

**CLARK TOWNSHIP  
RECREATION PLAN  
2013 - 2017**

Clark Township  
Mackinac County  
Michigan

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# **Clark Township**

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**RECREATION PLAN**  
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## INTRODUCTION

Clark Township is situated on the shores of Lake Huron and is a popular tourist destination that is also commonly known as the Les Cheneaux Islands. Because of the varied seasons recreation opportunities abound for residents and tourists. As a result, Clark Township sees the need for a formal recreation plan to assist in identifying and prioritizing projects.

Clark Township is seeking to improve recreation opportunities that are available. In addition the township is working with adjoining communities to improve cross-jurisdictional opportunities in the region (such as trailways).

While the township has been fortunate to have local donors to support many of the projects, additional funds are needed to fully complete many of the projects. The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, administered through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) is one potential source for funds needed to complete projects. While this recreation plan is required for MDNR funding, it will be the basis of all funding applications for projects listed in the report.

To become grant eligible for MDNR funding, a community must have an approved recreation plan. Components of an MDNR approved recreation plan include:

- Community Description
- Administrative Structure
- Recreation Inventory

- Description of the Public Input Process
- Goals and Objectives
- Action Program
- Plan Adoption Documentation

#### Purpose of this plan

The purpose of this plan is:

1. To clarify, prioritize and communicate the overall recreation plans of area agencies and organizations, including the township.
2. To provide for a process for coordinating and periodically reassessing the coordination of activities planned by the public and for the public.
3. To help qualify Clark Township for various recreation funds.

Detailed objectives of the plan are:

1. To develop projections about tourism and related demand for facilities.
2. To make an assessment of present and future needs for local recreation facilities.
3. To develop a list of long-range goals for area recreation.
4. To develop a five-year action plan in which priority projects are named and possible funding sources identified.

## COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

The history of the entire Great Lakes Region is intimately tied to the Les Cheneaux Islands. The safe harbors of the many channels between the islands harbored the people who passed through the St. Mary's River and the Straits of Mackinac. Since the latter part of the nineteenth century, the shores and islands of the township have become the favorite summer resort. Located on the eastern-most end of Mackinac County in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Clark Township is composed of the two waterfront settlements of Cedarville and Hessel, a 17-mile stretch of pristine shoreline, and a 36-island archipelago known as the Les Cheneaux Islands. The northern shore of Lake Huron, including Les Cheneaux, has been designated by The Nature Conservancy as "One of the Last Great Places" in the northern hemisphere and identified in the 1999 SOLEC report as "a significant biodiversity investment area." Our unique coastal ecology supports numerous and diverse plant and animal communities. Les Cheneaux is also known for being one of the best remaining examples of scarce Great Lakes Marshes.

For over a hundred years, the Les Cheneaux Islands area has been a sleepy summer resort community, primarily dependent upon the yellow perch fishery and a multi-generational seasonal population. Our year-round population of 2,056 nearly quadruples in the summer

The jurisdiction of the plan is the boundaries of Clark Township. Clark Township occupies the southeastern portion of Mackinac County and lies within the area described by T43N, T42N, and R1W, R1E and R2E (figure 1). The township is approximately 180 square miles with 176 miles of Lake Huron shoreline. The major population centers are Cedarville and Hessel.

The focus of the plan is all recreation opportunities. This includes recreation that is active (physical) and passive (non-physical) by nature. For the purpose of this plan recreation is defined quite broadly and is considered to be any kind of conscious enjoyment.

Figure 1

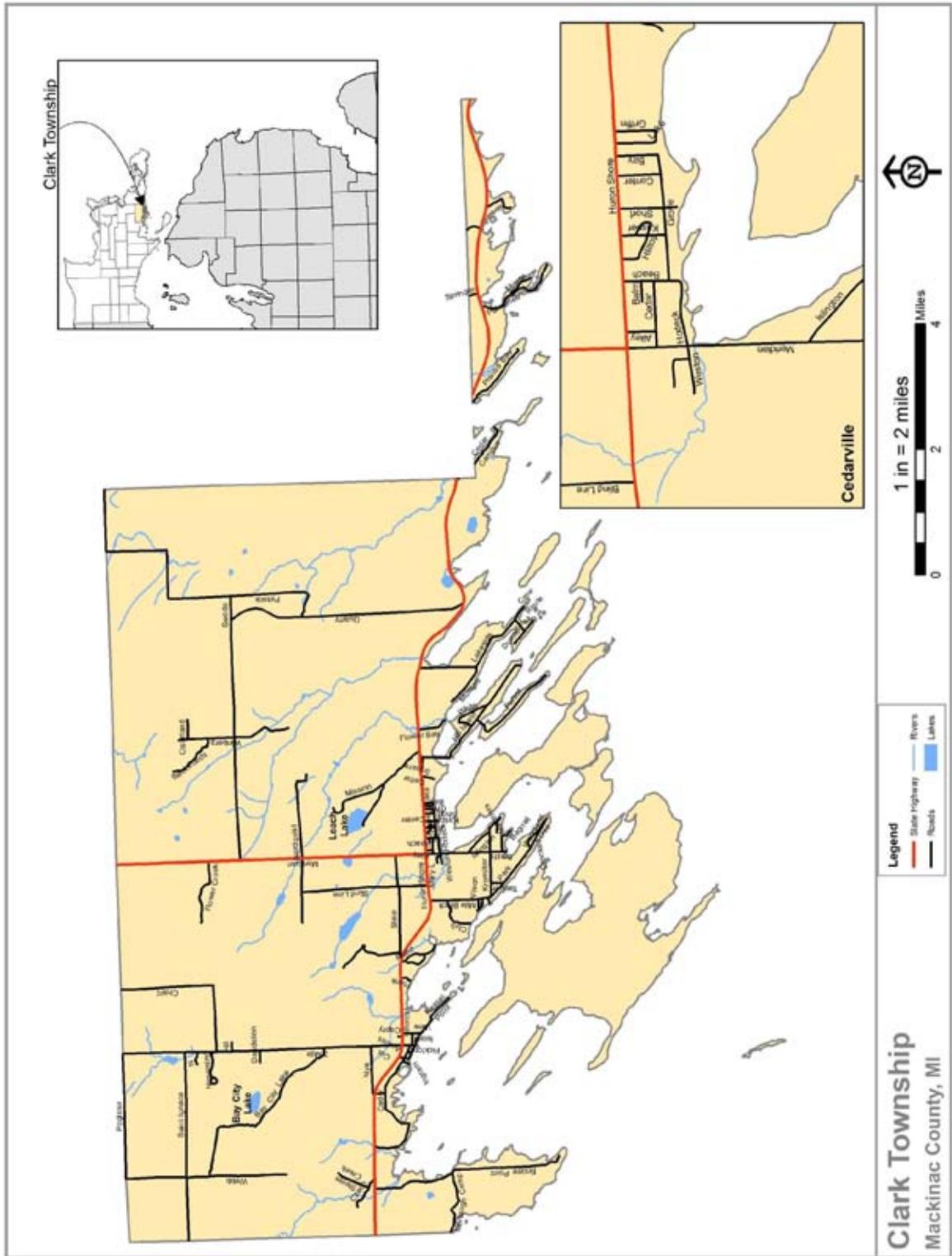
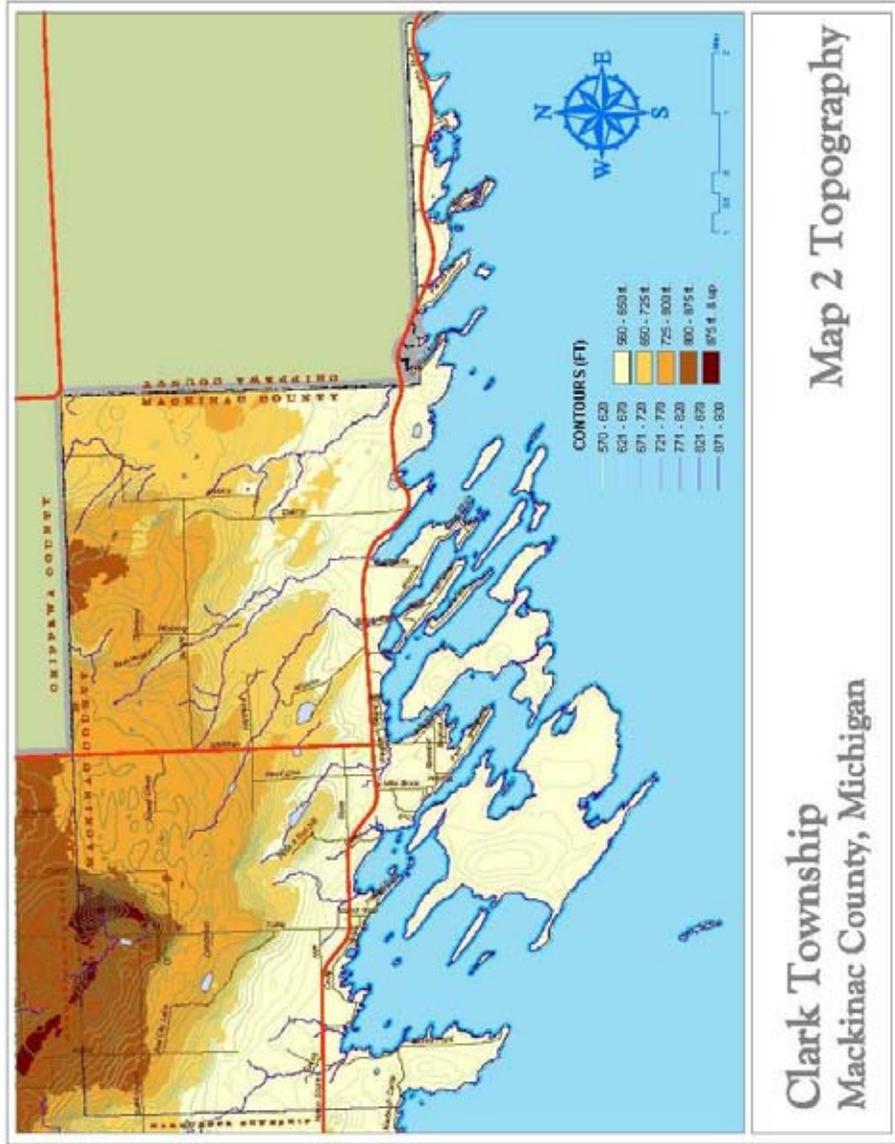


Figure 2





## ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Clark Township administrative activities are handled by a township board of trustees that consists of a supervisor, treasurer, clerk and two trustees. Clark Township has no formal parks and recreation board or department. There is a recreation committee to assist in maintaining and developing recreation opportunities. The recreation committee is a volunteer committee with members appointed by the township board. During the summer months the township employs a harbor master and four marina staff. Presently the township employs one year-round, full-time maintenance employee.

Funding for maintenance of recreation facilities is mostly included in the general maintenance and labor budget. In recent years, funding for projects has come from community organizations such as the Les Cheneaux Lions Club and through fundraising for an unendowed fund at the Les Cheneaux Community Foundation.

Figure 4

Clark Township Organizational Chart

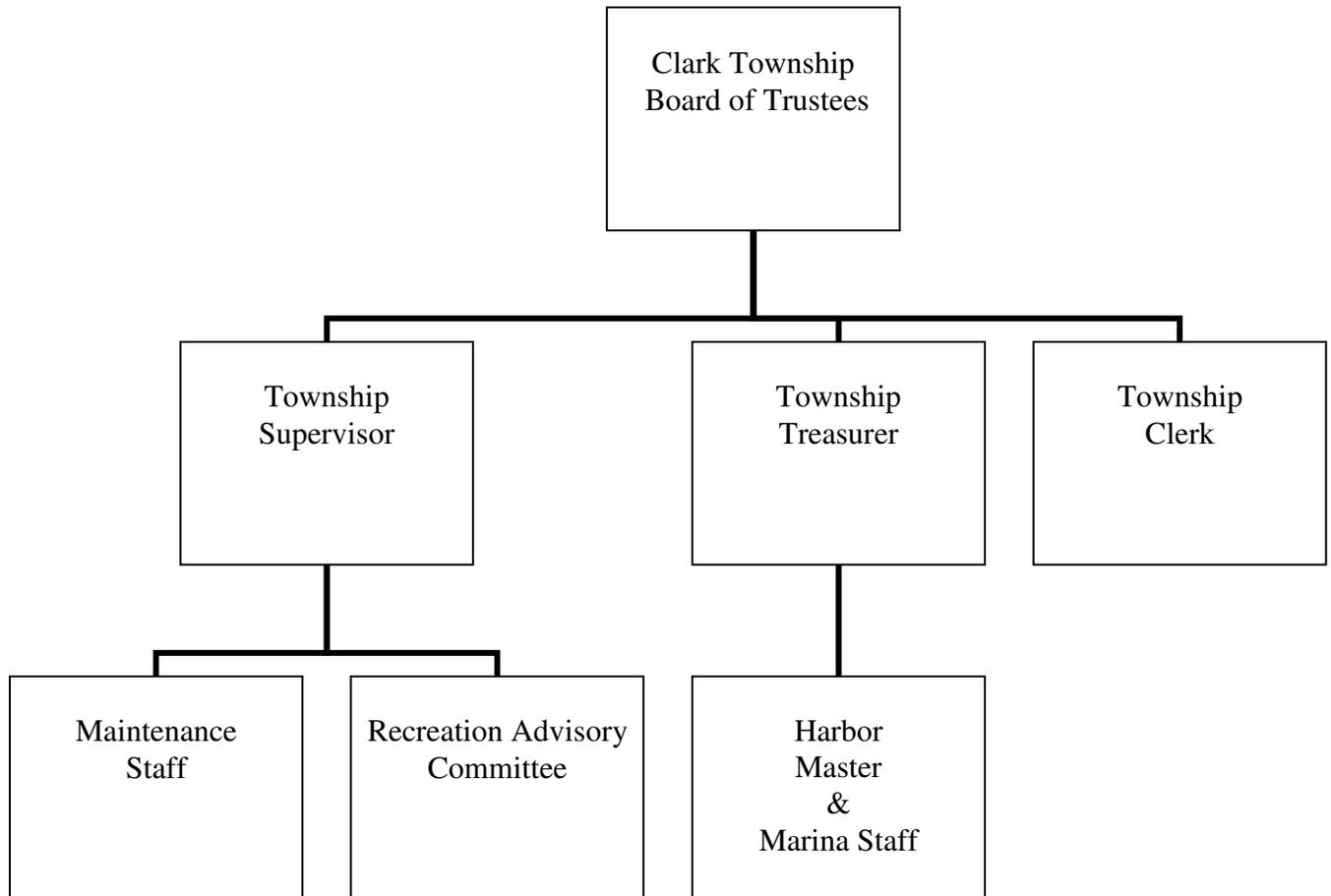
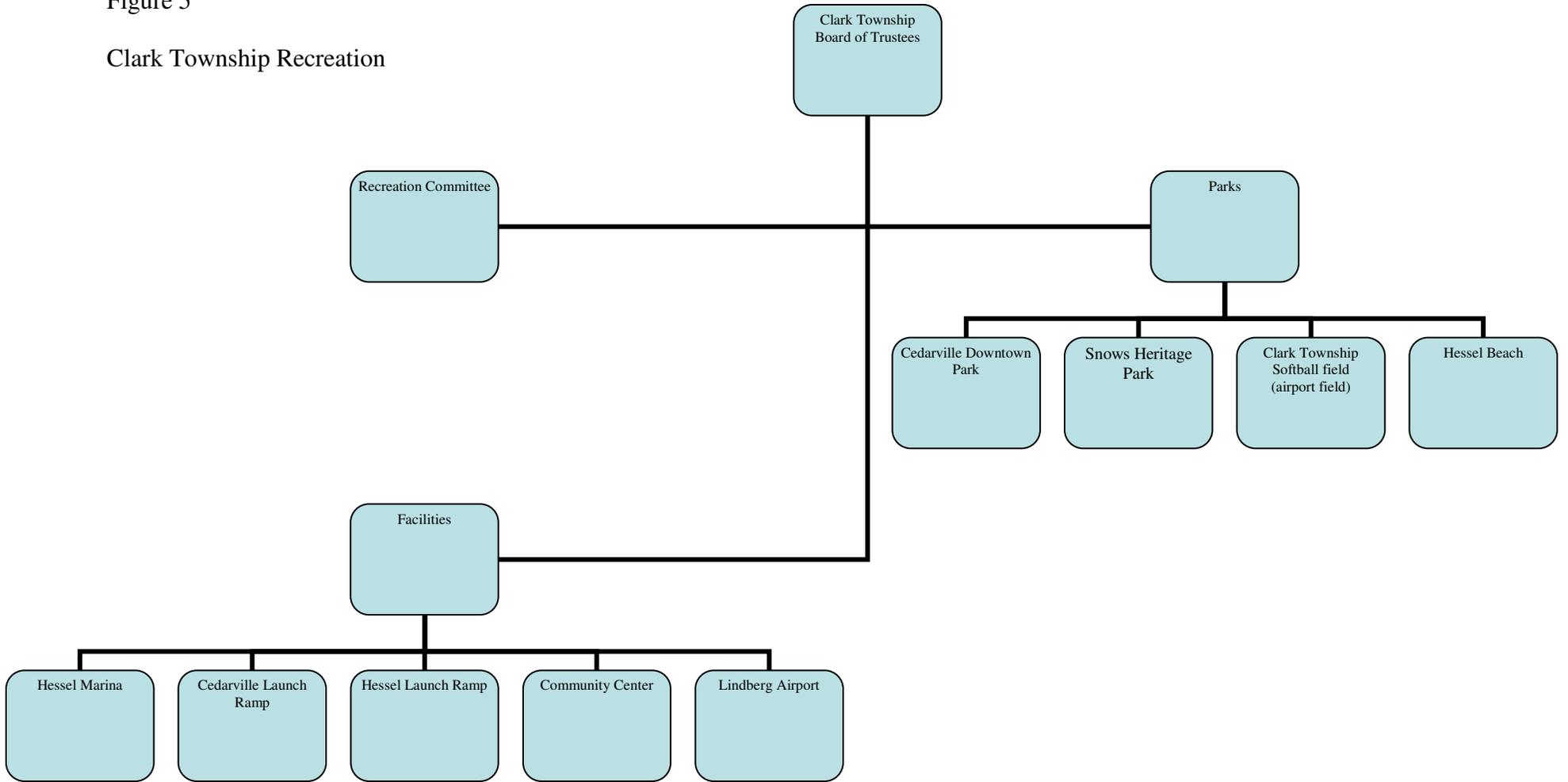


Figure 5

Clark Township Recreation



## **Relationships with other agencies**

There are many organizations and agencies that contribute to the overall success of recreation opportunities within Clark Township. These organizations and agencies have provided matching funds for development projects. Members of these organizations provide volunteer labor for various recreation projects. Agency staff has been very helpful and often provide technical assistance on projects.

Organizations and agencies:

- Eastern U.P. Regional Planning and Development
- U. S. Forest Service
- Michigan Department of Natural Resources
- Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
- Michigan Department of Transportation
- Les Cheneaux Community Schools
- Michigan State University Extension Service
- Mackinac County Board of Commissioners
- Clark Township Board of Trustees
- Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians
- The Nature Conservancy
- Little Traverse Conservancy
- National Parks Service
- Les Cheneaux Watershed Council

- Friends of the Les Cheneaux Community Library
- Chippewa – East Mackinac Conservation District
- Les Cheneaux Islands Association
- Les Cheneaux Lions Club
- Les Cheneaux Community Foundation
- Les Cheneaux Snowmobile Club
- Les Cheneaux Chamber of Commerce
- Les Cheneaux Tourist Association
- Les Cheneaux Ski Club
- Les Cheneaux Sportsmans Club
- Les Cheneaux Beautification Committee
- Trojan Booster Club

## Operating Budget

Location	2009-10 Budget (expenses)	2009-10 Revenues	2010-11 Budget (expenses)	2010-11 Revenues
Hessel Marina	27,100	28,000	29,500	27,000
Hessel Beach	600	0	1,500	0
Cedarville/Hessel Launch Ramps	285	7,400	10,500	5,500
Community Center	15,500	5,000	18,200	6,700
Airport	4,700	4,300	8,700	1,800
Softball field (by the airport)	500	0	650	0
Recreation Park	31,800	32,100	21,300	8,900
Bike Path	3,600	1,600	15,800	80
Totals	84,085	78,400	106,150	49,980

## **Recreation Inventory**

An inventory of existing recreational facilities located in Clark Township and surrounding area is detailed in this chapter.

ADA compliance ranking each facility ranges from 1-5:

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

### **CLARK TOWNSHIP**

#### **Hessel Marina**

The Hessel Marina is located in downtown Hessel and is owned and operated by Clark Township. Open Memorial Day through Labor Day from 8 am to 8 pm, the facility includes 24 slips, electricity and water hook-up, restrooms, showers, laundry, and pump-out services. The park area includes a comfortable green area with grills, picnic table, and a gazebo. Also includes a two-lane boat ramp and parking.

**Service Area** Clark Township, surrounding townships, tourists.

**Needs** ,, Run power to non-power dock, new pumpout, maintenance dredge

**ADA Compliance** - 4

**Map Location** - 1

#### **Hessel Beach**

Hessel Beach is located on Lake Street west of Pickford Avenue in downtown Hessel. This sandy beach offers a bathhouse, restrooms with showers, benches, and picnic tables with views of six islands of the Les Cheneaux chain.

**Service Area** Clark Township, surrounding townships, tourists.

**Needs** Signage, bathhouse remodel.

**ADA Compliance** - 3

**Map Location** - 2

### **Cedarville Boat Launch**

The Cedarville Boat Launch is located .3 miles south of the Cedarville blinker light at the intersection of M-134 and M-129. The facility includes a hard-surfaced ramp with sufficient water depth and lake size to accommodate most trailerable boats, 38 parking spaces, and a courtesy pier.

**Service Area** Clark Township, surrounding townships, tourists.

**Needs** Parking lot resurfaced, fish cleaning station

**ADA Compliance - 3**

**Map Location - 3**

### **Clark Township Community Center**

The Clark Township Community Center is equipped with a stage, commercial grade kitchen, small meeting room, restrooms, 250 chairs, 35 eight-foot tables, and dishes for 100 people. The facility is available to the public for events by contacting the Clark Township Clerk. Regularly used for community events including senior luncheons three times a week. The Community Center is located on the north side of M-134 less than .25 miles east of the blinker light in Cedarville. Includes an adjacent concrete court/parking lot.

**Service Area** Clark Township, surrounding townships, tourists

**Needs**, Paved parking, upgrades to kitchen, floor, stage & men's rest room.

**ADA Compliance - 4**

**Map Location - 4**

### **Les Cheneaux Bike Path**

The Les Cheneaux Bike Path will connect the communities of Cedarville and Hessel through Clark Township to Search Bay to the west and Dudley Bay / Gerstacker Preserve to the east. The twenty-two miles of non-motorized trail will be 10 feet wide, separate from the road and will run parallel to M-134. The trail is part of a larger trail system, the North Huron Scenic Pathway (over 70 miles) connecting St. Ignace to Drummond Island. Pre-engineering complete in February 2008 with construction to be accomplished in phases. While the desire is to have some portions of the trail separate from the roadway, MDOT has widened the shoulder through most of this section of the trail.

**Service Area** Clark Township, surrounding townships, tourists.

**Needs**

**ADA Compliance - 5 when complete**

**Map Location - 5**

### **Clark Township Downtown Park / Boat Dock**

The Cedarville Downtown Park and Boat Dock is located on Hodeck Street in downtown Cedarville. The two-acre facility includes parking, 8 boat slips, picnic tables, gazebo, grills, and playground.

**Service Area** Clark Township, surrounding townships, tourists.

**Needs** upgraded electrical, updated playground equipment, some slips unusable due to low water and weeds.

**ADA Compliance - 3**

**Map Location - 6**

### **A. J. Lindberg Airport**

Includes asphalt runway (3700 ft. x 60 ft.), wind indicators, runway lights, hangars, tie-downs, and snow removal. There are no fuel, airframe, or powerplant services available at this time.

**Service Area** Clark Township, surrounding townships, tourists.

**Needs - None**

**ADA Compliance - 4**

**Map Location - 7**

### **Clark Township Softball Field**

1.5 acres north of Hessel. Includes backstop, playing field, bleachers and parking.

**Service Area** Clark Township, surrounding townships, tourists.

**Needs** Signage, road improvements, replace bleachers, replace trash receptacles, add refreshment booth, resurface playing field

**ADA Compliance - 3**

**Map Location - 8**

### **Snows Heritage Park**

The Snows Heritage Park is a recreation area on several acres behind the Clark Township Hall. There are two baseball fields complete with sprinkler system, a pavilion with picnic tables and a large grill. Remaining items include a playground area, expanded parking, basketball courts, horseshoe pits, walking trails and a covered ice rink.

**Service Area** Clark Township, surrounding townships, tourists.

**Needs** Continued funding to complete project

**ADA Compliance - 5 when complete**

**Map Location - 9**

## **LES CHENEAUX COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

**Service Area** Clark Township, surrounding townships, tourists

**Map Location 10**

### **Indoor School Facilities**

- John Duncan Gymnasium  
Basketball Court, Bleachers, Sound System, Weight Room, Locker Rooms, Concession Stand, Offices, Ball Room. Offers open gym hours to public.  
**Needs** Replace weight room equipment  
**ADA Compliance - 4**
- Small Gymnasium / Theater  
Basketball Court, Stage, Pull-out theater seating and balcony.  
**Needs none**  
**ADA Compliance 4**
- Commons  
Lunch tables, flexible seating/open area, commercial kitchen  
**Needs none**  
**ADA Compliance - 4**
- Library  
Tables, chairs, projectors and screen, computer lab, flexible seating. Available for public meetings.  
**Needs none**  
**ADA Compliance - 4**

### **Outdoor School Facilities**

- Alvin Hossack Memorial Field  
Athletic Field located at Les Cheneaux Community Schools on three acres.  
Athletic field has football field, announcers booth, bleachers, concession stand, and is fully lighted. Parking available.  
**Needs none**  
**ADA Compliance - 3**
- Playground / Outdoor recreation  
Playground was updated in 2006 and 2007. Two tennis courts were built in 2007. Also includes two basketball courts with four hoops. Public is welcome to use these facilities.  
**Needs** replace crushed rock pathway with paved pathway  
**ADA Compliance – 4**
- Outdoor Classroom (Off campus)  
Les Cheneaux Outdoor Classroom is located on Blindline Road. Includes forty acres of wooded area with hiking trails and interpretive signs. Parking available.  
**Needs** – brushing of trail, signage  
**ADA Compliance - 2**  
**Map Location - 11**
- Robert W. Smith Track (Off campus)

Track is located off of Blindline Road in Cedarville. Track is 400 meters; area has vault toilets and storage building on site. Parking Available

**Needs none**

**ADA Compliance - 4**

**Map Location - 12**

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### **Bush Bay Scenic Turnout**

This Scenic turnout is located off of M134, .5 acres of picnic area with picnic tables. Parking Available

**Service Area** Clark Township, surrounding townships, tourists

**Needs none**

**ADA Compliance - 2**

**Map Location - 13**

### **Bay City Lake**

Bay City Lake is 1360 acres located north of Hessel off of Three Mile Road. Rustic campsites, gravel boat launch, hiking, mountain biking, ATV and Snowmobile Trails are available on site. Parking Available

**Service Area** Clark Township, surrounding townships, tourists

**Needs:** Signage

**ADA Compliance - 2**

**Map Location - 14**

### **Peek-a-boo Ski Trail**

Peek-a-boo Ski Trail located north of Cedarville Track on Blindline Road. Includes 2.16 miles of groomed ski trail, trails have various terrains. The Les Cheneaux Ski Club maintains these trails. Used for hiking in summer. Parking available.

**Service Area** Clark Township, surrounding townships, tourists

**Needs - unknown**

**ADA Compliance 1**

**Map Location - 15**

### **Snowmobile Trails**

The State of Michigan manages several hundred miles of snowmobile trails in the Eastern Upper Peninsula. One hundred eight miles are groomed and maintained by the Les Cheneaux Snowmobile Club from the Red Creek Bridge (I-75) to Detour. 50 of those miles are in Clark Township proper. These trails are open for snowmobiles from December 1<sup>st</sup> though April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Service Area** Clark Township, surrounding townships, tourists

**Owner** State and Private Entities

**Needs unknown**

## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

### Search Bay

Search Bay is maintained by the St. Ignace Ranger District of the Hiawathaland National Forest. It is located 4.5 miles west of 3 mile road in Hessel on Search Bay Road. The St. Martin's Trail includes 3 miles (two loops) of hiking, walking, or cross-country ski trails. The trail is rated as easy to moderate. Tall grass and no defined treadway makes locating the trail difficult. The beginning of the trail is located near the first pond approximately 1½ mile south of M-134. Rustic campsites with fire pits and a sandy beach are available.

**Service Area** Clark Township, surrounding townships, tourists.

**Needs unknown**

**ADA Compliance - 2**

**Map Location - 16**

### Government Island

Government Island is 206 acres wooded island that is located on Lake Huron approximately one mile east of Cedarville Boat Launch. This recreation area has three cleared picnic area and rustic campsites are on the north side of the island. These areas have picnic tables and fire rings. Two vault type toilets are located in surrounding areas. Hiking trails throughout the wooded area.

Only accessible by small boat, canoe, or kayak.

**Service Area** Clark Township, surrounding townships, tourists

**Needs** Signage

**ADA Compliance - 1**

**Map Location - 17**

## CONSERVANCIES

### Mackinac Bay Nature Preserve Scenic Overlook

Mackinac Bay Scenic Overlook is located less than .5 miles east of Hessel along Highway 134. This 22 acre preserve offers outstanding views of Mackinac Bay, Mackinac Creek, marshland, and island habitats. Interpretive signs provide background on the habitat that includes bald eagles, osprey, terns, marsh birds, fox, beaver, and frogs. Overlook provides parking space and handicap accessibility.

**Service Area** Clark Township, surrounding townships, tourists.

**Owner** Little Traverse Conservancy

**Needs** Restrooms, possible trailhead for LC Bike Path

**ADA Compliance - 5**

**Map Location - 18**

### **Birge Nature Preserve**

Birge Nature Preserve offers 435 acres of cedar wetland and upland hardwood forest, 1.2 miles of Lake Huron frontage at Mismar Bay, and a boardwalk trail leading to a viewing platform overlooking Loon Lake. This is a good place to see eagles, beavers, osprey, and other wildlife. Preserve is located on both sides of Point Brulee Road 2 miles west of Hessel.

**Service Area** Clark Township, surrounding townships, tourists.

**Owner** Little Traverse Conservancy

**Needs** Expanded trails using Universal Design principles

**ADA Compliance - 2**

**Map Location - 19**

### **Gerstacker Nature Preserve**

The Carl A. Gerstacker Nature Preserve, 890 acres around Dudley Bay located in Chippewa and Mackinac counties, includes over four miles of Lake Huron's northern shoreline. Dudley Bay features one of the most spectacular bedrock shorelines in Michigan. To the east of Dudley Bay, the rocky shoreline grades in to sand beach and cedar forest. The preserve offers a rich tapestry of intertwined habitats, including an inland lake, interdunal wetlands, conifer swamps and mixed hardwood forest. Northern forests of pines and hardwoods grow on old dune ridges leading north to Little Trout Lake. Approximately 80 acres of excellent white pine and hardwood forest regeneration occurs west of Little Trout Lake. The remaining upland forests are all second growth in varying stages of regrowth. These habitats provide shelter to an abundance of endangered and threatened plant species such as Dwarf lake iris, Houghton's goldenrod and Pitcher's thistle. Visitors might also see a variety of animals including the loon, pileated woodpecker, osprey, wolf and several species of neotropical migratory songbirds such as the American redstart and magnolia warbler.

**Service Area** Clark Township, surrounding townships, tourists.

**Owner** Nature Conservancy

**Needs none**

**ADA Compliance - 2**

**Map Location - 20**

### **Dudley Bay Beach**

Sandy beach with parking. Located along M-134 across from Gerstacker Preserve.

**Service Area** Clark Township, surrounding townships, tourists.

**Owner** Nature Conservancy

**Needs none**

**ADA Compliance - 2**

**Map Location - 21**

### **Marquette Island Preserve**

Marquette Island Preserve is more than 1400 acres and over 5 miles of Lake Huron Shoreline. Only accessible by canoe/kayak/small boat. Swimming, kayaking, bird watching, hiking and snowshoeing. Trails are rustic and not marked.

**Service Area** Clark Township, surrounding townships, tourists.

**Owner** Little Traverse Conservancy

**Needs** none

**ADA Compliance** - 1

**Map Location** - 22

## **PRIVATELY OWNED**

### **Great Lakes Boat Building School**

Established in 2007, the GLBBS campus includes 12,000 square feet of workshop and classroom space. The facility is constructed in the style of traditional Les Cheneaux cottages and boathouses. The school offers workshops, classes, and two full time 9-month programs in the art and craft of wooden boat building and restoration for both professionals and enthusiasts. The school is located at 485 South Meridian in Cedarville.

**Service Area** Clark Township, surrounding townships, tourists.

**Needs** unknown

**ADA Compliance** - 4

**Map Location** - 23

### **Les Cheneaux Community Library**

The Les Cheneaux Community Library is a 6,000 square foot log cabin style facility that opened in 2003. The facility was built through 100% private donations raised by the Friends of the Les Cheneaux Community Library. The facility includes a multipurpose room available to public and the quiet adult reading room includes a propane-fueled fireplace. Local artisans have provided stained glass and murals of local scenery. A large porch surrounds the building and includes a sidewalk of personally engraved bricks. Services include the loan of books, books-on-tape, music CDs, DVDs, videotapes, and magazines. Special collections include nautical books including boatbuilding, Michigan reference, and Art reference. Interlibrary loan services provide access to library collections throughout the state of Michigan. A computer lab and high-speed wireless internet access are available to both members and non-members. The library offers public programming including Teen Night, Children's Reading Hour, Book Clubs, Computer Classes, and Islands Antiques.

**Service Area** Clark Township, surrounding townships, tourists.

**Owner** Friends of the Les Cheneaux Community Library

**Needs** Updated computers, additional shelving.

**ADA Compliance** - 5

**Map Location** - 24

### **Les Cheneaux Historical Museum**

Displays of artifacts showing the development of the communities of Hessel and Cedarville since 1884 can be found in this historic log cabin building. Indian crafts and tools from the logging era, photographs and artifacts relating to the frontier life of early settlers, the hotel and tourist periods, and the wooden boat era. Exhibits change annually. The museum is open Memorial Day weekend until one week after Labor Day Monday – Saturday from 10-4. Located on Meridian Road, one block south of the M-134 and M-129 intersection in Cedarville.

**Service Area** Clark Township, surrounding townships, tourists.

**Owner** Les Cheneaux Historical Society

**Needs** None

**ADA Compliance** - 3

**Map Location** - 25

### **Les Cheneaux Maritime Museum**

Includes displays of vintage boats, marine artifacts, antique outboard motors, historic photos of area boating, and a gift shop. Large addition includes a boat building shop. The Maritime Museum is housed in the 1920's O.M. Reif Boathouse and is located on the corner of M-134 and Lake St., 4 blocks east of the Cedarville light. The museum is open Memorial Day weekend until one week after Labor Day Monday – Saturday from 10-4.

**Service Area** Clark Township, surrounding townships, tourists.

**Owner** Les Cheneaux Historical Society

**Needs** None

**ADA Compliance** - 2

**Map Location** - 26

## **NO OWNERSHIP**

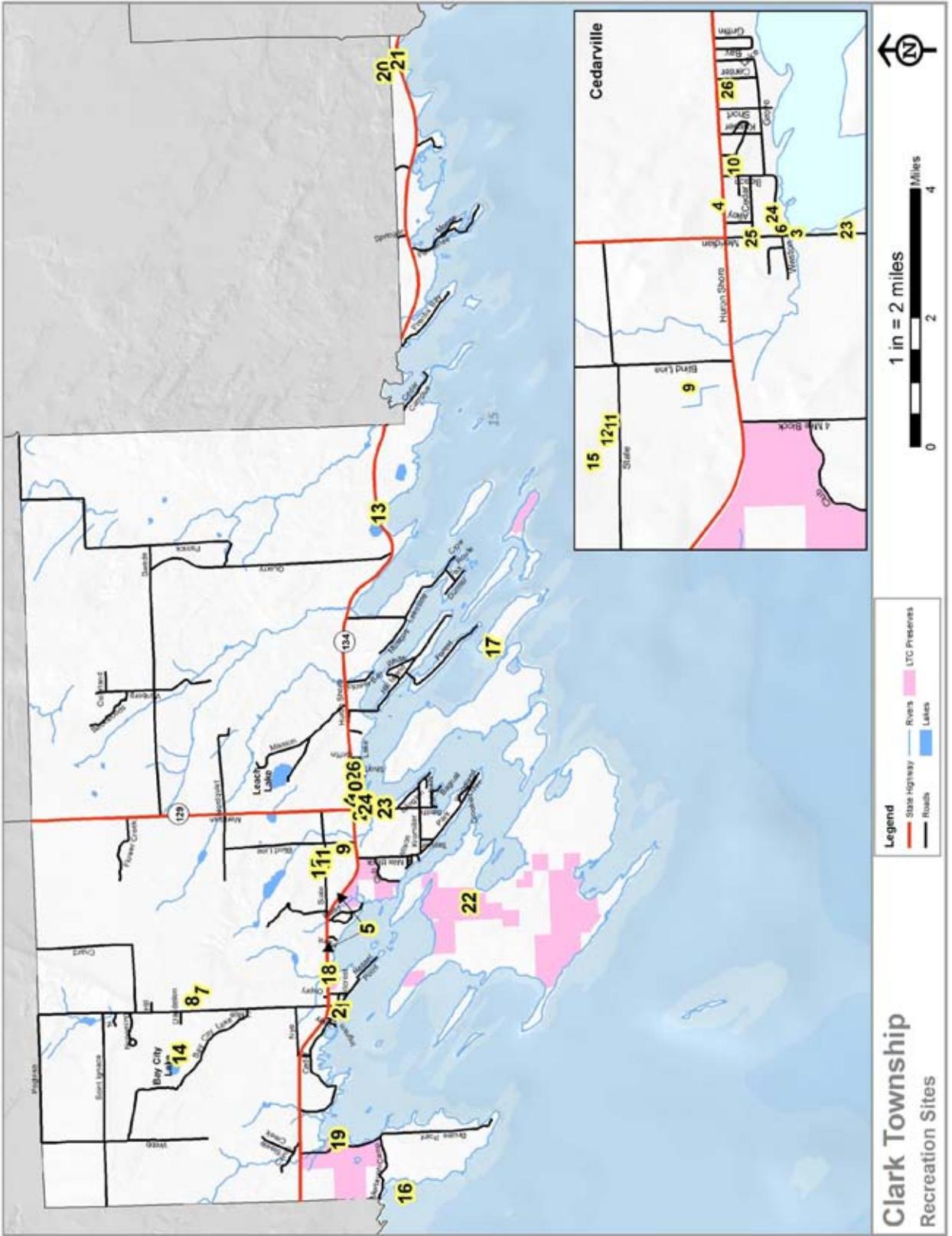
### **Les Cheneaux Water Trail**

Spans over 75 miles of the northernmost shores of Lake Huron from the Carp River near St. Ignace through the Les Cheneaux Islands and on to DeTour Village. The trail is designated for paddle craft. Camping sites and small resorts are located along the trail. Map available at Les Cheneaux Welcome Center.

**Service Area** Clark Township, surrounding townships, tourists

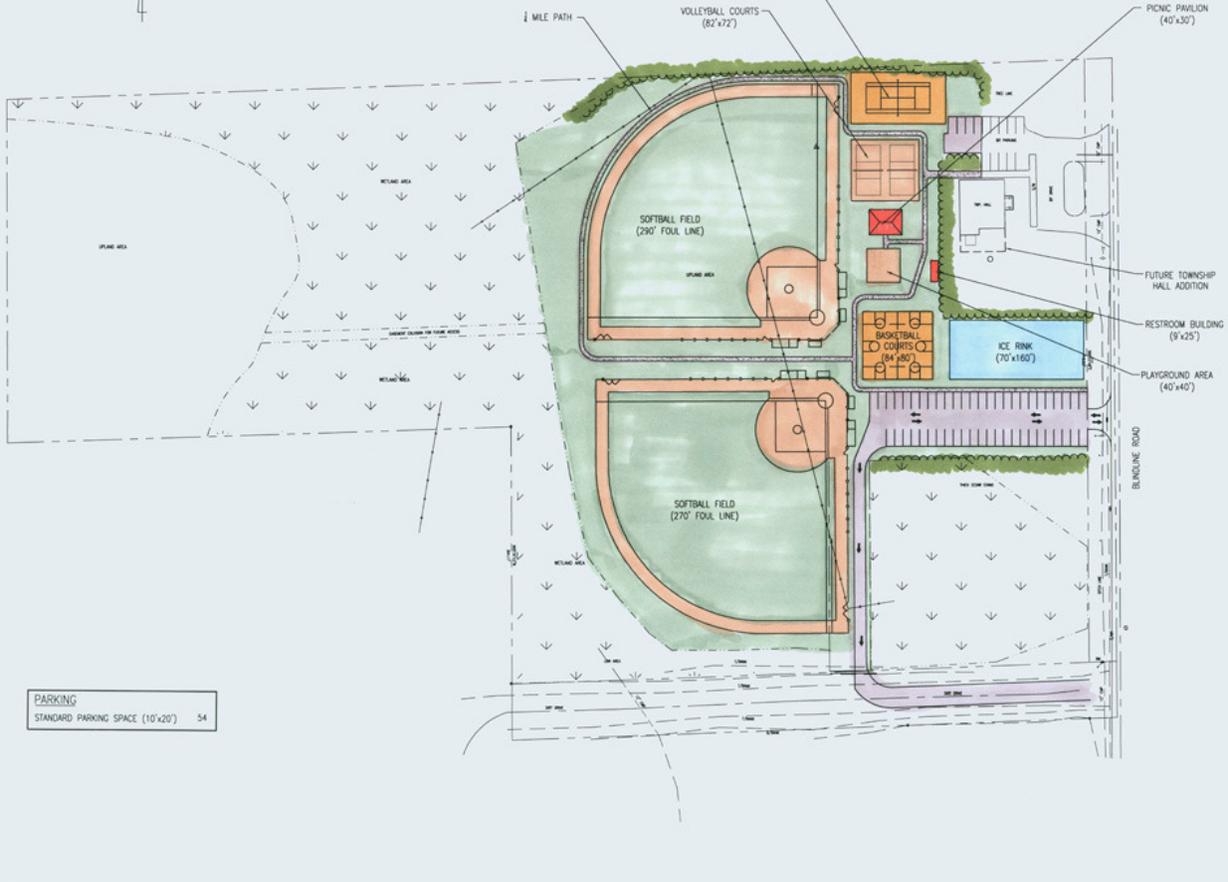
**Needs** Signage

**ADA Compliance** - 1





NOTE: METLAND BOUNDARIES ARE APPROXIMATE AND ARE BEST FIT TO THE DRAWING



PARKING  
STANDARD PARKING SPACE (10'x20') 54



PROPOSED  
CLARK TOWNSHIP RECREATION PARK  
FIELD GRADING

OPTION 1 - REVISED 7/27/08  
PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN

DATE	
NO. OF SHEETS	
SHEET NO.	1
SCALE	1"=40'
PROJECT NO.	02004
DRAWN BY	NOV 2008
CHECKED BY	
DATE	

## **Description of Public Input Process**

A Recreation Plan Advisory Group was appointed to work on updating the Clark Township recreation plan. That committee consists of members representing various interests. Michelle Walk: MSU Extension; Linda Sherlund: Clark Township Recreation Committee; Mike Miller: Les Cheneaux Historical Association, Clark Township Clerk; Ernest and Janet Hagan: Les Cheneaux Lions Club, Hessel Beach Committee; Brad Koster: Mertaugh Boat Works

The Recreation Plan Advisory Group has been meeting since March 2012 to update the recreation plan. Public input was gathered in several ways. Surveys were distributed in several ways:

- Surveys were available at the Clark Township Hall
- Electronic surveys were conducted utilizing survey monkey. The link was promoted on the township website, through individual emails and through facebook.

Of those responding to the survey, 65% were year-round residents and 35% were seasonal residents. The results of the survey identified the following as the most popular recreation activities individuals and families take part in: bicycling, boating, fishing, hiking, snowmobiling, swimming, and walking. Written comments focused on several areas. Comments around waterfront and water activities focused on needing to continue to improve on access to waterfront areas, including additional docks and parking. Many comments supported the need for the bike path that is being worked on and recreation park behind the township hall.

The plan was made available for the public to view in several ways. There were hard copies available at the Les Cheneaux Community Library and the Clark Township Hall. The draft of the plan was also posted on the Clark Township website.

A public hearing was held on [insert date].

Insert copy of survey

Insert public notices/articles etc.

**Clark Township Board of Trustees  
Minutes from public hearing and resolution adopting plan**

## Goals, Objectives and Action Program

### Goal A: Continue planning and implementation process

- Continued communication and cooperation with units of government, agencies and organizations involved in recreation development and programming.
- Maximize use of existing information and funding resources such.

Objective 1: To update this recreation plan every five years or amend as required.

Objective 2: To encourage the involvement of the private sector and tribal government in recreation development and where appropriate, to participate in funding and support services.

Objective 3: To encourage development of township, county, state and federal lands in the Clark Township area for recreational use.

### Goal B: Develop and maintain recreation facilities.

Develop and maintain recreational facilities in Clark Township which:

- Provide a wide variety of affordable recreation opportunities for all age groups.
- Are available to both residents and tourists.
- Are available to all persons regardless of physical ability.
- Are designed wherever possible for multiple or year-round use.
- Are related to use capacity of the environment.

Objective 1:					
Site	Improvements	Rationale	Year	Estimated Cost	Anticipated Funding Source
Bike Path	Complete 8 miles of non-motorized pathway from Pt. Brulee to Lakeside Road	First portion of 22 mile non-motorized pathway from Search Bay to Albany Bay. Part of larger trail from St. Ignace to Drummond Island	2012-2017	700,000	Private donations, Transportation Enhancement Funds
	Complete Pt. Brulee to Search Bay		Unknown		
	Complete Lakeside Road to Albany Bay		Unknown		
Snows Heritage Park	Field improvement (drainage)	This park has been under development for several years. The baseball fields, dugouts and pavilion are essentially completed. Other items were part of the original plan but completion has been as funds become available.	2013-2014	\$2,500	Township funds, in-kind donations of materials and labor, MNRTF, Lions
	Picnic pavilion (flagpole, public water and drinking fountain, security lights)		2013-2014	\$3,000	
	Concession stand/equipment storage (renovations to donated building)		2013-2015	\$3,500	

	Electric Service		2013-2017	Unknown	
	Parking expansion and drainage		2013-2017	\$15,000	
	Playground		2013-2017	\$40,000	
	Horseshoe pits		2013-2017	\$4,000	
	volleyball court, tennis courts, restrooms,		2013-2017	Unknown	
	ice rink and lighting		2013-2017	Unknown	
Hessel Marina	Run power to non-power dock, new pumpout, maintenance dredge			Unknown	Township funds, MNRTF,
Hessel Beach??					

Insert resolution to adopt Clark Township Recreation Plan

Insert letter to regional planning

Insert letter to county planning commission