# Charter Township of Flint




## 5 Year
## Parks and Recreation
## Master Plan

## 2016 – 2020

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## Our Vision

Flint Township will create local recreational opportunities for the residents of this community and the surrounding areas that:

- Provide a variety of recreational opportunities,
- Attract new residents and businesses to the area,
- Enhance property values, and
- Improve the quality of life in our community, making it an enjoyable place to live.

## Our Mission

To create a healthy and livable community with recreational opportunities for everyone

The 5-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan provides the guidelines necessary to continue to develop the parks and recreation program in the Charter Township of Flint. The purpose of this Parks and Recreation Master Plan update is to continue to refine the vision for parks and recreation in Flint Township, including new information about our existing parks and natural areas as well as outlining strategies for further development of the community's recreational assets.

The formulation of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan is but one part of the planning process. The foundations of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan are established in the Charter Township of Flint Master Plan which was updated in 2009 and the Charter Township of Flint Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Ordinance will be used to implement the planning polices and strategies reflected in the Master Plan and the Township Parks and Recreation Plan. The following sections highlight the linkages with the Flint Township Master Plan that support the elements of the Townships Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

## Flint Township Master Plan Goals and Objectives

The relationship between the Township's Master Plan goals and objectives and policy statements and the Township's Parks and Recreation Plan is fundamental to the Township's ability to provide public recreation opportunities in the community. Goals, objectives and policy statements combine to provide local elected officials with a basis for guiding the future land uses. The following selected statements of goals, objectives and policies taken from Flint Township's Master Plan reflect the sentiments of the Planning Commission and citizens and are included in this Recreation Plan Update to demonstrate the strong commitment of the Township to provide a variety of public recreational opportunities in the Township.

### General Goals

The Charter Township of Flint will serve as a model community for other townships to emulate.

*Objectives*

a) Strengthen a positive community image by ongoing efforts to maintain and enhance residential quality of life.
b) Maintain the diverse population by providing housing and employment opportunities for all socio-economic groups in the Township.
c) Promote public involvement and continued access to local government through the use of public forums.
d) Require consistently high quality as regards all forms of new development or redevelopment.

### Residential Land Use Goals

Ensure that new residential development is of the highest possible quality, protects the character of established neighborhoods and provides an appropriate balance of housing types based upon demographic trends and projections.

*Objectives*

a) Encourage new developments that set aside open space/recreational areas.

### Natural Features Goals

Encourage integration of natural features into site development as aesthetic and

functional features, while protecting their quality as well as residents' quality of life.

Objectives

a) Encourage open space areas in new developments proportionate to the scale, character and type of project.
b) Encourage developers to integrate existing natural features into new developments
c) Site plan requirements should incorporate standards for preservation of on-site natural features.
d) "Best management practices" for storm water control should be incorporated into site plan standards, including bio-retention and other techniques to protect surface and groundwater resources.
e) Intensive land development should be located away from sensitive natural areas or provide significant separation and buffers.

**Community Facilities and Services Goals**

Provide facilities and services adequate to serve the needs of all Township residents.

Objective

a) Place new community facilities in locations convenient to the citizens they are intended to serve.
b) Continue to support a diversity of cultural resources to serve the residents of the township
c) Pursue funding sources to assist with the cost of facility improvements as needed.
d) Identify opportunities for cooperation with adjacent jurisdictions and local agencies to provide services cost - effectively and establish development partnerships or shared resource partnership opportunities.
e) Create incentives for developments to provide recreation, trails and other neighborhood based amenities.

**Transportation Goals**

Provide alternatives to the automobile through multi-modal transportation options which connect neighborhoods, schools, the senior library, businesses and other activity areas.

Objectives

a) Pursue development of a continuous system of pathways and sidewalks as an alternative travel mode and to improve the township's quality of life.

b) Require pedestrian and transit oriented site design including links between the public and on-site pedestrian systems.

**Recreation and Open Spaces**

Incorporate open space elements into the land use pattern in a manner that creates an interconnected, unified system and provides green space, recreation, and/or protects sensitive natural features as applicable.

*Objectives*

Afford residents of all ages ample opportunities to experience passive open spaces and participate in recreation programs:

a) Activity support efforts of the Township's Parks and Recreation Commission to provide parkland and open spaces within the Township.
b) Coordinate with the Parks and Recreation Commission in all development reviews in which future parkland may be available and/or needed.
c) Require open space in new development proposals.
d) Participate in implementation of regional greenway systems (especially along the Flint River and Swartz Creek).
e) Develop guidelines for open space to ensure it meets key goals.
f) Link through a comprehensive pathway system.

**Quality of Life**

Improve the quality of life for residents of the township, including both visual appearance and level of services.

*Objectives*

a) The Planning Commission will insist on high quality of design attendant to all public and private investments in the Township.
b) The Planning Commission will actively promote and support quality of life initiatives, such as neighborhood preservation measures or redevelopment, street enhancements, parkland acquisition, integrated open spaces within new residential developments, a township wide pedestrian system with neighborhood emphasis, quality urban design and other physical improvements designed to improve visual and functional aesthetics of the Township.

The goals, objectives and policies established in the Flint Township Master Plan and listed above are included in this Township Parks and Recreation Plan as priority goals, objectives and policies for the Township's Parks and Recreation Program. They reflect the intent of the Township to actively pursue acquisition of land and the establishment of Township parks for a variety of public access and recreation purposes.

# COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

The Charter Township of Flint is located in the heart of Genesee County adjacent to the west and south boundaries of the City of Flint. The Township has an area of approximately 23.5 square miles and a population of approximately 31,611 as of 2008. The following sections provide a brief historic background on the formation of the Township and a description of our community today.

## History

The history of Flint Township is closely tied to the first settlements in Genesee County. While Grand Blanc Township is the oldest township in the County, Flint Township was the second township organized on March 2, 1836. At that time Flint Township included the land later organized as the Townships of Burton, Clayton, Flushing, Mt. Morris, Genesee, Thetford, Vienna, Montrose and the City of Flint. The first election was held August 22, 1836, and Lyman Stowe became the first supervisor of Flint Township.

One year prior, the first settlers, Elijah Carman and his family, erected the first log cabin. Deacon Carman, as he was known by those who settled the township, held religious gatherings in his home and was a true pioneer, relying on hunting for food, tanning hides for clothing, and clearing dense forests for farming. He died in 1840 at the age of 40. His son, Reuben, later built the land into good farmland which he later named Carmandale.

The Carman family was closely followed by the Jesse Torrey family. In October of 1836, they settled on 400 acres and cleared the area to farm. This founded the Torrey settlement. Settlers who followed the Carman and Torrey families included other familiar names such as Dye, Utley, Bristol, Carter and Miller.

In 1837, the Michigan Territory became a state. During the years that followed, many roads were laid and traveled in the area: Bristol, Atherton, Maple, Hemphill, Judd, Van Slyke, Linden, Torrey, Hill, Book, Jennings and Reid. The Fentonville Plank Toll Road was built in 1851 with a toll of one cent per mile. This road is now Fenton Road. Freight wagons traveled between Detroit and Flint on this road. One freight line was owned by Harry Farrow who lived on a farm that is now Bishop International Airport.

# OUR COMMUNITY TODAY

## Population and Housing

Trends in population and housing directly influence public policy and future land use/development decisions. This section presents long term and recent trends in population of the Township and the Region. Of course, in a large and diverse urban area such as Genesee County, no community functions in isolation. Population trends of the Region directly influence each community.

## The People

The Charter Township of Flint is a part of the Flint Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). Table 1 presents population changes for the period 1980-2010 for the Township, its closest neighbors and Genesee County as a whole. Population data for 2008 is based on the most recently available census estimates at www.census.gov.

**Table 1 - Population Change**

| COMMUNITY | 1990 | 2000 | 2010 | 2014* |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Flint Township** | **34,081** | **33,691** | **31,929** | **31,351** |
| Mundy Township | 11,511 | 12,191 | 15,082 | 14,888 |
| Mt Morris Township | 25,198 | 23,725 | 21,501 | 21,112 |
| Clayton Township | 7,284 | 7,546 | 7,581 | 7,447 |
| City of Flint | 140,761 | 124,943 | 102,434 | 100,569 |
| City of Burton | 27,617 | 30,308 | 29,999 | 29,429 |
| Genesee County | 430,459 | 436,141 | 425,790 | 418,654 |
| *2014 Census estimate | | | | |

Flint Township lost 1,782 residents in the period from 2000 - 2010. The City of Flint by contrast lost nearly 22,509 residents in the same time period. Mt. Morris Township experienced a loss of 2,224 people in from 2000 - 2010. Decline in manufacturing employment has been suggested as the single most important reason for population losses.

## 2011 – 2013 American Community Survey

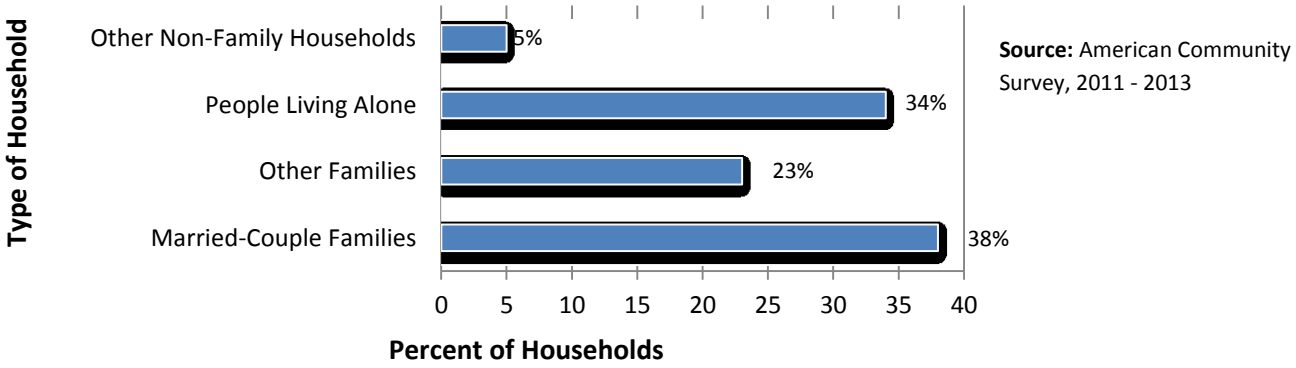
The most current U.S. Census Bureau data for Flint Township is included in the 2011 – 2013 American Community Survey (ACS), a 3-year census estimate in social, economic, housing and demographic characteristics. The 2016 - 2020 Flint Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan update utilizes these census estimates because they are the newest data available at the time, but must recognize they are based on extrapolations of 2010 Census data with additional updates to current trends and conditions.

### HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES

In 2011 - 2013 there were 14,000 households in Flint Charter Township. The average household size was 2.3 people.

Families made up 61 percent of the households in Flint Charter Township. This figure includes both married-couple families (38 percent) and other families (23 percent). Non-family households made up 39 percent of all households in Flint Charter Township. Most of the non-family households were people living alone, but some were composed of people living in households in which no one was related to the householder.

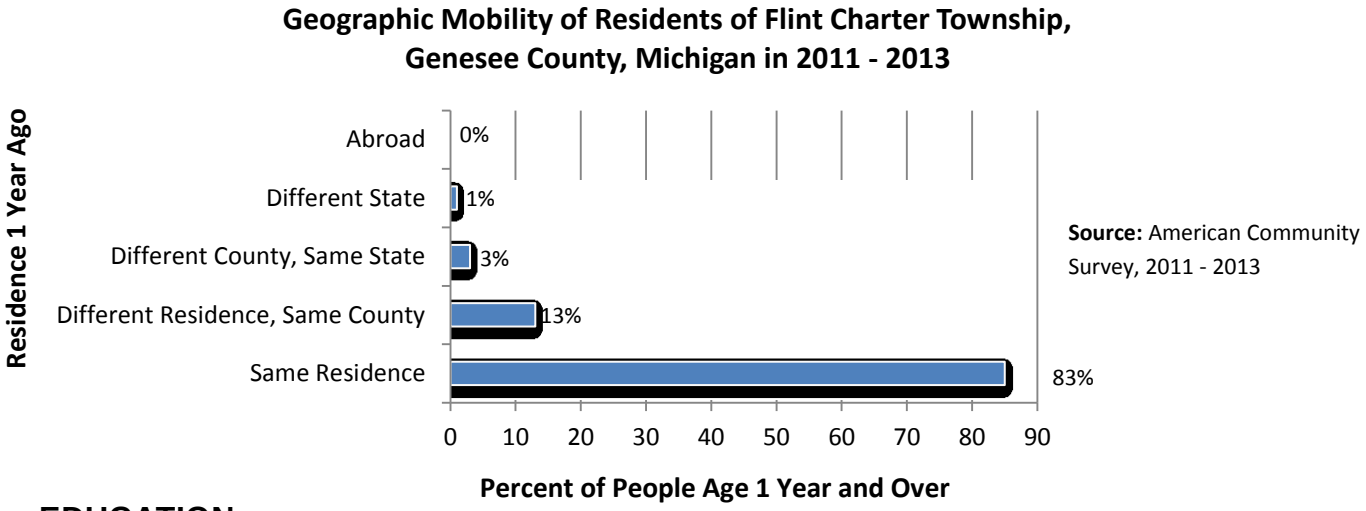
**The Type of Households in Flint Charter Township, Genesee County, Michigan in 2011 - 2013**




**Source:** American Community Survey, 2011 - 2013

### GEOGRAPHIC MOBILITY

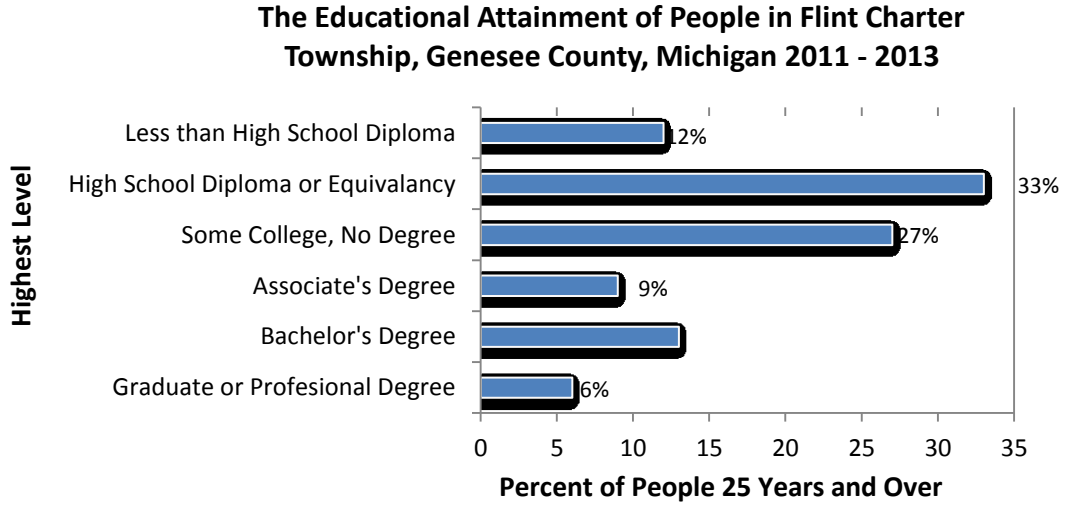
In 2011 - 2013, 83 percent of the people at least one year old living in Flint charter township were living in the same residence one year earlier; 13 percent had moved during the past year from another residence in the same county, 3 percent from another county in the same state, 1 percent from another state, and less than 0.5 percent from abroad.




## EDUCATION

In 2011 - 2013, 88 percent of people 25 years and over had at least graduated from high school and 19 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. Twelve percent were dropouts; they were not enrolled in school and had not graduated from high school.

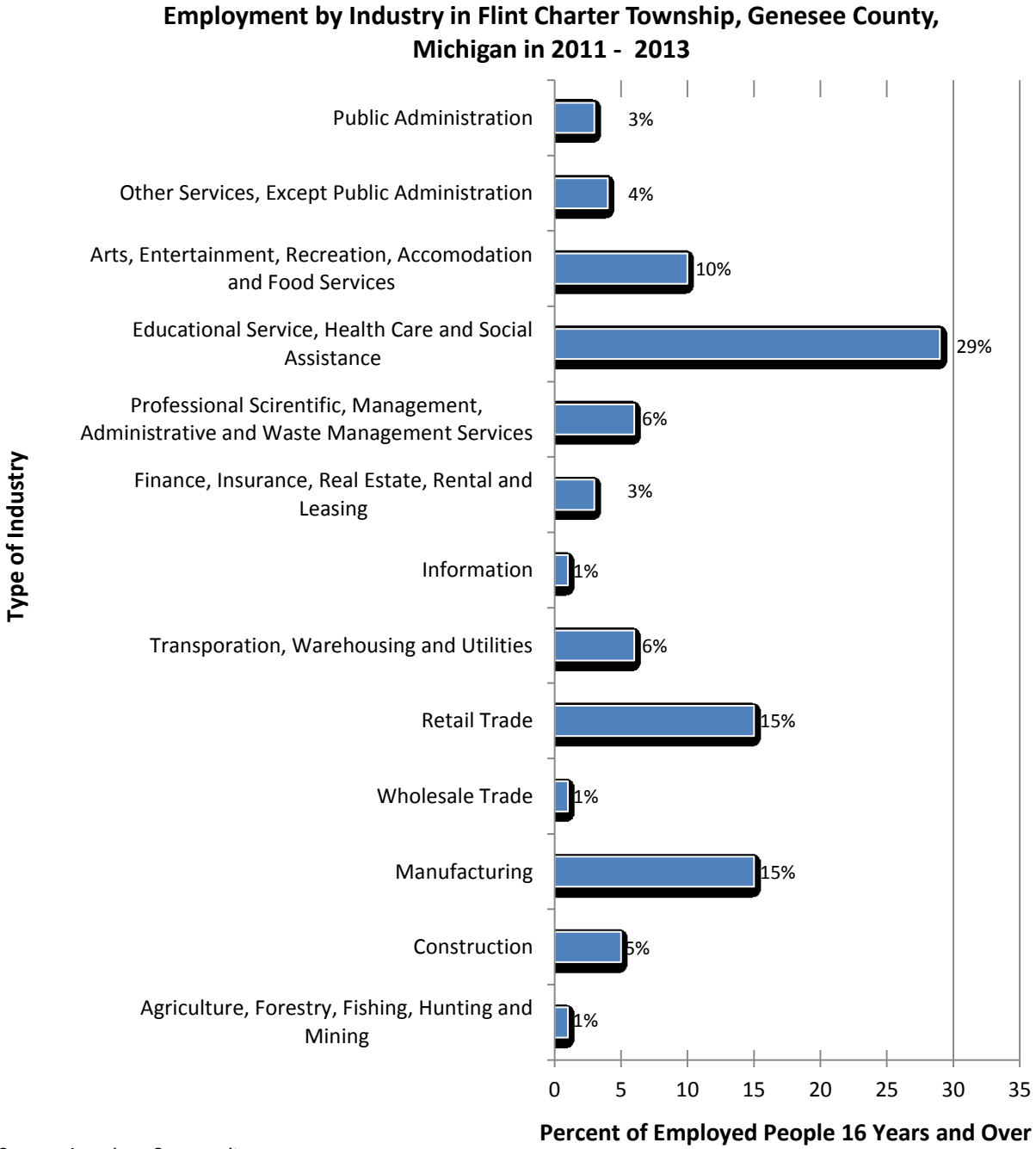
The total school enrollment in Flint Charter Township was 8,371 in 2011 - 2013. Nursery school and kindergarten enrollment was 671 and elementary or high school enrollment was 4,852 children. College or graduate school enrollment was 2,902.




**Source:** American Community Survey, 2011 - 2013

## INDUSTRIES

In 2011 - 2013, for the employed population 16 years and older, the leading industries in Flint charter township were Educational services, and health care, and social assistance, 29 percent, Manufacturing, 15 percent and Retail Trade, 15 percent.

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## OCCUPATIONS AND TYPE OF EMPLOYER

Among the most common occupations were: Management, business, science and arts occupations, 26 percent; Service Occupations, 25 percent; Sales and Office Occupations, 22 percent; Production, Transportation and Material Moving Occupations, 23 percent; and Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair occupations, 8 percent.

## TRAVEL TO WORK

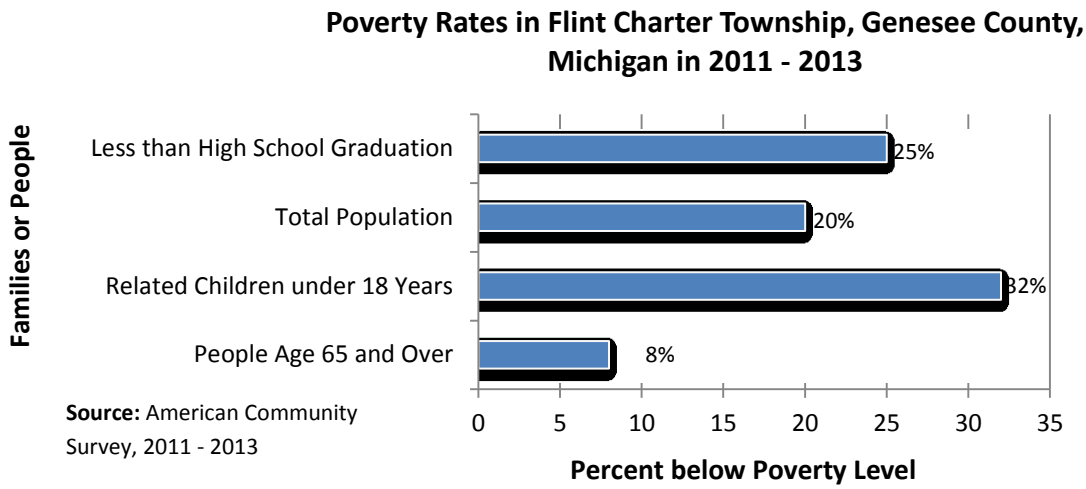
Eighty-one percent of Flint charter township workers drove to work alone in 2011 - 2013, 12 percent carpooled, 1 percent took public transportation, and 2 percent used other means. The remaining 2 percent worked at home. Among those who commuted to work, it took them on average 20.7 minutes to get to work.

## INCOME

The median income of households in Flint Charter Township was $40,371. Sixty-Five percent of the households received earnings and 31 percent received retirement income other than Social Security. Thirty-three percent of the households received Social Security. These income sources are not mutually exclusive; that is, some households received income from more than one source.

## POVERTY AND PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

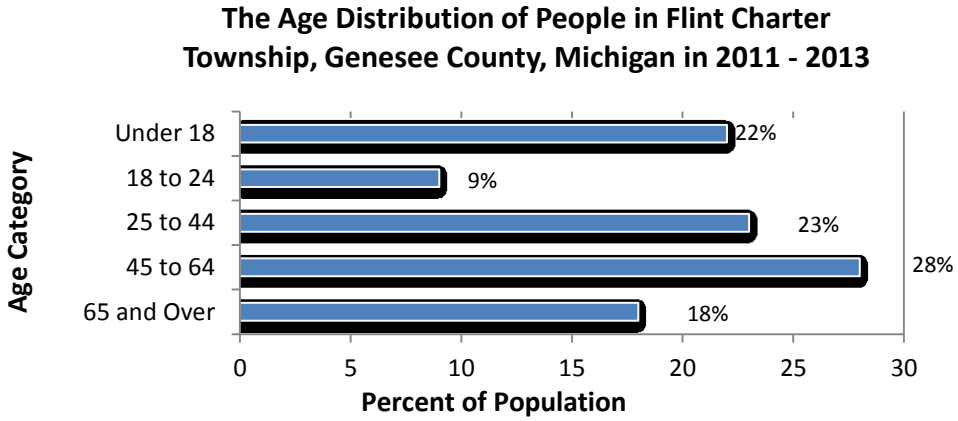
In 2011 - 2013, 20 percent of people were in poverty. Thirty-Two percent of related children under 18 were below the poverty level, compared with 8 percent of people 65 years old and over. Of all persons 25 years old or older, 25 percent without a high school diploma were below the poverty level.




**Source:** American Community Survey, 2011 - 2013

## POPULATION

In 2011 - 2013, Flint Charter Township had a total population of 31,333. The median age was 41.2 years. Twenty-two percent of the population was under 18 years and 17 percent was 65 years and older.

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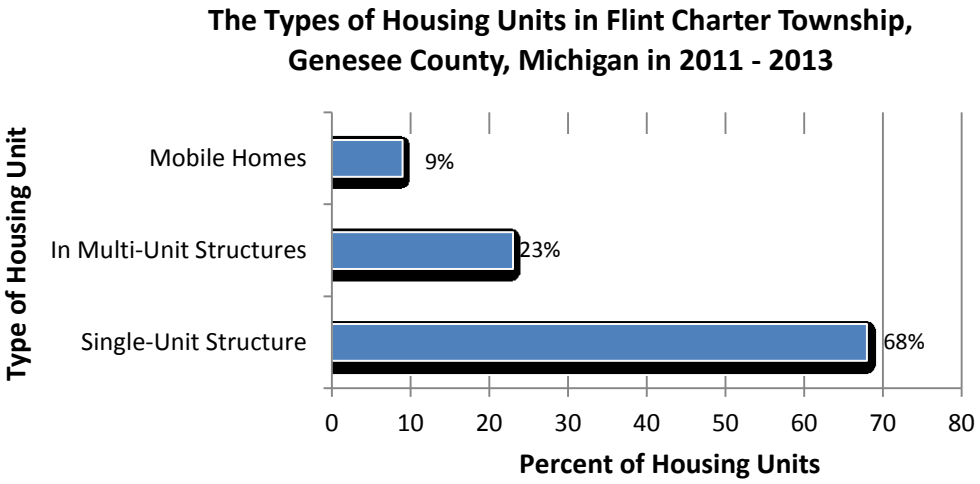
For people reporting one race alone, 68 percent was White; 25 percent was Black or African American. A total of 3.2 percent reported two or more races, and 1.9 percent of the people in Flint Charter Township were Hispanic. People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

## HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

In 2006-2008, Flint Charter Township had a total of 14,551 housing units, 13 percent of which were vacant. Of the total housing units, 68 percent was in single-unit structures, 23 percent was in multi-unit structures, and 9 percent was mobile homes. Fourteen percent of the housing units were built since 1990.

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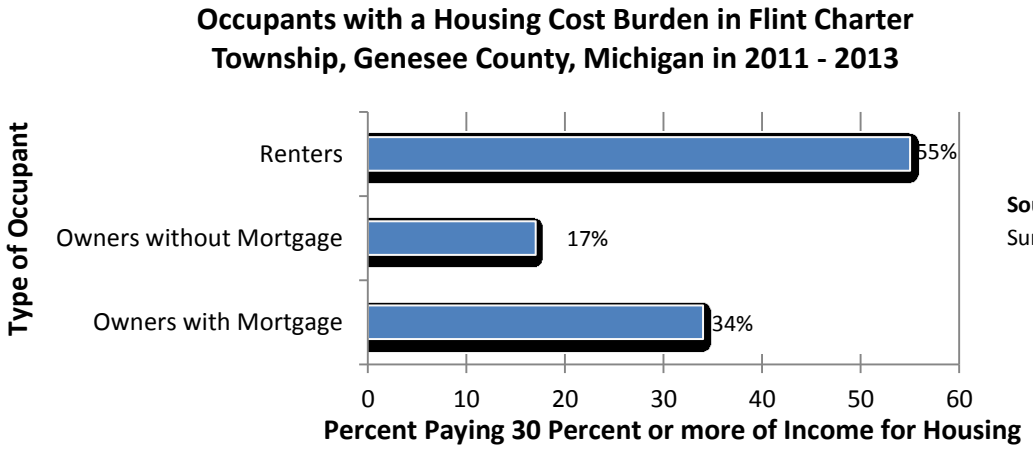
## OCCUPIED HOUSING UNIT CHARACTERISTICS

In 2011 - 2013, Flint Charter Township had 12,636 occupied housing units – 8,171 (65 percent) owner occupied and 4,465 (35 percent) renter occupied. Three percent of the households did not have telephone service and 10 percent of the households did not have access to a car, truck, or van for private use. Thirty-four percent had two vehicles and another 16 percent had three or more.

## HOUSING COSTS

The median monthly housing costs for mortgaged owners was $1,223, non-mortgaged owners $447, and renters $618. Thirty-four percent of owners with mortgages, 17 percent of owners without mortgages, and 55 percent of renters in Flint Charter Township spent 30 percent or more of household income on housing.

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The population and housing characteristics included above are derived from the American Community Survey.

## Future Land Use Plan

Flint Charter Township adopted a new future land use plan in 2009. The future land use map included on the next page seeks to promote the preservation of open space and rural character in the western edge of the township, transform the commercial areas into urban and walkable places, redevelop areas of blight and increase the quality of new development.

The plan is being reviewed and updates are expected to be adopted in 2016.

### Current Zoning Patterns

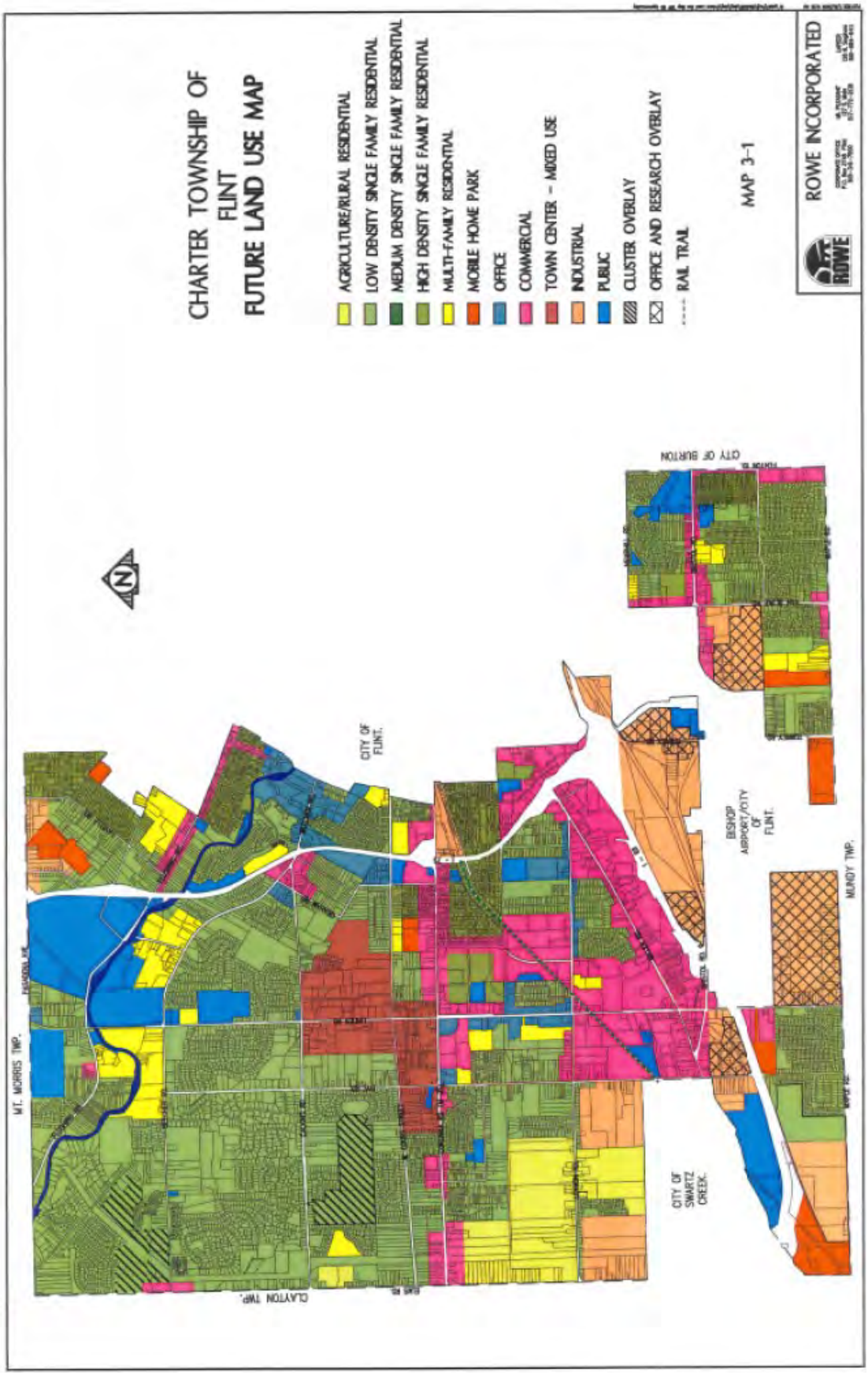
The Charter Township of Flint is a zoned community with specific classifications to control the placement of business, industrial, residential and other land uses and developments. The Township is divided into the following districts:

R-1A - Single Family Residential
R-1B - Single Family Residential
R-1C - Single Family Residential
R-1D - Single Family Residential
RM-1 – Multiple Family Residential
RMH - Manufactured/Mobile Home Park
0-1 - Office/Service
C-1 - Local Business
C-2 - General Business
C-3 - Highway Service
IND - Industrial
AD - Airport District
EH - Elderly Housing

The Zoning Plan table below shows the correlation between the Zoning Classifications and the Master Plan Land Use Classifications

**Table 5-1 Zoning Plan**

| Future Land Use Category | Zoning District |
|---|---|
| Agricultural/Rural Residential | AG (proposed new district) |
| Low Density Residential Single Family | R-1A and R-1B |
| Residential Cluster Overlay | No specific zoning classification |
| Medium Density Single Family Residential | R-1C |
| High Density Single Family Residential | R-1D |
| Multi Family Residential | RM-1 |
| Mobile Home Park | RMH |
| Office | O-1 |
| Commercial | C-1, C-2 and C-3 |
| Town Center | TC (proposed new district) |
| Industrial | IND and AD |
| Public | No specific zoning classification |
| Office and Research | No specified zoning classification |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# PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

## Topography, Water Resources, and Land Cover

Topography

Flint Township topography is predominantly gently rolling with a few abrupt changes in elevation. According to the U.S.G.S. Swartz Creek quadrangle map, the land surface elevations range from approximately 725 feet above sea level near rivers, creeks and streams to 800 feet above seal level. According to the Soil Survey of Genesee County, the soils located within the county were deposited by glaciers or by melt water from the glaciers. These glaciers covered the county from about 9,000 years ago during the Late Wisconsin glacial period. Several moraines, lakes, and rivers were created throughout Genesee County as a result of the ice lobes and melt water from the glaciers. In addition to the Main and West Branches of Swartz Creek, the Township has numerous county drains that empty into Swartz Creek.

There following pages contain photographs and maps which show current natural features of the area and some of the changes that have occurred over time. Figure 12 is an area-wide aerial photograph that clearly illustrates the relatively flat terrain of Flint Township and the surrounding areas and the extent to which the land has been cleared for agricultural use. It also shows the population density areas bordering Flint Township to the East, as well as the residential areas being developed in the more rural parts of the community. Figure 13 is a topographic map of the area showing the changes in topography related to rivers, streams and county drains.

## Water Resources

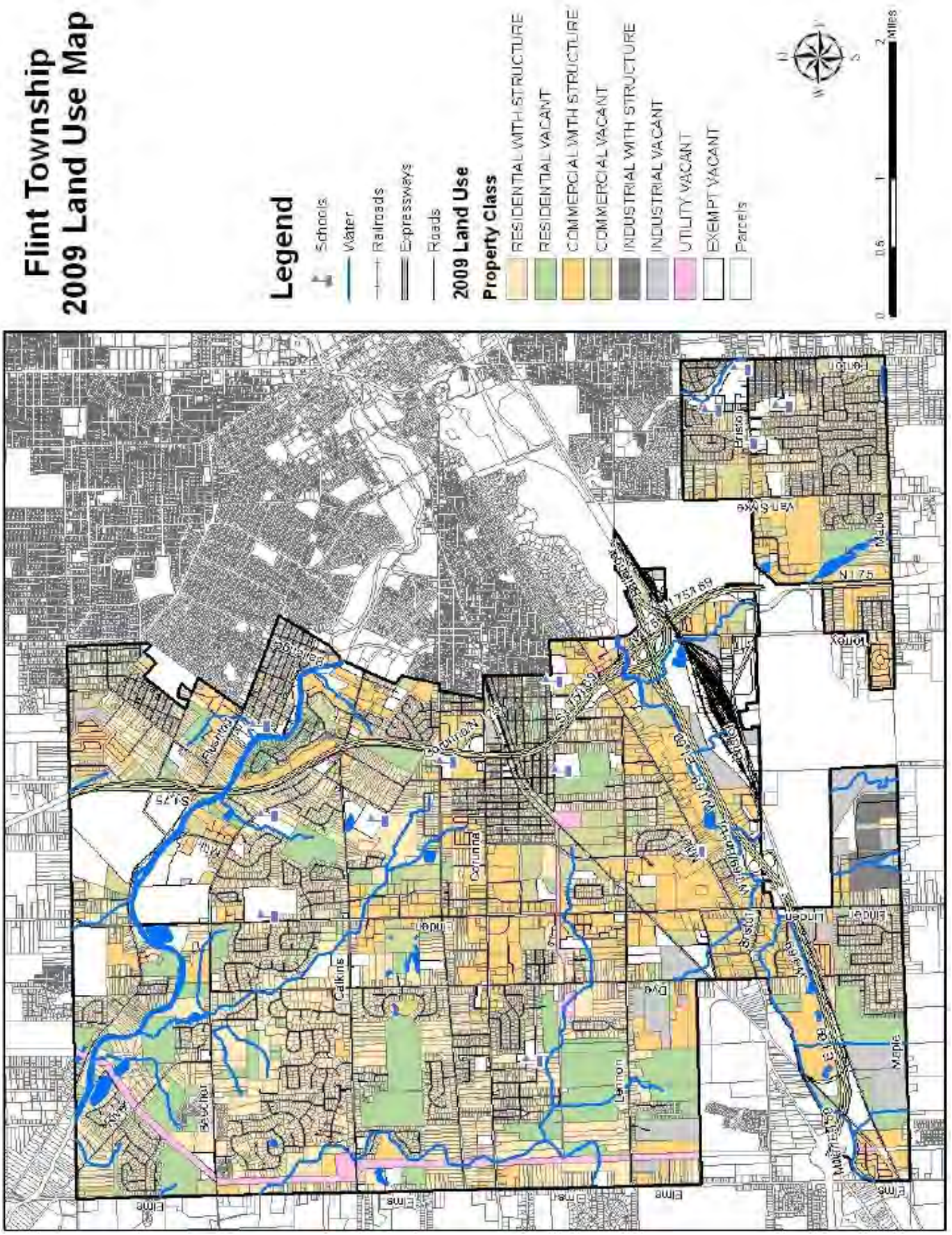
Flint Township is located wholly within the Flint River Watershed. Two subwatersheds encompass the entire Township, the Flint River –Lower Main Channel Subwatershed located in the northern part of the Township and the Swartz Creek Subwatershed located in the southern portion of the Township. The west branch of Swartz Creek joins the main channel of Swartz Creek in Section 28 of the Township. The Flint River crosses the northern portion of the Township flowing to the northwest eventually joining the Shiawassee River. Figure 14 is a map of the Flint River Watershed and its subwatersheds. Numerous creeks and county drains are also located in the Township. A small, man-made lake is located in Section 28 of the Township and is associated with a private recreation facility. It is immediately adjacent to Swartz Creek, downstream a short distance from the confluence of the West and Main Branches of Swartz Creek. Figure 15 depicts the loss of wetland areas in and around Genesee County.

## Land Use and Cover

Between 1816 and 1856, Michigan was systematically surveyed by the General Land Office (GLO), which had been established by the federal government in 1785. The

detailed notes taken by the land surveyors have proven to be a useful source of information on Michigan's landscape as it appeared prior to wide-spread European settlement. Surveyors took detailed notes on the location, species, and diameter of each tree used to mark section lines and section corners. They commented on the locations of rivers, lakes, wetlands, the agricultural potential of soils and the general quality of timber along each section line as they were measured out. Biologists from the Michigan Natural Features Inventory developed a methodology to translate the notes of the GLO surveys into a digital map that can be used by researchers, land managers, and the general public. Figure 16 shows the land cover as it appeared in 1992, while Figure 17 shows the dramatic changes that occurred from the early 1800s to 1978. As Figure18 shows, that the area that is now Genesee County and Flint Township was predominantly a hardwood forest.

Few forested areas remain and are generally limited to woodlots adjacent to farmland. The predominant land use outside of the developed areas is dedicated to farming. A review of the historical aerial photographs, dating back to 1941 indicates that much of the area that is now urbanized was once agricultural land with the area around Swartz Creek still predominantly forested. A 1972 aerial photograph indicates that Swartz Creek was re-routed and a man made lake was created.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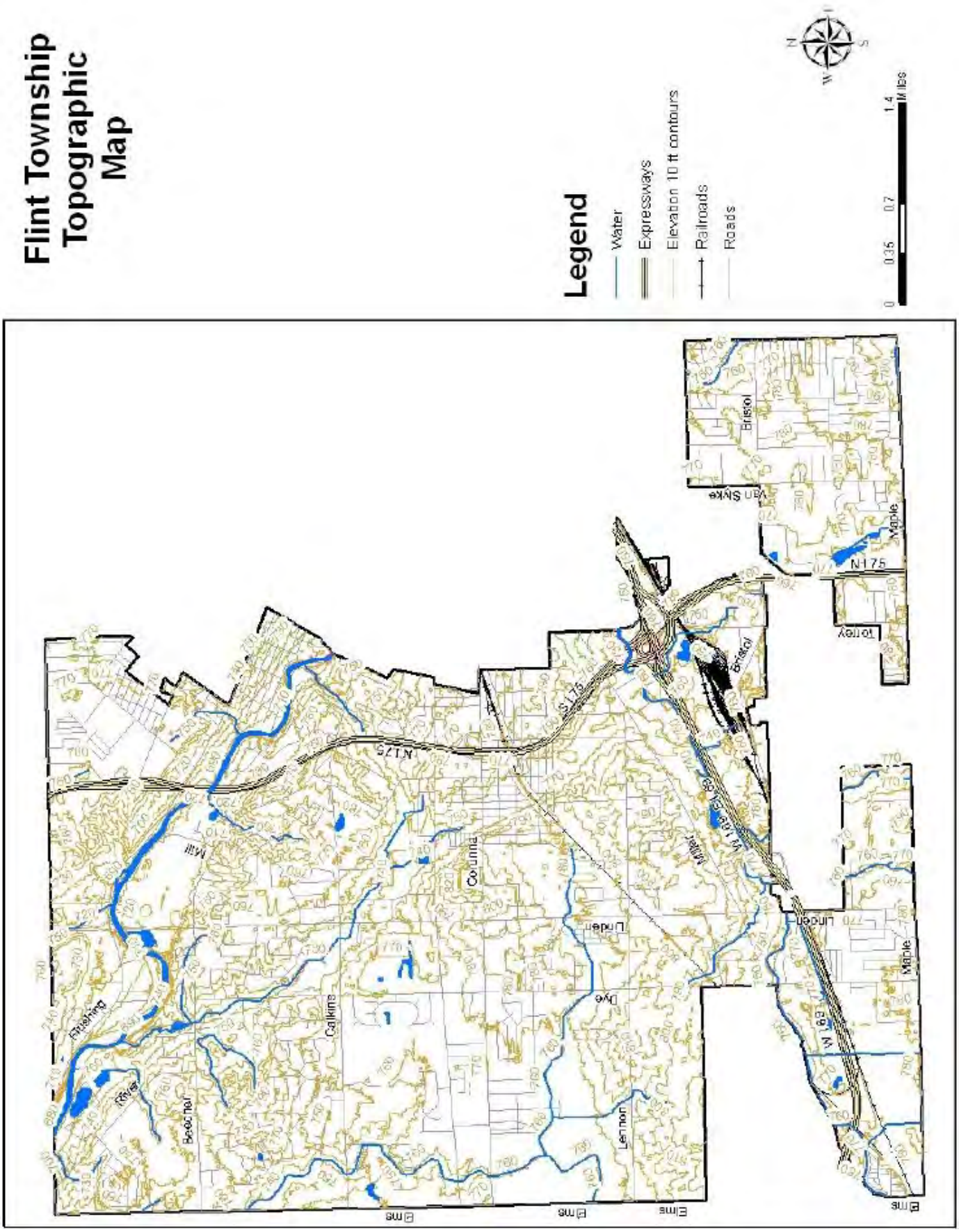
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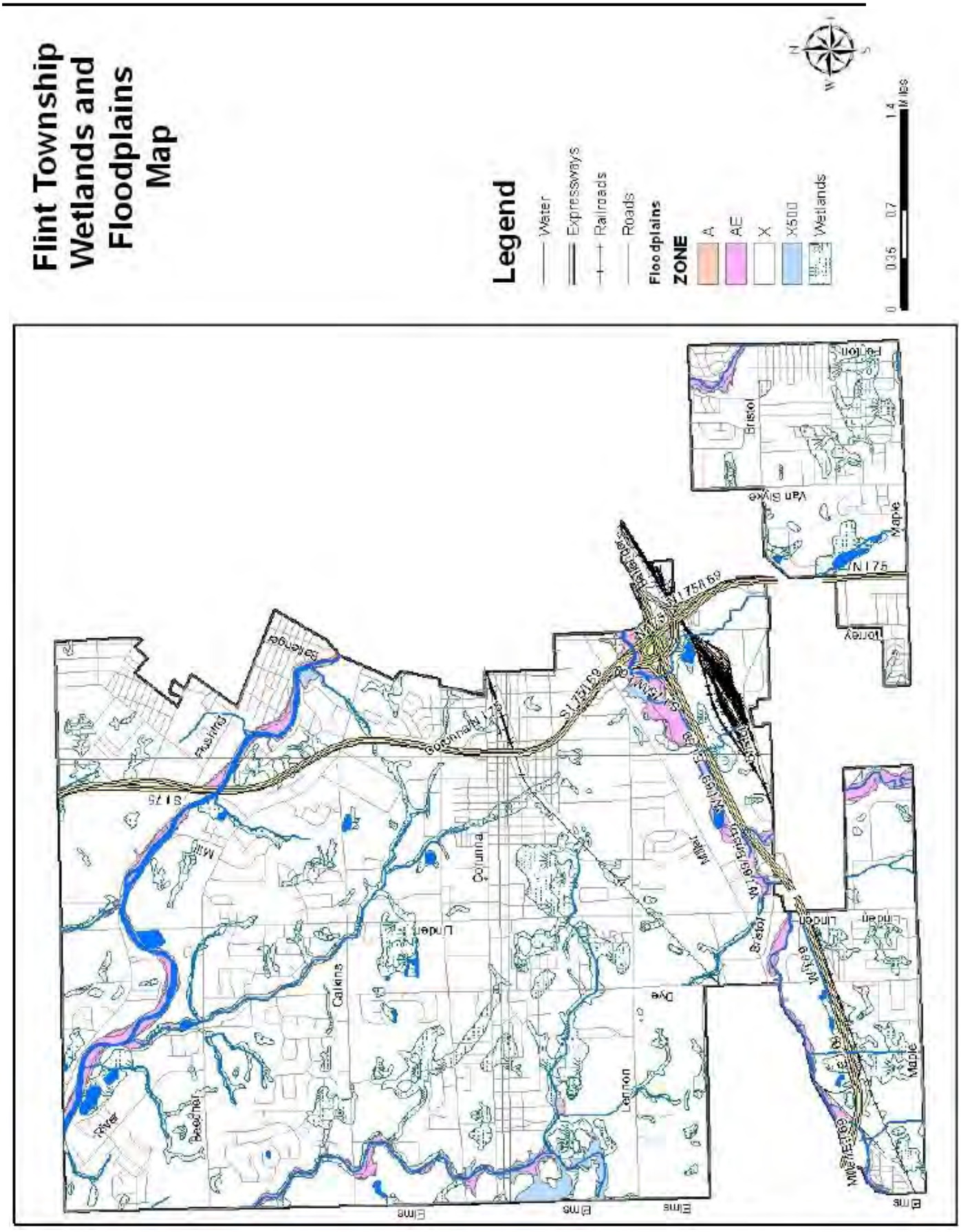
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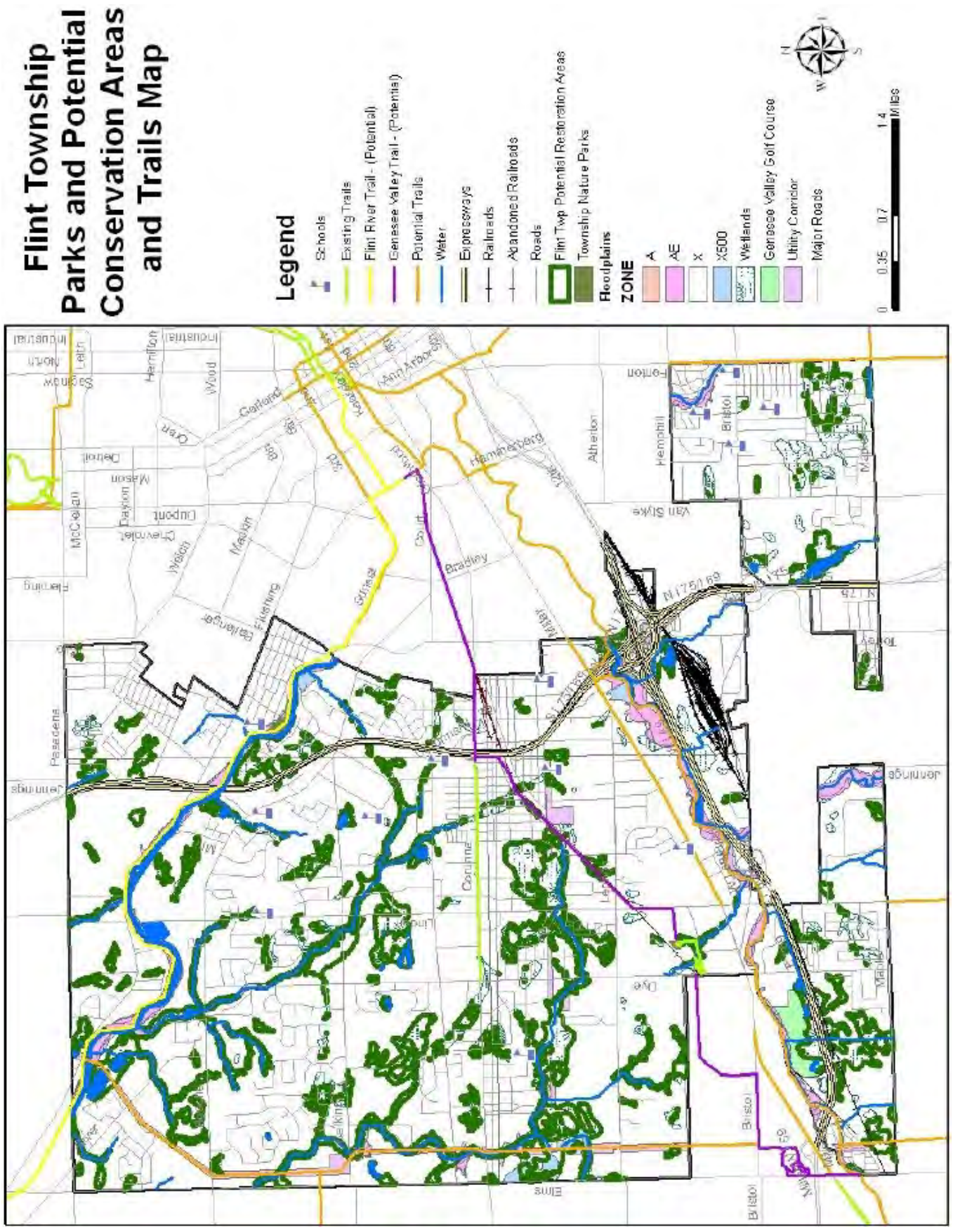
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Abandoned Railroads
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## COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

Within Flint Township there exists a variety of housing and employment opportunities. As development continues in Flint Township, increased pressure is placed upon finding opportunities to preserve open space and provide parks and recreation places throughout the community. As has been the case throughout the Township's recent history, the forces of change will continue to alter the characteristics of the community for generations to come. That is why it is imperative that the community begin to take action now to provide for a variety of recreational locations throughout the Township. Flint Township within the last five years has developed some public parks or recreation areas. It is of the utmost importance that opportunities to provide a variety of recreational activities be pursued to help the Township to maintain a quality of life that will make Flint Township a model community.

Establishing and maintaining parks in a community are more than just recreational amenities. Parks and open spaces preserved for their intrinsic environmental and aesthetic value bring quality of life and economic benefits to our communities. They can enhance property values, increase municipal revenues, bring in homebuyers and workers and attract retirees. Numerous studies demonstrate that parks, whether linear or located in a single geographic area, can increase property values, which can in turn increase local tax revenues. Spending by residents on related activities helps support recreation-oriented businesses and employment, as well as other businesses that are patronized by park visitors. Parks often provide new business opportunities and locations for commercial activities like bike and skate rental shops. Parks can also be major tourist attractions which generate expenditures on lodging, food, and recreation-oriented services. Finally, parks can help to reduce public expenditures by lowering the costs associated with flooding and other natural hazards.

The Flint Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan includes specific action items outlined later in this document that will help the Township:

- To pursue its vision of creating recreation opportunities for the residents of the Township within the next five years, and
- To achieve its mission of creating integrated and linked greenspace systems and parks that are accessible to everyone who lives and works in and around Flint Township.

# ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

## THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLINT

There are two types of townships in Michigan—general law and charter townships. Charter township status is a special township classification created by the Michigan Legislature in 1947 to provide additional powers and stream-lined administration for governing a growing community.

The Charter Township of Flint government is conducted by a township board consisting of seven members. The officers of the board are designated supervisor, clerk, treasurer and trustee, with the trustees numbering either two or four. The township board may also serve in other specific capacities, such as a park or utility board. The term of office for all township officials is four years. The supervisor, clerk, treasurer and trustee must take the oath of office before entering into the duties of their offices. The deputy supervisor, deputy clerk and deputy treasurer must take the oath after their appointment and before entering into office. In addition, the township clerk and the township treasurer are required to be bonded.

The clerk and the treasurer must each appoint a deputy. The deputy clerk and deputy treasurer must also be bonded. The supervisor may appoint a deputy. Deputy township officials are authorized to act as the elected official in the event of the official's absence, sickness, death or other disability. A deputy may not, however, vote as a member of the township board. With the official's approval and the consent of the township board, a deputy may assist the elected official at any additional times agreed to by the board and the official. Deputies are not required to be residents of the township, and may be paid compensation as determined by the township board.

**Township Supervisor's Primary Statutory Duties**

- Moderates board and annual meetings
- Chief assessing officer (if certified)
- Secretary to Board of Review
- Township's legal agent
- Must maintain records of supervisor's office
- Responsible for tax allocation board budget (if applicable)
- Develops township budget
- Appoints some commission members
- May call special meetings
- May appoint a deputy

**Township Treasurer's Statutory Duties**

- Collects real and personal property taxes
- Keeps an account of township receipts (revenues) and expenditures
- Issues township checks

- Deposits township revenues in approved depositories
- Invests township funds in approved investment vehicles
- Collects delinquent personal property tax
- Responsible for jeopardy assessments in collecting property tax
- Collects mobile home specific tax
- Must appoint a deputy
- Must post a surety bond

**Township Clerk's Statutory Duties**

- Maintains custody of all township records
- Maintains general ledger
- Prepares warrants for township checks
- Records and maintains township meeting minutes
- Keeps the township book of oaths
- Responsible for special meeting notices
- Publishes board meeting minutes (if taxable value is $65 million or more in 2001, annually indexed, or a charter township)
- Keeps voter registration file and conducts elections
- Keeps township ordinance book
- Prepares financial statements
- Delivers tax certificates to supervisor and county clerk by September 30
- Must appoint a deputy
- Must post a surety bond

**Township Trustee's Statutory Duties**

- Township legislators, required to vote on all issues
- Responsible for township's fiduciary health
- Other duties as assigned by board

The Township Zoning Act (MCL 125.271-125.310) gives townships broad powers to enact and enforce ordinances. Zoning ordinances give townships the authority to regulate land use. The Michigan Constitution and state statutes also limit the amount of property tax millage that townships can levy for general township operations. General law townships are allocated at least 1 mill from the constitutionally limited 15/18 mills allocated among townships, the county, public schools and the intermediate school district. Charter townships, like cities, do not share in this allocated millage, but townships chartered by a referendum may levy up to 5 mills. Townships chartered by board resolution after November 22, 1978, must have a vote of the electors authorizing the levy of 5 mills. In either case, the 5 mill limit may be increased up to 10 mills with a vote of the electors. Townships also utilize other sources of revenue to support services. User fees, permits, fines and special assessments on real property are the most frequently used sources.

Townships serve other governmental units by providing tax collection services. To avoid imposing an unnecessary burden on citizens to pay separate property taxes to the township, schools, special assessment districts and the county, Michigan townships provide uniform assessment of property values and collect all property taxes on behalf of the other units of government. Only a very small portion of the taxes collected are retained by the township for its own operating purposes.

## FLINT TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

### Role of the Parks and Recreation Committee

This committee provides recommendations on parks and recreation to the Flint Township Board of Trustees. The role of the Flint Township Parks and Recreation Committee is to assist in: 1) the development of facilities, 2) development of parks and recreation programs, 3) maintenance resources, and 4) the development of a comprehensive recreation plan. The Parks and Recreation Committee will, from time to time, retain a park planning consultant to assist the staff on complex projects and program development.

The Flint Township Parks and Recreation Committee could be reorganized into either a Township Park Commission under the authority of the Township Parks and Places of Recreation Act (PA 157 of 1905) or as a Recreation Board under the authority of the Recreation and Playgrounds Act (PA 156 of 1917). Establishment of a Township Park Commission may only be initiated by a petition of registered voters followed by a vote of the people at a regular election. Establishment of a Recreation Board may be by the action of the Township Board.

### Organizational Chart

The Flint Township Board of Trustees has the final authority for Parks and Recreation Plans, Projects and Programming in Flint Township. The Parks and Recreation Committee provide recommendations to the Board of Trustees for approval. Figure 1: on the following page shows the organizational structure of the Parks and Recreation Committee in Flint Township.

### Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation Programming

The Township has established a fiscal budget of $15,000 per year for improvements and maintenance of the park. This fund pays for routine maintenance of the Flint Township Nature Park under a contract with a local lawn care and landscaping company. The work includes mowing, trimming and blowing of debris off of pathways, and trash removal.

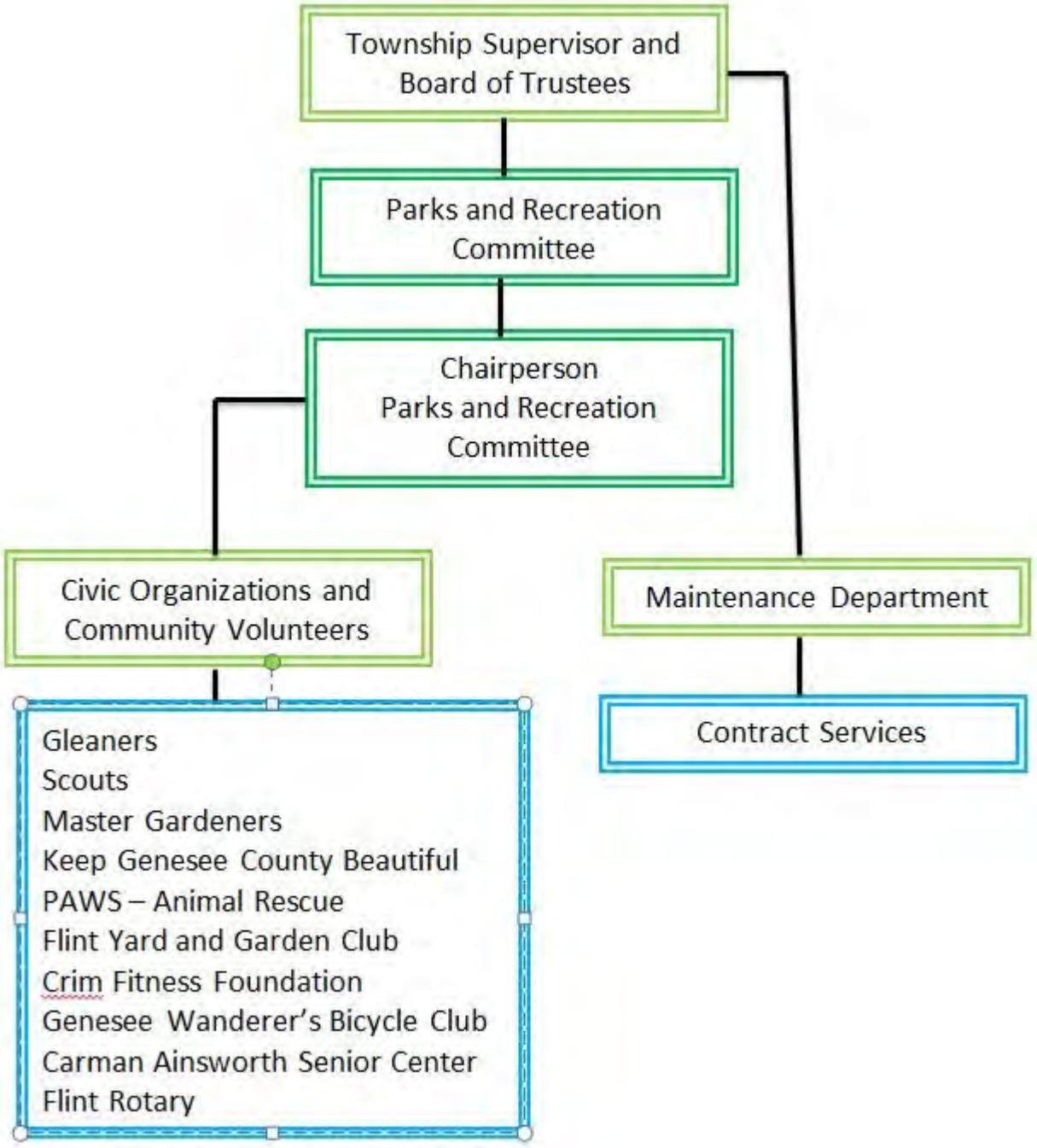
### Grant Income

Flint Township has received $4,250 over the past five years from Keep Genesee County Beautiful for beautification projects. In 2012 the Township received an

Honorable Mention Certificate from KGCB for gardens along the Genesee Valley Trail and again in 2013 for gardens at the Flint Township hall.

Home Depot has provided about $200/year in promotional coupons to the Township that is used for material for park projects.

Figure 1: Organizational Structure of Parks and Recreation, Charter Township of Flint



# RECREATION INVENTORY

### Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory

This Parks and Recreation inventory incorporates all of the property owned and managed by Flint Township as well as privately owned recreational amenities and Carman-Ainsworth School District recreational amenities. Regional recreational resources are also listed. All amenities are evaluated according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources: Recommended Classification System for Local and Regional Recreation Open Space and Trails as provided in Appendix C of the Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans.

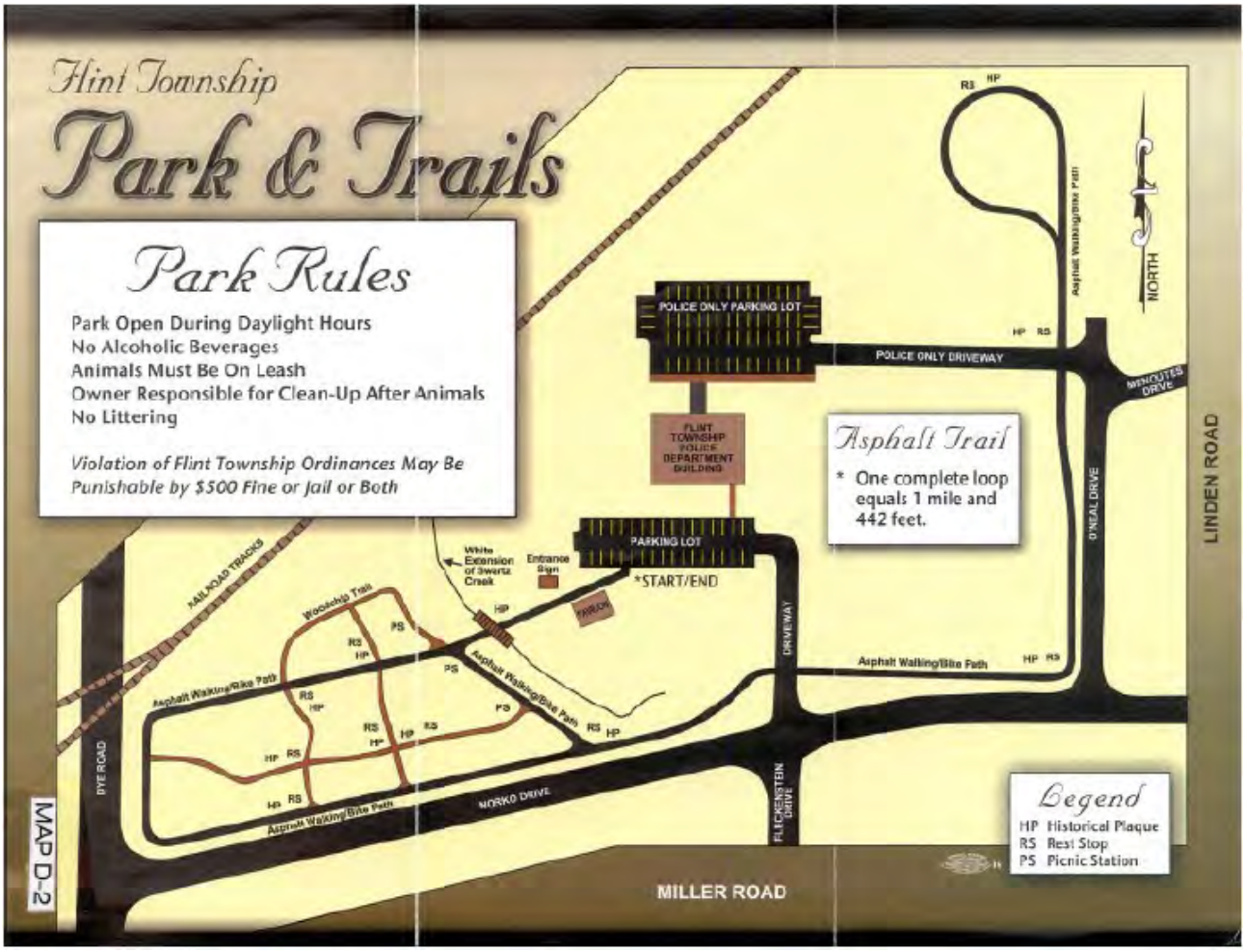
### Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities

## FLINT TOWNSHIP NATURE PARK

Park Type: Neighborhood Park with Park Trails Park Name: Flint Township Park and Trails Size: 9 acres

Most likely service area: Residents throughout Flint Township can drive to park and walk the trails, also has walking access to surrounding neighborhoods and Linden Road commercial district.

Additional Information: Flint Township Park and Trails opened in 2006. It is located at 5200 Norko Drive between Dye and Linden Roads. It includes an 3,500-ft long asphalt handicapped accessible non-motorized trail with a series of shorter wood chip trails, along the way are rest stops and picnic stations as well as a number of plaques with brief messages – mostly about local history. There is also a covered pavilion with picnic tables for public use and a small playground area.


Flint Township
Park & Trails
Park Rules
Park Open During Daylight Hours
No Alcoholic Beverages
Animals Must Be On Leash
Owner Responsible for Clean-Up After Animals
No Littering
Violation of Flint Township Ordinances May Be Punishable by $500 Fine or Jail or Both
POLICE ONLY PARKING LOT
POLICE ONLY DRIVEWAY
FLINT TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING
PARKING LOT
*START/END
Asphalt Trail
* One complete loop equals 1 mile and 442 feet.
NORTH
MENOUTES DRIVE
O'NEAL DRIVE
LINDEN ROAD
DRIVEWAY
FLICKENSTEIN DRIVE
NORKO DRIVE
MILLER ROAD
DYE ROAD
RAILROAD TRACKS
Asphalt Walking/Bike Path
Woodchip Trail
White Extension of Swartz Creek
Entrance Sign
Legend
HP Historical Plaque
RS Rest Stop
PS Picnic Station
MAP D-2

## RIVERVIEW CANOE LANDING




Park Type: Special Use- Canoe Landing Park

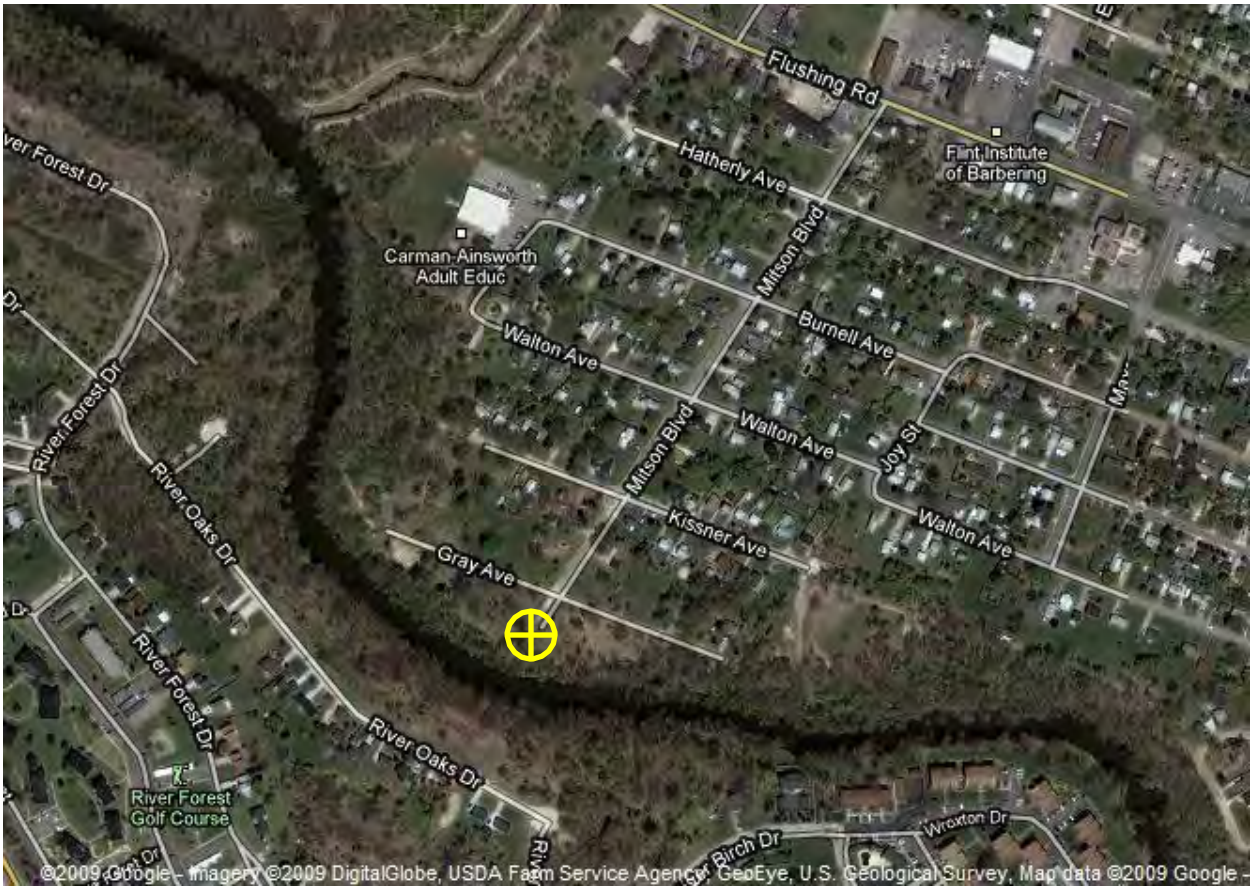
Name: Riverview Canoe Landing Size: 8

acres

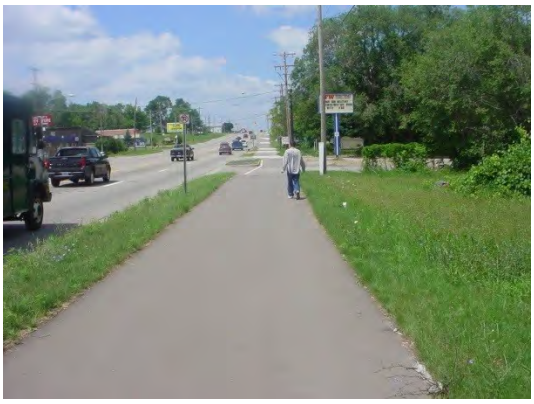
Most likely service area: Flint River Watershed and canoe enthusiasts from the Township as well as throughout Genesee County use this launch. This canoe launch is the only spot between downtown Flint and Flushing that you can put in or take out a canoe on the Flint River.

Additional Information: Riverview Canoe Landing opened in 2007, is located on the Flint River off Mitson St just south of Flushing Road in Flint Township. It includes a small parking area and canoe launch. It is the main canoe access area between Flint and Flushing. It is largely unimproved.

**Figure 2 : Riverview Canoe Landing**



## M-21 NON-MOTORIZED PATHWAY



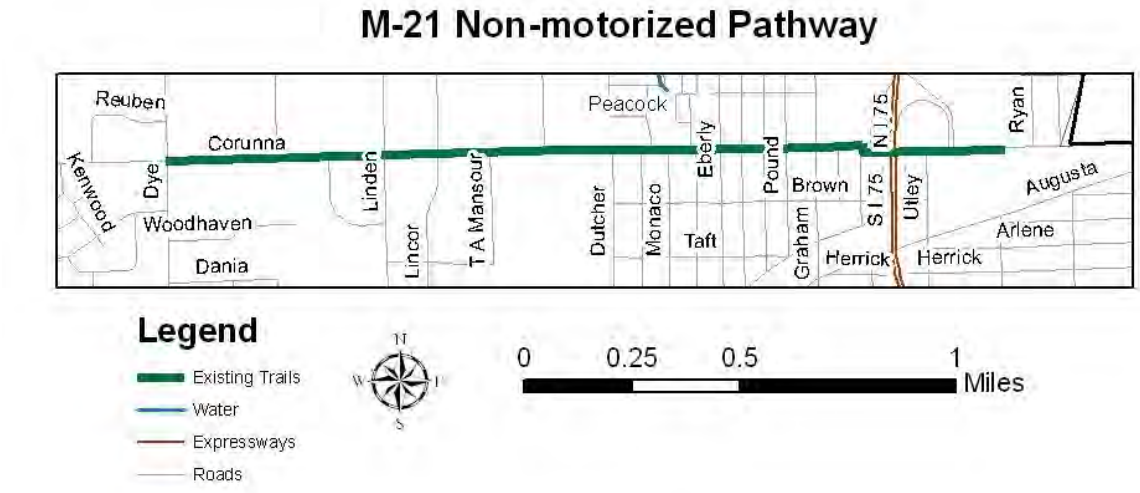
Park Type: Connector Trail

Park Name: M-21 Non-motorized Pathway

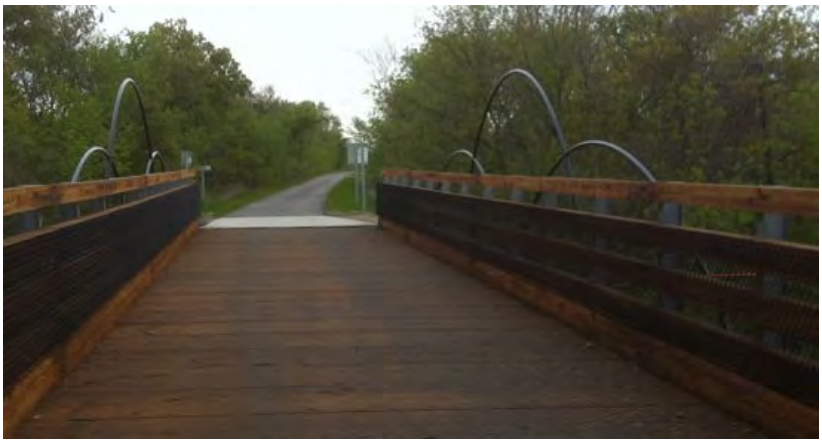
Size: 1.75 miles (From Dye Rd to I-75)

Most likely service area: Neighborhoods and retail shopping areas along Corunna Road in Flint Township.

Additional Information: Flint Township in partnership with the Michigan Department of Transportation has a 1.75 mile asphalt non-motorized pathway from I-75 at M-21 (Corunna Road) to Dye Rd. The pathway is a 10-ft wide marked walking and bicycling path adjacent to Corunna Road on the north side. It serves the adjacent commercial areas as well as neighborhoods in the vicinity. The pathway connects to two Mass Transportation Authority bus routes. An Additional pathway extension across the Corunna Road bridge was installed in 2009 continuing the pathway all the way to the Kroger Store on Corunna Road from the Flint Township Hall on Dye Road.



## GENESEE VALLEY TRAIL



Park Type: Connector Trail

Park Name: M-21 Non-motorized Pathway

Size: 3.3 miles (From Flint Township Park to Corunna Road)

Most likely service area: Neighborhoods and retail shopping areas along Corunna and Linden Road as well as walkers and bicyclists from around the region.

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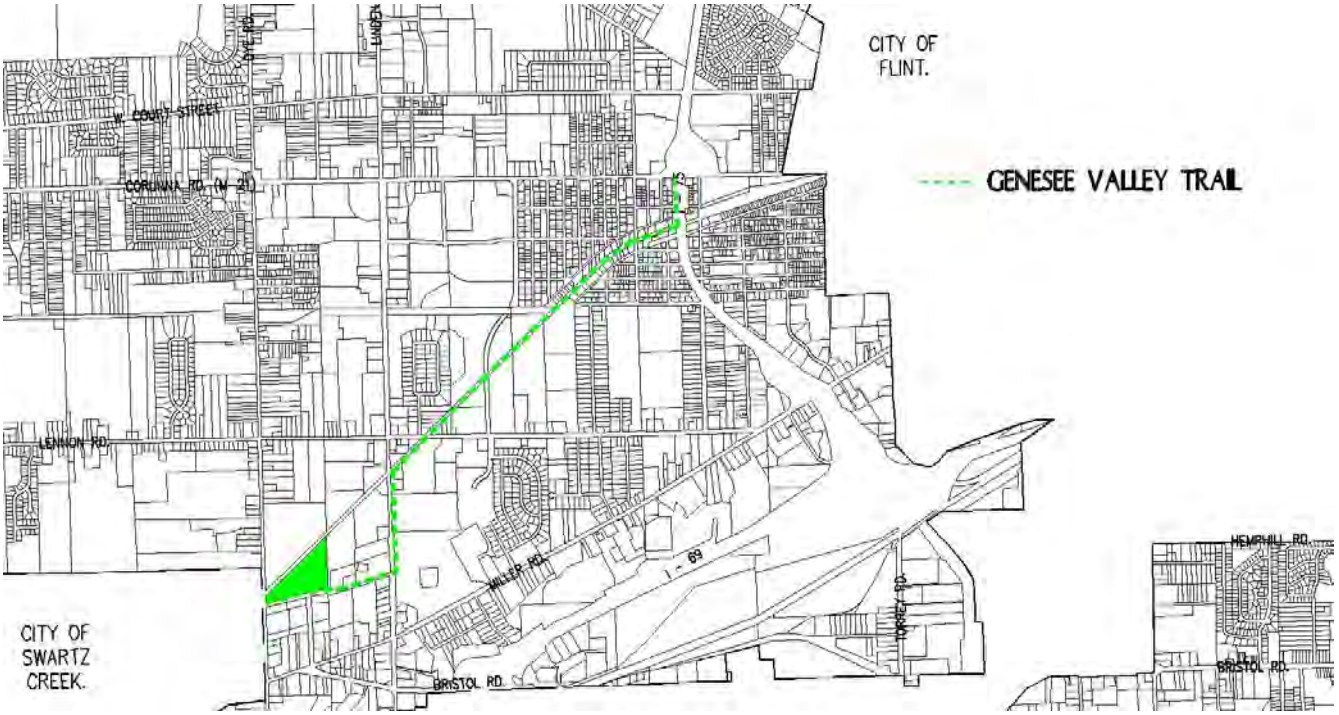
Additional Information: The Genesee Valley Trail initially started at the Genesee Valley Center and ran about 2.6 miles to Corunna Road, near Atlas Coney Island. In 2011 approximately 3,500 feet was added across Linden Road to the Flint Township Park. In 2015 solar LED lights were installed at the Graham Road overpass and westward.



## PRIVATE RECREATION-RELATED FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

Flint Township contains a variety of privately owned and operated recreational facilities. These related lands and resources are important to the community and its citizens because they reduce the demand for public resources.

| Private Facilities | Type |
|---|---|
| Flint Swim & Racquet Club | Outdoor Pool & Racquet Ball Courts |
| King Par Golf Range | Golf Activities |
| RAVE | Multiplex Theatre |
| Chuck E. Cheese Fun Center | Fun Center |
| Planet Fitness | Fitness Center |
| Snap Fitness | Fitness Center |
| Genesee County District Library | Reading |
| River Forest Apt. Complex | 9 Hole Golf Course |
| Genesee Valley Mall | Shopping - walking |

The Carman-Ainsworth Community School District facilities and sites provide a broad range of recreational and instructional activities. The district permits the use of many of their buildings and facilities by community organizations, groups, clubs and individuals for meetings, classes and instructional programs. Group activities include Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Explorers, Girl Scouts, Brownies, township meetings, family fun nights, community education programs, senior citizens groups, after school concerts, plays, dances and athletics.

Other township, public and private properties that offer open space recreation opportunities and indoor recreation facilities, though limited, are as follows:

Flint Township Senior Center
AYSO Soccer Complex
Flint Swim and Racquet Club
Carman-Ainsworth High School
Carman Park - Baker Career Academy
Stalker Elementary School
Dye Elementary School
Randels Elementary School
Atlantis High School - Alternative
Bendle/Carman Ainsworth Community Education – The Learning Community (Fenton Lawn)
McLaren Pathway – Trail Extension
Hoover Recreational Park

The Carman-Ainsworth Community School District, St. Pius Catholic Primary School

and The Holy Redeemer Catholic Elementary Schools provide athletic and recreation facilities for public, as well as, school use with open space for softball, football, basketball and field games.

## OTHER RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

In and around Genesee County there are several county and state park and recreational facilities. The majority require a drive of 15 to 20 miles to reach. The Genesee County Park and Recreation Commission operates major park sites providing active and passive activities. The major park sites are:

- Holloway Reservoir Regional Park
- Genesee Recreation Area
- For-Mar Nature Preserve I Arboretum
- Buell Lake County Park
- Linden County Park
- Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad
- Flushing County Park

Other neighboring communities that have parks and recreational areas can also attract Flint Township residents some of these parks include:

- Riverview Canoe Landing, Flushing
- Riverview Trail, Flushing
- Riverview Park, Flushing
- Elms Road Park, Swartz Creek
- Genesee Valley Golf Course, 18 holes

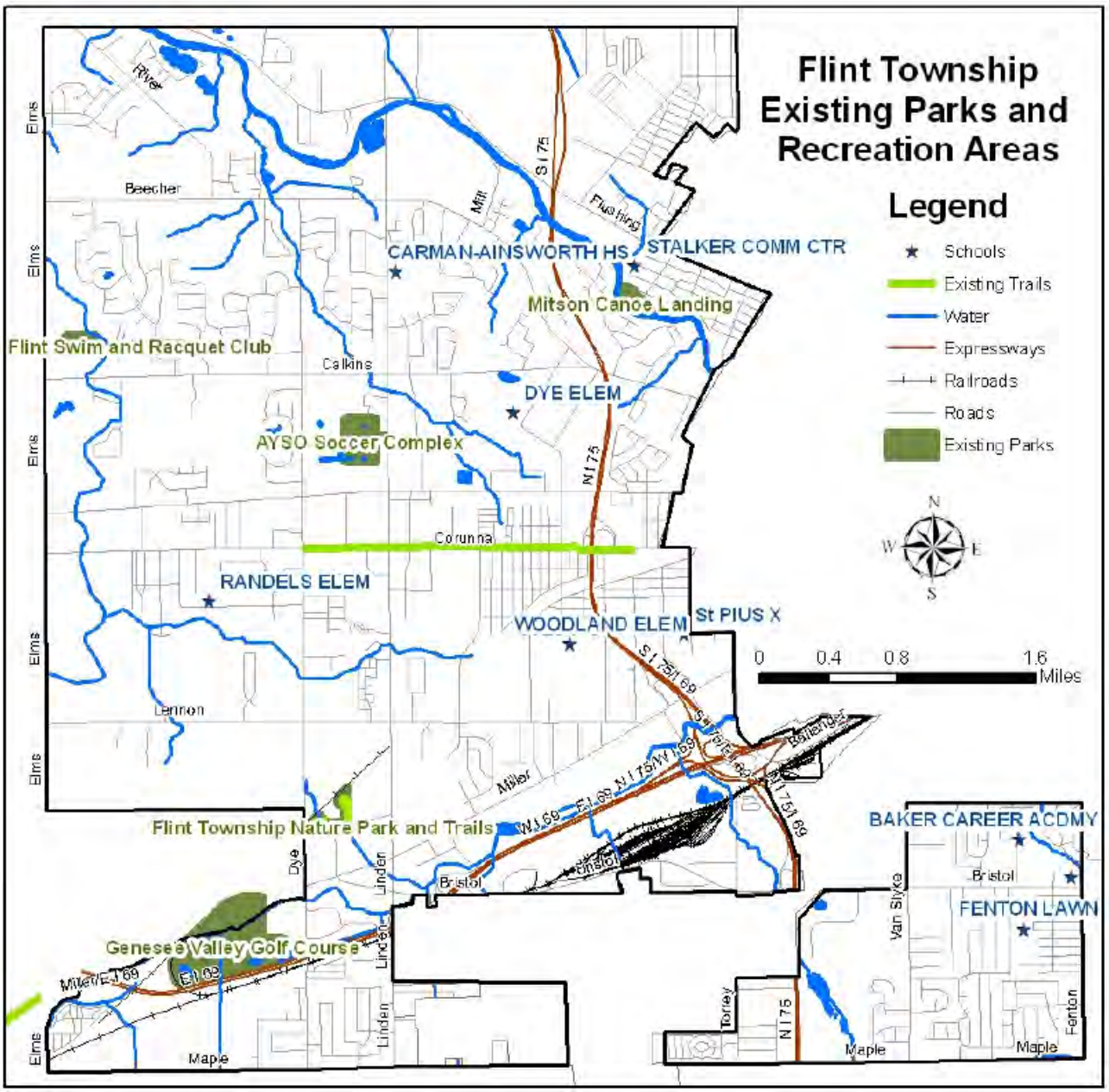
The City of Flint, on the eastern perimeter of Flint Township has several prime cultural and recreational opportunities, such as:

- The Flint Cultural Center
- Dort Federal Sports Arena
- Atwood Stadium
- Sloan Museum
- Whiting Auditorium
- Flint Institute of Arts
- Flint Institute of Music
- Sarvis Conference Center
- Longway Planetarium
- Applewood Gardens

These facilities are located in the center and eastside areas of the City. In addition to these major sites the City of Flint Department of Parks and Recreation operates a municipal park system with a broad cross section of activities.

The Seven Lakes State Park is approximately 30 miles south of Flint Township. In the Holly area is a major attraction for swimming, picnicking, hiking, nature study and related outdoor activities. The park encompasses about 500 acres of woodland, lakes and broad meadows full of native trees, shrubs and wildlife.

The county, City of Flint and the state facilities, though attractive and broad in scope, do require considerable travel for the township residents that seek an opportunity for recreational activities.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Flint Swim and Racquet Club
DYE ELEM
AYSO Soccer Complex
RANDELS ELEM
WOODLAND ELEM
St PIUS X
Flint Township Nature Park and Trails
BAKER CAREER ACDMY
FENTON LAWN
Genesee Valley Golf Course
Beecher
Calkins
Corunna
Lennon
Miller
Bristol
Maple
Elms
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## ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

This section provides an assessment of the accessibility of each park to people with disabilities. This assessment must consider the accessibility of both the facilities themselves as well as the routes to them. The barrier-free accessibility information provided in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources: the Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans pages 7-8 available at www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants for ranking each park

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 principles of universal design

### Flint Township Parks and Recreation Accessibility Assessment

Flint Township Park and Trails = 4 (built using ADA guidelines)

Riverview Canoe Landing = 1 (unimproved park)

M-21 Non-motorized Pathway = 4 (some areas very close to the roadway)

Genesee Valley Trail = 4 (built using ADA guidelines)

### Barrier- Free Access Statement

All Flint Township parks and recreation facilities will provide barrier-free access. The Township will take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that individuals with disabilities have access to all Township facilities to the maximum extent practicable.

### Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities

Based on the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment website which lists all park projects going back to 1976 that received Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund assistance, no grants have been awarded directly to or for a project located in Flint Township.

## PARK CLASSIFICATION STANDARDS

Mini-Parks

A specialized facility of one acre in size intended to serve a specific age group such as tots and/or senior citizens. Mini-parks service areas are less than 1/4 mile in radius and usually close to tight neighborhood groups, apartment complexes or housing for the elderly.

Neighborhood Parks/Playgrounds

These sites of one to 15 acres in size usually serve a population of 5,000 and an area of 1/2 mile radius. Some are classified as park/school facilities if sites are adjacent. They are large enough for intense development of field and/or court games, skating and a variety of field games. Bike paths and walking trails are common also.

Community Parks

Community parks are generally 16 to 25 acres in size and serve a neighborhood radius of one to two miles. They are large enough to support intense recreational facilities such as athletic complexes, large community swimming pools and have natural site qualities for outdoor recreation such as walking, picnicking, passive sitting areas and may be adjacent to a river or a lake offering water related activities. Community park sites are on occasion adjacent to a school site, forming a comprehensive park/school recreation facility.

Regional/Metropolitan Parks

Parks of this scope are large and range from 100 to 200 acres in size and are usually developed by a county park system and can serve several communities. The land area is usually very naturalistic and wooded offering boating, camping, fishing, trail hiking and similar activities. These large sites can provide broad recreational opportunities from playgrounds for tots to senior citizen campers.

Regional Park Reserves

Regional reserves are operated by county, state and federal park departments and serve many communities over a broad area. Generally 80% of the 750 to 1,000 acre sites are "conservation land" and preserved under natural resource management programs. The sites most always are very diverse in topography with natural resources such as streams, rivers, lakes, marshes and regulated wetlands. Many are heavily wooded and support wildlife and native flora and fauna. Several state forest lands are within a two to three hour drive from Genesee County.

Other park lands and/or "open spaces" are unique to each community and regarded as local or regional recreation resources. There are no applicable standards concerning size or proximity to population centers some examples are:

Linear Parks:

Linear parks are created by the recreational utilization of natural or built corridors such as utility easements; abandoned railroad rights-of-way; bluff lines; and roads rights-of-way. These corridors usually link other recreational components or community facilities such as schools, libraries, commercial areas and other park areas. These long, narrow park corridors are well suited for various modes of recreational travel such as hiking, biking, snowmobiling, horseback riding, cross country skiing, canoeing or pleasure/scenic driving. Some may include active play areas and rest areas.

Special use recreation sites

Most special use sites that have a recreational purpose lie within community boundaries. Some are public in ownership and use and some are privately owned and limited in use to a specific segment of the community. Special use sites of a specialized nature include golf courses, nature centers, zoos, arboreta, arenas, outdoor theaters, gun ranges, conservatories and downhill ski areas. Also of significance are town squares, village greens in or near a commercial center, boulevards and parkways. There are no definitive standards to size, shape or specific location.

Conservancy Sites

Some government jurisdictions have established conservancy districts for the protection and management of the natural and cultural environment with recreational use as a secondary objective. The location of conservancy sites is totally dependent on the natural resource to be protected. There are no specific standards relative to location, size or service area.

**Bike Path and Trails Classification Standards**

Sidewalks

Min. 5 ft wide concrete path separated from the roadway for walking.

Paved Shoulders

Min. 4 ft wide paved segments of roadway on the outside shoulder, separated from the vehicle lane with a white stripe

Bike Lane

Min. 4 ft wide paved segments of roadway on the outside shoulder, separated from the vehicle lane with a bike lane symbols and signage

Non-motorized Pathway

Min. 10 ft wide pathway separated from the roadway for bicycling, running and walking with vehicular traffic prohibited.

Bike Route

A low-volume residential street suitable for bicycling traffic where bicycles and vehicles share the roadway and the route is marked with signage and possibly on-street markings called Share-the-Road symbols or “Sharrows”.

Park Trails

Multi-purpose trails located within parks, greenways and natural resource areas and should be in harmony with the natural environment. May be paved or a wood chip surface. Hard surface trails may vary form 5' to 10' in width for pedestrians, hikers or bikers. Pedestrian nature trails are usually soft-surfaced and narrower than bike path trails.

# DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

## Planning Methods- Systems Approach to Planning

This recreation facility inventory illustrates a typical list of major recreation activities and confirms a definite lack of recreational opportunities in Flint Township. This population to facility standard is provided in the 1995 edition of the "National Recreation and Park Association Open Space and Greenway Guidelines.

**Recreation Facility Inventory and Deficiencies**

| Basic Facilities | Facility - Population | Req. | Exist. | Def. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Basketball Courts | 1 / 1,000 | 34 | 18 | 16 |
| Handball Courts | 1 / 5,000 | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| Skating Rink | | | | |
| Natural | 1/3,000 | 10 | 0 | 10 |
| Indoor | 1/25,000 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Tennis Courts | 1/2,000 | 17 | 10 | 7 |
| Baseball Fields | 1 / 3,000 | 10 | 1 | 9 |
| Softball Fields .. | 1 / 3,000 | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Little League Fields | I / 4,000 | 8 | 0 | 8 |
| Golf Courses | | | | |
| 9 Hole | 1/ 25,000 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 18 Hole | 1/50,000 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Football / Soccer | 1 / 8,000 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Swimming Pools | | | | |
| Outdoor | 1/40,000 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Indoor | 1 / 10,000 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Community Centers | 1 / 25,000 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Bike paths / Trails | N/A | 0 | 2 | 0 |

## RECREATION DEFICIENCIES

Flint Township, having very little dedicated open space for park and recreation development, must rely on the Parks and Recreation Committee, local school district and other organizations to provide recreation opportunities for the community. The preparation of this 5-year master plan update will be the guideline for the Township to follow in this effort.

The Park Committee will follow the classification system developed by the National Recreation and Park Association. This system is intended to serve as a general guide to planning. The NRPA suggests that a park and recreation system be composed of a "core" system of park lands with a total of 6.5 to 10.5 acres of developed open space per 1,000 population. For the purposes of this Park and

Recreation 5-year Master Plan Report, the Park Board will use the population/facility ratio guidelines developed by the National Park and Recreation Association. The guidelines also give recommendations on park classifications which vary according to size, location and the segment of the population the park is intended to serve.

The Township has no Public Works Department however there is a $15,000 line item for park improvements in the General Fund budget.

The immediate problems facing the Parks and Recreation Committee in the development of parks within the township are as follows:

- No general funds earmarked for the development of parks and recreation facilities.

- No existing maintenance department dedicated to the continued development and maintenance of parks and recreation facilities.

**POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS**

This section of the document establishes the plan for acquiring and developing parks in the Township over the next five years. The development of the five-year plan will position the Township to apply for any of the several potential funding sources listed below:

- Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund – Acquisition and development projects can also be funded by the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF). This program was formerly called the Michigan Land Trust Fund. There is no minimum or maximum dollar amount for property acquisition projects but development projects under this program must be at least $50,000 and not exceed a maximum of $500,000. Grant programs usually require that the local governmental unit provide matching funds of at least 25% of the amount requested.

- Michigan Land and Water Conservation Fund - The Land and Water Conservation Fund started in 1965, provided funds for acquisition and development of facilities for public outdoor recreation. It does not fund operation and maintenance of facilities. The LWCF is administered jointly by the National Park Service (NPS), U. S. Department of the Interior and the State of Michigan's Department of Natural Resources. Governmental units are eligible to apply to the DNR for a grant award. Eligible projects include the purchase of land for public outdoor recreation, forest lands and wildlife areas. LWCF also funds development of site with bike/walking trails, ball fields, picnic areas, tennis courts and playgrounds as well as many other types of recreational activities. The total acquisition cost must be at least $20,000 and not exceed $250,000.

- Michigan Department of Transportation – Transportation Enhancement Grants – Federal Transportation funding for regional trails that provide a transportation benefit
- Community Development Block Grants – neighborhood parks and amenities in low to moderate income areas
- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Grants – Federal Transportation Funding for regional trails that provide a transportation benefit
- Keep Genesee County Beautiful Mini-Grants – Beatification Grants for up to $500.00 for community gardening
- Charles Stewart Mott Foundation – Local grants for economic development in the region and environmental stewardship
- Ruth Mott Foundation – Local grants for community vitality, beautification, health promotion and arts in Genesee County
- Community Foundation Of Greater Flint – Local grants to support community projects in Genesee County
- Private Donations – local fund drive
- West Flint Business Association – Association of businesses in Flint Township

## EVALUATION OF FUNDING OPTIONS

The best long-term solution for developing a system for parks and recreation lies in consistent, long-term funding.

### General Fund Line Item Appropriation

Most parks and recreation departments are funded and function on a direct budgeted appropriation from general funds. This is usually referred to as a "pay as you go" operation. This works well in a community with a broad tax base. This method requires a commitment to appropriate adequate funds for acquisition and development on a continuing basis. When facilities are developed, funds must be available for administration of recreation programming and for the proper maintenance of facilities.

### Supplemental Funding

Funds from private foundations in the form of grants could provide short-term supplemental funding to accomplish a specific goal. Grant programs, however, are highly competitive and to be successful the Township should undertake a vigorous program to resources that may be available to specific project needs.

Other supplemental funding sources are available in the form of matching parks and recreation grants. Over recent years, several grant programs have been administered by the State of Michigan through the Department of Natural Resources and Environment. Availability of funds in these programs has varied over the years.

## DESCRIPTION OF PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

Flint Township used two means to gather and solicit public input for the 2016-2020 Flint Township Parks and Recreation Master Plan, a series of recreation provider interviews and the public hearings prior to the plan's adoption.

### Recreation Provider Interviews

A series of interviews with recreation providers was conducted on December 7, 2015 followed up with a phone interview on December 21, 2015. A total of eleven persons were interviewed, representing 10 organizations involved in recreation in the township. A summary of the interview results is outlined in the table on the next two pages.

The participants were asked a series of questions regarding the current assets and issues with recreation in the township, as well as information on the role of volunteers in their organization. They were also given the opportunity to provide any thoughts or comments not covered by the questions.

Common responses included:

- The listing of the Genesee Valley Trail and the Township Park as important recreational assets,
- The need for recreational facilities for kids and for better distribution of facilities throughout the community;
- The need to use recreation as an economic development tool and as a means of drawing the community together
- Development of a pet park and expansion of the current existing township park to include picnic pavilions and playground equipment were suggested new projects

| FLINT RECREATION PROVIDER INTERVIEW<br>SUMMARY 12/21/15 | | |
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| **Organizations**<br>Flint River Watershed Coalition<br>Flint River Trail<br>Flint Township Police Department<br>Genesee Wanderer's Bicycle Club<br>Carman Ainsworth Senior Center<br>Flint Rotary<br>PAWS – Animal Rescue<br>Flint Yard and Garden Club<br>Crim Fitness Foundation<br>Carman-Ainsworth | **Person(s)**<br>Eleven | **Date**<br>12/7/15,<br>12/21/15 |
| **Do you provide volunteers for recreational activities in Flint Township**:<br>Flint River clean-up (150 miles of river, not just Flint Township) – 300+ volunteers<br>National Night Out at Community Park – 15+ volunteers and 20+ local businesses<br>Genesee Wanderer's Bicycle Club – 60 members, 10 active<br>Carman Ainsworth Senior Center – 10+ volunteers<br>Rotary – 5-10 volunteers per project park cleanup and adoption of Keep Genesee County Beautiful gateway site<br>PAWS – 50 volunteers during dog walk<br>Carman-Ainsworth Varsity Girls Soccer – 3 volunteers | | |
| **What are the greatest recreational assets Flint Township has:**<br>Genesee Valley Trail (5)<br>Flint Township Park (5)<br>Connection to Flint River Trail<br>Cooperation with schools<br>Flint River (Riverview Canoe Landing)<br>Open space – vacant land<br>School ballfields<br>School playground facilities<br>AYSO program<br>School's Community Education Program | | |
| **What are the greatest recreational needs Flint Township has:**<br>Afternoon and evening recreational programs<br>Outdoor recreation for kids<br>Youth opportunities<br>More community involvement<br>Safe places for people to ride<br>Continue to develop network of trails<br>Neighborhood parks in underserved neighborhoods such as Bristol/Van Slyke and Bell Road<br>Beautify Miller Road corridor for people walking, biking or driving<br>Larger library with outdoor space<br>Programming of activities at Community Park<br>Improve Trail - Greater separation between trail and traffic, mile markers, emergency call boxes, better connection to Genesee Valley Trail<br>Better access to organized recreation for girls | | |

**What is the one or two most important goals the community should concentrate on in order to improve recreation in the Flint Township Community:**

Promote a healthier community, fitness (3), including kids (Play 60)
Provide multi-use facilities
Improve safety and perception of safety at facilities
Encourage people to visit Flint Township and the economic development that would be generated (2)
More general recreation opportunities (Dog walks/hiking/biking)
Access to the Flint River
Continue the trial network
Continue cooperation with schools and other communities
Provide geographic coverage of entire township with recreational opportunities
Community beautification
Facilities and programs to bring community together (2)
Better biking opportunities
Greater awareness and pride in our kids and our community

**What is the one or two most important improvements the community should concentrate on in order to improve recreation in the Flint Township Community (new or improved infrastructure, event programing, etc.):**

Trail extension to connect to
-City of Swartz Creek
-Ionia Trail
-Flushing River Trail
Additional facilities for picnics, possibly adjacent to school recreation facilities
One or more neighborhood facilities in areas where public would feel safe
Expand programing of recreation opportunities by partnering with others such as Crim, Watershed Coalition, Friends of the Flint River Trail and Senior Center
Conversion of old theater
Expand Community Park (3) – Pavilion, playscape, parking, more trails
Create a veteran's memorial
Pet park (2)
More lights on trail, and beautify
Make trail more welcoming (parking, info boards, trail head)
Additional soccer space with free access

**Any other thoughts or comments:**

The Township Community Park is beautiful and should be enhanced
Be careful where we put parks
Need to be sure money will be available long term for enforcement
Expand sidewalk system where possible – in winter people walk in road
Increase access to green spaces
Implement "complete streets" concept
Keep in mind opportunities for land acquisition or easements from tax foreclosures, particularly along the river, next to the trail and next to the Community Park
Strong plan implementation is important
Program races and walks on trail, use as fundraisers like Walk for Life
Cooperate with Keep Genesee County Beautiful on tree plantings
Not a lot of cohesion and volunteer spirit in community
Need to connect the north and south portions of the township

## Public Hearings

On January 11, 2016 a notice was published in the newspaper announcing the availability of the draft parks and recreation plan for public inspection. Public hearings by the Parks and Recreation Committee at 1:00 pm on January 28, 2016 and by the Township Board on February 15, 2015 were also announced in the notice. A copy of the notice and the minutes of the both public hearings are included in the appendix

Parks and Recreation Public Hearing

At their January 28, 2016 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting the committee voted unanimously to approve the plan, with corrections of some minor typos, a new cover and reference to the options regarding formation of a Parks and Recreation Board or Park Commission

Township Board Public Hearing

At their February 16, 2016 meeting the Flint Charter Township Board voted unanimously to approve the plan.

## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Flint Township Parks and Recreation Committee developed the following goals and objectives for guiding the development of future parks and recreation facilities and programs in Flint Township from 2010 – 2015.

**Goal 1: Connect to the regional trail network in Genesee County**

Objectives:

- Connect the Genesee Valley Trail in Flint Township to the City of Swartz Creek and to other neighboring communities as opportunities arise
- Build the Flint River Trail in Flint Township
- Work with Genesee County to develop these trail projects
- Create a River Trail Network with neighboring communities

**Goal 2: Preserve open space and natural areas of scenic and wildlife value**

Objectives:

- Look for opportunities to preserve land when new development plans are submitted to the Township where feasible
- Develop natural areas around the Flint River, wetlands, and Swartz Creek and other scenic areas

**Goal 3: Gardens that produce fresh food**

Objectives:

- Work with neighborhood on community gardens on vacant lots
- Partner with other community organizations working to grow food
- Develop local gardening volunteers in Flint Township

**Goal 4: Activities for youth**

Objectives:

- Develop programs for youth with area schools
- Develop summer recreation programs

**Goal 5: Maintain existing recreational amenities**

Objectives:

- Develop a comprehensive maintenance plan for parks in Flint Township

- Work with volunteers to clean up and beautify park areas
- Continue mowing and clean up practices in place at Flint Township Nature Park

**Goal 6: Beautify the community**

Objectives:

- Enforce local ordinances already on the books
- Work with community groups to improve public spaces
- Utilize Keep Genesee County Beautiful for beautification resources
- Keep vacant lots mowed and maintained

**Goal 7: Promote healthy and active lifestyles**

Objectives:

- Develop fitness programs using existing parks and trails
- Promote the CRIM Training Program and CRIM Festival of Races
- Work with schools on promoting healthy lifestyles to area youth and families

**Goal 8: Have residents think of Flint Township as their first choice in Parks and Recreation activities**

Objectives:

- Develop recreational opportunities in Flint Township that residents will utilize
- Promote local recreational opportunities available

## ACTION PROGRAM

The Parks and Recreation Board, working in concert with the Carman/Ainsworth Board of Education, have discussed the opportunity of utilizing school sites now under the jurisdiction of Carman/Ainsworth.

The Township Board of Trustees resolves to:

1. Support the acquisition of land as a conservation measure.
2. Pursue all feasible methods of providing the funds necessary to acquire, develop and maintain parks throughout the Township.
3. Acquire sites on a community-wide pattern to serve the maximum number of neighborhoods. An emphasis should be placed on the development of small neighborhood parks within walking distance in low to moderate income neighborhoods.
4. Work in concert with the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission in the development of joint or adjacent park sites. The County Park Commission has expressed interest in assisting Flint Township.
5. Utilize the Township Master Plan to locate, acquire, dedicate and develop park and recreation sites and recognized parks and recreation planning standards.

## POTENTIAL PROJECTS (not in priority order)

### Genesee Valley Trail Extension

The Genesee Valley Trail is recognized by area recreation providers as a top asset in the township today. The trail connects to the Flint River Trail to the east, and further connections will enhance the trails value. One possible connection would be to the west to the City of Swartz Creek



Trails are an important for the quality of life of residents of Flint Township. Trails increase access to natural areas and parks, which keeps people healthy and happy. The Genesee Valley Trail connection to the Flint River Trail Network builds on Genesee County's largest link in the regional trail system. Any trail extensions will provide increased access to recreation that will give Flint Township residents more opportunities for exercise. Regional trails provide economic development and are part of creating a livable community. People want to live near trails and they increase the quality of life for residents of Flint Township and nearby residents in the City of Flint. The Genesee Valley Trail provides safe routes to school and work and a safe way to get to shopping and commercial areas and great destinations like our local library, senior center, Showcase Cinemas, and Flint Township Nature Park.

**Flint River Trail**

The Flint River Trail is a non-motorized pathway along the scenic Flint River that stretches from Mott Lake and the Genesee Recreation Area in Genesee Township through the City of Flint and currently ends in downtown Flint at Riverbank Park. The Flint River Trail was identified as the #1 top priority trail in the 2007 Genesee County Regional Trail Plan and with the assistance of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission and the Ruth Mott Foundation, preliminary engineering plans and engineers cost estimates were developed for the Flint River Trail extending from the City of Flint to Linden Road along the north side of the Flint River. This project will require easements from property owners along the river. Flint Township would like to begin in phases constructing this trail with the first phase connecting the City of Flint to the Riverview Canoe Landing at Mitson Drive.

**Upgrades to Riverview Canoe Landing**

Riverview Canoe Landing is a great recreational asset for Flint Township. It currently serves as canoe launch, but is in need of additional upgrades to make it more handicapped accessible. Additionally the park needs picnic tables, upgraded parking and promotional materials to be developed for the canoe launch.

## Upgrades to Flint Township Parks and Trails (Flint Township Nature Park)

Flint Township Nature Park has beautiful walking and biking paths, a pavilion and a small play area and is handicapped accessible. This relatively new park could use some additional amenities such as bathrooms, community gardens, a kiosk with informational signage and pet waste bags and community events. The park needs signage to brand the park and give it an identity.

### Developing New Park Amenities in Existing Neighborhoods

There exists lots of opportunity for expansion of the parks in Flint Township and the need for more recreational opportunities could bring Flint Township and their community partners together to develop new park amenities. Public input provided as part of the 2010-2014 Park and Recreation Plan found some potential park areas worth investigating further for park development. These areas include: 1) greenspace adjacent to Fenton Lawn Community School; 2) greenspace along the creek and between the former Carman Park Elementary and Baker College; 3) the undeveloped area east of Linden Road, south of Calkins Road and north of Court Street; 4) small triangle park located at Roslyn Ave, Roland Ave and Bailey Street as a neighborhood park.

### Preserving Open Space near wetlands, woodlands, lakes and streams

There are areas of open space that currently provide wildlife habitat that could be placed into park service and kept as a natural area or conservation area. One of those places is the Swartz Creek and adjacent wetlands between Miller Road, Bristol Road, I-75 and I-69.

### Heroes Plaza

Flint Township has been working on the development of a Veteran, Police Officer and Fireman Memorial at the Flint Township Nature Park. Flags, benches, monuments and a Heroes Walk with bricks engraved with Veterans' and other Heroes names. A donation drive for funds for this park is currently being undertaken by the Township.

### Additional Trail Connections

There exists the potential to continue to develop the Regional Trail Network in Flint Township and connect the southeastern portion of the township to the larger western area of the township with a trail by utilizing the area around Carman Drain which flows northward into the City of Flint, then to Broome Park, cross 12$^{th}$ Street to Southwestern Academy, cross I-69 at the pedestrian overpass and into Happy Hollow Nature Area, the trail could then connect the Grand Traverse Greenway and Genesee Valley Trail (both future regional trail connections) and continue west on the Genesee Valley Trail to the Flint Township Business District area and the Flint Township Nature Park.

## Appendix A: Public Hearing Documentation

- **Notice of Draft Parks and Recreation Plan and Public Hearings**
- **Parks and Recreation Committee Public Hearing Minutes**
- **Parks and Recreation Committee Resolution**
- **Township Board Public Hearing Minutes**
- **Township Board Resolution**

STATE OF MICHIGAN )
County of Genesee ss Dawn Sutton

Being duly sworn deposes and say he/she is Principal Clerk of

# THE FLINT JOURNAL
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a newspaper published and circulated in the County of Genesee and otherwise qualified according to Supreme Court Rule; and that the annexed notice, taken from said paper, has been duly published in said paper on the following day(days)

January 10 A.D. 20 16

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of January 20 16

Marietta Foley

MARIETTA FOLEY
Notary Public, State of Michigan
County of Kent
My Commission Expires: December 23, 2016

**Notice of Public Review and Public Hearings Flint Township Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan**

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Kim Courts, CMC, Clerk
Charter Township of Flint

Charter Township of Flint Parks and Recreation Committee

Thursday, January 28, 2016 @ 1:00 p.m.

1490 S. Dye Road, Flint, MI 48532

Minutes of Regular Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chuck Hughes, Peter Mikelens, Jackie Perina, Barb Vert

MEMBERS ABSENT: Karyn Miller

OTHERS PRESENT: Doug Piggot

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 by Chairperson Barb Vert.

APPROVE MINUTES OF MEETING JANUARY 7, 2016

Motion made by Chuck Hughes and seconded by Peter Mikelens to approve minutes from January 7, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR 5 YEAR MASTER PLAN

No public present. Closed meeting for public hearing.

APPROVE ANY CHANGES

The Parks & Recreation Committee agreed to change the front photo to a collage of different photos displaying completed projects in the Township.

Peter Mikelens requested information on how the Parks and Rec. Committee could become a Commission.

Doug Piggot gave a short explanation and will print out information for the Committee to review.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION

Motion made by Jackie Perina and seconded by Chuck Hughes to approve the Resolution of Adoption. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m. by Chairperson Barb Vert.

By Jackie Perina

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# RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

FLINT TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE,
GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
FLINT TOWNSHIP 2016 – 2020 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, the Flint Township Board established the Flint Township Parks and Recreation Committee and authorized it to prepare a parks and recreation plan for the township, and;

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Committee has prepared a draft Flint Township 2016 – 2020 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and;

WHEREAS, the goals and objectives of the draft Flint Township 2016 – 2020 Parks and Recreation Master Plan were developed in response to needs and deficiencies which were identified through public meetings, recreation provider interviews and recreation inventories, and;

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Committee, reviewed the draft Flint Township 2016 – 2020 Parks and Recreation Master Plan at a public hearing held on January 28, 2016 following public notice to solicit input on the draft plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Parks and Recreation Committee adopts the Flint Township 2016 – 2020 Parks and Recreation Master Plan and submits the plan to the Flint Township Board for adoption.

Moved by: Jackie Perrin Yeas 4

Supported by: Chuck Hughes Nays 0

Barbara Vert
Parks and Recreation Committee Chairperson

Jacqueline Perrin
Parks and Recreation Committee Secretary

1-28-16
Date

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# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLINT

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**REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLINT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** K. Miller, K. Courts, M. Binelli, B. Parker, B. Vert, F. Kasle, G. Menoutes

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** G. Sippert, M. Burkley, K. Funk, T. Tucker

**STAFF ABSENT:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.**

**APPROVAL/CORRECTION OF MINUTES: REGULAR MTG: 02/01/16**
**The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the regular board meeting of FEBRUARY 1, 2016.**

**REPORTS:**

- Supervisor Miller held a moment of silence in honor of Douglas Carlton, former supervisor, trustee and constable for the Charter Township of Flint.
- Supervisor Miller said there were Water Quality Reports from Genesee County Water and Waste Services (GCWWS) available in the lobby of the Administration Building. There is also a link from the Township Web site to the Water Quality Report.
- Supervisor Miller reported that Treasurer Binelli had been approached by officials from Thorntown Township, Illinois, to provide water to the approximately 28 residents of Flint Township who are water franchise customers with the City of Flint. Since the initial contact, Thornton Township officials have driven water to the area on two occasions. The first weekend, two trucks to delivered water to Sunridge Apartments. Supervisor Miller said Flint Township patrol officers, Police Sgt. John Daly, on-duty Fire Fighter Sgt. Jason McClanahan, Economic Enhancement Director Tucker and other volunteers helped to unload the second delivery at Fire Station No. 2. Supervisor Miller said Thornton Township has plans to deliver more water to the area in the future.
- Supervisor Miller said steps are being taken to provide water testing kits to the franchise customers.
- Supervisor Miller reminded residents that address markers for emergency first responders are available for $20, with a portion of that fee donated to the Flint Township Fire Department. More information on the address markers can be found in the mailbox located in the lobby of the Administration Building.
- Chairman of the Genesee Country Road Commission (GCRC), David Arceo, spoke briefly on how much it meant to him for Flint Township to ask him to be a member of the Road Advisory Committee. From his involvement, he has been able to advance to chairman of the GCRC.


Karyn Miller *Supervisor* | Kim Courts *Clerk* | Marsha Binelli *Treasurer* | George Menoutes, Frank Kasle, Belinda Parker, Barb Vert *Trustees*

- Supervisor Miller announced that representatives from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will attend either the March or April Board of Trustees meeting in order to discuss the proposed roundabout project on Bristol Road by the General Motors Plant.
- Supervisor Miller also said the Michigan Township Association would be holding their Genesee County meeting at the Flint Township Police Department's Community Room on Thursday, February 18, 2016, beginning at 7 p.m. She extended an invitation to the Board members.
- Clerk Courts said the Presidential Primary will be held Tuesday, March 8, 2016. Absentee ballots are available Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Voters must request either a Democrat or Republican ballot on their application. Clerk Courts said the Flint Township Election Commission had met prior to the Board of Trustees meeting to approve the list of Election Inspectors. She also said the time-consuming process of testing ballots had concluded.
- Flint Township resident Gene Leverette spoke about a project he is spearheading to help the Flint Township water franchise customers. A "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" Water Drive will be held February 17 to March 4, 2016, at the Kingdom of Heaven Ministries, 2430 Dutcher Road. He said Coca-Cola had agreed to assist anyone willing to donate an entire truckload of water by delivering it to Kingdom of Heaven ministries free of charge.
- **Motioned by M. Binelli, second by G. Menoutes to pay the bills.**
  **Roll Call Vote: Motion Carried Unanimously**
- Treasurer Binelli added that Trustees Parker and Vert, Clerk Courts, Kimberly Parker, Supervisor Miller and Rhonda Sanders from the *Flint Township View* had assisted with the water drop-offs from Thornton Township.
- Trustee Kasle read a January 30, 2016, column penned by *Detroit Free Press* columnist Mitch Albom concerning the City of Flint Water Crisis.
- Trustee Vert said upcoming events at the Carman-Ainsworth Senior Center include a Health Fair on March 31, 2016, and another dance night.
- Chief Sippert provided an update on recruiting efforts by the Flint Township Police Department. During the most recent recruitment cycle, 34 applications were received. Of that, 28 met the minimum requirements. Only 19 of the 28 chose to undergo the testing process, with 12 passing the written examination. Eight candidates passed the oral interview portion of the testing. Chief Sippert said it is his goal to present three to five candidates for hiring at the next Board of Trustees meeting in March.
- Assistant Chief Burkley said copies of the "2015 Annual Fire Department Report" were available in the lobby for those interested. The report is also on the Flint Township Fire Department and Flint Township Web sites.
- Economic Enhancement Director Tucker informed the Trustees that she had included a Revenue Report for January their Board Packets for review. She also said Five Guys Burgers and Fries and Chipotle restaurants would be opening in March and IHOP is expected to open in June. The Family Puppy was in the process of relocating to a new area in the Genesee Valley Mall. She is expecting site plans to be completed during March for the development of the former Pirates Park property.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Supervisor Miller presented the following correspondence to the Board of Trustees:

1. 2015 Genesee County Metropolitan Commission Year-in-Review.
2. Legal Services of Eastern Michigan – review of 33 municipalities and the Charter Township of Flint was one of only 16 found to be in compliance with accessibility for the physically disabled. Supervisor Miller thanked Clerk Courts for her work ensuring that Polling Locations, as well as the Administration Building, was easily accessible.
3. Resignation letter from David Arceo as the citizen representative on the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance (GCMA) following his appointment as chairman of the GCRC.

Clerk Courts presented the following correspondence to the Board of Trustees:

4. Letter seeking monetary donations for Carman-Ainsworth High School's Project Graduation scheduled for Wednesday, June 1, 2016, following Commencement.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. John Whiteside
   2161 S. Elms Road
   Supportive of the 2016 Milling and Paving Projects

2. John Lawrence
   6199 Calkins Road
   Supportive of the 2016 Milling and Paving Projects

3. Gerald Roberts
   4487 Lindewood Drive
   Resolution needed on number of Consumers Energy light outages with an update for residents at the next Board of Trustees meeting; Public Safety Millage in place with Fire Station #1 not currently manned and no Fire Chief

- Economic Enhancement Director Tucker said she had requested maps from Consumers Energy in order for her and other Building Department employees to map the outages. She explained that Consumers requires an actual address and many of the outage locations do not have an address. So far, Linden and Corunna Roads, and sections of Miller Road, have been investigated for outages and sent to Consumers Energy. She said there has been no further update from Consumers Energy, including an area along Norko Drive that has an entire section of street lights out. Trustee Kasle suggested a meeting between Consumers Energy representatives and the Flint Township attorney in order to resolve a contractual obligation on the part of Consumers Energy.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A) PUBLIC HEARING AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE 2016 TO 2020 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN**

**Public Hearing Opened: 8:09 p.m.**

1. Gene Leverette
   5210 Scenicvue Drive
   Questioned whether residents received proper notification; Douglas Piggott of Rowe Professional Services stated the Township had met the requirements for Public Notice, including a 30-day review period, as well access to the proposed Master Plan on the Township Web site
   - Economic Enhancement Director Tucker thanked the Flint Township Parks and Recreation Committee for their hard work on the Master Plan project; otherwise, the project would have been turned over to the Planning Commission to undertake. She said it was wonderful how the volunteers stepped up to the plate. She also stated she is trying to get the Flint Township Trail recognized with the highly coveted designation of Flint River Water Trail.

**Public Hearing Closed: 8:14 p.m.**

Motioned by F. Kasle, second by G. Menoutes to approve the Resolution of Adoption of the Flint Township 2016 to 2020 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

**Roll Call Vote: Motion Carried Unanimously**

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| Moved by: | **Trustee Frank Kasle** | Yeas | **7** |
| Supported by: | **Trustee George Menoutes** | Nays | **0** |

**B) CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FOUR (4) MILLING AND PAVING PROJECTS**

Motioned by G. Menoutes, second by F. Kasle to approve the following milling and paving projects for 2016 as unanimously recommended by the Flint Township Road Advisory Committee:

**Calkins Road**, between Linden and Dye Roads, in the estimated amount of $63,845.66 utilizing General Funds with a budget amendment to complete the project;
**Sugar Bush Lane** in the estimated amount of $57,545.66 utilizing Road Millage funds;
**Dye Krest Circle** in the estimated amount of $49,531.16 utilizing Road Millage funds;
**Graham Road**, both sides of Corunna Road, in the estimated amount of $221,559.22 utilizing Road Millage funds available after the completion of Sugar Bush Lane and Dye Crest Circle and General Funds, if necessary, to pay the balance.

**Roll Call Vote:**
**K. Courts – yes**
**F. Kasle – yes**
**G. Menoutes – yes**
**B. Vert – no**
**B. Parker – no**
**M. Binelli – yes**
**K. Miller – yes**
**Motion Carried**

**C) CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO THE GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN ALLIANCE (GCMA) FILLING RECENTLY VACATED POSITION**

Motioned by G. Menoutes, second by F. Kasle to appointment John Whiteside to the Genesee County Metropolitation Alliance (GCMA) as citizen representative for the Charter Township of Flint filling the position recently vacated by David Arceo.

**Vote: All in Favor; Motion Carried Unanimously**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.**

Kim Courts, CMC, Clerk

Karyn Miller, Supervisor

Recorded By Kathy Funk

# RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

FLINT TOWNSHIP BOARD,
GENESEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
FLINT TOWNSHIP 2016 – 2020 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, the Flint Township Board established the Flint Township Parks and Recreation Committee and authorized it to prepare a parks and recreation plan for the township, and;

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Committee has prepared a draft Flint Township 2016 – 2020 Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and;

WHEREAS, the goals and objectives of the draft Flint Township 2016 – 2020 Parks and Recreation Master Plan were developed in response to needs and deficiencies which were identified through public meetings, recreation provider interviews and recreation inventories, and;

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Committee, reviewed the draft Flint Township 2016 – 2020 Parks and Recreation Master Plan at a public hearing held on January 28, 2016 following public notice to solicit input on the draft plan and voted to recommend approval of the plan, and

WHEREEAS, the Flint Township Board, reviewed the Flint Township 2016 – 2020 Parks and Recreation Master Plan at a public hearing held on February 16, 2016, following public notice to solicit input on the draft plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Flint Township Board adopts the Flint Township 2016 – 2020 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Moved by: **Trustee Frank Kasle** Yeas **7**

Supported by: **Trustee George Menoutes** Nays **0**

Karyn Miller
Karyn Miller, Supervisor

Kim Courts
Kim Courts, Township Clerk

2.17.2016
Date

## Appendix B: Compliance with MDNR Requirements

- **Plan Certification Checklist**
- **Transmittal letter to Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission**
- **Transmittal letter to GLS Region V**

# APPENDIX I. COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE AND GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Management

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

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

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

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Plans must be submitted to the DNR **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 March 1 of the year the local unit of government is applying for grants.

### PLAN INFORMATION

Name of Plan: City of Corunna Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan 2015- 2019

| 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 |
|---|---|---|
| Flint Township | Genesee | 2/16 |
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### 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

**Regional 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

☐ **4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)**

☒ **5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS**

☒ **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: 1/10/16

Type of Notice: Newspaper Notice

Plan Location: Township Hall

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days): 37 days before Township Board Public Hearing

☒ 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: 1/10/16

Name of Newspaper: Flint Journal

Date of Meeting: 1/28/16 Park and Rec Committee, 2/16/16 Twp. Board

☒ Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting (public hearing and meeting where the plan was adopted)

☒ **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: 2/16/16

☒ 2. Official resolution of the Parks and Recreation Commission Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: 1/28/16

☒ 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: 2/26/16

☒ 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: 2/26/16

## 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*

Flint Township *includes the required content, as indicated*

(Local Unit of Government)

*above and as set forth by the DNR.*

Kayn Miller 2-22-2016

Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government Date

PR1924-1 (Rev. 12/26/2012)

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

ROWE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES COMPANY

*Large Firm Resources. Personal Attention.* sm

February 24, 2016

GLS Region V
1101 Beach Street
Flint, MI 48502

RE: Flint Township Parks and Recreation Plan

To Whom It May Concern:

Attached, for your information, is a copy of the recently adopted Flint Township Parks and Recreation Plan.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the ROWE Professional Services Company corporate office at (810) 341-7500.

Sincerely,
ROWE Professional Services Company

Doug Piggott, AICP
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