLACIAL HILLS MAP





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GRANT TYPE: MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TR (Please select one) LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION F		
GRANTEE: Antrim County		
PROJECT NUMBER: <u>26-01093</u> P	ROJECT TYPE: Property Ac	quisition
PROJECT TITLE: Grass River Natural Area		
ROJECT TILE. GLADB RIVET MACAIAI MEA		
PROJECT SCOPE: 1980 acquisition of 294 ac,	dev of parking lots,	road, trail, etc.
TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRA		
Name of Agency (Grantee) Antrim County	Contact Person  Pete Garwood	Title County Administrator
Address	Telephone	Country Administrator
203 E. Cayuga, PO Box 187	231-533-6265	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
Bellaire, MI 49615	countyadmin@antrimcount	y.org
SITE DEVELOPMENT		
Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation ac If yes, please describe change(s).	tivities provided?	⊠Yes
Since this grant was awarded in 1980, additi	onal property has been	acquired
GRNA also added a new education center which	opened in 2011.	
Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use o describe what portion and describe use. (This would include		
Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.		□Yes ⊠No
SITE QUALITY		
Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facil	ity as a public recreation area?	
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please		⊠Yes
Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained?	no, please explain.	⊠Yes □No
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Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures be	peing taken to prevent or minimize	vandalism. □Yes ⊠No

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.  See comments below	⊠Yes □No
GENERAL	
Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a	□No □N/A
Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities?  (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.	⊠Yes ⊡No
No hunting is allowed in the restricted education zone. Hunting is allowed in the	he limited
use zone in accordance with state and federal laws.	_
Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.  Donations are accepted	□Yes ⊠No
What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?  See comments below	
COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)	
other staff members and volunteers report problems to the Land and Facilities Stepsuch as tree and branch removal and boardwalk repairs take place immediately upon Education Center repairs take place in house if possible and are scheduled for property when needed. Twice a year, in the spring and fall, a day is set aside for emaintenance of the natural area and the Education Center by staff and volunteers. also a cyclical maintenance schedule for the Education Center to ensure efficient operation.	discovery. ofessional general There is
The Grass River Center is open and staffed by naturalists year round.  *May - October: Open 7 days a week, 10-4  *November - December: Thusday-Sunday, 10-4  *January-April: Saturdays and Sunday ONLY, 10-4	
Grass River Natural Area trails are open seven days a week from dawn to dusk	

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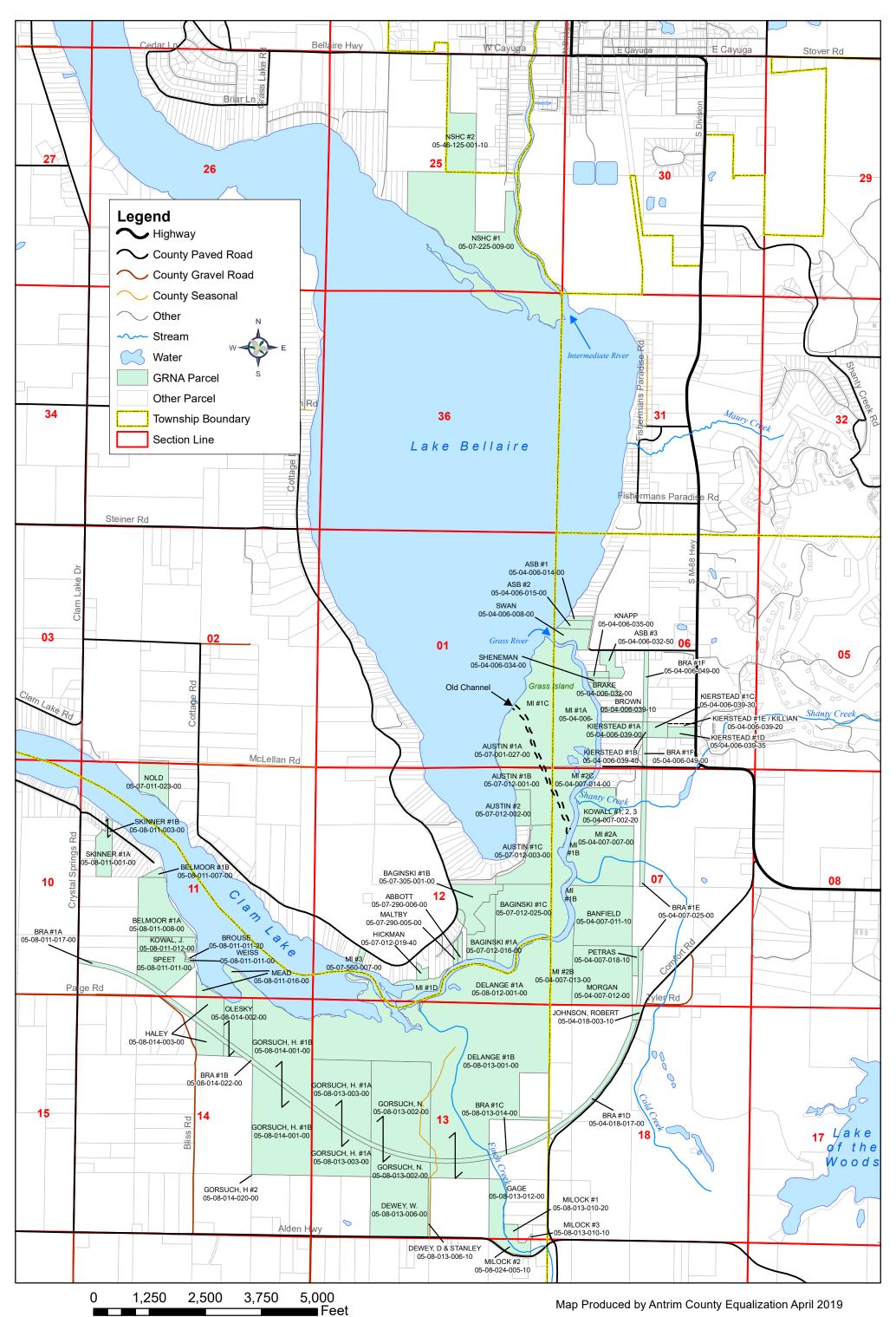
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GRANT TYPE: ☐ MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TO (Please select one) ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FOR THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERT		GAN INITIATIVE PASSPORT BOND FUND
GRANTEE: Antrim County		
PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01304 P	ROJECT TYPE: Development	;
PROJECT TITLE: Grass River Natural Area		
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PROJECT SCOPE: 1984 construction of educat:	<del>-</del>	erv. towers, etc.
TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANAMENT AGENCY)	Contact Person	Title
Antrim County	Pete Garwood	County Administrator
Address	Telephone	-
203 E. Cayuga, PO Box 187	231-533-6265	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
Bellaire, MI 49615	countyadmin@antrimcount	cy.org
SITE DEVELOPMENT		
Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation as If yes, please describe change(s).	ctivities provided?	⊠Yes □No
Utility upgrades were for the cabin on the p	property which is no lon	ger used as a public
space, but is still in use for staff. It was	s replaced by a new Educ	ation Center in 2011.
Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use of describe what portion and describe use. (This would include		
Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.		⊠Yes □No
The wooden observation platforms are in bad	shape as is	
the education platform - all scheduled for a		ns were replaced.
SITE QUALITY		
Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or faci		
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please	explain.	⊠Yes □No
Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If	no, please explain.	⊠Yes □No
Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures I	peing taken to prevent or minimize	vandalism. □Yes ⊠No

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.			
See comments below.	⊠Yes □No		
CENEDAL			
GENERAL  Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)   ⊠Ye	es □No □N/A		
Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.	⊠Yes		
No hunting is allowed in the restricted education zone. Hunting is allowed in the limited			
use zone in accordance with state and federal laws.			
Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.  Donations are accepted.	□Yes ⊠No		
What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?  see comments below			
COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)			
such as tree and branch removal and boardwalk repairs take place immediately upon discovery. Education Center repairs take place in house if possible and are scheduled for professional repair when needed. Twice a year, in the spring and fall, a day is set aside for general maintenance of the natural area and the Education Center by staff and volunteers. There is also a cyclical maintenance schedule for the Education Center to ensure efficient and safe operation.			
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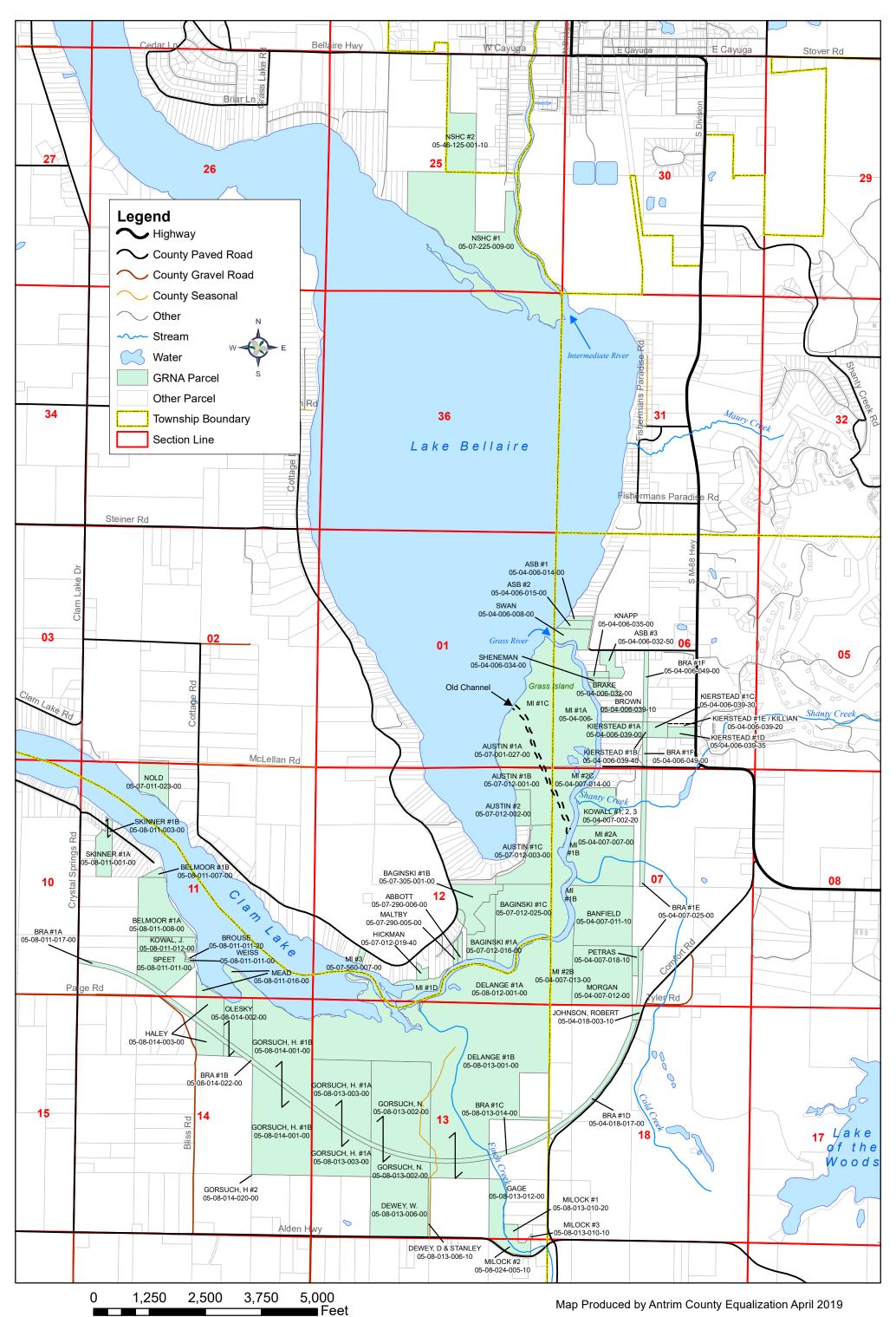
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GRANT TYPE:   MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TR  (Please select one)   LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION F			
GRANTEE: Antrim County			
PROJECT NUMBER: TF00-145	ROJECT TYPE: Land Acquis	ition	
Project Title: Change Diview National Area Dev			
PROJECT TITLE: Grass River Natural Area Par	ceis		
PROJECT SCOPE: 2000 Acquisition: 5 par, 37.5	ac, incl 2777' on Clar	m Lk,GRNA,& Shanty Cr.	
TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRA	NTEE)		
Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title	
Antrim County Address	Peter Garwood	County Administrator	
230 E. Cayuga, POI Box 187	Telephone (231)533-6265		
City, State, ZIP	Email		
Bellaire, MI 49615	countyadmin@antrimcount	y.org	
SITE DEVELOPMENT			
Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?  If yes, please describe change(s).   ☐Yes ☒No			
Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use or describe what portion and describe use. (This would include			
Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.		□Yes ⊠No	
SITE OHALITY			
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Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?  If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.			
Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If it	no, please explain.	⊠Yes ⊡No	
Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures be	eing taken to prevent or minimize	vandalism. □Yes ⊠No	

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.  These parcels are monitored every 2 - 3 years as there are no trails developed	⊠Yes □No on them
GENERAL	
Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)	□No □N/A
Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities?  (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.  No hunting allowed in the restricted education zone. Hunting is allowed in the	⊠Yes □No
use zone in accordance with state and federal laws.	
Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.  Donations only	□Yes ⊠No
What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?  see comments below	
COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)	
The Grass River Center is open and staffed by naturalists year-round.  *May - October: Open 7 days a week, 10-4  *November - December: Thursday - Sunday, 10-4  *January - April: Saturdays and Sundays ONLY, 10-4  The Grass River Natural Area trails are open seven days a week from dawn to dusk	

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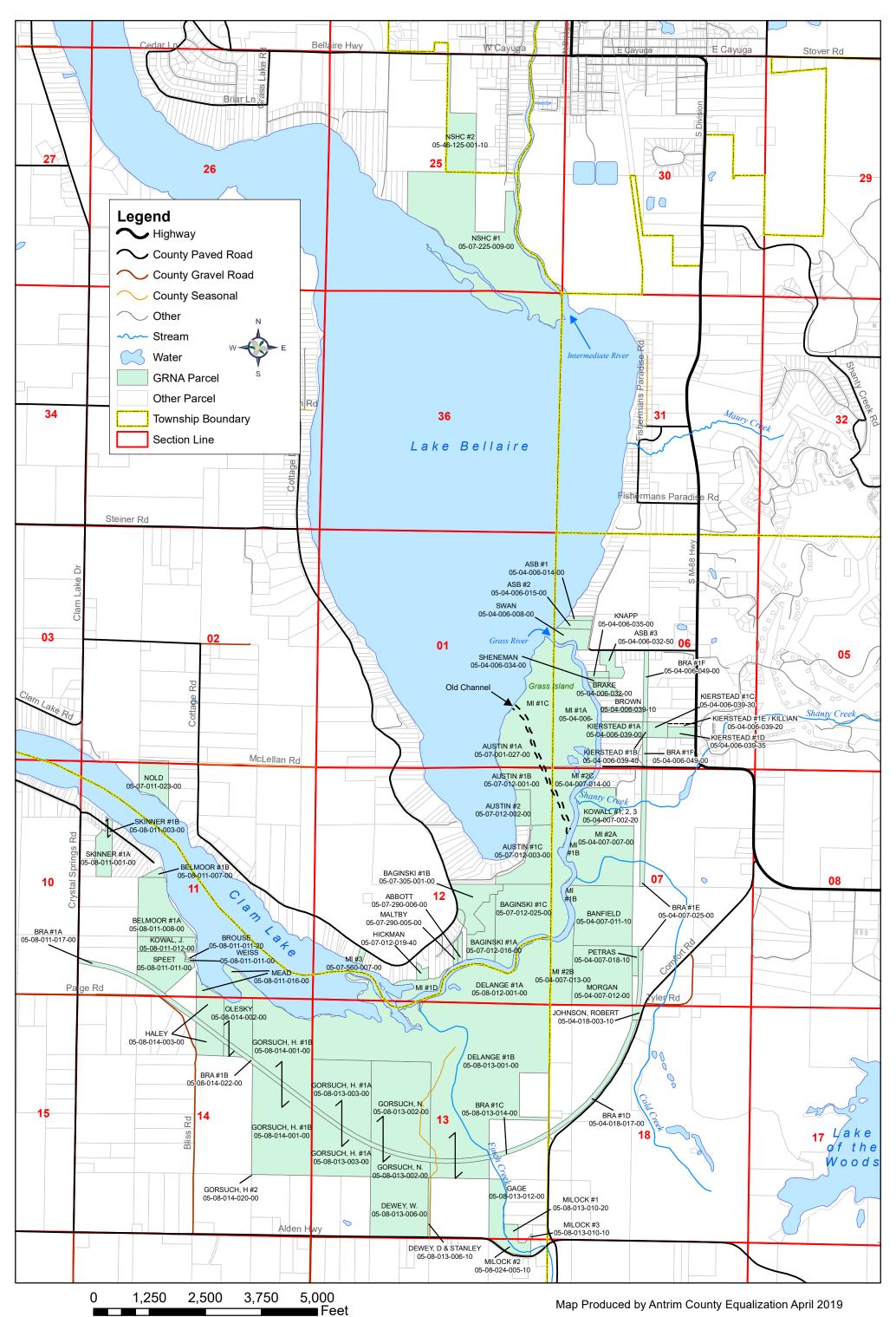
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GRANTEE: Antrim County			
PROJECT NUMBER: TF04-166 PI	ROJECT TYPE: Property Ac	quisition	
PROJECT TITLE: Waterfront Additions to Gras	s River Natural Area		
PROJECT SCOPE: 2004 Acquisition: 2 parcels	w/ forested wetlands	adjacent to GRNA	
TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRA	NTEE)		
Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title	
Antrim County	Peter Garwood	County Administrator	
Address 203 E. Cayuga, PO Box 187	Telephone (231)533-6265		
City, State, ZIP	Email		
Bellaire, MI 49615	countyadmin@antrimcount	y.org	
SITE DEVELOPMENT			
Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?  If yes, please describe change(s).			
Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐Yes ☐No			
Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.		□Yes ⊠No	
SITE QUALITY			
Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?  If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.			
Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If r	no, please explain.	⊠Yes □No	
Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures b	eing taken to prevent or minimize	vandalism. □Yes ⊠No	

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.  These parcels are monitored in a rotation basis every 2-3 years as there are no trails developed on them.  GENERAL  Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a
photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)
Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities?  (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.  No hunting is allowed in the restricte education zone. Hunting is allowed in the limited
use zone in accordance with state and federal laws.
Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. ☐Yes ☑No  Donations only
What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?  see comments below
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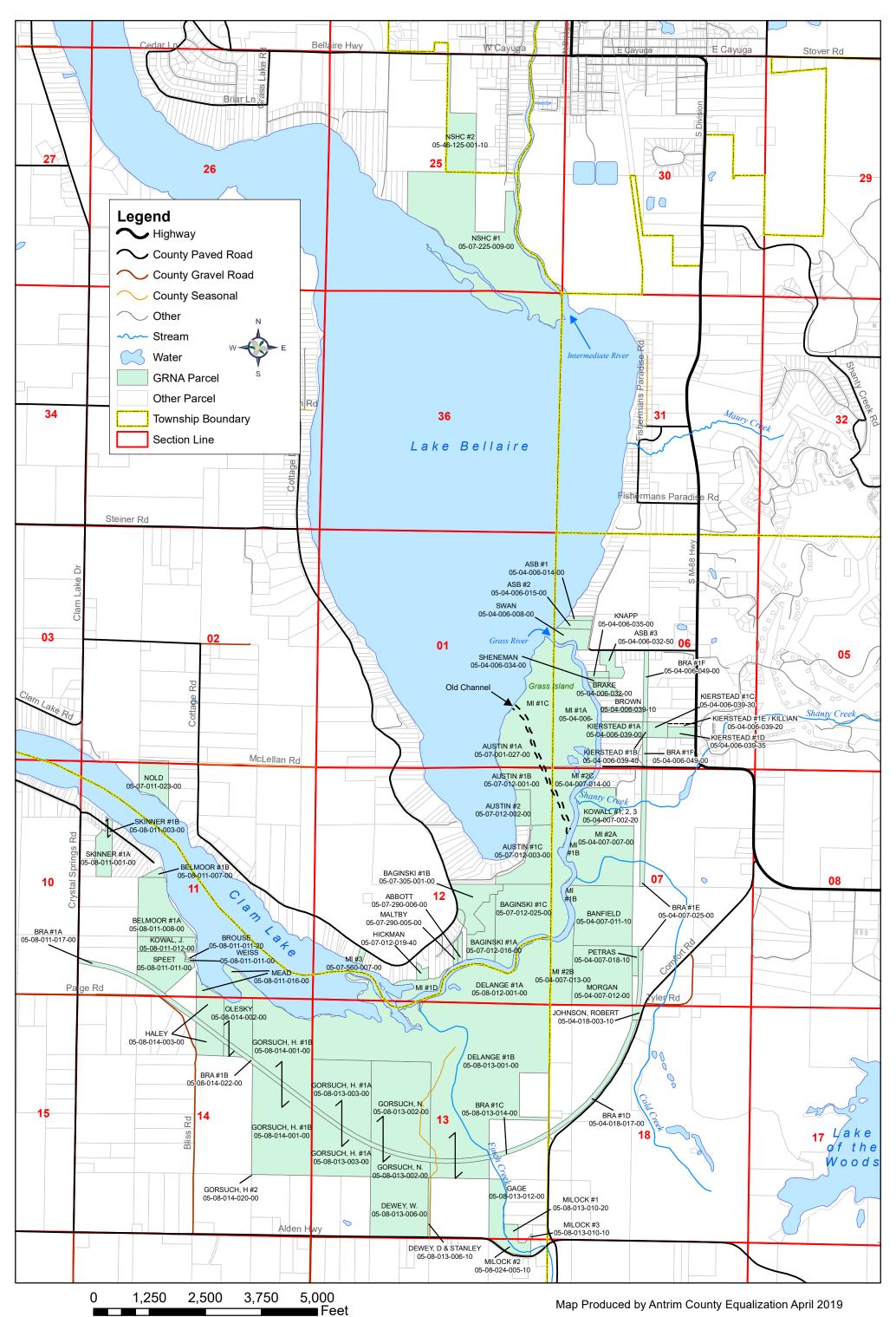
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GRANTEE: Antrim County		
PROJECT NUMBER: TF05-024 P	ROJECT TYPE: Land Acquis	ition
PROJECT TITLE: Grass River Natural Area Add	lition	
PROJECT SCOPE: 2005 Acquisition: 9.27 ac of		1.2 ac on Grass River
TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRA	NTEE)	
Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
Antrim County Address	Peter Garwood Telephone	County Administrator
203 E. Cayuga, PO Box 187	(231)533-6265	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
Bellaire, MI 49615	countyadmin@antrimcount	y.org
SITE DEVELOPMENT		
Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?  If yes, please describe change(s).   ☐Yes ☐No		
Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use of describe what portion and describe use. (This would include		
Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.		∐Yes ⊠No
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SITE QUALITY		
Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?  If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.		
Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If it	no, please explain.	⊠Yes ⊡No
Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures b	peing taken to prevent or minimize	vandalism. □Yes ⊠No

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.  These parcels are monitored on a rotation basis every 2-3 years as there are developed on them.  GENERAL  Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a	⊠Yes □No no trails
photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)  Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities?	es
(i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.  No hunitng is allowed in the restricted education zone. Hunting is allowed in	⊠Yes □No
use zone in accordance with state and federal laws.	
Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.  Donations only	□Yes ⊠No
What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?  See comments below.	
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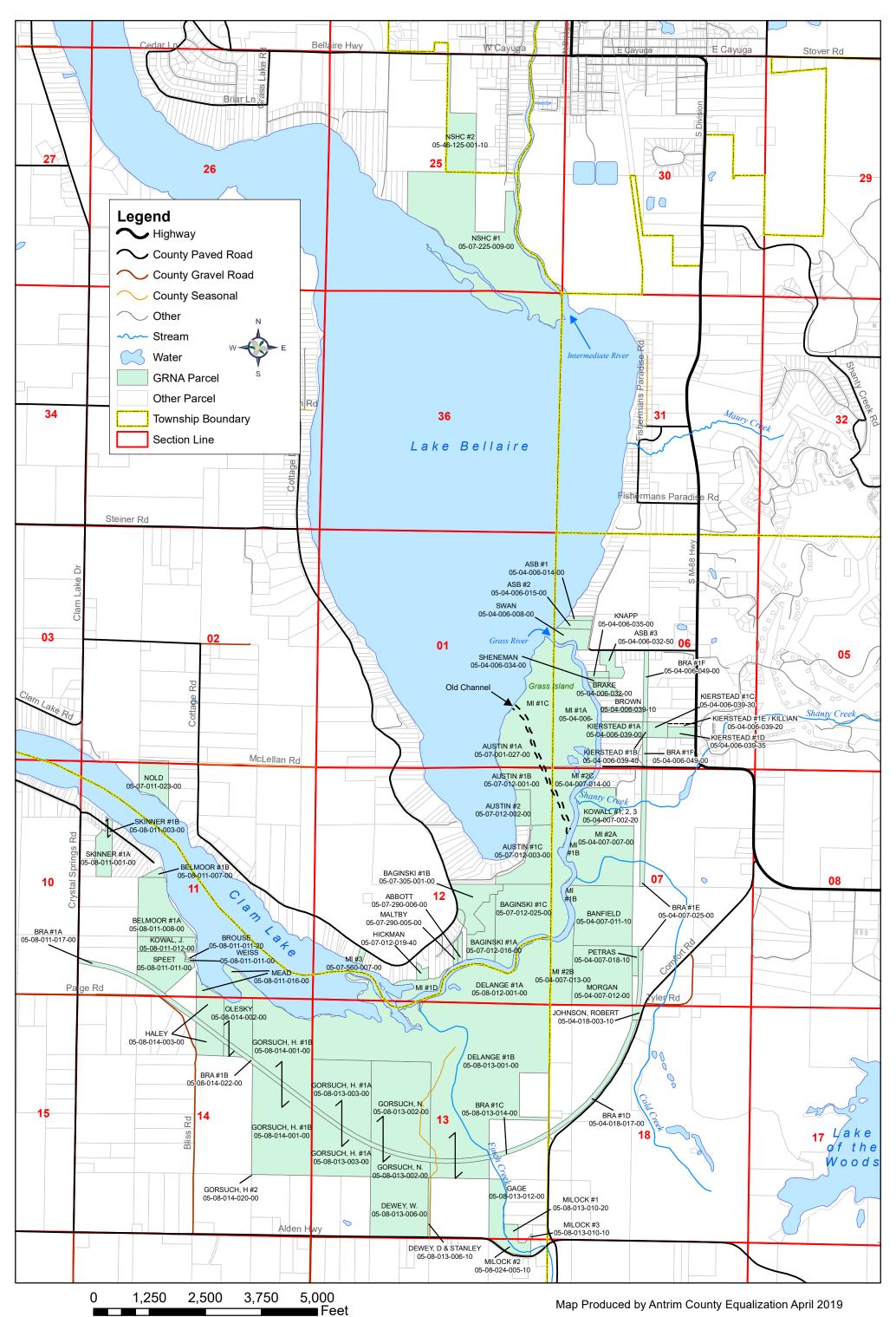
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# **Grass River Natural Area**











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GRANTEE: Antrim County		
PROJECT NUMBER: TF06-014 PI	ROJECT TYPE: Land Acquis	ition
Project Title: North Shore Hunt Club Aggid	uition	
PROJECT TITLE: North Shore Hunt Club Acquis	SICION	
PROJECT SCOPE: 2006 Acquisition: 172 ac on L	k Bellaire & Gr River	, incl 8080'waterfront
TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRA		
Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
Antrim County Address	Peter Garwood Telephone	County Administrator
203 E. Cayuga, PO Box 187	(231)533-6265	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
Bellaire, MI 49615	countyadmin@antrimcount	y.org
SITE DEVELOPMENT		
Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation ac If yes, please describe change(s).	tivities provided?	⊠Yes ⊡No
In September of 2020 we received permission	from the State to grant	an easement on the
property to Forest Home Twp. Action from the		
Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐Yes ☒No		
Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.		∐Yes ⊠No
SITE QUALITY		
Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?  If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.  □Yes □No		
Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If r	no, please explain.	⊠Yes □No
Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures b	eing taken to prevent or minimize	vandalism. □Yes ⊠No

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.  This parcel is monitored on a rotation basis every 2-3 years as there are no to developed on the property.  GENERAL  Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a	⊠Yes □No rails
photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)	□No □N/A
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GRANTEE: Antrim County				
PROJECT NUMBER: TF07-113 PROJECT TYPE: Park Development				
PROJECT TITLE: Grass River Center				
PROJECT SCOPE: Development of Grass River Center, Building Fees				
To Be Completed By Local Government Agency (Grantee)				
Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title		
Antrim County	Peter Garwood	County Administrator		
Address 203 E. Cayuga, PO Box 187	Telephone (231)533-6265			
City, State, ZIP	Email			
Bellaire, MI 49615	countyadmin@antrimcounty.org			
SITE DEVELOPMENT				
Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation ac If yes, please describe change(s).	tivities provided?	□Yes ⊠No		
Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐Yes ☒No				
Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.				
SITE QUALITY				
Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?  If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.				
Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If I	no, please explain.	⊠Yes ⊡No		
Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures b	eing taken to prevent or minimize	vandalism. □Yes ⊠No		

See comments below.	⊠Yes □No		
GENERAL  Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)   ⊠Yes	□No □N/A		
Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.  No hunting is allowed in the restricted education zone adjacent to the center.	⊠Yes □No Hunting is		
allowd in the limited use zone in accordance with state and federal laws.  Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.  donations only	□Yes ⊠No		
What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?  see comments below			
repairs on a at least weekly and more often in the summer. In addition, other staff members and volunteers report problems to the Land and Facilities Steward. Jobs, such as tree and branch removal and boardwalk repairs take place immediately upon discovery. Education Center repairs take place in house if possible and are scheduled for professional repair when needed. Twice a year, in the spring and fall, a day is set aside for general maintenance of the natural area and the Education Center by staff and volunteers. There is also a cyclical maintenance schedule for the Education Center to ensure efficient and safe operation.			
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I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.			
Jenn Wright Please print	Grantee Authorized Signature	/. 28.21 Date	
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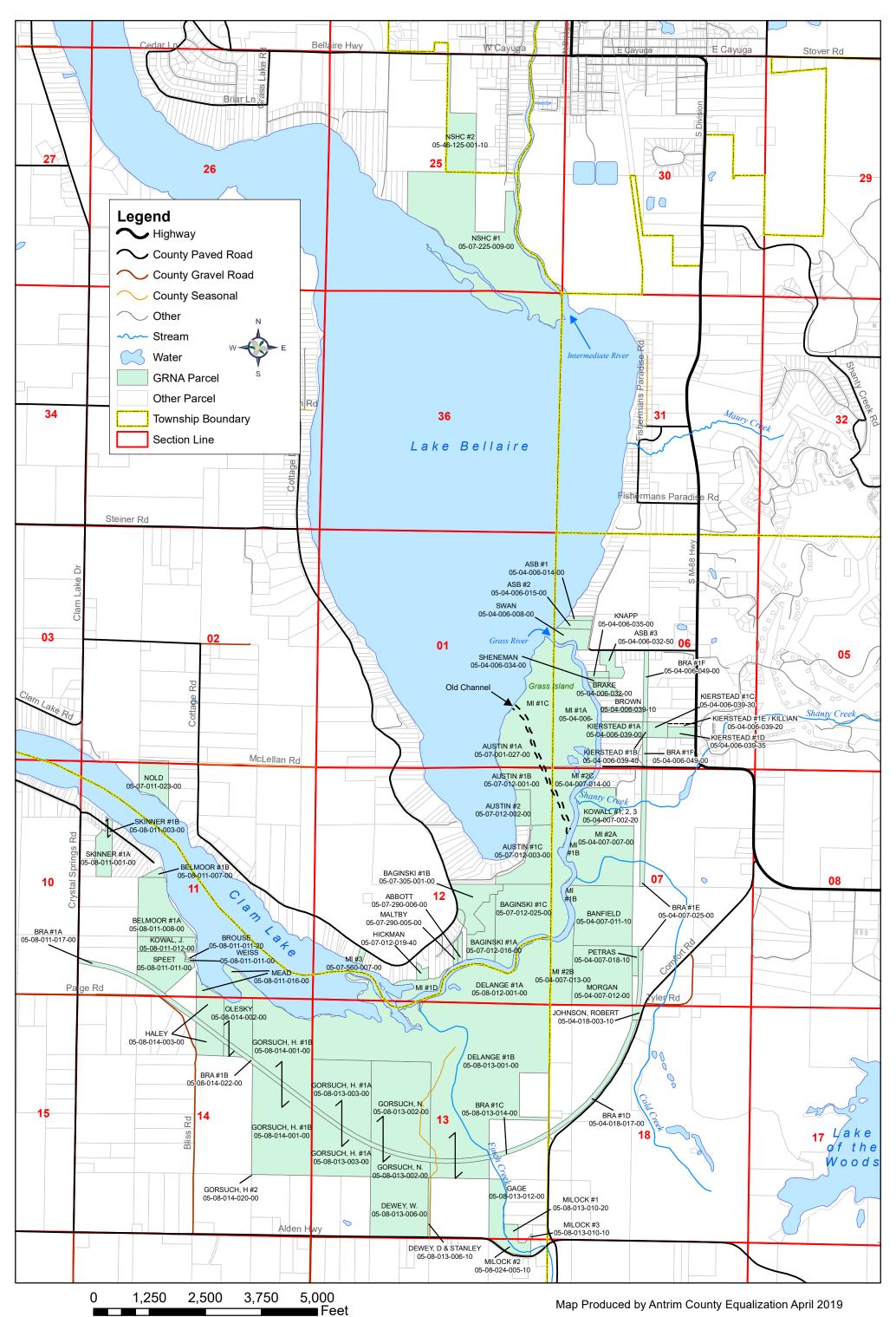
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GRANT TYPE:   MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TR  (Please select one)   LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION F			
GRANTEE: Antrim County			
PROJECT NUMBER: TF86-186 P	ROJECT TYPE: Land Acquis	ition	
PROJECT TITLE: Grass River Natural Area			
PROJECT SCOPE: 1986: 114 ac linking Clam La	ke shoreline between	extisting parcels	
TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRA	NTEE)		
Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title	
Antrim County	Pete Garwood	County Administrator	
Address 203 E. Cayuga, PO Box 187	Telephone 231-533-6265		
City, State, ZIP	Email		
Bellaire, MI 49615	countyadmin@antrimcount	y.org	
SITE DEVELOPMENT			
Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?  If yes, please describe change(s).			
Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐Yes ☐No			
Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.		□Yes ⊠No	
SITE QUALITY			
Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facil If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please		⊠Yes ⊡No	
Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If I	no, please explain.	⊠Yes ⊡No	
Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures b	eing taken to prevent or minimize	vandalism. □Yes ⊠No	

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.   Yes  No The parcel of land is monitored every 2 - 3 years as there are no trails developed on the land.
GENERAL
Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)
Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities?  (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.  No hunting is allowed in the restricted use zone. Hunting is only allowed in the limited use zone in accordance with state and federal laws.
Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. ☐Yes ☒No  Donation only
What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?  see comments below  COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)
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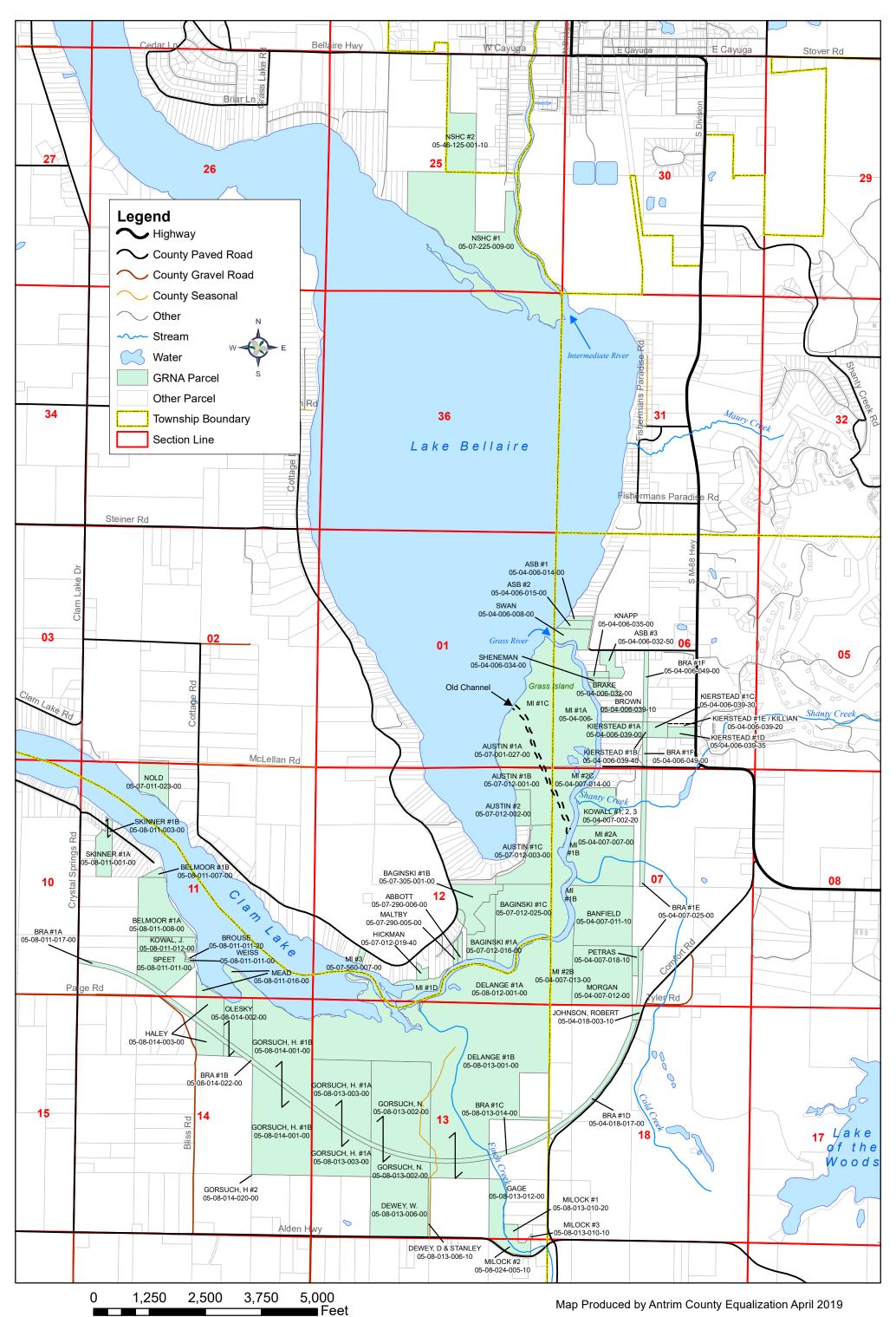
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GRANT TYPE:   MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TR  (Please select one)   LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION F			
GRANTEE: Antrim County			
PROJECT NUMBER: TF95-081 P	ROJECT TYPE: Development		
PROJECT TITLE: Grass River Boardwalk			
PROJECT SCOPE: 1995 Boardwalk Improvements:	labor, supports, mat	erials, treated lumber	
TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRA			
Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title	
Antrim County	Peter Garwood	County Administrator	
Address	Telephone		
203 E. Cayuga, PO Box 187	(231)533-6265		
City, State, ZIP Bellaire, MI 49615	Email countyadmin@antrimcount	y org	
SITE DEVELOPMENT	councyadminieanci imcounc	y.org	
Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation ac	tivities provided?	Myos DNo	
If yes, please describe change(s).		⊠Yes □No	
Boardwalk reconstruction of portion of the t	otal boardwalk took pla	ce in 2018. This	
section is now ADA accessible. Plans in place	e to complete the rest	in next 1-3 years.	
Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐Yes ☒No			
Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.		⊠Yes □No	
The remainder of the boardwalk that was not improved is slated to be reconstructed by			
2022. While it is still in use, it requires		e reconstructed by	
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SITE QUALITY			
Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facil If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please		⊠Yes ⊡No	
Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If it	no, please explain.	⊠Yes	
Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures be	eing taken to prevent or minimize	vandalism. □Yes ⊠No	

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.  See comment below	⊠Yes □No	
GENERAL		
Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)	□No □N/A	
Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.	⊠Yes	
No hunting is allowed in the restricted education zone adjacent to the center.	Hunting is	
allowed in the limited use zone in accordance with state and federal laws.		
Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.  Donation only	□Yes ⊠No	
What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?  see comments		
COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)		
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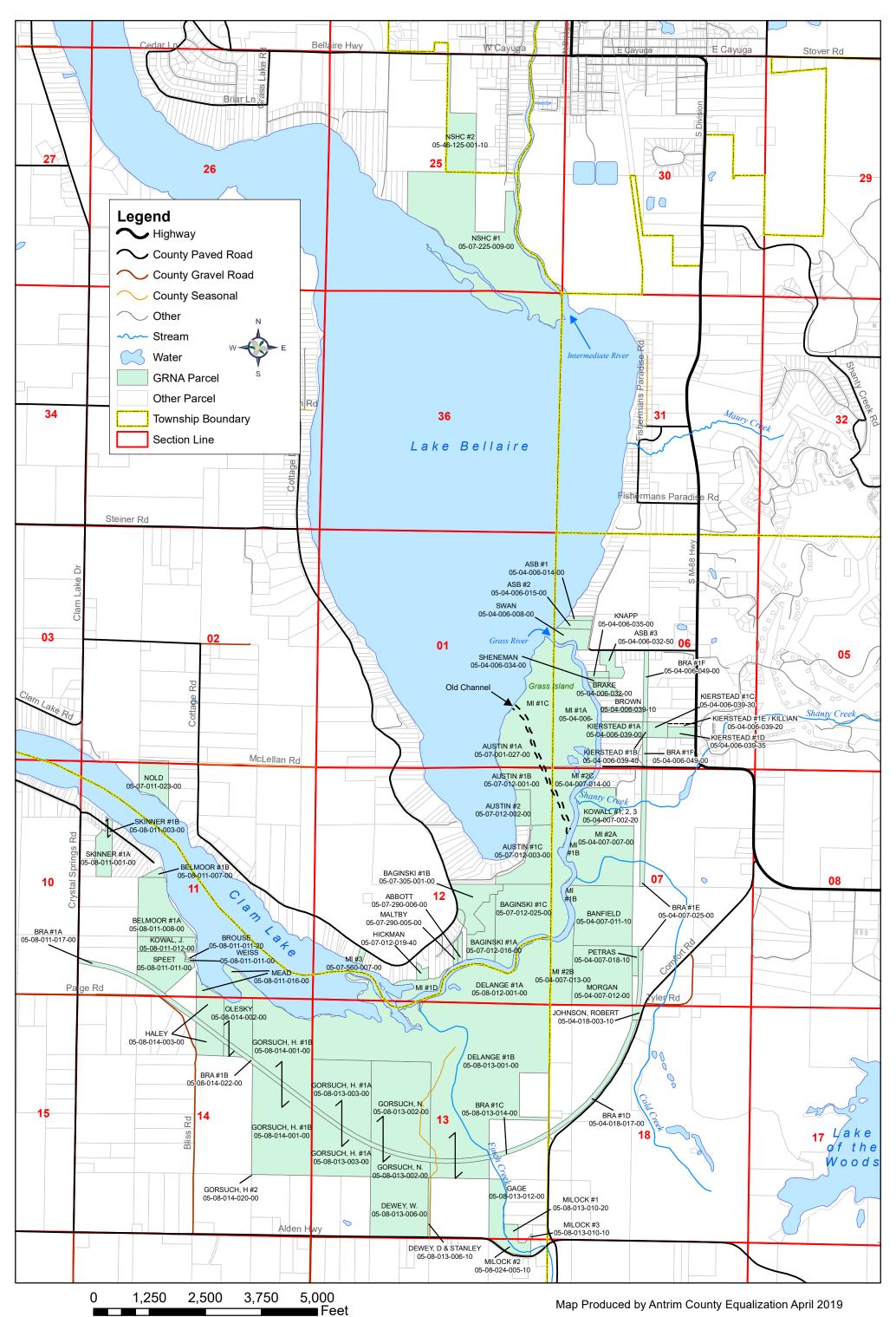
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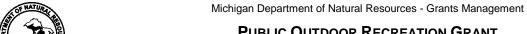
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GRANT TYPE:   MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TR  (Please select one)   LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION F			
GRANTEE: Antrim County			
PROJECT NUMBER: TF-97-170 P	ROJECT TYPE: Land Acquis	ition	
PROJECT TITLE: Grass River Natural Area Lar	nd Protection		
PROJECT TILE. GLASS KIVET NACUTAL ALEA DAI	id F100ecc10ii		
PROJECT SCOPE: 1997 Acquisition: 53 ac w/ 7	745' of shoreline on v	arious water bodies	
TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRA			
Name of Agency (Grantee) Antrim County	Contact Person  Peter Garwood	Title County Administrator	
Address	Telephone	County Administrator	
203 E. Cayuga, PO Box 187	(231)533-6265		
City, State, ZIP	Email		
Bellaire, MI 49615	Countyadmin@antrimcount	y.org	
SITE DEVELOPMENT			
Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation ac If yes, please describe change(s).	tivities provided?	⊠Yes ⊟No	
The Algonquin trail was developed on this pa	rcel. It is open for hi	king, skiing,	
and snowshoeing.			
Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) □Yes ☑No			
Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.		□Yes ⊠No	
SITE QUALITY			
Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facil If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please		⊠Yes ⊡No	
Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If	no, please explain.	⊠Yes □No	
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Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures be	peing taken to prevent or minimize	vandalism. □Yes ⊠No	

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.  See comments below	⊠Yes □No
GENERAL	
Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a	□No □N/A
Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.	⊠Yes □No
No hunting is allowed in the restricted education zone. Hunting is allowed in	the limited
use zone in accordance with state and federal laws.	
Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.  Donation only	□Yes ⊠No
What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?	
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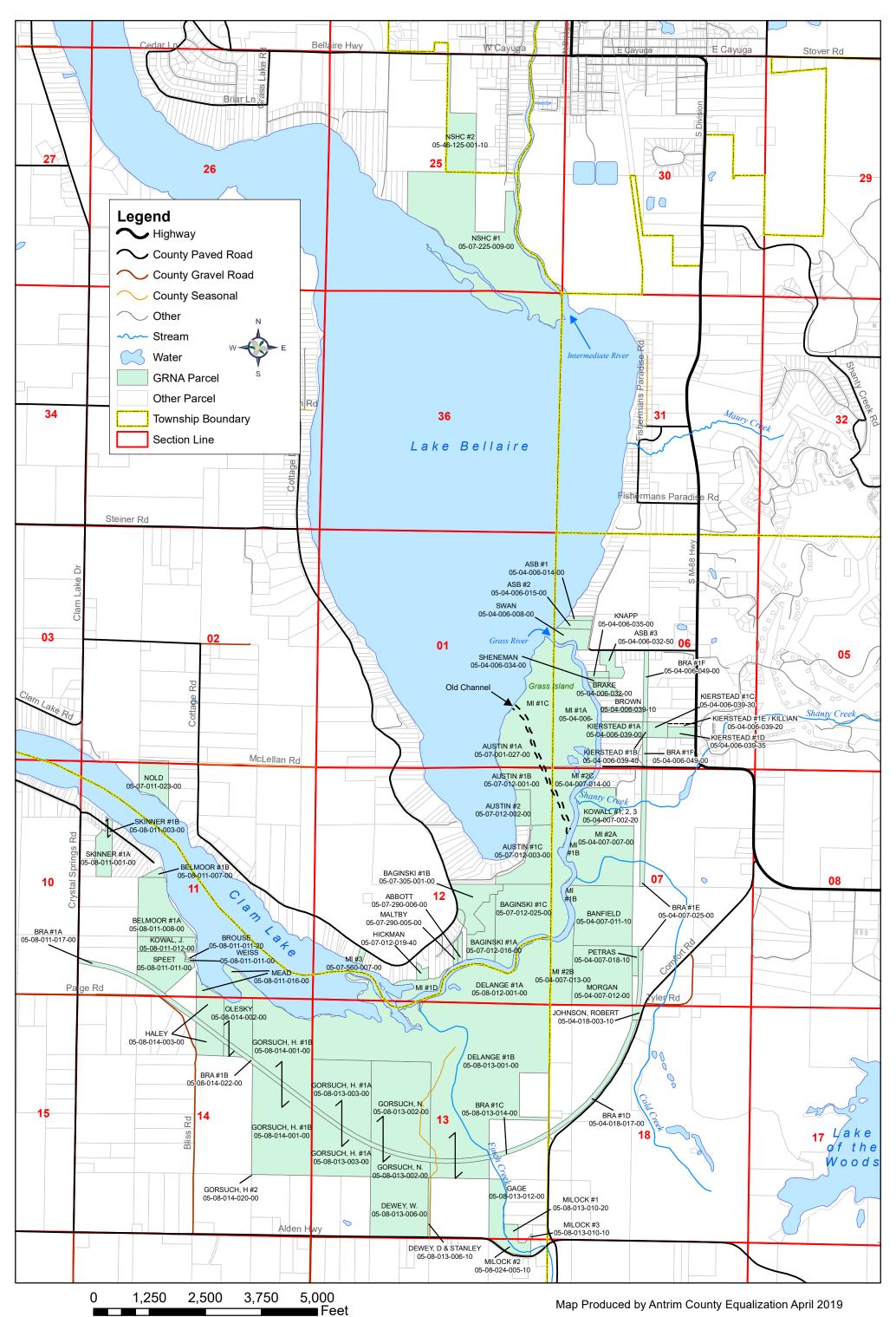
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GRANT TYPE:  ☐ MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND ☐ CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE ☐ (Please select one) ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUND			
GRANTEE: Antrim County			
PROJECT NUMBER: TF98-269 P	ROJECT TYPE: Land Acquis	ition	
PROJECT TITLE: Grass River Wetland Addition	1		
PROJECT SCOPE: 1998 Acquisition: 400' on Gr		land adjacent to GRNA	
TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRAN Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title	
Antrim County	Peter Garwood	County Administrator	
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SITE DEVELOPMENT			
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If yes, please describe change(s).		□Yes ⊠No	
Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use of			
describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐Yes ☒No			
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Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.		□Yes ⊠No	
SITE QUALITY			
Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facil	ty as a nublic recreation area?		
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please		⊠Yes ⊡No	
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Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If I	no, please explain.	⊠Yes ⊡No	
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Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures b	eing taken to prevent or minimize v	vandalism. ☐Yes ⊠No	
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Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.  These parcels are monitored on a rotation basis every 2-3 years as there are no trails developed on them.  GENERAL
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Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities?  (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.  No hunting is allowed in the restricted education zone. Hunting is allowed in the limited use zone in accordance with state and federal laws.
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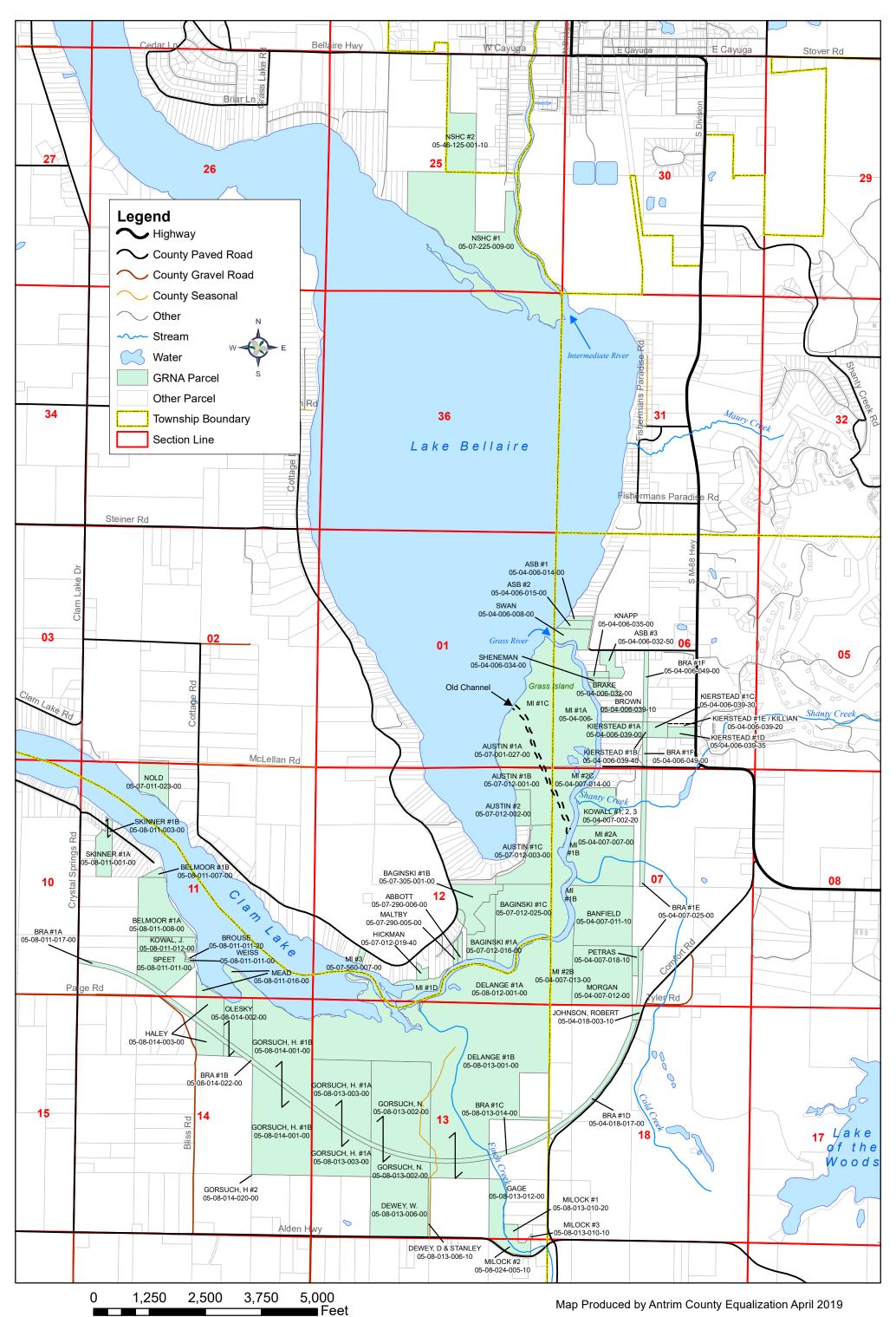
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### **APPENDIX N:**

### **Plan Adoption Documentation**

- Resolution of Adoption by Governing Body
- Minutes of Public Meeting
- Copy of letter transmitted to County Planning Agency
- Copy of letter transmitted to Regional Planning Agency



## ANTRIM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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January 28, 2021

At the January 21, 2021 meeting of the Antrim County Board of Commissioners, the following Resolution was offered.

RESOLUTION #11 - 2021 By Jason Helwig, seconded by Brenda Ricksgers

#### **RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2021-2025**

#### **ANTRIM COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION PLAN**

WHEREAS the Antrim County Board of Commissioners has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2021 through 2025, and

WHEREAS the Antrim County Board of Commissioners began the process of developing a County Parks & Recreation Plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS residents of Antrim County were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan, and

WHEREAS the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days for plan, and

WHEREAS a public hearing was held on January 21, 2021 virtually at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Antrim County Board of Commissioners to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Antrim County Parks & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS the Antrim County Board of Commissioners has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the County, and

**WHEREAS** after the public hearing, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners voted to adopt said Antrim County Parks & Recreation Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Antrim County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the 2021-2025 Antrim County Parks & Recreation Plan.

Yes – Jarris Rubingh, Joshua Watrous, Karen Bargy, Ed Boettcher, Terry VanAlstine, Brenda Ricksgers Dawn LaVanway, Jason Helwig, Christian Marcus;

No - None;

Absent – None.

**RESOLUTION #11-2021 DECLARED ADOPTED.** 

ANTRIM COUNTY CLERK, BELLAIRE, MI
STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF ANTRIM, ss
I, Sheryl A. Guy, Clerk of the County of Antrim, do
certify the above is a true and exact copy of the
original record now remaining in this office.
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand
and official seal of the County of Antrim

ay of County Clerk

This meeting due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic was conducted by a hybrid format, being held remotely online utilizing Zoom Webinar and in-person in the Board of Commissioner's Room. Adhering to Governor Gretchen Whitmer's executive orders during the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic by maintaining a six-foot distance from one another while indoors, face covering and that no public attendance in the Board Room.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

The Chairman requested Invocation: Invocation offered by Commissioner Ricksgers.

The Chairman called the "Public Hearing" open for the 2021-2025 Antrim County Parks & Recreation Plan at 6:35 p.m. with the hearing being conducted using a hybrid format, being held remotely online utilizing Zoom Webinar and in-person in the Commissioner's Room.

Present in person: Jarris Rubingh, Joshua Watrous and Christian Marcus attending from Board

Room.

**Present Remote:** Karen Bargy attending from home, Milton Township

> Ed Boettcher attending from home, Elk Rapids Township Terry VanAlstine attending from home, Bellaire, MI Brenda Ricksgers attending from home, Alden MI Dawn LaVanway attending from home, East Jordan, MI

Jason Helwig attending from home, Mancelona MI

Absent: None.

The Chairman addressed the Board and public attending the Zoom virtual meeting by video and/or phone. Deputy Administrator, Jeremy Scott will assist with public comment by screening the public in order of attendance by calling out phone numbers and addressing those in attendance. Deputy Administrator, Jeremy Scott will assist Board members that experience technical difficulties.

The Chairman requested Public comment. The Deputy Administrator addressed the public via the zoom webinar and callers in order as they entered the meeting. The Deputy Administrator called on all public attending. There was no public comment. Public comment closed at 6:41 p.m.

The "Public Hearing" closed at 6:41 p.m.

Commissioner Marcus addressed road ending and access sites brought up by Antrim County Planning Commissioner James Gurr.

County Administrator, Peter Garwood addressed road ending and access site.

Commissioner LaVanway – Road Commission input on many road endings and access sites having been turned over to the Townships.

Commissioner Bargy spoke of the Planning Commission corrections sent to each member via email and comment from Elizabeth Calcutt on behalf of Tart Trail/Nakwema Trailway and Top of Michigan Trails Council, which encourages prioritization of goals, which will be passed onto the next edition of plan.

County Administrator, Peter Garwood read email from Trish Narwold commenting on Plan. Elizabeth Calcutt on behalf of Tart Trails and Top of Michigan Trails Council.

 Endowment Fund established for the preservation and maintenance of the Natural Area. Overseen by the Endowment Committee, established by and managed by the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation.

The Chairman called the regular Board meeting to order at 6:51 p.m.

Present in person: Jarris Rubingh, Joshua Watrous and Christian Marcus attending from the Board

Room.

Present Remote: Karen Bargy attending from home, Milton Township

Ed Boettcher attending from home, Elk Rapids Township Terry VanAlstine attending from home, Bellaire, MI Brenda Ricksgers attending from home, Alden MI Dawn LaVanway attending from home, Echo Twp., MI Jason Helwig attending from home, Mancelona MI

The Chairman requested Public comment. The Deputy Administrator addressed the public via the zoom webinar and callers in order as they entered the meeting. The Deputy Administrator called on all public attending. Abbie Mandeville addressed the Board to request that the County be unlocked. Cheri Hogan addressed the Board to support that the County unlock and reopen, she asked about the status of a request made by Mr. Barton seeking information on voting equipment and had not heard back from the County and that the Prosecuting Attorney investigate election fraud. Gary Bart addressed the Board to request that the County be re-opened and spoke of the Dominion Voting System. Jon Grote addressed the Board speaking of the Baraga Manifesto requesting members to stand-up and open-up and the Dominion Voting System. Rob Hentschel addressed the Board to support a similar resolution to re-open as passed by the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners. Susan Leassner addressed the Board on Election concerns. Taylor S. addressed the Board in support of re-opening County. Sherry Comben addressed the Board to remind them of the Oath of Office each member had taken prior to the start of their term of office "I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this State and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of County Commissioner, according to the best of my ability". Our Michigan Legislatures, the Michigan Department of Health and the CDC have set-forth and imposed restrictions due to COVID pandemic for our safety, health and welfare to protect all citizens. Randy Bishop addressed the Board by first responding to the public comment of Sherry Comben in disagreement and requested that the Board support the Baraga County Manifesto resolution, per the Governor and Michigan Department of Health our businesses are targeted to re-open on February 1 with curfews and limiting occupancy if their promise is kept. He recommended that the Board do the research on voting systems and eliminate the Dominion Voting System. Walter Bedell addressed the Board responding to the public comment of Sherry Comben and in full support of the County fully complying with guidelines of the Michigan Health Department and CDC. Ms. Washburn addressed the Board to speak on COVID required guidelines and that the public have a choice to follow or not and that the Board members support and re-open as businesses are folding. Caller- Kenny Provost turned phone call over to John Friske to address the Board in support of re-opening Antrim County and as Americans have the right to run businesses and with the low numbers of COVID cases in Michigan the impact on our economy is great. Erin McRae addressed the Board in support of Board passing proposed Manifesto resolution as this is a Free Country and business owners are suffering.

Commissioner Watrous thanked the public and assured them that their voices have been heard.

County Administrator, Peter Garwood read public comments per request of the following:

- Jenna Grote in support of Manifesto/Freedom of Choice.
- Kelly Kuff statement that she supports resolution similar to Baraga County Manifesto to re-open County.
- Margie Thomas Boyd stating that Board members are stewards of tax dollars and a Manifesto will not save Antrim County tax revenues and that the Board should not follow others when personal health of our public is at state.

Commissioner Marcus read a letter from Doug Fox stating that physical sense, not financial sense Government, Governors way and supports re-opening County.

Public comment closed at 7:36 p.m.

Moved by Marcus, seconded by Ricksgers, that the Board approve the agenda as revised. Roll call vote as follows: Yes — Rubingh, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No — None; Absent — None.

Lisa Peacock, Health Officer representing the Health Department of Northwest Michigan provided the Board with an update on COVID 19, case trends, vaccines and future target goals.

Discussion followed. Board member questions and input.

Moved by Boettcher, seconded by LaVanway, that the Board approve the minutes of the December 17, 2020 meeting as corrected. Roll call vote as follows: Yes – Rubingh, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

Moved by LaVanway, seconded by Watrous, that the Board approve the minutes of the January 4, 2021 meeting as corrected. Roll call vote as follows: Yes – Rubingh, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS/NOTICES:**

Cindi Place, Bellaire Public Library

Commissioner VanAlstine reported on the Bellaire Public Library letter sent on to the DDA - Village steering Committee

Andy Hickman – Restoration of Bank property

Elizabeth Calcutt, Nakwema Project Manager – Project update

#### **LIAISON REPORTS:**

Commissioner Ricksgers – Antrim County Fair and Commission on Aging update Commissioner LaVanway – Antrim County Planning Commission, Antrim County Road Commission and NLEA – updates

Commissioner Helwig – Antrim Conservation District update

Commissioner Bargy – Health Department of Northwest MI and Area Agency on Aging - vaccine update

Commissioner Rubingh - Antrim County Road Commission update

Commissioners Marcus – North Country Community Mental Health update

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

There were none.

#### **OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Tabled: Elections – Prosecutor Request per Board of Commissioners meeting of December 17, 2020.

Moved by LaVanway, seconded by VanAlstine, that the Board authorize the County

Prosecuting Attorney, James Rossiter to look into scope of court file William Bailey v Antrim

County.

Moved by LaVanway, seconded by Watrous, that due to the much public comment not trusting the current voting system, that the motion of December 17, 2020 Board meeting minutes be amended to be more specific to authorize the Prosecuting Attorney to look into who deleted the maintenance file from the master tabulator in the County Clerk's office and removed 1329 votes for Biden on November 21, 2020 at 11:00 p.m. and then tried to zero/wipe the machine but failed to do so according to the Allied Operation report.

Discussion followed.

Moved by Bargy, seconded by Boettcher, that the Board approve to **TABLE** due to a resolution of the ongoing litigation.

Discussion followed.

County Administrator, Peter Garwood addressed the Board on proposed action to authorize the Prosecuting Attorney investigate as a criminal matter.

Discussion followed.

Moved by Bargy, seconded by Boettcher, that the Board approve to **TABLE** due to a resolution of the ongoing litigation. Roll call vote as follows: Yes -Bargy, Boettcher, Ricksgers, Helwig, No – Rubingh, Watrous, VanAlstine, LaVanway, Marcus; Absent – None.

MOTION TO TABLE FAILED.

#### DECEMBER 17, 2020 BOARD OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES: ORIGINAL MOTION AND TABLED.

Moved by LaVanway, seconded by VanAlstine, that the Board authorize the County Prosecuting Attorney, James Rossiter to look into scope of court file William Bailey v Antrim County.

Commissioner Bargy requested the motion be **TABLED** due to ongoing litigation.

#### **Motion and Vote:**

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Discussion followed.

Roll call vote as follows: Yes – Rubingh, Watrous, VanAlstine, LaVanway, Marcus; No – Bargy, Boettcher, Ricksgers, Helwig; Absent – None.

Moved by Boettcher, seconded by Watrous, that the Board approve and pay Claims and Accounts totaling \$396,712.06. Roll call vote as follows: Yes – Rubingh, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

Moved by Bargy, seconded by Helwig, that the Board approve to amend the Antrim County Board of Commissioners Procedures by adding appeal boards: Soil Erosion, Sedimentation, and Stormwater Runoff Appeal Board and Street and Road Numbering Appeal Committee. Roll call vote as follows: Yes – Rubingh, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

#### **RESOLUTION #09-2021, by Ed Boettcher, seconded by Christian Marcus**

#### IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL BUSINESSES

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death; and

WHEREAS, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners recognizes that COVID-19 is having direct impact on all County residents which includes, but is not limited to, physical and mental health care difficulties, education constraints, and financial strain; and

WHEREAS, The Antrim County Board of Commissioners understands that many local businesses have suffered and continue to suffer economic harm due to COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, The Antrim County Board of Commissioners furthermore recognizes that the local hospitality industry is being hit particularly hard with financial losses due to restrictions associated with COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, The Antrim County Board of Commissioners believes that the ability of County residents and visitors to patronize local restaurants, hotels, recreational venues, etc., contributes substantially to the overall well-being of the County; and

WHEREAS, The Antrim County Board of Commissioners is aware of many options to support the small businesses such as ordering takeout, using gift cards, and making advanced reservations, and

WHEREAS, The Antrim County Board of Commissioners believe small businesses engaged in food service can operate safely by practicing ServSafe health and safety practices specific to operating during a COVID-19 pandemic and limiting occupancy, while meeting the needs of the customer.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, The Antrim County Board of Commissioners encourages County residents to support their local businesses, particularly during the course of the pandemic, without fear.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Whitmer, both the Speaker of the State House of Representatives and the Majority Leader of the State Senate along with the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) and all counties within the State of Michigan.

Discussion followed. Bargy requested that the eight (8) paragraph (without fear) be removed and stated that February 1 restaurants opening with guidelines Public Health Code Health Department and CDC.

Boettcher had no opposition to amendment.

Marcus opposed amendment.

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No - Karen Bargy;

Absent – None.

**RESOLUTION #09-2021 DECLARED ADOPTED.** 

The Chairman made the following 2021 Commissioner Appointments:

#### **VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Antrim County Road Commissioner	Jarris Rubingh
Antrim Conservation District LiaisonJason Helwig	
Antrim Creek Natural Area	Jarris Rubingh
Antrim Fair Board Liaison	Brenda Ricksgers
Capital Improvement Committee	Karen Bargy, Jason Helwig,
	Dawn LaVanway
Commission on Aging	Brenda Ricksgers
Community Corrections	Christian Marcus
Community Collaborative Board	Jason Helwig
Construction Code Board of Appeals	Joshua Watrous
E-911 Board	Ed Boettcher, Christian Marcus
	(alternate)
EDC/BRA Board	Dawn LaVanway
Farm & Open Space Preservation Board	Karen Bargy
Grass River Natural Area Liaison	Terry Van Alstine
Glacial Hills Joint Recreation Board	Joshua Watrous
Health Department Appeals Board	Ed Boettcher, Karen Bargy,
	Jason Helwig, Joshua Watrous,
	Terry VanAlstine
Meadow Brook Liaison	
North County Community Mental Health	Christian Marcus
Northwest Michigan Community Health Department	
Networks Northwest	
Northern Lakes Economic Alliance	Dawn LaVanway
Northern Michigan Counties Association	Christian Marcus, Ed Boettcher
	(alternate)
Northern Michigan Community Action Agency	Ed Boettcher
Petoskey Stone Festival	Dawn LaVanway, Jason Helwig
Soil Erosion, Sedimentation& Stormwater Runoff	
Appeals Board	Joshua Watrous
Street & Road Numbering Appeals Committee	Terry VanAlstine,
	Dawn LaVanway, Jarris Rubingh
Veterans Affairs	Joshua Watrous

#### **Circuit Court and District Court Liaisons**

Terry VanAlstine (Chairman, Board of Commissioners)
Bradley Rizzo (Chief Administrative Fiscal Officer)
Karen Bargy (Vice Chair)

Peter Garwood (County Administrator)

#### **Additional Appointments**

**Capital Improvement:** 

Bill Bailey Bradley Rizzo Dave Vitale Peter Garwood Valerie Craft Rick Teague Moved by Boettcher, seconded by Bargy, that the Board accept the appointments made by the Chairman to Various Boards and Commissions, Circuit Court and District Court Liaisons and Capital Improvement as presented. Roll call vote as follows: Yes – Rubingh, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

Moved by Boettcher, seconded by Helwig, that the Board authorize the Chair to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement for Data Exchange Between Antrim County and Department of Technology, Management and Budget (DTMB) to share GIS Data with the State of Michigan, Department of Technology to share GIS Data, MiSAIL (Michigan Statewide Authoritative Imagery and LiDAR Program) and authorize the budgeted purchase of detailed Aerial Imagery and Data from the State of Michigan and authorize the Chair to execute the purchase agreement with the State of Michigan in the amount of \$45,818.64. Roll call vote as follows: Yes — Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No — Rubingh, Watrous; Absent — None.

Moved by Bargy, seconded by Boettcher, that the Board authorize Board Chairman to execute, on behalf of Antrim County Commission on Aging, the FY2021 MIPPA ADRC Beneficiary Outreach and Assistance Services Sub-Contract Agreement with Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan. Roll call vote as follows: Yes – Rubingh, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

Moved by Boettcher, seconded by Helwig, that the Board authorize the Chairman to execute the Addendum of clarification to the Antrim County Interlocal Agreement for County Designated Assessor. Roll call vote as follows: Yes — Rubingh, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No — None; Absent — None.

RESOLUTION #10 - 2020, By Ed Boettcher, seconded by Jason Helwig

## ADDENDUM OF CLARIFICATION TO THE ANTRIM COUNTY EQUALIZATION SERVICES CONTRACT FOR COUNTY DESIGNATED ASSESSOR

WHEREAS, the Antrim County Equalization Services Contract between Antrim County (COUNTY) and Jamie Houserman and Allison Thompson (CONTRACTOR), signed by Board Chairman Edgar Boettcher III on December 15, 2020, includes fulfillment of the requirements of the Antrim County Designated Assessor as outlined in Public Act 660 of 2018, and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has informed all counties in which the Equalization Director will be serving in the role of County Designated Assessor that an addendum of clarification to the Interlocal Agreement for County Designated Assessor is required, and

WHEREAS, the addendum simply requires that any future contracts for assessing services arising from this interlocal agreement shall be between the County Board of Commissioners and the Assessing District desiring to appoint the Designated Assessor as their assessor of record, and that all payments for services will be paid to the County, and

WHEREAS, the CONTRACT between the COUNTY and the CONTRACTOR indicates that any agreement for assessing services will be between the Designated Assessor and the Assessing District, and all payments for services will be from the Assessing District to the Designated Assessor.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that, in compliance with the addendum of clarification to the Antrim County Interlocal Agreement for County Designated Assessor, any payment for assessing services arising from the interlocal agreement will be accepted by the County and paid out to the CONTRACTOR and is separate, and in addition to the compensation reflected in Section 2.1 of the CONTRACT.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, there will be no additional cost the COUNTY as a result of this CONTRACT addendum.

YES – Jarris Rubingh, Joshua Watrous, Karen Bargy, Ed Boettcher, Brenda Ricksgers, Jason Helwig, Christian Marcus;

No – Dawn LaVanway;

Absent - None.

**RESOLUTION #10-2021 DECALRED ADOPTED.** 

## RESOLUTION #11- 2021 By Jason Helwig, seconded by Brenda Ricksgers RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2021-2025 ANTRIM COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION PLAN

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WHEREAS the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least 30 days for plan, and

WHEREAS a public hearing was held on January 21, 2021 virtually at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Antrim County Board of Commissioners to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Antrim County Parks & Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS the Antrim County Board of Commissioners has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the County, and

**WHEREAS** after the public hearing, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners voted to adopt said Antrim County Parks & Recreation Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Antrim County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the 2021-2025 Antrim County Parks & Recreation Plan.

YES – Jarris Rubingh, Joshua Watrous, Karen Bargy, Ed Boettcher, Terry VanAlstine, Brenda Ricksgers, Dawn LaVanway, Jason Helwig, Christian Marcus;

No - None;

Absent - None.

#### **RESOLUTION #11-2021 DECALRED ADOPTED.**

Moved by Boettcher, seconded by Ricksgers, that the Board authorize Board Chairman to execute a one (1) year agreement from 10/1/2020 - 9/30/2021 with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) and the United States Geological Survey (USGS) for a lake level gauge on the Upper Chain of Lakes at a cost of \$5,545.00. Roll call vote as follows: Yes – Rubingh, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

#### RESOLUTION #12-2021, By Ed Boettcher, seconded by Karen Bargy

#### RESOLUTION HONORING CARRIE HEBDEN

WHEREAS, Carrie Hebden, Abstractor for Antrim County, and

WHEREAS, through diligent effort and dedication over her 22 years working for Antrim County, Carrie advanced through various positions with Antrim County, and

WHEREAS, in her 20 years in the Abstracts Department, two of which she served as the Abstractor, Carrie provided property owners and citizens of Antrim County with exceptionally accurate and reliable property history research, not to mention the provision of information regarding County services in general, and

WHEREAS, Carrie has performed her duties throughout her years of employment in a conscientious and responsible manner, with a very positive and pleasant - can do attitude, and

WHEREAS, when the decision was made to combine the Abstract and Equalization Departments Carrie stepped up and took on the supervisory role and did an excellent job, and

WHEREAS, Carrie has set an example of dedication and commitment which serves as an inspiration to fellow employees, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Antrim County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the citizens and employees of Antrim County, do hereby extend to Carrie Hebden our gratitude and most sincere appreciation for her many years of dedicated service to the citizens of Antrim County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we extend our best wishes to her and her family for continued success, happiness, and good health in the years to come.

Yes – Jarris Rubingh, Joshua Watrous, Karen Bargy, Ed Boettcher, Terry VanAlstine, Brenda Ricksgers, Dawn LaVanway, Jason Helwig, Christian Marcus;

No - None;

Absent - None.

#### **RESOLUTION #12-2021 DECLARED ADOPTED.**

#### STRATEGIC PLANNING:

Discussion followed. The Chair asked the members if there was any objections to pushing discussion on to the next Board meeting of February 4. It was a consensus that item be added to the agenda for the next Board meeting.

#### **REPORTS:**

County Administrator, Peter Garwood addressed the Board with his report. Discussion followed. Board member questions and input.

- Building Department ~ Survey Summary, Year End FY2020 Financials
- Soil Erosion Control December 2020 Monthly update
- Antrim County Transportation Financials October 2020 update
- Commission on Aging November 2020 & December 2020 Revenue and Expense Reports
- Antrim County Airport December 2020 Revenue and Expense Report

Finance Director, Brad Rizzo addressed the Board with his report.

- Revenue and Expenditure Report December 2020
- Budget Amendment Report December 2020
- Year End Budget Amendments Fiscal Year 2020
- Roll forward Capital Projects
- Release Funds Radio Project MPSCS

Moved by Marcus, seconded by LaVanway, that the Board approve the 2020 year-end budget amendments as summarized as follows:

<u>FUND</u>	#	INCREASE (DECREASE)
		<u>In Fund Balance</u>
General Fund	101	1,160,611
Self-Insured Reserve	105	1,300
Capital Outlay Reserve	137	125
Dams Reserve	142	22,500
Grant Match Reserve	161	50
Special Projects Reserve	182	48,890
Grass River	223	200
County-Wide Recycling	226	(27,279)
Grass River Center	233	(945)
Commission on Aging	297	0 0
Housing Income	275	(5,841)
Housing CDB	278	32,972
911 Operating	261	63,000
911 Wireless	262	183,649
<b>Construction Code</b>	249	63,000

Roll call as follows: Yes – Rubingh, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

Moved by Helwig, seconded by Bargy, that the Board approve a budget amendment totaling \$368,191.00 to be moved from the 2020 budget fund balances and moved to the 2021 budgets of various funds as follows:

•	101000-270-802.000 (HR – Contractual Services)	3,332
•	101000-301-805.015 (Sheriff – Software)	13,300
•	101000-901-980.264 (Capital outlay -Courts)	14,948
•	101000-901-980.265 (Capital outlay – Cty Bldg)	<u>14,948</u>
	Total 101000	46,528
•	182000-966-956.442 (Special Project – Hydro)	31,349
•	249000-901-980.000 (Const Code – Capital Outlay)	63,000
•	261000-901-980.348 (911 - Capital Outlay)	41,100
•	262000-348-802.000 (911 - Contractual Svc)	45,245
•	262000-901-980.348 (911 – Capital Outlay)	140,969
	Total 262000	186,214

Roll call vote as follows: Yes – Rubingh, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

Moved by Helwig, seconded by Ricksgers, that the Board authorize the release funds to OTEC for \$86,266.20 now and \$42,623.70 upon completion and acceptance for services rendered under contract from 2021 budget GL#262000-901-980.348 MPSCS Fire Radio Purchase. Roll call vote as follows: Yes – Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – Rubingh, Watrous; Absent – None.

Chairman Report - Commissioner Van Alstine

No report

Sheriff's Reports:

- Animal Control Statistics
- Township Statistics Year End 2020

#### **VARIOUS MATTERS:**

Commissioner Marcus addressed the Board regarding the Construction Code Survey Summary containing 60 surveys total.

Moved by Marcus, seconded by Rubingh, that the Construction Code have all applicants complete a survey and that the survey for a period of one (1) year.

Discussion followed. Procedural questioning by Commissioner Marcus and LaVanway.

Commissioner Boettcher requested that the Construction Code Survey be **TABLE**, not on agenda.

Commissioner Bargy suggested that all applicants should be completed by all permits

County Administrator, Peter Garwood addressed the Board Rules and Procedures allows no second needed to table a non-agenda item per 5.23 of Board Procedures.

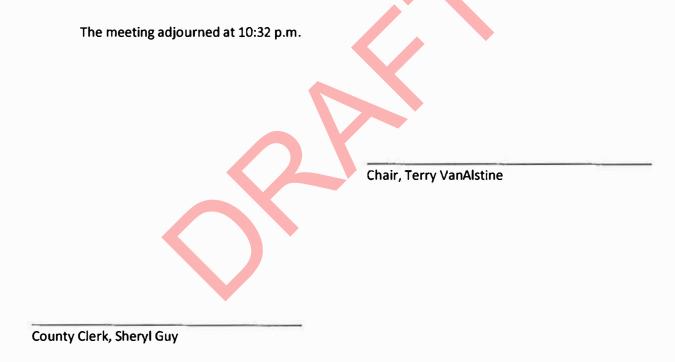
Commissioner Bargy Animal Control Report questions.

- o Addresses not necessary for report provided for the Board packet
- Questions number reported in the Animal Control verse the Townships reports (monthly verse yearly report
- o Detention Agreement status

#### **Commissioner LaVanway**

- Finance Director, Brad Rizzo evaluation
- Appropriation made to units that are not providing minutes to County posting to the Website or link.

The Chairman requested Public Comment. The Deputy Administrator addressed the public via the zoom webinar and callers in order as they entered the meeting. The Deputy Administrator called on all public attending. Michael Lee addressed the Board to have a safe drive home tonight. Sherry Comben addressed the Board on the County Aerial Imagery informing the members that the Townships pay 50% of cost and the County has contracted services for the ACA reporting for several years. Commissioner Bargy asked if the reporting would be returned to County for staff too complete in house reporting. County Administrator, Peter Garwood spoke to keeping the contract, as the ACA report is very difficult and that there is value in keeping specialist in this field as fines for errors are very expensive and well worth the cost.





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Jim Gurr, President Antrim County Planning Commission PO Box 187 Bellaire, MI 49615

Dear Mr. Gurr,

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If you need additional information, please contact the Antrim County Administration Office.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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