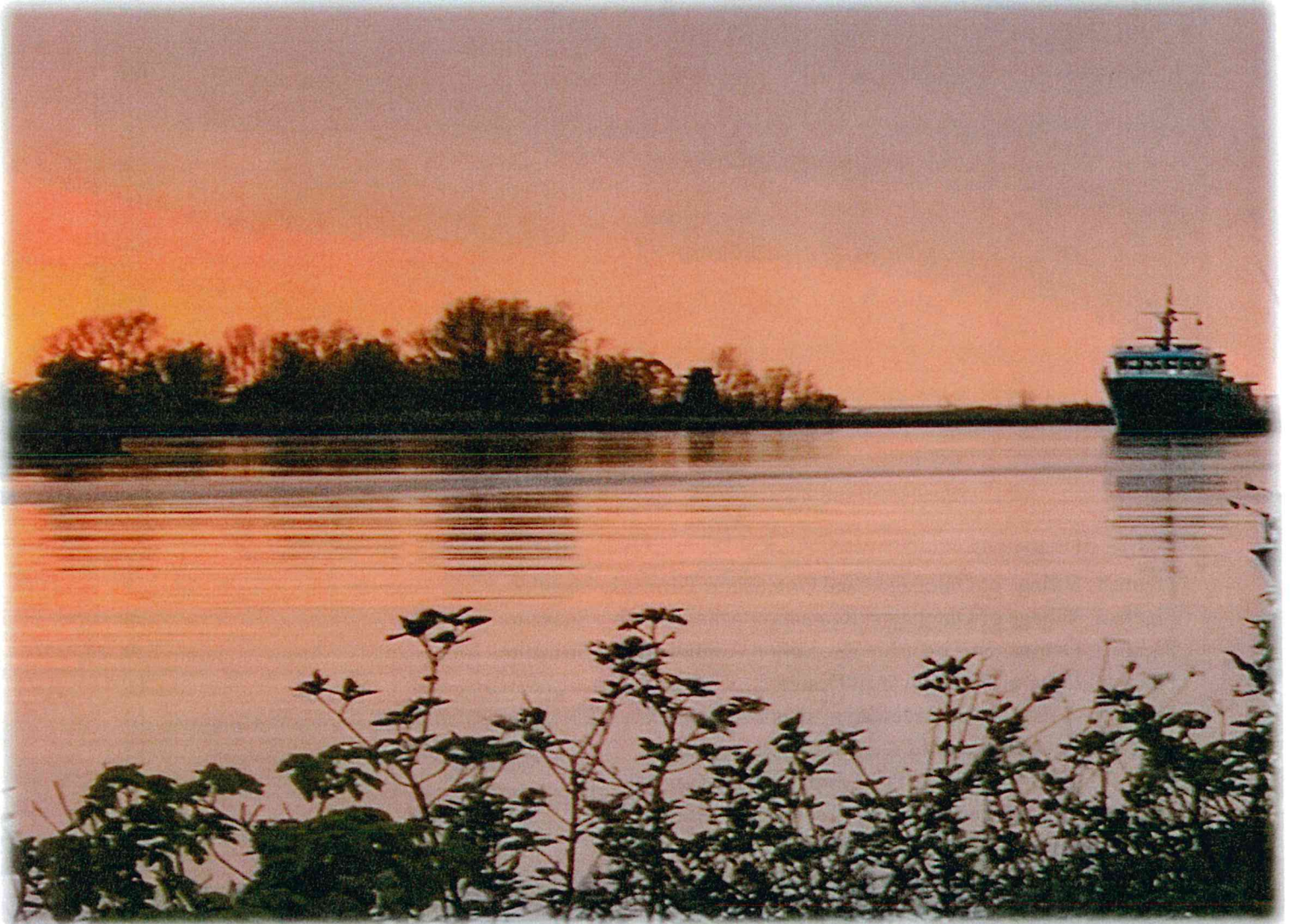


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**VILLAGE OF ONTONAGON
ONTONAGON TOWNSHIP**

JOINT RECREATION PLAN 2023-2028

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PART 1: COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

The Village of Ontonagon was founded in 1843 and is located within Ontonagon Township. The Village and surrounding Township are located at the mouth of the Ontonagon River, which is on the south shore of Lake Superior in the Western Upper Peninsula of Michigan (see **Figure 1**). The Village is the county seat, the only incorporated municipality in the county, and a major trading, cultural, and social center for a large part of the west-central Upper Peninsula.

Most of the Village's residential and commercial development is established along the east side of the Ontonagon River, with industrial development adjacent to the harbor. The Ontonagon River serves as large drainage basin fed by four main branches of the river and several streams. The main river flows from near Rockland into Lake Superior in the Village. The river also provided an early port for the shipping of copper and lumber and supported a fishing industry.

The Village and Township have historically been heavily dependent on the extractive industries of mining, forestry and agriculture. Industries of this type are especially affected by fluctuations in the business cycle and changes in national and world markets. Thus, the economy of the Village and Township has undergone a pattern of boom and bust related to the major natural resources of copper and wood. More recently tourism has had a large impact on the local economy. The change in the predominance of these industries over time has affected employment opportunities and settlement patterns.

The discovery of large amounts of copper in the early- and mid-19th century brought the area's first boom and first influx of immigrants. During the 1860's, copper was widely used in the production of munitions for the Civil War, and the Village of Ontonagon became the largest town on Lake Superior. Copper mining continued as the dominant economic enterprise through World War I, but rapidly declined shortly thereafter when most of the mines in the area closed. In the 1880's, large scale logging of the pine forests began with the wholesale purchase of land by the Diamond Match Company. By 1890, the two sawmills owned by the Diamond Match Company cut 300,000 board feet of lumber daily. In 1896, a fire at the sawmill swept through the Village, and the company never rebuilt.

In the 1980s the area's employment revolved around three single-employer industries: a corrugated medium paper mill, an operating copper mine, and a commercial shipbuilding firm. Beginning in 1995, economic conditions resulted in the mine terminating operations. The shipbuilding operations followed suit in 1998, and the paper mill terminated operations in 2009.

Historically, logging was an important industry but many of the forests are now used for recreational purposes. There are 199 campsites in the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park, which is located 15 miles west of the Village and has drawn roughly 300,000 visitors annually in recent years. Besides being major tourist attractions, the picturesque mountains of the 58,000-acre Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park and other areas of Ontonagon County are unique features of Michigan's geography.

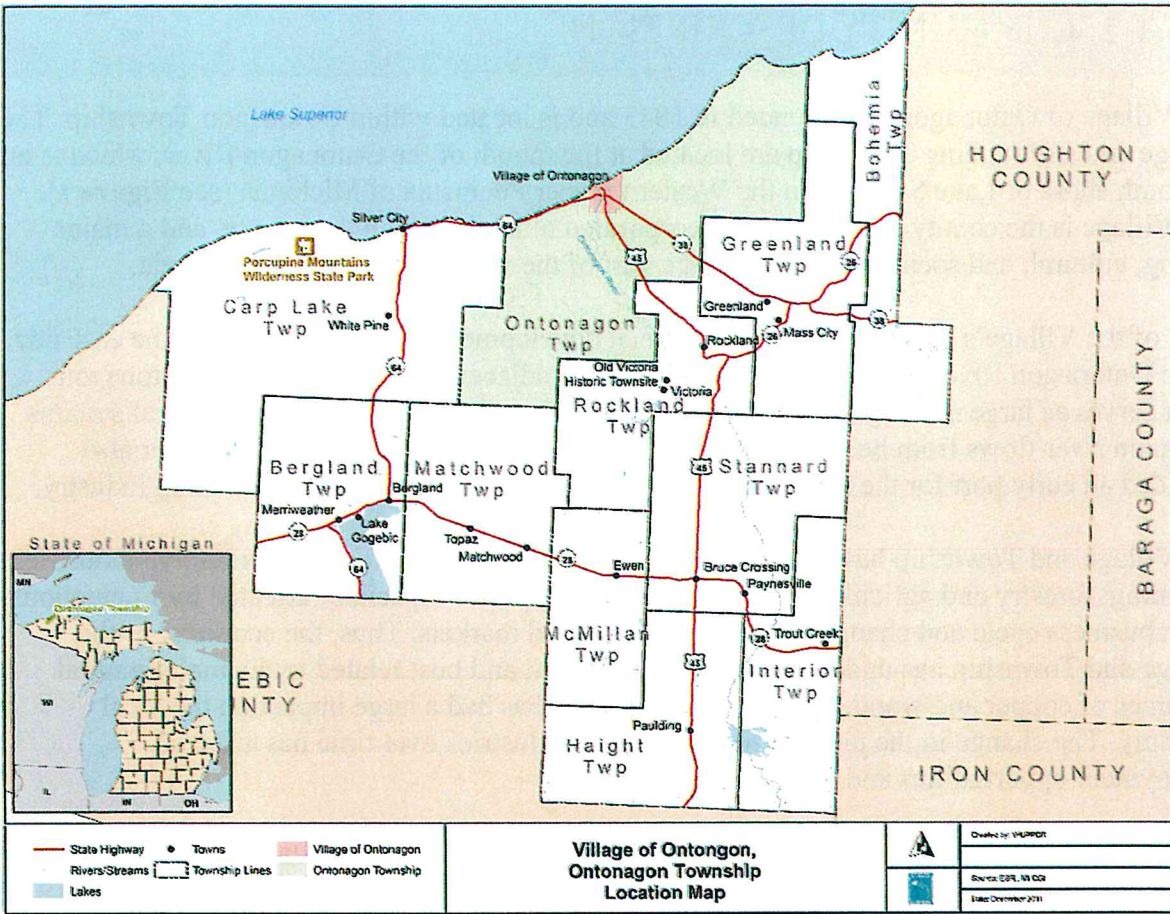


Figure 1: Village of Ontonagon and Ontonagon Township Location

There are 21 major lakes, 26 major trout streams, nine waterfalls and four named rapids that are recreational assets within the county. Lake Superior, the largest body of fresh water in the world, and the County has 52 mile of lake shore. Tourism and recreation are now important to the Village’s and the Township’s economy, making winter sports, summer sports, and other recreational activities a potential growth area.

LAND USE

The Village’s land use is characterized by retail and service businesses set in a linear pattern along River Street (Highway US-45), the “downtown.” The orientation of the development pattern, which follows the flow of the river, is northwest to southeast. The northern and eastern edge of the commercial district consists of residential neighborhoods. West of the Village and on the north side of the mouth of the Ontonagon River is a large industrial facility, Trident Maritime systems, Inc. (formerly known as Lakeshore Systems, Inc.) (recently purchased by J.F. Lehman & Company), which is being utilized at this time.

Adjacent to the park is the 50-slip Village Marina facility. The full-service marina includes a boat hoist, service building, fish cleaning station, boat storage area, paved parking lot, and three

boat launch ramps. Located between the Ontonagon River and downtown is the former EL&S railroad yards acquired by the MDNR through the rail bank program and an area known as the “island.” The Rose Island area is primarily open space except for two occupied housing units, two commercial buildings, a private dock, parks, and one Village park which exhibits two vacant older buildings previously used by the commercial fishing industry. The entire southern portion of the island is a wetland area. Separating the island from downtown is a waterway known as the Rose Channel or the slough. Once navigable by larger boats, the slough receives minimal flow from the river and is navigable to canoes and kayaks. The Township, with the Village at its approximate center, is a composite of residential, commercial, agricultural, forestry, and streams-and-rivers zoning. The Township includes the Township Park campground and playground complex along the Township’s 22.6 miles of Lake Superior shoreline. The Ontonagon Airport also lies in the Township, adjacent to Highway M-64 between the Village the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park.

UTILITIES

The downtown and waterfront areas are served by the Village water and sewer system. Both utilities cross the Ontonagon River at the island. These crossings are under the river bed. Construction has been completed on the water system improvement program, which links the three major rural communities—namely the Village of Ontonagon, Silver City in Carp Lake Township, and White Pine in Carp Lake Township. A river crossing exists from the marina area south of the railroad bridge. The Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park received an appropriation to construct a transmission main from Silver City to the State Park, which was constructed and completed in the summer of 2002. The State Park is a major utility customer of the Village of Ontonagon. In spring 2006, the Township added a sewage lift station to enable the community to service the Township Park and waterfront. Private utilities offered in the area include natural gas, electric, phone and DSL, cell phone and G4 wireless, cable TV and internet, and fiber optic networks. In 2017 the Ontonagon Telephone Company extended fiber optic service to all properties in the Village.

POPULATION TRENDS

Tables 1 and 2 summarize the socio-economic characteristics of the Village, Township, and County, respectively. As of 2020 the Village is estimated to have a population of 1,285 residents. This represents a 14.0% decline from 2010. Township population experienced an 17.1% decline over the same period to 2,425 in 2020.

The population decline can be attributed to the lack of employment opportunities that started when the Smurfit –Stone Container Paper Mill permanently closed in 2011. The median age for the Village is 60.6. This substantiates local wisdom that young people are leaving the area for work and those being attracted are retirees.

Table 1: Socio-Economic Summary of Ontonagon Village

	1990	2000	2010	2020
Total Population	2,040	1,769	1,494	1,285
% Change	-6.5%	-13.3%	-15.5%	-14.0%
Median Household Income	\$21,048	\$28,300	\$32,950	\$32,100

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates; otherwise U.S. Census Bureau

Table 2: Socio-Economic Summary of Ontonagon Township

	1990	2000	2010	2020
Total Population	3,238	2,954	2,660	2,425
% Change	N/A	-8.8%	-10.0%	-17.1%
Median Household Income	\$22,004	\$32,308	\$33,150	\$41,364

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates; otherwise U.S. Census Bureau

TRANSPORTATION

Because of its remote northern location on the south shore of Lake Superior, transportation and communications are especially meaningful to the economy of Ontonagon. The Village of Ontonagon is at the northern terminus of US 45, which extends through the middle of the nation connecting Lake Superior with the Gulf of Mexico. Terminal locations such as this, located on international boundary waters, do not have the advantage of transient or en route business or recreational traffic. To attract large volumes of tourist or business travel, then, it is necessary to develop “destination” types of attractions and incentives.

Highway M-64 was built to accommodate the connection of Ontonagon with the Porcupine Mountains and White Pine, influencing the number of people visiting the downtown and waterfront areas. In 2006 the Michigan Department of Transportation appropriated funds to change the location of Highway M-64 and the bridge crossing the Ontonagon River. M-64 now crosses the river 2,500 feet upstream from its previous location and swing bridge (which has been demolished), creating a bypass around the downtown district. (The new bridge is shown at left.) Large watercraft vessels retain access to the Village Marina below the bridge, whereas smaller watercraft vessels continue to navigate the river upstream of the marina.

Public access to the river is available on Village-owned property at the marina and Riverfront Park. Downstream from the old M-64 bridge site, access is currently limited by the industrial use of the property, and a pier rehabilitation project constructed in 1995 by the Army Corps of Engineers has resulted in the destruction, through erosion, of the Village’s only handicapped accessible boardwalk to the East Pier fishing area.

The Army Corps of Engineers maintains the Ontonagon Harbor as a deep-water port up stream to the old M-64 bridge site. The Ontonagon Harbor is as harbor of refuge, with the nearest safe harbors being Black River Harbor 40 miles to the west and the North Portage Entry, 50 miles to the east. Keeping the harbor dredged and usable to deep-water vessels is important to the local

economy and future industrial development in the Village. Ontonagon Harbor is the only commercial harbor in Michigan on the western basin of Lake Superior.

Motor freight and car carry most of the goods and people over relatively good highways that connect the trunk lines (for average daily volumes, see **Figure 1.**) A railroad was present until 2011 in the Village of Ontonagon and Ontonagon Township. Rail service (owned by the Escanaba and Lake Superior Railroad) to the Village of Ontonagon was discontinued in 2011. In 2014 13.25 linear miles of railroad track was sold to DNR to establish a key trail connection between the Village of Ontonagon and Rockland. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Village of Ontonagon are entered into an Operating Agreement #PRD-MISC-050-2019 to develop and maintain these trails for public use partnering with MI-TRALE.

Passenger air service is available at Hancock and Ironwood. The Ontonagon Township/County airport has a 3,500-foot runway and is available for private flights. Ontonagon County has a public transit system, known as On-Tran, which operates a number of small buses. On-Tran provides countywide service Monday through Friday. Its facility is located on the west end of the Village off Highway M-64.

FLOOD PLAINS

The entire waterfront and a portion of the downtown are located in a 100 year flood plain. The Village participates in the National Flood Insurance Program. Major flooding has occurred in the Village caused by ice dams restricting the flow of spring runoff. These ice dams have occurred at the old M-64 Swing Bridge and at the mouth of the Ontonagon River. The last major flooding occurred in 1963. The slough area can be closed to flowing water as a result of the construction of an earthen dike on the island built after the 1963 flood. The dike remains in place and extends from the railroad grade downstream to the location of the previous M-64 bridge. Relocation of the bridge has alleviated the majority of the ice damming problems. A new formal evaluation of the flood plains needs to be conducted, since the characteristics of flooding in the lower Ontonagon River have likely changed.

PHYSIOGRAPHY

The region surrounding Ontonagon Harbor was shaped during the Pleistocene glaciation. The Ontonagon River is the major stream in the largest watershed on the south shore of Lake Superior.

The Ontonagon River runs in a northerly direction through the break between the Gogebic Range and Copper Range in Western Upper Peninsula. The Ontonagon River drains about a 1,390-square mile area. The shape of the Ontonagon River's drainage area and the topography of the drainage basin is such that high flows of short duration occur with rainfall of moderate intensity over a relatively small area. Most of the drainage area consists of well-defined valleys, but near

Lake Superior the river meanders through a broad, gently sloping plain. The upper basin is bowl shaped with four tributaries: the East, Middle, West, and South Branches of the Ontonagon River.

CLIMATE

Because of the moderating influences of Lake Superior, the Village of Ontonagon and Ontonagon Township have climatic and weather conditions less extreme than their northerly location might suggest. The mean annual temperature of 46 degrees Fahrenheit is surprisingly higher than that of the northern Lower Peninsula. The mean annual snowfall is less than some areas of the Western Upper Peninsula and averages 142 inches per year, which is reflective of the area mean annual precipitation of 35 inches/year. Most of the Ontonagon area of 110 to 130 days, which is somewhat longer than in the interior parts of the Upper Peninsula and the northern Lower Peninsula but much shorter than in the coastal areas and all of the southern Lower Peninsula.

GEOLOGY - SOILS

Surface geology of the area consists primarily of Freda Sandstone and Nonesuch Shale; both Upper Precambrian formations. The soils near Lake Superior are generally sandy. Inland, five miles along the Ontonagon River is the Michigamme-Champion-Rockland Association, a shallow, stony, poorly-drained soil. The remaining area around the Village and harbor consists primarily of the Ontonagon-Rudyard-Pickford Association, a deep, well-drained to poorly drained clay type soil which has a very fine texture, and good water capacity. Except for the alluvial soils in the flood plain of the river, the soils in the Village were deposited underwater, when the predecessor to Lake Superior stood at higher levels and inundated the site of Ontonagon. As the Great Lakes water lowered and the surface of the land emerged, the soils were subjected to repeated reworking by surface water. The result is a complex mixture of soil types with a variety of textures and drainage characteristics.

VEGETATION

About 80% of Ontonagon County is in forests, as is about 89% of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The area surrounding the Village is primarily wooded. The major forest type is mixed northern hardwoods including Maple, White Pine, Red Pine, and Aspen.

WILDLIFE

Wildlife in the Ontonagon area is an abundant resource ranging from the larger species such as black bear, white-tailed deer, coyote, wolf, and fox to smaller species such as snowshoe hare, cottontail rabbit, ruffed grouse, duck and goose. Occasionally, fisher, eagle and bobcat are observed. A large variety of freshwater fish is also abundant in Lake Superior and the small inland lakes. These include such species as walleye, northern pike, trout, musky, bass, perch, and whitefish.

PART 2: ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

ONTONAGON VILLAGE COUNCIL

The Village Council reviews and acts on recommendations received from the Planning Commission, Marina Commission, Recreation Commission and Village Manager. The Council determines and directs general policies toward the recreation needs of the Village. The Council reviews the Capital Improvements Plan and determines the amount of funds that are to be committed toward recreation endeavors. The Village Marina operates as an enterprise fund, being self-funded through fees, whereas the Parks and Rec Building are funded from the Village's General Fund.

VILLAGE MANAGER

The Village Manager is a voting member of the Marina Commission and communicates between the Village Council and Marina Commission. The Manager also directly supervises staff in both the Marina and recreation areas. The Manager makes budgetary recommendations to the Council and implements Council recommended policy.

MARINA COMMISSION

The Marina Commission makes, amends, revises and causes to be enforced written rules and regulations as necessary for proper administration of the Marina. It also provides and causes to be levied and collected adequate fees and rentals so that the marina is self-supporting. All such regulations are submitted to the Village Council for approval. Upon approval, all such regulations may be enforced pursuant to ordinance. The Marina Commission also provides for and instructs the Harbor Master on necessary operation and maintenance of the marina and provides the Village Council with such plans for expansion or alteration as may be required to meet the needs of the boating public.

RECREATION COMMISSION

The Recreation Commission's role is to work with the Village Council/Community Development Committee and provide ideas for parks and recreation within the Village. The Recreation Commission is in charge of providing maintenance and upgrade plans for current parks and recreation areas.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Village Planning Commission makes and adopts a master plan for the physical development of the Village, including any areas outside the boundaries of the Village which, in the Planning Commission's judgment, bear relation to the planning of the Village. The Planning Commission is granted all powers and duties generally prescribed by state statute. The Planning Commission

enforces the Village Zoning Ordinance, maintains the Village Capital Improvement Plans and evaluates the priorities for the Village Council.

VILLAGE RECREATION STAFFING

- Village Manager spends 5 - 10% of time on recreation annually
- Village employs a Marina Harbormaster(s) and an assistant for six months from late April through mid-October each year
- Village employs student workers in the summer to help maintain the Village parks.
- Numerous volunteers contribute time to provide manpower of all ice maintenance, and open skating supervision, and recreation building management
- Potential volunteer labor and donations are taken into account in determining feasibility of recreation facility improvements and expansion (included as items in survey used in development of this plan (see **Appendix E**).
- Village employees maintain grounds at Marina, Riverfront Park, James K. Paul Park, Recreation Building, and Little League Field

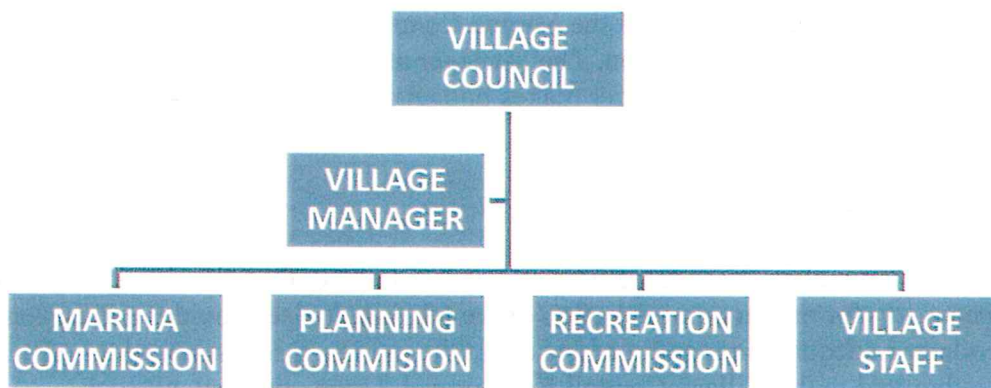


Figure 2: Village of Ontonagon Recreation Administrative Structure

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Ontonagon Township Park and its trails constitute the only developed recreation facility currently managed by the Township. These management responsibilities fall to the Ontonagon Township Parks Commission. This is an elected body established by the Township Board under the authority of Michigan Public Act 157 of 1905. The Parks Commission provides direction, policy, and day-to-day management of the operations of the Township Park facility.

The Ontonagon Township Board provides an annual General Fund contribution of support for the operation of the Township Park. This contribution, which is \$5,000 in 2022, offsets operational costs at the park. The remaining operational budget for the Township Park comes from camping revenues (\$239,503 in 2022). The Parks Commission oversees the activities of a

full time Park Manager, who oversees both the camping and recreational activities of the park. The total 2022 recreation budget is \$110,000.

Like the Village, the Township utilizes and greatly values volunteer assistance with its facilities—namely the Township Park. Volunteer fundraising and labor were the driving force behind the playground at the Park. The Township will count on similar volunteer efforts for future projects.

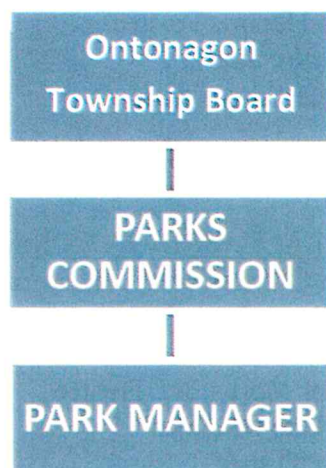


Figure 3: Ontonagon Township Recreation Administrative Structure

TOWNSHIP-VILLAGE CO-OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE

Significant industrial economic changes and a desire for more comprehensive recreation planning led the Township Board of Trustees and Parks Commission, in partnership with the Village Council, Village Planning Commission, and Village Recreation Commission, to appoint a five-member Joint Recreation Advisory Panel. The Panel’s primary goal will be to focus the combined community efforts on maximizing their recreational and economic opportunities available through the community’s abundance of natural resources. The Advisory Panel will meet quarterly in joint recreation planning sessions to update and expand the combined community activities. In addition, the Village and Township participate in the Ontonagon County Recreational Advisor Group, a voluntary organization formed to share information and promote mutual support between the Federal, State, County, Village, Townships, snowmobile clubs, ATV/ORV organizations and any other groups actively working to improve the recreational opportunities in the Ontonagon County Area.

COUNCIL/BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBERS

JOINT RECREATION ADVISORY PANEL

Kori Weisinger, Village Clerk
Steve Store, Township

Sarah Hopper, Village Council
Mike Rebholz, Village Council
Tony Smydra, Village Council
Bob Rotundo, Township

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Don Chastan, Trustee
Elmer Marks, Jr., Trustee
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Donna Nethery
Vacant
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Penny Saari, Treasurer
Pam Chabot, Clerk
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Vacant

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James Miles, Treasurer
Deb Slye, Secretary
Jason Clinesmith
Robert Clark
Matt Morgan, Manager

PART 3: RECREATION INVENTORY

In order to determine the need for future recreational facilities and equipment in the Village and Township of Ontonagon, it is necessary to take stock of what is presently available. This inventory was developed through examination of previous plans and consultation with Township and Village participants in the planning process. **Table 3** and accompanying **Figure 5** and **6** provide this information for planning purposes. The Recreation Commissions goal was to create an inventory of all recreational and potential recreational properties and facilities in the Ontonagon Area.

ACCESSIBILITY

Universal design (**Figure 4**) must be taken into account when planning and renovating recreation facilities to broaden potential group of users and to gain the highest return on investment through maximum versatility and ease of access. Handicapped accessibility is an important component of universal design.

Accessibility assessments and rankings were assigned for each site by the Joint Recreation Advisory Panel based on the parameters outlined in the “DNR Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans” as follows:

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

Seven Principles of Universal Design

1. **Equitable Use:** The design is useful and marketable to any group of users.
2. **Flexibility in Use:** The design accommodates a wide range of individual preferences and abilities.
3. **Simple and Intuitive Use:** Use of the design is easy to understand.
4. **Perceptible Information:** The design communicates necessary information effectively to the user.
5. **Tolerance for Error:** The design minimizes hazards and the adverse consequences of accidental or unintentional actions.
6. **Low Physical Effort:** The design can be used efficiently and comfortably.
7. **Size and Space for Approach and Use:** Appropriate size and space is provided for approach and use

Figure 4: Principles of Universal Design

VILLAGE OF ONTONAGON

The Village of Ontonagon owns ten named recreation facilities and has several others owned by other entities within its boundaries (also see **Table 3**). **Figure 5** indicates the locations of these recreation assets.

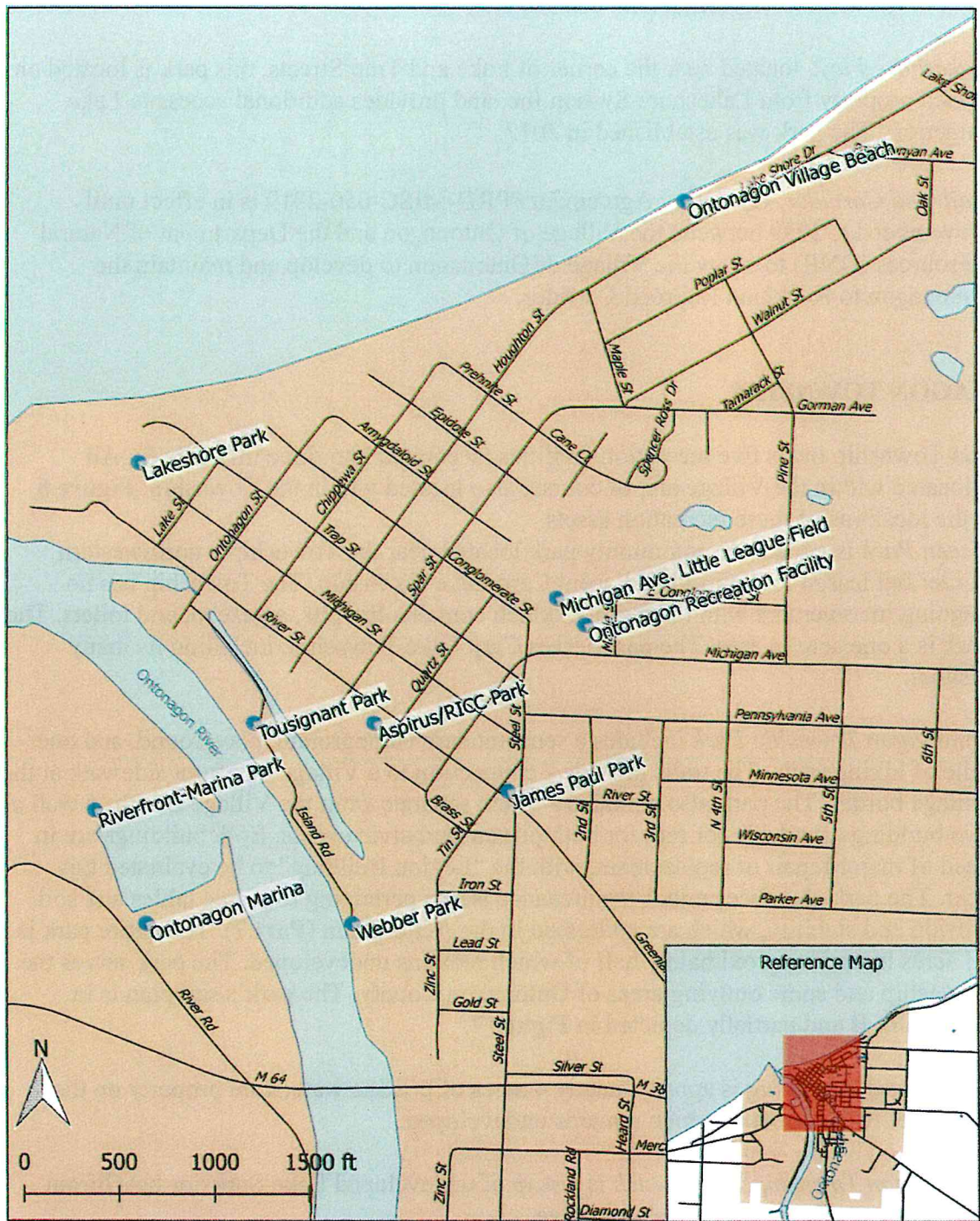
1. *James K. Paul Park* is a mini-park located across from a veteran's memorial in the downtown area. This small park has no facilities other than sitting benches. The park mainly serves the immediate neighborhood.
2. *Michigan Avenue Little League Field* is a baseball field outside the Recreation Center used for Little League and available for neighborhood use. The park serves the Village and much of the Township's outlying area.
3. *Ontonagon Marina* provides long-term boat docking and public access to the Ontonagon River, which in turn provides access to Lake Superior. The park serves the Village and much of Ontonagon County, as few similar facilities are available.
4. *Ontonagon Recreation Facility* is a 26,400-square foot indoor arena for ice skating and hockey with associated amenities. It also provides for summer events requiring a large floor area. The park serves the Village and much of the Township's outlying area.
5. *Ontonagon Village Beach*, also known as Lakeshore Drive Swimming Beach, is a strip of undeveloped Lake Superior beachfront directly accessible from Lakeshore Drive. The beach mainly serves the Village and Township and has handicapped accessible beach mats in four different locations along the dunes. Part of the 2005 Ontonagon Township Park and Village of Ontonagon Waterfront Master Plan constitutes the beach's site plan (**Appendix A**), which highlights the beach's ongoing problems with erosion.
6. *Riverfront-Marina Park*, located adjacent to the marina, is the largest park (five acres) owned by the Village. It has a picnic area, three volleyball courts, large undeveloped green space, and vault toilets. Also within the park is a boardwalk along the Ontonagon River. The main service area is the Village and immediately outlying parts of the Township.
7. *Tousignant Park*, located on the Island. Fishing docks and a parking area are provided at this park.
8. *Webber Park*, located at the south end of the Island. The park provides a river side boardwalk, walking trails, and a parking area.
9. *Rose Island Paddle Craft*, located on the Island. There is a kayak storage building along with a vault toilet/changing room to accompany the handicapped accessible kayak launch that enters into the Rose Island Channel.

10. *RICC Park*, located on River Street, the park is began development in 2017 as a public park in the downtown commercial district.
11. *Lakeshore Park*, located near the corner of Lake and Trap Streets, this park is located on leased property from Lakeshore System Inc. and provides additional access to Lake Superior. The park was established in 2017.
12. *Railroad Corridor*, Operating Agreement #PRD-MISC-050-2019 is in effect until November 11, 2039 between the Village of Ontonagon and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to allow the Village of Ontonagon to develop and maintain the Ontonagon to Rockland Railroad Corridor.

ONTONAGON TOWNSHIP

Ontonagon Township owns five recreation facilities (separated into three in **Table 6**). All facilities located within the Village are, of course, also located within the Township. **Figure 6** indicates the locations of these recreation assets.

1. *Green Park* is a roadside community park located near the Township's northwestern border but leased long-term to adjacent Carp Lake Township. The Township has no ongoing involvement with the facility, which contains fire pits, a gazebo, and toilets. The park is a one acre in area. The park serves Carp Lake Township, including its many visitors.
2. *Ontonagon Township Park* includes a semi-modern campground, playground, and one mile of hiking trails. The trails provide a connection to a Village lakefront sidewalk at the Village border. The park also contains a beach separate from the Village Beach as well as two buildings available for rent for both private and civic events. Both buildings are in need of major repair or replacement, with the "Legion Building" to be evaluated this year. The park also faces minor maintenance issues pertaining to picnic tables and soil erosion and stability, which are addressed in the Action Plan (**Part 7**). The entire park is 73 acres in area, approximately half of which remains undeveloped. The park serves the Township and some outlying areas of Ontonagon County. The park's site plan is in **Appendix B** and partially depicted in **Figure 7**.
3. *Blanksvard's Landing* is approximately 4 acres of pristine waterfront property on the Flintsteel River, most of which remains undeveloped.
4. *Ontonagon Township/Abby Beach* is a strip of undeveloped Lake Superior beachfront directly accessible from Lakeshore Drive.
5. *Doug's Sunset Park* is a day park with 215 feet of Lake Superior beach access. There is a handicap viewing platform for watching the stunning sunsets.



- Recreation Site
- River/Lake
- Road
- Village Limits

**Village of Ontonagon
Recreation Sites**



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Figure 5: Village-owned recreation sites

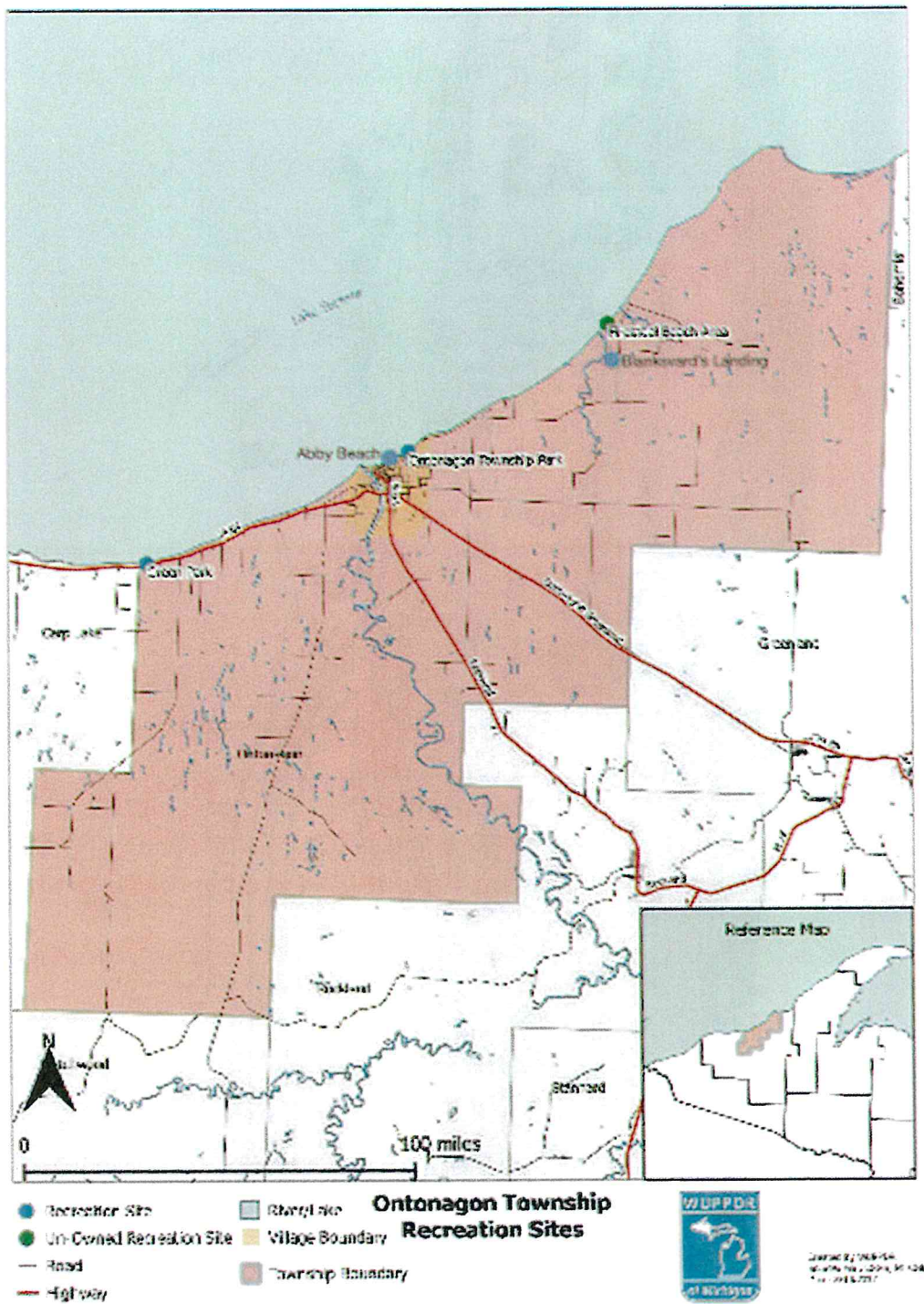


Figure 6: Township-owned recreation sites

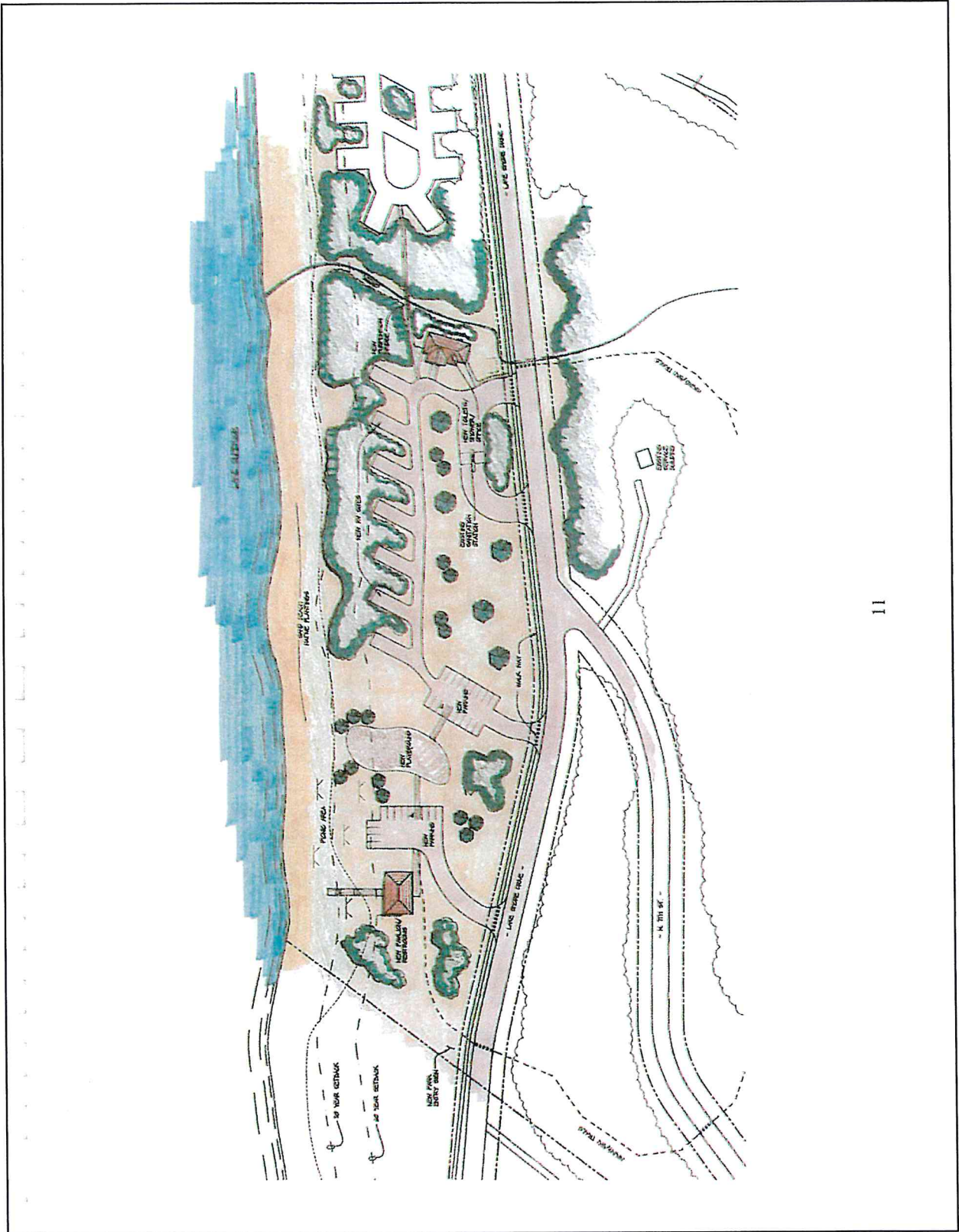


Figure 7: 2005 Ontonagon Township Park Site Plan Map

Table 3: Recreation Inventory: Village and Township of Ontonagon

Location	Type	Ownership	Accessibility Assessment	Existing Facilities
Green Park	Community Park	Carp Lake Twp. (Lease)	2	Pit Toilets, Picnic Tables, Parking Area
James K Paul Park	Small Park	Village	1	Benches, Tables
Little League Field	Outdoor Sports Field	Village	1	Dugouts & Bleachers
Ontonagon Elementary School Buildings & Grounds	Outdoor Sports Facilities & Playground	Village	2	Playground, Basketball Court, Indoor Gym
Ontonagon Area Schools	Indoor/Outdoor Sports Facilities	School	3	Playground, etc.
Ontonagon Golf Club	Golf Course	Private (Open to Public)	2	9 Hole golf course
Village Marina	Marina & Boat Launch	Village	3	50 slip marina
Village Rec. Building	Indoor Arena	Village	1	Indoor Ice Rink
Ontonagon Twp. Park	Campground & Playground	Township	3-4	Camp sites, Playground, etc.
Ont. Twp. Park Hiking Trails	Trails	Township	1	
Village Beaches	Lake Superior Beach	Village	3	Parking Areas
Ontonagon Library	Library	Township	3	
Ontonagon County Historical Museum	Museum	Non-Profit	2	
East Pier Access Walkway	Fishing Access	Village	1	
Ontonagon Theater	Performing Arts	Township	3	
Marina Park	Park & Playground	Village	2	Playground, Volleyball courts
Ont-Rockland Multi Use	Recreational Trail	State	1	

Trail				
Senior Center	Activity Center	Village	3	
Ont. School Nature Area	Trail	School	1	
Historic Fish Houses	Historic Site	Village	1	
Paddlecraft Landing	Water Trail Access	Village	4	Pit Toilet, Parking Area, ADA kayak launch
Ontonagon River Heritage Water Trail	Water Trail	Public Waters	1	
Lake Superior Water Trail	Water Trail	Public Waters	1	
Ontonagon County Firesteel River Property	Park, Water Trail Access	Ontonagon County	1	None
Flintsteel River Access Site	Water Trail Access	Ontonagon County Road Commission	1	None
Ontonagon County ORV Trails	ORV Trails	Multi	1	
Village Pathways	Walking/Bike Paths	Village	2	
E&LS RR Bridge	Trail	State	1	
OASD Forest	Trails	School	1	
Various Underutilized Village Properties.	Potential Rec Uses	Village	1	None
Ontonagon Lighthouse	Museum	OCHS	2	
Airport Property	Cross country ski trails	County	1	None
Greenland Road School	Dog Park	Village	1	
TBD	Soccer Field	TBD	TBD	

Doug's Sunset Park	Lake Superior viewing Area	Township	1	Deck viewing area Parking
Abby Beach	Lake Superior Beach	Township	1	Parking
Blanksvard Landing	Flintsteel River Access	Township	1	Parking
TBD	Mountain Bike Trails	TBD	TBD	
TBD	Splash Pad	TBD	TBD	
TBD	Community Garden	TBD	TBD	
TBD	Big League Ballfield	TBD	TBD	
TBD	Fitness Trail	TBD	TBD	
TBD	Equestrian Facilities	TBD	TBD	

Previous DNR Recreation Grants

DNR recreation grants previously received by the Village and Township of Ontonagon are as follows:

Village

Boardwalk and Riverfront Park

- Development grant #26-01436 of 1986 in the amount of \$22,591:
 - Paved entrance road & parking (remains in use)
 - Tot lot (remains in usable condition)
 - Landscaping (in state of deterioration)
 - Fisherman's walkway (remains in use in good condition)
 - Picnic tables (many remain; maintained and replaced as necessary)
 - Vault toilet (remains in use in fair condition)

Marina and Adjacent Areas

- Development grant #26-00179 of 1969 ("Ontonagon Marina") in the amount of \$60,000
 - Toilet building (functioning in usable condition)
 - Electricity & lighting (functioning and in use)
 - Access road with parking lot (remains in good condition)
 - Slope protection within mooring basin (believed to remain in good condition)
 - LWCF sign (remains legible and in place)
- Development grant #26-01031 of 1978 ("Ontonagon Mooring Facilities") in the amount of \$59,762.79
 - Finger piers (still functioning their intended purpose)
 - LWCF sign (remains legible and in place)
- Development grant #TF91-236 of 1991 ("Island Shoreline Improvement") in the amount of \$75,000

- Boardwalk (remains in use in good condition)
- Deck (remains in use in good condition)
- Floating docks (remains in use in good condition)
- Picnic facilities (remains in use in good condition)
- Shore stabilization (remains in place)
- Landscaping (completed but has been subject to wear and tear)
- Parking (remains in use)
- Development grant #26-01516 of 1992 (“Boat Launch Dock/Boardwalk”) in the amount of \$52,358.68
 - Docking, boardwalk, & shoreline protection (serving intended use but have undergone wear and tear)
- Acquisition grant #TF06-032 of 2006 (“Ontonagon Marina Acquisition”) in the amount of \$87,000
 - Acquisition of two acres of Ontonagon Riverfront property for the development of a recreational boating facility and public fishing access at the current marina
 - 1.5 acres were acquired around the “old pump house” in 2013. In 2015, the Village spent \$25,000 to stabilize the river bank from erosion.
- MNRC Waterway Grant of 2016 to dredge the Marina Basin
 - \$286,400 project including 10% match
 - Engineer and Plans Completed
 - MDEQ & USACOE Permits received
 - Project Bid Awarded October 24, 2016
 - Project completion date August 31, 2018

Recreation Facility

- Development grant #26-01023 T2 of 1977 in the amount of \$169,153.74.
 - Ice rink (remains in use in good condition)
 - LWCF sign (remains in place and legible)
- MRP Grant #RP15 – 0069 of 2015 to refurbish the lighting at the Recreation Building.
 - \$44,500 project including 25% match
 - Engineer and plans completed
 - LED Lighting Materials bid and received
 - Bids pending for installation.
 - Project Completed May 31, 2017

Rose Island

- MNRTF Grant #TF14-0274 of 2014 to develop an Accessible Paddle Craft Landing on the Island.
 - \$63,500 project including 30% match
 - Engineering and plans completed
 - Permits received from MDEQ
 - Project Completed October 2022

Lakeshore

- MRP Grant #RP16-0097 of 2016 to replace lighting and benches along Lake Superior/Lakeshore Drive.
 - Application received final score of 190
 - Awarded
 - Fall 2017 – Engineering & Design
 - Project Completion Date October 1, 2018

Township

Township Park

- Development grant number 26-01161 of 1980 in the amount of \$5,656.52
 - o Access road (remains in use in good condition)
 - o Storage/shelter building (remains in use in reasonably good condition)
- Development grant number TF06-075 of 2006 in the amount of \$232,800
 - o New restroom/shelter building (remains in use in good condition)
 - o Pedestrian bridge and trails (remains in use in good condition)
 - o Campsite expansion (in use as completed)
 - o Electrical upgrades (functioning and in use)
 - o Interpretive signage and hiking trails (functioning and in use)

- Recreation Grant #TF0207 of 2021 in the amount of \$100,000
 - o To purchase 3.1 acres on the corner of Lakeshore Drive and Paul Bunyan Road that includes 275 ft. of beautiful Lake Superior's sandy beach.

PART 4: DESCRIPTION OF PLANNING PROCESS

In August of 2022, the Village and Township of Ontonagon began the process of revising the five year Rec Plan. The Village Recreation Commission, Village Council representatives and Township Representatives participated in a number of strategic planning communications to develop recreational goals, identify local recreational facilities and resources, and develop the five year action plan. The entities relied on existing information, past surveys, current surveys and input from the various groups in developing the plan.

Members of the public had the opportunity to comment on the Joint Village and Township Recreation Plan at public meetings on March 16, 2022, April 20, 2022, May 25, 2022, June 15, 2022, August 17, 2022, October 19, 2022, and December 21, 2022. There was an online survey open from October 27, 2022 through November 15, 2022 which received 147 responses with the majority being online. The survey results were combined and are shown in **Appendices E**. The recreation commission held a Public Hearing on December 21, 2022 for any additional and final public insight.

The required 30-day review and comment period for the draft was announced at the November 28, 2022 Village Council meeting (minutes in **APPENDIX F**). Notices were posted in the Ontonagon Herald for all outlets available to review any information on November 2, 2022 and November 9, 2022. The plan was approved by both the Village and the Township at the regular meetings in January of 2023 following the hearing. The adoption resolutions are in **Appendix H**.

PART 5: GOALS

The cooperative goal of the Village of Ontonagon and the Township of Ontonagon is to create a recreational environment in the Ontonagon Area that enhances the quality of life of all persons, of all ages, of all abilities, and of all interests for the physical and spiritual well-being of each us and all of us. The following goals have been adopted to help achieve this vision:

- **Goal 1:** Provide facilities, programs and opportunities which sufficiently meet the recreation needs of all residents and visitors;
- **Goal 2:** Manage land and water resources within the Village and Township to provide for future generations;
- **Goal 3:** Spend limited recreation funds in an efficient and effective manner;
- **Goal 4:** Improve, expand, and enhance our existing parks and recreation facilities for our residents, visitors and future generations;
- **Goal 5:** Make all of our parks and recreation facilities user friendly and accessible, in the spirit of universal design, and welcoming to all people;
- **Goal 6:** Explore new recreational opportunities for residents and visitors of all ages and abilities;
- **Goal 7:** Seek partnerships, both public and private, to provide and improve the recreational opportunities of our residents, visitors and future generations; and
- **Goal 8:** Develop and improve linkages between our parks and recreational facilities and the world; with trails, pathways, complete streets, and any other means, to provide a recreational journey from our recreational facilities to our neighbors.

PART 6: RECREATION NEEDS – OBJECTIVES & BASIS FOR ACTION PLAN

When determining the need for recreation opportunities in the Village and Township, several key elements need to be analyzed in order to formulate an Action Plan. Based on the recreation survey, discussions with residents, and the involved legislative and advisory bodies, a variety of recreation deficiencies were identified. The Action Program (**Part 7**) is intended to provide for those needs which are most evident at the present time and for which developing trends indicate a need.

When developing this Plan, the Village and Township sought to broaden the scope of recreational opportunities within the Village and Township. The representatives expanded the Recreational Inventory to consider traditional and non-traditional recreational facilities, explored potential recreational sites, and identified recreational sites outside of the Village and Township with linkages and trail connections to the local area. The consideration for development of any recreational assets can be greatly influenced by partnerships. The Committee strongly supports partnerships, cooperation, mutual support with public and private groups and organizations promoting recreational development at any of these facilities and sites.

The Village and Township participate in the Ontonagon County Recreational Advisory Group, which was formed to share information and promote mutual support between the Federal, State, County, Village, Townships and various organizations actively working to improve the recreational opportunities in the Ontonagon County Area. This group has been especially beneficial in promoting trail networks for snowmobiles, ORVs, paddle craft, equestrian and hiking. Through the promotion of the various trail networks, local recreational facilities can be promoted, enhanced and new facilities developed in a cooperative and mutually supported manner.

Through numerous strategic planning sessions with the Joint Committee and members of the public, a number of potential recreational sites and activities were identified. Many of these sites are vacant, or used for purposes other than recreation at this time. The Committee identified numerous ways to provide recreational uses alongside of other public land uses. One of these ideas would be to create a cross-county ski trail on land surrounding the Ontonagon County Airport. Vacant parcels in residential area could be developed into neighborhood parks and play lots. Some sites with minimum effort could be used for play fields or perhaps a dog park. Other options would be to make use of County Forest lands for multi-use purposes, cross-country skiing, mountain biking or hiking trails. Development of recreational uses on existing publicly owned sites not only reduces costs for land acquisition, but provides opportunity for unique partnerships and creative recreational uses.

The Village of Ontonagon has a number of existing parks and recreational facilities. A brief description of the sites in the recreational inventory is provided below:

Village Recreation Building, located on Michigan Avenue, provides an indoor recreation facility. The facility was constructed in 1977 and is in need of various updates and modernization. Winter time activities are focused around the artificial ice rink, for youth hockey and public skating. Summer time activities center on community events and private rentals of the building. Proposed updates include replacement of the ice making equipment, replacement of the boards and glass, renovations to restrooms and facilities for ADA compliance, replacement of doors and hardware, and other renovations to improve the potential uses of the facility. The Village currently has a Recreation Passport Grant to update the lighting to energy efficient LEDs. The UA rating for the Rec Building is currently a 2-3.

Lake Superior Beaches: The Village owns two areas of Lake Superior shoreline. The principal site is the Lake Superior Beach Park along Lakeshore Drive. This park is also known as the “pump-house” beach, is the most accessible and popular public area in the Village. The facilities on the site include a small parking lot, sidewalk, benches and lighting of the pathway along Lakeshore Drive. The



shoreline is accessed at various unimproved sand paths over the low dunes. Accessible beach mats are placed out each year, the Village received a Portage Health Foundation grant in 2019. Dark Sky Compliant lights were installed in 2018. Future improvements to the park include installing new benches and bike racks, improving ADA accessibility, restroom / changing facilities, viewing decks and additional picnic facilities. Grants are also being sought for beach access decks, to replace the unimproved paths over the dunes. The decks (**Figure 8**) will be ADA compliant, and will not only allow people with mobility issues to get close to the beach, but will reduce erosion of the dunes. The UA rating for this area is 2.

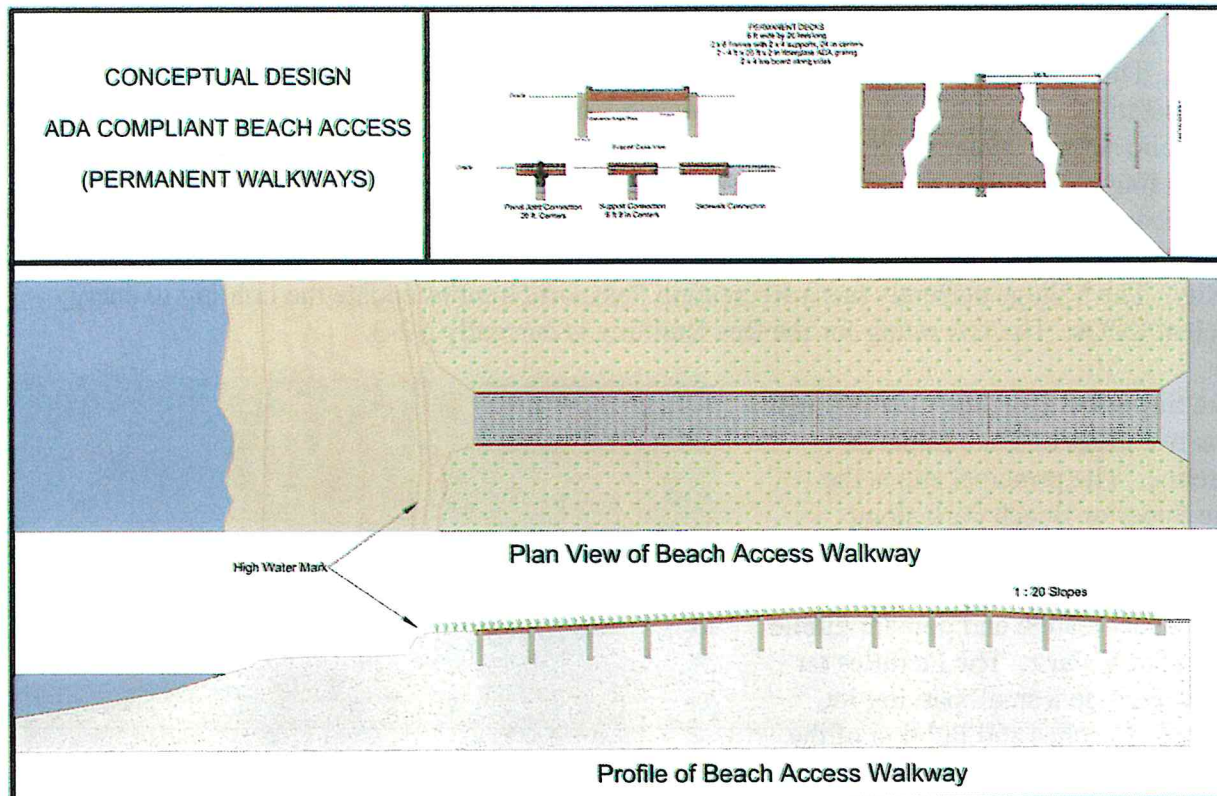


Figure 8: Concept design for ADA compliant beach access

Lake Superior Beach

The second beach front recreation area in the Village is located between Epidote and Conglomerate Streets. The site consists of wooded areas, dunes and the beach. Access is provided by trails from the road ends of Epidote and Conglomerate Streets, and at the intersection of Ontonagon and Amygdaloid Streets. These semi improved trails are intended for pedestrian or non-motorized access, since parking is limited.

The Village has acquired a lease from Lakeshore Systems Inc. securing access to the Beach from the corner of Lake and Trap Streets. The lease also allows access to the beach/shoreline along the Lakeshore property to the channel piers. A picnic area, benches, boardwalk and a parking area are proposed for the Lakeshore Park. The acquisition of the Lakeshore Systems property by the Village between Trap and Conglomerate Streets will provide room for parking and restroom/changing facilities. This property is also contiguous to the Village beach property above. An accessible boardwalk along the top of the dunes would also provide additional recreational opportunity. The UA rating for this area is 1, with improvements could increase the rating to 2 or 3.

Rose Island: The Village owns a majority of the property on the Island, located adjacent to the Downtown side of the Ontonagon River. The Rose Island channel separates the Island from the main stream of the river. Webber Park is located at the south end of the island with a parking lot at the end of Island Road. There is a boardwalk along the river and nature trails through the woods. The trails cross the channel and can be accessed from Zinc Street where an estuary bridge was installed in 2022 by the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency). The boardwalk and trails extend north along the island to the historic fish houses. The UA rating for this site is a 3.

The historic fish houses are located near the middle of the island. They consist of two buildings used for commercial fishing and the oldest dates back to the early 1900's. Murals on the sides of the building depict the early fishing industry along the river. Improvements include stabilizing the buildings and/or removal of the buildings to provide other site improvements for accessibility.

Near the historic fish houses is located the Rose Island Paddle Craft Landing. The landing was constructed in the summer of 2017 with a MNRTF grant. The facility includes an accessible pit toilet and an ADA accessible canoe/kayak launching dock, located on Rose Island Channel. A parking lot and storage lockers for canoes & kayak is also on the site. This site was designed for ADA accessibility to the launch. The UA rating for this area is a 3.

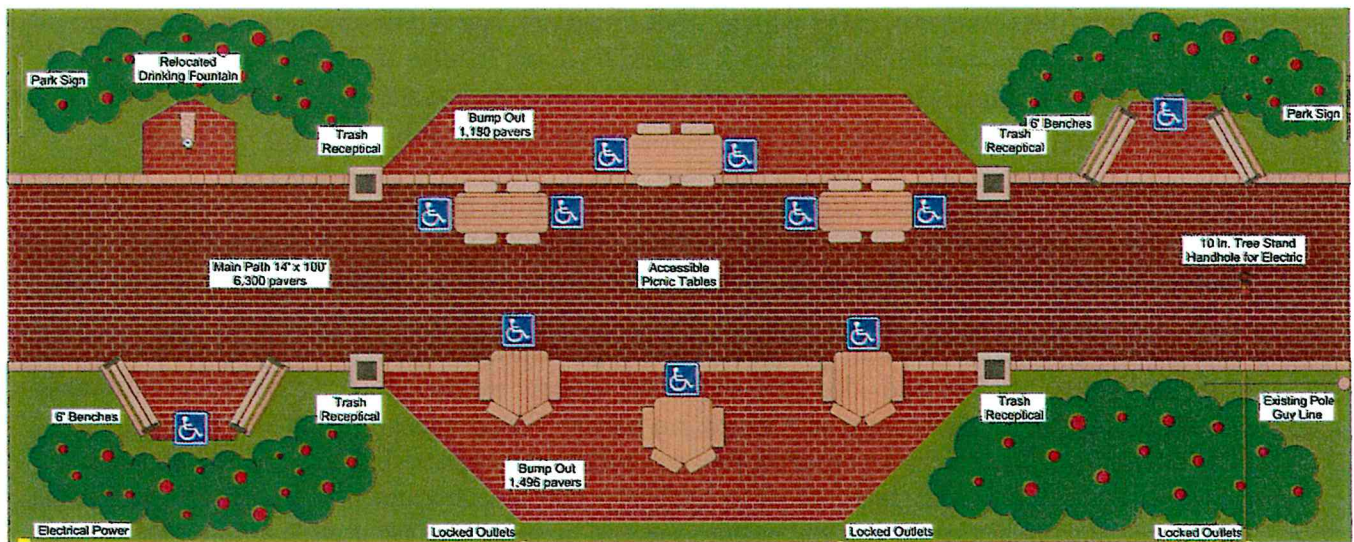
Three privately owned parcels separate Tousignat Park from the fish house and landing sites. These parks are connected with a paved pathway along Island Road. Tousignat Park consists of a paved parking area and boardwalks. The property north of the parking lot was acquired with an MNRTF grant in 2012. This parcel adjoined an existing Village owned parcel where an old water works building is located. In 2014, the Village stabilized the bank along the river with rip-rap to stem erosion. The path along the top of the rip-rap is planned to be a boardwalk that will eventually extend along the river to Ontonagon Street. Future plans for this area include renovating the old waterworks building into a pavilion complex with a large patio for picnics, gathering and events. The pavilion, patio and paths will be constructed to universal accessibility standards. The area surrounding the building would be improved to provide ample greenspace. In the event of sewer service being made available on the Island, fully accessible restrooms can be constructed as part of the pavilion renovations. The UA rating for this area is a 2, with improvements the rate will be a 4 or 5.

Other recreational facilities planned for this area are a non-motorized foot bridge over the channel connecting with Houghton Street. Sidewalks and paths along Houghton Street would provide a non-motorized connection to Lake Superior and the Township Park.

East Pier Pathway: The Village acquired an easement along the Ontonagon River to provide access to the East Pier of the harbor channel. The path was constructed in 1992, however in 1994 a severe storm damaged the pathway. The Village has made subsequent repairs to keep the path usable, but it is no longer usable to the public due to damages from erosion and weather. Future plans include pursuing grants for the reconstruction and repairs of the river access and to comply with ADA standards. A stairway from the end of the pier to the beach on Lake Superior is also planned. The UA rating at this time is 1.

Downtown Parks: The Village has two locations that have been developed into parks along U.S. 45 – River Street. The RICC park (**Figure 9**) is located between the former Aspirus Hospital Fitness Center and the Ontonagon County Historical Museum. The property was leased from the Aspirus Hospital and was leased for the lifetime of the property. Anytime Fitness purchased the building in 2022. The park consists of a surface of brick pavers, benches, picnic tables, flower beds and public artwork. The Park is intended to be a public social space in our downtown. The park is being funded through grants and volunteers, including the Ontonagon County Chapter of the Regional Inclusive Community Coalition (RICC). The park was completed in October 2019. The UA rating for this site will be a 4 or 5.

RICC Park Development Plans



- Phase I - Main Pathway - 14' x 100', 6,300 pavers & materials, est. cost = \$4,100. 8 hours site prep, remove topsoil and add sand base. Volunteers to install pavers. Christmas tree stand installed, 10 in. dia. pipe with cover. (Completed October 2017)
- Phase II - Bump Outs - 2,676 pavers & materials, est. cost = \$1,400. 8 hours site prep, remove topsoil and add sand base. Volunteers to install pavers.
- Phase III - Picnic Tables and Trash Recepticals - All items are 100% recycled materials, purchased by donations, fund raising, crowdfunding etc. All tables are accessible, est. cost \$850 to \$1,650 each. Trash recepticals est. cost \$750 each.
- Phase IV - Relocated Drinking Fountain - Currently located at Quartz Street, installed by Village DPW. 300 pavers & materials, est. cost = \$300.
- Phase V - Conversation Areas - 400 pavers & materials, est cost \$350. 6 hours site prep, remove topsoil and add sand base. Volunteers to install pavers. All 6 foot benches are 100% recycled materials, purchased by donations, fund raising etc. Est cost \$475 each.
- Phase VI - Electrical Power - Install electrical power service, underground, with locking panel and 3 locked outlets. Handhole with power installed for Christmas tree stand. Est. cost = \$2,500
- Phase VII - Landscaping & Artwork - This phase can be implemented at any time. Landscape grounds and prepare adjacent building walls for artwork. 100% funded by donations, etc. Park sign installed by Village est. cost \$425 each.

Figure 9: RICC development plans

James K. Paul Park: The park located at the corner of East River and North Steel Streets, adjacent to the Township Memorial Building, is dedicated to the founder of Ontonagon, James K. Paul. The park has picnic tables and benches. Future improvement includes updating the benches and tables. New lighting was installed in 2015 and a new sign was installed in 2016. The tables and benches were sanded down and painted in 2022. The current UA rating is a 2.

Marina Park: The park is located north of the Village Marina, this large open space park features access to the Ontonagon River, a fishing pier and beach volleyball courts. Future improvements are to enhance the greenspace to be suitable for necessary recreation activities as identified. Up to five rustic campsites are to be put in during the spring of 2023. The current UA rating is a 2 or 3.

Village Marina: The Village owns a full service 50 slip marina that is manned by a full time Harbor Master from April 15th to October 15th. The Marina offers full electrical and water service to the main slips, along with sewer pump out, fuel (gasoline) and an ADA chair lift. The harbormaster office has showers and restroom facilities. Adjacent to the harbormaster office is a fish cleaning station. To the south of the marina basin is a large parking lot for boat storage and 3 boat launches with trailer parking. The Marina has a 30 ton Travel Lift to move large vessels in and out of the water. The boat launch area also includes a pavilion, 2 fishing piers, and a pit toilet. The Marina Commission received a \$285,000 grant from the MDNR Waterways Division to dredge the Marina basin. This dredging project will restore approximately 80% of the basin to its original 10 foot depth. The Marina requires maintenance dredging every ten years or so, and approximately 10,000 to 15,000 cubic yard of spoil are removed and deposited on a Village owned upland site. Future projects include improvements to the showers and restrooms, upgrades to the electrical system, replacement of the fuel pumps and sewer pump out equipment. A major long term capital project would be to extend the south pier to the north to narrow the entrance channel, reducing the amount of sediments reaching the Marina and making dredging of the new channel easier. The Village Marina Commission reviews and recommends capital project to the Village Council. The Commission maintains the capital projects plan for the Marina facilities. The current UA rating is a 2 or 3, with improvements the facility could achieve a 4.

Old Elementary School Property: In 2017 the Village acquired the old elementary school and most of the adjacent property from delinquent taxes (**Figure 10**). The property hosts a playground and outdoor basketball court. The Village has formed a committee to evaluate the potential uses, including recreational, for the old school buildings. The current UA rating is a 3.



Figure 10: Acquired Ontonagon Elementary School Property

Ontonagon Township Park & Campground: The Township Park located on Lake Superior within the Village Limits provides a full service campground, shower facilities, pumpout station, hook ups and other services. There are two rental shelters on the property and a new pavilion constructed in 2017. The playground area has ADA compliant equipment and is accessible. Future improvements include updates to the facilities listed in the Township Action Plan. The current UA rating is a 3.

Ontonagon – Rockland Trail: This is Full Multi-use DNR Designated trail originating within the Village. The route was opened in 2017. The trail is currently suitable for ORVs in the summer and snowmobiles in the winter. The Village proposes further enhancement of the trails to provide for a suitable walking /biking surface and separations to provide a true multi-use trail system. Future improvements include the establishment of a trail head parking area with in the Village and construction of restrooms. The current UA rating is a 2.

Ontonagon River – Historic Water Trail: This is a water trail on the Ontonagon River from the forks of the east and middle branches at Military Hill on U.S. 45 south of Rockland (see **Figure 12** along with other water trails). The US Forest Service is developing a canoe/kayak landing at the forks on the west side of the River. This is a put in place for the water trail with take out in Ontonagon. The Ontonagon County Historical Society has developed a historic guide, with GPS locations, of sites and historical locations along the Ontonagon River. The current UA rating is a 1.

Lake Superior Water Trail – Union Bay to Misery Bay: This water trail follows the shore line of Lake Superior from Union Bay boat launch in the Porcupine Mountains State Park to the Misery Bay boat launch in northern Ontonagon County (**Figure 12**). The trail identifies locations along the shore where there is public property for access to the shore. The locations have GPS coordinates to mark the locations. The identified access points have been mapped with shore amenities identified for paddlers. Future improvements to the trail include signage as part of the Lake Superior water trail. The current UA rating is a 2.

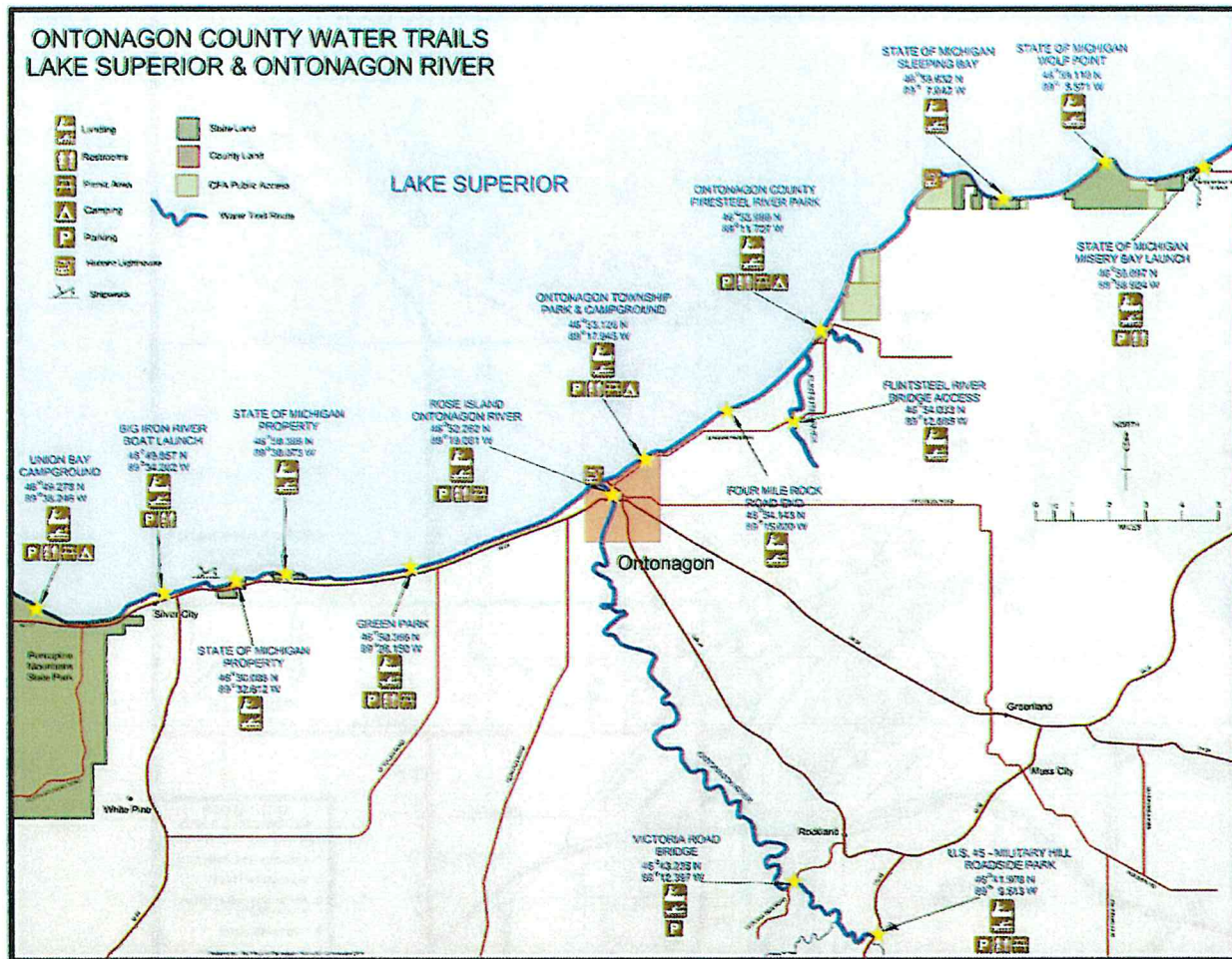


Figure 111: Ontonagon water trails

Ontonagon County – Firesteel Property: This is undeveloped County property within the Township. The property provides access to Lake Superior. Future plans include a boardwalk to access the beach and primitive camp sites.

OCRC – Flintsteel River Bridge: This property is located on the Ontonagon County Road Commission right-of-way. The site is proposed as an access point to the Flintsteel River for canoes and kayaks.

Ontonagon County ORV & Snowmobile Trails: There are various ORV and Snowmobile trails in Ontonagon County, many of these traverse portions of the Village and Township (Figure 12). The Village proposes further enhancement of the trails network to provide for a suitable walking/hiking/ biking surface and separations to provide a true multi-use trail system. Future improvements include trail extensions and connectivity, trail heads and facilities.

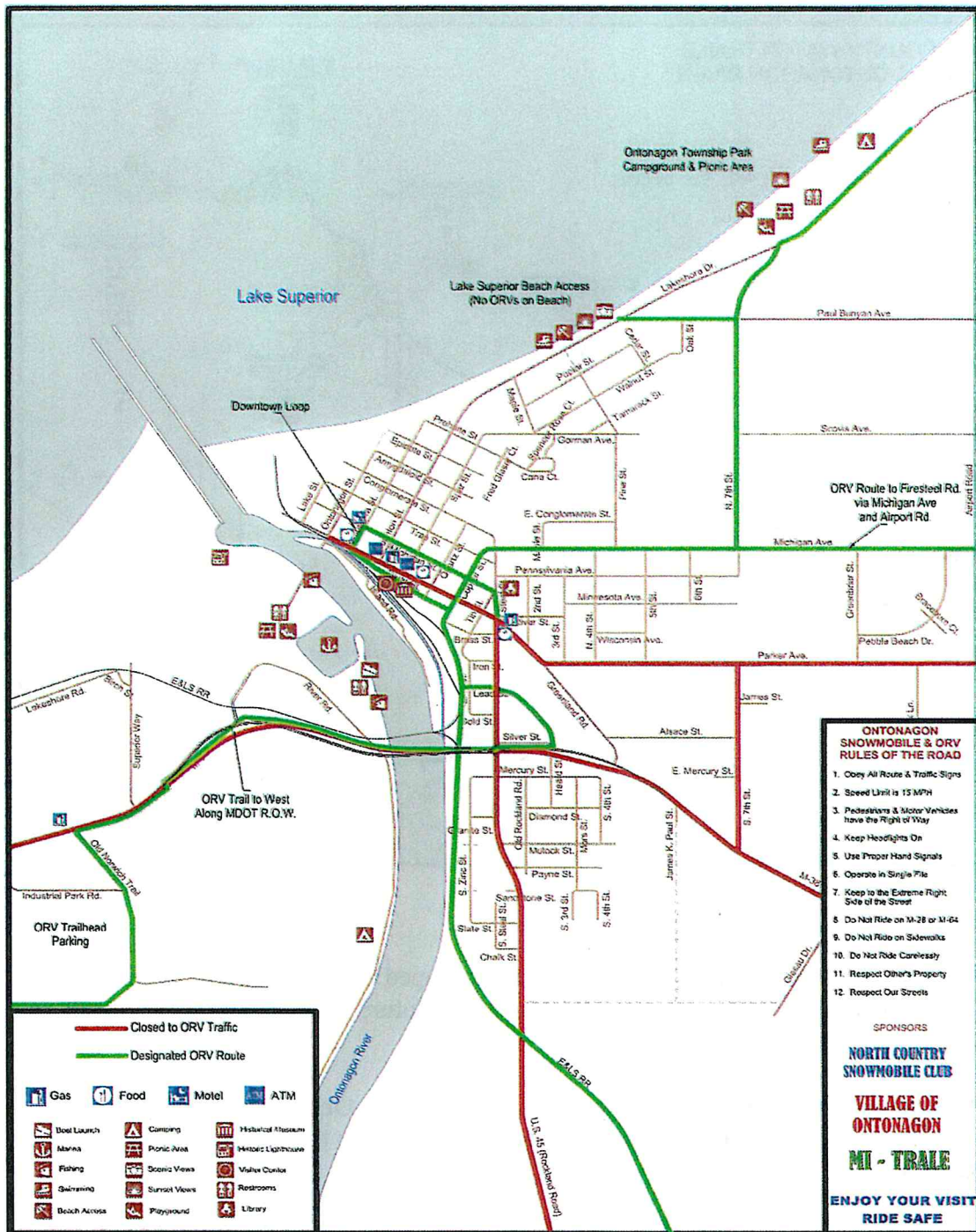


Figure 12: Snowmobile and ORV trails within the Village

Ontonagon County Forest Lands: Ontonagon County owns various lands in their forest reserve program. These lands are open to the public for hunting and other recreational uses. The county lands could be developed for additional recreational uses such as cross country ski trails, mountain bike trails, hiking trails, etc.

Ontonagon Township – Theater & Library: Located in the Township Memorial Building on N. Steel Street. These facilities provide passive recreational opportunities through the performing arts and learning activities. Various programs play and concerts are scheduled throughout the year.

Ontonagon Senior Center: Located on Lake Street just off River Street in the Village, this facility provides a gathering place for seniors in the community for various activities.

Ontonagon Historical Museum & Lighthouse: The Museum located on River Street in the Village provides historical information and artifacts about Ontonagon County. Tours of the Lighthouse are provided from the museum.

Dog Park: Located at the old baseball diamond at the back of the old elementary school, the dog park will need some future updates of equipment yet to be determined.

Soccer Field: There is an identified need for this type of recreation facility in the area. The location of such facility is yet to be determined.

Mountain Bike / X Country Ski Trails: There is an identified need for this type of recreation facility in the area. The location of such facility is yet to be determined.

Skate Park: There is an identified need for this type of recreation facility in the area. The location of such facility is yet to be determined.

Community Garden: There is an identified need for this type of recreation facility in the area. The location of such facility is yet to be determined.

Big League Baseball Field: There is an identified need for this type of recreation facility in the area. The location of such facility is yet to be determined.

Neighborhood Playgrounds: There is an identified need for this type of recreation facility in the area. The location of such facility is yet to be determined.

Other Recreational Activities: The Village and Township Recreation Commissions are always open to proposals for new recreational activities and facilities. The Commissions encourage the public to share their desires for expanded recreational opportunities.

The Five-Year Action Program identifies specific projects to allow such assets to meet their full potential. Most of these projects were also identified by the preceding Village and Township Recreation Plans. The extensive list of recreational needs and opportunities represents a comprehensive look at the recreational potential of the Village and Township. As opportunities arise the Village and Township should take advantage these to meet the recreational goals of this plan. The community should continue to explore opportunities for recreation trails, including snow, ORV, water, equestrian, and others for connectivity to recreational trail networks.

PART 7: FIVE-YEAR ACTION PROGRAM

It was decided that in Ontonagon Village the top priorities for recreation would be to utilize a variety of funding sources to pursue recreational improvements. A number of potential project funding sources were identified. Other Village/Township projects were recognized as important but of lower priority. In Ontonagon Township the highest priorities were all allocated to the Township Park. All prioritized projects would be funded by grant monies, local funds, or both. Projects will occur from 2022 through 2028, allowing the remainder of 2023 to be used mostly for remaining planning tasks. See Tables 4-6 for details.

Table 4: Village Recreation Projects

Year	Project Title/Description	Est. Cost	Funding Sources
2024	Recreation Facility Equipment and Structure Upgrades	\$250,000-500,000	RPG
2025	East Pier Access, ADA Compliance	\$2,000,000	LWCF, MNRTF, RPG, Waterways, State Funds
2026	River Front Park Upgrades	\$100,000-150,000	LWCF
2027	Hiking/Biking Trails	\$75,000	RPG, MNRTF
2028	Skate Park	\$50,000	MNRTF

Table 5: Village Marina Recreation Projects

Year	Project Title/Description	Est. Cost	Funding Sources
2024	Rustic Campsites	\$10,000	Marina Funds
2025	Resurface Docks	\$150,000	LWCF
2026	Floating Fishing Docks	\$75,000-100,000	MNRTF, Boating Infrastructure Grants
2027	Outhouse Replacement to Reflect ADA Compliance	\$50,000	RPG
2028	Replace Pump Out Station	\$250,000	Michigan Boating Pump Out Grants

Table 6: Township Recreation Projects

Year	Project Title/Description	Est. Cost	Funding Sources
2024	Expand parking area south of road Radke beach	\$7,500	Township Funds
2025	Beach Changing Facility, Viewing deck	\$50,000	MNTF Grants
2026	Rental Cabin Radke Property	\$145,000	MNTF Grants
2027	New toilets and additional camp sites	\$50,000 \$30,000	MNTF, RPG grants
2028	Primitive camp sites Flintsteel River, Boat Landing & Kayak loading station	\$50,000	MNTF Grants

- A. 2005 Ontonagon Township Park & Village of Ontonagon Waterfront Master Plan
- B. Township Park Site Plan
- C. Report: Michigan Sea Grant Program's Sustainable Small Harbor's Project
- D. Recreation Survey
- E. Recreation Survey Results
- F. Draft plan Public Comment Period Announcement(s) – Minutes 12/21/2022
- G. Notification Publishing
- H. Adoption Resolutions
 - a. Village Council
 - b. Township Council

Appendix A: 2005 Ontonagon Township Park & Village of Ontonagon Waterfront Master Plan

Design Recommendations

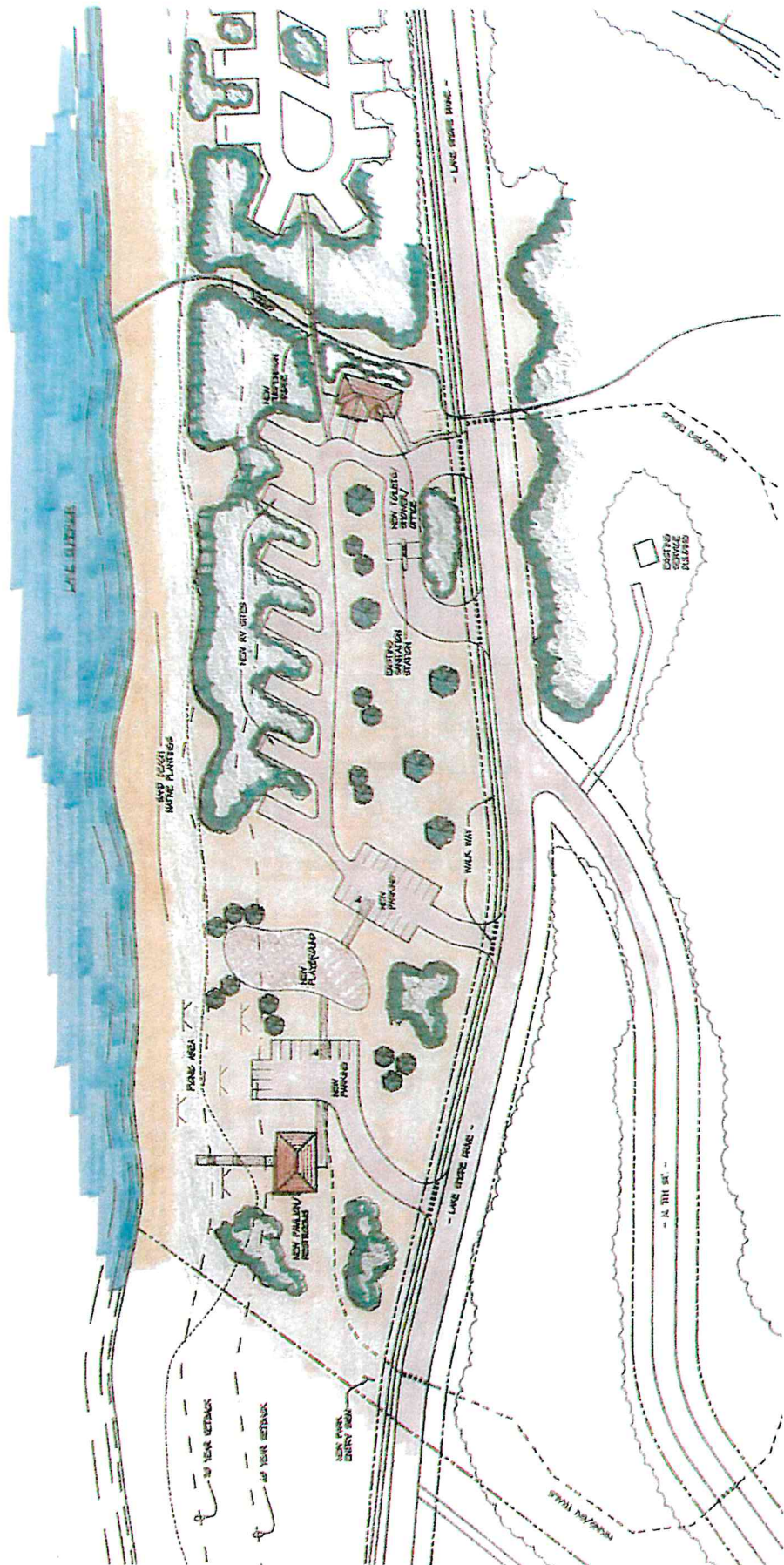
Township Park

Expanded Camp Sites

The campsites fronting on Lake Superior are very popular and are full nearly the entire season. This plan adds seven new sites in the area west of the small creek which divides the park. These sites will be served with water and 50 amp electric service, however, no sewer hookups will be provided. The sites are partially located within the 60 year high risk erosion setback and will be constructed of a compacted gravel surface with as much of the existing vegetation as possible remaining intact. Since they are not considered critical structures, they are allowed by permit with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDEQ). The construction of sewer within the 60 year setback is not allowed. The sites should be a minimum of thirty feet in width and sixty feet in length to accommodate modern RV campers. Access to the new sites is via a new twenty foot wide one way drive. The drive width is greater than typical of one way access drives so larger campers can be easily backed into the sites. There is also a need to upgrade the remaining 28 campsites to 50 amp service to serve the needs of modern RV campers. The additional campsite development is subject to MDEQ review and approval.

Erosion Mitigation

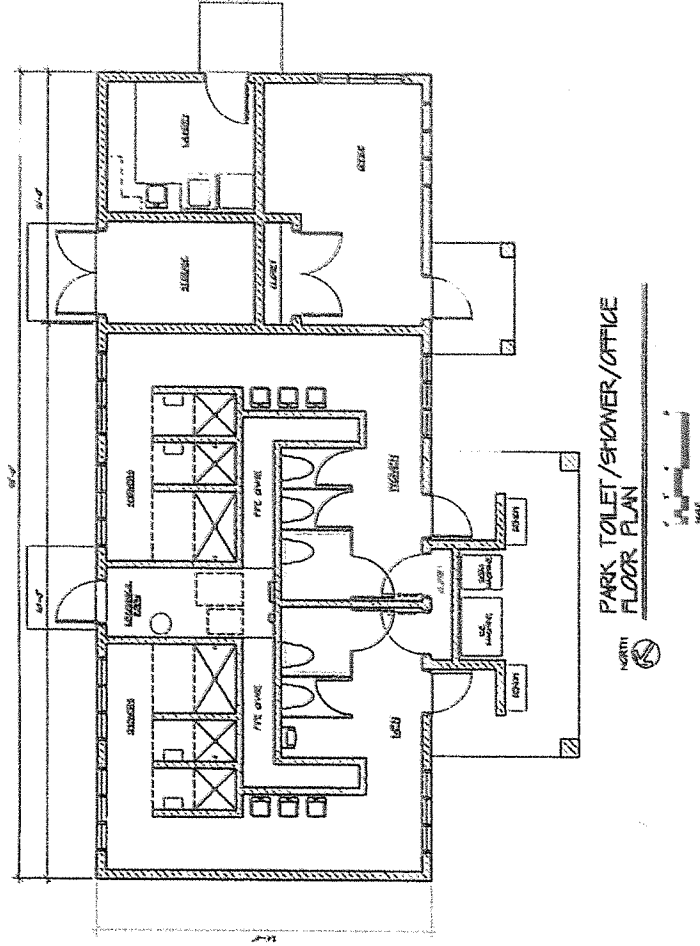
Areas of the shoreline are subject to erosion from blowing sand. These blow-outs begin in areas of unprotected foot traffic. New wooden structures in the form of walkways and steps will be constructed at reasonable intervals along the shore to mitigate these affects. Also, native vegetation will be planted to simulate the natural beach succession, thereby naturally controlling the windblown sand.

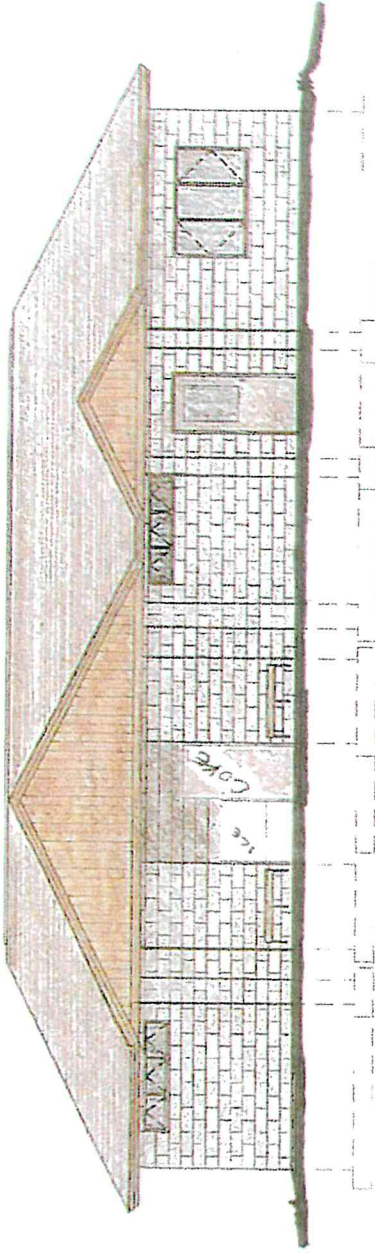


Toilet / Shower / Office

A new building will be constructed near the existing sanitation station adjacent to the new camp sites. The building will provide toilet and shower facilities for all of the campers. Its location is landward of the MDEQ sixty year setback. The building will include sufficient space to house the mechanical and electrical systems necessary. It is also possible to provide a system capable of heating the building into the late fall, making the campground attractive to hunters. An office will also be included for park staff. It's proximity to the sanitation station will facilitate the monitoring of its use. Also, the proposed location of the building is ideal in that sewer service for the building is available nearby minimizing the cost for hook-up.

As part of the toilet/shower building a new pedestrian bridge is proposed. This will give ready access to the building from all areas of the park. The use of suspension cables will allow for spanning the creeks floodway without impacting its capacity or impacting wetlands.





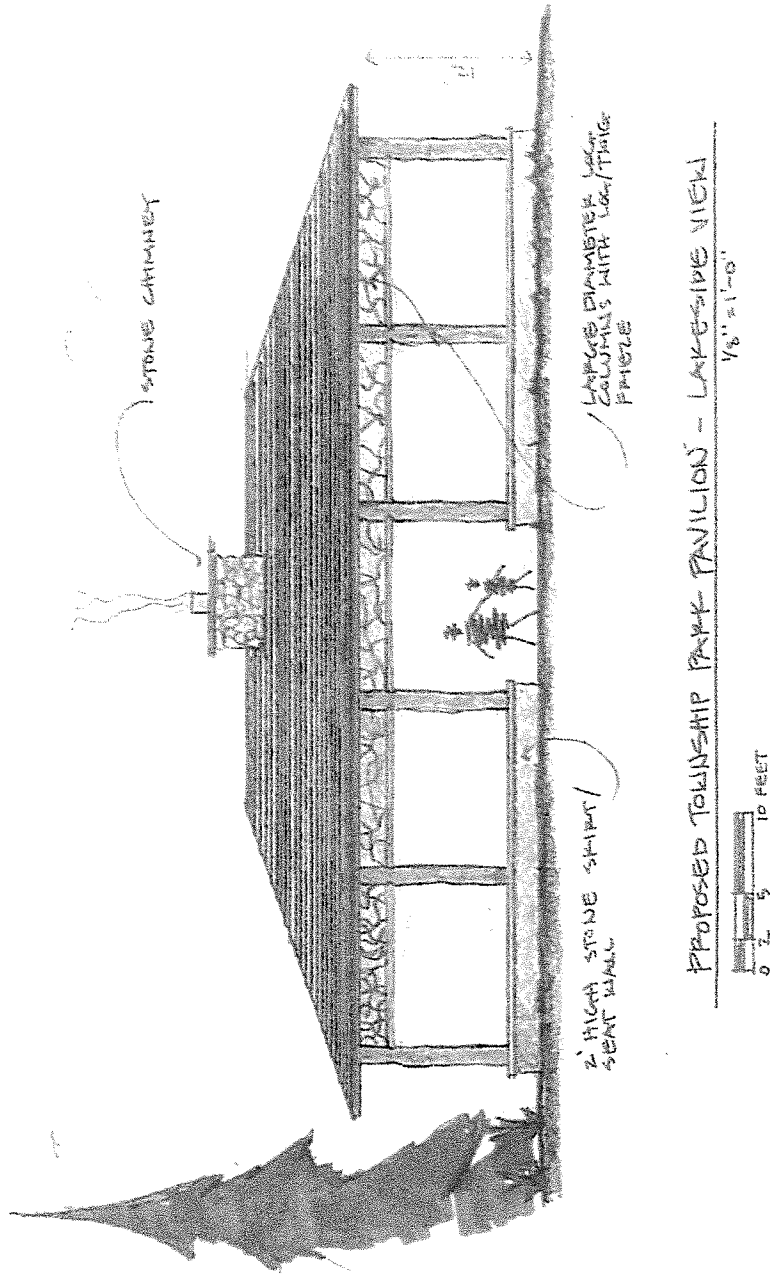
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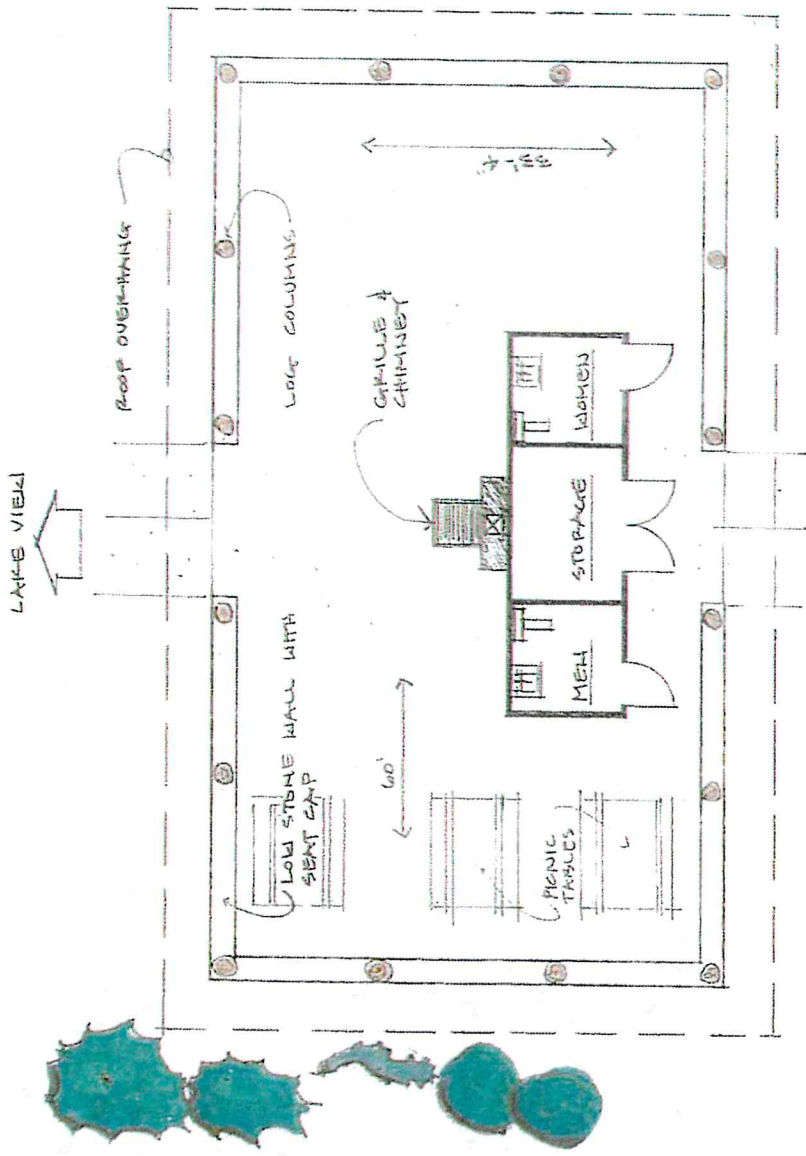


Public Pavilion

There is currently a small pavilion located at the east and west end of the park. At the east end it is known as the Legion Cabin. It is a log structure and is used often by the community. It is in need of some refurbishing, but in general is in good condition and should remain a part of the park landscape. The pavilion building located at the extreme west end of the park is also rather small, yet it is popular and well used by the community. It is located within the sixty year setback, but is certainly in no immediate danger.

A new pavilion is proposed which would accommodate two simultaneous events and also includes toilet facilities for day users as well as pavilion users. The toilet facilities would require connection to the public sewer near the existing sanitation station. Construction of the new pavilion would include additional landscaping to provide a buffer from the adjoining residential property. The new pavilion would include barrier-free access via a new parking lot constructed just east of the pavilion.





PROPOSED TOWNSHIP PARK PAVILION - PLAN VIEW

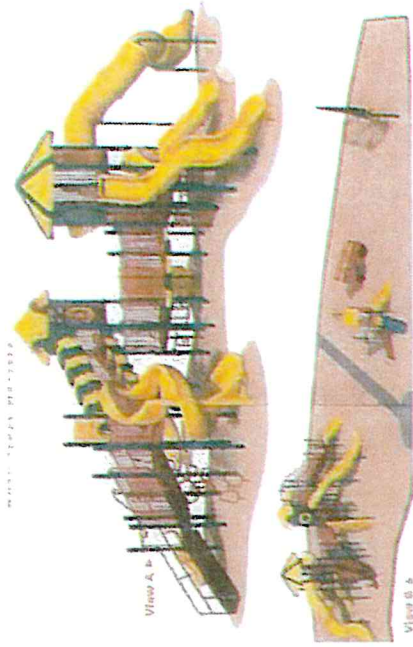


Expanded Day Use Parking

In addition to the new parking lot proposed near the new west pavilion, additional parking will also be constructed near the outlet drive for the new campsites. This parking lot will primarily serve the proposed new playground and picnic sites that will be scattered though out the park. This parking lot will have two way access to the adjoining street, but will not have two way access into the new campsites. This is an additional measure to separate day use from camper use.

Playground

A group of citizen volunteers, the Ontonagon Playground Committee, has been very successful in fundraising for the replacement of the existing play equipment. An area between the proposed new campsites and the proposed new pavilion has been reserved for the placement of this new equipment. Parking barriers will be placed around the new parking lots near the playground as further protection and beach access paths will also be placed near the playground. Playground development will also include benches and other amenities for day use. There is an existing vault type toilet nearby, however these would be removed along with the construction of the new toilets in the proposed new pavilion.



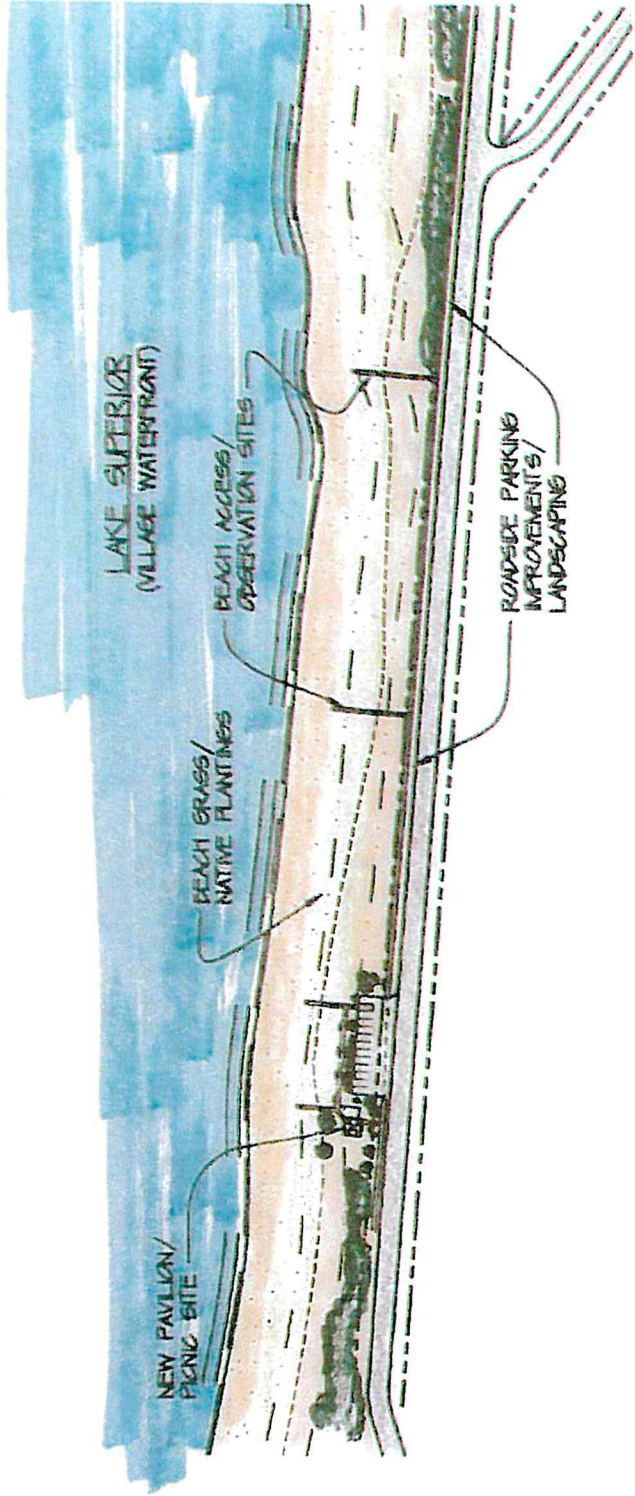
Hiking/Ski Trails

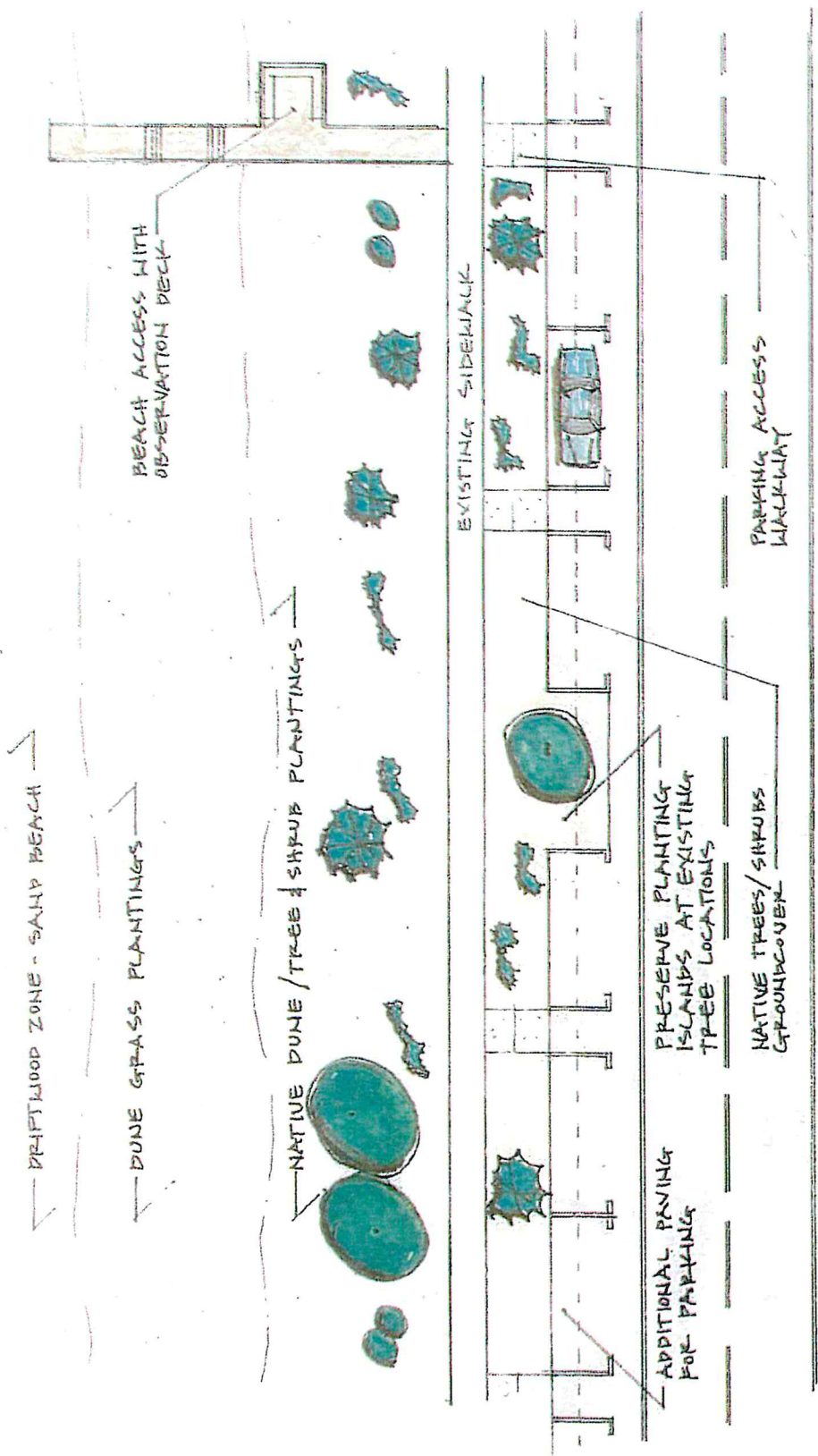
The wooded area of the property on the south side of Lakeshore Drive and west of existing campsites is ideal for hiking and nature viewing. The plan shows hiking trails in this area that would connect to the walkway to the Village of Ontonagon. Construction of this trail has been coordinated and conducted by Eagle Scout candidate Michael Schott.

Village Waterfront

Improved Beach Access

Drifting sand is a continual maintenance problem along Lake Shore Drive. The source is wind eroded sand from the beach caused primarily from foot traffic. The construction of wood boardwalk style access along with educational signage will help curb this affect. This, along with re-vegetating the shoreline with native plantings will minimize the amount of blowing sand. This landscape approach to beach erosion could also be extended along adjacent private land holdings where possible. The access ways will also include viewing platforms and benches that will be handicap accessible. The placement of picnic grilles in the driftwood zone will also enhance the use of the beach area without contributing to additional erosion.

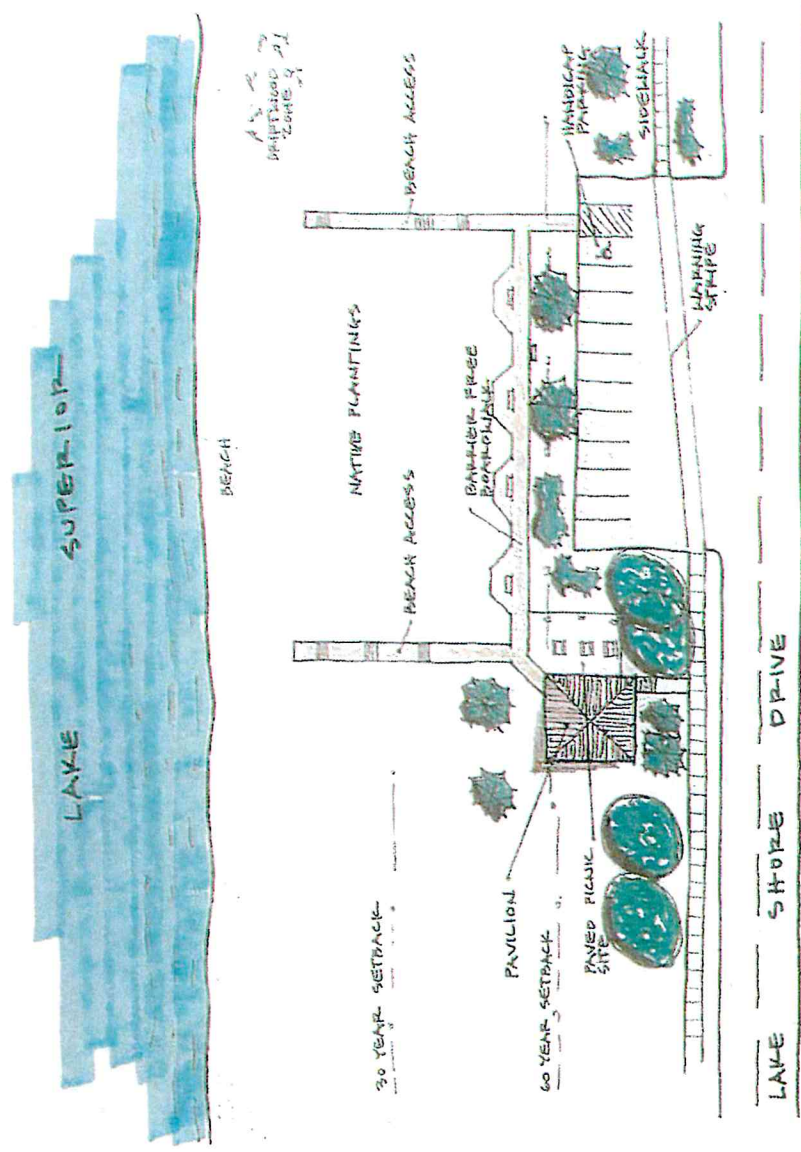


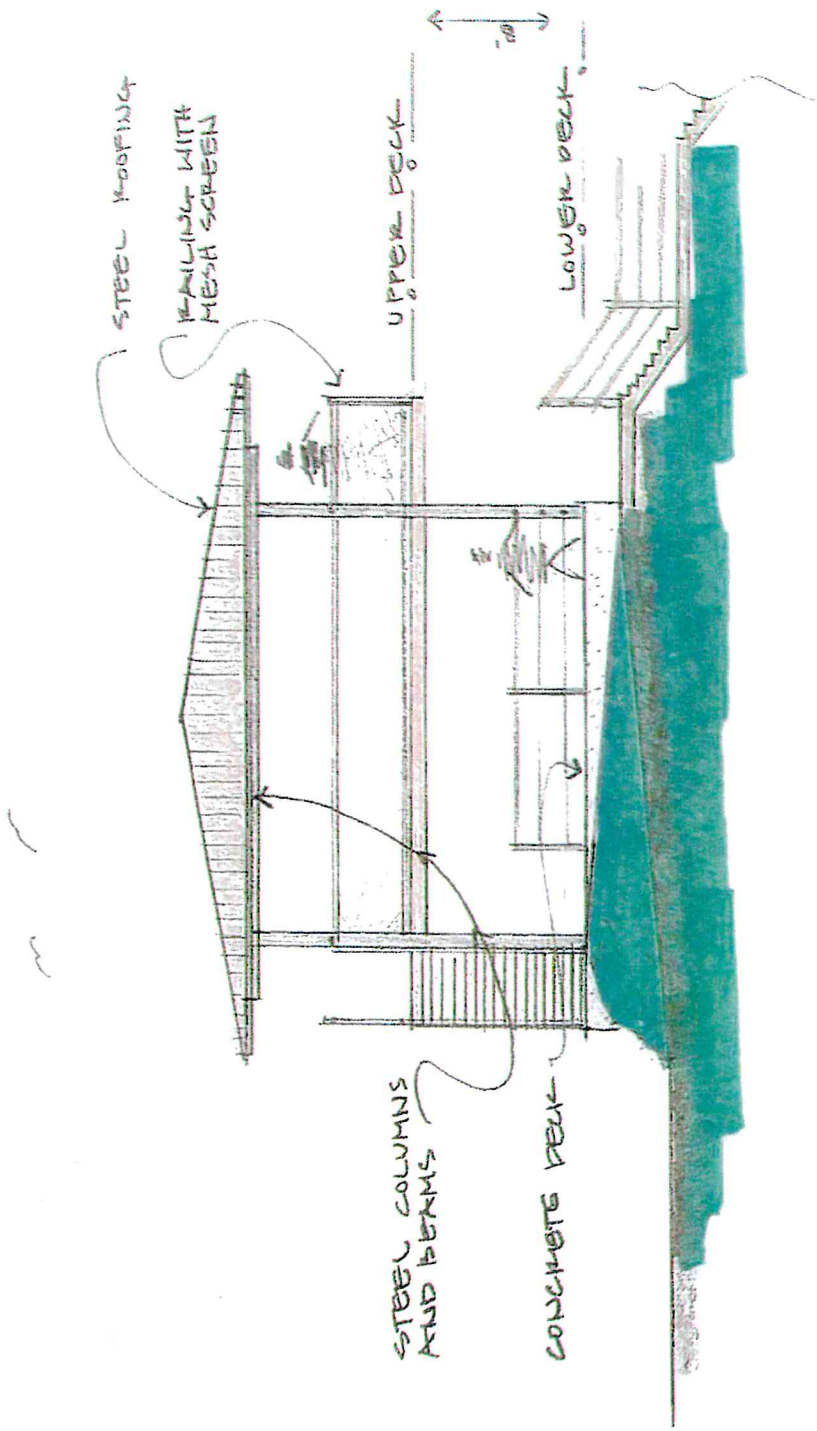


LAKE SHORE DRIVE PARKING IMPROVEMENTS

Village Waterfront Pavilion

The location of existing parking along Lake Shore Drive is a very popular observation site. There are currently several benches in this location, but again the erosion is significant due to the amount of foot traffic. An observation pavilion is proposed just west of this existing parking. This development would include not only barrier-free access to the pavilion, but also access paths to the beach. These access paths would extend to the driftwood zone and reduce foot traffic on the vegetated areas of the beach. Associated with this series of boardwalks would be locations for benches along the path to the pavilion. Adjacent to the pavilion would be a paved area for picnic tables and grilles. These structural elements are landward of the MDEQ sixty year setback. The proposed pavilion is primarily a steel structure that reflects the maritime history of the Village.





PROPOSED WATERFRONT OBSERVATION DECK - LOOKING SOUTHWEST

Cost Estimate

Estimates of cost are based on the economic environment of 2005 and are conceptual in nature. As the design is further developed for the program elements covered in this plan, it is recommended that detailed construction and operation cost estimates be prepared. The costs for each line item includes design/engineering fees, construction costs and a contingency allowance.

1.	Toilet / Shower Facility	
	o Toilet / Shower / Office Building	\$ 305,900
	o Bridge	28,750
	o Connecting Trails	6,555
2.	Campsite Expansion	
	o Site Development (7 new sites)	24,610
	o Utilities	17,250
	o Beach access	4,600
	o Electrical Upgrade (28 existing sites)	13,800
3.	Playground Improvements	
	o Improvements to the play area are largely being funded through the efforts of dedicated community members. The placement of the equipment would require the parking improvements to the west to be implemented and this could include beach access elements and native plantings.	2,300
	o Beach Access / Native Plantings	7,590

4.	Township Park Pavilion	234,600
	o New pavilion structure, including utilities	4,025
	o Parking lot	12,650
	o Beach Access / Native Plantings – erosion control	5,750
	o Landscape Buffer	4,025
	o Gateway signage	
5.	Hiking Trails	16,100
	o Barrier free path surface	4,600
	o Interpretive Signage	
6.	Village Beach Access	28,175
	o Wood boardwalks and observation platforms including benches	57,500
	o Native beach plantings – erosion control	11,960
	o Picnic tables, bike racks and miscellaneous site amenities	
7.	Village Pavilion	92,000
	o Village Pavilion	50,600
	o Beach access and observation platforms	16,100
	o Native plantings – erosion control	9,200
	o Picnic amenities / Benches	
8.	Lakeshore Boulevard	14,432
	o Parking Improvements	23,000
	o Native Landscape – erosion control	
	Total Estimated Project Cost	\$996,072

Funding Options

A number of options for funding through grants are available, primarily through the State of Michigan. These grant programs and their focus are described in more detail below. Matching specific project elements to the focus of the potential funding agencies is a key element to successful application development. Sources are also available outside of this traditional grant source approach. A number of health related grant programs, such as the Mott Foundation and others should be investigated for work related to trail development and the walkability and bikeability of the park system.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources

The Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) and the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) are two excellent sources of funding. These programs are primarily aimed at recreation activities. The focus of the MNRTF program is natural resource based outdoor recreation activities such as trails. Land and Water Conservation Fund projects may be community recreation oriented activities such as skating rinks. Grant award amounts range from \$50,000 to \$500,000. A minimum local match of 25% is required for MNRTF grants and 50% for LWCF grants. All of the Master Plan elements fit the MNRTF and LWCF programs nicely.

The 'Urban and Community Forestry Program' is a source of funds for work related to the planting and management of trees, Arbor Day activities and educational activity related to the urban forest. Awards are typically around \$5000 and require involvement by the community both in terms of funding and active participation in the work. Planting activities at any of the areas of the park are good candidates for this program, especially as an opportunity to involve area youth in Arbor Day celebrations.

Recreational Trails Program Grants are available for development of trails and related facilities. This program may be a source of funding for trails in the parks as well as for interpretive elements. There is approximately 1.5 million dollars committed to the 2005 grant cycle.

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

The MDEQ awards grant funds as part of the Coastal Management Program. This program provides funds for planning and physical improvements for land bordering Michigan's Great Lakes coastline. Projects that relate to improvements, stabilization and access to coastal property are the focus of this program. Plan elements that may be a good fit with this funding program include erosion control efforts, plantings and the pavilions.

National Fish & Wildlife Federation

Funding may be available within the 'Native Plant Conservation Initiative' program. Awards range from \$5,000 to \$40,000 and require a one for one match from non-federal sources. This program encourages community and especially youth involvement. As landscape elements are constructed on the project, native species will in many cases be most appropriate and interpretation of these plants is also covered in this grant program for educational purposes.

Implementation Strategy

The implementation of the master plan should follow a very simple and basic premise, which is, build the elements most important to the residents first. Within that basic guideline, attention should also be paid to proper sequencing of elements to maximize the efficiency and cost of construction. Another element to consider is to package construction elements in such a way as to maintain eligibility for grant programs. For example, the Natural Resource Trust Fund is primarily directed toward natural resource based recreation and would not typically fund restroom construction as a separate project. However the program will fund restroom construction where it is in support of things like nature trails and wildlife viewing platforms, pavilions, etc. Working directly with the MDNR Grant Coordinator assigned to the Ontonagon area to coordinate the packaging of improvement elements for MNRTF and LWCF grants is very important. Likewise, the grant coordinator for any funding program should be consulted as funding applications are planned and prepared.

1. Toilet / Shower Facility
 - o Toilet / Shower / Office Building – includes construction of the new toilet building and supporting utilities. The project should also include adjacent erosion control, landscaping and the pedestrian bridge.
2. Campsite Expansion
 - o Site Development for seven new lakefront camp sites, including 50 amp electrical and water hook up. The sites include a gravel surface for units and landscaped buffers between each unit. Expanded day use parking is included as part of the construction of the access drive. Electrical upgrades for the 28 sites with 20 amp service is also included.

3. **Playground Improvements**
 - o Improvements to the play area are largely being funded through the efforts of dedicated community members. The placement of the equipment would require the parking improvements to the west to be implemented and this could include beach access elements and native plantings.
4. **Township Park Pavilion**
 - o New pavilion construction and utility connections and parking lot.
 - o Beach access and gateway signage.
5. **Hiking Trails**
 - o Improvements to the hiking trails in the way of adding a barrier-free aggregate surface would potentially be very attractive as a grant eligible project. The work could be limited to simple placement of aggregates material.
6. **Village Beach Access**
 - o Wood boardwalks and observation platforms will stem the effects of uncontrolled foot traffic and will improve the access of residents and visitors to the beach views.
 - o Landscape improvements with native beach plantings, including shrubs and trees will support the construction of access paths and observation platforms.
 - o Picnic tables, bike racks and miscellaneous site amenities.
7. **Village Pavilion**
 - o Beach access improvements and observation sites can be constructed along with the new pavilion or in advance of the pavilion.
 - o Native plantings will help support the beach access ways in eliminating erosion along the beach. Benches and other amenities should be included.
 - o The new pavilion should include access directly from the existing sidewalk. The pavilion would also include beach access and a picnic area with tables and grilles. All but the second level of the pavilion would be barrier-free.

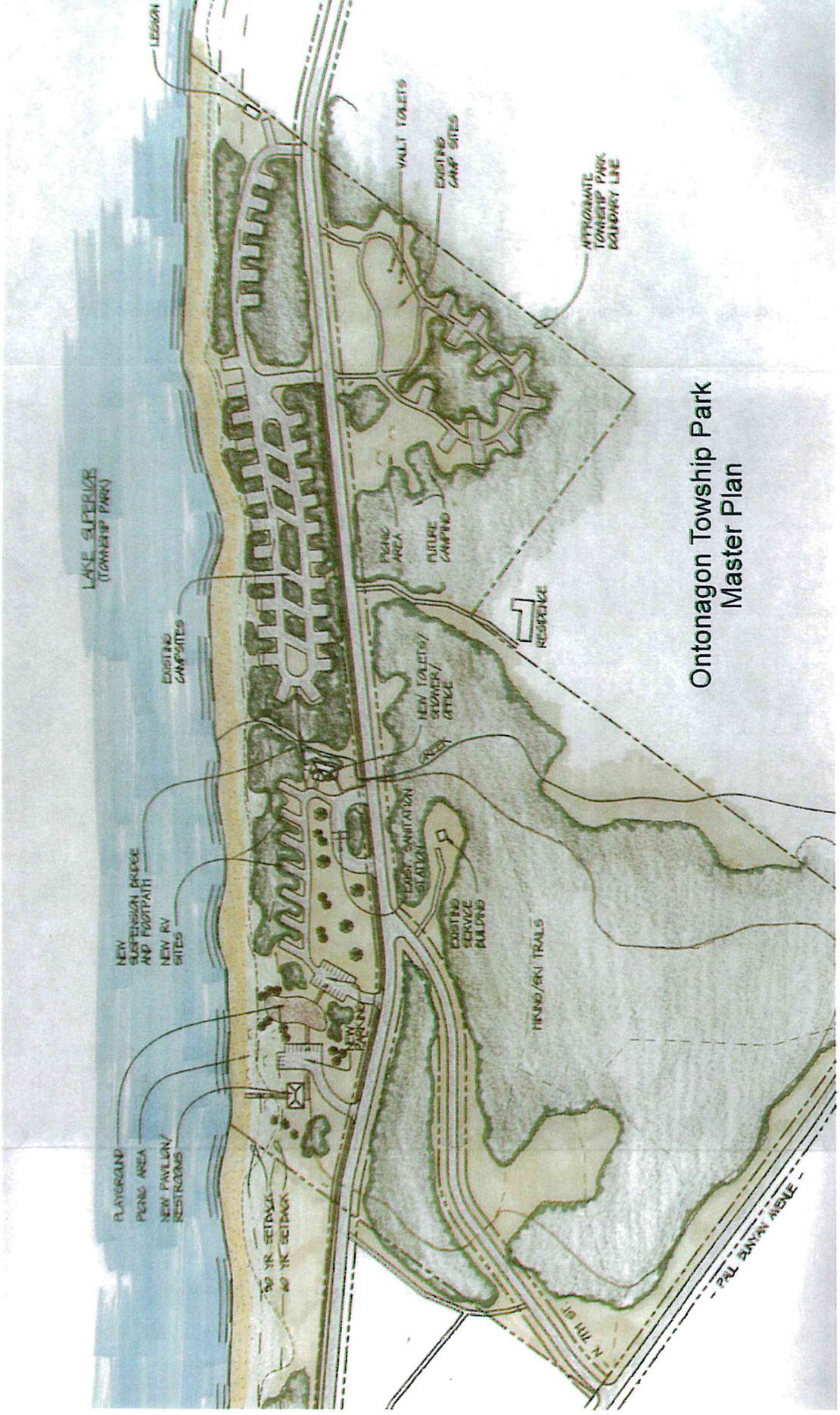
8. Lakeshore Boulevard

- o Parking Improvements along Lakeshore Boulevard can be constructed independent from all other elements. These improvements along with the associated landscaping will help to stop erosion and reduce costs of future beach access work. This will also help to reduce regular maintenance cost related to dune erosion. This work includes widening of the roadside parking spaces, and painting parking stripes.
- o Native Landscape plantings to direct pedestrian traffic from the parking spaces to the paved walkway should be constructed in concert with the parking improvements. The plantings will curb the current dune erosion and localize beach access to strategically placed locations. This work can be effectively performed independently of the beach access elements, however it work would have more effect on dune erosion if done concurrent with the beach access elements.

The six categories listed above include some overlap and where elements would typically include amenities such as benches, etc.; they would be installed along with individual improvement. Likewise, many of the individual elements could effectively be built out of this sequence as long as provision is made for future adjacent construction. Many of the elements are especially appropriate as 'service group' or volunteer projects and can, again, be constructed as these groups adopt project elements.

The Township of Ontonagon and the Village of Ontonagon's stewardship of the areas covered in this plan has preserved this spectacular section of Lake Superior shoreline for the enjoyment of its citizens and visitors. It's potential to continue to provide enjoyment to all who visit is assured by the generous members of the community that have so graciously contributed their time and talents to this project. It is to all who love the Lake Superior Shoreline that this plan is dedicated.

Appendix B: Township Park Site Plan



Ontonagon Township Park
Master Plan

Appendix C: Report: Michigan Sea Grant Program's Sustainable Small Harbor's Project



Sustainable Small Harbors Project
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PROJECT GOAL

To identify the key barriers to small harbor economic, social and environmental sustainability and provide a toolkit to help small harbor managers create more stability in their communities.

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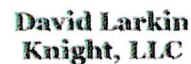




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1.0 Two-Page Executive Summary of Entire Process

Administered by the state, county, and local units of government, there are over 80 small public harbors and marinas throughout the State of Michigan. These harbors are a critical component of the state's blue economy with impacts from Great Lakes recreational boating in the billions of dollars. Unfortunately, a decade-long trend of lower water levels, at least temporarily reversed in 2014, combined with increasingly severe economic constraints have resulted in strained local economies. Most significantly, state and federal funding for public harbors maintenance is increasingly limited. Accordingly, by 2015, public harbors will be required to develop five-year master plans in order to receive financial support from the Waterways Commission of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). Therefore, research is needed to inform both the development and the content of these plans as harbors seek a more sustainable future.

The *Sustainable Small Harbor Management Strategy* project entails developing a strategy for small harbors to become economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable. A key feature includes documenting the value these small harbors provide to various stakeholders including boaters, anglers, property owners, and businesses and identifying potential revenue streams for the future. Project findings will inform the development of a toolkit of best practices, resources, and funding opportunities to support small harbor planning.

The research is being conducted by Lawrence Technological University, Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc., David Knight LLC, and Veritas Economic Consulting along with representatives of government agencies who are sponsoring the project. Funding for the project is coming from a unique collaboration of agencies including Michigan Sea Grant (MSG), Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) Office of the Great Lakes (OGL), and Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA). Finally, a state-wide Advisory Board has been engaged to guide the project and reviewing/summarizing documents that pertain to challenges small harbors face. The Advisory Board is comprised of key partners and stakeholders including policy makers, managers, harbor masters, industry representatives and lobbying organizations that deal with this topic (see project website for additional details <http://www.miseagrant.umich.edu/smallharborsustainability/>). As such, there is a tremendous amount of experience and organizational capacity being applied to this problem.

Communities were selected on a criteria system that included diverse location, the harbor type (small shallow draft), harbor position relative to the community type (suburban, city, downtown), population size, current organizational capacity, and economic condition.



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Ontonagon was selected as one of four case study communities. In support of the process, information gathered and analyzed for Ontonagon included:

- Organizational and leadership charts of the community
- Marina statistics such as boats berthed, launched, demand, etc.
- Employment data and other related census data
- Master planning efforts (existing or in progress) or special assessment districts
- Zoning for harbor and downtown/adjacent land areas
- Any recent planning or improvement grants received
- Specific challenges Ontonagon is experiencing (regulation, policy, laws, water levels, maintenance, etc.)
- Economic information (budget for community, budget for harbor operations, funding mechanisms, grants received, etc.) for Ontonagon
- Existing tourist information (flyers, magazines, etc.) and existing tourist way finding signage
- Aerial photograph/maps

Developing a vision for a sustainable harbor requires input from a wide range of stakeholders, including landowners, waterfront users, planning officials and local citizens. As such, the charrette design team engaged the Ontonagon community in a multi-day community visioning and collaborative design exercise (also known as a design charrette) to identify opportunities to secure the economic, social and environmental sustainability of public waterfront facilities. The team followed the National Charrette Institute (NCI) Charrette System™ for this phase of the project. An NCI charrette is an iterative rapid design process involving public interaction. The charrette design team hosted an initial meeting on October 21-25. Those who attend the initial meeting weighed in on the future of Ontonagon's waterfront and identified assets linked to existing and potential public waterfront facilities. A three-day public planning meeting or "community design charrette" to garner feedback, develop ideas and create a sustainable vision for Ontonagon's waterfront was conducted from November 5 to 7 (Table 1). In the community design charrette participants assessed and prioritized design and planning options. Community participation that framed the options included public sessions and technical meetings with key constituents. These meetings resulted in three alternatives for the public waterfront as an asset to the community. Those alternatives were further refined into a preferred alternative that represents a single vision for Ontonagon in 2035. The charrette team compiled community input to develop a sustainable vision specific to Ontonagon. The final vision, as well as the process for development, for Ontonagon is documented in this report and was presented to Village Council on January 8, 2016.

The goal of the community engagement portion of the project is to facilitate regular stakeholder involvement and feedback which builds trust in the process and builds support for the implementation plan. This allows the project team to quickly gain consensus and reduce the time to implement a sustainability plan. The meetings in the four case study communities



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will inform the toolkit which provides a roadmap for other communities to engage in a similar process.

Table 1 - Ontonagon Design Charrette Schedule

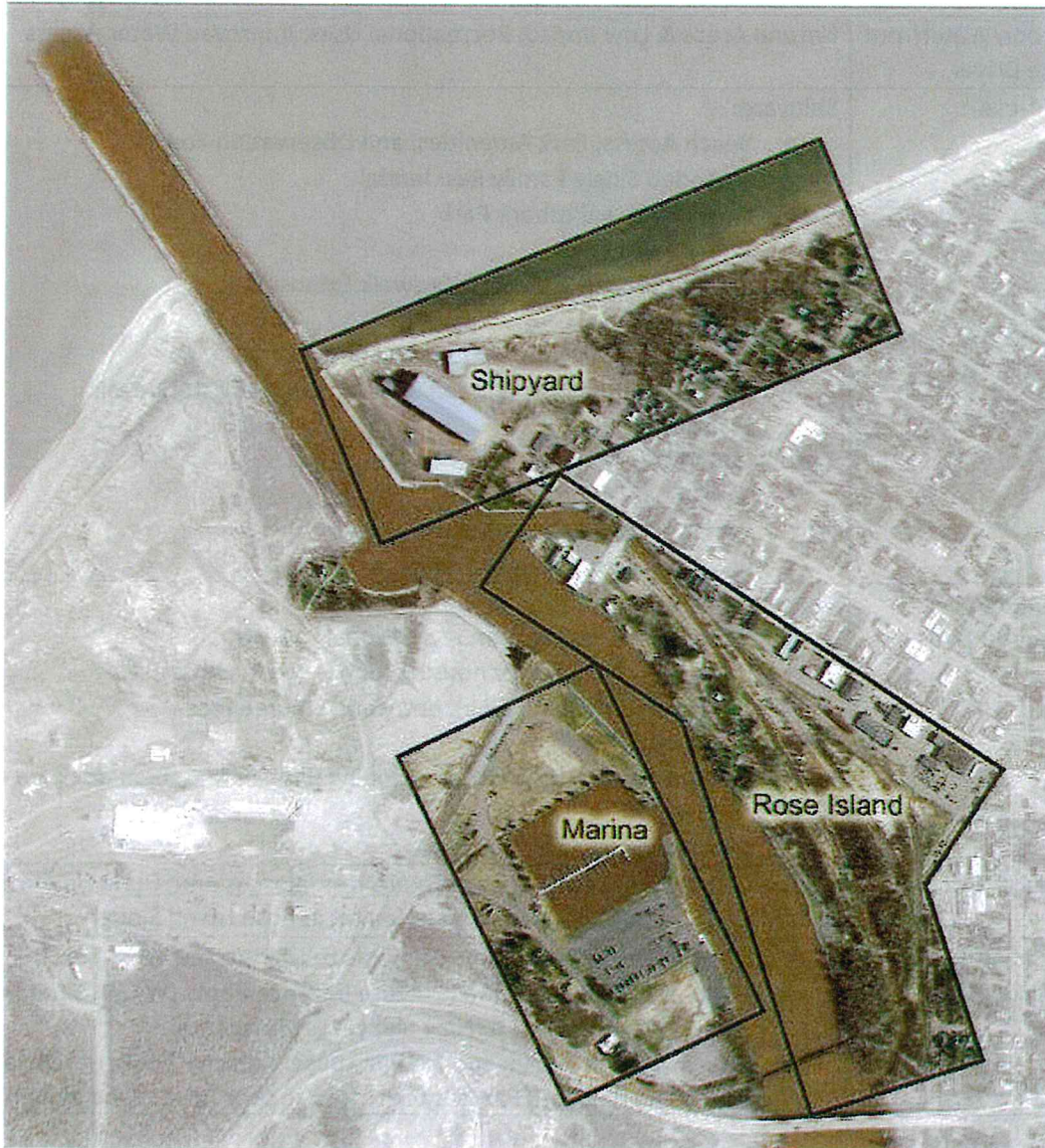
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9:00 a.m.		Debrief on night meeting	Finalization of alternatives
10:00		Refine vision	Pin Up/Team meeting
11:00		Team Pin Up	Production of preferred plan
		<i>Technical meeting: Marina and Water-Based Recreation</i>	
12:00 p.m.	Lunch on your own	Develop alternatives	Final check with stakeholder team
1:00	Team to convene at Community Action meeting room; initial set up		
1:30 PM	Walking Tour of Ontonagon + drive to marina – Joe Erickson, guide		
2:00		Develop alternatives	Production of preferred plan, cont.
3:00	Meet with stakeholder team to present results of preliminary meeting (10/1) and base data		<i>Technical meeting: Business and Industry</i>
4:00	Set up for evening	Set up for Open House	“Work in Progress” Session for Ontonagon Waterfront (4:00 - 6:00 pm) (final work in progress presentation)
5:00	Facilitator briefing		
6:00	Public Input Workshop (6:00-8:00 pm) (visioning)	Open House: Selecting a Preferred Vision (6:00-8:00 pm) (preferred vision, alternative preference)	Break down studio
8:00		Preferred concepts synthesis	Dinner on your own
9:00 p.m.	Close for day	Close for day	

Legend: Grey = public meeting; Yellow = Stakeholder Team meeting; Orange = technical meetings.

2.0 Design Alternatives Overview

Each alternative was “driven” by a unique harbor/waterfront edge feature and developed/evaluated on four additional criteria (Land-Use, Connectivity, Economic Development, and Natural Systems) as represented in the Alternative Content Matrix (Table 2). The Alternative Content Matrix was completed as part of the charrette process to succinctly disseminate the unique, but parallel alternative concept plans. Figure 1 shows three of the focus areas for the alternative designs: shipyard, Rose Island, and the marina.

Figure 1 - Ontonagon Design Focus Areas





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2.1 Design Alternative 1: Enhanced Outdoor Recreation

Design Alternative 1 is formed by leveraging the natural features of Ontonagon for outdoor recreation. In this scenario, infrastructure was removed in several areas to form larger natural areas and park space. In other areas infrastructure was added including a small boat launch, kayak landing and rental, amphitheater, and park amenities. Table 2 lists the main aspects of this design and Figure 2 is the display board from community voting.

Table 2 - Alternative 1 Content Matrix

Alternative 1: Enhanced Outdoor Recreation	
Harbor/Waterfront Edge Driver	Natural Areas & Low Impact Recreational Uses; Improved Water Access
Land-use	<p>Shipyard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beach Access, Park Amenities, and Observation Tower • Extended Single Family Residential • New Village Lakeshore Park <p>Rose Island & Rail Yard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-motorized Trails & Boardwalk Extension • Kayak Landing • Fishing Piers and Shanties, Band Shell • ORV/Snowmobile Trail Head with Amenities (Historic Train Station) <p>Ontonagon Village Marina:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Boat Launch • Pavilion, Warming Station, • Playground and Athletic Fields
Economic Development	<p>Village:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased spending from recreational tourists • Increased single family housing (enhanced tax base) • Rentals (kayak, ORV, bike), entry and storage fees <p>Ontonagon Village Marina:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mild increase in boat traffic spending (launch fees, boat dockage fees, etc.) • Pavilion rental and boat storage
Natural Systems	Removal of pavement and infrastructure from Rose Island; Dune Habitat in Shipyard and Lakeshore Park; Fish Habitat in Rose Island Slough
Engineering Consideration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor Infrastructure Improvements to Marina and West Beach • Major Underground Infrastructure Improvements (Water, Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewer) to New Shipyards Construction • New Streets in Village and to Lighthouse; Remove Culvert to Rose Island and Relocate Paddy's Creek Bridge over Rose Island Slough

Figure 2 - Alternative 1 Presentation Board



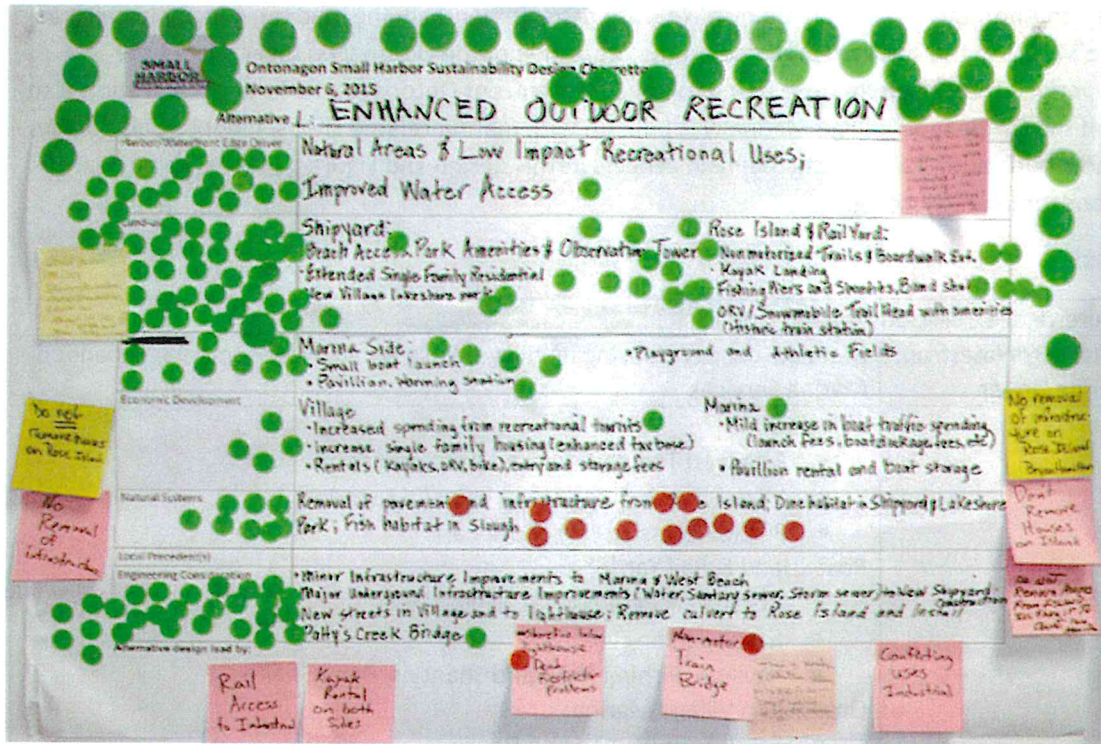


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Alternative 1 received 46 overall approval votes (large green dots) and 14 rejection votes (small red dots) by community members on the second night of the charrette. This alternative had the largest number of large green dots. The majority of the red votes were regarding the removal of houses and other infrastructure from the southern half of the island. One of the red votes was against having the old train bridge designated as pedestrian-only and another was against public use of the industrial land west of the river due to brownfield site conditions. The voting is shown in Figure 3 with overall votes on the top left corner and votes for individual elements within the table. Oral feedback during the public input session included:

- I vote for this one because the residential area is less concentrated and more in keeping with the “naturalness” of our community
- No removal of infrastructure on Rose Island (Mentioned Twice)
- Don’t remove houses on the Island (Mentioned Three Times)
- Conflicting uses industrial (public access conflicts with industrial operation on west side of river)
- There is already pedestrian walking on the railroad bridge – keep it multi-use, i.e. ORV-ATV, pedestrian, etc.
- Non-motor train bridge (should be multi-use)
- Shoreline below lighthouse [has] deed restriction problems
- Kayak rental on both sides of river
- [Need] Rail Access to Industrial
- Would prefer to see/showcase modern hotel/convention center as anchor in this area; “If you build it they will come”

Figure 3 - Alternative 1 Community Vote Results





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2.2 Design Alternative 2: Mixed Use and Open Space

Design Alternative 2 was driven by mixed-use development, adding medium density housing in the Village in the shipyard area and on the other side of the Ontonagon River along Lake Superior. The design for Rose Island followed the current Ontonagon Parks and Recreation Plan and the Ontonagon Village Marina was built up with marina-related shops, indoor boat storage, and a boat club. Table 3 lists the main aspects of this design and Figure 4 is the display board from community voting.

Table 3 - Alternative 2 Content Matrix

Alternative 2: Mixed Use and Open Space	
Harbor/Waterfront Edge Driver	Medium-density Housing in Village; Rose Island Improvements; Expanded Marina Services
Land-use	<p>Shipyard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attached Townhomes and Apartments • Mixed-Use Building along River (2-3 stories) • Public Access to Lakeshore Park <p>Rose Island & Rail Yard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boardwalk Extension & Fishing Piers • Kayak Landing • Pavilion, Fishing Piers and Shanties, Band Shell <p>Ontonagon Village Marina:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Boat Launch and Docks • Comfort Lodge for Boaters • Boat Storage and Full Service Marine Facilities • Seasonal Retail
Economic Development	<p>Village:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased Residential and Commercial Tax Base • Increased Spending from Tourists <p>Ontonagon Village Marina:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch Fees; Slip Rentals; Boat Repair, Storage & Construction • Residential Tax Base (West Beach) • Rentals (kayak, pontoon) • Leasable Space
Natural Systems	Natural Stormwater Management in New Development, Lakeshore Dune Improvements
Engineering Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Building Construction (Residential, Mixed use, Marina) • New Parking Lot at Marina, Rose Island and West Beach • Minor Road Improvements to Site • Major Underground Infrastructure Improvements (Water, Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewer, Electrical, IT) to New Shipyard and Marina • New Streets in Village and to Lighthouse; Remove Culvert to Rose Island and Install Paddy's Creek Bridge

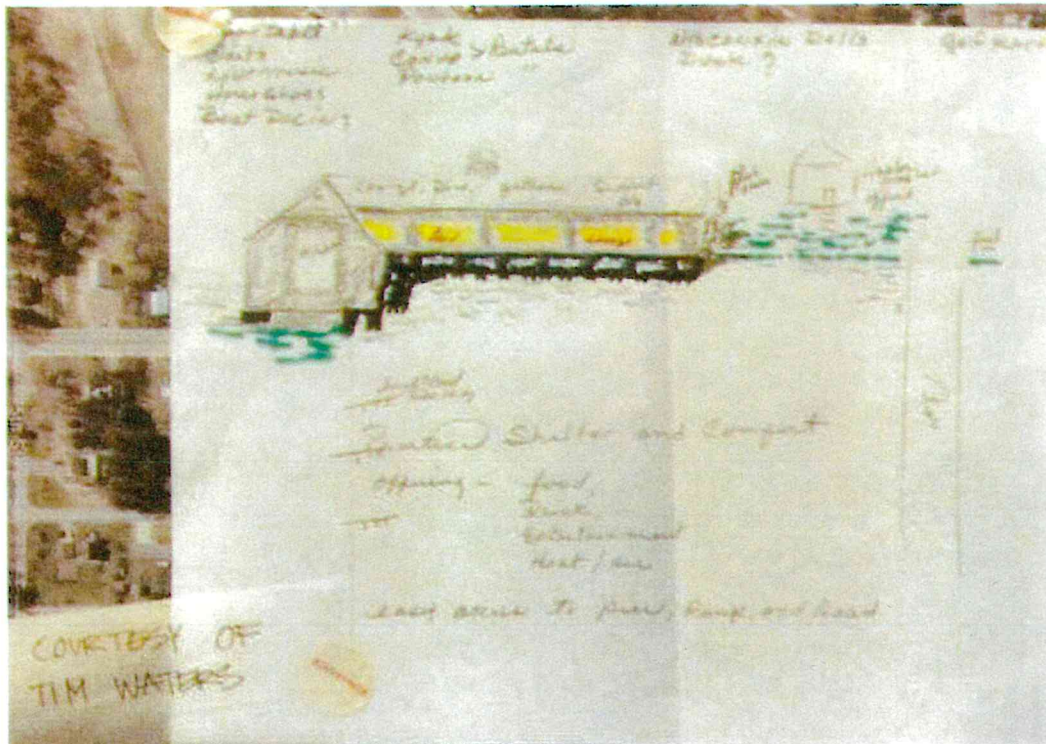
Figure 4 - Alternative 2 Presentation Board



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Figure 5 shows a sketch of a boater comfort station, or boat club at the Ontonagon Village Marina. This building would be accessible by the public and would offer food, drink, entertainment, and a place to warm up.

Figure 5 - Alternative 2 Marina Boat Club Sketch

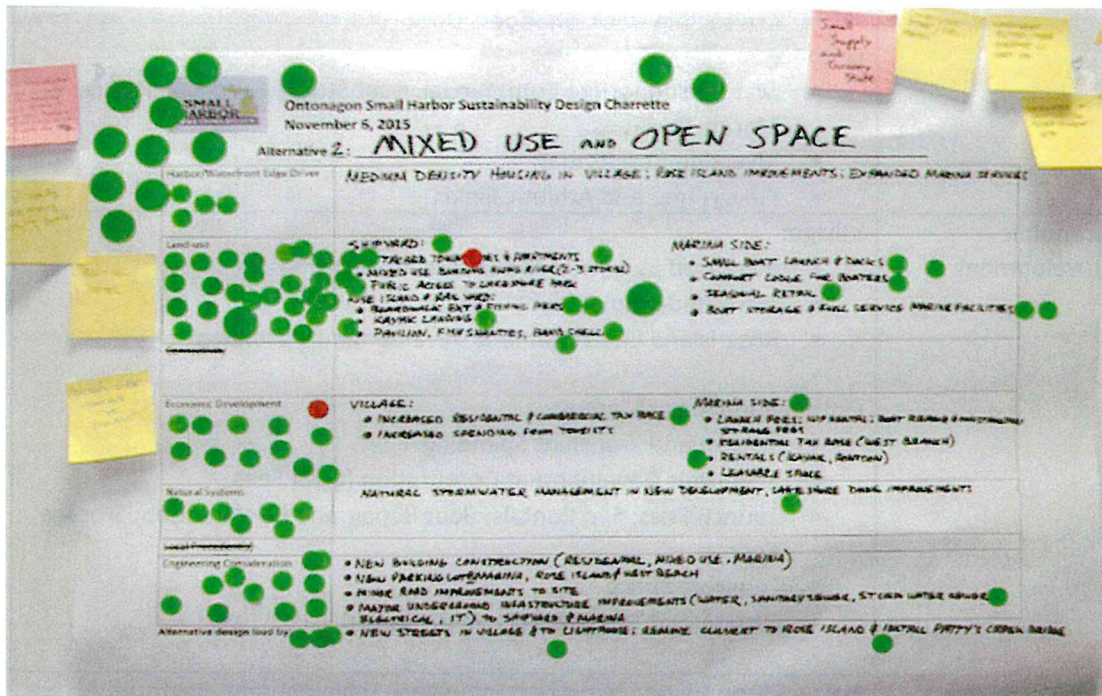


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Alternative 2 received 13 overall approval votes (large green dots) and two rejection votes (small red dots) by community members on the second night of the charrette. One rejection vote was against townhouses and the other against changes in the Village. The voting is shown in Figure 6 with overall votes on the top left corner and votes for individual elements within the table. Oral feedback during the public input session included:

- This residential [vision] is very concentrated which detracts from the “naturalness” of this area, so I voted for [Alternative] #1
- Already too many empty homes
- [Add a] Boutique Hotel
- Didn’t like changes to Village
- Small supply and grocery store (at marina)
- Convenience store/fuel station (at marina)
- Green space buffer/trees integrated w/mixed use
- Development of downtown for entertainment/youth

Figure 6 - Alternative 2 Community Vote Results





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2.3 Design Alternative 3: Industrial and Commercial Enhancement

The third design alternative maintains and enhances the current industrial areas for industrial use. Near the Ontonagon Village Marina additional commercial, marina-related businesses and residential space were added. Rose Island was transformed into an entertainment and festival area. Table 4 lists the main aspects of this design and Figure 7 is the display board from community voting.

Table 4 - Alternative 3 Content Matrix

Alternative 3: Industrial and Commercial Enhancement	
Harbor/Waterfront Edge Driver	Increased industrial use along water's edge drives residential and commercial development
Land-use	<p>Shipyard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased Industrial Use <p>Rose Island & Rail Yard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motorized Vehicle Path Through Island • Entertainment District and Festival Area (carnival, outdoor sports, food and beverage service), Boardwalk Extension • Cruise Ship Dock, Shoppers Dock <p>Ontonagon Village Marina:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marina-supportive Commercial, Boat Storage and Full Service Marine Facilities • Riverside Residential • Playground and Athletic Fields
Economic Development	<p>Village:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased Industrial and Commercial Tax Base • Increased Employment • Rose Island Entertainment Development Revenues <p>Ontonagon Village Marina:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourist and Transient Spending • Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Fees • Launch Fees; Slip Rentals; Boat Repair and Construction; Storage Fees • Leasable Space • Residential Tax Base (Riverside Beach)
Natural Systems	Natural Stormwater Management in New Development, Restored Access to Water
Engineering Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major Underground Infrastructure Improvements (Water, Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewer, Electrical, IT) to Rose Island and Marina and Riverside Residential • Street Construction on Rose Island, Marina Area, and Lighthouse

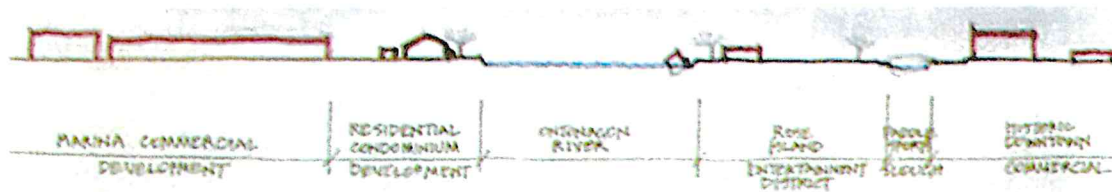
Figure 7 - Alternative 3 Presentation Board



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A section through the new residential space along Ontonagon River to Rose Island and Downtown is displayed in Figure 8.

Figure 8 - Alternative 3 Section



SECTION AT ONTONAGON STREET
LOOKING NORTH

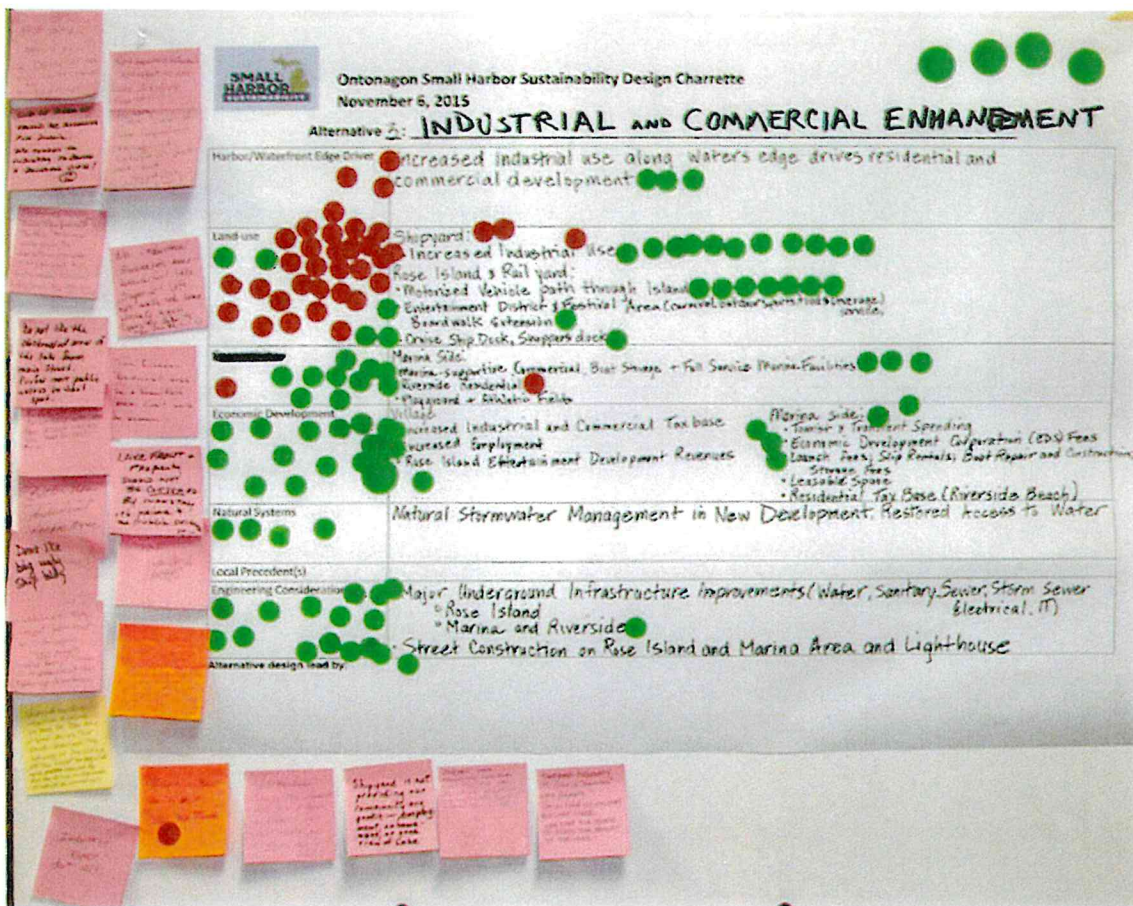
Alternative 3 received four overall approval votes (large green dots) and 38 rejection votes (small red dots) by community members. The rejection votes primarily pertained to industrial use of the shipyard property. The voting is shown in Figure 9 with overall votes on the top right corner and votes for individual elements within the table. Oral feedback during the public input session included:

- Shipyard should be a destination for entertainment or recreation
- End of River Street should be reserved for public [use]. No condos or industrial to block a beautiful view!
- Not against industrial, just want to see lake at end of River Street
- Want clear view of Lake Superior; not against industrial, just not that location
- Increased heavy truck/equipment traffic through and close to downtown- makes [downtown feel like a] turnpike but heavy industry unsustainable here (Shipyard location)
- No industrial businesses near beautiful Lake Superior! Let's not make the same mistake again. Open the lake to the public
- Do not like the obstructed view of the lake from Main Street; prefer more public access in that spot
- The riverside residential area is a brownfield area; cost would be extreme
- Contamination on brownfield site; not able to put things like that in this area
- Lakefront property should not be consumed by industry; it's prime and the public deserve it
- If a viable industrial business could succeed in the "Shipyard" building, then it already would. 25 years of a vacant blight on our river has been enough. I would like to see a government entity buy the property and turn it to public space. The whole western U.P. would benefit. I don't know how to make it happen but government wastes money in many worse ways.
- Better use for industrial access to river

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- Don't like big ugly ship building
- Lakeshore [Shipyards] building largest detriment to Ontonagon. Many people would benefit from its replacement to open up downtown.
- Shipyards building [is an] inactive eyesore in one of the key visual points that could showcase the beauty of the Village. If this could be acquired and removed.
- Industry and water don't mix
- [Add] a "Round-a-bout" or "You go Round" (on River Street)
- Shipyards is not providing our community any profit, employment, enhancement, or good view of lake
- Shipyards property is choice "showcase" lake property. I'm in favor of industry but not there. Use that for people to access the beauty of the lake

Figure 9 - Alternative 3 Community Vote Results





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3.0 Preferred Alternative – Ontonagon 2035

“Ontonagon 2035” represents a shared future vision of the community based on the charrette design process. Alternative 1 had the majority of community approval votes, so the “preferred alternative” was developed primarily from Alternative 1 with aspects of Alternative 2 and 3 included based on voting and oral feedback during the process. The final design was separated into three design portions like the alternatives: Ontonagon Village Marina, Rose Island, and the Shipyard. The final design includes converting the Shipyard property into public beach access with a small amount of development. Rose Island has an extended boardwalk and follows closely with the current parks and recreation plan with the addition of dockage and development along the north end. At the Ontonagon Village Marina site, access to the Ontonagon Light was restored in the design and marina facilities and amenities were enhanced. The final design includes the items in Table 5 and depicted in Figure 10.



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Table 5 - Preferred Alternative Content Matrix

Harbor/Waterfront Edge Driver	Additional housing in Village; Waterfront Hotel; Rose Island Improvements; Expanded Marina Services
Land-use	<p>Shipyard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Attached Homes or Condos • Hotel and Banquet along River (2-3 stories) • Public Access to Lakeshore Park and Pier Walkway • Lookout Tower and Beach Amenities Building • Handicap Beach Platform in Lakeshore Park <p>Rose Island & Rail Yard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boardwalk Extension along Island • Additional Fishing Piers • Restaurant and Entertainment Development • Kayak Landing and Rental/Outfitter • Restoration of Pavilion and Fishing Village • Downtown Community Amphitheater • Restore and Covert Old Train Station into Ontonagon Trail Center <p>Ontonagon Village Marina:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Boat Launch and Docks • Comfort Lodge for Boaters • Boat Storage Facilities • Seasonal Retail • Sports fields, Playground, and Rental Pavilion • Access to Ontonagon Light
Economic Development	<p>Village:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased Residential and Commercial Tax Base • Increased Spending from Tourists <p>Ontonagon Village Marina:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch Fees; Slip Rentals; Boat Repair and Construction; Storage Fees • Rentals (kayak, pontoon) • Leasable Space
Natural Systems	Lakeshore Dune Improvements
Engineering Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Building Construction (Residential, Marina) • New Parking Lot at Marina, Rose Island and Shipyard Beach • Minor Road Improvements to Site • Major Underground Infrastructure Improvements (Water, Sanitary Sewer, Storm Sewer, Electrical, IT) to New Shipyard and Ontonagon Village Marina • New Streets in Village and to Lighthouse; Remove Culvert to Rose Island and Install the Relocated Paddy's Creek Bridge • Reduce Width of Car Bridge to Rose Island

Figure 10 - Preferred Alternative Full Site Plan

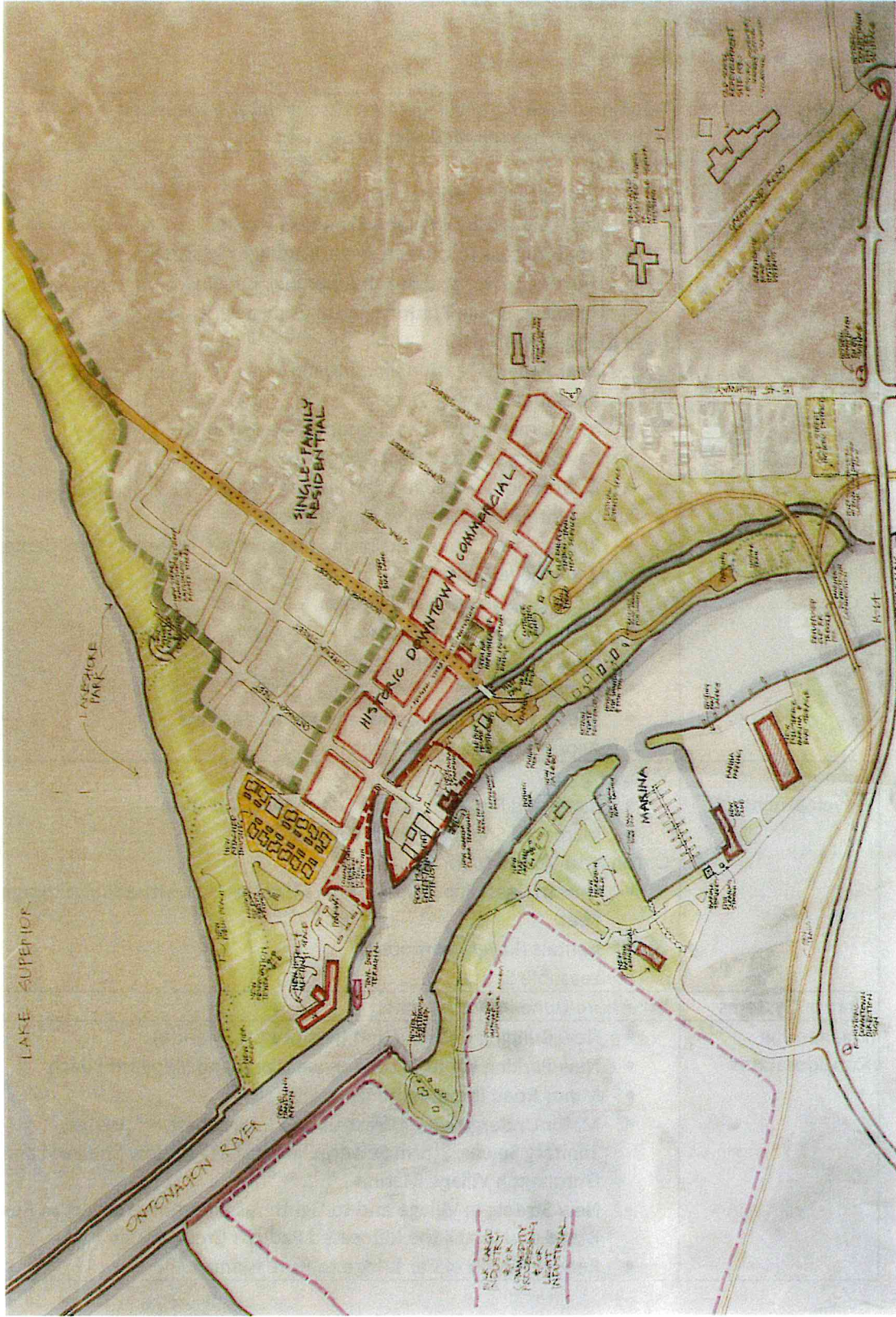


Figure 11 - Preferred Alternative Focus Areas





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3.1 Shipyard Beach

Final design of the “Shipyard Beach” maintains most of the Shipyard site as open space after the industrial buildings are removed. Along the river frontage a new hotel would contain meeting rooms and a banquet hall for large events and an adjacent docking area could host Great Lakes tour boats. The public space includes additional parking along the beach and a lookout tower with beach amenities like bathrooms for changing and seasonal concessions. Finally, along the edge of the Village new housing opportunities including condos or appropriately sized single family homes redefine how the residential area blends with the water front. Figure 12 illustrates where these features are located.

Figure 12 - Shipyard Beach Site Plan



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Figure 13 - Boat Launch Existing Condition and Artistic Rendering



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The removal of the large industrial building also visually reconnects Ontonagon's downtown to the waterfront. An observation tower would be visible at the end of River Street to draw people towards the water and beach.

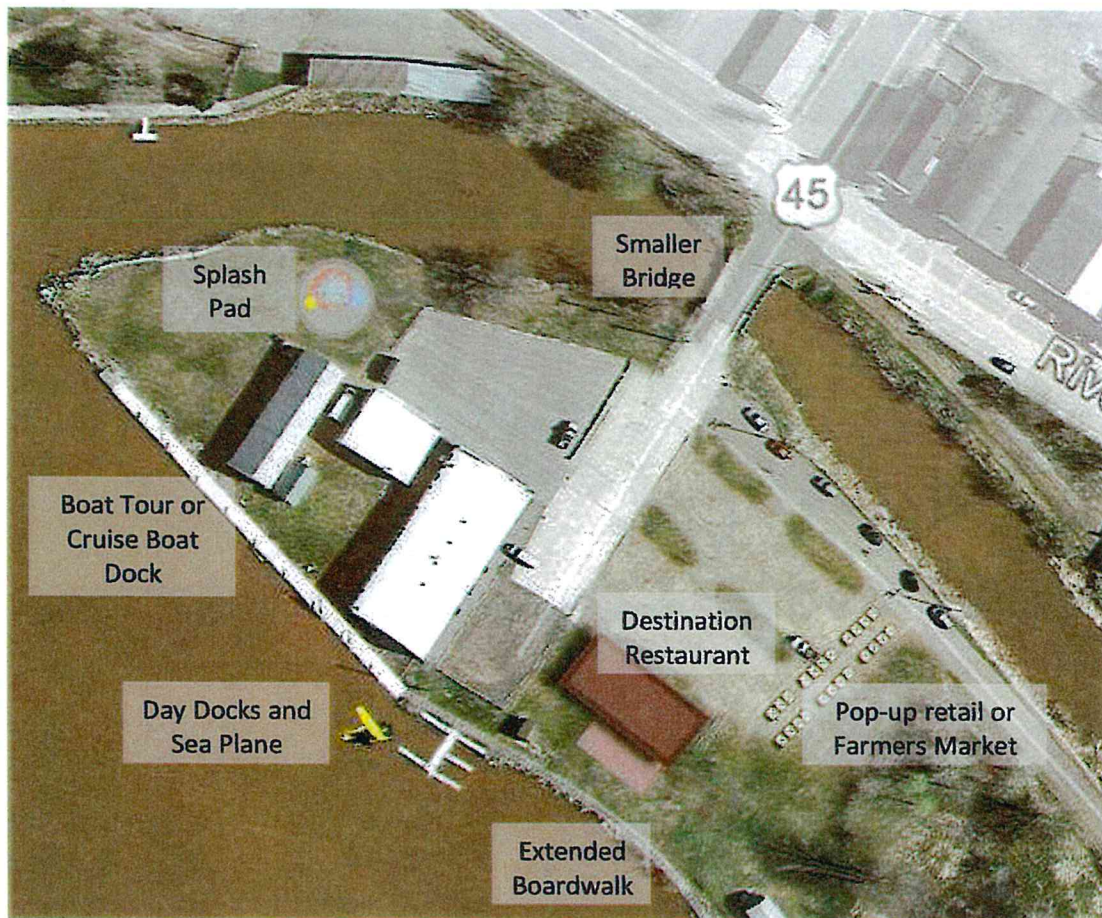
Figure 14 - View Down River Street (Facing Lake Superior) Existing Condition and Artistic Rendering



3.2 Rose Island

Rose Island has a few destinations and the Preferred Alternative design builds on the current Ontonagon Park and Recreation Plans. A detail of the design for the north end of the island is displayed in Figure 15. This is the most developed part of the island and has a close connection to the downtown area. The bridge to downtown is a remnant of the old highway and is currently 60 feet wide with some sections an additional 30 feet wider. Replacing this bridge and culverts with a bridge of half the width is shown in the preferred alternative design. This would still allow two-way vehicular traffic and pedestrian crossing but allow more water through the Rose Island Slough and a more accessible connection for kayakers passing through from the proposed kayak landing. The design also shows more activity centers on the island including a designation restaurant, hub for plane or boat tours, simple splash pad, and space for seasonal or pop-up retail and markets. Figure 16 shows the rest of the island and adjacent train station area.

Figure 15 - Rose Island "Entertainment District" Plan





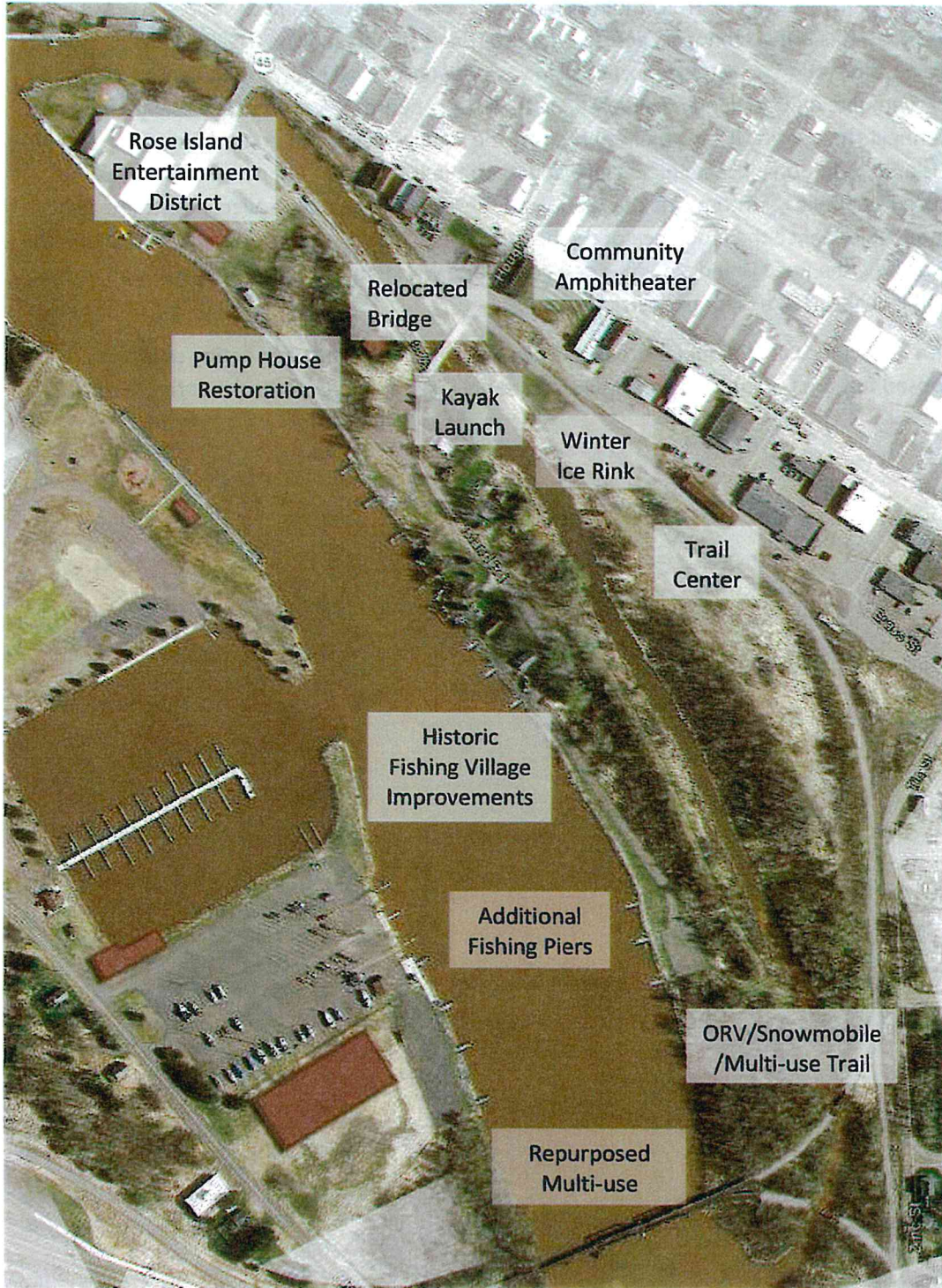
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Figure 16 shows the improvements for all of Rose Island. At the south end, converting the old train bridge into a Rails-to-Trails multi-use bridge for snowmobilers, pedestrians, ATVs, Bikes, and ORVs. This bridge connects across the Rose Island Slough and the trail goes north towards the old train station, which is repurposed in the design as a trail information center.

Improvements on the island include adding to existing boardwalk around the private property to connect the current fishing piers to the historic fishing village and on to the northern tip of the island. Additional fishing piers were added on the island. The old pump house was restored as public restrooms for the island and the historic tug boat moved over to the fish shanties to enhance the ambiance of the historic fishing village. Adding a kayak landing on the island along the Rose Island Slough is depicted along with Paddy's Creek Bridge placed at the end of Houghton Street for pedestrians.

Figure 17 includes an oblique photo of the existing conditions and a rendering of island proposed features. Figure 18 and Figure 19 are enlarged sections of the rendering (Figure 17).

Figure 16 - Rose Island Plan



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Figure 17 - Existing Conditions and Full Artistic Rendering of Rose Island



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Figure 18 - Artistic Rendering of Fishing Village on Rose Island



On the north end of the island new businesses were added, including airplane tours of the Porcupine Mountains and a destination restaurant right next to the Ontonagon River and the boardwalk.

Figure 19 - Artistic Rendering of Entertainment District on Rose Island



Figure 20 shows renderings of the old rail station building converted into a trail information center. This location is a hub for pedestrian use, ORV, and snowmobile traffic since it is near the bridge crossing the Ontonagon River and provides a back entrance and parking for downtown.

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Figure 20 - Existing Conditions and Artistic Rendering of Ontonagon Trail Center



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In the downtown area there are several open lots with steep elevation changes. This area, near River Street and Houghton Street intersection, is ideal for a community amphitheater and band shell. Outdoor concerts, movies, or other performances bring people to the downtown and stimulate economic activity.

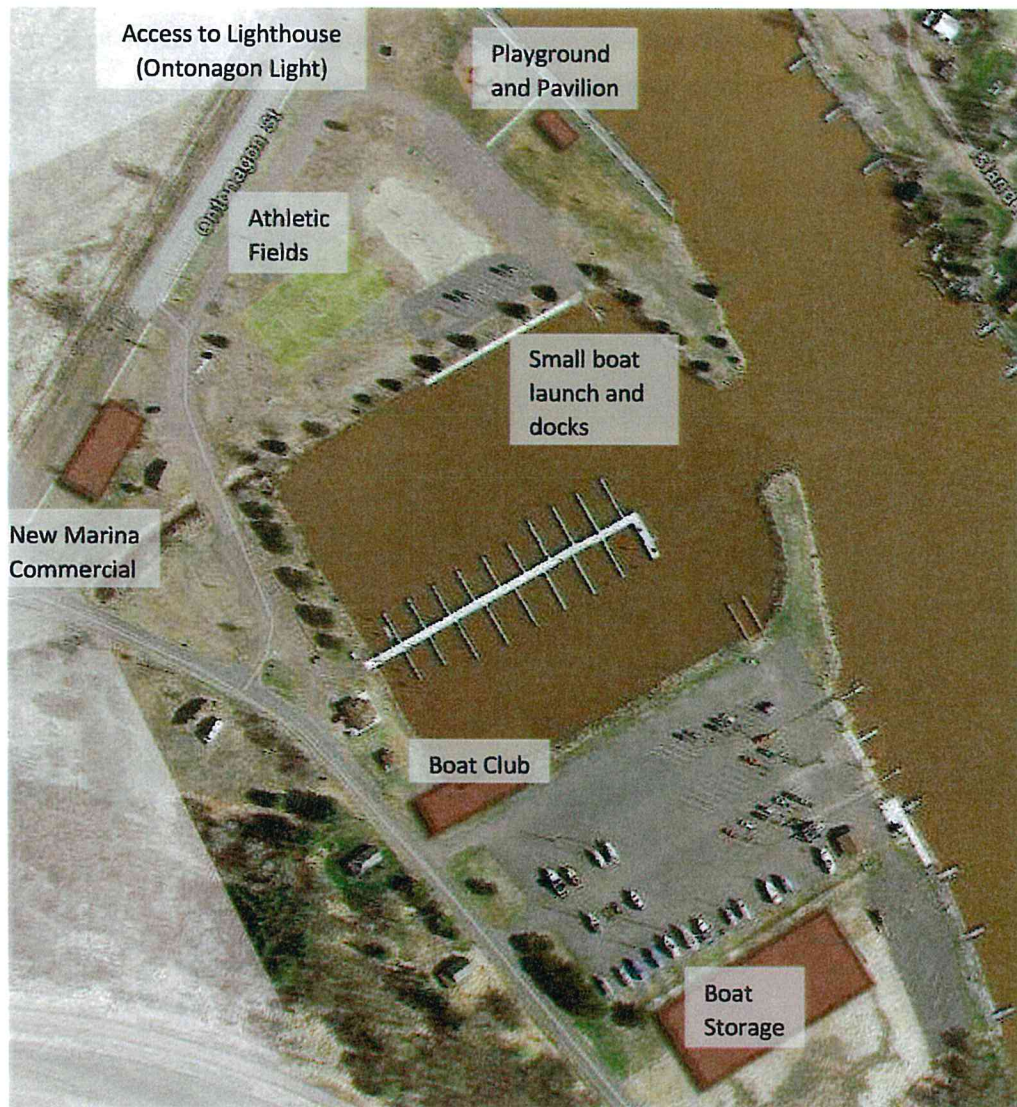
Figure 21 - Existing Condition and Artistic Rendering of Downtown Community Amphitheater



3.3 Ontonagon Village Marina

On the other side of the Ontonagon River is the Ontonagon Village Marina and the preferred alternative design plans are shown in Figure 22. The area to the north of the marina was left as industrial land and not altered for the final design beyond adding access to the historic Ontonagon Light. This existing industrial zoned property could host new industry for Ontonagon. Realistic alternatives include a bulk material terminal, light industry, or boat building. At the Ontonagon Village Marina, a playground and athletic fields are proposed to create more activities near the marina. The pavilion added along the water can be rented for events or used by marina and park visitors.

Figure 22 - Final Design Ontonagon Village Marina Site Plan



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Figure 23 shows existing and artistic rendering of the Ontonagon Village Marina. Figure 24, Figure 25, and Figure 26 are enlarged sections of the design. Inside the marina a small boat launch and docks for small boats was added to allow easier launching of small craft in the safety of the marina basin instead of into the river current. The marina itself has expanded services with indoor boat storage and winterizing of boats. Figure 25 shows boat storage and the boat club at the Ontonagon Village Marina. This building is a warming station for boaters. The boat club building is shown overhanging the water with floating docks attached along the side for short term docking. Retail was also added near the marina with a new complex for marina related shops, shown in Figure 26. Trades like small engine repair, fiberglass, and boat maintenance could be achieved through public-private partnerships at the Ontonagon Village Marina.

Figure 23 - Existing Condition and Artistic Rendering of the Ontonagon Village Marina



Figure 24 - Existing Condition and Artistic Rendering of Sport Fields, Playground, and Pavilion



Figure 25 - Existing Condition and Artistic Rendering of Indoor Boat Storage and Boat Club

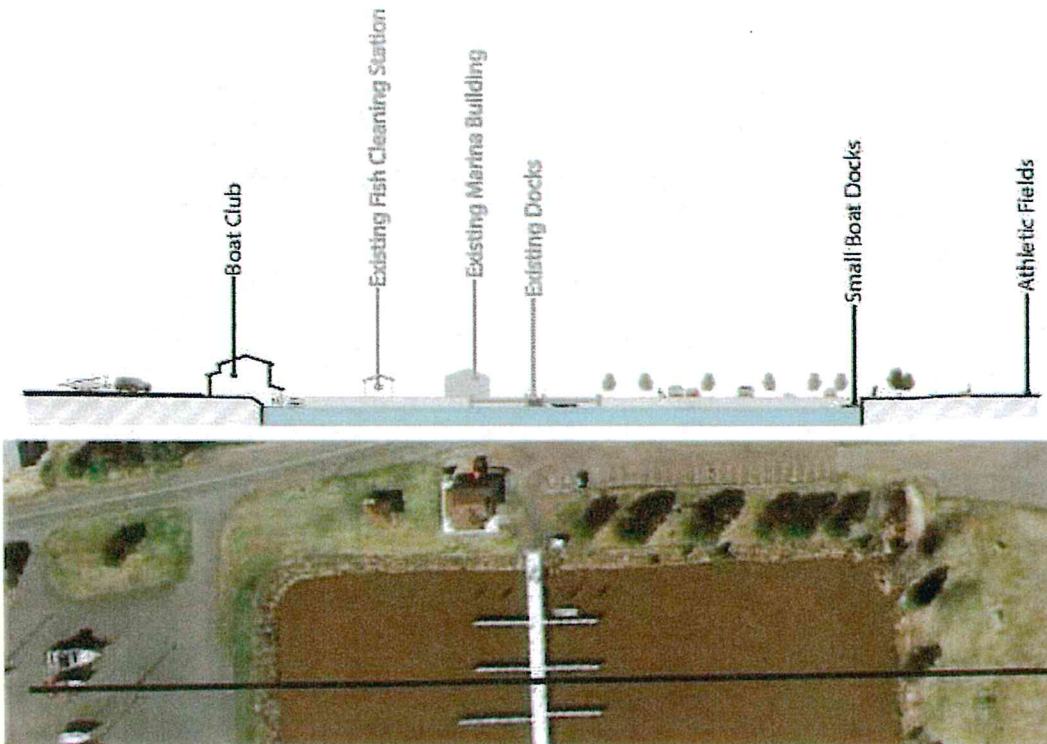


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Figure 26 - Existing Condition and Artistic Rendering of Marina Amenities and Shops



Figure 27 - Section through Ontonagon Village Marina and Boat Club



4.0 Connectivity

The final section of this charrette report considers connectivity as a key feature for a sustainable community and improved all season connectivity in Ontonagon is critical for all modes of transportation. Signage along MI-64 is vital for Ontonagon since many visitors to the Porcupine Mountains pass by Ontonagon along this route. Clear signage advertising local businesses and attractions, as depicted in Figure 28, would help direct visitors.

Figure 28 - Existing Signage and Artistic Rendering





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Having information and rentals available for alternative modes of transportation allows residents and visitors more recreational opportunities and eases access to and from downtown. The proposed trail center is a great place to host information and rentals, but posting this information at additional places where visitors may enter Ontonagon is equally important. Bikes, golf carts, ORVs, ATVs, and kayaks are popular methods of transportation that could be rented. Figure 29 has some of the main transportation routes mapped along with the potential methods of transportation. Installation of a “shoppers’ dock” – free, temporary docking space for visitors –on Rose Island near downtown would also allow boater access downtown without needing a car. Transportation should be available for peak times and services and the existing shuttles should operate into the evening.

Figure 29 - Connectivity Diagram



Appendix D: Recreation Survey

Ontonagon Village & Township Recreation Survey 2023-2028

The Ontonagon Village and Township are collaborating to create a consolidated recreation plan for the next five years. The Village and Township are seeking public input to help plan for new activities, facilities, and improvements to existing facilities over the next five years. Please return this survey **BY NOVEMBER 15TH *in person*** to the Village or Township building or ***by mail*** to **Village of Ontonagon, 315 Quartz St, Ontonagon, MI 49953.**

1. Where is your primary residence?

- Village of Ontonagon
- Elsewhere in Ontonagon Township
- Elsewhere in Ontonagon County
- Elsewhere in the state
- Other state

2. What are the ages of the members living in your household? _____

3. Does anyone in your household have a disability or require specialized recreation? YES NO

a. If yes, please explain: _____

4. Does anyone in your household use or take part in any of the following? (Check **ALL** that apply).

<input type="checkbox"/> Archery	<input type="checkbox"/> ATV/ORV Trails	<input type="checkbox"/> Backpacking	<input type="checkbox"/> Baseball/Softball
<input type="checkbox"/> Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/> Beach Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling - Mountain	<input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling - leisure
<input type="checkbox"/> Bird Watching	<input type="checkbox"/> Boating - Motorized	<input type="checkbox"/> Boating - Sailing	<input type="checkbox"/> Camping - RV
<input type="checkbox"/> Camping - Tent	<input type="checkbox"/> Campgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing/Kayaking	<input type="checkbox"/> Climbing - Indoor
<input type="checkbox"/> Climbing - Outdoor	<input type="checkbox"/> Dance	<input type="checkbox"/> Disc Golf/Frisbee	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercise Classes
<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing - Streams	<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing - Inland Lakes	<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing - Lake Superior	<input type="checkbox"/> Gardening
<input type="checkbox"/> Geocaching	<input type="checkbox"/> Golf	<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking	<input type="checkbox"/> Hockey
<input type="checkbox"/> Horseback Riding	<input type="checkbox"/> Horseshoes	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking
<input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/> Running/Jogging	<input type="checkbox"/> Shooting -leisure	<input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding
<input type="checkbox"/> Skiing - Cross Country	<input type="checkbox"/> Skiing - Downhill	<input type="checkbox"/> Shuffleboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Sledding - sleigh
<input type="checkbox"/> Snowboarding	<input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling	<input type="checkbox"/> Snowshoeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Soccer
<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming - Indoor	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming - Outdoor	<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/> Visiting Historical Sites
<input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball	<input type="checkbox"/> Walking	<input type="checkbox"/> Yard Games	<input type="checkbox"/> Yoga

5. **Township Park (located along Lakeshore Drive in the Village)**

How many days a year do you use this facility (circle one)? Less than 1 1-5 6-20 21+

Circle one response to the following statement: *“The Township should improve beach access within the park and construct a beach observation platform in the existing camping area.”*

Strongly Disagree Somewhat Disagree Neutral Somewhat Agree Strongly Agree

Circle one response to the following statement: *"The Township should construct a new public pavilion (with restroom facilities) at the south end of the park."*

Strongly Disagree Somewhat Disagree Neutral Somewhat Agree Strongly Agree

Comments on the above questions: _____

What changes would you like to see made to the park, or what ideas do you have with regard to its use?

6. Lakefront Sidewalk/Pathway to Township Park

How many days a year do you use this facility? Less than 1 1-5 6-20 21+

What changes would you like to see made to it, or what ideas do you have with regard to its use?

7. Village Beaches (along Lakeshore Drive)

How many days a year do you use this facility (circle 1)? Less than 1 1-5 6-20 21+

What changes would you like to see made to it, or what ideas do you have with regard to its use?

8. Lakeshore Park

Do you have any suggestions on what can be improved at this facility?

9. Village Marina

How many days a year do you use this facility (circle 1)? Less than 1 1-5 6-20 21+

What upgrades would you like to see made to it, or what ideas do you have with regard to its use?

10. Village Recreation Facility (Hockey Arena/Sports Fields)

How many days a year do you use this facility (circle 1)? Less than 1 1-5 6-20 21+

What changes would you like to see made to it, or what ideas do you have with regard to its use?

11. Village Dog Park "Bark Park"

How many days a year do you use this facility (circle 1)? Less than 1 1-5 6-20 21+

What changes would you like to see made to it, or what ideas do you have with regard to its use?

12. The Village should construct a hiking/biking/cross-country ski trail through the Village and acquire maintenance and grooming equipment for it (circle 1).

Strongly Disagree Somewhat Disagree Neutral Somewhat Agree Strongly Agree

Comments: _____

13. Blanksvard Landing, Township property located on the Flintsteel River – Possible boat launch, Kayak landing and campground.

How many days a year would you use this facility (circle 1)? Less than 1 1-5 6-20 21+

Comments on the Blanksvard Landing?

14. The Village should construct a skate park at a desirable location.

Strongly Disagree Somewhat Disagree Neutral Somewhat Agree Strongly Agree

Comments: _____

16. Please rate the top 3 projects you find most important:

If you are interested in volunteering to assist with local recreation projects, please check one or more of the following options and leave contact information:

<input type="checkbox"/> Riverfront Park Upgrades	<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking Trails - Leisure
<input type="checkbox"/> East Pier Public Access Repair	<input type="checkbox"/> Cross Country Trails
<input type="checkbox"/> Dog Park Upgrades	<input type="checkbox"/> Biking Trails - Leisure
<input type="checkbox"/> Marina Upgrades	<input type="checkbox"/> Biking Trails - Mountain
<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Center Upgrades	<input type="checkbox"/> Skate Park

PHOTO CONTEST!!

If you have a beautiful photo of nature within the Village or Township, please share it with the Village Office for a chance to have your photo displayed on the front of the Recreation Plan for the next 5 years. Deadline is January 1st to submit.

Please write general comments on Village/Township recreation facilities & programs on the back of this page.

Thank you! Your input is important to help identify and prioritize recreation projects.

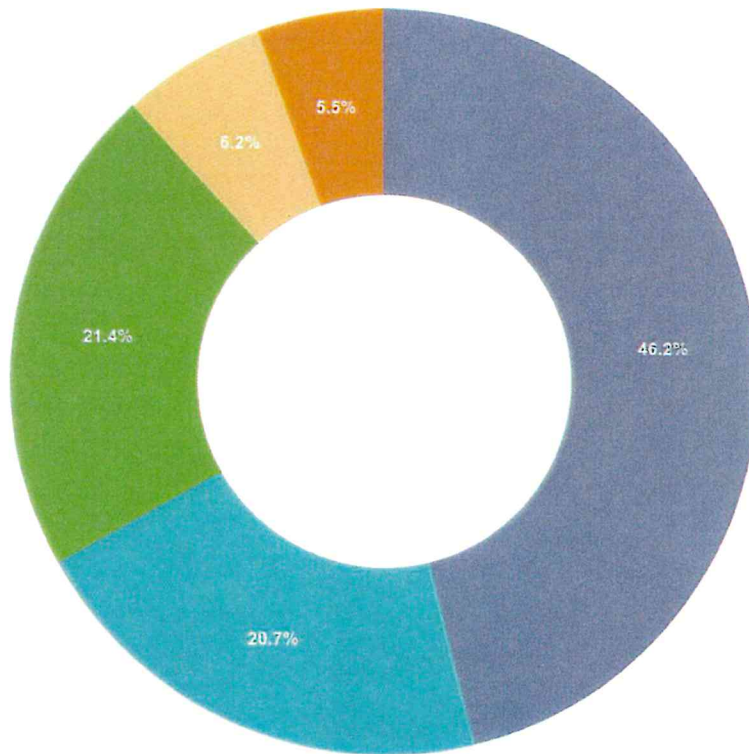
Survey results will be included in the draft 2023-2028 Recreation Plan.

Appendix E: Recreation Survey Results






Recreation Plan 2023-2028

Please take my survey - thanks!

Q1 Where is your primary residence?



Answered: 145 Unanswered: 2

Choice	Total
 Village of Ontonagon	67
 Elsewhere in Ontonagon Township	30
 Elsewhere in Ontonagon County	31
 Elsewhere in the state	9
 Other State	8

Q2 What are the ages of the members living in your household?

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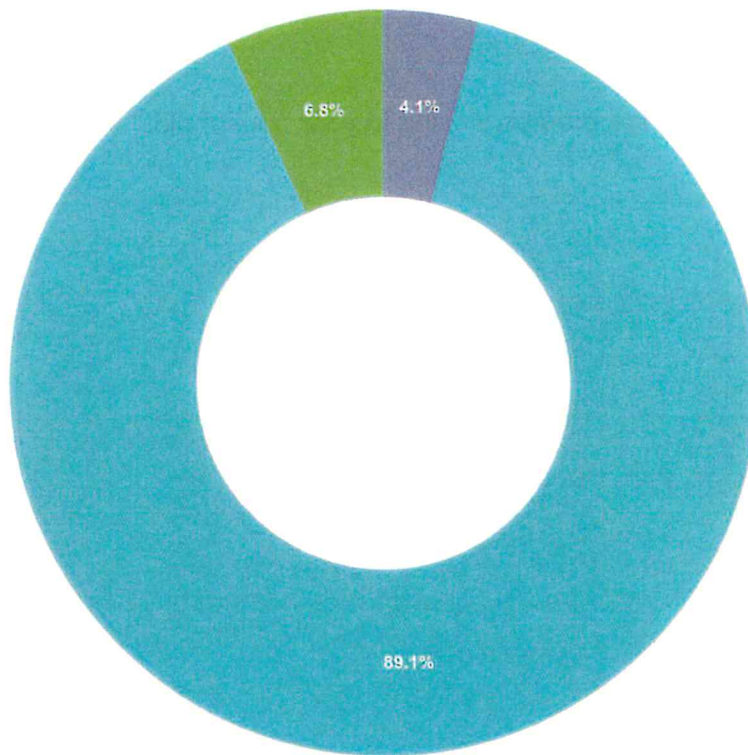
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Q3 Does anyone in your household have a disability or require specialized recreation?

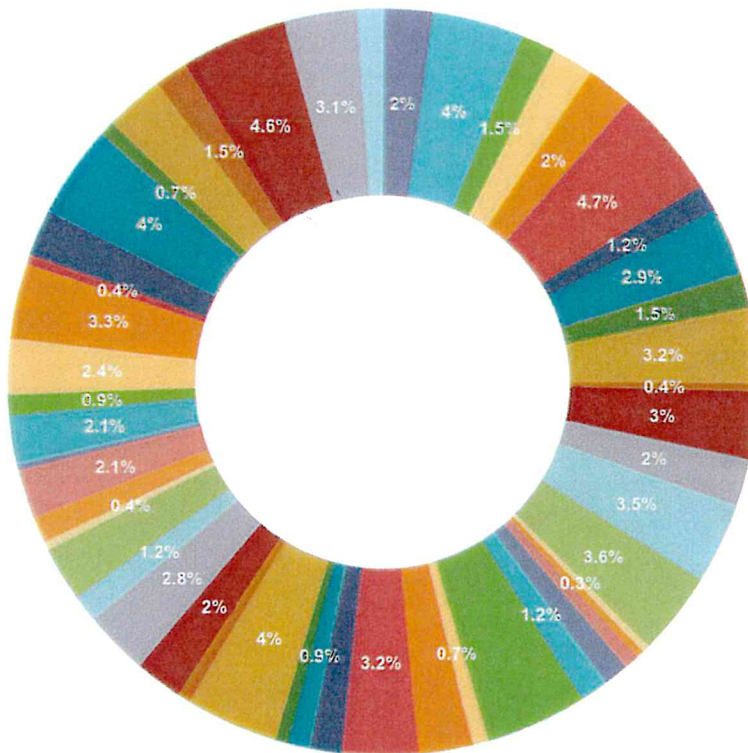


Answered: 146 Unanswered: 1

Choice	Total
<input type="radio"/> Yes	6






















Choice	Total
No	131
If yes, please explain below	10

Q4 Does anyone in your household use or take part in any of the following? (check all that apply)



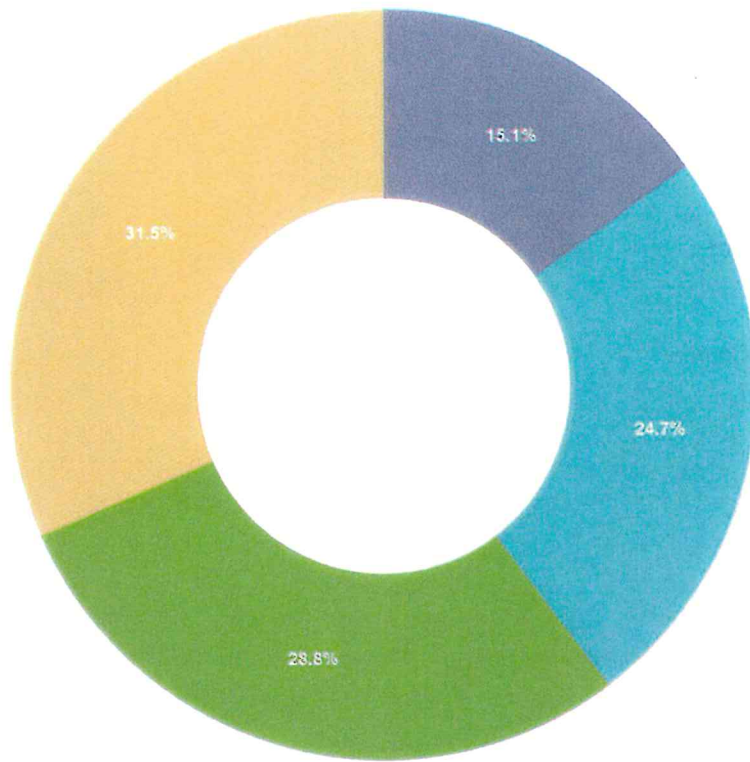
Answered: 146 **Unanswered:** 1

Choice	Total
 Archery	46
 ATV/ORV Trails	90
 Backpacking	34
 Baseball/Softball	40
 Basketball	46
 Beach Activities	107
 Bicycling - Mountain	27
 Bicycling - Leisure	66
 Bird Watching	34
 Boating - Motorized	73
 Boating - Sailing	8
 Camping - RV	67
 Camping - Tent	46
 Campgrounds	78
 Canoeing/Kayaking	82
 Climbing - indoor	7
 Climbing - Outdoor	8
 Dance	14
 Disc Golf/Frisbee	25
 Exercise Classes	27
 Fishing	99
 Geocaching	16
 Golf	53
 Hiking	73
 Hockey	31
 Horseback Riding	21
 Horseshoes	13
 Hunting	90
 Pickleball	13

Choice	Total
 Picnicking	46
 Playgrounds	63
 Running/Jogging	26
 Shooting - Leisure	53
 Skateboarding	8
 Skiing - Cross Country	26
 Skiing - Downhill	47
 Shuffleboard	6
 Sledding - Sleigh	47
 Snowboarding	21
 Snowmobiling	54
 Snowshoeing	74
 Soccer	9
 Swimming - Indoor	46
 Swimming - Outdoor	90
 Tennis	15
 Visiting Historical Sites	57
 Volleyball	33
 Walking	104
 Yard Games	70
 Yoga	27

Q5 Township Park (located along Lakeshore Drive in the Village)

How many days a year do you use this facility (choose 1)?

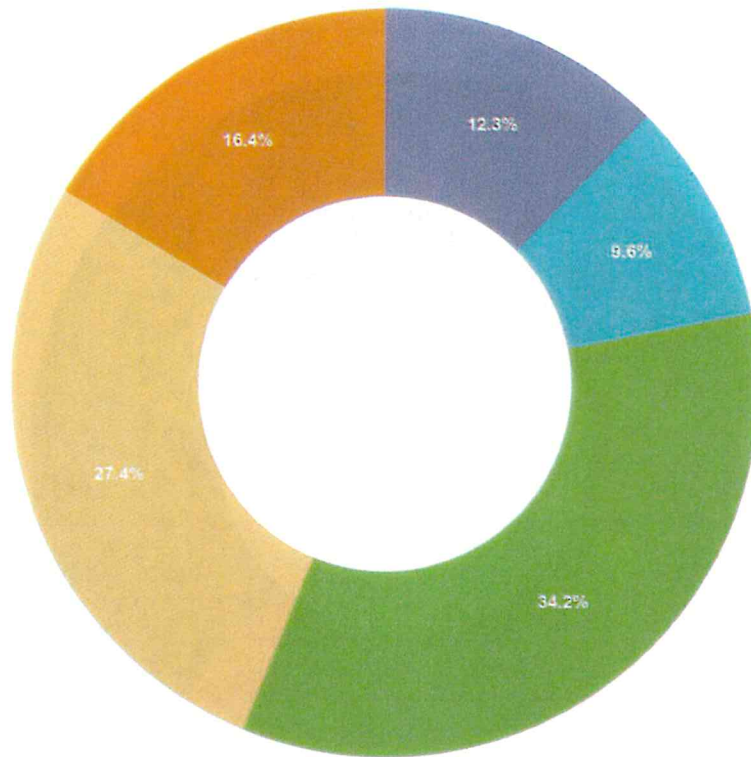


Answered: 146 Unanswered: 1


Choice	Total
Less than 1	22
1-5	36
6-20	42
21+	46

Q6 Choose 1 response to following statement: "The Township should improve beach access within the park and construct a beach observation platform in the existing

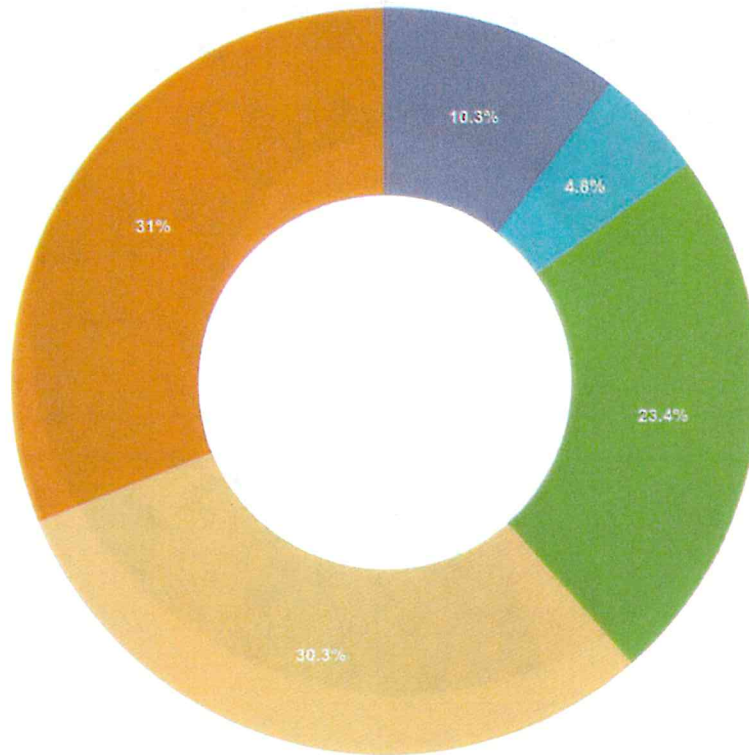
camping area”



Answered: 146 Unanswered: 1

Choice	Total
 Strongly Disagree	18
 Somewhat Disagree	14
 Neutral	50
 Somewhat Agree	40
 Strongly Agree	24

Q7 Choose 1 response to the following statement: "The Township should construct a new public pavilion (with restroom facilities) at the south end of the park."



Answered: 145 **Unanswered:** 2

Choice	Total
 Strongly Disagree	15
 Somewhat Disagree	7
 Neutral	34
 Somewhat Agree	44
 Strongly Agree	45

Q8 Comments about the previous Township Park statements:

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 3:45 PM UTC

Depending on environmental repercussions

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 2:52 PM UTC

People travel to camp to get away from public gatherings and want to enjoy their vacation time either alone or with friends and family. They do not want to be disturbed by public intoxication/ music

Monday, November 14, 2022, 2:48 PM UTC

There is only one modern restroom facility in the entire Township park for campers, tenters, visitors and daily attendees. The so called Pavilion needs running water for food prep.

Friday, November 11, 2022, 8:46 PM UTC

We regularly walk the Wilderness Trail at the TWP Park - it is a great asset within the village. There should be Lake viewing areas within the campground and the shoreline not all campsites,

Thursday, November 10, 2022, 1:57 AM UTC

An observation platform would be nice but maybe to costly to do

Answered: 48 **Unanswered:** 99

Q9 What changes would you like to see made to the park, or what ideas do you have with regard to its use?

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 2:52 PM UTC

quit times after 10 pm. No Keg parties! No local residents camping more than 30 days. Reservations like State Parks online. ORV hour restrictions, NOISE - DUST - EXHAUST

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 1:52 PM UTC

New toilets

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 1:58 AM UTC

Less camping spots

Monday, November 14, 2022, 2:48 PM UTC

More tent sites on the Lake. Better facilities at pavilion inc. restroom and kitchen sink.

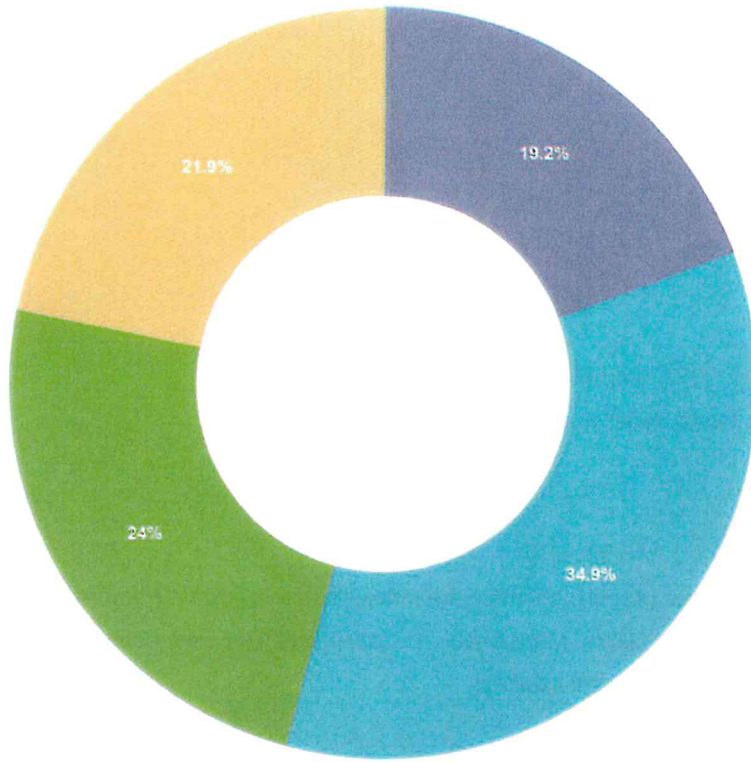
Friday, November 11, 2022, 8:46 PM UTC

Upgrade the old outhouses to new vault toilets. Sidewalk or paved area for bikes and walking along the north side of the road.

Answered: 65 Unanswered: 82

Q10 Lakefront Sidewalk/Pathway to Township Park

How many days a year do you use this facility (choose 1)?



Answered: 146 Unanswered: 1

Choice	Total
Less than 1	28
1-5	51
6-20	35
21+	32

Q11 What changes would you like to see made to the Lakefront Sidewalk/Pathway to Township Park?

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 3:45 PM UTC

Opportunities for Public art/ history

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 2:52 PM UTC

No bicycles

Monday, November 14, 2022, 2:48 PM UTC

More workers to keep lanes clear for all.

Friday, November 11, 2022, 8:46 PM UTC

Remove the hazardous trees (Aspen) between the sidewalk and roadway. Plant native trees to replace.

Restore the dunes with native plants. More beach mat access to lake view benches. Connect the walking/ biking between the sidewalk and park - safety!

Friday, November 11, 2022, 4:06 PM UTC

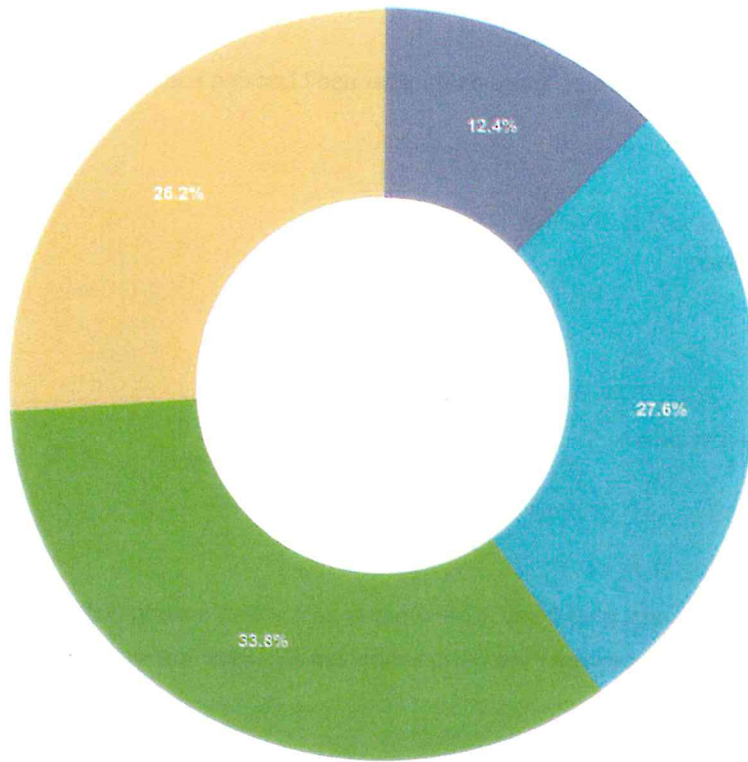
People need to: a - dispose of their trash

b - pick up after their dogs

Answered: 44 **Unanswered:** 103

Q12 Village Beach (along Lakeshore Drive)

How many days a year do you use this facility?



Answered: 145 Unanswered: 2

Choice	Total
Less than 1	18
1-5	40
6-20	49
21+	38

Q13 What changes would you like to see at the Village Beach?

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 3:45 PM UTC

Garbage collection stations (limit size to prevent proper use? Locking lids)

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 2:52 PM UTC

No glass bottles containers

Monday, November 14, 2022, 2:48 PM UTC

Keep it open to all. no fireworks.

Friday, November 11, 2022, 8:46 PM UTC

Removal of hazardous trees along walkway. Remove non-native plants along walkway that require mowing. Paved or harden surface from Pine St. to Lakeshore Dr. Plow the walkway if possible. Build no structures or playground in this area.

Friday, November 11, 2022, 4:06 PM UTC

people need to : a - dispose of their trash

b - pick up after their dogs

People are piggish

Answered: 48 Unanswered: 99

Q14 Lakeshore Park, do you have any suggestions on what can be improved at this facility?

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 3:45 PM UTC

garbage collection & common sense reminders. Disc golf? Outdoor art fair @ park or similar art on the rocks & outback art fair in Mqt. (Last weekend in July) Maybe coordinate w/ music festival.

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 2:52 PM UTC

More Parking Portapotty? Restrooms

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 1:52 PM UTC

no

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 1:58 AM UTC

Don't spend money on a sidewalk

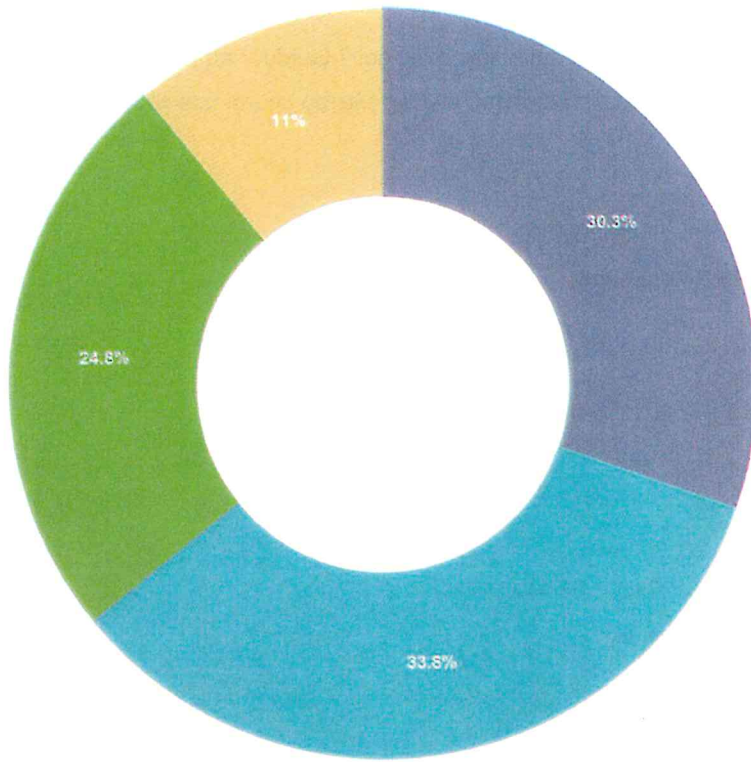
Monday, November 14, 2022, 2:48 PM UTC

more workers to keep clean and ensure no overnight camping. need restroom facility nearby

Answered: 34 **Unanswered:** 113

Q15 Village Marina

How many days a year do you use this facility (choose 1)



Answered: 145 Unanswered: 2

Choice	Total
Less than 1	44
1-5	49
6-20	36
21+	16

Q16 What upgrades would you like to see at the Village Marina?

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 3:45 PM UTC

General upkeep. Consistently self- funding. also opportunities for public art &/or craft fairs

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 2:52 PM UTC

No overnight Parking

No Glass Containers

No camping

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 1:52 PM UTC

more benches

Monday, November 14, 2022, 2:48 PM UTC

secure berths. secure shower facilities. wifi. limited drinks and food machine. security.

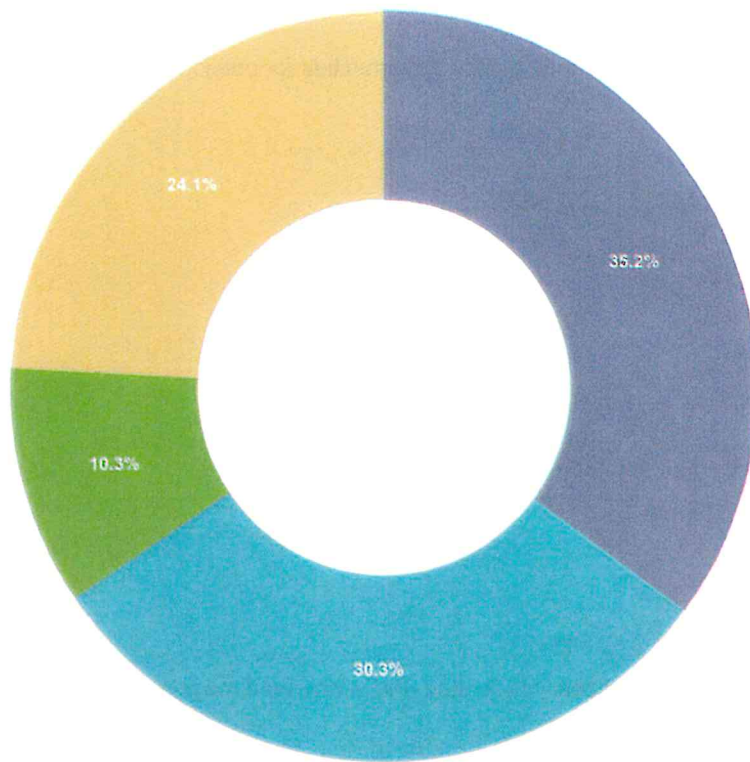
Friday, November 11, 2022, 4:06 PM UTC

fish docks NEED to be put out each year

Answered: 58 Unanswered: 89

Q17 Village Recreation Facility (Hockey Arena/Sports Field)

How many days a year do you use this facility?



Answered: 145 Unanswered: 2

Choice	Total
Less than 1	51
1-5	44
6-20	15
21+	35

Q18 What changes would you like to see made to the Recreation Facility?

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 3:45 PM UTC

more accessible internet presence for announcements, calendar, rates, etc. Not everyone can see facebook.

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 2:52 PM UTC

No public intoxication 2-3 times year

Monday, November 14, 2022, 2:48 PM UTC

everything. It needs entire updating in restrooms, food facilities seating and tables.

Tuesday, November 8, 2022, 7:43 PM UTC

Have no changes in mind at this time.

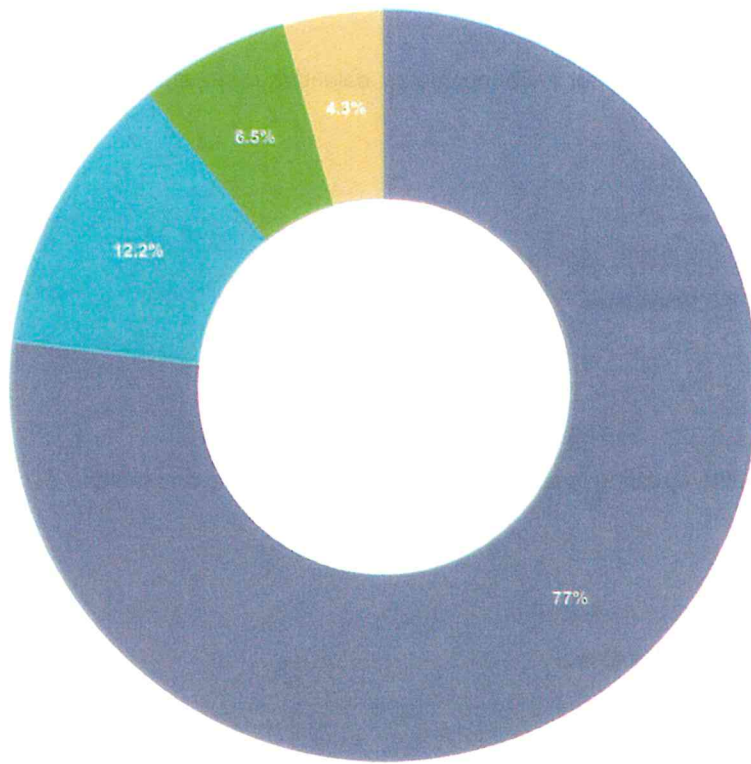
Monday, November 7, 2022, 8:37 PM UTC

It looks neglected like nobody cares about it. The sign is old, broken in two with half hanging on the building the other half lying on the ground. Get the school woodworking class to build a new sign at least.

Answered: 66 **Unanswered:** 81

Q19 Village Dog Park "Bark Park"

How many times a year do you use this facility?



Answered: 139 Unanswered: 8

Choice	Total
Less than 1	107
1-5	17
6-20	9
21+	6

Q20 Comments on how the dog park can be improved:

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 3:45 PM UTC

Didn't know there was one

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 2:52 PM UTC

Less dogs barking!!!!!!

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 1:58 AM UTC

Section off for different size dogs charge a fee for entry

Monday, November 14, 2022, 2:48 PM UTC

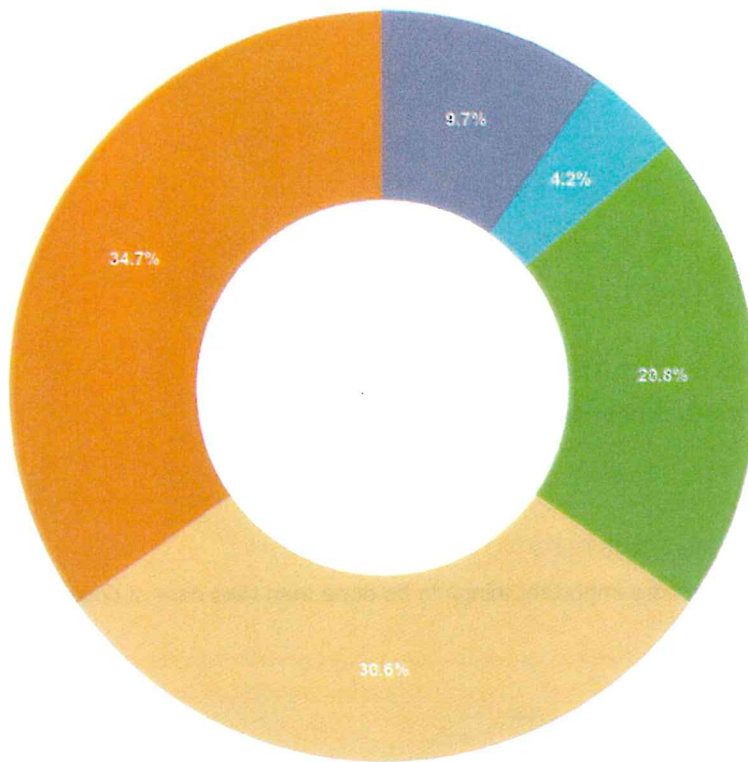
not a priority for me. many more important things to be done than take care of dogs.

Tuesday, November 8, 2022, 7:43 PM UTC

Have none at this time.

Answered: 47 **Unanswered:** 100

Q21 The Village should construct a hiking/biking/cross-country ski trail through the Village (choose 1)



Answered: 144 Unanswered: 3

Choice	Total
Strongly Disagree	14
Somewhat Disagree	6
Neutral	30
Somewhat Agree	44
Strongly Agree	50

Q22 Comments on a hiking/biking /cross-country ski trail:

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 3:45 PM UTC

Noquemanon Trail network is very popular in Marquette County. Opportunities to expand & Collaborate.

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 2:52 PM UTC

Those activities can be done elsewhere already

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 1:58 AM UTC

Waste of money

Monday, November 14, 2022, 2:48 PM UTC

I did not know this was an option.

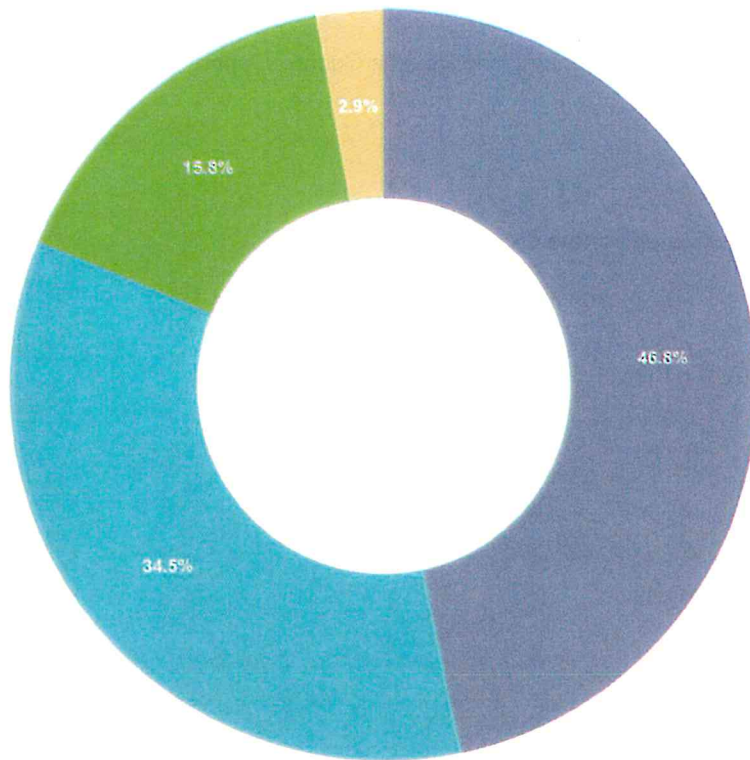
Friday, November 11, 2022, 8:46 PM UTC

Using the existing TWP park trails and the OAS trails connection came be made from the beach to the school area.

Answered: 58 Unanswered: 89

Q23 Blanksvard Landing, Township property located on the Flintsteel River - possible boat launch, kayak landing and campground.

How often would you use this facility?



Answered: 139 Unanswered: 8

Choice	Total
Less than 1 time per year	65
1-5 times per year	48
6-20 times per year	22
21+ times per year	4

Q24 Comments on the Blanksvard Landing located on the Flintsteel river:

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 3:45 PM UTC

Mark areas of private property or public property so users dont conflict with owners. Or signage reminding users to the rules

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 2:52 PM UTC

Better boat launch, more parking, NO CAMPING

Monday, November 14, 2022, 2:48 PM UTC

Would use this as a picnic site if possible.

Friday, November 11, 2022, 8:46 PM UTC

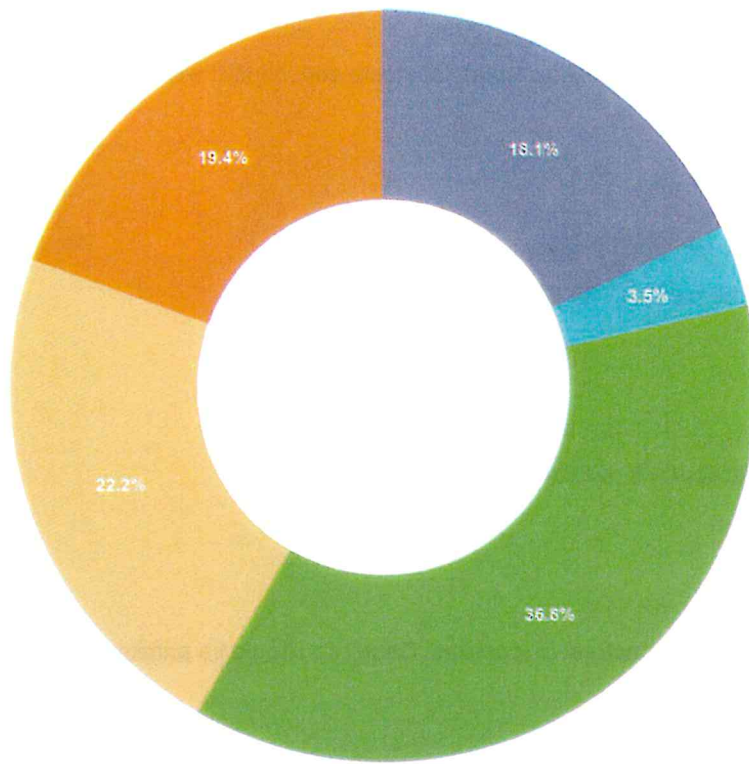
Develop the area keeping it as natural as possible. Campsite should be primitive and a small number.

Thursday, November 10, 2022, 1:57 AM UTC

Nice addition for public use

Answered: 39 **Unanswered:** 108

Q25 The Village should construct a skate park at a desirable location (choose 1)



Answered: 144 Unanswered: 3

Choice	Total
Strongly Disagree	26
Somewhat Disagree	5
Neutral	53
Somewhat Agree	32
Strongly Agree	28

Q26 Comments on a skate park:

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 3:45 PM UTC

its a little niche when other existing opportunities can be focused on. Disc gold would be my preferred focus before a skate park

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 2:52 PM UTC

great for young and old to enjoy more recreation

Monday, November 14, 2022, 2:48 PM UTC

Many more important improvements than this one.

Tuesday, November 8, 2022, 7:43 PM UTC

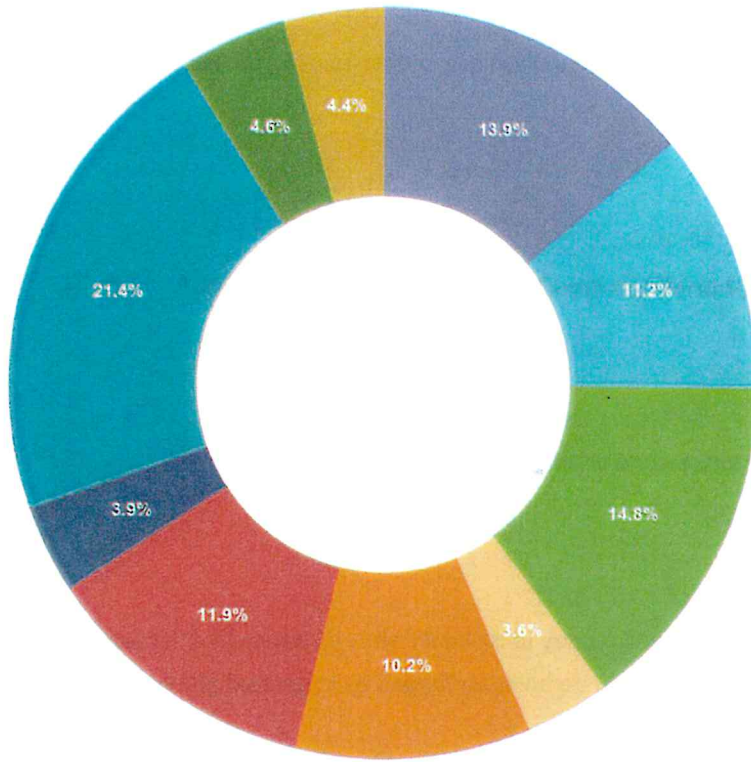
Do not see a need plus time and money to maintain while having money issues already would not be responsible. Things like this should be privately funded by interested groups.

Monday, November 7, 2022, 8:37 PM UTC

Kids could benefit from it but from my experience adult supervision would benefit the village property. Vandalism is common in this demographic.

Answered: 47 **Unanswered:** 100

Q27 Please rate the top 3 items you find most important:



Answered: 142 **Unanswered:** 5

Choice	Total
River Front Park Upgrades	57
Hiking Trails	46
East Pier Public Access Repair	61
Cross Country Trails	15
Biking Trails - Leisure	42
Marina Upgrades	49
Biking Trails - Mountain	16
Recreation Center Upgrades	88
Skate Park	19
Dog Park Upgrades	18

**ONTONAGON RECREATION COMMISSION
HELD AT 5:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2022**

PRESENT: Arnie Bolo, Sue Kempen, Donna Nethery, Carly Hesterberg

ABSENT: Dawn Miller, Cynthia LaBarr

CALL TO ORDER:

At 5:00 pm the meeting was called to order by Bolo and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Nethery, second by Kempen, (CARRIED) to approve the agenda as presented.

AYES: All present

NAYS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Kempen, second by Hesterberg, (CARRIED) to approve the minutes of October 17, 2022; acknowledge no quorum for November 16, 2022.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: All present

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Miller, LaBarr

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR: None

BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Snowshoe Hike Hometown Christmas Update

Donna spoke about how the snowshoe hike turned out great this year and thanked everyone who came out to help and there will be a few minor changes next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resignation Letter

Tanya read the resignation letter submitted from Dawn Miller.

A motion was made by Kempen, second by Hesterberg (CARRIED), to accept Dawn Miller's resignation from the Recreation Commission and vacate the seat.

AYES: All present

NAYS: None

ABSENT: LaBarr

B. Annual Report to Council

This is informational only; the Rec Commission is required to submit a report with all of their progress and activities completed over the last calendar year. The report is due in February to the council.

C. Rec Center discussion/options

The Rec Center showed a lot of interest on the survey for repairs. This will need to be discussed in the near future on options for funding.

D. Quorum/Current Member Objectives

The lack of quorum was discussed over the past year and how important it is to have quorum for Rec meetings moving forward. Seats will be advertised looking for applicants.

PUBLIC HEARING: Village of Ontonagon and Ontonagon Township Joint 5-Year Recreation Plan 2023-2028

A motion was made by Kempen, second by Hesterberg (CARRIED), to open the floor for the Village of Ontonagon and Ontonagon Township Joint 5- Year Recreation Plan Public Hearing at 5:26 pm.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Kempen, Hesterberg, Nethery, Bolo

NAYS: none

ABSENT: LaBarr

Mike Rebholz (Village Rep) stated that this plan is required to be submitted by February 1st in order to be eligible to apply for DNR grants for the next 5 years.

Jim Miles and Chuck Maki (Township Reps) agreed with Mike.

A motion was made by Nethery, second by Kempen (CARRIED), to close the floor for the Village of Ontonagon and Ontonagon Township Joint 5- Year Recreation Plan Public Hearing at 5:31pm.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Nethery, Kempen, Hesterberg, Bolo

NAYS: none

ABSENT: LaBarr

ADJOURN:

At 5:32 p.m. a motion was made by Kempen, second by Nethery to adjourn.

Minutes taken by Office Manager, Tanya Weisinger

Appendix G: Notification Publishing

2023-2028 JOINT TOWNSHIP & VILLAGE RECREATION PLAN - PUBLIC NOTICE OF SURVEY, DRAFT PLAN, PUBLIC HEARING

Date	Location	
10/26/2022	Village Website	Kori
10/26/2022	Facebook - posted on personal pages	Kori, Tanya, Willie
11/2/2022	Village Housing Commission - emailed to office - hardcopies/posted	Tanya
10/31/2022	Township Library	Kori
10/31/2022	Ontonagon Herald - ran in paper 11/2 & 11/9/2022	Tanya
11/1/2022	WUPY 101.1 Radio - Emailed for posting; advertised on radio daily	Tanya
10/28/2022	Village of Ontonagon Office Door & Council Chamber window	Tanya
12/20/2022	Office doors and windows - Rescheduled notice	Kori
12/20/2022	Village Website - Rescheduled notice	Kori
		10:45am
		11:15am

2023-2028 DRAFT PLAN AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC - DRAFT PLAN PUBLICIZED 11/21/2022

Date	Location	
11/21/2022	Village Website	Kori
11/21/2022	Village Housing - hard copy	Kori
11/21/2022	Township Library - hard copy	Kori
11/21/2022	WUPY 101.1 Radio - hard copy	Kori
11/21/2022	Village hard copy	Kori

The Village of Ontonagon is looking for your input for our 2023-2028 Joint Village/Township Recreation Plan!



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Recreation Plan 2023-2028

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Joint Recreation Plan 2023-2028
Survey, Draft Plan Review and Public Hearing**

The survey can be accessed at:
<https://s.surveypplanet.com/1yrk7iww>,
or at: www.villageofontonagon.org,
or on paper at the Village Office
and will be available
from 10/27/2022 through 11/15/2022

The Draft Review Plan will be available on
11/21/2022 at:
www.villageofontonagon.org
For a paper copy please visit
the Village of Ontonagon Office
located at 315 Quartz Street
Ontonagon MI 49953

The Public Hearing on the plan
will be held at the Village Office
on Tuesday, December 20th at 5:00 P.M. ET

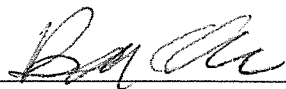
For further answers contact the Village at
906.884.2305 or at:
clerk@villageofontonagon.org

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) SS.
COUNTY OF ONTONAGON)

Maureen Guzek being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is the Editor of THE ONTONAGON HERALD and in charge thereof, a public newspaper printed, published and circulating in the County of Ontonagon, and that she knows well of her own knowledge the facts herein stated; that the notice, of which the annexed is a true copy, was published in the said newspaper, once in each week for 2 successive week(s), and that the date(s) of the publication were as follows:


November 2 + 9, 2022



Barbara Kilmer, Assistant
For Maureen Guzek, Editor
The Ontonagon Herald

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of
December, A.D. 2022.

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Mike Rebholz

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2023-2028 RECREATION PLAN

Has been rescheduled
to take place on
Wednesday 21st at
5pm

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Appendix H: Adoption of Resolutions

- Village Council
- Township Board

**VILLAGE OF ONTONAGON
RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 01**

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE VILLAGE OF ONTONAGON – TOWNSHIP
OF ONTONAGON CONSOLIDATED RECREATION PLAN FOR 2023-2028**

At a regular meeting of the Village Council of the Village of Ontonagon, held on the 9th day of January, 2023, in the offices at 315 Quartz Street, Ontonagon, Michigan, the following resolution was offered by Trustee Rebholz and supported by Trustee Seid:

WHEREAS, Joint Committees of the Village and Township have undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five-year period covering the years 2023 through 2028, and

WHEREAS, the Joint Committees began the process of developing a community recreation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of the Village and Township were provided with recent survey information and well-advertised opportunities during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation plan, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least four weeks, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on December 21, 2022 at the Village of Ontonagon Council Chambers to provide an opportunity for all residents to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the plan, and

WHEREAS, the Village and Township have developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the Village and Township, and

WHEREAS, after the Joint Village – Township Recreation Committees voted to adopt said recreation plan.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Council of the Village of Ontonagon, Michigan, hereby adopts Village of Ontonagon – Township of Ontonagon Consolidated Recreation Plan for 2023 to 2028 and to the extent feasible will incorporate the plan's considerations for all residents within the Village of Ontonagon.

THIS RESOLUTION, is hereby approved by roll call vote:

Pamela Coey, President	<u>Absent</u>
Sarah Hopper, President Pro-Tem	<u>Yes</u>
Elmer Marks, Jr, Trustee	<u>Yes</u>
Don Chastan, Trustee	<u>Yes</u>
Michael Rebholz, Trustee	<u>Yes</u>
Brittany Penegor, Trustee	<u>Yes</u>
Debra Seid, Trustee	<u>Yes</u>

And, adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Ontonagon, this 9th day of January, 2023.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Village Council of the Village of Ontonagon, County of Ontonagon, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on Monday, January 9, 2023, that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267 of Public Acts of Michigan 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



Kori Weisinger, Village Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF ONTONAGON
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-01**

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE VILLAGE OF ONTONAGON – TOWNSHIP OF
ONTONAGON CONSOLIDATED RECREATION PLAN FOR 2023-2028**

At a regular meeting of the Board of the Ontonagon Township, held January 17, 2023, at the Township's Memorial Hall, 311 North Steel Street, Ontonagon, Michigan, the following resolution was offered by, Maki and supported by Chabot:

WHEREAS, a joint committee of the Township of Ontonagon and the Village of Ontonagon had undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five year period covering the years 2023 through 2028, and

WHEREAS, the Joint Committee and the Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Region began the process of developing a community recreation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of the Township and Village were provided with recent survey information and a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation plan, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least four weeks, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on December 20, 2023, at the Village of Ontonagon Council Chambers to provide an opportunity for all residents to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the plan, and

WHEREAS, the Township and Village have developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the Township and Village, and

WHEREAS, after the joint Township – Village Recreation Committee voted to adopt said recreation plan,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Board of Ontonagon, Michigan hereby adopts the Township of Ontonagon – Village of Ontonagon Consolidated Recreation Plan for 2023 to 2028 and to the extent feasible will incorporate plans and considerations for all residents within the Township of Ontonagon.

THIS RESOLUTION, is hereby approved by roll call vote:

Steve Store, Supervisor

Pamela Chabot, Clerk

Penny Saari, Treasurer

Steve Store
Supervisor

Pam Chabot
Clerk

Penny Saari
Treasurer

Brenda Hamm & Chuck Maki
Trustees

TOWNSHIP OF ONTONAGON

Established 1847

311 NORTH STEEL STREET ONTONAGON, MI 49953

(906) 884-2415

Brenda Hamm, Trustee

Charles Maki, Trustee

And, adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Ontonagon, this 17th day of January, 2023.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Ontonagon, County of Ontonagon, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267 of Public Acts of Michigan 1976, and that minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



Pamela Chabot, Township Clerk

Steve Store
Supervisor

Pam Chabot
Clerk

Penny Saari
Treasurer

Brenda Hamm & Chuck Maki
Trustees

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Statement Date 1/4/2023	Account Number BW982
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315 QUARTZ ST
ONTONAGON, MI 49953

IF PAYING BY CREDIT / DEBIT CARD, PLEASE FILL OUT BELOW	
CARD NUMBER	SECURITY CD
AMOUNT	EXP. DATE
SIGNATURE	

Balance Due: 350.41

REMIT TO:
AMERICAN WELDING & GAS, INC.
PO BOX 779009
CHICAGO, IL 60677-9009
(844)854-1451

TO ENSURE PROPER CREDIT, PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

Transactions Since Your Last Statement	New Charges	Payments	Adjustments		
	138.28	0.00	0.00		
Aging	Current	1 to 30	31 to 60	61 to 90	Over 90 Days
	137.28	213.13	0.00	0.00	0.00

Summary Statement of Account

PAYMENT DUE UPON RECEIPT

STATEMENT DATE 1/4/2023

Ship To Customer(s)	Summary of Outstanding Charges	Summary of Payments	Summary of Adjustments	Balance Due
ONTONAGON, VILLAGE OF	351.41	-1.00	0.00	350.41
*** TOTALS	351.41	-1.00	0.00	350.41

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EFT/ACH Payments: American Welding & Gas, Inc.
4900 Falls of Neuse Ste 150, Raleigh, NC 27609
Account: 2000044738381 Routing Number: 121000248

Invoice Number	Date	Description	Original Charges	Payments	Adjustments	Balance Due
Ship-to Customer: ONTONAGON, VILLAGE OF						
00009526	12/2/2022	Payment	0.00	-1.00	0.00	-1.00
08938140	11/30/2022	Invoice	175.38	0.00	0.00	175.38
08957963	11/30/2022	Cylinder rent	36.64	0.00	0.00	36.64
08962803	11/30/2022	Finance charge	1.11	0.00	0.00	1.11
08996456	12/28/2022	Invoice	31.33	0.00	0.00	31.33
08996463	12/28/2022	Invoice	53.27	0.00	0.00	53.27
09020931	12/31/2022	Cylinder rent	50.50	0.00	0.00	50.50
09025573	12/31/2022	Finance charge	3.18	0.00	0.00	3.18
STATEMENT TOTALS			351.41	-1.00	0.00	350.41

