5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan

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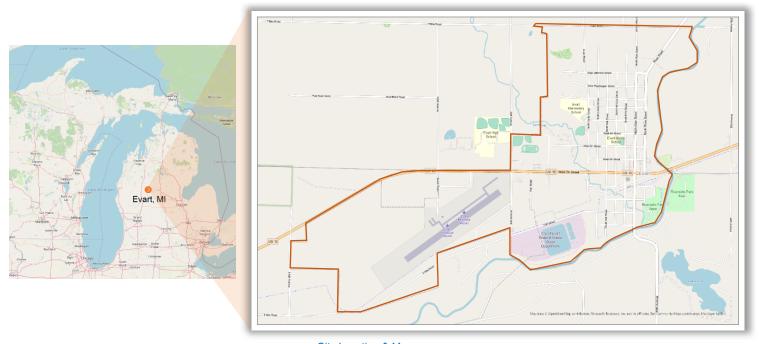
Community Description

Introduction & City History

The City of Evart is located in southeastern Osceola County in the U.S. state of Michigan. Osceola County is located in the West Central portion of the Lower Peninsula. Most of the city's traffic utilizes US-10 which divides the city and leads to the county's major north-south route, Interstate US-131. The city is located along the banks of the Muskegon River and is approximately 65 miles east of Ludington, 60 miles west of Midland, 75 miles south of Traverse City, and 115 miles north of Lansing.

Although first occupied by Natives and trappers, Evart was named after the second settler in the area, Perry Oliver "Frank" Everts. Through changes in spelling throughout the years, the area became the City of Evart. Evart sits in the middle of Osceola County, also known as "The Land of Green Gold," named in the early 1800s after the abundance of timber located in the area. This timber and the Muskegon River led to today's City location being chosen in 1851 by early settlers for their lumbering camp and sawmills.

Years later in 1871, after purchasing 80 acres of land, the town was officially platted. During this year, a lumber mill, store, and the area's first house were built. In 1930, the area was later organized as a city.



City Location & Map

Before any recreation plan is adopted and enacted, it is first important to understand the needs of the community and its residents, what recreational opportunities already exist and what future projects and programs are relevant to the residents of the city. This is based on the age, ability, population, density and the availability of recreational in the surrounding communities. This input is a critical component of this plan, and the city has united to develop a recreation plan to enhance the quality of life for everyone in the city.

The foundation for the development of the City of Evart Parks and Recreation Plan was based on the following goals:

- Involve the community in the process to develop a Five-Year Recreation Master Plan
- Inventory and map existing Evart recreational facilities



- Build a strong foundation of Evart area stakeholders in addressing the future Recreational needs and priorities of the Community
- Enable the City of Evart to be eligible for financial assistance based upon the Recreation Plan
- Facilitate interagency collaboration in establishing recreation goals objectives and actions and
- Continue to support and implement improvements for barrier–free Universal Access to Evart area parks, and
- Consistency with and expansion upon goals and objectives set forth in existing planning documents that deal partially or wholly with recreation.

The newly revised Recreation Plan is intended use is to guide the City of Evart officials on all future recreational and parks projects within the City of Evart. Specifically, this plan is developed in accordance with the guidelines for Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans published by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). A five-year, MDNR-approved Recreation Plan is necessary for government entities to pursue MDNR-administered grants. This plan is written for the City of Evart and it covers all aspects of park facilities and recreation within the community.

Social Characteristics

Population

The population of the City of Evart decreased by 55 persons to 1,673 between 2010 and 2020 (-3.18%). The County as a whole has experienced fairly similar decrease from 2010-2020.

Table 2-1. Population, 2000-2020							
2010 2020 % Change 2000-2020							
City of Evart	1,728	1,673	-3.18%				
Osceola County	23,528	22,891	-1.32%				
Michigan	9,952,687	9,973,907	0.21%				

Source: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Median Age

While the overall population is the most important consideration, there are other characteristics to consider when planning for a community's recreation. The age distribution of a community influences the types of facilities and programs needed. Table 2-2 shows that the City's median age (39.2) is lower than the County but on par with the State of Michigan average. This would indicate that the City has a younger age base than the rest of the county due to a higher percentage of persons in the 18 and under age groups. Of course, the City should not ignore the other age groups since they still comprise a large proportion of the overall population.

Table 2-2. Median, 2010-2020						
2010 2020						
City of Evart	34.4	39.2				
Osceola County	41.2	44.3				
Michigan	38.1	39.8				

Source: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Household Size

The size of families in Evart shown in Table 2-3 follows the Osceola County and Michigan trend of staying fairly even when compared to the State of Michigan trend for smaller households. The general trend toward smaller household size may be due to many factors including end of the baby boomer generation, divorce, widowed older persons and young people waiting longer to get married.



Table 2-3. Average Household Size in City of Evart, 2010-2020							
2010 2020 % Change 2010-2020							
City of Evart	2.50	2.19	-12.40%				
Osceola County	2.61	2.44	-6.51%				
Michigan	2.53	2.45	-3.16%				

Source: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Income, Poverty and Employment

Evart households had a median income of \$30,511 in 2020 estimates. This compares with \$46,969 for Osceola County and \$63,498 for the State of Michigan. 219 households were receiving food stamps in 2020. Reflecting the age of the population, 298 persons received Social Security income in Evart in 2020, 180 with retirement income and 74 received supplemental Social Security income. The estimated labor force of Evart (residents only) was 654 persons in 2020.

Table 2-4. Portland Employment and Unemployment, 2020				
Labor Force	1,299			
Employment	654			
Unemployment	86			
Unemployment Rate	13.1%			

Source: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Physically Challenged

The disability status of a population may be especially significant when considering recreational needs for a community. With 24.4% of the total city population affected by some form of disability, these individuals may have difficulty participating in recreational programs, accessing facilities or even getting to designated public areas. Understanding the disability status of the city's population may assist decision-makers in determining adequate programs and appropriate locations for recreational activities. With the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), all areas of public service and accommodation became subject to barrier-free requirements, including parks and recreation facilities and programs.

Over the course of the past decade, communities have been striving to create recreational facilit3s that go beyond basic Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. In years past, playgrounds were expected to meet basic standards regarding ramps and surfacing, but communities around the country have begun to build play environments that are truly inclusive for people of all ages and abilities. This recent increased focus on creating inclusive play spaces underscores the difference between inclusion and accessibility.



Table 2-5. City of Evart, Michigan, 2020						
	Total With a Disability			% With	Disability	
Subject	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population	1,673	±205	409	±85	24.4%	±4.8
Sex			1		<u> </u>	
Male	821	±111	181	±51	22.0%	±5.5
Female	852	±123	228	±60	26.8%	±6.7
Race And Hispanic or Latino Origin						
White Alone	1,641	±206	403	±84	24.6%	±4.9
Black Or African American Alone	4	±7	0	±11	0.0%	±100.0
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	0	±11	0	±11	-	**
Asian Alone	6	±8	3	±6	50.0%	±50.0
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone	0	±11	0	±11	-	**
Some Other Race Alone	0	±11	0	±11	-	**
Two Or More Races	22	±20	3	±5	13.6%	±21.7
White Alone, Not Hispanic or Latino	1,622	±205	396	±84	24.4%	±4.9
Hispanic or Latino (Of Any Race)	19	±17	7	±10	36.8%	±44.2
Age					· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Under 5 Years	137	±38	0	±11	0.0%	±18.1
5 To 17 Years	265	±74	32	±22	12.1%	±8.2
18 To 34 Years	340	±73	28	±20	8.2%	±5.8
35 To 64 Years	606	±89	251	±66	41.4%	±8.4
65 To 74 Years	154	±54	34	±17	22.1%	±11.3
75 Years and Over	171	±97	64	±37	37.4%	±25.6

Source: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



Physical Characteristics

Location & Transportation Network

The City of Evart has direct access to US-10. This is the city's only major highway and is an important feature for accessing many of the city's stores and restaurants. The city's residents may also utilize the Mecosta/Osceola Area Transit Authority's (MOTA) dial-a-ride public transportation system.

The city is also home to Evart Municipal Airport. This airport has a 75' by 3,800' lighten runway used to transport private, business, and industrial users to and from the community.

The rest of the roads in the city not previously mentioned in this section are considered local roads that reach across the community.

Climate

The City of Evart's weather, like all of West Michigan's, influences the recreational opportunities available throughout the year. The area can support a variety of activities throughout the year from swimming to skiing. Generally, January is the coldest month (22°F average daily temperature) and has the highest snowfall (17.9 inches). July is generally the warmest month in the County (81°F average daily temperature). September usually has the highest average precipitation (3.8 inches) and February generally has the lowest average (1.5 inches). Prevailing winds are from the west.

Utilities Services

Water Supply

The City of Evart gets its water from eight groundwater wells, each over 45 feet deep. This public water service is available to all parts of the city except residences on 7 Mile Road and High Street. The Public Works Department is responsible for water in the city.

The city implemented a Wellhead Protection Program in 2002 to encourage those in the community to keep the source water from being contaminated by unnatural sources. The wellhead protection area identified primarily sits in the northeast portion of the city.

Wastewater Treatment Facility

Located on the southern border of the city is Evart's Wastewater Plant. This wastewater treatment plant treats a majority of the city with exceptions for West 5th Street, North Pine Street, North Main Street, and High Street that have individual septic systems and Fair Street that uses a communal septic system for its manufactured homes. The Wastewater Plant has a capacity of 500,000 gpd, but only utilizes a portion of this capacity for its community.

Electric

Evart is serviced by Consumers Energy. Consumers Energy is a public utility that provides natural gas and electricity to 6.6 million of Michigan's 10 million residents. It serves customers all across Michigan.

Community Services

Police Department

The City of Evart Police Department provides services within the City of Evart. There are four officers. The Department currently does not provide 24- hour service and relies on the County Sheriffs Department and the Michigan State Police for assistance. The Department is housed at 137 N. River Street, just south of 6th Street.



Fire Department

The Evart Area Fire Department is located on W. 6th Street and N. River Street and services the City of Evart, and the townships of Evart, Orient, Osceola, and Sylvan. Including firefighters, EMTs, and paramedics, the Fire Department consists of 30 people to serve the communities.

Ambulance Services

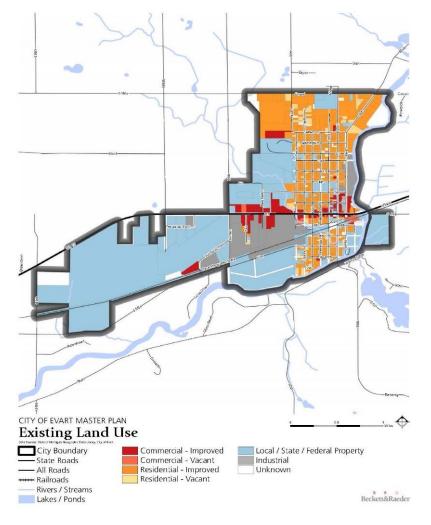
In addition to the rest of Osceola County, Osceola County Emergency Management Service provides 4 ambulances to operate the County. The City of Evart utilizes one of these ambulances with the Evart Area Fire Department's support.

Public Library

The Evart Public Library-Museum is located at 105 N. Main Street. The library lists a collection of various items including audio books and large print books. The library also has cemetery records for Evart, Osceola, Hartwick, Sylvan, Orient, Middle Branch, along with some Mecosta and Wexford County cemeteries. They also provide residents with computer and internet access. The Library Board is formed by two representatives from the participating municipalities of the City of Evart, Evart Township and Osceola Township.

Land Use

The map below identifies the land use patterns within the City as part of the 2017 Master Plan. As can be seen on the map to the right, the north portion of the City is comprised largely of residential and commercial development. To the south is mostly local/State/Federal property from the Municipal Airport, Wastewater Plant, and parks. Most of the recent development growth has been taking place in the middle portion of the City.



Source: City of Evart Master Plan, 2017

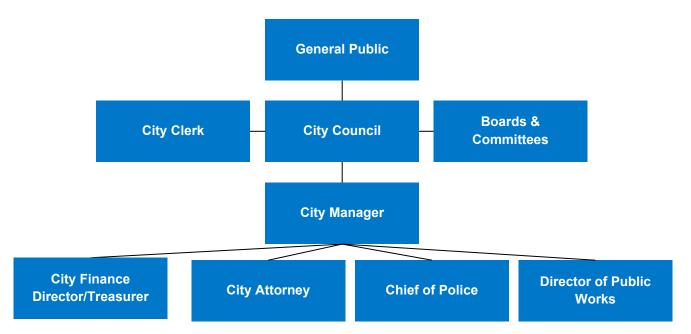


Administrative Structure

The City Council has 5 members including the Mayor and the Mayor Pro-Tem. Council members are elected to four-year terms that are staggered every two years. The Mayor is elected every two years. The City Manager is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the City and is the chief policy advisor to the City Council. The Council adopts and amends City Laws and ordinances, determines City policies and standards, and authorizes the annual city budget. The Council also approves contracts and agreements, determines city tax millage rates, determines utility rates and directs the City Manager.

Also part of the City's team is the Clerk, Finance Director/Treasurer, Department of Public Works Director, and a full support staff of City employees. Day-to-day operation and maintenance of the City parks lies with the Department of Public Works staff, the same staff is also responsible for the City streets, sidewalks, and upkeep of the City Cemetery. The City of Evart does not employ any Recreation Staff but relies on a strong volunteer base for duties such as program registration, and organization. The City also provides for Park Host at

The below chart illustrates the relationship among the various entities involved in recreation within the City. The administrative structure is as follows:



The general fund budget for the Parks Department and the enterprise fund budget for the Recreation Department are developed by the City Manager and DPW Director. These budgets are submitted to the City Council for annual approval. The Parks & Recreation budget for 2022-2023 is \$237,150 and \$2,450 for the Park Host.



City Expenditures and Budgets 2019-2021

Recreation Expenditures					
Year Expenditures					
2019	0				
2020	\$42.569.37				
2021	\$35,852.18				

Riverside Park Expenditures				
Year	Expenditures			
2019	0			
2020	\$21,861.42			
2021	\$8,194.91			



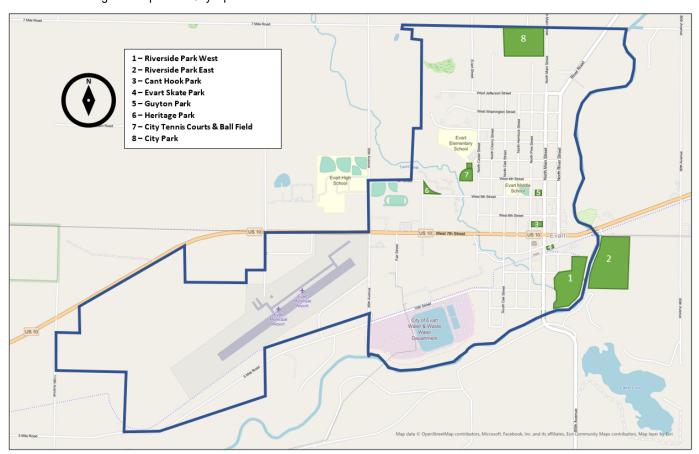
Recreational Inventory

An essential element of a recreation plan is the inventory of local and regional, public and private recreation facilities that are available to a community's resident. Such an inventory provides a basis from which a comparison can be made of existing recreation opportunities with the community's identified recreation needs. This inventory process also identifies barrier-free facilities. This will ensure that citizens with disabilities will fully enjoy these facilities. Involving advocate organizations and utilizing the knowledge of the City staff will help facilitate this element of the inventory process. Further, this facility inventory establishes the foundation from which a recreational improvement program can be developed and implemented. The included map below shows the location of City owned recreational facilities.

City Recreational Facilities

The City of Evart has a mix of all types and sizes of park facilities ranging from mini-parks to special use parks. There are parks with many active sports amenities such as playgrounds, ball diamonds, and outdoor basketball courts and there are nature and wooded parks that emphasis passive activities and protections of natural resources such as woodlands and the Muskegon River.

The following is a map of the City's park facilities:





Evart Recreational Facilities								
	Riverside Park West	Riverside Park East	Cant Hook Park	Evart Skate Park	Guyton Park	Heritage Park	City Tennis Courts & Ball Field	City Park
Park Type*	CP	CP	MP	SU	MP	MP	SU	MP
Service Area**	EA	EA	EA	EA	EA	EA	EA	EA
Accessibility***	2.5	2.5	5	3	4	3	3	1
Acres/(Miles)	17	33	.10	1.1	.40	.75	4	12
Activity Rooms								
Band Shell								
Ball Diamond	Х						Х	
Basketball	Χ							
Camping/Rustic Camping	Х	X (R)						
Kayak Boat Launch/ Access	Х							
Drinking Fountains	2	X						
Fishing Access	Χ							
Gazebo			X					
Grills		Х						
Gymnasium								
Horse Arena								
Ice Skating								
Inline Skating								
Multi-Purpose Field								
Pavilion	3	X						
Picnic Area	Х	X	Х	Х		Х		
Playground	2							
Pond/River								
Restroom	Х	Х	Х					
Sand Volleyball	Х							
Sledding Hill								
Trails/Paths		Х						
Waterfront Access	Х	Х						

Park Type*

MP = Mini Park

NP = Neighborhood Park

CP = Community Park

LP = Large Urban Park

SU = Special Use Park

TRA = Trailway

Service Area**

NB = Neighborhood (approx. ½ mile)

EA = Entire Portland Area

NA = Not Applicable (undeveloped)

Accessibility**

- 1 = None of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 2 = Some of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 3 = Most of the facilities/park areas meet accessibility guidelines
- 4 = The entire park meets accessibility guidelines
- 5 = The entire park was developed/renovated using the principals of universal design



NA = Not Applicable (undeveloped)

Riverside Park West is located in the Southeast corner of the city, along the Muskegon River, where residents can enjoy the riverside walking trail as well as boat and canoe access via a ramp. This 17-acre park offers many active recreation facilities including a splash pad, beach volleyball, shuffleboard courts, a basketball court, baseball fields, two playground areas, two pavilions, forty- six picnic tables, and two drinking fountains. Due to repeated flooding, the campground at Riverside West is no longer in operation. Viewing and fishing platforms are another addition to the park.





Riverside Park East, a 33-acre park purchased in 2003 with a Natural Resources Trust Fund grant is located in the southeast corner of the city, directly across the Muskegon River from Riverside Park West. This partially wooded park features a trail-loop used frequently by walkers, joggers, bikers, and other outdoor enthusiasts. During the winter months the trail is frequented by skiers, and show-shoers. A foot bridge and viewing platform are also enjoyed by parkusers. Additionally the park features primitive camp sites and a new pavilion structure.





CANT HOOK PARK is a mini park located in the heart of downtown Evart. Erected in 2015 Cant Hook Park offers a picnic pavilion, bathrooms, and picturesque views of downtown Evart.





Evart Skate Park was first opened in 2005 to provide seasonal skateboarding, rollerblading, and BMX biking for area residents. The fenced-in 33' x 102' park features several ramps, a grind rail, benches, picnic tables, and is surrounded by a large open lawn slated for possible future development.

Guyton Park is quaint 0.40-acre park, located on a corner-lot within the northern edge of the City's central business district, is named after the first soldier killed in World War I, on foreign soil. The park offers passive recreational uses and features a cannon dating back to WWI, and a monument to the memory of all who lost their lives from Evart during WWI, WWII, the Korean War, and the Vietnam conflict.





City
Tennis Courts & Ball Field is adjacent to the Evart Elementary
School is a 4-acre parcel of City-owned land that is home to two tennis
courts, a baseball field, and a parking area.



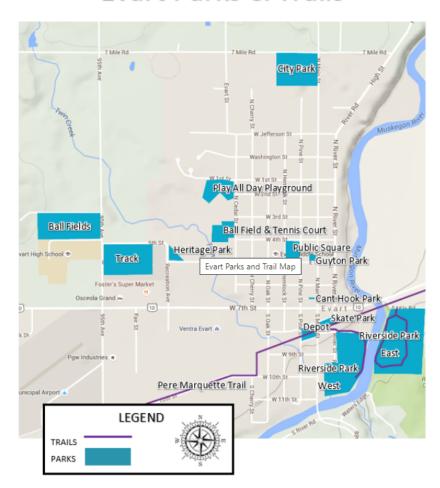
Heritage Park

This 0.75-acre passive park is located on the west end of the City and provides area residents with an ideal picnicking location. It is used frequently by people attending events at the Osceola County Fairgrounds, as it is located directly across from fairgrounds camping and parking.



City Park (SW Corner of 7-Mlle and Main Street) - As part of an agreement with Nestle Waters North America (Ice Mountain), the City acquired a 12-acre parcel of land on the corner of 7-Mile Road and North Main Street. The property is currently vacant until plans are developed for its future use. Per an agreement with the National Park Resource Trust Fund, this parcel is restricted for park and recreation use only.

Evart Parks & Trails





School Recreational Facilities

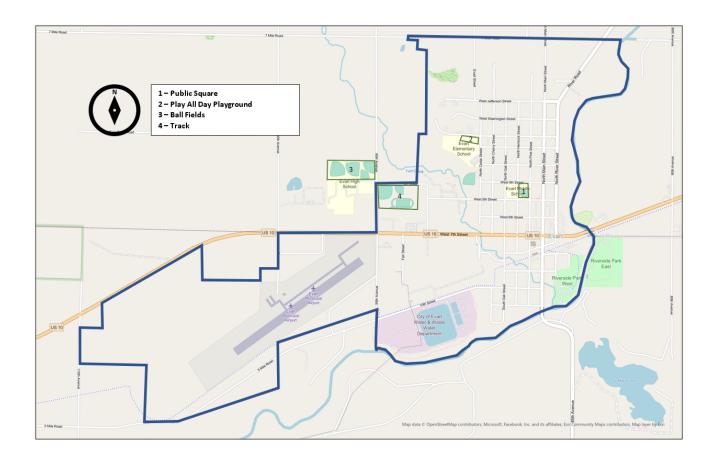
In addition to the City recreation facilities, there are public and private schools with recreation facilities located in and around the region. They are briefly described as follows.

Public Schools

The Evart Public School District provides public education to the residents of the City of Evart. The school system's enrollment in 2022 was just over 850 students. The District has three schools, all of which are located in the City.

School	Address	Grades	Enrollment	Facilities
Evart	515 N Cedar St	Pre-K through 4	311	multi-purpose field, sport courts,
Elementary	Evart, MI 49631			playground
School				
Evart Middle	321 N Hemlock St	5 through 8	258	Basketball courts, sand volleyball,
School	Evart, MI 49631			baseball field, playground
Evart High	6221 95 th Ave	9 through 12	283	4 baseball fields, track, football
School	Evart, MI 49631			

Once owned by the city, Evart Public schools now own the Public Square, Play All Day Playground, Ball Fields, and the Track as noted on the map below.





Private Schools

In addition to the public school system, there is one private school outside the City.

School	Address	Grades	Enrollment	Facilities
Daystar	3976 80 th Ave	Pre-K through 12		
Christian	Evart, MI 49631			
Academy				

Regional Recreational Facilities Osceola County Parks Commission

The Osceola County Parks Commission operates two parks that are both situated on a lake and bordered by forest.

Rose Lake Park, located on Rose Lake, and Crittenden Park, located on Big Lake both offer great fishing. Other

recreational opportunities include camping, swimming, and other day use activities such as camping, picnic tables, playground, pavilions, etc. Additionally, Rose Lake Park is located near the White Pine Trail and Crittenden Park is located near the Pere Marquette State Trail.

Pere Marquette Rail Trail

Pere Marquette Rail Trail is a paved trailing that runs directly through the City and spans from Midland to Clare Counties. The Pere Marquette Rail Trail provides opportunities for biking, jogging, walking, and nature access. In the winter months the trail is used extensively by snowmobilers, cross-country skiers, and snow-shoers.

Evart Motorcycle Trail

The Evart Motorcycle Trail is an ORV trail located 3 miles Northeast of the City of Evart. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources operates and monitors the Evart Motorcycle Trail system.



Private Recreational Facilities

J & J's River Run is a professional canoe livery business in Evart, ... We rent canoes, kayaks, tubes and rafts for water sport adventure on the Muskegon River.



Barrier Free Evaluation & Universal Design

The ultimate goal is to provide recreation opportunities that include everyone. With the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), all areas of public service and accommodation are subject to barrier-free requirements, including parks and recreation facilities and programs. This planning process should include methods to ensure that the City park and recreation system is accessible to persons with disabilities. The City completed an evaluation of existing facilities in 2010 to determine if they are barrier-free.

When looking at areas to determine their accessibility to all people, we started by asking these simple questions:

Can a person who has a sight or hearing disability, uses a wheelchair, uses a walking aid such as crutches or braces, has a mental disability that affects learning and understanding, safely and independently:

- Get from the arrival place to the activity area?
- How can this barrier be removed?

Do what others do in the area?

If not, what is getting in the way?

Move around the area?

Universal Access

Another often overlooked category is Universal Access. This practice goes way beyond typical ADA regulations to practice "common and equal experiences for all." The goal of universal access is, throughout concept and design phases, to incorporate technology, materials and other considerations that promote equal opportunities for people of varied abilities. These concepts should be kept in the forefront as a prime consideration in the 5-year Master Plan and individual parks or projects as they develop and progress.

Type of Recreation Facility	Universal Access Design Considerations				
Archery range	All stations				
	 Route to retrieval area for each target 				
	 Targets also usable with cross bows 				
	 Arrow back stop to limit retrieval distance 				
	 Larger maneuvering spaces to accommodate archers with shooting 				
	assistants				
Beach	 Routes over the beach and into the water, can be 				
	portable/temporary matting if it needs to be taken in and out for				
	beach cleaning/dragging or in the off season				
	 Wide enough for side by side walking/passing 				
	 At beach route end have an accessible area at the water's edge 				
	large enough to park multiple chairs while the owners are in the				
	water				
	 With a transfer system at the water's edge so people can get down 				
	to the ground level and into the water				



Type of Recreation Facility	Universal Access Design Considerations				
Boardwalk	6 feet minimum width so two people can walk side by side or people				
wetland and water access	can pass				
	Edge treatment to prevent roll/step off				
	 If side rails are used, more than 25% must lowered for easy viewin 				
	in various places along the boardwalk				
	 Interpretive information in a variety of alternative formats such as 				
	auditory, large print, Braille, pictures, etc.				
Campgrounds	All sites and amenities				
. 0	 Accessible surface on all sites, including rustic sites 				
	 Larger spaces to accommodate side lifts on campers and vehicles 				
	 Accessible tables, grills (15 " minimum, 34 " maximum height), and 				
	fire rings on all sites				
	 Centrally located restrooms on easy routes from each site 				
Camping Cabins and Yurts	Larger clear space and maneuvering spaces in between all				
	furnishings, including when all are in use (beds, tables/chairs with				
	people seated at the table, shelves within lowered reach ranges,				
	lowered wall hooks, etc.)				
	 Larger clear space thoughtfully located for typical portable items 				
	such as coolers, luggage, equipment/food bins/tubs, etc.				
Canoe/kayak/boat launch	 Wider route so someone can hand wheel boat on dolly to launch 				
	pulling boat next to them if they are in a wheelchair or two person				
	carry down				
	 Accessible surface to water's edge and into water at launch 				
	 More gentle slopes for easier entry and exit when hand wheeling a 				
	boat				
	Some type of "rack" to stabilize boat at a transferable height then				
	some type of mechanism/roller system to move, while seated in the				
	boat, into the water Some means of transfer assistance such as				
	overhead bars				
	 Some type of wench system to help pull boat out of water back into the rack to exit/transfer out. 				
	 If there is a dock provide a transfer system on the dock so a person can be seated on the dock to transfer over to a boat in the water that 				
	is in some type of a stabilizer rack				
	Adaptive kayaks available for use				
	Shore station with a platform (instead of "V" rack) with a transfer				
	system on the deck of the shore station, located next to a dock so				
	someone could roll/get on the platform and lower it to the right level				
	to transfer into a boat				
Fishing dock/pier and	More than 25% of the rails are lowered in various locations or no				
observation/viewing decks:	rails at all with only an edge treatment to prevent roll off				
Ğ	Sitting benches (all with backs and arm rests) scattered about so				
	anglers can choose to sit or stand to fish				
	Tackle box stands next to one bench end (not both) leaving one end				
	clear space for sitting side by side with someone in a wheelchair				
	A variety of fish landing cutaways strategically placed				
	 Variety of accessible opportunities—over-water fishing, shore 				
	fishing, in-water fishing, etc.				
	 Transition plates between access route and deck/pier 				



Type of Recreation Facility	Universal Access Design Considerations
Nature center	 All interpretive information in a variety of alternative formats such as auditory, large print, Braille, pictures, etc. Creative use of technology such as mp3 players for auditory descriptions (this gives the info. directly to the individual) closed loop assistive listening devices and closed circuit captioning of all interpretive presentations All displays at lowered heights for sitting or standing viewing All operating mechanisms that are operable with one hand and do
Parking	 not require tight/pinch/grasp/wrist twist to operate More than minimum number of accessible spots Each connected directly to an accessible route to the park elements and NOT into the traffic flow Thoughtfully located nearest the activity entrance, which might require multiple lots (some near the beach, some near the playground, some near the bathhouse, etc.)
Picnic areas and elements: Pavilions, picnic tables, grills, fire rings, water pumps, etc.	 All located on accessible routes all tables, grills, fire rings, water pumps, etc. accessible Level routes onto pavilions with no changes of level from path to pavilion surface Wider routes and clear space with firm surface around all elements so someone with mobility limits can easily move around the element (table, grill, etc.) A variety of table styles, some with clear sitting space on the side, some with extended table tops on the end Some fixed tables to ensure they remain accessible (not moved off into a grassy or sandy area, etc.) Clear space all around each element so people can approach and use the grill, fire ring, etc. from the front, back and either side Grills you can lower/raise the cooking surface with one hand Raised fire building surfaces so you can place wood without learning too far over from a standing or seated position
Playgrounds	 Ramps and transfers Has both ramp and transfer access to all play components Ramps to every "getting on spot" or "sit/stand & do it spot" of every play component Transfer system from the ground up to the main deck located near the exits of slides and climbers furthest from the ramp onto the structure Only unitary safety surface such as poured-in-place or rubber tiles NOT any loose fill materials likes shredded rubber, wood chips, engineered wood fiber, or any other non-unitary surface material On deck transfer platform at the entry point of every slide On deck transfer platform with one open transfer side and one side with transfer steps to every entry/exit point of every climber, so kids climbing up can get down to the deck to move to another component, as they may have left an assistive device at the ground A good variety of things to manipulate that make noise or music, have high contrast/bright colors, games that two kids can play (to foster social interaction), Braille and sign language panels to teach





Type of Recreation Facility	Universal Access Design Considerations
	stations to cue people who have vision impairments that there is
	something to pay attention to at that spot
	 Close to level cross slopes (side to side) and very gentle running
	slopes, no steep sections, larger (greater than 60" X 60")level areas
	at all turns and intersections
	Thoughtfully laid out on the site to maximize the experience with
	minimal difficulty
	 Accessible amenities such as benches, restrooms, drinking
	fountains, etc.

Common components that need to be looked at to answer these basic questions include: parking, paths of travel from parking, street or sidewalk to activity areas, the activity areas themselves, signage, support facilities such as restrooms, surfacing, and communications required for recreation programs and general use of a facility or area. The existing parks were evaluated on the following criteria and scored 1-5.

- 5 Facility is fully accessible. Features and facilities meet and exceed the Uniform Building Code and take into consideration Universal Design principles. Main elements such as the washrooms, entrances, parking, and amenities are barrier free.
- 4 Majority of the facility is accessible; however, there are some accessibility barriers. Some improvements are needed to make the facility fully accessible.
- 3 Facility is partially accessible. Barriers exist to fully accessing the facility and an alternate facility may be necessary.
- 2 Facility has limited accessibility. Multiple barriers exist to fully accessing the facility and an alternate facility may be necessary.
- 1 Facility has poor accessibility. Accessibility barriers may exist at entranceway, recreation area

The following is a chart with each of the City parks with their respective accessibility ranking.



Summary of Park Accessibility

Based on site visit and observations by the former City DPW Director and recommendations by staff at F&V, the following improvements will be necessary to improve universal access at the existing facilities:

	Riverside Park West				
Overall Rating	2.5				
Accessibility	Paved roadways, splash pad, ADA camp site, fishing platform and boat launch provide some				
	access. Additional paved parking spaces and walkways are needed to provide clear				
	accessible links to various recreational facilities.				
	Riverside Park East				
Overall Rating	2.5				
Accessibility	Paved roadways, , fishing platform and restroom with concrete walk provide some access.				
	Additional paved parking spaces and walkways are needed to provide clear accessible links				
	to various recreational facilities.				
	Cant Hook Park				
Overall Rating	5				
Accessibility	Restrooms ,concrete sidewalks and pavilion are mostly accessible for all users				
Evart Skate Park					
Overall Rating	3				
Accessibility	Paved roadways and paved parking space provide some access. Additional and walkways				
	are needed to provide clear accessible links to various recreational facilities.				
	Guyton Park				
Overall Rating	4				
Accessibility	Paved roadways, concrete walkways and paved parking space provide some access.				
	Heritage Park				
Overall Rating	2.5				
Accessibility	Concrete walkways provide some access. Designated paved parking and additional				
	walkways could be added to improve rating.				
	City Tannia Causta & Ball Field				
Overall Rating	City Tennis Courts & Ball Field 2.5				
Accessibility	Paved Parking and Walkways, Curb Cuts, No Restrooms				
Accessibility					
	City Park				
Overall Rating	N/A				
Accessibility	Undeveloped				
Pere Marquette Trail					
Overall Rating	4				

Paved non-motorized trail with parking at the old Depot



Accessibility

Recreational Programs

Evart Parks & Recreation is dedicated to improving the character of life in Evart by providing and maintaining adequate open space, quality recreational opportunities, and facilities for the enjoyment and well-being of all area residents and visitors. The City DDA provides support for the summer concert series at different locations, such as the Evart Depot, Riverside Park and Main Street.

The Evart Farmers Market is producers-only, seasonal outdoor market. It is a vibrant organization connecting residents and visitors with local farmers, food producers and artisans. The market increases access to fresh, affordable, local and healthy food choices inspiring healthy lifestyles, while strengthening the local economy, building community and providing a welcoming gathering place. The Evart Farmers Market is part of Evart's DDA/MMS. Evart's DDA recognizes a need for a local market that serves the area.

Other recreational programs are sponsored by the Evart Area School District.

Past Grant Status

Project	Description	Date	Amount	Status
Evart City Park #26-01118	Develop 2 tennis courts, 1 softball field, parking, LWCF Sign	1980	\$17,628.00	Closed
Evart Public Square #BF89-311	Complete Reconstruction of original public square playground in order to provide adequate neighborhood play area	1989	\$53,250.00	Closed
Recreation Trail Development #26-01518	Recreation public trail development within the City of Evart to include biking, fishing, hiking and cross-country skiing.	1992	\$98,915.62	Closed
Riverside Park Acquisition #TF02-028	Acquisition of 28 acres, including 1,386 feet of Muskegon River frontage and 2,500 feet of other stream frontage to expand Riverside Park and allow access to both sides of the Muskegon River.	2002	\$288,400.00	Closed
Riverside Park Improvements #TF06-015	Improvements to 43-acre Riverside Park with 1500 Muskegon River footage to include parking, walking trails, skate park equipment, and fishing piers.	2006	\$100,000.00	Closed
Riverside Park Boat Launch #RP13-416	Riverside Park West boat launch, parking improvements, and new pavilion	2016	\$42,300	Closed



Natural Resource Inventory

Topography & Land Forms

The slope of land plays an important role in determining the suitable use and development of property. Moderate slopes (10% - 25%) and areas of extreme slope (25% or more) may limit higher density developments from occurring. These limitations include a heightened risk of erosion and the difficulty in installing private septic systems. However, areas consisting of moderate and extreme slopes are sparse within the area. They are generally limited to the Muskegon River. The large majority of the region consists of fairly level terrain which presents little to no restrictions for future development.

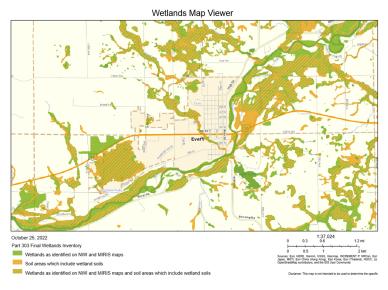
Woodlands

Originally, Michigan was covered with a dense forest of deciduous trees. As the area was cleared for farming and development, or the trees were removed for timber, the area's forests were replaced by farm fields, open field areas, orchards and smaller forested areas containing both deciduous and coniferous trees. Much of the City's original vegetation has been replaced due to the land use patterns that typically develop within a densely populated community. Most of the natural vegetation in the City is located along the floodway/floodplain corridors of the Muskegon River. These trees are largely both deciduous and coniferous. In 2020, the city of Evart received a USDA tree grant administered by the Muskegon River Watershed Assembly and has now planted roughly 200 native Michigan trees throughout the city.

Wetlands

The wetlands in the City are similar to the County in that wetlands with associated woodlands that existed during the time of large expanses of pre-settlement wetlands have been reduced to small, scattered upland areas or wetlands associated with floodway/floodplain areas. Upland wetlands have been reduced due to filling, subsurface drainage and drain construction undertaken to improve agriculture.

The Wetlands Map shows wetland areas that serve to provide wildlife habitat, stormwater storage, water quality improvement, natural scenery and other benefits. Generally, these areas exhibit severe limitations for the use of individual waste disposal systems. A majority of the wetlands are located along the various waterbodies such as rivers, creeks, streams, drainage ditches and other water bodies.





Hydric soils are also identified. These are soils that have formed in the presence of water for sustained periods. They can be used to help locate wetlands, especially those that have been disturbed or altered by fill or excavation. Hydric soils may be unsuitable for certain types of development and can be an indicator of high groundwater levels.

Because they occur where the dry land meets the water, wetlands play a critical role in the management of our water based resources. Acre for acre, wetlands produce more wildlife and plants than any other Michigan habitat type. Wetland species also comprise a critically important segment of these species.

Benefits of wetlands are many. Wetlands help:

- Reduce flooding by absorbing runoff from rain and melting snow and slowly releasing excess water into rivers and lakes - a one acre swamp when flooded to a depth of one foot contains 330,000 gallons of water.
- Filter pollutants from surface runoff, trapping fertilizers, pesticides, sediments, and other contaminants and helping to break some of them down into less harmful substances, improving water clarity and quality.
- Recharge groundwater supplies when connected to underground aquifers.
- Contribute to natural nutrient and water cycles, and produce vital atmospheric gases, including oxygen.
- Provide commercial or recreational value to our human economy, by producing plants, game birds (ducks, geese) and fur bearing mammals - many fish are directly connected to wetlands, requiring shallow water areas for breeding, feeding and escaping from predators.
- Serve as nutrient traps that then enrich the larger body of water of which they are part when wetlands occur adjacent to inland lakes or streams.

The last century has seen a greatly increased rate of wetland loss due to filling and drainage by man. Prior to World War II, drainage to expand agricultural lands accounted for most of this loss. Recently, much wetland destruction has been caused by commercial, industrial, and residential expansion. The estimated 11 million acres of Michigan wetlands existing in pre settlement times has now been reduced to less than 3 million acres. Recent legislation has slowed the loss rate somewhat but threats to these habitats, particularly the smaller wetlands, continue in many areas.

Prior to park & recreation development, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) should be consulted to review the results of a wetlands determination. The impacts of development within wetland areas should be carefully considered, and a permit from the MDNR should always be obtained if regulated wetlands are to be impacted.

Soils

The predominant soil in the City is the Grattan Sand, 0 to 6 percent slopes. This is described as very deep, excessively drained soils formed in sandy drift on lake plains, outwash plains, moraines, and beach ridges.

Generally, well-drained, coarse-textured soils provide the most suitable foundations. Poor soil stability occurs with soils containing large concentrations of organic material, such as muck, silt, and clay. The areas of poor soil stability are concentrated in low-lying and poorly drained areas adjacent to rivers and creeks. In these low lying areas, the presence of water in and near the surface contributes to frost heave, compression, shrinkage, and swelling.





Water Resources & Drainage

The most notable resource in the City of Evart is the Muskegon River. The headwaters of the Muskegon River lie far to the west in Roscommon County. The river flows through Clare County, Osceola County, Mecosta County, Newaygo County, and it terminates into the Muskegon Lake in Muskegon County.

Twin Creek also runs through Evart and connects to the Muskegon River on the City's southeastern border.

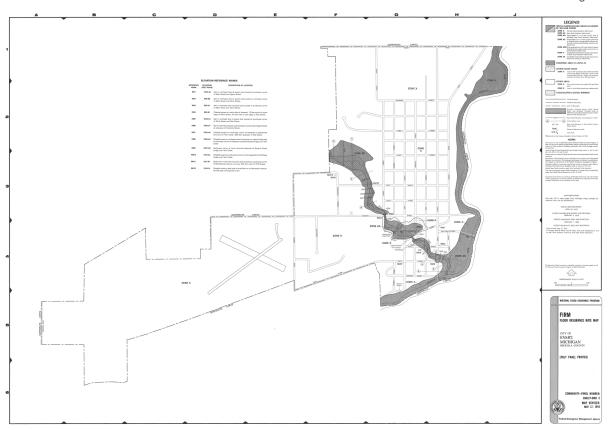
There are significant wetlands along this river in Evart. These wetlands provide wildlife habitat. More significantly, however, is the recreation resource provided by the river: kayaking, canoeing, fishing, etc.

Floodplains

Because the city borders the Muskegon River and has Twin Creek running north and south, the 100-year floodplains occupy a significant portion of the city. These floodplains overlap with both public and industrial land. These properties are at a higher risk of damage from flooding should an intense storm take place. A map of such floodplains can be found in dark gray below.

The City's Zoning Code regulates development within the Floodplain Overlay District. It is important to maintain the integrity of the floodplain and its ability to handle the overflow of the flooding rivers. When a portion of the floodplain is built on or filled in to accommodate development, it forces flood waters onto other properties.





Source: National Flood Insurance Program & Federal Emergency Management Agency: FIRM, May 17, 1993

Fish and Wildlife

The area's wildlife is typical of that found in most of Lower Michigan. Common wildlife includes deer, raccoons, opossums, rabbits, muskrats, beavers, squirrels, rodents and other small mammals. The area is home to a variety of birds including owls, wild turkeys, pheasants and many others. The area is also a seasonal home to many migratory birds including ducks and Canada Geese.

With Evart being located on the Muskegon River, the wetlands here provide habitats for a variety of animals such as salamanders, raccoons, shrews, and frogs.



Description of Planning Process

Community recreational facilities cannot be effectively provided without some basis from which the type, quantity, location, need, and priority for that facility has been determined. Several methods for determining a community's recreation needs and priorities have been identified. These include observed use levels for existing facilities, comparisons of recreational facilities between similar communities, unique opportunities for certain types of facilities, guidelines or standards based on quantity per population, and projected population growth, to identify a few methods.



Existing recreation opportunities can be compared to recreation standards to determine deficiencies. However, great care must be taken to apply common sense and knowledge of the community. These standards will be used only in conjunction with other methods to determine recreation deficiencies and priorities.

The purpose of the strategic planning process was to receive direct input from key individuals within the community relative to the identification and ranking of the community's current recreation needs. The issues and needs were identified and discussed at the December 6, 2022 workshop and are incorporated into this document.

Furthermore, the City performed a written survey in 2016. It was designed to encourage input from individuals in the community who do not regularly attend City meetings. Surveys were mailed to each person receiving a City Utility Bill, totaling 581 surveys. Participants were asked to drop—off or mail their completed survey to City Hall. Residents were also able to complete an online survey. Overall 118 surveys, or 20%, were completed and returned. Survey results can be viewed in Appendix A

Finally, residents were invited to attend the Public Hearing on January 16, 2023 to voice their opinion one last time before the plan was officially adopted by the Evart City Council. Minutes from the hearing can be found in Appendix A.



Goals and Objectives

In defining the action program, the formulation of community goals and objectives for the provision of recreation is a vital component. The goals and objectives represent the purposes for a community's role in providing recreation to its residents as well as outlining the direction that the community's effort should take in the long term. Goals are the general targets for which a community aims for while objectives are the specific steps that can be taken towards that goal. A recreation plan identifies those actions that can be undertaken to implement the objectives and fulfill the community's goals.

The goals and objectives for the City in meeting the recreation needs of residents are outlined below.

Goal 1

Facility Maintenance and Improvements

Objective

Maintain, repair, and update existing parks and facilities .

Potential Actions

- Improve the aesthetics and visual perception of the park system.
- Bring all parks into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Replace outdated equipment and accessories as required to promote safety.
- Focus on alternatives and campground upgrades in Riverside Park that would include utility upgrades and bathhouse renovation/construction
- Focus on implementing environmentally sustainable practices through green initiatives.

Goal 2

Facility and Program Development

Objective

Strive to generate funds to create programming.

Potential Actions

- Improve communication with the public regarding recreation programs and activities.
- Create additional programming and activities that meet the diverse needs of the community.
- Develop and improve signage within the parks system, interpretive signs, directional signs, nature identification signs, etc.

Goal 3

Park Funding

Objective

Actively pursue funding opportunities from the public, private individuals, and organizations to achieve goals and objectives

Potential Actions

- Promote increased participation from local residents in the planning process.
- Make residents aware of the need for a strong volunteer base.
- Designating funds for the parks and recreational programming should continue to be a priority.
- Implement Riverside West Park Store and use proceeds for Parks and Recreation.



Promote Natural Features and Areas

Objective

Promote parks through target marketing and projects that actively engage community members in our already existing natural features, areas, and history.

Potential Actions

- Develop and support quality landscape projects throughout the park system.
- Continue to promote the access to and use of the Muskegon River.
- Promote all season rail trail access.

Goal 5

Provide comprehensive community-based recreation opportunities that improve the overall quality of life for all Evart area residents.

Objective

The various input received from the community during this planning process has provided many suggestions for improvements in our park facilities and recreational programs. The City of Evart will continue to use these suggestions to guide their planning for the future.

Potential Actions

- Continue to add amenities and support facilities to the current Evart park facilities based upon community input and current needs of the community.
- Provide recreational opportunities for people with disabilities.
- Ensure that improvements and upgrades to existing park facilities are handicap accessible, where feasible.
- Construct restroom facilities, play areas, ADA parking, picnic facilities and other recreational facilities as priority items identified in community workshops.
- Promote low water and native planting restoration whenever practical especially in the addition of bioswales, rain gardens and stabilization plantings in areas of erosion.
- Look at options for improving educational and interpretive signage in all the parks including signs for persons of various disabilities.

Goal 6

Provide quality leisure time activities with special consideration given to improve health and fitness.

Objectives

The Community's recreational facilities and programs offer the community an opportunity to enjoy nature and take part in activities that will improve health and fitness. The Evart community realizes the importance of providing top quality park facilities and programs and also would like to continue to improve the health and fitness of its residents.

Potential Actions

- Provide both passive and active programming for a variety of ages and abilities of the population.
- Add recreational facilities based upon recreation trends and input from the community.
- Improve recreational facilities and programs to mitigate the impacts of the Pandemic.



Provide additional non-motorized trails for recreational and transportation use.

Objectives

Providing the community with a trail system which is our "safe highway" across the community connecting our schools, parks and the downtown district is a high priority in our community.

Potential Actions

 Explore cooperative effort with the surrounding communities to promote, manage, oversee, plan and seek joint funding for trails in the regional area and to avoid duplication of efforts and to enhance the connect-ability of the trails and ensure the best regional outcomes.

Goal 8

Acquire and retain Public land for future generations.

Objectives

As the Evart community continues to grow our local officials need to be conscious of the need for acquiring additional park land as it becomes available.

Potential Actions

- Retain existing parkland and acquire new public lands to meet the future recreational needs of the community.
- Preserve and protect open space and other important natural features in the Evart area.
- Develop programs for evaluating future land acquisition.
- Preserve floodplains and wetlands for recreation purposes whenever possible.
- Acquire property adjacent to existing park properties whenever possible to allow for the greatest flexibility and offer economy of sharing infrastructure when expanding or adding recreation activities to existing dedicated parklands.

Goal 9

Develop a system of park facilities that promote four season use.

Objectives

Provide residents with opportunities for recreation that provide multiple seasons of use within the City and the respective park facilities.

Potential Actions

- Construct compatible yet diverse uses within the parks that promote spring, summer, fall and winter uses.
- Explore options for all-season facilities such as warming shelters and restrooms in the parks as appropriate.
- Review options for winter ice skating area and farmers market.
- Explore options for community pool with Evart Area Schools.



Create community awareness of Evart area recreational opportunities and promote them to our local citizens as well as to visitors of the community.

Objectives

Several respondents indicated in the past that they were not aware of all the parks that were available in our local community.

Potential Actions

- Develop additional print and web-based media to describe existing recreational opportunities available to the residents of our service area.
- Develop additional print and web-based media to describe and highlight our existing park facilities.

Goal 11

Continue the improvement and development of Universal Design Concepts at any and all city park locations in accordance with the park's development master plan.

Objectives:

Develop new and expanded facilities and programs at the park including new restrooms, picnic facilities, paved parking, walking paths, new play equipment and lighting.

Potential Actions

- Improve restroom facilities.
- Provide for universally accessible play areas, picnic facilities and shelters
- Provide for paved parking areas and trails to provide barrier-free access to all areas.
- Provide additional non-motorized trails to better connect community destinations and areas.
- Improve signage for any visually or physically impaired park users

Goal 12

To enhance the quality of life in the City by providing multi-generational, fully accessible and safe recreational facilities that are responsive to the needs of *all* residents with high quality recreational facilities that efficiently utilize available resources.

Objectives

- Develop a variety of recreational facilities that reflect the changing and diverse needs of the City residents.
- Improve existing recreational facilities to more effectively fulfill the needs of City residents and to encourage regular use of these facilities.
- Develop certain recreational facilities as identified by the survey and needs assessment and establish priorities for their development.
- Utilize design, construction, and maintenance practices that maximize the benefits provided for the resources expended.
- Plan improvements that offer both active and passive recreation opportunities.
- Develop unique recreational opportunities for elderly and physically challenged citizens. Every recreational opportunity should be fully accessible to all individuals whenever possible.
- Provide play areas that are in conformance with the "Playground Equipment Safety Act".



Create new partnerships and collaboration.

Objectives

As Michigan continues to struggle it is important to take advantage of collaborations and partnerships as a cost effective way to offer recreational programs in the community.

Potential Actions

- Encourage the cooperation and participation of adjacent communities in the formation of a regional recreational advisory board in an effort to combine resources and avoid duplication of facilities and services.
- Utilize public and private sector cooperation in the promotion of recreation and the improvement of recreational opportunities.
- Encourage the participation of volunteers in the development of recreational facilities.

Goal 14

To continually improve the quality of and the opportunities for recreation in the City by reassessing community recreation needs, trends, and characteristics.

Objectives

- Periodically update this Recreation Plan.
- Develop an expanded survey to ensure public needs and desires in areas of parks & recreation.
- Expand and develop community park advocates through the ongoing efforts of the existing parks & recreation advisory board.
- Provide opportunities for the involvement of City residents in the identification, selection, and development of recreational facilities.
- Monitor the effectiveness of the City's efforts in fulfilling identified goals and objectives by providing opportunities for City residents to evaluate the progress of recreational development.
- Monitor the effectiveness of the City's efforts in providing fully accessible opportunities for City residents.
- Facilitate regular meetings of the Recreation Board.



Recommended Actions

A variety of factors, including community characteristics, population trends, existing recreation facilities, and identified recreation needs, contribute to the formulation of specific recommendations for plan implementation. These specific recommendations represent the actions that can be undertaken to achieve the objectives that have been directed towards a community's recreation goals. These recommended actions also represent the substance and purpose of a recreation plan - the development of a strategy for effectively closing the gap between existing recreation opportunities and recreation needs. A general statement can be made that 1/3 of the properties currently operated as park facilities in the City have basic facilities such as paved parking areas, paved walks and restroom facilities. There is in some areas however a lack of additional ADA accessible walks that is a concern regarding ADA accessibility at the other City owned parks. Additional ADA improvements for West Riverside Park for accessible restrooms and showers were also identified as a priority. Improvements for East Riverside Park in the form of ADA parking and walkways were also discussed.

In instances of emerging areas of recreational needs, such as the development of non-motorized trails, it is logical to expect that the project limits will need to be established by the identification of key connection points that should not be excluded or limited by geo-political boundaries. The following recommendation and capital improvement schedule outlines and assigns relative priorities to activities and projects that can be implemented in both the short-term and long-range future to improve recreational opportunities in the City. Those activities and projects that can be undertaken during the five-year planning period (2023-2027) have been summarized in a Capital Improvement Program Schedule (Table 4). This schedule includes cost estimates as well as possible funding sources for each suggested project.

While these projects are recommended for implementation during the planning period, they are highly dependent upon financial and administrative feasibility. It is also suggested that the City take advantage of any unscheduled opportunities that may arise. Such opportunities can be evaluated and included in this plan as an amendment to the schedule.



Action Program

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

While the goals and objectives of the City of Evart express intent and purpose, the Action Plan is more specific and addresses the manner in which the goals may be achieved. A workshop was held on December 6, 2022, and below is summary of various improvements at the City parks that were identified.

Riverside Park West

- Build new ADA restrooms
- Create Riverside West Park storefront
- Improve pavilions
- Install signage visible from US-10
- Upgrade campground facilities water and electric
- Re-purposing Scout House feasibility study

Riverside Park East

- · Add year-round cabins for camping along the Muskegon River
- Increase promotional, nature, and distance signage
- · Provide access to the river
- Install a communal fire pit area

Skate Park

- Improve landscape
- Add picnic tables
- Continue Ice Rink and Annual Open House
- Expand Ice Rink to allow use for ice hockey and casual skaters
- Install a communal fire pit area
- Improve lighting for evening ice skating

Guyton Park

- Install promotional signage visible from US10 -World War I Historical Site
- Research feasibility of Veteran Memorial Wall

Heritage Park

• Continue to provide routine maintenance

City Tennis Courts & Ball field

- Continue to provide routine maintenance
- Ballfield Maintenance
- Pour cement floor in dugouts
- Construct storage shed and gates
- Add trash cans

City Park (Hessler Property)

- Install walking/biking path circling the property
- Install disc golf course
- Implement Landscape Architect Drawing

Cant Hook Park

- Install trash can
- Facilitate community mural

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Capital Improvement Schedule

Table 4. Capital Improvement Schedule					
Year	Project	Est. Cost	Justification	Funding Source	
2023	Riverside Park Improvements - Restroom Building, Splash Pavilion, camping utility upgrades, lighting, landscaping, observation/fishing deck and associated site work	\$600,000	Goals 1-6, 8-12	\$300,000 MNRTF \$300,000 Local Match Donations/Foundations	
2023	Farmers Market/ Ice Rink Structure Master Plan	\$6,500	Goals 1-11	\$6,500 local	
2025	Ice rink/farmers Market Structure	\$2,500,000	Goals 1,2,4,7,8	\$300,000 MNRTF \$300,000 Local Match \$1,000,000 MEDC placemaking \$100,000 Local Match \$800,000Donations /Foundations	
2027	Trailway Improvements	\$400,000	Goals 3,7,8,12	\$275,000 MNRTF or MDOT TAP Program \$125,000 Local Match Donations/Foundations	
2027	Recreation Plan Update	\$8,000	Goal 14	\$8,000 local	

Abbreviations

MDNR - Michigan Department of Natural Resources
LWCF - Land and Water Conservation Fund
TAP -Transportation Alternatives Program

MDOT – Michigan Department of Transportation MNRTF- Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

Financing Mechanisms

The following paragraphs briefly outline existing sources of funds for financing the future recreational improvements in the City.



1. General Funds

The City's general fund has been the primary source of funds for operating and maintaining its current facilities. Future site improvements, acquisition, and development will remain dependent on these tax-supported funds, as will the continued operation and maintenance of these facilities. Consequently, recreation planning has to be coordinated with the yearly budgeting process for the City's general funds.

2. Donations and Gifts

The availability of donated land, labor, equipment, and funds from individuals and organizations is an attractive and effective way to improve recreational opportunities in the City. Over the past few years, several groups and individuals have contributed significantly. Such support should be encouraged to continue.

3. Multi-jurisdictional Funding

One of the primary goals of establishing a trail authority comprised of adjacent townships would be to establish a joint source of funding for acquisition, development and maintenance of multi-jurisdictional trail projects. It is too premature to discuss levels or formulas for financial participation/contribution, but by forming such a coalition, the individual townships will collectively be in a stronger position in seeking future matching grants than if pursuing projects individually.

4. Non-Local Financial Assistance

Many communities seek outside sources of funds to supplement their local sources when providing recreational improvements. There are several programs administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) that can provide some financial assistance to local recreation projects. Funding amounts available to communities vary from year to year depending on Federal support and State legislative agendas.

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is a competitive grant program administered by the Michigan Department of Transportation that funds projects such as nonmotorized paths, streetscapes, and historic preservation of transportation facilities that enhance Michigan's intermodal transportation system and provide safe alternative transportation options. These investments support place-based economic development by offering transportation choices, promoting walkability and improving the quality of life. The program uses Federal Transportation Funds designated by Congress for these types of activities. Some key information on the TA program is as follows:

- Funding with be reduced from the current \$23 million a year to \$14-16 million a year. Project funding will be more competitive than previously with the average per capita award in the \$44-50 per person range.
- The minimum match is still 20% however historic average is 34% and the 2011 average was 44% local match to grant. Any project request for over \$2,000,000 total project cost must be 50%-50%. The most favorable grant request will likely be in the \$500,000 range.
- Regional Trails will still be a priority, as will urban area streetscapes. Museums and historic
 preservation projects will be phased out for funding consideration.
- Preliminary grant application review with regional staff is encouraged to determine competitive nature of project and gather suggestions from TAP staff. Project narratives should focus on intermodal transportation opportunities as they relate to the larger picture in the community, traffic calming, improving safety and improving water quality through best management practices.



The **Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund** (MNRTF) is administered by the MDNR. The MNRTF program utilizes the royalties from oil, gas, and other mineral developments on state-owned lands to help finance the acquisition and the development of outdoor recreation facilities. The CMI program is the result of the passage of Proposal C of 1998.

Any unit of government, including school districts, may apply for grants to develop or acquire land(s) for public recreation or resource protection purposes. Application forms are available on February 1 of each year. The application deadlines are April 1 and September 1, of each year. The MDNR submits a list of recommended projects to the legislature the following January and funds are available after legislative appropriation, usually the following fall.

All local units of government must provide a local match of at least 25 percent of total project costs. For **MNRTF** development projects, the minimum funding request is \$15,000, and the maximum is \$300,000. Proposals must be for outdoor recreation or resource protection purposes. Outdoor recreation support buildings and other facilities are eligible for development funding, as is the renovation of existing recreation facilities.

All applicants must have a current DNR-approved community recreation plan, documenting the need for project proposal.

In addition, any private individual may <u>nominate</u> land for public acquisition under this program. All nominations are reviewed by the MDNR for possible acquisition and the landowner is not required to be the person nominating a parcel of land for public acquisition. <u>Nomination forms</u> are available at any time from the DNR Recreation Division and may be submitted to the Department year-round.

The Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (**LWCF**) program makes money available to the States for land acquisition and development of outdoor recreation facilities. From 1965 to 1996, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) received over \$100 million in LWCF assistance for more than 1,500 projects, over 1,100 of which have been grants to local governments. The objective is to provide grants to local units of government and to the State to acquire and develop land for outdoor recreation.

Applications are evaluated on established criteria including project need, capability of applicant, and site and project quality. At least 50 percent match on either acquisition or development projects is required from local government applicants with a \$30,000 minimum and \$100,000 maximum funding limit. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) makes recommendations to the National Park Service (NPS), which grants final approval. Criteria are spelled out in the "Recreation Grants Selection Process" booklet given to all applicants.

PA 32 of 2010 created the Local Public Recreation Facilities Fund to be used for the development of public recreation facilities for local units of government. Money for this fund is derived from the sale of the **Recreation Passport** which replaces the resident Motor Vehicle Permit (MVP) — or window sticker — for state park entrance. The passport will be required for entry to state parks, recreation areas and boating access sites. Ten percent of the remaining revenue will be used to fund the **Recreation Passport local grant program**. A 25% minimum local match is required for the Passport grant program with a maximum grant amount of \$150,000 and a minimum of \$7,500.

The grant program may only be used for local development projects. The program is focused on renovating and improving existing parks, but the development of new parks is eligible. In addition, projects must fulfill the following requirements in order to be eligible:



The current annual capital improvement plan (CIP) must include the proposed project. If your
community does not have a CIP, you must have a current approved recreation plan on file with
the DNR.

Organizations with an interest in developing fishing conditions in their areas may be able to get financial assistance from a program established through the *State Game and Fish Protection Fund*.

This fishing development grant is offered through the MDNR and can be as much as \$200,000 annually, in cash or in-kind services. Projects eligible for funding include culvert modifications for improved stream flow; livestock or sheet erosion control projects; the development of spawning riffles, fish cover structures, or spawning reefs; and the construction of fishing piers and rough fish barriers.

The MDNR accepts grant proposals from organized fishing groups and local units of government. In all cases, projects are able to approach other sources such as the federal government for additional matching funds.

The *Historic Preservation Grant Program* is administered by the Department of State with funds made available through the National Park Service of the Department of Interior. The intent of the program is to conduct surveys of architectural, engineering, archaeological, and historic resources, to identify and nominate eligible properties to the National Register of Historic Places, and to plan for the protection of those cultural/recreational resources.

The funds for this program are apportioned by the National Park Service directly to the State, which, in turn, allocates funds on a project-by-project basis to local governments, organizations, and individuals.

In Michigan the Historic Preservation Grant program is administered by the Michigan Department of State. The amount of assistance is up to 50% of the project expenses. Grantees are reimbursed at the completion of the project for work done within the days of a contract between the Department of State and the grantee. EXPENSES INCURRED PRIOR TO THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT ARE NOT ALLOWABLE PROJECT COSTS AND WILL NOT BE REIMBURSED.

The **Inland Fisheries Grant Program** offers grants up to \$30,000 for projects that enhance the state's aquatic resources. This program may be applicable to the scenic overlook fishing platforms and educational kiosks.

The City is committed to reviewing all available funding sources and preparing the necessary plans, reports, cost estimates, and funding applications, to achieve the goals of this recreation plan.

Waterways Program Grants are funded through the Michigan State Waterways Fund from state marine fuel tax and watercraft registrations. By law, administration of the Waterways Program is through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and overseen by the Department's Parks and Recreation Division.

Grants provide funding assistance for design/engineering and construction of public recreational harbor/marina and boating access site/launch facilities throughout the state. Only local units of government (city, City, township, or county) and public universities are eligible. Applicants may cooperate with community/sports organizations in the implementation of projects. On-site investigation by DNR, Parks and Recreation Division staff may be required to determine the suitability of proposed work. Applicants may also be required to document area boating demand. Greater priority may be given to projects for which a local applicant documents match capabilities equal to or greater than the



percentage of project cost they are required to provide. The local match can include in-kind expenses as long as they are well-documented.

Applications, and all required information, must be received by 5:00 p.m., **April 1st.** If April 1st falls on a weekend, the deadline would be the last State working day prior to April 1st. The application review and funding process for projects is from April 1st until an appropriation is approved by the Legislature. This can take up to 18 to 24 months. Notification of approval for engineering and smaller sized construction projects may occur within six months after completed application form and proper documentation are received. Funding for construction is not released until permits are secured.

Communities, non-profits, and municipalities can submit projects by applying for a **Patronicity crowdgranting campaign**. Crowdgranting is the effort of leveraging broad based crowdfunding against a sponsor's matching grant to improve communities.

Public Spaces Community Places projects include:

- Public Plaza & Green Space Development
- Access to Public Amenities
- Farmer's Markets, Community Kitchens, Pop-Up Retail/Incubator Space
- Alley Rehabilitation
- Any other place based (or public space improvement) project

The Public Spaces, Community Places program is a public placemaking initiative created by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. Projects that meet the program's parameters and successfully crowdfund their goal will receive a matching grant from the MEDC of up to \$50,000

5. Millage

In an effort to raise matching funds or fund projects with local money, many community leaders have placed ballot proposals before their residents for a dedicated increase in their existing mill property tax to fund park maintenance and repair, including care for new parks and newly acquired parks, compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as well as safety and security improvements. Establishment of a Park Improvement/Development, Maintenance and Repair Millage will assure that parks and facilities will be maintained at the level of quality expected by park users and that new parkland will have adequate amenities.



Agenda Recreation Plan Evart, MI December 6, 2022 3:00 p.m. – Evart Depot

Items to be discussed

- 1. Required Plan Content review and update expired previous plan as required.
 - A. Community Description update census data
 - B. Administrative Structure
 - C. Description of the Planning Process
 - D. Recreation Inventory
 - E. Action Program, Capital Improvement Schedule and Rationale
- **2.** Local adoption resolutions by the City
 - Meeting schedule for commission
- 3. Draft Plan 30 day public review period
 - Plan due by MNRTF grant deadline April 1
 - SPARK Grants Dec. 19, Spring 2023, Summer 2023
 - Recommended submittal 30 days prior
- **4.** Updated expenditures \$\$\$ in area of Park & Recreation for last 3 years.
- **5.** Status of any past MDNR grant awards Grant number, project pictures, and grant close out confirmation.
- **6.** Action Program Update Review of goals and objectives
- 7. Action Program Update Capital Improvements Schedule
 - Assign priority to address needs and implement improvements
 - Prepare estimated cost projections
 - Prepare capital improvement schedule
 - Identify funding sources

Appendix A

The Parks & Recreation Survey was created to gather input from local residents and initiate community involvement in the development of the City's 2017 Master Parks and Recreation Plan. On August 1, 2016, 581 surveys were mailed to City Residents. Residents were given until August 15th, 2016 to return their completed surveys. The survey was also available at surveymonkey.com, and promoted on three social media pages. Of the 581 surveys mailed out, 118 were returned or completed via the internet, resulting in a 20% return rate. The following is a summary of the responses submitted.

Are you a resident of the City of Evart?

Answer Choices-	Responses-
– Yes	69.83% 81
_ No	30.17% 35
Total	116

How many persons in the following age groups reside in your household?

answer Choices-	Average Number-	Total Number-	Responses-	
Responses Preschool (0-5)	1	36	31	
Responses Children (6-12)	1	40	3:	
Responses Teen (13-19)	1	43	38	
Responses Adult (20-40)	2	91	5	
Responses Adult (41-55)	1	63	5	
Responses Adult (56 and over)	2	93	6.	

How often do you or members of your household use the City of Evart parks and recreation facilities?

answer Choices—	Responses-
_	7.69%
Daily	9
_	24.79%
Weekly	29
_	23.93%
Monthly	28
_	34.19%
Less than 6-8 times per Year	40
_	9.40%
Never	11
Total	117

Please check all of the local parks and recreational facilities you or someone in your household has used in the past year:

answer Choices-	Responses-
_	83.18%
Riverside Park West	89
_	65.42%
Riverside Park East	70
_	47.66%
Pere Marquette Rail Trail	51
_	13.08%
Skate Park	14
_	18.69%
Guyton Park	20
_	10.28%
Cant Hook Park	11
_	7.48%
Heritage Park	8
_	24.30%
Waterworks Park	26
_	24.30%
Play All Day Park	26
_	5.61%
Tennis Courts	6
_	28.04%

answer Choices—	Responses-
Football Field/ Track	30
_	17.76%
City Square	19
_	48.60%
Fairgrounds	52

Of the facilities listed below please indicate which two your family uses the most:

nswer Choices-	Responses-
_	63.21%
Riverside Park West	67
_	34.91%
Riverside Park East	3°
_	24.53%
Pere Marquette Rail Trail	20
_	1.89%
Skate Park	
_	2.83%
Guyton Park	3
_	1.89%
Cant Hook Park	
_	0.00%
Heritage Park	
_	11.32%
Waterworks Park	12
_	9.43%
Play All Day Park	10
_	1.89%
Tennis Courts	
_	12.26%
Football/Track	1:
_	4.72%
City Square	
_	21.70%
Fairgrounds	23

Please indicate the priority you think the City of Evart should place on developing the following recreation areas and facilities:

_	Highest-	High-	Neutral-	Low-	Lowest-	Total-	Weighted Average—
- Sports Fields and Courts	19.59% 19	25.77% 25	40.21% 39	4.12% 4	10.31% 10	97	2.60
– Public Campgrounds	19.39% 19	24.49% 24	41.84% 41	7.14%	7.14% 7	98	2.58
- Trails (Hiking, Exercise, and Bike Paths)	19.59% 19	42.27% 41	27.84% 27	7.22% 7	3.09% 3	97	2.32
Picnic Areasand Pavilions	16.33% 16	38.78% 38	32.65% 32	9.18% 9	3.06% 3	98	2.44
- Playgrounds	34.04% 32	40.43% 38	21.28% 20	3.19% 3	1.06% 1	94	1.97
– Splash Parks	40.40% 40	25.25% 25	18.18% 18	8.08% 8	8.08% 8	99	2.18
Indoor Recreation/ Community Center	35.00% 35	28.00% 28	26.00% 26	7.00% 7	4.00% 4	100	2.17

Comments:

Patrolling the parks so our children won't be exposed to bad language and behaviors.

As long as it keeps clean.

Keep brush cleaned out by fishing pier.

We need things to keep kids out of trouble. Things for adults too.

Splash Park

A YMCA or center for kids to play/learn.

Having a splash park would be a great idea. I have been to a few in other towns and the kids love them.

Another set of bathrooms are needed near the new playground in Riverside Park.

Trash can at the pocket park

Soccer field, middle school playground, community pool

Your campground desperately needs more trees to provide shade for campers. You've lost trees but have not really replaced them!

Please indicate which activities you or someone in your household would be interested in participating in:

nswer Choices-	Responses-
– Dance	5.94%
– Гheater	2.97% 3
_ Drama	0.99%
– Arts & Crafts	12.87% 13
– Music	6.93% 7
- Sport Skill Instruction	3.96%
- Sports League & Tournaments	3.96% 4
	0.99%
- Swimming	12.87%
- Camping	8.91%
- Canoeing	5.94%
– Hiking/Backpacking	4.95% 5
Cross-Country Skiing	1.98% 2
- Snowshoeing	0.99%
– Aerobics	2.97% 3
– Computer Instruction	1.98% 2
– Healthy Eating/ Dieting	0.99%
- Summer Camp Days	2.97% 3
	1.98% 2

Answer Choices-	Responses-
– Family Activity Programs	7.92% 8
Trips to See Entertainment/ Sporting Events	6.93% 7
Total	101

Comments:

Disc golf!!!! Very easy to install course. Surprised we don't have one yet.

Do you have any additional comments to help improve our community's parks and recreation opportunities?

We really enjoy the Riverside Park West and the Skate Park. The only problem we have is the language that the adults use while our kids are playing.

New restrooms in Riverside Park, paved parking, lower prices on rentals of pavilions.

Love your fireworks. Have been attending for 20 years.

Happy with the woman who is helping with July 20th!

I didn't know if we had attended some of the parks because I didn't recognize the name. My daughter loves going to the Kid's Pad by the elementary school. She calls it "Castle Park."

Someone willing to give swimming lessons. Do fund raisers to help City to be able to add more things for families all year long.

I would like to see the waterworks park (5th st.) old stone wall (driveway) and on both sides of the creek fixed or rebuilt. There is one tall pine tree, you can see from 5th st., it looks like its ready to fall down. The High School Ball field that is right next to 95th avenue has signs that say no parking, but people park there all the time, when games are playing. I'm afraid someone is going to get hurt. Fill in dirt for Riverside West, driving by boat ramps, especially when you are driving out of the campground area. Riverside East maybe a little more clean up.

I think we need softball fields & better Little League fields. We had a lot of softball teams in the 40's and 50's now they have to go to Reed City.

Keep up the good work!

They need to make Riverside Park West more handicap accessible especially to all of the pavilions, play area, and shuffle board area. They need to have sidewalks that would work for walkers, wheelchairs. Plus paths going around by river more. Plus a new boat launch and paced parking to public picnic area!

Splash Pad would be very cool for my younger cousins.

I think we should advertise our parks camping and trails

Local wifi or several outdoor hotspots (especially at parks) to encourage outdoor activity. Possible way to attract new residents??

I think a splash park is a fantastic idea. The city already has various places where kids can play baseball, softball, football and even the basketball courts at the public square, which I love for my children. The splash park would be wonderful for children of all ages, not to mention bring in families from outside of town.

A splash pad would be a huge asset to our community! Please consider this valuable addition to our Parks. It seems we have some great parks. Some indoor options for the winter time would be great to get the community out and together.

make sure they are kept clean and mowed and if needed, painted

Please make it so children cannot be at the parks alone. I don't take my children to the parks in Osceola due to the foul mouthed little kids allowed there with no adult supervision.

I have seen other community's do a rent a bike program (Frankenmuth) and with the trails right here and being a tourist town that would be a nice opportunity for others who may visit but didn't pack their bike or just wanted a small ride to see the trails.

We love the parks, especially since the new playground was installed at Riverside. My kids REALLY enjoy the PAD too but a lot of adults have said it is in need of repair and that unsupervised kids are hanging around there doing inappropriate things. Family friendly is a must for us. It makes me a little less enthusiastic to go there but we have not personally had an issue.

Of all the things we as dog owners need is an enclosed dog park tht has time limit s tht u can schedule on Facebook or dog park/ deposit with trash can. Our dogs need to play and I bet a lot of people will go for it.??

Keep the dam horses and Amish buggies off the walking trails. I have tried to resolve this issue for years and no one listens. They should be fined.

Our campgrounds, rails to trails and river should all be advertised to the hilt to bring in more tourists.

I have been coming to Evart each month during the summer to camp at Riverside Park since 1985, and there are fewer and fewer choice lots because of the lack of shade since your trees were removed. Sometimes when I camp, the entire center ring remains empty because sitting out there in the blazing sun becomes prohibitive.in a small camper. It's a beautiful place, but it could be vastly improved with tree plantings, both on the electrified campsites, as well as in the tenting area. As a woman who camps alone, I come to your campground because I feel safe there. The police roll through frequently, and the grass is mowed regularly to keep the mosquitos down. I appreciate the nearness to town and use your various restaurants each time I come up. I am a photographer, and I love the landscape in your area, as it varys greatly from that where I live in the southern part of the state. I have camped in campgrounds without a resident camper, and found that I feel much safer at Riverside Park, and so I keep returning to it, even during the FUNFEST when most people camp at the fairgrounds. You have a gem there... Please maintain it!

The cursing that the adults use at Riverside park West has made my children and myself leave the parks several times!!! It is so awful to go there to enjoy the facility and have the adults be the reason we leave!

Power wash the pavilions at Riverside west! The floors are filthy.

With the addition of Little League, which takes almost all monetary and logistical responsibility away from the Rec. Dept., it would be nice to invest in the softball/baseball fields. They are used more than any other facility in the city. It would be nice to have some permanent bathrooms, storage sheds, etc. at the fields.

You all are doing great!! Keep up the good work!

CITY OF EVART REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING January 16th 2023 @ 7:30PM Community Room at the Depot, 200 S. Main Street

Mayor Pro Tem Sandy Szeliga called the meeting to order at 7:32pm, then led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present (via roll call): Sean Duffy, Jim Schwab, Matt Hildebrand, Sandy Szeliga

Absent (via roll call): Mayor Emerick

Present (staff): City Manager Pepper Lockhart, Finance Director/Treasurer Jennie Duncan, Downtown Development Director (DDA) Todd Bruggema, Director of Public Works (DPW) Don Duncan, Chief of Police John Beam, City Attorney Jim White, City Clerk Andrea Grupido

Guests: Deb Mishler, Mark Sochocki, Roger Elkins

Mayor Pro Tem Szeliga opened the public hearing: FIVE (5) YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN UPDATE

Citizens' Comments: Roger Elkins found a paper dated back in 1978 when the park was opened and gave a copy to Lockhart. He suggested doing a collective marketing ad with the county to promote all the parks.

Lockhart and Bruggema have talked with the Dulcimer Fest directors to let them know the park will be open this year. Hildebrand is excited with the direction our parks are going. Sandy commends the DPW and their hard work involving the parks.

Public Hearing closed at 7:37pm.

Opened Regular Meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Szeliga to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of E1 (Request to appoint to DDA Board). Support by Duffy. Motion passed with all in favor.

Approval of Consent Agenda

- A. Pre-Council Work Session Minutes January 3, 2023
- **B.** Regular Council Minutes *January 3, 2023*
- C. Vendor's List \$293,169.68
- **D.** Budget Amendments

Motion by Hildebrand to approve the consent agenda as presented. Support by Szeliga. Motion passed with all in favor.

Unfinished Business

E. Audit Proposal

J. Duncan presented the 5 year proposed contract with Baird, Cotter & Bishop with the added opt out option as was discussed in the last meeting. Motion by Hildebrand to approve the 5 year contract with Baird, Cotter & Bishop. Support by Schwab. Motion passed with all in favor.

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E1. Request to Appoint to DDA Board

Hildebrand wanted to confirm that the terms were staggered. Bruggema affirmed this. Motion by Szeliga to appoint Jim Schwab to the DDA Board for a two (2) year term. Support by Duffy. Motion passed with all in favor, Schwab abstaining from the vote. Motion by Hildebrand to appoint Erin Horton and Gary Hartstock to the DDA Board for four (4) year terms. Support by Duffy. Motion passed with all in favor.

F. TIF Plan Ordinance 2023-1

White pointed out a discrepancy in section 2 of the Ordinance. Bruggema will correct that. Motion by Hildebrand to approve the TIF Plan Ordinance 2023-1 with the correction to be made in section 2 below the signature of Andrea Grupido and above the Certification of Andrea Grupido. Support by Schwab. Roll Call vote as follows: Schwab – yea, Hildebrand – yea, Szeliga – yea, Duffy – yea. Motion passed.

New Business

G. Resolution 2023-01 Approving 5-year Parks and Recreation Plan

Motion by Hildebrand to approve Resolution 2023-01 on the 5-year Parks and Recreation Plan. Support by Szeliga. Roll call vote as follows: Hildebrand – yea, Szeliga – yea, Duffy – yea, Schwab – yea. Motion passed. Lockhart believes we have the right people in place to be able to follow through with this plan. Lockhart is anticipating good things to come and thanks the board for allowing the plan to move forward.

H. River/High Street

Motion by Hildebrand to still approve the project as previously decided. Allocations will come from major fund fund balance and sewer fund fund balance. Allocation from sewer will be determined after all sewer piping has been replaced. Support by Szeliga. Motion passed with all in favor.

I. Updated Governmental Resolution – Resolution 2023-02

The City of Evart has been advised by the Permit Agent with MDOT that our 2207B Government Resolution needs updated. Our permit application has been put on hold until we provide an updated resolution. Motion by Szeliga to approve Resolution 2023-02 to fulfill the 2207B Governmental Resolution. Support by Hildebrand. Roll call vote as follows: Szeliga – yea, Duffy – yea, Schwab – yea, Hildebrand – yea. Motion passed.

J. Housing Commission Training

Mr. Sochocki is providing management services for the Evart Housing Commission. Sochocki explained that there are no required or mandatory trainings for those board members. However, at every meeting they try to take 30 – 45 minutes going through trainings touching on different topics. The City of Evart has taken over doing the payroll and Sochocki says that is working great. Sochocki then went on to discuss the success they are having with establishing a pay grade table, creating a new website and new Facebook page, putting in new water heaters and laundry equipment, and a future office remodel and fire alarm system. In his closing, Sochocki mentioned a possible expansion if a city owned land parcel could be purchased.

K. Park Fee Structure

Duffy agrees that fees should be kept low this year. Duffy is looking forward to collecting a year's worth of data. Lockhart wants to treat this like a business with no special treatment given. Motion by Duffy to approve the park fee structure, eliminating the "resident, non-resident" camping fee difference, keeping the pavilion cost the same with a "resident, non-resident" fee, keeping Riverside East as tent only with the understanding that they can also camp at Riverside West for the Riverside West fee, and doing away with the monthly fee as it is the same as one week times four. Support by Hildebrand. Motion passed with all in favor. Duffy asked if there has been any interest in the Park Host position and suggested we put the dates of employment on the job listing.

Department/Informational Reports

L. Accounts Payable Report (1/4/2023 – 1/16/2023)

City Attorney Report/Comment

White asked if his report fulfills the new contract as there was the addition of new wording in that regard. Hildebrand stated that White should provide as much detail as possible when giving his report.

City Clerk Report/Comment

Finance Director Report/Comment

M. Finance Director Monthly Report

Department of Public Works Report/Comment

N. DPW Monthly Report – *December 2022*

O. Residential Clean up discussion

D. Duncan would like permission to start offering their services at cost to residents that need help with clean up on their property. D. Duncan will look into what liability waivers they would need in order to do so. Duffy suggested working in conjunction with the PD blights.

Police Department Report/Comment

P. Police Department Monthly Report – *December 2022*

Chief is handling the speeding situation at the Housing Commission as a result of taking out the speed bumps. Chief has been working with the Big Rapids Department of Public Safety in setting up the new reporting software system. Chief commends Jesse on doing a good job. Update on Teresa, she is well and will be in recovery for at least 5 weeks.

Downtown Development Authority Report/Comment

Q. Meeting Agenda for 1/10/2023 and Minutes from 12/13/2022

Working with MI Main Street on bringing someone here to educate our business and landowners on how they can revitalize and develop. Bruggema is hoping that can kick off the end of January.

Evart Area Fire Department Report

R. Fire Board Minutes – *December 2022*

City Manager Report/Comment

S. City Manager Monthly Report

T. MRWA Twin Creek Stakeholders – FYI

Lockhart heard back from the attorneys of 101 S. Main. Lockhart will have the final review of the parking agreement in the next council packet.

Citizens' Comments:

Motion by Hildebrand to adjourn.	Support by Schwab.	Motion passed with	all in favor. The
meeting was adjourned at 8:52pm	١.		

Andrea Grupido, City Clerk	

CITY COUNCIL CITY OF EVART

COUNTY OF OSCEOLA

RESOLUTION No. 2023-01

CITY OF EVART 5 YEAR PARK & RECREATION PLAN 2023-2027 For the City of Evart, Osceola County

WHEREAS, the City of Evart 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 2023 through 2027, and

WHEREAS, the City of Evart began the process of developing a community 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 the City of Evart 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 16, 2023 at the Evart City Hall to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the City of Evart 5 Year Park & Recreation Plan 2023-2027 and

WHEREAS, the City of Evart has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the City of Evart and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the City of Evart City Council voted to adopt said City of Evart 5 Year Park & Recreation Plan 2023-2027

Recreation Flan 2023-2021	
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City of Evart Cit Recreation Plan 2023-2027. The above resolution was offered by Member Hill Child	
Yeas: Hildebrand, Szeliga, Duffy, Schwab	
Nays: NONE	
Absent: EMPRICK	
Abstain N DNC	

I, Andrea Grupido, City Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Evart at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 16th day of January 2023..

<<Seal here, if a seal is available>>

The Pioneer Group 115 N. Michigan Big Rapids MI 49307

Phone: (231) 796-4831 Fax: (231) 796-1152



CITY OF EVART 200 S Main St EVART, MI 49631

Account Number: 03100772

Class Liner Ad #00950095 Summary:

Ad Description: PN: 5 Year Park & Recreation

Size: 1.00 x 4.07

Salesperson: PIO Classifieds

Publication Cost	\$58.05	Publication	Run Date	Cost
Adjustments	\$20.00	08 Herald Review		
Net Cost	\$78.05	Affidavit		\$20.00
Prepaid Amount	\$0.00	Insertion	12/14/22	\$58.05
Amount Due	\$78.05			

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY of Evart

A draft copy of the City of Evart 2023-2027 Five Year Park & Recreation Plan is available for review and public comment for a period of 30 days at City Hall located at 200 S. Main Street, Evart, MI 49631 during regular office hours.

Feedback will be used to finalize the 5 Year Park & Recreation Plan which will be presented at a Public Hearing of the Evart City Council on Monday, January 16, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, 200 S. Main Street.

Interested persons may attend the public hearing. Written comments prior to this meeting may be addressed to Pepper Lockhart, City Manager, at the address as noted above.

Jennie Duncan Deputy Clerk



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GRANT TYPE: ☐ MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND (Please select one) ☐ CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUND			
GRANTEE: City of Evart			
PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01118 (Osceola)	ROJECT TYPE:	-	
PROJECT TITLE: Evart City Park			
PROJECT SCOPE: Develop 2 tennis courts, 1 s		pkg and LWCF sign.	
TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRA		Title	
Name of Agency (Grantee) City of Evart	Contact Person Pepper Lockhart	Title City Manager	
Address	Telephone	CITY Manager	
200 S Main St	231-734-2181		
City, State, ZIP	Email		
Evart MI 49631	citymanager@evart.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 buildings.)			
Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.	el .	□Yes ⊠No	
SITE QUALITY	DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY AND THE		
Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facilif yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please As you will see in the picture it is very fac	explain.	XYes □No replace	
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 is	being taken to prevent or minimize	e vandalism. □Yes ⊠No	

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Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. mowed weekly, trash collected as needed	□Yes □No
weeds sprayed 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? (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? Dawn until dusk	
COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)	
Looks like the plaque is missing from the spot it was and we will need to	

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Pepper Lockhart	toppe tochat	1/11/2023
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GRANTEE: City of Evart			
PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01518 (Osceola Co)	ROJECT TYPE:		
PROJECT TITLE: Recreation Trail Development			
Trail develmt to include bik		& cross-country	
PROJECT SCOPE: skiing			
TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRA	NTEE)		
Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title	
City of Evart	Pepper Lockhart	City Manager	
Address 200 S Main St	Telephone 231-734-2181		
City, State, ZIP	Email		
Evart Mi 49631	citymanager@evart.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	
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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 There is currently no sign		□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	being taken to prevent or minimize	e vandalism. ☐Yes ⊠No	

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GRANT TYPE: ☐ MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TO (Please select one) ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION F			BOND FUND
GRANTEE: City of Evart	2		
PROJECT NUMBER: BF89-311 (Osceola Co)	ROJECT TYPE:		
PROJECT TITLE: Evart Public Square			
PROJECT SCOPE: Reconstruction of original p	oublic square playgrou	nd.	
TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRA	NTEE)		
Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title	
City of Evart	Pepper Lockhart	City Manag	er
Address 200 S Main St	Telephone 231-734-2181		
City, State, ZIP	Email		
Evart MI 49631	citymanager@evart.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
Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use or describe what portion and describe use. (This would include buildings.)			□Yes ⊠No
Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.			□Yes ⊠No
SITE QUALITY			ALL PROPERTY NAMED IN
Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facilifyes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please As you will see it is faded and not legible.	explain.	another one	⊠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 I	peing taken to prevent or minimize	vandalism.	☐Yes ⊠No

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GRANTEE: City of Evart			
PROJECT NUMBER: RP13-416 (Osceola Co)	ROJECT TYPE:		
PROJECT TITLE: Riverside Park West Boat Lau Renov of boat launch/parkg,			
PROJECT SCOPE: pavilion/pkg			
TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRAND Name of Agency (Grantee)			
City of Evart		Title City Manager	
Address	Telephone		
200 S Main St	231-734-2181		
City, State, ZIP Evart MI 49631	Email citymanager@evart.org		
SITE DEVELOPMENT	CICYMANAGEIGEVAIC.OIG		
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 no, please explain. ☐ Yes ☐ No			
Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism. ☐Yes ☒No			

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. mowing weekly basis maintenance as needed	⊠Yes □No
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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? dawn until dusk	
COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)	

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I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/o and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the	or authorized by the Grantee named above a best of my personal knowledge, information	and that the information n and belief.
Pepper Lockhart Please print	Grantee Authorized Signature	1/12/2023 Date
Christine Mulkerns Please print	Christine Mulherne Witness Signature	1/12/2023 Date

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GRANTEE: City of Evart			
PROJECT NUMBER: TF02-028 (Osceola Co) PRO	JECT TYPE:		
PROJECT TITLE: Riverside Park Acquisition			
PROJECT SCOPE: Acquisition of 28ac to expand	Riverside Park.		
TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANT Name of Agency (Grantee)		Title	
	A CONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACTOR	City Manager	
	elephone 31-734-2181		
	nail itymanager@evart.org		
SITE DEVELOPMENT			
Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activing lf yes, please describe change(s).	□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.)			
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 a If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please expenses the property of facility and the sign. If no, please expenses the property of facility and the sign.		⊠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 beir	ng taken to prevent or minimize	vandalism. □Yes ⊠No	

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GRANTEE: City of Evart			
PROJECT NUMBER: TF06-015 (Osceola Co)	ROJECT TYPE:		
PROJECT TITLE: Riverside Park Improvement			
PROJECT SCOPE: Improvements to parkg, walks	g trails, skate park e	qpmt & fishing piers.	
TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANAMENT AGENCY)	ANTEE) Contact Person	True	
City of Evart	Pepper Lockhart	Title City Manager	
Address	Telephone		
200 S Main St	231-734-2181		
City, State, ZIP Evart MI 49631	Email citymanager@evart.org		
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Attention: To:	West Michigan Regional Planning Commission 1345 Monroe Avenue NW	Date : January 27, 2023 Project No.: 857950
	Suite 255 Grand Rapids, MI 49505-4670	Project Description: 5 YOR Plan Notice of Intent
Delivery:	Via Email: dbee@wmrpc.org	
Quantity	Description	
1	City of Evart 5 Year Park & Recreation Plan Update - Notice of Intent	
Remarks		
	R guidance, we are forwarding the recently adop you in advance.	ted community 5-year park & recreation plan for your
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	our File	Rick Stout, Senior LA, Land Development

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To:	Osceola County Parks (Administrative Office) Lyndsey Eccles, Director 22054 Professional Drive, Suite A	Date: January 27, 2023 Project No.: 857950
	Reed City, MI 49677	Project Description: Evart 5YPR Plan
Delivery:	Via Email: oscparks@live.com and oscparksdir@	<u>hotmail.com</u>
Quantity	Description	
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Remarks		
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