



Whitewater Township Recreation Plan 2021-2025

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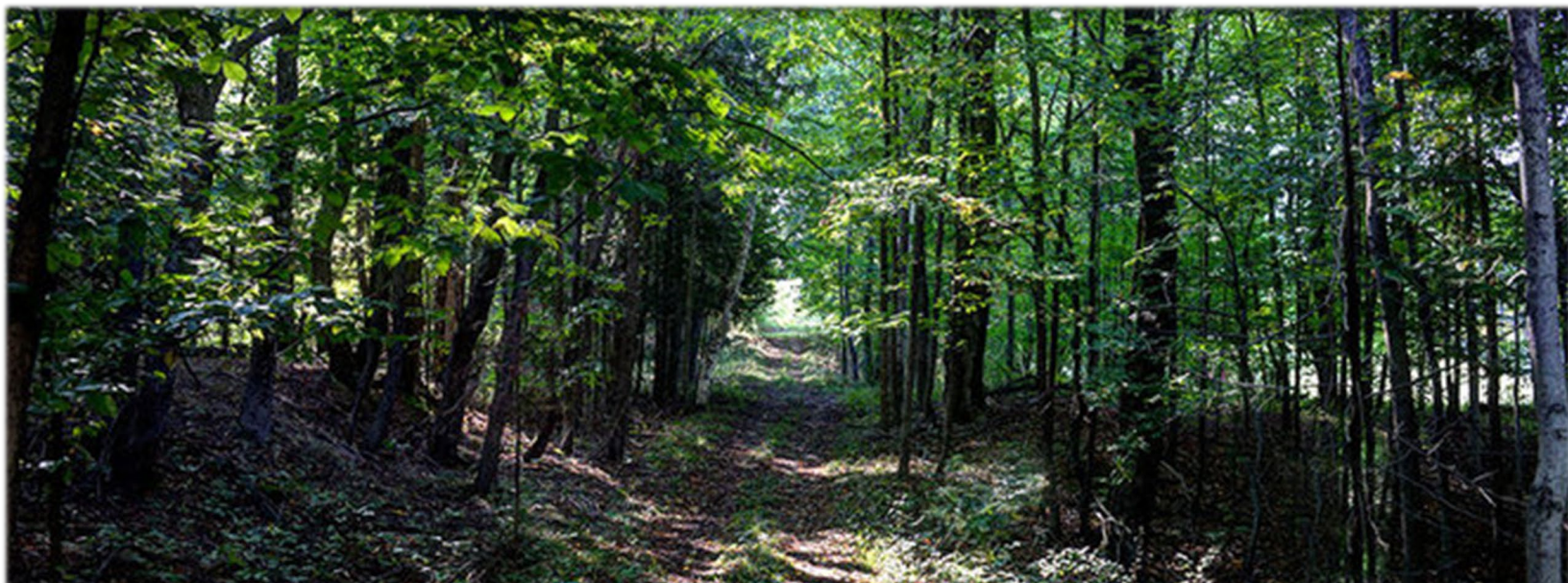


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INTRODUCTION

The Whitewater Township Recreation Plan has been created to protect and preserve for all future generations the unspoiled rural characteristics of the Township and to meet the community need for recreational facilities including parks, playing fields and trails, as well as undeveloped areas maintained in a natural state.

The Grand Traverse region has become increasingly attractive as a destination for tourists, retirees and new residents. Whitewater Township recognizes that it lies in an area of present and future growth and an area that is uniquely endowed with an abundance of natural resources.

PLAN ADOPTION

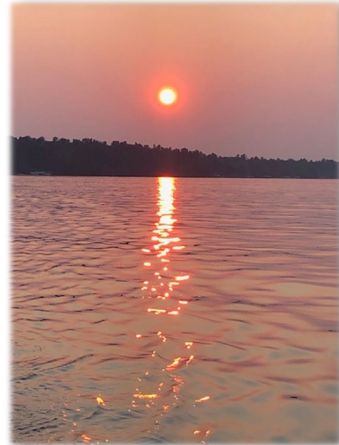
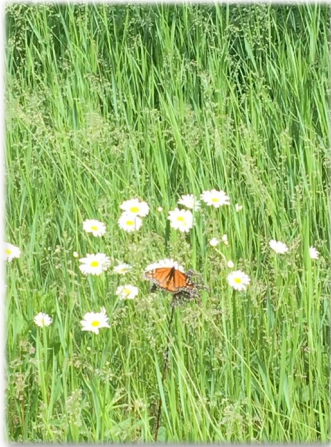
This Recreation Plan, adopted by the Whitewater Township Board on December 14, 2021, is intended to serve as a planning guide for Whitewater Township Parks and Recreational Facilities through December 31, 2025. Implementation of this plan will play an important role in enhancing the quality of life for present and future residents, as well as visitors to the Township.

WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION GOALS

- To protect and preserve Whitewater Township parks and recreational areas for all future generations of residents, the cleanliness and purity of its water, land and air; and to maintain, as much as possible, the unspoiled rural characteristics of township parks, including their forests, wetlands, water bodies, panoramic views, ridge lines, wildlife habitat and other landscape features. To protect historically, archaeologically and ecologically sensitive and valuable areas.
- To protect the township's natural resources through cooperation with various environmental organizations that are active in the area.
- To meet the community need for recreational facilities including parks, playing fields and trails, as well as undeveloped areas maintained in a natural state.
- Provide safe broad community-based recreation opportunities that improve the overall quality of life for all residents of Whitewater Township.
- Continue to improve and upgrade Whitewater Township recreational facilities so as to offer community parks that residents can be proud of.
- Provide recreational opportunities for people with disabilities. The Township will continue to provide spaces for all residents to enjoy the natural environment through the provision of open and easily accessed areas. Plan for a variety of recreational needs and preferences, and develop recreational opportunity for all residents, including complying with physical needs-based recreational standards.
- Provide park and recreation facilities to help improve the health and fitness of Whitewater Township residents.
- All Whitewater Township owned property and parks will be consistently and continuously maintained to ensure enjoyable user experiences for all, with improvements and updates being regularly assessed. Support and maintain existing Township recreation lands and facilities and explore future opportunities for waterfront access and utilization in the Township, as funding becomes available.
- Develop systems to meet future recreational needs of the Township.
- To continually improve the quality of and the opportunities for recreation in Whitewater Township by reassessing community recreation needs, trends and characteristics.

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Whitewater Township is located in northeastern Grand Traverse County in the State of Michigan. The township totals 31,594 acres of which 49% is recreational land, and water comprises nearly 11% of the total. The land is primarily rural with agricultural, forest, residential and recreational areas. Commercial and industrial areas currently comprise a small portion of the Township along highway M-72.



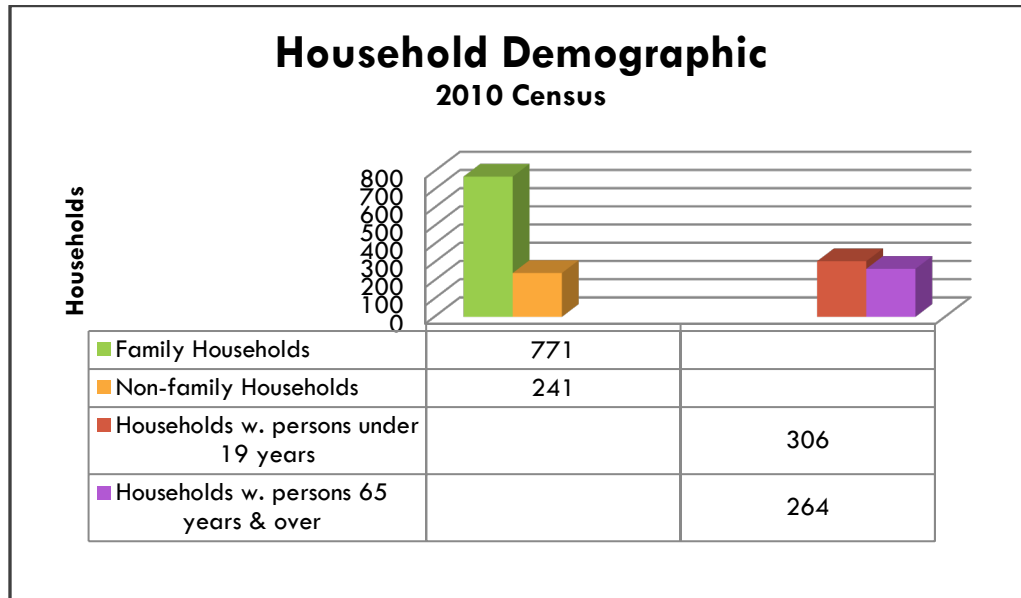
Whitewater Township is bordered on the west by Acme and East Bay Townships (Grand Traverse County), on the south by Union Township (Grand Traverse County), on the east by Clearwater and Kalkaska Townships (Kalkaska County), and on the north by Elk Rapids Township (Antrim County). Refer to the *Grand Traverse County - Michigan Location* map and the *Whitewater Township - County Location* map (see Appendixes A and B).

Mill Creek Elementary of the Elk Rapids School District is located in the township.

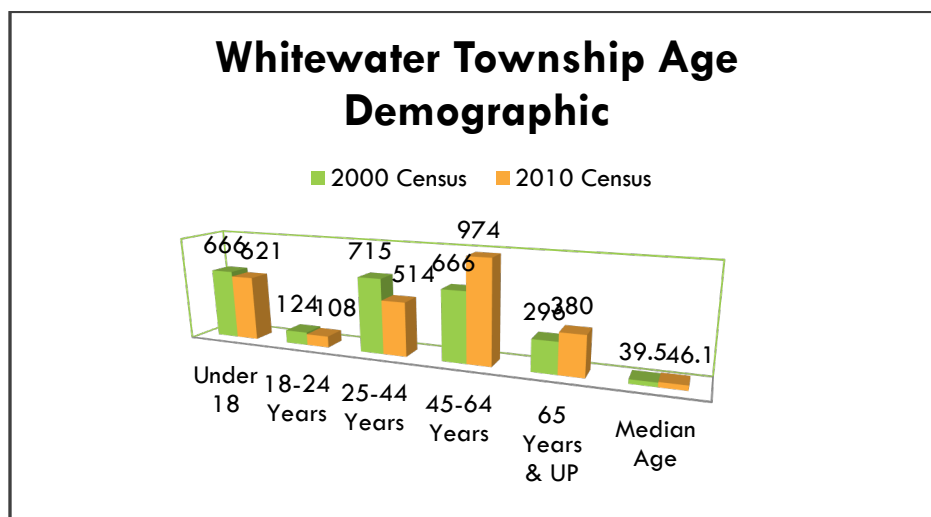
Further historical data is found on the *Early History* page (see Appendix C).

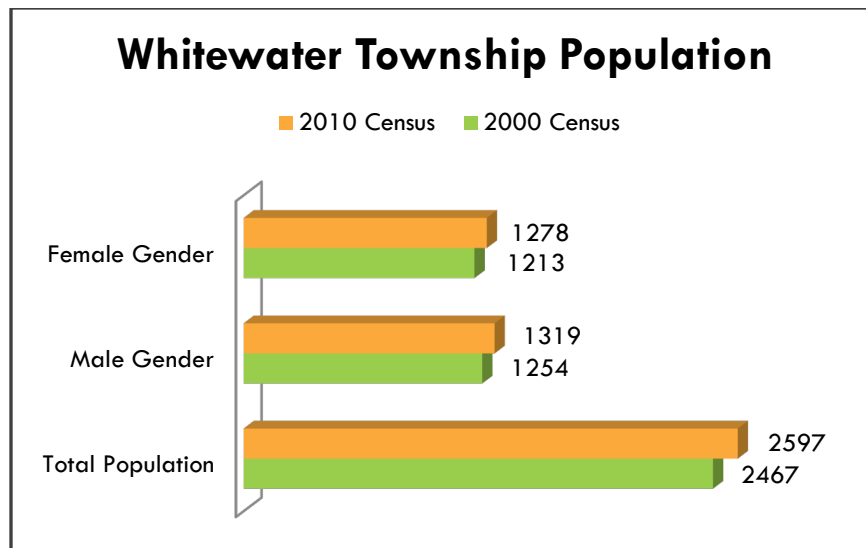
POPULATION SUMMARY

2020 Census data will be incorporated as it becomes available. The 2010 census shows that Whitewater Township has a population of 2,597 persons with 1,367 housing units and that 278 are housing units held for seasonal, recreational or occasional use.



Whitewater Township has seen a 5.3% population growth from 2000 to 2010. The areas of greatest growth are the population from 45 to 65 years and older. As recreational needs for the entire population are formulated, attention should be given to assure that the needs of these population groups are met.





With the population growth in the Township, a sizable vacation population that resides in the Township, and increases in tourism in the Grand Traverse region, Whitewater Township recognizes the need to provide recreational programs and facilities to meet these needs.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Natural Resources

The biggest attraction to the Grand Traverse region is the natural resources of the area including Grand Traverse Bay, many inland lakes, rivers, streams and forested areas and extensive state forest land (13-14,000 acres)

As shown on the *Whitewater Township Forests-Lakes-Rivers* map (see Appendix D), the Township has several inland lakes including Elk and Skegemog Lakes, which are the largest. Others include Island Lake, Truax Lake, the five Sand Lakes, Twin Lakes, Bullhead Lake, Roots Lake, Dollar Lake and Strombolis Lake. The North Branch of the Boardman River flows through the southeast portion of the Township. Major creeks flowing through the Township include Williamsburg Creek, Battle Creek, Tobeco Creek, Mabel Creek and Bissel Creek.

The Grand Traverse Bay Watershed and the subwatersheds of Tobeco Creek, Elk River Chain of Lakes, Boardman River, and Yuba Creek encompass the township, as well as 1,236 acres of wetlands, a factor in maintaining the water quality of the area. Refer to the *Whitewater Township Watershed Map* (see Appendix E).

The types of recreation that draw people to this region to enjoy these resources include boating, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, hiking, camping, biking, snowmobiling, cross country and downhill skiing, wildlife viewing, disc golfing, athletic fields, and hunting and fishing.

Fish and Wildlife Resources

Fishing has always been popular in the area and the lakes offer both warm and cold-water species. Many types of trout including brown, brook, rainbow and lake trout, along with Atlantic salmon, are found in the Elk, Skegemog and Torch chain of lakes and connecting streams. Many types of panfish are present in area lakes along with walleye, bass, pike and muskellunge.

Wildlife of many types are found in this area including whitetail deer, black bear, porcupines, bobcats, fox, coyotes, skunks, rabbits, opossum, weasel, mink, muskrat, beaver, otter, badgers, woodchuck, woodcock, grouse, wild turkeys and squirrels. Ducks, geese, swans, loons and other waterfowl abound in the area lakes, and many types of songbirds and birds of prey including Bald Eagles and Osprey are seen in the area.

Climate

Lake Michigan and Grand Traverse Bay have a moderating effect on the weather with cooler summers and warmer winters near the Bay. Increased snow, or lake effect, is also prevalent in the township because of close proximity to Lake Michigan.

The difference in weather conditions from season to season contributes to the enjoyment of diverse recreational activities in all four seasons.

Transportation Systems

The Township is divided by the east/west state highway M-72 through the center of the township. This is the only road that completely crosses from east to west. In a similar fashion, the only north/south road that traverses the entire township is Williamsburg Road south of M-72 and Elk Lake Road north of M-72.

Snowmobile trails and sections of the Shore to Shore and VASA Trails go through a portion of Whitewater Township. A goal of Northern Michigan Mountain Biking Association is to extend the trail by connecting the VASA Trail to the Kalkaska area.

Boat traffic can travel from Baggs Landing on Lake Skegemog or from Whitewater Township Park on Elk Lake to Elk Rapids or through the Torch River into Torch Lake. This water tributary offers inlet into the Northwest Michigan Chain O Lakes system, a system that consists of 14 lakes and is over 75 miles long. There is also access through designated locations within township parks to the Chain of Lakes Water Trail hosted by Paddle Antrim.

Cherry Capital Airport is only 15 minutes away and provides jet service to the Grand Traverse region.

Impact Summary

As the Township plans recreational opportunities that will meet the needs of the community, the Township recognizes that protecting and preserving the rural character of our parks and their natural resources is an integral part of the recreational planning process.

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Current Funding Sources

The parks and recreation function in Whitewater Township is divided financially into a Park Fund budget and a Recreation Fund budget.

The Park Fund budget is for operations, maintenance and capital improvements at Whitewater Township Park. Revenues for this fund come exclusively from user fees and items sold. Transfers can be made from the Township General Fund, if necessary. Grant funding has been another source of revenue from time to time.

The Recreation Fund budget is for operations, maintenance and capital improvements for all other parks and recreation facilities in the Township. Revenues for this fund come primarily from the General Fund. There is minimal revenue from fees. Grant funding has been another source of revenue from time to time.

Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance and Capital Improvements

Copies of the Park Fund and Recreation Fund adopted budgets for the 2021/2022 fiscal year (April 1 to March 31), are included. (See *Appendixes F & G*)

Staff Description and Organizational Chart

The Whitewater Township Board is responsible for parks and recreation planning and program implementation. The five-member elected Township Board consists of the supervisor, clerk, treasurer and two trustees. The Township Board meets in regular monthly sessions and schedules special meetings as necessary.

In 2012, Ordinance No. 48 was adopted by the Whitewater Township Board. In Section II, Purpose, it states “An Ordinance to create a Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for the Township of Whitewater, Grand Traverse County, Michigan, for the purpose of preparing, reviewing and updating a Recreation Plan for the Township Parks and

Recreation areas as a guide for recreational development within the Township for consideration by the Township Board. Further, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee shall recommend recreation programs, acquisitions and improvements to the Township Board as well as other duties that the Township Board may assign.”

In 2003, the Township Board assigned additional duties of parks and recreation administration (i.e., manager) to the township clerk. A delineation of duties was established by the Township Board in 2012. In May 2015, a Parks and Recreation Administrator job description was approved by the township board. A full-time administrator could be a future goal of the Township.

Volunteer labor, such as Eagle Scouts or community members, are utilized as needed.

Relationships with Other Agencies

Whitewater Township recognizes and works with other agencies that are involved in recreation and water quality. These agencies include: The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Acme Township, Milton and Clearwater Townships, Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, TART Trails, Michigan DNR, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE), Conservation Resource Alliance, Elk-Skegemog Lakes Association, Paddle Antrim, Rotary Good Works, and Elk Rapids Youth Baseball

Parks and Recreation Policies and Procedures

The following information regarding policies and procedures that govern parks and recreation programs and facilities can be found in the Clerk’s office and on the Township website:

- [Whitewater Township Park Fee Schedule and Related Policies](#)
- [“Hi” Pray Park Fee Schedule and Related Policies](#)
- [Whitewater Township Park Policies and Rules](#)

DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING AND PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

Plan Development Process, Key Persons Involved in the Process and Public Involvement Process

The first recreational plan for Whitewater Township was prepared and adopted March 1, 2003 by the Township Board. With information compiled by Supervisor Sandra Beckwith and several residents, the development process began.

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) was established in 2012. They began to meet monthly to review and update the previous plan. The process continued until culminating in the adoption of a 2016-2020 Recreation Plan on February 23, 2016.

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee began to meet mid-year 2020 to evaluate changes and updates needed in the plan. In the fall of 2020, the Committee created a park improvement survey to gather public input on potential projects for the next 5-year plan (See Appendix I for full report with results of survey).

On September 13, 2021, the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee approved Resolution #21-02 recommending adoption of Recreation Plan 2021-2025 to the Township Board. The final draft plan was available at the township hall and on the township's website from October 25, 2021 through December 14, 2021, for public review and comment.

Notice of the Township Board's December 14, 2021, Public Hearing on the 2021-2025 Draft Recreation Plan was published in the Elk Rapids News on November 25, 2021, and in the Traverse City Record-Eagle on November 28, 2021. Resolution #21-18 Adoption of 2021-2025 Draft Recreation Plan was unanimously adopted on December 14, 2021, by the Whitewater Township Board (4 board members present, 1 vacancy).

RECREATION INVENTORY

Description/Inventory of Recreation Opportunities in Whitewater Township

The *Whitewater Township Recreational Properties* map (see Appendix J) shows the location of recreation properties/facilities in the Township.

1. Whitewater Township Park

Location: Whitewater Township Park (WTP) is located on Park Road east of Elk Lake Road in section 15 of T28N, R9W. This is in the north central portion of the township on the west shore of Elk Lake near the south end of the lake.

Size: 117 acres.

Physical Features: Whitewater Township Park is a rolling parcel on the banks of Elk Lake that has a mixed vegetation cover with red pine plantation plantings, re-growth mixed forest, open area with scrub vegetation and turf areas. It is the only public campground and boat launch on Elk Lake in Grand Traverse County.



Facilities:

- 55 campsites with electricity
- Restroom facility in campground with showers (handicap accessible)
- Potable water/sanitary station

- Play area in campground
- Two lane asphalt boat ramp with parking area (handicap accessible)
- Picnic pavilion with grills
- Picnic area
- Swimming/small beach area
- Portable toilets to serve beach/picnic/boat launch area (handicap accessible)
- Sand volleyball court
- Nature trails for hiking and cross-country skiing



Activities: Camping, boating, fishing, playgrounds, picnicking, pavilion rental for group events, swimming, volleyball, hiking, cross country skiing, nature observation, trailhead to access Chain of Lakes Water Trail (www.paddleantrim.com/chain-of-lakes-water-trail/). (See Appendix K. for Whitewater Township Park Trail Map.)

Action Program:

1. Boat launch expansion project including the addition of 2 launch ramps and a second dock, addition of boat trailer parking to accommodate heavy boat launch use, addition of a boat wash station to remove invasive species, and redirection of the flow of traffic. This project is an approved DNR granted project that is currently in progress. Expected completion spring 2022.
2. Ranger station/service building/storage improvements would provide for more efficient administrative operations and more secure storage of equipment out of inclement weather.
3. Replacement of the deteriorating vault toilets in beach/picnic/boat launch area would make use of the area more enjoyable.
4. A courtesy dock at the waterfront away from the main boat launch will reduce congestion.
5. The entrance road to the park is in poor condition and needs upgrading.
6. The swimming access has deteriorated from water level and erosion. It is needed to be repaired, upgraded or a new location created.

7. The playground area near the pavilion was deemed unsafe and had to be removed. A new playground needs to be developed and installed.
8. The aged pavilion near this beach area is also needing to be upgraded.

These aforementioned Action Program items will meet the goal of continuing to improve and upgrade Whitewater Township recreational facilities so as to offer community parks that residents can be proud of. This action program will also meet the goal of consistently and continually maintaining park property to ensure enjoyable user experiences for all.

2. "Hi" Pray Park

Location: "Hi" Pray Park is located on the west side of Elk Lake Road just north of Old M-72.

Size: 12 acres.

Physical Features: "Hi" Pray Park is primarily a flat parcel with turf areas and a wooded area that is predominately pine.



Facilities:

- One lighted ball field that is used for adult or youth baseball or softball with dugouts and bleachers
- One smaller ball field that is used for softball or youth baseball with dugouts and bleachers
- Building with restrooms and small picnic pavilion area with grills
- Playground with climber, overhead ladder, swings, spinner, two slides, and sandbox
- Benches around playground area, near tennis and basketball courts
- Gravel parking lot of approximately 75 spaces
- Tennis Court with Pickle Ball striping, tennis court backboard
- Basketball Court
- Batting cage with storage building



Activities: Softball, baseball, tennis, pickle ball, basketball, picnicking, dog walking

Special Notes: The majority of the property (8½ acres) was deeded to Whitewater Township from the Elk Rapids Public Schools in 1992 to be used for recreational purposes.

Action Program: “Hi” Pray Park is an underdeveloped recreational area of much potential that is centrally located in the Township as well as being part of the Williamsburg village zoned district. Development of a more diversified recreational facility would not only provide for community needs, but would help make Williamsburg a more viable village. The “Hi” Pray Park recreational plan (See *Appendix H*) was formulated as a guide for recreational development at the park.



1. Dugouts are unsafe and need to be replaced.
2. Bleachers are made of wood and have splintered and warped. These need to be upgraded to aluminum type for a safe, no-maintenance bleacher system.
3. Parking lot is in need of upgrading and improved landscaping.
4. Develop a walking trail system around the perimeter.
5. Other upgrades such as a community vegetable garden, veteran’s memorial, flower garden, etc.

This action program meets the goals of meeting the community need for recreational facilities including parks, playing fields and trails, as well as undeveloped areas maintained in a natural state. Also, providing safe broad community-based recreation opportunities that improve the overall quality of life for all residents of Whitewater Township.

3. Lossie Road Nature Trail



Location: Lossie Road Nature Trail begins at Cook Road where a stone marker has been placed honoring Edra “Mickey” Galligan, township supervisor 1985 to 1992, for her diligent efforts in acquiring Lossie Road Nature Trail from the Grand Traverse County Road Commission in 1992. The trail is a short distance south of the southwest corner of Elk Lake and continues east and slightly south to Skegemog Point Road.

Size: Approximately 3 miles in length.

Physical Features: Lossie Road Nature Trail is a narrow linear park bordering a mixture of wooded and open areas.

Facilities:

- Marked Trail
- Parking area off Cook Road

Activities: Hiking, mountain biking, nature viewing, cross country skiing, hunting. (See Appendix L for the Lossie Road Nature Trail Map)



Action Program: Addition of parking areas and improvements to the trail surface are needed to allow for easier use.

1. Trail map, kiosk, and trail signage improvements.
2. Provide a solution for transitioning over wet area location on the west end to allow walkers easy access.
3. Addition of parking areas.
4. Improvement to trail surface and expanding width.

This Action Program meets the goals of the community need for recreational facilities including parks and trails, as well as undeveloped areas maintained in a natural state, and will continue to improve and upgrade Whitewater Township recreational facilities so as to offer community parks that residents can be proud of.

4. Petobego Natural Area

Location: The property is located in the northwest corner of T28N, R9W, sections 8 and 17, in Whitewater Township. Access is on Angell Road west of Elk Lake Road. The property is adjacent to existing state-owned lands contained in the Petobego State Game Area and portions are within the State Game Area boundary.

Size: 250 acres.

Physical Features: There are several ecological communities critical to the preservation of the natural, scenic and recreational resources of Tobeco Creek watershed within the area. Tobeco Creek flows through the property northward into the Petobego State Game Area which includes the Petobego Marsh and the Petobego Pond. There is approximately 7,500 feet of Tobeco Creek frontage, riparian wetlands, and uplands on both banks of Tobeco Creek. There is a wide diversity of wetland types which include emergent marsh, cedar swamp, and northern shrub thicket which host a variety of important wetland dependent plant and animal species. Forested wetland areas provide necessary thermal cover for white-tailed deer. The adjacent upland slopes and grasslands provide habitat for nesting waterfowl, neo-tropical passerine birds, upland game and non-game species.

Facilities: Parking Area

Activities: Small game hunting, deer hunting, migratory bird hunting, fishing, canoeing, kayaking, wildlife observation, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing.

(See Appendixes M and N for Petobego Natural Area Aerial View and the Identification Map from the Management Plan)

Special Notes: Whitewater Township acquired this property with money secured in a grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and money raised through the coordinated efforts of the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy and Whitewater Township. The Township, together with the Conservancy, will carry out a management program for the property.

Action Program: The property will be developed in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Petobego Natural Area Management Plan and as funding becomes available.

1. The parking area surface improvement and boundary markers need to be added.
2. Landscaping to remove brush/shrubs at roadside to have better visibility from the road.
3. Creating a natural walking path.

This Action Program meets the goals of the community need for recreational facilities including parks and trails, as well as undeveloped areas maintained in a natural state and protection of the township's natural resources.

5. Petobego State Game Area

A portion of the state-owned land that makes up the Petobego State Game Area is in Whitewater Township and is adjacent to the north boundary of the Petobego Natural Area. Tobeco Creek flows northward from the Natural Area into the State Game Area that includes the Petobego Marsh and the Petobego Pond (both of which are of state-wide significance as defined by the Michigan Natural Features Inventory), eventually emptying into Grand Traverse Bay.

Battle Creek Natural Area

The Battle Creek Natural Area is located at the south end of Elk Lake and includes 255 acres with approximately 2300 feet of lake frontage. The property lies 3.5 miles northeast of Williamsburg on the west side of Skegemog Point Road about one mile north of M-72. The Lossie Road Nature Trail crosses the south end of the property providing two points of public access in addition to the main entrance located on Skegemog Point Road. The creek contributes approximately six billion gallons of clean water to Elk Lake and is especially important to water quality because of the size and quality of the wetland complex surrounding it. The wetlands are a valuable asset in the Elk Lake watershed and contributed to the naming of Battle Creek as a DNR-designated trout stream. Exceptional habitat and wildlife viewing opportunities are found throughout the Natural Area. Raptors, neo-tropical migrating songbirds, and a variety of waterfowl make use of the habitat provided by the creek and the large pond at the south end of Elk Lake. These winter yards provide critical thermal protection, food and cover for white-tailed deer during winters.

Size: 255.12 acres

Physical Features: The Battle Creek Natural Area includes a variety of diverse habitats and vast ecological systems. Battle Creek is a designated trout stream and one of the largest tributaries of Elk Lake. There is a footbridge spanning the creek along Lossie Road Nature Trail to provide safe crossing of the creek. Battle Creek widens into a large pond prior to flowing into Elk Lake and provides rich habitat and breeding grounds for a wide variety of wildlife including fish, waterfowl, amphibians, and reptiles. Huebner Pond and Dam is located in the southeast portion of the property on a tributary of Battle Creek and provides scenic viewing. Other features include wetlands, a red pine plantation, upland forest and approximately one-half mile of frontage on Elk Lake. This is one of the longest undeveloped shorelines remaining on Elk Lake. The shoreline is low, forested and offers expansive views. (See Appendix O for *Battle Creek Natural Area Boundary Map*)



Facilities: Parking Area

Activities: Hunting, hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, nature viewing, designated resting stop for the Chain of Lakes Water Trail (www.paddleantrim.com/chain-of-lakes-water-trail/).

Action Program: The property will be developed in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Battle Creek Natural Area Management Plan and as funding becomes available. Specifically provide land and water access to the trails, adding a viewing deck, and providing appropriate signage. *Note: A severe straight-line storm in August 2015 caused devastation in the way of downed trees and loss of previous trail system. Most of the trails were cleaned up, but some of the original trail could not be located so an alternate trail was created.*

This Action Program meets the goals of protection of the township's natural resources and community need for recreational facilities including parks and trails, as well as undeveloped areas maintained in a natural state. Also, meeting the goal to support and maintain existing Township recreation lands and facilities and explore future opportunities for waterfront access and utilization in the Township.

6. Sand Lakes Quiet Area

Sand Lakes Quiet Area is a large natural area owned by the State of Michigan featuring five small lakes accessible by trail only. Several miles of nature trails traverse through the roughly 2,000 acre parcel. The area is used extensively for hiking, cross-country skiing, fishing, camping and nature viewing. With the interior of the Quiet Area closed to motor vehicles, a parking lot is located at the entrance for visitors. Vault toilets are available for park users.

8. Pere Marquette State Forest

Approximately 13-14,000 acres of forested land, lakes, rivers and streams, including the North Branch of the Boardman River, are available for hiking, fishing, hunting, nature viewing, and canoeing, kayaking, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling.

9. Shore to Shore Trail

This trail, used for horseback riding and hiking, runs from Lake Michigan to Lake Huron and passes through the southern end of the Township. It is a primitive trail with no facilities or accommodations.

10. VASA Trail

A portion of the VASA hiking, biking and skiing trail and the mountain biking annex passes through a small portion of the Township.

11. Baggs Landing Boat Ramp

A State of Michigan owned facility with concrete launching ramp and parking lot on Skegemog Lake. Vault toilets are located near the facility.

12. Samels Centennial Farm

The Samels Centennial Farm is a 64 acre parcel located on Skegemog Point Road and bordering Skegemog Lake on the east. On the National Register of Historic Places, the site has yielded artifacts of many Indian cultures, some dating back to 9,000 BC. The family has entered into a trust agreement with the Archaeology Conservancy to preserve the entire farm, including the archaeological sites. A local group, the Samels Family Heritage Society,

has a memorandum of agreement in place with the Archaeology Conservancy which provides for a lease of the surface of the property, farm buildings and equipment.

13. Mill Creek Elementary School

A playground is available at the school. An outdoor facility, the Mill Creek Environmental Center, is used mainly for educational purposes. The school has a gym and the circular hallway is available for walking by township residents.

14. North Country National Scenic Trail

This trail crosses seven northern states beginning in New York and ending in North Dakota. It passes through a small section of the township. It is primitive with no accommodations.

15. Chain of Lakes Water Trail

The Chain of Lakes Water Trail in Northwest Michigan is a 99+ mile inland water trail made up of 12 lakes and interconnected rivers which flow into the East Grand Traverse Bay of Lake Michigan. This trail is hosted by Paddle Antrim, a non-profit organization working to protect water resources by connecting people through paddle sports. The trail is recognized as a state-designated water trail. The Michigan State Water Trail program is administered by the Department of Natural Resources.

Description/Inventory of Recreation Opportunities Outside Whitewater Township

In close proximity to Whitewater Township are several sensitive land areas:

- Yuba Creek Natural Area
- Maple Bay Park in Acme Township
- Skegemog Lake Wildlife Area
- The Seven Bridges in Clearwater Township
- Guernsey Lake State Forest Campground to the east in Kalkaska Township
- Muncie Lakes Pathway to the south in Union Township.
- Several nearby golf courses

BARRIER-FREE COMPLIANCE

Whitewater Township's recreation facilities have been reviewed for barrier-free accessibility, and will be a criterion used when completing township projects. The Whitewater Township Board will continue to look for ways to improve accessibility as barriers are identified and all accessibility improvements will conform to the required standards.

ACTION PROGRAM

We have evaluated and placed the Action Program information under the "Recreation Inventory" sections for each of the individual facilities.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULE

Based on public input and the management plans, the following improvement schedule was generated in order of priority as of January 2021, including estimated cost. Some work is in process or has been completed.

1. Hi Pray Park – Improve ballfields, dugouts (\$18,000)
2. Whitewater Township Park - Boat launch/entryway improvements (\$400,000)
3. Lossie Road Nature Trail – Trail improvements/boardwalk over wet area (\$20,000)
4. Lossie Road Nature Trail – Upgrade walking bridge at Battle Creek (\$10,000)
5. Battle Creek – Making the existing trail a loop (instead of a dead-end) (\$20,000)
6. Battle Creek – Linking the trail to Lossie Trail (\$150,000)
7. Battle Creek - Re-establishing the trail to the lake (\$50,000)
8. Petobego – Improvements such as road access, parking area surface, signage (\$20,000)
9. Lossie Road Nature Trail – Create parking areas at Skegemog Point Road entrance (\$37,000)
10. Petobego – Establish walking trail (\$20,000)
11. Hi Pray Park – Upgrade playground equipment (\$30,000)
12. Hi Pray Park – Install walking trail (\$90,000)
13. Whitewater – Install courtesy dock at boat launch (\$20,000)
14. Whitewater Township Park – Install kayak/canoe/stand-up paddleboat launch (\$75,000)
15. Whitewater Township Park – Replace ranger station (\$36,000 = 480 sf x \$75)
16. Hi Pray Park – Improve southwest access driveway, parking, tree removal and brush cleanup (\$20,000-\$70,000)
17. Whitewater Township Park – Upgrade pit toilets at boat launch (\$30,000)
18. Hi Pray Park – New bleachers (\$8,000)
19. Whitewater Township Park – Improve/pave Whitewater portion of Park Road (\$45,000/ \$600,000)
20. Hi Pray Park – Pave parking lot at Elk Lake Road entrance (\$250,000)
21. Develop disc golf course (\$12,000)

Long Term Planning Goals:

Campground expansions

Develop plan for feasibility of a marina at Whitewater Township Park

Athletic complex – swimming, skating, etc.

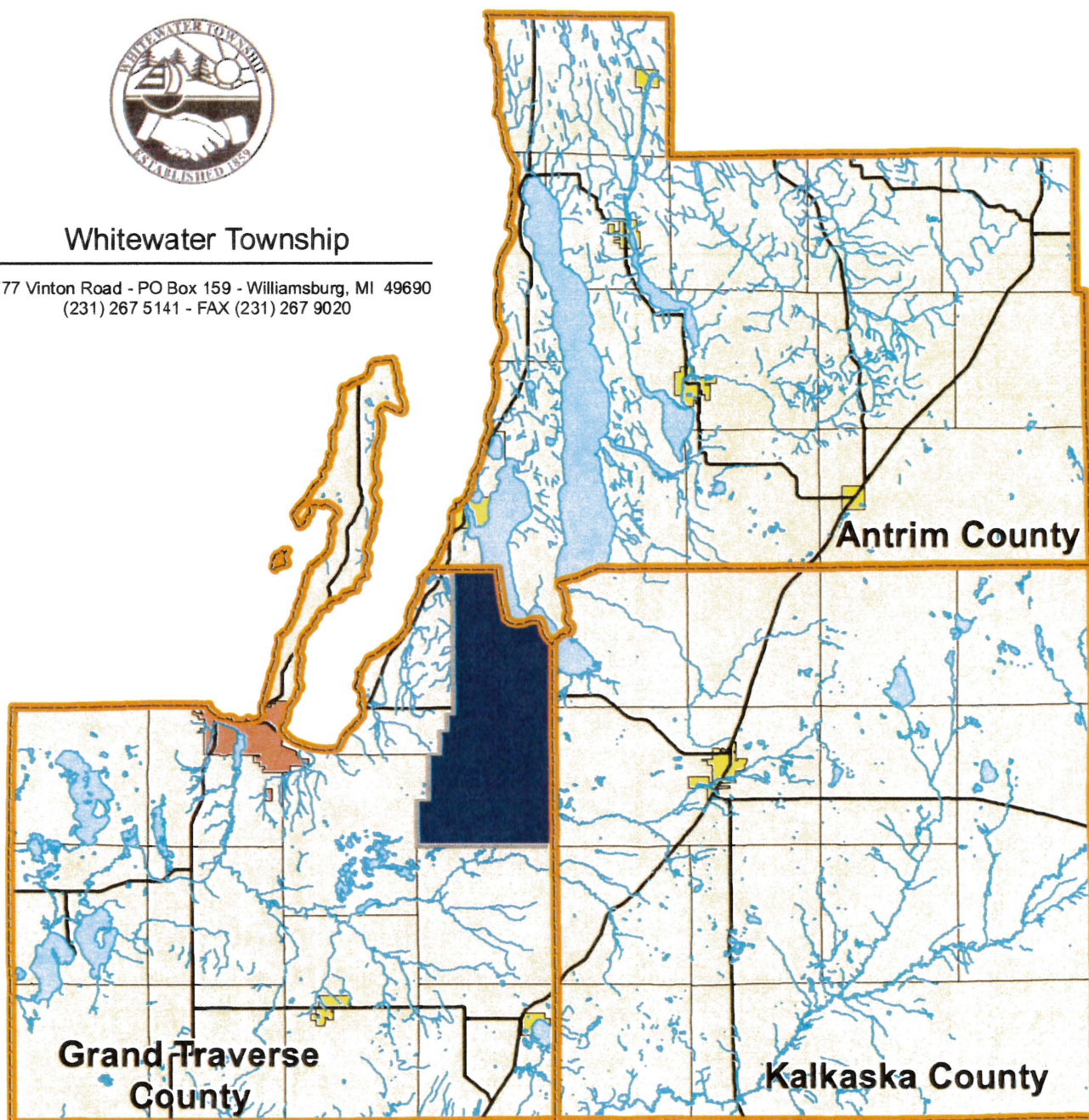
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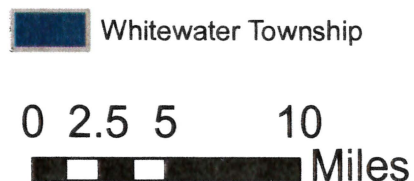
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Location of Whitewater Township in Relation to Surrounding Areas

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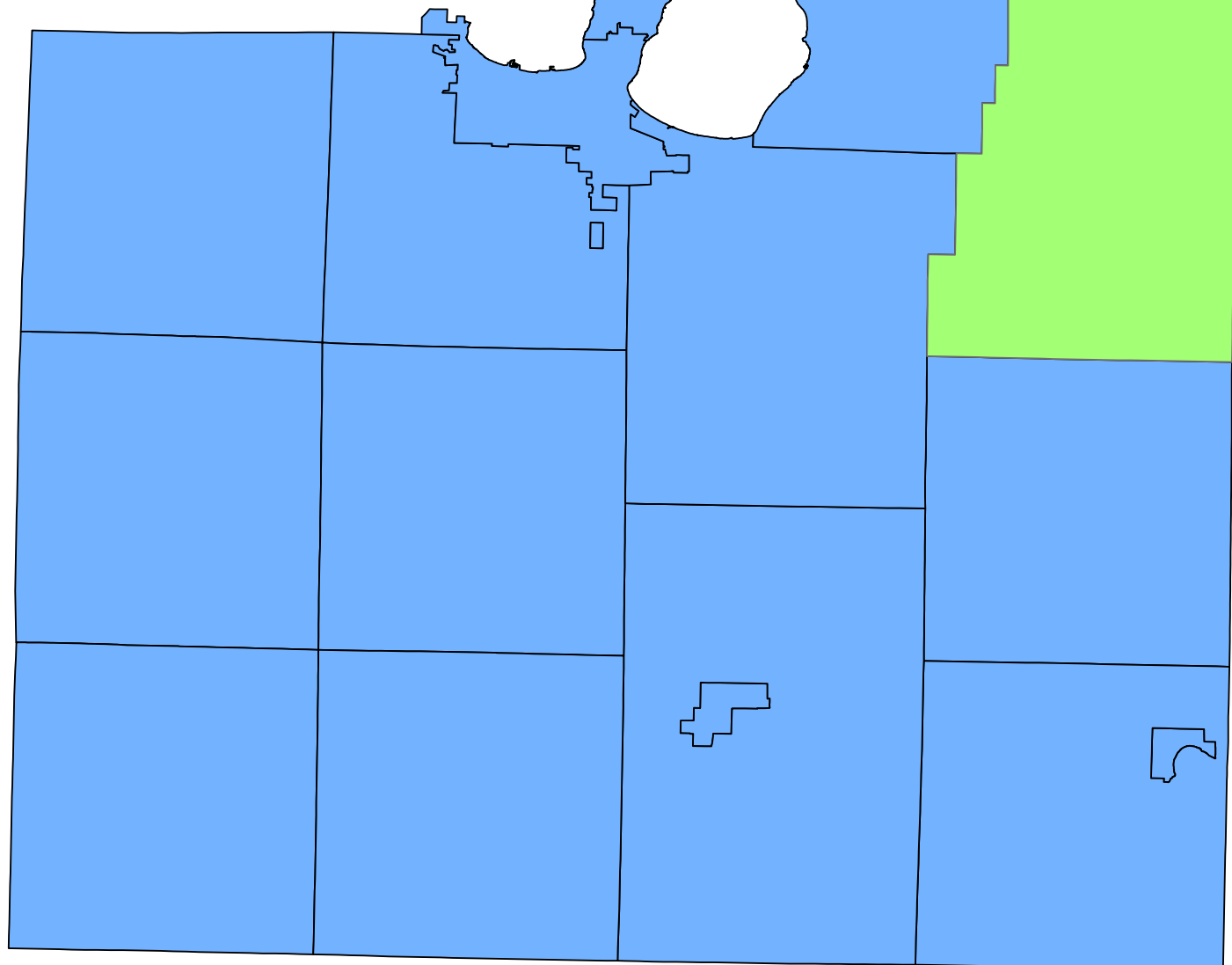


Whitewater Township Grand Traverse County, MI

Appendix B



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EARLY HISTORY

Archaeologists theorize that five or six different cultures of people occupied the area of the township around Skegemog Point beginning approximately 10,500 BC. Prior to the settlement of the area by white settlers, the Mascoutin (or "People of the Open Prairie"), a branch of the Algonquian race, lived in the area until the 1630's, followed by the Chippewa and Ottawa Indian tribes. The majority of the Native Americans were moved north to a reservation after 1857.

Some early white visitors to the area came to trap and trade with the Indians, perhaps as early as 1810-1820. Father Baraga mapped the area between 1830-1840. After the 1850 Government Survey, the area received its first permanent white settlers. Amon Langworthy, George Brown and William H. Fife (who later became the Township's first supervisor) came in 1854, Joseph Sours in 1855, H. S. Beach in 1856, and J. M. Merrill in 1858. At "Hi" Pray Park, a stone memorializes the Williamsburg pioneers of 1856. These pioneers are William and Martha Langworthy, Edward and Millie Cox, Michael and Lizzie Gay, and C. Truman and Laura Scofield.

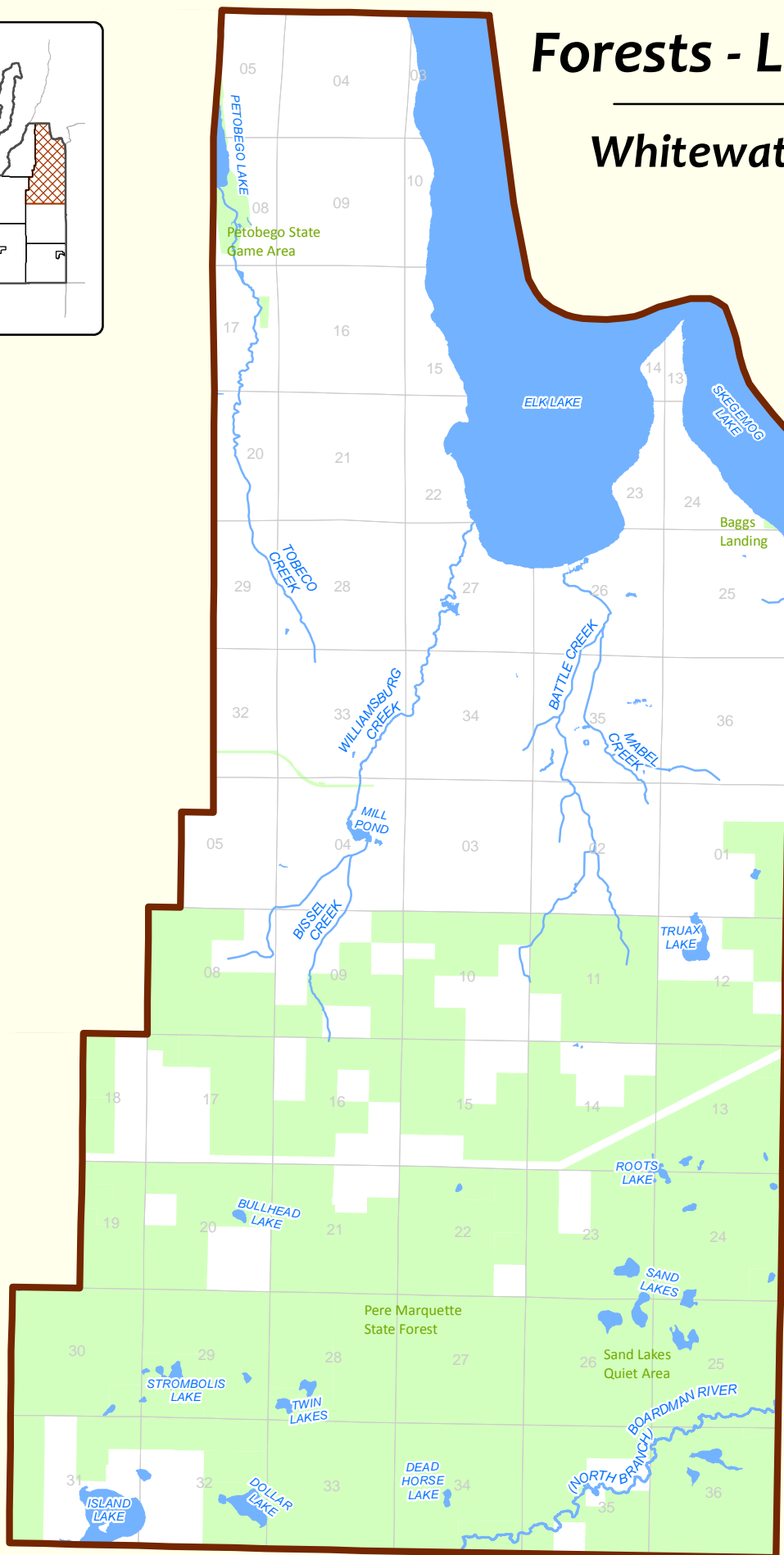
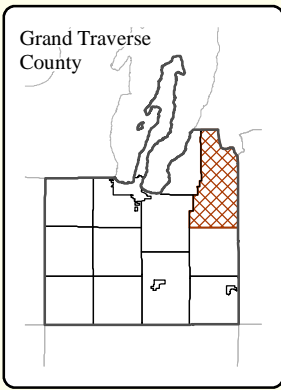
Prior to the construction of roads and railroads in the area, supplies came by boat from Elk Rapids on Elk and Skegemog Lakes and were transported cross-country to the Williamsburg area. Construction of the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad began in the area in 1867 and reached Lake Michigan in 1872.

The area of Williamsburg was originally part of a large county called Michilimackinac. In 1859, Whitewater Township became the third township in the county, after Peninsula and Traverse, and covered an area from Elk Lake to past Grand Traverse Bay. The town of Williamsburg was the largest settlement in the township and was established prior to the township being organized. The Whitewater Township Hall was built in 1889 on land donated by David Vinton, Jr.

The early commercial activity of the area was lumbering and the operation of grist and saw mills. As the forests were cleared, agriculture uses increased. The abundant water resources of the area allowed for the beginning of many resort operations. In 1903, the population of Williamsburg was about 150 people. The early town contained a store, hotel, blacksmith shop, sawmill, gristmill, grange hall, township hall, schoolhouse and a Methodist-Episcopal Church. In the early 1900's the township had seven schools with a total of eight rooms.

Forests - Lakes - Rivers

Whitewater Township



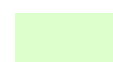
Rivers



Lakes



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Section Lines



Township Boundary



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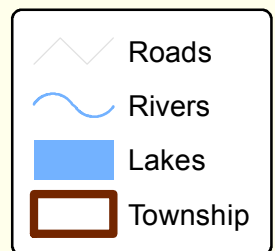
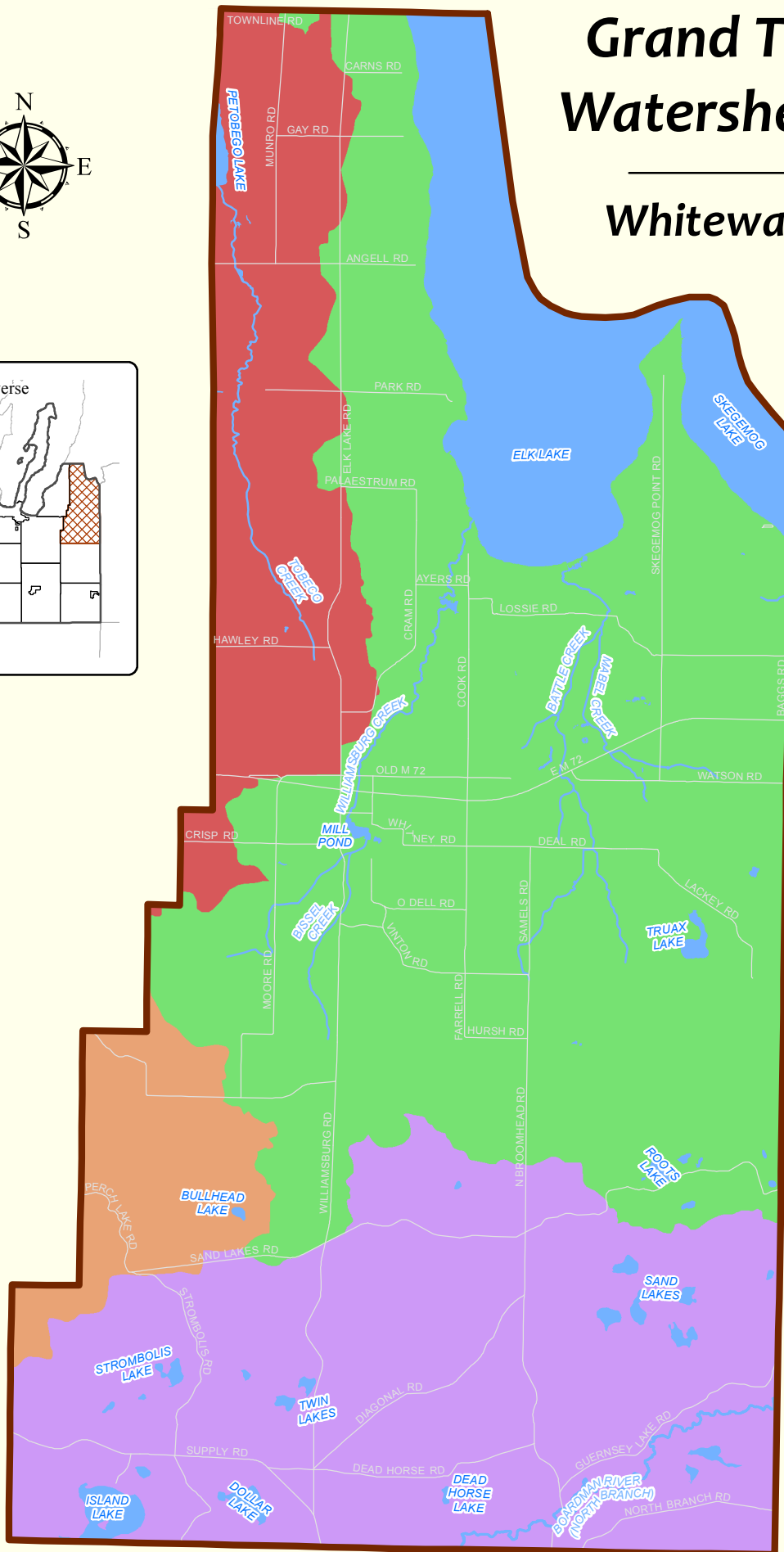
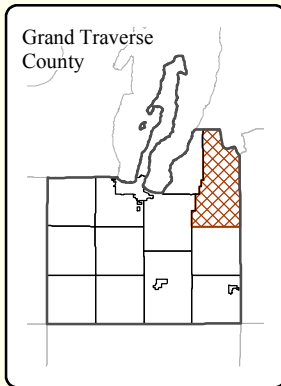


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Grand Traverse Bay Watershed Subbasins

Whitewater Township



1 inch = 6,500 feet

Watershed Subbasin

- Acme Creek to East GT Bay
- Boardman River to West GT Bay
- Flows to Mouth of Elk River
- Tobeco & Yuba Creeks to East GT Bay

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	Prior Year Actual	Current Yr Amended Budget	Current Year Actual	Next Year Adopted Budget	Budget Percent Change
Fund: 208 - PARK FUND					
Revenues					
590 Grants-Private Sources	18,069	0	20,100	0	0.00
626 Fees Charged	136,404	120,000	163,787	140,000	16.67
627 Pavilion Rental	400	500	425	400	-20.00
628 Boat Ramp Fees	12,375	12,000	15,665	13,000	8.33
631 Shirts Hats	0	0	0	0	0.00
632 Reservation Fees	10,400	9,000	13,416	11,000	22.22
644 Ice Sales	4,974	4,800	6,250	5,000	4.17
645 Pop Sales	0	0	0	0	0.00
646 Wood Sales	9,445	8,000	15,910	18,000	125.00
648 Shower Fees	2,228	2,000	2,183	4,500	125.00
665 Interest Earned	449	300	481	300	0.00
671 Other Revenues	977	700	1,065	900	28.57
673 Sale of Fixed Assets	0	0	20	0	0.00
687 Refunds	0	0	0	0	0.00
688 Sales Tax Discount	0	0	0	0	0.00
694 Cash Over & Short	9	0	37	0	0.00
699 Transfers From Other Funds	0	50,000	0	0	-100.00
Total Revenues	195,730	207,300	239,338	193,100	-6.85

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	Prior Year Actual	Current Yr Amended Budget	Current Year Actual	Next Year Adopted Budget	Budget Percent Change
Fund: 208 - PARK FUND					
Expenditures					
Dept: 756 Township Park					
702 Salaries	6,000	6,180	6,180	6,365	2.99
703 Wages	55,593	61,000	60,262	70,000	14.75
715 Social Security (Employer)	3,819	4,105	4,120	4,800	16.93
716 Medicare (Employer)	893	970	964	1,200	23.71
727 Office Supplies & Expense	923	700	958	1,000	42.86
728 Postage	1	0	14	20	0.00
729 Licenses & Fees	520	600	516	600	0.00
739 Fuel & Oil	94	200	13	100	-50.00
740 Operating Expense & Supplies	8,855	7,000	7,638	9,000	28.57
741 Ice	2,698	3,000	3,593	3,800	26.67
742 Pop	0	0	0	0	0.00
743 Wood	5,655	5,500	5,622	12,000	118.18
744 Shirts & Hats	0	0	0	0	0.00
747 Uniforms	986	300	53	300	0.00
748 Sales Tax	780	900	1,239	1,300	44.44
749 Credit Card Processing Fees	3,392	4,000	4,589	5,000	25.00
803 Medical Professional Services	768	1,000	790	1,000	0.00
804 Professional Services	4,059	1,000	0	0	-100.00
809 Lawn Maintenance Services	5,125	6,000	4,025	5,000	-16.67
811 Waste Removal Services	2,145	2,400	2,149	2,200	-8.33
812 Septic Services	4,610	5,000	4,133	4,500	-10.00
823 State Unemployment	0	0	0	127	0.00
851 Internet/Website	3,047	2,500	4,251	2,000	-20.00
852 Promotional Expenses	500	500	437	500	0.00
854 Late Fees	0	0	0	0	0.00
860 Mileage Reimbursement	125	250	195	200	-20.00
901 Publishing	0	0	111	0	0.00
902 Printing	367	500	0	500	0.00
922 Electricity	7,599	8,000	8,726	8,800	10.00
924 Telephone	461	1,000	431	500	-50.00
925 Cellular Phone	564	600	566	600	0.00
929 Propane	1,116	1,300	793	1,200	-7.69
930 Facility Repairs/Maintenance	57,208	44,400	23,557	40,900	-7.88
934 Fire Damage	0	0	0	0	0.00
940 Equipment Rental	433	500	0	500	0.00
956 Miscellaneous Expense	107	0	0	0	0.00
964 Refunds	0	0	0	0	0.00
965 Theft	0	0	0	0	0.00
970 Capital Expenditure	2,800	200,000	20,074	200,000	0.00
Total Township Park	181,242	369,405	165,997	384,012	3.95
Dept: 862 Soc Sec/Medicare (Employer)					
715 Social Security (Employer)	0	0	0	0	0.00
716 Medicare (Employer)	0	0	0	0	0.00
Total Soc Sec/Medicare (Employer)	0	0	0	0	0.00
Dept: 865 Insurance					
820 Liability Insurance	3,301	4,000	3,301	3,400	-15.00
821 Workers Compensation	927	1,500	918	1,000	-33.33
Total Insurance	4,228	5,500	4,219	4,400	-20.00
Dept: 890 Contingency					
890 Contingency	0	0	0	10,000	0.00
Total Contingency	0	0	0	10,000	0.00
Dept: 907 Debt Service/Park					
991 Debt Service Principal	0	0	0	0	0.00
997 Debt Service Interest	0	0	0	0	0.00

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Fund: 208 - PARK FUND					
Expenditures					
Total Debt Service/Park	0	0	0	0	0.00
Total Expenditures	185,471	374,905	170,216	398,412	6.27

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	Prior Year Actual	Current Yr Amended Budget	Current Year Actual	Next Year Adopted Budget	Budget Percent Change
Fund: 209 - RECREATION FUND					
Revenues					
402 Property Taxes	0	0	0	0	0.00
445 Penalties & Interest	0	0	0	0	0.00
590 Grants-Private Sources	0	0	600	0	0.00
627 Pavilion Rental	225	225	150	225	0.00
629 Ballfield Rental Fees	0	0	0	0	0.00
645 Pop Sales	0	0	0	0	0.00
665 Interest Earned	111	50	111	100	100.00
671 Other Revenues	0	0	0	0	0.00
673 Sale of Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0	0.00
687 Refunds	0	0	0	0	0.00
699 Transfers From Other Funds	30,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	0.00
Total Revenues	30,336	20,275	20,861	20,325	0.25

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	Prior Year Actual	Current Yr Amended Budget	Current Year Actual	Next Year Adopted Budget	Budget Percent Change
Fund: 209 - RECREATION FUND					
Expenditures					
Dept: 757 Recreation					
702 Salaries	800	824	824	850	3.16
703 Wages	4,221	7,000	5,698	6,000	-14.29
715 Social Security (Employer)	311	485	381	425	-12.37
716 Medicare (Employer)	73	115	89	100	-13.04
727 Office Supplies & Expense	0	0	61	70	0.00
728 Postage	0	0	0	0	0.00
729 Licenses & Fees	142	200	138	200	0.00
740 Operating Expense & Supplies	341	600	330	600	0.00
742 Pop	0	0	0	0	0.00
804 Professional Services	0	0	0	0	0.00
809 Lawn Maintenance Services	4,850	6,000	4,155	6,000	0.00
811 Waste Removal Services	0	0	0	0	0.00
812 Septic Services	0	0	0	0	0.00
823 State Unemployment	0	0	0	0	0.00
854 Late Fees	0	0	0	0	0.00
860 Mileage Reimbursement	26	100	5	50	-50.00
880 Education & Training	0	250	0	250	0.00
901 Publishing	0	0	0	0	0.00
922 Electricity	831	1,500	1,004	1,000	-33.33
930 Facility Repairs/Maintenance	8,893	24,000	5,104	26,030	8.46
956 Miscellaneous Expense	0	0	0	0	0.00
964 Refunds	0	0	0	0	0.00
970 Capital Expenditure	3,815	38,200	1,245	58,455	53.02
Total Recreation	24,303	79,274	19,034	100,030	26.18
Dept: 862 Soc Sec/Medicare (Employer)					
715 Social Security (Employer)	0	0	0	0	0.00
716 Medicare (Employer)	0	0	0	0	0.00
Total Soc Sec/Medicare (Employer)	0	0	0	0	0.00
Dept: 890 Contingency					
890 Contingency	0	0	0	0	0.00
Total Contingency	0	0	0	0	0.00
Total Expenditures	24,303	79,274	19,034	100,030	26.18



WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP
HILAN 'HI' PRAY PARK
CONCEPTUAL LAYOUT PLAN
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**PARKS
&
RECREATION
SURVEY
2020**

Parks & Recreation Survey 2020

In the fall of 2020, the Whitewater Township Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee created a park improvements survey in order to gather input from residents and taxpayers regarding their level of interest in a wide-ranging list of potential improvements at township parks. In an effort to reach everyone who lives in or owns property in the township, various methods of distribution were utilized. A copy of the survey was mailed to 1,557 properties with the December tax bills and newsletter. The newsletter invited those with internet access to fill out the survey on the township website or to complete and return the paper copy enclosed with the newsletter. An e-mail "blast" was sent to 800+ residents/taxpayers notifying them of the opportunity to participate in the survey. A handful of survey copies were available at the township hall.

After allowing approximately six weeks for responses, 213 surveys were tabulated. The survey results are represented in graph form and document the level of interest that the community assigned to the proposed park improvements. Respondents were also able to add comments to the survey. All survey comments have been compiled into a document for publication with the survey results.

In addition to the goal of finding out from the community the types of park improvements they would like to see, conducting the survey assists in meeting the Public Input Process criteria for state-approved Recreation Plans as required by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Any township that wishes to apply for grant funds through the State of Michigan must have a current 5-Year Recreation Plan on file with the state.

The Whitewater Township Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee and the Whitewater Township Board will also utilize the survey results to plan and budget for future park improvements.

Acknowledgements

The Parks & Recreation Survey 2020 was developed, tabulated, and published through the efforts of Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee members Melissa Melton, Brandon Hubbell, Dennis Leach, Fran Butler, Tom Cosgrove, and Linda Slopsema, as well as Parks & Recreation Administrator Cheryl Goss.

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Parks & Recreation Survey 2020

We want to hear from you!

The Whitewater Township Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee is in the process of updating the township's 5-year Recreation Plan. In order to plan for future improvements, the committee would like to know what improvements the public is interested in. Using the following list of ideas, please indicate your level of interest for each. The survey can be taken online at <https://www.whitewatertownship.org/parks--recreation-survey.html> or by filling out this form and returning it to the outside drop box at the township hall or mailing it to Whitewater Township, P.O. Box 159, Williamsburg, MI 49690. **Please submit your response by December 13, 2020.**

Check the box indicating your level of interest.

Very Somewhat Not

Ideas for Park Improvements

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Battle Creek Natural Area – Re-establishing the trail to the lake
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Battle Creek Natural Area – Linking the trail to Lossie Trail
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Battle Creek Natural Area – Making the existing trail a loop (instead of a dead end)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hi Pray Park – New bleachers
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hi Pray Park – Improve west access drive off Old M-72 and parking area at lower ball field
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hi Pray Park – Install walking path
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hi Pray Park – Pave parking lot at Elk Lake Road entrance
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Whitewater Township Park – Upgrade pit toilets at boat launch/pavilion area
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Whitewater Township Park – Improve/pave Whitewater Township portion of Park Road
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Whitewater Township Park – Install courtesy dock at boat launch
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Develop disc golf course

If you have other ideas for park improvements, please list them below.

Comment _____

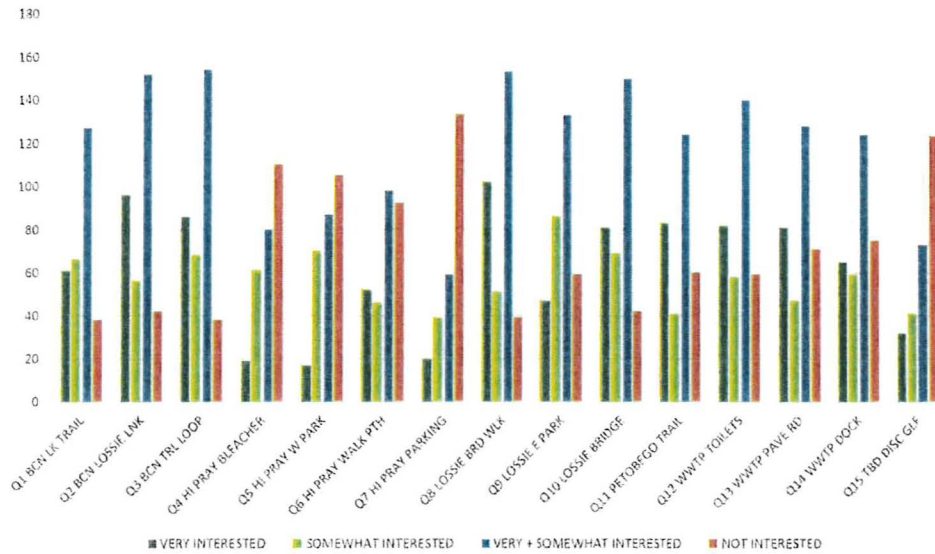
Thank you for participating in the survey!

2020 PARKS RECREATION SURVEY
WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP

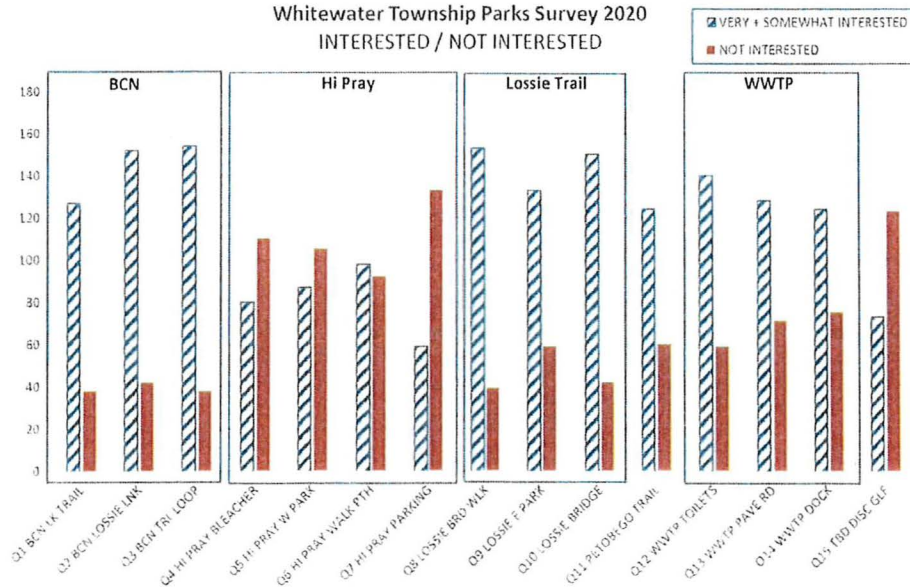
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VERY INTERESTED	61	96	86	19	17	52	20	102	47	81	83	82	81	65	32
SOMEWHAT INTERESTED	66	56	68	61	70	46	39	51	86	69	41	58	47	59	41
VERY + SOMEWHAT INTERESTED	127	152	154	80	87	98	59	153	133	150	124	140	128	124	73
NOT INTERESTED	38	42	38	110	105	92	133	39	59	42	60	59	71	75	123

OVERALL RESULTS



Whitewater Township Parks Survey 2020
INTERESTED / NOT INTERESTED



PARKS & RECREATION SURVEY 2020 - COMMENTS

(Comment # corresponds to Survey #)

If you have other ideas for park improvements, please list them below.

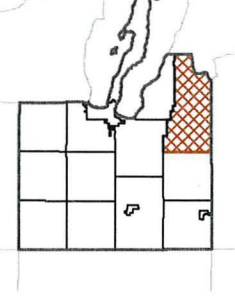
1. playground equipment at WWTP
3. One entrance to Hi Pray Park off of Elk Lake Road would be more beneficial than the random parking everywhere that is currently going on. Much safer for the kids
6. I would like to see the beach area at the Park moved to the other side of the boat launch. It would be more user friendly to the campers and to the residents of Whitewater. An upgrade is definitely needed in that area. You should look at West Bay's Grelickville beach and picnic area. It's fantastic and it would be a great thing for the residents of this township!
11. Have some professional topographical maps of the parks, with trails, made and available for viewing and downloading. Include some history of the area and specifically those parks. Your historical association surely has information that could be added.
16. Pickle ball courts. Curling shed. Curling club
24. Would be nice to have a fish cleaning station at Whitewater Park. DNR is stocking Elk Lake with trout which will draw anglers.
32. It's very odd that Battle Creek trail leads to someone's yard. Beginning in a secluded, wooded area is beautiful but very anti-climatic to dead end at a driveway. Why doesn't the trail stick to the woods like it did in years past? I know the storm took out many trees but the trail could certainly stay in the forest growth. Both that and Lossie trail are treasures and we appreciate their existence.
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34. Putting paddings on the dock to protect boats from damage esp when the water is rough. Nature trails at park are having issues with the invasive autumn olive overgrowth
36. I do not know where the other natural areas and trails are located. I am an avid walker in all weather and would love additional places to walk. Very interested in all improvements.
41. As far as creating a parking area at Skegemog Pt Rd & Lossie Trail, I don't know where the township expects to put that. Whitewater township had an opportunity to purchase the 1 acre on the southwest corner of Skegemog Pt Rd and Lossie Trail and didn't and now it is privately owned. As it is, the township has cut off any land owners' access to the back of their property via Lossie Trail, which in my opinion is unlawful. I think the township should consider the parking lot to be put down Lossie Trail at, what the locals call, the turnaround. At the bottom of the hill where it makes a 90 and goes down to the creek. Hunters and walkers have been parking there for years until Whitewater Township decided there shouldn't be any motor vehicle traffic down that trail anymore. If parking was allowed at the turnaround and the conservatory property was linked to Lossie Trail, the turnaround would be very close to where the conservatory trail would come out on Lossie Trail. Also, if the parking lot was down there, I think more people would use the trail. From there they could go all the way to Cook Rd., the Conservatory property and the Lake, if the trail was improved. Making the existing trail at Battle Creek Natural area, a loop instead of a dead end, is very important to me. When people













- get to the dead end, they find it easier to trespass on private land to get up to the road and back to their place of origin, rather than turning around and going back the way they came. It would severely cut down on the people trespassing on our land.
44. Maybe a small covered area next to the tennis courts for shade?
 47. It would be wonderful to have a paved walking trail here in our area. Exercise is always encouraged and having a paved trail to walk on would be Great
 49. Especially interested in 'Lossie Road Nature Trail – Trail improvements/boardwalk over wet area' On the side closest to Cook Rd, the path is almost unusable in areas due to water/swamp and exacerbated by the tractors and off-road vehicles that chew up the ground which then floods.
 55. I am nearly 80 years and can't hike anymore. Therefore, I didn't respond to your questions because I don't know the current condition of the trails. I fully support your efforts to improve our Township and I wish you all the success you have worked to achieve. Thank you for supporting our Township.
 63. I think the improvements to the Battle Creek trail and the Lossie Trail would make them more appealing and would get more people using these community gems. Hi Pray park, being centrally located, is kind of a place to showcase what the township has to offer so I think improvements there are very good. I think paving the parking area is not necessary. I like the nice amenities with the more rustic feel. Thank you and good luck!!
 64. We think that boat wash station(s) are important at the Township Park boat launch area. And that they be required before boats are able to launch.
 67. We'd love to see the old Williamsburg - Elk Rapids train line turn into a walking path. Parking area for Lossie Trail designated more clearly on Cook Road. Love the disc golf idea!
 69. Extremely interested in a trail at Petobego, disc golf at Whitewater Park. Curious if the township has any control over the former railroad - seems ideal for Rail Trail project.
 89. This was a good chance to review the parks and recreation areas in Whitewater Township. I love Battle Creek Natural area. It is one of my favorite places to walk. I think I remember a route to Elk Lake that was marked by an Eagle scout. I did not know that Lossie Rd Trail had access on Cook Rd. Until this survey I did not know Petobego Natural Area existed! I would love to see all these Natural Areas enhanced. Thank you Katherine Lawrence 9019 Skegemog Pt. Rd.
 90. Elk Lake, along Gay Road/Innis Lane/Orchard Lane had significant Swimmer's Itch issues this during Summer 2020.
 92. Thank you for your efforts!
 94. None at this time, thank you.
 97. The disc golf course will just bring in those dang Millennials. - Signed a Xennial
 99. Install more campsites at Whitewater township park to the northwest of the current location
 100. Emphatic 'NO!' to disc golf!
 104. There are many other things in the township which our tax dollars could be utilized for the benefit of ALL twp residents. Let's take care of these needs first!
 110. Obtain a wooded area about 1 mile by 1 mile or more to set aside for recreational hiking, biking, and horseback riding with dedicated trails for each. Also include separate mountain biking trails if terrain is hilly. All the better if the area includes a stream or pond to further diversify wildlife.
 112. Lossie Road Nature Trail is not suited to any motorized vehicles due to the high water table, soils and topography. Water-filled ruts, 8 to 10" deep have been left by motorized vehicles, making the trail very difficult and hazardous for walkers. Pistol shooting witnessed near the Skegemog Point Rd entrance to Lossie Road Nature Trail is very dangerous and illegal.











- Resident near entrance yelled at hikers to not use the trail because her visitors were shooting there (a young couple with a year-old child, no less) and the shooters were on private property, which may be true. However, shooting near a public trail and endangerment of the public is illegal. Other walkers we met were frightened at hearing the shooting and turned around to leave the trail as fast as possible. A sign posting "No Firearm Shooting Permitted" at Lossie Road Nature Trail is needed to protect the public.
116. Funding is a concern. I am on a fixed income and cannot afford a property tax increase. Fund raisers and donations make sense. COVID restrictions? Rules enforcement? Liabilities? How do you keep campers from hogging the courtesy dock? Extra costs for cleaning flush toilets? The narrow dirt road slows down traffic Altho it is messy after a rain.
 117. The Pavilion at the Whitewater Township park could use an update. The trails are great! We walk them all the time. Like the new signs.
 122. Add an extension to the current dock. On windy days it is very difficult to safely load your boat because the dock is so short and you have to push your boat out beyond the dock to get the trailer in deep enough to load.
 126. Whitewater Township Park - Improve/pave Whitewater Township portion of Park Road Very interested
 129. Funds should be available from the state for certain improvements at the Whitewater Twp Park. Glenn and Renee Savage
 132. More childrens play equipment, bigger better playgrounds at Hi Pray Park
 133. More playground equip. (climbers, slide, merry go round, etc) @ Hi Pray Park
 138. Pave "ALL" of Park Road!
 139. Improving the beach area and playground at Whitewater Township Park.
 141. Play area/jungle gym for younger kids at Hi Pray Par.
 143. Does not pertain to the parks, properly pave angel road, have traveled it for 25 years and all you do is patch it!
 144. Improve/pave WWT portion of Whitney Rd! At least improve! Thank you.
 146. I have walked all of these areas numerous times. Battle Creek and Lossie Road are real gems that could use some work. I would like to volunteer to help although I am not physically strong. I would love to see a trail or viewing platform at Petobego! Whitewater trails are pretty well maintained, though trail markers are confusing.
 147. Improve walk at Petobego south end of bay
 148. I love the natural areas being preserved and cared for!
 161. I think we do a great job!
 162. Pushing 80 – don't hike anymore.
 163. Please don't create urban areas out of wildlife areas. If we have money to spend, pave our roads.
 164. Stiff penalty for abuse.
 171. Park improvements are fine when road improvements begin to become a priority in this township! Don't forget everyday use by township citizens. Parks are not used by all residents.
 174. With the number of boats using the Township Park, I think the upgrade to the pit toilets should be of high priority as well as paving road
 177. After the storm of 2015, \$40,000 was spent to clear this trail. It was re-routed along property lines instead of the original trail in the woods. Total waste of taxpayer money. Leave this section of trail as is.
 181. I cannot comment on the others. I don't know them.
 182. Trail needs to be cleaned up. Treat wood on lookout deck.
 183. Where would this be located? (referring to disc golf course) Improve dock with bumper padding at the park. Clean and water seal the overlook deck to maintain it.

- 184. Disc golf would be great!
- 186. Improve but not pave Whitewater Township portion of Park Road (seasonal rd, not make it a raceway to the lake). Develop disc golf course where? Automatic doors and locks at Hipray Park/Spring-loaded shutoff valves @ Hipray/Exhaust fans in bathrooms at Hipray/Repair all wooden fences @ Hipray/Remove all berms and brush @ Hipray.
- 189. Love the ideas of improving the trails!
- 191. Need to talk to owners around trail. (Lossie Road Nature Trail)
- 193. Do what you see best to do! (Hi Pray Park)
- 196. We've been camping at WW Twp Park for 30 years. Finally bought property on Skegemog Point. The township needs to invest in additional camping at the park. It's very hard to get sites every year. Missed opportunity on your part. Also the camping fees at WWTP are much lower than area campgrounds. You have direct access to the lake! I use to refer to site 15 as my "million \$ view for \$30 per night." Love this campground. But even happier to have my own slice of heaven on Elk Lake!
- 202. Make a paved walk/bike trail along Skegemog Point Road from 72 to north end.
- 203. (marina) Go after federal funding and DNR grant for a marina. There is no were to more a boat on elk lake. No were available. No were at the S. end of the lake. It is very apparent from the day use, that this is very much needed. It also brings in lots of money to our area. T.Y. Mike
- 209. Would like trails to remain rustic, prefer not to be over run with tourists like sleeping bear parks.
- 212. Never been there (Petobego Natural Area). Battle Creek Trail bridge NEEDS improvement at Lossie Road. Too many downed trees as well.

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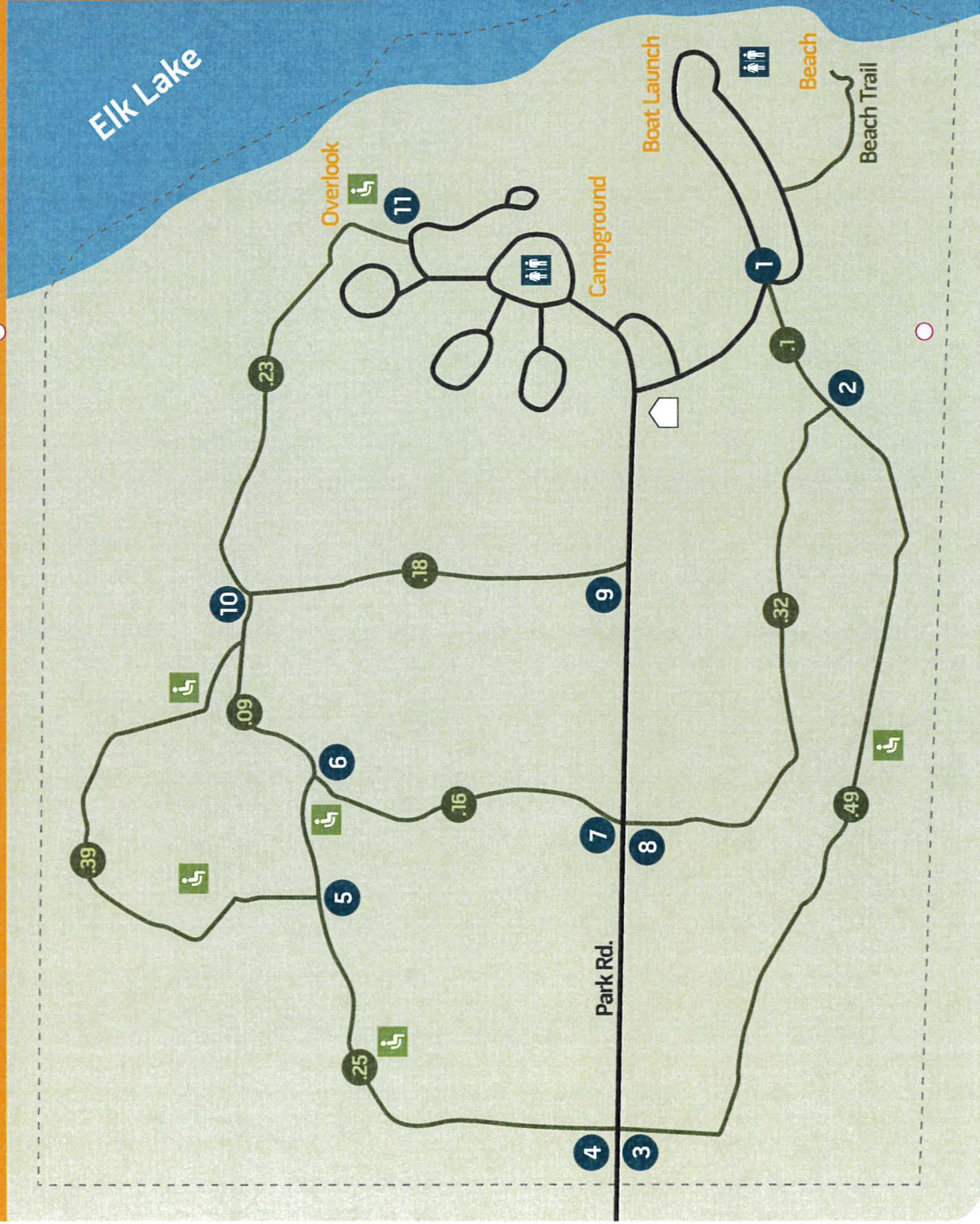
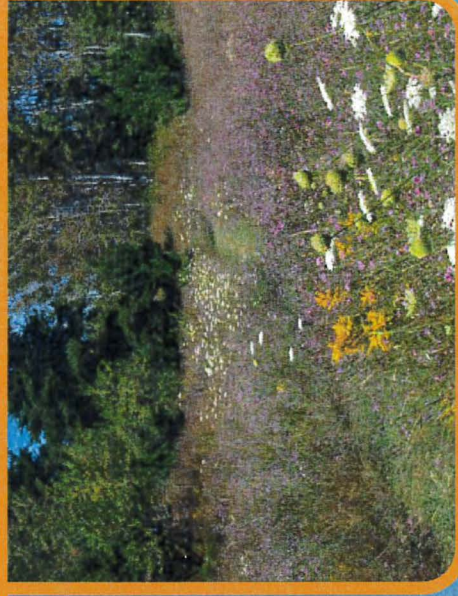
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|  | Snowmobile |
|  | Vasa Ski Trail |
|  | Vasa Bike Trail |
|  | Township Boundary |
|  | Battle Creek Natural Area |
|  | Hi Pray Park |
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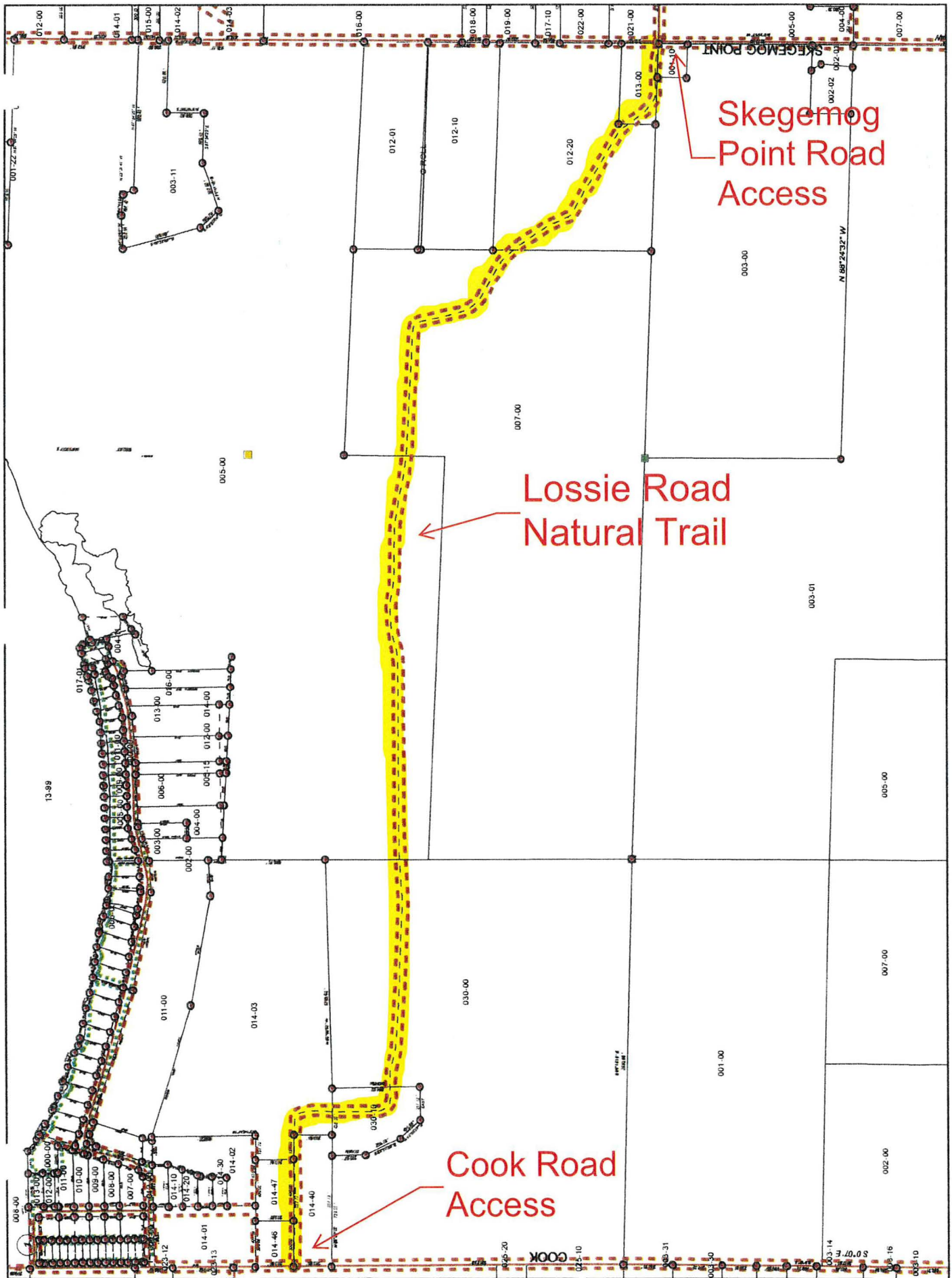
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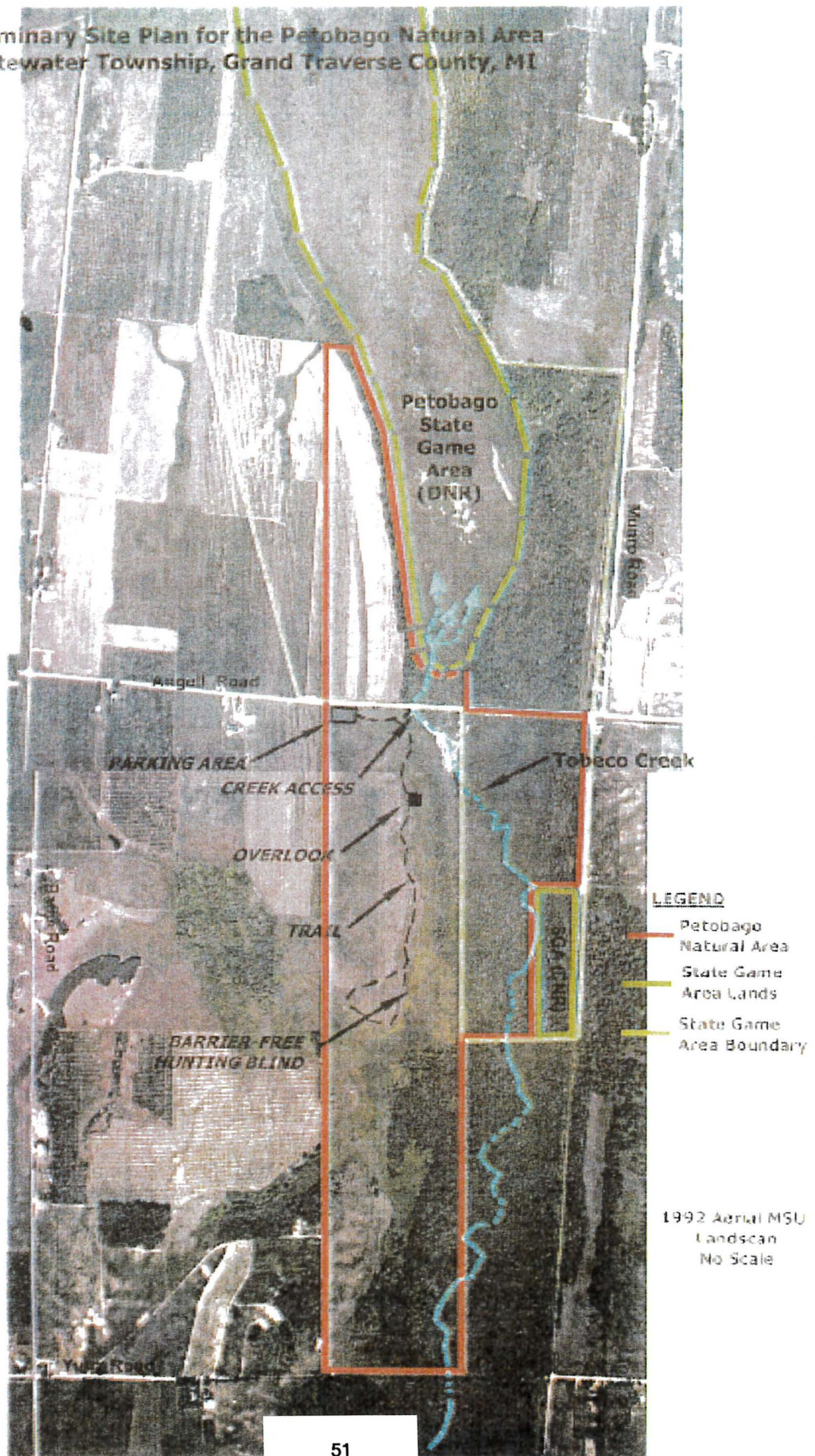


Lossie Road Nature Trail Map

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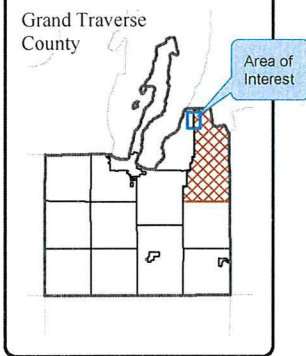


Preliminary Site Plan for the Petobago Natural Area
Whitewater Township, Grand Traverse County, MI



Petobego Natural Area

Whitewater Township Sections 8 & 17



MUNRO RD

ELK LAKE RD



1 inch = 900 feet

ANGELL RD



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PARK RD

0 1,500 3,000 Feet

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Battle Creek Natural Area

Whitewater Township

ELK LAKE

MIAMI BEACH RD

SKEGEMOG POINT RD

LOSSIE RD

53

10

1,500

3,000 Feet

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Area of
Interest

AYERS
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Parking



Battle Creek Trail



Lossie Road Nature Trail



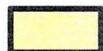
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Lakes



Battle Creek Natural Area





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Whitewater Township Parks Accessibility Reviews

An accessibility evaluation of parks and recreation facilities operated by Whitewater Township was conducted by Disability Network Northern Michigan in January 2016. The accessibility scale used for the evaluation of parks follows the Michigan Department of Natural Resources 2014 Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans and is in compliance with the American's with Disabilities Act. Note: given that this evaluation was conducted in winter, interior restrooms were locked and could not be evaluated.

The 1-5 scale is as follows

- 1= none of the park's facilities/areas meet accessibility Guidelines
- 2= some of the park's facilities/areas meet accessibility Guidelines
- 3= most of the park's facilities/areas meet accessibility Guidelines
- 4= the entire park meets accessibility Guidelines
- 5= the entire park was developed/renovated using universal design principles

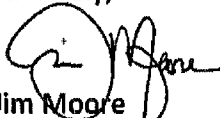
Six recreational properties were assessed.

Park Name	Purpose/Use	Score	Accessibility Evaluation
Whitewater Township Park	Camping Boat Launch	3	Campground: Accessible shower/ restrooms in camping area with accessible parking; accessible drinking fountain; lacks accessible firepits, grill, picnic tables, and accessible playground equipment Boat Launch – has accessible parking

			and access to restroom; Lacking: handrail on small elevated ramp to restrooms, lacks access route to picnic pavilion area, accessible picnic tables and play equipment
Petobego Natural area	Hiking, hunting, undeveloped wildlife habitat	1	No accessible route or designated accessible parking
"Hi" Pray Park	Baseball, tennis, basketball...	2	Paved accessible parking and access route to building/picnic pavilion, accessible restroom; unpaved route to basketball and tennis courts ; lacks accessible picnic tables; playground; restroom signage in wrong location
Battle Creek Natural Area	Hiking, hunting, undeveloped wildlife area	1	No accessible parking or trail.
Lossie Road nature Trail	Hiking, biking	1	No accessible parking, trail not accessible

Please let me know if you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Jim Moore
Executive Director



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

*This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended;
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GRANT TYPE: ☒ MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND ☐ CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE
(Please select one) ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP

PROJECT NUMBER: TF03-206

PROJECT TYPE: ACQUISITION

PROJECT TITLE: Battle Creek Natural Area

PROJECT SCOPE: Acquire 500 acres, 2300' Elk Lake shoreline, 2 miles Battle Creek

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
Whitewater Township	Cheryl Goss	Township Clerk
Address	Telephone	
5777 Vinton Rd, P.O. Box 159	231-267-5141 x24	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
Williamsburg, MI 49690	clerk@whitewatertownship.org	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

255 acres was actually acquired, along with 2300' of Elk Lake shoreline and some Battle Creek frontage.

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

Picture of sign attached.

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

An 08/10/2021 windstorm caused extensive tree/trail damage in the park. The park is currently closed. Efforts are under way to clean up the damage.

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

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

There are no buildings on this property. There are trails and a pond with a small dam.

Trail maintenance is done mainly by volunteers.

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?

24/7/365

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

Cheryl Goss

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Cheryl A. Goss
Grantee Authorized Signature

1/11/2022
Date

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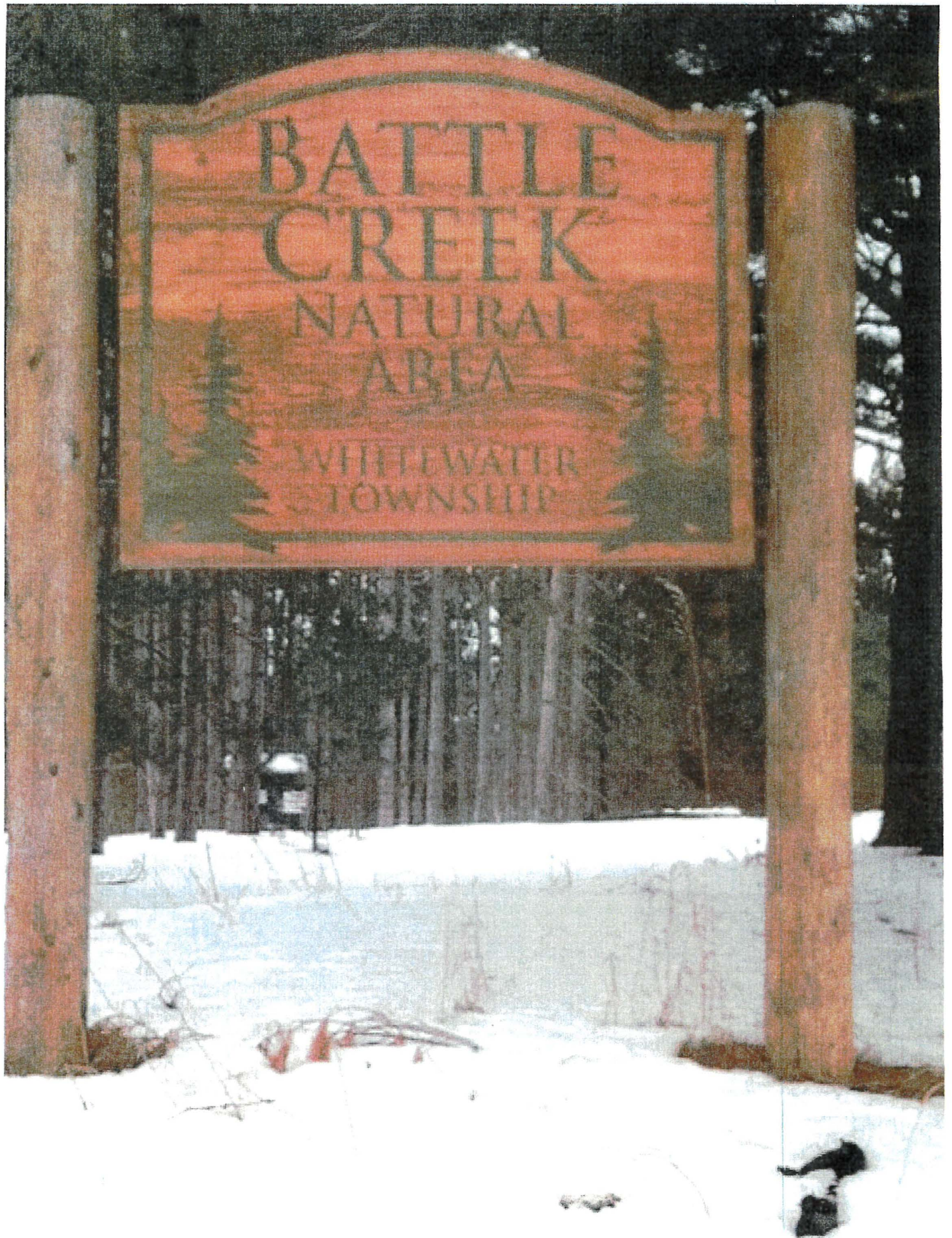
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**Battle Creek
Nature Trail**
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By
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August 2013

**PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
Post-Completion Self-Certification Report**

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GRANTEE: WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP

PROJECT NUMBER: TF00-319

PROJECT TYPE: ACQUISITION

PROJECT TITLE: Petobego Natural Area Acquisition

PROJECT SCOPE: Acquire 240 acres and 1 mile frontage on Tobeco Creek

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
Whitewater Township	Cheryl Goss	Township Clerk
Address	Telephone	
5777 Vinton Rd, P.O. Box 159	231-267-5141 x24	
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Williamsburg, MI 49690	clerk@whitewatertownship.org	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use 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

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

There are no buildings at this site. Grass parking lot is mowed monthly in summer.

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?

24/7/365

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

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GRANTEE: WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-00211

PROJECT TYPE: DEVELOPMENT

PROJECT TITLE: WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP PARK

PROJECT SCOPE: Modern camping, picnic, boating 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

Facility remains a 55-site campground with 2-lane boat launch, plus beach, picnic area, and nature trails.

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

Many years ago, a cell tower was erected on a small portion of the site.

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

SITE QUALITY

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Picture of sign attached.

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

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Daily checklists attached.

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

2021 fee schedule attached.

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

Campground open early May to end of September. Boat launch/trails open year-round.

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

In 2019, a Waterways grant was awarded for expansion of the boat launch to 4 lanes, additional boat trailer parking, entry road improvements, and a boat wash station. Partly due to COVID, the project has not been completed.

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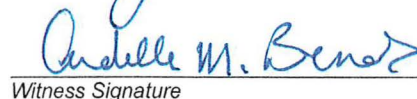
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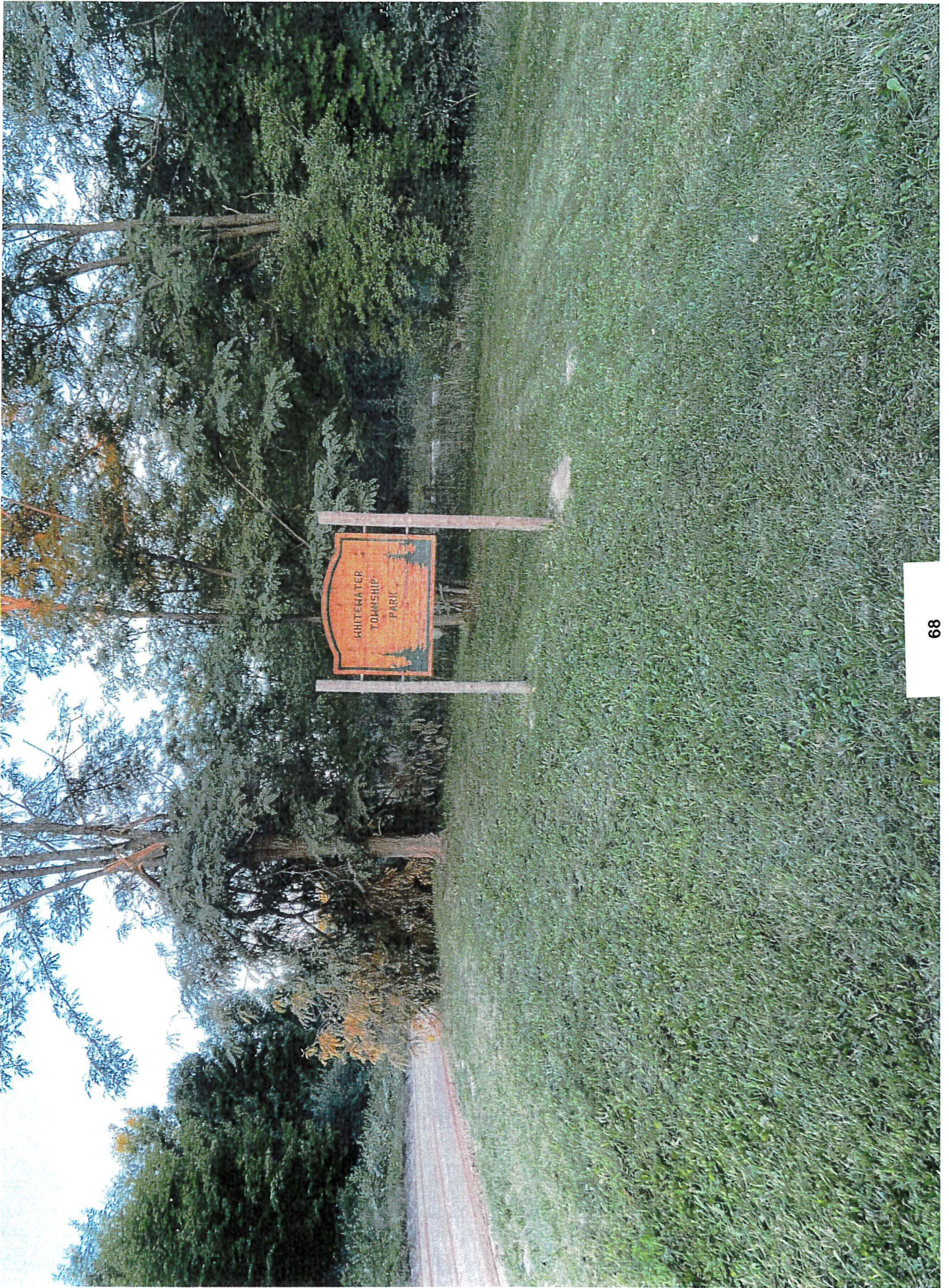
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WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP PARK DAILY CHECKLIST

DATE _____

	7:00 AM	Mid Morning or Mid Day	2:00 PM	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Closing
BATHHOUSE						
Disinfect & Clean						
Toilets	x	x	x	x	x	x
Sinks/Counters	x	x	x	x	x	x
Toilet paper	x	x	x	x	x	x
<i>Replace if one roll is empty</i>						
Empty trash	x	x	x	x	x	x
Sweep	x	x	x	x	x	x
Mop	x		x			x
Mop if needed		x		x	x	
Shake mats-sweep underneath	x	x	x	x	x	x
Wipe down windowsills & walls	x		x	x		x
SHOWERS						
Disinfect		x				x
Clean as needed	x	x	x	x	x	x
Remove mats-sweep underneath	x	x	x	x	x	x
Spray Down	x		x	x	x	x
Spray Down as needed & remove		x			x	
Collect shower money		x		x		
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**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: WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP

PROJECT NUMBER: CM99-368

PROJECT TYPE: IMPROVEMENT

PROJECT TITLE: Whitewater Park Restroom and Electrical Upgrade

PROJECT SCOPE: Renovate restroom building, add electric to 20 sites.

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
Whitewater Township	Cheryl Goss	Township Clerk
Address	Telephone	
5777 Vinton Rd, P.O. Box 159	231-267-5141 x24	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
Williamsburg, MI 49690	clerk@whitewatertownship.org	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?

If yes, please describe change(s).

☐ Yes ☒ No

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use 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

Many years ago, a cell tower was erected on a small portion of the site.

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

Picture of sign attached.

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

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Daily checklists attached.

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

2021 fee schedule attached.

What are the hours and seasons for availability of the site?

Campground open early May to end of September.

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

The restroom building has had further renovation in the last couple years, i.e., ceramic tile on all restroom and shower walls.

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that I am duly elected, appointed and/or authorized by the Grantee named above and that the information and answers provided herein are true and accurate to the best of my personal knowledge, information and belief.

Cheryl Goss

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Grantee Authorized Signature

1/11/2022

Date

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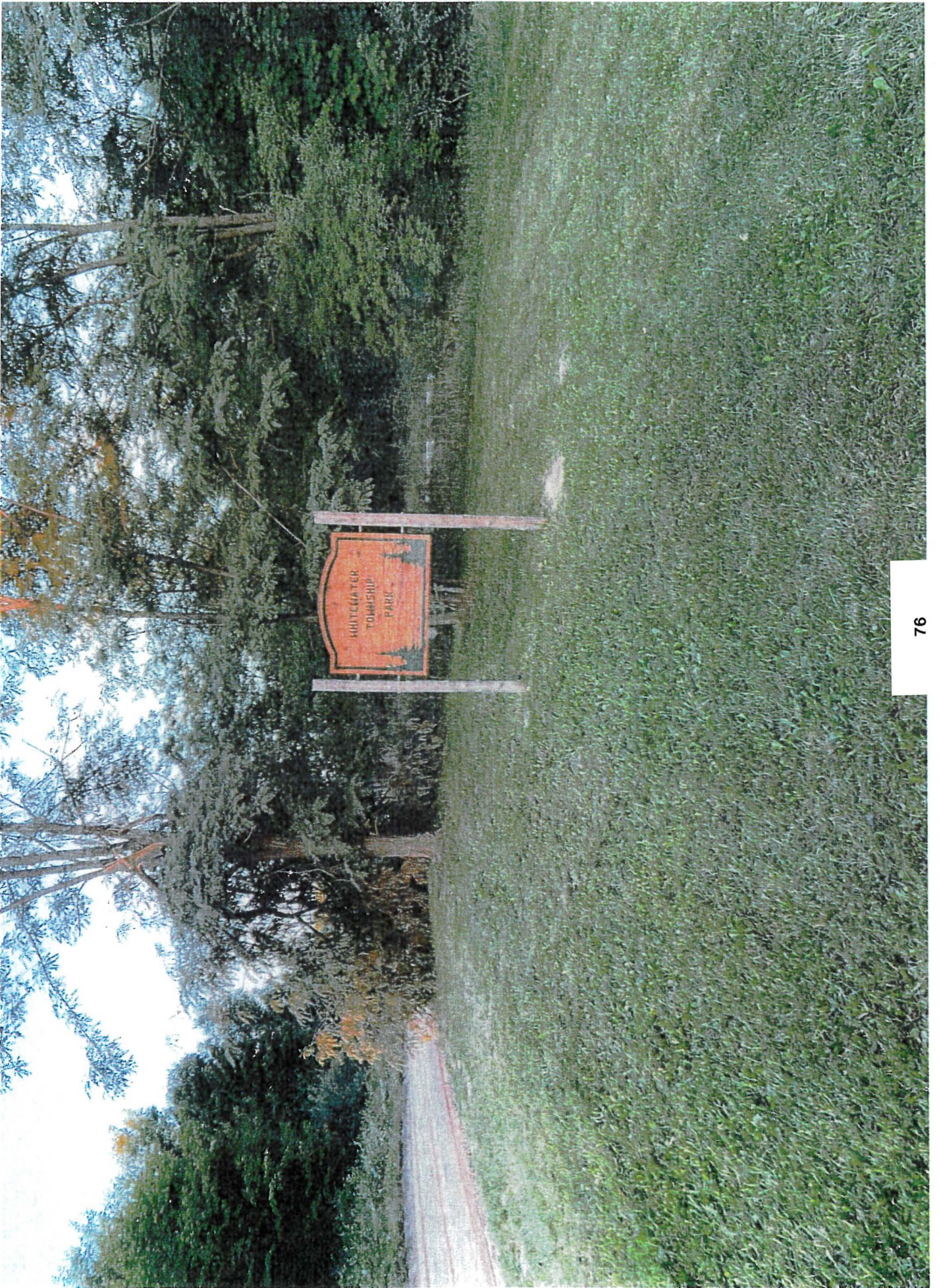

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Send completed report to:

POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS
GRANTS MANAGEMENT
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PO BOX 30425
LANSING MI 48909-7925



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<i>Replace if one roll is empty</i>						
Empty trash	x	x	x	x	x	x
Sweep	x	x	x	x	x	x
Mop	x		x			x
Mop if needed		x		x	x	
Shake mats-sweep underneath	x	x	x	x	x	x
Wipe down windowsills & walls	x		x	x		x
SHOWERS						
Disinfect		x				x
Clean as needed	x	x	x	x	x	x
Remove mats-sweep underneath	x	x	x	x	x	x
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