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The City of Petoskey is located in the southwest corner of the County of Emmet along the shores of Lake Michigan's Little Traverse Bay, approximately 65 miles north of Traverse City and 45 miles south of the Straits of Mackinac (see Map 1.1). Petoskey serves as the regional center within the County of Emmet, particularly due to the presence of McLaren Northern Michigan and the North Central Michigan College. In addition to these institutional centers, it has a thriving resort and tourism industry, attracting visitors from throughout the Midwest. Visitors are primarily drawn to Petoskey's scenic waterfront location, as well as its historic downtown business district. The prevalence of quality recreational facilities throughout the City helps to reinforce this reputation as a premiere resort and tourist destination.

Map 1.1
Regional Location



Key

----- County Boundary

———— Major Highway

■ State or National Park



Map for illustrative purposes
only; Not to scale



The City's territory was expanded from 4.5 to 6.3 square miles in 1994 through a 50 year intergovernmental agreement with Resort Township. Under the agreement the City provides all municipal services to the 1,100 acre Bay Harbor development except for planning and zoning, which is provided by Resort Township, and electric distribution, which is provided by Consumers Energy Corporation. East and West Parks, the properties that were donated to Resort Township by Bay Harbor Company, are owned and operated by Resort Township. City-owned and maintained recreational facilities within Bay Harbor include the Little Traverse Wheelway north of and adjacent to US-31 right-of-way and a 1/3 mile branch of the non-motorized trail that runs along the Village Harbor, connecting East Park to

the Bay Harbor Village. Several City-owned open space areas within Bay Harbor are used for utility purposes or have been reserved for utility or public-safety purposes.

The City of Petoskey has a long history of adopting and implementing plans for parks and recreation. A strong vision and sustained commitment by both City leaders and active community members has enabled the City of Petoskey to develop an extensive, high-quality park system. In the spirit of continuous improvement, the City of Petoskey is seeking to continue the development of its recreational programs and facilities, ensuring it can satisfy not only the community's current recreational demands, but those of the future as well.

This Parks and Recreation Master Plan update is a critical component in the continuous improvement process, providing a roadmap that will help guide community leaders toward the City's desired future. This document provides an analysis of current recreational opportunities that exist within the City of Petoskey, evaluating these programs and facilities against the recreational demands of the Petoskey community. Based on the results of this analysis, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan provides a strategy for how these future needs can best be met.

While the focus of this plan is the development of parks and recreational opportunities within the City of Petoskey, it also provides information on the larger community context, providing connections and opportunities for cooperation between the City and other jurisdictions that may provide regional amenities for an even larger user group. Petoskey's long history of partnership and cooperation with the adjacent Townships, Emmet County and the Petoskey Area School District demonstrate the desire to protect the valuable natural resources of the area, while still providing the quality recreational experiences that both residents and visitors desire.

The Petoskey park system is critical to the area quality of life and has always been integral to the community sense of place. To continue in the place-making tradition of past park and recreation master plans, this update examines a series of topics that provide an understanding of the Petoskey community, documents the wishes of its residents, describes the current recreational assets and deficiencies, and proposes a plan for addressing these issues. Topics addressed within this plan include:

- Analysis of Petoskey's social and physical characteristics
- Description of the current administrative structure
- Description of the parks and recreation planning process
- Inventory of current park and recreational amenities
- Documentation of current trends, issues and opportunities related to the Petoskey park system

- Documentation of parks and recreational goals that meet the expressed desires of the local community
- Documentation of the action items and implementation plans needed to realize the recreational goals.

Demographic analysis is an important tool to help assess the strengths and deficiencies in a community's recreational system. Understanding topics such as population, age distribution, mobility issues, and other influences can lead to a stronger recreation plan that fully supports community needs. Although it is seven years past the last U.S. Census, the 2010 Census numbers will be used for comparison purposes and supplemented by the estimates provided through the American Community Survey (ACS). The data for this five-year plan will include the 2010 Census and the 2011-2015 ACS five-year estimates where appropriate.

Population Characteristics

The 2010 Census indicated a decrease in population for the City of Petoskey from the 2000 Census, while adjacent townships experienced a gain in population (see Table 2.1). The City service area for park and recreation facilities serves not only the City and Bay Harbor territory, but also Bear Creek, Resort and Springvale Townships. Therefore it is the population of the larger area that impacts parks and recreation services.

Table 2.1 Population Changes Over Time

Community	1990	2000	2010	2011-2015 Estimate*
City of Petoskey	6,056	6,080	5,670	5,725
Bear Creek Township	3,469	5,269	6,201	6,260
Resort Township	2,068	2,479	2,697	2,729
Springvale Township	1,300	1,727	2,141	2,222
Total Recreation Area	12,893	15,555	16,709	16,936
Emmet County	22,992	31,437	32,694	33,018

Source: Census 2010; *ACS 2011-2015 Five-year estimates

Age Profile

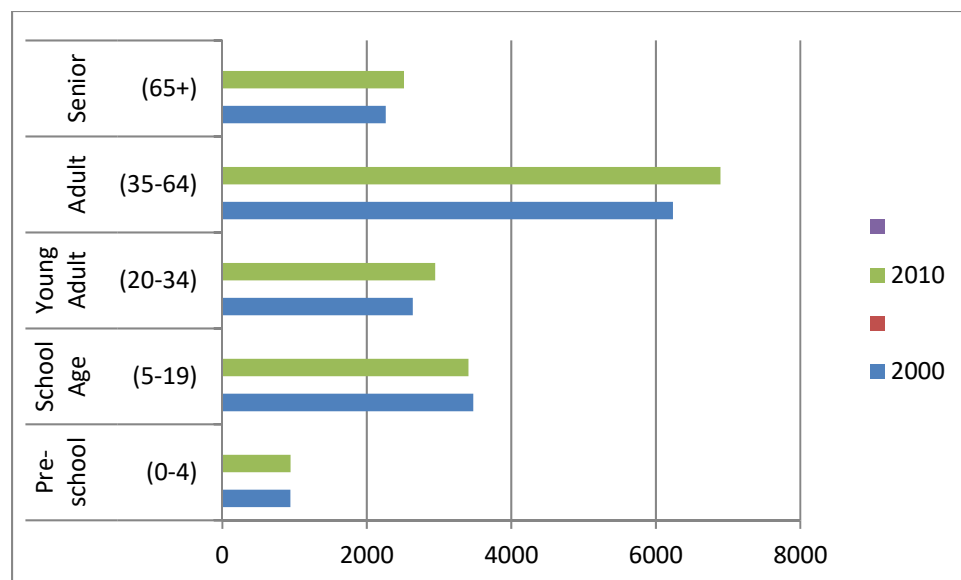
An analysis of age distribution for the City park and recreation service area from 2000 to 2010 shows three age groups having similar gains – young adult (+12%), adult (+11%), and senior (+11%), with the only decrease in school-age children. Overall, these numbers indicate that population growth has slowed, particularly in the adult and senior age groups, but continues to grow. The population of young adults (20-34) has reversed its decline, while the school-age population decreased from 2000 to 2010 and the 2011-2015 ACS estimates indicate further reductions in the age group.

Each of these age groups has different needs and preferences for recreational programming that need to be considered in resource allocation.

Table 2.2 Age Distribution

Age Group	Total Recreation Service Area			% of Total Population		2011-2015 ACS	% of Total Population
	2000	2010	% Change	2000	2010		
Preschool (0-4)	942	945	>1%	6.1	5.6	994	5.9%
School Age (5-19)	3,475	3,408	-2%	22.3	20	3,037	17.9%
Young Adult (20-34)	2,637	2,946	12%	17	17.6	3,285	19.4%
Adult (35-64)	6,239	6,896	11%	40.1	41.2	6,710	39.6%
Senior (65+)	2,262	2,514	11%	14.5	15	2,910	17.2%
Total	15,555	16,709	7%			16,936	

Source: Census 2010; ACS 2011-2015 Estimate



Race and Gender

Race statistics show that an overwhelming majority of residents (93%) of the City's recreational service area are white (See Table 2.3), with the next largest demographic group American Indian/Alaskan Native at 3% of the population.

The breakdown of the service area population by gender shows a generally even distribution with 49% males and 51% females.

Table 2.3 Race Distribution

	Total	White	African American	American Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian Or Pacific Islander	Other Race	Multi-Racial
City of Petoskey	5,670	5,198	38	268	21	2	26	117
Bear Creek Twp.	6,201	5,788	41	191	57	3	12	109
Resort Creek Twp.	2,697	2,535	11	57	43	0	3	48
Springvale Twp.	2,141	2,034	7	37	4	2	0	57
Total Service Area	16,709	15,555	97	553	125	7	41	331
% Total Service Area		93%	0.6%	3%	0.7%	0.04%	0.2%	2%

Source: Census 2010

Mobility and Self-Care Limitations

Information regarding mobility and self-care limitations can be a useful input when designing recreational programming and facilities that will serve the entire community. The U.S. Census Bureau defines a disability as a “limitation in the ability to perform one or more major life activities” (U.S. Census 2000).¹ Such major life activities may include working, going outside the home, or taking care of personal needs. Within the service area of the City of Petoskey’s Department of Parks and Recreation, the 65+ age group has 17.1% of the population identifying a disability. As this is a growing age cohort, it will be important to take this information into account when developing recreation facilities and programs (see Table 2.4). For the 18-64 year age groups, almost 15% of the population reported a disability, although the limitation most often cited related to an employment disability. The disability cited most often for the youngest age group reporting (5-15 years) was categorized as a mental disability.

¹ The 2010 Census data does not provide information on disability status, nor is the information provided in the ACS 5-year estimates.

Table 2.4 Mobility and Self-Care Limitations

	City of Petoskey	Bear Creek Township	Resort Township	Springvale Township	Total Recreation Service Area
Total population ages 18-64 yrs.	3,826	3,619	1,505	1,30	10,263
Total disabilities ages 18-64 yrs.	393	318	204	160	682 (6.5%)
Sensory disability (hearing/ vision)	2.5%	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cognitive disability	6%	NA	NA	NA	NA
Ambulatory disability	5%	NA	NA	NA	NA
Self-care difficulty	1.7%	NA	NA	NA	NA
Independent living difficulty	3.4%	NA	NA	NA	NA
Total population ages 65+	891	1,122	487	304	2,804
Total disabilities ages 65+	254	257	116	106	479 (17.1%)
Sensory disability (hearing/ vision)	24.5%	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cognitive disability	7.7%	NA	NA	NA	NA
Ambulatory disability	13.6%	NA	NA	NA	NA
Self-care difficulty	4.3%	NA	NA	NA	NA
Independent living difficulty	9.1%	NA	NA	NA	NA
<i>Source: ACS 2011-2015 Estimates; DP02</i>					

Demographic trends indicated by these mobility and self-care limitation statistics point to the need for youth programming that is inclusive and accommodates those with a developmental disability, as well as facilities and activities that provide the needed support for the senior population that may be experiencing sensory or physical limitations.

Employment and Income

Large local employers include McLaren Northern Michigan, Public Schools of Petoskey, and North Central Michigan College, with the local economy primarily driven by the service and resort/tourism industries. The City is also considered a “regional center” for the Emmet County due to its large central business district and county government.

Table 2.5 illustrates the City’s reliance on professional, sales, and service-oriented occupations. The relatively small amount of manufacturing and transportation-related jobs is due to Petoskey’s limited transportation links and distance from major metropolitan areas.

Impact of Seasonal Residents and Tourists

As a resort and tourism region, it is not only the local population that uses recreation facilities and services. A 2008 study by Michigan State University “Attitudes toward Tourism in Emmet County” based on 2005 seasonal population numbers indicates that county-wide there is an increase over year-round population of 40% in the slower months and approximately 300% during the summer. Recreating is a primary reason people are drawn to the area, and therefore it is also the needs of this large influx of population that park and recreation facilities and services must meet.

Table 2.5 Employment by Occupation (% of total)

Occupation	City of Petoskey	Bear Creek Township	Resort Township	Springvale Township	Emmet County
Management, business, science, arts	45.7%	36.2%	35.3%	34.5%	35.3%
Service	24.4%	21.7%	23.4%	18.1%	22.3%
Sales and office	21.4%	22.6%	28.7%	23.6%	23.9%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance	4.9%	8.6%	7.1%	12.2%	9.6%
Production, transportation, and material moving	3.6%	10.8%	5.4%	11.5%	8.9%

Source: 2011-2015 American Community Survey five-year estimate; Benchmarks Northwest.

Table 2.6 Median Household Income

Median Household Income	2011-2015	2011-2015 ACS
	Estimates	Margin of Error
City of Petoskey	\$37,556	+/- \$5,916
Bear Creek Township	\$51,987	+/- \$3722
Resort Township	\$65,648	+/- \$8365
Springvale Township	\$57,967	+/- \$4532
Emmet County	\$51,018	+/- \$1,617

Source: 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates

Community Assessment

Regional Services

Petoskey serves as a regional service center for the County of Emmet and other rural communities beyond. The City hosts health-care services, educational opportunities, a vibrant shopping district, and many recreational draws for the area's resort and tourism industry. The following is an overview of key resources found within the Petoskey Community:

- McLaren Northern Michigan – This regional facility and its area clinics employ 150 physicians to serve a 202 licensed-bed facility. It offers specialized services in the areas of cardiology, oncology, neuroscience, and orthopedics.
- North Central Michigan College – Located on a 280-acre campus within the city, this tax-supported community college, whose taxing jurisdiction is coterminous to Emmet County boundaries, had a fall 2016 enrollment of 2,590 students, and an additional 2,537 enrolled in non-credit training programs.
- Cultural Amenities – Cultural resources such as the Crooked Tree Arts Center, the Bay View Association, and the Little Traverse Bay Historical Society's facilities are located in the

Petoskey area and serve residents, resorters, and tourists. New in 2018 will be the Great Lakes Center for the Arts in Bay Harbor providing a 500 seat theater for the performing arts.

- Shopping Districts – Petoskey is known for its historic downtown and the many shopping opportunities it offers. The “Gaslight District” is a collection of more than 100 original, independent shops, restaurants, and cafes located in downtown Petoskey. “The Village” located in Bay Harbor, offers upscale stores, boutiques, and galleries. South of Petoskey is an area with many big box stores including, Walmart, Meijer, Home Depot, Lowes, etc.

Land Use

Within the Petoskey City Limits, the area is highly developed and can be considered almost completely built out, with the Bay Harbor territory being the primary exception. This general lack of developable property within the City has led to an increase in the population of the surrounding Townships.

- Commercial: The City has two main commercial districts: the historic downtown shopping area and the “strip” commercial area near the convergence of US-31 and US-131. There are also retail amenities located within “The Village” at Bay Harbor.
- Residential: The largest cluster of housing within the older portion of the City is located east of the Bear River, which bisects the older portion of the community from north to south.
- Institutional/Public: Three large public or institutional lands lie within the City’s periphery. These properties are: Emmet County Fairgrounds and Greenwood Cemetery, located within the City on its western edge, North Central Michigan College, which occupies a large parcel of land on the City’s southern tip, and the Petoskey High School/ Petoskey Middle School campus on the City’s eastern side.
- Industrial: While Petoskey does not have a large number of industrial employers, the few properties that are considered to be industrial uses are located along the east banks of the Bear River in the southern portion of the City.
- Recreation/Open Space: Petoskey has an extensive park system with particularly heavy concentrations along the Lake Michigan shoreline and the Bear River.

Transportation System

The main transportation corridors through Petoskey are US-31 and US-131, both state trunklines, that converge within the City limits and funnel traffic north along the lakeshore. In addition to these highways, the City itself is serviced by a network of 10 miles of major streets and 22 miles of local streets, 44 miles of sidewalks and 10.87 miles of multi-use trails. Roadways within Bay Harbor are privately owned, but serve as City-utility routes.

The Petoskey area has limited public transportation available, primarily to senior citizens and disabled individuals. These include bus services operated by the Friendship Centers of Emmet County, Charlevoix County Transit Authority and the Straits Regional Ride. There is a concerted effort to improve these services through a group known as FEET (Friends Enhancing Emmet Transit). Regional bus transportation is provided by Indian Trails.

Natural Resource Assessment

Hydrology

Considering Petoskey’s location along the shoreline of Lake Michigan’s Little Traverse Bay, the area’s hydrology is one of its most critical natural resources. Its water resources are also one of its most popular attractions for resorters and visiting tourists. Map 2.1 provides an overview of the area hydrology.

- Little Traverse Bay – The entire northern edge of the City, including its Bay Harbor territory runs along the Little Traverse Bay shoreline. This shoreline has experienced significant erosion in the past. Bayfront Park is now protected by revetment stone. Within its lakeshore park system, the City owns Bayfront Park, Solanus Mission Beach and areas to its east, and Magnus Park.
- Bear River – The Bear River bisects the older portion of the City from north to south, with its final outlet draining into the Little Traverse Bay. Almost the entire length (80%) of the Bear River Valley is protected as recreational property within the City. Significant improvements to this area have been made in the past to both protect the river's water quality and to offer additional recreational amenities.
- Inland Lakes – Bay Harbor Lake is the only inland lake within Petoskey's City limits, but there are several in the surrounding Townships. Crooked, Pickerel, Walloon, and Round Lakes are all located within several miles of Petoskey. Swimming, boating, and fishing are all popular activities on these inland lakes.

Topography

The geology and topology of Petoskey and its surrounding area is typical for communities along the eastern shores of Lake Michigan, particularly in the northern part of the state. These areas were heavily influenced by moraine deposits left during the last Ice Age. In general, Emmet County is characterized by upland moraines with outwash channels dug by the glaciers. Along the lakeshore are steep dunes and ridges.

Near Petoskey, the overall topography is gently rolling with some steeper ridges, particularly along the Lake Michigan shoreline and in the Bear River Valley. The topography rises when moving from north to south, with some particularly steep ridges in the more rural areas such as Bear Creek Township, which has elevations reaching 720 feet above the level of Lake Michigan. These changes in topography can present challenges when designing recreational activities that are universally accessible. This is particularly true along the Lake Michigan waterfront, where it is common to have a steep drop to the water.

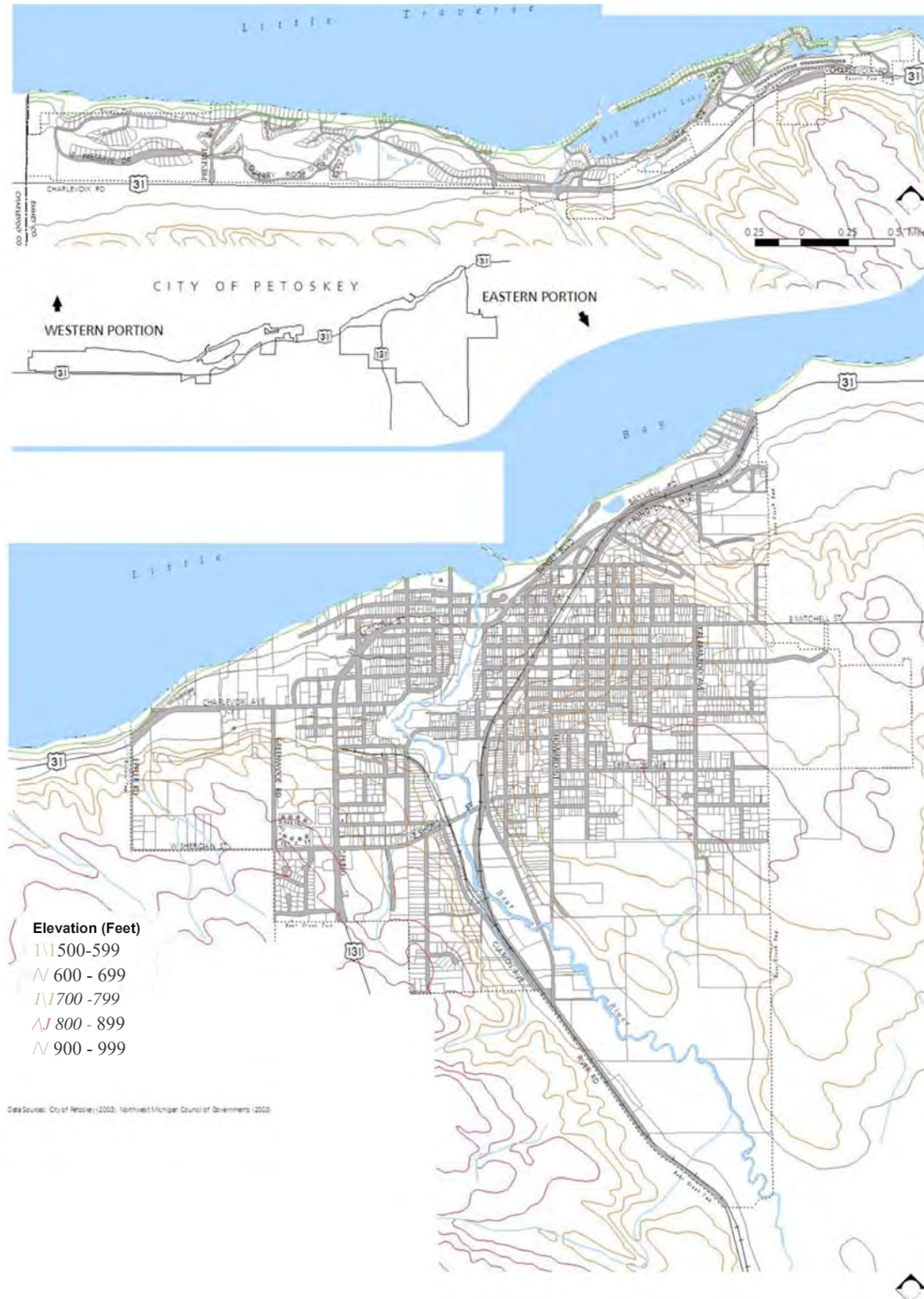
Flora and Fauna

Native vegetation in the Petoskey area includes birch, maple, beech, pine (white, red, and jack), and a mixture of other hardwoods. Near the Lake Michigan shoreline, a typical successional dune ecosystem would be present. While development within the City proper has removed much of the natural vegetation, areas along the Bear River and in the Skyline Municipal Forest property in Bear Creek Township continue to maintain larger patches of intact vegetation. Such areas support a variety of wildlife such as deer, fox, mink, coyotes, rabbits, porcupines, and black bear as well as a variety of avian species. Local water resources also provide habitat for a variety of fish species including trout (brown, steelhead, and lake), salmon, whitefish, bass, pan fish, and walleye.

Climate

Petoskey's 4-season climate lends itself to year-round recreational opportunities. The warm summers provide a perfect backdrop for outdoor activities such as boating, golfing, swimming, and water sports. Petoskey's location along the shores of Lake Michigan also provides heavy snowfalls in winter, providing the necessary resources for skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, and other winter sports.

Figure 2.1 Hydrology and Topography



Recreation Administration

Governed by a five-member City Council that consists of four City Councilmembers, all of whom are elected from four separate wards for staggered two-year terms, and the mayor, who is elected at large annually, the City has functioned since 1916 as a council-manager form of local government, with the City Council serving as the community's legislative and policy-making body and the City Manager, who is appointed by and who serves at the pleasure of the City Council, being responsible for implementing policies of the City Council and overseeing the day-to-day operations of the City.

As shown in Table 3.1, the City's Department of Parks and Recreation is one of four departments within the City of Petoskey's organizational structure, the others being the Department of Finance, Department of Public Safety, and Department of Public Works, each of which is headed by a director who is appointed by and reports directly to the City manager. Regional library services also are provided by the Petoskey District Library that is overseen by a five-member Library Board, made up of five City residents appointed by the Mayor for five-year staggered terms.

Also included within the City's organizational structure are Offices of the City Manager; City Assessor; City Clerk-Treasurer, a position that is filled by the Director of Finance; and City Planner.

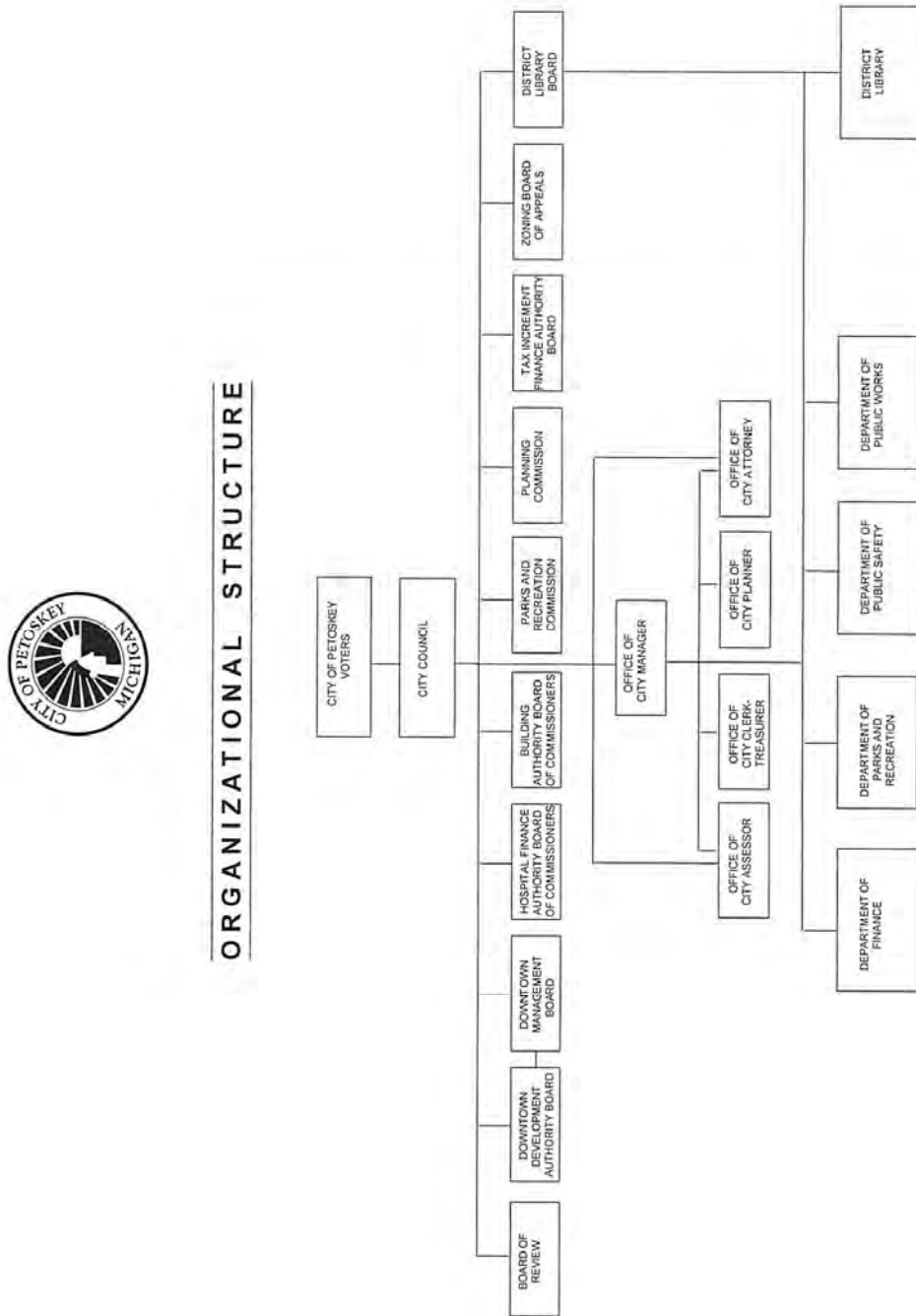
Although numbers of full-time employees fluctuate within the Department of Parks and Recreation, currently the Department is staffed by 8 career positions that include; a Director of Parks and Recreation, one Parks and Downtown Lead Supervisor, a Recreation Programmer, Buildings and Grounds Worker, Parks and Special Facilities Supervisor, Special Facilities Supervisor, one Parks and Grounds worker, once Parks and Recreation Grounds Worker and an Administrative Assistant shared with the Department of Public Works and Office of City Planner. The number of part-time positions also fluctuates from 25 to 30 positions, most of which are seasonal in nature. The department also utilizes contracted staff for specialized recreation programs as well as over 100 volunteers annually.

Services provided by the Department of Parks and Recreation consist of those that are common to similar agencies, that is, construction and maintenance of parks and special facilities and programming of recreation and sports activities, but Petoskey's Department of Parks and Recreation also is considered unique in that its staff provides construction and maintenance services associated with all buildings and grounds that are owned and operated by the City and its various departments and Public Library, as well as providing such services that are associated with all public facilities within the community's downtown area, which, for administrative purposes, is considered by the Department of Parks and Recreation staff as a special facility.

Established by City ordinance in 1954 and modified by City Ordinance in 1984, the City's Parks and Recreation Commission consists of seven members, all of whom serve for two-year staggered terms, five of whom are City residents who are appointed by the City Council and two of whom are each appointed by the Bear Creek Township and Resort Township Boards of Trustees (two ex-officio Parks and Recreation Commission members, who do not vote, consist of the City Manager and Community education Director for the Public Schools of Petoskey).

Serving as a planning and advisory body, without executive or administrative authority, the Parks and Recreation Commission oversees development of both short and long-term recreation and sports activity needs of the City and the greater Petoskey service area.

Table 3.1 City of Petoskey Organizational Chart



Another City board associated with the City's parks and recreation program is the Tax Increment Finance Authority Board, which was established by City Council resolution in 1985 under provision of Public Act 450 of the Public Acts of Michigan (1980) for an 18-year period. It was re-established for an indefinite time by City Council resolution in 2004. The Board consists of seven members who are appointed to four-year terms by the Mayor with approval of the City Council.

The tax-increment finance authority program serves as the statutory capital-financing mechanism that has been and continues to be used to offset costs of improvements at four development areas within its district: Bayfront Park, along with Sunset Park; the Bear River Valley Recreation Area, along with Mineral Well Park; Magnus Park; and Solanus Mission Beach.

More indirectly involved through their roles in reviewing and/or approving programs, facilities, and/or projects that are overseen by the Department of Parks and Recreation are the City's Planning Commission, Library Board, Downtown Development Authority Board, Downtown Management Board and the City Council.

Budget and Funding

Funding for parks and recreation services are derived from a variety of sources, with most being accounted for within the City's General Fund. Program categories within this division consist of areas that include buildings and grounds, parks and special facilities, Magnus Park, Bayfront Park Marina, recreation programs, and downtown maintenance.

For the most part the buildings and grounds, parks and special facilities, and downtown maintenance programs are financed with tax monies as their primary sources of revenues, though capital improvements associated with some buildings and grounds and certain parks and special facilities projects would be eligible for funding through the Tax Increment Finance Authority Development Fund.

Magnus Park operations are funded primarily through user fees, but long-planned park capital improvements could be financed by the Tax Increment Finance Authority Development Fund.

Bayfront Park Marina operations are routinely funded by a restricted account within the General Fund that relies upon rental fees that are charged to seasonal and transient slip users and launch-ramp users, as well as from the sale of fuel and certain commodities. From a policy standpoint, local tax dollars historically have not been used to finance Bayfront Park Marina operations or improvements, but costs for capital projects – and at times, certain repairs- would be eligible for grant-in-aid funding through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Waterways Division programs.

Recreation programs are funded through participation fees, which are set at varying rates depending upon the activity and upon City- or non-City resident status, with Bear Creek and Resort Townships providing subsidies based upon participation by residents of their jurisdictions. Certain staff positions associated with recreation programs are supported with property-tax revenues that accrue to the General Fund.

Budget requests are proposed by the Department of Parks and Recreation staff, with the Director of Parks and Recreation providing information to the Director of Finance and the City Manager. The City Manager ultimately provides a proposed City-wide budget to the City Council in November prior to the start of the City's next fiscal year on January 1. Such budget proposals include requested expenditures for both operations and capital needs, with forecasts of revenue that would be used to offset such costs.

Table 3.2 outlines the Department of Parks and Recreation categories within the General Fund and Tax Increment Finance Authority Development Fund budgets for 2016 and 2017.

Key Relationships

It is believed that intergovernmental relationships have enhanced the City's ability to offer good parks and facilities, and to provide a high level of recreation and sports programming. Working with a consultant, staff members who represented Emmet County, North Central Michigan College, Public Schools of Petoskey, and City prepared in 1997 the "Community Educational & Recreational Master Plan for Southern Emmet County" that assisted in identifying facilities and providing recommended joint solutions. Following the long-standing model of cooperation between the Public Schools of Petoskey and the City, which has entailed the City installing recreation facilities on property that is owned by the School District with sharing of such facilities, usually on a seasonal basis (that is, used primarily by the School District during the school season and by the City in the summer), and with sharing of costs for maintaining and repairing these facilities. Such additional arrangements were developed between the School District and City and similar first-time arrangements were planned for the County and City and the College and City.

Public Schools of Petoskey

For many years, City-owned athletic facilities have been used by the Public Schools of Petoskey for the school district's sports program and school district owned facilities, usually gymnasiums within school buildings, have been used by the City for its recreation programs. More than 30 years ago, outdoor tennis courts, baseball/softball fields, and related amenities were installed by the City at the school district's high-school-middle-school campus. Following preparation of the 1997 Community Educational & Recreational Master Plan for Southern Emmet County, the City installed additional tennis courts and upgraded a related service building and baseball fields there.

North Central Michigan College

Also following preparation of the 1997 Master Plan, the North Central Michigan College Board of Trustees authorized a lease agreement with the City Council (at \$1 per year) for installation of Bates Park, a Little League baseball complex with associated amenities at the College campus. The College and City staff continues discussion concerning the creation of links between the College campus and the City's adjacent River Road Sports Complex using a Bear River crossing as part of a potential inter-connected greenway system throughout and around Petoskey. Currently, North Central Michigan College offers recreation programs, many of which serve Petoskey's elderly population, in conjunction with operation of its recently developed multi-purpose complex. Future recreational needs listed within the 1997 Master Plan might also be met through the College's potential construction of a pool facility as part of the multi-purpose complex.

Emmet County

Emmet County and the City of Petoskey share a long history of intergovernmental cooperation. The County's enhanced parks-related and community-use facilities will assist with the continued long-standing County-City joint efforts.

Table 3.2 Department of Parks and Recreation Budgets 2016 and 2017

	2016		2017	
Revenues	Operating	Capital	Operating	Capital
Buildings and Grounds				
Parks and Special Facilities	\$449,600		\$309,200	
Magnus Park Campground	\$246,369		\$232,000	
Bayfront Park Marina	\$989,968		\$721,700	
Recreation Programs	\$178,275		\$175,100	
Downtown & Community Service				
TOTAL	\$1,864,212		\$1,437,900	
Expenses				
Buildings and Grounds	\$194,786		\$243,800	
Parks and Special Facilities	\$747,093	\$158,937	\$652,700	\$52,800
Magnus Park Campground	\$96,750		\$102,100	
Bayfront Park Marina	\$594,666	\$257,155	\$673,100	
Recreation Programs	\$263,056		\$306,800	
Downtown & Community Service	\$71,608		\$84,800	
TOTAL	\$1,967,959	\$416,092	\$2,063,300	\$52,800

Bear Creek and Resort Townships

City-provided recreation and sports programs, along with their related facilities, are shared with neighboring Bear Creek and Resort Townships. Since 1980, agreements have been in place that permit residents of the two Townships to participate in City-sponsored recreation and sports programs at City-resident rates, with the differential between in-City and out-City charges being paid by the Townships, based upon actual

participation by residents of the Townships. The City is solely responsible, however, for all costs associated with planning, developing, operating, maintaining, and replacing parks and recreational facilities.

Other Organizations

In addition to the relationships described above, the City and its Department of Parks and Recreation routinely interact with a variety of other agencies and organizations, including:

- Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
- Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- Michigan State University – Cooperative Extension Service
- Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
- McLaren Northern Michigan
- Bay View Association
- Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Little Traverse Conservancy
- Little Traverse Historical Society
- Crooked Tree Arts Council
- Petoskey Area Garden Club
- Petoskey Little League, Inc.
- Petoskey Youth Soccer Association
- Top of Michigan Trails Council
- YMCA of Northern Michigan
- North Country Trail – Jordan Valley 45°
- Various civic organizations, service clubs, and recreation groups

Planning Process

The process for this master plan update began with the Parks and Recreation Commission appointing a plan update steering committee made up of members of the Parks and Recreation Commission, Tax Increment Finance Authority Board, Planning Commission, Public Schools of Petoskey, North Central Michigan College, Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Management Board. The committee reviewed the current plan and worked with staff to develop a public input process. In addition to publishing notices for the two-day public workshop, notices were sent to residents within 300 feet of the neighborhood parks, Curtis, Lockwood, and Washington. After receiving the public input from the workshops and questionnaires, the committee updated goals, objectives and implementation strategies for the plan. Staff then worked on the draft document and began the review and approval process, including publication of a hearing notice and posting the draft document on the City website and providing copies at City Hall and the Petoskey District Library. The Planning Commission reviewed and provided recommendation on the plan, followed by a public hearing held by the Parks and Recreation Commission and adoption of an approval resolution. A final resolution was then passed by City Council.

In addition to the incorporation of public input, the plan process involved the collection and analysis of data, documentation of current conditions and establishment of goals, objectives and strategies for the next five years.

Community, Administration, and Recreation Analysis

Analysis and documentation of community demographics, material resources, and administrative structure was conducted by City Staff during the summer of 2017. As part of this analysis, annual budgets and capital-outlay proposals, as well as the City's Tax Increment Financing and Development Plans, the City of Petoskey Master Plan of 2014, Emmet County Parks and Recreation Plan 2012 and North Central Michigan College Master Plan of 2014 were reviewed. Data from several sources was incorporated, including the US Census 2010, the American Community Survey 5-year estimates (2011-2015), and GIS layers provided by Emmet County.

Recreation Inventory

A thorough inventory of existing recreational facilities and programs was conducted. This inventory included not only City facilities, but also those of the Public Schools of Petoskey, North Central Michigan College, Emmet County, adjacent Townships and the larger region. Methods of conducting this inventory included personal observation and documentation of all Petoskey recreational facilities supplemented by other references that included the City's program participation annual reports and the current Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and the Emmet County Recreation Plan.

Public Input

Public input regarding Petoskey's recreational needs was collected through several methods. The input received is included in Appendix A.

1. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Open House

An open house was held in City Hall from 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. on July 11 and 12 for the public to provide input on existing park and recreation facilities and services and provide recommendations for the future. Between 75 and 100 persons attended over the two day period and the top three categories of comments were the need for a community dog park, pickleball courts, and improved water access.

2. Recreation Questionnaire

A questionnaire on current and future recreation programs was developed through Survey Monkey. The survey link was put on the City website, put in a press release, sent out via the Chamber of Commerce email blast and hard copies were provided at the Parks and Recreation

Master Plan Open House. Responses were received from 100 persons via the electronic questionnaire and hard copies available at the public workshops. Comments followed the same priorities as those identified at the workshops.

3. User Participation and Feedback via Recreational Programs, Leagues, Associations and Service Clubs.

City staff interacts on a daily basis with the general public as well as participants in the various programs and park users and this “informal” input was also incorporated into the plan. In addition, evaluations will be performed at the end of recreation programs to gather additional feedback.

4. Discussions with Representatives of Local Government Agencies.

Staff members of the Public Schools of Petoskey and North Central Michigan college, as well as members of the City’s Parks and Recreation Commission, Tax Increment Finance Authority Board, Downtown Management Board, Planning Commission, and City Council provide a voice for opinions of local residents. These staff, board and commission members are aware of resident concerns and ideas, and are responsible for communicating them as part of ongoing planning.

Documentation of Goals, Objectives, Inputs and Implementation Plans

Based on input received through the process, including questionnaires, public workshops, discussions with other agencies and recreation providers and review of current plans, the plan goals, objectives and strategies were drafted and are included in Chapter 7.

This chapter presents a detailed inventory and analysis of all recreation facilities and programs within the City of Petoskey. The inventory was updated based on park visits by City staff during the summer of 2017. It also presents a general overview of recreational and open space opportunities within Emmet County and adjacent townships, the information for which was collected from the Emmet County Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Map 5.1 illustrates the many park and recreation facilities available in the City of Petoskey, while Table 5.1 provides a summary of park amenities and Table 5.2 provides a detailed narrative of these facilities.

City Facilities

Table 5.2 provides a summary of the recreational facilities and amenities that are available in the City of Petoskey's parks system and an individual analysis of each park. Each of these analyses includes the following characteristics:

- Size
- Location
- Description
- Amenities
- Facility Evaluation
- Barrier-Free Evaluation

In addition to the City-owned and other recreational properties, this inventory includes facilities operated and utilized jointly by the City of Petoskey and the Public Schools of Petoskey. A prime example of this partnership is the Petoskey High School-Middle School campus, where the land was provided by the school district and certain outdoor facilities were built by the City. These facilities are now operated jointly as parts of both the school and park systems. Some of the other educational facilities, such as the local elementary schools, do not have equipment specifically funded or operated by the City's parks system, but allow for public use of their outdoor recreation facilities during non-school hours.

Map 5.1 Public Parks and Recreational Land within the City of Petoskey

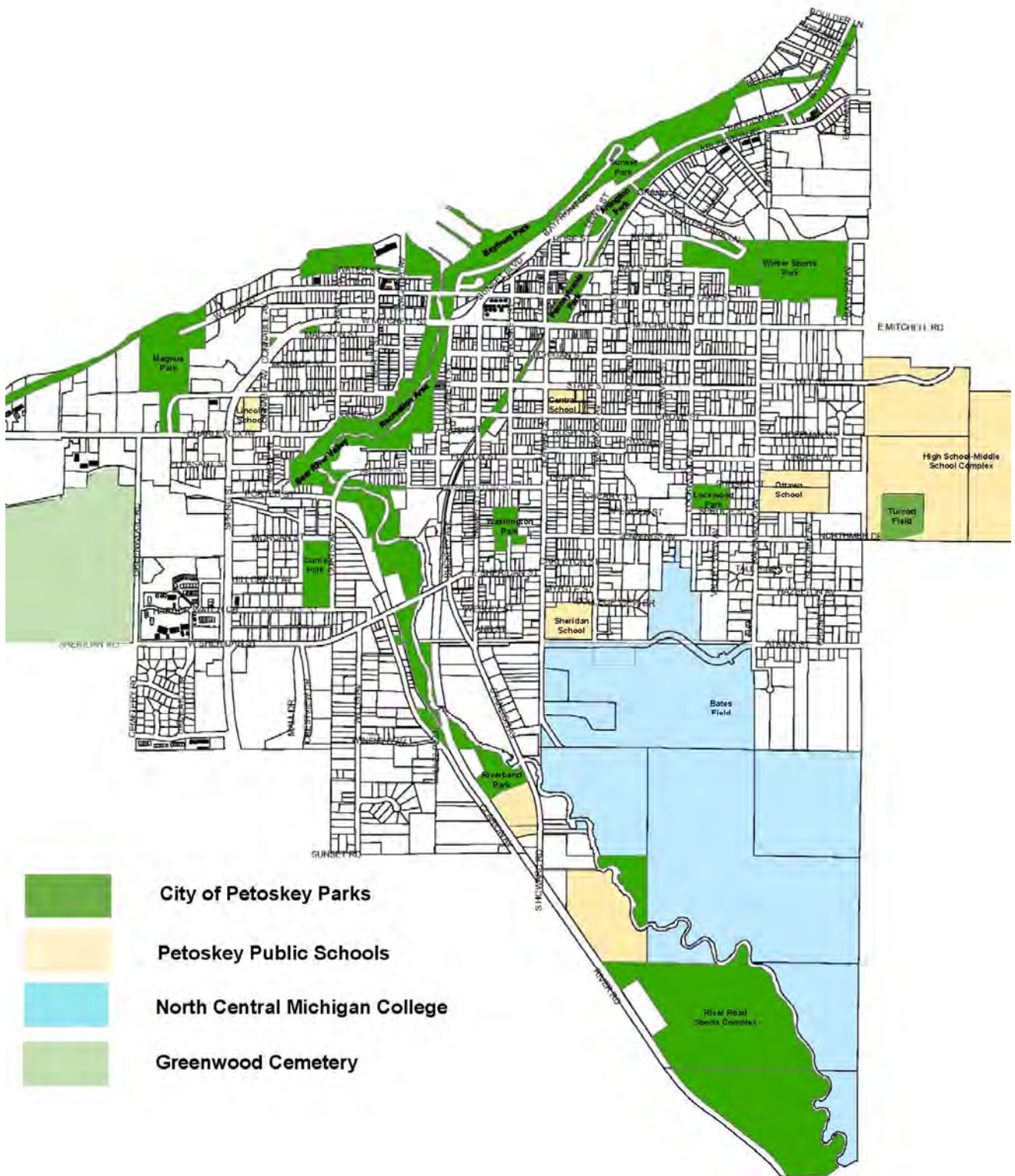


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TABLE 5.2 Petoskey Recreation Facilities**ARLINGTON PARK**

Size: 2.5 acres

Location: Fronting US-31 and Lewis Street, between US- 31, Rose Street, Arlington Avenue, and Winter Park Lane.

Description:

Arlington Park is a small, formal park near downtown Petoskey close to the historic Stafford's Perry Hotel and the Penn Plaza, a former historic railroad depot. It serves as an entryway to the City's downtown core, as well as a location for picnics, strolling, and educational gardens.

**Amenities:**

- Garden plots
- Gazebo
- Rail passenger platform with intermodal drop-off/pick-up area
- Site Furnishings
- Historical Marker
- Napoleon Howitzer Confederate Cannon

**Facility Evaluation:**

The park is in excellent condition with educational gardens, a gazebo, rail passenger platform and stairway, and accompanying site furnishings. The park also hosts several historical markers and has on display rare, restored cannon built by Augusta Arsenal Foundry of Augusta, Georgia around 1864. The park's location provides scenic views of Lake Michigan's Little Traverse Bay, although access to the waterfront and other nearby parks, such as Sunset Park and Bayfront Park below, are impeded by traffic on US-31 and steep bluffs adjacent to the waterfront in this location; however, Arlington Park could be increased in size with the proposed reconfiguration of Lewis Street to establish a T-intersection with US-31 as an option included within the proposed Downtown Greenway project. Such intersection improvements could include installation of a traffic signal that would assist in pedestrian crossing from Arlington Park to Sunset Park and Bayfront Park below.

Barrier-Free Evaluation: 3

An "at-grade" sidewalk provides barrier-free access into the park. The education gardens could be improved by providing several additional raised gardens that would better accommodate wheel chair access.

BATES PARK

Size: 7 acres

Location: 1519 Howard Street (on property leased by the City from North Central Michigan College)

Description:

Bates Park was opened in 2000 as a state-of-the-art baseball facility. It provides practice, game and tournament facilities for Little League, youth, and adult softball. It also hosts school groups who use the property for physical education classes.

Amenities:

- Two regulation Little League fields
- One softball/multi-purpose field
- Concession facility
- Score booth
- Restrooms
- Storage area/garage
- Picnic area
- Batting cage
- Parking lot

Facility Evaluation:

This complex provides excellent baseball and softball facilities, which are currently in high demand. It was developed on property leased for 35 years from North Central Michigan College by the City. If future park expansion is desired, additional land could be leased to accommodate new facilities.

Barrier-Free Evaluation: 3

Bates Park meets all guidelines for universal accessibility. It includes ramps and barrier-free access to all fields and amenities. It also provides a designated parking lot adjacent to the ball field reserved for handicap parking and maintenance vehicles. Enforcement of this parking area should be monitored to discourage its use as a drop-off and temporary parking area by officials, players, and players' families.



BAYFRONT PARK

Size: 25 acres

Location: Along Lake Michigan's Little Traverse Bay from west of Ingalls Avenue to south of and adjacent to Belle Avenue to US-31 east of Stuart Avenue

Description:

This former industrial site was reclaimed as a linear park featuring 7,800 feet of public shoreline on scenic Little Traverse Bay. The park features various facilities and amenities. It is well maintained and provides varied uses for Petoskey residents. It is considered one of the "jewels" of the Petoskey park system.

**Amenities:**

- Central Promenade
- Midway Commons
- Tunnel beneath US-31 linking Bayfront Park to downtown
- Resource Center (natural history), includes display area, meeting room, food concession, and public restrooms
- Fred Friedli Children's Playground (New equipment installed 2006)
- Ed White Field tournament-class softball field
- Little Travers Historical Society History Museum in former historic railroad depot (social history)
- Display gazebo (transportation history)
- Marina, with 144 boat wells for transient and seasonal users, double-lane boat launch, fishing pier, cooking shelter, and services building
- Stair town to Sunset Park and stairway to Liberty Street
- Waterfall
- East Bowl Area that includes pond with outdoor performance stage, fishing pier, arboretum and public restrooms
- City Hall complex, includes public restrooms
- Festival Place with pavilion and cooking area
- Little Traverse Wheelway throughout length of park
- Parking areas

**Facility Evaluation:**

The existing facilities at Bayfront Park are well maintained and have relatively few issues that need immediate attention. An exception is the highly traveled Little Traverse Wheelway through the park that is only 8 feet in width and needs to be reconstructed to current trail design standards. Other areas, particularly in the arboretum and along the waterfront, are experiencing erosion and sedimentation issues that need to be addressed. The stair tower between Bayfront Park and Sunset Park will be replaced in 2018.

Barrier Free Evaluation: 3

The majority of the park is universally accessible.

BEAR RIVER VALLEY RECREATION AREA

Size: 36 acres, 1.5 miles in length

Location: Along the Bear River from Lake Street south to Standish Avenue

Description:

The rustic Bear River Valley is characterized by steep bluffs, woodlands, wetlands, open space areas and its dominant feature the Bear River with its white water rapids. The park is rich with local history and was once the center of industrial activity with five dams, timber related mills and railways crisscrossing the valley. Today the dams have been removed and nature has reclaimed much of the valley. In 2010, a major development project was undertaken in the river valley that provided access to adjacent neighborhoods, improved hiking trails and multi-use trails, protected wetlands, added restrooms, picnic shelters and parking areas, and enhanced the white-water features of the river.

**Amenities:**

- Two foot-bridges spanning the river
- Improved hiking trails with boardwalks
- Parking areas and access
- Pedestrian access points
- Stair tower access with river overlook at Elizabeth Street
- Restrooms
- Two picnic shelters
- Intermediate and beginner whitewater area
- 1.1 Mile non-motorized concrete trail
- Storm water management improvements
- Landscaping

Facility Evaluation:

The Bear River Valley Recreation Area underwent extensive upgrades in 2010. Crushed stone hiking trails were developed the entire length, board walks were constructed in sensitive areas, an additional pedestrian bridge and stair tower were added, two universally accessible picnic shelters and a restroom facility were constructed and a 10-foot concrete non-motorized trail was built. In addition, several stairways were constructed to improve access to adjacent neighborhoods and two parking lots were added. Whitewater improvements included creation of eddie-outs and launch points along the Bear River. The improvements have re-introduced the community to the river valley's natural setting and high water quality, making it one of the City's most popular parks. All facilities are in excellent condition.

Barrier-Free Evaluation: 3

The 2010 development project focused on improving accessibility to the Bear River Valley. The accessible non-motorized trail can be accessed from parking areas near Lake Street at the north end and Sheridan Street at the south end. All restrooms and shelters are universally accessible.

**CENTRAL SCHOOL
(Public Schools of Petoskey)**

Size: 1.7 acres

Location: 410 State Street

Description:

Play area and athletic facilities associated with school grounds.

Amenities:

- Play structures
- Basketball court
- Multi-purpose field
- Outdoor amphitheater
- Tether ball
- Indoor gymnasium (used by City)
- Benches



**LINCOLN SCHOOL
(Public Schools of Petoskey)**

Size: 2 acres

Location: 616 Connable Avenue

Description:

Play equipment and athletic facilities associated with school grounds.

Amenities:

- Play structures
- Basketball Court
- Indoor gymnasium (used by the City)
- Benches



COMMUNITY GARDENS

Petoskey Community Victory Garden at Hungry Hollow

Size: 0.50 acre

Location: West Sheridan Street, between Clarion Avenue and Spring Street

Description:

The former residential area had become vacant property with the demolition of the structures. The land was converted to a community garden in 2010, and had 38 family plots for residents of Petoskey. The garden is managed by Farming for our Future, a not-for-profit organization.



Amenities:

- 38 family garden plots

Facility Evaluation:

The gardens provide a means for residents to have garden space to grow their own vegetable or flowers, addressing an increasing interest in locally-grown produce. The garden has room to grow if interest increases.

Barrier-Free Evaluation: 1

Access to the gardens is not barrier free.

CURTIS PARK

Size: 7.8 acres

Location: Fronting Curtis and Jarman Avenues
between Morgan and Lawrence Streets

Description:

This semi-formal neighborhood park consists of open grassy areas interrupted only by mature deciduous and coniferous vegetation. The park's relatively flat topography slopes gently toward the east. The lack of formal amenities results in its use as a neighborhood picnic location, or occasionally as an informal, overflow sports field.



Amenities:

- Picnic tables
- Open area serving as temporary playing fields

Facility Evaluation:

This relatively large parcel of open space within an existing residential area provides a “green oasis” for neighborhood picnics and unstructured play. Other than a few picnic tables and trash receptacles, no formal park amenities exist. The relatively large grassy areas occasionally have been used as overflow soccer fields. Although there would be potential for adding improved recreational multi-purpose playing field at the park while retaining existing mature trees, residents near the park have been opposed to further field improvements. In 2004, the City Council directed that “facilities that would accommodate organized-sports activities not be constructed at Curtis Park.” Many of the existing trees have reached maturity and are in decline; replacement trees should be planted.

Barrier-Free Evaluation: 1

There are no formal access points or sidewalks provided to or within the park, nor are there any barrier-free parking spaces or restroom facilities; accessibility is poor.

LIBRARY COURTYARD PARKS

Size: 0.50 acre, combined

Location: The Petoskey Public Library was reconstructed in 2004 500 East Mitchell Street. The old public library, now known as the Carnegie Building, is located at 451 East Mitchell Street.

Description:

The Department of Parks and Recreation maintains the grounds and courtyards at these facilities as “vest-pocket” parks within the downtown area. The elevated courtyard at the Public Library at 500 East Mitchell Street has formal landscaping to compliment the building’s architecture and the courtyard’s main feature is the Community labyrinth constructed with paver bricks. The labyrinth also functions as a patio area.



Amenities:

Main Library Courtyard

- Flag Pole
- Stone Benches
- Labyrinth
- Landscaping
- Picnic tables
- Public art

Carnegie Building Courtyard:

- Landscaping
- Sidewalks
- Grass patio areas

Facility Evaluation:

Both courtyard areas have accessible walkways for the general public and landscape plantings that complement the buildings’ architecture.

Barrier-Free Evaluation: 4

Both buildings and courtyard have universal accessibility.

LITTLE TRAVERSE WHEELWAY

Size: 23.4 miles in length (8 miles within the City limits)

Location:

The multi-jurisdictional trail located within the Counties of Emmet and Charlevoix begins near the eastern limits of the City of Charlevoix and extends east and north to the City of Harbor Springs, along the shore of Little Traverse Bay.

Description:

This paved multi-jurisdictional, non-motorized trail connects the communities along Little Traverse Bay including the Cities of Charlevoix, Petoskey and Harbor Springs. The trail location adjacent to Little Traverse Bay provides users with scenic vistas as well as access to the bay at public parks. The City maintains the 8 miles of trail from Townline Road to the west to near Boulder Lane at the east end. Certain sections of the trail are groomed for skiing in the winter, while the remainder of the trail is plowed for pedestrian and bicycle use. The trail also connects to the Bear River Valley Recreation Area trail system and will eventually connect to the Downtown Greenway Corridor non-motorized trail. A portion of the Wheelway coincides with the North Country Scenic Trail.



Amenities:

- Paved bike trail
- Benches
- Picnic areas
- Restrooms in public parks

Facility Evaluation:

This paved, non-motorized trail is an excellent asset that attracts both local and regional outdoor enthusiasts. The trail traverses several city parks and provides a pedestrian tunnel link to Petoskey's shopping district. Portions of the trail are reaching 20 years of age and paving will need periodic replacement.

Barrier-Free Evaluation: 5

Concrete and asphalt paving provides a universally accessible surface as do curb cuts at road crossings. Connections to existing parks provide accessibility to restrooms and other amenities.

LOCKWOOD PARK

Size: 2.8 acres

Location: Northeast corner of Lockwood Avenue and Spruce Street

Description:

Lockwood Park is a relatively small neighborhood park on a hilltop site that contains a City-owned underground water-storage reservoir. It includes a ball field, one-half basketball court, two mini-soccer fields, and a large open space area used by neighborhood children for unstructured play.

Amenities:

- Softball field
- Two mini-soccer fields
- Basketball court (1/2)
- Informal sledding hill



Facility Evaluation:

Lockwood Park represents a neighborhood/community park, primarily serving local children and organizations using the ball field (U-10 softball). There are no formal play structures and relatively few amenities outside of the playing fields. The vegetation along the park's perimeter is in decline and in need of replacement. Because of the park's use for team sports, a play area might be considered. In addition, perhaps in conjunction with future water-utility improvements at the site, restroom facilities should also be considered.

Barrier-Free Evaluation: 2

Two curb cuts provide access to the park. The portable restroom facilities are also universally-accessible. While the existing bleachers are not accessible, there is an area for wheelchair seating behind the backstop.

MAGNUS PARK

Size: 21.2 acres

Location: Along the Lake Michigan shoreline at the west end of Lake Street with upper-elevation areas fronting Jackson Street and US-31 (Charlevoix Avenue).

Description:

Magnus Park is located along 1,000 feet of Little Traverse Bay shoreline. Lower Magnus Park has a 76 site modern campground, day use area, playground, beach area and restroom facility. The Little Traverse Wheelway runs along the north shoreline of the park. Upper Magnus Park bluff area provides scenic views to Little Travers Bay at the Wayside Park overlook. Wayside Park is adjacent to McLaren Northern Michigan and is used frequently by hospital staff and visitors.

Amenities:

- Beach area
- Day-use parking area
- 76 campsites
- Children's play structure
- Bathhouse
- Office and shop buildings
- Fire rings
- Cottage (City internship program housing)
- Paved, non-motorized trail

Facility Evaluation:

Magnus Park is an older facility and its age is reflected in the quality of some of its amenities. Several of the buildings are in decline and in need of remodeling and/or replacement. Roadways and parking areas are in poor condition, and the beach area is in need of sand replacement. Despite these maintenance issues, the park is well used and provides easy access to the waterfront and outstanding views of Lake Michigan's Little Traverse Bay. The Little Traverse Wheelway runs along the north end of the park. The City's adjacent wastewater treatment plant should be screened from the park's view.

Barrier-Free Evaluation: 3

A uni-sex restroom adjacent to the main building provides a universally-accessible restroom. There are also several campsites that include ADA-compliant picnic tables and grills. The playground was recently updated to include a sidewalk to the area for accessibility.



MEMORIAL PARK

Size: 0.50 acres

Location: Fronting north side of US-31 between East Lake and East Mitchell Streets

Description: Memorial Park is a small parcel that serves primarily as a “scenic” gateway in the downtown area. It consists of formal landscaping and a set of flagpoles.

Amenities:

- Three flagpoles
- Formal landscaping
- Sidewalk

Facility Evaluation:

While the formal landscaping in this area creates an aesthetic entrance to the downtown area, it is in need of some maintenance. Because it is intended to be a visual amenity, rather than an active recreation location, there are no facilities, per se. An additional open-space area was added along the east end of Memorial Park in 2005 in conjunction with completion of adjacent East Lake Street improvements. These parks may be reconfigured if the Mitchell Street entry to downtown is redesigned.

Barrier-Free Evaluation: 2

A sidewalk provides pedestrian access to the area. No other amenities exist that would require special access.



MINERAL WELL PARK

Size: 1.5 acres

Location: South side of East and West Lake Street
between Bayfront Drive and Quaintance Avenue

Description:

This formal historic park is located at the transition between Bayfront Park and the Bear River Valley Recreation Area. Historic features include a 1917 pavilion, 1930s Mitchell Street Bridge, World War I monument, and a raised formal garden. The setting is enhanced by the proximity of the Bear River and the coffer-dam falls.

Amenities:

- Pavilion
- Picnic tables and grills
- Mineral Well fountain
- Formal Peace Pole
- Furnishings
- Access to Bear River fishing
- Access to Bear River Valley trails

Facility Evaluation:

Mineral Well Park is an attractive site directly across from the City Hall. Its historic pavilion, garden area, and mineral well fountain provide unique aesthetic appeal. Being adjacent to the Bear River provides convenient access for fishing and creates scenic views of the river and the Mitchell Street Bridge to the south. Periodic restoration of the pavilion is needed to maintain its appearance.

Barrier-Free Evaluation: 4

Cooking grills need to be replaced or lowered to accommodate barrier-free accessibility. Although the park appears to contain a drinking fountain that is not accessible, the structure is actually an exact replica of a historic mineral well fountain and is not intended to be used as a drinking fountain (the natural mineral water is not particularly palatable).



NORTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN COLLEGE

Size: 280 acres

Location: 1515 Howard Street

Description:

North Central Michigan College (NCMC) owns approximately 280 acres of property with the College Campus located on the northerly portion of the property. A major portion of the college property south of the campus is largely undeveloped and utilized as a natural area with trails and boardwalks. It is adjacent to the City's River Road Sports Complex with the two properties being separated by the Bear River. Immediately east of the campus, on land leased from the college by the City, lies the City's Bates Park complex. The main campus area has several recreational components operated by the college that include outdoor basketball courts and a large multi-purpose recreational facility that is programmed for its students and the community.

**Amenities:**

- Natural area with trails
- Outdoor Basketball courts
- Student Activities/Community Recreation Center
 - Multi-purpose gymnasium
 - Walking/Running track
 - Exercise equipment
 - Locker rooms
 - Concession
- Bate Park-City Operated
 - One softball field
 - Two little league fields
 - Restroom/ Support building

**Facility Evaluation:**

The college property and facility is well maintained. Buildings and connecting walks are universally accessible.

Barrier-Free Evaluation:

Buildings, walks, and parking areas provide universal accessibility.

**OTTAWA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
(Public Schools of Petoskey)**

Size: 9.5 acres

Location: 871 Kalamazoo Avenue

Description:
Play equipment and athletic facilities associated with school grounds

Amenities:

- Play structure
- Ball Diamond
- Sundial/story time area
- Indoor gymnasium (used by the City)
- Outdoor Basketball Court



**SHERIDAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
(Public Schools of Petoskey)**

Size: 5 acres

Location: 1415 Howard Street

Description:
Play equipment and athletic facilities associated with school grounds.

Amenities:

- Play structure
- Basketball court
- Indoor gymnasium (used by the City)



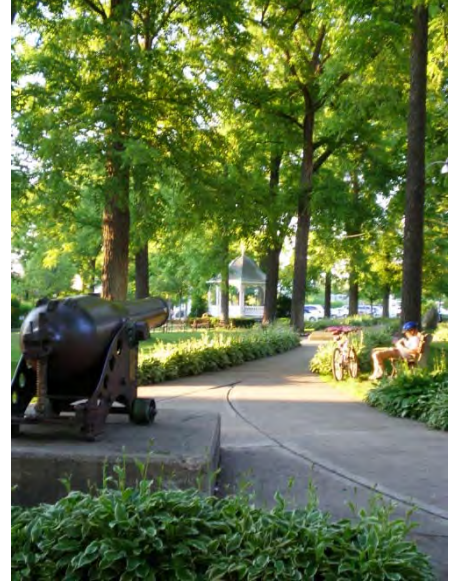
PENNSYLVANIA PARK

Size: 2.7 acres

Location: Downtown Petoskey, along the former railroad corridor between Bay and Mitchell Streets.

Description:

Located in the heart of downtown Petoskey, Pennsylvania Park is a formal, well maintained “commons” area with a historic setting. This wide, but linear, park pleasantly links northern and southern portions of the central business district and provides a pleasant contrast to the urban streetscape. Due to its prime location and scenic atmosphere, it is well-used as a resting area for shoppers and downtown workers, as well as a location for picnics, concerts, community gatherings, festivals, and special events. Pennsylvania Park lies within the soon to be developed Downtown Greenway Corridor.



Amenities:

- Gazebo
- Public restrooms
- War memorials (Civil, World War I, World War II, Vietnam, Korean Conflict, Operation Desert Storm)
- Blue Star Memorial

Facility Evaluation:

While it continues to be a high-quality facility, Pennsylvania Park shows signs of its heavy use in some areas. Some of the vegetation is in decline and in need of replacement, particularly the trees and areas of turf where pedestrian “desired paths” have destroyed the grass. Existing public restrooms are also not sufficient to withstand their intensive use from downtown patrons. Although furnishings currently exist, they do not particularly complement the Victorian style of the central business district.

Barrier-Free Evaluation: 3

Sidewalks adjacent to the length of the park provide universal access. Picnic facilities should be upgraded to include ADA-compliant tables and benches.

**PETOSKEY HIGH SCHOOL-MIDDLE SCHOOL RECREATIONAL COMPLEX
(Public Schools of Petoskey)**

Size: 15 acres

Location: 1500 Hill Street (High School) and 801 Northmen Drive (Middle School)

Description:

This recreational complex is located in the northwest corner of the Petoskey High School-Middle School campus. While 15 acres currently are developed with recreational amenities, an additional 90 acres remain undeveloped. This complex contains a variety of playing fields and equipment to support several school sports teams, as well as other public use during the summer months. Several of the facilities are jointly owned by the Public Schools of Petoskey and the City of Petoskey. Primarily, the school district owns the properties and the City provides funding for facility installations, often with grant-in-aid assistance. Use of facilities is prioritized according to the season – that is, during the school year, the school district has primary use of the facilities, and during the summer months the facilities are used by the City for the general public. Costs for replacements or upgrading of facilities, such as relighting and repaving tennis courts, have been shared equally between the school district and city. Recently, Turcott Field was reconstructed on the school complex, creating a state of the art facility. In support of these High School-Middle School campus facilities, the Public Schools of Petoskey also own the Curtis Field (formerly used as the stadium) and nearby McLaughlin Field on Standish Avenue.

Amenities:

City-owned facilities include:

- Twelve tennis courts (six lighted and six unlighted)
- Competition softball field
- Baseball field (Turcott)
- Two concession, restroom, and storage buildings

School District-owned facilities include:

- Four combination football/soccer practice fields
- Band practice field
- Two multi-level gymnasiums (used by the City for recreation programs)
- One single-level gymnasium (used by the City for recreation programs)
- Northmen Field
- Cross-country trail system



QUARRY PARK

Size: 2.5 acres

Location: Fronting US-31, Lewis Street, and Rose Street east of Howard Street (as extended)

Description:

This former limestone quarry was redeveloped as a parcel of open green space adjacent to Arlington Park at the edge of Petoskey's downtown business district. It is located near the historic Stafford's Perry Hotel and offers dramatic views of Little Traverse Bay from its bluffs. In 2005, the City Council authorized the installation of a statue honoring Ignatius Petoskey, the community's namesake, a gift from a former Petoskey resident.



Amenities:

- Open Space
- Ignatius Petoskey statue

Facility Evaluation:

This park is primarily intended to provide a scenic view of Lake Michigan's Little Traverse Bay. This area's steep topography prevents it from being a suitable location for many specific park amenities. It is maintained as an open, grassy area with little formal landscaping. The proposed realignment of Lewis Street to establish a T-intersection with US-31 as an option concluded within the proposed Downtown Greenway project could eliminate portions of Quarry Park but add portions to adjacent Arlington Park with the installation of a proposed traffic and pedestrian signal enhancing access between Sunset Park and Bayfront Park and Quarry Park across US-31.

Barrier-Free Evaluation: 2

Access to the Ignatius Petoskey statue is barrier free. Remaining areas of the park do not contain specific amenities that would require accessibility for pedestrians. It is instead intended to be primarily a scenic vista.

RIVER ROAD SPORTS COMPLEX

Size: 91 acres

Location: East side of River Road just south of Standish Avenue to south City Limit

Description:

The River Road Sports Complex has very little topographic relief. The northern half of the park is intermixed with wetlands and grassy vegetative plains. Vegetation is Dogwoods and bush-type shrubs intermixed with poplar and random conifers and grasslands. The southern half of the park has been developed into sports fields with an underground drainage system. The soccer and softball fields are used by the City's recreation programs, the high school programs and community club sports. The eastern edge of the park is bordered by the Bear River its entire length and has a canoe launch facility. North Central Michigan College owns land on the opposite side of the river, with miles of hiking trails through its nature preserve. The park also has a 24-hole disc-golf course.

**Amenities:**

- One softball field
- Two regulation soccer fields
- One temporary soccer field
- Disc-golf course
- Cross-country ski/hiking trails
- River access platform
- Canoe Launch
- Picnic tables
- Portable restrooms
- Parking lot and drive
- Snowmobile trail crosses the park

Facility Evaluation:

The River Road Sports Complex is geared toward organized, active sport and provides a trail system that runs through the northern wetland area of the park for more passive uses such as hiking, cross-country skiing, show-shoeing, and wildlife viewers. The sports complex portion of the park has limited shade trees and lacks shelters where visitors or spectators could escape the summer sun or heat. The sports fields are in excellent condition, with the exception of the practice soccer field that could benefit from underground drainage and additional grading.

Barrier-Free Evaluation: 2

While no sidewalks exist within the park, there are no barriers per se from the parking area to the use areas. The parking lot also includes the necessary reserve spaces. Park amenities, such as spectator seating and portable restroom facilities, provide universal access, as required by ADA regulations. The canoe launch contains stairs and is not universally accessible.

RIVERBEND PARK

Size: 2.5 acres

Location: West side of Standish Avenue south of and fronting the Bear River and adjacent to the Public Schools of Petoskey's Curtis Field

Description:

This small, triangular-shaped property is bordered by the Bear River, Curtis Field, and the Michigan Department of Transportation-owned railroad right-of-way. Facilities include a 10,000 square foot skate park, skate board surf track, four sand volleyball courts, lighted paved parking area, and irrigated and landscaped turf areas for passive uses. A trail segment of the North Country National Scenic Trail also extends through the park along the banks of the river, connecting to the Bear River Valley Recreation Area.

Amenities:

- Lighted, paved parking area
- Four sand volleyball courts
- Skate park – 10,000 square feet
- Skateboard concrete surf track
- Restrooms and picnic shelter

Facility Evaluation:

The park is accessible both by the City's sidewalk system and vehicle. Accessible sidewalks, paved parking area, and the skateboard park were constructed in 2007 and are in excellent condition. A restroom and shelter were completed in 2011. Future plans are for the possible expansion of the skate park and possible addition of Pickleball Courts.

Barrier-Free Evaluation 3

Sidewalks, parking area, skate park and the restrooms/shelter are all ADA accessible



SKYLINE MUNICIPAL FOREST (Natural Resource Area)

Size: 865 acres

Location: Bear Creek Township (T34N R5W, Sections 22-26), with vehicular access off of Krause and Brubaker Roads

Description:

This large, forested property consists of mixed hardwoods, poplar and conifer forest stands intermixed with open grass land and provides excellent habitat for a variety of wildlife. The Skyline Municipal Forest property is located adjacent to large tracts of State forest property and several tracts of land owned by Emmet County. This highland forest property has significant topographic relief between its ridgeline and valleys and is one of the highest points in Emmet County. In 2009, the City acquired a critical connector with the help of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant in cooperation with the Little Traverse Conservancy. The purchase enabled the relocation of a section of the National Parks Service North Country National Scenic Trail from Krause Road onto City park land. The property also hosts a firearm range for public safety personnel but it is available for use by the general public.



Amenities:

- Woodlands
- Trail system
- Firing range
- Observation deck

Facility Evaluation:

The skyline Municipal Forest is largely undeveloped and is managed for passive recreation and forestry purposes. Access to the area is from several perimeter gravel roads and the interior is accessible by only seasonal roads and trails. Several areas in the park have sustained erosion damage due to unauthorized off-road vehicular use.

Barrier-Free Evaluation: 1

Because it is an undeveloped parcel, no provisions are made for universal access.

SOLANUS MISSION BEACH

Size: 1 acre

Location: Along Lake Michigan shoreline west of Ingalls Avenue and contiguous with Bayfront Park West

Description: This 500 foot long lake front parcel, with its stony, dune-like environment, abuts a small cove on Lake Michigan's Little Traverse Bay. The southern portion of the property was landscaped in 2006 and is traversed by the Little Travers Wheelway by an easement that extends from Bayfront Park West and then connects back to Lake Street along the west side of the Saint Francis Xavier Church's Solanus Mission property.



Amenities:

- Beach area
- Open space
- Little Traverse Wheelway segment

Facility Evaluation:

The site remains largely unimproved, with the exception of the portion of the Little Traverse Wheelway that runs across the south side of the property.

Barrier-Free Evaluation: 2

Trail segments are universally accessible.

SUNSET PARK

Size: 1 acre

Location: Fronting US-31 at Winter Park Lane,
above Bayfront Park

Description:

Included as part of Bayfront Park, or development Area #1 within the City's 1985 Tax Increment Financing and Development Plans, this roadside park is situated on top of the bluff that separates Bayfront Park from US-31. It provides outstanding views of Lake Michigan's Little Traverse Bay and of Bayfront Park below. Because its primary purpose is for a scenic vista, the park amenities focus on providing areas for viewing and other passive recreation purposes. The park is also the access point to the waterfront, via the stairway to Bayfront Park for many residents on the East side of the City.

**Amenities:**

- Turn-around drive and parking area
- Gazebo
- Binoculars
- Drinking fountain
- Stair tower to Bayfront Park

Facility Evaluation:

Patrons arriving by automobile have good access directly off US-31. Pedestrian access, however, is more difficult due to the lack of crosswalks or signals to assist in crossing the busy US-31 thoroughfare from Arlington and Quarry Parks on the south side of US-31. While the park serves its primary purpose quite well – that is, as a scenic vista – its amenities could benefit from some upgrades, particularly to some of the walkways and the stair tower that connects Sunset Park to Bayfront Park.

Barrier-Free Evaluation: 2

There are several obstacles in the gazebo and binocular-viewing area; the gazebo has a small grade change that prevents universal access. Also, the binoculars are too tall for a patron in a wheelchair to access. The drinking fountain is also not ADA compliant. In addition to pedestrian access issues, there is no curb cut in the US-31 median within the crosswalk to Arlington Park. ADA compliant picnic tables also need to be added to the existing picnic facilities.

VETERANS PARK

Size: 0.25 acre

Location: West Mitchell Street (US-31) at Madison Street

Description:

This triangular-shaped site provides a greenbelt landscape area along the south side of West Mitchell Street/US-31 and contains a large community service group sign.

Amenities:

- Service-club sign
- Flagpole



Facility Evaluation:

This greenspace is highly visible to motorists along US-31 and with changes to US-31 in 2014, pedestrian access was greatly improved. All war memorials have been removed. The only other feature of this park is the service club sign, which is in need of upgrading or replacement. Additional tree planting would also be beneficial.

Barrier-Free Evaluation: 3

Sidewalks along US-31 and Madison Street provide access to the area. There are no specific amenities within the park that require modifications to insure universal access.

WASHINGTON PARK

Size: 5 acres

Location: At dead ends of Petoskey Street south of Washington Street and north of Sheridan Street, between Emmet and Howard Streets

Description:

This park primarily attracts neighborhood children and participants associated with the use of softball and Little League programs that use the facility. Outside the ball field and children's play structure, there are few amenities that might serve as a draw for park patrons.

**Amenities:**

- Ball field
- Children's playground
- Portable restrooms
- Small, unpaved parking area

Facility Evaluation:

Washington Park is a relatively small neighborhood park that could improve its use level if additional amenities were provided. Currently, its greatest draw is the ball field, which attracts use from youth softball and Little League teams. The ball field is in need of upgrades, including new backstop fencing, and accessible drinking fountains. Vehicular access is currently provided via an unpaved extension of Petoskey Street to the north and a small unimproved parking area at the dead end of Petoskey Street to the south. These poor access points, combined with limited parking areas, make vehicular access to the park difficult.

Barrier-Free Evaluation: 3

Entry into the park from the south side is barrier-free; however, entry from the north is complicated by the existence of a gravel driveway, a material that is not universally accessible. Additional access barriers are found in the ball field itself; the fence openings near the infield are too narrow and the bleachers do not allow adequate space for a wheel chair to pass in front. The children's play structure is ADA-compliant and provides play activities with suitable surface materials and transfer points.

WINTER SPORTS PARK

Size: 30 acres

Location: South end of Winter Park Lane and Rose Street

Description:

Winter Sports Park is an excellent year-round facility, which was extensively renovated in 1992. Although primarily designed for winter sports (skiing, sledding, skating, and hockey), it also has soccer and basketball facilities and hosts a popular summer day camp program. It is located in a bowl-shaped valley that is subject to erosion and other effects due to the topography.



Amenities:

- Downhill skiing
- Rope tow
- Sledding hill
- Skating rink
- Hockey rink
- Soccer field
- Basketball hoops (3 half-courts along parking area)
- Warming house and concession building
- Biking and walking trails
- Paved parking area
- Outdoor park amenities lighted for nighttime use

Facility Evaluation:

In general, the facilities at the park are in good condition. The largest issue from a maintenance perspective is the need for erosion-control measures and bank-stabilization installation due to the rather steep topography. The basketball courts, located within the paved parking area, are informal and do not have permanent court markings.

Barrier-Free Evaluation: 2

The building and parking areas both provide universal access to all amenities.

Township Facilities

The neighboring Townships of Bear Creek and Resort and nearby Township of Springvale have limited recreational facilities and do not provide recreation services, relying to a large degree on the City of Petoskey to meet recreational needs of their residents. Following is a brief summary of the recreational facilities that are available in each of these neighboring Townships.

Bear Creek Township

Within Bear Creek Township, there are several local and regional recreation facilities (see Table 5.3). Three sites, totaling 17 acres, are considered local parks including Spring Lake Park, Walloon Lake access site and Round Lake public access. Another 1184 acres of land is categorized as regional recreational facilities that include Petoskey State Park and the City's forest land. In addition to these facilities, the Township contains 390 acres of private and semi-private indoor and outdoor recreation facilities (see Table 5.6).

According to Bear Creek Township's recreation plan, the Township's future recreational plans are focused on the creation of some additional active recreation facilities, such as the new Jones Landing on Walloon Lake or a community ball field. In addition to this more active recreation facility, the township is interested in expanding its trail system. The township does own approximately 41 acres of land just south of the City of Petoskey corporate limit along the Bear River that could be connected with trails to the River Road Sports Complex trail system and ultimately connect to the North Country/Iron Belle Trail.

Table 5.3: Bear Creek Township Recreational Facilities

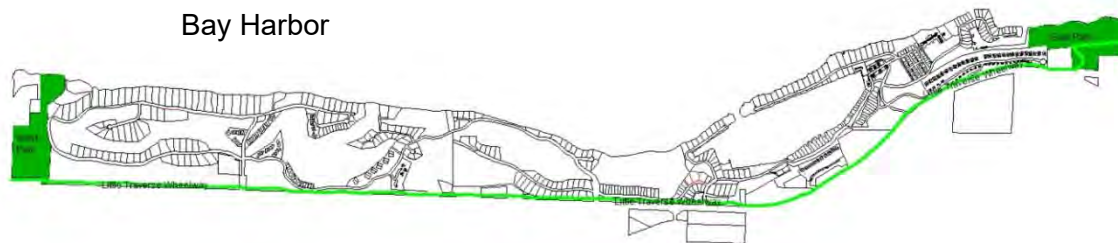
Name	Acres	Notes
Spring Lake Park	12.3	Roadside picnic facility, fishing deck, birding, trail head
Roadside Park (US 131)	1	A pull-off lane from US131 offering a panoramic view of Walloon Lake
Round Lake Public Access	4.4	Public boat ramp at Powell Road
Jones Landing	3.1	Boat launch, picnic area and playground
Bay View Association Open Space	16.6	Wooded trail system
Click Road Soccer Fields	43.1	Soccer Complex owned by the Petoskey Youth Soccer Association
North Western State Trail	7 miles	Trail is paved to Alanson and gravel the remaining 23 miles to Mackinaw City.
Atkins Preserve	20	Preserve co-managed with Little Traverse Conservancy; no improvements
River Road Property	57	Unimproved land accessible only through Petoskey River Road Sports Complex
Click Road Property	20	Unimproved land
Total	177.5	

Source: *Emmet County Parks and Recreation Master Plan, 2012; Bear Creek Recreation Plan 2015-2019*

Resort Township

Resort Township maintains four parks that include West Park and East Park, both of which lie within the City of Petoskey jurisdictional boundary, and Morford Park and Resort Pike Park (see Table 5.4). The West and East Parks are along the Little Traverse Wheelway and provide the most amenities including picnic facilities, access to Little Traverse Bay, trail systems and children's play equipment. The other Township parks (Morford and Resort Pike) are quite small, primarily used to provide access to Walloon Lake. In total, these four parks provide approximately 70 acres of improved public park land for Resort Township residents.

Resort Township's East and West Park are within the corporate boundary of the City of Petoskey and connected by the Little Traverse Wheelway along the south border of the Bay Harbor Territory.



In addition to these four primary parks, there are several lake access sites such as Stolt Road End Access and Townsend Road Access, as well as some conservation lands such as Black Preserve Property and parcels owned by the Little Traverse and Walloon Lake Trust Conservancies. A 50-acre forest area north of US-31 and east of Townline Road within the Bay Harbor development, provides additional open space. There are also 25.45 acres of privately-owned recreational facilities within Resort Township (see Table 5.6).

Both Bear Creek and Resort Townships pay an annual fee to the City of Petoskey to provide township residents access to city-provided programs rather than providing their own programming.

Table 5.4 Resort Township Recreational Facilities

Name	Acres	Notes
West Park	33	Trail system leads to the water where picnic facilities are available. Also includes natural areas such as wetland along the trail system.
East Park	35	Excellent day-use park for biking, picnicking or enjoying the view of the bay.
Morford Park	.23	Boat launch onto Walloon Lake with small picnic facility
Resort Pike Road Park	0.7	Small picnic area providing pedestrian access to Walloon Lake. No boat launch
Stolt Road Access	0.2	Provides public boat launch access to Walloon Lake.
Townsend Road Access	0.2	Narrow access for small boats (14 feet in length max.).
Black Reserve Property	42	Undeveloped and prohibits any motorized vehicles
Resort Township Hall	1.0	Township hall and fire station
Doernenberg Property	15.1	Open Space
Total	127.4	

Source: Resort Township Master Plan, 2010

Springvale Township

As is common for the less populated Townships that are in proximity to the City of Petoskey, Springvale Township contains a relatively small amount of township-owned park land (42 acres), including the Channel Road Park, Botsford Road Lake Access, Township Park Road Park, and recreational property at Springvale Township Hall (see Table 5.5). However, Springvale Township has a large amount of State owned open space, forest land primarily owned by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and several large lakes. There are also regional open space properties that are owned by the Little Traverse Conservancy and Emmet County's Camp Pet-o-se-ga. This regional land accounts for an additional 10,832 acres of open space within Springvale Township.

Springvale Township does have a local parks and recreation committee and is currently committed to resource protection, primarily as it relates to lake access around Crooked and Pickerel Lakes, and the protection of wildlife habitat. The Springvale Township Parks and Recreation Committee is interested in creating a community park and providing ball field, picnic facilities, and play equipment. The committee is also considering acquisition of additional shoreline property to provide more public access points for fishing, boating and swimming. Trails and greenways are also being considered to help link some existing property and to provide areas for biking. Springvale Township officials have elected to not enter into an agreement with the City of Petoskey for provision of recreational services, but instead residents pay non-resident rates to participate in these programs.

Table 5.5 Springvale Township Recreational Facilities

Name	Acres	Notes
Channel Road Park	2	Provides access to Crooked Lake for boating and swimming- also has picnic facilities
Township Hall Property	37	Community services and a managed trail system
Township Park Road Park	2	Provides picnic and small boat access (canoe/kayak) to Pickerel Lake, but is not good for swimming
Botsford Road Lake Access	1	Swimming and boat access to Pickerel Lake
Artesian Road Lake Access	1	Ellsworth Road access to Pickerel Lake; popular for swimming and boat launching
Total	43	

Source: *Emmet County Parks and Recreation Plan 2012*

County Facilities

Emmet County also maintains three parks and several facilities.

- Camp Pet-o-se-ga – Located along the shoreline of Pickerel Lake in Springvale Township, this 275 acre property offers camping and recreational facilities to County residents. It includes nature trails, fishing and boating facilities, play fields, and modern camping amenities with 90 campsites.
- The Headlands – An International Dark Sky Park containing approximately 600 acres of pristine woodlands, more than two miles of undeveloped Lake Michigan shoreline. It is home to several species of rare and endangered plant life and provides habitat for a variety of animals, including bald eagles, osprey, white tail deer, turkey, coyotes, and an occasional black bear. The Waterfront Event Center was completed in 2017.
- Cecil Bay – This park consists of 800 acres at the northern tip of Emmet County along the Straits of Mackinac in Bliss and Wawatam Townships. It includes a mile of Lake Michigan shoreline and offers fishing and swimming opportunities.
- McGulpin Point Lighthouse - A lighthouse purchased in 2008 on 11.5 acres, with 336 feet of Lake Michigan shoreline. The lighthouse was built in 1869 to guide ships through the straits, was decommissioned in 1906, and is now a historical and cultural attraction for the county.
- Emmet County Community Center and Fairgrounds – Located at the western edge of the City of Petoskey. The 37 acre property includes an 11,000 square foot community center, 10,000 square foot exhibit barn, a 2,500 seat covered grandstand, restroom and shower facility and a pedestrian entrance plaza.
- Maple River - This 315 acre parcel is located in Maple River Township on the banks of the Maple River and is partially forested providing habitat for a variety of flora and



fauna.

A variety of primary outdoor recreational opportunities are readily available in the greater Petoskey area and include golfing, boating, canoeing, cycling, hiking, fishing, hunting, camping, downhill and cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing.

In addition to these Emmet County parks and facilities, there are a number of regional facilities that are located within close proximity of the City, including:

Greenwood Cemetery – A municipal cemetery since 1897, Greenwood Cemetery was established by the City of Petoskey, Bear Creek Township, and Resort Township and contains 105 acres of land. There are 4.4 miles of paved drives and beautiful views of Little Traverse Bay that make it an excellent hiking location.



Petoskey State Park – Formerly owned by the City, this park has 273 acres on the northern shore of Little Traverse bay and provides camping, boating, hiking, fishing, and swimming opportunities.

State of Michigan Forest Land – Approximately 20% of Emmet County's total land area is comprised of State forest land owned by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

North Country National Scenic/ Iron Belle Trails – While work on its completion remains in progress, this 4,000 mile long footpath is planned to ultimately link communities in scenic wilderness areas across seven northern states. The Iron Belle Trail is a State designation that runs concurrently with the North Country Trail from Belle Isle Park in Detroit to Ironwood in the Upper Peninsula. Portions of this trail corridor travel through Bear Creek Township, state-owned forest lands and parklands in the City of Petoskey. The routing primarily includes corridors through publicly owned lands and along public roads, including segments that traverse the City's Bear River Valley Recreation Area and the Little Traverse Wheelway through Bayfront Park.

Little Traverse Wheelway - The 23.4 mile non-motorized, paved trail extends from Harbor Springs to Charlevoix, partially in the M-119 right-of-way and the remainder primarily in former railroad right-of-way.

North Western State Trail – This 30 mile long trail begins at M-119 where it intersects the Little Traverse Wheelway. Constructed in a former railroad right-of-way, the trail is paved for 7.5 miles to Alanson and gravel from Alanson to Mackinaw City.

Friendship Centers of Emmet County -The Friendship Center is a tax supported facility located in Bear Creek Township that offers a wide variety of activities and programs for seniors age 60 and older. They offer fitness programs, activities and social groups – some are on-going, while others are offered periodically throughout the year.

Little Traverse Conservancy- The Little Traverse Conservancy maintains thousands of acres of preserves and conservation easements throughout Emmet County and northern Michigan that provide recreational opportunities such as hiking, biking, paddling, skiing and snowshoeing, fishing, and bird watching, in addition to protecting open space and sensitive areas.

Private Facilities

In addition to any public and quasi-public recreation facilities listed here, there are various private facilities in the Petoskey area that serve a variety of recreational interests. These include activities such as golfing, camping, tours and charters, marina, and numerous other amenities. Some of the most popular private facilities are listed in Table 5.6.

Table 5.6 Private Recreation Facilities in the Petoskey Area

FACILITY	LOCATION
SPORTS FACILITY	
Click Road Soccer complex (non-profit)	Bear Creek Township
Griffin Ice Arena	Little Traverse Township
Bay Tennis and Fitness	Little Traverse Township
Northern Lights Recreation	Little Traverse Township
CAMPING	
Petoskey KOA RV and Cabin Resort	Bear Creek Township
El Rancho Alanson Camper's Country Club	Littlefield Township
Crooked River RV Park	Littlefield Township
GOLF	
Bay Harbor Golf Club	Petoskey
Crooked Tree Golf Club	Resort Township
Bay View Country Club	Bear Creek Township
Walloon Lake County Club	Melrose Township
Boyne USA Resorts	Pleasantview Twp/Boyne Valley Township
Birchwood Farms Golf and Country Club	Pleasantview Township
Maple Ridge Golf Course	Maple River Township
Chestnut Valley	Pleasantview Township
Little Traverse Bay Golf Club	Littlefield Township
Scotland Yards Golf Course	Little Traverse Township
Springbrook Golf Club	Melrose Township
DOWNHILL SKIING	
Boyne USA Resorts	Pleasantview Twp/Boyne Valley Twp
Nubs Nob Ski Area	Pleasantview Township
BOATING	
Bay Harbor Marina	Petoskey
Bay Harbor Yacht Club	Petoskey
Crooked River Marina	Littlefield Township
Bear Cove Marina	Petoskey
Walstrom Marina, Inc.	Harbor Springs
Windjammer Marina	Petoskey
FISHING AND HUNTING	
Charlevoix	Hayes Township
Emmet County Sportsmen's Club	Readmond Township
Morgan Trout Farm	Littlefield Township
Bear River Canoe Livery	Bear Creek Township
TOURS/CHARTERS	
Trout and Salmon Charters - Ruddy Duck	Petoskey
Ward Pro Charter	Charlevoix
Sunshine Charters	Charlevoix
Beaver Island Boat Company	Charlevoix
YOUTH CAMPS	
Damp Daggett	Bay Township
YMCA of Northern Michigan	Camp Pet-O-Se-Ga
WATERPARKS, MINATURE GOLF, BOWLING, MISC	
Pirates Cove	Bear Creek Township
Avalanche Bay - Boyne USA Resorts	Boyne Valley Township
SNOWMOBILING	
Petoskey Snowmobile Club	Bear Creek Township
Harbor Springs Snowmobile Club	Pleasantview Township

RECREATION PROGRAMMING

In addition to the numerous park and recreation facilities that are maintained by the City of Petoskey, the City's Department of Parks and Recreation provides organized programs that serve a variety of ages and interests. During the 2016 calendar year, the City offered 31 recreation programs that served 3,467 persons. Some programs are organized by City staff, while others are partnerships with other organizations, with a sharing of facilities. Department staff also work closely with the Public Schools of Petoskey to assist with school-sponsored sports activities.

Current Park and Recreation Programs

Table 5.7 identifies the 31 recreational programs that were sponsored by the Petoskey Department of Parks and Recreation in 2016 for the Petoskey area, as well as participation changes from the previous year.

Program Trends

Table 5.7 identifies how the participation counts are allocated among each of the general activity categories. It also reflects the current recreation trends in the Petoskey area. Soccer continues to be the most popular recreational program, with 25% of overall program participation, but this is a smaller percentage than five years ago (37%). The day camp has become more popular and diamond programs continue to show strong participation levels. The department continues to modify its offerings based on community demand. The use of City trails has increased dramatically and maintenance of these facilities has become a priority.

Recreational Partnerships

As mentioned previously, the Department of Parks and Recreation staff assists with the organizational support for a number of recreation programs, as well as maintains the facilities for the programs, that do not fall under the management of the City. Such programs include, but are not limited to: Church League Softball, Girls Travel Softball, and the Petoskey Youth Soccer Association. The Department also works closely with the Public Schools of Petoskey athletic staff to provide facilities and other services for school-sponsored sports programs. Programs currently offered through the School District include:

Soccer	Cross Country
Tennis	Football
Track	Basketball
Golf	Skiing
Volleyball	Bowling
Softball	Baseball
Wrestling	

TABLE 5.7 Recreation Programs								
	Participant Numbers 2016							
Activity	City	Bear Creek	Resort	Springvale	Unknown/ Others	2016 Totals	2011 Totals	% Change 2011-2016
Basketball								
Men 40+	7	12	3	0	3	25	12	+108%
Youth Boys	15	20	8	8	6	57	83	-31%
Youth Girls	5	8	5	4	4	26	38	-32%
Day Camp	126	138	79	55	119	517	618	-16%
Disc Golf	9	4	1	1	72	87	30	+190%
Disc Golf Tourney (1)	2	1	0	0	49	52	NA	-
Flag Football	19	28	10	7	14	78	58	+34%
Other (Yoga/Sail/Bowl)	3	9	1	1	6	20	NA	-
Little League	72	116	53	47	47	335	306	+9%
Skate: Figure	14	15	6	1	5	41	33	+24%
Skate: Speed	6	5	2	1	10	24	6	+300%
Skiing	18	23	6	4	4	55	76	-28%
Snowboard	5	5	3	0	5	18	29	-38%
Soccer- Youth Spring	96	107	46	26	38	313	255	+23%
Soccer-Youth Fall	63	68	29	21	28	209	224	-7%
Soccer-Women	7	12	3	3	13	38	86	-56%
Soccer-Academy/ Camps	68	63	29	20	136	316	303	+4%
Softball - Majors	9	30	7	9	9	64	47	+36%
Softball-Minors	8	14	8	10	13	53	59	-10%
Softball - Women	6	20	3	10	73	112	74	+51%
Softball- Church League	16	17	10	6	70	119	NA	-
Softball- Men	7	10	5	5	20	47	44	+7%
T-Ball	24	27	26	9	16	102	98	+4%
Tennis	89	66	33	19	99	306	310	-1%
Volleyball- Women	14	15	6	9	47	91	82	+11%
Volleyball- Sand	9	10	4	0	3	26	26	0%
Volleyball Tournament	6	7	3	1	91	108	62	+74%
Volleyball- Youth	5	15	6	3	9	38	NA	-
Wrestling	12	19	9	7	22	69	76	-9%
LaCrosse	13	16	6	3	14	52	82	-37%
TOTALS	753	900	410	290	1045	3398	2571	+32%

Special Services

Although not specifically considered recreational programming, there are a number of unique services that the Department of Parks and Recreation provides, including:

- *Buildings and Grounds Construction and Maintenance* – In addition to parks and special facilities, the City's Department of Parks and Recreation staff oversee construction, repairs, and maintenance activities associated with all City-owned buildings and their grounds, regardless of which City department or operation uses them, including maintenance of certain rights-of-way.
- *Downtown Maintenance* – Considered a special facility, Department of Parks and Recreation staff members oversee maintenance activities within the Central Business District.
- *Special Events Support* – the Department of Parks and Recreation often is called upon to provide support services for a variety of special events. Its services may include the use of park facilities, setup and preparation activities, staff presence, and cleanup duties. These special events include community-wide festivals, civic events, historic displays, park concerts, outdoor films, and numerous other private and public activities.

While Chapter 5 focused on the current state of recreational facilities, this chapter looks to the future. It begins by outlining a series of potential trends that may affect the recreational needs of the Petoskey community, based on demographic trends as well as public input. Assessing these potential future needs to the City's existing facilities and programs allows the City to work on possible deficiencies as well as to build on existing assets and strengths.

Current Recreation Trends

Effects of Resort and Tourism on Recreational Needs

The City of Petoskey has a number of unique attributes that make it a popular resort and tourist destination. In particular, its waterfront location and its four-season climate provide unique recreational opportunities to which visitors from throughout Michigan and the greater Midwest are drawn.

This influx of visitors comes with a number of benefits, particularly from an economic perspective. It also has a profound effect upon the recreational planning required to satisfy this large number of annual visitors. As noted in Chapter 2, the year-round recreation service area for the City is just under 17,000, but with seasonal residents and tourists added, the recreation facility and service users county-wide are estimated to increase the population between 40% and 300%.

Therefore, the historical national standard that cities should provide between 6.5 to 10 acres of developed open space per 1,000 residents doesn't work for communities like Petoskey. While the standard is a good starting point, each community's unique characteristics, assets and local preferences should determine the correct amount of parkland. For the City of Petoskey, the protection of its waterfront – both Little Traverse Bay and the Bear River- by maintaining public ownership is a defining characteristic of the park system. In addition, the importance of the resort/tourism industry for the city makes it necessary to focus on specific recreational opportunities that will be attractive to most seasonal visitors. Non-motorized facilities have expanded significantly in the region, which has increased use and demand. A 2015 study by MSU estimates that there are annually 100,000 uses on the Little Traverse Wheelway in Emmet County and 18,000 uses on the North Western State Trail.¹ indicated that users of the Little Traverse Wheelway and North Western State Trail. There is a great need for continued funding of trail amenities and maintenance to meet the interests of trail users.

Influence of an Aging Population

As indicated by the community's demographics reported in Chapter 2, the recreation service area saw population increases in three age groups from 2000-2010 that is consistent with the five-year ACS estimates over the past 10 years: young adults (make up 12% of the population), adults (make up 11% of the population) and seniors (make up 11% of the population). These numbers reflect other national trends that show an increase in the median age of the country's population, driven by advances in health care that extends life expectancies, as well as the ever-increasing effect of an aging "baby boomer" population. These effects will continue to



¹ *Assessing Use and Users on the Little Traverse Wheelway, the Northwest State Trail and the North Central State Trail, May 24-September 1, 2014, Charles M. Nelson, Jenni S. Lee, Christine A. Vogt, Department of Community Sustainability, Michigan State University; January 19, 2015.*

be felt in the future, and recreational programs will need to adapt accordingly. The following trends reflect the preferences of an older community as they relate to recreation:

- People enjoy more individualized activities, rather than group events.
- “Baby-Boomers” will remain dedicated to health, wellness, and exercise.
- Interest will likely center around activities that have an educational component.
- Many will react negatively to games and activities they tend to associate with “senior.”
- People’s lives will remain busy even after retirement. The type, arrangement, and scheduling of activities will play an important role in attracting participants.
- Statistics show the trail systems and walking paths are favored by buyers in retirement communities.

As the area continues to move into retirement age, the demand for park and recreation facilities to serve older residents will continue to grow. According to the 2017 “Healthy Aging in Parks Survey” conducted by the National Recreation and Park Association, most communities deliver programming for this population at community centers, senior centers, or parks. For our area, that would include the Friendship Centers of Emmet County and North Central Michigan College, but facilities of these types are limited and expensive to sustain. To meet the challenge, we will need to identify reliable funding sources, additional space for these activities to occur, and ensure staff is versed in the needs and desires of older adults. Further, engaging with the older adult community, whether through surveys, one-on-one conversations, and/or market research data analysis may be necessary.

Role of Declining School-Age Population

According to the five-year ACS estimates, the school-age population continues to decline, but with the increase in young adult and adult populations, it is possible there will be an increase in the school-age population in the future. Traditionally, this is the age group most often associated with formal recreation programs, such as youth sports teams and other organized athletic activities. As shown in Table 5.6, the City’s youth programs saw increased participation for the most part from 2011-2016 with the exception of youth basketball. Studies show that recreational programs will see their role expand from simply providing an activity for children, to providing them with skills and experiences that will help prepare them for the future.



Trends regarding youth development include:

- An increased interest in youth participants being involved in the planning and responsibility for programs. They are no longer satisfied with the adults simply planning for them.
- After-school and school break programs continue to play a role in combating negative behaviors, and continue to assist schools in achieving their educational goals.
- Parks and recreation departments have an opportunity to expand their roles, transitioning from simply service providers to facilitators. Their connection to community children and their network of programs allows them to coordinate other youth services and bring together various development agencies.

National Statistics

A 2010 “Sports Participation in 2010: State-by-State” study by the National Sporting Goods Association (NSGA) established a participation frequency index of various sports by state. Based on a sampling of 41,000 U.S. households, the index divides a state’s percentage of participants in an activity by its percentage of the U.S. population to assess likeliness to participate in an activity. The activities for which Michigan shows a tendency toward participation include bicycling, exercise walking, fishing, boating, soccer, and archery. The NSGA also tracks participation nationally of youth sports (7-17 years) and senior sports (55 years and older). The 2011 vs. 2001 study comparison indicates a significant increase (greater than 30%) in youth exercise walking, hiking, hockey, kayaking, and running. Due to the increased population numbers of seniors, most activities saw an increase in participation numbers.

Specific Activity Trends

In addition to the larger, national trends discussed above, the City of Petoskey’s Department of Parks and Recreation staff has begun to see several specific trends that are starting to affect recreation programming within the City and surrounding area. These include an increased demand for new sports that may be less organized and not as well summarized in participation numbers, in addition to a growing popularity of City festivals and outdoor activities. Some of the more sought-after activities now include:



- Racquet sports, particularly Pickleball
- Bicycling
- Disc golf
- Walking and running
- Kayaking
- City-wide festivals

Existing Deficiencies

Opportunities for improvement always exist, even in a recreation system as extensive and excellent as Petoskey’s. The following discussion highlights some potential areas for improvement.

Issue: Design and Marketing of Programs Geared Toward Petoskey’s Older Population

As mentioned previously, the City’s Department of Parks and Recreation relies upon partnerships with other local organizations to provide some programming and facilities that might otherwise fall under the City’s umbrella of services. By sharing these responsibilities, the City avoids duplication of effort and equipment, making a more efficient system. In the case of senior programs, a majority of activities are sponsored by the Friendship Centers of Emmet County and North Central Michigan College, rather than through the Department of Parks and Recreation. While the sharing of this responsibility is not an issue, it does require that the City take an active role in partnering with these organizations to insure the recreational needs of the elderly community are being met. Activities organized by these facilities that currently attract older adults include use of the walking track, pickleball, and water aerobics at an area hotel pool. The City should insure it is actively involved in determining the types of programming offered, as well as marketing these offerings to the public. If there are activities that are not being met through these other organizations, the Department of Parks and Recreation might need to add such activities to its programming.

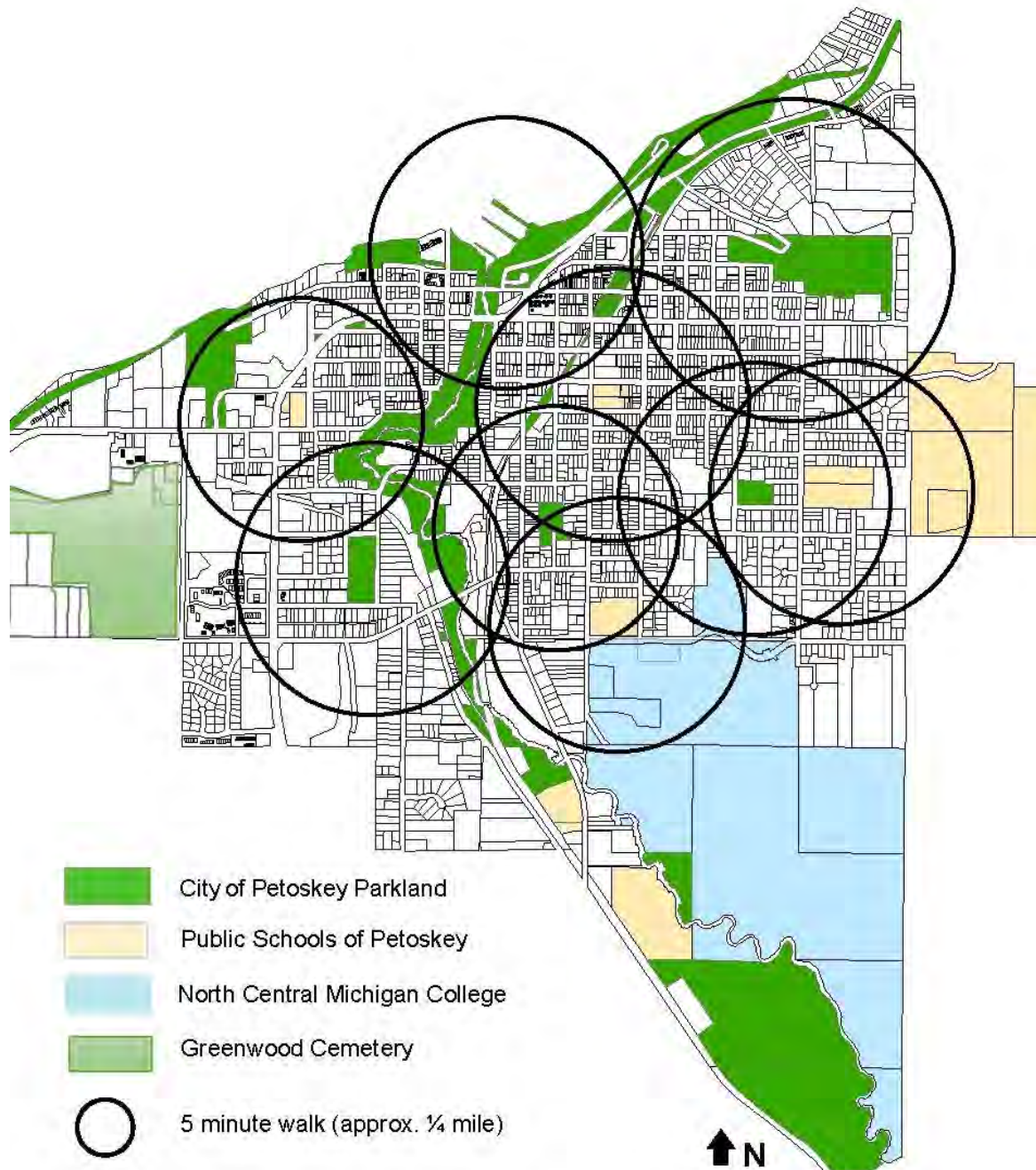
Issue: Availability and Marketing of Youth Programming Related to Athletic Activities

The majority of programs offered by the City’s Department of Parks and Recreation are focused primarily on athletic activities. Similar to the arrangement described regarding senior programming, the City

depends on other local organizations to develop activities that are related to other areas of interest such as music, art, science, and history. Currently curriculums provided by groups such as the Public Schools of Petoskey Community Education, Crooked Tree Arts Council, YMCA, and the Little Traverse Historical Society all help to fill this need. As discussed above, the sharing of these responsibilities does not necessarily pose a problem, however, the responsibility is on the Department of Parks and Recreation staff to insure that adequate programming is being offered through these supplemental sources. Additionally, the quality of maintenance cannot be sacrificed when responsibilities increase because of more facilities. Seasonal staffing has been challenging and either contracting services out or not maintaining low impact areas need to be considered.

Issue: Some Areas of the City are Lacking in Smaller, or Underdeveloped Neighborhood Park Facilities
The influence of resort and tourism and the popularity of organized sports have created a tendency for the City to focus its resources on maintaining its larger park facilities and playing fields. Unfortunately, this has resulted in a lack of developed neighborhood parks in some areas of the City. City officials should look for opportunities to invest in and develop existing residential parks that could help to increase the number of recreational opportunities in neighborhood parks that would be available for residents. Map 6.1 identifies the current distribution of neighborhood parks, highlighting the residential areas that are within close walking distance (that is, within 5 minutes). Neighborhood parks are generally categorized as smaller in size and are primarily focused on providing neighborhood entertainment such as children's play structures and other equipment. As depicted on the map, the school playgrounds fulfill this need to a great extent and are open and available to the public, and Bayfront Park is included because it provides a playground that serves the adjacent residential areas as well as the region. The map also shows that almost all neighborhoods are within a quarter mile of a public park, with the exception of the southwest corner of the City.

Map 6.1 **Distribution of Public Parks, Neighborhood Parks, Playground Facilities and Open Space**



Map created with Emmet County and City data
for illustrative purposes only; not to scale (alt 8-24-17)

To address these identified deficiencies, the following strategies should be followed.

- Increase the marketing of seasonal recreational activities. Petoskey's lake topography, combined with its climate, particularly its tendency to experience large amounts of "lake effect" snow, provides unique opportunities to promote skiing and other winter recreation activities that might not be possible in other areas of the state. Its distinct four-season climate also generates the potential to cater to season-specific activities such as fall color tours, spring wildflower walks and mushroom hunting.
- Continue to focus on water resources as a draw for resorters and tourists. Lake Michigan and the Bear River Valley Recreation Area are distinct draws for resorters and tourists, and Petoskey has taken advantage of its waterfront location at a number of its local parks. This is particularly true at Bayfront Park, which is one of the "jewels" of Petoskey's recreational system. The City should continue to look for opportunities to include facilities as they relate to Petoskey's water resources, along Lake Michigan's Little Traverse Bay and the Bear River.
- Continue to improve parks in the downtown business district. Local business owners and operators rely on resorters and tourists as a large portion of their customer base. Petoskey's marketing of its downtown as a scenic and historic destination has certainly increased numbers of resorters and tourists who frequent the area. The location and condition of downtown parks, particularly Pennsylvania Park and Arlington Park, play large roles in the aesthetics of this area. To continue to promote the patronage of downtown businesses, the City should continue to look for ways to improve parks with the downtown area.
- Look at hiring a different demographic for seasonal employment. Active retired adults should be recruited to do seasonal jobs not requiring a high physical demand. Working with local senior agencies, advertising using different messaging and restructuring the current seasonal job descriptions are all avenues to consider to recruit and retain a solid seasonal workforce.

The recreational goals, objectives and strategies were developed through constant evaluation of current facilities and programs and community input. The goals and objectives therefore reflect the preferences of the Petoskey community in addressing recreational trends and deficiencies discussed in previous chapters. These goals are also intended to complement the recreational goals of both the neighboring townships and Emmet County. While general strategies are provided below, specific action items and implementation steps for achieving these goals in individual parks will be detailed further in Chapter 8.

Goal: The Petoskey Park System is integral to the unique sense of place of the City and Region

Objectives:

- 1) Maintain the City of Petoskey status as a top-rated park system by enhancing and protecting funding for existing parks.
- 2) Promote the park system as a key place-making strategy.
- 3) Increase awareness of the successful cooperation occurring in the provision of parks and recreation facilities and programs.
- 4) Promote additional cooperative agreements for the provision of parks and recreation facilities and programs.
- 5) Improve marketing efforts to promote all the recreational opportunities available to the community.
- 6) Consider opportunities to improve existing and add new neighborhood parks.
- 7) Continue to utilize vacant City-owned property for identified park needs.
- 8) Maximize use of existing, unique recreational opportunities in the City such as the Bear River Valley.

Strategies:

- Cultivate additional partnerships that would allow the City to provide improved recreational services or to increase the efficiency of its park system through property or equipment sharing.
- Address in-demand activities such as a community dog park and pickleball courts by working with regional partners to identify locations and funding.
- Budget for improved park maps, way-finding signs, and cell-phone tour development.
- Identify additional funding and resources for parks maintenance, programs and upgrades through the creation of “Friends” programs and partnerships with non-profits or other organizations.

Goal: The Petoskey Park System is a known asset for community-wide health and wellness

Objectives:

- 1) Develop and maintain a year-round interconnected City-wide trail and sidewalk system available to users of all ages and abilities.
- 2) Connect City parks and township, state, and school district facilities through a regional greenway system (see Maps 7.1 and 7.2).
- 3) Enhance the livability of City neighborhoods.
- 4) Improve accessibility and barrier-free ratings of neighborhood parks.
- 5) Work with all recreation providers to ensure provision of recreation programs that address the needs of all age groups.
- 6) Promote the City parks and trail system.
- 7) Create partnerships with the medical community.
- 8) Strive for universal accessibility in all park facilities and recreation programs.

Strategies:

- Perform annual maintenance and reconstruction of older sections of the Little Traverse Wheelway within the City of Petoskey.
- Work with neighboring jurisdictions and the Top of Michigan Trails Council to create a funding mechanism for trail-wide maintenance.
- Complete the Downtown Greenway Corridor.
- Continue to work with adjacent communities, the North Country Trail Association and the Top of Michigan Trails Council to make additional trail and greenway connections.
- Promote the use of on-street bike-routes where off-road trails are not possible.
- Connect City parks and public schools with sidewalks and trails.
- Install bike racks and sidewalks in neighborhood and community parks.
- Continue to test new recreation programs to address the needs of a changing demographic.
- Improve park and trail way-finding signage and information accessibility on website and via mobile tours.
- Partner with McLaren Northern Michigan and the Health Department of Northwest Michigan to promote use of parks and trails for improved health outcomes.
- Provide smoke-free facilities and breast feeding/pumping locations where appropriate.

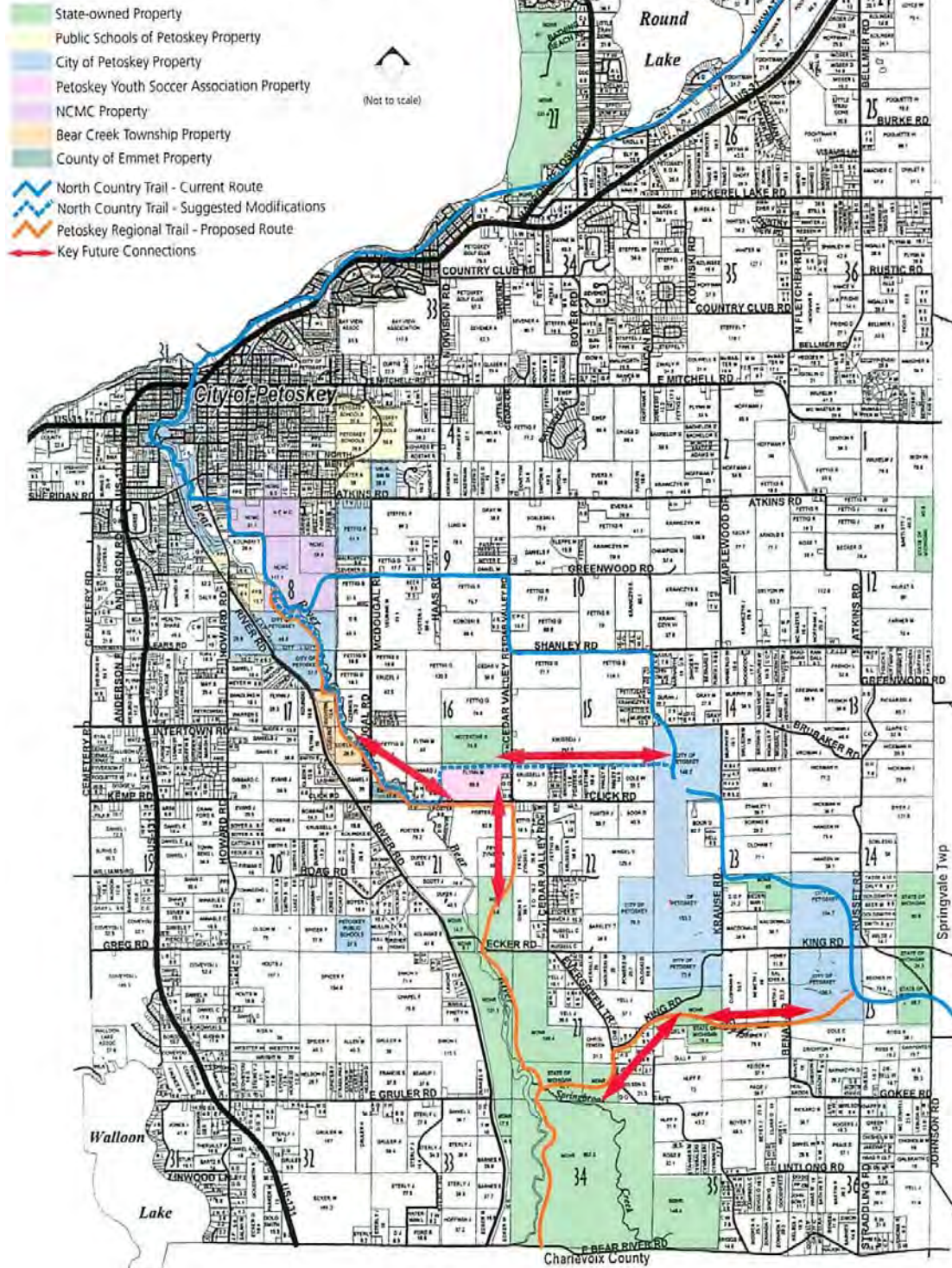
Goal: The basis of Petoskey's high quality of life- its valuable natural resources – are managed and protected.

Objectives:

- 1) Continue the preservation of publicly-owned waterfront land (Little Traverse Bay and Bear River) to ensure recreational enjoyment by future generations.
- 2) Continue the protection and management of the important water resources provided by Little Traverse Bay and the Bear River.
- 3) Work with adjacent communities to protect open space and connections between existing public lands.
- 4) Balance the community desire for scenic views with the environmental benefits of trees and landscaping in public parks and public rights-of-way.
- 5) Enhance water resource access.

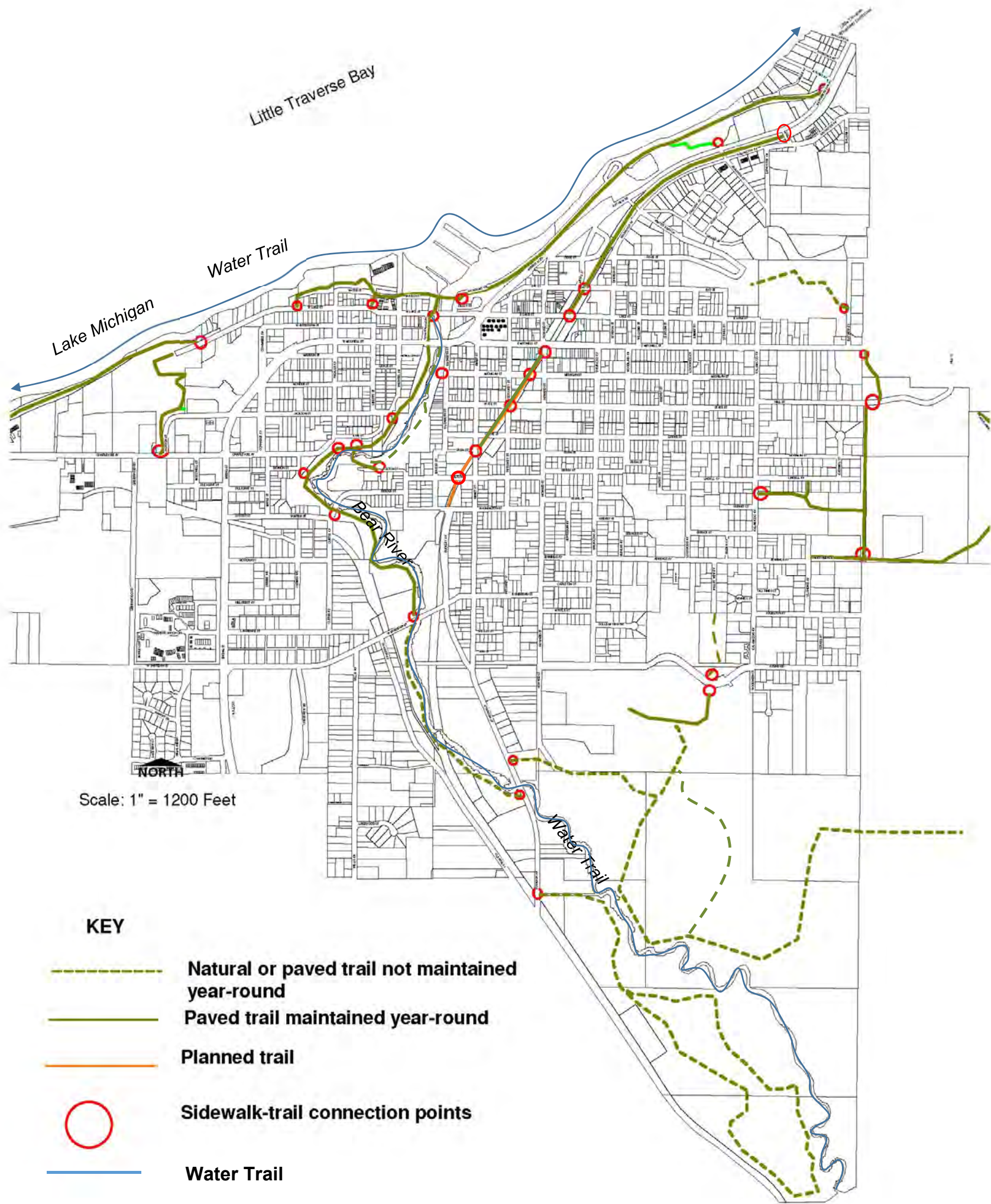
Strategies:

- Update the City's urban forestry inventory and develop a forestry plan.
- Explore the use of pervious pavement or other non-pavement surfaces for park trails and parking areas where appropriate.
- Continue funding of waterfront management programs, including education on the eradication and control of invasive species.
- Utilize storm water management best management practices and introduce green infrastructure where appropriate.
- Create canoe/kayak launch areas.

MAP 7.1 REGIONAL GREENWAY SYSTEM**REGIONAL GREENWAY SYSTEM**

**CITY OF PETOSKEY
2018-2022
PARKS AND
RECREATION PLAN**

**FIGURE 7.2
City-wide Trail and
Non-motorized
Facilities System**



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A community plan is only as good as the commitment to its implementation. This chapter outlines a series of specific action items that will be necessary to achieve the City of Petoskey's overall recreational goals. It also documents cost estimates for these planned improvements and addresses potential funding sources to help make these plans a reality.

On-going Improvement Efforts

While most of the planned improvements for the recreational system refer to a specific park or amenity, several of the City's goals relate instead to process or programming issues. The City is committed to monitoring these issues and making progress when the opportunity arises. This approach applies in particular to the following:

- Development of additional cooperative partnerships. Seeking partnerships with local municipalities and other organizations should be an ongoing process for the City. Historically, the City has partnered with community organizations such as Bear Creek and Resort Townships, other townships, Emmet County, Public Schools of Petoskey, and North Central Michigan College. In the future, there might be the potential to partner with townships in addition to Bear Creek and Resort, such as Springvale or Little Traverse, to provide recreational services to residents of those townships using agreements similar to those that are in place for Bear Creek and Resort Townships. Partnerships with these governmental organizations might also be formed to implement the City's plans for a regional trail system or a community dog park.

Partnerships with the medical community to promote the use of park facilities for improved health outcomes should also be explored through programs such as Silver Sneakers® or other wellness programs.

- Development of additional program offerings. Petoskey's rich history, scenic setting, and ecological resources provide numerous opportunities to develop new recreational programs. It is essential that programs meet the needs of the community, including changing demographics. Partnering with local historical, cultural, and environmental groups to develop new initiatives will be necessary to make the most of limited resources.
- Promotion of parks, recreation programs, festivals and public displays. As indicated in the description of recreational goals, the City is looking for ways to market its parks and recreation services as an integral component of Petoskey's resort and tourist economy. Due to the current involvement of the Department of Parks and Recreation in community festivals and other gatherings, the department staff is in a unique position to suggest additional opportunities that might help increase resort and tourist dollars in the community. Specific recreational facilities such as Ed White Field, Turcott Field, Bayfront Park and Bates Park at North Central Michigan College campus should continue to host regional and statewide tournaments. The Downtown Greenway could serve as an ideal location to host City-wide festivals, fairs, and other gatherings. While the City now hosts a number of festivals (see Table 8.1), new community events could include an expanded farmers market, waterfront activities such as regattas, boat races or whitewater competitions, and other historical and cultural programs.
- Acquisition of property for neighborhood parks. It is impossible to say which parcels might become available in the future that might meet the City's need for additional neighborhood parks. Acquisition of new property will require a long-term commitment by the City to seek out these properties as they become available, looking for those that offer the most recreational or environmental benefits for the cost. While funding the acquisition of these properties might be difficult, the City could consider the sale of some of its surplus property to help finance these purchases. In some instances, these surplus properties might provide suitable locations for additional recreational amenities, such as a dog park at the City's former land fill site.

Action Plan

This action plan provides specific documentation of the necessary steps that the City of Petoskey might take to realize the recreational goals that relate to 25 specific park properties or amenities. Some of the plans relate to large-scale undertakings, such as the development of a City-wide greenway system. Others refer to changes and upgrades of specific parks and recreational facilities. For each proposed project, a description of the future vision for the park is provided, as well as a list of specific action items that are believed needed to implement the desired changes. Finally, a review of rationale and justification for the changes are provided along with cost estimates. The rationale provided for each project focuses on a set of five specific reasons that make these changes imperative, including:

- ADA compliance – Changes are necessary to meet current ADA-accessibility standards.
- Use Demand – Changes reflect the current demand for this resource by local residents.
- Resort/tourism and/or economic development – Changes are necessary to promote Petoskey as a premier resort and tourist destination.
- Environmental protection – Changes are needed to protect valuable environmental resources.
- Facility maintenance – Changes are needed to insure facilities are of the proper quality.

Table 8.1 Current Petoskey Festivals and Community Events

Petoskey Youth Soccer Invitational (Summer/Fall)	Haunted Halloween Progressive Dinner
Gallery Walk	Downtown Shopping Scramble
Little Traverse Historical Festival	Downtown Trick or Treat
Bay Harbor Concours d'Elegance and Boat Show	Charlotte Ross Lee Concerts in the Park
Petoskey Antiques Festival	Emmet County Fair
Art in the Park	Conservancy Field Trips
Sidewalk Sales (Downtown and Bay Harbor)	Annual Senior Health Fair
Bay Harbor Art Festival	Great Lakes Symphony Orchestra Concert
Petoskey's Festival on the Bay	Annual Flywheelers Engine and Craft Show
Bear River Cleanup	Downtown Petoskey Holiday Open House
Petoskey Winter Carnival (Winter Sports Park and Downtown Petoskey)	Stafford's Downtown Petoskey Holiday Parade
Little Traverse Historical Society Home Tour	Numerous Charity Walks
Downtown Petoskey Summer Open House	Petoskey Rocks! Downtown Petoskey
July 4 th Celebration	Downtown Petoskey- Ladies Opening Night
Farm Markets (Downtown and Old Town Emmet)	

ARLINGTON PARK

Future Park Vision:

The vision for Arlington Park includes changes at two different scales. From an individual park perspective, there are several opportunities to improve the overall landscaping and Arlington Park represents a critical piece of the proposed downtown greenway.



Rationale:

Resort Tourism/Economic Development

Located on the edge of Petoskey's downtown business district, Arlington Park serves as a key "gateway" to this area particularly for seasonal residents and tourists who frequent the popular downtown stores and amenities.

The reconfiguration of Lewis Street anticipated with US-31 work in 2019 will provide additional green space to Arlington Park and provide a safe pedestrian crossing between Arlington Park and Sunset Park above Bayfront Park.

Planned Park Improvements:

- Create raised beds and educational garden to provide accessible planting areas
- Improve tables and site furnishings
- Naturalize current "drainage ditch" – such a project could tie into the current teaching purpose of the gardens by demonstrating a wetland garden and its implications associated with the larger watershed
- Implement general landscape improvements such as tree replacements for aging maples, installation of an irrigation system, and tree and shrub plantings
- Install uniform City-facility signage
- Installation and dedication of a second Civil War-Era cannon currently being restored by the local chapter of the Sons of Union; the cannon is one of 138 known to still exist out of the 394 cast



Estimated Costs:

Improve teaching gardens	\$ 5,000
Add general landscaping and site furnishings	\$50,000
Cannon display and restoration	\$20,000
Downtown Greenway improvements	See Greenway summary

BATES PARK

Future Park Vision:

Completed in 2000, Bates Park is a high quality “Little League” baseball and youth and adult softball facility. There are relatively few changes planned for Bates Park, except for the eventual build-out of the fourth quadrant.

Rationale:

Use Demand

Baseball is one of Petoskey’s most popular sports. The construction of the complex on property leased from North Central Michigan College has allowed the consolidation of youth baseball programs and expanded programming for youth and adults softball. In 2012, a sidewalk connector from Atkins Street was extended to improve accessibility.

Planned Park Improvements:

- Provide scoreboard for Field C
- Provide enclosed dugouts for Field C
- Use the site’s undeveloped “fourth quadrant”
- Add children’s play area
- Install uniform City-facility signage

Possible uses for the fourth quadrant:

- Additional ball fields – baseball or softball
- Court games (tennis, pickleball, basketball)

Estimated Costs:

Develop “fourth quadrant” (as baseball field)
Install children’s play structure
Construct Field C dugout
Install scoreboard on Field C

\$400,000
\$100,000
\$ 25,000
\$ 8,000



BAYFRONT PARK

Future Park Vision:

Much of the redevelopment of Bayfront Park has been accomplished, based upon the park's original 1981 comprehensive-design plan. Considered one of the City's high profile parks, the park's highly visible location on Lake Michigan, its proximity to downtown Petoskey, and its multiple facilities – both passive and active – will require that Bayfront Park continue to be well maintained and constantly upgraded to remain a community showcase. Although most major elements of the park's original comprehensive plan have been accomplished during a 25-year period, several proposed improvements for Bayfront Park have been listed within the near future to achieve Bayfront Park's overall completion as originally proposed. The East Bowl Area and Bayfront Park West still have components that need to be completed.



Rationale:

Tourism and Economic Development, Use Demand, and ADA Compliance

Planned upgrades at the Bayfront Park Marina and Bayfront Park History Museum could satisfy ADA-compliance issues. It is believed that Marina-facility upgrades and other proposed improvements will assure that Bayfront Park continues in its role as a regional destination and one of the City's most popular park sites for year-round and seasonal residents as well as visitors. Continual upgrades and other proposed improvements are believed necessary to keep pace with the tremendous use of these facilities.



Planned Park Improvements:

The rebuilding of the harbor's protection breakwall in 2008 and 2009 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the long awaited expansion of the marina in 2010-2011 has allowed the City to re-focus its efforts on remaining projects. Improvements to the Bayfront Park Marina are discussed below under Recreational Boating Facilities.

- Complete finishing touches to the park's East Bowl, Festival Place, and west end areas, including continued park-wide miscellaneous and on-going improvements and enhancements
- Continue improvements to the Historical Museum
- Install additional park irrigation
- Replace stairways
- Maintain and upgrade the Little Traverse Wheelway, Bayfront Drive, parking areas and overall park landscaping
- Increase electrical capacity at Festival Place and the Arboretum amphitheater to improve area for special event use
- Construct shelter, restroom facility and water-spray park in the Bayfront Park West area
- Install donated *circa 1900* row boat manufactured by the Petoskey Boat Works and one of the only known to exist
- Install boat washing station

Estimated Costs:

Renovation and improvements to the History Museum	\$450,000
Complete East Bowl (Arboretum)	\$100,000
Festival Place power station	\$ 20,000
Replace Waterfall Area stair tower	\$200,000
West Bayfront Park restroom/shelter	\$300,000
West Bayfront Park spray park	\$400,000
Signage replacement	\$ 15,000
Parking area resurfacing	\$200,000
Irrigation installation	\$ 30,000

BEAR RIVER VALLEY RECREATION AREA

Future Park Vision:

The Bear River Valley Recreation Area provides a secluded and natural-park environment that traverses the center of the older portion of the City. It serves as “Development Area #4” within the City’s Tax Increment Finance Authority District, which also includes Mineral Well Park. The park underwent major redevelopment in 2010 following the Bear River Recreation Area Master Plan, vastly increasing community use. Improvements included perimeter and interior parking areas, a concrete non-motorized trail, two modern restrooms, improved nature trail with boardwalks, a pedestrian bridge, stair tower and multiple stairways for access from adjacent neighborhood, whitewater improvements, two picnic shelters, storm water management improvements and landscaping. Some items from the plan remain undone (see below) and will be completed as funding allows, continuing the enhancement of this regional park.



Rationale:

ADA Compliance, Use Demand, Environmental Protection, Economic Development

It is believed that the Bear River Valley Recreation Area represents one of the City’s most important ecological resources. The accessibility improvements have greatly increased park use and defined trail and stairway construction has decreased the amount of “desired paths” to help bank stabilization. Installation of storm water management and fish habitat improvements also have provided environmental benefits. Development of the whitewater features has increased use of the park by kayakers and whitewater canoeists, drawing users from throughout the Midwest.



Planned Park Improvements:

- Develop “special event” area beneath the Mitchell Street Bridge
- Renovate the Bear River Heritage Center, including improvements to the building’s foundation and basement and construct an addition of a hose tower to replicate original historic structure
- Explore options (including sale of property) for the City-owned former Hayner property at Ingalls Avenue near Lone Street
- Expand the whitewater improvements from the pedestrian bridge near Fulton Street to the Bridge Street bridge
- Construct a pedestrian bridge under Bridge Street
- Construct a trail head/parking area and improved boat launch on the south side of Sheridan Street

- Remove overhead wires through the river valley
- Improve the boardwalk between Sheridan Street and River Bend Park
- Explore options for creating a canoe/kayak rental concession

Eventually, the Bear River Valley Recreation Area between Bayfront and Riverbend Parks could be linked to the City's River Road Sports Complex via property that is owned by the Public Schools of Petoskey east of Standish Avenue and north of River Road as well as onto the North Central Michigan College campus via the City's Grimes Street right-of-way that connects Standish Avenue to Howard Street. Such a pathway also could be linked to the City's former landfill site between Howard and River Roads in Bear Creek Township just south of the City Limit, where limited recreation facilities could be installed

The acquisition of the Jarman railroad spur in 2016 allows construction of improved access to Curtis Park and the surrounding neighborhood.



Estimated Costs:

Special event area	TBD
Heritage Center improvements	\$ 75,000
Signage	\$ 25,000
Whitewater Improvements	\$250,000
Pedestrian bridge	\$100,000
Sheridan Street trail head	TBD

CITY-WIDE/ REGIONAL GREENWAY SYSTEM

Future Park Vision:

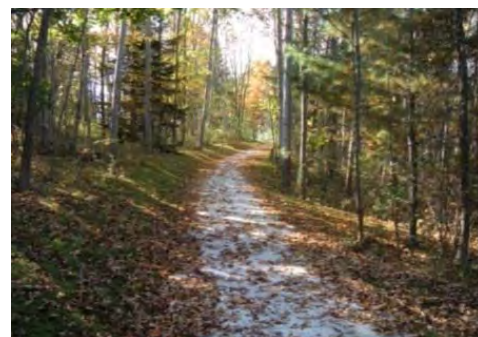
The City of Petoskey is fortunate to have an extensive and highly connected park system. The spatial distribution of the City's land, in addition to those properties that are owned by the Public Schools of Petoskey, North Central Michigan College, Emmet, and Resort Township creates the unique opportunity to develop a City-wide, and connected trail system that would provide pedestrian and non-motorized access around much of the City. On a larger scale, there is potential to extend this trail outside the City's corporate limits to connect with large City, Township, and State-owned parcels within Bear Creek Township and allow for a realignment of the North Country National Scenic Trail and Iron Belle Trail.



Rationale:

Use Demand, Environmental Protection

The development of a regional trail system has been a priority of the City of Petoskey and Emmet County, and several neighboring Townships. Acquisition of green space and conservation would allow for the protection of needed green buffer around the City. It is believed that using a proactive approach to land conservation would allow for the protection of needed green spaces and habitat, particularly in areas of the townships that currently are experiencing increased development pressures.

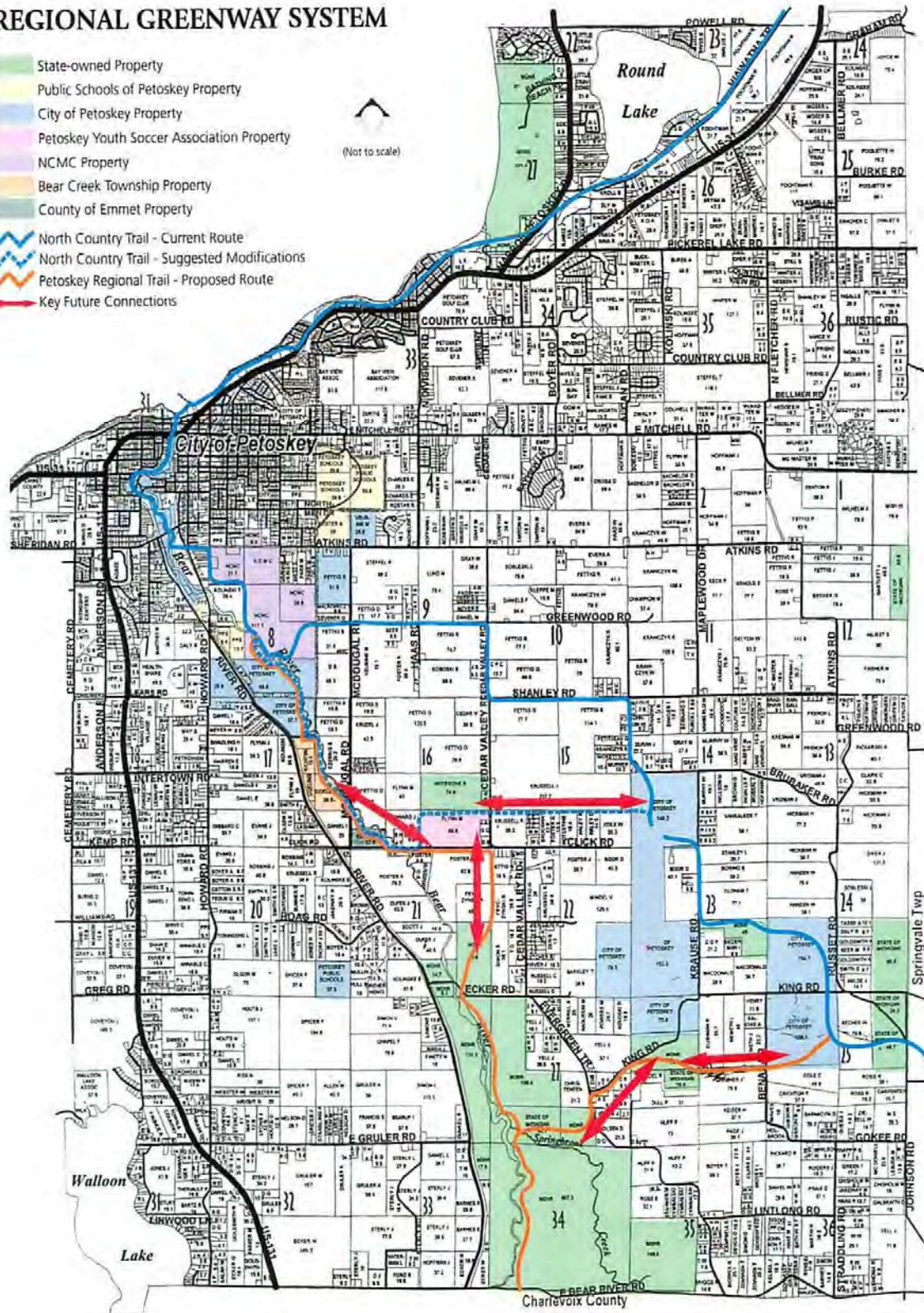


Both the City-wide and regional greenways would require acquisition of land and easements to provide uninterrupted trail connections. Such connections could be made through the purchase of lands, conservation easements, and non-motorized trail along existing former rail corridors. Also influencing the development of this regional greenway system is the proposed relocation of the North Country National Scenic Trail/ Iron Belle Trail. Any new regional trail system is not intended to be a replacement for this larger interstate trail, but would interface with the trail, providing

multiple trail options for varying distances for local residents to enjoy. The creation of a regional trail system would necessitate the cooperation and partnership of a number of parties, including the City of Petoskey, Bear Creek and Resort Townships, Emmet County, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. There is also interest in development of trails for winter use by cross country skiers within the City of Petoskey. While a proposed trail is depicted elsewhere in this plan, the specific route could be modified to meet wishes or concerns of involved parties.

REGIONAL GREENWAY SYSTEM

- State-owned Property
- Public Schools of Petoskey Property
- City of Petoskey Property
- Petoskey Youth Soccer Association Property
- NCMC Property
- Bear Creek Township Property
- County of Emmet Property
- North Country Trail - Current Route
- North Country Trail - Suggested Modifications
- Petoskey Regional Trail - Proposed Route
- Key Future Connections



Planned Park Improvements:

- Improve connection of River Road Sports Complex to McLaughlin Field and Riverbend Park through acquisition of easements and signage
- Construct a bridge between the River Road Sports Complex and the trail system at North Central Michigan College to create an interconnected network of trails and realignment of the North Country/Iron Belle Trail

Estimated Costs:

Bridge construction	\$172,000
Land/easements acquisition and Trail Construction	TBD

CURTIS PARK

Future Park Vision:

Curtis Park was donated to the City with no restrictions as to what park uses could be developed at the park. To date, the park has functioned as a neighborhood park for use by local residents for picnics, unstructured play, and open space. Although City staff believes that the park has the potential to provide other recreational opportunities, including a multi-purpose playing field, residents near the park have been opposed to field developments. In 2004, City Council directed that facilities that would accommodate organized sports activities not be constructed at Curtis Park. Several residents within the area of Curtis Park consistently have indicated that they wish to see no changes at Curtis Park. Without changes to Curtis Park, it is believed that a link could be developed to the Bear River Valley Recreation Area, with use of City-owned properties at Curtis Avenue and Sheridan Street.



Rationale:

ADA Compliance, Neighborhood Utilization, Beautification

Curtis Park is a large, open green space with both mature and declining trees. A tree-replacement program would improve and enhance the park and neighborhood. Only one curb cut exists at Curtis Park, near Jarman and Morgan Streets, to allow ADA access. The addition of several more curb cuts and a sidewalk would make the park more accessible for those with limited mobility and use by the general public.

Planned Park Improvements:

- Install picnic tables, grills, trash receptacles
- Replace signage
- Establish pedestrian-access points
- Construct sidewalk
- Replace trees

Estimated Costs:

Site amenities	\$ 5,000
Trees	\$10,000
Sidewalks	\$50,000
Signage	\$ 5,000



DOWNTOWN GREENWAY

Future Park Vision:

A long-planned connection of Arlington and Pennsylvania Parks along the Penn Central Railroad Company rail right-of-way. The City acquired from the State of Michigan the right-of-way from Rosedale Avenue to Emmet Street in 2011, and the first phase of the 1.5 mile Downtown Greenway Corridor between MacDonald Drive and Bay Street was completed in 2014. The greenway includes a non-motorized trail with site amenities, but due to the cost of upgrades to the tracks, there is no longer a trail trolley planned. The tracks will remain to highlight the community history as a rail town, and could be upgraded if passenger rail returns. In 2016, a one-block stretch of widened sidewalk was constructed between Bay Street and East Lake Street.



Rationale:

Economic Development/Non-motorized Facilities/ADA Accessibility

It is believed that this park enhances the walkability and bike-ability of the community by linking residential neighborhoods and outlying commercial areas to the downtown and by creating a second non-motorized link between the downtown and the waterfront.



Planned Park Improvements:

In 2018, the non-motorized trail will be constructed between East Mitchell Street and Emmet Street with assistance of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant and will incorporate a green infrastructure pilot project. Additional easements to continue the corridor to Washington Street will also be sought.

Further details of the improvements in Arlington and Pennsylvania Parks along the Downtown Greenway are provided in those park summaries.

Estimated Costs:

Phase II – E. Mitchell to Emmet	\$506,400
Phase III – Park Avenue	\$160,000



LIBRARY COURTYARD PARKS

Future Park Vision:

The Library Courtyard Parks, which are maintained by the Department of Parks and Recreation, are recent additions to the Downtown Area. The Courtyard Park west of the library at 500 East Mitchell Street was completed in 2005 as part of the Library-development project, and the Courtyard Park to the north of the former Carnegie Library Building at 451 East Mitchell Street was completed in 2007. Planned improvements will revolve around maintenance of existing landscape and the possible addition of community art-display areas.

**Rationale:****General Maintenance, Promotion of Community Arts**

These two courtyard areas have been designed to complement activities that may overflow from interior uses of the buildings as well as to provide for quiet reflective, open-space areas within the downtown business district, as well as to provide appropriate settings for the display of public art.

Planned Park Improvements:

- Develop community art display areas within both courtyards that would allow for permanent and revolving displays
- Enhance landscape and site amenities to compliment the art displays

Estimated Costs:

Art display areas and furnishings	\$30,000
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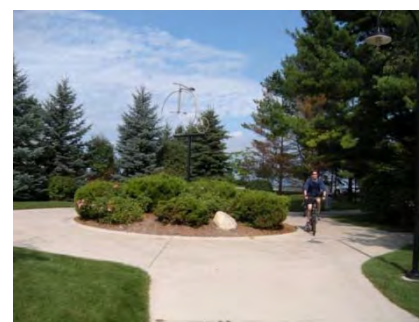
LITTLE TRAVERSE WHEELWAY

Future Park Vision:

The first phase of the Little Traverse Wheelway within the City was constructed in 1991 and the entire 23.4 mile non-motorized trail was completed when the City constructed the Resort Bluffs segment in 2009. The City maintains 8 miles of the trail, from Stuart Avenue at the east end of the City to East Park in Resort Township, as well as the stretch along Bay Harbor parallel to US-31 to West Park. The trail provides an important non-motorized amenity to the community and visitors alike.



The Wheelway has been connected to other trails including the Bear River Valley non-motorized trail, the Quarry Harbor Trail link between the Bay Harbor Marina District and Resort Township's East Park, and the Downtown Greenway Corridor that provides a connection between the Wheelway and Downtown Petoskey. Continued maintenance and resurfacing of the existing trail – parts of which are over 25 years old – will be needed as well as reconstruction of the sections that are 8 feet to the current 10-foot standard.



Rationale:

Walkable/Bike-able Community, Resort/Tourism, Public Safety

The use of the Wheelway has increased dramatically since the completion of the Resort Bluffs segment. Estimates from a 2015 study¹ indicate that the trail within Emmet County sees approximately 590 users a day between Memorial Day and Labor Day. It is believed that this trail greatly improves the walkability and bike-ability of the Petoskey community, and enhances the community's popularity as a resort/tourism area.

Planned Park Improvements:

- Install site amenities and trail signage
- Maintain, resurface, and replace trail
- Explore re-routing of the Wheelway away from the main Bay Harbor entry to reduce trail crossing conflicts
- Explore improvements to curb cuts through the Bay Harbor section
- Extend the 10 foot non-motorized trail along West Lake Street from Solanus Mission to Magnus Park

Estimated Costs:

Trail signage and amenities	\$ 50,000
Trail resurfacing projects	\$400,000
Extension of non-motorized trail along West Lake Street	\$ 75,000

¹ Assessing Use and users on the Little Traverse Wheelway, the Northwest State Trail and the North Central State Trail, May 24-September 1, 2014 by Charles M. Nelson, Associate Professor and MSUE Specialist.

LOCKWOOD PARK

Future Park Vision:

Improvements to this neighborhood park include upgrades to the existing basketball court and the addition of a restroom and storage facility could be considered in conjunction with potential improvements to the City's underground water reservoir that is located at Lockwood Park. Irrigation of the park area, tree replacement and landscape improvements, minor field upgrades, and improved pedestrian access to the park are planned.



Rationale:

ADA Compliance, Facility Management, Facility Enhancement

The changes planned for Lockwood Park are primarily to enhance usability, insure ADA compliance, and protect the park's existing resources through regular maintenance.

Planned Park Improvements:

- Upgrade landscaping, stabilize the embankment along Lockwood Avenue, and replace trees, as needed
- Upgrade basketball court
- Construct restrooms and storage facility; Design to minimize impact on park area
- Provide accessible route to ball field and park
- Upgrade ball field area
- Install irrigation system
- Explore installation of 1-2 pickleball courts
- Improve sidewalk access to park with sidewalk from Spruce to Jennings on Lockwood Ave.

Estimated Costs:

Upgrade basketball court and access	\$ 20,000
Restroom and storage facility	\$150,000
Irrigation system	\$ 20,000
Site amenities and landscaping	\$ 6,000
Signage	\$ 4,000



MAGNUS PARK

Future Park Vision:

Listed as “Development Area #1” within the City’s Tax Increment Finance Authority Financing and Development Plans, Magnus Park’s facilities are aging. The issue of how Magnus Park should be used in the future was decided in 1995, when the City’s Parks and Recreation Commission, Tax Increment Finance Authority Board, Planning Commission, and City Council concluded that Magnus Park should continue to be used for camping, but that the park also should be enhanced to offer facilities that could be shared by day users. As a result, a conceptual development plan for the park was prepared in 2002.



Rationale:

ADA Compliance, Tourism/Economic Development/Safety

The redevelopment of Magnus Park would allow the park to better serve both day-use visitors and campers. Separation of day-use activities along with the creation of a day-use parking area and the relocation of the main entrance road would provide better internal control of vehicular traffic and increase safety to pedestrian and bicyclists. Any new support facilities or amenities must address ADA compliance issues.



Planned Park Improvements:

- Update the park master plan
- Construct new restroom/shower and storage facility
- Construct picnic shelter
- Improve the water access for swimmers and paddle sports
- Construct paddle boat storage
- Upgrade internal roadways and day-use parking lot
- Screen adjacent wastewater treatment plant
- Improve Upper-Magnus Park area

Estimated Costs:

Master Plan update	\$ 15,000
Redevelop lower-level park	\$3,600,000
Improve upper-level park	\$ 200,000

MEMORIAL PARK

Future Park Vision:

Memorial Park would remain a “gateway” park, without installations of specific recreation facilities. Planned improvements include replacement of the aging irrigation system and flag poles, as well as installing landscape enhancements and site furnishings. Incorporation of elements of downtown gateway may also be incorporated.

Rationale:**Facility Maintenance**

Changes planned for Memorial Park are primarily related to general maintenance of the grounds and site amenities.

Planned Park Improvements:

- Replace flag poles with lighted poles
- Install landscape improvements
- Incorporate new site furnishings

Estimated Costs:

Replace flag poles	\$15,000
Add site amenities and landscaping	\$15,000
Install signage	\$ 3,500



MINERAL WELL PARK

Future Park Vision:

Included as part of the Bear River Valley Recreation Area and “Development Area #4” within the City’s Tax Increment Finance Authority Financing and Development Plans, Mineral Well Park, with its historical architecture and facilities, provides a unique glimpse into Petoskey’s past. The 1917 gazebo, which has undergone several renovations, will require periodic restoration of certain features, particularly its milled, wooden elements, as well as on-going maintenance to insure its long-term preservation.



Rationale:

ADA Compliance, Historic Preservation, Facility Maintenance, Access

The proposed changes for Mineral Well Park relate primarily to the maintenance of the historic structures and the incorporation of ADA-compliant furnishings and access points for the park. It is believed that these maintenance activities are essential for the protection of the City’s valuable historic remnants.



Planned Park Improvements:

- Restore historic gazebo features
- Provide improved site furnishings
- Improve landscaping

Estimated Costs:

Restore gazebo features	\$20,000
Site furnishings	\$ 8,000
Landscaping	\$10,000

PENNSYLVANIA PARK

Future Park Vision:

Similar to Arlington Park, the vision for Pennsylvania Park is integral to its inclusion in the Downtown Greenway. Indeed, Pennsylvania Park's location between Bay and Lake Streets and between Lake and Mitchell Streets places it at the core of the planned Downtown Greenway. The park will continue to be maintained as the community focal point for special events and concerts.



The consolidation of all community war monuments at Pennsylvania Park into a War Memorial Plaza was completed, as was installation of a Hemingway Statue and new gazebo landscaping.

Rationale:

Community Events/Tourism/Economic Development

Changes proposed for Pennsylvania Park are believed critical components of the City's overall, long-planned Downtown Greenway development project. Pennsylvania Park's location in the heart of the community's central business district has, historically, provided a gathering place for visitors and local residents alike. It is believed that on-going community programs, coupled with planned improvements to the park, should assure that the community's downtown area – and its businesses – would remain viable.

Planned Park Improvements:

An updated Downtown Greenway Corridor Plan was completed in 2016 and the rail trolley will no longer be part of the park amenities. New public restroom facilities are the top priority for the park, along with a sidewalk widening along Park Avenue.

- Renovation of public restrooms
- Installation of widened sidewalk along Park Avenue to enhance outdoor dining opportunities
- Replacement of the irrigation system
- Updated park signage and add historical marker
- Relocation of the war memorials along the east edge of the park
- Install permanent event tent stake anchor points



Estimated Costs:

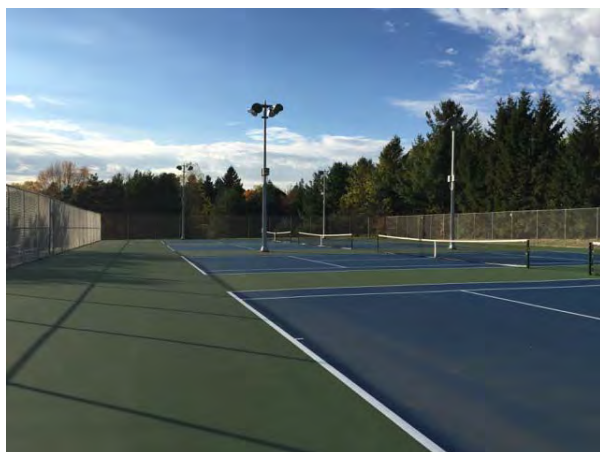
Complete improvements related to the Downtown Greenway

See Downtown Greenway Summary

PETOSKEY HIGH SCHOOL – MIDDLE SCHOOL RECREATION COMPLEX (Public Schools of Petoskey)

Future Park Vision:

Through a long-standing cooperative effort with the Public Schools of Petoskey, the City of Petoskey has been able to develop facilities at the School District's Petoskey High School-Petoskey Middle School Campus, with the two entities then sharing in the programming and the maintenance of these facilities. In turn, the City enjoys use of facilities that initially had been developed by the School District both at the High School-Middle School Campus and elsewhere. With grant assistance from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the City constructed six lighted tennis courts, recreation fields, and restrooms at the Petoskey High School campus between 1973 and 1976. The courts were upgraded in 2016. This cooperative effort continues and development of additional facilities at the High School-Middle School Campus have been completed, including relocation of Turcott Field to the school complex, the Northmen Sports Complex was completed, a cross-country trail system through school property was developed, and the six lighted tennis courts were reconstructed.



The City will work with the school district on future uses for the Curtis Stadium facility adjacent to the City-owned Riverbend Park.

Rationale:

Use/Demand/Replacement Facilities

The demand for quality athletic facilities at both the Middle School and High School athletic levels and at the recreational sports program level continues to fuel the need for rehabilitated, upgraded and or expanded indoor/outdoor facilities.

Planned Park Improvements:

- Add score booth and score board to baseball field near Middle School
- Upgrade softball field at High School including fencing, backstop replacement, player-bench area, score booth, score board, and infield upgrades
- Provide for periodic color top coating and striping of tennis court facilities
- Add landscape and signage improvements

Estimated Costs:

Upgrade softball field	\$ 50,000	Joint
Upgrade baseball field (Middle School)	\$ 8,000	City
Install signage	\$ 3,000	City
Add landscaping (tennis and softball areas)	\$ 8,000	City

QUARRY PARK

Future Park Vision:

This greenbelt park is positioned within a triangle-shaped area bounded by US-31, Lewis Street, and Rose Street that provides a scenic buffer to Arlington Park and the Lewis Street entryway into the City's Downtown area. Filled, graded, and landscaped in recent years, the Petoskey Area Garden Club now maintains the Lewis Street Gateway flower bed at the park and has planted flower bulbs for a Spring floral display along the hillside that is visible from US-31. In 2005, through the generosity of a former Petoskey resident, a statue was erected at the corner of Lewis and Rose Streets in honor of Ignatius Petoskey, the City's namesake. The statue and accompanying seating area overlooks Quarry Park and Lake Michigan's Little Traverse Bay.



As part of the City's Downtown Greenway Plan, the City is working with the Michigan Department of Transportation on a realignment of Lewis Street into a T-intersection when they relocate US 31. Such a realignment will utilize a portion of Quarry Park, but will increase parkland for Arlington Park and will improve pedestrian access across the highway.

Rationale:

Community Events/Tourism/Economic Development

Quarry Park is highly visible from US-31 and Lewis Street and provides a scenic overlook and green belt area along US-31. The development of the proposed T-intersection with Lewis Street at US-31 would allow better vehicular access to the City's Downtown area and pedestrian crossing between Arlington and Sunset/Bayfront Parks.

Planned Park Improvements:

- Upgrade park landscaping materials and features
- Modify park area to create signalized T-intersection with Lewis Street
- Install irrigation system
- Install signage

Estimated Costs:

Install landscaping	\$10,000
Install irrigation system	\$20,000
Install signage	\$ 3,000
Intersection improvements	TBD

RIVERBEND PARK

Future Park Vision:

Located along the southwest bank of the Bear River at Standish Avenue, Riverbend Park underwent major improvements in 2010. An ADA compliant restroom/shelter building was constructed with sidewalks to connect the facilities in the park. The park was also connected with a gravel path to the Bear River Valley Recreation Area.

A continued cooperative arrangement with the Public Schools of Petoskey allows for access between Riverbend Park and Curtis Stadium and now that the stadium is no longer in use, the City could have greater use of the existing Curtis Stadium site, perhaps eliminating perimeter fencing to join this site with Riverbend Park.



The City is also exploring possible lease, acquisition or easement opportunities to land adjacent to Riverbend Park and corridor easements or acquisition for trail connections to link Riverbend Park to River Road Sports Complex and the former City Landfill property.

Rationale:

Community Events/Tourism/Economic Development

This is the only City facility that serves such activities as skateboarding and sand volleyball. The park's redevelopment will provide upgraded facilities in a location that is immediately adjacent to the School District's football and track stadium and a sufficient distance from residential districts to minimize noise concerns.

Planned Park Improvements:

- Replace components of skate park equipment as it ages
- Develop accessible canoe and kayak launch and retrieval area
- Explore construction of pickleball courts adjacent to restroom facilities
- Explore easements, lease options or acquisition of adjacent land to expand park area and to provide trail connections to the River Road Sports Complex and land fill site.

Estimated Costs:

Canoe/Kayak launch and retrieval	\$ 35,000
Skate park equipment	\$100,000
Pickleball courts	\$150,000
Land acquisition	TBD
Construction of concrete skate pads	TBD



Example of an accessible boat launch

RIVER ROAD SPORTS COMPLEX

Future Park Vision:

Following their completion in 1994, the sports fields at this popular park have been heavily used for recreation and sports programs that are sponsored by the City, Public Schools of Petoskey, and Petoskey Youth Soccer Association. Planned improvements include the expansion of construction of additional sports fields; parking-lot expansion and upgrades; disc golf course upgrades; field upgrades; addition of a restroom, concession, and storage building; general landscape improvements; construction of a pedestrian bridge across the Bear River that would connect the park to trails at the North Central Michigan College property; and installation of a trail that would connect the River Road Sports Complex to City-owned open space fronting River Road across from the Complex.



The City received a MDNR grant in 2015 for the engineering study of a Bear River pedestrian bridge that would also serve as a relocation of the North Country/Iron Belle Trail. Construction of the bridge is a top priority to enhance the community-wide greenway system.

Rationale:

User Demand, Public Property Corridor Connectors

The popularity of organized sports, particularly baseball/softball, soccer, and – most recently – lacrosse, has created a need to develop additional ball diamonds and practice and competition sports fields. It is believed that improvements to existing facilities and construction of additional sports fields and related amenities would assist in keeping pace with this growing demand.



Planned Park Improvements:

- Construct restroom, concession, storage building
- Extend City utilities
- Connect trail system to NCMC trail system with a pedestrian bridge
- Expand sports fields and parking
- Upgrade trail and disc golf course
- Install general landscaping
- Upgrade canoe and kayak launch and retrieval area

Estimated Costs:

Restroom, concession, storage building	\$250,000
Extend utilities	\$250,000
Construct Bear River pedestrian bridge and trail connector	\$172,000
Expand sports field and parking lot	\$600,000
Upgrade canoe and kayak launch and retrieval area	\$ TBD
Improve trails and disc-golf course	\$ 6,000
Landscaping	\$ 6,000
Signage	\$ 5,000

SKYLINE MUNICIPAL FOREST

Future Park Vision:

Located in Bear Creek Township, the City's municipal forest property comprises 865 acres and is managed for both recreational and forestry purposes. The property is in proximity to several State-owned parcels that are managed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and could eventually be linked to other publicly-owned properties, as well as sites that now are owned by not-for-profit groups in Bear Creek Township. It is believed that a significantly larger trail system for hiking, cross country skiing and snowshoeing could be developed on the publicly-owned and privately-owned-but-publicly-used properties. These trails could then be linked to other publicly-owned parcels within the City's corporate limits. Such links would require additional purchases or leases of properties that now are privately owned.



Working with the North Country Trail Association headquarters in Lowell, Michigan, and others, the City could improve and expand hiking and cross-country ski trails on these forest properties that the North Country/Iron Belle Trail traverses. In addition to the trail system development, an outdoor firearms range that now is used by the City's Department of Public Safety personnel for training could be expanded and improved for use as a weapons and archery facility by the general public. The City staff also believes that the need exists to engage in services of a forestry-management consultant to develop a program for periodic harvesting.

Rationale:

Environment/Open Space Protection, Use Demand

Preservation of this large tract of forest land provides multiple benefits that include protection of wildlife and forest habitat, open space, views, and watersheds. It is believed that the rustic nature of the property could provide a prime location for passive-recreation uses that might include hiking, cross-country-skiing, and equestrian trail systems in close proximity to both in-City and rural residential areas.

Planned Park Improvements:

- Continue renewable forestry management procedures
- Improve and expand trail network to make suitable for cross country skiing and mountain biking
- Explore expansion of existing City shooting range to a shooting/archery range for public use
- Construct public parking area at trailheads
- Improve signage, access and parking for existing trails



Estimated Costs:

Install permanent property corners and survey markers	\$25,000
Construct trail heads and parking	\$40,000
Improve/ add trails	\$20,000
Expand/redevelop shooting range	\$75,000

SOLANUS MISSION BEACH

Future Park Vision:

Listed as Development Area #2 in the City's Tax Increment Finance Authority Financing and Development Plans, work at Solanus Mission Beach was completed in 2005 with extension of the Little Traverse Wheelway through this area, using City-owned properties and an easement that was granted to the City by an adjacent property owner. In addition, improvements along Ingalls Avenue and Water Street also included installations of vehicle-parking areas for use as a trailhead. Landscape improvements as part of these recent projects included enhancement to the City's Ingalls Avenue water-pumping station, and future work at Solanus Mission Beach, which would include the possible installation of a shelter structure, restroom building, and/or spray park and playground area, would be contingent upon needs of the City's water-utility system, which owns a four-acre portion of the Solanus Mission Beach site.

**Rationale:****Shoreline Preservation/Use Demand, Tourism**

It is believed that the development of the Solanus Beach properties, along with the adjacent West Bayfront Park properties, insures that the general public will continue to have use of parklands that will both protect and insure access to Lake Michigan's Little Traverse Bay. The extension of the bike path across this property and future facilities such as a spray park and/or playground, restroom and shelter facility, and other improvements in Bayfront Park West will only enhance Petoskey's reputation as a tourist-destination community.

Planned Park Improvements:

- Add site amenities

Estimated Costs:

Install site furnishings	\$5,000
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SUNSET PARK

Future Park Vision:

Sunset Park provides spectacular views of Lake Michigan's Little Traverse Bay and serves as a scenic roadside park along US-31. Future work at Sunset Park will include replacement of the stair tower connecting Sunset and Bayfront Parks, parking area and sidewalks improvements, lighting, and fencing. Park signage also would be replaced as part of a comprehensive, City-wide, park-site, signage-installation program. As part of the US-31 realignment project in 2019, the sidewalk along the north side of the highway will be replaced.



Rationale:

ADA Compliance, Facility Maintenance

Modifications proposed for Sunset Park primarily relate to upgrading park amenities to insure ADA compliance and general maintenance issues. This work would include sidewalk and parking lot replacement, long-term replacement of barrier fencing, and replacement of the existing stair tower that accesses Bayfront Park.

Planned Park Improvements:

- Replace sidewalk and parking lot
- Correct ADA deficiencies
- Replace barrier fencing (long-term project)
- Rebuild stair tower
- Replace gazebo

Estimated Costs:

Replace stair tower	\$190,000
Replace perimeter fencing	\$ 10,000
Replace sidewalks, gazebo, improve access and resurface parking lot	\$135,000
Replace drinking fountain	\$ 8,000

VETERANS PARK

Future Park Vision:

As all monuments have been relocated, future use envisioned for this park area is a landscaped green space along West Mitchell Street.

Rationale:**Green Space, Facility Maintenance**

This park will remain as a green buffer to the heavily travelled West Mitchell Street/US-31 corridor.

Planned Park Improvements:

- Enhance landscaping
- Relocate or replace community service-clubs sign

Estimated Costs:

Signage	\$6,000
Landscaping	TBD



WASHINGTON PARK

Future Park Vision:

Washington Park continues to function as a neighborhood park, though the ball diamond would continue to be used for organized-sports activities, such as the Petoskey Little League, Inc. Girls Softball program. Planned site improvements include development of a pedestrian access to the park from Emmet Street, installation of parking areas at the Petoskey Street street-ends, and installation of pathways, landscaping and signage. Upgrades to the playground and ball field, which possibly could include parking at the Petoskey Street north street end, would include replacements of fencing and backstops and installations of player and spectator areas, and site amenities. A master plan for Washington Park should be developed.



Rationale:

ADA Compliance, Use Demand, Facility Maintenance

Proposed installations of pedestrian-entry and parking improvements would provide greater accessibility to the site. Improvements that have been proposed for the ball diamond and its features would be necessary because of the facility's age and would enhance its playability and safety, and replacement of bleachers and site amenities could insure ADA compliance.

Planned Park Improvements:

- Master Plan and engineering study
- Install pedestrian access off of Emmet Street and complete sidewalk from Howard Street to Petoskey Street entrance
- Install parking at Petoskey Street street-ends
- Install pathways and landscaping
- Install signage
- Upgrade ball field infield and outfield
- Install player and spectator areas
- Maintain and upgrade play structure
- Prepare overall master plan



Estimated Costs:

Install pedestrian access and parking improvements	\$110,000
Signage	\$ 4,000
Upgrade infield and outfield, fencing, backstop, player and spectator areas	\$ 60,000
Landscaping	\$ 10,000
Master plan and engineering study	\$ 15,000
Playground upgrades	\$ 20,000

WINTER SPORTS PARK

Future Park Vision:

As a popular, multi-use, and year-round facility, the vision for the Winter Sports Park is to maintain and improve this park so that it can continue to provide a variety of recreation opportunities to the community through well-maintained and upgraded facilities and equipment.

Rationale:

Use Demand, Facility Maintenance

It is believed that the year-round popularity of Winter Sports Park facilities requires that be refurbished periodically.

Greater access to the park, particularly by pedestrians, is also seen as important. Finally, long-range improvements are believed advantageous to lengthen the outdoor skating season and to provide other multi-use facilities for summer-season activities. Working with hockey, skating, and curling groups could enhance winter offerings.



Planned Park Improvements:

Following the comprehensive redevelopment of the Winter Sports Park in 1992, major future work at the park would involve primarily the upgrading of facilities and completion of certain other projects that had not been included as part of major work 15 years ago, but instead had then been considered long-term in nature:

- Refurbish building, including replacement of decks, interior floor, windows, doors, roof and furnishings
- Install landscaping at entry road, parking area, and hillsides
- Upgrade basketball court
- Upgrade soccer-field area
- Upgrade storm-sewer collector
- Install entry and ski-hill control fencing
- Install vehicle-access controls at Bay View Avenue
- Improve pathway entries off Bay Street and Lake Street
- Replace hockey-box sideboards
- Install hockey-box roof and spectator viewing area
- Refrigerate hockey rink

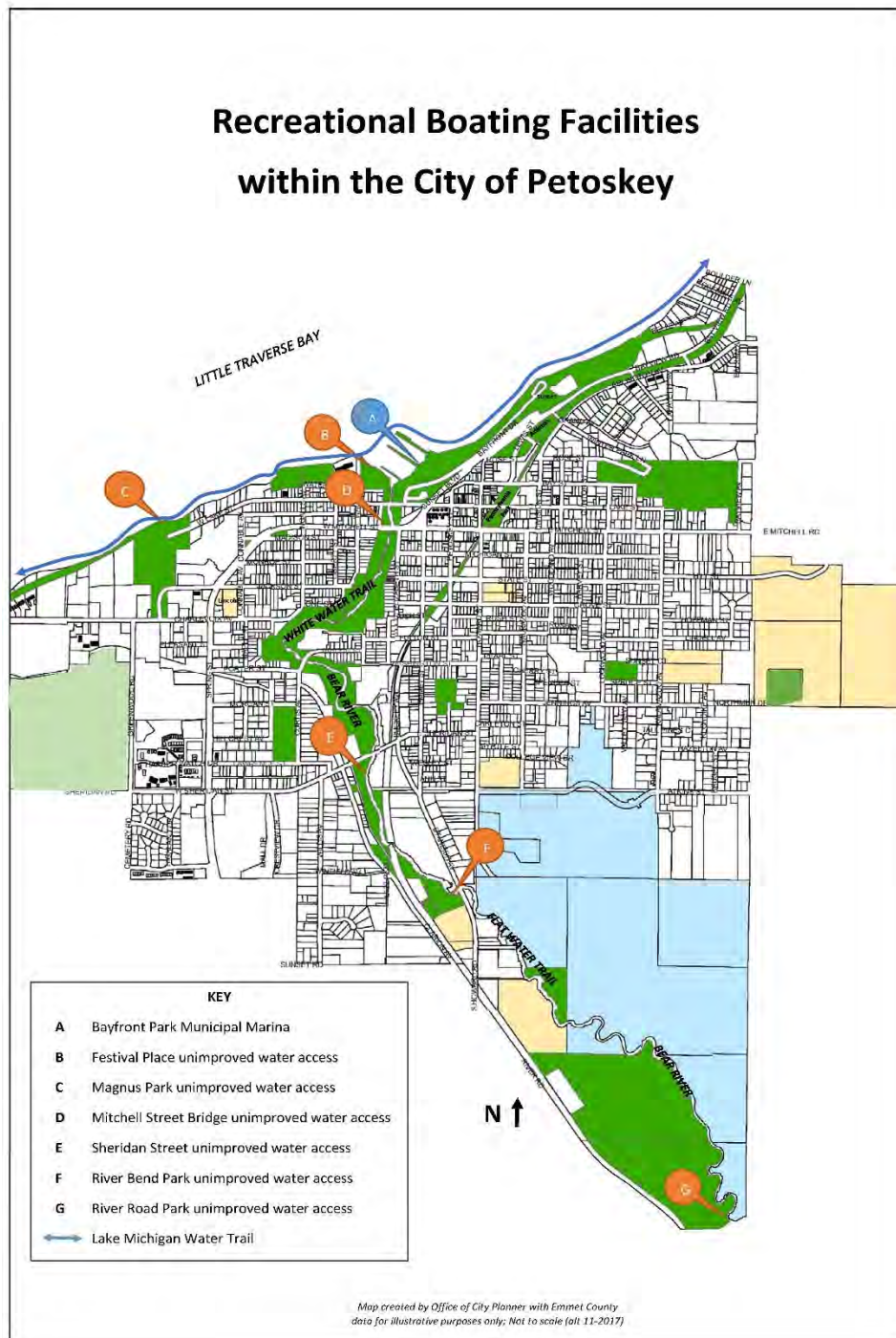


Estimated Costs:

Refurbish building	\$ 80,000
Landscaping	\$ 10,000
Upgrade basketball court	\$ 3,000
Upgrade soccer-field area	\$ 40,000
Control fencing and signage	\$ 6,000
Vehicle barrier at Bay View Road	\$ 8,000
Refrigerate hockey rink, replace sideboards, install hockey-box roof and spectator viewing area	\$750,000

RECREATIONAL BOATING FACILITIES

The City of Petoskey is fortunate to have miles of waterfront that can be utilized for recreational purposes. Many of the existing and potential recreational boating facilities have been touched upon, but more detail on these opportunities is detailed below.



(A) BAYFRONT PARK MUNICIPAL MARINA

Facility Type: Boating Access Site
Recreational Harbor

Description and Purpose: The 144-slip Petoskey Municipal Marina is a vital part of Bayfront Park, attracting boaters from across the Midwest and is an economic driver that benefits our local merchants, businesses, and seasonal attractions. It is of vital importance to provide high end service and keep the facility attractive and competitive to insure that the boating public continues to visit the facility.



Located at 231 Bayfront Drive (45° 22' 52"N 84° 57' 40"W), the marina was expanded in 2010-2011 to its current 144 slips and the existing Marina Services Building was expanded and remodeled to accommodate the anticipated increase in visitor traffic. Restrooms were also enlarged and shower facilities were expanded to meet all Americans with Disabilities Act standards. The marina has four piers with slips ranging in size from 30 feet to 80 feet. Piers A and D are multiuse piers. Pier C was constructed in 2010-2011 and accommodates 44 boat slips of various lengths, broadside moorings and sewer pump-out facilities near each slip area. Pier B provides slip sizes from 30 feet to 60 feet and houses the marina fuel dock, pump-out area and dock office. Both diesel and gasoline fuel is available. On-going maintenance is budgeted for re-decking, dock office expansion, dredging, ice damage repairs and electrical upgrades.

The marina is a Michigan Grant-Aid Facility and is part of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources reservation system. Revenues and expenses are accounted for under a City approved budget. Revenues after expenditures are reserved as restricted funds for marina use only. To assist with maintenance projects Michigan Waterways grants have been obtained.

ADA Evaluation: Restrooms were enlarged and shower facilities were expanded in 2011 to meet all Americans with Disabilities Act standards.

Site Development Plan: Planned Improvements:

1. Re-decking of the following piers, including wood supports: Pier A – finger piers only, Pier B – complete last half of the main pier dock, shore to 2016 project limits, and Pier D – replacement of decking and finger pier decking.
2. Identify future dredge spoil site location and acquire, if necessary.
3. Perform needed repairs caused by ice damage. Costs vary between \$0 and \$50,000 per year depending upon weather conditions, water levels, and flow ice.
4. Resurface or sealing of marina parking lot.
5. Perform dredging as needed – see dredging section.
6. Fuel System Replacement: replacement of underground storage tanks and gas/diesel lines, tanks and lines are pressure tested yearly. Tanks and lines to be evaluated by preliminary engineering study.
7. Explore feasibility of ADA kayak launch with cost to be determined.
8. Re-seal or replace marina parking lot
9. Develop a public ADA compliant kayak launch
10. Consider being designated as a host city on the Lake Michigan Coastal Water Trail
11. Install canoe/kayak storage

In 2017, with assistance from a Michigan Natural Resources Waterways Grant, the City was able to make electrical upgrades compliant with the 2017 National Electrical Code to protect the public against electrical shock. The work included ground fault protectors and monitoring at marina service panels feeding the docks and installing additional ground fault interrupter circuit breakers at the power pedestals.

Infrastructure Monitoring: City, working within the six year Capital Improvement Plans and Parks and Recreation Master Plan, continually monitors and anticipates future repairs to existing infrastructure, buildings, and facilities to determine costs of said repairs through preliminary engineering reports, cost estimates, and previous related project improvements. These improvements are then prioritized, placed into the Capital Improvements Plan and into yearly budgets. Detailed maintenance costs and timeline are detailed below.

Infrastructure replacement/ dredging schedule

1. Electrical Upgrades – Piers A, C and D	\$200,000	2018
2. Re-decking – Pier D, ½ of Pier B and Finger Pier A	\$ 80,000	2018-2020
3. Marina Parking Lot – Resurface	\$ 35,000	2019-2020
4. Marina Fuel System Replacement – Engineering	\$ 12,000	2020
5. Marina Fuel System Replacement	\$100,000	2021-2022
6. Preliminary Engineering and Dredge Permits Piers D and C	\$ 10,000	2021
7. Dredge Fairway between Pier D and C	\$140,000	2022-2023
8. Identification of Future Spoils Site and Acquisition	\$TBD by study	2018-2022
9. Development of ADA Kayak Launch	\$ 40,000	2018-2022
10. Resurface parking area	\$ 40,000	2019
11. Ice damage repairs	Variable	Annually
12. Canoe/kayak storage	\$ 15,000	2019

Right sizing:

The marina has maximized its footprint and does not anticipate any further expansion of docking facility, with the exception of an ADA compliant kayak launch area. The current 144-slip marina accommodates 72 seasonal boaters and the remaining 72 transient slips operate at near capacity from July to mid-August. This allows for shoulder season expansion of use and provides a sustainable income for the marina during low use season. The current number and blend of slip lengths also matches the needs of boaters currently seeking slips.

Marketing/events/partnerships

Marketing: The City promotes its marina through the City's website, the Michigan Waterways Guide, several marina related magazines, the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Community Guide, Southeast Publications, the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce, and the Petoskey Area Visitors Bureau through their various publications and clientele promoting the Petoskey Municipal Marina.

Events: Bayfront Park, of which the marina is a part of, hosts numerous events that include the 4th of July celebration, Sunset Festival and numerous other events throughout the summer. As part of these events the City provides broadside mooring to educational related boats such as the "Inland Seas" or visiting tall ships who provide an educational component for the community.

Partnerships: The marina is a grant-in-aid facility and utilizes the Michigan Department of Natural Resource's reservation system. The City is a member of Michigan Boating Industries Association and meets annually with other Michigan harbor masters. The City meets annually with the Great Lakes Shallow Draft Harbors stake holders. Locally, the City works with the Top of Michigan

Watershed Council on water quality and invasive species controls as well as Lake Charlevoix, Antrim, Kalkaska and Emmet County organizations on invasive control measures. The marina also provides boat slips to the Michigan Department of Natural Resource Law Enforcement and Conservation Officer Programs and, on occasion, to the Little Traverse Bay Odawa Indian Natural Resources Department for related research and enforcement vessels.

(B) FESTIVAL PLACE BOAT LAUNCH/TAKEOUT

Facility Type: Unimproved water access location

Description and Purpose: Located at the mouth of the Bear River, approximately 350 lineal feet between the Army Corps of Engineers break wall and marina Pier D, this location is a popular take out for kayakers. Lessons and demonstrations offered in this area.

ADA Evaluation: An accessible path, beach matting and launch would improve area accessibility.

Site Development Plan: The park is a popular area for events and open space activity. A walkway along the shoreline with a possible stage and power supply have been discussed.



Right sizing: There is room for expansion

Marketing/events/partnerships: Kayak, paddleboard demonstrations with local dealers

Dredging – Contingent with the Marina

Infrastructure replacement schedule: N/A

Large scale maintenance and replacement schedules (docks, buildings, etc.): N/A

(C) MAGNUS PARK BOAT LAUNCH/TAKEOUT

Facility Type: Unimproved water access location

Description and Purpose: The waterfront at Magnus Park (approximately 1,400 lineal feet) is used primarily for swimming access and Petoskey Stone hunting. Due to its location and unprotected nature from the west winds, efforts at creating a sandy beach front have been unsuccessful.

ADA Evaluation: Not accessible to ADA standards

Site Development Plan: The campground has been studied and concepts have been developed to improve access to the waterfront and provide updated amenities to the users.



Right sizing: The size of the area is adequate however development will need to occur for better access to the take out.

Marketing/events/partnerships: None

Dredging – needs, cycle, volume, disposal: None

Infrastructure replacement schedule: To be determined

Large scale maintenance and replacement schedules (docks, buildings, etc.): To be determined

(D) MITCHELL BRIDGE TAKEOUT

Facility Type: Unimproved water access location

Description and Purpose: At the north end of the Bear River Valley Whitewater Park, there is an eddie-out for kayakers to get out of the current before reaching the dam.

ADA Evaluation: There is an accessible sidewalk to the takeout.

Site Development Plan: No plan in place but has been identified as a potential area for a take-out structure.



Right sizing: This particular stretch of the river is for expert kayakers only thus, does not get the recreational traffic.

Marketing/events/partnerships: The Northern Michigan Paddling Club promotes the whitewater park.

Dredging – needs, cycle, volume, disposal: N/A

Infrastructure replacement schedule: N/A

Large scale maintenance and replacement schedules (docks, buildings, etc.):

There has been discussion of adding a seasonal changing facility for kayakers.



(E) SHERIDAN STREET BOAT LAUNCH/TAKEOUT

Facility Type: Improved water access location

Description and Purpose: Stair access to the river for users to take out and put in.

ADA Evaluation: Not accessible with ADA

Site Development Plan: None

Right sizing: Adequate

Marketing/events/partnerships: None

Dredging – needs, cycle, volume, disposal: None

Infrastructure replacement schedule: Solid stairs but universally accessible trail and launching station is needed to enhance the areas.



Large scale maintenance and replacement schedules (docks, buildings, etc.): None

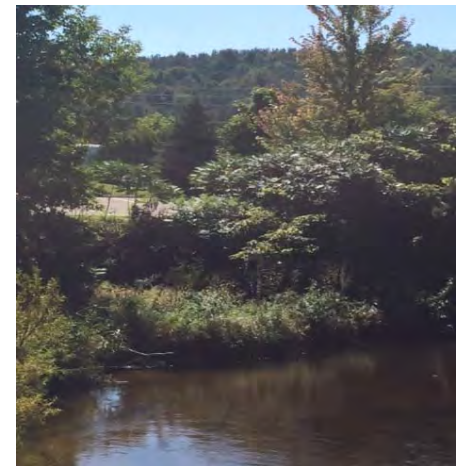
(F) RIVER BEND BOAT LAUNCH/TAKEOUT

Facility Type: Unimproved water access location

Description and Purpose: Conveniently located close to the parking lot and restrooms, this location would be ideal for a universally accessible unit for take out/launch.

ADA Evaluation: Not ADA compliant

Site Development Plan: Water access is a community priority and although no plan is in place, this would be an area worth high consideration for a universally accessible launch/take out.



Right sizing: Adequate for development

Marketing/events/partnerships: N/A

Dredging – needs, cycle, volume, disposal: N/A

Infrastructure replacement schedule: N/A

Large scale maintenance and replacement schedules (docks, buildings, etc.): NA

(G) RIVER ROAD BOAT LAUNCH/TAKEOUT

Facility Type: Improved water access location

Description and Purpose: Located close to the edge of City limits, this launch would serve as a prime put in/take out location if updated to a universally accessible launch. The parking lot would also have to be improved.

ADA Evaluation: Does not meet minimum ADA standards.

Site Development Plan: Identified as a potential area for universally accessible launch site.

Right sizing: Improved parking would enhance the area.

Marketing/events/partnerships: N/A

Dredging – needs, cycle, volume, disposal: N/A

Infrastructure replacement schedule: Nothing planned, but referenced for future upgrades.

Large scale maintenance and replacement schedules (docks, buildings, etc.): N/A



FUTURE PROJECTS

In addition to the specific improvements outlined earlier in this document there are several long-range projects that have tentatively been considered. These include potential disposal and/or reuse of City owned, non-park properties; acquisition through conservation easements or other means, provide open space areas both within and outside the City that possibly would provide buffers between residential areas, provide links between publicly owned or publicly used properties; acquisition and/or conversion of properties for use as neighborhood park sites; development of a community swimming pool and related facilities; preparation of site plans for parks; and installation of signs to identify City owned and City operated facilities, including parks.

Disposal of and/or Re-Use of City-Owned Properties

The City currently owns several parcels of property throughout the City and outside of the City's corporate limits that are used for a variety of purposes other than as parks. It is believed that these parcels could be considered for use as parks and/or sports and recreation facilities, or that certain parcels could be disposed of, the proceeds from such sales then being used to offset costs of other City expenditures including the costs related to developing or improving park facilities.

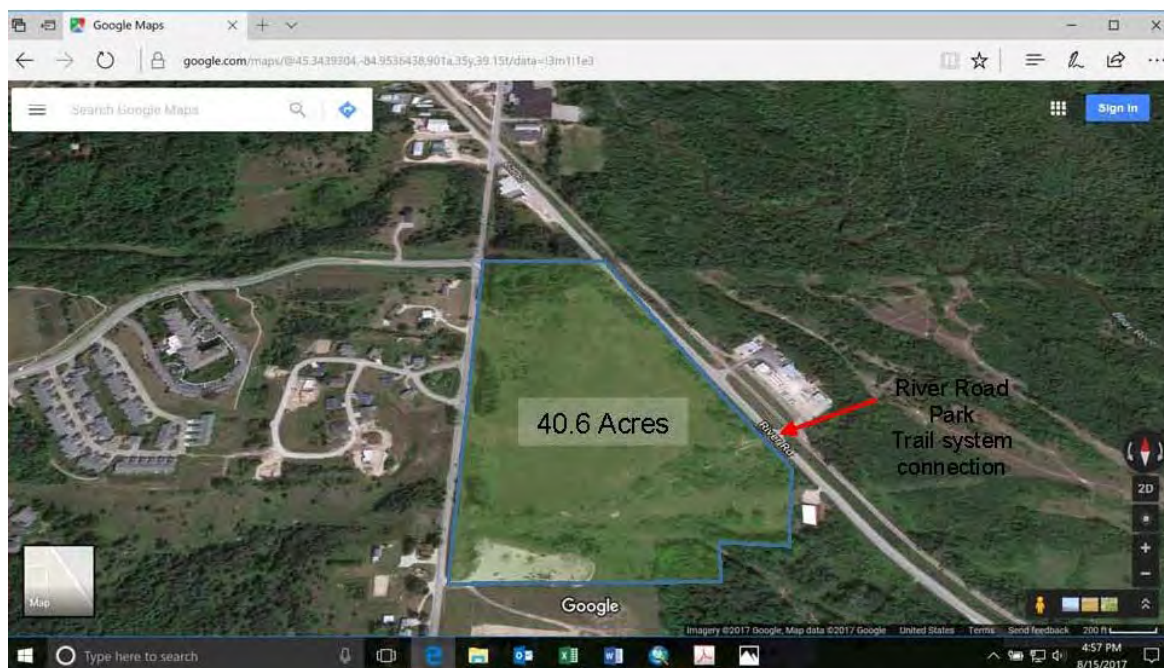
Waterfront Access and Park Connections

City owned parcels within the Sheridan Street/Clarion Avenue area, which originally had been acquired for a variety of reasons and that are now being used for a variety of purposes, could and have been converted to park uses and some could be sold to finance park improvements. Examples include a collection of adjacent parcels along the north side of Sheridan Street, near Clarion Avenue, which have been converted for use as a community garden and could further be utilized to provide pedestrian connectors to the Curtis Park Area and the Bear River Valley Recreation Area; the City-owned property at the southwest corner of Sheridan Street and Clarion Avenue, which has for several years been used for storage primarily by the City's Department of Public Works, that could be used for a neighborhood park and/or open-space area, but that also could be sold; the City-owned property on the south side of Sheridan, just east of Clarion Avenue adjacent to the Bear River which now contains storage buildings and drop-off for composting materials, is being partially used for a trail connection along the Bear River Valley Recreation Area and with the removal and relocation of the existing facilities could provide an opportunity for a boat launch/retrieval area. Also in close proximity to the river valley is City-owned property at the southwest corner of Charlevoix Avenue – Ingalls Avenue curve, the site of a former store building that was donated to the City and that is now being leased by the Little Traverse Historical Society, where it is believed a small park could be installed on-site with removal of the building. Further, it is believed the properties adjacent to or in close proximity of the Bear River could be acquired, either by purchase, lease, or donation, for use as additional open-space attached to the Bear River Valley Recreation Area, Riverbend Park, and River Road Sports Complex. Such a potential site exists along Standish Avenue. Bear Creek Township also owns land adjacent to the River Road Sports Complex that could be used for recreational purposes or to house certain shared uses.

Community Dog Park

Public input regarding the need for a community dog park was very strong in development of this master plan. As identified in the 2013-2017 Master Plan, the former sanitary landfill site that fronts Howard Road and River Road is staff's recommended location for the site given the location and size. The site provides hilly terrain with excellent views and water could be accessed off of Howard Road.

As illustrated in the Google Maps image below, the site could also be connected to the River Road Sports Complex trail system to the east and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians trail system to the west, however, it is anticipated that most users would arrive in a vehicle so a sufficient parking lot would be necessary.



Given the strong demand for this recreation facility, the existing concept drawing (see Appendix C) should be further expanded upon. A task force could be established to identify potential funding and cooperative efforts in creating this regional facility. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will also have to be included in discussions as the regulator of the landfill.

Creation of Neighborhood Parks

In addition to the City's three neighborhood parks, Washington, Lockwood, and Curtis, the School District's four elementary schools, because of "strategic" locations throughout the City, provide park-like setting with playgrounds and other amenities function as neighborhood parks. However, there is the possibility of creating additional "pocket" parks by acquiring other selected properties. In some cases, non-park properties that are owned by the City could be converted to park use or the proceeds from the sale of these properties utilized to offset costs of developing or improving parks. Such City owned properties exist on Sheridan Street, Clarion Avenue, Grand Avenue, and Washington Street.

Several properties on Sheridan Street and Lindell Avenue have already been converted to park or trail-head use.

Bay Harbor Connection

Although Resort Township's East and West Parks are located within the City Limits as a result of the Township-City Intergovernmental Agreement that transferred jurisdiction of the Bay Harbor territory to the City, connections between the Little Traverse Wheelway, East Park and the Village have been improved through completion of the Quarry Park Trail. Continued efforts to improve connections will be made.

Development of a Community Swimming Pool

More than a swimming pool specifically, public input through the planning process identified a need for improved water access for swimming. Over the years residents and several formal groups, including the local YMCA, have expressed the desire for an indoor climate-controlled facility that could provide for recreational use, general fitness, swimming and water safety instruction, lap swims, aquatic therapy and competitive swim events. Although the community desires such a facility, where to locate and how to finance construction and maintenance of such a facility has yet to be resolved.

Preparation of Site Plans

It is believed that site plans should be prepared for several parks that currently lack such plans to help aid and guide potential development or redevelopment. These include updates to the Magnus Park Master Plan, the dog park conceptual plan for the Howard Road property, and a master plan for Washington Park.

Improve Signage

The City recently embarked on a signage program for its park system and had new entry signs and facility signage designed and installed at Bayfront Park, Sunset Park, Bear River Valley Recreation Area, Riverbend Park, and the Winter Sports Park. It is believed that this signage program should continue at other City parks as existing signage comes up for replacement as parks are redeveloped. City staff also believes that interpretive and informational wayfinding signs should also be expanded within the Bear River Valley Recreation Area and other park areas where such signage would benefit the general park users, especially along non-motorized trails and nature trails.

Fish Cleaning Station/Lamprey Barrier Modification

A fish cleaning station within or in close proximity to the Bayfront Boat Launch Area and/or the Bear River Valley Recreation Area is occasionally requested by area fishing interests. Location, space, and waste processing issues must be resolved prior to construction of such a facility and further studies are needed. Fishing interests have also expressed the desire to modify the existing Lamprey Barrier installed by the U.S. Fisheries and Wildlife Service on the Bear River near Lake Street so as to allow steelhead and salmon runs access to the upper Bear River. Again, fisheries studies should be undertaken to insure that the fish migration, if allowed, does not significantly impact the Bear River and the headwaters of Walloon Lake, as well as to continue to provide an effective barrier to the invasive and destructive lamprey eel population.

Local property values are increasing since the “Great Recession”, however, the limits on local governments due to the Headlee Amendment and Proposal A continue to impact the availability of local revenues for parks and recreation. To continue the maintenance and expansion of the high quality park system the residents and visitors of Petoskey have come to expect, the use of partnerships and outside funding sources remains essential. Funding sources from the local, state, and federal levels will change and the City will be prepared to take advantage of these opportunities to implement this Master Plan.

LOCAL FUNDING

Local funding comes from many sources, including:

- General Fund
- General Fund Marina Restricted Account
- Tax Increment Finance Authority Development Fund
- Downtown Development and Management Fund
- Downtown Parking Operations Fund
- Right-of-Way Improvements Funds
- Water and Sewer Fund
- Electric Fund
- North Central Michigan College
- Public Schools of Petoskey
- Contract-purchase
- Loan Proceeds
- Private foundations
- Private fundraising

OTHER FUNDING SOURCES

In addition to funds available through local sources, there are a variety of programs available through federal, state, or private organizations that may also provide needed assistance.

Funding Source	Program Name	Program Description
Federal	Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)	Eligible projects include property acquisition, installation or repair of public facilities, building rehab and preservation, and planning activities
Federal	Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)	Provides matching funds for the development of outdoor and limited indoor recreational facilities
Federal	Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program	Grants for the rehabilitation of recreation areas and facilities, demonstration of innovative approaches to improve park system management and recreation opportunities, and development of improved recreation planning. https://www.nps.gov/uprr/index.htm
Federal	EPA Grant through Great Lakes	Provides funding for projects that contribute to the health of the Great Lakes system.

Funding Source	Program Name	Program Description
Federal	Urban and Community Forestry Program	The Community Forest Program is a grant program that authorizes the Forest Service to provide financial assistance to local governments, Tribal governments, and qualified nonprofit entities to establish community forests that provide continuing and accessible community benefits. https://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/programs/loa/cfp.shtml
Federal	Forest Legacy Program	Uses conservation easements and other mechanisms to protect and conserve environmentally important forest areas that are threatened by conversion to non-forest uses. https://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/programs/loa/flp.shtml
Federal	Resource Conservation and Development	The Resource Conservation and Development Program (RC&D) is a voluntary program that helps people protect and develop their economic, natural, and social resources. https://www.usda.gov/media/blog/archive/tag/resource-conservation-and-development-program
Federal	Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program	Grants for the rehabilitation of recreation areas and facilities, demonstration of innovative approaches to improve park system management and recreation opportunities, and development of improved recreation planning. https://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/uprr/program_inbrief.html
Federal	National Maritime Heritage Grants	Funds Maritime Heritage Preservation Protects and Maritime Heritage Education Projects designed to preserve historic maritime resources and increase public awareness and appreciation for the maritime heritage of the United States. https://www.nps.gov/maritime/grants/apply.htm
Federal	Great Lakes Restoration Initiative	Provides funds for protection of the great lakes such as toxic substance reduction, invasive species reduction, non-point source pollution reduction, education, monitoring https://www.glri.us/
Federal/ State	Coastal Management Program	Provides funds for the creation or enhancement of public access to the Great Lakes, protection of sensitive coastal features, erosion control in coastal areas, or the restoration of historic coastal features. https://coast.noaa.gov/czm/media/funding-summary.pdf

Funding Source	Program Name	Program Description
Federal/State	Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)	A competitive grant program that uses federal transportation funds designated by Congress for specific activities that enhance the intermodal transportation system and provide safe alternative transportation options. This program may be used to replace non-motorized trails that are more than 20 years of age.
State	Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)	Utilizes royalties from oil, gas and other mineral developments on state-owned lands to help finance the acquisition and development of outdoor recreational facilities.
State	Urban and Community Forestry Program	MDNR program assists with the development and implementation of community forestry activities.
State	Recreation Passport	Development of public recreational facilities by local units of government; priority is on renovating and improving existing parks.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULE

As noted above, property values are rebounding, but the Headlee Amendment restricts increases in municipal revenue and park funding. The commitment to a world-class park system remains and the City anticipates current and future needs through the six-year capital improvements plan. The following table indicates capital projects that are anticipated to be completed from 2018 to 2023, however, if funding for a project identified in this plan becomes available, resources could be shifted.

City of Petoskey 2018-2023 Capital Improvements Plan

Financial Allocation

Estimated Cost Per Fiscal Year

<u>Project</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>Arlington Park</u>						
Hooper Cannon Restoration		\$20,000				
<u>Bayfront Park</u>						
Marina Pier D and half of Pier B Deck Replacement	\$ 70,000					
Resurface parking area						
Replacement of Sunset Park stair tower	\$190,000					
Marina parking lot resurfacing		\$ 40,000				
Marina fuel system replacement engineering/Replacement			\$ 10,000	\$100,000		
Festival Place Shelter roof					\$10,000	
<u>Downtown Greenway</u>						
Phase II Construction (Mitchell to Emmet) (with MNRTF Grant)	\$506,400	\$321,500				
Phase III Engineering and construction (Park Avenue)	\$ 10,000	\$150,000				
<u>High School/Middle School</u>						
Tennis Courts Color Coating	\$ 30,000					
<u>Little Traverse Wheelway</u>						
Maintain, resurface, and replace trail		\$ 13,200	\$145,200	\$146,000		\$140,000

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<u>Project</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>Magnus Park</u>						
Campground Master Plan Update		\$ 15,000				
<u>Mineral Well Park</u>						
Gazebo restoration			\$ 40,000			
<u>Pennsylvania Park</u>						
Dahlgren Cannon Restoration		\$ 15,000				
Engineering and Expansion of Restroom Facilities	\$300,000					
<u>River Bend Park</u>						
Replace skate-park equipment	\$30,000				\$40,000	
Construct canoe takeout/ launch (cost and schedule to be determined)						
Expand park by using adjacent properties (cost and schedule to be determined)						
<u>River Road Sports Complex</u>						
Bear River Pedestrian Bridge Construction		\$172,000				
<u>Sunset Park</u>						
Gazebo Replacement		\$ 20,000				

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<u>Washington Park</u>						
Park access engineering and construction						\$175,000
<u>Winter Sports Park</u>						
Building roof and siding		\$60,000				
Building interior renovations				\$90,000		
<u>Other park and recreation projects – Location unidentified</u>						
Dog Park Engineering and Construction			\$200,000			
Pickleball Courts			\$200,000			



APPENDIX A SUMMARY OF PUBLIC INPUT

**Parks and Recreation Master Plan
Public Open House July 11 and 12, 2017
General Comments**

- Dog Park with water access within walking distance of downtown. So many people bring dogs to town. Such a dog friendly business.
- Add dedicated pickleball courts.
- Outdoor pickleball courts would be great! The Petoskey Parks Department deserves kudos – they do an awesome job. Everything is so well maintained. It's appreciated!
- District need a place for the dogs to play and swim. We don't want to send dog owners to Harbor Springs for legal lake access.
- Pickleball is needed.
- My "if money were no object dream" would be an outdoor performance facility – ideally in the downtown area. I'm very jealous of the band shell they have in Charlevoix.
- Dog Park please.
- Move all softball fields to this and high school. Use the waterfall field for a restaurant.
- Please give consideration for outdoor pickleball courts. Locations: partner with college, Winter Sports Park, Lockwood Park.
- We would like to have outdoor courts available for pickleball specifically.
- Ensure universal accessibility in as many spaces as possible.
- Create an interconnecting trail(s) between trails and parks.
- A community pool/fitness facility would be nice.
- Fitness trail with stations in well used areas.
- Dedicated pickleball courts in a variety of locations around town. Outside.
- Fireworks are hard to view.
- I think that outdoor pickleball courts would see a lot of playtime with locals and visitors of all ages. A set of four real pickleball courts would be a draw for the community. I am not a tournament player – at this point anyway - and as a short-term solution would love to see a couple of tennis courts lined for pickleball. However, real courts would see a lot of use. Thanks for taking the community input. – Mary Hayes, 1539 Willis Avenue, Petoskey, MI 49770, (231) 838-3881
- Outdoor courts for pickleball.
- Dog Park.
- We greatly enjoy Petoskey's beautiful parks and seasonal flowers. Thanks to all who maintain them.
- Community garden space somewhere.
- Access for swimming for families.
- Dog Park, please!
- I would love to see a dog park.
- Dog Park! Possible locations: old stadium, Washington Park. Fenced. Dogs need to play off leash.
- Provide public outdoor courts specifically built for pickleball.
- We would like to have dedicated pickleball courts outdoors. – Christie and Jay Zelenoch
- Keep up the meticulous maintenance of all park areas. Visitors notice!
- Pickleball is the future!!! Put in as many as you can!!
- A City of Petoskey statute needs a fenced dog park somewhere close into town so visitors can use it too. But more than anything is a need for a fenced nice dog park somewhere.
- Bike rack at City Hall.

- At PHS/middle school area location – construct new outdoor pickleball courts and/or overstripe existing tennis courts. At Winter Sports Park construct/overpaint courts in hockey rink for pickleball. Lockwood Park construct pickleball courts.
- Thanks for giving us the opportunity to contribute! We love our Petoskey parks and green spaces.
- Pickleball courts. Maybe a complex. – Joe and Patti Tibaldi
- We need dedicated pickleball courts. Thanks for the opportunity.
- Could there be some areas with plantings to encourage butterflies and native plants? There are many lovely sunny spots that would be even better with butterflies. – Tracy Datlen, 804 Arlington Avenue
- Desperate need for dedicated outdoor pickleball courts. One court in Petoskey but not really playable. Partner with Little Traverse Bay Pickleball Club – Dave Gallinat
- In town mountain bike facility at college, River Road/Bear Creek property.
- Thank you for this opportunity.
- Pickleball complex needed!
- It would be nice for Petoskey to have a dog park. I drive to Boyne City two to three times per week for a safe place to run my dogs.
- Add dedicated pickleball courts.
- Dog park...Ruff...Ruff.
- Thank you! Help community by supporting sun safety and breastfeeding at rec and park centers.
- Plant shade area around all playgrounds/fields.
- Please enforce dogs being on leash at public parks.
- Fireworks can get out of control and need to be better patrolled the days before and after the holiday!
- We need rec swimming pool.
- Want to see a dog park PLEASE!

**Park Specific Comments
Public Open Houses
July 11 and 12, 2017**

Arlington Park

- Expand parking in Arlington Park. The educational gardens are not maintained- very disappointing. Should be discontinued, as this has been true for several years.
- No more trees- leave an open space. No Civil War cannon, this is not a war memorial park

Bates Park

- Yes, children's play area is needed
- Bates Park is a gem. It provides a strong sense of "community" during games, the fields are well maintained and facilities (i.e. restrooms concession, press box) are excellent. I also appreciate the safety component of the netting over the common areas – nice touch
- Baseball here sucks it was better when there were multiple fields around the city- every field played different. This is Dale Meyer sucky idea. Better parking.
- Would like to see the softball field at the waterfront removed. Games can be played at Bates and the high school. Waterfront space for a restaurant
- Space for breastfeeding/pumping

- Add Playground with view of field so parents can watch game from playground while supervising younger child on playscape
- More fields desperately needed. Little leagues is now bigger than Petoskey Youth Soccer, more kids! Baseball is thriving here. Would love to see another field built in the available space
- Play area universally accessible
- Another little league field

Bayfront Park

- Splash Pad
- Water spray park with toddler area
- The museum is a vital part of preserving Petoskey history. I support the plan for an elevator and improved restrooms.
- Add dedicated pickleball courts
- Improve softball infield
- Need a fish cleaning station
- Allow for a vendor to rent out kayaks and other watercraft so all can use the water- not just the wealthy
- Waterfront dining. We need this and I can't believe food trucks or carts are not in works
- Build a public beach. Lots of protected area near softball field (softball can be played anywhere)
- Desperately need water-front dining! More festivals with food and drinks on summer weekends
- Location for great new city beach is in between Pier A and the softball field. This gets excellent protection. Visitors and locals need a beach. The river mouth is not appropriate for swimming
- Water-spray park should be combined with the new city beach in front of existing Friedli playground. Playground equipment can just be moved back
- Maintain beach area and water quality
- Take out the trees- way too many. You can't see the water when exiting the tunnel. Remove history museum and replace with restaurant/bar. Make open space where little league field was. Take out the 40 foot pine trees
- Public swimming access
- Kayak storage for rent at marina. Similar to what they have in Harbor Springs
- Restaurant
- Create kayak rack for rental storage of personal kayak near water. Harbor Springs has 2 locations that are full. Partner with sports stores as option
- Universally accessible
- Waterfront dining. Food trucks until we get a restaurant. More festivals with food/beer tent
- Establish kayak in/out launch area
- We need more signs directing the public to restrooms on the waterfront
- More \$\$s needed for history museum upgrades
- This area has the dual purpose of serving as a destination for tourists and a waterfront park for the residents of our city and the surrounding areas. Some secondary uses are the home of the history museum in the old depot building and a softball field for various leagues and tournaments. All within a limited area of land. As such it would follow that this area best serves our community by placing priority to providing access to the water for all, and superior marina facilities for seasonal slip rentals and transient boaters during the summer. I think the city should very seriously consider the following:

1. Relocating the ball fields to a non-Bayfront location.
2. We must restore some kind of connection to commerce for the waterfront area by allowing a limited amount of private enterprise to operate within the park.
3. The current ballfield is too small and is limited to one field of play at a time. Modern softball facilities feature multiple fields of play, larger fields and this use is not compatible with the marina.
4. Late night softball games and lights disrupt the quiet hours in the marina.
5. Playing one game at a time means only very small tournaments are coming to the area.
6. While fun to watch, the use of this space serves a limited number of softball enthusiasts in our community giving up prime waterfront recreation space.
7. Additional parking for boat trailers is needed.
8. Better festival space with perhaps a band/performance shell is needed.
9. There is little to no marina/grocery/supplies venues at the Petoskey waterfront which puts us at a competitive disadvantage to Charlevoix, Boyne City, Harbor springs. Our marina needs this connection to commerce for the convenience of our guests.
10. Perhaps a Welcome center with a Gem car service or similar environmentally friendly means for transportation to downtown and surrounding areas.
11. Clear at least 50% of the mature evergreen trees around the waterfront so this area can be seen from downtown and our shopping area can be seen and recognized from the docks.
12. Wayfinding signs and a welcome Center would be more beneficial than what the current building is being used for at the ball diamonds.
13. Look to partner with the school district and/or the county for the old stadium sight as a place for one or more softball diamonds. This would be a great use for this area as it adjoins a skate park, there is additional land for sale around the property and the location near the River Road facilities makes sense. The location is somewhat away from residential areas so the noise and traffic associated with this use would be a minimal disturbance.
14. Create a multiuse pavilion that would enhance our Festival grounds and perhaps be a venue for weekly farmer's markets and other events. The current set-up for the farmer's market limits the size/number of vendors and there is no rainy weather shelter for this.

Bear River Recreation Area

- Put in an improved "takeout" area for flat water south of Sheridan before more whitewater improvements are made.
- More trash cans along the walking path. Dog owners want to keep the area clean but you have to provide the opportunity
- Beautiful park. Well designed and used extensively. Linkage to neighborhoods has enhanced property values
- Remove trees so you can see the river
- Need better water/paddle access. Promote Bear River flat water. Better takeout south side of Sheridan. Need concessionaire for flatwater and whitewater and on the bay. Have concessionaire in Bear River Recreation Area.
- Thin out trees so can see the water

City wide/regional greenway system

- Yes, this bridge connection is needed.
- Bridge – yes
- Bridge – great idea
- Improve trail through pines leaving into Winter Sports park to better connect with rest of main system

Curtis Park

- No dog park. Playground would be great. Many of the local residents have young children
- Need a dog poop container with bags.
- 2 benches/tables. Need now
- Pickleball courts
- CP is a wonderful greenspace within the neighborhood. It is great to observe its many unstructured functions. Please avoid considering a pavilion or major structures
- Dog park in neighborhood not a good idea
- Fence in for dog park
- Leave as is. Very natural setting in current condition. Very attractive and inviting to folks for walks in park, playing Frisbee. Neighbors have get-togethers during summer. Many people walk through with pets, strollers, etc. Very peaceful setting, need to remain the same
- Meandering pathways throughout
- No dog park
- Leave as is. No children in area so cars would bring many people. Too much traffic
- Continue council directive for no sports fields on site
- Picnic tables
- Playground equipment would be nice for neighborhood
- Clean up bags, disposal and signage for dogs and owners
- Consider a pavilion
- Would like to see all in current plan happen. Very underutilized
- No playground for team sports.
- Trash cans and picnic table or 2
- Sidewalk along park but not encircle the park in concrete
- This park needs a playground and more picnic tables and some cutouts for parking. Dog bags for pet owners
- Doggie poo bags
- No dog park
- Leave as is. P&R do a great job maintaining it. Please do not add anything. No tables, no sidewalks, no grills, no fences, no covered areas
- Good morning, I am writing regarding the Park and Recreation Master Plan Update. I live in the Curtis Park Neighborhood. I have talked to many of my neighbors, and have put together a number of topics that are important to us in this area. Please see our suggestions below.
 1. Update park sign on Curtis and Morgan
 2. Add historical signage honoring the gift from the Curtis Family bequeathing the park land to the city
 3. Maintain the natural beauty of the land to honor the Curtis family gift of natural, wooded park space
 4. Replanting plan for native tree species as existing trees are removed

Thank you for sending a request for our input on issues and opportunities for our Neighborhood Park.

Downtown Greenway

- There have been foot paths here (along tracks) for 40+ years. Do you think its time for a sidewalk
- Extend greenway to Sheridan
- Take out train tracks
- No one wanted the Emmet St bump outs

Little Traverse Wheelway

- Install bike fix stations on wheelway through the city
- Rebuild entire Bay Harbor section (which is only 8' wide) to be 10' and fix root issue
- Explore safer more navigable route through bay view
- Yes, Bay View route is too dangerous
- Signage? To remind cyclists that pedestrians have the right-of-way
- Larger signage for bikers about passing
- More signage on bikers notifying walks when passing. Very dangerous
- Start a "Friends Of" group to assist with maintenance

Lockwood Park

- Beautiful area. Needs some TLC
- Trees need replacing
- Basketball court is used very late at night sometimes and there are occasional parties on top of hill
- Pickleball courts (X5)
- Banks along Lockwood need stabilization

Magnus Park

- Update the 2002 plan to make sure vision and plan is still relevant – 2002 was 15 years ago
- Yes, need to improve sun bathing beach area
- Again too many trees blocking view – take them out
- Mountain biking at upper Magnus Park
- Dedicate a stretch of the lake access to dogs so visitors in town can get their dogs in the water and play with other dogs
- Unable to get TV reception. Cable? Could charge for use
- Don't gentrify it to the extent that real people can no longer afford to camp there

Pennsylvania Park

- There should be a performance stage backing up to the hardware. Current gazebo is very limited for performance. It is unusual to have a spot for a stage that doesn't obstruct views
- Making memorials a center piece of this park is inconsistent with the broad uses of a central park. Arlington Park –a quiet place over-looking the bay would have been better.
- Keep war memorials. They don't glorify war- they honor those that served and sacrificed
- Stage where current memorial is- move memorials
- Allow restaurants to have more outside dining along park

- Appreciate the consolidation of war memorials. However, I find the placement cuts off the park from the pathway flow and view. Should consolidate memorials to triangle of park that backs up to Meyer Hardware. Would provide a quiet place for reflection, while opening up the rest of the park for activity, view and flow, concerts, special events.
- Put stairs on the berm coming down from the parking lot
- Blue star memorial should not dominate the view scape as it does
- Build a larger concert facility
- Ice rink in Penn park
- The hostas along the walkway make navigating difficult. Open access
- Retain large open area under walnuts in lower park for kids to run and play
- Get rid of all the war memorials – this park was not intended to glorify war
- This greenspace in the middle of the Petoskey central business district could do more to enhance our unique shopping destination for visitors and local residents. Features such as a better performance venue, the ability to install a large tent on a temporary or seasonal basis would be welcome and would enhance our downtown. We have plenty of “unspoiled” greenspace surrounding our city in the form of other parks and nature preserves.
 - The gazebo is nice but serves no real purpose. It is a poor design for stage/performance purposes, has no lights and is not in the best place for bands.
 - The policy of no tents/stakes in the park needs to be addressed with changes to the system and/or permanent anchors installed so events in the park can happen rain or shine.
 - Trees are reaching maturity and some are in decline. We need to plan for the future.
 - A lighted skating rink would enhance our winter experience and promote family activity in the long winter season.
 - Better restrooms are on the horizon but this must not slip through the cracks.
 - Try to separate bike and pedestrian traffic through the park. It is not realistic to think that bikers will veer off the path onto city streets and pick up the path again.
 - Create a pavilion for the farmer’s market here or on the waterfront. We need a rain or shine venue. Perhaps at Arlington park?
 - I see no real value in keeping the RR tracks. Yes they are historic but now they are just a safety hazard.

Petoskey High/Middle School Recreation Complex

- Bike rack at Turcott
- Complete batting cage at Turcott
- Middle School baseball field could use a face lift. Needs a bathroom and easier access to fields. Steep Hill!
- Add dedicated pickleball courts (X7)
- Space for breastfeeding/pumping
- Improvements for middle school baseball fields is necessary. It is frequently used and in poor condition

Quarry Park

- Eliminate lighthouse concept
- No lighthouse (X3)
- Install raised flower beds that spell PETOSKEY for passing motorists on US 31 to see

- Better signage on bikers responsibility to notify walkers when passing

Riverbend Park

- Improved kayak/canoe retrieval area
- Pickleball courts
- Consider a modern, safe, comfortable pull out of the Bear River for kayaks and canoes close to paved parking

River Road Sports Complex

- Construction of a bridge between NCMC and complex
- Pickleball courts
- Space for breast feeding/pumping
- More sports fields

Skyline Municipal Forest

- Mountain biking trails

Solanus Mission Beach

- Better signage. It's known as "The View" property
- Spray or water amenity
- Love this semi-wild location but could be better maintained (easier accessibility) especially beyond the white picket fence

Sunset Park

- Expand size of gazebo and rent for weddings

Washington Park

- Sponsor or encourage a neighborhood park party/picnic
- Skateboard park
- Improve signage to park from the major streets that are adjacent to the park
- Pickleball courts
- Need sidewalks to park from Emmet St.
- Plant perennials to beautify
- Access from Emmet
- Make ½ park for dogs
- More trash cans
- Park is not used. Would make excellent dog park with not too many alterations
- Park is used. I live next to it and there are lots of people that use it. Object to park in front of my house. No dog park
- Circle parking on interior
- Keep the ball field

Winter Sports Park

- Rent in the off season
- Space for breastfeeding/pumping
- Work with curling group to develop curling facility
- WSP seems to be under-utilized by resident in the winter compared to 25 years ago. Run tow rope more often to open the whole hill to sledding.

- Improve foot trail from park to Bay Ave.
- Fix drain/sewer area that is fenced off – a safety hazard. During T-Ball many young kids were playing on and around it

Recreation Survey

An on-line recreation program questionnaire was posted from June 29 through July 12 and made available at the public workshops to evaluate current program use and preferences for new programs.

Question 1

How often have you or a family member participated in a fee based recreation program through the City of Petoskey in the last 5 years?

Answer Choices –	Responses –
– Never	30.16% 19
– Once or twice	26.98% 17
– 3-12 times	30.16% 19
– 13-26 times	3.17% 2
– More than 26 times	9.52% 6
Total	63

Question 2

What age recreation programming are you or your family most interested in?

Answer Choices –	Responses –
– 0-5	12% 12
– 6-10	18% 18
– 11-13	8% 8
– 14-18	8% 8
– 18-30	11% 11
– 31-45	10% 10
– 46-64	19% 19
– 65+	14% 14

Total Respondents: 100

Question 3

How would you rank the City of Petoskey recreation opportunities? (athletic fields, playgrounds, hiking and non-motorized trails, open space, water access (Bear River and Lake Michigan, etc.)?)

Answer Choices –	Responses –
– Excellent	39.39% 26
– Good	46.97% 31
– Fair	10.61% 7
– Poor	2% 1
– Don't Know	2% 1
Total	66

Question 4

What additional opportunities (see above examples) would enhance the recreational variety for the City of Petoskey?

A dog park

Dog park at Curtis Field

see above

Need a Dog Park - Locals & Summer visitors need a place to let their dogs run and socialize with other dogs

Kids activities/programming

Dog Park

A dog park. We shouldn't have to drive to Harbor Springs or Boyne City to allow our pups to run and play.

Little league softball

Dog park

A dog park would be excellent. I'm always looking for new places I can take my dog

Pool

Keep doing what you are doing!

Dog park

Dog Park, YMCA

Would love a dog park

A dog park. I walk my dog daily through trails and parks, but an area to allow her to run leash free would be valued.

Dog friendly beach

A dog park

A sand Public Beach like Harbor Springs.

Dog park

Dog park

We would love to see a dog park in Petoskey.

A dog beach.

Indoor pool. Facility for indoor curling.

Dog park

Dog park

We were just talking the other day about how cool it would be to put a family fun park within the old track over at the old stadium. Keep the track for moms to walk while kids play. A dog park would also be an incredible addition to our amazing city.

Spring football

Dog park, public pool

kids programs are great but could be more and even some adult sports like softball

It needs more mini golf places, or family oriented things

Additional greenspace and walking/hiking access - for example, a beautiful path along the unused rail tracks between the renewed Emmet St. corridor and downtown, or a lengthening of the paved portion of the Bear River trail south to the old stadium

Location for children to participate in other sports such as archery.

Beach/swimming access within city limits, co-ed sports leagues for adults (bball, volleyball, soccer, etc)

More disc golf!

Everything is pretty nice, some attention needed at Lockwood, Curtis, and Winter Sports Park.

NA

Archery classes for 6 yrs and up

Na

We need a first class Dog Park!

Dog Park

improve trail on west side of Bear River

How can a resident of the City access Lake Michigan? Breakwall is nice for jumping in, but we need more.

Dog Park somewhere in the city; More picnic tables, grills, etc. in Curtis Park, but no organized sports; keep it more passive and family oriented.

Cannot see list of examples, but I would like to see a kayak launch area somewhere near the mouth of the Bear River. Storage racks (for a fee) would be a nice addition as well.

Better pavement on bike path from Bay Shore to East Park.

More adult programming not geared toward organized sports. Seems a lot of resources goes into maintaining ballfields - could this be the responsibility of the groups that use them?

POOL

Outdoor Pickleball courts (2)

Dog Park

Splash Pad for children

Arts festival

Pickleball courts/leagues (2)

Food trucks at the waterfront/weekly festival

Fitness program for seniors

Need more seasonal dockage for local boats at marina

Daily user of many trail networks and parks. A very well maintained asset.

Increase Lake Michigan water access, add to bear river trail, add dog park

Need more basic amenities on some parks.

More picnic tables by cut outs and trash cans along Bay Front Drive.

A small playground in Penn Park would be an attraction.

More adult and senior programming. More non sport programming (Easter Egg, dances, etc)

We need a first class dog park!!

enforce parking restrictions at marina parking lot

Nothing really innovative, or new or exciting about our recreational opportunities.

What "water access" is there to Lake Michigan?

If there is anywhere east of the pier between the ballfields and the bathroom facility at the end of Bayfront Drive that would hold sand, that could be a wonderful addition to our waterfront access inventory.

Bike path from Townline Road to East Park is in poor condition. No roller blading can be done on this section. Too dangerous.

The facilities and opportunities are there, but they are not promoted well enough.

More access to the river and lake; paddle sport lockers and rentals!

Swimming lessons

Other than the wheelway, biking is difficult. Need bike lanes
Pickleball courts (3)
Recreation Center that offers classes after school, weekend events, pool. Busses could shuffle kids after school to center.
Lots of common wealth to share with fellow residents and visitors
Excellent trails
Youth fields

Question 5

Use the space below to provide feedback on existing or new recreation programs and/or facilities.

Ease of sign up and awareness of available programs and sports opportunities and how to get involved

Dog park

Some sort of water activity for summer like charlevoix's splash pad

Very good

Bear River rec area is awesome. Wheelway is excellent. More parks would be great, including development of Bear River from Sheridan South. Need a dog park desperately (check out Seattle models)

LOVE the trails, especially Bear River & the one connecting Petoskey & Harbor Springs!

With so much water in our area, a pool for kids to learn to swim and seniors to exercise is almost necessary.

Any chance of Bayfront getting big kid swings?? That would be great.

Love it

it would be nice to have a bathroom closer to the break wall

Healthier eating restaurants to promote better living would be great benefit

I play disc golf often as well as many, many friends. A second course would not only benefit and enhance what you already offer; it would open up more opportunity for tournaments. This truly is the fastest growing sport! I am 57 years,old!

Tennis is great. Could use better viewing area in the upper courts for families viewing participants. Drink fountain does not work and is brand new.

An community rec center with workout facilities and fitness classes would be awesome; a gymnastics program would also be great now that Northern Lights Gymnastics is closed

Na

We have many resident as well as visiting dogs that are in the Petoskey area. A dog park would be a very welcome addition to the parks and recreation for the Petoskey community. I would

LOVE to see a dog park in the area within the next year or two. The sooner, the better.

Make improvements to Magnus Parking campground

Try something innovative.

I live down the street from Curtis Park and think it is very underutilized. I would love to see it used more. There are a few trees that probably need to come down as they are dying and may pose a safety hazard. I know that there is at least one neighbor that will be fighting to not see a dog park there or probably anywhere in town given her bias against them and she may influence some other neighbors as well.

Unhappy with the tri-athlon set-up on Quaintance every August. For some reason the presenters are allowed to start parking equipment there on Tuesday for an event that takes place on Sunday. Rather than parking their huge equipment trailers and staff motorhome in the lot beyond the bridge, near the bathroom, they park sideways on the section of Quaintance nearest W. Lake, taking up all of the parking for people who use the bridge for fishing, etc.

Repair bike path.

Improved boat launches on river and possibly canoe/kayak storage at waterfront. Paddle lessons. Adult kickball leagues in neighborhood parks. Winter Festival needs refreshing - need to be prepared for no snow/ warm weather with alternative activities.

Love the Bear River Rec Area. Need a concessionaire to rent both white water and flat-water boats.

Waterfront area is beautiful

A bike path from town to River Road Sports Complex would be great

Pickleball players need to be given courts to play on. Other sports are being accommodated

Magnus Park:

- Please repair faucets at campsites. Leaky, broken handles

- Please have electric to sites repaired or upgraded. Many 15amps don't work

- Please trim trees and bushes. Most have not been touched since planted

- Please move fire rings to proper places. Middle of sites not convenient

- Please have city employees follow speed limits in park

- Please reopen closed door at check-in office. Dangerous stepping into traffic

- Please develop a drone policy

- Please trim brush along waterfront

Please scrap redeveloped sit plan for park. Many people use open space to watch water, boats and sunset. All would be gone if plan is implemented. I don't believe traffic to wastewater plant has been considered with ne traffic plan. Magnus has a tremendous slope to water. Hard for4 us to level now. If we need to pack east-west, much earch moving will need to be done.

Camp host possibilities

Pickleball courts/leagues

Petoskey needs a dog park – We drive 2-3 times/week to Boyne City to use theirs. Many times we grab lunch from their downtown to enjoy. It would be nice to do this in Petoskey where I live.

City needs to find ways to improve the smaller parks for more use

Have noticed the Bear Creek walkway pavilion seems to be a hangout for homeless. Very uninviting, usually has a trashy feeling (observation).

Discourage further improvements to very natural setting parks such as Curtis Park. Don't need the traffic, litter or hang out areas. Other parks already developed include these.

We have tried to plan for neighborhood picnics. I think grills and tables and trash would be a waste. People want to go to the waterfront or lakes for picnics. We have no children in our neighborhood (Curtis Park) anymore for them to use. I would like to see them leave the green space as it is.

The following E-mail comments were provided to the Parks and Recreation Commission for the public hearing on November 13.

From: ann [<mailto:abingles@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2017 3:42 PM
To: Kendall Klingelsmith <kklingelsmith@petoskey.us>
Subject: Parks and Rec Master Plan

Mr. Klingelsmith,

I have been reading the draft master plan provided at the library and was happy to be reminded how many parks and green spaces the city provides and how well they are maintained. I feel compelled to share two small comments.

1. I noted happily that signage is often included in the plans going forward and would encourage that signage to include easy-to-see restroom signage in Bayfront Park, especially for the restrooms located across from the ballpark. Even one sign as large and well-located as the two "Concessions" signs would probably be helpful. As a volunteer at the museum desk I have spoken to innumerable out of town visitors who have tried the marina, tried the resource room, and ended up at our very small facility in the museum.
2. The plan mentions more than once the cooperation between the city and the schools, which I agree has been a very good thing for all the community. I hope that the recent fencing off of the gate on Waukazoo Avenue to the Sheridan School playground and sledding hill in my neighborhood is not a harbinger of more restrictions to come. Perhaps you could point out their part in the master plan to the schools.

From: jamie mulligan [<mailto:jamiedeemulligan@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 5:43 PM
To: Kendall Klingelsmith <kklingelsmith@petoskey.us>
Subject: [Retrieved]Input on parks & rec plan

Hello Mr. Klingelsmith,

I appreciate the opportunity to give input. I walk my dog twice a day along the waterfront and enjoy watching the many diligent fishermen out in all kinds of weather. When they catch their fish, they have no good place to clean them. Often it is on the sidewalk leaving sticky blood which then dries and stays where we all walk.

My suggestion is to build two fish cleaning structures...one by the mouth of the Bear River and the other along Lake Street area on the side of the falls.

My next suggestion involves having our citizens and tourists feel comfortable when walking or biking on the Bear River Trail. Up until a year ago, my dog and I walked the trail every late afternoon. I quit when a large group of mostly teen boys and girls began to gather in the shelter just south of the first overpass. They played music extremely loud, would swing from the shelter's rafters and jump all over the picnic tables. They came from all directions and would meet after school I assume.

So last week I decided to try again after not being on the trail for a year. I took my dog and company. Well, eight of the group had moved up to the sidewalk near the shelter while the remainder were in the shelter. They were smoking...perhaps vapor cigarettes...causing large clouds of white smoke. We had to ask them to let us through which they did but used foul language to each other which we plainly heard as we were walking away from them.

We decided not to try again. Our parks and rec department or the police need to ensure safety on our trails. Plus no one would feel safe trying to use a part of the shelter while that group is there. Does anyone check regularly in the shelter for trash left there including in the grill?

I love our waterfront and the Bear River just like so many. We need to feel we can use these areas without feeling uncomfortable.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

Jamie Mulligan
200 W. Lake #14

Ann Ingles
1305 Waukazoo Ave.

From: Margaret Kirkby [<mailto:mkirkby@mac.com>]
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 8:13 PM
To: Kendall Klingelsmith <kklingelsmith@petoskey.us>
Subject: Parks & Rec Master Plan

I've just finished reading your 140 page document, Parks & Rec Master Plan. It is impressive, comprehensive, clear. The photos and drawings were helpful. I had no idea that Parks & Rec had so many responsibilities. Often I've thought, "The whole town is a park." I walk my dogs or ride my bike through many of these spaces every day. As beautiful as it all is, you've listed a decade of work yet to do. The dept does a great job of making and keeping all the landscaping look so nice.

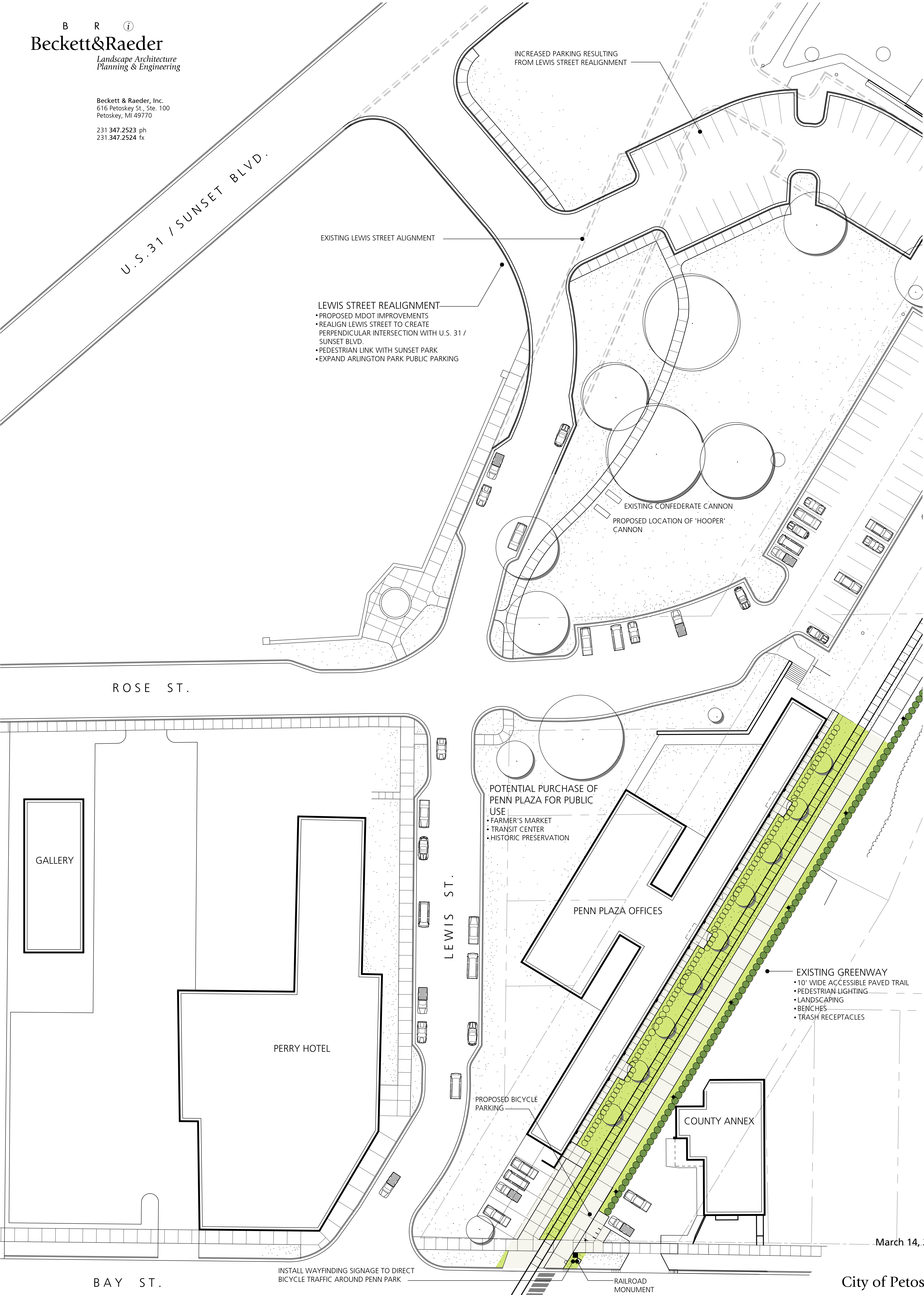
My only request is a big swimming pool. I go to the Harbor Springs community pool 3x/wk and sometimes go to Charlevoix's pool. Doesn't the High School want a swim team? A pool would be perfect at the high school or middle school. I noticed in your document, mention of a pool at the community college. That would be nice, but not as useful to youth. With so much natural water in Petoskey, for safety's sake, shouldn't all school children learn how to swim?

I'm so pleased to live in Petoskey where the City (via Parks & Rec) enhances the natural beauty of the area with lovely parks and landscaping everywhere. I'm looking forward to watching your plans come to fruition. And please add my vote for a big indoor swimming pool.

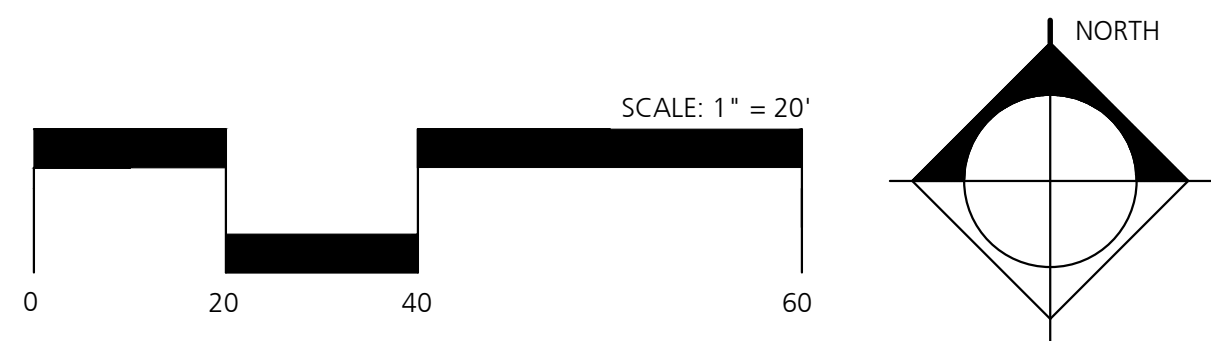
Thanks!
Margaret Kirkby

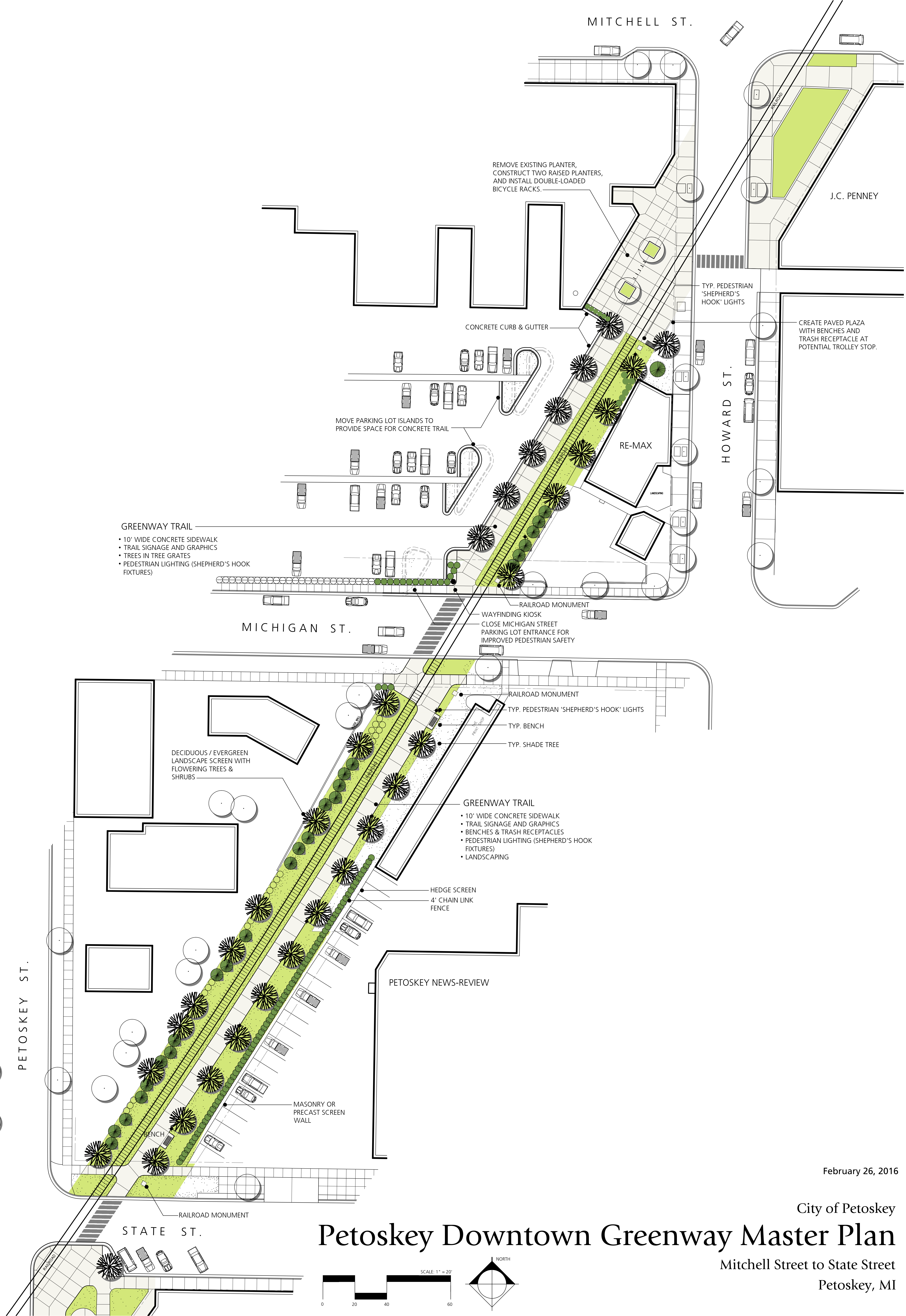


APPENDIX B DOWNTOWN GREENWAY CORRIDOR



March 14, 2016





February 26, 2016



APPENDIX C HOWARD ROAD PROPERTY - DOG PARK CONCEPT

Howard Road Site
The City of Petoskey, Michigan





APPENDIX D

STATUS REPORT GRANT- ASSISTED PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES



Recreation Grant History

Applicant

City of Petoskey

Project No. 26-00421

Project Year: 1973

Project Title: Petoskey Recreation Area

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$80,054.13

Element

Tennis courts (6)

Ball diamonds (3)

Restroom/storage building with
sanitary sewer

Site improvement

Project Description: 6 Tennis courts, 3 ball fields, restroom and storage, sanitary sewer and site improvement

Project No. 26-01023 L1

Project Year: 1977

Project Title: Bear River Valley Expansion

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$27,629.26

Project Description: Acquisition of about seven acres to be used for public outdoor recreation.

Project No. 26-01060 N

Project Year: 1978

Project Title: Petoskey Baseball Field

Project Status: Final Request w

Grant Amount: \$6,202.50

Element

Restroom building

Project Description: Restroom building, LWCF sign.

Project No. 26-01140

Project Year: 1980

Project Title: Babe Ruth Field Phase II

Project Status: Final Request w

Grant Amount: \$12,161.56

Element

Bleachers

Storage shed

Concession/score booth

Relocation of dugout

Dugout (1)

Project Description: Develop bleachers, storage shed, concession/scoreboard w/P.A., relocate 1 dugout and LWCF sign



Recreation Grant History

Applicant

City of Petoskey

Project No. 26-01268

Project Year: 1983

Project Title: Bayfront Restroom/Resource Center

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$44,067.00

Element

Resource center

Project Description: Site work, utilities, demolition of existing building, resource center, and LWCF sign

Project No. 26-01486

Project Year: 1988

Project Title: River Road Recreation Complex

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$74,550.00

Element

Element

Soccer fields (2)

Picnic area

Softball field

Entrance road and parking

Signage

Canoe launch

Trails

Project Description: develop: soccer fields, softball field, entrance road, parking, canoe launch, trails and picnic area, LWCF sign

Project No. TF90-001

Project Year: 1990

Project Title: Petoskey Skyline Trail

Project Status: Withdrawn

Grant Amount: \$60,000.00

Project Description: Acquisition of 80 acres to provide trail linkage to 480 acres of current city-owned land.

Project No. BF90-020

Project Year: 1990

Project Title: Petoskey Winter Sports Park

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$411,800.00

Element

Parking, entrance roads

Park operations/service building

Hockey rink

Soccer field/skating rink

Project Description: Renovation of a multi-use Winter Sports Park, including: support building, entrance road and parking, and ice rinks.



Recreation Grant History

Applicant

City of Petoskey

Project No. 26-01533

Project Year: 1993

Project Title: Washington Park Playground

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$14,419.11

Element

Play structure and surfacing

Sidewalks

Landscaping

Project Description: Develop a new playground at Washington Park to serve neighborhood residents. This playground will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Sidewalks, landscaping, play structure with resilient surfacing, LWCF sign

Project No. TF08-010

Project Year: 2008

Project Title: Skyline Trail Acquisition

Project Status: Closed

Grant Amount: \$99,000.00

Project Description: Acquisition of 65 acres of land to link over 800 acres of city and state public lands and to provide a route for a new trail section of the national North Country Trail.

Project No. TF11-030

Project Year: 2011

Project Title: Petoskey Downtown Greenway-North Segment Development

Project Status: Active

Grant Amount: \$300,000.00

Element

Site preparation and erosion control

Earthwork

Trail surface

Trailhead parking

Site furnishings

Utilities

Element

Landscaping

General conditions (incl. permits and MNRTF sign)

Mobilization

Project Description: Development to include 10' wide concrete path, trailhead parking, road crossings, benches, interpretive signage and native seeding. All improvements will be universally accessible.



Recreation Grant History

Applicant

City of Petoskey

Project No. TF11-009

Project Year: 2011

Project Title: Quarry Harbor Non-Motorized Trail

Project Status: Active

Grant Amount: \$59,700.00

Element

Element

Grading/removals

MNRTF sign

Aggregate base

Asphalt paving

Signs and pavement markings

Restoration

Landscaping/site amenities

Project Description: Development to include construction of a .37-mile paved accessible non-motorized trail connecting Village Harbor Drive on the west and Resort Township's East Park on the east.



LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

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GRANTEE: CITY OF PETOSKEY

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-00421

PROJECT TITLE: Petoskey Recreation Area

PROJECT SCOPE: 6 tennis cts., restroom/storage, 3 ballfields, sanitary sewer, site imp.

PROJECT TYPE: Development

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
City of Petoskey	Allen L Hansen	Director, Parks & Rec.
Address	Telephone	
101 E. Lake St	231 347 2500	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
Petoskey, Mi.	ahansen@petoskey.us	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

If yes, please describe change(s).

☒ Yes ☐ No

2 obsolete ballfields removed, replaced by 6 new tennis cts, access walks, gazebo
, parking,

restroom renovated and concession stand added.

Please refer to the attached boundary map. Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

scoreboard and lighting and the 2 fields that were removed. Six lighted courts are
reaching life expectancy and are due for replacement with next several years

Are the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities.

Future remaining softball field needs to be renovated, existing fencing, backstop and
dugouts and infield need restoration, reaching life expectancy

Lighted tennis courts fencing and subsurface paving is reaching life expectancy and
major rebuild within next several years is anticipated at which time lighting would be

upgraded.

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

SITE QUALITY

Is there a sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?

If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Facilities set on Public High School site and are highly visble and have been open to,

public since 1973

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Facilities are being properly maintained,however several components are nearing 40 year) of age and need to be rebuilt (lighted courts and remaining ballfield

Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

City crews are onsite daily as is school staff and both share in maintence of site, depending on who is using facilities and both share in major maintence improvements

What is the annual budget to maintain the facility?

5000

GENERAL

Is a LWCF plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, provide a photograph.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities? (i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

NO however recreational program fees are charged for league softball games,tennis lessons

and other program based activites, Faclities are free when not used for rec. programs

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

Tennis courts closed winter season as are restrooms.

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE

a. Are signs posted or are brochures available that contain the following required non-discrimination statement:

"This program receives Federal funds from the National Park Service. Regulations of the U.S. Department of Interior strictly prohibit unlawful discrimination in departmental federally-assisted programs on the basis of race, color, national origin, age and handicap?" If yes, specify which method(s) is used, including the location of same.

☐ Yes ☒ No

No signs, However city has similar policy

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE (CONT'D)

b. Is the following address included for the purpose of facilitating an individual's filing of a complaint?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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PO BOX 37127
WASHINGTON DC 20013-7127

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CERTIFICATION

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

allen L. Hansen

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Allen L. Hansen
Grantee Authorized Signature

10/8/12
Date

Lisa M. Denoyer

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PETOSKEY HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL

RECREATIONAL COMPLEX



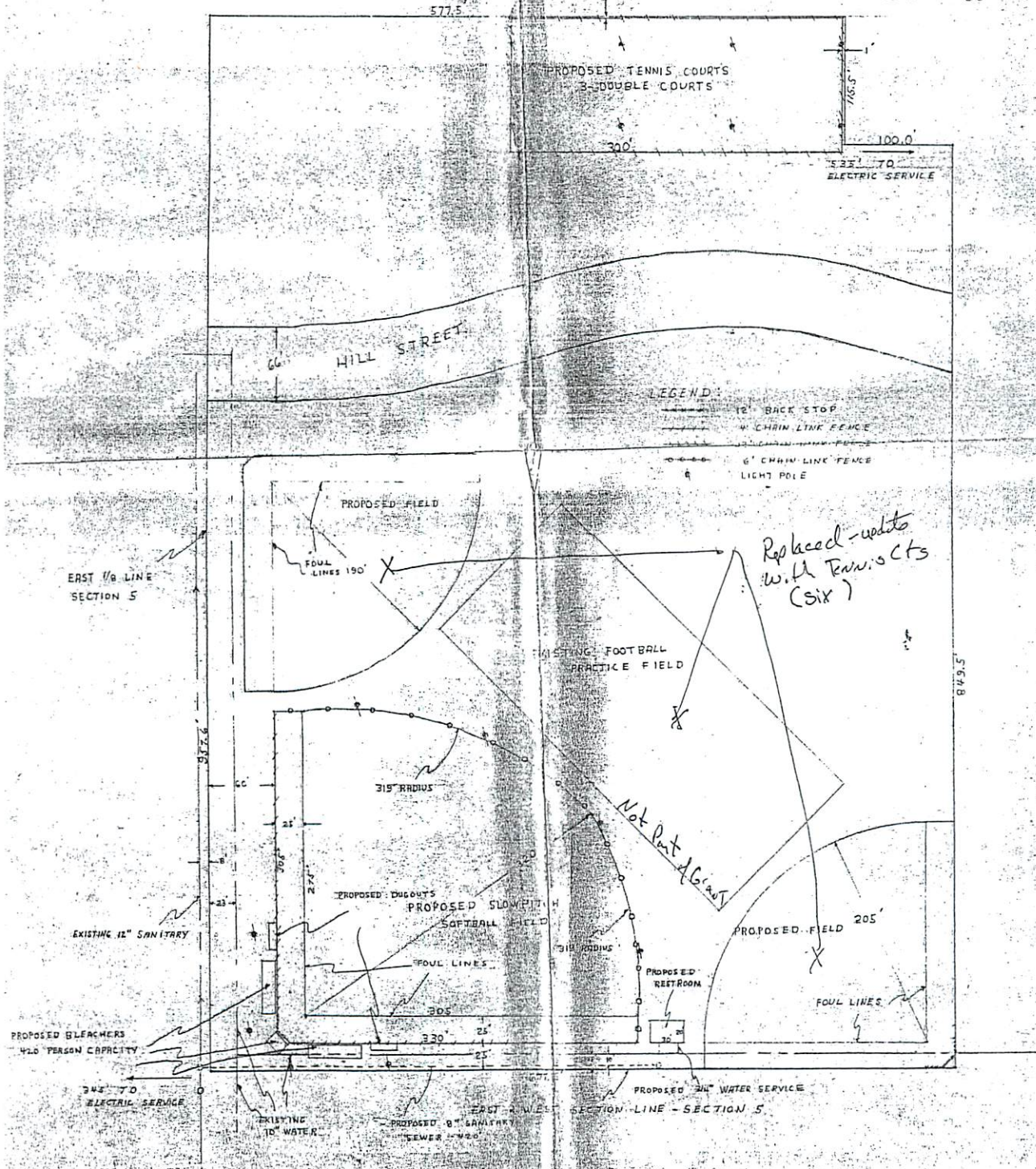


SENIOR HIGH SITE NOV 72

NOV 72

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SCALE 1" = 60'





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GRANTEE: CITY OF PETOSKEY

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01023 L1

PROJECT TITLE: Bear River Valley Expansion

PROJECT SCOPE: Acquisition of land for outdoor recreation use (Riverbend Park)

PROJECT TYPE: Acquisition

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
City of Petoskey	Allen Hansen	Director Parks and Rec
Address	Telephone	
101 E. Lake	231-347-2500	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
Petoskey, Michigan 49770	ahansen@petoskey	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s).

☒ Yes ☐ No

City after acquisition has added restroom, 4 sand volleyball courts, skate park, walks
paved parking area and site amenities all self funded

Please refer to the attached boundary map. Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use
other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include
cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

walks lead to sand volley ball area but sand surface will not accommodate standard wheel
chair. Other areas are accessible

List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe
the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities.

Self Funded; Resroom /shelter. skate park, 4 sand volley ball courts, sidewalks, open
space and paved parking lot.

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

SITE QUALITY

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Daily

What is the annual budget to maintain the facility?

5000

GENERAL

Is a LWCF plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, provide a photograph.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities?
(i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

Closed to cars after winter snow season start, Restrooms closed late October

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE

a. Are signs posted or are brochures available that contain the following required non-discrimination statement:
"This program receives Federal funds from the National Park Service. Regulations of the U.S. Department of Interior strictly prohibit unlawful discrimination in departmental federally-assisted programs on the basis of race, color, national origin, age and handicap?" If yes, specify which method(s) is used, including the location of same. ☐ Yes ☒ No

Signs are not posted however, City has similar policy

in this regard.

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE (CONT'D)

b. Is the following address included for the purpose of facilitating an individual's filing of a complaint?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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Boundary Map

CITY OF PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN

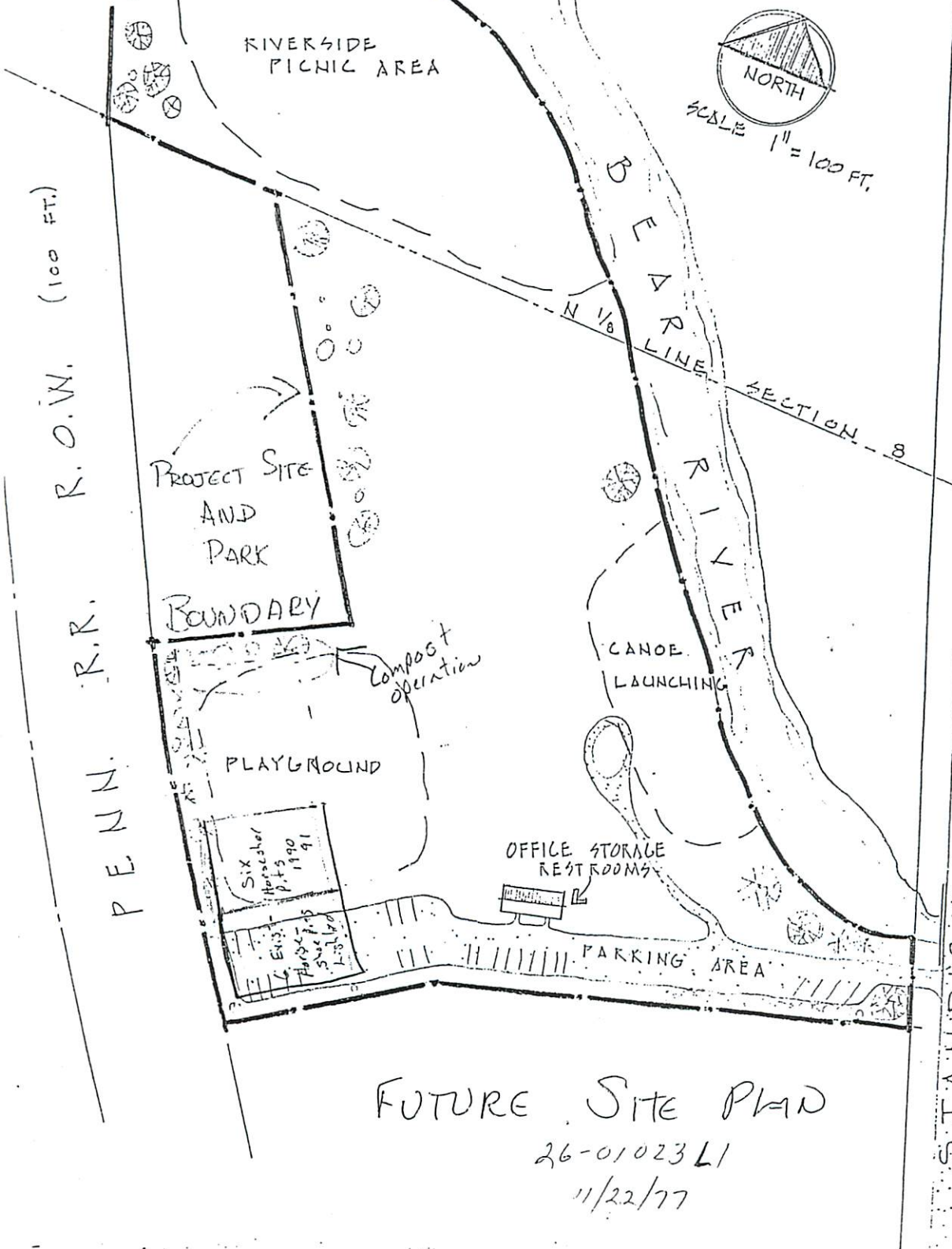
BEAR RIVER VALLEY EXPANSION

PROPOSED SITE DEVELOPMENT

AUG. 1977

26-01023 L1

11/22/77



FUTURE SITE PLAN

26-01023 L1

11/22/77



LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND
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This information required under authority of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964).

GRANTEE: CITY OF PETOSKEY

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01140

PROJECT TITLE: Babe Ruth Field Phase II

PROJECT SCOPE: Bleachers, storage shed, dugout relocation concession/scorebooth

PROJECT TYPE: Development

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee) <u>City of Petoskey</u>	Contact Person <u>Allen L Hansen</u>	Title <u>Director Parks & Rec</u>
Address <u>101 E. Lake Street</u>	Telephone <u>231-347-2500</u>	
City, State, ZIP <u>Petoskey, Michigan</u>	Email <u>ahansen@petoskey.us</u>	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

If yes, please describe change(s).

☒ Yes ☐ No

Field will be relocated to New site. Conversion approved and sale is eminent

Perpetuity clause to be transfer to Downtown Greenway Corridor 2012

Please refer to the attached boundary map. Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)

☒ Yes ☐ No

City has received permission to convert field and sell property. New field to be

constructed near High School. McClaren Hospital will purchase site 2012

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

. Field does not meet modern safety standards, bleachers, storage shed are

in poor condition. Facility to be closed Formal Conversion approved Sale eminent.

Are the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Limited accesiblity to faclities no sidewalks

List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities.

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SITE QUALITY

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Facilities have been maintained but age of facility and its components are at end of life span

Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Fields dimensions do not meet modern safety standards. Location on busy Us 31 makes access difficult.

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

yes daily during use periods
Mowed weekly.

What is the annual budget to maintain the facility?

4000

GENERAL

Is a LWCF plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, provide a photograph.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities?
(i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Open to public. Program fees are charged to participant
and teams involved in recreation programs

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Recreation fees are charged to program participants or teams.

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

April to November limited access in winter months

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE

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☐ Yes ☒ No

No signs, however, City has similar policy against discrimination.

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

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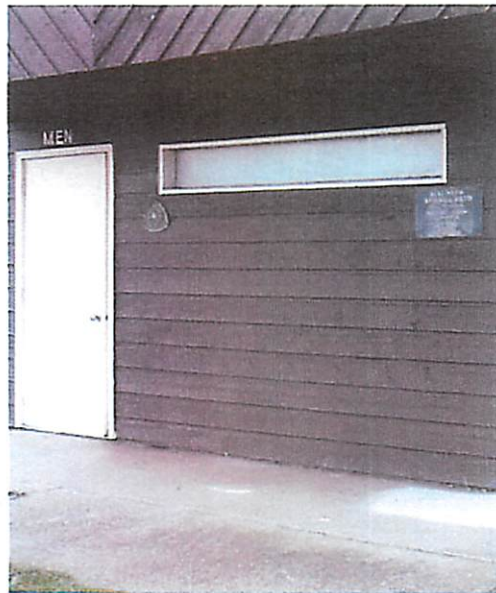
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LWCF
Sign



CORRECTED 6(f) BOUNDARY MAP WITH WASTER WATER PROPERTY DELETED

SKETCH OF DEEDS & TENTATIVE PARCEL SPLIT

CITY OF PETOSKEY PROPERTY

PART OF GOVERNMENT LOT 1 SECTION 1, T34N-R6W
AND PART OF GOVERNMENT LOT 4 SECTION 6, T34N-R5W
CITY OF PETOSKEY, EMMET COUNTY, MICHIGAN

LEGEND:

- GAS MARKER
- LAMP
- PREVIOUSLY SET SURVEY IRON
- PREVIOUSLY SET SURVEY MARKER BY OTHERS
- FENCE
- TREELINE
- WASTE TREATMENT PLANT
- ORIGINAL MDOC PROPERTY LINE
- PROPOSED SPLIT LINE

Point 283.40' west of the east line of Lot 1

LAKE MICHIGAN

APPROXIMATE
P.M. RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY

WASTE TREATMENT
PLANT
CITY OF PETOSKEY

LIBER 132, PAGE 476
MDOC TO CITY

Client: CITY OF PETOSKEY
Project Mgr: R.E. CELKE
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Date (revision)	by
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LOCATION MAP
MAGNUS PARK, TURCOTT FIELD & TREATMENT PLANT



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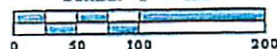
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The property description was furnished, and no check of title relative to ownership, gaps, overlaps or occupation has been performed as part of this sketch.

No field work was done as part of this survey. Physical features and property lines shown were taken from City of Petoskey Aerial Photograph, and previous surveys.



SCALE: 1" = 100'



MAGNUS PARK
CITY OF PETOSKEY

LIBER 90, PAGE 388
PARCEL #3

LIBER 90, PAGE 388
PARCEL #2

FOUND 1/4" ROD
NW CORNER OF LIBER 592, PAGE 722
GIVEN CITY TO ECRC

1-283'

JACKSON STREET EXTENDED

500'07'26"E 16.14'

264'

DEED TO E.C.R.C. 1592, P.122

500'07'26"E 16.14'

50'03'17"W 1-412'

50'07'26"E 532.38'

WEST LINE AS PREVIOUSLY SURVEYED FOR ECRC

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KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS

EAST AND NORTH LINES OF
KAUFFMAN'S AS SURVEYED
BY J. GREEN

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EAST & WEST 1/4 LINE OF SECTION 1 WEST

CHARLEVOIX AVE.

64' WIDE PUBLIC

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EAST 1/4 CORNER AND THE
SE CORNER OF GOV'T LOT 1
AND THE SW CORNER OF GOV'T LOT 4
SEC. 1, T34N, R6W AND
SEC. 6, T34N, R5W
FOUND ECRP MARKER
AS RECORDED IN LB.P49

GOV'T LOT 1
SEC. 1

GOV'T LOT 4
SEC. 6

L.A.B. LLC
OLD ROAD COMMISSION



LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

This information required under authority of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964).

GRANTEE: City of Petoskey

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-1060N & 26-1140

PROJECT TITLE: Downtown Greenway Corridor

PROJECT SCOPE: Turcott Field LWCF TRANSFER OF PERPETUITY CLAUSE TO THIS PROPERTY 2012

PROJECT TYPE: REPLACEMENT LAND FOR TURCOTT FIELD APPROVED 2012 BY NPS AND MDNR

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
City of Petoskey	Allen L. Hansen	Dir. Parks and Rec.
Address	Telephone	
101 East Lake Street	231 347 2500	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
Petoskey, Michigan 49770	ahansen@petoskey.us	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

If yes, please describe change(s).

☐ Yes ☒ No

Development pending

Please refer to the attached boundary map. Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

not developed at this time just acquired

List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities.

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

SITE QUALITY

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Signs will be installed development

pending

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Daily site is patrolled for litter and mowed once per week

What is the annual budget to maintain the facility?

3500

GENERAL

Is a LWCF plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, provide a photograph.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities?
(i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE

a. Are signs posted or are brochures available that contain the following required non-discrimination statement:

"This program receives Federal funds from the National Park Service. Regulations of the U.S. Department of Interior strictly prohibit unlawful discrimination in departmental federally-assisted programs on the basis of race, color, national origin, age and handicap?" If yes, specify which method(s) is used, including the location of same.

☐ Yes ☒ No

No signs posted, however City has similar policy

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE (CONT'D)

b. Is the following address included for the purpose of facilitating an individual's filing of a complaint?

☐ Yes ☐ No

DIRECTOR - EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
US DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
PO BOX 37127
WASHINGTON DC 20013-7127

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

CERTIFICATION

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

Allen L. Hansen

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Grantee Authorized Signature

10/8/12

Date



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Witness Signature

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Date

Send completed report to:

GRANTS MANAGEMENT
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PO BOX 30425
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LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

This information required under authority of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964).

GRANTEE: CITY OF PETOSKEY

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01268

PROJECT TITLE: Bayfront Restroom/Resource Ctr.

PROJECT SCOPE: Site work, utilities, building demo, build restroom/resource center, sign

PROJECT TYPE: Development

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
City of Petoskey	Allen Hansen	Director, Parks & Rec.
Address	Telephone	
101 East Lake street	231 347-2500	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
Petoskey, Michigan 49770	ahansen@petoskey.us x	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

Any change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided?
If yes, please describe change(s).

☒ Yes ☐ No

yes, restroom addition added to expand restroom areas,

Please refer to the attached boundary map. Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities.

Building sets within Bayfront Park, park has multiple uses including playground, marina ballfield, open space, shelters, museum and multiple restrooms

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

SITE QUALITY

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Daily year round and more frequently during high use periods

What is the annual budget to maintain the facility?

4000

GENERAL

Is a LWCF plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, provide a photograph.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities?
(i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

Restrooms open year round, summer 24hrs. Off season 9am to dusk and meeting room by reserv.

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE

a. Are signs posted or are brochures available that contain the following required non-discrimination statement:
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No, however City has similar policy in place

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE (CONT'D)

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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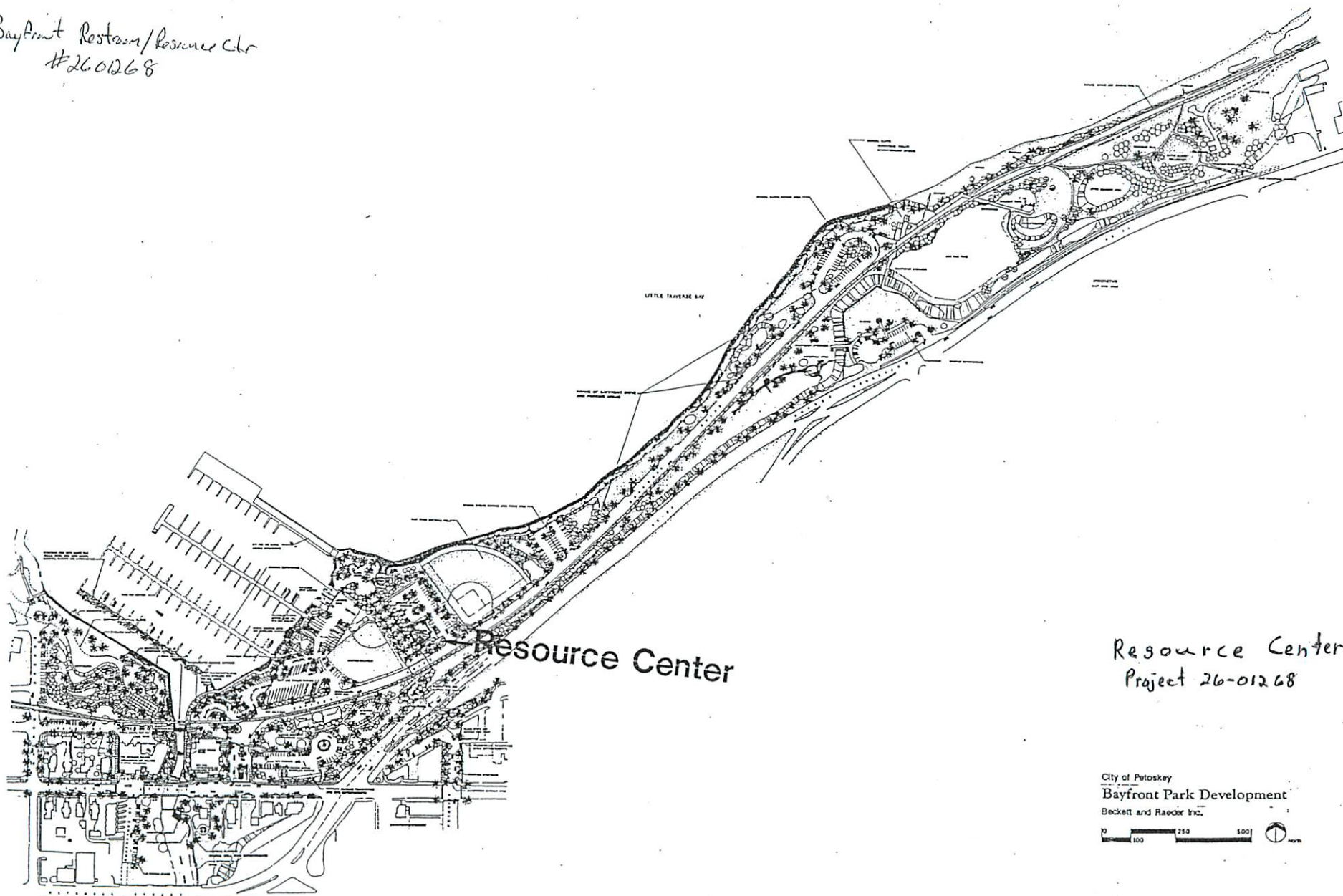
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BAYFRONT PARK RESOURCE CENTER



Bayfront Restroom/Resource Ctr
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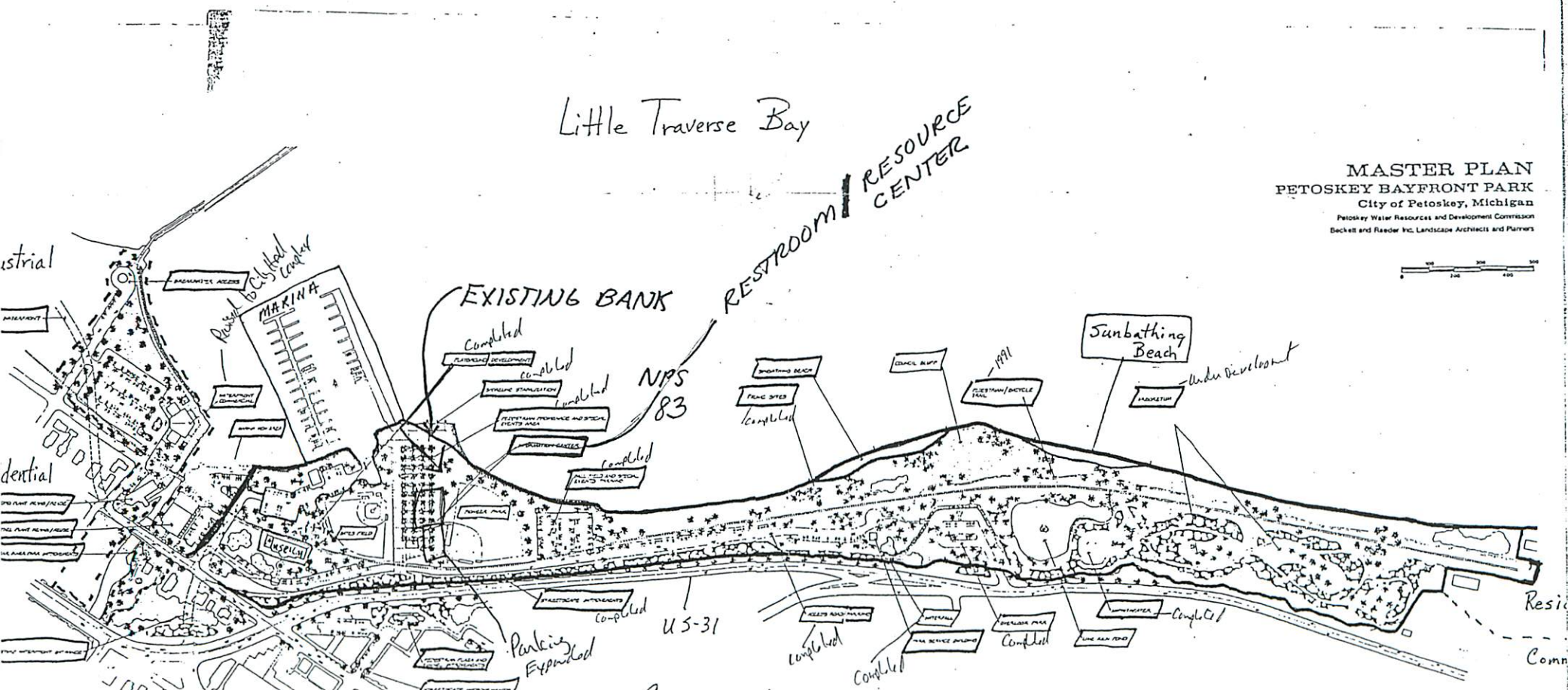
Resource Center
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City of Petoskey
Bayfront Park Development
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-  Existing Facilities
-  Park Boundaries
-  Future Park Development Boundaries





**LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT**

This information required under authority of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964).

GRANTEE: CITY OF PETOSKEY

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01486

PROJECT TITLE: River Road Recreation Comple

PROJECT SCOPE: 2soccer fields,1softball field,road&parking,trails, picnic, launch

PROJECT TYPE: Development

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
City of Petoskey	Allen Hansen	Director, Parks & Rec
Address	Telephone	
101 East Lake Street	231-347-2500	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
Petoskey, Michigan 497770	ahansen@petoskey.us	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

If yes, please describe change(s).

☒ Yes ☐ No

Soccer practice field and 24 hole disc golf added

Please refer to the attached boundary map. Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.)

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Are the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Limited access trails are grass no concrete walks

List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities.

24 hole disc golf course

Practice soccer field

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

SITE QUALITY

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Yes, Active use periods daily , weekly mowing, game days field prepped

What is the annual budget to maintain the facility?

8000

GENERAL

Is a LWCF plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, provide a photograph.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities?
(i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Recreation program fees are charged for program participant. Park entry is free.

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

Year Round Daylight to dusk unless night program is scheduled

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE

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☐ Yes ☒ No

No signs, however City has similar policy

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE (CONT'D)

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Grantee Authorized Signature

10/8/12

Date

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Witness Signature

10/8/12

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Sign



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Property Boundary

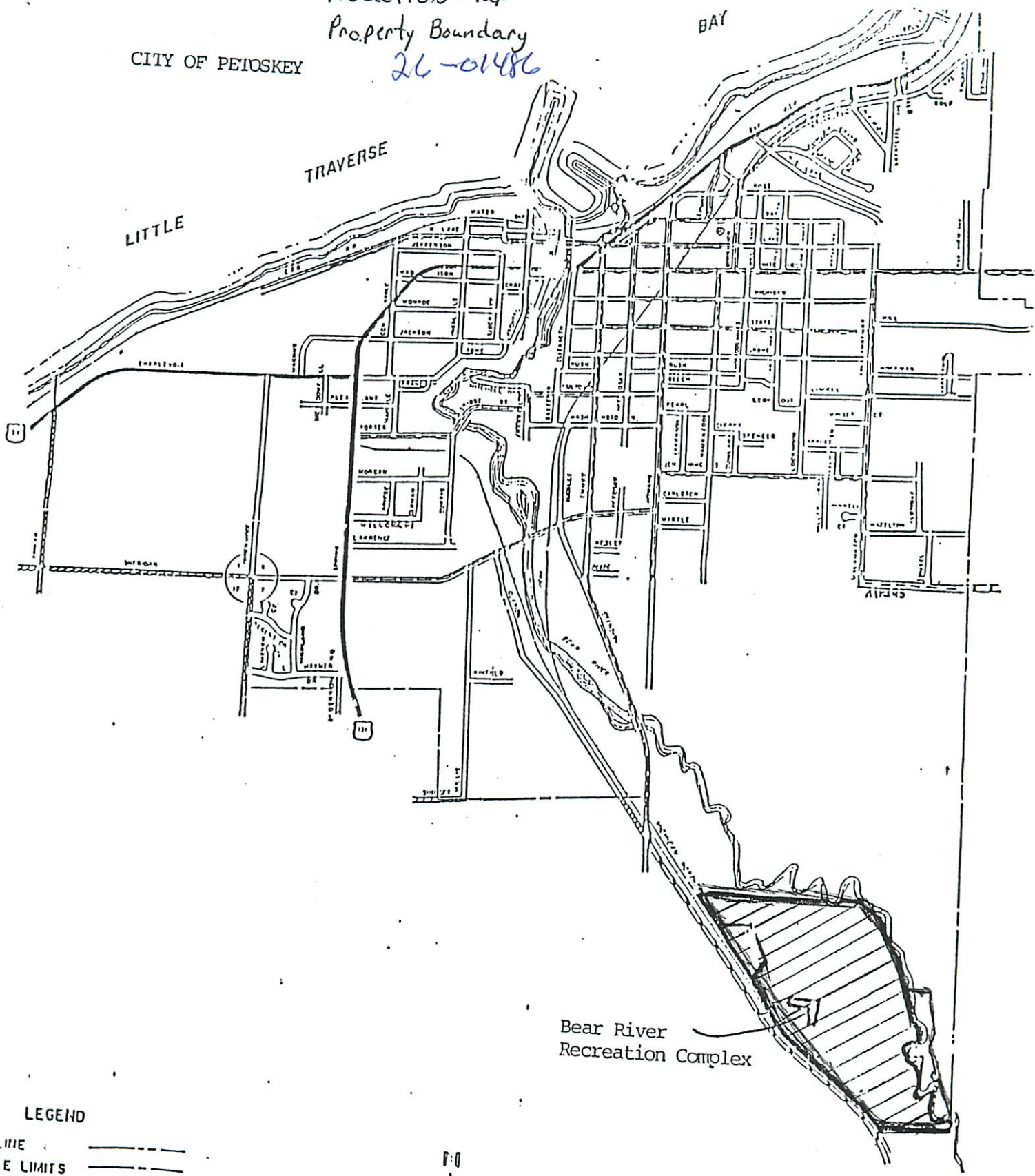
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CITY OF PETOSKEY

BAY

TRAVERSE

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Bear River
Recreation Complex

LEGEND

UNITY LINE
CORPORATE LIMITS

STREET SYSTEMS

STATE THRUWAY
CITY PRIMARY
CITY LOCAL
CITY STREET
CITY STREET



APPROVED

For the Period
1-1-84 to 6-30-85

Garret P. McCricken
Engineer of Local Government

1-13-84
Date of Approval

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Submarine



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MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended.

GRANTEE: City of Petoskey

PROJECT TITLE: Petoskey Skyline Trail

PROJECT NUMBER: TF90-001

PROJECT SCOPE: Acquisition Grant Withdrawn

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
City of Petoskey	Allen Hansen	Director, Parks & Rec.
Address	Telephone	
101 East Lake Street	231 347 2500	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
Petoskey, Michigan 49770	ahansen@petoskey.us	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

Grant returned could not reach agreement for acquisition

Has project site been converted to other than recreation use? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

Are the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. ☐ Yes ☐ No

SITE QUALITY

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

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

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

SITE QUALITY (CONT'D)

Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain. ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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

What is the annual budget to maintain the facility? ☐ Yes ☐ No

GENERAL

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

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

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

CERTIFICATION

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**MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT***This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended.*GRANTEE: City of PetoskeyPROJECT TITLE: Petoskey Winter Sports ParkPROJECT NUMBER: BF90-020PROJECT SCOPE: Development Renovation of Park**TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)**

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
City of Petoskey	Allen Hansen	Director, Parks & Rec.
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SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

Has project site been converted to other than recreation use? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

Are the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. ☒ Yes ☐ No

SITE QUALITY

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

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

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

SITE QUALITY (CONT'D)

Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain. ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

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

Yes daily winter, and summer and in sports seasons

What is the annual budget to maintain the facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

12000

GENERAL

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

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

Fees are charged for recreation programs and for skate rentals

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

Open year round winter hours weekend 12n ot 9pm remainder of year 8am to dusk

CERTIFICATION

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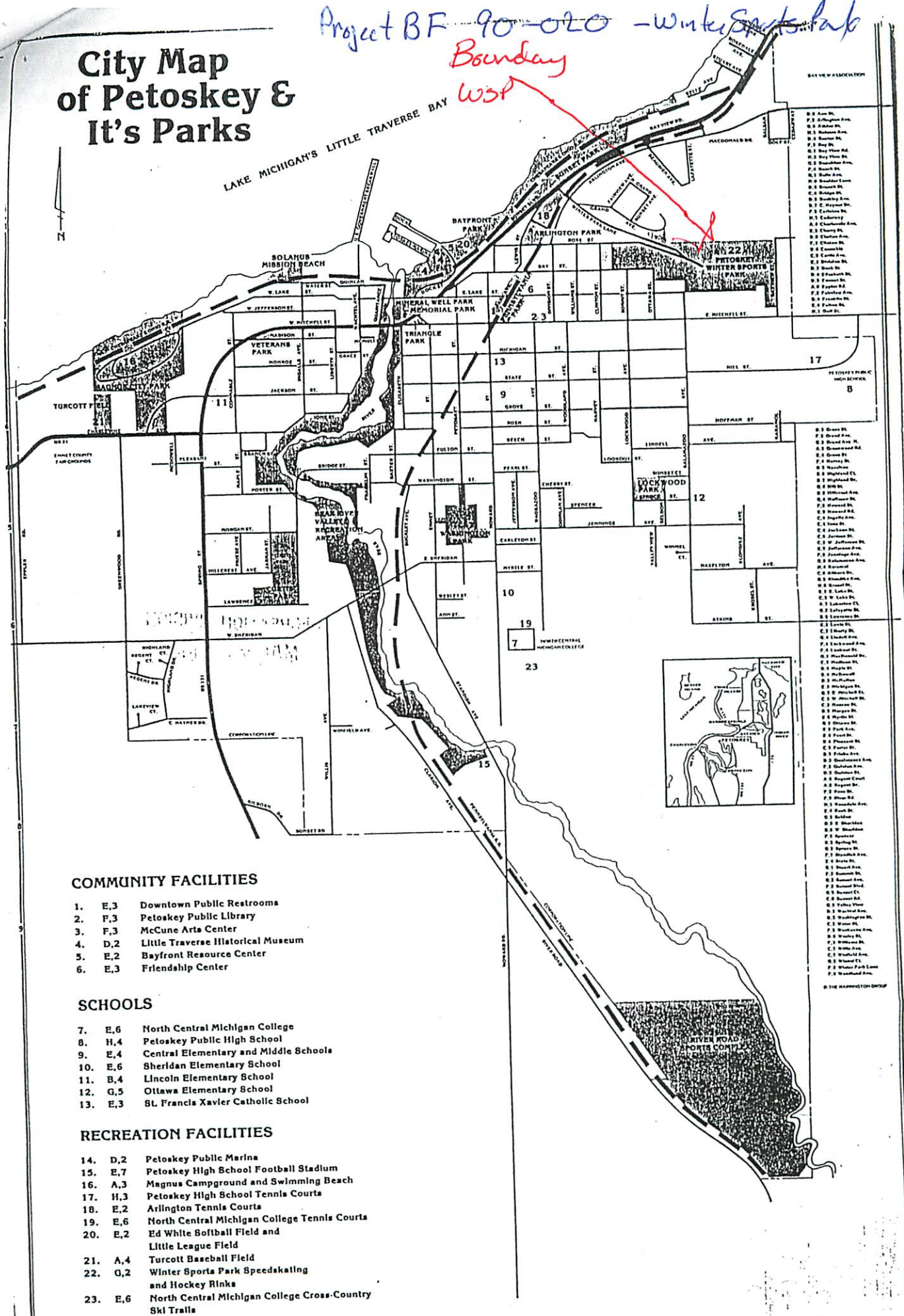
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City Map of Petoskey & It's Parks

Project BF 90-020 - Wink Sports Lab
Boundary WSP



CITY OF PELOUSEE
WINTER SPORTS PARK
Boundary Map - Legal
BF 90-020

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LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT

This information required under authority of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, 78 Stat. 897 (1964).

GRANTEE: CITY OF PETOSKEY

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01533

PROJECT TITLE: Washington Playground

PROJECT SCOPE: Playground, sidewalk, resilient surfacing landscaping LWCF sign

PROJECT TYPE: Development, ,

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
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SITE DEVELOPMENT

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If yes, please describe change(s).

☐ Yes ☒ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Several play components have been replaced structure age is 22 yrs.

Are the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

List all additional existing development/facilities at the referenced project site. If the site is undeveloped, please describe the present use and provide a schedule for future development, including a list of proposed facilities.

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

SITE QUALITY

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Daily during high use periods weekly off season

What is the annual budget to maintain the facility?

2000

GENERAL

Is a LWCF plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, provide a photograph.

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is any segment of the general public restricted from using the site or facilities?
(i.e. resident only, league only, boaters only, etc.) If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a fee charged for use of the site or facilities? If yes, please provide fee structure.

☐ Yes ☒ No

Program fee is charged to recreational program participants

No entry fee to park

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

8am to sunset open year round

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE

a. Are signs posted or are brochures available that contain the following required non-discrimination statement:

"This program receives Federal funds from the National Park Service. Regulations of the U.S. Department of Interior strictly prohibit unlawful discrimination in departmental federally-assisted programs on the basis of race, color, national origin, age and handicap?" If yes, specify which method(s) is used, including the location of same.

☐ Yes ☒ No

No sign, however City has similar policy

in place

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE (CONT'D)

b. Is the following address included for the purpose of facilitating an individual's filing of a complaint?

☐ Yes ☒ No

DIRECTOR - EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
US DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
PO BOX 37127
WASHINGTON DC 20013-7127

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

CERTIFICATION

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

Allen L. Hansen

Please print

Allen L. Hansen

Grantee Authorized Signature

10/8/12

Date

Lisa M. Denoyer

Please print

Lisa M. Denoyer

Witness Signature

10/8/12

Date

Send completed report to:

GRANTS MANAGEMENT
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PO BOX 30425
LANSING MI 48909-7925

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**MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT***This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended.*GRANTEE: city of PetoskeyPROJECT TITLE: Skyline Trail AcquisitionPROJECT NUMBER: TF08-010PROJECT SCOPE: Acquire 65 acre parcel to link**TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)**

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
City of Petoskey	Allen Hansen	Director, Parks & Rec.
Address	Telephone	
101 East Lake Street	231-347-2500	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
Petoskey, Michigan 49770	ahansen@petoskey.us	

SITE DEVELOPMENTAny change(s) in the facility type, site layout, or recreation activities provided? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please describe change(s).Skyline trail segment installed and is part of National scenic trailHas project site been converted to other than recreation use? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. ☐ Yes ☒ NoAre any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain. ☐ Yes ☒ NoAre the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. ☐ Yes ☒ NoLimited access foot trails slopes exceed 10% on portion of trail do to terrain**SITE QUALITY**Is there a sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please provide a picture of the sign. If no, please explain.Are the facilities and the site being properly maintained? If no, please explain. ☒ Yes ☐ No

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

SITE QUALITY (CONT'D)

Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain. ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

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

Trail maintained by North Country Trail Volunteers and City Periodic and mowing

What is the annual budget to maintain the facility? ☒ Yes ☐ No

1000

GENERAL

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

ATV, restricted due to soil erosion and hiking conflicts

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

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

Open year round

CERTIFICATION

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

Allen L. Hansen
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Allen L. Hansen
Grantee Authorized Signature

10/8/12
Date

Lisa M. Denoyer
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Lisa M. Denoyer
Witness Signature

10/8/12
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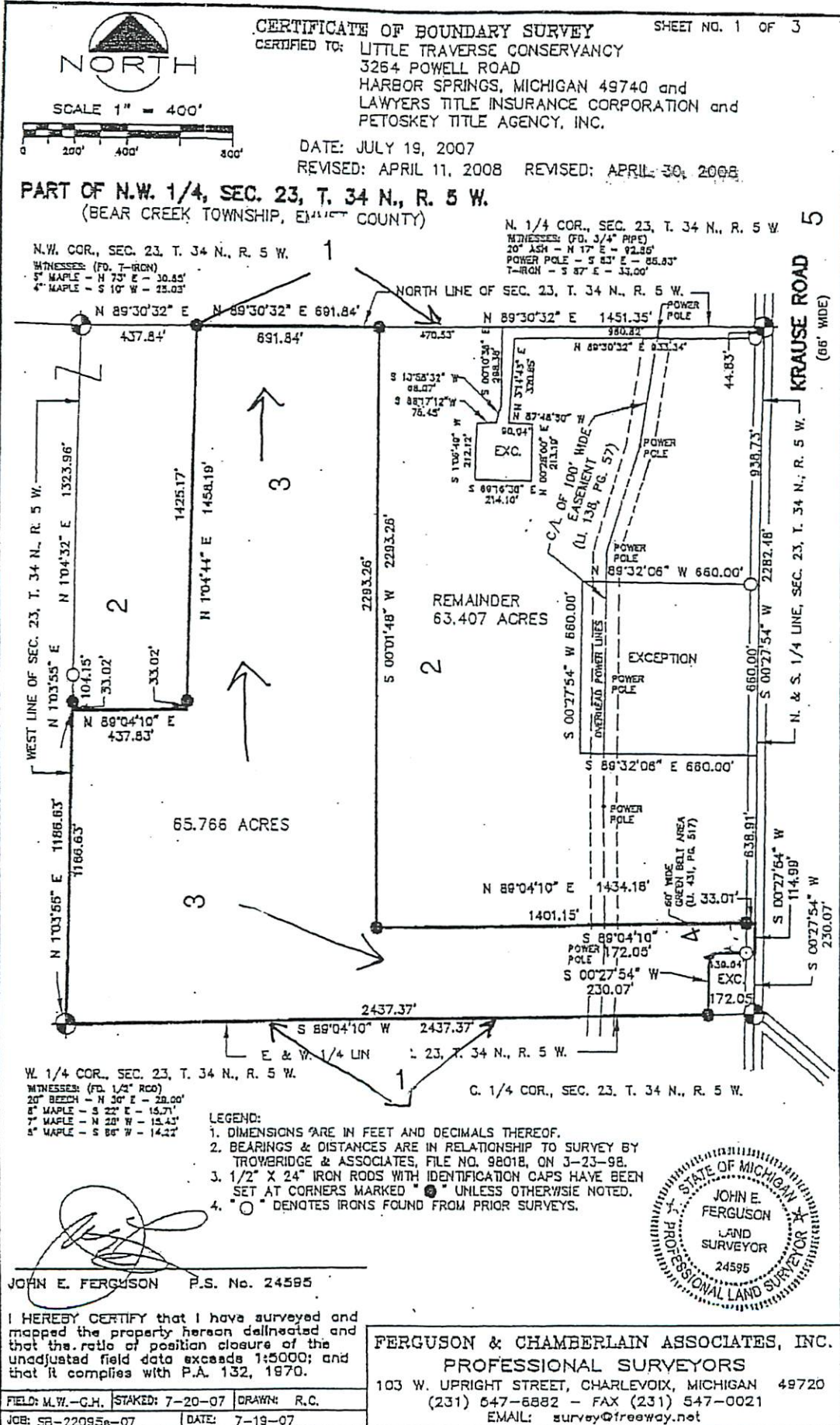
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SKYLINE MUNICIPAL FOREST



BOUNDARY SURVEY MAP

Skyline Trail Acquisition TF08-010



- Proposed Land Use:**
- Trail areas - non-motorized and observation areas
 - Future parking/access - Trail head, potential shelter
 - Krause Road
- Surrounding Land Use:**
- North and South sides of property - City forest/recreation
 - East and West, sides of property - Private land/forest/residential
- Bold Lines = Boundary**



MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT
This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended.

GRANTEE: City of Petoskey

PROJECT TITLE: Quarry Harbor NonMotorized Trail

PROJECT NUMBER: TF11-009 Project Active

PROJECT SCOPE: Non-Motorized Trail

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
City of Petoskey	Kendall Klingelsmith	Dir. Parks & Rec
Address	Telephone	
101 East Lake Street	231 347 2500	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
Petoskey, Michigan 49770	kklingelsmith@petoskey.us	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

Has project site been converted to other than recreation use? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

Are the site and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities? If no, please explain. ☒ Yes ☐ No

SITE QUALITY

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

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

POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT (CONT'D)

SITE QUALITY (CONT'D)

Are there any features near the site which would detract from the use and enjoyment of the site or would pose a health or safety problem? If yes, please explain. ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

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

Staff checks minimally one time per week, more if necessary.

What is the annual budget to maintain the facility? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5000

GENERAL

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

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

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

Sunrise to Sunset

CERTIFICATION

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

KENDALL KLINGELSMITH

Please print

Kendall Klingel Smith

Grantee Authorized Signature

11/17/17

Date

Lisa Denoyer

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Lisa Denoyer

Witness Signature

11/17/17

Date

Send completed report to: **GRANTS MANAGEMENT
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
P O BOX 30425
LANSING MI 48909-7925**



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

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

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

GRANTEE: City of PetoskeyPROJECT NUMBER: TF11-030PROJECT TYPE: Non-motorized TrailPROJECT TITLE: Downtown Greenway North Segment

PROJECT SCOPE: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee)	Contact Person	Title
City of Petoskey	Kendall Klingelsmith	Director Parks and Rec
Address	Telephone	
101 E Lake Street	231-347-2500	
City, State, ZIP	Email	
Petoskey, MI 49770	kklingelsmith	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

If yes, please describe change(s).

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

Are any of the facilities obsolete? If yes, please explain.

☐ Yes ☒ No**SITE QUALITY**

Is there a park entry sign which identifies the property or facility as a public recreation area?

If yes, please provide a photograph of the sign. If no, please explain.

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is vandalism a problem at this site? If yes, explain the measures being taken to prevent or minimize vandalism.

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

Is maintenance scheduled on a regular basis? If yes, give schedule. If no, please explain. ☒ Yes ☐ No
The trail is checked, at a minimum, weekly for any maintenance issues to address

GENERAL

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

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

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

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

Sunrise to sunset

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

CERTIFICATION

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

KENDALL KLEGG SMITH
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Kendall Klegg Smith
Grantee Authorized Signature

12/12/17
Date

Lisa Denoyer
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