

CLARK TOWNSHIP 2023 – 2028 RECREATION PLAN

CLARK TOWNSHIP

MACKINAC COUNTY MICHIGAN

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COMMUNITY PARK AND RECREATION PLAN

CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

AMENDMENT

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

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

All community recreation plan amendments are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park and Recreation Plans* provided by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Plan amendments must be submitted in MiRecGrants **with** a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan. Amendments may be submitted at any time of the year, but no later than February 1 of the year the local unit of government is applying for grants.

PLAN AMENDMENT FORMAT

Plan amendments:

1. Must only include revised or additional pages to the approved recreation plan, with an explanation of where the new pages fit within the original plan. If the amendment is to be inserted into the existing plan, it must be similar in format to the approved plan and indicate the location for insertion.
2. For multi-jurisdictional plans, the plan must only be approved by the unit of government that the change affects.

Name of Plan: Clark Township 2023 - 2028 Recreation Plan	Date Current Plan Expires: 2/28/2023	
List the community names (including school districts) that are covered under the plan and have passed a resolution adopting the plan amendment.	County	Month and year plan amendment adopted by the community's governing body.
Clark Township	Mackinac	2/2023

PLAN AMENDMENT ELEMENT

INSTRUCTIONS: Please check each box to certify that the listed information is included in the plan amendment submittal.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS

DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

Description of the method(s) used to solicit public input before or during preparation of the plan amendment, including a copy of the survey or meeting agenda and a summary of the responses received.

Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan Amendment for Public Review and Comment.

Date of the Notice Jan. 11, 18, 28, Feb. 1, 8, 2023

Type of Notice Newspaper, website, Township Hall posting

Plan Location Township Hall

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least Two Weeks) Jan. 11 - Feb. 14, 2023

Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the two-week public review period and before the plan amendment adoption by the Governing Body(ies).

Date of Notice Jan. 11, 18, 28, Feb. 1, 8, 2023

Name of Newspaper St. Ignace News

Date of Meeting Feb. 13, 2023

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

COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN CHECKLIST

AMENDED GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

OTHER ELEMENTS: If the plan amendment includes other updated plan elements, list and briefly describe.

1.

2.

3.

Plans **must** be adopted by the highest governing body (i.e., city council, county commission, township board). If planning is the responsibility of a Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, Recreation Advisory Board or other local Board or Commission, the plan should **also** include a resolution from the Board or Commission recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body. In addition, a resolution from the Emergency Financial Manager (EFM) where the local unit of government has been assigned an EFM by the State.

The local unit of government must submit the final plan amendment to both the County and Regional Planning Agency for their information. Documentation that this was done must be included.

Items 1, 3 and 4 below are **required** by all communities and must be included with the amendment.

APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION: For multi-jurisdictional plans, each local unit of government affected by the amendment must pass a resolution adopting the plan amendment. Prepare and attach a separate page for each unit of government included in the plan.

- 1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: February 15, 2023
- 2. Official resolution of the Clark Township Board of Trustees Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: February 15, 2023
- 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: 2/15/2023
- 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: 2/15/2023
- 5. Copy of letter transmitting amendment to other units of government included in a multi-jurisdictional recreation plan. N/A

NOTE: For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government. Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.

I hereby certify that the recreation plan for

Clark Township
(Local Unit of Government)

includes the required content, as indicated

above and as set forth by the DNR.

Mark Chen 2/15/23
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government Date

This completed checklist must be uploaded in MiRecGrants.

RESOLUTION
CLARK TOWNSHIP 2023- 2028 RECREATION PLAN
For the Clark Township Board of Trustees
Mackinac County, Michigan

WHEREAS, the Clark Township Recreation Commission has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five year period cover the years 2023 through 2028, and

WHEREAS, the Clark Township Board of Trustees has entered into this planning process independently, and

WHEREAS, the area of the aforementioned local unit of government constitutes the planning area and,

WHEREAS, the Clark Township Board of Trustees began the process of developing a community recreation and natural resource conservation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of Clark Township were provided with a well advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resources conservation plan, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the Clark Township 2023 – 2028 Recreation Plan for a period of at least 30 days, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on February 13, 2023 at the Clark Township Hall to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions and discuss all aspects of the Clark Township 2023 – 2028 Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Clark Township Recreation Commission has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for Clark Township, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Clark Township Board of Trustees voted to adopt said Clark Township 2023 – 2028 Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Clark Township Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Clark Township 2023 – 2028 Recreation Plan.

Yeas: Kayes, Flynn, Fitzgerald Nays: none Assent: Schuster

I, Susan G. Rittler Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Clark Township Board of Trustees at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the 15th day of February, 2023.



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CLARK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mark Clymer, Township Supervisor

Susie Rutledge, Clerk

Lisa Fitzgerald, Treasurer

Steven Kozma, Trustee

Pat Schuster, Trustee

CLARK TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMITTEE

Lynn Brown, Co-Chair

Sarah Reding, Co-Chair

Mark Clymer, Township Liason

Max Heil, Recreation Director

Dave Murray

Ken Drenth

Anne Fleming

Jim Keighley

Carol Murray

Gil Newbury

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Amy Polk

Noel Weaver

PURPOSE

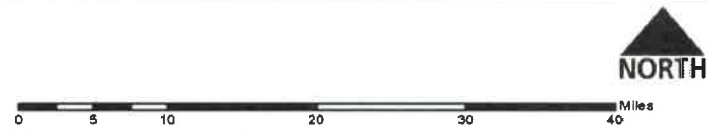
Clark Township is situated on the shores of Lake Huron and is a popular summer destination, commonly known as the Les Cheneaux Islands. The Township encompasses the communities of Cedarville and Hessel. The geographic and cultural landscape of the Les Cheneaux Islands naturally promotes outdoor recreation, with an emphasis on water centric activities. The varied seasons and abundance of both land & water resources provide abundant recreation opportunities for residents and tourists. Clark Township is dedicated to providing its residents, as well as those visiting the township, with opportunities and facilities necessary to encourage healthy lifestyles and enjoyment of the outdoors. Thus, Clark Township believes that it is imperative to maintain, improve, and expand its parks and recreational resources.

Clark Township sees the need for a formal recreation plan to assist in identifying and prioritizing projects. The Township will leverage local dollars with grant resources to finance projects laid forth in the Action Program of this Recreation Plan. This plan intends to secure Clark Township's eligibility to apply for recreation grants over the next five years. While this recreation plan is required for MDNR funding, it will be the basis of all funding applications for projects listed in the report. The following plan complements and builds upon the Clark Township Master Plan, Non-motorized Transportation Plan, and the North Huron Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan. In addition, the Township is working with adjoining communities and stakeholders to improve cross-jurisdictional opportunities in the region, such as trailways, byways and Road Ends.



Location of Clark Township

- Cedarville
- Hessel
- Clark Township Hall
- County Seat
- Adjacent Townships
- Recreation Plan Area
- Roads

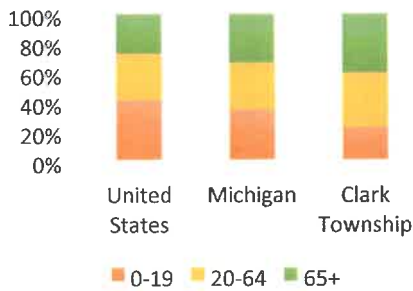


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COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

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. The township is approximately 180 square miles with 176 miles of Lake Huron shoreline. Many of the islands which make up the 36-island archipelago called Les Cheneaux are included within Clark Township’s boundaries as well. The Location Map on page 9 provides a graphic representation. The major roads which connect Clark Township to the surrounding communities are M-134, running east and west, and M-129, which runs north and south. The major population centers are Cedarville and Hessel, and in 2020 the township population was 1917 as reported by michigantownships.org. The number of people staying within township boundaries doubles in the summer.

Population by Age

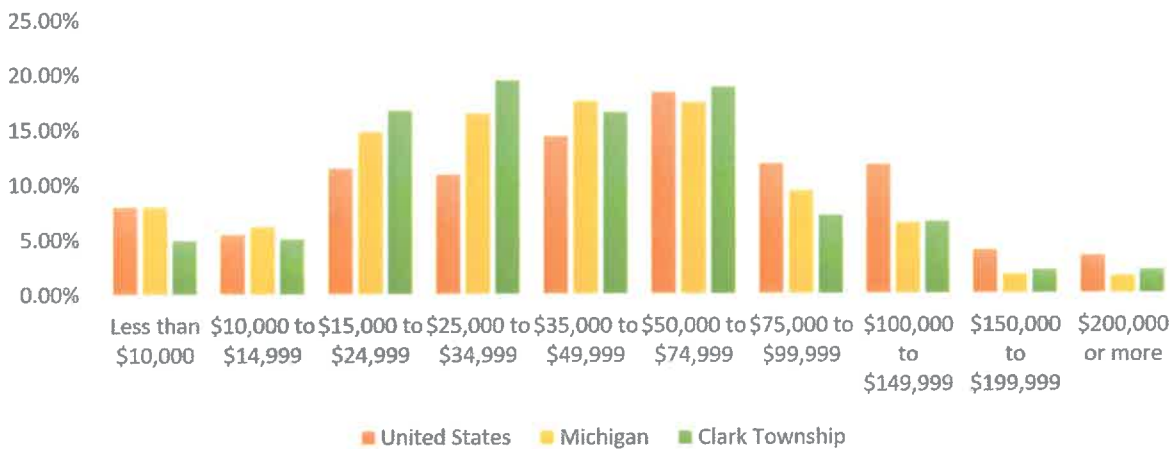


Before the construction of the Mackinac Bridge and the development of M-134, Hessel and Cedarville were most easily reached by boat or ferry. In addition to some fishing and logging, the local economy centered on the resorts and summer homes developed along the shoreline in the late nineteenth-century.

As represented in the charts¹ to the left and below, the population of Clark Township is significantly older than the state and national populations. Clark Township also has a lower percentage of households earning less than \$15,000 a year compared to state and national data,

however the next two income brackets, earning between \$15,000 and \$49,999 a year, house a greater percentage of Clark Township residents, comparatively.

Household Income



Clark township residents enjoy all four seasons, with average temperatures ranging from 16° Fahrenheit in January to 66° in July. The seasonal weather conditions provide opportunities for an endless variety of outdoor activities. The Les Cheneaux Community Schools offer K-12 education, with 219 students enrolled for the 2022-2023 school year. Although enrollment has been declining, the graduation rate remains high.

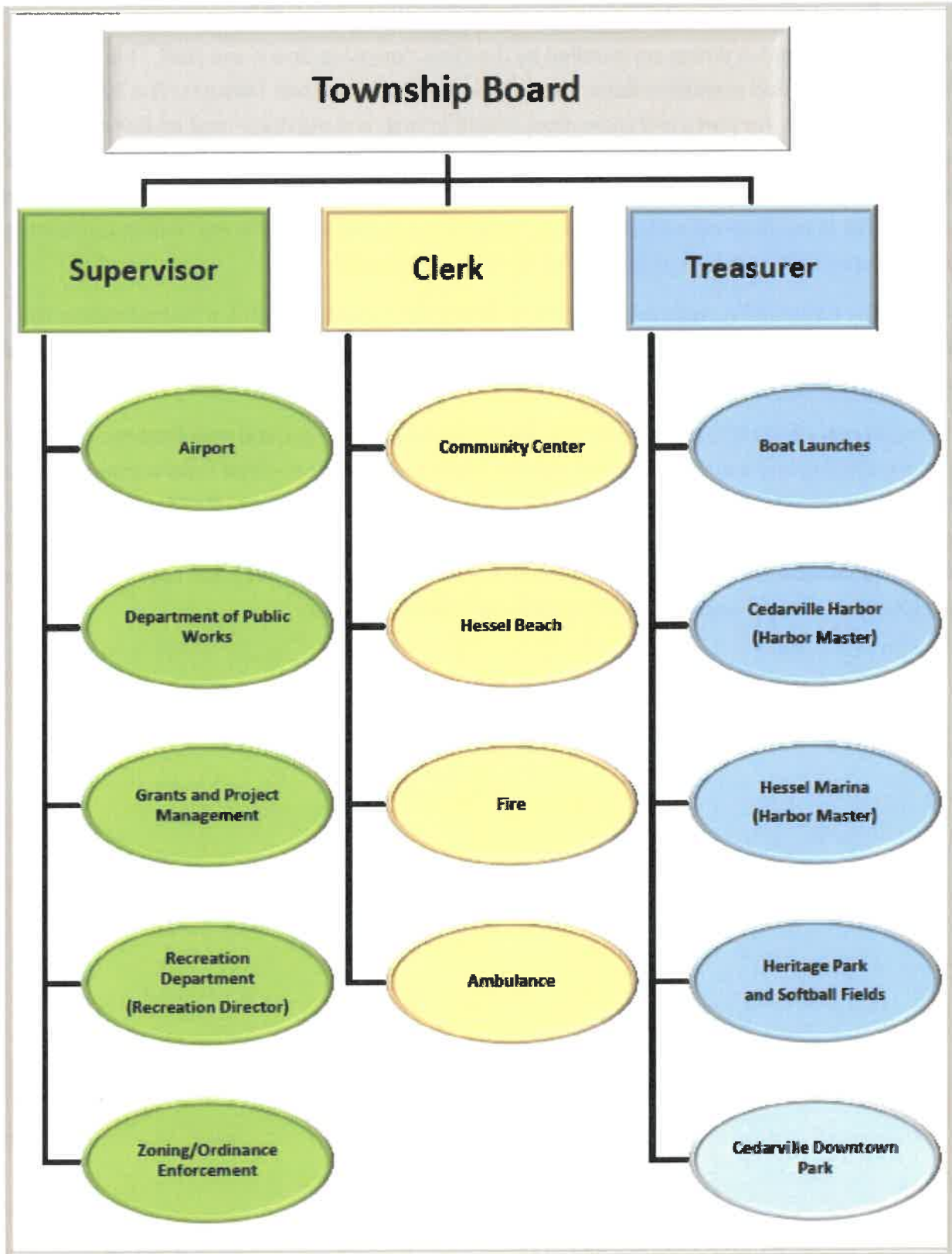
¹ Source: American Factfinder, U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. NB: statistics are based on primary residents.

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Clark Township administrative duties are handled by the Clark Township Board and staff. This Board consists of five elected members: Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and two Trustees. The Township Board has authority to commit funds for parks and recreation, accept grants, and purchase land on behalf of the township. Clark Township does not have a formal Park and Recreation Department, but there is a Recreation Director who also serves as Harbor Master at both Marinas, and Assistant Airport Manager. There is also 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.

The Clark Township Board of Trustees oversees many recreational assets, which are maintained by the Department of Public Works (DPW), which employs five people. During the summer months, the Township employs eight seasonal employees.

Funding for maintenance of recreation facilities is mostly included in the general maintenance and labor budget. For many years, funding and volunteer support for recreational projects has come from community organizations such as the Les Cheneaux Lions Club (LCLC), Les Cheneaux Chamber of Commerce (LCCC), Les Cheneaux Community Schools (LCCS), Les Cheneaux Historical Association (LCHA), Les Cheneaux Islands Association (LCIA), Les Cheneaux Snowmobile Club (LCSC), Les Cheneaux Watershed Council (LCWC), the Les Cheneaux Community Foundation (LCCF), and from various grants from state & federal agencies.



PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET & FUNDING

Monies invested in parks and recreation for Clark Township comes from the general fund and revenue generated from fees at the boat launches and Marinas. Township budget are approved in June of each year.

OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND RECREATION PROGRAMMING

	FUND/ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT	2019 REVENUES	2019 EXPENSES	2020 REVENUES	2020 EXPENSES	2021 REVENUES	2021 EXPENSES	2022 REVENUES	2022 EXPENSES
100 FUND	101-267	Community Center (General Fund support)	\$13,445.00	\$13,445.00	\$15,377.00	\$15,377.00	\$10,769.00	\$10,769.00	\$16,599.00	\$16,599.00
200 FUND	Fund 208	Snows Heritage Park	\$5,060.00	\$2,492.00	\$2,200.00	\$4,569.00	\$7,200.00	\$6,740.00	\$7,031.00	\$8,350.00
	Fund 210	Non-Motorized Fund (Other monies - LCCF)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Fund 222	Cedarville Harbor	\$4,088.40	\$10,761.00	\$3,197.38	\$10,225.00	\$33,310.00	\$27,312.00	\$33,714.00	\$33,430.00
	Fund 223	Hessel Marina	\$54,124.00	\$45,314.00	\$56,726.00	\$54,141.00	\$57,751.00	\$38,279.00	\$47,286.00	\$50,062.00
	Fund 224 and 101-270	Hessel Public Beach (General Fund Support)	\$2,072.00	\$2,072.00	\$1,832.00	\$1,832.00	\$2,254.00	\$2,254.00	\$2,036.00	\$2,036.00
	Fund 225	Recreation (newly created Fund)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Fund 232	Leopold (newly created Fund)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Fund 233	Peek A Boo (newly created Fund)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Funds 295 and 101-269	Airport	\$5,835.00	\$22,855.00	\$7,745.00	\$23,071.00	\$9,924.00	\$12,040.00	\$9,139.00	\$13,176.00

5 YEAR RECREATION, MAINTENANCE, OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMMING BUDGET

200 FUND	Fund 208	Snows Heritage Park	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$400.00	\$4,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
	Fund 210	Non-Motorized Fund (Other monies - LCCF)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Fund 222	Cedarville Harbor	\$35,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$39,000.00	\$43,000.00	\$44,000.00	\$47,000.00	\$44,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$47,000.00	\$53,000.00	\$47,000.00	\$56,000.00	\$53,000.00
	Fund 223	Hessel Marina	\$50,000.00	\$54,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$85,000.00	\$85,000.00
	Fund 224 and 101-270	Hessel Public Beach (General Fund Support)	\$2,905.00	\$2,905.00	\$2,642.00	\$2,642.00	\$3,150.00	\$3,150.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
	Fund 225	Recreation (newly created Fund)	n/a	n/a	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
	Fund 232	Leopold (newly created Fund)	n/a	n/a	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
	Fund 233	Peek A Boo (newly created Fund)	n/a	n/a	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
	Funds 295 and 101-269	Alrport	\$12,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$12,500.00	\$14,500.00	\$13,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,500.00	\$15,500.00	\$14,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$14,500.00	\$16,500.00	\$15,000.00	\$17,000.00

5 YEAR RECREATION CAPITAL BUDGET

5 YEAR RECREATION, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET														
	FUND/ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT	2023 CAPITAL PROJECT	2023 CAPITAL EXPENSES	2024 CAPITAL PROJECT	2024 CAPITAL EXPENSES	2025 CAPITAL PROJECT	2025 CAPITAL EXPENSES	2026 CAPITAL PROJECT	2026 CAPITAL EXPENSES	2027 CAPITAL PROJECT	2027 CAPITAL EXPENSES	2028 CAPITAL PROJECT	2028 CAPITAL EXPENSES
100 FUND	101-267	Community Center (General Fund support)	Donated	Ice Rink	Pavillion	\$100,000.00								
200 FUND	Fund 208	Snows Heritage Park	Bathroom	\$90,000.00										
	Fund 210	Non-Motorized Fund (Other monies - LCCF)			Bike Trail	\$50,000.00	Bike Trail	\$50,000.00	Bike Trail	\$50,000.00	Bike Trail	\$50,000.00	Bike Trail	\$50,000.00
	Fund 222	Cedarville Harbor	Donated	Kayak Dock	Weston Tri	\$400,000.00	Widen Road	\$60,000.00	Crib Shore	\$90,000.00	Relocate Kayak Dock	\$25,000.00	Add'l Finger Docks	\$250,000.00
	Fund 223	Hessel Marina	Fundraising		Acquire Neal Home	\$975,000.00			Phase II	\$1m	Phase III	\$1m		
	Fund 224 and 101-270	Hessel Public Beach (General Fund Support)												
	Fund 225	Recreation (newly created Fund)					Trail Connect	\$50,000.00						
	Fund 232	Leopold (newly created Fund)			Dock Repair	\$250,000.00								
	Fund 233	Peek A Boo (newly created Fund)		Trail Design	Trail Const	\$300,000.00					Trail Extension		Trail Const	\$300,000.00
	Funds 295 and 101-269	Airport	Hanger Design		Paint Striping	\$25,000.00			Pave Runway	\$250,000.00				

RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER AGENCIES

Clark Township works in conjunction with the following entities in regards to funding support, providing recreational opportunities, volunteer work, and technical assistance:

- Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Commission
- 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
- 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/Mackinac/Luce Conservation District
- Islands Wildlife
- 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

Recreational Programming

While the Township does not administer any formal recreational programming at this time, the Les Cheneaux Chamber of Commerce, the Les Cheneaux Community Library, Great Lakes Boat Building School, the Hessel School House, Les Cheneaux Sportsman's Club, Les Cheneaux Yacht Club, Les Cheneaux Watershed Council, and the Township's Community Center all host various recreational activities enjoyed by residents and visitors alike.

INVENTORY

The data provided in this section was collected by the Clark Township Recreation Committee and the Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Commission (EUPRPDC) using inventories created for past iterations of this plan, site visits, internet resources including Google, www.landtrust.org, www.michigandnr.com/parksandtrails/Default.aspx#map-tab, Conservation And Recreation Lands (CARL) GIS data attained from Ducks Unlimited, and additional GIS data owned by EUPRPDC.

PARKS AND RECREATIONAL ASSETS OWNED BY CLARK TOWNSHIP

Asset Name	Location	Purpose/Use
Hessel Beach	On Lake Street in downtown Hessel.	This sandy beach offers a bathhouse, restrooms, benches, and picnic tables with views of six islands of the Les Cheneaux chain. A non-motorized boat launch is adjacent to this site.
A.J. Lindberg Airport	1.5 miles north of Hessel on 3 Mile Road	Includes asphalt runway (3700 ft. x 60 ft.), wind indicators, runway lights, hangars, and tie-downs. There is fuel, high speed internet, landline telephone service, restrooms and a pilot lounge along with short term / long term hangar rental opportunities. There is also a Sherriff's office onsite.
Clark Township Softball Field	1.5 miles north of Hessel	Includes backstop, playing field, bleachers and parking. Included in the Airport lot.
Duck Bay/Leopold Landing	On Marquette Island, south shore of Duck Bay	A dock and boardwalk to shore, composting outhouse, information kiosk.
The Snows Heritage Park	On Blind Line Road, North of M-134	A recreation area on several acres behind the Clark Township Hall. There are two baseball fields with sprinkler system; a pavilion with picnic tables and a large grill; two tennis courts; a playground, horseshoe field, and walking path. New modern restroom facilities added in 2022.

RECREATIONAL BOATING FACILITIES OWNED BY CLARK TOWNSHIP

Asset Name	Location	Purpose/Use
Hessel Marina	Downtown Hessel	Open Memorial Day through early October, 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. Host site for the Les Cheneaux Antique Boat Show and Art in the Park. Extensive plans for purchase of the Neal Home in order to facilitate a new marina to include boaters lounge, additional docking for approximately 43 more boats, a new Marina Services building, bathhouse and reconfiguring existing yacht basin for a mix of seasonal and day use slips. Walking distance to shops, restaurants and services in downtown Hessel.
Cedarville Harbor Marina	South of the E. Hodeck and S. Meridian St.	A modern 14-slip marina with 2 hard-surfaced ramps and launch dock with sufficient water depth and lake size to accommodate most trailerable boats, 38 parking spaces, a spacious marina building with lounge, showers and restrooms. Walking distance to shops, restaurants and services in downtown Cedarville.
Clark Township Downtown Park/Boat Dock	On Hodeck Street in downtown Cedarville	The two-acre facility includes parking, 8 boat slips, picnic tables, and a gazebo. Host site for Movies In The Park. Walking distance to shops, restaurants and services in downtown Cedarville.
Peek-a-Boo Ski, Hike and Mountain Bike Trails	North of School Track on State Ave, off Blind Line Rd.	Includes 2.2 miles of groomed trails with a variety of terrain maintained by the Les Cheneaux Ski Club. Used for hiking in summer. 4+ miles of mountain bike trails under development. Parking available. Trails provide connectivity to other recreational properties within the township.
Marquette Island Preserve – Aldo Leopold Nature Preserve and others	On Marquette Island	Only accessible by canoe/kayak/small boat. Swimming, kayaking, bird watching, hiking and snowshoeing. Trails are rustic and marking is in progress.

OTHER PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN CLARK TOWNSHIP

Asset Name and Owner	Location	Purpose/Use
Les Cheneaux Community Schools (LCCS)	Corner of M-134 and South Beach St. in Cedarville	Indoor School Facilities include the John Duncan Gymnasium (with Basketball Court, Bleachers, Sound System, Weight Room, Locker Rooms, Concession Stand, Offices, Ball Room. Offers open gym hours to public), Small Gymnasium / Theater (Basketball Court, Stage, Pull-out theater seating and balcony), Commons (Lunch tables, flexible seating/open area, commercial kitchen), Library (Tables, chairs, projectors and screen, computer lab, flexible seating. Available for public meetings)
LCCS- Outdoor facilities	On Beach St. near downtown Cedarville	The Alvin Hossack Memorial Field has football field, announcer's booth, bleachers, concession stand, and is fully lighted. There is also a playground, tennis court, and a basketball court. Open to the public
LCCS- Robert W. Smith Track	Track is located off of Blind Line Road on State Ave in Cedarville	Track is 400 meters; area has vault toilets and storage building on site. Parking Available. Potential staging area for mountain biking course connecting with MDNR/TWP Properties in conjunction with the Peek-a-Boo Ski trail.
LCCS- Outdoor Classroom	Off of Blind Line Road	Wooded area with hiking trails and interpretive signs.
Carmeuse Bush Bay Scenic Turnout	Off M-134 and The Nature Conservancy turnout	This scenic turnout is located off of M134, .5 acres of picnic area and trails, which connect to Woollam Preserve to the east.
MDNR Bay City Lake	North of Hessel, off Three Mile Road.	Rustic campsites, gravel boat launch, hiking, mountain biking, ATV and snowmobile trails and parking are all available on site.

NFS Government Island-Hiawatha National Forest	Located on Lake Huron approximately one mile east of Cedarville Boat Launch	This recreation area has three cleared picnic area and rustic campsites 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 are trails throughout the wooded area. Only accessible by small boat, canoe, or kayak, access can be difficult.
Mackinac Bay Nature Preserve Scenic Overlook-Little Traverse Conservancy	Less than .5 miles east of Hessel along M-134	Interpretive signs provide background on the habitat. The site exhibits a Michigan Historical Commission marker paying tribute to the renowned conservationist Aldo Leopold. Overlook provides parking space and handicap accessibility.
Birge Nature Preserve-Little Traverse Conservancy	Both sides of Point Brulee Road, 2 miles west of Hessel	1.2 miles of Lake Huron frontage at Mismar Bay, and a boardwalk trail leading to a viewing platform overlooking Loon Lake. Birding, hiking, enjoyment of wildflowers and wildlife, and cross-country skiing.
Tribal McKay Bay Launch Site	Lakeside Road	A boat ramp and very limited parking used by fishermen. Open to public launch, docking for Tribal Fishermen.
Derby Nature Preserve Little Traverse Conservancy	Four Mile Block Road in the Cedarville area	Nearly three miles of trails take visitors past a spectacular area of large boulders which are a unique glacial feature and found only in this area
Carl A. Gerstacker Nature Preserve at Dudley Bay-The Nature Conservancy	Around Dudley Bay located in Chippewa and Mackinac counties	Trails for hiking, bird, wildflower, and wildlife watching. Sandy beach. Parking available on both the south (beach) and north side (in the woods) of M-134.
John Arthur Woollam Preserve - The Nature Conservancy	South of M-134, just west of Cedar Bay Road 10 Miles East of Cedarville	An easy trail goes through a largely coniferous forest to a protected bay of Lake Huron, the Woollam trail connects to additional private trails.

In addition to the many parks and recreational facilities listed above, other community institutions and multi-jurisdictional trails contribute further to the Township's extensive recreational opportunities. The United States Forest Service and Michigan Department of Natural Resources develop and maintain trails in their properties, some of which are detailed above. Increasing connectivity and access of the trails systems is a local, regional, and state-wide priority. Additionally, the trail systems, nonprofits, and private organizations below provide guidance for development:

The Les Cheneaux Bike Path: The Engineering plan for the North Huron Pathway was completed in 2008; the whole proposed non-motorized route extends from St Ignace to Drummond Island. As a partial step forward, widened shoulders along the M-134 highway were completed in the Clark Township portion in 2021. Popular support for the plan, especially an entirely off-road route connecting the Hessel and Cedarville downtowns, continues and inter-municipal cooperation remains key to the success of this project.

The Les Cheneaux Water Trail: This portion of the North Huron Water Trail has been well-documented for decades, and non-motorized water sport increases in popularity every year. Learn more about the larger water trail at upwatertrails.org. Clark Township has jurisdiction over thirteen road ends, two or three of which have great potential for expansion and improvement. Non-motorized water access and picnic areas may be particularly well suited to these sites.

North Huron Birding Trail: Extending from St. Ignace, east to Drummond Island, and north to Pickford, birding trail sites are marked with bright green signs. Explore the whole trail at www.northhuronbirding.com. There are six locations within the Clark Township boundaries, and Little Traverse Conservancy is already working to improve sites under their ownership. These sites may be improved by viewing platforms.

The State of Michigan Snowmobile Trails: Of the several hundred miles snowmobile trails in the Eastern Upper Peninsula, 108 miles are groomed and maintained by the Les Cheneaux Snowmobile Club from the Red Creek Bridge (I-75) to Detour. Fifty of those miles are in Clark Township proper. These trails are open for snowmobiles from December 1st through April 1st.

Great Lakes Boat School and the Les Cheneaux Culinary School: in addition to matriculating skilled professionals, both trade schools in the area offer specialized classes to the public.

Les Cheneaux Community Library: The local public library regularly hosts events and activities which are open to the public.

Les Cheneaux Historical Association: Manages both the Historical and Maritime Museums, and host over a dozen events every year, including the renown Antique Boat Show.

The Les Cheneaux Sportsman's Club hosts trap and skeet shooting, which is open to the public. They also promote hunting & fishing, along with hosting an annual MDNR public fishing meeting.

Les Cheneaux Yacht Club: Offers sailing races and youth sailing classes to non-members.

Lucas Izzard Foundation for Teens (LIFT) sponsors local recreational and educational activities.

Hessel School House: The historic Hessel School House hosts a weekly year-round farmer's market and a wide variety of classes.

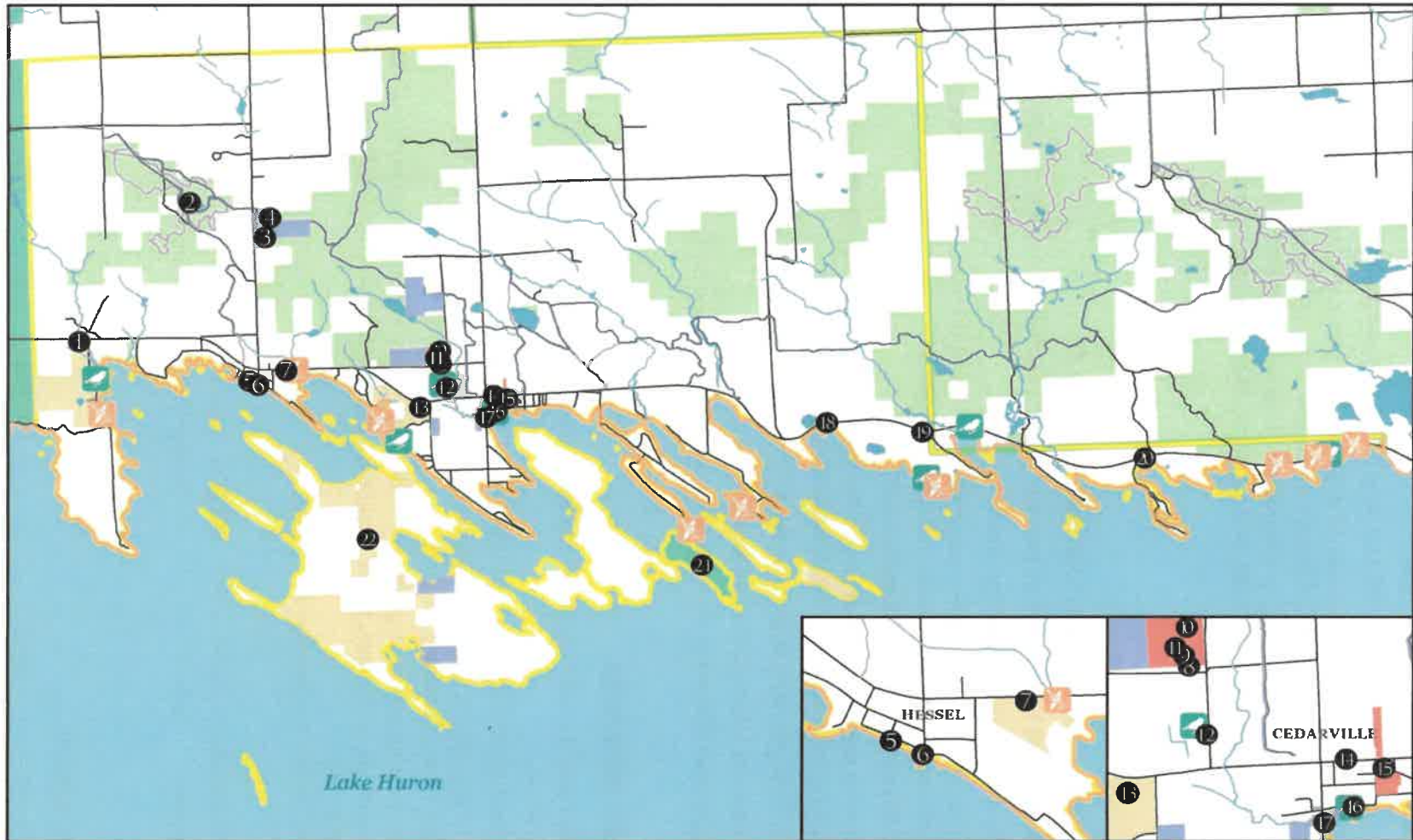
Golf Courses: There are two golf courses within the Township limits.

Cedar Bay: is a religious organization located east of Cedarville on M-134. Program participants have access to all of the organization’s programming and amenities. In the winter, cross country ski trails are open to the public, skiers can sign a waiver and pay a small fee to cover use for the season. Day use rentals for winter gear are also available.

Search Bay- Hiawatha National Forest: 4.5 miles west of 3-Mile Road on M-134 in Hessel, on Search Bay Road. The St. Martin’s Trail includes 3 miles of hiking, walking, or cross-country ski trails. Rustic campsites with fire pits and beach are available. The Search Bay area adjoins the little Traverse Conservancy’s Birge Nature Preserve in Clark Township. The area is very popular for camping in the spring, summer and fall. In winter, the focus turns to cross – country skiing and snowshoeing. Motorized uses are limited in a special study area that has been designated.

See the *Clark Township: Recreation Inventory* map on the following pages; see maps in the Clark Township Master Plan to reference land cover, soils etc.

- Name
- 19 Woollam Preserve
 - 12 Snows Heritage Park
 - 11 Peek-a-Boo Trail
 - 12 Marquette Island Preserve
 - 7 Mackinac Bay Scenic Overlook
 - 15 Les Cheneaux Community Schools
 - 9 LCCS- Robert W Smith Track
 - 8 LCCS- Outdoor Facilities
 - 10 LCCS- Outdoor Classroom
 - 6 Hessel Marina
 - 5 Hessel Beach
 - 11 Government Island
 - 11 Dudley Bay
 - 13 Derby Nature Preserve
 - 4 Clark Township Softball Field
 - 14 Clark Township Community Center
 - 17 Clark Township Boat Dock
 - 15 Cedarville Public Dock
 - 18 Bush Bay Scenic Turnout
 - 1 Birge Nature Preserve
 - 2 Bay City Lake
 - 3 A.J. Lindberg Airport



Clark Township Recreation Inventory

- Clark Township
- Snowmobile Trails
- Lakes
- DNR Trails
- Little Traverse Conservancy Trail
- Recreation Plan Area
- Hiawatha Land
- Les Cheneaux Community Schools
- Rivers
- Water Trail
- Roads
- Little Traverse Conservancy Land
- County Line
- Water Trail Points
- Birding Trail Points
- State Land



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Name of Facility: Hessel Marina

Location of facility: Downtown Hessel, 46°00'11.3"N 84°25'33.8"W, access to Hessel Bay

General purpose of the facility: Municipally owned public marina within the State Reservation System. Open Memorial Day through early October, the facility includes 32 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. Marina includes a two-lane boat ramp and 12 vehicle parking spaces.

Size of Facility:

- For harbor facilities, seasonal and transient slip numbers: 32
- Does the facility meet the demand by boaters? No. Not enough for day-use docking
- Is the facility too large/too small? Too small.
- Are boaters turned away, are there waiting lists? Yes. Short term use to patronize local businesses, recreational opportunities and local attractions.
- Does the facility meet current ADA guidelines? Yes
- Are there current site development plans? Pre-engineering grant from Waterways Commission, report completed in December of 2022: Hessel Marina Master Plan.
- Phase I – Purchase adjoining land to the west if the existing marina
- Phase II – Construct additional yacht basin for 48 boats
- Phase III – Refurbish existing yacht basin for seasonal and day use for up to 40 boats.

Marketing, events and partnerships

- What are the current marketing plans? Marketed through Chamber of Commerce promotions, Township website.
- Are there future marketing plans? Yes updating harbor reports with Great Lakes Cruising Club
- Are events held at this facility and do you have any future event plans? Art in the Park; Antique Wooden Boat Show; weddings; concerts
- What are the existing partnerships for this facility? Are there future partnering plans? No formal partnerships; community traffic integration plans, and connectivity with other Township recreational assets.
- Obtain Clean Marina Certification with MDNR

Dredging:

Current dredging needs: None

Dredging cycle: As needed

Dredged volume: N/A

Dredge disposal location: N/A

Annual maintenance schedule

Repairs and maintenance	\$8500	Buildings	As needed
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Startup costs	N/A	Painting	\$100
Irrigation maintenance	N/A	Sewer maintenance	\$1000
Minor electrical repairs	\$200	Sidewalks	N/A
Vehicles and equipment	N/A	Winterization	N/A
Lumber	N/A		

Annual Supplies

Tools	N/A	Hardware	N/A
Office Supplies	\$50	Lumber	N/A

Annual services

Trash Service	N/A	Utilities	N/A
Weed Control	N/A		

Hessel Marina Master Plan

- Phase I – Purchase adjoining land to the west of the existing marina
- Phase II – Construct additional yacht basin for 48 boats
- Phase III – Refurbish existing yacht basin for seasonal and day use for up to 40 boats.

Name of Facility: Cedarville Harbor and Boat Launch

Location of facility: Downtown Cedarville, 46°00'11.3"N 84°25'33.8"W, access to Cedarville Bay

General purpose of the facility: The facility includes a hard-surfaced ramp with sufficient water depth and lake size to accommodate most trailerable boats, 38 automobile parking spaces, and a courtesy pier.

Size of Facility:

- For harbor facilities, seasonal and transient slip numbers:
- Does the facility meet the demand by boaters? **No**
- Is the facility too large/too small? **Too Small**
- Are boaters turned away? Yes are there waiting lists? **Yes**
- Does the facility meet current ADA guidelines? **Yes**
- Are there current site development plans? **Yes**
 - The Weston Trail Bridge and offsite trailer parking
 - Kayak Launch
 - Fish Cleaning Station
 - Boat Wash
 - Clean Marina Certification

Marketing, events and partnerships

- What are the current marketing plans? The Harbor will be promoted locally and beyond to boaters.
- Are there future marketing plans? Yes - Great Lakes Cruising Club Harbor Reports
- Are events held at this facility and do you have any future event plans? Yes. Events are hosted such as Snowsfest and fish tournaments .
- What are the existing partnerships for this facility? MDNR; Slip provided for Conservation Officer and MDNR fisheries boats.
- Are there future partnering plans? Per 2018-19 Harbor Development Plan: Flotation Docking Systems, DNR, LC Lions, LC Islands Association, LC Watershed Council

Dredging:

Current dredging needs: Maintenance

Dredging cycle: Annual

Dredged volume: 200 yards

Dredge disposal location: Taylor Pit

Annual maintenance schedule

Repairs and maintenance	\$500	Buildings	N/A
Startup costs	N/A	Painting	N/A
Irrigation maintenance	N/A	Sewer maintenance	N/A
Minor electrical repairs	N/A	Sidewalks	N/A
Vehicles and equipment	N/A	Winterization	N/A
Lumber	N/A		

Annual Supplies

Tools	N/A	Hardware	N/A
Office Supplies	\$200	Lumber	N/A

Annual services

Trash Service	N/A	Utilities	N/A
Weed Control	N/A		

Name of Facility: Cedarville Public Boat Dock and Parking

Location of facility: Downtown Cedarville, 45°59'45.0"N 84°21'41.9"W, access to Cedarville Bay

General purpose of the facility: The two-acre park includes automobile parking, 16 boat slips, picnic tables, children's slide, and a gazebo.

Size of Facility:

- For harbor facilities, seasonal and transient slip numbers: 16
- Does the facility meet the demand by boaters? No
- Is the facility too large/too small? Too Small
- Are boaters turned away, are there waiting lists? Yes, No
- Does the facility meet current ADA guidelines? No
- Are there current site development plans? Yes

Marketing, events and partnerships

- What are the current marketing plans? None
- Are there future marketing plans? No

- Are events held at this facility and do you have any future event plans? Movies in the Park, Art in the Park, 4th of July events, Snowsfest events
- What are the existing partnerships for this facility? Les Cheneaux Community Library hosts movies in the park and Les Cheneaux Chamber of Commerce hosts Snowsfest and 4th of July events.
- Are there future partnering plans? N/A

Dredging:

Current dredging needs: None

Dredging cycle: As needed

Dredged volume:

Dredge disposal location: Taylor Pit

Annual maintenance schedule

Repairs and maintenance	\$000	Buildings	N/A
Startup costs	N/A	Painting	\$100
Irrigation maintenance	N/A	Sewer maintenance	N/A
Minor electrical repairs	As needed	Sidewalks	N/A
Vehicles and equipment	N/A	Winterization	N/A
Lumber (dock posts)	\$100		

Annual Supplies

Tools	\$000	Hardware	N/A
Office Supplies	N/A	Lumber	N/A

Annual services

Trash Service	\$000	Utilities	N/A
Weed Control	N/A		

Name of Facility: Park Avenue Road End (“The Fire Road”)

Location of facility: Access to Muscallonge Bay, 45°58'28.4"N 84°21'46.5"W,

General purpose of the facility: A courtesy dock and street parking some parking provides access to the water for day users. Used for boats, snowmobiles and emergency boat access when needed.

Size of Facility:

- For harbor facilities, seasonal and transient slip numbers: N/A
- Does the facility meet the demand by boaters? Yes
- Is the facility too large/too small? No
- Are boaters turned away, are there waiting lists? No
- Does the facility meet current ADA guidelines? No
- Are there current site development plans? No

Marketing, events and partnerships

- What are the current marketing plans? N/A
- Are there future marketing plans? N/A
- Are events held at this facility and do you have any future event plans? Fish Tournaments
- What are the existing partnerships for this facility? None
- Are there future partnering plans? No

Dredging: N/A

Current dredging needs: None Dredging cycle: None
 Dredged volume: N/A Dredge disposal location: N/A

Annual maintenance schedule

Repairs and maintenance	\$ 000	Buildings	N/A
Startup costs	N/A	Painting	N/A
Irrigation maintenance	As needed	Sewer maintenance	N/A
Minor electrical repairs	N/A	Sidewalks	N/A
Vehicles and equipment	N/A	Winterization	N/A
Lumber (skid pier)	As needed		

Annual Supplies

Tools	N/A	Hardware	N/A
Office Supplies	N/A	Lumber	N/A

Annual services

Trash Service	N/A	Utilities	N/A
Weed Control	N/A		

Name of Facility: Lakeside Landing Road End

Location of facility: Cedarville, access to East Entrance-Lake Huron, 45°58'29.0"N, 84°17'32.3"W

General purpose of the facility: Small gravel boat launch, parking in county road easement

Size of Facility:

- For harbor facilities, seasonal and transient slip numbers: N/A
- Does the facility meet the demand by boaters? No
- Is the facility too large/too small? Too small
- Are boaters turned away? Yes
- Are there waiting lists? No
- Does the facility meet current ADA guidelines? No
- Are there current site development plans? Yes
 - Partner with MCRC, Coryell Island Group
 - Purchase nearby property for additional parking

Marketing, events and partnerships

- What are the current marketing plans? None
- Are there future marketing plans? No
- Are events held at this facility and do you have any future event plans? No
- What are the existing partnerships for this facility? N/A
- Are there future partnering plans? Yes
 - MCRC, Coryell Island Group, neighboring property owners

Dredging:

Current dredging needs: None Dredging cycle: None
 Dredged volume: N/A Dredge disposal location: N/A

Annual maintenance schedule

Repairs and maintenance	N/A	buildings	N/A
startup costs	N/A	painting	N/A
irrigation maintenance	N/A	sewer maintenance	N/A
minor electrical repairs	N/A	sidewalks	N/A

vehicles and equipment	N/A	winterization	N/A
lumber	N/A		

Annual Supplies

Tools	N/A	Hardware	N/A
Office Supplies	N/A	Lumber	N/A

Annual services

Trash Service	N/A	Utilities	N/A
Weed Control	N/A		

Name of Facility: Tribal/MDNR Boat Launch at Lakeside Road

Location of facility: Cedarville, access to McKay Bay, 45°59'40.0" N, 84°18'03.8"W

Launch is owned by three Native American Tribes of Michigan in trust by the United States, there is an agreement with MDNR for public use of the launch ramp.

General purpose of the facility: Public access allowed for small boat launch.

Size of Facility:

- For harbor facilities, seasonal and transient slip numbers: N/A
- Does the facility meet the demand by boaters? No
- Is the facility too large/too small? Too small
- Are boaters turned away? Yes, are there waiting lists?

NO

- Does the facility meet current ADA guidelines? no
- Are there current site development plans? Purchase adjacent parcel to North for expanded parking, boat launch enlargement, skid pier launch.

Marketing, events and partnerships

- What are the current marketing plans? None
- Are there future marketing plans? No

- Are events held at this facility and do you have any future event plans? No.
- What are the existing partnerships for this facility? MDNR, Sault Sainte Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Bay Mills Band of ?? and Traverse City Band of ??
- Are there future partnering plans? Yes, continue to work with the entities named above.

Dredging:

Current dredging needs: None Dredging cycle: None
 Dredged volume: N/A Dredge disposal location: N/A

Annual maintenance schedule

Repairs and maintenance	N/A	Buildings	N/A
Startup costs	N/A	Painting	N/A
Irrigation maintenance	N/A	Sewer maintenance	N/A
Minor electrical repairs	N/A	Sidewalks	N/A
Vehicles and equipment	N/A	Winterization	N/A
Lumber	N/A		

Annual Supplies

Tools	N/A	Hardware	N/A
Office Supplies	N/A	Lumber	N/A

Annual services

Trash Service	N/A	Utilities	N/A
Weed Control	N/A		

DESCRIPTION OF PLANNING & PUBLIC INPUT

In order to ensure that this plan reflects the will of the community, the Recreation Committee, in conjunction with the Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning & Development Commission, solicits public input in the following ways:

□ Public Input

- ⇒ A questionnaire was made available online from January 11, 2023 until February 15, 2023; hard copies of the questionnaire were available at the township offices and the Hessel School House for approximately the same dates. A copy of the survey, along with analysis of the results, can be found in the Appendices.
- ⇒ A 2010 Community Survey conducted by the Les Cheneaux Community Foundations
- ⇒ A 2020 questionnaire included with a limited sample (25%) of tax bills.
- ⇒ A public notice was published in the local Newspaper (St. Ignace News) for 4 consecutive weeks (January 18, 25,31 and February 8, 2023)to enable the public to review the 2023 – 2028 Recreation Plan and to submit any questions or comments prior to adoption of the Plan by the Board of Trustees.

□ Public Hearings and Public Meetings

- ⇒ A Public Hearing was used to give members of the public an opportunity to speak before the board and the recreation committee and express their thoughts on the final draft of the 2023 plan. The hearing was held on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Clark Township Offices. The Board of Trustees has a public meeting scheduled for the adoption of the Recreation Plan on February 15, 2023 at 6 p.m. at the Clark Township Hall.
- ⇒ The Recreation Committee holds public meetings quarterly; sub-committees and task forces meet monthly or as needed in open sessions; Recreation Committee members interact and solicit information with affiliated and partner committees; and the Recreation Committee solicits on-going feedback via suggestion boxes, township website posts, and on-the-street interactions.

□ Project Prioritization. The Recreation Committee reviews, prioritizes and recommends projects/objectives to the Clark Township Board of Trustees through the lens of the Clark Township Master Plan, Vision for the Les Cheneaux Area in the form of 6 questions:

1. Natural Resources. Are natural resources cherished, treated sympathetically and sustainably managed?
2. Economic Growth. Does the project promote locally interconnected economic growth that is sustainable, monitored, guided, diverse, and proportional to our scale?
3. Downtown Centers. Does the project reflect local and seasonal diversity and contribute to attractive, pleasing, vibrant and comfortable downtown centers?
4. Infrastructure and Social Services. Does the project promote healthy lifestyles and enjoyment of the outdoors for diverse groups of residents and visitors?
5. Sense of Community. Does the project promote a sense of community, belonging, and responsibility while enhancing the traditions, goals, values, and character of the Les Cheneaux Area?
6. Is the proposed project cost effective and/or a wise use of public funding?

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

GOAL A: CONTINUE THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF LOCAL TRAIL SYSTEMS

A strong trails system, which accommodates all sorts of users, with appropriate designations, promotes economic development, healthy life styles, and connections within the community and with visitors. The Township will work to increase connectivity between amenities and population centers, promote trail use, and expand signage and branding of our trails. Continued cooperation with units of government, agencies and organizations involved in recreation programming will be imperative in these efforts. The Clark Township Non-Motorized Plan outlines additional steps to increase connectivity.

OBJECTIVE 1: Develop the Peek-a-Boo trail system into sustainably built, four season trail, which will avoid wet areas and be constructed to constantly shed water to avoid washouts. All human powered, non-motorized uses will have access to this system.

- Organize group to oversee project, develop an on-line presence specific to this project (see:<https://www.facebook.com/LCI-Trails-Project-at-Peekaboo-Hill906816736022277/>)
- Maintain lease from DNR for their portions of land that the trail will cross
- Obtain funding through grants, donations and events
- Select contractor(s) through bidding process and construct main trail
- Develop signage, eventually to include educational interpretive signage
- Integrate trail with other systems, including the Outdoor Classroom and North Huron Birding Trail where ever possible
- Investigate grooming equipment for winter ski and fat tire bike trail maintenance
- Phase II: extend trails to connect residential areas, other trails westward toward Bay City Lake and roadways

OBJECTIVE 2: Connect the communities of Cedarville and Hessel, harbor to harbor, through an offroad, non-motorized trail which can accommodate non-motorized traffic, possibly including hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and bike traffic

- Purchase signage and install for existing bike trail segments throughout Clark Township
- Connect Downtown Hessel to the Mackinac Bay Turnout
- Develop an off-road path from the Mackinac Bay Turnout to 4 Mile Block
- Obtain agreements for a trail from the Cedar Cemetery off of 4 Mile Road though to Downtown Cedarville and Cedarville Harbor
- A northern route already runs from the airport to 2-3 miles north of the Township Offices, nonmotorized traffic could continue down Blind Line Road. The next step is to create a safe crossing over M-134, and down to the Cedarville Harbor via Mary L and Weston
- Eventually, nonmotorized traffic would move off the motorized path and road, through the woods to connect Blind Line Road and 3 Mile Road (compliment Peek-A-Boo Phase II).
- Create additional non-motorized safety features in downtown Hessel and on 4-Mile Block

OBJECTIVE 3: Develop additional put-in opportunities, signage, and promotion for the Les Cheneaux segment of the North Huron Water Trail

- Identify opportunities to develop public water access, including additional at both Cedarville Harbor and Hessel Marina short-term docking and where appropriate at Road Ends.
- Short Street Road End – purchase empty lot adjacent to Road End for expansion and parking.
- Lakeside Road end - purchase empty lot adjacent to Road End for expansion and parking.
- Continue to coordinate with water trail partners to promote upwatertrails.org
- Explore partnerships and opportunities to improve the McKay Bay water access on Lakeside Road, purchase property adjacent to launch ramp for expansion parking.

GOAL B: CONTINUE THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF LOCAL RECREATION AMENITIES

While the majority of Clark Township residents, according to the 2023 Recreation Questionnaire (see Appendix D), are satisfied with the maintenance of the Township recreation resources, suggestions for amenity improvement abounded. The Township will continue a high level of maintenance and work to implement safe, sustainable and well-planned amenity improvements.

OBJECTIVE 1: Improve parking availability and signage for cars, boats and trailers.

- Create unique, consistent, ‘branded’ signage for recreation facilities and parking to allow sites to be quickly and easily identified.
- Expand the Downtown Cedarville Park and increase parking.
- Purchase, lease, or obtain parking parcels and agreements for island residents and marina users.
- Investigate a permit system for parking and marina users

OBJECTIVE 2: Improve and enhance the profile of Snows Heritage Park as a recreation hub by enhancing walking trails, pickleball courts, add basketball court(s), and take advantage of all other opportunities for enhancements and amenities.

OBJECTIVE 3: Continue improving the Community Center

- Many local organizations currently hold events and classes at the Community Center, use feedback to further increase usage and amenities.
- Ice skating rink and pavilion

OBJECTIVE 4: To support Les Cheneaux Community Schools efforts to improve their facilities

- Reroute and connect Outdoor Classroom trails to the Peek-a-Boo and Township routes
- Support all efforts to improve and repave the school track
- Update bathrooms

OBJECTIVE 5: Increase other recreation opportunities through partnerships and community development

- Continue participation in multi-jurisdictional collaborations, such as the North Huron Scenic Byway Advisory Committee
- Where appropriate, collaborate with local, regional, state and federal partners to improve facilities and trail connectivity in the region

OBJECTIVE 6: Explore siting, design and construction of a dog park and community garden space.

OBJECTIVE 7: Work towards a Parks and Recreation Department with a dedicated funding source and an organization structure that brings all Parks and Recreation activities under one department that answers to one Township authority.

OBJECTIVE 8: Add a youth/young adult, and/or YAC member to the Recreation Committee as a full voting member.

GOAL C: DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN WATER ACCESS AND HARBOR FACILITIES

The culture of Clark Township is water-centric; year-round, seasonal, and island residents as well as visitors to the area enjoy access to north Lake Huron with the protection of the islands. The township will work to develop and maintain water access and harbor facilities for recreation and leisure, island resident access, and temporary commercial uses associated with loading and unloading freight and staff.

OBJECTIVE 1: Ensure that the Hessel Marina and the surrounding area is developed to meet the needs of residents and guests to include:

- Expand parking opportunities for vehicles and boat trailers
- Expand the number of mooring spots for transient, day use and seasonal boats
- Expand green space and community gathering space at the Marina
- Upgrade and expand harbor and shore facilities with purchase of adjoining land

OBJECTIVE 2: Enhance the new Cedarville Harbor Marina by:

- Obtain property or easements to link the harbor and business district on M-134 (Weston Trail project)
- Expand parking where possible
- Establish a fish-cleaning station and boat wash station, explore a canoe/kayak launch dock and storage racks
- Find solutions to achieve appropriate wetland mitigation and dredging solutions
- Obtain dredge permit to remove Pearson Creek sedimentation

OBJECTIVE 3: Increase public access for day and short-term users

- Sign appropriate current access points for non-motorized watercraft
- Identify and make available a Flower Bay access site for non-motorized watercraft
- Develop a carry-in access point at the end of Hill Island Road
- The Township will acquire waterfront parcels and parcels which connect existing recreational opportunities, especially Hessel Marina, Cedarville Harbor and appropriate Road Ends by agreement with MCRC

ACTION PROGRAM

The monies available through grants, taxes and other sources will dictate the action plan for this Five-Year Plan. These projects can be realized through the cooperation, assistance, and expertise of County, State and Federal governments. This Recreation Plan may be amended at any time during its five years to change priority, or to add or change goals and objectives with public opinion and input. The Township will make all possible efforts to development projects according to universal compliance and American Disability Act standards.

Funding Sources:

- Township funds
- Local funds (local service organizations and businesses; donations and fundraising)
- Les Cheneaux Community Foundation
- Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians: 2 percent funds
- MDNR: Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF)—25 percent match
- MDNR: Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)—50 percent match
- MDNR: Recreation Passport (RP)—25 percent match
- MDEQ: Coastal Zone Management (CZM)—50 percent match
- MDOT: Transportation Alternatives Program
- Other federal, state, and foundation grant programs

2024

Project	Location	Estimated Cost	Project Leadership	Project Partners	Grant Sources
Cedarville Harbor Enhancement Projects	Cedarville Harbor	Approximately \$200,000	Township Board	Lion’s Club, Watershed Council, Islands Association, and MCRC	RP, LWCF, MNRTF, Waterways
Aldo Leopold Park Enhancements	Marquette Island	\$250,000	Township Board	Little Traverse Conservancy	MDNR Waterways, RP, Sparks

Signage improvements	Public Access, Public Parking Sites, and Bike Path	\$2,000-\$5,000	Township Board	Private businesses, Mackinac County Road Commission	Local donation, Community Foundation
Peek-a-Boo Trail System Project	Peek-a-Boo Trails, LCCS Outdoor Track,	\$300,000	Township Board	Michigan DNR, LCCS	RP, LWCF, MNRTF
Neal Home Acquisition Phase 1	Hessel Marina	\$975,000	Township Board	Michigan DNR, local and private organizations	MNRTF

2025

Project	Location	Estimated Cost	Project Leadership	Project Partners	Grant Sources
Ice Rink Pavilion	Community Center	\$100,000	Township Board	Michigan DNR, Les Cheneaux Schools	RP, Sparks Grant
Westin Trail Project	Pierson Creek	\$400,000	Township Board	MDNR	RP, Sparks Grant
Trail Connector between Heritage and Peek A Boo Trail	State Avenue	\$50,000	Township Board	Michigan DNR, Trail Committee	RP, LWCF, MNRTF

2026

Project	Location	Estimated Cost	Project Leadership	Project Partners	Grant Sources
Hessel Harbor Improvements – Phase 2 & 3	Hessel Harbor	\$1,000,000	Township Board	DNR, Les Cheneaux Schools	MNRTF, LWCF

2027

Project	Location	Estimated Cost	Project Leadership	Project Partners	Grant Sources
Planning for Marina to Marina off road / Bike Path	Multiple Locations	\$,1,000,000	Township Board/Trail Committee	SORBA, local trail organizations, DNR, local citizens	MNRTF, LWCF, MDOT, Sparks Grant

2028

Project	Location	Estimated Cost	Project Leadership	Project Partners	Grant Sources
Peek A Boo enhancements	Clark Township	\$300,000	Township Board	DNR, Les Cheneaux Schools	MNRTF, LWCF

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: PHOTOS

1. Birge Nature Preserve



2. A.J. Lindberg Airport



3. Clark Township Softball Field



4. Hessel Beach



5. Hessel Marina



6. Mackinac Bay Scenic Overlook



7. LCCS- Outdoor Facilities



8. Peek-a-Boo Trail



9. Snows Heritage Park



10. Derby Nature Preserve



11. Clark Township Community Center



12. Les Cheneaux Community Schools (LCCS)



13. Cedarville Public Dock



14. Clark Township Boat Dock



15. Bush Bay Scenic Turnout



16. Woollam Preserve



17. Dudley Bay



18. Government Island



19. Marquette Island reserve/Aldo Leopold Park



APPENDIX B: QUESTIONNAIRE & ANALYSIS

The Clark Township 5-Year Recreation Plan Questionnaire garnered 173 responses, 25% of which were from seasonal residents, the remainder from year-round residents, most from long-term residents. A visualization, percentage breakdown, and record of personalized answers (written in the “other” option or submitted as an answer for a write-in question) are all below.

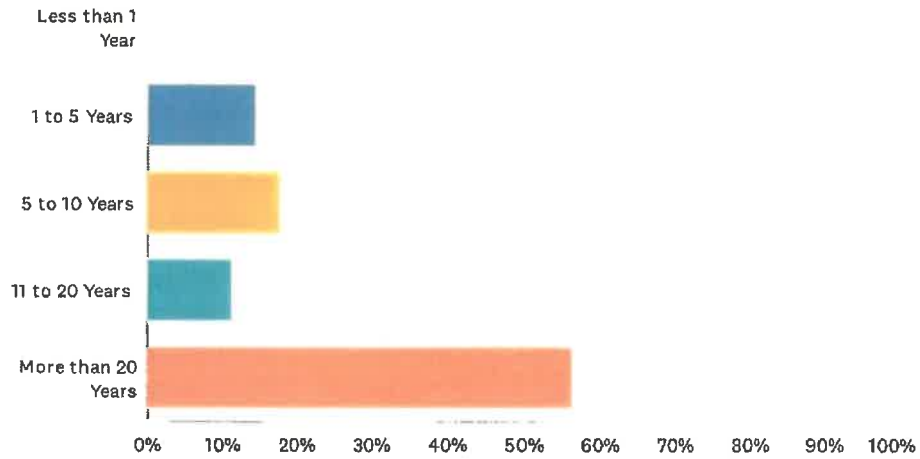
The questionnaire responses did reveal some general trends and desires. Generally, the respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with the number of parks and facilities (43%) and their maintenance (61%) in Clark Township. Forty-eight percent of respondents are also satisfied or very satisfied with the amount of preserved land in the area. Survey respondents were generally active outdoors- with 56.6% using the trails or other facilities at least once a week. Only 20.23% stated the never or rarely used local park or recreation facilities.

Over 87% of respondents participate in walking/hiking/running and/or motorized boating, and 70.18% swim. Kayaking/paddle-boarding/canoeing, snowmobiling, and hunting/fishing/trapping are also activities enjoyed by over half of the survey respondents. And the Cedarville Boat Launch, Cedarville Waterfront Park, and Government Island are the most-used recreation facilities. Michigan DNR lands were also a common write-in option for question 6.

When looking at future development, 56.79% of respondents supported the development of a bike path, plus three related write-in responses. This complements the answers to Question 10, which shows that over half of respondents support the development of more sidewalks, natural paths, and bike lanes. Over 42% supported increased development of water, hiking, and mountain biking trails. Additionally, there was strong support for more recreational classes for adults and youth, ranging from yoga, to dance, to sailing.

Q1 How long have you been a Clark Township resident?

Answered: 62 Skipped: 0



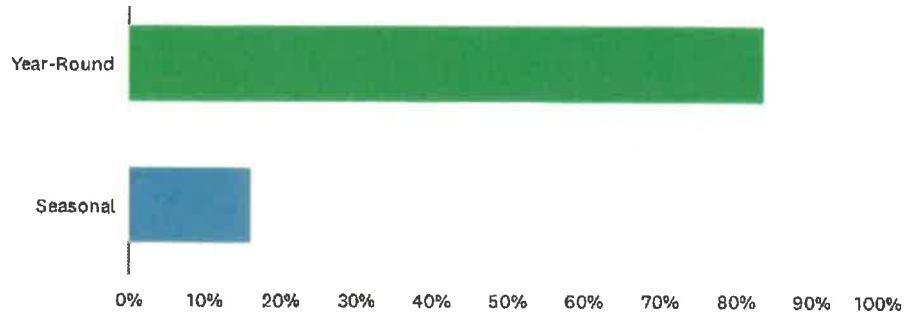
ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Less than 1 Year	0.00%	0
1 to 5 Years	14.52%	9
5 to 10 Years	17.74%	11
11 to 20 Years	11.29%	7
More than 20 Years	56.45%	35
TOTAL		62

Q2 Which kind of resident are you?

Answered: 62 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES

Year-Round

Seasonal

TOTAL

RESPONSES

83.87%

16.13%

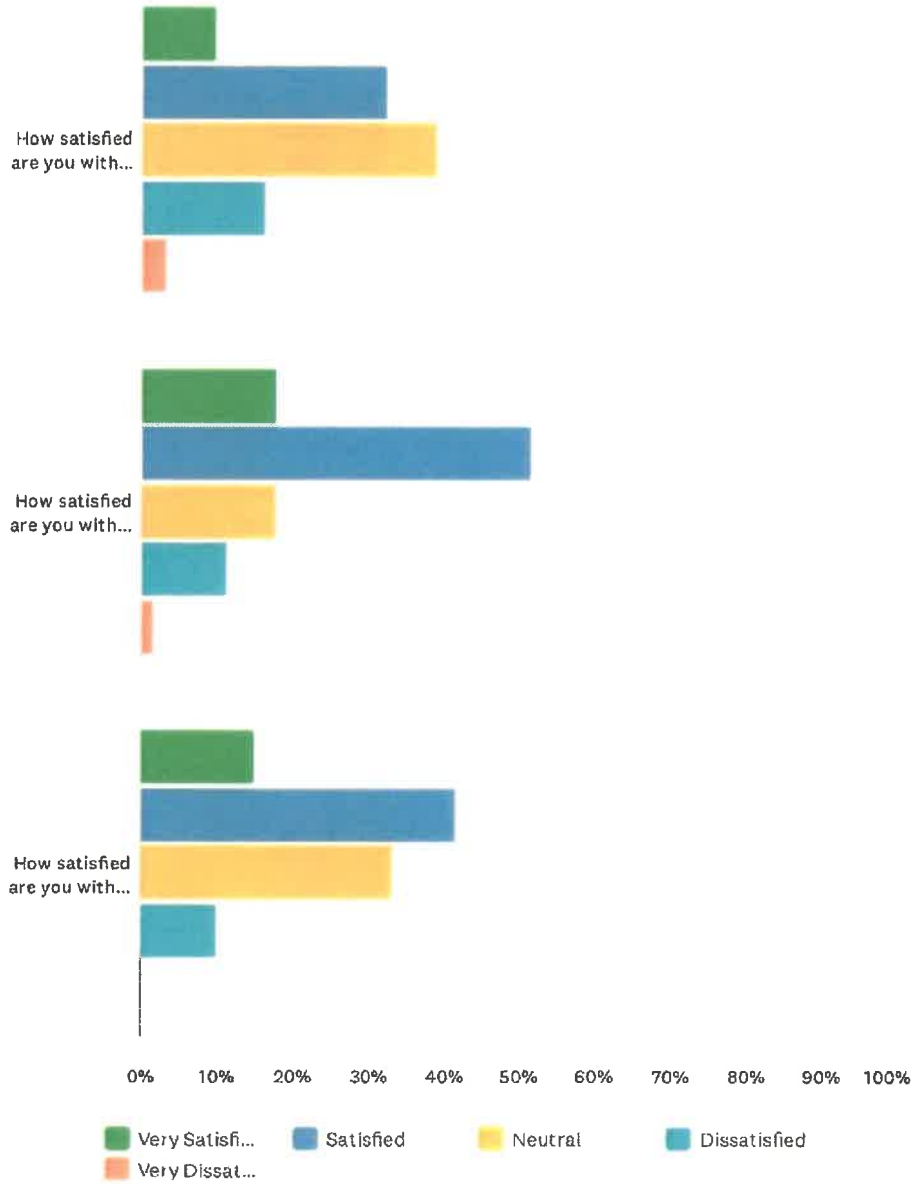
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Q3 Overall,

Answered: 62 Skipped: 0

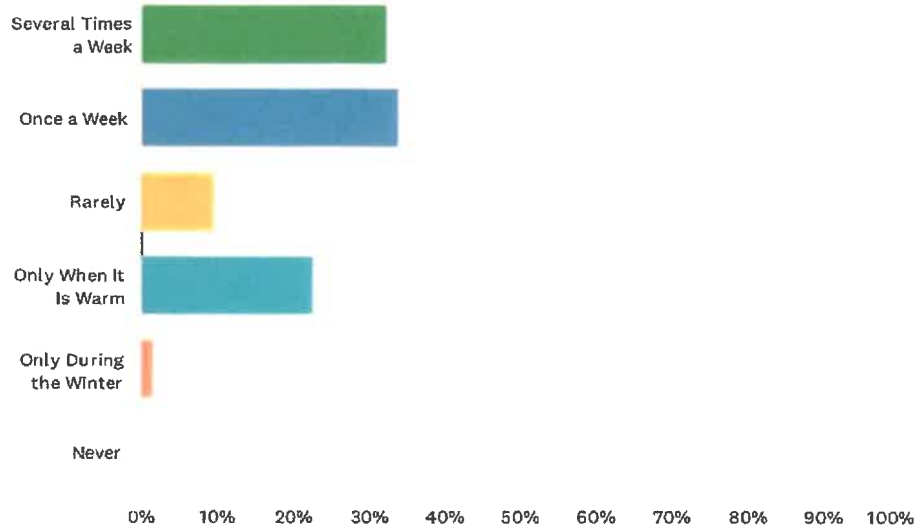


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	VERY SATISFIED	SATISFIED	NEUTRAL	DISSATISFIED	VERY DISSATISFIED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
How satisfied are you with the present number of public parks and recreation facilities available in Clark Township?	9.68% 6	32.26% 20	38.71% 24	16.13% 10	3.23% 2	62	3.29
How satisfied are you with the maintenance of public parks and recreation facilities available in Clark Township?	17.74% 11	51.61% 32	17.74% 11	11.29% 7	1.61% 1	62	3.73
How satisfied are you with the amount of land that is preserved in Clark Township?	15.00% 9	41.67% 25	33.33% 20	10.00% 6	0.00% 0	60	3.62

Q4 Approximately how often during the past year did you or members of your household use or visit any public park or recreation facility located within Clark Township?

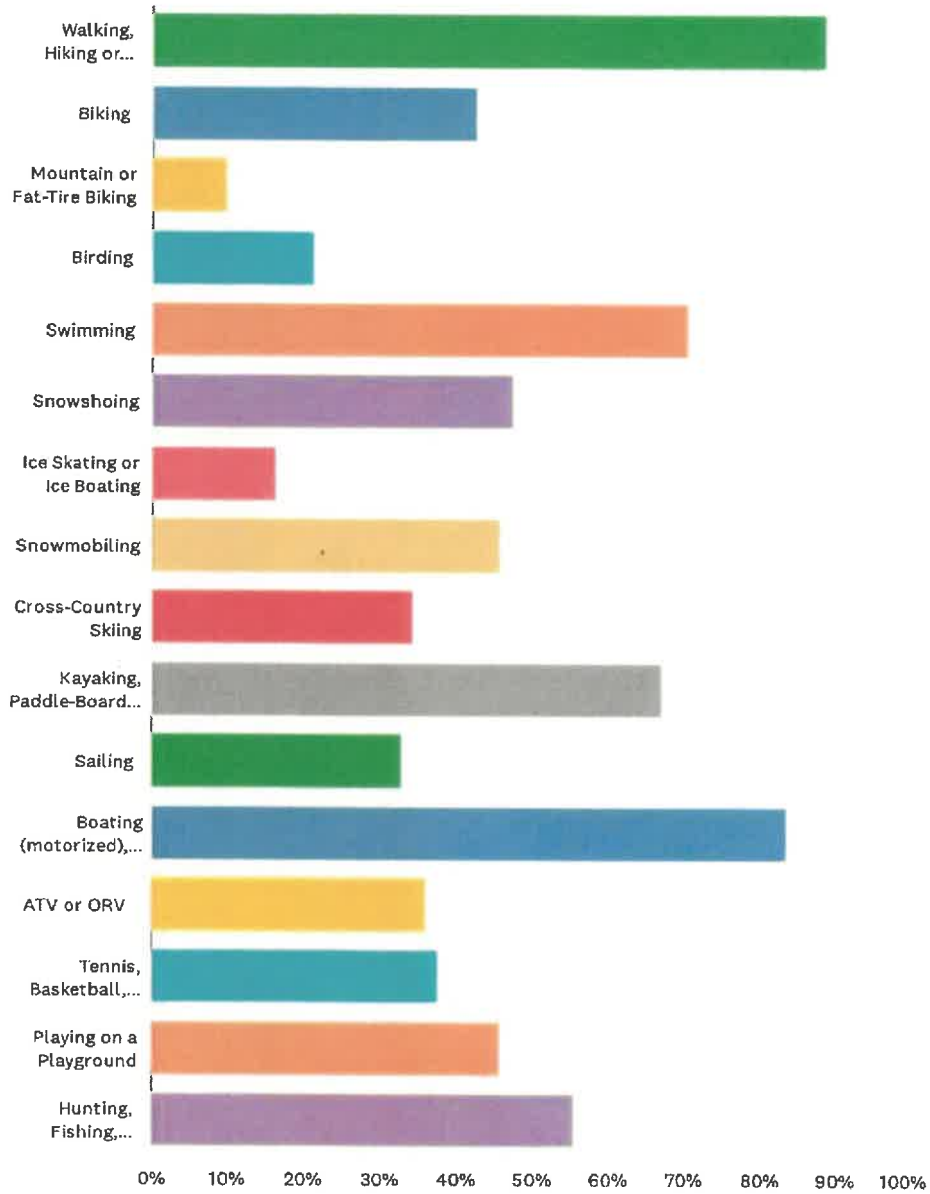
Answered: 62 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Several Times a Week	32.26%	20
Once a Week	33.87%	21
Rarely	9.68%	6
Only When It Is Warm	22.58%	14
Only During the Winter	1.61%	1
Never	0.00%	0
TOTAL		62

Q5 Within Clark Township, what kind of activities do you engage in? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 61 Skipped: 1



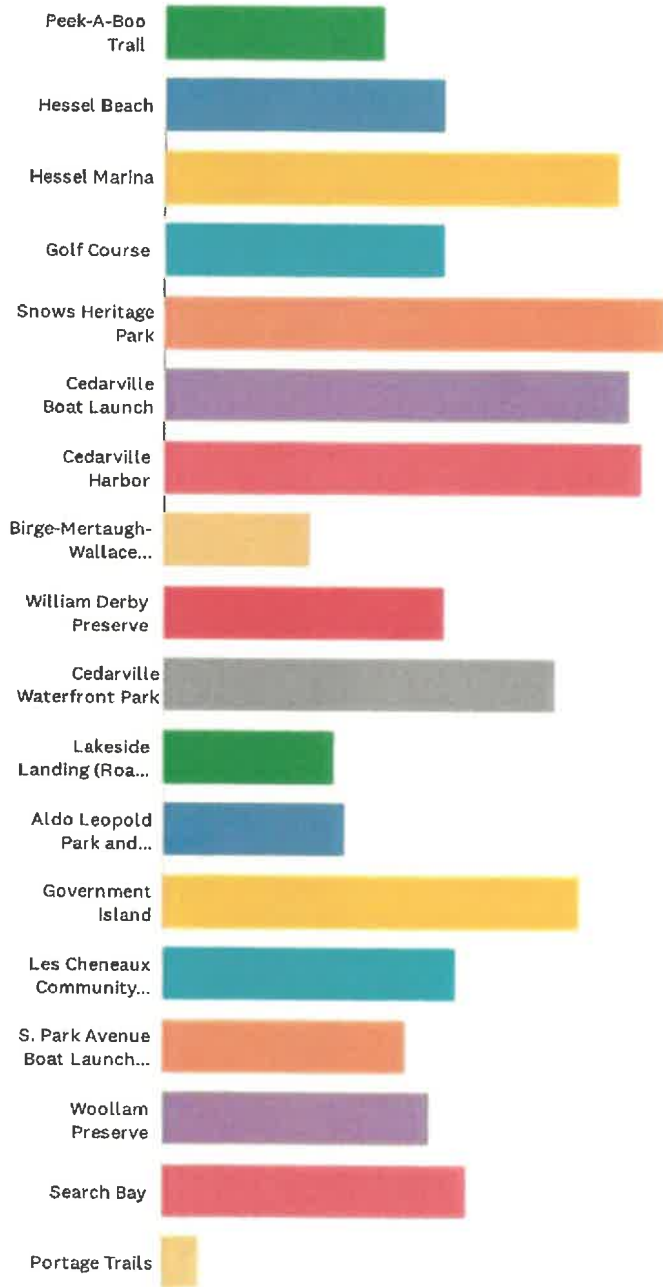
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walking, Hiking or Running	88.52%	54
Biking	42.62%	26
Mountain or Fat-Tire Biking	9.84%	6
Birding	21.31%	13
Swimming	70.49%	43
Snowshoing	47.54%	29
Ice Skating or Ice Boating	16.39%	10
Snowmobiling	45.90%	28
Cross-Country Skiing	34.43%	21
Kayaking, Paddle-Boarding or Canoeing	67.21%	41
Sailing	32.79%	20
Boating (motorized), Small Motorized Watercrafts, Water Skiing, Wakeboarding, etc.	83.61%	51
ATV or ORV	36.07%	22
Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Baseball, Softball or Other Court or Field-Based Sports	37.70%	23
Playing on a Playground	45.90%	28
Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, Shooting, etc.	55.74%	34
Total Respondents: 61		

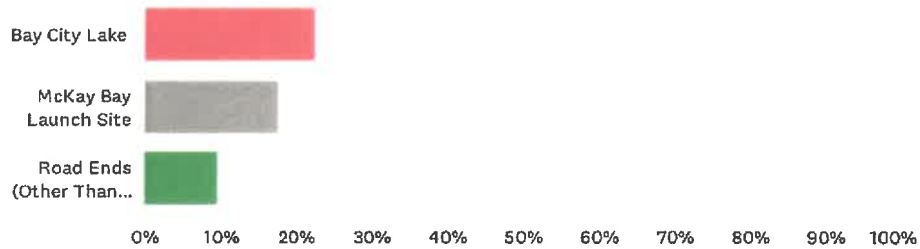
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)
1	Social gatherings
2	Photography
3	Golf
4	Pickleball

Q6 Which parks or recreation facilities do you use frequently? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 62 Skipped: 0



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Peek-A-Boo Trail	29.03%	18
Hessel Beach	37.10%	23
Hessel Marina	59.68%	37
Golf Course	37.10%	23
Snows Heritage Park	66.13%	41
Cedarville Boat Launch	61.29%	38
Cedarville Harbor	62.90%	39
Birge-Mertaugh-Wallace Preserve Complex	19.35%	12
William Derby Preserve	37.10%	23
Cedarville Waterfront Park	51.61%	32
Lakeside Landing (Road End)	22.58%	14
Aldo Leopold Park and Preserve	24.19%	15
Government Island	54.84%	34
Les Cheneaux Community Schools Field and Playground	38.71%	24
S. Park Avenue Boat Launch (Road End)	32.26%	20
Woolam Preserve	35.48%	22
Search Bay	40.32%	25
Portage Trails	4.84%	3
Bay City Lake	22.58%	14
McKay Bay Launch Site	17.74%	11
Road Ends (Other Than Park Avenue or Lakeside Landing)	9.68%	6
Total Respondents: 62		

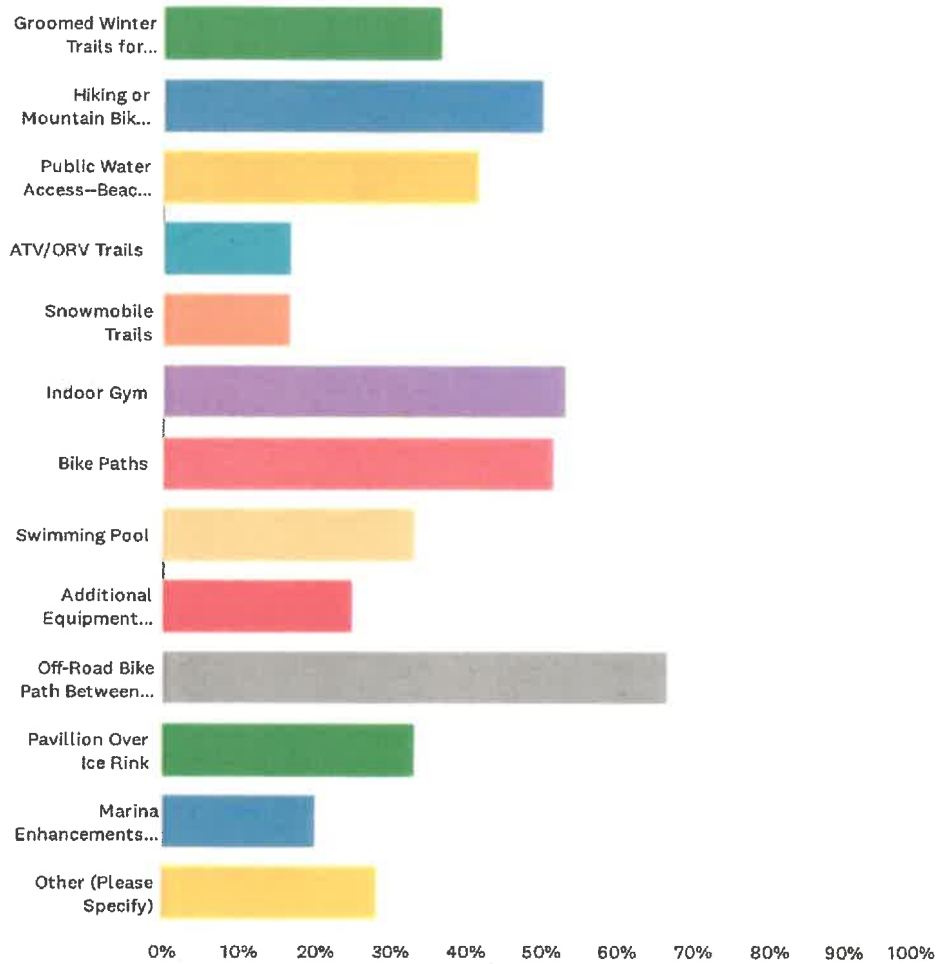
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)
1	St. Ignace Road - Nunns Creek
2	High school track

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- 3 Play pickle ball but not sure what the name of the courts are?
- 4 Trefry Trail, Bush Bay, Les Cheneaux Schools track and field, state land and water access at Prentiss Bay Road, any public water access I can find because I don't own waterfront property!

Q7 What additional recreational facilities does your community need? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 60 Skipped: 2



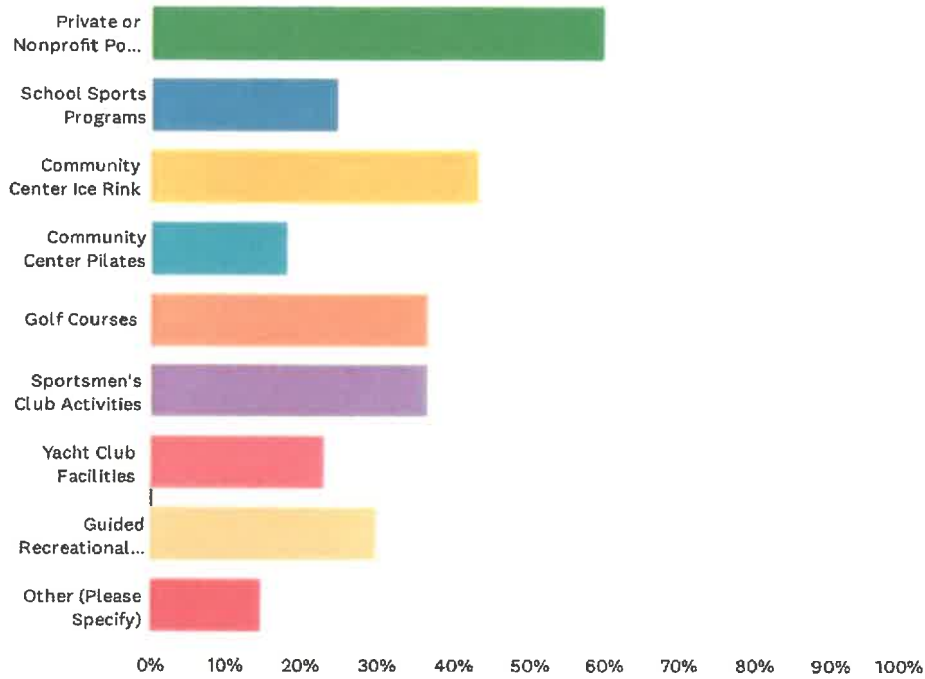
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Groomed Winter Trails for Skiing, Snowshoeing or Fat-tire Biking	36.67%	22
Hiking or Mountain Biking Trails	50.00%	30
Public Water Access--Beaches and Boat Launches	41.67%	25
ATV/ORV Trails	16.67%	10
Snowmobile Trails	16.67%	10
Indoor Gym	53.33%	32
Bike Paths	51.67%	31
Swimming Pool	33.33%	20
Additional Equipment Rental Opportunities	25.00%	15
Off-Road Bike Path Between Hessel and Cedarville	66.67%	40
Pavillion Over Ice Rink	33.33%	20
Marina Enhancements (Please Specify Under Other)	20.00%	12
Other (Please Specify)	28.33%	17
Total Respondents: 60		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)
1	Kayak-Canoe launch areas
2	More 2-hour boat slips for visiting Cedarville and Hessel. Marina picnic and bait shop facilities.
3	Transient docking for islanders and guests is badly needed. If the Hessel Marina project is completed, that will be a great aid in attracting cruising boats & yachts - which spend large amounts of money in the local economy.
4	Updated or new outdoor basketball court
5	Update Hessel marina bathrooms
6	Additional equipment at Snows Park.
7	Rec Center with athletics and workout equipment for the public
8	Available bathrooms
9	Particularly indoor recreation facilities. LCI needs more healthy options for winter residents; particularly GLBBS and LCCS students.
10	Rebuild bathrooms at Hessel marina and update the facility! Biggest venue in Clark Township and it is in desperate need of update. The staff is remarkable!
11	Pickleball courts
12	We desperately need improvements at the Hessel Marina.
13	Development of land around boat launch and harbor building- more cohesive use of property (splash pad, public restroom, green space, trash, etc)
14	up grade power and building at Hessel Marina
15	I've skate rink
16	Ice rink should be revitalized and I'd love to see a path connecting Cedarville & Hessel
17	Hessel Harbor expansion is needed

Q8 Which local recreation programs do you use or will use if improved?

Answered: 60 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Private or Nonprofit Pool or Gym	60.00%	36
School Sports Programs	25.00%	15
Community Center Ice Rink	43.33%	26
Community Center Pilates	18.33%	11
Golf Courses	36.67%	22
Sportsmen's Club Activities	36.67%	22
Yacht Club Facilities	23.33%	14
Guided Recreational Outings (Birding, Snowshoeing, Paddling, etc.)	30.00%	18
Other (Please Specify)	15.00%	9
Total Respondents: 60		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)
1	Pickle ball, community BBQ in summer and winter

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- 2 Indoor Pickleball Courts
- 3 Kids programs at HSH, library, etc
- 4 Community Gym
- 5 Casual group hiking and biking gatherings at improved and well-signed trails, or biking trails off the highway.
- 6 tennis courts
- 7 Hiking trails
- 8 Community ymca building to house multiple needs
- 9 Children's camps/activities

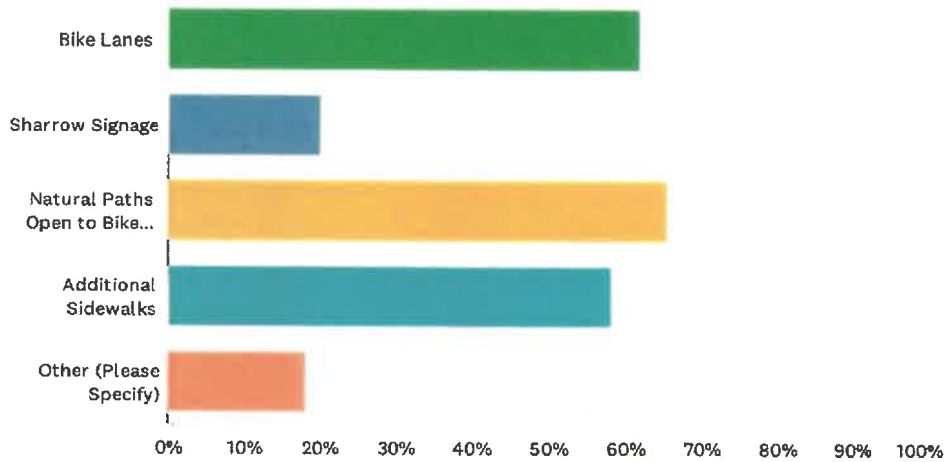
Q9 What recreation programs would you like to have in your municipality?

Answered: 23 Skipped: 39

#	RESPONSES
1	I'd like to have programming targeted to young adults - like an under 40, get out there group
2	Mountain bike trails
3	Pickle ball, community social gatherings and outings
4	More teen based organized activities.
5	A pool and gym.
6	Water sports education, clubs, competition for the youth.
7	I believe our Township is on the right path, however we need something for commercial usage of the waterfront for barges, etc.
8	Pool and gym facilities
9	A recreation center is needed.
10	Indoor fitness center / gym. Very important for mental and physical health of the town.
11	Indoor gym and pool profit or non profit but open access with or without a class. Public restrooms at all children's parks
12	Disc golf
13	More for kids and hiking
14	Pickleball courts.
15	Recreation Center with workout equipment for the public. The high school isn't always accessible for residents.
16	Gym/work out facility
17	Hiking and biking, membership gym where one can workout with a membership.
18	Tennis/Pickleball
19	Road side park with beach Covered ice rink Off road bike path between Hessel and Cedarville
20	Winter activities for seniors
21	Swimming / pool — ice rink— atv trails to connect between I 75 and all the way to detour
22	My primary desire is for a path to connect Cedarville and Hessel
23	Definitely an ice rink!!!

Q10 Would you support the development of the following in downtown Cedarville and/or Hessel? (Please Check All That Apply)

Answered: 55 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Bike Lanes	61.82%	34
Sharrow Signage	20.00%	11
Natural Paths Open to Bike Traffic	65.45%	36
Additional Sidewalks	58.18%	32
Other (Please Specify)	18.18%	10
Total Respondents: 55		

- # OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)**
- 1 Please get the bike riders/joggers off of M-134, foggy mornings and dark clothing on such a busy road is a true hazard if anyone were to fall. Pertaining to the fees mentioned next, an annual pass for a larger amount for non-property owning (non mill paying) residents makes sense too, but parks and recreation is a public service, not a profit producing department. The more barriers to enter spaces for economically disparaged parties (see our county annual income) gives them one less opportunity than better situated individuals.
 - 2 Traffic light at the intersection of M-134 & M-129 with pedestrian crosswalks.
 - 3 Marina picnic facilities and tree planting
 - 4 Why not just try waterfront BUSINESSES with docking?!
 - 5 More landscaping/beautification
 - 6 Aesthetic and functional Updates to downtown/public areas
 - 7 PLEASE, walking and hiking trails, and more non-motorized paths to walk between

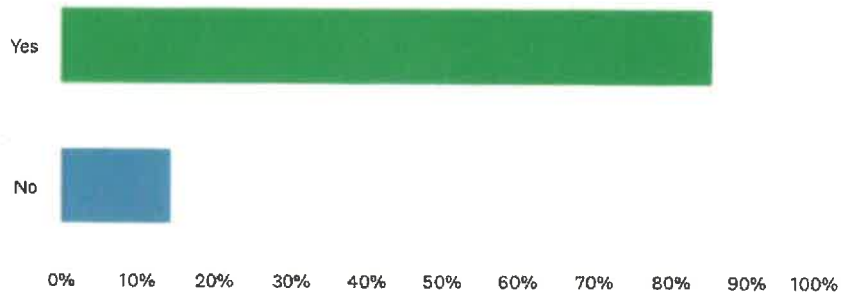
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businesses, recreational assets, etc.

- 8 Parking
- 9 Historical and local information markers with waypoints and self-guided community walks (Like Beaver Island has)
- 10 Ice rink

Q12 Would you support a .25 or .50 mill tax increase to support recreational maintenance and enhancements in Clark Township?

Answered: 62 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES

Yes

No

TOTAL

RESPONSES

85.48%

14.52%

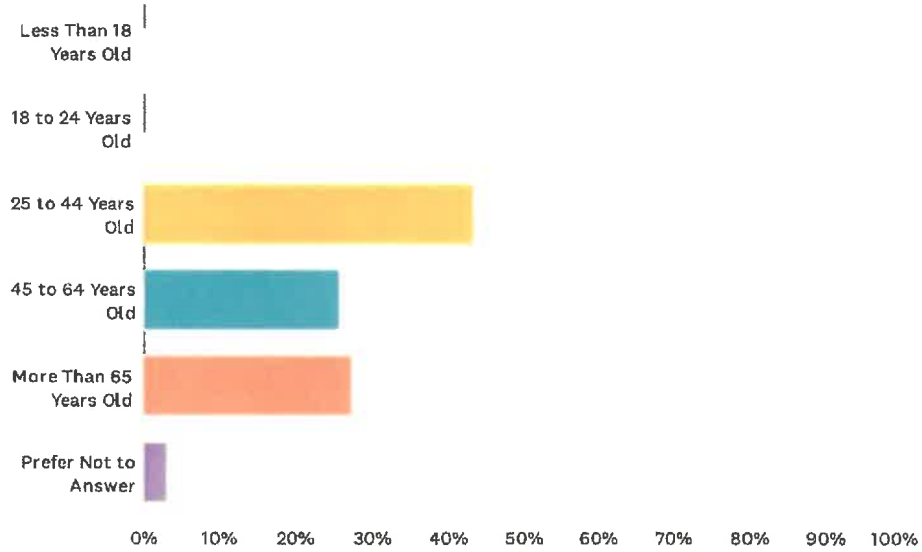
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Q13 What is your age?

Answered: 62 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Less Than 18 Years Old	0.00%	0
18 to 24 Years Old	0.00%	0
25 to 44 Years Old	43.55%	27
45 to 64 Years Old	25.81%	16
More Than 65 Years Old	27.42%	17
Prefer Not to Answer	3.23%	2
TOTAL		62

General Public Comments

The marinas are a very important link for island residents, that has gone very under appreciated by previous administrations.

Really like the objectives with the non-motorized trails – and the non-motorized connection of Hessel and Cedarville

Great Lakes Boat School; in addition to matriculating skilled professionals, the Boat Building School in Hessel offers specialized classes to the public

Plans for the Hessel Marina are quite impressive and the improvements will be of great value, particularly to the businesses and islanders that work and live over there.

APPENDIX C: PROJECT RESOURCES (SITE PLANS, ETC.)

Please note that maps for the topography, bedrock, general soils, and existing and future land use in Clark Township can all be found in the Clark Township Master Plan. And site plans or other documentation below has been developed in reference to those maps.

APPENDIX D: PUBLIC NOTICES & ADOPTION MEETING MATERIALS

QUESTIONNAIRE WAS PROMOTED:

- *St. Ignace News*: January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2023

30-DAY REVIEW PERIOD NOTICE

Date of the Notice: 5 weeks – January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 2023

Type of the Notice: Newspaper advertisement in the *St. Ignace News*

Plan Location: Township Hall; <http://www.eup-planning.org/clark-township-recreation-plan-2>

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period: January 11 – February 13, 2023

NOTICE POSTED

Dates of Notice: January 11 – February 8, 2023
Locations: St. Ignace News
Date of Special Meeting: Monday, February 13, 2023 @ 6pm
Date of Adoption Meeting: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 @ 8am (during regular meeting)

2/10/23, 10:48 AM

The Marketplace



The St. Ignace News
and Les Cheneaux Islands Weekly Wave

SERVING THE STRAITS OF MACKINAC AND MICHIGAN'S EASTERN UPPER PENINSULA SINCE 1870

TRUTH, OFFICE OF THE HOME - MOVES, WORDS OF THE COMMUNITY, SPIRIT - ARTS, LETTERS AND SCIENCE OF THE COMMON PEOPLE

Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
CLM Community Action - St. Ignace
Mackinac County has been awarded \$3,200,000 in state funding...

CLARK TOWNSHIP
Recreation Plan (2022 - 2028)
The proposed Clark Township 2022-2027 Recreation Plan is available...

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
City of Mackinac Island Planning Commission
Notice of Public Hearing
Special Land Use of Boardinghouse

PUBLIC NOTICE
Mackinac County Transportation
Proposed State and Federal Application for
Operating Assistance

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INVITATION TO BID
The City of Mackinac Island is seeking proposals for the purchase of...

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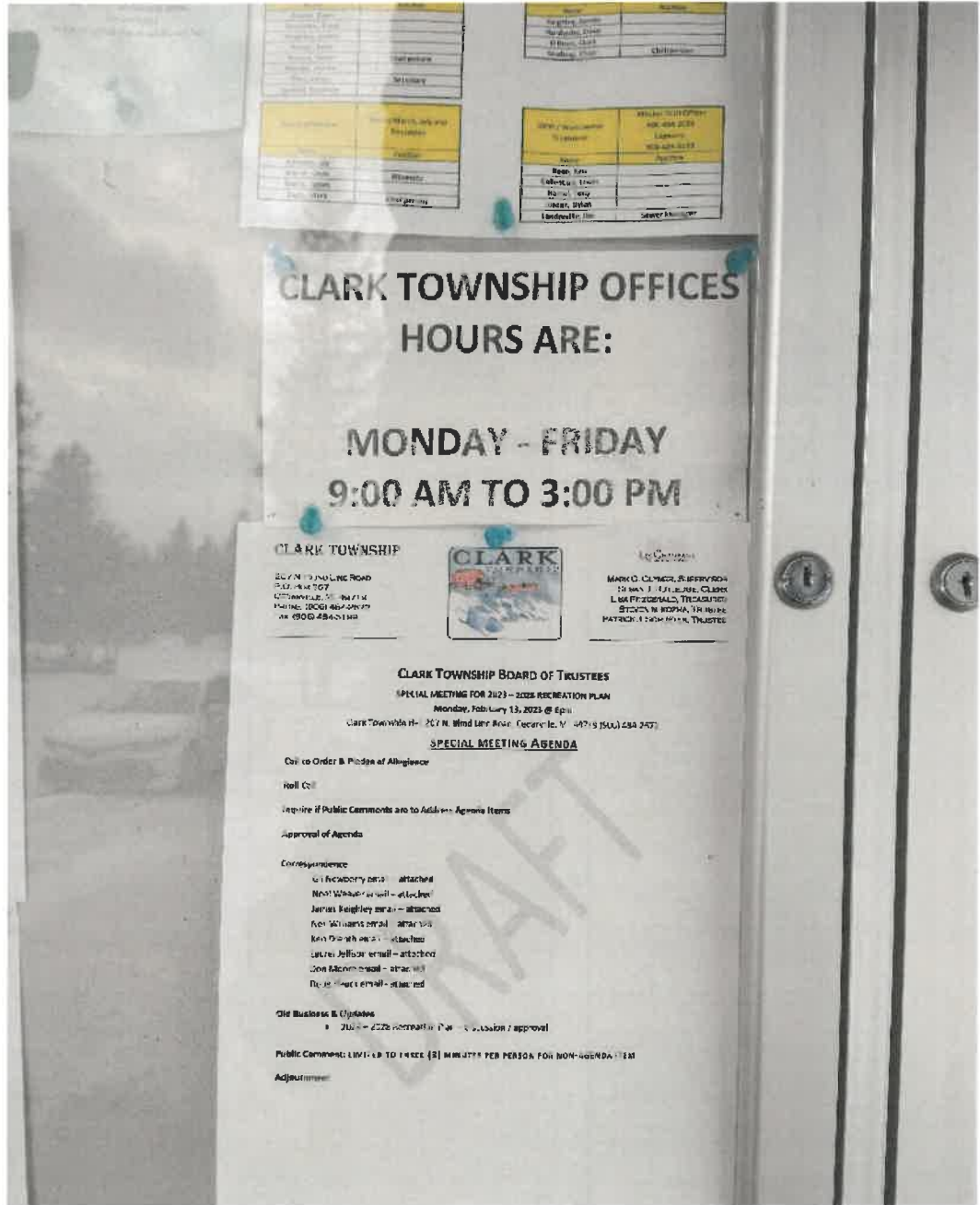
NOTICE POSTED

Dates Posted: January 11 – February 8, 2023

Locations: Website, St. Ignace News, Township Hall

Signature: _____

Date signed: _____



**CLARK TOWNSHIP
Recreation Plan (2022 - 2028)**

The proposed Clark Township 2022-2028 Recreation Plan is available for review.

The documents will be able to be reviewed from January 11 through February 10, 2023. Printed plans will be available at the township office or online at www.clarktwsp.org.

Please submit comments in one of the following ways by February 9, 2023.

- At the township office in writing so that we can research or address the issue.
- By email to cauper@clarktwsp.org
- By U.S. mail to: ATTN Clark Township Recreation Plan, P.O. Box 867, 207 N. Blind Line Rd, Cedarville, MI 49719

A public meeting to discuss the Recreation Plan is scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the Clark Township Office located at 207 N. Blind Line Rd, Cedarville, MI 49719.

State of Michigan

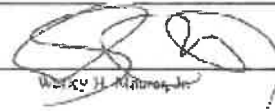
In the City of St. Ignace for the County of Mackinac

In the Matter of: Recreation Plan (2022 - 2028)

COUNTY OF MACKINAC, ss

Wesley H. Maurer, Jr. of St. Ignace, Mackinac County, Michigan, being duly sworn says: I am the publisher and editor of The St. Ignace News, a newspaper published and circulated in said county. The annexed is a printed copy of a notice which was published in said paper on the following dates, to wit:

- January 12, 2023 _____
- January 19, 2023 _____
- January 26, 2023 _____
- February 2, 2023 _____
- February 9, 2023 _____


Wesley H. Maurer, Jr.

Subscribed and sworn to at St. Ignace, in said county,

this 12th day of February, 2023

Before me Wendy Colegrove, Notary
Wendy Colegrove

Public of Mackinac County, Acting in Mackinac County.

My Commission expires: December 26, 2024

WENDY COLEGROVE, Notary Public
Mackinac County, State of Michigan
My Commission Expires 12-26-2024

Clark Township RECREATION COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING FOR 2023 – 2028 RECREATION PLAN

Monday, February 13, 2023 @ 6pm

Clark Township Hall 207 N. Blind Line Road, Cedarville, MI 49719 (906) 484-2672

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

- Meeting called to order and Pledge of Allegiance – 6:05 pm

Roll Call

- **Members Present:** Mark Clymer, Max Heil, Sarah Redding, Robin Pendry
- **Members Absent:** Amy Polk, Anne Fleming, Carol Murray, Chris Cantway, Chuck Paquin, Dave Murray, Elliott Nelson, Gary Reid, Gil Newberry, Jim Keighley, Katie Duman, Ken Drenth, Laurel Jellison, Lisa Burnside, Lowell Peterson, Lynn Brown, Mike Mahn, Nikki Storey, Noel Weaver, Ralph Duman, Robert Lohff, Rod Walch, Steve Berghausen, Sue Bakkila, Sydney Meadows

Inquire if Comments are to Address Agenda Items

Approval of Minutes – February 1, 2023

- Sarah Redding / Max Heil 2nd

Correspondence

- Reviewed and shared correspondence received

Old Business & Updates

- All pages of the Draft Recreation Plan are reviewed.
- 2023 – 2028 Recreation Plan – discussion / approval
- Several typos were addressed and corrected.
- Robin inquires about projections regarding the Hessel Marina. The big project for the Hessel Marina is a capital expense.
- Mark explains the Administrative structure – page 9
- Mark talks about some inconsistencies that he will be addressing as far as our accounting codes.
- Max asks about fund accounting – Mark explains. .
- Mark explains that if we apply for a grant – if it's not in the Rec., we will need to amend the Rec. Plan to include the project.
- Sarah asks about Leopold – the typo has been corrected.
- As we develop recreational assets – additional funding methods may need to be explored, i.e. – millage in the future.
- Mentioned – why is the airport considered recreation. The DNR manages aeronautics so the airport falls under the purview of the DNR.

- Max asks about the Ice Rink. It is on Township property. The fire department will keep it filled /watered. The YAC (Youth Advisor Committee) kids will be maintaining and performing the maintenance. The Recreation Plan lists a Pavilion for the Ice rink in the future. The Ice Rink was a key asset in our community years ago.
- Page 19 – Recreational asset map and inventory was reviewed. Max mentioned Leopold Duck Bay should be in the Recreation Plan inventory.
- The questionnaire was discussed and because it was stated that there are not enough docks – the Hessel Marina upgrade plan should facilitate more docking for day use.
- Mark mentions the lack of dock space in particular in Cedarville by the Tipper Room.
- Max educated the Committee on a space specific plan in reference to reserved docks. Many times this method does not work for our Marina/Harbor.
- Public interests / comments from the Questionnaire were discussed regarding the possibility of a dog park, a pavilion for the ice rink, public gym, etc.
- Mark discussed the Westin Trail project / Portage Trail project(s).
- Action Program discussions - all Members were in agreement of the Action Program items.
- Max mentions the request for an indoor gym. Currently the school does have a program/offer for public use.

Public Comment: LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES PER PERSON FOR NON-AGENDA ITEM

- No public comments

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm

ADOPTION MEETING AGENDA – FEBRUARY 15, 2023 @ 8AM – CLARK TOWNSHIP HALL
(also Regular Meeting)

CLARK TOWNSHIP

207 N. BLIND LINE ROAD
P.O. BOX 387
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CLARK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, February 15, 2023 @ 8am

Clark Township Hall 207 N. Blind Line Road, Cedarville, MI 49719 (906) 484-2672

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Inquire if Public Comments are to Address Agenda Items

Approval of Agenda

Consent Agenda

- **Approve minutes:** Meeting minutes from January 18, 2023
- **Approve Budget**
- **Approve invoices:**
 - *General Fund:*
 - *Sewer Fund:*
 - *Invoices more than \$500*
- **Service Contracts**
- **Special Events**
- **Budget Amendments:**

Correspondence:

Old Business & Updates

- **Approval of the Recreation Plan**
- **Fireboat invoice**

New Business

- **Cafeteria Plan**
- **Airport proposal submitted by Don Moore**
- **Firefighter application**
- **Board of Review – appoint James Eberts as Alternate. Has 10 days to be sworn in.**
- **Payroll adjustment – December and January re – Deputy Clerk Linda Sherlund**
- **IC Ambulance Training in Traverse City, March 4,5,6, 2023**

Treasurer's Report

Supervisor's Report

APPENDIX E: POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORTS

See below for the completed Post-Completion Self-Certification reports for Michigan Department of Natural Resources grants previously awarded Clark Township.

(attached)



PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
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GRANTEE: CLARK TOWNSHIP

PROJECT NUMBER: 26-00815 PROJECT TYPE:

PROJECT TITLE: Boat Mooring/Launching Facilities

PROJECT SCOPE: Double ramp boat launch site, dredging, parking, picnic, landscape

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PROJECT NUMBER: TF-16-0117 PROJECT TYPE:

PROJECT TITLE: Cedarville Harbor

PROJECT SCOPE: Develop Cedarville Harbor

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PROJECT NUMBER: 26-01060 K PROJECT TYPE:

PROJECT TITLE: Les Cheneaux Rec. Center

Develop 1.5 acres-include multipurpose court, lighting, fencing &

PROJECT SCOPE: drain

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GRANTEE: CLARK TOWNSHIP

PROJECT NUMBER: TF-94002 PROJECT TYPE:

PROJECT TITLE: Clark Township Beach
acquire .38 acres of waterfront with 250 feet of frontage on Lake

PROJECT SCOPE: Huron

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PROJECT NUMBER: BF89-326 PROJECT TYPE:

PROJECT TITLE: Hessel Marina Pier expansion

PROJECT SCOPE: Addition of 17 fingers a floating break wall and head pier

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GRANTEE: CLARK TOWNSHIP

PROJECT NUMBER: TF-21-0053 PROJECT TYPE:

PROJECT TITLE: Peek A Boo Trail

PROJECT SCOPE: Development of a mountain bike trail 4 miles long

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To: reiddi46@lighthouse.net
Subject: Clark Township Final Recreation Plan

Hi Dean:

Good afternoon. Today, the Township adopted the 2023 – 2028 Recreation Plan. The copy of the final Recreation Plan is attached.

Thank you and please do not hesitate to contact Mark Clymer with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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