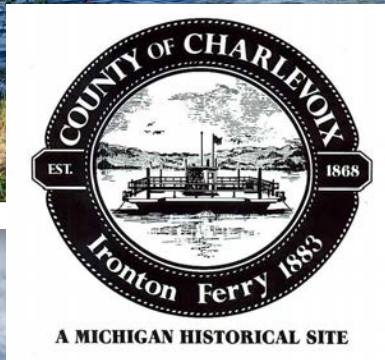


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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2019, Charlevoix County completed an update to the 2015 Parks & Recreation Plan, with final adoption in 2020. The new Parks & Recreation Plan is valid through the end of 2024. The purpose of keeping the Parks & Recreation Plan current is to keep up with current trends and to plan for the future. The approved plan also allows the county to be eligible for grant funding through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

The Charlevoix County Parks Committee and the Planning Commission met on a regular basis throughout the process. Charlevoix County is dedicated to serving the residents and visitors of the area and responding to their recreational needs and desires. Parks and recreation services ultimately improve the quality of life for the community.

The county is committed to listening to feedback from residents and park users to gather as much information as possible to make educated decisions. There were three community input sessions held to give the residents and visitors a chance to express their opinions regarding the parks and recreation system. An online survey was also developed and distributed to gather candid feedback. Over 250 people participated throughout this process.

Goals and objectives were developed based on the input and feedback from the public. The goals reflect the vision that the community desires to achieve in the long term. Objectives are used to help reach the goals. The action plan is more specific in nature to strategically achieve the goals that were created.

After a summary of input results were compiled, the county acknowledged the fact that the public would like to focus on updating existing facilities and amenities before venturing into new territory. The county is well aware of the importance of completing the Boyne City to Charlevoix Non-motorized Trail and making improvements to the Whiting Park campground. These two priorities are highlighted in the action plan section.

The county was diligent throughout the planning process. Careful considerations were given to each section of the plan. The county is conscientious of spending taxpayer dollars effectively and efficiently and strives to continue updating our parks and recreation system as funds are available.



**Whiting Park swimming beach**



*Porter Creek Natural Area*

# INTRODUCTION



## INTRODUCTION

The preparation of the Charlevoix County Parks and Recreation plan provides the county with a document to use as a guide for Parks and Recreation needs and proposed improvements for the next five years.

This plan has been prepared according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources guidelines and standards. Short- and long-term recreation needs have been identified through this process. Charlevoix County is eligible to receive MDNR grant funding with the adoption and approval of this plan.

## COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Charlevoix County is located in the northwestern portion of the Lower Peninsula. It is composed of a mainland area as well as Beaver Island and thirteen (13) smaller, uninhabited islands making up the Beaver Island Archipelago. The mainland portion of the county is bordered by Emmet County to the north, Cheboygan and Otsego Counties to the north and east, Lake Michigan to the west, and Antrim and Otsego Counties to the south.

The Beaver Island Archipelago is located in Lake Michigan, approximately 32 miles northwest of the City of Charlevoix.

Charlevoix County attracts people from around the country for recreational purposes. The major

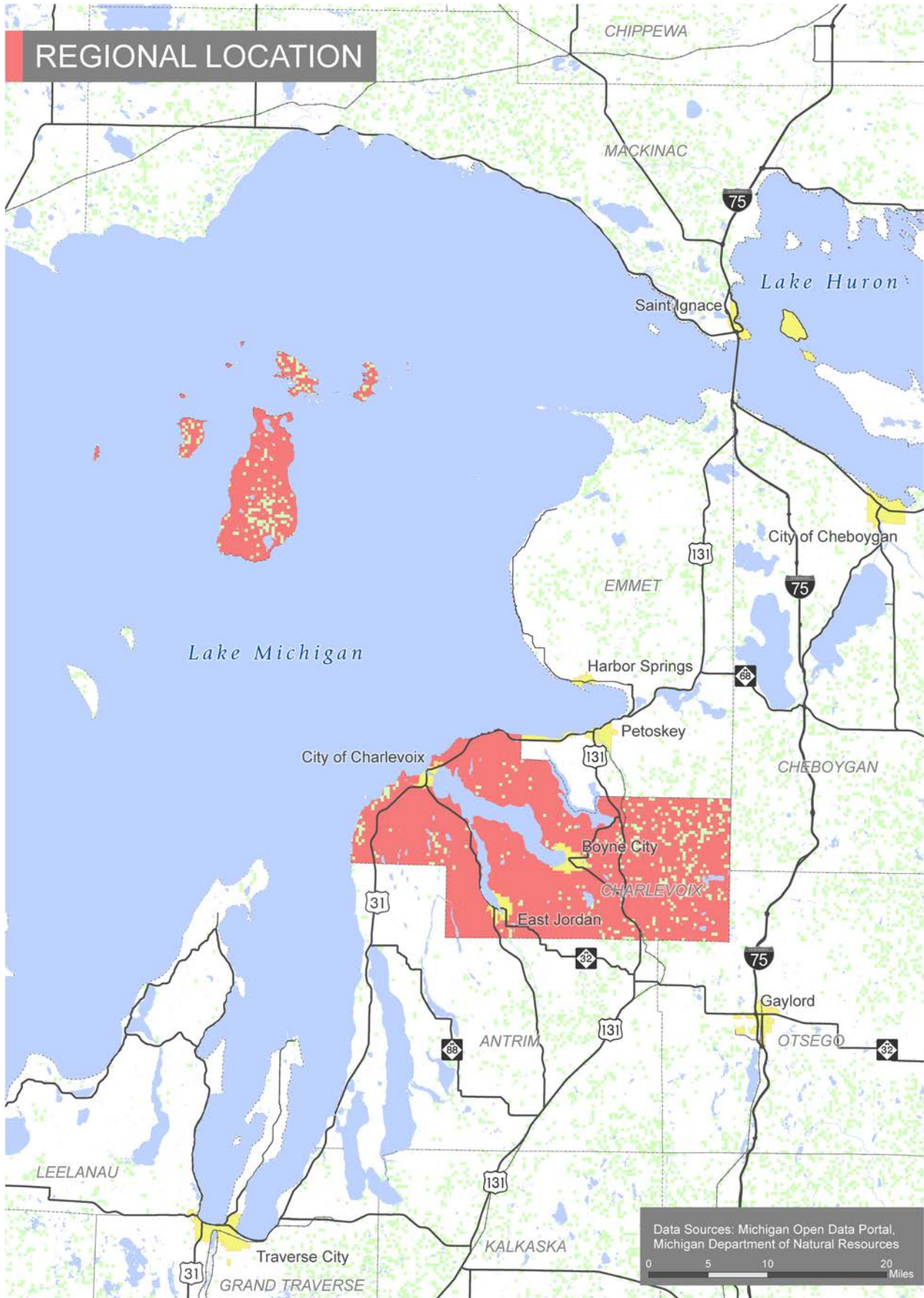
features drawing people here for recreational purposes are the lakes and rivers. The following lakes and rivers offer the area residents and visitors an array of recreational opportunities: Lake Charlevoix, Walloon Lake, Lake Michigan, Thumb Lake, Deer Lake, Font Lake, Fox Lake, Lake Geneserath, Boyne River, Jordan River, Bear River.

There are several smaller inland lakes, which offer boating, swimming and fishing. There are also abundant land-based recreational activities including camping, hiking, skiing (downhill and cross-country), snowboarding, snowmobiling, biking, ziplines, horseback riding, and off road vehicle use. In addition, a number of festivals are held throughout the county each year, drawing many local citizens and tourists.

Charlevoix County is within a comfortable driving distance of virtually anywhere within the State of Michigan. The City of Detroit is a 5-hour drive, while Lansing and Grand Rapids are within 3 to 4 hours driving time. Major population centers in the Midwest are also within a reasonable distance, with Chicago being a 7-hour drive.

The total area of the county is approximately 452 square miles; the mainland is 379 square miles and the Beaver Island Archipelago covers approximately 73 square miles. Of the 452 total square miles, 412 square miles are land, while the remaining 40 square miles are comprised of inland lakes, streams, ponds, and other tributaries, 38 square miles of which are on the mainland.

MAP 1: REGIONAL LOCATION



Charlevoix County includes three cities (Boyer City, Charlevoix, and East Jordan), the incorporated Village of Boyne Falls, and 15 townships (Bay, Boyne Valley, Chandler, Charlevoix, Evangeline, Eveline, Hayes, Hudson, Marion, Melrose, Norwood, Peaine, St. James, South Arm and Wilson).

## DEMOGRAPHICS

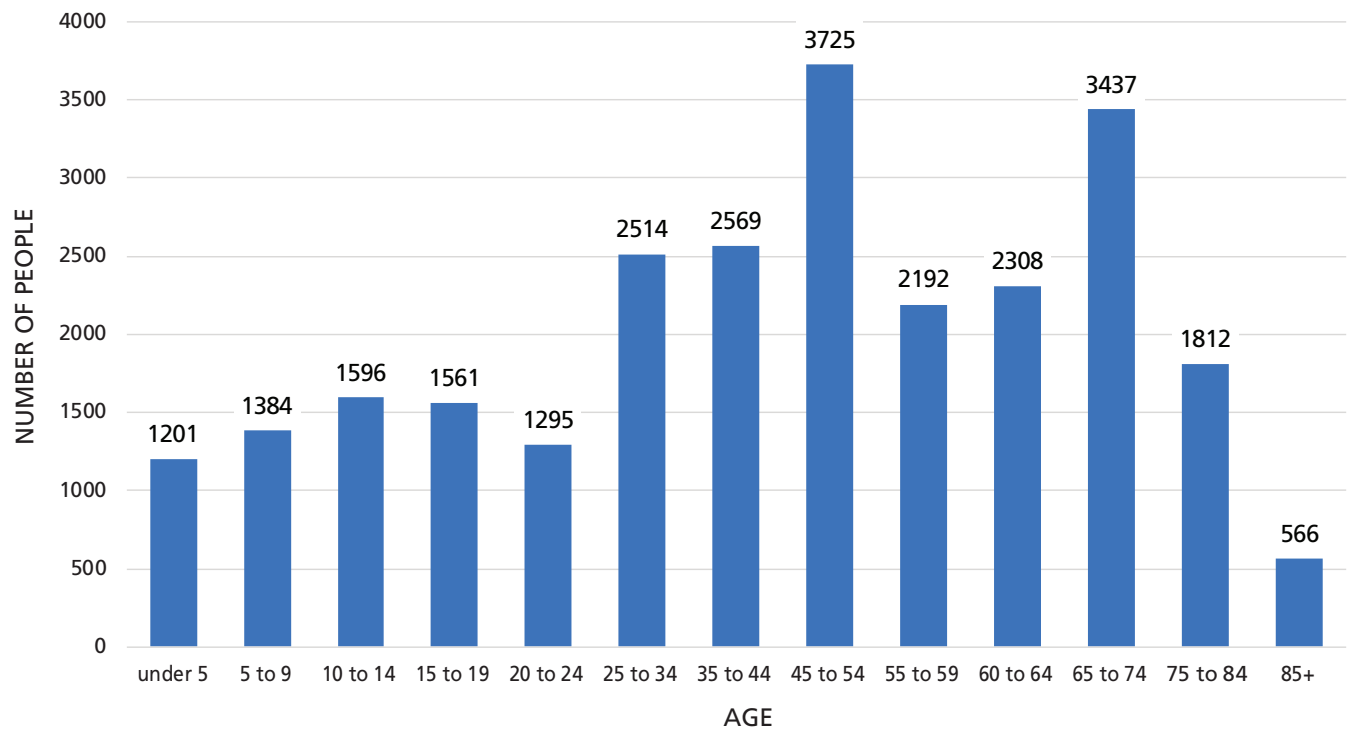
### Population and Age

The total population for Charlevoix County is 26,160 according to the 2017 American Community Survey. There has been a slight increase in population since the 2010 Census. The largest age category is the 45-54-year-old adults, followed closely by individuals 65-74 years old. The median age of County residents has increased over the years as well. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the median age was 34.7 years old in 1990, while the current median age is 47.7. During the planning process, it is imperative to

keep in mind that a majority of the population is older than in years past. Charlevoix County needs to plan for the older generation when it comes to parks and recreation opportunities. The gender ratio is almost even with 49.2% male and 50.8% female, which has remained constant over the last ten years.

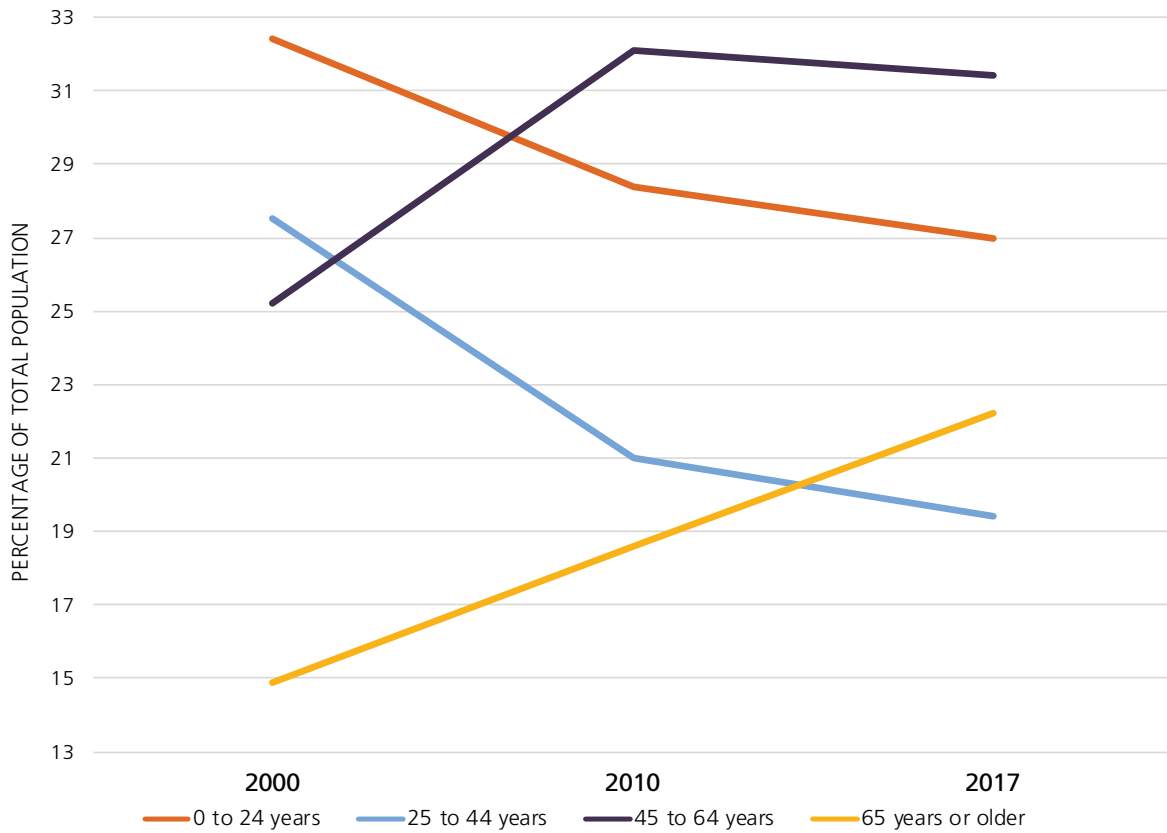
There is a high seasonal population in Charlevoix County, however, there is not a lot of statistical evidence given seasonal residents are often not counted in the Census. In 2014, the Networks Northwest, in partnership with the MSU Land Policy Institute, conducted a study of the 2012 seasonal population in the northwest Michigan region. This study, based on a 10-county area, found that seasonal visitors raise the population of Charlevoix County from a low of 7% in December and January to a high of 37% in July and August. The higher populations during the summer months tend to fall on the weekends and during times when festivals are held in the county.

FIGURE 1: POPULATION DISTRIBUTION BY AGE



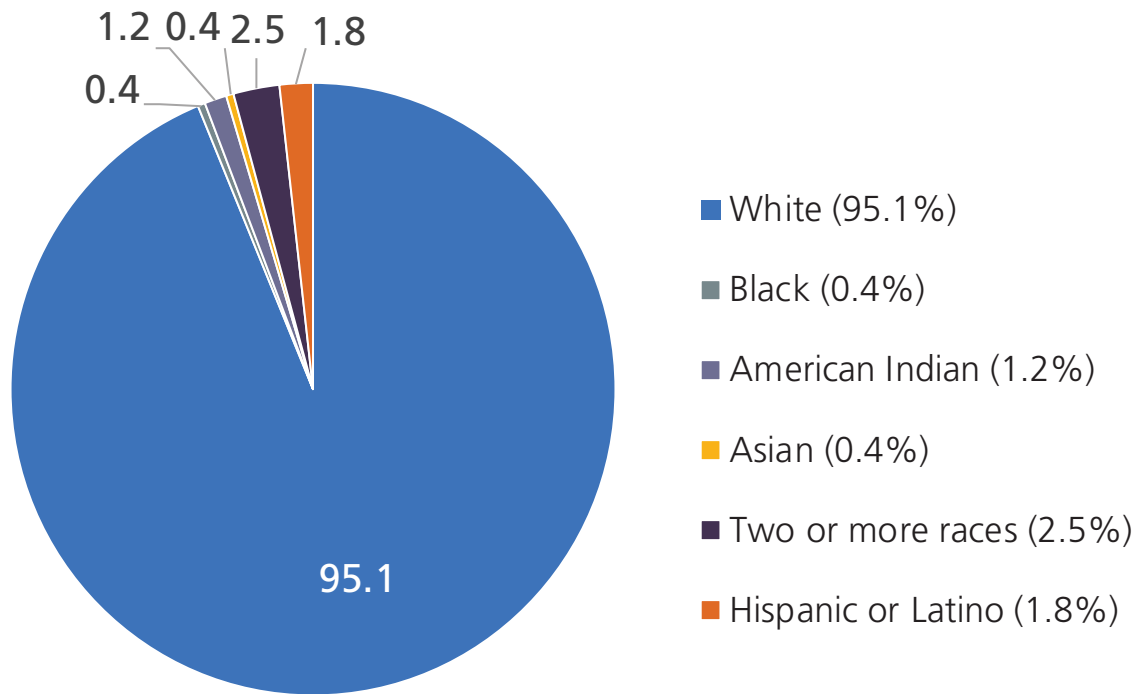
Source: American Community Survey 2013-2017 5-Year Estimates, Table DP-05

**FIGURE 2: CHANGE IN AGE OVER TIME**



Source: 2000-2010 Decennial Census, American Community Survey 2013-2017 5-Year Estimates

**FIGURE 3: CHARLEVOIX COUNTY RACE**



Source: American Community Survey 2013-2017 5-Year Estimates, Table DP-05

**TABLE 1: CHARLEVOIX COUNTY & MINOR CIVIL DIVISION POPULATION**

COUNTY/MINOR CIVIL DIVISION	1980	1990	1980-1990 % CHANGE	2000	1990-2000 % CHANGE	2010	2000-2010 % CHANGE	2017 ESTIMATES	2010-2017 % CHANGE
Charlevoix County	19,907	21,468	7.84%	26,090	21.53%	25,949	-0.5%	26,160	0.81%
Boyne City	3,348	3,478	3.88%	3,503	0.72%	3,735	6.62%	3,747	0.32%
Charlevoix	3,296	3,116	-5.46%	2,994	-3.92%	2,513	16.07%	2,457	-2.23%
East Jordan	2,185	2,240	2.52%	2,507	11.92%	2,351	6.22%	2,304	-2.00%
Boyne Falls	378	369	-2.38%	370	0.27%	294	-20.54%	396	34.69%
Bay Twp	599	825	37.73%	1,068	29.45%	1,122	5.06%	1,294	15.33%
Boyne Valley Twp	948	1,102	16.24%	1,215	10.25%	1,195	-1.65%	1,295	8.37%
Chandler Twp	132	182	37.88%	230	26.37%	248	7.83%	256	3.23%
Charlevoix Twp	993	1,016	2.32%	1,697	67.03%	1,645	-3.06%	1,587	-3.53%
Evangeline Twp	538	646	20.07%	773	19.66%	712	-7.89%	819	15.03%
Eveline Twp	1,061	1,100	3.68%	1,560	41.82%	1,484	-4.87%	1,650	11.19%
Hayes Twp	1,274	1,317	3.38%	1,893	43.74%	1,919	1.37%	1,794	-6.51%
Hudson Twp	343	481	40.23%	639	32.85%	691	8.14%	692	0.14%
Marion Twp	946	1,130	19.45%	1,492	32.04%	1,714	14.88%	1,629	-4.96%
Melrose Twp	947	1,106	16.79%	1,388	25.50%	1,403	1.08%	1,409	0.43%
Norwood Twp	540	516	-4.44%	714	38.37%	723	1.26%	759	4.98%
Peaine Twp	81	128	58.02%	244	90.63%	292	19.67%	264	-9.59%
St. James Twp	240	276	15.00%	307	11.23%	365	18.89%	330	-9.59%
South Arm Twp	1,237	1,418	14.63%	1,844	30.04%	1,873	1.57%	2,004	6.99%
Wilson Twp	1,199	1,391	16.01%	2,022	45.36%	1,964	-2.87%	1,870	-4.79%

Sources: 1980-2010 Decennial Census and American Community Survey 2013-2017 5-Year Estimates

## RACE

According to the American Community Survey, over 95% of the population in Charlevoix County is white. 101 people were recorded as African American and 113 people were recorded as Asian. The Hispanic or Latino category had an approximate total of 1.8% of the population. 2.5% documented that they were two or more races.

## HOUSING

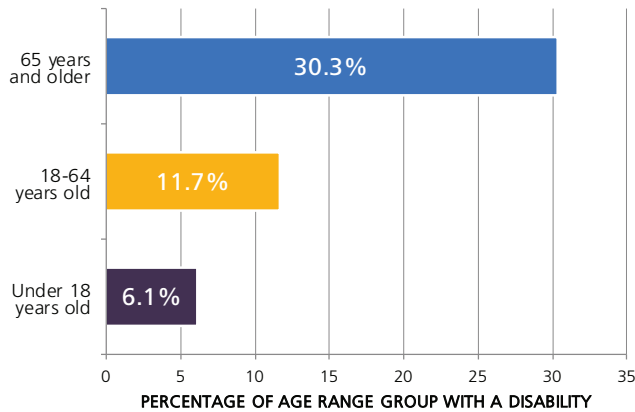
The most recent American Community Survey reported an estimated 17,596 households in Charlevoix County. The 2017 ACS report indicates that the county had an increase in households by 62% since the 2010 Census. The 2017 estimate indicated that there were 11,234 (64%) occupied

housing units and 6,362 (36%) vacant housing units at that time. Nearly 19% of the housing units were renter-occupied. The median rent was \$702 per month. The average household size was approximately 2.37 people per unit in the county, which has remained about the same since 2010. The population is the densest within and around the three cities of Boyne City, East Jordan and Charlevoix. The households in the rural Township areas are more spread out, therefore the population is less dense in those vicinities.

## DISABILITY

Disabilities that constrain access and movement are important factors in planning for parks and recreation facilities and programs. Charlevoix County’s population is aging; therefore, it is more likely that the older residents will need recreational

**FIGURE 4: DISABILITY BY AGE**



Source: American Community Survey 2013-2017 5-Year Estimates, Table DP-02

facilities with accommodations for restrained physical movement. Universally accessible design considerations are highly encouraged with any new construction or renovation projects to meet the needs of the community and include people of all abilities.

### EDUCATION, WORK AND INCOME

Over 12,000 people (45%) in Charlevoix County have some college including an associate degree, a bachelor’s degree or a graduate degree. The top three industries in the County are manufacturing, arts/entertainment/recreation and retail trade. The median household income in the County is \$51,567 which is very comparable to the National average of \$57,652. The approximate number of people employed within the County is 11,902, while 782 are unemployed. It is typical for

employment rates to drop in the fall due to the seasonal nature of the jobs in northern Michigan. The Charlevoix County poverty level is less than the national average. Approximately, 5.2% of people that live in the county make less than \$10,000 annually.

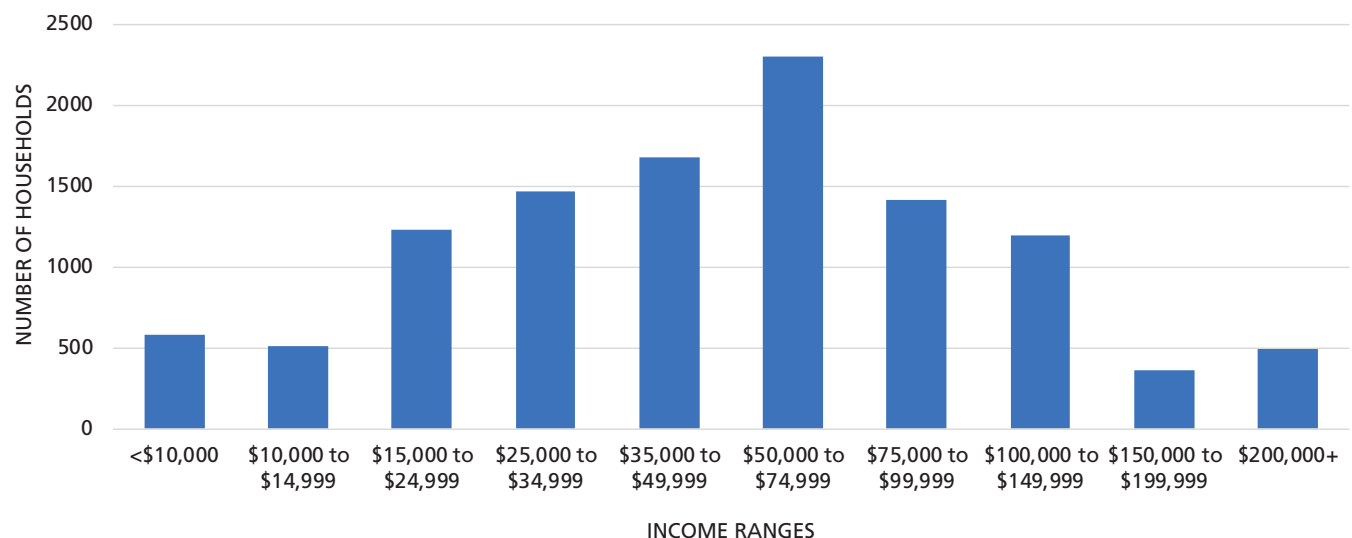
### Commuting

People commute to work in a variety of ways. 79% of people drive to work alone, while 11.2% carpool. Almost 6% of the workers work from home. 281 people reportedly walk to work, while 193 get to work by other means. Planning safe routes to places of employment and schools by the way of sidewalks and nonmotorized pathways are crucial for the people that walk or ride their bikes to work or school.

### RECREATION EXPENDITURES

Compared to the national average, Charlevoix County residents spend a higher percentage of their hard-earned money on payments for boats, trailers, campers and RV’s. This statistic is not surprising due to the geography of northern Michigan and the numerous lakes, campgrounds and recreational opportunities available in the area. The second-highest category for recreational expenditures is for the rental of recreational vehicles such as boats, campers and RV’s. The total amount of money spent on these popular items is estimated at \$2,160,311. The Recreation Expenditures table details how people spend their money on recreation.

**FIGURE 5: CHARLEVOIX COUNTY INCOME**



Source: American Community Survey 2013-2017 5-Year Estimates, Table DP-03

**TABLE 2: RECREATION EXPENDITURES**

DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY		2019	2024
Population		26,674	27,145
Households		11,163	11,353
Families		7,436	7,519
Median Age		48.0	48.9
Median Household Income		\$54,675	\$60,174
	SPENDING POTENTIAL INDEX	AVERAGE AMOUNT SPENT	TOTAL
<b>Tv/Video/Audio</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>\$1,195.70</b>	<b>\$13,347,630</b>
Cable & Satellite Television Services	102	\$894.62	\$9,986,658
Televisions & Video	87	\$211.29	\$2,358,653
Audio	89	\$86.54	\$966,088
Rental of TV/VCR/Radio/Sound Equipment	63	\$0.50	\$5,593
Repair of TV/Radio/Sound Equipment	116	\$2.74	\$30,639
<b>Entertainment/Recreation Fees and Admissions</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>\$539.90</b>	<b>\$6,026,865</b>
Tickets to Theatre/Operas/Concerts	74	\$55.99	\$625,005
Tickets to Movies	73	\$39.76	\$443,866
Tickets to Parks or Museums	82	\$26.55	\$296,398
Admission to Sporting Events, excl.Trips	83	\$52.50	\$586,077
Fees for Participant Sports, excl.Trips	79	\$84.84	\$947,073
Fees for Recreational Lessons	71	\$102.08	\$1,139,528
Membership Fees for Social/Recreation/Civic Clubs	75	\$177.60	\$1,982,546
Dating Services	82	\$0.57	\$6,372
<b>Toys/Games/Crafts/Hobbies</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>\$106.50</b>	<b>\$1,188,849</b>
Toys/Games/Arts/Crafts/Tricycles	91	\$91.53	\$1,021,696
Playground Equipment	112	\$4.72	\$52,716
Play Arcade Pinball/Video Games	61	\$2.52	\$28,167
Online Entertainment and Games	91	\$4.06	\$45,293
Stamp & Coin Collecting	86	\$3.67	\$40,978
<b>Recreational Vehicles and Fees</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>\$193.52</b>	<b>\$2,160,311</b>
Docking and Landing Fees for Boats and Planes	97	\$9.25	\$103,277
Camp Fees	76	\$50.93	\$568,542
Payments on Boats/Trailers/Campers/RVs	169	\$98.96	\$1,104,732
Rental of Boats/Trailers/Campers/RVs	139	\$34.38	\$383,760
<b>Sports, Recreation and Exercise Equipment</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>\$184.45</b>	<b>\$2,058,985</b>
Exercise Equipment and Gear, Game Tables	92	\$59.66	\$666,001
Bicycles	91	\$27.18	\$303,458
Camping Equipment	78	\$15.56	\$173,711
Hunting and Fishing Equipment	91	\$63.65	\$710,553
Winter Sports Equipment	80	\$4.35	\$48,556
Water Sports Equipment	82	\$6.16	\$68,744
Other Sports Equipment	86	\$5.72	\$63,806
Rental/Repair of Sports/Recreation/Exercise Equipment	86	\$2.16	\$24,157
<b>Photographic Equipment and Supplies</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>\$42.97</b>	<b>\$479,669</b>
Film	103	\$0.81	\$9,045
Film Processing	89	\$7.00	\$78,097
Photographic Equipment	77	\$15.64	\$174,631
Photographer Fees/Other Supplies & Equip Rental/Repair	85	\$19.52	\$217,896
<b>Reading</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>\$100.02</b>	<b>\$1,116,520</b>
Magazine/Newspaper Subscriptions	103	\$38.53	\$430,102
Magazine/Newspaper Single Copies	109	\$7.26	\$81,013
Books	85	\$31.88	\$355,837
Digital Book Readers	88	\$22.36	\$249,569

**Data Note: The Spending Potential Index (SPI) is household-based, and represents the amount spent for a product or service relative to a national average of 100. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Source: Esri forecasts for 2019 and 2024; Consumer Spending data are derived from the 2016 and 2017 Consumer Expenditure Surveys, Bureau of Labor Statistics. July 18, 2019 ©2019 Esri**

Source: ESRI Business Analyst



*Beaver Island shoreline*

# ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE



## **ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND STAFF DESCRIPTION**

County-owned land, including parks and recreation facilities, falls under the jurisdiction of the 6-member Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners operates under a committee system.

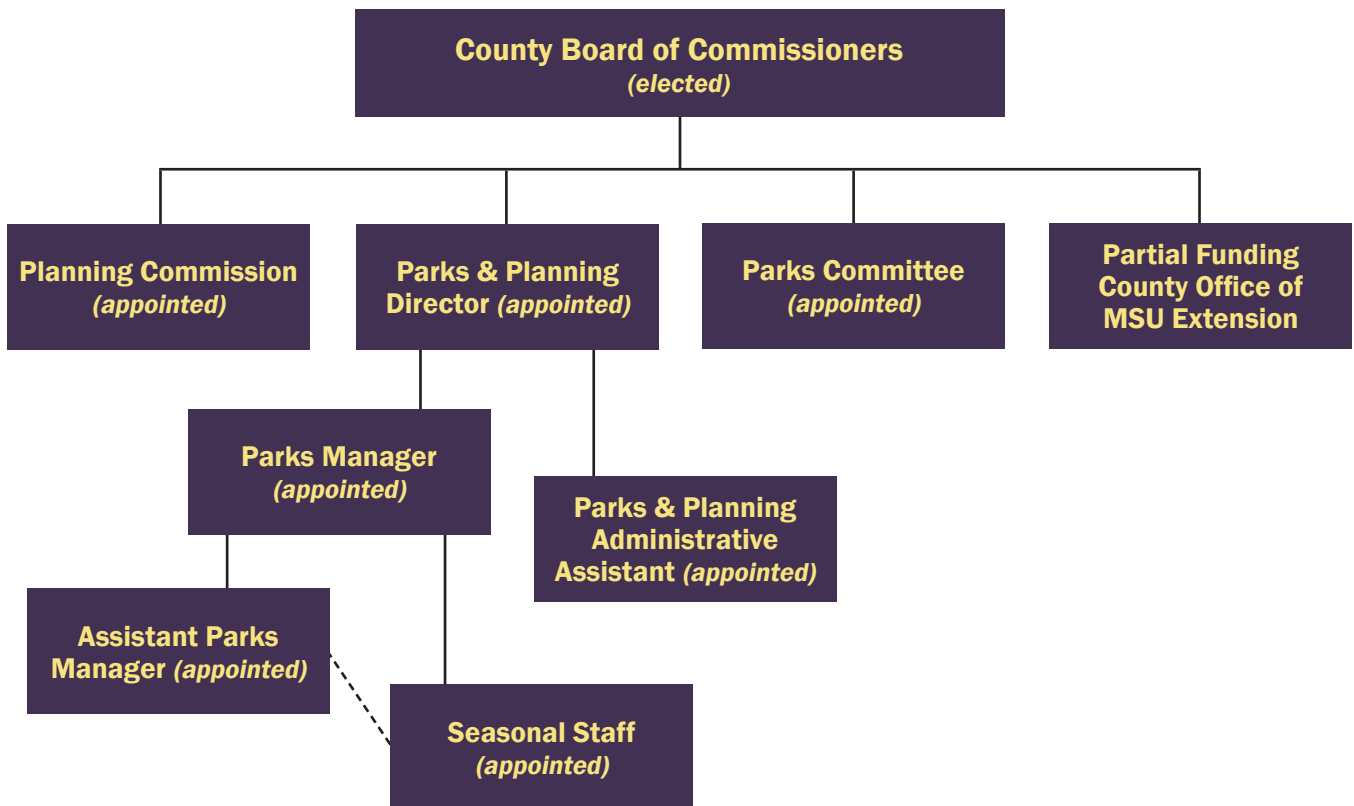
Historically, the County Board of Commissioners appointed a Parks and Recreation Commission (under Public Act 261 of 1965) to oversee and operate the County parks. In January 2004, the Board of Commissioners reorganized the Parks and Recreation Commission into a Parks Committee of the County Board (under PA 156 of 1917) to provide for a more direct link between the County Parks and the County Board of Commissioners. To ensure continuity during the transition between the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Parks Committee, five of the seven members serving on the former Parks and Recreation Commission were appointed to the Parks Committee. Over time, changes have occurred in the membership based on the desire or ability of individuals to serve.

The Board of Commissioners has two standing committees, which are the Personnel/Internal Government Committee and the Public Safety/Judicial/Building and Grounds Committee. Each committee consists of three (3) County Board members. The Personnel / Internal Government

Committee reviews and makes recommendations to the full Board of Commissioners concerning personnel matters as well as grant applications, contracts, and agreements. The Public Safety / Judicial / Building and Grounds Committee is responsible for all County-owned properties, including parks.

Staffing for the county parks is provided by the County Parks & Planning Department, which consists of a full-time Parks & Planning Director who functions under the direction of the County Board of Commissioners. Serving under the Parks & Planning Director is a full-time Parks Manager, Assistant Parks Manager, and an Administrative Assistant. The Parks Manager is responsible for the day-to-day operation and management of the county parks, including supervision of other Parks Staff, which includes an Assistant Parks Manager as well as seasonal employees who work full time during the summer months. The Assistant Parks Manager reports directly to the Parks Manager and is responsible for administrative duties in the Park Office at Whiting Park, overseeing building rentals, supervising the campground, including after normal business hours, and performing maintenance tasks as needed. The Administrative Assistant reports directly to the Parks & Planning Director and works in the Parks & Planning Department office.

FIGURE 6: CHARLEVOIX COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



**ROLE OF COMMISSIONS AND ADVISORY BOARDS**

Both the county Parks Committee and the county Planning Commission are involved in the development of the County Parks & Recreation Plan.

The county Board established the county Parks Committee under PA 156 of 1917 (as noted above) and a county Planning Commission under PA 33 of 2008, as amended. The Board of Commissioners appoints all members to both the Parks Committee and the Planning Commission.

The Parks Committee is an advisory committee to the Board of Commissioners. The Parks Committee provides guidance and works with the Parks & Planning Director and the Parks Manager in developing operational policies, rules, and regulations regarding the use of the parks, determining specific facility needs and improvements, and identifying locations where there is a current or future need for recreation facilities. This Committee meets monthly with special meetings called as necessary. The Parks Committee consists of seven (7) members.

The Planning Commission is responsible for developing long range plans to guide the future

growth and development of the county. Since the type and location of recreation facilities influence the future growth of the county, the Planning Commission assists the Parks Committee in developing the Recreation Plan. The Planning Commission consists of seven (7) members from different geographic areas within the county who have backgrounds representing different interests in the community, such as small business, government, environment, education, and transportation. This Commission meets monthly and holds special meetings to address specific issues as necessary.

The Parks & Planning Department provides professional and administrative assistance to the Parks Committee and the Planning Commission in developing the Parks & Recreation Plan and performing other functions. The Parks & Planning Director is responsible for both the Parks budget and the Planning budget.

All county employees are subject to the county Personnel Policies, as adopted by the county Board of Commissioners.

While Charlevoix County provides some of the recreation facilities in the county, it does not operate or sponsor recreation programming. Recreation programming is provided by Michigan

State University (MSU) Extension. Programs are also provided by the cities, village, townships, and the school districts. In addition, various for-profit and non-profit organizations, such as Little League, offer a wide range of recreation programs.

## **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

The county operates under the Michigan Constitution as well as various enabling acts. In addition to adopting personnel policies and procedures, the county Board of Commissioners and its committees operate under Robert's Rules of Order, the Freedom of Information Act, and the Open Meetings Act.

The county has adopted rules governing conduct by visitors to each of the county parks, including the trails. In conjunction with the rules for Whiting Park, the county also has a campground reservation policy. The park rules and the campground reservation policy are reviewed periodically by the Parks & Planning Director and the Parks Manager. If revisions are necessary, they are presented to the Parks Committee for consideration and a recommendation to the county Board of Commissioners. The rules and regulations for each of the county Parks, including the trails, can be found in the Appendix.

## **FINANCING**

The county parks budget is predicated upon the operational and maintenance needs of our park system. A proposed budget is prepared annually by the Parks & Planning Director with assistance from the Parks Manager. The proposed budget is presented to the Parks Committee for review and recommendation to the county Board of Commissioners, who approves the budget (with adjustments if needed). Funding for county parks comes from a portion (2/3) of the county wide voter-approved operational parks millage (0.15 mil). The parks millage was first approved by voters in November 2014 for four (4) years and was renewed for another four (4) years in November 2018. The other 1/3 of the funds from the parks millage is appropriated by the county Board of Commissioners once a year for township, city, and village park improvement projects, based on an application process and funding recommendations made by a Parks Millage Work Group. For a list of local park projects funded to date, please visit the county website at [www.charlevoixcounty.org](http://www.charlevoixcounty.org).

County general fund dollars support (in part) the County Office of Michigan State University (MSU) Extension. One of the functions of MSU Extension

is to administer county 4-H, a youth development program that offers a variety of recreation activities for youth ages 5 to 19. Programs vary over time and currently include recreational and travel soccer, sailing school, tennis, swim school, shooting sports, animal husbandry, market livestock, and service learning, among others. MSU Extension also charges fees to participants in their 4-H program to help offset the cost of providing these activities and to develop scholarships for those who otherwise would not be able to participate due to financial hardship.

County general fund dollars also support the Planning budget, which includes compensation (wages and benefits) for the Parks & Planning Director and the Administrative Assistant.

Another source of funding for county parks is user fees. User fees are generated through rental fees paid by persons camping at Whiting Park (the county campground) or rental of buildings and pavilions at that park for private gatherings, such as family reunions and company picnics.

Another source of funding is grants awarded by public entities and community foundations. These funds are sought for specific projects or activities, such as major facility improvements or acquisition of additional land for parks and recreation purposes. These grants, with county funds, township/city/village funds, and private donations serving as local match, make many parks and recreation projects possible.

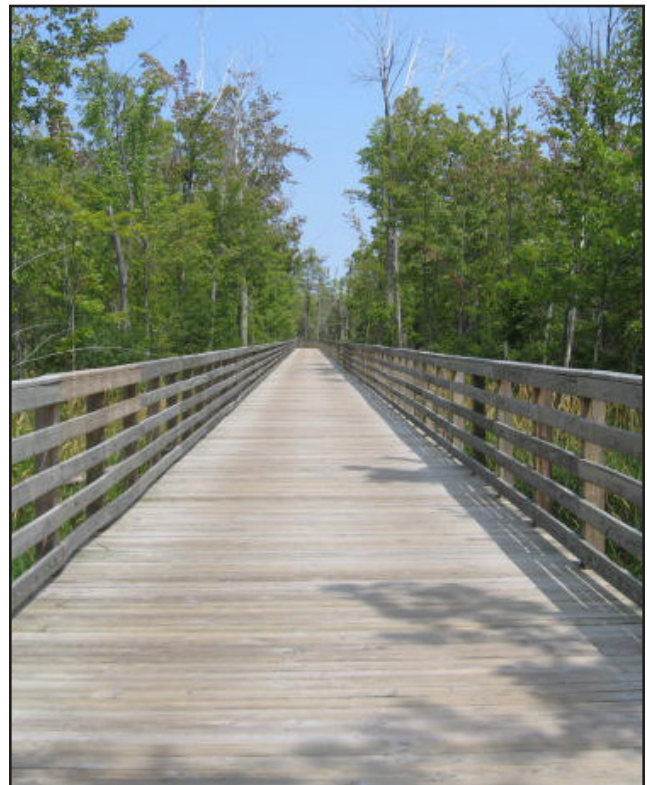
Yet another source of funding is forest management on county-owned park properties, including Whiting Park, Thumb Lake Park, and Porter Creek Natural Area. Selective tree cutting at each of these parks provides additional revenue to help fund facility improvements at the park where the timber is harvested.

Also, in 2019, the county purchased (jointly with Networks Northwest) 172 acres of property at the south end of Beaver Island, which features a lighthouse, fog signal building, other outbuildings, educational facilities, a former rustic campground, and wooded areas for potential future trail development. The county is renovating the lighthouse building, which houses three (3) apartments that may become short-term rental units to provide additional revenue for other improvements on the property. The county is also considering re-opening the campground. User fees from the campground would be another revenue source for this property.

**TABLE 3: CURRENT EXPENSE BUDGET**

<b>BUDGET ITEM</b>	<b>FY2020*</b>
Parks Committee Per Diems	\$3,600
Wages & Fringe Benefits	\$120,657
Other Supplies (incl. office)	\$1,700
Travel	\$900
Utilities	\$13,800
Equipment Repair & Maintenance, incl. Fuel	\$5,500
Building Repair & Maintenance	\$7,500
Grounds Repair & Maintenance	\$6,400
Professional / Contract Services	\$191,000
Capital Improvements	\$347,505
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$698,562</b>

\*OCTOBER 1, 2019 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2020



**Little Traverse Wheelway boardwalk**

**TABLE 4: CURRENT REVENUE BUDGET**

<b>BUDGET ITEM</b>	<b>FY2020*</b>
Parks Millage	\$226,313
Taxes – Other	\$160
Camping Fees	\$60,220
Building Rentals	\$7,750
Building Reservations	\$1,000
Ice Sales	\$4,200
Coin-operated Showers	\$1,675
Timber Sales	\$70,200
Grants & Local Match	\$0
Interest Earned	\$10,000
From Parks Fund Balance	\$317,044
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$698,562</b>

\*OCTOBER 1, 2019 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2020



**Beaver Island Lighthouse view**

**TABLE 5: PROJECTED EXPENSE BUDGET**

BUDGET ITEM	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FUTURE PROJECTS		
					FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Parks Committee Per Diems	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600
Wages & Fringe Benefits	\$140,987	\$144,221	\$148,686	\$152,041	\$156,000	\$160,000	\$164,000
Other Supplies (incl. office)	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,250	\$1,260	\$1,275	\$1,275	\$1,300
Travel	\$1,250	\$1,250	\$1,275	\$1,285	\$1,290	\$1,300	\$1,325
Utilities	\$13,800	\$13,850	\$13,875	\$13,875	\$13,875	\$13,900	\$13,920
Equipment Repair & Maintenance, incl. Fuel	\$6,000	\$6,250	\$6,250	\$6,275	\$6,300	\$6,300	\$6,350
Building Repair & Maintenance	\$7,550	\$7,600	\$7,600	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
Grounds Repair & Maintenance	\$6,600	\$6,600	\$6,630	\$6,650	\$6,675	\$6,675	\$6,700
Professional / Contract Services	\$15,113 (Seasonal / routine prof/ contract services)	\$15,113 (Seasonal / routine prof/ contract services)	\$15,113 (Seasonal / routine prof/ contract services)	\$15,113 (Seasonal / routine prof/ contract services)	\$15,113 (Seasonal / routine prof/ contract services)	\$15,113 (Seasonal / routine prof/ contract services)	\$15,113 (Seasonal / routine prof/ contract services)
	\$10,375 (Whiting Park Boat Launch Construction Oversight & Contract Admin)	\$77,150 (Ph 3 of BC/ Chx Trail Construction Engineering)	To be determined (Shower Bldg Construction Oversight & Contract Admin)	\$100,320 (Ph 4 of BC/ Chx Trail Construction Engineering)		\$81,780 (Ph 5 of BC/ Chx Trail Construction Engineering)	
	\$23,960 (Ph 3 of BC/ Chx Trail Prelim & Final Design Engineering)	To be determined (Shower Bldg Final Design & Permitting)	\$31,350 (Ph 4 of BC/ Chx Trail Prelim & Final Design Engineering)	\$5,000 (Ph 5 of BC/Chx Trail Grant assistance)	\$25,560 (Ph 5 of BC/ Chx Trail Prelim & Final Design Engineering)	\$15,675 (Final Design & Permitting for Campground / Day-Use Area Improvements)	\$31,350 (Construction Oversight & Contract Admin for Campground / Day-Use Area Improvements)
	\$25,000 (Ph 4 of BC/Chx Trail Prelim investigation & conceptual planning)		\$41,000 (Ph 5 of BC/ Chx Trail Prelim Investigation & conceptual planning)	\$28,215 (Prelim Design for Campground/ Day-Use Area Improvements)			
	To be determined (Shower Bldg conceptual planning, prelim design & grant assistance)	\$5,000 (Ph 4 of BC/ Chx Trail Grant assistance)					

Capital Outlay	\$308,445 Boat Launch Construction	\$841,572 (Phase 3 of BC/Chx Trail Construction)	To be determined (Construction of new Shower Bldg at Whiting Park camp- ground)	\$1,254,000 (Phase 4 of BC/Chx Trail Construc- tion)	\$25,000 (Explore construct-ing a barrier-free pavilion in the Day-Use Area at Whiting Park)	1,022,200 (Phase 5 of BC/Chx Trail Construction)	\$627,000 (Construct-ion of Camp- ground / Day-Use Area Improve- ments at Whiting Park)
	To be determined (Complete Wi- Fi installation at Whiting Park)						
	\$17,000 (ATV w/ tracks conversion)	\$15,000 (Complete Phase 3 of hiking trails (additional loop) at Porter Creek Natural Area, incl. bridge or boardwalk over Porter Creek)			\$3,000 (Create overflow parking area near Pavilion #2 at Whiting Park)		
	\$5,000 (New commercial stove for Green Bldg)						
	\$17,100 - \$22,000 (Refinish floors in Green Bldg at Whiting Park)	\$50,000 (Install playground equipment at Thumb Lake Park)					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$605,430+</b>	<b>\$1,188,406+</b>	<b>\$276,629+</b>	<b>\$1,594,134</b>	<b>\$264,188</b>	<b>\$1,334,318</b>	<b>\$877,158</b>



**Whiting Park accessible kayak launch/lift**

**TABLE 6: PROJECTED REVENUE BUDGET**

BUDGET ITEM	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FUTURE PROJECTS		
					FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Parks Millage*	\$230,000	\$232,000	\$235,000	\$240,000	\$243,000	\$245,000	\$245,000
Taxes - Other	\$132	\$132	\$132	\$132	\$132	\$132	\$132
Camping Fees	\$64,000	\$64,500	\$65,000	\$65,000	\$65,235	\$65,250	\$65,250
Building Rentals	\$7,750	\$7,760	\$7,765	\$7,770	\$7,785	\$7,790	\$7,800
Building Reservations	\$1,870	\$1,875	\$1,875	\$1,880	\$1,890	\$1,895	\$1,895
Ice Sales	\$2,960	\$2,965	\$2,975	\$2,975	\$2,985	\$2,990	\$3,000
Coin-operated Showers	\$1,400	\$1,450	\$1,460	\$1,500	\$1,550	\$1,575	\$1,600
Timber Sales**	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grants & Local Match	\$175,000 (Whiting Park boat launch grants)	\$939,572 (Ph 3 of BC/Chx Trail grants & local match)	To be determined (Grant for New Shower Bldg at Whiting Park campground)	\$1,241,460 (Ph 4 of BC/ Chx Trail grants & local match)	N/A	\$1,011,978 (Ph 5 of BC/ Chx Trail grants & local match)	\$500,000 (Grants & local match for Campground / Day-Use Area Improvements at Whiting Park)
Interest Earned	\$12,000	\$12,400	\$13,500	\$14,700	\$15,500	\$16,000	\$16,000
From Parks Fund Balance	\$110,318	-\$74,248	-\$51,078	\$18,717	-\$73,889	-\$18,292	\$36,481
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$605,430+</b>	<b>\$1,188,406+</b>	<b>\$276,629+</b>	<b>\$1,594,134</b>	<b>\$264,188</b>	<b>\$1,334,318</b>	<b>\$877,158</b>

\*FY 2023 and beyond is contingent on voter approval of the Parks Millage renewal in 2022 and beyond

\*\*An additional hardwood timber harvest at Whiting Park may be considered during the time period covered by this plan, which would provide additional revenue



**Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail - Phase 1 (Boyne City limits)**

## ROLES OF VOLUNTEERS

A number of groups and individuals have assisted in the development, maintenance and operation of our county parks and recreation programs over time and we expect that effort to continue in the future. While all of our parks are maintained by County Parks & Planning Department Staff, volunteers are sought over time as the need arises.

The Lake Louise Christian Community has provided labor and materials for projects at Thumb Lake Park. Members of the Top of Michigan Trails Council, the North Country Bicycle Club, the Friends of the Boyne River and other groups have organized fundraising events and assisted with community outreach and other related activities, working toward the development of non-motorized trails within the county. Community organizations and volunteer groups have also assisted with maintaining the trails.

Volunteers work with the MSU Extension 4-H program in providing recreation programming activities throughout the County as well.

## PARTNERSHIPS WITH PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS

Both East Jordan and Boyne City Boy Scouts have assisted with establishing trails as well as building and installing park benches along trails at Whiting Park and Porter Creek Natural Area. The scouts

have also assisted with cleaning up the beaches (picking up litter and other debris) at Whiting Park and Thumb Lake Park.

Several years ago, the local group “Leadership Charlevoix County” raised over \$12,000 to purchase Mobi-mats and a Mobi-chair to make the beach at Whiting Park accessible to everyone. Another year, the same group placed boot brushes and “Wipe your feet” signs at hiking/nature trails throughout the county to help reduce the spread of invasive species.

## RELATIONSHIPS WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS & OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES

In the past, students from East Jordan High School assisted with creating a new trail at Porter Creek Natural Area.

Student groups from Boyne City and East Jordan Public Schools have also assisted with maintaining the beaches at Whiting Park and Thumb Lake Park by cleaning up litter and other debris.

Some years, Boyne City and East Jordan Public Schools have held field days at Whiting Park in the spring and fall.

In addition, the Log Building and the Green Building at Whiting Park have been used for teacher conferences.



*Thumb Lake Park*

## PARTNERSHIPS FOR REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY

The Traverse City Charlevoix Trail has an ambitious goal to connect two regional trail networks and link the communities of Traverse City, Acme, Elk Rapids, Eastport, Norwood and Charlevoix through the creation of a 46+ mile non-motorized, multi-use trail. This trail will follow the US-31 corridor and Lake Michigan coastline, passing through beautiful scenery and providing access to parks, beaches, natural areas, communities, and other destinations along the corridor. The project represents an innovative partnership among community partners that builds on the vision of more than a decade of community groups working to make trail connections.

## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

*“We greatly value our community organizations, volunteers, and school groups because local interest and involvement enhances our County parks!”*



Whiting Park trail entrance sign



*Whiting Park day-use area*

# RECREATION INVENTORY



Charlevoix County has 520 acres of parkland which is composed of Whiting Park, Thumb Lake Park, Porter Creek Natural Area and three parcels on Beaver Island. The county also has 14.4 miles of non-motorized trails to operate and maintain. This includes 7.5 miles of the Little Traverse Wheelway and 6.9 miles of the Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail.

Each City and Township within the county has a diverse list of public park and recreation facilities. Overall, there are approximately 57,179.21 acres of state land, preserves, public and private parks and facilities located within the county.

A detailed onsite inventory was conducted for county owned parks. The inventory included evaluations of accessibility for users with mobility constraints, the condition of the recreation equipment, general observations, and possible improvements. The recreation inventory is a tool to help focus on the long- and short-term goals for enhancing the parks and recreation system in the county.

MDNR’s guidelines also recommend describing each public park’s reach in terms of who the park is servicing as a part of the inventory. For example, the mini parks are considered to have a local service area because they are smaller parks that serve the immediate areas, typically drawing visitors who are within walking distance. Whereas, community parks have a service area that is community-wide. These parks serve the entire community because their diverse facilities appeal to a wider audience and their size can accommodate more than just a handful of visitors. Table 8, “Types of Parks and Recreation Facilities” summarizes how the MDNR classifies park service areas based on the size and the major functional use.

**TABLE 7: PARKS & RECREATION ACREAGE BY UNIT OF GOVERNMENT**

UNIT OF GOVERNMENT	ACREAGE
Charlevoix County	520.1
City of Boyne City	648.87
City of Charlevoix	122.88
City of East Jordan	110.19
Bay Township	1,189.41
Boyne Valley Township & Village of Boyne Falls	4,946.5
Chandler Township	16,810
Charlevoix Township	660.4
Evangeline Township	1,017.61
Eveline Township	400.8
Hayes Township	906.5
Hudson Township	3,441.3
Marion Township	424.3
Melrose Township	8,677.8
Norwood Township	2,282
Peaine Township	12,791
St. James Township	92.75
South Arm Township	832.5
Wilson Township	1,304.3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57,179.21</b>

***The Park and Recreation Acreage is based on all public land available for recreational use in each municipality within Charlevoix County.***

## ACCESSIBILITY EVALUATION

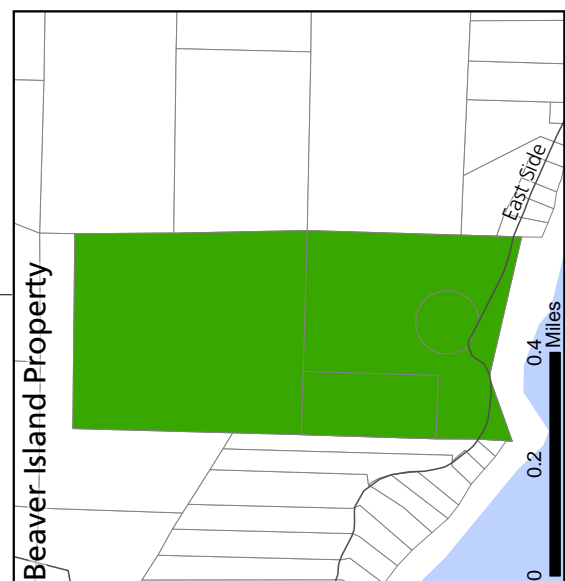
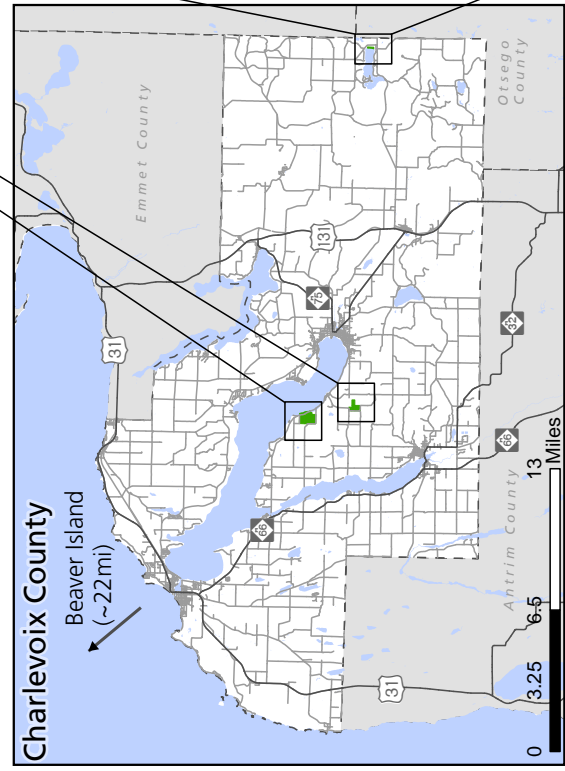
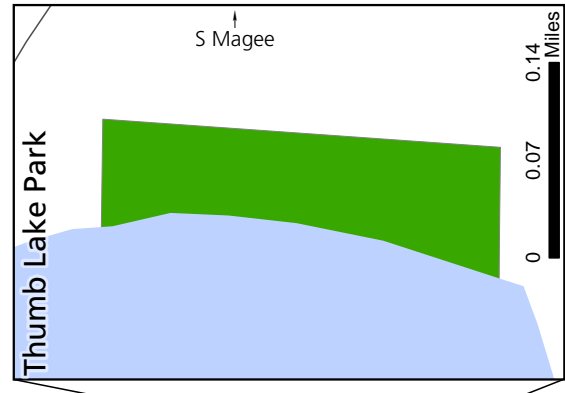
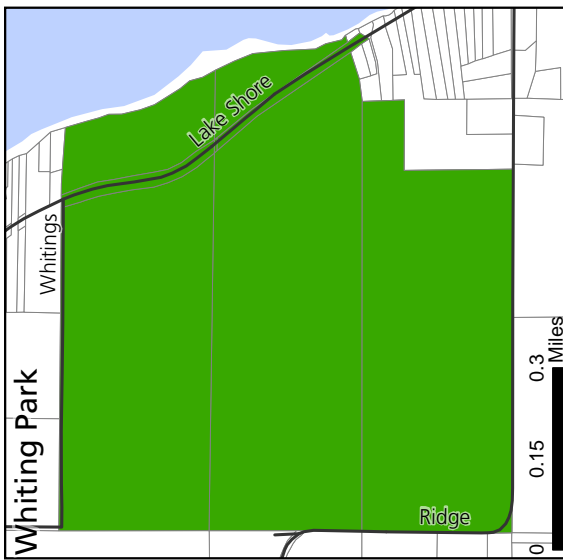
An evaluation of each park’s accessibility was completed. For this assessment, the project team visually evaluated the accessibility of facilities and routes to facilities for persons with mobility constraints. Barrier-free accessibility in parks and recreational facilities is important for current and future programming as it makes these spaces more inclusive and easier for all to use. The assessment followed the Michigan Department of Natural Resources’ scale for evaluating park accessibility in the 2018 “Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenways Plans” on a scale of 1 to 5.

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

**TABLE 8: TYPES OF PARKS & RECREATION FACILITIES**

CLASSIFICATION	GENERAL DESCRIPTION	LOCATION CRITERIA	SIZE CRITERIA
Mini Park	Used to address limited, isolated or unique recreational needs.	Less than ¼ mile in residential setting	2500 sq ft to 1 acre
Neighborhood Park	Serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus: informal active and passive recreation.	¼ to ½ mile distance and interrupted by nonresidential roads and other physical barriers	5-10 acres
Community Park	Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus: meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and ½ to 3-mile distance	Usually between 30-50 acres
Large Urban Park	Serve a broader purpose than community parks and are used when community and neighborhood parks are not adequate to serve the needs of the community. Focus: meeting community-based recreational needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves the entire community	Usually a minimum of 50 acres, 75 acres or more is optimal
Natural Resource Areas	Lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/buffering.	Resource availability and opportunity	Variable
Regional / Metropolitan Park	Land set aside for preservation of natural beauty or environmental significance, recreation use or historic or cultural interest use.	Located to serve several communities within 1 hour driving time.	Optimal size is 200+ acres, but size varies based on accommodating the desired uses.
Greenways	Effectively tie park system components together to form a continuous park environment.	Resource availability and opportunity.	Variable.
Sports Complex	Consolidates heavily programmed athletic fields and associated facilities to larger and fewer sites strategically located throughout the community.	Strategically located community-wide facilities.	Determined by projected demand. Usually a minimum of 25 acres, with 40 to 80 acres being optimal.
Special Use	Covers a broad range of parks and recreation facilities oriented toward single-purpose use.	Variable-dependent on specific use.	Variable.
Private Park/ Recreation Facility	Parks and recreation facilities that are privately owned yet contribute to the public park and recreation system.	Variable-dependent on specific use.	Variable.

# MAP 2: CHARLEVOIX COUNTY PARKS



## WHITING PARK

Size: 238 acres

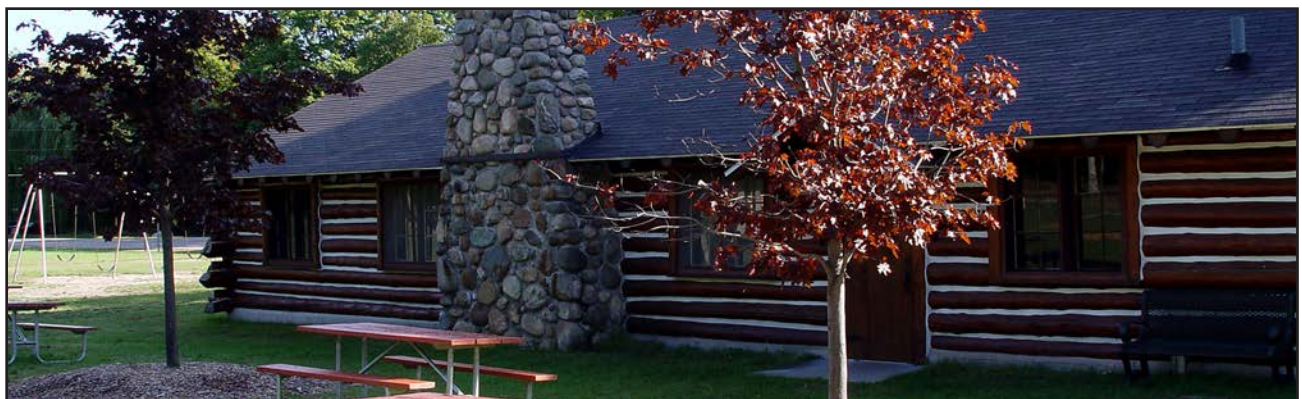
Location:  
5820 Lake Shore Road, Boyne City, MI 49712

Accessibility Rating: 3

Whiting Park is located in Eveline Township. The northern 166 acres of the park was originally donated to the county for use as a county park by Perry Whiting in 1923. The southern 72 acres were purchased by the county from the Butler family in 2014, with grant assistance. Whiting Park lies both east and west of Lake Shore Road. On the east side of Lake Shore Road, the park features over 2,500 feet of frontage on Lake Charlevoix. There is a swimming beach, children’s play equipment, beach volleyball, mobi-mats (ADA portable wheelchair beach access mats), a barrier-free kayak launch, and a popular boating area. There is also a campground with 56 campsites (14 of which are equipped with electric up to 50-amp service). Twelve (12) of the electric sites and 3 rustic (non-electric) sites are handicapped accessible. There is a restroom/coin-operated shower building, water and sanitary pump-out station, a parking area and a barrier-free vault toilet adjacent to the beach for day use. The majority of Whiting Park is located on the west side of Lake Shore Road and offers picnic facilities, a children’s playground, 7 miles of hiking trails, horseshoe pits, two community buildings and two open air pavilions which can be rented for group events. The park is also home to the manager’s residence and a maintenance building. This park is intended to serve the entire county for camping, swimming and picnicking.

In 2023, the county will commemorate the 100th birthday of Whiting Park. Special activities will be planned for a centennial celebration.

PARK & RECREATION FACILITIES		
TYPE	QUANTITY	CONDITION
Office building	1	Good
Baseball Field (no lights)	1	Good
Play structure	4	Fair
Swings	4	Fair
Other play equipment	1	Fair
Horseshoe pits	2	Good
Parking	1	Good
Tetherball	1	Good
Log cabin	1	Good
Community building	1	Good
Hiking trail	1	Good
Volleyball	1	Fair
Picnic shelter	2	Good/Exc.
Picnic tables	36	Good
Grills	6	Good
Vault Toilet	1	Good
Signage	Multiple	Good
Trash receptacles	6	Good
Dog bag dispenser	2	Good
Trail to campground	1	Good
Campsites	56	Fair
Beach	1	Fair
Play Equipment near beach	2	Fair
ADA Accessible Kayak Launch	1	Excellent
Restroom/Shower building	1	Fair
Outdoor swimming	1	Good
Water access mats	6	Good
Mobi-chair	1	Good



Log Cabin photo courtesy of Rick Wolanin

## Accessibility Notes

- » Most of the facilities were accessible.

## Consultant Recommendations

- » Add some accessible picnic tables throughout the park.
- » Add some accessible parking spaces near the pavilions for better access.
- » Add new playground equipment in the main park and near the swimming beach.
- » Campground improvements to include leveling the sites, adding water and electric service to each site, and adding a new restroom/shower building.
- » Replace former boat launch.

## Public Comments

- » Centennial celebrations – 100 years.
- » Public awareness.
- » Promotional activities and information for north country trails in the County.
- » Showcase for historical uses and changes at this lovely park.
- » Enhance the flexible use of waterfront. (dogs, anchored boats, swimmers, swim school)
- » Replace former boat launch.
- » New bathhouse is desperately needed.
- » Group camping areas on office side of park.
- » Enhanced trails and signage, especially new parcel.
- » Campground updates, full hookup with water and electricity.



**Barrier free kayak launch**



**Existing shower/restroom building**



**New pavilion**

## THUMB LAKE PARK

Size: 10 acres

Location: 00665 Magee Road South, Boyne Falls, MI 49713

Accessibility Rating: 2

Thumb Lake Park is 10+ acres in size and is located at the east end of Thumb Lake in Hudson Township. It features over 1,500 feet of frontage on Thumb Lake. This is a popular swimming beach especially used by residents of and visitors to the eastern third of Charlevoix County. In addition to the swimming beach, there are picnic facilities, an open-air pavilion, steps and a barrier-free ramp down to the beach, dog beach, boating area, portable toilets, paved parking area with storm water retention basins, and a gravel overflow parking lot. This park is intended to serve the swimming needs of the eastern 1/3 of the mainland portion of the county.

### Accessibility Notes

- » The parking area has 3 ADA parking spaces.
- » There is a paved path from the parking area to the water.
- » The water level is so high, it is washing out the path and has damaged the concrete. A suggestion would be to remove the damaged sections of concrete and replace with mobi-mats, (water access mats).

### Consultant Recommendations

- » Add a kayak launch.
- » Add permanent accessible restroom facilities.
- » The shoreline is in need of clean up from the high water levels.
- » Clear some of the pathways by the dog beach.
- » Add some small play equipment.
- » Add benches along the beach.

### PARK & RECREATION FACILITIES

TYPE	QUANTITY	CONDITION
Outdoor swimming	1	Good
Picnic shelter	1	Good
Picnic tables	9	Good
Grills	3	Good
Portable Restrooms	3	Good
Trash receptacles	6	Good
Signage	Multiple	Fair
Parking Lot	2	Good
Dog bag dispenser	2	Good

### Public Comments

- » Add a kayak launch.
- » Funding for maintenance is needed.
- » Ice fishing access, parking plowed and easy path to lake.
- » Launch and parking for paddlers, kayaks, canoes and paddle boards.
- » Access for fire trucks to lake by a driveway.
- » Launch for small boats and kayaks.
- » Online map of services, dog park etc...
- » Didn't know anything about this park.
- » Add playground equipment for 5-12 year olds, such as a teeter totter, swings, slide, sand-digging crane, and a rock climbing wall. The park in Grand Marais is a good example of a playground.
- » Consolidate signage.



Thumb Lake swimming area

## PORTER CREEK NATURAL AREA

Size: 100 acres

Location: 00370 Snyder Road South, Boyne City, MI 49712

Accessibility Rating: 1

Porter Creek Natural Area is 100 acres in size and is located on South Snyder Road in Wilson Township. The county acquired this property from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in 1997. Porter Creek crosses the property, which is characterized by a mixture of wetlands and wooded uplands. Amenities include hiking trails with interpretive signs, park benches, and a trailhead with a gravel parking area.

### PARK & RECREATION FACILITIES

TYPE	QUANTITY	CONDITION
Picnic tables	3	Good
Signage	Multiple	Good

### Accessibility Notes

- » The park does not have any accessible features.

### Consultant Recommendations

- » Nice hiking location with a large natural area to explore.
- » Design and develop a footbridge/boardwalk over Porter Creek.

### Public Comments

- » Establish clear trails, markers and maps.
- » Bridge over Porter Creek.
- » Add signage, hard to find.



Hiking trails



Picnic table



Post #7 trail sign



Porter Creek Natural Area Sign

## BEAVER ISLAND PROPERTY

Size: 172 acres

Location: 28820 South End Road, Beaver Island, MI 49782

Accessibility Rating: 1

The county owns three contiguous parcels of land including 1,400 feet of Lake Michigan frontage, at the south end of Beaver Island. Most of the property is wooded and undeveloped, but it also features several historic buildings, including a lighthouse, which is divided into three (3) apartments, a carriage house, a fuel building, and a fog signal building.

Academic facilities are also located on the property, including a school, commercial kitchen/cafeteria building, three (3) bunk houses, and a maintenance building. The property also features a former rustic campground, including a well pump, two (2) outhouses and a storage building.

PARK & RECREATION FACILITIES		
TYPE	QUANTITY	CONDITION
Lighthouse	1	Poor
Carriage House (storage)	1	Poor
Fuel Building	1	Fair
Fog Signal Building	1	Good
School	1	Poor
Bunkhouses	3	Poor
Maintenance Building	1	Good
Campground	1	Poor
Well Pump	1	Good
Outhouses	2	Poor
Storage Building at Campground	1	Poor
Cafeteria/Commercial Kitchen	1	Fair



**Working pitcher pump**



**Beaver Island lighthouse**



**Fog Signal Building**

## Accessibility Notes

- » As renovations happen to the facilities, accessibility should be a priority.

## Consultant Recommendations

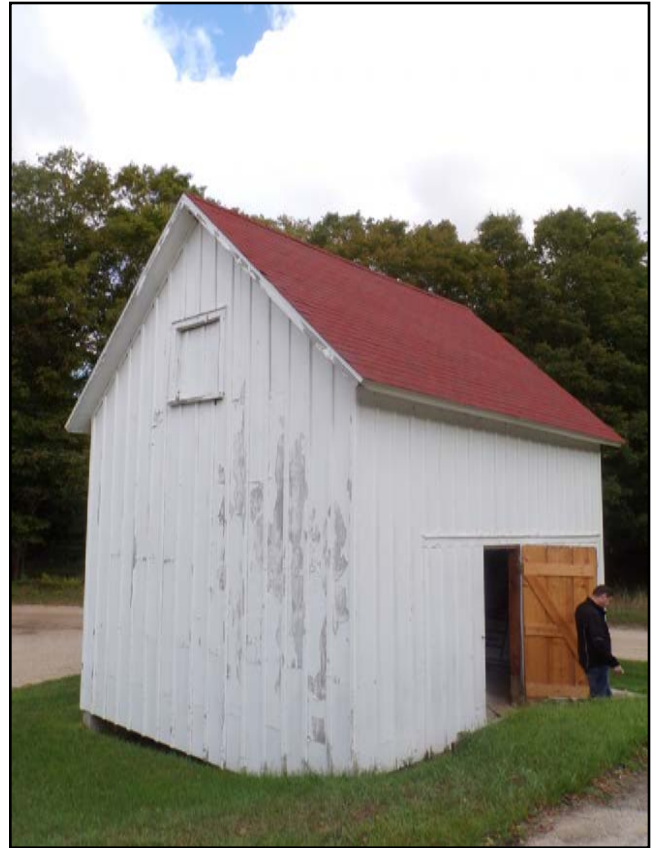
- » The building improvements on the property can be phased into segments.
- » There are numerous possibilities of generating revenue with the building upgrades.

## Public Comments

- » Use the former school building as an elder hostel retreat, offering special events such as a watercolor painting class, pottery class, photography class, yoga retreats, nature hikes with CMU Staff, and bird watching events.
- » Reestablish the rustic campground.
- » Designate this property as a stop along the Beaver Island Water Trail.
- » Develop hiking/nature trails
- » Use as a dark sky park.
- » Convert the apartments in the lighthouse building to short term rentals.
- » Excited to see the lighthouse property made available for public use.
- » Create a venue for weddings, special events and other gatherings.
- » Promote winter activities.
- » Sunset dinners, shuttles to town.
- » Improved restroom facilities.
- » Restore and secure the fresnel lens.
- » Bring the school back.



**Fuel building and water cannon**



**Carriage house (storage)**



**Maintenance building**

# BOYNE CITY TO CHARLEVOIX TRAIL

Size: 14 miles when completed

Location: Boyne City to Charlevoix

Accessibility Rating: 5

The Boyne City to Charlevoix Non-motorized Trail is a new linear park, which runs parallel to Boyne City Road and will ultimately stretch approximately fourteen (14) miles, connecting the City of Boyne City with the Little Traverse Wheelway, an existing non-motorized trail that links the City of Charlevoix with the cities of Petoskey and Harbor Springs. The Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail is a paved 10-foot wide shared use path mostly separated from Boyne City Road, but within the road right-of-way. The trail is being constructed in five (5) phases. Phases 1 and 2 have been completed.

## Accessibility Notes

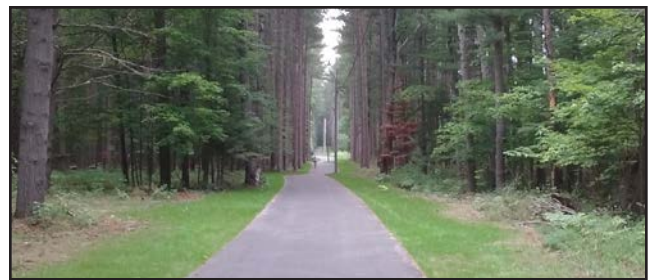
- » The trail is completely accessible for people of all abilities.

## Consultant Recommendations

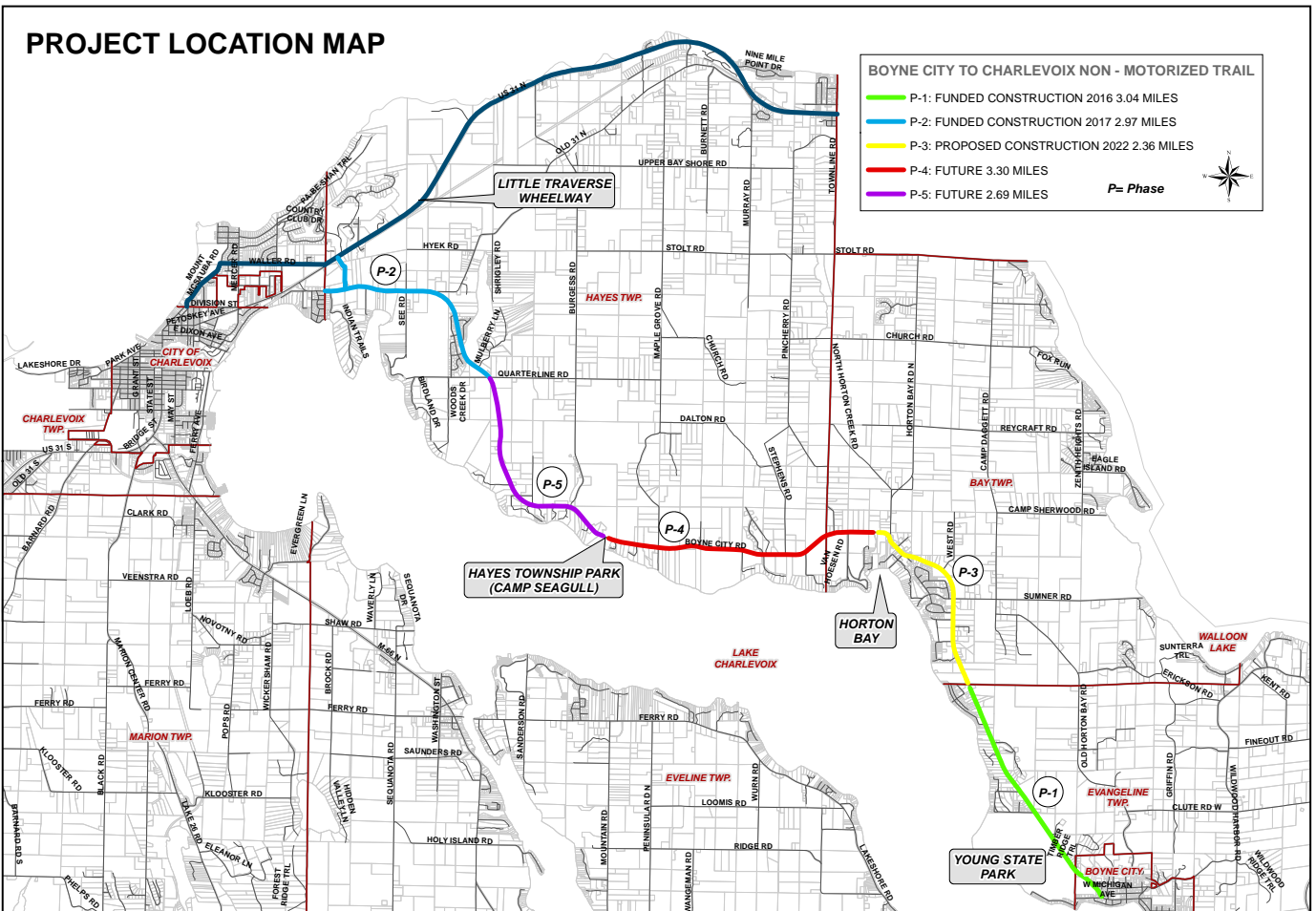
- » Develop a preventative maintenance routine for the trail.
- » Continue to partner with surrounding Townships and Cities to maintain and expand the trail.

## Public Comments

- » Looking forward to this being funded and completed.
- » Complete the trails as quickly as possible.
- » Get the cities and townships to maintain this trail. \$500 per year.



Completed phase 1 of the Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail



## Phase 1

Phase 1 begins at the intersection of W. Michigan Avenue and Boyne City Road in Boyne City and runs along the Lake Charlevoix side of Boyne City Road, through Young State Park via an easement, to N. Springwater Beach Road at the Evangeline/Bay Township line for a distance of 3.04 miles. This phase of the trail was completed in 2016.

## Phase 2

Phase 2 begins at the Little Traverse Wheelway in Hayes Township, east of Waller Road, crosses US-31 and follows a series of easements across private property to Boyne City Road, east of the Argonne Supper Club. It then runs parallel to, but separate from Boyne City Road within the road right-of-way on the north (Susan Lake) side of the road to Quarterline Road, southeast of Susan Lake, for a distance of 2.97 miles. At the point where the trail meets Boyne City Road east of the Argonne Supper Club, a trail spur runs west within the right-of-way on the north side of the road to Eastern Avenue to create an access point for Pine Point Subdivision. Trail users can follow Eastern Avenue to Lake Charlevoix where there is a public access with a picnic area and swimming beach. This phase of the trail was constructed in 2017 and completed in 2018.

## Phase 3

Phase 3 will begin at the completed Phase 1 of the trail at N. Springwater Beach Road (the Evangeline/Bay Township line) and continue within the right-of-way on the Lake Charlevoix side of Boyne City Road through Bay Township as a separated pathway. Just east of the Village of Horton Bay, the trail will merge into the (paved) wide shoulder of the road. Through Horton Bay, the trail will utilize the existing 6-foot wide paved shoulders of the road due to the close proximity of homes to the road. Crosswalks and signs will be used to guide trail users through the community. In Horton Bay, trail users can take Lake Street to a public access beach on Lake Charlevoix where there are benches to relax and enjoy the view. The famous Horton Bay General Store and Red Fox Inn are also located along the trail route. On the west side of Horton Bay, Phase 3 of the trail will end just east of the entrance to the Rufus Teesdale Nature Preserve. A crosswalk and signs will be placed at this location. Phase 3 will be 2.36 miles long. Construction of this phase is anticipated in Spring 2022.



**Completed phase 2 of the Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail**

## Phase 4

Phase 4 will begin at the completed Phase 3 of the trail on the west side of Horton Bay, near the entrance to the Rufus Teesdale Nature Preserve. At the crosswalk near the driveway to the nature preserve, the trail will become detached from Boyne City Road within the road right-of-way on the Lake Charlevoix side of the road, and continue as a detached trail to Hayes Township Park (Camp Sea-Gull), where a trailhead is planned in the future. This phase will cover a distance of 3.30 miles.

## Phase 5

Phase 5 will begin at the completed Phase 2 of the trail at Quarterline Road in Hayes Township and continue separated within the right-of-way along Boyne City Road to Hayes Township Park (Camp Sea-Gull) on the east/north side of the road (the side opposite Lake Charlevoix). The trail will cross Boyne City Road in the vicinity of Hayes Township Park, where there are plans to establish a trailhead. This phase will cover a distance of 2.69 miles.

This trail is intended for nonmotorized recreational activities and nonmotorized transportation between Boyne City and Charlevoix. Trail users may walk, bike, skate, snowshoe or ski on the trail. However, snowmobiles and horses are NOT permitted anywhere on the trail.

# LITTLE TRAVERSE WHEELWAY

Size: 7.5 Miles

Location: Corner of US-31 and Waller Road in Charlevoix Township to Townline Road in Hayes Township

Accessibility Rating: 5

The Little Traverse Wheelway is a non-motorized trail stretching from Charlevoix to Harbor Springs, a distance of 26 miles. The trail first opened in 2002. The portion of the trail in Charlevoix County begins at the corner of US-31 and Waller Road in Charlevoix Township and stretches 7.5 miles to the northeast to the Charlevoix – Emmet County line at Townline Road in Hayes Township. It runs parallel along US-31 and the Lake Michigan shoreline. The Emmet County portion of the trail extends through Petoskey to Harbor Springs.

This trail consists of a 10-foot wide asphalt surface, the Charlevoix County portion of which is 6.9 miles. It is widely used for hiking, bicycling and rollerblading during the spring, summer and fall, and, to a lesser extent, cross-country skiing in the winter. The remaining 0.6 mile of the trail

in Charlevoix County is a wolmanized wood boardwalk bridging an extensive wetland area.

The trail is located within Michigan Department of Transportation right-of-way and is operated and maintained by the Charlevoix County.

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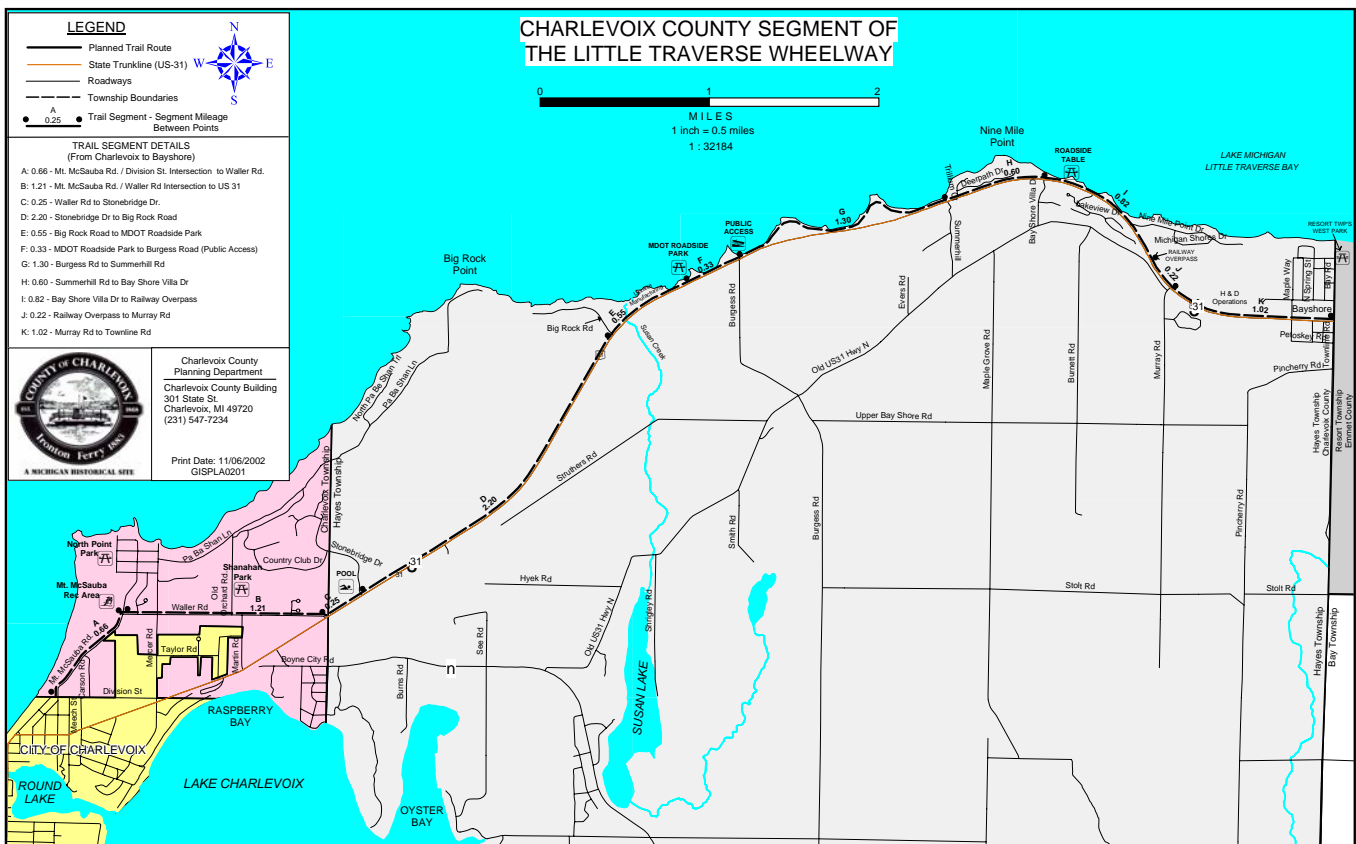
- » The trail is completely accessible for people of all abilities.

## Consultant Recommendations

- » Develop a preventative maintenance routine for the trail.

## Public Comments

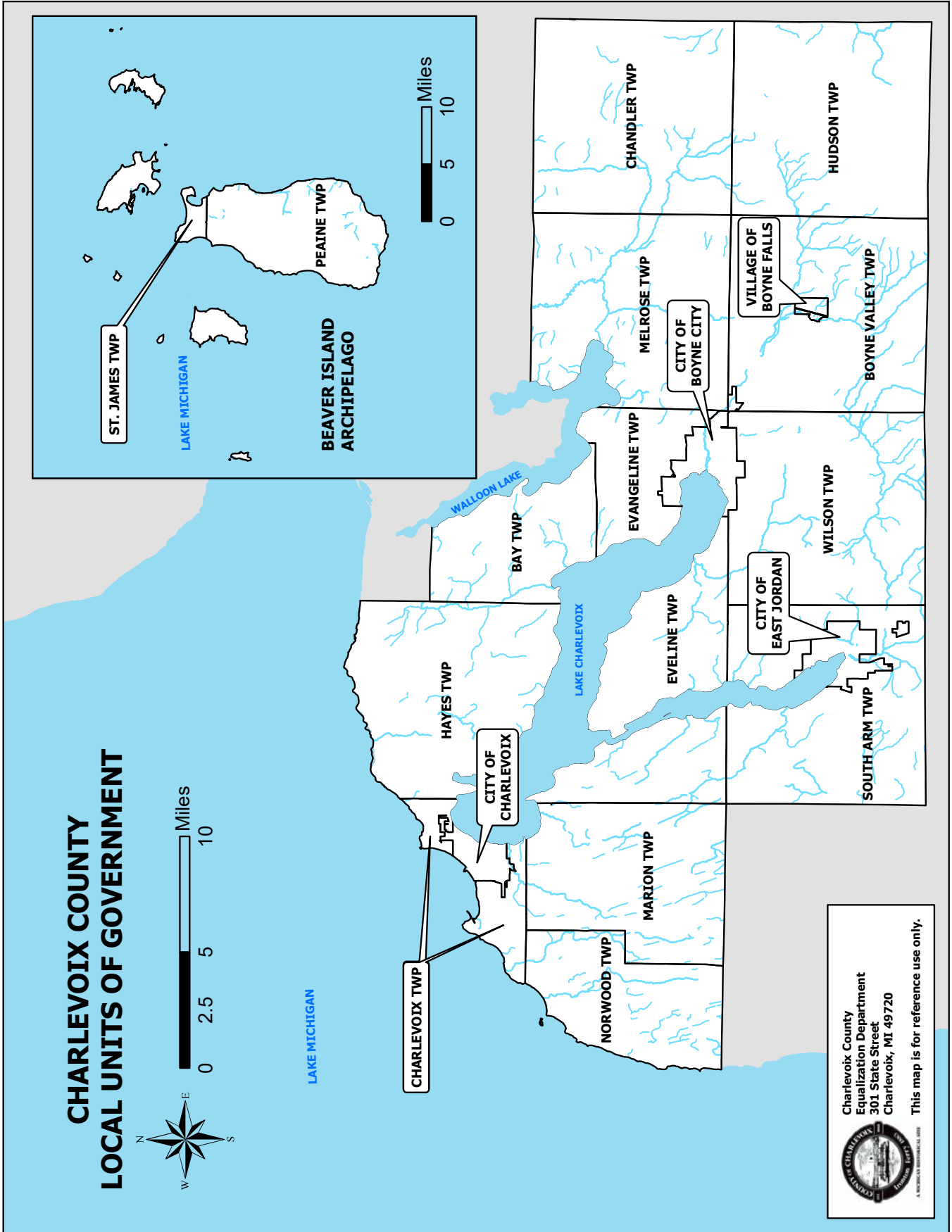
- » Clearer marking as you enter Charlevoix Township area and Mt. McSauba.
- » Get bikers to support trails. Donation boxes for fees and maintenance.



# LOCAL AND REGIONAL INVENTORY

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MAP 3: CHARLEVOIX COUNTY LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT



## PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES BY MUNICIPALITY

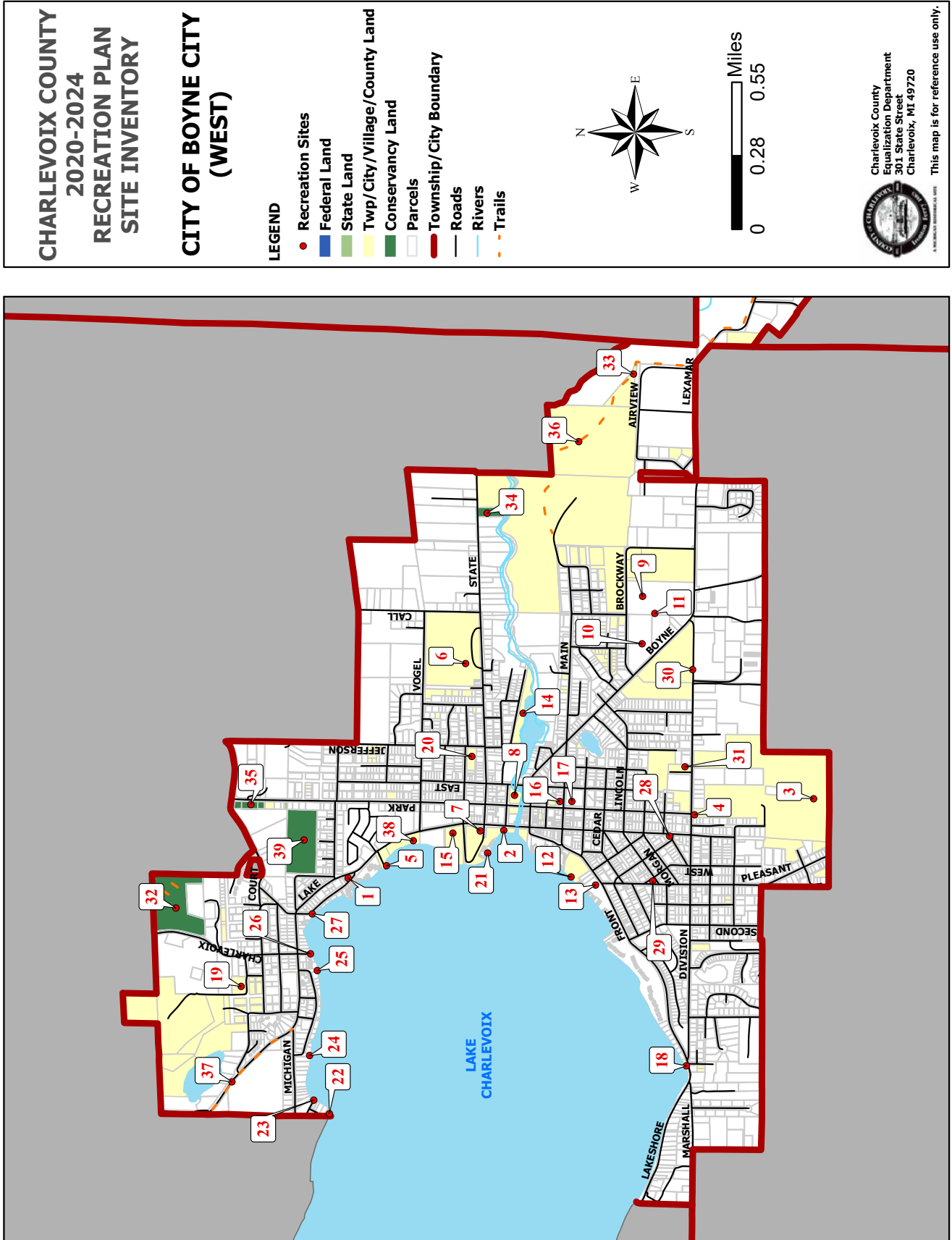
### CITY OF BOYNE CITY

FACILITY NAME	OWNERSHIP	OPEN TO PUBLIC?	APPROX. SIZE	FACILITIES AVAILABLE
1. North Lake Street (Moll) Park	City	Yes	0.5 acre	Children's play equipment, open space
2. Sunset Park	City	Yes	5 acres	Sidewalk, benches, multi-use dock, fishing, boating, restrooms
3. Avalanche Preserve Recreation Area	City	Yes	320 acres (a portion is located in Wilson township)	Trails for hiking, jogging, biking, cross-country skiing & snowshoeing, shelter house, restroom, nature preserve, sledding hill, lighted ice skating, stairway to summit viewing decks, snowmobile trail, disc golf, archery range, bike racks
4. 1910 Water Works Building	City	Yes, open during day		Indoor history display of city water works, drinking fountain, restrooms
5. Lake Charlevoix Access Site (Lakeview Drive)	City	Yes	1 acre	Water access, boat launch, restrooms
6. Rotary Park	City	Yes	40 acres	Tennis courts, picnic sites, children's play equipment, nature study trails, heart trail, lighted ball diamonds, soccer fields, concession bldg & restrooms open during sporting events
7. Veterans Memorial Park	City	Yes	10.5 acres	Boating, picnic sites, community playground, fishing, ball diamond, benches, small boat launch, pavilion, farmer's market, open space, kayak launch
8. Old City Park	City	Yes	1 acre	Picnic sites, benches, fishing, gazebo, concerts, playground equipment
9. Boyne City Elementary School	School	Limited hours	0.5 acre	Playfields, basketball courts, children's play equipment, meeting rooms, gymnasium, kitchen, all-purpose room, library
10. Boyne City Middle School	School	Limited hours	12 acres	Basketball courts, children's playground, indoor gym, soccer field
11. Boyne City High School	Boyne City Public Schools	Limited hours	20 acres	Playfields, organized sports field, ball diamonds, gymnasium, kitchen, all-purpose room, weight room, library, performing arts center
12. Peninsula Beach	City	Yes	6 acres	Swimming, volleyball courts, rest rooms, picnic sites, children's tot lot, benches, mobi-mats
13. Harborage Marina	Private	Members / guests	6.6 acres	Marina slips, fuel, sanitary pump out, restrooms, ice, social events for members/guests
14. Riverside Park	City	Yes	5 acres	Fishing, padding launch, picnic tables, benches
15. Boyne City Historical Museum (City Hall)	City	Limited hours		Boyne City Area History Museum
16. Boyne District Library	City	Yes	N/A	Public library, meeting rooms
17. Boyne City Schools Admin. Building	Boyne City Public Schools	Yes		Playground, gym, meeting room, kitchen
18. Tannery Park	City	Yes	0.5 acre	Picnic area, sunset view, swimming, access for canoes, kayaks, ice fishing, & snowmobiling on Lake Charlevoix
19. Dog Park	City	Yes	0.5 acre	2 fenced dog play areas, benches, water fountains, barrier-free

## CITY OF BOYNE CITY

FACILITY NAME	OWNERSHIP	OPEN TO PUBLIC?	APPROX. SIZE	FACILITIES AVAILABLE
20. T-ball / Minor League Ballfield	City	Yes	1 acre	Ballfield & restrooms
21. Boyne City Municipal Marina	City	Members / rental	0.5 acre	49 boat slips, picnic area, pavilion w/ restrooms and showers, lighthouse
22. Lake Charlevoix Access Site (Woodland Drive)	City	Yes	5,400 sq ft (0.12 acre) city side only	Water access (not barrier-free)
23. Lake Charlevoix Access Site (Shady Lane)	City	Yes	0.25 acre	Water access (not barrier-free)
24. Lake Charlevoix Access Site [Bay (west) Street]	City	Yes	0.25 acre	Water access (not barrier-free)
25. Lake Charlevoix Access Site (John Street)	City	Yes	0.25 acre	Water access (not barrier-free)
26. Lake Charlevoix Access Site (Charlevoix Street)	City	Yes	0.25 acre	Barrier-free viewing platform with benches, water access, bike rack
27. Lake Charlevoix Access Site (Lower Lake Street)	City	Yes	0.25 acre	Water access (not barrier-free)
28. South Lake and Cherry Mini Park	City	Yes	0.5 acre	Open space (barrier- free)
29. West and Pleasant Mini Park	City	Yes	0.5 acre	Open space with picnic table (barrier- free)
30. Bike / Pedestrian Path	City	Yes	3 miles	Paved path (barrier- free)
31. Boyne Area Senior Center	Boyne City and surrounding townships	Yes		Congregate meals, senior activities
32. The Hill Nature Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	106 acres (a portion is located in Evangeline Township)	Hiking, biking, scenic viewing, cross- country skiing
33. Boyne River Nature Area	City	Yes	85 acres	Wooded wetland area with a pathway and boardwalks, each leading to a deck with seating area along the Boyne River; rain garden; roofed education area with picnic tables
34. Scollin-Lee Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	2.7 acres	Nature preserve
35. Spehar Nature Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	1.6 acres	Nature preserve
36. Boyne Valley Trailway	Boyne City, Boyne Valley Twp, and Village of Boyne Falls	Yes	7.2 miles (total)	Non-motorized recreational trail
37. Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail	Charlevoix County	Yes	3.04 mileS (phase 1 total)	Nonmotorized recreational trail
38. Open Space	City	Yes	4.7 acres	Water access
39. Gobles Family Nature Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	17.4 Acres	Nature preserve

# MAP 4: CITY OF BOYNE CITY SITE INVENTORY



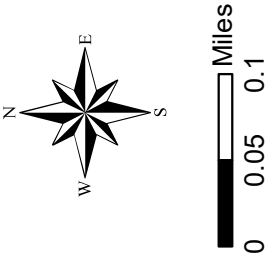
# MAP 4: CITY OF BOYNE CITY SITE INVENTORY

**CHARLEVOIX COUNTY**  
**2020-2024**  
**RECREATION PLAN**  
**SITE INVENTORY**


**CITY OF BOYNE CITY**  
**(EAST)**

**LEGEND**

- Recreation Sites
- Twp/City/Village/County Land
- Parcels
- Township/City Boundary
- Roads
- Rivers
- - Trails

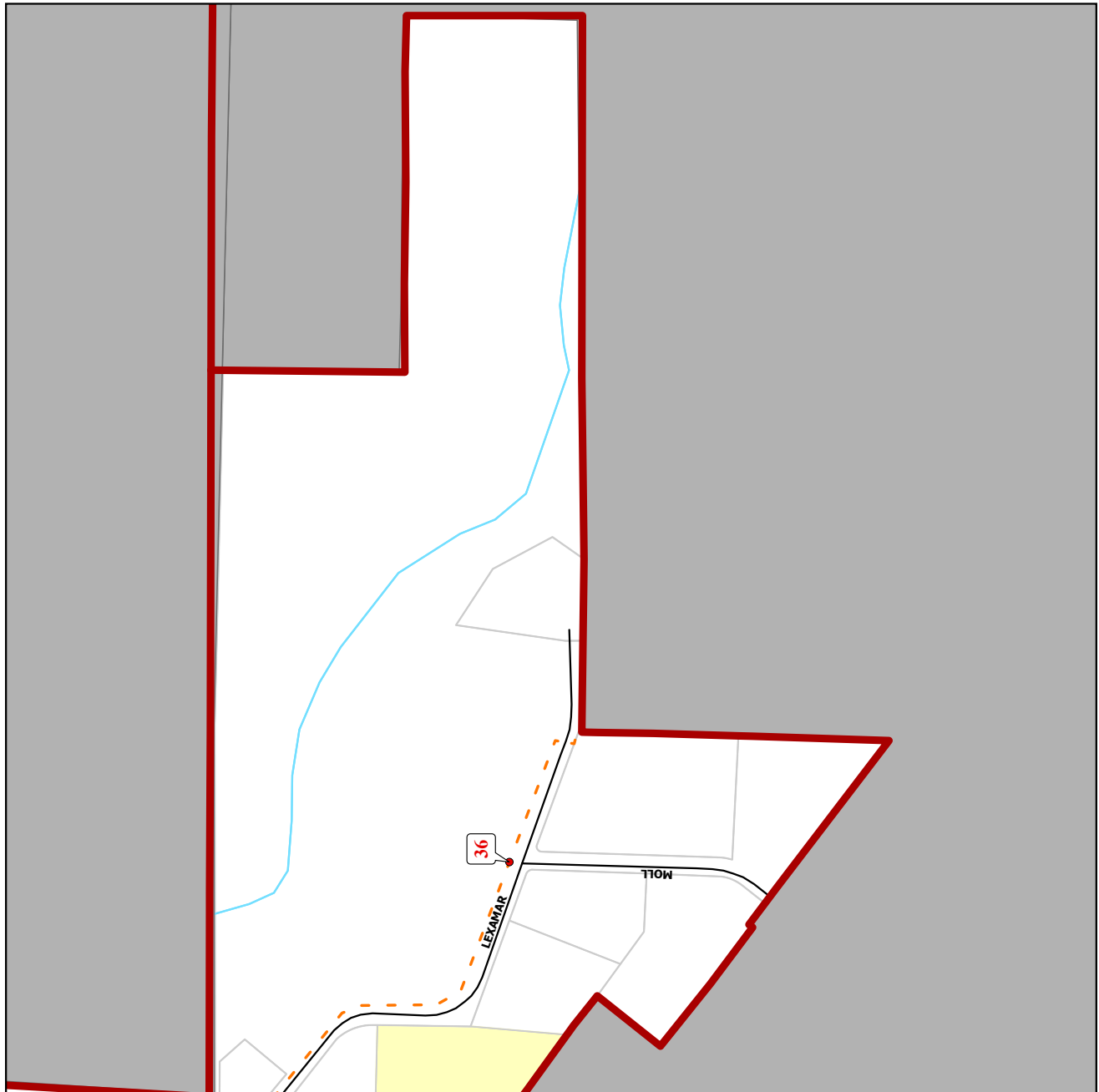


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## CITY OF CHARLEVOIX

FACILITY NAME	OWNERSHIP	OPEN TO PUBLIC?	APPROX. SIZE	FACILITIES AVAILABLE
1. Charlevoix Golf Club	City	Yes	62 acres	9-hole, par 36 golf course, cross country skiing
2. Elm Street Tennis Courts	City	Yes	0.6 acre	4 fenced-in hard surface tennis courts with a double-sided practice wall, pickle ball, small fenced-in play area
3. Depot Beach Park	City	Yes	4 acres	Swimming beach, boating, children's play equipment, volleyball net, picnic sites, green space, pavilion, restrooms, water access mats
4. Lake Charlevoix Access Site (Chicago Avenue)	City	Yes		Public access site
5. Coast Guard Park	City	Yes	1 acre	Undeveloped
6. Channel Walkway	City	Yes		Scenic viewing
7. North and South Piers / Lighthouse	Piers - US Army Corps of Engineers; Lighthouse - City	Yes		Scenic viewing, pier fishing
8. Michigan Beach Park	City	Yes	17 acres	Swimming, children's play equipment, picnic tables, pavilion, concession, restrooms, volleyball, wooded area, hiking trails, water access mats
9. Water Tower Park	City	Yes	0.45 acres	Hilltop scenic viewing accessed by wood stairs, park benches
10. Hoffmann Park	City	Yes	0.33 acre	Viewing platform
11. East Park / City Marina	City	Yes	4.7 acres	67 boat slips, boaters' lounge, restrooms, laundry facilities, transient & seasonal dockage for dinghies & personal watercraft, bandshell, park benches, picnic tables, interactive water fountain, scenic viewing, trout stream replica, farmers market and various annual festivals, private boat charters
12. Ward Brothers' Boats	Private	Yes	0.1 acre	Private boat charters, gasoline/diesel fuel, sanitary pump-out facilities, marine repairs & supplies
13. Round Lake Access Site (Burns Street)	City	Yes		Seasonal boat dock; 4 boat slips
14. Lake Michigan Beach Access (North Side)	City	Yes		Public walks (2) from Michigan Avenue; access via wooden stairs
15. Charlevoix Elementary School	School	Limited hours	23 acres	Football/soccer stadium, ¼ mile track, memorial, children's play equipment, playfields, all-purpose room, combined basketball court / gymnasium, weight room, kitchen, library
16. Rotary Park	City	Yes	8.7 acres	Children's play equipment, basketball courts
17. Community Skate Park	City	Yes	3 acres	Skateboarding, rollerblading, non- motorized scooters, biking
18. Ferry Beach / Park	City	Yes	5 acres	Children's play equipment, horseshoe pits, swimming, boating, fishing, picnic sites, volleyball court, basketball courts, pavilions, seasonal concession, water access mats, future kayak launch
19. Ferry Avenue Launch (Lake Charlevoix)	City	Yes	1 acre	Boat launch ramps (4), fish cleaning station
20. Charlevoix Public Library	City	Yes	2.5 acres	Library, farmers market during winter months, meeting rooms
21. Harsha House Museum	Charlevoix Historical Society	Limited hours	0.2 acre	Charlevoix Area History Museum
22. Charlevoix Depot Museum	Charlevoix Historical Society	Limited hours	0.7 acre	Museum, meeting place for history programs

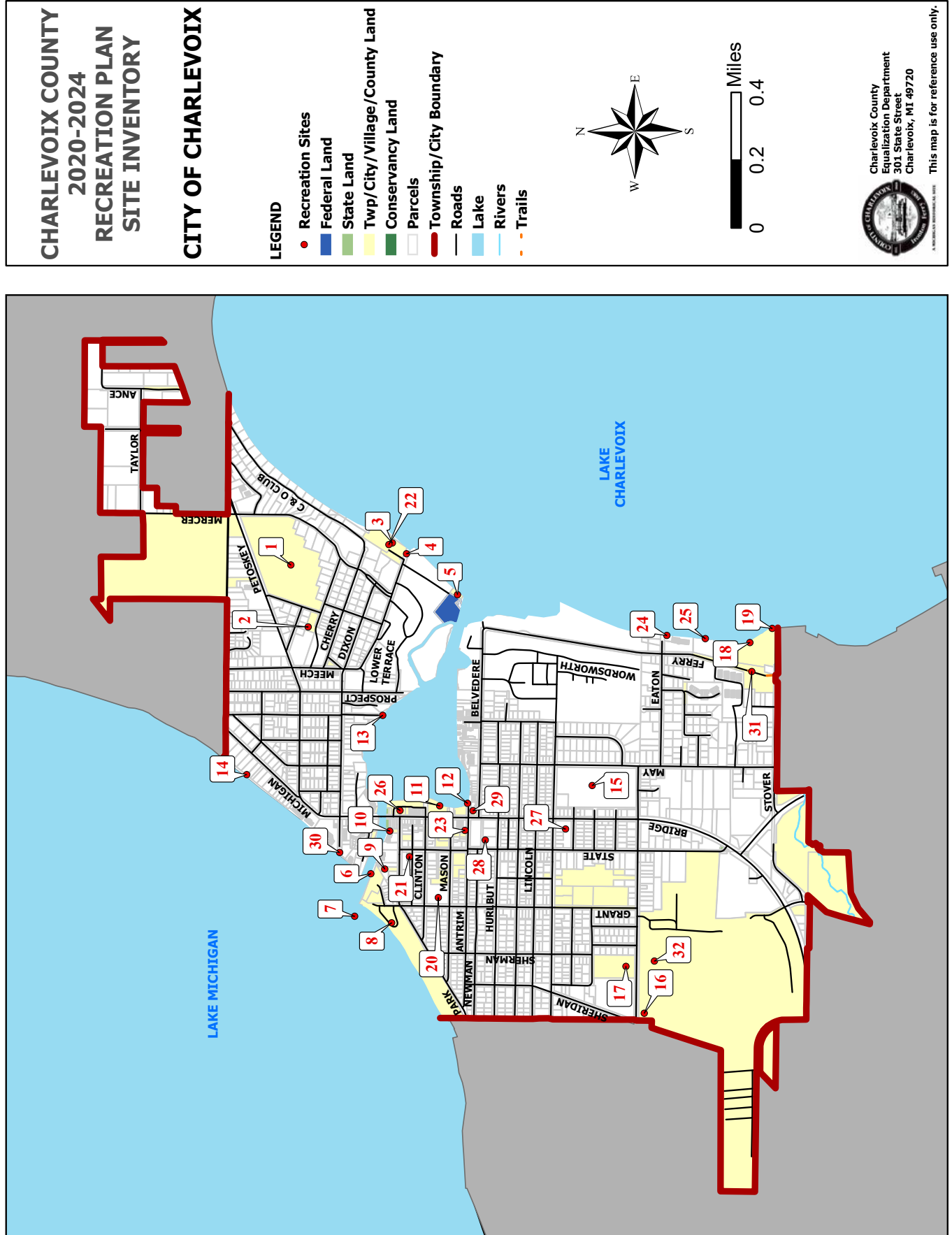
## CITY OF CHARLEVOIX

FACILITY NAME	OWNERSHIP	OPEN TO PUBLIC?	APPROX. SIZE	FACILITIES AVAILABLE
23. Charlevoix Cinema lii	Private	Yes	0.2 acre	Movie theater
24. Northwest Marine Yacht Club	Private	Members / guests / rental	1.8 acre	Boating, swimming pool, clubhouse with restrooms, showers, and laundry facilities
25. New Irish Marina	Private	Yes	2.4 acres	Boating
26. Robert Bridge Memorial Park	City	Yes	0.5 acre	Scenic viewing, picnic tables, park benches
27. St. Mary School	Catholic Diocese of Gaylord	School children	1.9 acre	Gymnasium, children's play equipment, basketball courts
28. Charlevoix Montessori Academy for The Arts	School	School children	0.6 acre	Children's play equipment
29. Veterans Park	City	Yes	0.2 acre	Sidewalk, seating areas, memorial
30. West Dixon Park (Road End)	City	Yes	0.1 acre	Seating areas, scenic viewing, beach access
31. Lake to Lake Trail	City (a portion); Charlevoix Twp	Yes		Recreational trail – walking, jogging, bicycling
32. Carpenter Ave Ballfields	City	Yes		Ball diamonds, concession, restrooms



*East Park and Municipal Marina, (Charlevoix) photo courtesy of Rick Wolanin*

# MAP 5: CITY OF CHARLEVOIX SITE INVENTORY



## CITY OF EAST JORDAN

FACILITY NAME	OWNERSHIP	OPEN TO PUBLIC?	APPROX. SIZE	FACILITIES AVAILABLE
1. Gar Park	City	Yes	0.2 acre	Benches, picnic sites, memorial, green space, small gazebo
2. Watson Field	City	Yes	3.6 acres	Baseball / t-ball field, children's play equipment, restrooms, concession stand
3. East Jordan Elementary School	School	Limited hours	4.8 acres	Playfields, children's play equipment, basketball courts
4. Boswell Stadium	School	Limited hours		Football, track, softball, practice football field, restrooms, bleachers, showers, concessions
5. Sportsman's Park	City	Yes	16.3 acres	River frontage, viewing platform, gazebo, restroom, picnic sites, canoing, fishing, farmers market
6. City Marina / Memorial Park	City	Yes	3.2 acres	60 boat slips, electricity & water, full-service gasoline, sanitary pump-out station, ice, restrooms, showers, shoppers docks, fishing, picnic sites, park benches, bandshell, ice skating rink
7. City Boat Launch	City	Yes	1.9 acres	Boat launch, parking, restrooms, fishing
8. Tourist Park	City	Yes	26.4 acres	Campsites, picnic sites, swimming beach, boating, fishing, children's play equipment, beach house rental, restrooms, beach volleyball
9. Murphy Field & Adult Softball Field	City	Yes	7.64 acres	Children's play equipment, lighted ball fields, restrooms, tennis courts, movies in the park
10. East Jordan Community Center	City	Limited hours	0.4 acre	Carpeted walking track, gymnasium, volleyball, showers, kitchen, rented for events
11. Downtown Historical Museum	City	Limited hours		History exhibit at city hall
12. Jordan Valley District Library	City	Yes		Library
13. Mill Street Park	City	Yes	0.4 acre	Playground, green space, picnic tables
14. Rotary Centennial Skate Park	City	Yes	2.7 acres	Ramps & pad, children's play equipment, drinking fountain, parking area
15. Gemini Lanes	Private	Yes		Bowling (6 lanes)
16. American Legion Club	Non-Profit	Members / guests		All-purpose room, kitchen, billiards
17. Presbyterian Church	Non-Profit	Members / guests	0.5 acre	Playfields
18. North Playground	School	Yes		Utilized for elementary physical education
19. Brown's Creek Natural Area	School	Yes		Outdoor education area with nature and hiking trails; includes two (2) bridges, a covered classroom and three (3) observation decks
20. Baseball / Softball Fields	School	Yes		Two ball fields for high school and little league use
21. East Jordan Middle School and High School Athletic Complex	School	Yes		Gymnasium, kitchen, all-purpose room, swimming pool, auditorium, hiking trails, football/track complex with full lighting, locker rooms, public restrooms, concession area, ticket booth, press box, bermed stadium and complete maintenance building
22. East Jordan Senior Center	School	Yes		Congregate meals and senior activities; children's play equipment, basketball courts, playfields

## CITY OF EAST JORDAN

FACILITY NAME	OWNERSHIP	OPEN TO PUBLIC?	APPROX. SIZE	FACILITIES AVAILABLE
23. New City Boat Launch	City	Yes	1.25 acres	Double ramp-single skid pier launch facility, 20 trailer parking spaces, 4 prepping & tie-down lanes, no public restrooms
24. Community Park	City	Yes	38.9 acres	Ballfields, batting cages, soccer fields, disc golf, playground equipment, hiking trails, picnic area, concessions, restrooms
25. Jordan River Arts Center	Jordan River Arts Council	Yes		Art exhibits
26. Friends of The Jordan River Watershed	Friends of The Jordan River Watershed	Yes		Watershed center, nature trail, information kiosks
27. Jordan River Sedge Marsh Preserves	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	2 +/- acres	Nature preserves
28. Jordan Valley Outfitters	Private	Yes		Canoe & kayak rental for boating on Jordan River
29. Snowmobile Trail	Mixed (DNR)	Yes, DNR trail sticker required		Snowmobiling



*East Jordan Sportsman's Park*

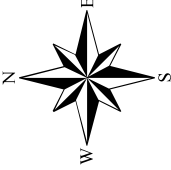
# MAP 6: CITY OF EAST JORDAN SITE INVENTORY

**CHARLEVOIX COUNTY**  
2020-2024  
**RECREATION PLAN**  
**SITE INVENTORY**


**CITY OF EAST JORDAN**


**LEGEND**

- Recreation Sites
- State Land
- Twp/City/Village/County Land
- Conservancy Land
- Parcels
- Township / City Boundary
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- Rivers
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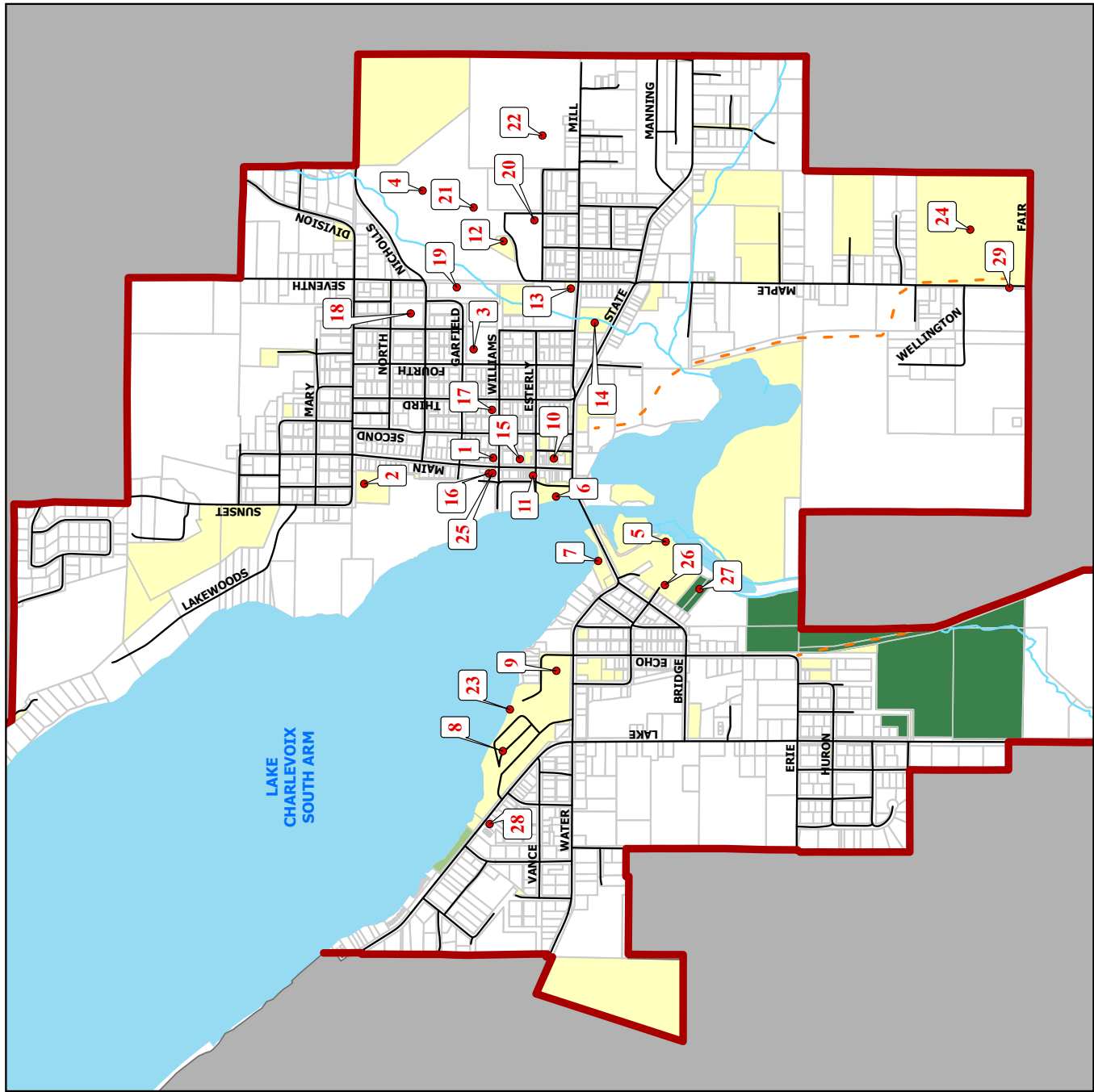


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## BAY TOWNSHIP

FACILITY NAME	OWNERSHIP	OPEN TO PUBLIC?	APPROX. SIZE	FACILITIES AVAILABLE
1. State Forest (Walloon Lake)	State of Michigan	Yes	222 acres	Hiking, wildlife viewing, hunting during season (undeveloped), swimming
2. Walloon Lake Access Site (Stolt Road)	Road Commission	Yes	0.25 acre	Public access, boat launch
3. Lake Charlevoix Access Site (Lake Street)	Road Commission	Yes	0.25 acre	Public access, boat launch, dock, sand beach and benches
4. Walloon Lake Access Site (Wildwood Drive)	Road Commission	Yes	0.25 acre	Public access, boat launch
5. Walloon Lake Access Site (Sumner Road)	Road Commission	Yes	0.25 acre	Public access, boat launch
6. Lake Charlevoix Access Site (Sumner Road)	Private*	Yes, limited*	0.25 acre	Limited public access, restricted by court order (easement)
7. Walloon Lake (Lily Pad Bay) Access Site (Eagle Island Road)	Bay Township	Yes	0.25 acre	Water access, boat launch, bench
8. Camp Daggett	Non-Profit	Members / guests	98 acres	Children's play equipment, archery, ball diamonds, volleyball, swimming, boating, fishing, playfields, campsites, hiking trails, nature study trails, all- purpose rooms, kitchen
9. Park of The Pines Church Camp	Non-Profit	Members / guests	25 acres	Various outdoor facilities, swimming, hiking, all-purpose rooms, kitchen
10. Hills of Walloon	Private	Members only	5 acres	Swimming, fishing, boating, tennis
11. Walloon View Brae Association	Private	Members only	5 acres	Swimming, fishing, boating
12. Kirk Preserve	Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy	Yes	0.22 acre	Nature preserve; 200+ feet of Walloon Lake shoreline
13. Harley Preserve	Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy	Yes	1.34 acres	Nature preserve; 100 feet of Walloon Lake shoreline
14. Camp Michigania	Non-Profit	Members / guests	380 acres	Swimming, fishing, boating, volleyball, playfields, picnic sites, children's play equipment, hiking trails, campsites, ball diamonds, tennis, meeting rooms, kitchen
15. Villa De Charlevoix	Private	Members only	5 acres	Boat launch, docks, swimming, boating, children's play equipment, picnic sites
16. Eagle Island Club	Private	Members only	0.5 acre	Boating, swimming, picnic sites
17. Bear Cove Marina	Private	Members only	0.5 acre	Boating, 20 slips
18. Sherwood Park	Bay Township	Yes	1 acre	Swimming, picnic facilities, restrooms
19. Wildwood on Walloon	Private	Members only	35 acres	50' beach frontage, swimming, boat docks,
20. Horton Bay Club	Private	Members only	250 acres	Boating, swimming, tennis, hiking
21. Rufus Teesdale Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	10 acres	Nature preserve; hiking, Horton Creek access, nature study, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing
22. Nick Adams Nature Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	39.1 acres	Hiking, nature study, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing

## BAY TOWNSHIP

FACILITY NAME	OWNERSHIP	OPEN TO PUBLIC?	APPROX. SIZE	FACILITIES AVAILABLE
23. Bois Leduc Preserve	Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy	Yes	30.4 acres	Hiking, scenic views / bird watching, snowshoeing, nature study, cross country skiing
24. Bauerle Preserve	Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy	Yes	25.9 acres	Hiking, nature study, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, hunting with permission
25. Keenley Preserve	Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy	Yes	3.4 acres	Hiking, nature study, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing
26. Borisch Preserve	Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy	Yes	0.25 acre	Forest; green space
27. Maplecrest Preserve	Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy	Yes	22 acres	Hiking, nature study, cross country skiing, snowshoeing
28. Walloon Lake Access Site (Franklin Avenue)	Township	Yes	road width	Water access, bench seating
29. Marx Nature Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	1.3 acres	Nature preserve
30. Church Family Preserve	Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy	Yes	26.5 acres	Hiking, nature study, cross country skiing, snowshoeing

\* **Limited public access provided via an easement per court order.**



**Horton Bay at the end of Lake Street, photo courtesy of Rick Wolanin**

MAP 7: BAY TOWNSHIP SITE INVENTORY

**CHARLEVOIX COUNTY  
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SITE INVENTORY**

**BAY TOWNSHIP**

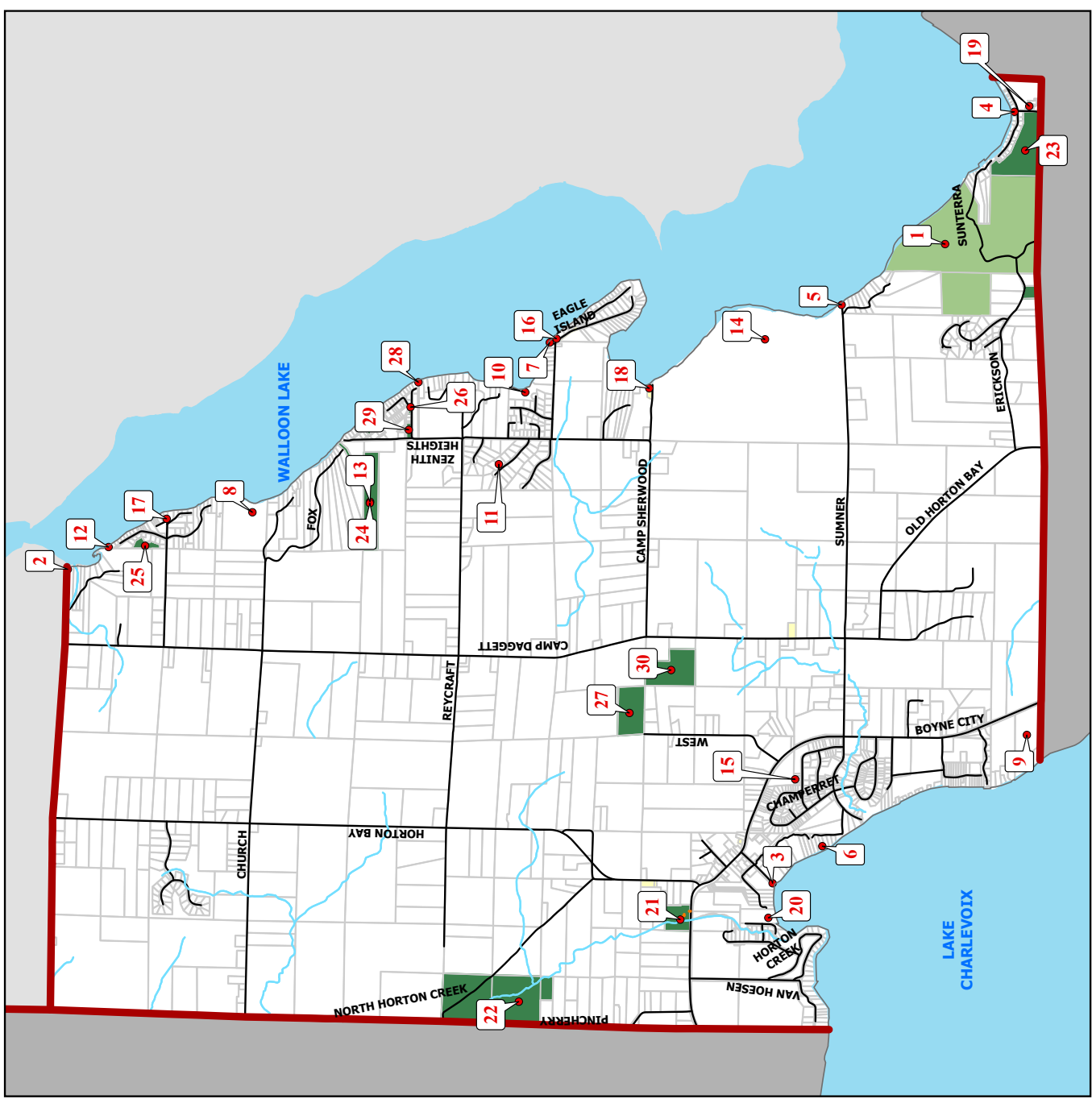
**LEGEND**

- Recreation Sites
- State Land
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- Conservancy Land
- Parcels
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- Roads
- Rivers
- Trails

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## BOYNE VALLEY TOWNSHIP & VILLAGE OF BOYNE FALLS

FACILITY NAME	OWNERSHIP	OPEN TO PUBLIC?	APPROX. SIZE	FACILITIES AVAILABLE
1. State Forest	State of Michigan	Yes	4,370 acres	Hiking, wildlife viewing, hunting during season (undeveloped)
2. Deer Lake Access Site	State of Michigan	Yes	1 acre – 1400 feet of frontage	Park, boat launch, swimming
3. Roadside Park on US-131	State of Michigan	Yes		Picnic tables
4. Char-Em Isd / Alternative School	School	Limited hours	1 acre	Playfields, children's play equipment, basketball courts, gymnasium, all- purpose room, kitchen
5. Mill Pond Park	Village of Boyne Falls	Yes	2 acres	Picnic sites, pavilion, horseshoe pits, playground, restrooms
6. Boyne Falls School (M-75 S.)	School	Yes	65 acres	Playfields, children's play equipment, basketball courts, sand volleyball court, trails, gymnasium, all- purpose room, meeting room, kitchen
7. Railroad Street Park	Boyne Valley Township	Yes		Basketball court, playground equipment, ice rink
8. Boyne Mountain Resort	Private	Yes		Downhill skiing, snowboarding, golf, tennis, swimming pool, cross-country ski trails, picnic sites, bike trails, beach on deer lake, water park, convention center, airport, horseback riding, sleigh rides
9. Soccer and Lacrosse Fields	Private	Yes		Soccer and lacrosse tournament fields
10. Well House Park	Village of Boyne Falls	Yes		Used for mud run and horse and pony pull during the annual polish festival
11. Crooked Tree District Library	Crooked Tree Library Council	Yes		Public library
12. Big Cedar Nature Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	19.7 acres	Nature preserve
13. North Branch of the Boyne River Nature Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	40 acres	Nature preserve
14. Three Bears Mountain Nature Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	159.8 acres	Nature preserve
15. Boyne River Access Site (Dam Road)	State of Michigan	Yes		Water access
16. War Memorial Park	Boyne Valley Township	Yes		War memorial for veterans of world war i to present day
17. Dam Road Park	Boyne Valley Township	Yes	7.5 acres	Trailhead, vault restroom
18. Boyne Falls School Properties	School	Yes	171 acres	Ballfields, trails
19. Concord Academy Boyne	School	Yes	9.5 acres	Playfields, children's play equipment, basketball courts, sand volleyball court, trails, all- purpose room, meeting room
20. Wisser-Saworski Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	33.8 acres	Nature preserve; trail system under development; adjacent to 160 acres owned by Boyne Falls school
21. Wellman Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	8.1 acres	400' of frontage on Boyne River

## BOYNE VALLEY TOWNSHIP & VILLAGE OF BOYNE FALLS

FACILITY NAME	OWNERSHIP	OPEN TO PUBLIC?	APPROX. SIZE	FACILITIES AVAILABLE
22. North Country Trail	National Park Service	Yes	Stretches across 7 states; approx. 4,600 miles long	Hiking, cross-country skiing
23. Peter P. Faskey Nature Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	28.1 acres	Nature preserve
24. Boyne Valley Trailway	Boyne City, Boyne Valley Twp, And Village of Boyne Falls	Yes	7.2 miles (total)	Non-motorized recreational trail
25. Carpenter Family Nature Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	30 acres	Nature preserve



*Boyne River near Dam Road, photo courtesy of Rick Wolanin*

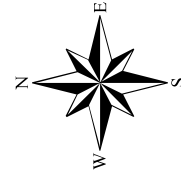
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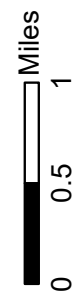
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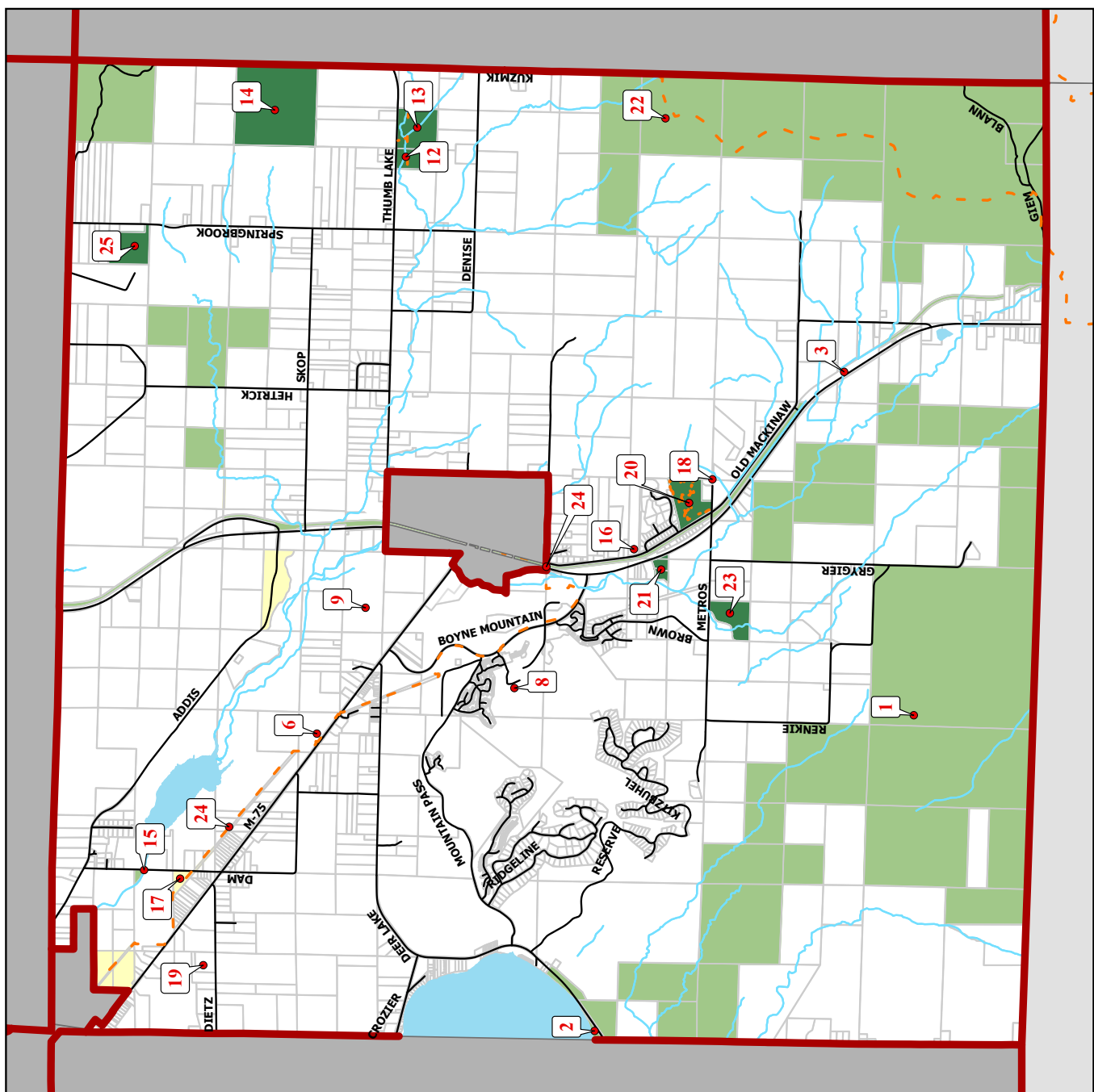


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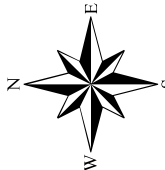
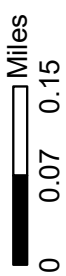
MAP 9: VILLAGE OF BOYNE FALLS SITE INVENTORY


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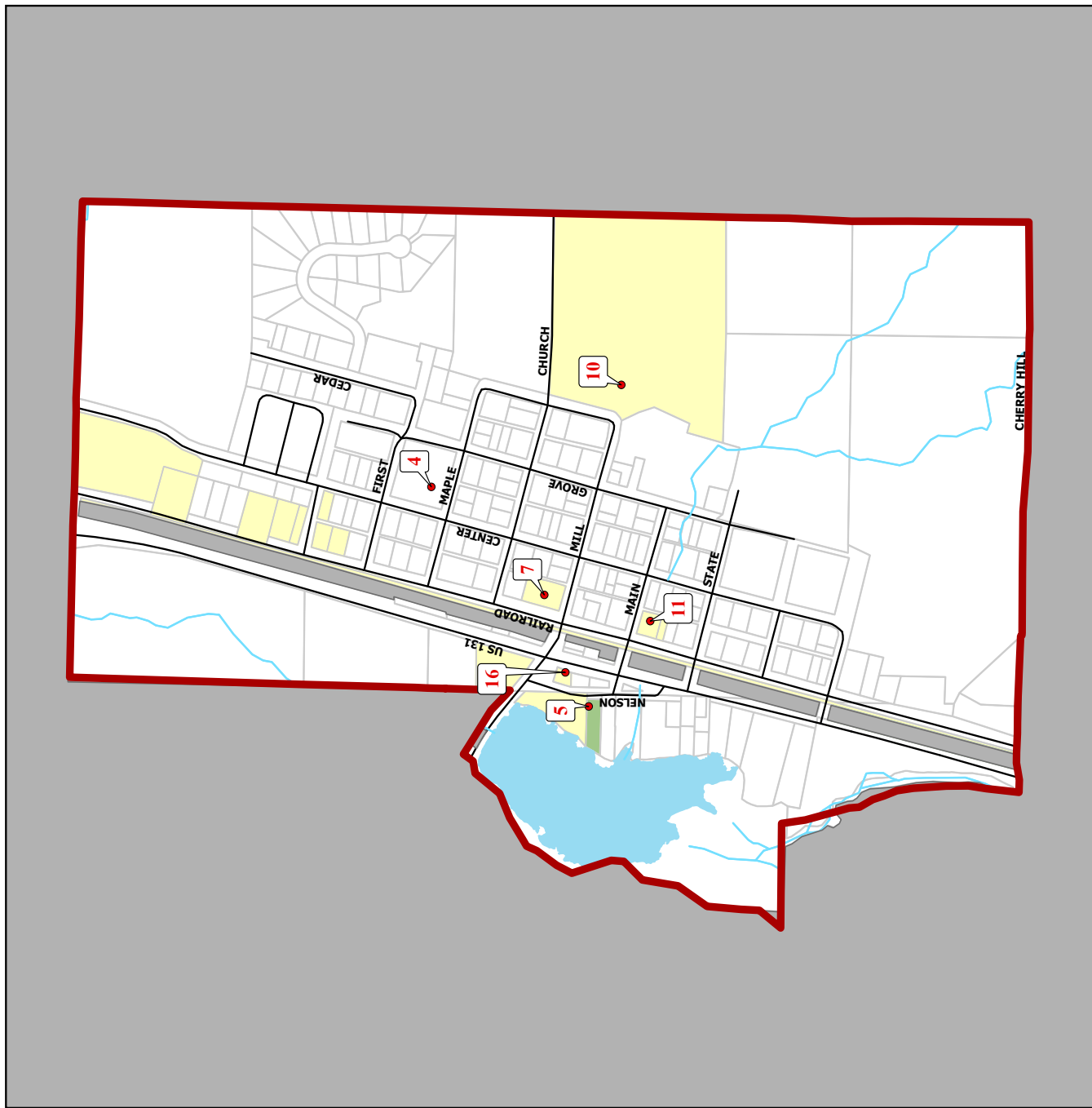
**VILLAGE OF BOYNE  
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**LEGEND**

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## CHANDLER TOWNSHIP

FACILITY NAME	OWNERSHIP	OPEN TO PUBLIC?	APPROX. SIZE	FACILITIES AVAILABLE
1. State Forest	State of Michigan	Yes	16,190 acres	Hiking, wildlife viewing, hunting during season (undeveloped)
2. North Country Trail	National Park Service	Yes	Stretches across 7 states; approx. 4,600 miles in length	Hiking, cross-country skiing
3. Springbrook Pathway	Mixed	Yes	5 miles	Hiking, cross-country skiing
4. Springbrook Hills Golf Course	Private	Yes	600 acres	Golf course
5. Chandler Hill Campground	Private	Yes	20 acres	Campsites, swimming pool
6. Snowmobile Trail	Mixed (DNR)	Yes, DNR trail sticker required		Snowmobiling
7. Michigan Cross-Country Cycle (CCC) Trail	Mixed	Yes		Dirt bikes



*Chandler Township Hall*

# MAP 10: CHANDLER TOWNSHIP SITE INVENTORY

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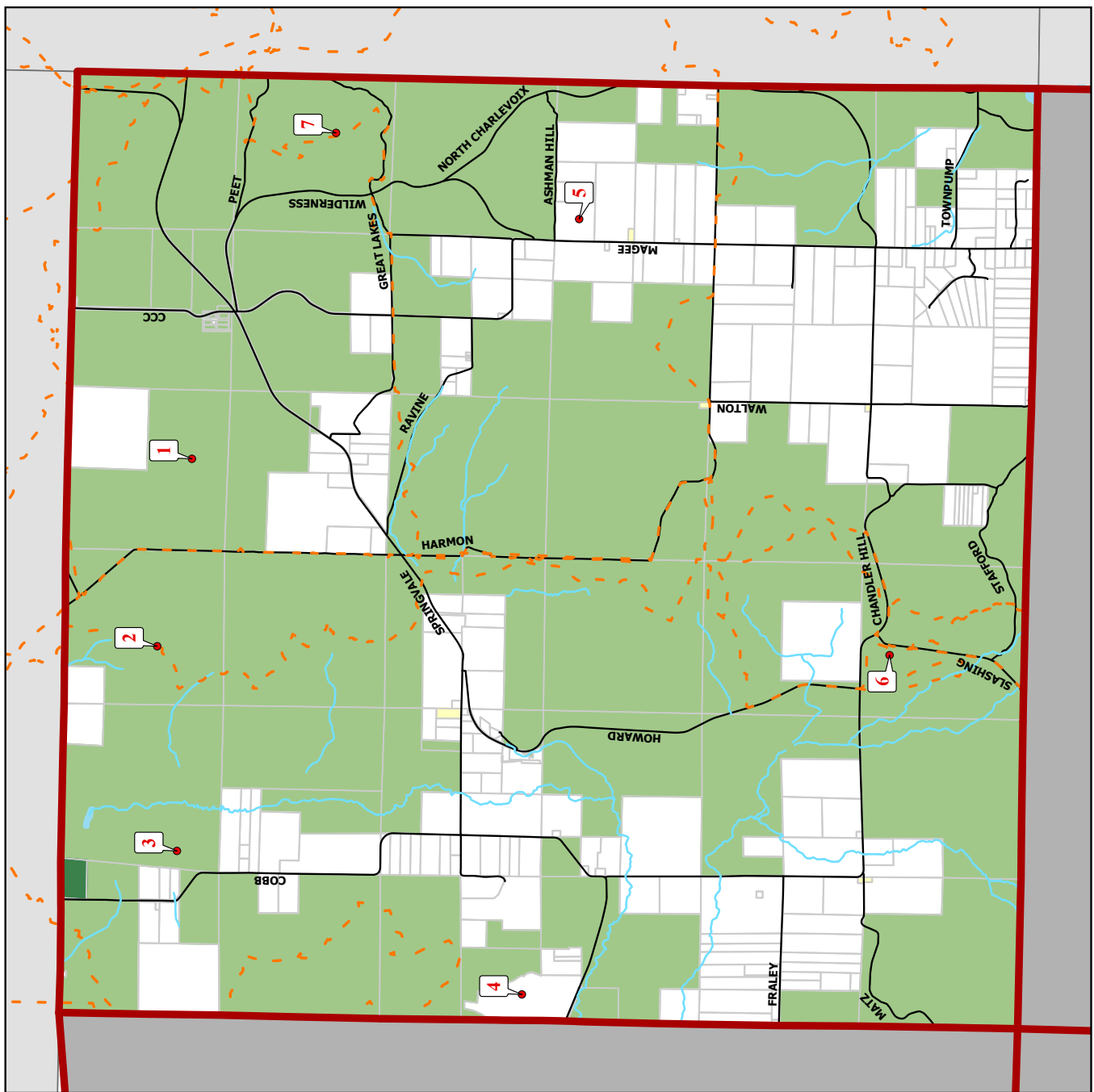
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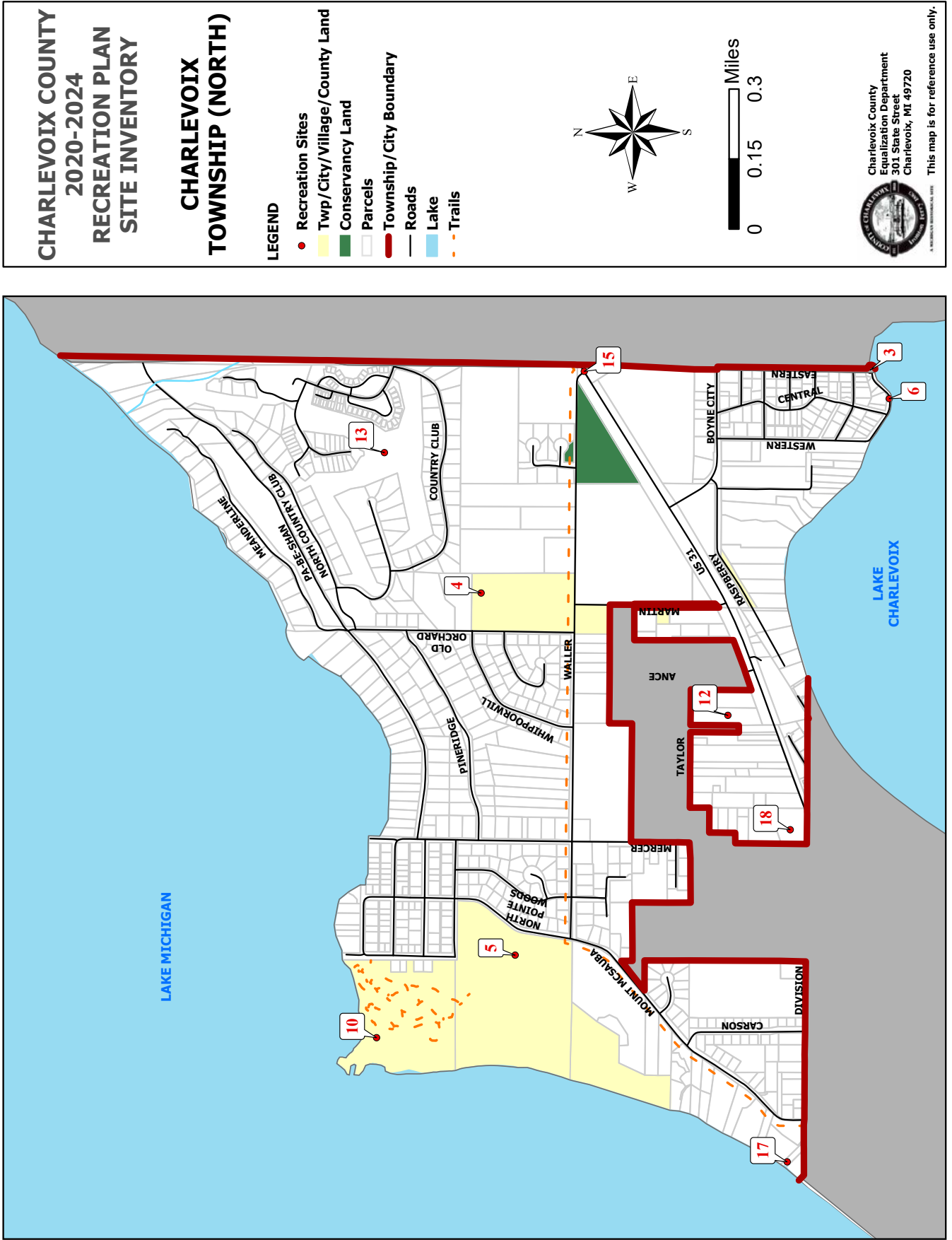
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## CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP

FACILITY NAME	OWNERSHIP	OPEN TO PUBLIC?	APPROX. SIZE	FACILITIES AVAILABLE
1. Fisherman's Island State Park	State of Michigan	Yes	434 acres	Hiking & cross- country ski trails, boating, campsites, fishing, hunting during season, picnic sites, swimming
2. South Point Boat Launch (Lake Michigan)	Charlevoix Township	Yes	0.5 acre	Boat launch, fishing weir
3. Pine Point Boat Launch (Lake Charlevoix)	Charlevoix Township	Yes	0.5 acre	Boat launch
4. Shanahan Field	Charlevoix Township	Yes	16.9 acres	Tennis courts, ball diamond, soccer fields, picnic pods and pavilion area, handicapped - accessible playground, basketball court, pickle ball court, meeting room
5. Mt. Mcsaubia Recreation Area	City of Charlevoix	Yes	59 acres	Swimming beach, sand dunes, 2-story lodge, downhill skiing, cross- country skiing, sledding, basketball snowboarding, snowshoeing, ice skating, hiking trails, mountain biking, 18-hole disc golf course, summer day camp for youth, children's play equipment
6. Pine Point Subdivision	Private	Members / guests	0.5 acre	Swimming, boating
7. Irish Boat Works	Private	Yes		Boat shop, marina, boat launch
8. Belvedere Golf Course	Private	Members / guests	102 acres	Driving range, golf course
9. Pine Lake Club	Private	Members / guests		Swimming, fishing, boating, pool & tennis courts
10. Northpoint Nature Preserve	Charlevoix Township	Yes	27 acres	Viewing platforms, swimming, sand dunes, 2800' of waterfront, trails for hiking & cross-country skiing
11. Charlevoix Estates	Private	Members / guests		Tennis courts, swimming pool, fitness center, children's playground equipment
12. VFW / American Legion Hall / Elks Lodge	VFW / Elks	Members / guests		Meeting hall, horseshoe pits, entertainment events
13. Charlevoix Country Club	Private	Members / guests		Golf, meeting rooms, tennis courts, swimming pool
14. Charlevoix Senior Center	County Owns Bldg; Township Owns Property	Yes		Congregate meals, senior activities
15. Little Traverse Wheelway	Portion in Charlevoix Co: Owned by MDOT And Maintained by Charlevoix County	Yes	7.5 miles in Chx county (26 total)	Non-motorized recreational trail
16. Lake to Lake Trail	Charlevoix Township; City of Charlevoix (A Portion)	Yes		Recreational trail – walking, jogging, bicycling
17. Rosebush	Township	Yes		Lake Michigan beach access, small parking area
18. Uhrick's Campground	Private	Yes		Campsites, cabin rentals

MAP 11: CHARLEVOIX TOWNSHIP (NORTH) SITE INVENTORY



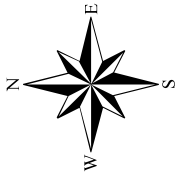
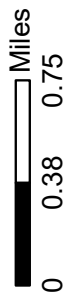
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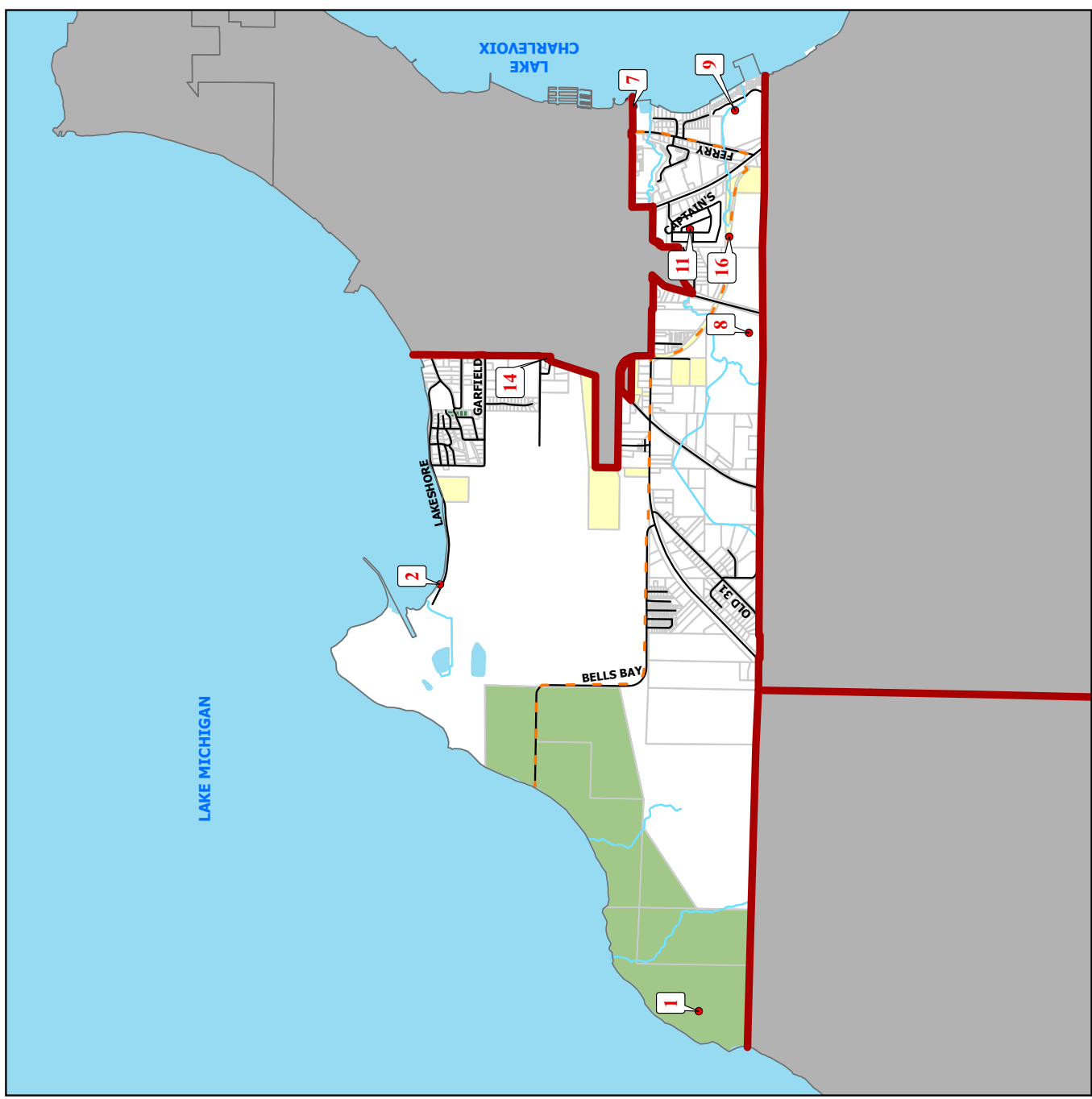
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**LEGEND**

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## EVANGELINE TOWNSHIP

FACILITY NAME	OWNERSHIP	OPEN TO PUBLIC?	APPROX. SIZE	FACILITIES AVAILABLE
1. Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail	Charlevoix County	Yes	3.04 miles (phase 1 total)	Nonmotorized recreational trail
2. Trails	State of Michigan	Yes		Cross-country ski and hiking trails
3. Young State Park	State of Michigan	Yes	560 acres	Picnic sites, campsites, swimming, boating, fishing, playfields, children's play equipment, hiking trails
4. Glenwood Beach Park	Township	Yes	0.50 acre	Picnic area; swimming; water access stairs; bike rack; kayak rack
5. Kim Park	New Pine Hurst Shores	Yes	0.5 acre	Swimming, handicapped accessible play equipment, bike rack
6. Chris Park	New Pine Hurst Shores	Yes	0.7 acre	Undeveloped
7. Springwater Beach Resort – Unnamed Platted Park at Corner of Spring & Brook Streets		Yes	0.1 acre	Undeveloped
8. Springwater Beach Resort - Lake Street Road End	County Road Commission	Yes	2,500 sq ft (0.05 acre)	Footpath access to water's edge; swimming
9. Springwater Beach Resort - Water Street Road End	County Road Commission	Yes	4,100 sq ft (0.10 acre)	Two-track access to water's edge; stone covered beach; swimming
10. Springwater Beach Resort - Brook Street Road End	County Road Commission	Yes	5,500 sq ft (0.13 acre)	Improved stone gravel access to water's edge; swimming
11. Springwater Beach Resort Brook Place Road End	County Road Commission	Yes		Water access
12. Springwater Beach Resort Aspen Place Road End	County Road Commission	Yes		Water access
13. Springwater Beach Resort Park Place Road End	County Road Commission	Yes		Water access
14. Woodland Drive Road End (Glenwood Beach Resort)	County Road Commission	Yes	5,400 sq ft (0.12 acre) Twp side only	Lake Charlevoix access (not barrier-free)
15. Glenwood Beach Resort - Birch Place Road End	County Road Commission	Yes	5,000 sq ft (0.11 acre)	Wood chip footpath to Lake Charlevoix; swimming, bike rack, picnic table, grill, kayak rack, walkway
16. Wildwood Harbor Preserve	Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy	Yes	103 acres	Hiking trails; lakeside viewing platform; scenic views / bird watching; cross- country skiing; snowshoeing; hunting with permission; parking areas
17. Ellis Woods Preserve	Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy	Yes	82 acres	Scenic views / birdwatching; hunting with permission

## EVANGELINE TOWNSHIP

FACILITY NAME	OWNERSHIP	OPEN TO PUBLIC?	APPROX. SIZE	FACILITIES AVAILABLE
18. Boyne City School Forest	Boyne City Public Schools	Yes	120 acres	Low-impact day-use recreation
19. The Hill Nature Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	116.6 acres (a portion is located in the Boyne City limits)	Nature preserve; trails for hiking, biking, scenic viewing, cross-country skiing
20. Wildwood Rush	Private	Limited hours		Zipline tours
21. Boyne City School Forest Expansion	Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy	Yes	35 acres	Future mountain bike trail



*Glenwood Park, Evangeline Township*

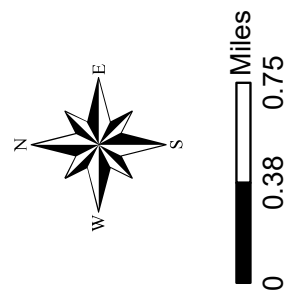
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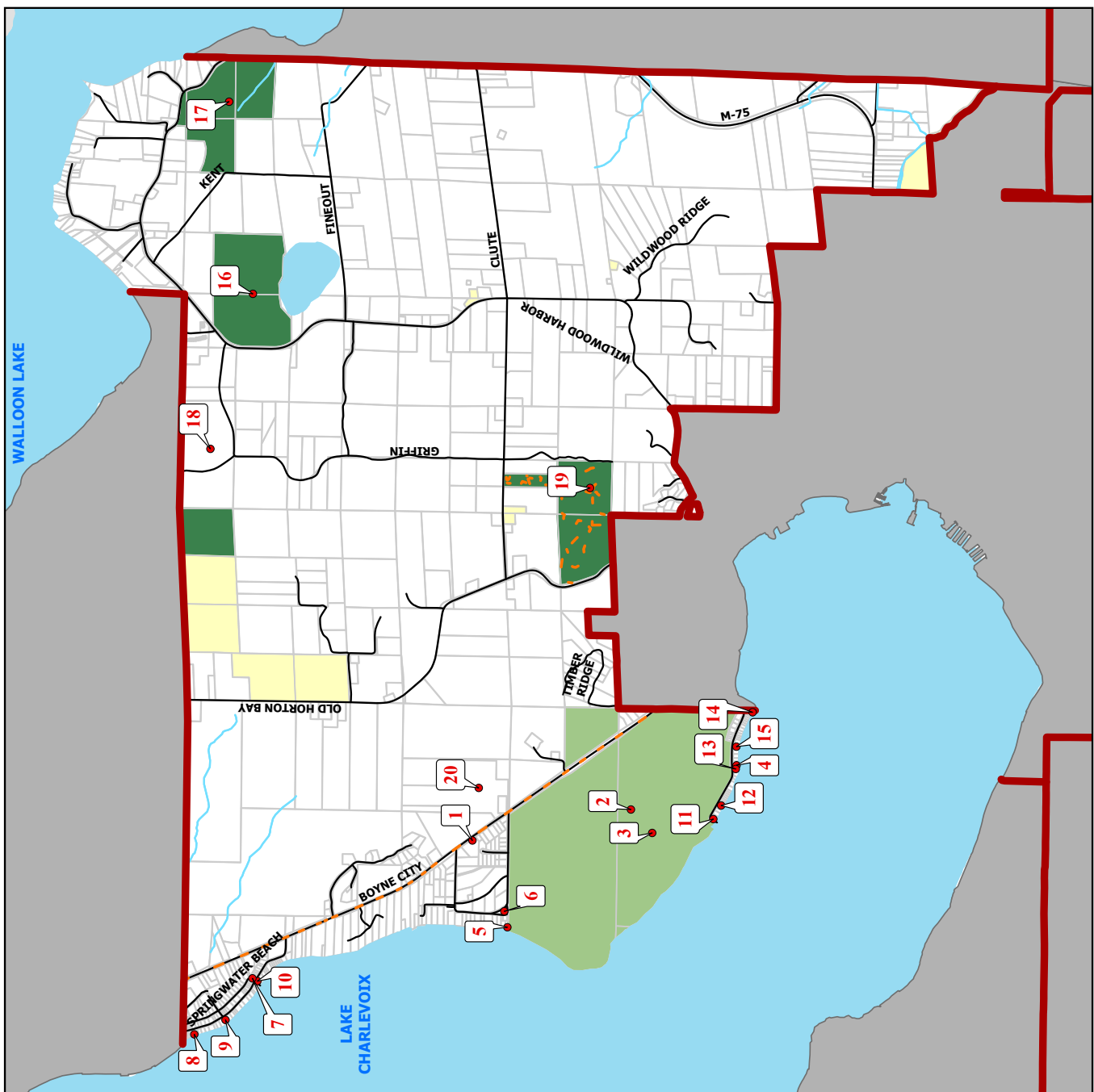


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## EVELINE TOWNSHIP

FACILITY NAME	OWNERSHIP	OPEN TO PUBLIC?	APPROX. SIZE	FACILITIES AVAILABLE
1. Eveline Township Hall and Associated Property	Township	Yes	2.3 acres	Picnic tables, benches, bike rack, parking area
2. Lake Charlevoix Access Site (Ironton)	State of Michigan	Yes	7 acres	Boat launch, picnic sites, vault toilets
3. Whiting Park	Charlevoix County	Yes	238 acres	Campground: rustic and RV campsites with electricity, restroom/shower building, water & pump- out station; swimming; barrier-free kayak launch; mobi-mats & mobi-chair; barrier-free vault toilet at beach; boating; fishing; beach volleyball; trails for hiking, biking, cross- country skiing & snowshoeing; 2 meeting halls with kitchen & restrooms; 2 pavilions; picnic sites; playfields; children's play equipment; horseshoe pits; basketball
4. Ironton School	Char-Em Intermediate School District	Limited hours	1.5 acres	Children's play equipment, playfields, meeting rooms
5. Sleepy Hollow Nature Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	55 acres	Nature preserve, trails, parking area
6. Villa Nuova Subdivision	Private	Members / guests	3 acres	Swimming, boating, fishing, children's play equipment, horseshoe pits, playfields, volleyball courts, boat launch
7. Bay Marina	Private	Yes		Boating, private boat docking
8. Ironton Landings	See facilities available	See facilities available		Private Facilities: Marina, fishing Private Facilities (owned by restaurant) Open to the Public: boat docks Public Facilities: bike rack at west landing of ferry and bike rack & bench at east landing of ferry
9. Charlevoix Shores Estates	Private	Members		Swimming, park
10. Hidden Valley	Private	Members / guests		Children's play equipment, boating, swimming
11. Ye Nyne Olde Holles	Private	Yes		Golf course, clubhouse
12. Ironton Cove Marina	Private	Yes / rental basis		Marina
13. Hemingway Pointe Club	Private	Members / guests		Nature preserve, swimming beach, marina, hiking trails, cross country ski trails, pool, tennis
14. Sequanota Club	Private	Members		Marina, swimming, meeting room
15. East Jordan Schools Nature Area	East Jordan Schools	Yes	34.5 acres	Nature area on Steele Lake; hiking, wildlife viewing, school uses
16. Sommerset Pointe Yacht Club & Marina	Private	Members / guests and township residents		Private marina and yacht club with restaurant; can be reserved for weddings & events; boat launch and swimming beach / park open to township residents
17. Township Property Near Washington Street & Sweetbrier	Township	Yes	0.2 acre	Undeveloped
18. Lake Charlevoix Access Site (Washington Street)	County Road Commission & Eveline Township	Yes	0.5 acre	Lake Charlevoix access, swimming beach, picnic table, bench, bike rack
19. Eveline Township Nature Area	Township	Yes	35 acres	Nature trails, wetlands, 1,000' of Lake Charlevoix frontage

## EVELINE TOWNSHIP

FACILITY NAME	OWNERSHIP	OPEN TO PUBLIC?	APPROX. SIZE	FACILITIES AVAILABLE
20. Lake Charlevoix Access Site (Sanderson Road)	County Road Commission & Township	Yes, limited use		Water access
21. Lake Charlevoix Access Site (Bracey Road)	County Road Commission & Township	Yes, limited use		Water access, picnic table, bench, bike rack
22. Advance Board of Commerce	Non-Profit	Members / guests	0.5 acre	Basketball ½ court, picnic tables, events, rental
23. Gatt Family Nature Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	23.3 acres	Nature preserve



*Ironton Waterfront, photo courtesy of Rick Wolanin*

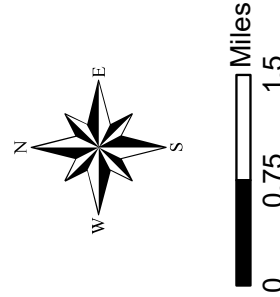
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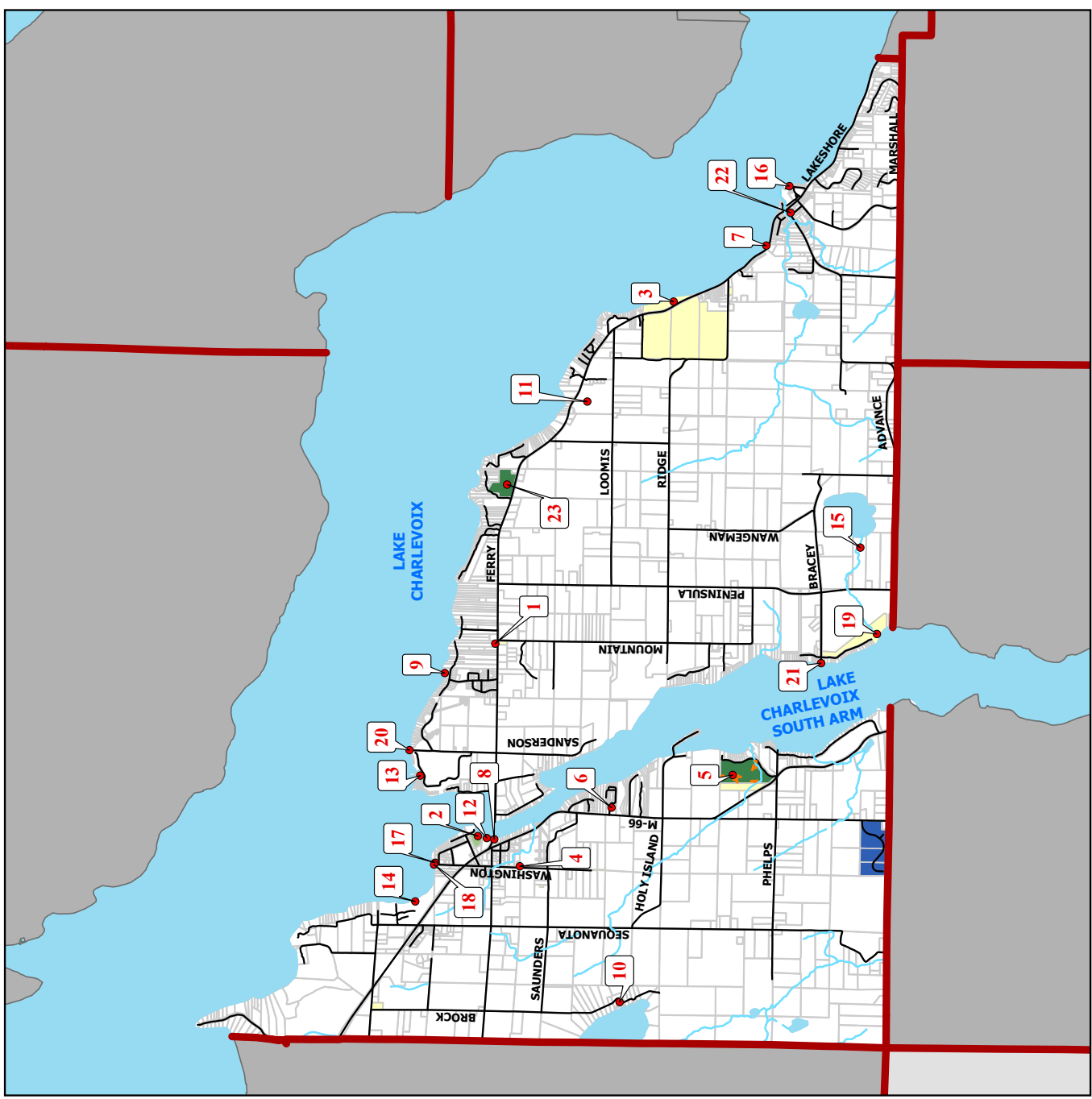
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## HAYES TOWNSHIP

FACILITY NAME	OWNERSHIP	OPEN TO PUBLIC?	APPROX. SIZE	FACILITIES AVAILABLE
1. Kennedy Park (Lake Michigan Access – Burgess Road)	State of Michigan	Yes	4.4 acres	Boat launch, vault restrooms
2. Susan Lake Access Site	State of Michigan	Yes	0.5 acre	Boat launch
3. Elzinga Roadside Park on U.S. 31	State of Michigan	Yes	14.6 acres	Scenic viewing, picnic area
4. MDOT Lake Michigan Shores Roadside Park on U.S. 31 (Douglas Branch)	State of Michigan	Yes		Scenic viewing, picnic area, memorial, vault restrooms
5. Charles A. Ransom Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	80 acres	Trails for hiking, biking, horseback riding, & cross-country skiing
6. Susan Shores Subdivision	Private	Members / guests	0.5 acre	Children's play equipment, swimming
7. Charlevoix Rod & Gun Club	Non-Profit	Members / guests	106 acres	Firearms range, all- purpose room, kitchen
8. Hayes Township Park (Camp Sea-Gull)	Hayes Township	Yes	23 acres	Swimming, hiking, fishing, ice fishing; 1400' of frontage on Lake Charlevoix, cabin rentals, picnic tables, boat launch, fire pit, fishing pier, vault restrooms, portable pavilion shelter
9. Townline Road Park (Lake Michigan)	Township / Road Commission	Yes	2.5 acres	Beach access
10. Lake Charlevoix Access Site (Eastern Avenue)	Township / Road Commission	Yes	1.5 acres	Swimming, fire pit, portable restroom, bike trail access, groomed sand beach
11. Dunmaglas	Private	Yes		18-hole golf course, weddings, events, lodging
12. Michigan Shores Subdivision	Private	Members/ guests	0.5 acre (ea)	Children's play equipment, swimming, picnic sites
13. Oyster Point Club	Private	Members		Tennis courts, marina, horse stables
14. Little Traverse Wheelway	Portion in Charlevoix Co: Owned by MDOT and Maintained by Charlevoix County	Yes	7.5 miles in Chx county	Non-motorized recreational trail
15. Charlevoix Community Pool	Non-Profit Group - Friends of The Pool	Yes	5 acres	Swimming pool
16. Charlevoix Country Club	Private	Members / guests		Golf, tennis courts, swimming pool
17. Hayes Township Hall & Park	Hayes Township	Yes	30 acres	Basketball, picnic tables, fire pits, meeting room rental
18. Susan Creek Nature Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	223 acres	Hiking, biking, cross- country skiing, snowshoeing, hunting, parking area
19. Lake Charlevoix Access Site (Maple Grove Road)	Township / Road Commission	Yes	66 feet	Lake access, swimming beach, hand launching of kayaks, paddle boards, canoes and rowboats, pet friendly
20. Bayside Park (Lake Michigan Access)	Hayes Township	Yes	1.5 acres	Beach access
21. Undine Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	28.5 acres	Nature preserve
22. Nathan "Barry" Driggers Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	75 acres	Nature preserve, scenic viewing, hiking, biking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing
23. Haggerty Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	10 acres	Nature preserve
24. Mulberry Farm Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	13 acres	Nature preserve; 240' frontage on Susan Lake
25. Siebert Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	0.5 acre	Nature preserve; 254' frontage on Susan Lake

## HAYES TOWNSHIP

FACILITY NAME	OWNERSHIP	OPEN TO PUBLIC?	APPROX. SIZE	FACILITIES AVAILABLE
26. Verlinden Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	8 acres	Nature preserve; 555' of frontage on Susan Lake
27. Kieren Preserve and Slosar Addition	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	2 acres	Mallard creek
28. Oyster Bay Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	23 acres	Nature preserve
29. Taimi Hoag Natural Area	Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians	Yes	approx. 50 acres	Nature preserve; scenic views of Lake Michigan
30. Loeb Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	1.5 acres	Nature preserve
31. Taylor / Horton Creek / Schulz/ Nick Adams Preserves	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	207 acres	Nature preserves; hiking, scenic viewing, hunting
32. Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail	Charlevoix County	Yes	2.97 miles (phase 2 total)	Nonmotorized recreational trail



*Camp Seagull boat launch*

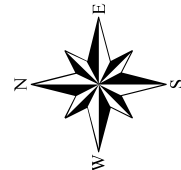
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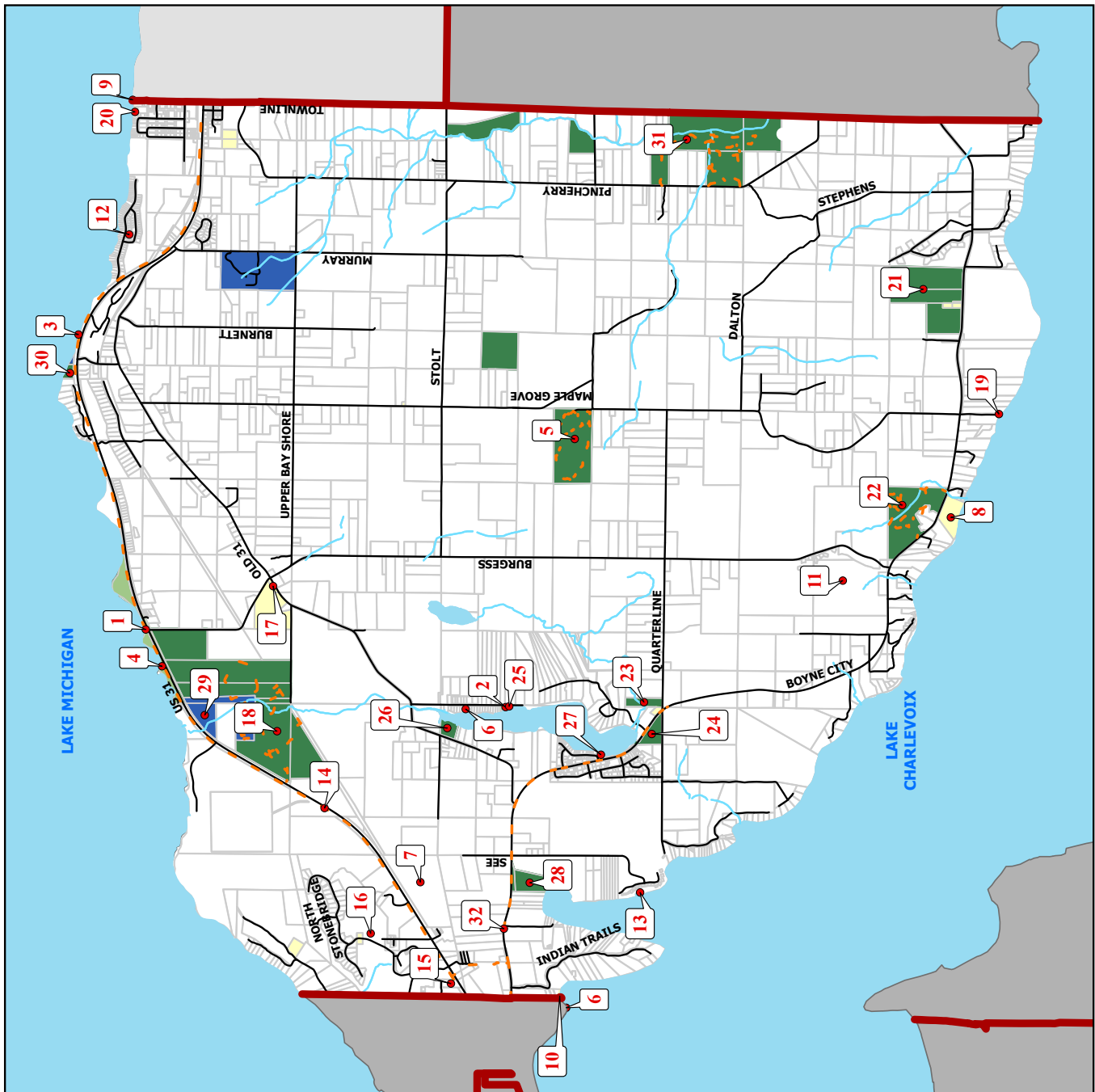
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## HUDSON TOWNSHIP

FACILITY NAME	OWNERSHIP	OPEN TO PUBLIC?	APPROX. SIZE	FACILITIES AVAILABLE
1. State Forest	State of Michigan	Yes	3,427 acres	Hiking, wildlife viewing, hunting during season (undeveloped)
2. Thumb Lake Park	Charlevoix County	Yes	10 acres	Swimming, picnic areas, pavilion, dog beach, portable restrooms
3. Thumb Lake Access Site (West End)	Private; Leased to State of Michigan	Yes		Boat launch
4. Huffman Lake Township Park	Hudson Township	Yes	3.8 acres	Swimming, picnic sites w/ pavilion, boat launch
5. Hudson Township Hall	Hudson Township	Limited hours	N/A	All-purpose room, children's play area, pavilion, basketball court
6. Bows Lake Access Site	Hudson Township	Yes	0.5 acre	Boat launch
7. Camp Kinawind	Non-Profit	Members / guests		Swimming, ball diamonds, playfields, boating
8. Lake Louise Methodist Camp	Non-Profit	Members / guests		Ball diamonds, swimming, volleyball courts, playfields, boating, archery, all purpose room, kitchen
9. Lake Louise Baptist Camp	Non-Profit	Members / guests		Ball diamonds, swimming, volleyball courts, playfields, boating, archery, all purpose room, kitchen
10. Race Track	Private	Yes		Stock car racing
11. North Country Trail	National Park Service	Yes	stretches across 7 states; approx. 4,600 miles in length	Hiking, cross-country skiing
12. Michigan Cross-Country Cycle (CCC) Trail	Mixed	Yes		Dirt bikes
13. Snowmobile Trail	Mixed (DNR)	Yes, DNR trail sticker required		Snowmobiling
14. Huffman Lake Public Access	Hudson Township	Yes		Boat launch



*Thumb Lake, photo courtesy of Rick Wolanin*

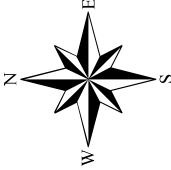
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**HUDSON TOWNSHIP**

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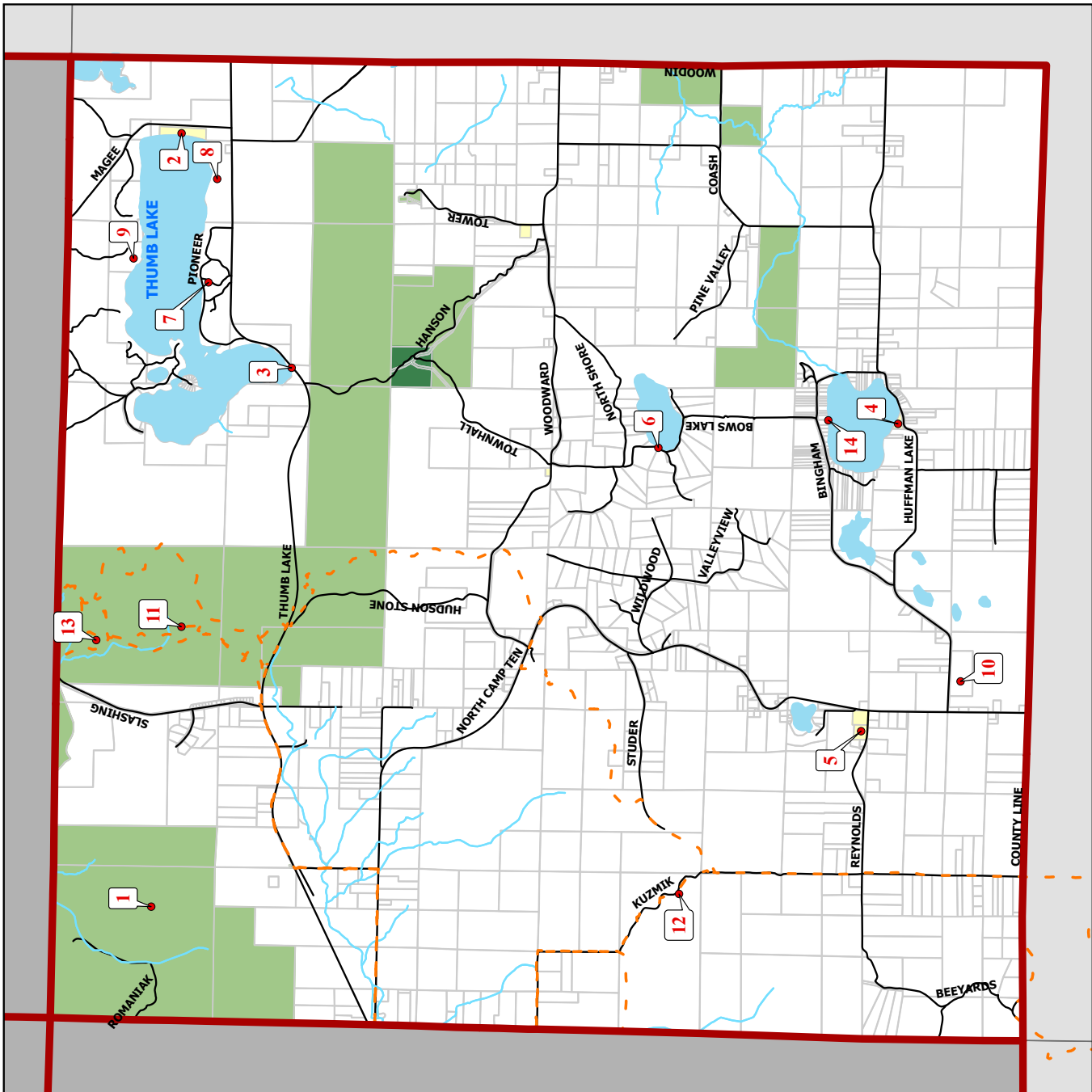


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## MARION TOWNSHIP

FACILITY NAME	OWNERSHIP	OPEN TO PUBLIC?	APPROX. SIZE	FACILITIES AVAILABLE
1. State Forest	State of Michigan	Yes	121 acres	Hiking, wildlife viewing, hunting during season (undeveloped)
2. Adams Lake Access Site	State of Michigan	Yes	2.1 acres	Boat launch
3. Nowland Lake Access Site	State of Michigan	Yes	1.3 acres	Boat launch, swimming, picnic tables
4. Belvedere Club Golf Course	Private	Members / guests	192 acres	Golf course, driving range, all-purpose room, kitchen
5. Castle Farms	Private	Limited hours	60 acres	Banquet/wedding & reception facilities, festivals, community events, facility tours
6. Charlevoix Middle & High School	Charlevoix Public Schools	Limited hours	17.9 acres	Playfields, running track, 5k cross-country course, gymnasium, weight room, all-purpose room, library, kitchen, performing arts auditorium
7. Dhaseleer's Event Barn	Private	Limited hours		Theater, concerts, weddings, receptions, graduation open houses
8. Winchester Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	7 acres	Nature preserve with 1,200' of shoreline on west twin lake
9. Charlevoix Family Camp of The Church of God	Non-Profit	Yes		Family church camp facilities; campground, children's play equipment



*Ice boating on Lake Charlevoix, photo courtesy of Rick Wolanin*

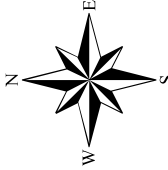
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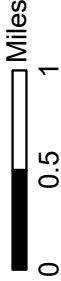
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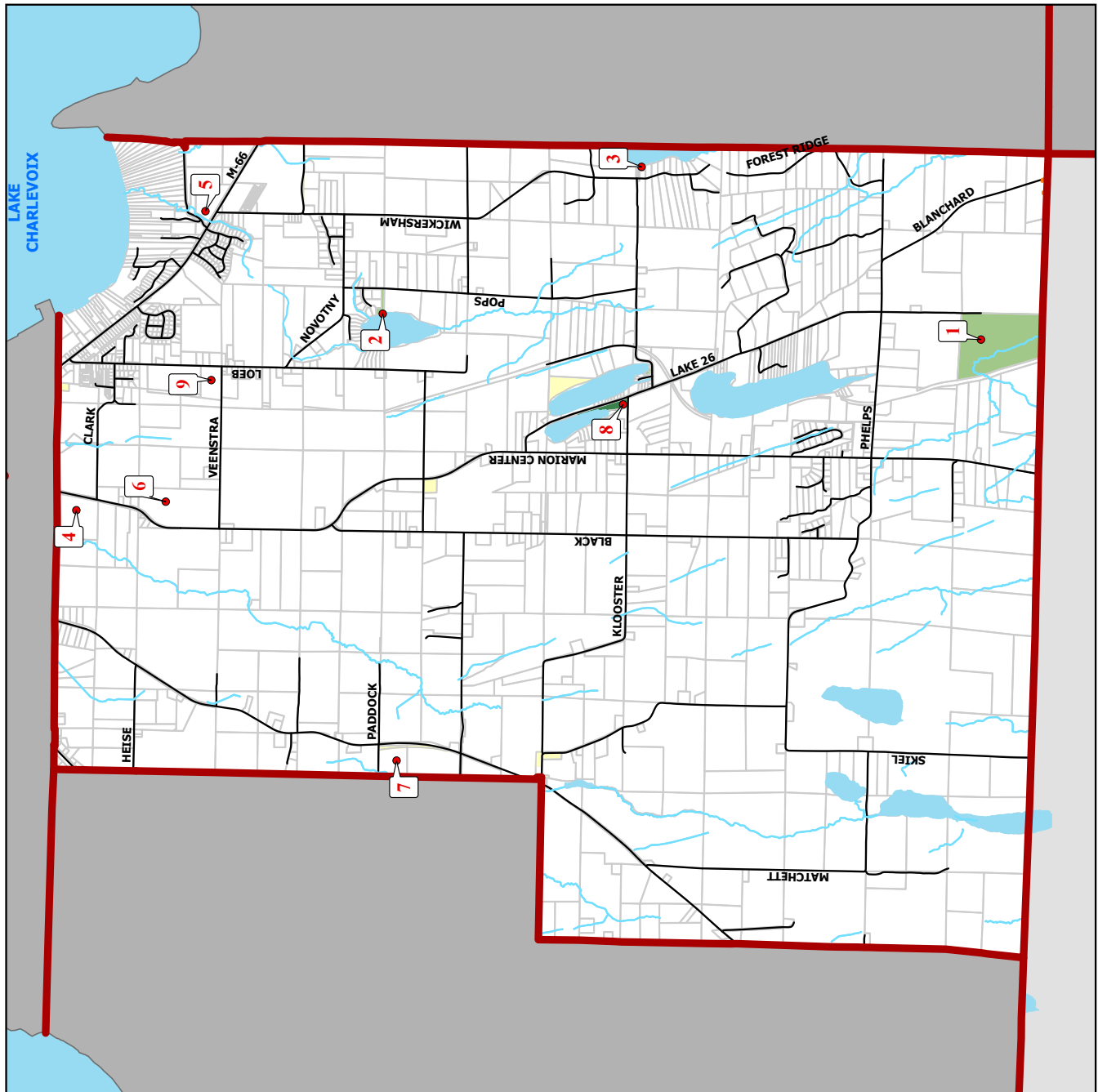


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## MELROSE TOWNSHIP

FACILITY NAME	OWNERSHIP	OPEN TO PUBLIC?	APPROX. SIZE	FACILITIES AVAILABLE
1. State Forest	State	Yes	7,600 acres	Hiking, wildlife viewing, hunting during season (undeveloped)
2. Melrose Township Boat Launch	Township	Yes, fee required		Boat launch on Walloon Lake, parking, restrooms
3. Hotel Walloon	Private	Yes		Boat rentals, swimming, spa, other amenities
4. The Village Green (Circle Park)	Private	Yes		Open lake frontage with gazebo, park benches, walkways, events, ice skating
5. Shoppers Dock at The Village Green	Private	Yes		Multiple slips for day visits into the village
6. Bridge at Bear River Crossing (S. River Road)	Public	Yes		Access to state land via Holms Road for snowmobiles, ORVs, hiking, biking
7. Melrose Township Park	Township	Yes	17 acres	Bear Hill Trail connects to the North Shore Nature Area; parking area
8. Melrose Township Park	Township	Yes	22 acres	Swimming, picnic sites, boating, gazebo, volleyball, pickleball, playground, horseshoe pits, basketball, river walk, canoe & kayak launch, multiple trails, restrooms
9. Walloon Lake Inn	Private	Yes		Restaurant with a guest dock
10. Elvyn Lea Lodge	Private	Guests only	48 acres	Family retreat, wedding site, nature trails, Nordic skiing, snowshoeing, group events
11. Walloon Lake Country Club	Private	Members / guests	160 acres	Golf course, tennis courts, all-purpose room, kitchen, swimming, boating
12. Springbrook Hills Subdivision	Private	Members / guests		Picnic sites, children's play equipment, swimming pool, all-purpose room, kitchen
13. Challenge Mountain Handicapped Ski & Recreation Area	Private	Limited hours	85 acres	Lodge, playhouses, downhill skiing - handicapped, hiking trails
14. Crooked Tree District Library	Crooked Tree Library Council	Yes		Library
15. Northern Michigan Antique Flywheelers	Non-Profit Incorporated Club	Yes	104 acres	Annual antique tractor-engine & craft show; boy scout jamboree; girl scout education; school education weeks
16. Walloon Equestrian Center	Private	Yes	180 acres	Horse boarding, riding, indoor arena, tack shop
17. Franklin Helle Memorial Nature Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	11 acres	Nature preserve (assist project with State of Michigan)
18. Trails	Mixed	Yes		ORV and snowmobile trails
19. Frog Hollow Preserve	Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy	Yes	65 acres	Scenic views / bird watching; hunting with permission
20. North Shore Nature Area	Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy	Yes	53 acres	Nature preserve with hiking trails (marked), scenic views / bird watching, bow hunting with permission in designated area, parking area
21. Postle Farm Preserve	Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy	Yes	113 acres	Hiking (marked trails), snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, scenic views / bird watching, parking area
22. South Arm Creek Nature Area	Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy	Yes	33.5 acres	Scenic views / bird watching; hunting with permission
23. Asa Wilson Preserve	Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy	Yes	26.6 acres	Nature preserve

## MELROSE TOWNSHIP

FACILITY NAME	OWNERSHIP	OPEN TO PUBLIC?	APPROX. SIZE	FACILITIES AVAILABLE
24. Eason Preserve	Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy	Yes	2.2 acres	Nature preserve
25. Howell-Zimmerman Preserve	Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy	Yes	11.7 acres	Nature preserve
26. Freese-Sloneker Preserve	Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy	Yes	5.8 acres	Nature preserve
27. Ecker Road Preserve	Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy	Yes	6.8 acres	Nature preserve
28. Waterman Preserve	Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy	Yes	1.9 acres	Nature preserve
29. Country Club Shores Preserve	Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy	Yes	4.9 acres	Nature preserve
30. Voran Family Preserve	Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy	Yes	34 Acres	Nature preserve
31. Norcross Family Preserve	Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy	Yes	5 acres	Nature preserve
32. Cedar Vally Preserve	Walloon Lake Association and Conservancy		50 Acres	Nature preserve
33. Boyne City School Forest	Melrose Township	Yes	35.9 acres	Natural area



Walloon Lake Village (Circle Park), photo courtesy of Rick Wolanin

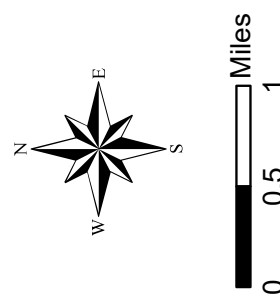
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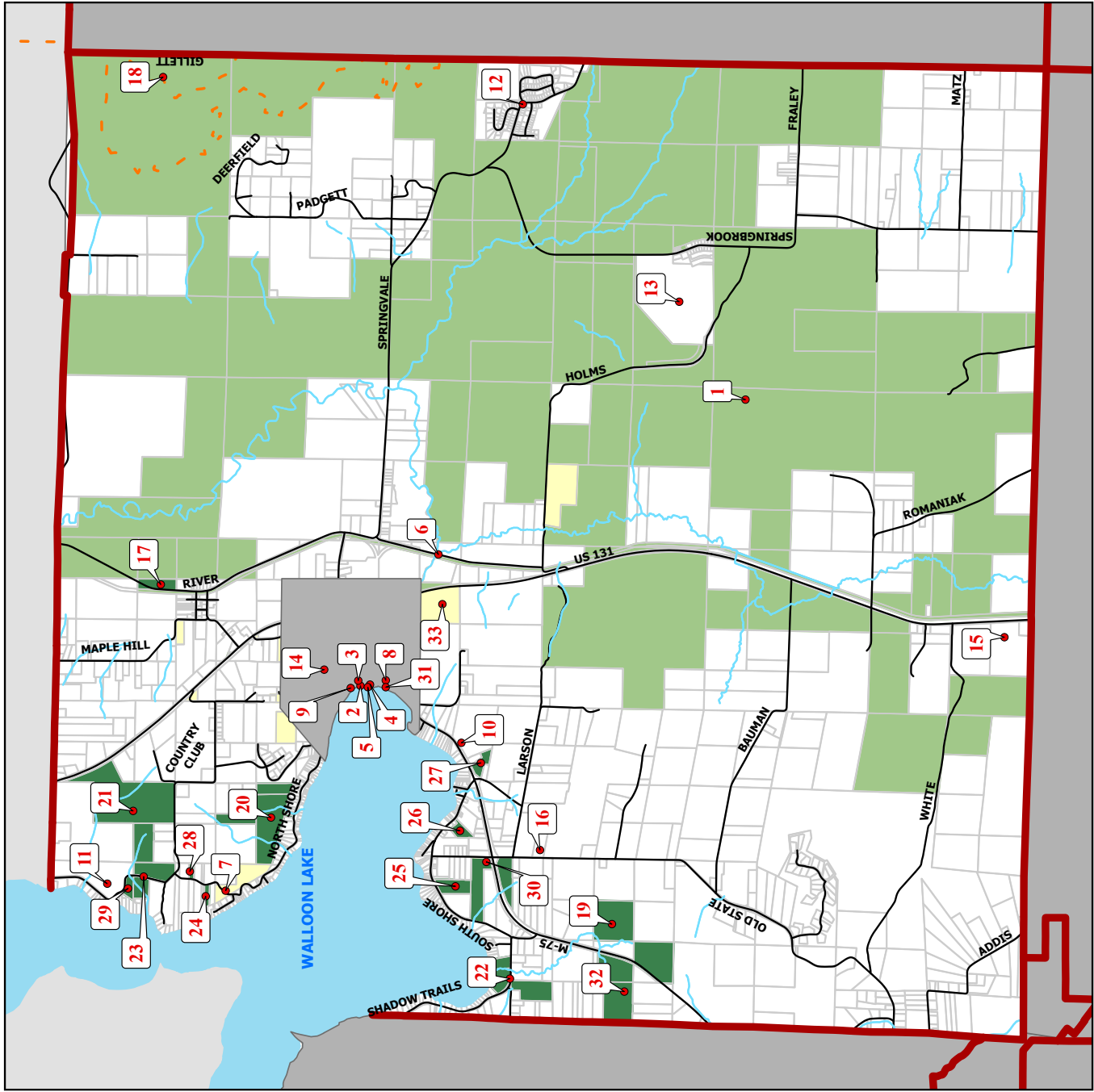
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MAP 19: VILLAGE OF WALLOON SITE INVENTORY

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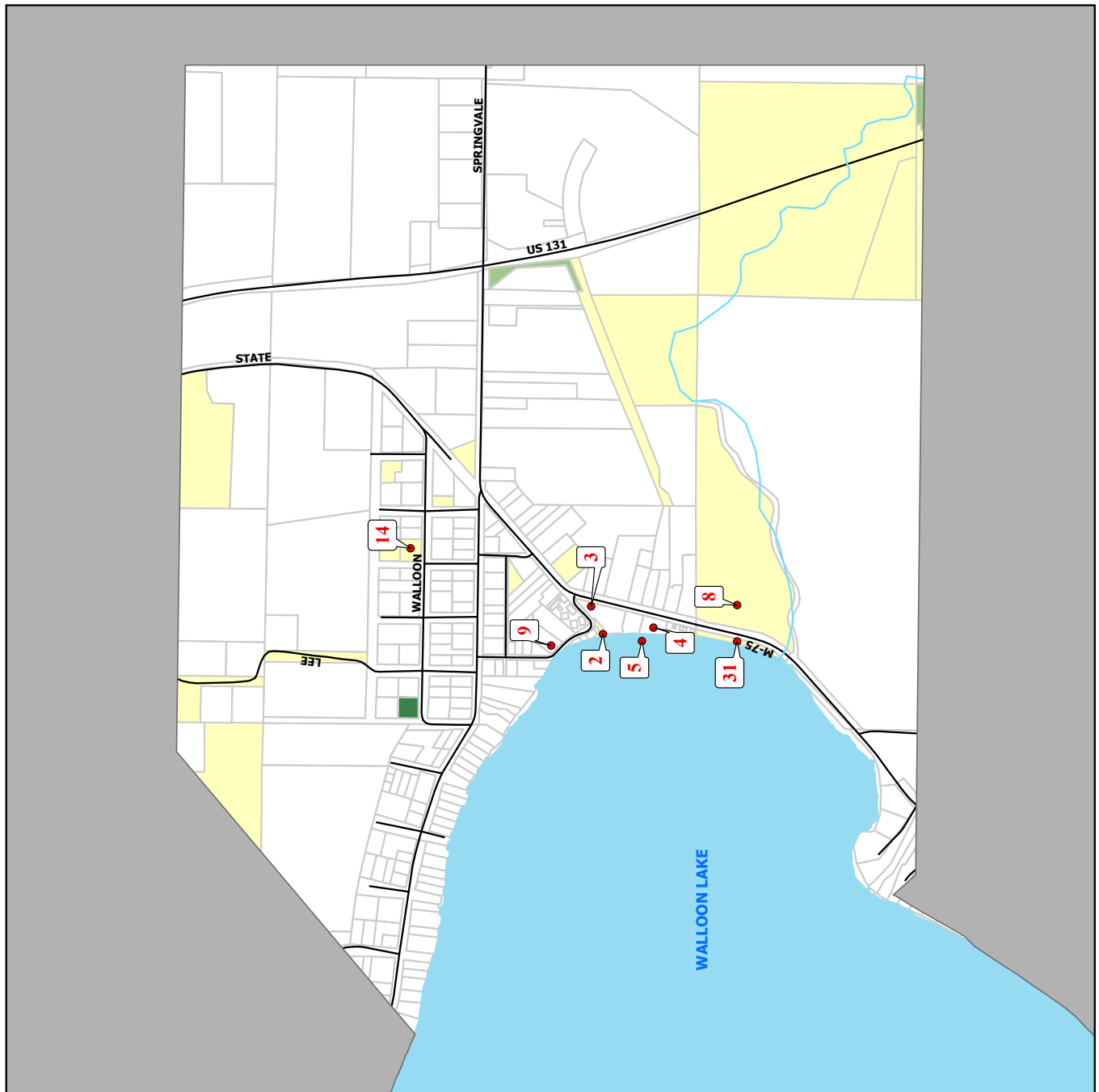
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## NORWOOD TOWNSHIP

FACILITY NAME	OWNERSHIP	OPEN TO PUBLIC?	APPROX. SIZE	FACILITIES AVAILABLE
1. Fisherman's Island State Park	State of Michigan	Yes	2,270 acres	Hiking & cross- country ski trails, campsites, boating, fishing, hunting during season, picnic sites, swimming
2. MDOT Roadside Park on U.S. 31	State of Michigan	Yes		Picnic area
3. Norwood Township Park	Norwood Township	Yes	12.9 acres	Scenic viewing, picnic sites, swimming, vault restrooms
4. Friendship Hall	Norwood Historical Society	Limited hours		All-purpose room, kitchen
5. Weislik Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	4 acres	Nature preserve
6. Northern Explorer	Private	Members / guests		Children's play equipment
7. Parson's Farm	Private	Yes, limited hours		Farm tours



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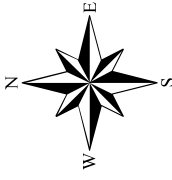

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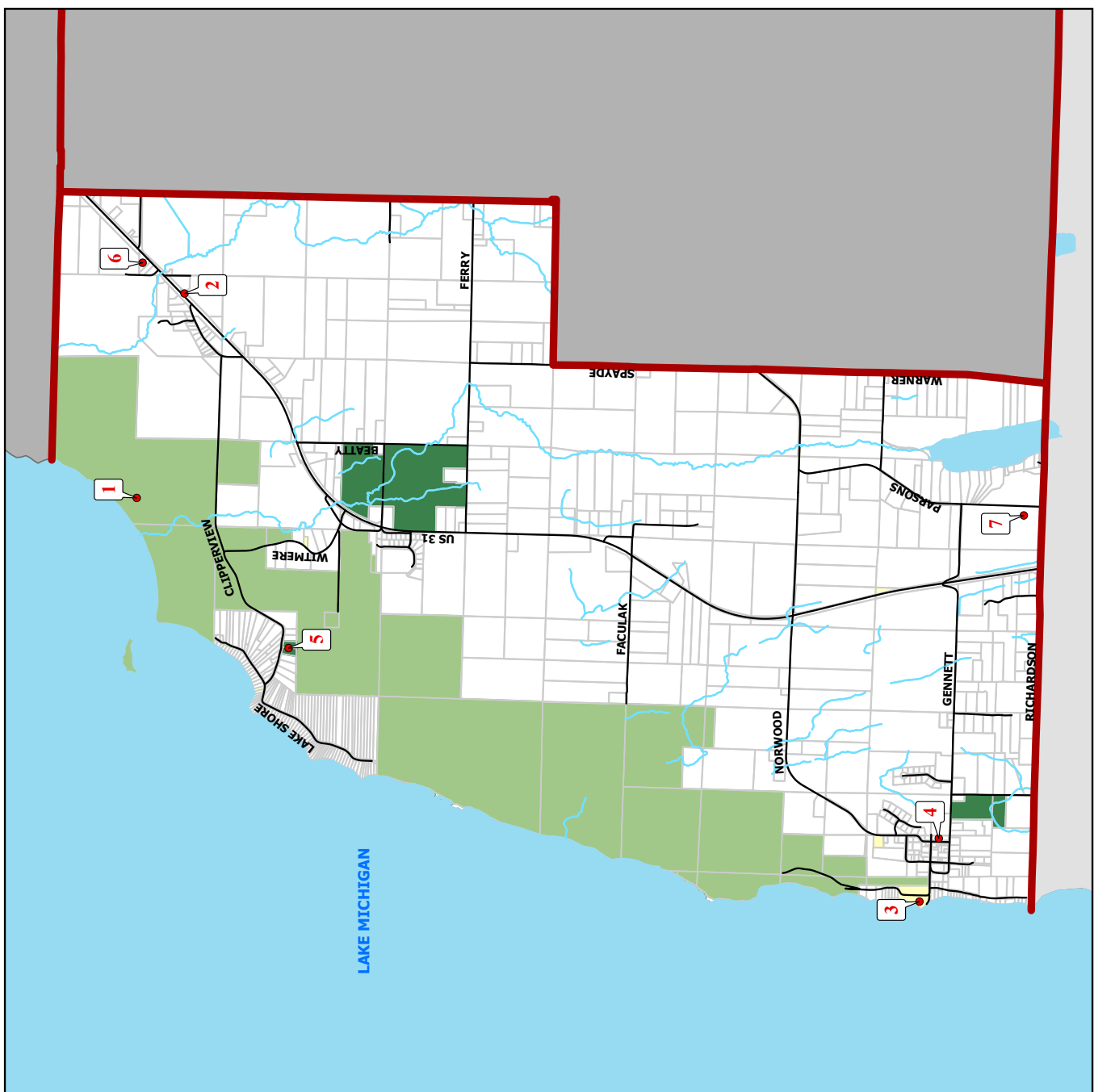
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## PEAINE TOWNSHIP

FACILITY NAME	OWNERSHIP	OPEN TO PUBLIC?	APPROX. SIZE	FACILITIES AVAILABLE
1. Beaver Island Water Trail	Peaine & St James Twps	Yes		Water trail for paddling around the perimeter of the island with points of interest / stops along the route
2. State Forest	State of Michigan	Yes	12,057 acres	Hiking, wildlife viewing, hunting during season (undeveloped)
3. Lake Geneserath Access Site	State of Michigan	Yes		Boat launch, fishing, trail, and outhouse
4. Fox Lake Access Site	Peaine Township	Yes		Boat launch, fishing, kayak, canoe, picnic tables and outhouse
5. Bill Wagner Memorial Park	State-Owned; Leased to Peaine Twp	Yes (camping fee)	14.7 acres	Picnic sites, fire pits, primitive campsites, children's play equipment, swimming beach, small boat ramp
6. Iron Ore Bay Beach	Peaine & St. James Twps	Yes	22 acres	600' swimming beach, picnic site, pit toilets
7. Beaver Head Lighthouse & Associated Property	Charlevoix County & Networks Northwest	Yes	172 acres	Lighthouse, fog signal building, academic facilities, campsites, hiking / nature study trails
8. Beaver Island Golf Course	Private	Yes (fee)		9-hole golf course, driving range, club & cart rental
9. Peaine Township Park & Font Lake Access Site	Peaine Township	Yes		Picnic tables, covered shelter, outhouses, boardwalk to font lake
10. Cable's Bay Beach	State of Michigan	Yes		Swimming beach, fishing, canoe, kayak, scenic trail w/ bridge over creek, picnic table
11. Barney's Lake Nature Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	299.7 acres	Nature preserve; canoe, kayak & rowboat storage, fishing, hiking trail through woods (no hunting or motorized vehicles on trail), 2200' on barney's lake
12. Little Sand Bay Nature Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	94 acres	Nature preserve with trail, boardwalk, beach and bench, swimming, 1300' on Lake Michigan
13. Miller's Marsh	Central Michigan University	Yes	230 acres	Nature preserve with 1-mile trail for hiking, cross-country skiing, & scenic viewing, picnic table and outhouses
14. McCauley's Point	State of Michigan	Yes	0.4 sq mile	Rocky beach access, shorebird habitat, pitcher's thistle
15. Bonner's Bluff State Beach (Bonner's Landing)	State of Michigan	Open to public / access over private land		1500' of public beach on Lake Michigan
16. Mike Boyles Beach Road End	Charlevoix County Road Commission	Yes		Beach access on Lake Michigan
17. Oliver's Point	State of Michigan	Open to public / access over private land		Trail to Lake Michigan and public beach, 0.4 mile of shoreline
18. Greene's Lake Access Site	State of Michigan	Yes		Fishing
19. Martin's Bluff	State of Michigan	Yes		Trail along bluff, picnic table, rope railing to beach below
20. French Bay Road and French Bay South & North	State of Michigan and Private	Yes		Trail known for dwarf iris, rocky Lake Michigan bay, 0.45 mile of shoreline

## PEAINE TOWNSHIP

FACILITY NAME	OWNERSHIP	OPEN TO PUBLIC?	APPROX. SIZE	FACILITIES AVAILABLE
21. Trails	Various	Yes		Hiking, nature study
22. CMU Biological Station	Central Michigan University	Yes		Beach frontage, trail, guided nature tours
23. McFadden's Point	State of Michigan	Open to public / access over private land		Rare parabolic sand dunes
24. Beaver Island Birding Trail	Various	Yes	Trail through 12,000 acres	Bird watching trail encompasses the entire island, winding through marshes, uplands, forests, shorelines, and other habitats
25. Cove Nature Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	26.7 acres	Nature preserve, 700' of Lake Michigan shoreline
26. Erber Nature Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	1.5 +/- acre	Nature preserve, 450' of Lake Michigan shoreline
27. Luney's Point	State of Michigan	Yes	41.5 acres	Scenic viewing; a stop along the beaver island water trail
28. Beaver Island Retreat	Private	Yes	10 acres	Glamorous Camping in Safari Tents, firepits, private bath houses, custom log pavilion, 24/ hour kitchen & laundry with all-natural soaps available free for guests. Ice, charcoal, & firewood free for guests.



*Beaver Island Water Trail, Peaine Township*

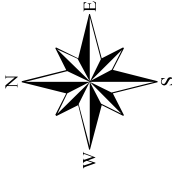
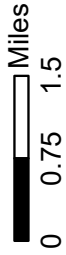
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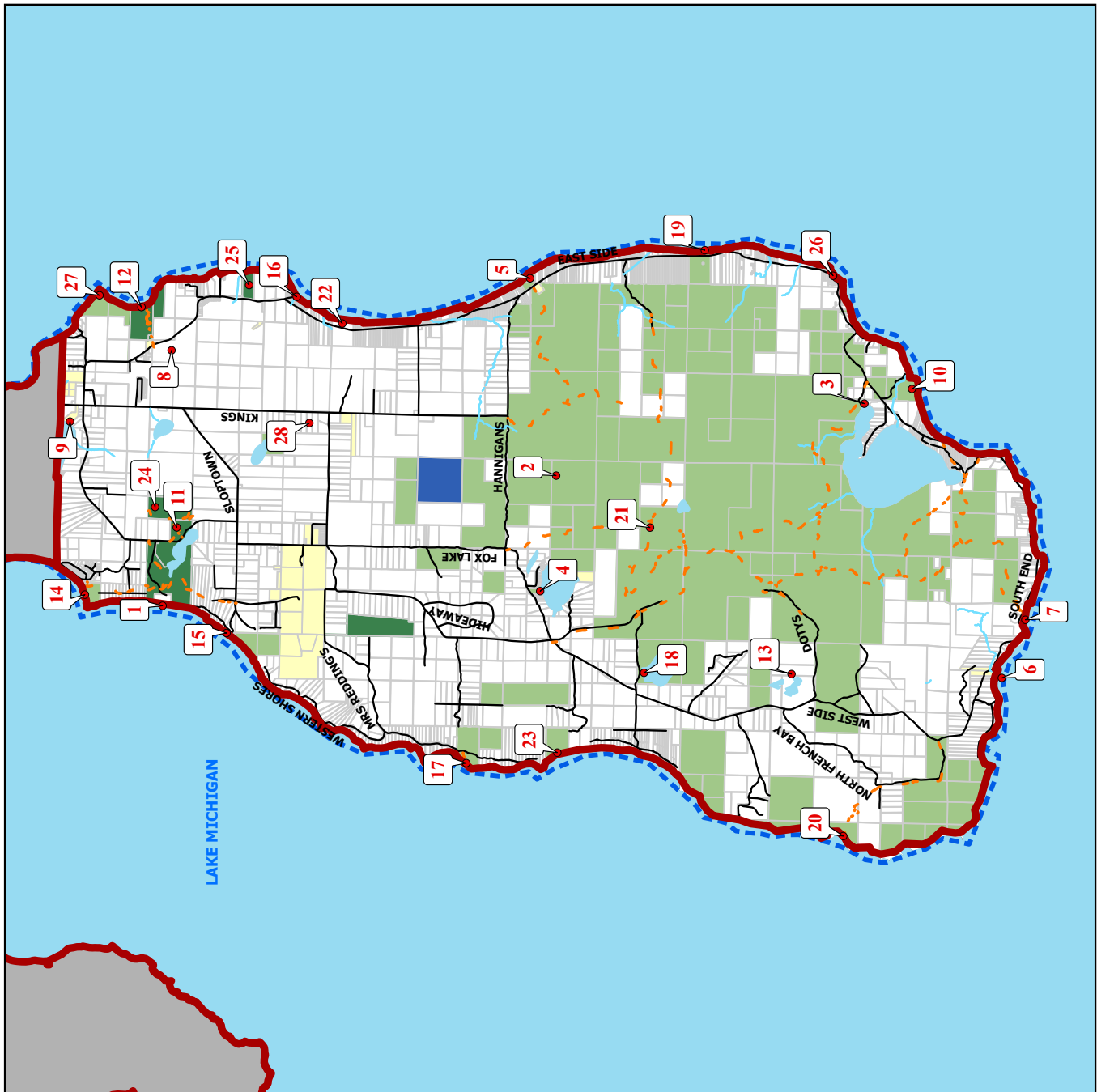
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## ST. JAMES TOWNSHIP

FACILITY NAME	OWNERSHIP	OPEN TO PUBLIC?	APPROX. SIZE	FACILITIES AVAILABLE
1. St. James Township Campground	St. James Township	Yes	42 acres	12 campsites, hand water pump, vault restrooms (future improvements planned)
2. Bud McDonough Ball Field	St. James Township	Yes	>2 acre	Softball & baseball fields
3. Jewell Gillespie Park	St. James Township	Yes	1 acre	Swimming, children's play equipment, mobi-mats for water access, outhouses
4. Beaver Island Yacht Dock (Municipal Marina)	St. James & Peaine Twps	Yes	1 acre	Boating, picnic sites, small building with showers & restrooms, greenspace
5. Beaver Island Community School	School	Limited hours	2 acres	Playfields, children's play equipment, gymnasium, library, kitchen, all-purpose room
6. Beaver Island Water Trail	Peaine & St James Twps	Yes		Water trail for paddling around the perimeter of the island with points of interest / stops along the route
7. Donegal Bay Beach	Port St. James Association	Yes		Swimming
8. Beaver Island Marina	St James Township	Yes	1.5 acres	Boating
9. Gull Harbor Natural Area	St. James Township	Yes	14 acres	Open area, trails, ponds
10. Petritz Family Nature Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	27 acres	Nature preserve, trails, scenic viewing, 500' of Lake Michigan beach
11. Harbor Light Park	St. James Township	Yes	1 acre	Beaver harbor lighthouse, lake frontage
12. Beaver Island Community Center	Preservation Association of Beaver Island	Yes		Performing arts auditorium, kitchen, game area, visitor/tourist information, radio station
13. Beaver Island District Library	Township	Yes		Library, memorial garden with quiet seating area
14. Beaver Island Print Shop Museum	Historical Society	Yes		Indoor historical displays
15. Tennis Courts and Park	St. James Township	Yes	0.75 acre	2 courts, picnic table, small park
16. Font Lake Boat Launch	St. James Township & Charlevoix County Road Commission	Yes		Boating and fishing
17. Donegal Bay Road Bike Path	Controlled by St. James Twp Through Easement Rights with Private Property Owners	Yes	2+ miles	Paved path for walking, jogging, bicycling, rollerblading
18. Paradise Bay Park	St. James Township	Yes		Flower garden, park benches
19. Heritage Park	Owned by St. James Township; Leased to Historical Society	Yes		Outdoor historical displays
20. Beaver Island Marine Museum	Historical Society	Yes		Indoor & outdoor historical displays
21. Beaver Island Birding Trail	Mixed	Yes	Trail through 12,000 acres	Bird watching trail encompasses the entire island, winding through marshes, uplands, forests, shorelines, and other habitats

## ST. JAMES TOWNSHIP

FACILITY NAME	OWNERSHIP	OPEN TO PUBLIC?	APPROX. SIZE	FACILITIES AVAILABLE
22. Beaver Island Veteran's Memorial Park	Owned by Wolverine Power; Leased to St. James Township	Yes	0.5 acre	Monuments, memorials and flags, benches, harbor overlook
23. Boat Launch at Gallagher Ave. & Main St.	Charlevoix County Road Commission	Yes		Boat ramp
24. Outer Islands – Hog, Garden, High & Whiskey	State of Michigan	Yes		Boating (anchor only), hiking trails, wildlife viewing, high island also has a swimming beach
25. Charlevoix County Bldg / COA Office	Charlevoix County	Yes		Senior activities



*Yacht Dock in St. James Township*

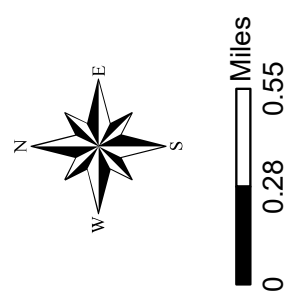
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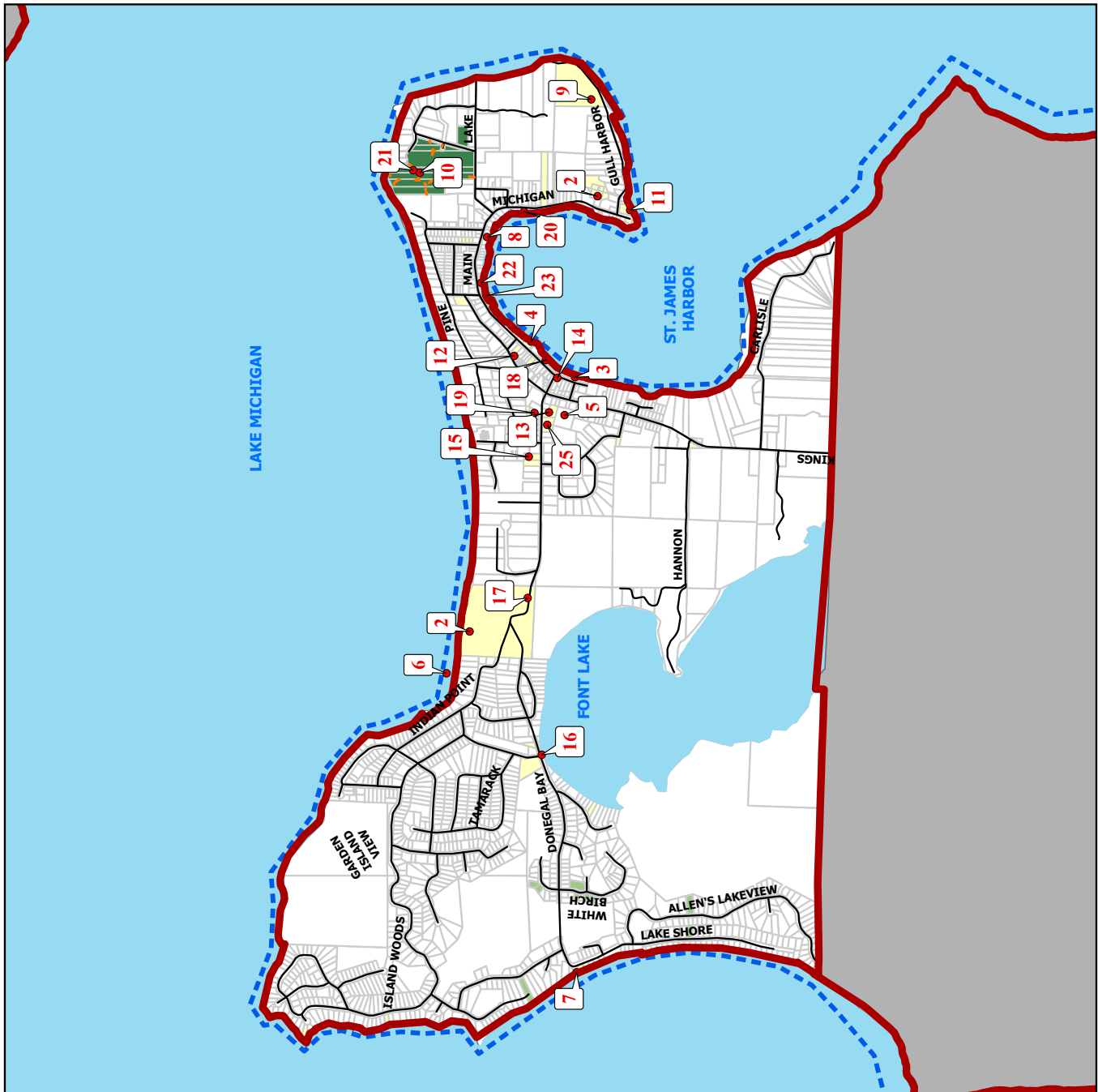
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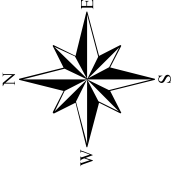

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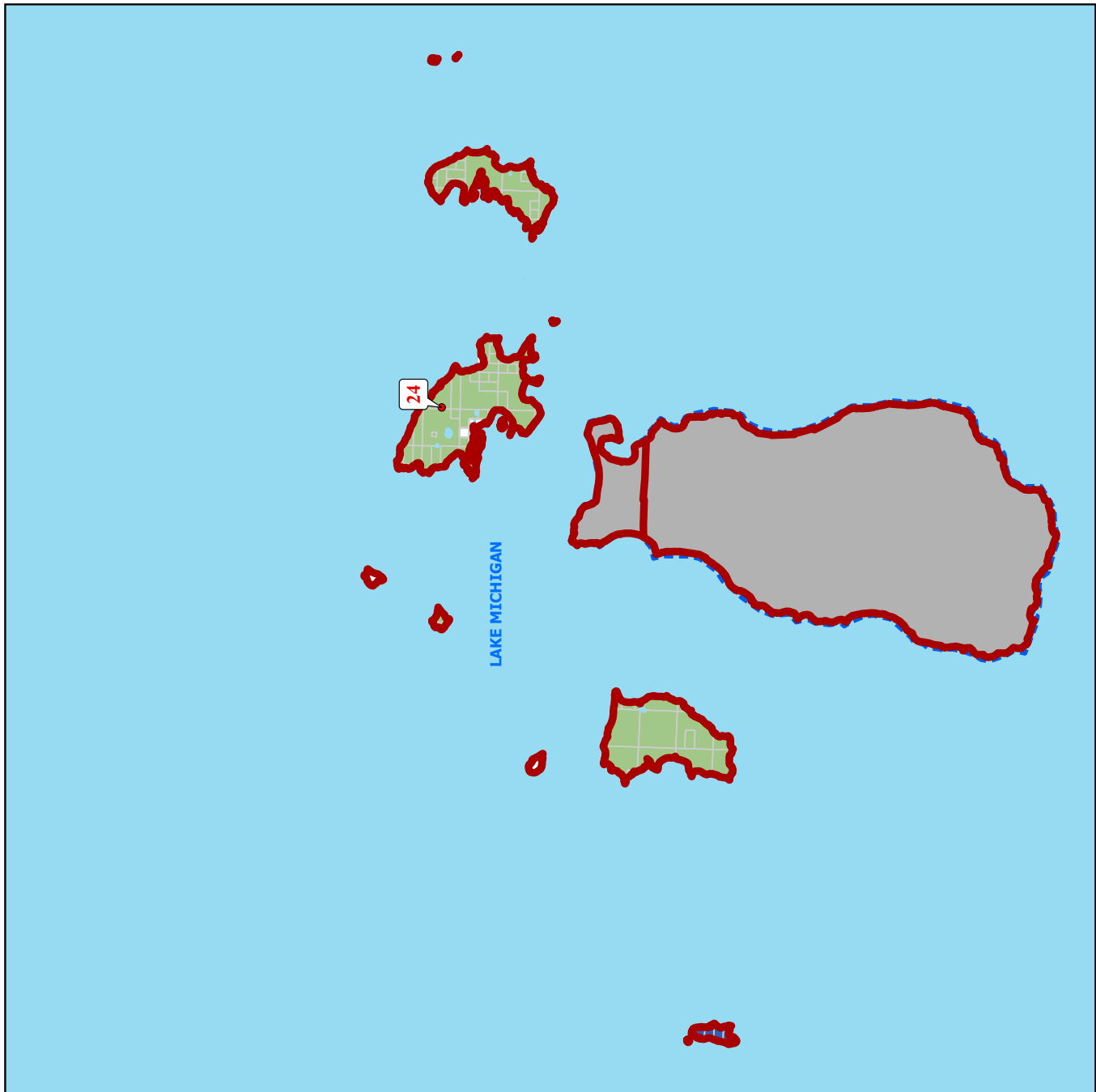
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## SOUTH ARM TOWNSHIP

FACILITY NAME	OWNERSHIP	OPEN TO PUBLIC?	APPROX. SIZE	FACILITIES AVAILABLE
1. State Forest	State of Michigan	Yes	256 acres	Hiking, wildlife viewing, hunting during season (undeveloped)
2. Lake Charlevoix Access Site (Dutchman's Bay Road)	State of Michigan	Yes	25 acres	Boat launch, fishing
3. Jordan River Access Site (Rogers Road)	State of Michigan	Yes	1.4 acres	Boat launch, fishing, toilets
4. Jordan River Access Site (Mt. Bliss Road)	State of Michigan	Yes		Boat launch, fishing
5. Six Mile Lake Access Site (Miles Road)	State of Michigan	Yes	2 acres	Boat launch, toilets
6. Elm Pointe	City of East Jordan	Yes	11 acres	Historical museum, art gallery, picnic sites, swimming, boating, weddings
7. Lions Club Park (Lake Patricia)	Non-Profit	Yes	0.5 acre	Scenic viewing (undeveloped)
8. Cedar Rest Resort	Private	Guests only	40 acres	Swimming, boating, children's play equipment
9. Swan Valley Marina	Private	Guests only		Boat rentals, launch service, boat repairs, slip rentals, boat winterization & storage, shorestation dock & hoist, gas dock, ship store
10. Snowmobile Club	Non-Profit	Members / guests		All-purpose room, kitchen, trails
11. Snowmobile Trail	Mixed (DNR)	Yes, DNR trail sticker required		Snowmobiling
12. Mallard Golf Club	Private	Yes		9-hole par 36 golf course, driving range
13. St. Clair Lake / Six Mile Lake Natural Area	Little Traverse Conservancy & Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy	Yes	260 +/- acres (part in Antrim County)	Walking trail and boardwalk leads to overlook, scenic viewing, fishing, canoe/kayak launch, parking area
14. Rogers Family Homestead / Dressel / Jordan River Preserves	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	201 acres total	Contiguous nature preserves, trails for hiking, scenic viewing, parking area, nearby public canoe/kayak launch on Jordan River
15. Olstrom Family Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	1 acre	Nature preserve, 100' of Lake Charlevoix frontage
16. Charles M. Taylor Iii Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	34.6 acres	Nature preserve; 1,170' of Lake Charlevoix frontage
17. Lake Charlevoix Access Site (Metz Road)	Charlevoix County Road Commission	Yes		Water access
18. Lake Charlevoix Access Site (Flagg Road)	Charlevoix County Road Commission	Yes		Water access
19. Grandvue Terraces & Recreation Park	Charlevoix County	Residents & Guest only		Planned improvements: Greenhouse for year-round gardening opportunities, walking paths with seating areas, children's playground, family pavilion with restroom, horsehose pit

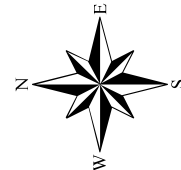
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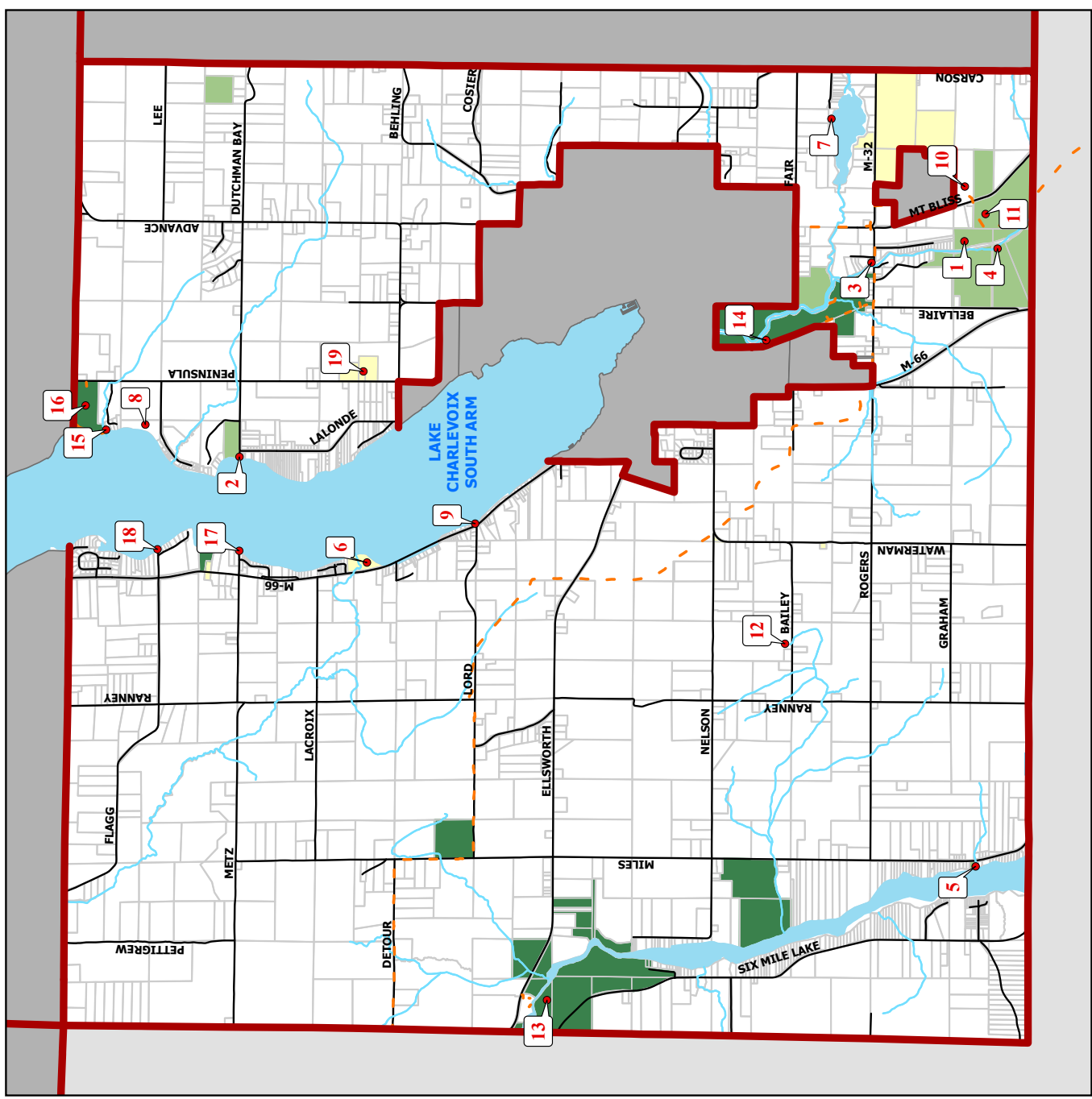
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## WILSON TOWNSHIP

FACILITY NAME	OWNERSHIP	OPEN TO PUBLIC?	APPROX. SIZE	FACILITIES AVAILABLE
1. State Forest	State of Michigan	Yes	174 acres	Hiking, wildlife viewing, hunting during season (undeveloped)
2. Boyne City Lanes	Private	Yes		Bowling, food, entertainment
3. Fall Park	Wilson Township	Yes	5.5 acres	Picnic sites, community building with meeting rooms, restroom, swimming, fishing, play equipment, pavilion with wind curtains, walkways, gazebo
4. Porter Creek Natural Area	Charlevoix County	Yes	100 acres	Hiking trails, nature study, benches, interpretive signs, trailhead & parking area
5. Raven Hill Discovery Center	Non-Profit Organization	Limited hours	157 acres	Nature education and science, history & art classes
6. Raven Ridge Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	140.8 acres	Nature preserve, trails for hiking, biking & cross-country skiing, scenic viewing, trailhead & parking area
7. Marvin Memorial Preserve (Access from Marvon Rd)	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	132 acres	Nature preserve; rustic parking area
8. Avalanche Preserve Recreation Area	Boyne City	Yes	320 acres (a portion located in the Boyne City limits)	Trails for hiking, jogging, cross-country skiing & snowshoeing, shelter house, restroom, nature preserve, sledding hill, lighted ice skating, stairway to summit viewing decks, snowmobile trail, disc golf, archery range
9. Darnton Family Preserve	Little Traverse Conservancy	Yes	275 acres	Nature preserve, trails



**Sunset over Lake Charlevoix, photo courtesy of Cedar Rest Resort**

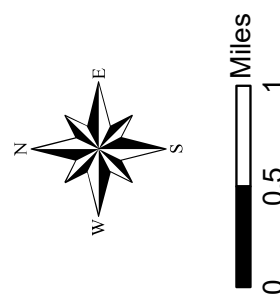
# MAP 25: WILSON TOWNSHIP SITE INVENTORY

**CHARLEVOIX COUNTY**  
2020-2024  
**RECREATION PLAN**  
**SITE INVENTORY**


**WILSON TOWNSHIP**

**LEGEND**

- Recreation Sites
- State Land
- Twp/City/Village/County Land
- Conservancy Land
- Parcels
- Township/City Boundary
- Roads
- Rivers
- Trails

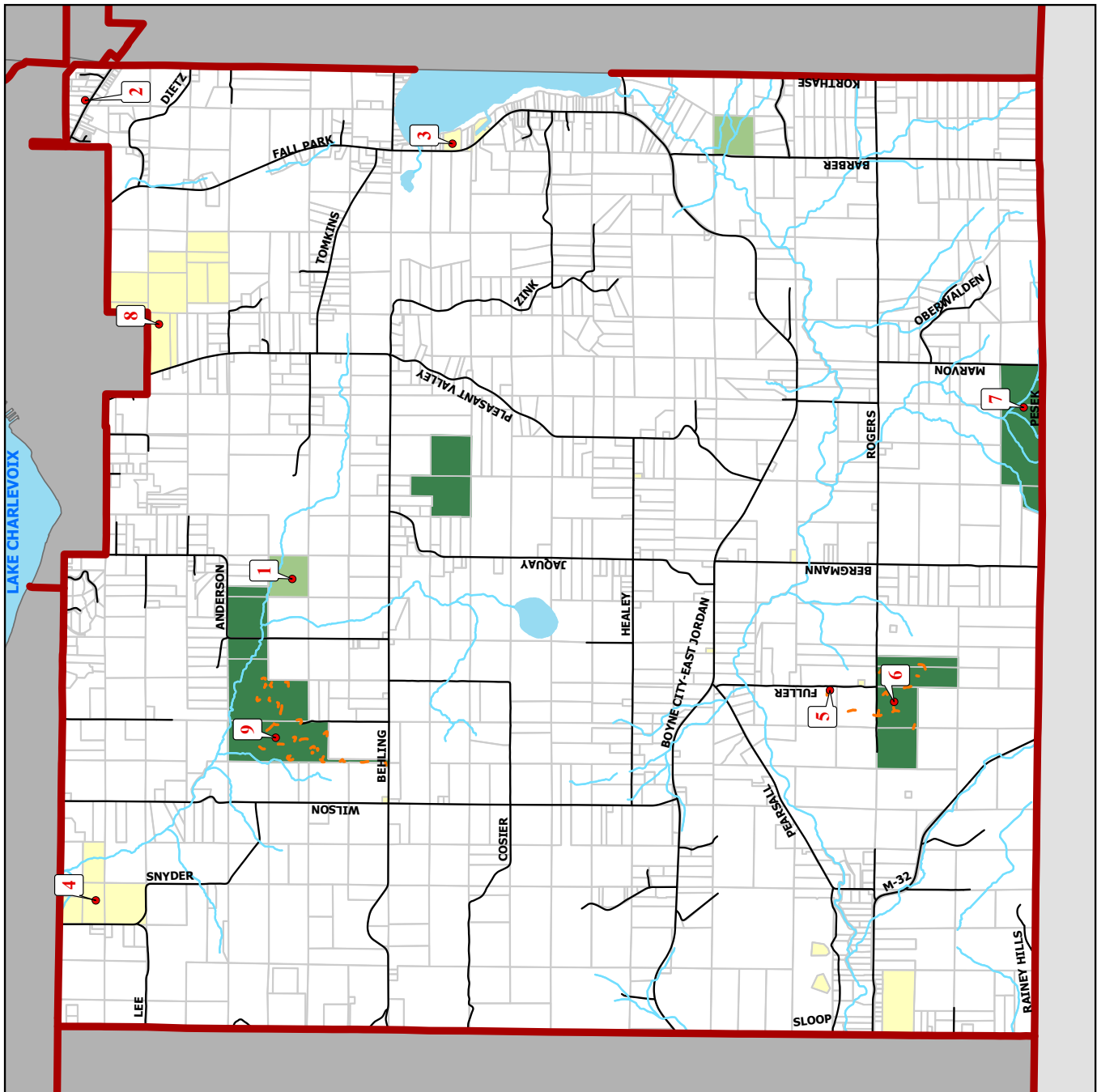


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Charlevoix County  
Equalization Department  
301 State Street  
Charlevoix, MI 49720

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## DNR Grant History

Charlevoix County has been receiving grant assistance from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources since 1987. A total of \$1,483,000.00 has been awarded to the County through grants for improvement projects and acquisitions.

**TABLE 9: CHARLEVOIX COUNTY DNR GRANT PROJECTS**

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	GRANT AMOUNT
Whiting Park 1987 26-01470	Development of a campground, toilet shower building and swimming facilities at Whiting Park.	\$36,300
Thumb Lake Park 1989 TF89-667	To acquire 13.7 acres and 1500 feet of frontage on Thumb Lake.	\$400,000
Whiting Park 2007 TF07-112	Renovation of campground, swimming beach, drive and parking, pathways, and log building improvements at Whiting Park on Lake Charlevoix; installed kayak launch & observation deck, and installed vault toilet / storage building.	\$232,500
Boyne City to US 31 Trail 2011 TF11-073	Development to include construction of a 10' wide HMA nonmotorized recreation trail from the Boyne City limits to Evangeline/Bay Township line.	\$300,000
Butler Trust Property Acquisition 2012 TF12-070	Acquisition to include 72.4-acre Butler Trust property that shares 2700 feet of contiguous border with Charlevoix County's Whiting Park.	\$214,200
Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail 2013 TF13-052	Development to include construction of a 3.2 mile 10-foot wide HMA nonmotorized path along Boyne City-Charlevoix Road, beginning at the Little Traverse Wheelway. It will include clearing, earthwork, drainage improvements, segmental retaining walls, HMA path, signage, landscaping and slope restoration.	\$300,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,483,000</b>



*Whiting Park grant plaque*

## REGIONAL INVENTORY

The recreation system surrounding the County is extensive. There are hundreds of parks ranging in size and facility types. This section addresses the major facilities in the neighboring counties that may serve the current recreational needs of Charlevoix County.

**TABLE 10: REGIONAL PARK INVENTORY**

NAME	OWNERSHIP	OPEN TO PUBLIC?	FACILITIES
<b>ANTRIM County</b>			
Barnes Park	Antrim County	Yes	Camping, swimming
Shanty Creek	Private	Yes	Downhill and cross- country skiing, golf, swimming pool
Jordan Valley State Forest	State of Michigan	Yes	Hiking and snowmobile trails, canoing, camping, hunting, fishing
<b>EMMET County</b>			
West Park	Resort Township	Yes	Walking trails, restrooms
East Park	Resort Township	Yes	Scenic viewing, walking trails, restrooms
Harbor Springs Swimming Pool	School	Yes	Swimming pool
Boyne Highlands	Private	Yes	Skiing, golf, swimming pool
Nub's Nob	Private	Yes	Skiing, swimming pool
Petoskey State Park	State of Michigan	Yes	Camping, boating, swimming, picnic sites, walking trails, cross country skiing
Little Traverse Wheelway	Emmet County	Yes	Nonmotorized recreational trail
Bay Harbor	Private	Yes	Golf, boating, swimming
Magnus Park	City of Petoskey	Yes	Campground, picnic area, swimming
Winter Sports Park	City of Petoskey	Yes	Downhill skiing, ice skating rink
Bear River Recreation Area / Kayak Park	City of Petoskey	Yes	Biking, hiking, walking, fishing, picnicking (2 shelters), nature viewing, stairs to the river, footbridge over the river, whitewater kayaking, events and performance areas, restrooms
Bayfront Park	City of Petoskey	Yes	Panoramic views of Little Traverse Bay, Little Traverse History Museum, softball field, picnic areas, waterfall, fishing quarry, access to Little Traverse Wheelway, restrooms, parking
Pennsylvania Park	City of Petoskey	Yes	Picnic area, gazebo, commons area for outdoor concerts and movies, festivals, and special events
Jones Landing	Bear Creek Township	Yes	Covered pavilion, picnic area, boat launch, large sandy beach, restrooms, parking
<b>OTSEGO County</b>			
Otsego Lake State Park	State of Michigan	Yes	Camping, boating, swimming, fishing
Treetops Resort & Spa	Private	Yes	Golf, skiing, swimming pool, spa, lodging
Pigeon River Country State Forest	State of Michigan	Yes	Camping, canoing, hunting, fishing, nonmotorized trails, snowmobile and ORV trails
<b>CHEBOYGAN County</b>			
Burt Lake State Park	State of Michigan	Yes	Camping, boating, swimming, fishing, picnic sites
Pigeon River Country State Forest	State of Michigan	Yes	Camping, canoing, fishing, swimming, hunting
Mackinaw City Ice Rink	Mackinaw City	Yes	Ice rink for figure and hockey skating



*Community Engagement Session at Whiting Park*

# PLANNING PROCESS

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### DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

Charlevoix County takes pride in their Parks and Recreation system. Every five years the Parks and Recreation Plan is updated to keep in line with the goals and objectives and to revise the action plan as appropriate. The planning process began in May of 2019 with the development and distribution of an online survey to gather public input. Community engagement is a key element to seek candid feedback from the residents. A link to the survey was available on the Charlevoix County website and hard copies were made available at the County offices as well as the Beaver Island Community Center. A total of 223 survey responses were completed between May and October.

The Charlevoix County Parks Committee and Planning Commission each held two work sessions to guide the planning process, develop goals and objectives and determine action plan items. The previous planning efforts were reviewed and updated for this plan. New goals and objectives were formulated, and action plan items were prioritized.

Three community input sessions were held to solicit feedback from the public. The first session was held on August 19, 2019 at Whiting Park from 7:00-9:00pm. The second session was held on September 19, 2019 at the Charlevoix County Library from 5:00-7:00pm. The third and final session was held on September 26, 2019 on Beaver Island from 2:00-4:00pm. These sessions were held as an open house format so people could come and go at their convenience.

A final draft of the plan was approved for distribution by the Parks Committee and Planning

Commission that was posted for 30 days (December 6, 2019-January 6, 2020) to gather public comments. After the 30-day review period, a public hearing was held at the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners meeting before adopting the plan. The public hearing was advertised in the Petoskey News Review on January 4, 2020 and January 17, 2020. It was also posted in the Boyne City Gazette on January 8, 2020 and the Charlevoix County News on January 9, 2020. The public hearing was held on January 22, 2020 at 6:00pm at the Charlevoix County building. The plan was adopted on January 22, 2020 and a resolution was passed.

A summary of the community input sessions and survey results is highlighted on the following pages.

### SUMMARY OF INPUT SESSIONS

There were a number of people that attended the public input sessions to learn about the process and to share their insights about the Parks and Recreation system. Some common themes that were reported are as follows:

- » Finish completing the Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail.
- » Upgrade the Whiting Park campground restroom/shower building.
- » Improve the Whiting Park campground.
- » Improve public awareness of what Charlevoix County has to offer.
- » Develop site on Beaver Island for tourism.
- » Add camping on Beaver Island and add a stop for the existing water trail.
- » Replace former boat launch at Whiting Park.

## SUMMARY OF SURVEY RESULTS

The community engagement survey was developed and distributed throughout the community for three months to hear from the residents about the Parks and Recreation system. A summary of the survey results can be found on the following pages.

### Q1 Type of facilities

#### What type of recreation facilities would you like to see increased in Charlevoix County?

The survey respondents would like to see an increase in natural areas, nonmotorized trails, restrooms and water access in Charlevoix County.

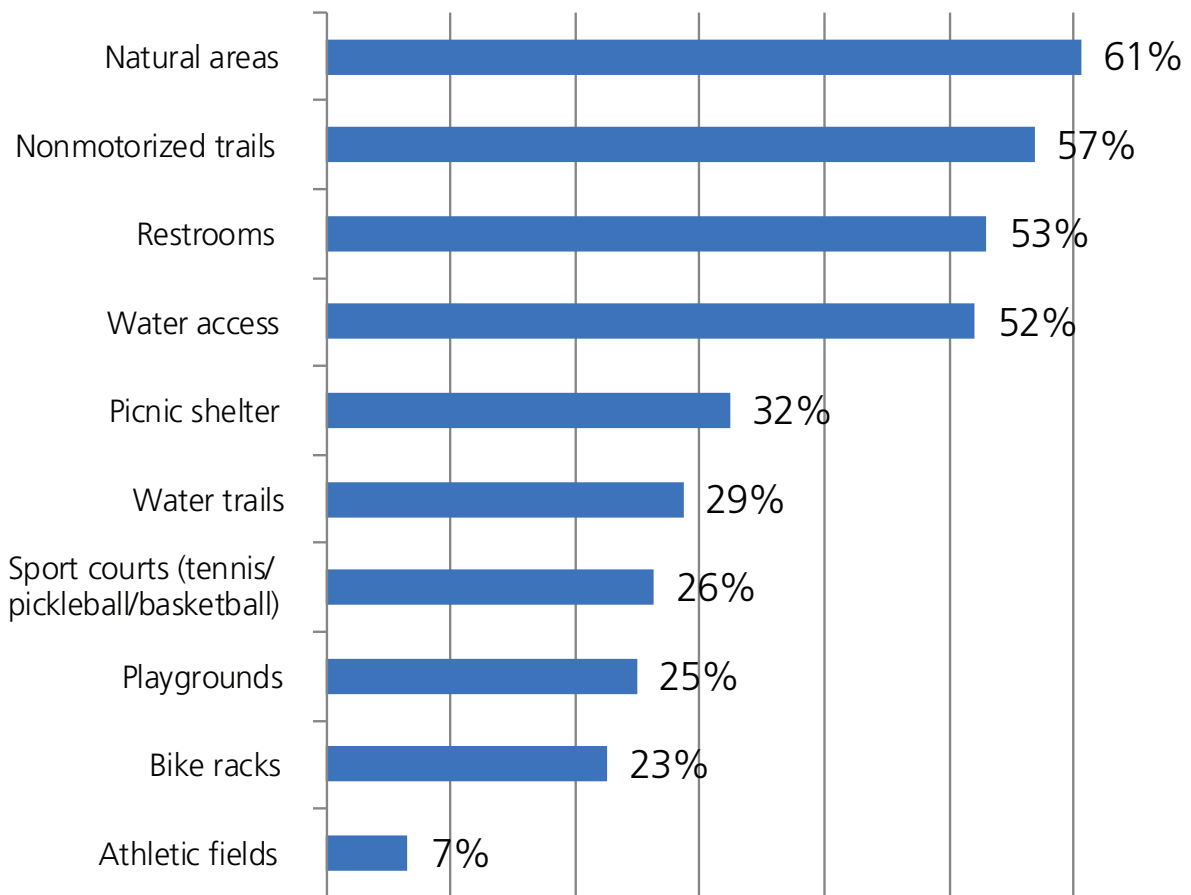
### Q2 Type of activities

Over 54% of people would like to see increased opportunities for hiking made available in the county. An increase in sailing, boating and kayaking was ranked second by the survey respondents at 45% with biking following close behind at 43%.

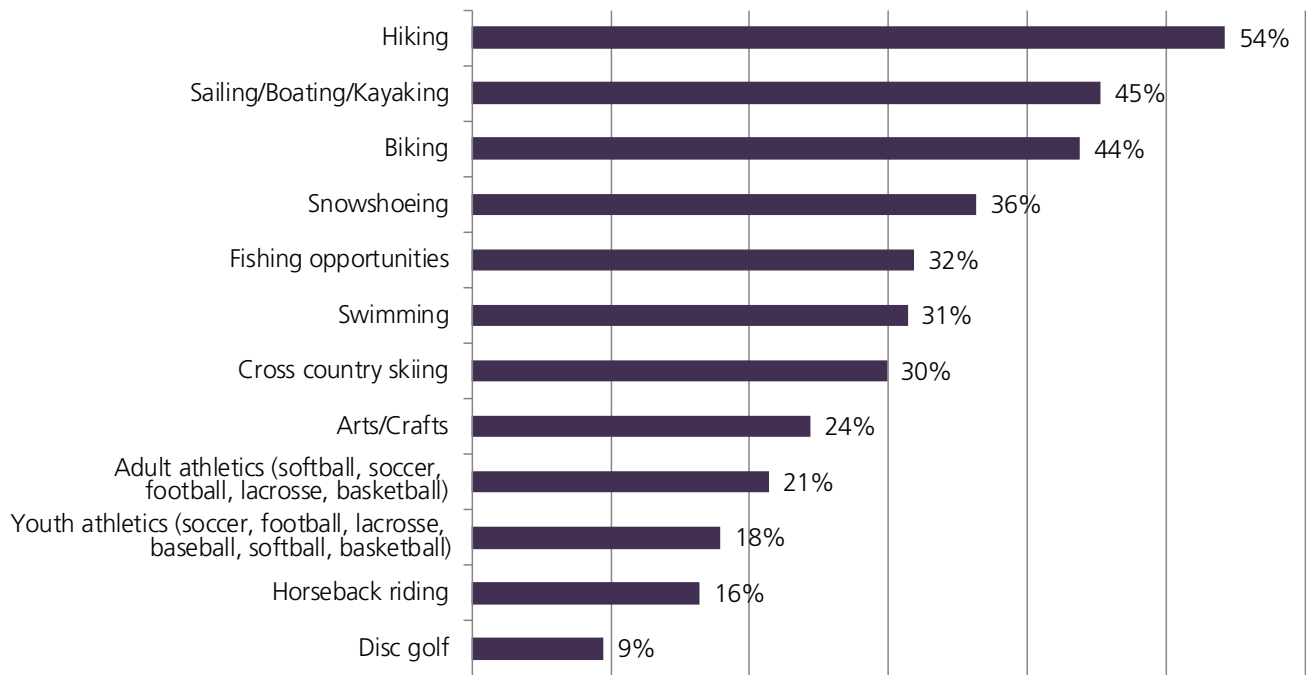
### Q3 Important features

People were asked to rate the importance of beaches, water quality, trails and camping. Water quality was ranked very important by nearly 98% of survey respondents. Beaches were ranked very important, while camping was ranked the least important.

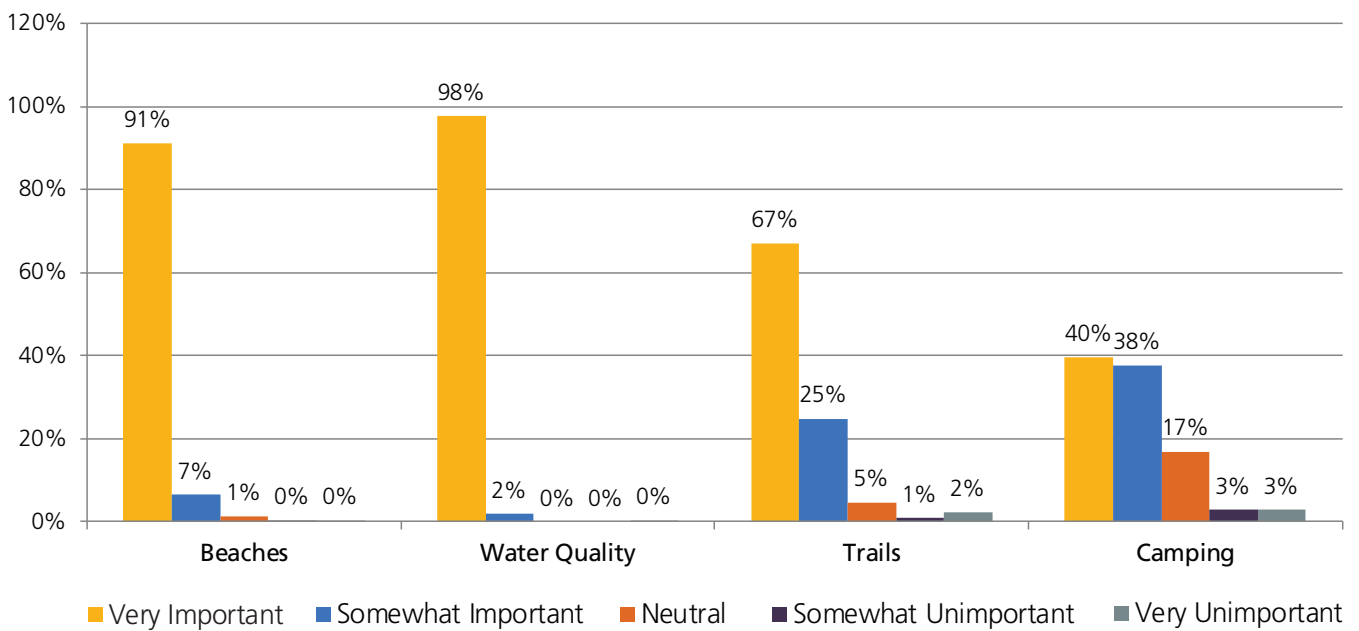
FIGURE 7: WHAT TYPE OF RECREATION FACILITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE INCREASED IN CHARLEVOIX COUNTY?



**FIGURE 8: WHAT TYPE OF RECREATION ACTIVITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE INCREASED IN CHARLEVOIX COUNTY?**



**FIGURE 9: HOW IMPORTANT ARE THE FOLLOWING IN CHARLEVOIX COUNTY?**



### Q4 Parks visited

The survey asked people which parks they visited during the year. Whiting Park was the most popular park visited, followed closely by the Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail.

### Q5 Whiting Park priorities

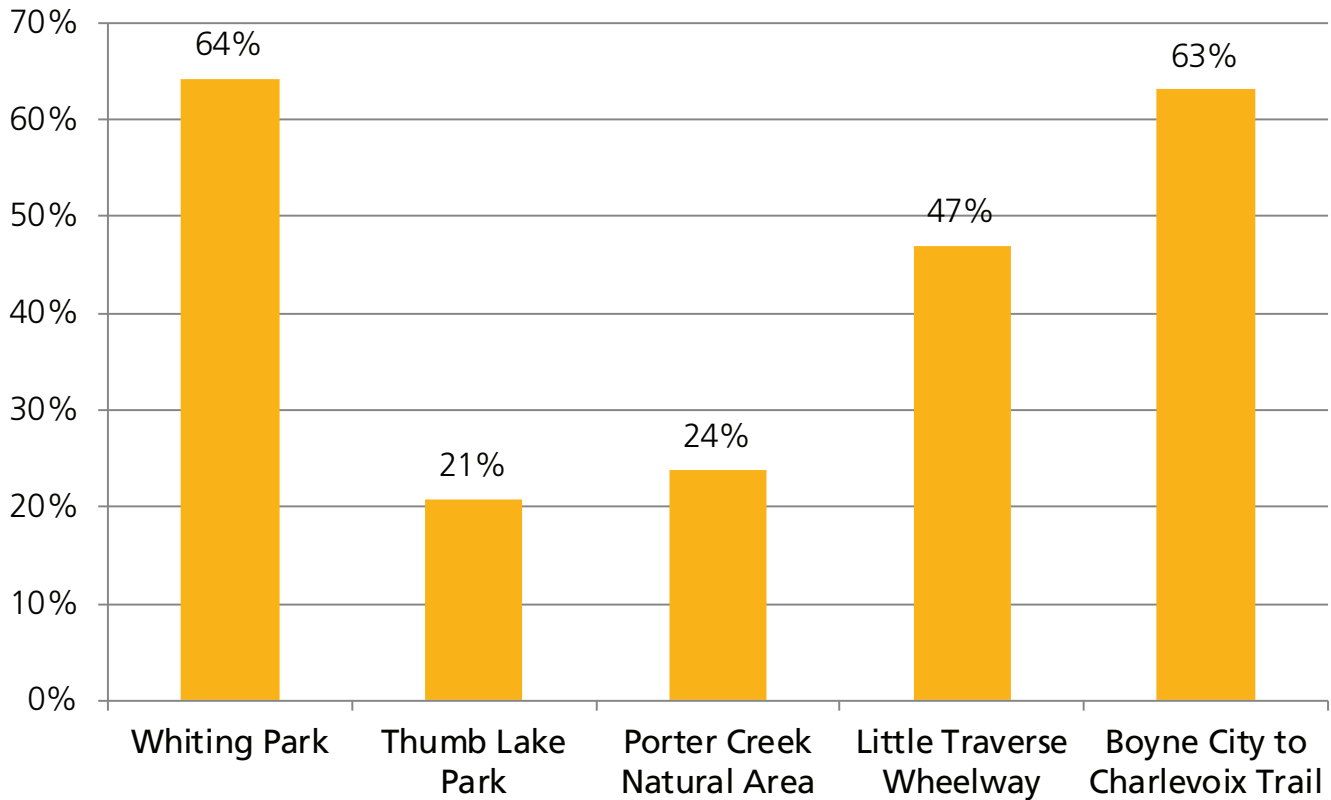
Participants ranked the importance of improvements for Whiting Park. The number one item participants would like improved was hiking trails at 28%, followed by campground

improvements at 23%. Another high priority item is upgrading the vault toilets to modern restrooms at the beach area.

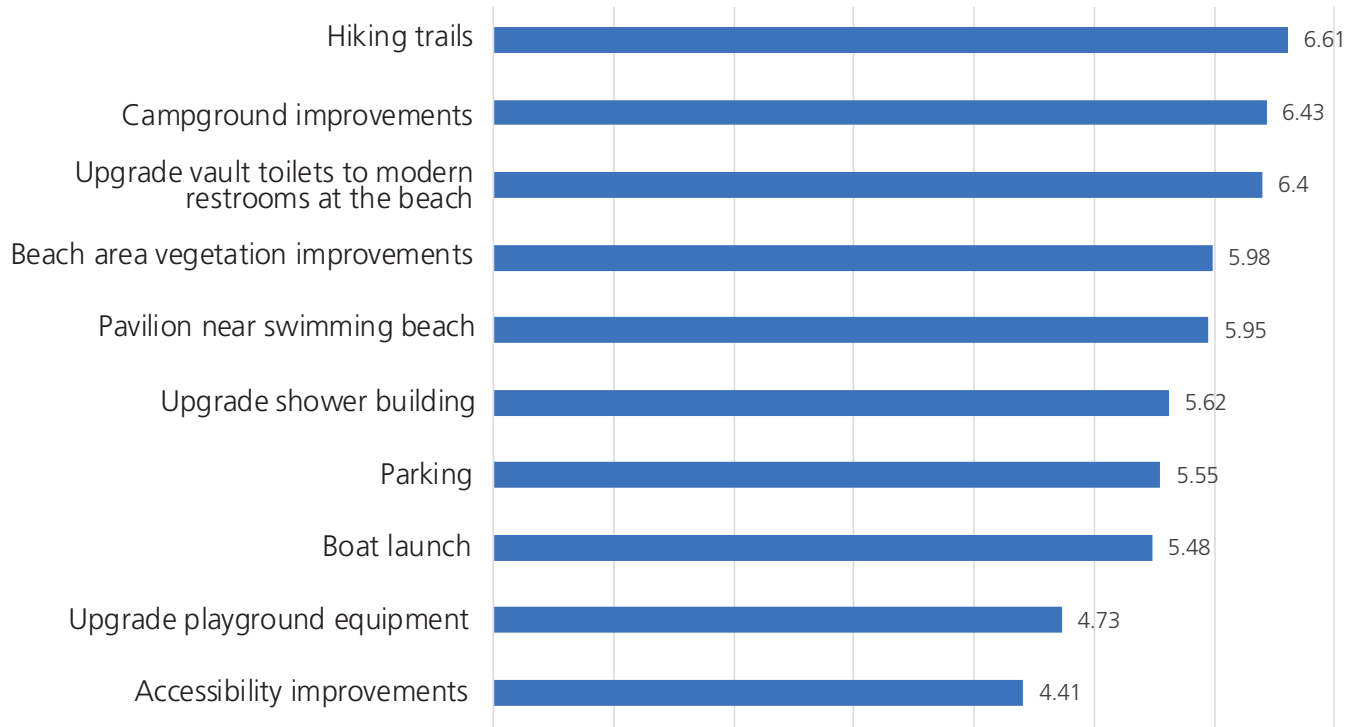
### Q6 Thumb Lake Park priorities

People ranked the importance of improvements for Thumb Lake Park. Restrooms ranked as the highest priority at 52% and hiking trails was ranked second at 34%. Paved parking and accessibility were also ranked as important improvements by the respondents.

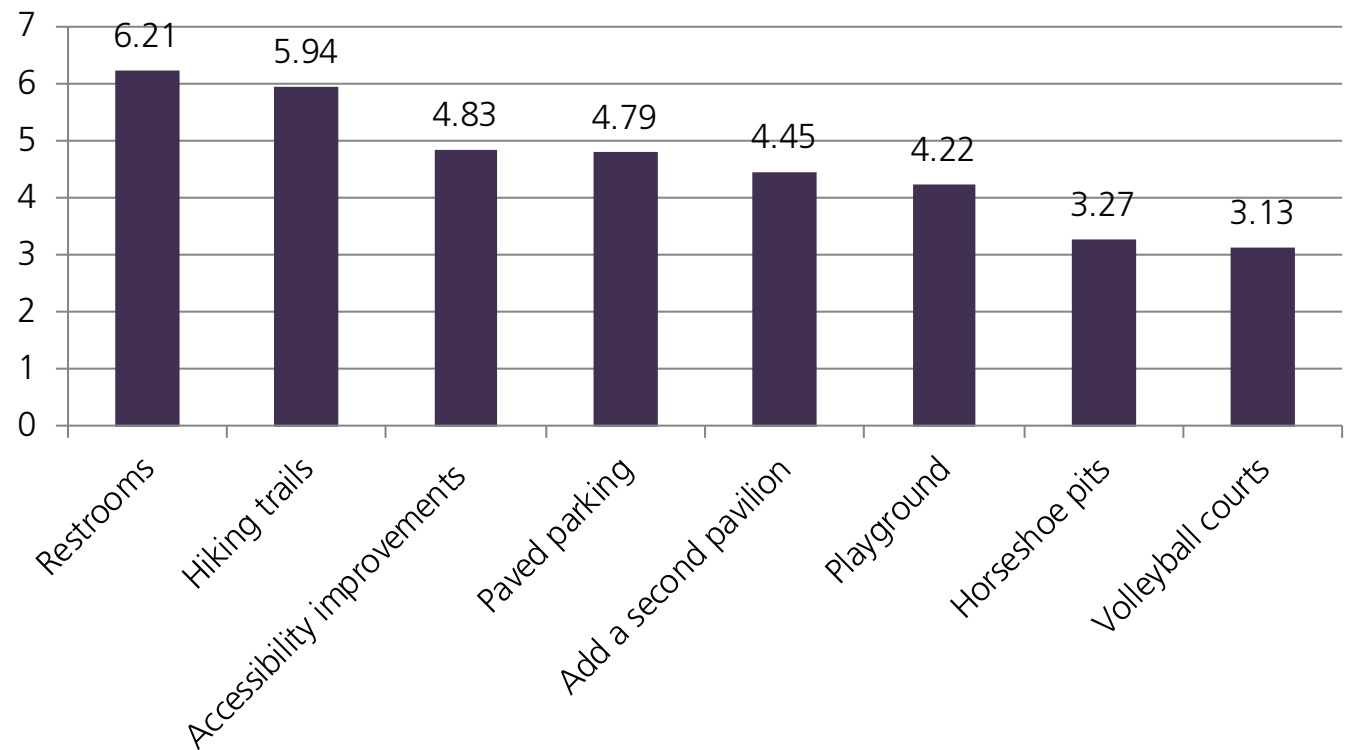
FIGURE 10: WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTY PARKS DO YOU VISIT?



**FIGURE 11: RANKED IMPORTANCE OF WHITING PARK IMPROVEMENTS**



**FIGURE 12: RANKED IMPORTANCE OF THUMB LAKE PARK IMPROVEMENTS**



## Q7 Porter Creek Natural Area priorities

Expanded hiking trails with a footbridge ranked as the highest priority for improvements at the Porter Creek Natural Area. Wayfinding signs were ranked second in order of priority projects.

## Q8 Rank statements

Communities are recognizing the vital importance of public health more now than ever. Accessible and interconnected trails was rated as very important by 72% of the respondents. A total of 51% of people said that parks with passive recreation and connection with nature was also very important to them.

FIGURE 13: IMPORTANCE OF PORTER CREEK NATURAL AREA IMPROVEMENTS

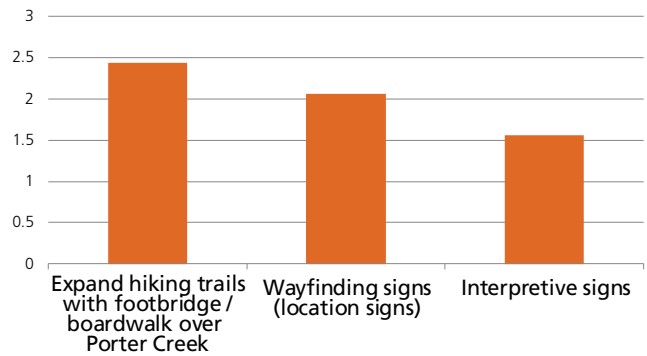
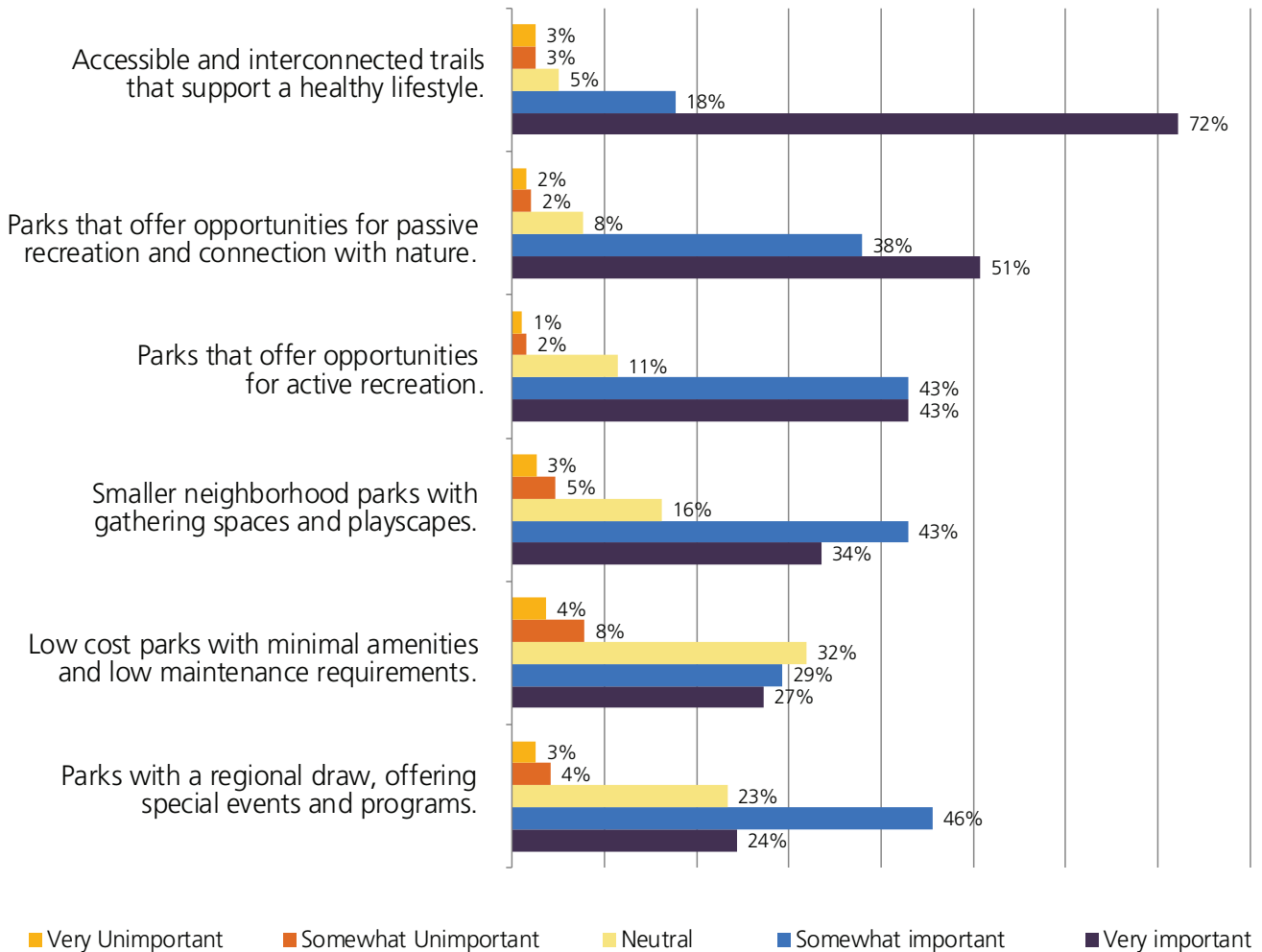


FIGURE 14: RANKED STATEMENTS.



## Q9 Important attributes

The respondents ranked their most important attributes (features or qualities) of parks and recreation. The survey asked people to rank the items 1 through 5, with 1 being their top attribute. The lowest weighted average is the top-ranked item. Accessibility was ranked number 1, while natural areas was ranked number 2, etc. Connected trails, environmentally friendly and water access were all ranked nearly the same.

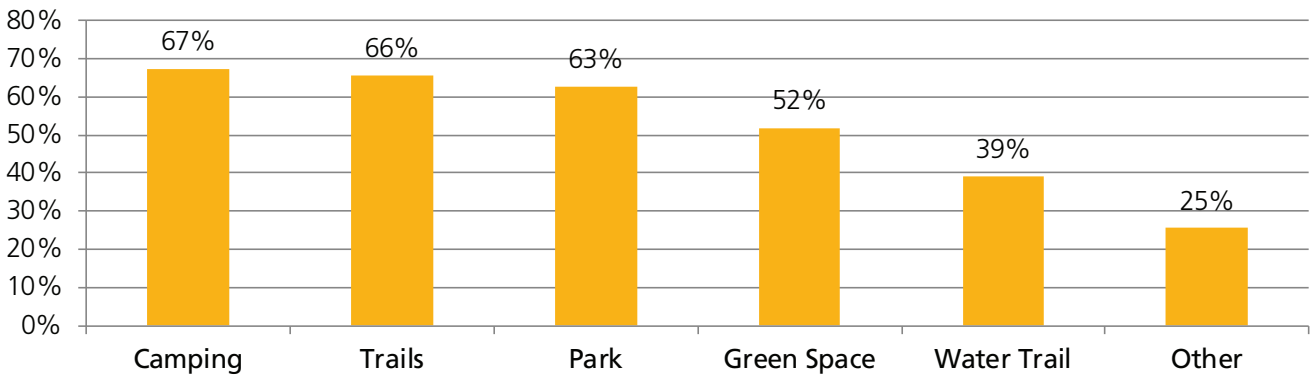
## Q10 Beaver Island Property

The survey asked what kind of land uses are preferred on the newly purchased 172-acre property on Beaver Island. The respondents were most in favor of camping, trails and use as a park. Other preferred uses included creating places to stay the night, wedding venue, and people would like to see the school reopened.

TABLE 11: TOP 5 ATTRIBUTES

AMENITIES	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Accessible	2.42
Natural Areas	2.68
Connected trails	2.8
Environmentally friendly	2.81
Water access	2.81
Family focused	2.86
Youth focused	2.89
Open Space	3.13
Community events	3.36
Passive recreation	3.5
Neighborhood parks	3.67
Local art	3.82

FIGURE 15: PREFERRED LAND USES FOR BEAVER ISLAND PROPERTY



Overlook at Beaver Island

## Q11 Level of Agreement

Survey respondents were asked to indicate their level of agreement with a set of statements. They could choose to strongly agree, agree, somewhat agree, disagree, or strongly disagree. Respondents noted that parks and recreation facilities should be a high priority for county officials. The respondents also indicated that the county should focus on improving existing facilities before purchasing additional land.

## Q12-15 Demographics

The survey was completed by people of all ages; however, the majority of survey respondents were 50 years old and above. The largest age group was 60-69 years old.

People were asked to leave their final comments to help guide the future of the county parks and recreation system. There was a total of 56 comments made.

The respondents were thankful for the opportunity to give their feedback to the county. Keeping the shoreline accessible to the public was very important to the survey participants. Expanding and maintaining the nonmotorized trail system is also a high priority for the people. People offered their support in utilizing the Beaver Island lighthouse property for public use.

Below is a word cloud describing the words used. The larger the word, the more it was used in the final comments. The survey results, including the complete set of comments, can be found in the appendix of the plan.

**FIGURE 16: LEVEL OF AGREEMENT**

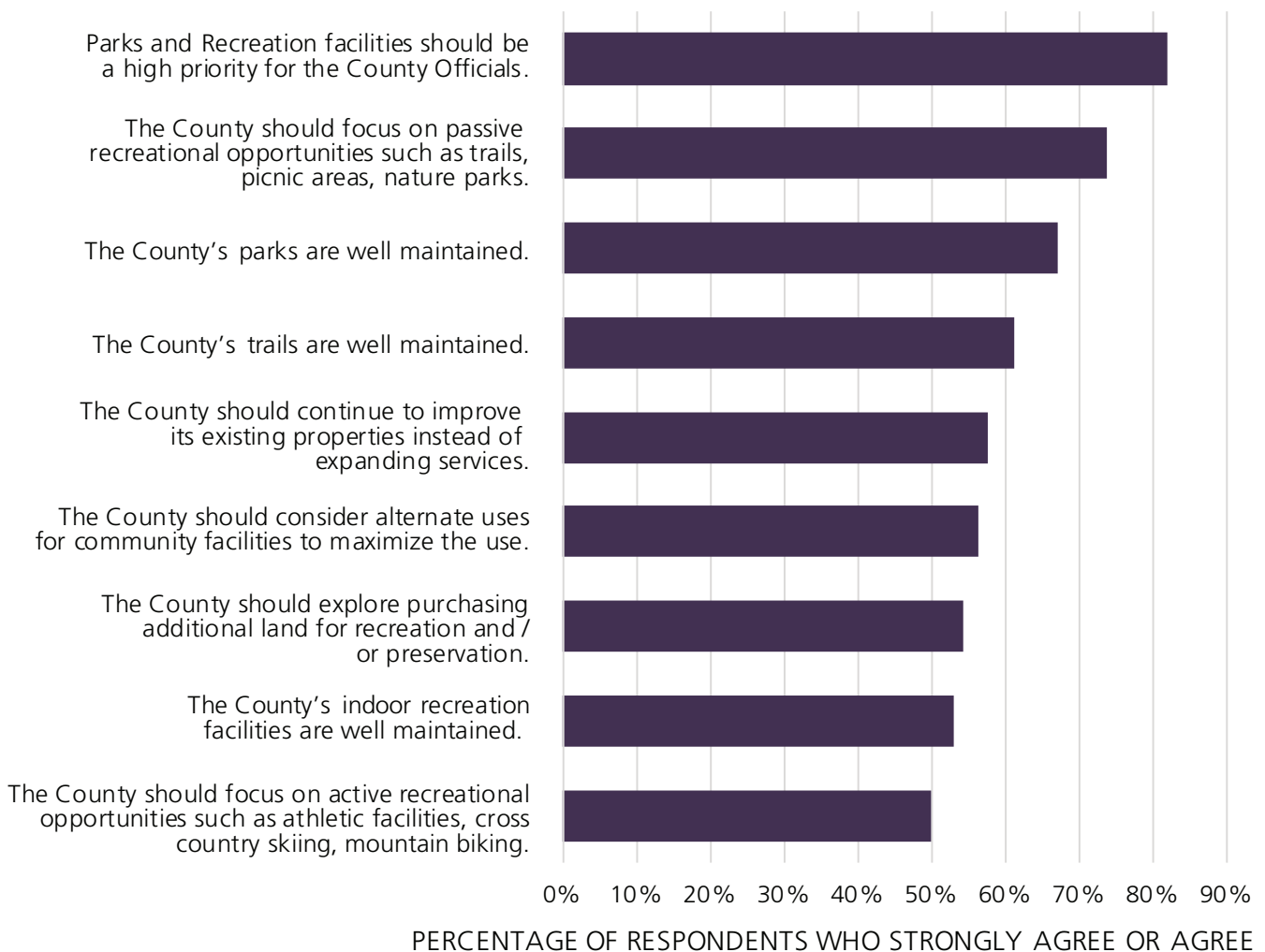


FIGURE 17: AGE RANGE

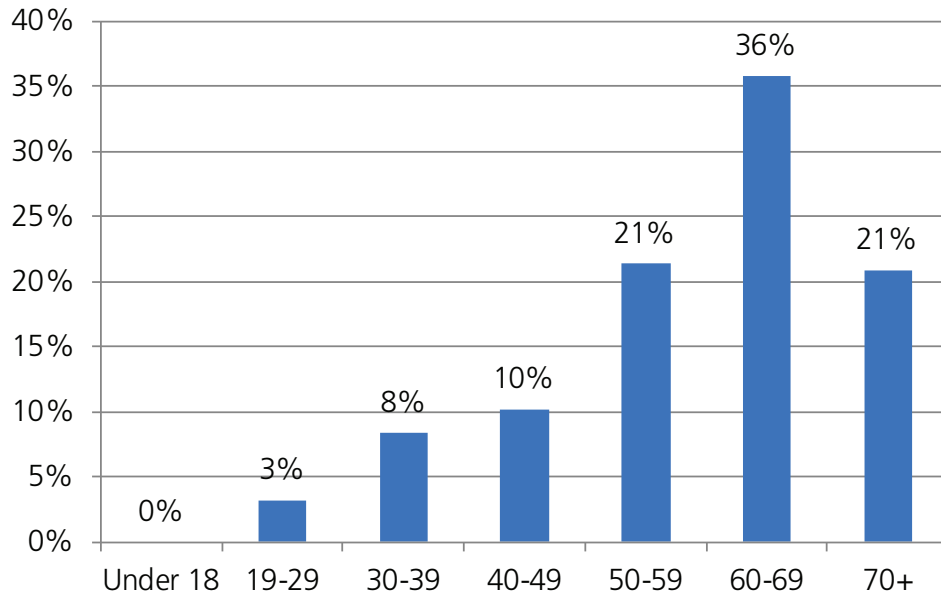


FIGURE 18: DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN UNDER 18 LIVING IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

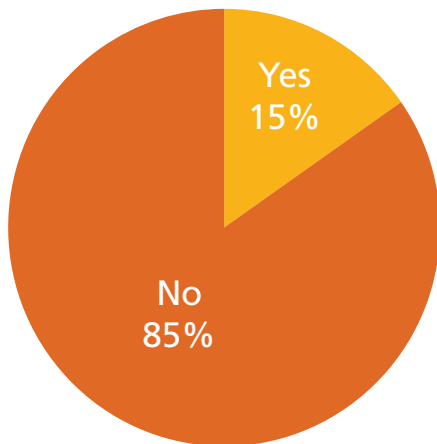
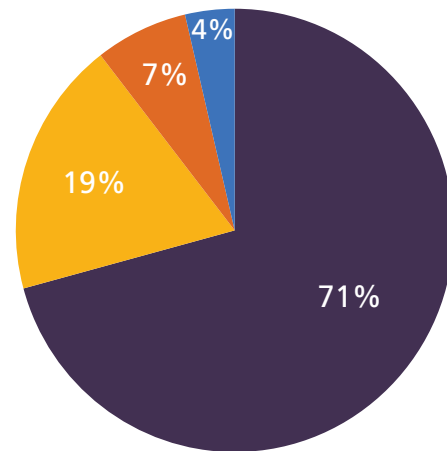


FIGURE 19: RESIDENTIAL STATUS



■ Year-round homeowner    ■ Renter  
■ Seasonal homeowner    ■ Other (2nd home)

FIGURE 20: WORD CLOUD



*The bigger the word, the more it was mentioned in the comments on the survey.*



*Bunkhouse at Beaver Island lighthouse property*

# IMPLEMENTATION



## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goals and objectives offer policy direction and a framework for recreation providers and local officials. The goals and objectives were developed to be realistic to the financial, social, and physical realities of the County.

**GOAL** – A goal is the vision of the future that are desired to be achieved. Goals are generally long-term concepts.

**OBJECTIVE** – Objectives are used to help reach established goals. Objectives are a series of precise and measurable steps necessary to achieve the goals.

**ACTION PLAN** – Action items are action-oriented and specific in nature and used as an organizational strategy to achieve the goals listed in the plan.

## GOAL #1 RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Ensure that recreational opportunities are available for persons of all ages, abilities and economic means.

### Objectives

- » Provide a variety of passive and active recreational spaces for all people to enjoy.
- » Incorporate universal design standards when developing or renovating park facilities.
- » Include multi-generational amenities to allow people of all ages to participate.

## GOAL #2 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Enhance park infrastructure and amenities to improve the park user's experience.

### Objectives

- » Invest in improving facilities and amenities to provide a clean and safe place for people to spend their free time.
- » Replace or repair amenities that are outdated and unsafe.
- » Prioritize and budget capital improvement projects each year.
- » Consider additional sources of funding, such as grants, to supplement funds from the Parks budget.

### GOAL #3 CONNECTIVITY

Connect park and recreation assets through nonmotorized transportation routes.

#### Objectives

- » Identify and develop trail connections between parks and recreational amenities.
- » Expand existing nonmotorized trail systems.
- » Collaborate with other municipalities to create trail connections to link communities together.

### GOAL #4 MAINTENANCE AND FUNDING

Develop an annual maintenance plan to ensure efficient use of funding.

#### Objectives

- » Create and implement a preventative maintenance plan for the park and trail system.
- » Reserve funding each year for future infrastructure replacements.
- » Continue to coordinate a rental and reservation system for generating revenue.
- » Maintain a current inventory of recreation facilities throughout the County to minimize duplication of amenities.
- » Encourage the sharing of park maintenance equipment and resources among the municipalities within the County.

### GOAL #5 PUBLIC AWARENESS

Increase public awareness of parks and recreation through communication, branding and signage.

#### Objectives

- » Utilize the County website and social media channels to increase communication with the public regarding parks and recreation opportunities.
- » Establish an identity for the park system through wayfinding signage.
- » Develop and distribute promotional materials.

### GOAL #6 COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

Collaborate with other entities to provide recreational opportunities in the County.

#### Objectives

- » Partner with surrounding municipalities to pool resources for recreation opportunities.
- » Coordinate with local schools and other recreation providers to offer parks and recreation services.
- » Identify key stakeholders, businesses and residents to establish partnerships to create a sustainable park system.



*Thumb Lake Park accessible pathway to water's edge*

## ACTION PLAN

YEAR	FACILITY	ACTION PLAN ITEM	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE	PRIORITY
2020	Whiting Park	Apply for final grant and construct new boat launch and parking area at the north end of the waterfront	\$41,500 (Final Design, Permitting & Construction Oversight/Contract Admin) + \$308,500 (Construction)	DNR Waterways Grants, County Funds	High
2020	Whiting Park	Shoreline stabilization project	To be determined	County Funds	High
2020	Whiting Park	Install retaining wall to support sidewalk in Day-Use area	To be determined	County Funds	High
2020	Whiting Park	Purchase snow trail groomer	\$4,000	County Funds	High
2020	Boyne City to Charlevoix Nonmotorized Trail	Phase 3: Complete preliminary investigation & conceptual planning; grant assistance	\$4,800	County Funds	High
2020	Porter Creek Natural Area	Conceptual planning and develop cost estimates to complete phase 3 of hiking trails	N/A	County Funds	Medium
2020	Whiting Park	Refinish floors in Log Building	\$6,500 - \$8,300	County Funds	Medium
2020	Whiting Park	Install Wi-Fi Service	To be determined	County Funds	Medium
2020	Whiting Park	Expand existing hiking trails	To be determined	County Funds	Medium
2021	Boyne City to Charlevoix Nonmotorized Trail	Phase 3: Preliminary & final design engineering	\$23,960	MNRTF Grant	High
2021	Boyne City to Charlevoix Nonmotorized Trail	Phase 4: Preliminary investigation & conceptual planning; grant assistance	\$30,000	County Funds	High
2021	Whiting Park	Conceptual planning, preliminary design and grant assistance for new shower/restroom building in campground	To be determined	County Funds	High
2021	Whiting Park	Purchase ATV with tracks conversion	\$17,000	County Funds	High
2021	Whiting Park	Purchase a new commercial stove for Green Building	\$5,000	County Funds	Medium
2021	Whiting Park	Refinish floors in Green Building	\$17,100 - \$22,000	County Funds	Medium
2021	Whiting Park	Install Wi-Fi service	To be determined	County Funds	Medium
2021	Porter Creek Natural Area	Complete phase 3 of hiking trails (additional loop), including a bridge or boardwalk over Porter Creek	\$15,000	County Funds	Medium

YEAR	FACILITY	ACTION PLAN ITEM	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE	PRIORITY
2022	Boyne City to Charlevoix Non-motorized Trail	Phase 3: Construction	\$77,150 (Construction Oversight / Engineering) + \$841,572 (Construction)	MNRTF Grant, TAP Grant, Charlevoix County Community Foundation Grant, GL Energy People Fund Grant, North Country Bicycle Club/ Top of Michigan Trails Council Donations, Township Funds, County Funds	High
2022	Boyne City to Charlevoix Non-motorized Trail	Phase 4: Apply for grants and fundraising	N/A	N/A	High
2022	Whiting Park	Final design & permitting for new restroom/shower building in the campground	To be determined	LWCF Grant	High
2022	Beaver Island Property	Design and implement campground improvements	To be determined	County Funds	High
2022	Beaver Island Property	Perform vault toilet improvements	To be determined	County Funds	High
2022	Thumb Lake Park	Install universally accessible playground equipment	\$50,000	DNR Recreation Passport Grant, Foundation Grant, County Funds	Medium
2023	Whiting Park	Construction of a new restroom/shower building in the campground	To be determined	LWCF Grant, County Funds	High
2023	Boyne City to Charlevoix Non-motorized Trail	Phase 4: Preliminary & final design engineering	\$31,350	MNRTF Grant	High
2023	Boyne City to Charlevoix Non-motorized Trail	Phase 5: Preliminary investigation, conceptual planning & grant assistance	\$46,000	County Funds	High
2023	Beaver Island Property	Design and expand trail system	To be determined	County Funds	Medium
2024	Boyne City to Charlevoix Non-motorized Trail	Phase 4: Construction	\$100,320 (Construction Oversight / Engineering) + \$1,254,000 (Construction)	MNRTF Grant, TAP Grant, Foundation Grant, North Country Bicycle Club/Top of Michigan Trails Council Donations, Township Funds, County Funds	High
2024	Boyne City to Charlevoix Non-motorized Trail	Phase 5: Apply for grants and fundraising	N/A	N/A	High
2024	Whiting Park	Conceptual planning & preliminary design for Campground & Day-Use Area improvements (pre-grant)	\$28,215	County Funds	High

YEAR	FACILITY	ACTION PLAN ITEM	ESTIMATED COST	FUNDING SOURCE	PRIORITY
2020-2024	Signage	Design and implement interpretive and wayfinding signage throughout the park system	To be determined	County Funds	Medium
2020-2024	Trail Routes	Solicit and accept easements or fee title ownership of land located along proposed non-motorized trail routes	Unknown	Donations	Medium
2020-2024	Land Acquisition	Acquire or assist with purchase of land which will increase the recreational opportunities in the County	Unknown	MNRTF Grants, LWCF Grants, Foundation Grants, Private Donations, Landowner Contributions, County Funds	Low
2020-2024	Land Acquisition	Seek to acquire lands adjacent to existing parks to expand recreational opportunities	Unknown	MNRTF Grants, LWCF Grants, Foundation Grants, Private Donations, Landowner Contributions, County Funds	Low

FUTURE PROJECTS					
2025	Whiting Park	Apply for grants for Campground & Day-Use Area improvements	N/A	N/A	High
2025	Boyne City to Charlevoix Non-motorized Trail	Phase 5: Preliminary & final design engineering	\$25,560	MNRTF Grant	High
2025	Whiting Park	Explore constructing a barrier-free pavilion in the day-use area	\$25,000	DNR Recreation Passport Grant, County Funds	Low
2025	Whiting Park	Create overflow parking near Pavilion #2	\$3,000	County Funds	Low
2026	Boyne City to Charlevoix Non-motorized Trail	Phase 5: Construction	\$81,780 (Construction Oversight / Engineering) + \$1,022,200 (Construction)	MNRTF Grant, TAP Grant, Foundation Grant, North Country Bicycle Club/Top of Michigan Trails Council Donations, Township Funds, County Funds	High
2026	Whiting Park	Final design & permitting for Campground & Day-Use Area improvements	\$15,675	LWCF Grant	High
2027	Whiting Park	Construction of Campground & Day-Use Area improvements: terrace sites to level ground, increase campsite sizes, reconfigure and pave the drive through the campground, increase barrier-free sites, run electric and water to each campsite, run water and sewer lines to restrooms in day-use area, upgrade existing vault toilet to modern flush toilets in day-use area, relocate pump-out station across Lake Shore Road	\$31,350 (Construction Oversight / Contract Admin) + \$627,000 (Construction)	LWCF Grant, County Funds	High

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# POST COMPLETION SELF CERTIFICATION REPORT



Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Management

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

*This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended;  
the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964); and Part 715, of PA 451 of 1994, as amended.*

GRANT TYPE:  MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND  CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE  
(Please select one)  LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND  RECREATION PASSPORT  BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Charlevoix County

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01470

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Charlevoix County Whiting Park

PROJECT SCOPE: Development of campground, toilet/shower building, swimming facilities

### TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

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### SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?  
If yes, please describe change(s).  Yes  No

Separated day-use area from campground; added vault toilet, barrier-free kayak launch & observation deck, horseshoe pits; expanded hiking trails; Mobi-mats & Mobi-chair at beach

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)  Yes  No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.  Yes  No

### SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?  
If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.  Yes  No

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If 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

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Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No  
Campsites, buildings and pavilions are cleaned after each use; Toilet/shower building and vault toilet is cleaned daily; Any trash on beach picked up daily; repairs 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  
Camping: \$15/night (rustic); \$25/night (electric); \$7 reservation fee; coin-op showers; Green Bldg \$240/day; Log Cabin \$110/day; Pavilion #1 - \$50/day; Pavilion #2 - \$40/day

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?  
Open May to October. Day-use area closed 10pm-8am. Trails & parking area open yearround.

### COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

Empty space for comments.

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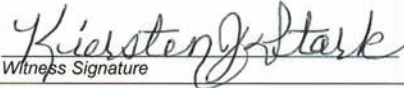
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 (Please select one)  LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND  RECREATION PASSPORT  BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Charlevoix County

PROJECT NUMBER: TF07-112 PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Whiting Park Universal Access Improvements

PROJECT SCOPE: Renovate campground, drive/parking, install vault toilet, kayak launch

### TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee) Charlevoix County	Contact Person Becki King	Title Finance Director
Address 301 State Street	Telephone 231-237-0156	
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### SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s).  Yes  No

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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

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Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.  Yes  No

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### SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.  Yes  No

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Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.  Yes  No

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Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.  Yes  No

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Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No  
Campsites, buildings and pavilions are cleaned after each use; toilet/shower bldg and vault toilet cleaned daily; Any trash on beach picked up daily; repairs 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

Camping: \$15/night (rustic); \$25/night (electric); \$7 reservation fee; coin-op showers; Green Bldg \$240/day; Log Cabin \$110/day; Pavilion #1 - \$50/day; Pavilion #2 - \$40/day

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?  
Open May to October. Day-use area closed 10pm-8am. Trails & parking area open yearround.

### COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

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GRANTEE: Charlevoix County

PROJECT NUMBER: TF11-073

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Boyne City to US-31 Trail

PROJECT SCOPE: Construction of a 3.04-mile, 10' wide paved non-motorized trail

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Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s).  Yes  No

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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

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Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.  Yes  No

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### SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.  Yes  No  
No entry sign because the trail has multiple access points, however identification as well as wayfinding signs will be added

Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.  Yes  No

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Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.  Yes  No

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Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No  
Maintenance is conducted on a routine basis during Spring, Summer and Fall.

### GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants) Yes No N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain. Yes No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?  
Open yearround, 7 days/week, all hours, but not maintained in the winter

### COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

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 (Please select one)  LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND  RECREATION PASSPORT  BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Charlevoix County

PROJECT NUMBER: TF12-070

PROJECT TYPE: Acquisition

PROJECT TITLE: Butler Trust Property Acquisition

Acquire 72.4-acre property adjacent to Charlevoix County's Whiting

PROJECT SCOPE: Park

### TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

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### SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?  
 If yes, please describe change(s).  Yes  No

The trail system on the original Whiting Park property has been expanded onto this property; a trailhead has also been established on this property

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)  Yes  No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.  Yes  No

### SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?  
 If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.  Yes  No

The Butler Trust property is now part of Whiting Park, which has a park entry sign.

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

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## POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No  
The trails are routinely checked for downed trees, which are removed. Trail markers are also maintained.

### 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  
No fee is charged for using this area of the park.

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?  
Open yearround, 7 days/week, dawn to dusk

### COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

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**Whiting Park Entry Sign**

*The Butler Trust property is now part of Whiting Park.*



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GRANTEE: Charlevoix County

PROJECT NUMBER: TF13-052

PROJECT TYPE: Development

PROJECT TITLE: Boyne City to Charlevoix Non-Motorized Trail

PROJECT SCOPE: Construction of a 2.97-mile, 10' wide paved non-motorized trail

### TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

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### SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s).  Yes  No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)  Yes  No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.  Yes  No

### SITE QUALITY

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.  Yes  No

No entry sign because the trail has multiple access points, however identification signs as well as wayfinding signs will be added

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

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Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.  Yes  No  
Maintenance is conducted on a routine basis during Spring, Summer and Fall.

### GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)  Yes  No  N/A

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.  Yes  No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.  Yes  No

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?  
Open yearround, 7 days/week, all hours, but not maintained in the winter

### COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

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GRANTEE: Charlevoix County

PROJECT NUMBER: TF89-667

PROJECT TYPE: Acquisition

PROJECT TITLE: Thumb Lake Acquisition

PROJECT SCOPE: To acquire 13.7 acres and 1,500 feet of frontage on Thumb Lake

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)		
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SITE DEVELOPMENT		
Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? If yes, please describe change(s).		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<u>Temp parking/portable toilets/barriers to keep vehicles off beach. 2003: Moved Magee Rd. east. 2006: Paved parking/steps &amp; ramps to beach/stormwater basins. 2014:new pavilion</u>		
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.)		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

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Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. Yes No  
Maintenance is conducted on a weekly basis. Portable restrooms serviced more frequently (2-3 times/wk), 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  
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Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure. Yes No  
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What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?  
The Park is open May to October, dawn to dusk

### COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

Large empty rectangular area for providing comments.

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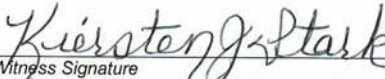
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### Park Entry Sign with original DNR plaque

*The plaque was later stolen and a new plaque (see below) was obtained from the DNR, which is now mounted on the new pavilion.*



## **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

### **Park Rules and Regulations**

#### Whiting Park

1. The park manager reserves the privilege of interpreting and enforcing all rules.
2. No one under 18 shall be permitted to register for or utilize a campsite unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.
3. No person or persons shall erect a camp, or camp within said park without first obtaining a camping permit from the park staff.
4. Camping shall only be permitted within designated camping areas.
5. No person, persons, or camping party shall camp for a period of time exceeding fifteen (15) nights. The person, persons, or camping party, and their respective camping unit(s) shall be required to leave a campsite upon reaching the fifteen (15) night limit. The party is not eligible to return to the same campsite until fifteen (15) nights have elapsed.
6. A campsite shall be occupied by no more than one single family or more than 4 unrelated individuals at any given time. A single family shall consist of parents and/or guardians and their children. Other relatives may be included, provided the campsite is occupied by no more than eight persons, all contained within one camping unit.
7. One primary camp unit and two tents shall be allowed per campsite. The primary camp unit may consist of a wheeled camping unit (pop up tent camper, self-propelled camper, travel trailer, or pickup camper) or a tent.
8. No more than two vehicles will be permitted per campsite. All overnight vehicles shall be registered and have a vehicle pass clearly displayed.
9. Visitors shall leave the campground by 11:00 pm.
10. Campground checkout is 3:00 pm.
11. Pets must be under immediate control on a leash not exceeding 8 feet. Pets are never to be left unattended. Pet owners are required to pick up after their pets. No pets are allowed on the beach or in buildings.
12. Horses are not permitted in the park.
13. No person shall swim outside of the designated swimming area.
14. The swimming beach and picnic area (that portion of the park east of Lake Shore Drive) shall be closed between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.

15. It shall be unlawful to anchor, beach, launch or operate a boat within the swimming area as marked by buoys and ropes. Overnight anchoring of boats is allowed by registered campers only. The use of mooring devices is prohibited.
16. No garbage, refuse or trash generated outside of the park boundaries shall be disposed of within the park.
17. It shall be unlawful to build fires except in barbeque grills or park-provided fire rings. No fires shall be left unattended.
18. It shall be unlawful to remove, destroy or deface any notices, signs, markers or any other part of the park; or to mutilate, cut, pick or destroy any trees, shrubs or wildflowers; or hunt, corral, harass or destroy any wild animals, including birds, within the park.
19. No peddling or soliciting may occur within the park boundaries.
20. It shall be unlawful to post, place or erect signs or advertising material, erect a fence or barrier, or to construct, maintain or occupy any improvements in this park without the approval of the Charlevoix County Parks Committee.
21. It shall be unlawful to carry or possess a firearm, unless unloaded in both barrel and magazine, to shoot an air gun, gas gun, spring-loaded gun, or slingshot, or to shoot an arrow by use of a bow or crossbow within the park.
22. A person or persons expelled from the park for any reason whatsoever shall not be permitted to re-enter for a minimum of fifteen (15) days.
23. No person shall engage in any violent, abusive, boisterous, loud, illegal, obscene or similar disorderly conduct, which unreasonably interferes with another person's use or enjoyment of the park. Radios, generators or other devices shall not be used in a manner that creates excessive noise.
24. Operation of ATV's, golf carts, motorized scooters, or off-road vehicles of a similar nature within the boundaries of the park is strictly prohibited. Street licensed motorized vehicles driven by a licensed driver shall be driven only on park roads.
25. No fireworks shall be permitted within the park.
26. These rules, amended December 14, 2005, shall be in full force and effect on January 1, 2006.

#### PENALTY

Violations of any of the Whiting Park Rules and Regulations, including those listed above, may result in the revocation of the camping permit and/or eviction from the park. In addition, any person who violates any of the Park Rules and Regulations may be charged with a misdemeanor and, if convicted, may be fined not more than \$500.00, plus the costs of prosecution, imprisoned in the county jail for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days, or both fined and imprisoned at the discretion of the Court.

## Thumb Lake Park

1. Park hours are dawn to dusk.
2. Use of the park is prohibited during hours other than park hours; this includes the parking of motorized vehicles, boats (on or off of trailers) or fish shanties.
3. No fires.
4. No camping.
5. No hunting.
6. No glass containers on the beach or in the water.
7. Pets must be under immediate control on a leash not exceeding six feet. Pet owners are required to pick up after their pets. No pets are allowed in swim area.
8. Motorized vehicles are only allowed in designated parking area.
9. No motorized vehicles allowed on beach.
10. Parking of boats in designated areas only.
11. No boats allowed within 100 feet of the beach or buoyed swimming area.
12. No launching or loading of boats at this park.
13. Fireworks are not permitted.
14. No horses allowed.
15. No sponsored events allowed within the park boundaries without written permission of the Park Manager.
16. No peddling or solicitation of business, use of the property for business purposes,
17. No moving, removal, destruction, mutilation, or defacing of property, including but not limited to, buildings, structures, signs, posters, markers, trees, rocks that are located within the Park.
18. No picking, cutting, destruction or removal of trees, shrubs, or wild flowers in the park.
19. Radios and/or other amplified devices may not be used in a manner that creates excessive noise.
20. No littering.
21. No disposal of refuse generated outside of park boundaries.
22. No violent, abusive, loud, boisterous, vulgar, lewd, or otherwise disorderly conduct.
23. Violators will be referred to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office for prosecution.
24. Park is frequently patrolled by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office and violators will be criminally charged for violations of Michigan state laws.

## Porter Creek Natural Area

1. Park hours are dawn to dusk.
2. Use of the park is prohibited during hours other than park hours; this includes the parking of motorized vehicles.
3. No permanent blinds or other structures.
4. No fires.
5. No camping.
6. No picking, cutting, destruction, or removal of trees, shrubs, or wild flowers in the Porter Creek Natural Area.
7. Pets must be under immediate control on a leash not exceeding six feet. Pet owners are required to pick up after their pets.
8. ORV's/motorized wheeled vehicles are only allowed in designated parking area.
9. Fireworks are not permitted.
10. No horses allowed.
11. No sponsored events allowed within the Porter Creek Natural Area boundaries without written permission of the Parks Director.
12. No peddling or solicitation of business, use of the property for business purposes, posting of signs or notices, or distribution of handbills.
13. No moving, removal, destruction, mutilation, or defacing of property, including but not limited to, buildings, structures, signs, posters, markers, trees, rocks that are located within Porter Creek Natural Area.
14. Radios and/or other amplified devices may not be used in a manner that creates excessive noise.
15. No littering.
16. No glass containers allowed in Porter Creek Natural Area.
17. No violent, abusive, loud, boisterous, vulgar, lewd, or otherwise disorderly conduct.

*Violators will be referred to the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office for prosecution.*

*Park is frequently patrolled by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office.*

## Little Traverse Wheelway

### *Trail Etiquette*

1. Have fun! Be considerate! Think safety!
2. Share the trail with wheelchair users, pedestrians, joggers, in-line skaters, cyclists, skiers, and snowshoers. Motorized vehicles are not permitted.
3. Stay right. Yield to slower and to oncoming traffic. Advise others when passing.
4. Watch for traffic, observe all signs, yield or stop at crossings.
5. Stay on the trail. Respect property owners' rights to privacy and quiet.
6. Dispose of trash in trash receptacles.
7. Enjoy public rest areas and parks.

# PUBLIC INPUT SURVEY

## Charlevoix County Parks and Recreation Plan Survey

Charlevoix County is in the process of updating the five-year Recreation Plan. Your input is valuable to the planning process. Charlevoix County will use the feedback to prioritize Parks and Recreation projects for the next five to ten years. Thank you for taking the time to complete the Charlevoix County Recreation survey.

1. What type of recreation facilities would you like to see increased in Charlevoix County? (Choose All that Apply)

- Picnic shelter
- Nonmotorized trails
- Sport courts (tennis/pickleball/basketball)
- Athletic fields
- Playgrounds
- Natural areas
- Restrooms
- Water access
- Bike racks
- Water trails

Other (please specify)

2. What type of recreation activities would you like to see increased in Charlevoix County?

- Swimming
- Youth athletics (soccer, football, lacrosse, baseball, softball, basketball)
- Adult athletics (softball, soccer, football, lacrosse, basketball)
- Arts/Crafts
- Fishing opportunities
- Sailing/Boating/Kayaking
- Horseback riding
- Cross country skiing
- Hiking
- Biking
- Snowshoeing
- Disc golf

Other (please specify)

3. How important are the following in Charlevoix County?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Somewhat Unimportant	Very Unimportant
Beaches	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water quality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Camping	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4. Which of the following County Parks do you visit?

- Whiting Park
- Thumb Lake Park
- Porter Creek Natural Area
- Little Traverse Wheelway
- Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail

5. Please rank the importance of improvements you would like to see at Whiting Park. (Rank 1-10, 1 being the most important)

- Hiking trails
- Parking
- Pavilion near swimming beach
- Boat launch
- Campground improvements (level campsites, run electric and water to each site, move septic/sewer dump station to the other side of Lake Shore Rd.)
- Upgrade shower building
- upgrade playground equipment
- Beach area vegetation improvements (remove/control invasive species)
- Accessibility improvements (paved pathways, ADA water access, ADA restrooms)
- Upgrade vault toilets to modern restrooms at the beach

6. Please rank the importance of improvements you would like to see at Thumb Lake Park. (Rank 1-8, 1 being the most important)

- Hiking trails
- Paved parking
- Add a second pavilion
- Horseshoe pits
- Volleyball courts
- Playground
- Accessibility improvements (paved pathways, accessible playground, ADA restrooms)
- Restrooms

7. Please rank the importance of improvements you would like to see at Porter Creek Natural Area. (Rank 1-3, 1 being the most important)

- Interpretive signs
- Expand hiking trails with footbridge/boardwalk over Porter Creek
- Wayfinding signs (location signs)

8. Please rate the importance of the following statements.

	Very important	Somewhat important	Neutral	Somewhat Unimportant	Very Unimportant
Accessible and interconnected trails that support a healthy lifestyle.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks with a regional draw, offering special events and programs.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Smaller neighborhood parks with gathering spaces and playscapes.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks that offer opportunities for passive recreation and connection with nature.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks that offer opportunities for active recreation.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Low cost parks with minimal amenities and low maintenance requirements.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9. In your opinion, what are the five most important attributes of parks and recreation amenities in Charlevoix County? (Select five)

	1	2	3	4	5
Accessible	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Natural	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth focused	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Family focused	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Connected trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Passive recreation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Environmentally friendly	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open Space	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community events	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local art	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Neighborhood parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water access	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

10. Charlevoix County recently purchased approximately 172 acres of land, including 1,400 feet of Lake Michigan frontage, at the south end of Beaver Island. Most of the property is wooded and undeveloped, but it also features several historic buildings, including a lighthouse, which is divided into three (3) apartments, a carriage house, a fuel building, and a fog house. Academic facilities are also located on the property, including a school, commercial kitchen/cafeteria building, three (3) bunk houses, and a maintenance building. The property also features a former rustic campground, including a well pump and two (2) outhouses. What land uses would you like to see on this parcel? (Please check all that apply.)

- Green Space
- Park
- Camping
- Other (please specify)
- Trails
- Water trail

11. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The County's parks are well maintained.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The County's indoor recreation facilities are well maintained.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The County's trails are well maintained.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The County should explore purchasing additional land for recreation and/or preservation.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The County should continue to improve its existing properties instead of expanding services.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The County should consider alternate uses for community facilities to maximize the use.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks and Recreation facilities should be a high priority for the County Officials.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The County should focus on passive recreational opportunities such as trails, picnic areas, nature parks.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The County should focus on active recreational opportunities such as athletic facilities, cross country skiing, mountain biking.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

12. What is your age range?

- Under 18
- 19-29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50-59
- 60-69
- 70+

13. Do you have children under 18 living in your household?

- Yes
- No

14. Which of the following best describes your residential status?

- Year round homeowner
- Seasonal homeowner (2nd home)
- Renter
- Other (please specify)

15. Do you have an interest in volunteering/serving/or helping improve the Charlevoix County Parks? If yes, please fill out your contact information.

<b>Name</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Company</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Address</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Address 2</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>City/Town</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>State/Province</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>ZIP/Postal Code</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Country</b>	<input type="text"/>
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16. Please leave further comments here that can help guide the future of the Parks and Recreation opportunities in Charlevoix County.

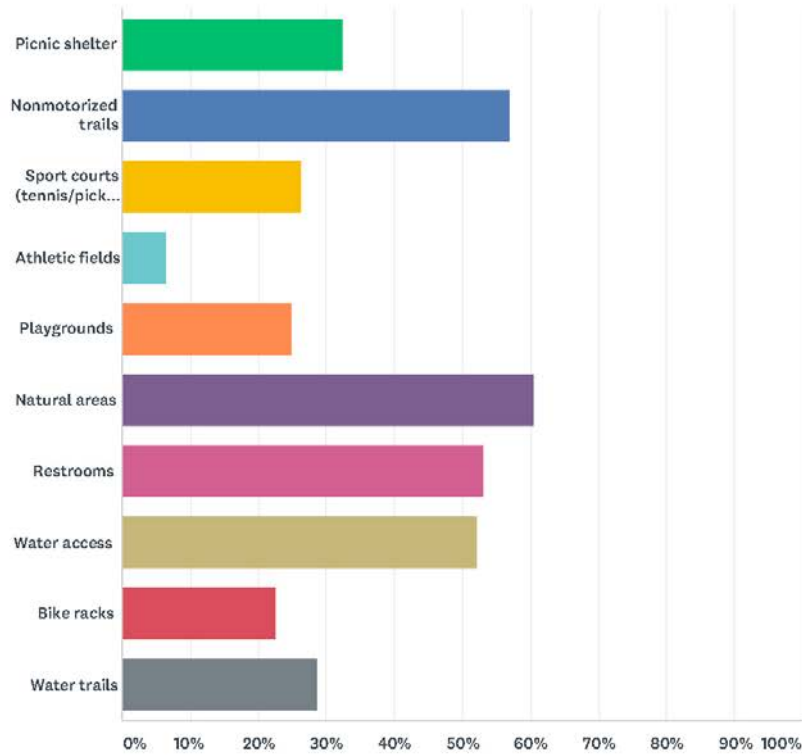
Please return the survey to the  
Charlevoix County Parks and Planning Department, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720  
by September 13, 2019

# PUBLIC INPUT SURVEY RESULTS

## Charlevoix County Recreation Plan

Q1 What type of recreation facilities would you like to see increased in Charlevoix County? (Choose All that Apply)

Answered: 213 Skipped: 10

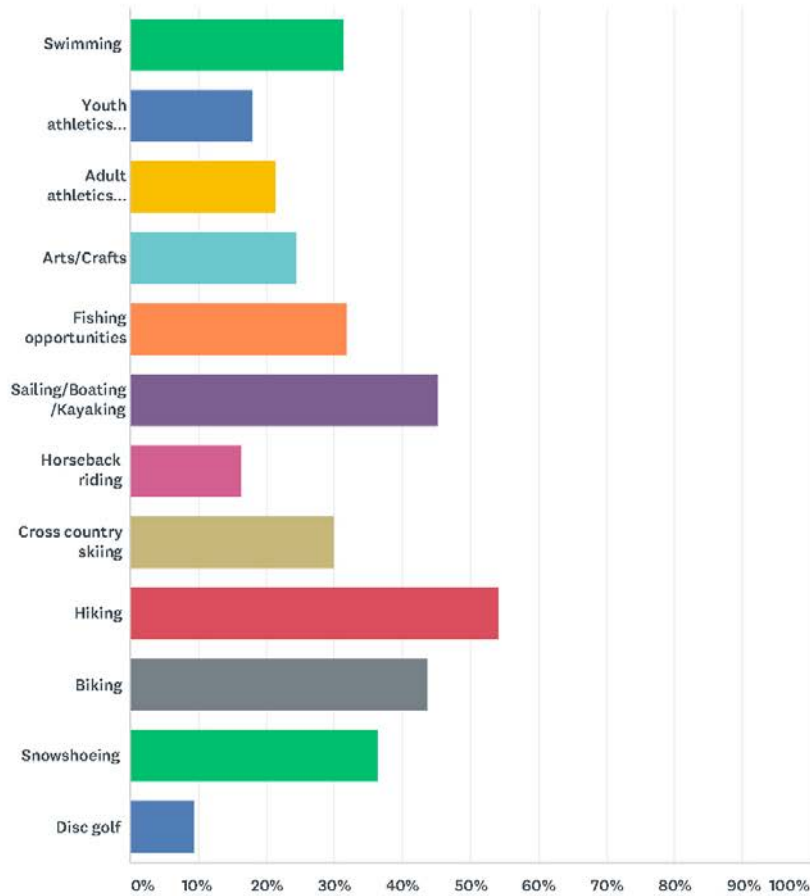


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Picnic shelter	32.39%	69
Nonmotorized trails	56.81%	121
Sport courts (tennis/pickleball/basketball)	26.29%	56
Athletic fields	6.57%	14
Playgrounds	24.88%	53
Natural areas	60.56%	129
Restrooms	53.05%	113
Water access	52.11%	111
Bike racks	22.54%	48
Water trails	28.64%	61
Total Respondents: 213		

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Q2 What type of recreation activities would you like to see increased in Charlevoix County?

Answered: 201 Skipped: 22



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Swimming	31.34% 63
Youth athletics (soccer, football, lacrosse, baseball, softball, basketball)	17.91% 36
Adult athletics (softball, soccer, football, lacrosse, basketball)	21.39% 43
Arts/Crafts	24.38% 49
Fishing opportunities	31.84% 64
Sailing/Boating/Kayaking	45.27% 91
Horseback riding	16.42% 33
Cross country skiing	29.85% 60
Hiking	54.23% 109

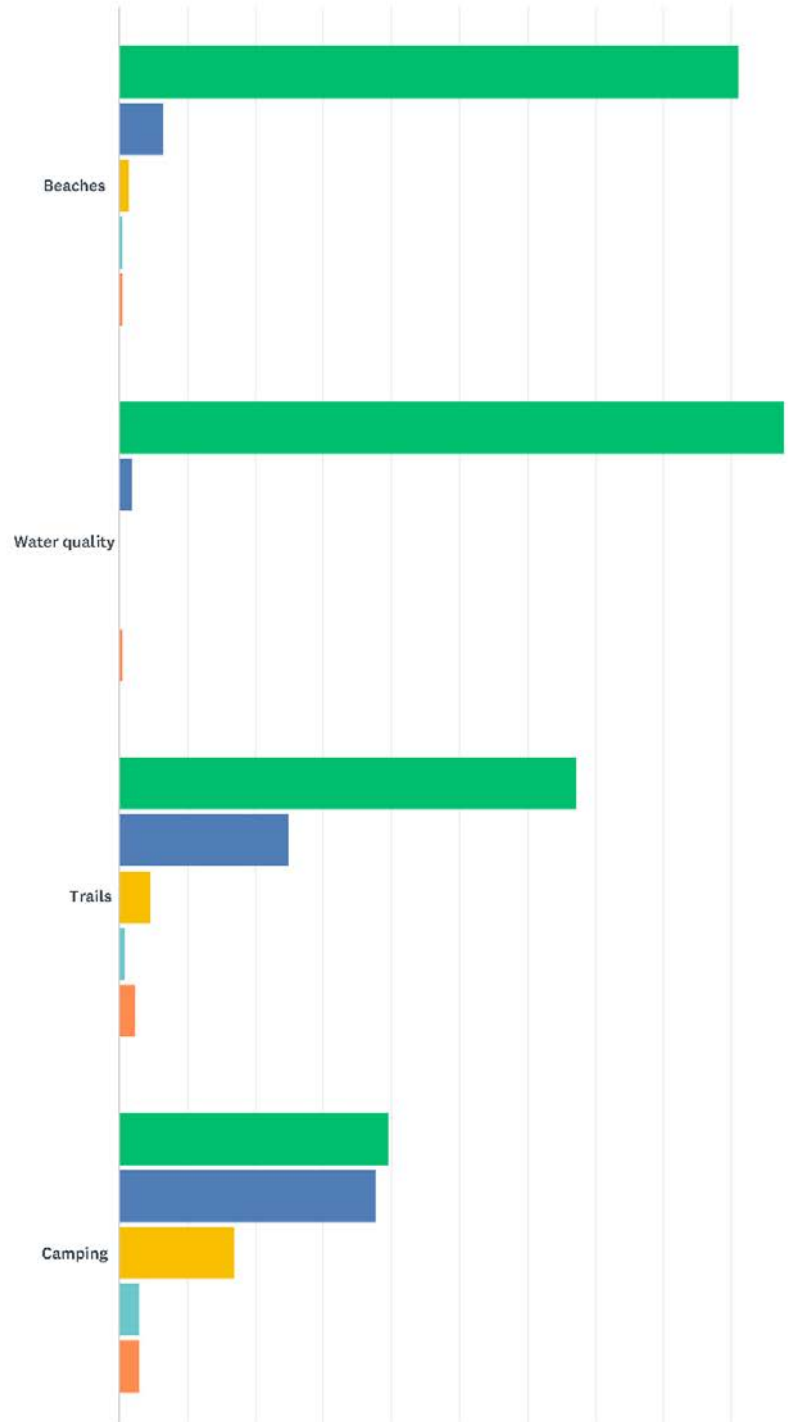
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Biking	43.78%	88
Snowshoeing	36.32%	73
Disc golf	9.45%	19
Total Respondents: 201		

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Q3 How important are the following in Charlevoix County?

Answered: 214 Skipped: 9



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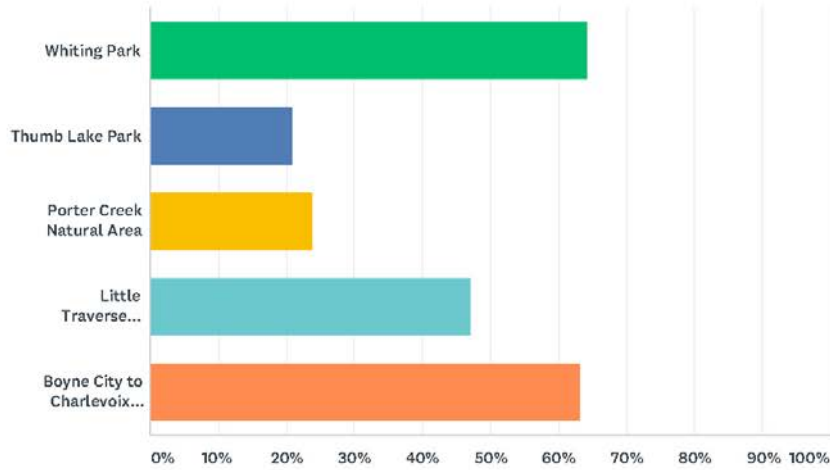
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 ■ Neutral  
■ Somewhat Unimportant   
 ■ Very Unimportant

	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT UNIMPORTANT	VERY UNIMPORTANT	TOTAL
Beaches	91.08% 194	6.57% 14	1.41% 3	0.47% 1	0.47% 1	213
Water quality	97.65% 208	1.88% 4	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.47% 1	213
Trails	67.14% 143	24.88% 53	4.69% 10	0.94% 2	2.35% 5	213
Camping	39.62% 84	37.74% 80	16.98% 36	2.83% 6	2.83% 6	212

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Q4 Which of the following County Parks do you visit?

Answered: 168 Skipped: 55

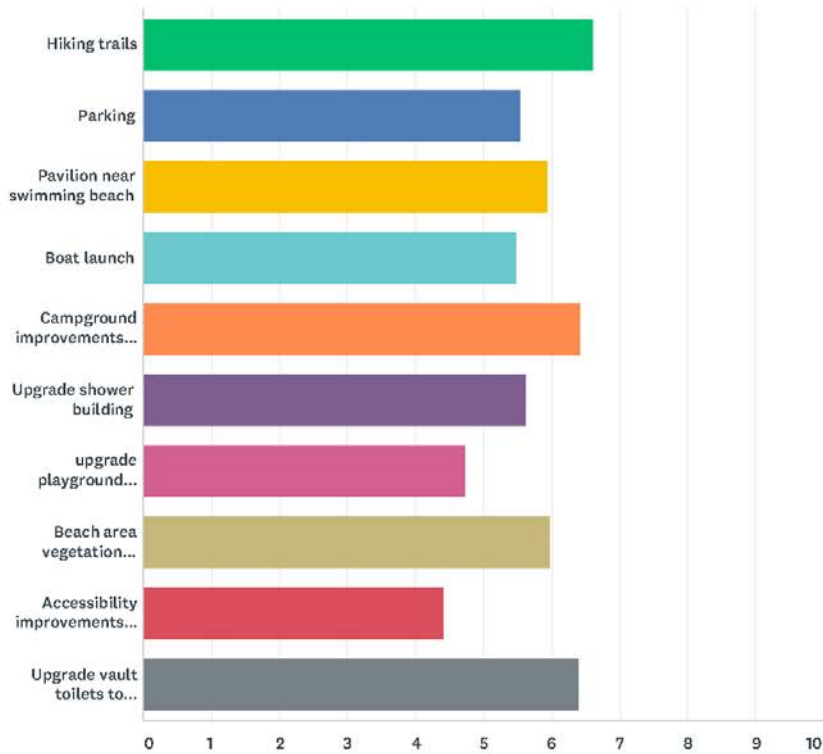


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Whiting Park	64.29%	108
Thumb Lake Park	20.83%	35
Porter Creek Natural Area	23.81%	40
Little Traverse Wheelway	47.02%	79
Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail	63.10%	106
Total Respondents: 168		

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Q5 Please rank the importance of improvements you would like to see at Whiting Park. (Rank 1-10, 1 being the most important)

Answered: 162 Skipped: 61



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL	SCOR
Hiking trails	28.23% 35	7.26% 9	8.06% 10	8.06% 10	14.52% 18	7.26% 9	9.68% 12	2.42% 3	8.87% 11	5.65% 7	124	6.
Parking	8.80% 11	12.80% 16	11.20% 14	6.40% 8	12.00% 15	11.20% 14	9.60% 12	6.40% 8	10.40% 13	11.20% 14	125	5.
Pavilion near swimming beach	6.92% 9	7.69% 10	18.46% 24	15.38% 20	12.31% 16	11.54% 15	6.15% 8	9.23% 12	5.38% 7	6.92% 9	130	5.
Boat launch	9.85% 13	12.12% 16	6.06% 8	16.67% 22	7.58% 10	7.58% 10	8.33% 11	10.61% 14	6.06% 8	15.15% 20	132	5.
Campground improvements (level campsites, run electric and water to each site, move RV septic pump out station to the other side of Lake Shore Rd.)	22.48% 29	7.75% 10	10.08% 13	10.08% 13	14.73% 19	6.20% 8	6.98% 9	10.85% 14	6.98% 9	3.88% 5	129	6.

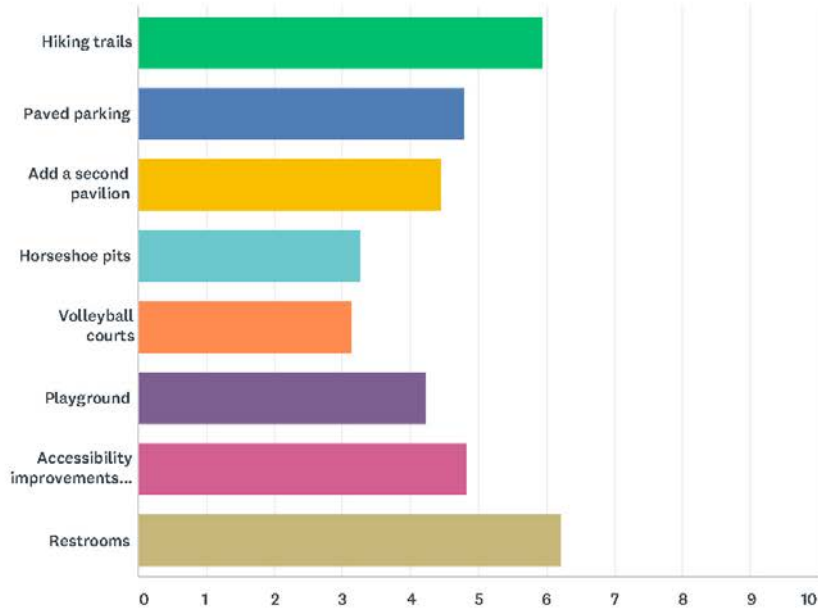
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Upgrade shower building	6.72% 9	11.94% 16	10.45% 14	11.19% 15	6.72% 9	18.66% 25	9.70% 13	9.70% 13	8.96% 12	5.97% 8	134	5.
upgrade playground equipment	2.26% 3	5.26% 7	9.02% 12	7.52% 10	8.27% 11	10.53% 14	25.56% 34	15.79% 21	10.53% 14	5.26% 7	133	4.
Beach area vegetation improvements (remove/control invasive species)	9.23% 12	16.15% 21	12.31% 16	12.31% 16	4.62% 6	8.46% 11	11.54% 15	14.62% 19	5.38% 7	5.38% 7	130	5.
Accessibility improvements (paved pathways, ADA water access, ADA restrooms)	8.40% 11	3.82% 5	4.58% 6	8.40% 11	8.40% 11	10.69% 14	7.63% 10	9.92% 13	25.19% 33	12.98% 17	131	4.
Upgrade vault toilets to modern restrooms at the beach	12.95% 18	22.30% 31	17.99% 25	8.63% 12	9.35% 13	2.88% 4	0.00% 0	2.16% 3	4.32% 6	19.42% 27	139	6.

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Q6 Please rank the importance of improvements you would like to see at Thumb Lake Park. (Rank 1-8, 1 being the most important)

Answered: 116 Skipped: 107

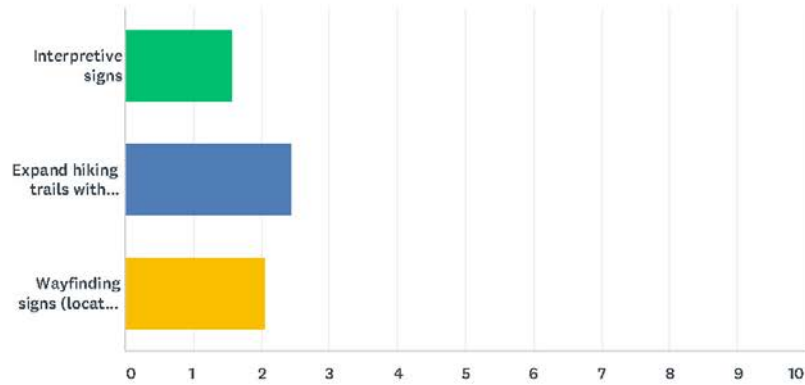


	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL	SCORE
Hiking trails	34.09% 30	13.64% 12	14.77% 13	13.64% 12	11.36% 10	4.55% 4	2.27% 2	5.68% 5	88	5.94
Paved parking	5.75% 5	22.99% 20	19.54% 17	10.34% 9	10.34% 9	12.64% 11	5.75% 5	12.64% 11	87	4.79
Add a second pavilion	4.60% 4	5.75% 5	20.69% 18	21.84% 19	22.99% 20	8.05% 7	2.30% 2	13.79% 12	87	4.45
Horseshoe pits	2.41% 2	1.20% 1	7.23% 6	14.46% 12	9.64% 8	27.71% 23	24.10% 20	13.25% 11	83	3.27
Volleyball courts	1.15% 1	6.90% 6	5.75% 5	8.05% 7	13.79% 12	14.94% 13	31.03% 27	18.39% 16	87	3.13
Playground	1.12% 1	15.73% 14	11.24% 10	17.98% 16	13.48% 12	20.22% 18	11.24% 10	8.99% 8	89	4.22
Accessibility improvements (paved pathways, accessible playground, ADA restrooms)	11.49% 10	24.14% 21	11.49% 10	9.20% 8	10.34% 9	6.90% 6	18.39% 16	8.05% 7	87	4.83
Restrooms	51.85% 56	13.89% 15	10.19% 11	2.78% 3	3.70% 4	0.93% 1	0.00% 0	16.67% 18	108	6.21

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Q7 Please rank the importance of improvements you would like to see at Porter Creek Natural Area. (Rank 1-3, 1 being the most important)

Answered: 120 Skipped: 103

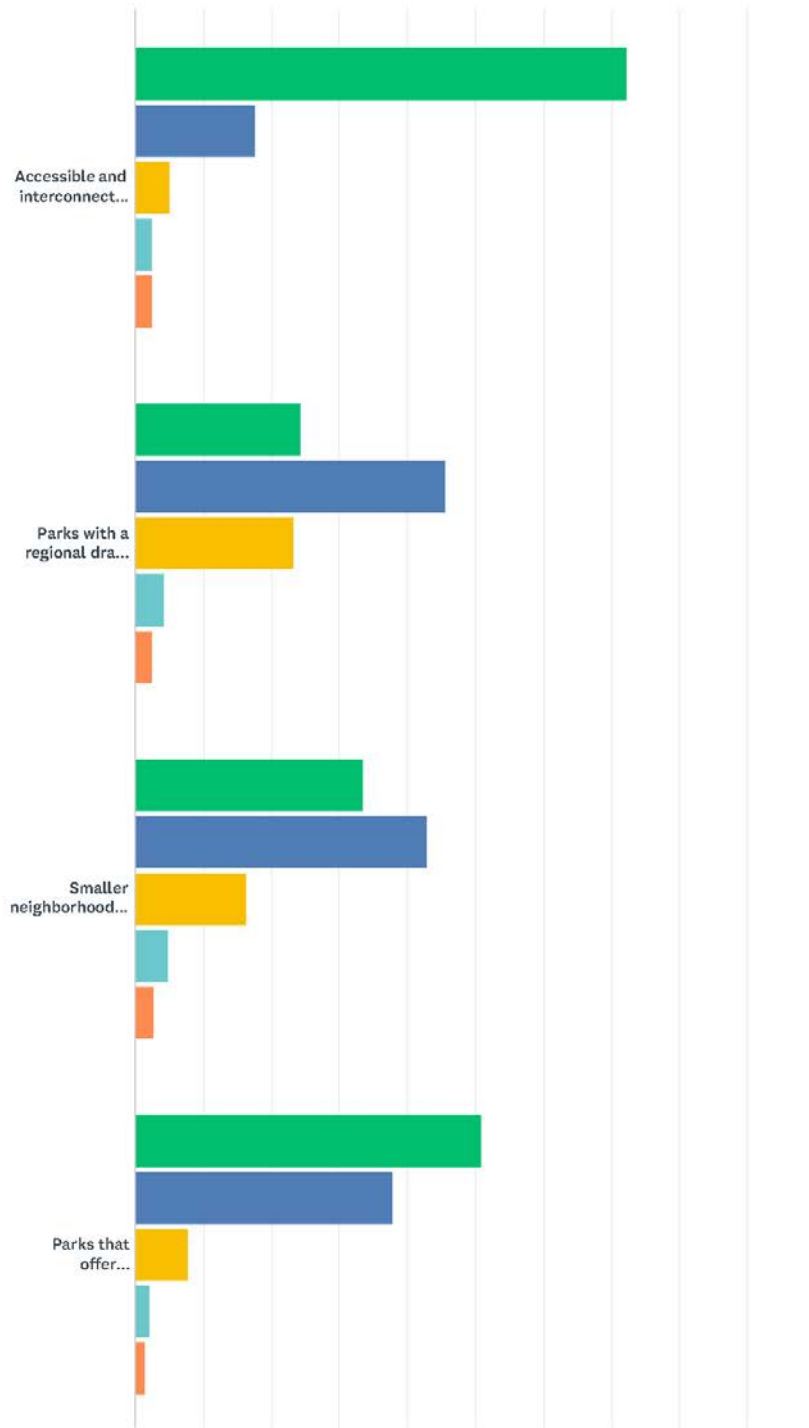


	1	2	3	TOTAL	SCORE
Interpretive signs	16.84% 16	22.11% 21	61.05% 58	95	1.56
Expand hiking trails with footbridge/boardwalk over Porter Creek	60.19% 65	24.07% 26	15.74% 17	108	2.44
Wayfinding signs (location signs)	27.27% 30	51.82% 57	20.91% 23	110	2.06

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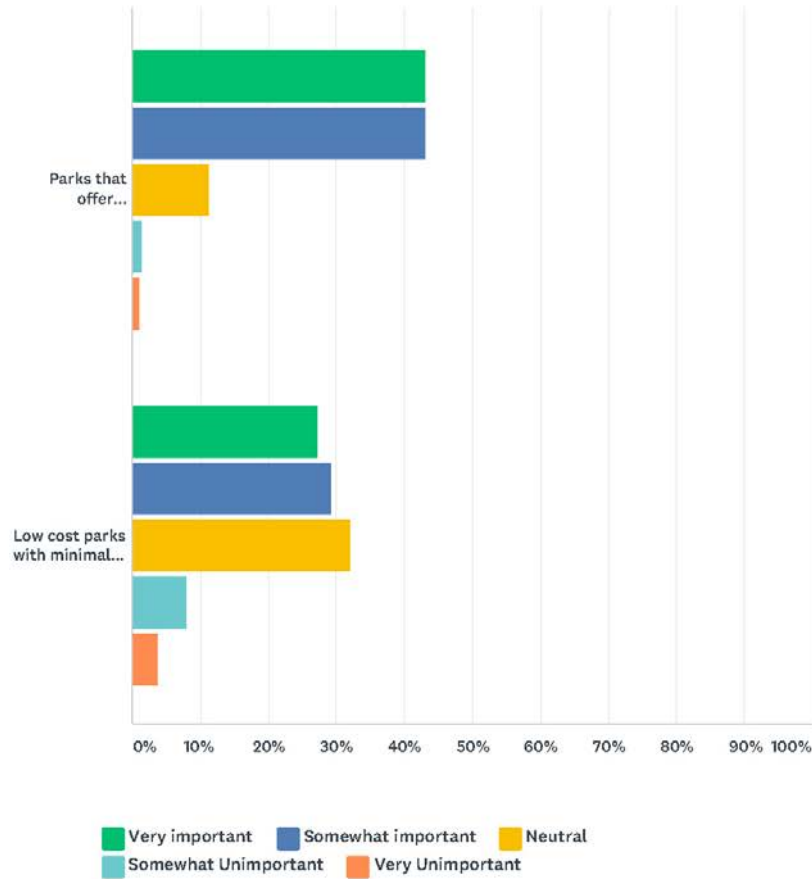
Q8 Please rate the importance of the following statements.

Answered: 199 Skipped: 24



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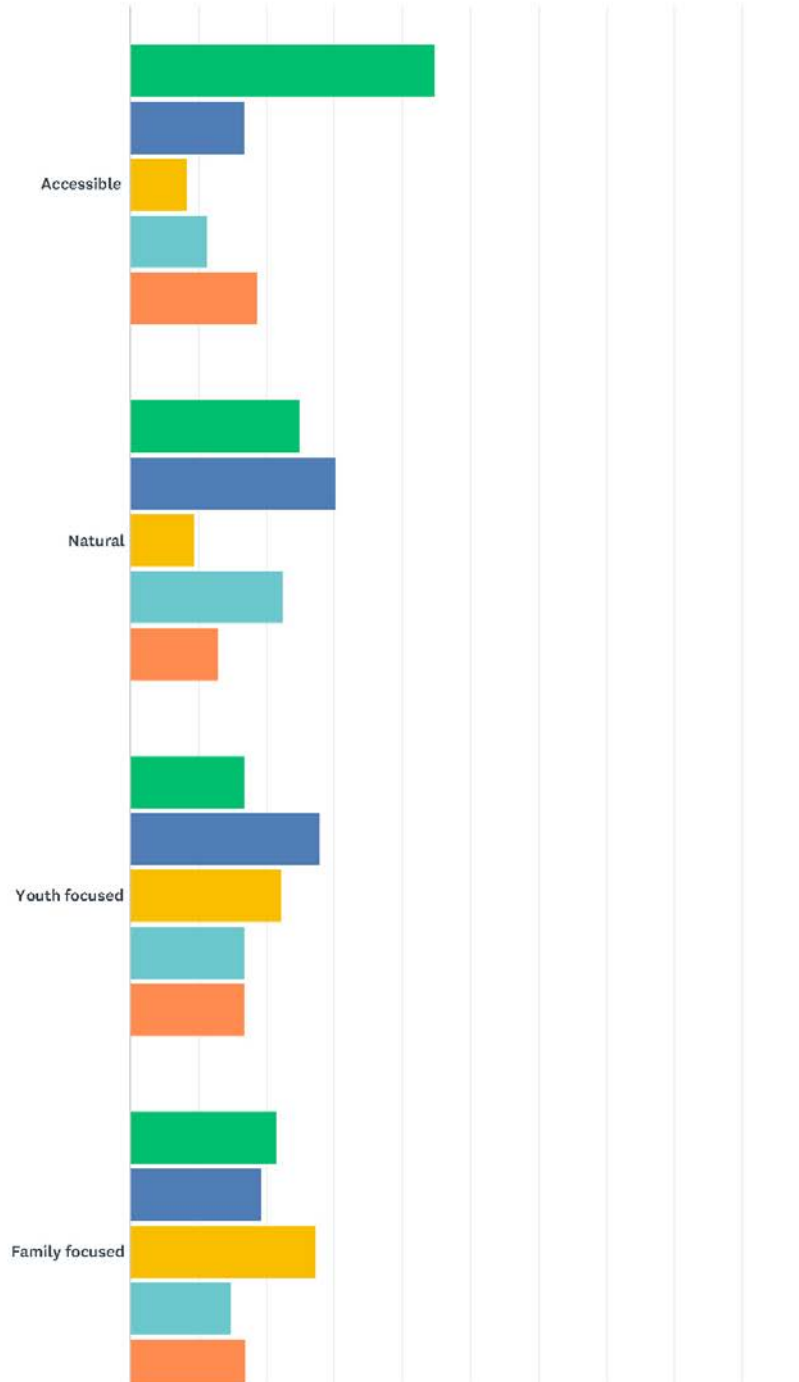


	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT UNIMPORTANT	VERY UNIMPORTANT	TOTAL
Accessible and interconnected trails that support a healthy lifestyle.	72.22% 143	17.68% 35	5.05% 10	2.53% 5	2.53% 5	198
Parks with a regional draw, offering special events and programs.	24.35% 47	45.60% 88	23.32% 45	4.15% 8	2.59% 5	193
Smaller neighborhood parks with gathering spaces and playscapes.	33.51% 64	42.93% 82	16.23% 31	4.71% 9	2.62% 5	191
Parks that offer opportunities for passive recreation and connection with nature.	50.77% 99	37.95% 74	7.69% 15	2.05% 4	1.54% 3	195
Parks that offer opportunities for active recreation.	43.01% 83	43.01% 83	11.40% 22	1.55% 3	1.04% 2	193
Low cost parks with minimal amenities and low maintenance requirements.	27.23% 52	29.32% 56	31.94% 61	7.85% 15	3.66% 7	191

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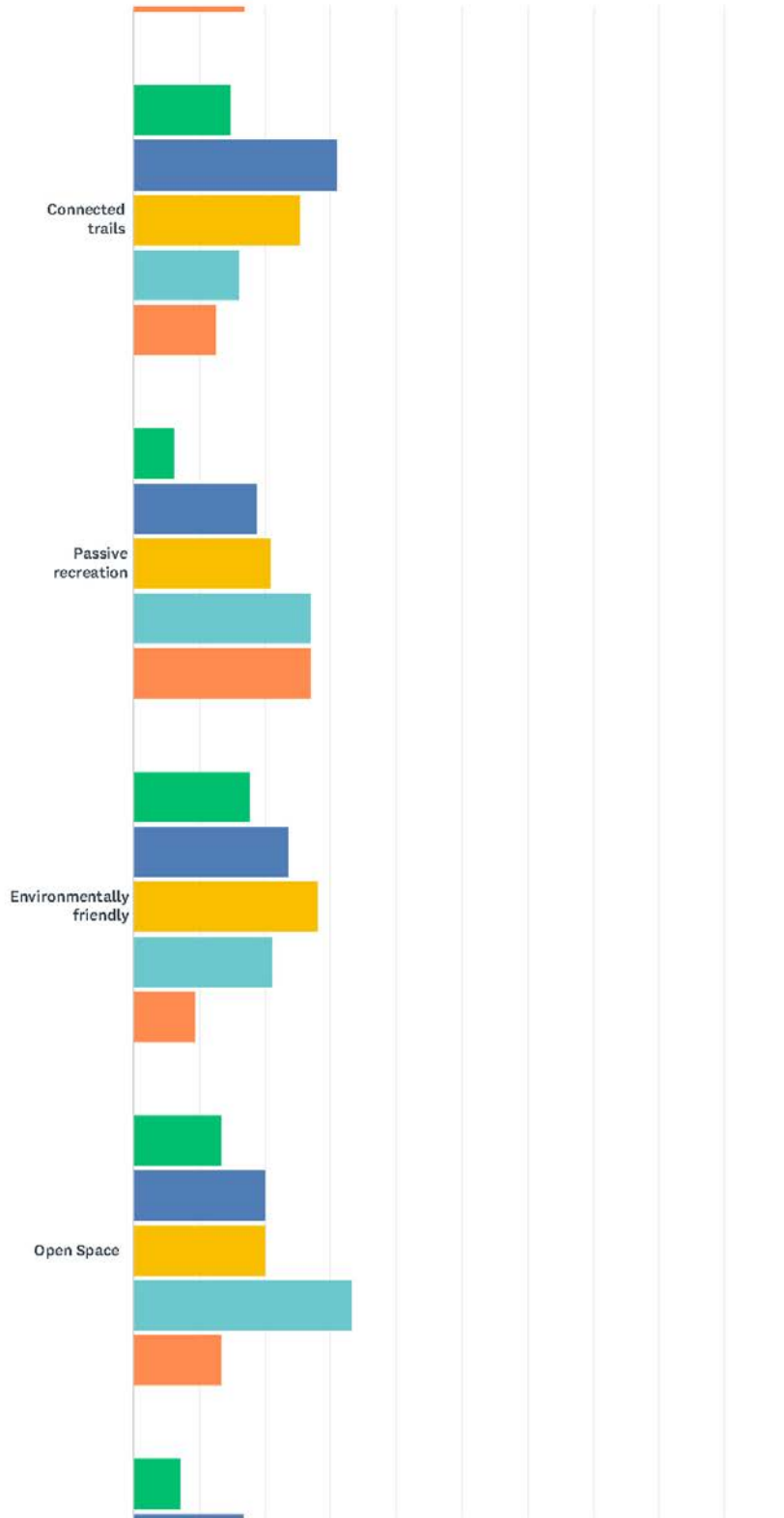
Q9 In your opinion, what are the five most important attributes of parks and recreation amenities in Charlevoix County? (Select five)

Answered: 198 Skipped: 25

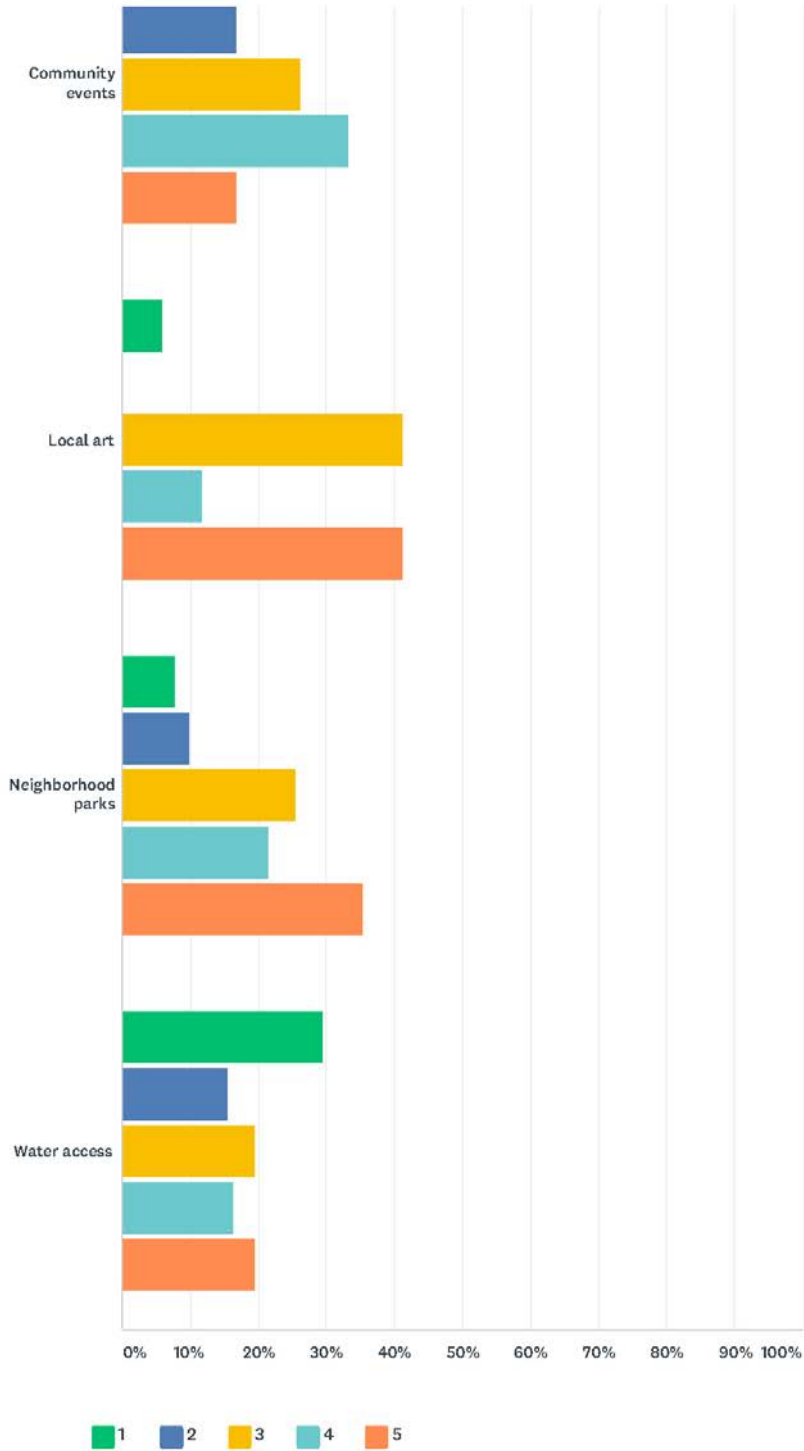


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	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Accessible	44.86%	16.82%	8.41%	11.21%	18.69%	107	2.42
	48	18	9	12	20		

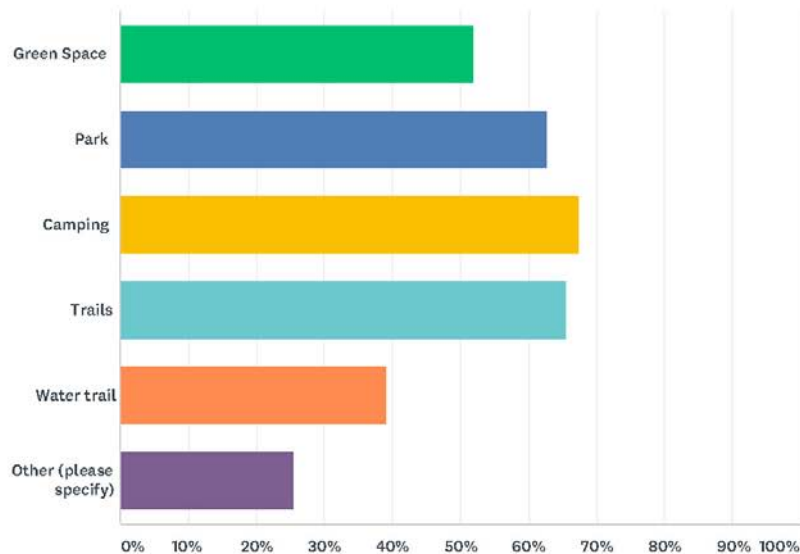
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Natural	25.00% 29	30.17% 35	9.48% 11	22.41% 26	12.93% 15	116	2.68
Youth focused	16.67% 3	27.78% 5	22.22% 4	16.67% 3	16.67% 3	18	2.89
Family focused	21.59% 19	19.32% 17	27.27% 24	14.77% 13	17.05% 15	88	2.86
Connected trails	14.94% 13	31.03% 27	25.29% 22	16.09% 14	12.64% 11	87	2.80
Passive recreation	6.25% 3	18.75% 9	20.83% 10	27.08% 13	27.08% 13	48	3.50
Environmentally friendly	17.80% 21	23.73% 28	27.97% 33	21.19% 25	9.32% 11	118	2.81
Open Space	13.33% 6	20.00% 9	20.00% 9	33.33% 15	13.33% 6	45	3.13
Community events	7.14% 3	16.67% 7	26.19% 11	33.33% 14	16.67% 7	42	3.36
Local art	5.88% 1	0.00% 0	41.18% 7	11.76% 2	41.18% 7	17	3.82
Neighborhood parks	7.84% 4	9.80% 5	25.49% 13	21.57% 11	35.29% 18	51	3.67
Water access	29.46% 38	15.50% 20	19.38% 25	16.28% 21	19.38% 25	129	2.81

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Q10 Charlevoix County recently purchased approximately 172 acres of land, including 1,400 feet of Lake Michigan frontage, at the south end of Beaver Island. Most of the property is wooded and undeveloped, but it also features several historic buildings, including a lighthouse, which is divided into three (3) apartments, a carriage house, a fuel building, and a fog horn house. Academic facilities are also located on the property, including a school, commercial kitchen/cafeteria building, three (3) bunk houses, and a maintenance building. The property also features a former rustic campground, including a well pump and two (2) outhouses. What land uses would you like to see on this parcel? (Please check all that apply.)

Answered: 212 Skipped: 11

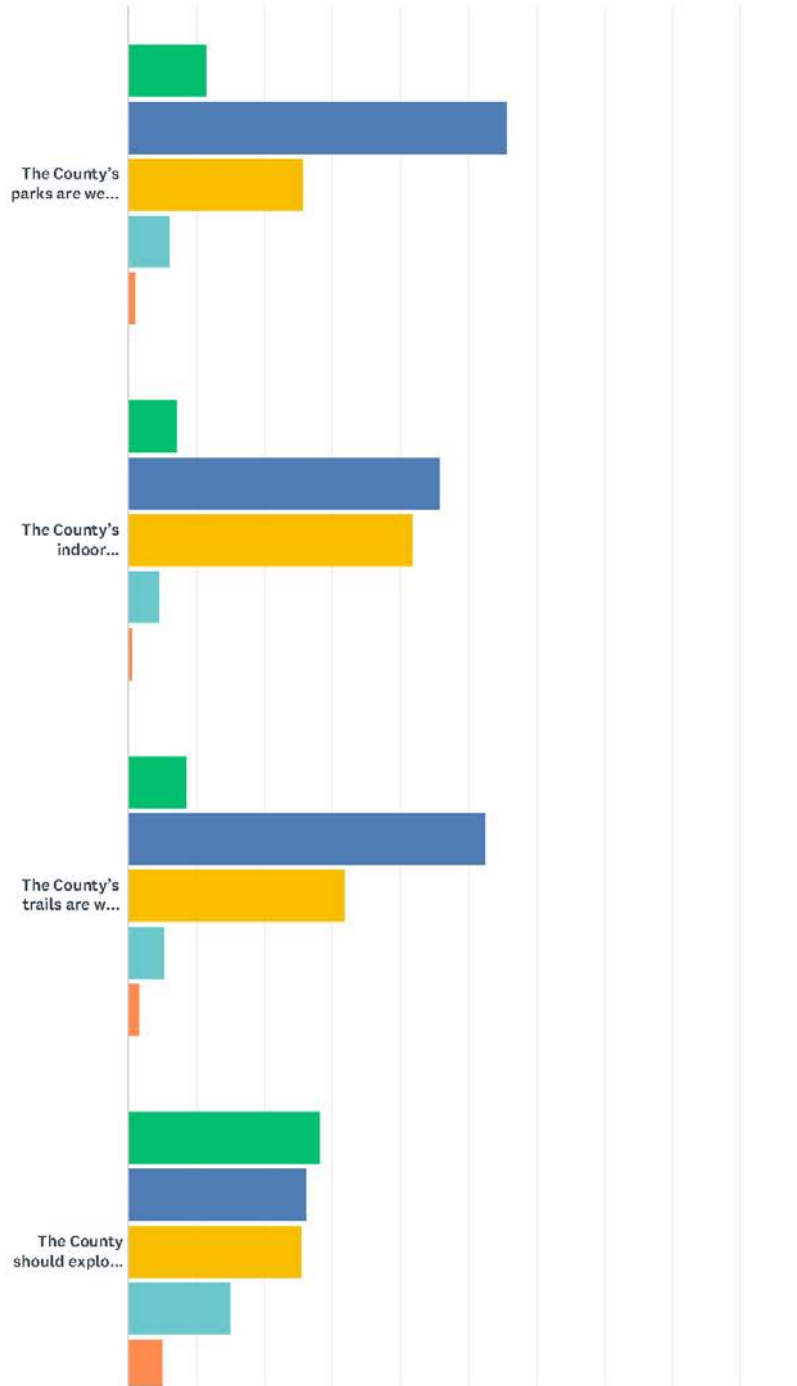


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Green Space	51.89% 110
Park	62.74% 133
Camping	67.45% 143
Trails	65.57% 139
Water trail	39.15% 83
Other (please specify)	25.47% 54
Total Respondents: 212	

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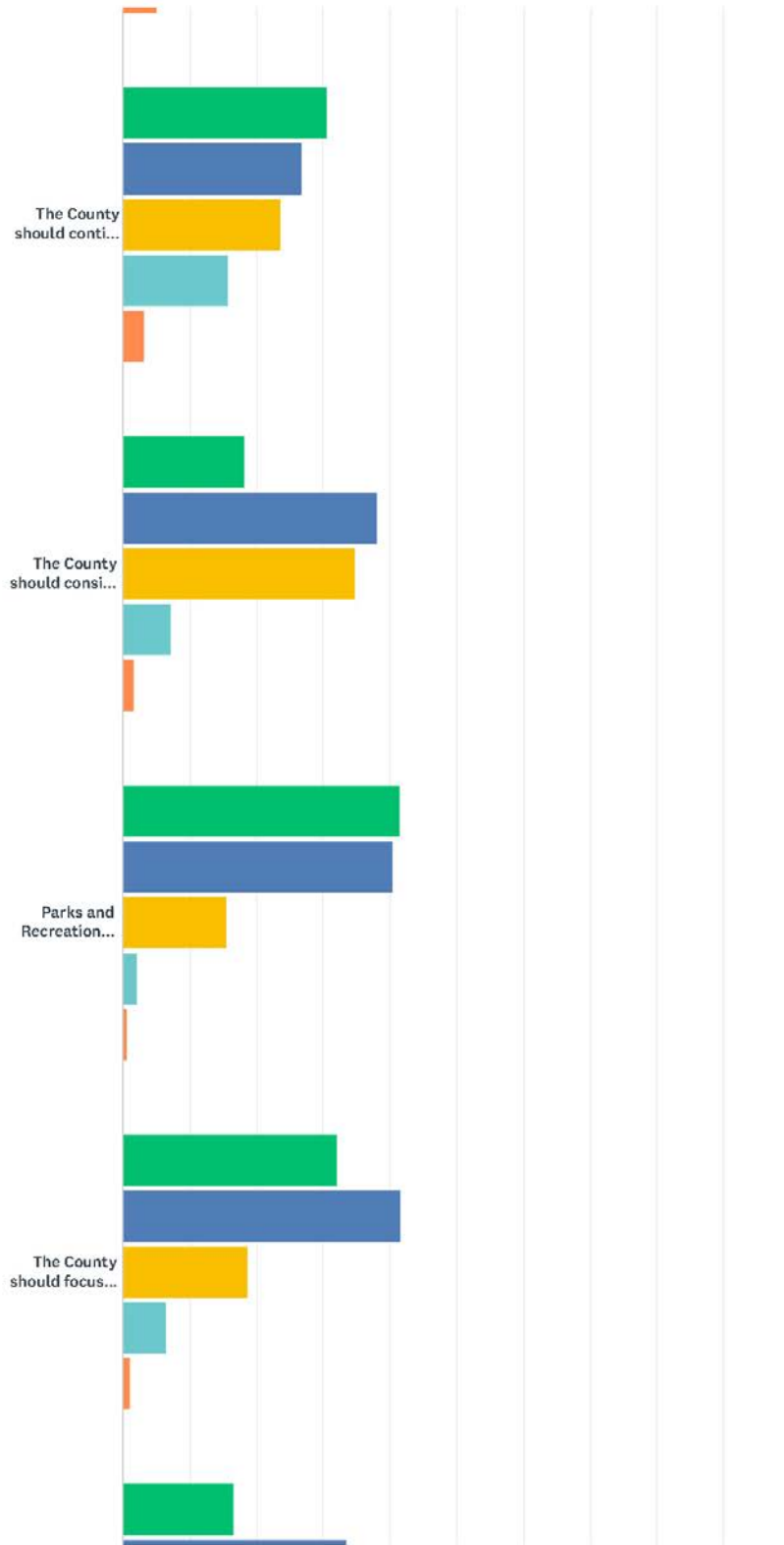
Q11 Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:

Answered: 198 Skipped: 25

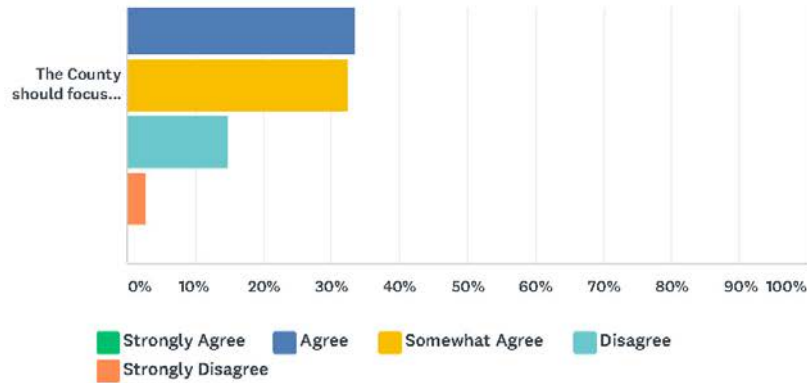


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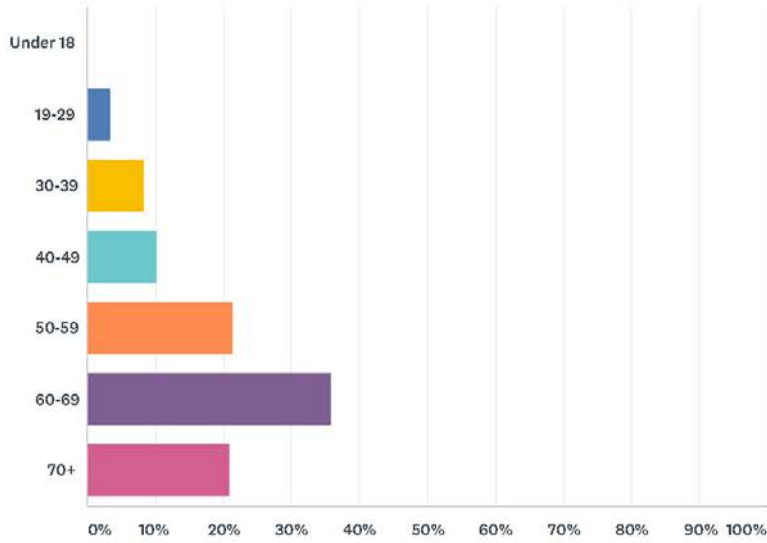


	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	SOMEWHAT AGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
The County's parks are well maintained.	11.48% 21	55.74% 102	25.68% 47	6.01% 11	1.09% 2	183	2.30
The County's indoor recreation facilities are well maintained.	7.10% 11	45.81% 71	41.94% 65	4.52% 7	0.65% 1	155	2.46
The County's trails are well maintained.	8.67% 15	52.60% 91	31.79% 55	5.20% 9	1.73% 3	173	2.39
The County should explore purchasing additional land for recreation and/or preservation.	28.33% 51	26.11% 47	25.56% 46	15.00% 27	5.00% 9	180	2.42
The County should continue to improve its existing properties instead of expanding services.	30.65% 57	26.88% 50	23.66% 44	15.59% 29	3.23% 6	186	2.34
The County should consider alternate uses for community facilities to maximize the use.	18.23% 33	38.12% 69	34.81% 63	7.18% 13	1.66% 3	181	2.36
Parks and Recreation facilities should be a high priority for the County Officials.	41.49% 78	40.43% 76	15.43% 29	2.13% 4	0.53% 1	188	1.80
The County should focus on passive recreational opportunities such as trails, picnic areas, nature parks.	32.09% 60	41.71% 78	18.72% 35	6.42% 12	1.07% 2	187	2.03
The County should focus on active recreational opportunities such as athletic facilities, cross country skiing, mountain biking.	16.48% 30	33.52% 61	32.42% 59	14.84% 27	2.75% 5	182	2.54

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Q12 What is your age range?

Answered: 215 Skipped: 8

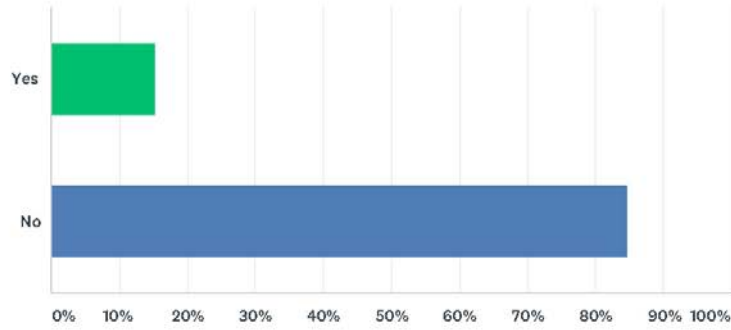


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
19-29	3.26%	7
30-39	8.37%	18
40-49	10.23%	22
50-59	21.40%	46
60-69	35.81%	77
70+	20.93%	45
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>215</b>

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Q13 Do you have children under 18 living in your household?

Answered: 216 Skipped: 7

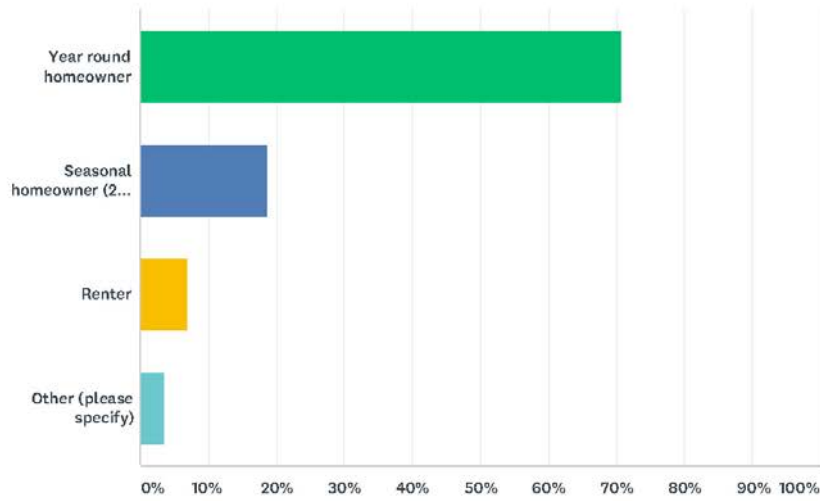


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	15.28%	33
No	84.72%	183
TOTAL		216

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Q14 Which of the following best describes your residential status?

Answered: 219 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Year round homeowner	70.78%	155
Seasonal homeowner (2nd home)	18.72%	41
Renter	6.85%	15
Other (please specify)	3.65%	8
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>219</b>

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**Q15 Do you have an interest in volunteering/serving/or helping improve the Charlevoix County Parks? If yes, please fill out your contact information.**

Answered: 18 Skipped: 205

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Name	100.00%	18
Company	55.56%	10
Address	100.00%	18
Address 2	0.00%	0
City/Town	100.00%	18
State/Province	94.44%	17
ZIP/Postal Code	100.00%	18
Country	50.00%	9
Email Address	100.00%	18
Phone Number	83.33%	15

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**Q16 Please leave further comments here that can help guide the future of the Parks and Recreation opportunities in Charlevoix County.**

Answered: 56 Skipped: 167

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Answered: 56 Skipped: 167

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Objective - To preserve and promote the Beaver Head Lighthouse as a unique park with historical and recreational opportunities in the Charlevoix County Park System. Historical Opportunities - The keepers quarters can be used as a historical museum and a residence for a docent. The fog signal could be used as an interactive media/interpretive center. Interpretive signage to celebrate the cultural, historical and natural aspects of the area. To restore and secure the fresnel lens. Recreational/Education Opportunities - Re-establish and develop primitive campground on the east side of the property. Fire rings, tent platforms, universal accessible bathrooms, showers, emergency call towers due to cell coverage in the area/internet coverage. Designated self-contained RV parking area. integrate with the Beaver Island Water Trail as a campsite and stop over area. The school area could be used for education opportunities. It could also house student groups, scouts, and government work programs. Coordinate with island events to provide a venue for dark sky, birding, natural resource conferences and more. The area could be used for events like weddings, meetings, family reunions and other events. Work with the Charlevoix Conservation District during the summer to offer youth nature activities given in Charlevoix and at LTC preserves. Re-establish the hiking trails and add new nonmotorized trails on the property. The north end of the property connects to hundreds of acres of DNR land. The trails would give easy access to the property for the public. Promote winter activities on the weekends for snowshoeing and cross country skiing, winter survival courses, (refer to DNR BOW-Becoming an Outdoor Woman programs) and maybe work with DNR to offer classes/workshops at lighthouse. Assistant keepers quarters could be used as daily or weekly rental. Survey and control the spread of invasive species with CAKE CISMA area known to have Garlic Mustard and Phragmites.	10/1/2019 5:01 AM
2	Thanks for your efforts to collect information and allow the community to guide your planning process. We thank you in advance for paying special attention to disability access at all your facilities. We know this isn't cheap, but it makes such an impact for the people that need it. Imagine loving to spend time in the water, on the beach, walking in the woods, and then one day having all of it threatened after an accident leaves you in a wheelchair. This happened to my husband and in the 14 years since his accident, we have had to look at travel destinations in a different way. We are thrilled when we come across easy-to-access outdoor destinations, but they are often few and far between. Being able to market your county/community as an over-the-top ADA-friendly destination will serve you well in the long run. There is a huge and ever expanding market (boomers, injured vets, parents with strollers, etc.) that will appreciate these efforts and will spend their travel dollars in Northern Michigan as a result.	9/30/2019 6:13 AM
3	The Beaver Island lighthouse property is definitely a priority for us...getting it stable first to protect it from further deterioration, then putting it to good use as a park, campground, and overnight rental.	9/18/2019 2:23 PM
4	DO not let boaters influence the location of boat launch at Whiting Park. Put Boat Launch at Whiting Park at east end of park, parking across the street. Be sure minutes/agenda are available online in a timely manner. Do not close roads off at Whiting park and put campsites that only a few can use/see lake. Money maker? - Whiting Park should be managed for locals first, per Mr. Whiting. Do not put them in back row toward woods. Hire responsible people. Change signage at Thumb Lake park to allow canoes and kayaks to be launched at beach end and allow ice fishing at night. Make safety at all parks a priority.	9/12/2019 6:47 AM
5	With many people focusing on being active, the more opportunities our are can offer the better. Paved or graveled bike trails are great for families, individuals, the handicapped, wheelchair bound elderly and strollers. Thank you for asking for community input.	9/11/2019 9:03 AM
6	Beaver Island is largely underserved by publicity and promotional giants like Pure Michigan and Charlevoix County overall. We also needs jobs and homes for workers to go to general public instead of interns and college students, so park, dnr jobs could be geared as much as possible to hires from island workers.	9/11/2019 6:42 AM
7	South-end Lighthouse property should have a survey for invasive species before trails placed and continued plan to address future infestations.	9/10/2019 11:15 AM

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8	I am not familiar with parks in Charlevoix, since I am a summer resident of Beaver Island. I would love to see the Beaver Island property utilized. The former school was a great benefit to the island.	9/7/2019 11:28 AM
9	The benefits to developing the old Beaver Island Lighthouse School into a state park are plentiful. Please don't forget Beaver Island. We pay taxes, also.	9/6/2019 3:38 PM
10	Pickleball courts..., bocce ball...dock at fox lake...area to keep boats at fox lake	9/6/2019 8:17 AM
11	Thank you for requesting input and soliciting ideas.	9/5/2019 9:26 AM
12	I was not able to answer a lot of these questions because I do not use many of the facilities. Improve and maintain what we have. I mostly bike and am involved in sailing. The sailing school run by the non-profit, Sail Charlevoix, should have help with maintaining their dock and instructional area. The program serves a lot of locals. We love that the children are being taught the love of sailing and of our lake. Wind power. No pollution. :) As an add-on to question 13, I don't have children at home, but I have grandchildren who come to visit. Thank you for asking for our opinion. You do a good job. Also, Save the Ferry Beach area from the bustling activity of the Beaver Island Boat Company. It does not belong in that quaint, boater-friendly (sail and power) area. I hope you don't discount my answers because of my last statement. :)	9/5/2019 4:33 AM
13	Thank you.	9/5/2019 3:22 AM
14	Keep the lake shore accessible to the public, let us enjoy it too. Ironton Beach could use some love, seems like a great opportunity to create more Lake Charlevoix public Beaching.	9/4/2019 6:51 PM
15	Keep up the good work that you do.	9/4/2019 5:24 AM
16	Thank you for the opportunity to take this survey.	9/3/2019 2:31 PM
17	In your final question: "indicating level of agreement with the following statements," I do not think it is appropriate to include athletic fields as active recreation along with xc ski trails and mountain biking trails. The municipalities and school districts in the county provide athletic facilities and I don't understand why the county would be involved in creating more, unless it is an indoor ice arena or some other facility that is not currently available. It would have been better to include a separate question asking: What is your level of agreement with the following statement: should the county invest in more parks infrastructure, like athletic fields and facilities. However, county government can play an important role working with and assisting all the cities and townships in the county as the umbrella entity tying together all trail projects currently under construction or on the drawing board.	9/3/2019 5:42 AM
18	Safer and better bike trails and sidewalks within residential areas. The streets and roads are used for all types of transportation including walking with baby carriages, etc. and it is not safe.	8/25/2019 9:32 AM
19	Work with DNR to develop Wildwood DNR land on Walloon lake off Sunterria Trail.	8/25/2019 6:39 AM
20	I have a double major in commercial and community parks and recreation from Central Michigan University and would love to offer any volunteer help I can give. Love our county parks, you guys do a great job!	8/23/2019 7:30 PM
21	The county really needs to look into motorized trails as it is larger economic boost for the community.	8/23/2019 4:35 PM
22	Whiting Park is a gem. But it proved to be too small during a summer when Young State had challenges due to high water. I would love to see multiple county beaches, with ample space and well-maintained.	8/23/2019 12:39 PM
23	Work with cities to improve, expand bike paths.	8/23/2019 6:44 AM
24	I would like to see more work done to clean the beaches and parks. Peninsula Beach in Boyne City is the largest public beach in walking distance from downtown but seems to always have a geese issue. The water, sand, and grass are overrun with geese poop. I would love to see a cleaning program for the beach and then possibly some techniques used to try and prevent geese from taking over the public beaches.	8/22/2019 5:13 AM
25	Very much interested in the Beaverhead Lighthouse property. It has a lot of land with multiple possibilities.	8/22/2019 4:24 AM

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26	I just love to camp, and seeing families out together in nature is so important these days. But there isn't enough places to camp that are affordable to a lot of residents in this area. Whiting Park is awesome to camp at but it needs help. More camper guidelines (usage of generator hours, etc.) and some of the sites are just not accessible to all. We need affordable places to camp so more families will take their kids outside, away from the electronics, to enjoy nature, to see why we need to preserve what we have.	8/20/2019 10:23 AM
27	Road end for kayaks and canoes.	8/20/2019 6:17 AM
28	The bath building at Whiting Park campground has not been updated in the 30+ years that I have camped at and visited the park to swim. It is way past time to make improvements.	8/20/2019 6:13 AM
29	More public relations on our beautiful natural areas that are easy to read and area covering all of our parks! Canisters for helping to pay for boat launch and bike trails and water trails.	8/20/2019 6:03 AM
30	Whiting Park campground improves should be a #1 priority. Way over due. Need water and electric hook up at all camp sites. Campground needs to be terraced and level. Swimming area is way too large compared to the boating area. Whiting need to commit more space for all of the boats that want to spend the day at whiting. Campground needs two pump out stations.	8/20/2019 5:57 AM
31	Allow Parks and Rec committee more discretion in spending and park improvements.	8/20/2019 5:51 AM
32	Porter Creek entry from Lake Charlevoix should be cleared so you can kayak up to the bridge. Trail - walking accessible along the creek.	8/20/2019 5:31 AM
33	We have 2 state parks that ring visitors. County should be the central clearinghouse. How many? of what? where? A master list of beaches, campsites, boat launches, playgrounds, fishing sites. Find a way to keep fishing sites plowed for ice fishing. Expand cooperation between governmental agencies. How can we stretch the tax dollars, share equipment, personnel and expertise. Historical sites, county wide, maps , tours, history of area, cultural recreation. Water trails - we have the Jordan/Boyne/Bear River - how do we enhance the access to our rivers?	8/20/2019 5:14 AM
34	Beaver island is a treasure and the acreage that was purchased should be cleaned up and used for tourism. When I walked through the property I was in awe and wanted to explore everything the way it was but I could see the potential for bringing a summer camp or other programs in. The lighthouse needs maintenance and the old school building on the water should be used as a museum of Michigan's and beaver islands history!	8/19/2019 5:40 PM
35	Meetings need to be in July when most 2nd home owners are in the area.	8/19/2019 2:38 PM
36	I would be interested in volunteering to improve the property recently purchased on South end of Beaver Island. We spend several weeks each year on BI presently and eventually plan to move there. Joshua Johnson 260.999.7118 joshjohnson93@yahoo.com	8/19/2019 2:33 PM
37	Beaver Head Lighthouse complex will make a great additions to your park system.	8/19/2019 2:31 PM
38	I may be interested in volunteering if time permits.	8/19/2019 11:35 AM
39	I own a home on Beaver Island and feel my taxes are too high. Please stop looking for ways to raise them even higher!	8/19/2019 10:13 AM
40	New full time resident on Beaver Island	8/19/2019 10:02 AM
41	Please finish the Boyne City - Charlevoix Bike Trail. We need someone in charge that will get it done.	8/19/2019 8:06 AM
42	I'm 30 minutes from Whiting and 40 minutes from Magee. The county need parks in other parts of the county.	8/18/2019 10:26 AM
43	Parks and recreation are important. But, stick to your limited goals, mission and budget. Improve what you have.	8/16/2019 8:06 AM
44	Temper the insatiable appetite to develop Charlevoix County. Residents love this area for what it is: BEAUTIFUL & UNDEVELOPED!	8/16/2019 5:24 AM
45	I would like to see an adult playground perhaps in the new Open Space for our aging residents to exercise	8/15/2019 7:25 AM
46	Please explore development of a boat launch at the east end of Whiting Park. Possible trailer parking across the street? Not a huge, disruptive launch like camp seagull, but something to serve small to low 20s feet in length boats. Thank you! We understand this idea has been tossed around by the Commission. Lastly, thank you for continuing to work towards completing the BC - Charlevoix bike trail. We only wish it could be finished sooner!	8/15/2019 3:22 AM

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47	goose clean up and bathroom facilities downtown boyne city park area need attention.	8/15/2019 2:56 AM
48	Make the finishing of the bc/Cvx bike trail the highest priority	8/13/2019 9:11 AM
49	Would be great to see bike trail from East Jordan to Boyne or East Jordan to Charlevoix	8/10/2019 4:08 PM
50	We would love an off leash dog park where our pup can chase Frisbees and really expend some energy. We often take him to run at the field by the water tower at Shanahan park. He is well trained and comes immediately when called so not too concerned that it is not fenced but a fenced in park would be great.	8/10/2019 6:10 AM
51	Minimize clutter and "signage"; allow areas where people may experience darkness and silence.	8/8/2019 6:26 PM
52	DON'T BUILD ANYMORE TRAILS, FINISH WHAT THEY HAVE STARTED AND NO MORE!!	8/8/2019 1:09 PM
53	The land around Lake Charlevoix is increasingly being bought up by the wealthy, who build expansive mansions that are used just a few weeks out of the year and with the expectation. PLEASE preserve land on Lake Charlevoix's shoreline for local resident use and enjoyment.	8/8/2019 5:00 AM
54	already volunteer for multiple things	8/8/2019 3:39 AM
55	Fix up Whiting Park before upgrading others things for parks and recreation	8/5/2019 5:15 PM
56	I would love for the non motorized trail to be completed so that my children, spouse, and myself could use it. There is currently no option to park and use the trail on the Charlevoix side.	8/2/2019 4:46 AM

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### Community Input Session #1

Open House format, drop in any time between 7-9pm.

**Date:** August 19, 2019

**Time:** 7:00-9:00pm

**Location:** Whiting Park Log Cabin  
5820 Lake Shore Rd.  
Boyne City, MI 49712

### Community Input Session #2

Open House format, drop in any time between 5-7pm.

**Date:** September 19, 2019

**Time:** 5:00-7:00pm

**Location:** Charlevoix Public Library  
Community Room A  
220 Clinton Street  
Charlevoix, MI 49720

Take the survey at the link below to enter your feedback by September 13, 2019!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CharlevoixCountyRecPlan>

Hard copies of the survey can be picked up at  
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### Community Input Session #3

Open House format, drop in any time between 2-4pm.

**Date:** Thursday, September 26

**Time:** 2:00-4:00pm

**Location:** Peaine Township Hall  
36825 Kings Highway  
Beaver Island, MI 49782



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**AD FOR PUBLIC REVIEW**

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
Charlevoix County  
Parks & Recreation Plan**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Charlevoix County is currently working on the proposed 2020 – 2024 Parks & Recreation Plan. Charlevoix County has opened the required 30-day public comment period on the proposed plan. The comment period will be open from December 6, 2019 through January 6, 2020.

The draft plan is available for review on the County website [www.charlevoixcounty.org](http://www.charlevoixcounty.org) or may be viewed at the Parks & Planning Department, Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Please direct email comments to Carrie Klingelsmith, Project Planner, at [cklingelsmith@bria2.com](mailto:cklingelsmith@bria2.com). Written comments may also be emailed to the Parks & Planning Department at the address above. If you have any questions, please call the Parks & Planning Department at (231) 547-7234.

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12/20/19

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Boyne City Gazette - 12/11/19

## AD FOR PUBLIC HEARING

### **Charlevoix County Parks & Recreation Plan Public Hearing**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2020 - 2024 Charlevoix County Parks & Recreation Plan on **Wednesday, January 22, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room** at the Charlevoix County Building, 203 Antrim Street, Charlevoix, Michigan 49720.

The draft plan is available for review on the County website [www.charlevoixcounty.org](http://www.charlevoixcounty.org) and at the Parks & Planning Department, Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Comments on the draft plan are requested and may be emailed to Carrie Klingelsmith, Project Planner, at [cklingelsmith@bria2.com](mailto:cklingelsmith@bria2.com) or mailed to the Parks Planning Department at the address above. If you have any questions, please contact the Parks & Planning Department (231) 547-7234.  
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1 CHARLEVOIX COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
2 JANUARY 22, 2020  
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4 The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners  
5 Christopher Christensen, Ronald Reinhardt, Robert Draves, Nancy Ferguson and Shirley Roloff, 5.  
6 Excused: Commissioner George T. Lasater.

7 Larry Levensgood led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

8 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

9 Moved by Commissioner Reinhardt and seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve the  
10 agenda as amended, adding the Revised Remonumentation Grant Application resolution. Motion  
11 carried. Voice Vote: 5.0.

12 UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

13 No public comment

14 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

15 Moved by Commissioner Ferguson and seconded by Commissioner Roloff to adopt the  
16 following consent agenda as presented. Approval of Minutes, Char-Em HSBC, Charlevoix County Parks,  
17 Charlevoix County Planning, Charlevoix County Road Commission, Grandvue, C.C.E, MAC, MSU Extension,  
18 MTA and NLEA. Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: 5.0. All correspondence received and filed.

19 PUBLIC HEARING-Parks & Recreation Plan 2020-2024:

20 Chairman Christensen opened the Public Hearing on the on the Parks & Recreation Plan 2020-  
21 2024 for comments from the floor at 6:02 p.m. Kiersten Stark, Parks & Planning Director and Carrie  
22 Klingelsmith, Beckett & Raeder, summarized the Parks & Recreation Plan. The Action Plan has been  
23 updated because we did not get the Michigan Resources Grant for phase 3. The plan will be done every  
24 five (5) years. Denny Jason, Parks Committee, supports the plan. They need it for applying for grants  
25 and is important monetarily for the county to approve the plan so they can proceed with projects that  
26 are beneficial for the community. Larry Levensgood, County Planning Commission, agrees with  
27 Denny's comments and have adopted a resolution of support. Being no further comments, the  
28 Chairman closed the public hearing at 6:13 p.m.

29 SCHEDULED APPEARANCES

30 No scheduled appearances

31 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

32 No unfinished business

33 NEW BUSINESS

34 No new business

35 RESOLUTION-2020-2024 PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN (#20-005)

36 Moved by Commissioner Ferguson seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt that the above listed  
37 resolution be adopted.

38 WHEREAS, the County of Charlevoix has undertaken an update of the 5-year Parks and  
39 Recreation Plan, which describes the physical features, existing parks and recreation facilities and the  
40 desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between  
41 2020 and 2024; and

42 WHEREAS, the Charlevoix County Planning Commission and Parks Committee have jointly  
43 worked on the development of the Parks and Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire county and  
44 believe that the adoption of this Plan will assist in meeting the recreation needs of the county; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Charlevoix County Planning Commission and Parks Committee have  
2 reviewed the Parks and Recreation Plan and recommend adoption of the Plan by the County Board of  
3 Commissioners;

4 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners  
5 hereby adopts the 2020–2024 Charlevoix County Parks and Recreation Plan and directs the Parks and  
6 Planning Director to submit a copy of the Plan to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

7 Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: 5.0.

8 **RESOLUTION-CHARLEVOIX COUNTY BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT**  
9 **AUTHORITY CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (#20-006)**

10 Moved by Commissioner Ferguson seconded by Commissioner Roloff that the above listed  
11 resolution be adopted.

12 WHEREAS, an agreement between Mac Consulting, LLC and Charlevoix County Brownfield  
13 Redevelopment Authority has been received and reviewed by the Internal Government Committee; and

14 WHEREAS, Mac Consulting, LLC will provide the County with services and terms and  
15 conditions outlined in the contract provided; and

16 WHEREAS, the Internal Government Committee recommends its approval to the entire Board;

17 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners  
18 hereby accepts the above recommendation and authorizes the Chairman to sign said agreement.

19 Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: 5.0.

20 **RESOLUTION-FRIEND OF THE COURT S.M.I.L.E. CONTRACT (#20-007)**

21 Moved by Commissioner Reinhardt seconded by Commissioner Roloff that the above listed  
22 resolution be adopted.

23 WHEREAS, Charlevoix County represented by the Charlevoix County Friend of the Court and  
24 the 33<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court has received an agreement from Kevin King, a S.M.I.L.E. program facilitator;  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, for services provided, the 33<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court agrees to pay Kevin King a flat rate  
27 of \$250.00 for each S.M.I.L.E. presentation with the term beginning January 1, 2020 and ending on  
28 December 31, 2022; and

29 WHEREAS, this contract has been reviewed and approved by the Internal Government  
30 Committee and recommends that the entire Board adopt said agreement;

31 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners  
32 hereby accepts the above outlined recommendation and authorizes the Chairman to sign said

33 agreement. Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: 5.0.

34 **RESOLUTION-MARINE GRANT RENEWAL (#20-008)**

35 Moved by Commissioner Reinhardt seconded by Commissioner Ferguson that the above listed  
36 resolution be adopted.

37 WHEREAS, the Marine Safety Program Grant Application has been received; and

38 WHEREAS, this is a renewal of a grant that has been in place for the last several years; and

39 WHEREAS, the Internal Government Committee recommends that this grant application be  
40 accepted by the Board of Commissioners;

41 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves this grant  
42 application and authorizes the Fiscal Officer to sign it. Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: 5.0.

43 **RESOLUTION-BOYNE AREA SENIOR CENTER**  
44 **CONTRACT FOR COMMERCIAL SERVICE (#20-009)**

45 Moved by Commissioner Ferguson seconded by Commissioner Roloff that the above listed  
46 resolution be adopted.

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1 WHEREAS, an agreement between Culligan and Charlevoix County Commission on Aging  
2 has been received and reviewed by the Internal Government Committee; and

3 WHEREAS, Culligan will provide the County with services and terms and conditions outlined  
4 in the contract provided; and

5 WHEREAS, the Internal Government Committee recommends its approval to the entire Board;

6 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners  
7 hereby accepts the above recommendation and authorizes the Chairman to sign said agreement.

8 Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: 5.0.

9 **RESOLUTION-COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY CONTRACT (#20-010)**

10 Moved by Commissioner Roloff seconded by Commissioner Draves that the above listed  
11 resolution be adopted.

12 WHEREAS, the County has had a Court Appointed Attorney Contract with a consortium of  
13 attorneys called the Consortium; and

14 WHEREAS, the Administrator provided a Court Appointed Attorney Contract to expire  
15 September 30, 2020; and

16 WHEREAS, this agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Internal  
17 Government Committee and recommends that the entire Board adopt said agreement;

18 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners  
19 accepts the above recommendation and adopts the Court Appointed Attorney contract beginning  
20 October 1, 2019 and expires September 30, 2020. Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: 5.0.

21 **RESOLUTION-AMENDMENT TO PHASE 3 OF THE NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL**  
22 **AGREEMENT (#20-011)**

23 Moved by Commissioner Roloff seconded by Commissioner Ferguson that the above listed  
24 resolution be adopted.

25 WHEREAS, the Parks & Planning Director explained a proposed agreement amendment for  
26 phase 3 of the non-motorized trail; and

27 WHEREAS; approximately \$4800.00 would change from reimbursement status to non-  
28 reimbursement; and

29 WHEREAS, the Internal Government Committee discussed this amendment and recommends  
30 that the entire Board accept it;

31 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners  
32 agrees to amend the existing agreement to move the funds from reimbursable to non-reimbursable.

33 Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: 5.0.

34 **RESOLUTION-REVISED REMONUMENTATION GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2020**  
35 **(#20-012)**

36 Moved by Commissioner Draves seconded by Commissioner Roloff that the above listed  
37 resolution be adopted.

38 WHEREAS, the County Surveyor has submitted the Remonumentation Grant application for  
39 2020; and

40 WHEREAS, the act has been revised and they are required to have a new plan; and

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42 WHEREAS, the revised 2020 Monumentation & Remonumentation plan has been presented  
43 and needs approval from the Board of Commissioners;

44 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners  
45 hereby accepts the above revisions and authorizes the Remonumentation Grant Administrator, to sign  
46 said application. Motion carried. Roll Call Vote: 5.0.

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1 UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT

2 Robert Boch presented a preliminary plan for a multi-use trail from Waller Road to downtown  
3 Charlevoix. He is requesting \$5,000 from the Parks millage. Chairman Christensen recommended  
4 that he take this to the Parks committee, then to Building & Grounds committee.

5 ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

6 Kevin Shepard, County Administrator, gave an update on the school. The teachers and their  
7 maintenance staff have items they want from the building but plan to be out by the end of the month.  
8 He will make a list for a capital improvement plan. They are doing interviews for Veteran's Affairs.  
9 John Hess will be retiring at the end of September and they will need two (2) full-time employees. The  
10 have to be accredited. Shepard talked about a possible \$61,000 grant for Veterans Affairs projects that  
11 can be applied to the school Veterans office. It needs to be turned in by mid-February. Shepard talked  
12 about the housing issue. They are doing interviews to hire a full-time housing person. The  
13 Community Foundation agreed to pay 25,000, The Frye Foundation will pay 25,000, the three (3)  
14 cities and the county would split the cost of the remaining \$25,000 so it will cost less than \$10,000  
15 each. This is for a three (3) year commitment. It's worthwhile.

16 SHERIFF'S COMMENTS

17 Sheriff, Chuck Vondra, asked about the goal setting capital improvement plan date. They are  
18 coordinating with MSU about who they can provide to handle it. He reminded them that the  
19 segregation cells at the jail are used up. They are doing RMS, JMS reviews. Derek Gaylord is in  
20 Tulsa Oklahoma, they do on-site visits for 2 software companies they are looking at. They have also  
21 been to Georgia. The programs repay for travel charges. One of the companies reduced their  
22 maintenance cost and with the \$350,000 grant they received a few months ago, there will be no out of  
23 pocket for the three (3) counties. This is for a ten (10) year locked rate, but the project has to be done  
24 by September 30<sup>th</sup>. The tower is going to be built at the Charlevoix Township fire department.

25 COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

26 Commissioner Ferguson stated that they may have a group interested in buying the Road  
27 Commission property on Beaver Island. There are four (4) lots.

28 Commissioner Draves mentioned Otsego is building a new jail with 136 beds. He has been  
29 approved for the Judiciary sub-committee at MAC. They have Skype available, so he won't have to  
30 drive to Lansing every month.

31 Chairman Christensen attended the Local Emergency Planning Committee where they  
32 discussed the pandemic breakout because of the coronavirus. He mentioned a couple issues going to  
33 Internal Government Committee. Tomorrow is a strategic planning session for the future of NLEA.  
34 Chairman Christensen stated that Becki does a great job and pointed out that she reports directly to the  
35 Board. She's not beholden to any particular department.

36 Board members presented their liaison reports.

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38 The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 8:00 p.m.

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40 CHRIS CHRISTENSEN, CHAIRMAN

CECELIA BORTHS, COUNTY CLERK

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# MEETING MINUTES - PARKS COMMITTEE



## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY PARKS COMMITTEE

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Excerpts from  
**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday – January 13, 2020**  
**Meeting Location:**  
**Boyne City Hall**  
**(First Floor Meeting Room)**  
**Boyne City, MI 49712**

### **Members Present:**

Committee Members: Dennis Jason, Caroline Kobylczak, Susan Vrondran, Tim Wieland, Amanda Wilkin and Brian Williams

**Members Absent:** Ryan Novotny (excused)

**Staff:** Parks & Planning Director Kiersten Stark, Administrative Assistant Linda Prescott, and Parks Manager David Bertinelli

**Public:** Carrie Klingelsmith (Beckett & Raeder)

### **Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:**

The regular meeting of the Charlevoix County Parks Committee was called to order at 5:30 pm on January 13, 2020 at Boyne City Hall by K. Stark.

Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance was led by B. Williams.

### **Old Business**

#### **Draft 2020-2024 Recreation Plan**

An updated draft copy of the Recreation Plan was distributed to the Committee members. C. Klingelsmith reviewed some edits, updates and changes that have been made since the Committee reviewed the Plan in December. K. Stark reviewed the changes she made to the Action Plan and Budget including the new timeline for the remaining phases of the Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail project since the County was notified that our project was not recommended for a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant in December.

There was discussion regarding how the County will move forward on the repair of the Little Traverse Wheelway where the trail has failed due to the erosion from Lake Michigan. K. Stark said that there is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at the Road Commission to talk about this issue and how it will be addressed. K. Stark, D. Bertinelli, K. Shepard, staff from the Top of Michigan Trails Council and MDOT officials will be in attendance. D. Jason said he

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would like to attend that meeting as well.

K. Stark said that she met with Klaus Heinert of Gosling Czubak to talk about the Trust Fund grant application for Phase 3 of the Boyne City to Charlevoix Trail and to try to determine our next steps on the project. Two options would be to either reapply for the Trust Fund Grant or to apply for a DNR Recreation Passport Grant. K. Stark said that it makes more sense to reapply for the Trust Fund Grant because it would give the County \$300,000, which is what is needed to complete Phase 3 of the trail. The Recreation Passport Grant would only be for \$150,000. However, starting this year, the DNR has changed some of their scoring criteria for the grant applications. K. Stark has a conference call set up with the County's DNR grant coordinator and K. Heinert to learn more about these changes and how the Phase 3 project would fair under the new scoring criteria. She will have more information after talking with the grant coordinator.

S. Vrondran asked if the County Board has offered any assistance with this project now that we won't be receiving the Trust Fund Grant. K. Stark said no.

K. Stark said that she also has a conference call scheduled with MDOT later this week to see if not receiving the Trust Fund Grant this year will affect our TAP grant conditional commitment and if it is possible to shift the TAP Grant conditional commitment another year out, so we don't lose that funding. Once she receives this information, she will consider the next steps.

T. Wieland asked if we are required to use the money from the TAP grant this year, can we use it to construct the base for the trail, but not pave the trail at this time? K. Stark said, in that event, we would probably have to consider a crushed limestone surface for the trail.

S. Vrondran said the Recreation Plan looks great.

K. Stark said the Planning Commission will review the draft Recreation Plan at their meeting on January 15, 2020 and make a recommendation to the County Board to approve the Plan. The County Board will then hold a public hearing on the Recreation Plan on January 22, 2020. Once C. Klingelsmith receives the meeting minutes and resolution approving the Recreation Plan from the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners, she will be able to upload the final document to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources website. Paper copies will be printed for all Parks Committee members and the Recreation Plan will also be available on the Charlevoix County website.

Motion was made by A. Wilkin to recommend approval of the 2020 – 2024 Parks & Recreation Plan. Motion was seconded by S. Vrondran. Voice vote, all present in favor. Motion passed.

# MEETING MINUTES - PLANNING COMMISSION



## CHARLEVOIX COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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### Excerpts from DRAFT Meeting Minutes January 15, 2020

#### I. Call to Order

Chairman R. Van Zee called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room at the Charlevoix County Building.

Members present: Michael Buttigieg, Larry Levengood, Michael Ritter (arrived at 7:35 pm), Ron Van Zee, and Mike Webster.

Members absent: Bob Tidmore (excused).

Others present: Ron Reinhardt (County Commissioner Liaison), Kiersten Stark (Parks & Planning Director), Linda Prescott (Parks & Planning Administrative Assistant), Carrie Klingelsmith (Beckett and Raeder) Robin Berry (Melrose Township Clerk), and Roy Griffiths (Hayes Township Planning Commission Chair).

#### **Draft 2020 – 2024 Parks & Recreation Plan**

C. Klingelsmith handed out the latest draft version of the 2020 – 2024 Parks & Recreation Plan and thanked the Planning Commission and the Parks & Planning Department staff for all of their assistance on this project. She said she really enjoyed working with everyone and learned a lot about the Charlevoix County community and all the recreational resources that are available to the residents. She said there are not many significant changes to the Recreation Plan since the previous draft, and she went on to review some areas that have been updated. C. Klingelsmith said once she receives the meeting minutes and resolution approving the Plan from the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners, she will be able to upload the final document to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources website.

R. Van Zee said that C. Klingelsmith did an excellent job and the Recreation Plan draft looks very impressive. M. Buttigieg commented on how great all the photographs and maps look.

There was further discussion including some minor changes that C. Klingelsmith will make before the final draft is submitted to the County Board for their approval. Networks Northwest and the Top of Michigan Trails Council asked K. Stark to add a paragraph in the Recreation Plan to acknowledge the Traverse City to Charlevoix Trail project. This will be added on Page 24 under either "Partnerships with Private Organizations" or "Relationships with School Districts &

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Other Public Agencies”. Also, on Page 13, the last column on Table 1: Charlevoix County & Minor Civil Division Population needs to be corrected to read “2010-2017 % Change”. The final change is the very last section that is highlighted in peach on page 109. This entire section regarding installing universally accessible playground equipment at Thumb Lake Park in 2021, needs to be moved to 2022 on Page 110.

MOTION by L. Levengood to forward the 2020 – 2024 Parks & Recreation Plan to the County Board of Commissioners for adoption, with the three changes that were discussed above. M. Buttigieg seconded the motion. Voice vote: all present in favor. Motion passed.

R. Van Zee and all other members of the Planning Commission thanked C. Klingelsmith, K. Stark and L. Prescott for all their hard work and input on this project.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

The rivers are not named on the maps. Should they be?

In your Goal #3, how do we fit water trails there?

Explore 131 North sure fits in Goal #5 & 6.

We need launch sites on the Bear River and parking for paddling and fishing.

What about fishing access points? We have stream and river fishing as well as lake fishing.

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Beaver Island Resident Comments 12.11.19. I have done a quick scan of the Draft Rec Plan for Charlevoix County. I have specific comments for Beaver Island. I attended one of the community meetings and heard several ideas that seemed promising. However, I have not seen these suggestions in this Draft. For example, there was enthusiasm for cross country ski trail grooming equipment, snow mobile trail signs, dark sky park, and further paving of Donegal Bay Bike trail. I had also attended a few meetings with the Beaver Head Lighthouse Property. We are excited to have this property back in the hands of locals in the County. I had heard a suggestion of using the old school as a possible site for elder hostel retreats. Elder hostels offer special events that could happen on the Island. For example, offering a watercolor painting class, pottery class, photographing class, yoga retreats, nature hikes with CMU staff, and bird watching events. Finally, I saw in the Draft that both Peaine and St. James mentioned the bird watching trail. But both townships also have biking trail signs around the Island (as a response to the Spring Bike Marathon). I didn't see this mentioned in the report; although I might have missed it while scanning.

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Beaver Island's South Lighthouse complex offers a truly unique opportunity to Charlevoix County as the county's first internationally designated Dark Sky Preserve. After reviewing the County's Recreation Plan, I found a gap between Beaver Island's public discussions of a Dark Sky designation and no mention of a Dark Sky Park in the County's Recreation Plan.

While little is said for protection and improved appreciation of cultural and historical resources in this plan, pursuing a Dark Sky designation does honor tribal and the Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division's management objectives for state held lands in the county. (Plan link attached below).

The night sky represents an important natural resource that contributes to the health and quality of life for residents, visitors and wildlife in Northern Lake Michigan. A Dark Sky designation provides the venue to celebrate the cultural, scientific, educational, and public enjoyment of the night sky. Furthermore, a Dark Sky designation and related activities represent a significant opportunity for economic development within the region and can be obtained via the state's Dark Sky Preserve Legislation. The current old mercury lighting at the South-end Lighthouse needs to be made dark sky friendly.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

**Proposed additions to page 34 of the draft plan:**

- Integrate current island recreational opportunities such as birding, water trail, and hiking trails into development objectives for site.
- Foster an appreciation of the unique cultural and natural resources through adoption of interpretive signage.
- Pursue a Dark Sky designation for the site and make facility lighting dark sky friendly.

MDNR Management Plan for State-owned Lands on Northern Lake Michigan Islands:

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/dnr/island\\_management\\_plan\\_wld\\_529105\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/dnr/island_management_plan_wld_529105_7.pdf)

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# MDNR CHECKLIST



Michigan Department of Natural Resources-Grants Management

## COMMUNITY PARK AND RECREATION PLAN

### CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

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

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

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park and Recreation Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Plans must be submitted to the DNR through MiRecGrants **with** a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan. Plans may be submitted at any time of the year, but no later than February 1 of the year the local unit of government is applying for grants.

#### PLAN INFORMATION

Name of Plan:  
Charlevoix County Parks & Recreation Plan 2020 - 2024

List the community names (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan.	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body
Charlevoix County	Charlevoix	January 2020

#### PLAN CONTENT

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please check each box to certify that the listed information is included in the final plan.

- 1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION**
- 2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE**
  - Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)
  - Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart
  - Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming
  - Current Funding Sources
  - Role of Volunteers
  - Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations
  - Recreation Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only:**
    - Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of Participating Communities
    - Articles of Incorporation
- 3. RECREATION INVENTORY**
  - Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory
  - Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities
  - Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)
  - Accessibility Assessment
  - Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities
  - Waterways Inventory (if applicable)
- 4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)**
- 5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS**

# MDNR CHECKLIST

**6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS**

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

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

Date of the Notice 12/6/19, 12/20/19, 12/12/19, 12/11/19

Type of Notice Petoskey News Review, Char. County News, Boyne City Gazette

Plan Location Charlevoix County Website and Parks/Planning Dept.

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 12/6/2019-1/6/2020

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

Date of Notice 1/4/20, 1/17/20, 1/9/20, 1/8/20

Name of Newspaper Petoskey News Review, Char. County News, Boyne City Gazette

Date of Meeting January 22, 2020

Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

**7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

**8. ACTION PROGRAM**

**9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT(S)**

**PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION**

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

1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: 01/22/2020

2. Official resolution of the County Commission Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: 01/22/2020

3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: N/A

4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: 01/24/2020


**OVERALL CERTIFICATION**

**NOTE:** For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government. Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.

*I hereby certify that the recreation plan for*

Charlevoix County (Local Unit of Government) *includes the required content, as indicated*

*above and as set forth by the DNR.*

 January 22, 2020  
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government Date

**This completed checklist must be uploaded in MiRecGrants.**

**ADOPTED RESOLUTION**

JANUARY 22, 2020

2020-2024 PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the County of Charlevoix has undertaken an update of the 5-year Parks and Recreation Plan, which describes the physical features, existing parks and recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2020 and 2024; and

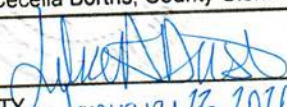
WHEREAS, the Charlevoix County Planning Commission and Parks Committee have jointly worked on the development of the Parks and Recreation Plan for the benefit of the entire county and believe that the adoption of this Plan will assist in meeting the recreation needs of the county; and

WHEREAS, the Charlevoix County Planning Commission and Parks Committee have reviewed the Parks and Recreation Plan and recommend adoption of the Plan by the County Board of Commissioners;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the 2020–2024 Charlevoix County Parks and Recreation Plan and directs the Parks and Planning Director to submit a copy of the Plan to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

  
Chairman of the Board

  
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

CERTIFIED	
Cecelia Borths, County Clerk	
	
DEPUTY	DATE
January 13, 2020	

# LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

*letter of transmittal*



*Landscape Architecture  
Planning, Engineering &  
Environmental Services*

Date: January 24, 2020  
From: Carrie Klingelsmith  
To: Matt McCauley  
Chief Executive Officer  
Networks Northwest  
P.O. Box 506  
Traverse City, MI 49685-0506  
Project: Charlevoix County Parks and Recreation Plan 2020-2024  
Enclosed: Final Adopted Charlevoix County Parks and Recreation Plan 2020-2024



**Remarks:**

Please find enclosed an electronic format of the final adopted Charlevoix County Parks and Recreation Plan for your review. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Carrie Klingelsmith  
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