

ARCADIA TOWNSHIP PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN

2013-2018

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Parks and Recreation Committee

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Arcadia Township Parks and Recreation Committee

Purpose

This plan will articulate Arcadia Township's park and recreation goals and strategies as well as establish eligibility for recreation grants. Specifically, the Park and Recreation Committee will build upon past recreational asset development success, continue to support recent initiatives and plan for future recreational asset development and programming.

Place Making

Place making is at the heart of the current recreation planning initiative. The community is striving to develop the type of place people of all ages, activity levels, physical abilities as well as recreation interests want to live, work and play.

Goal Themes

The themes of the goals developed by the residents of Arcadia for parks and recreation planning include:

1. Four new initiatives that deal with fishing, community aesthetics, local and regional group collaboration and partnerships;
2. Development of recreation programming;
3. Development of new park and recreational facilities;
4. Improvement of existing park and recreational facilities;
5. Improve the community's walkability.



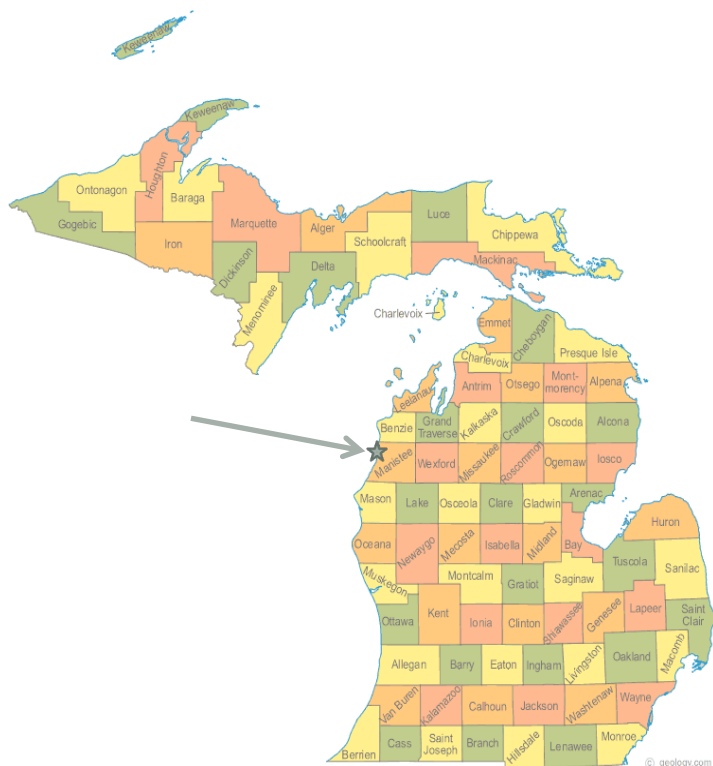
Core Principle

A core principle of the Plan is one of collaboration and partnership with local and regional entities to build upon recreational assets and programming. Through a policy of collaboration and partnership, the Township will combine efforts to achieve greater results collectively.

MCSFA STANDINGS AUGUST 2012			
<u>SALMON</u>		<u>STEELHEAD</u>	
L. SCHARICH, REEL PRESSURE	25.25	D. KUENZER, OBSESSION	10.35
G. SCHARFER, TROUT SCOUT	25.05	B. PARADISE, ALMOST PARADISE	10.3
D. MARSH, TALKS A LOT	22.15		
<u>LAKE TROUT</u>		<u>BROWN TROUT</u>	
M. CHUMIRA, REEL PRESSURE	16.5	B. GUENHARDT, RENEGADE	15.7
		M. MORZYSKI, REEL TEASER	13.85
		P. SCHLAFLEY, RIVERSIDE	12.3
AS OF 8/13/12			

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Location



Arcadia Township is located in the most northern portion of Manistee County on the shores of Lake Michigan.

Arcadia Township is located on the shores of Lake Michigan in Manistee County, Michigan. Approximately one hour south of Traverse City and Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lake Shore, Arcadia Township is nestled between the lakeshore communities of Oneskama and the City of Frankfort. It is accessible by two north and south traversing roadways, M-22 and US-31. There are a number of smaller primary roads, such as Glovers Lake Road, that traverse the Township east and west providing movement between the major arteries. The Township's location provides for many different types of topography, land coverage types, ecosystems and wildlife habitat. The natural resources make the Township an ideal recreational area.

Arcadia Township is 18 square miles with an urban core of less than one square mile of a grid like street pattern, and 4 square miles of farmland. The village is a compact cluster of homes in a well-defined geographical area with neighborhoods forming a traditional grid pattern. The rural portion of the Township is comprised of primarily farming land uses and large lot residential development patterns as well as undeveloped lakes, marshes and forestland. Very little commercial development occurs outside the M-22 corridor and village business district.



Looking south along the shoreline at Arcadia.



Arcadia Lutheran Church

Community Character

If you stand on the M-22 bridge that crosses Arcadia Marsh and take a 360 degree look around you, your eyes will take in rich scenic rural character ripe in environmental attributes. The crescent shaped hill configuration in the distance with its high elevation is the first point your eyes will see. Somewhere at the tip of those hills is the beginning point of the Arcadia Watershed. Your gaze will shift down the sloping curve of the hill to see how the land hosts many tributaries of the Arcadia Marsh. Sweeping along the vista, you will also see fields, tree stands, and clusters of homes before your eyes rest on the splendor of Arcadia Lake and finally Lake Michigan. The views from all directions are spectacular. The recreational opportunities are endless.

The urban center is graced with tree-lined streets, dignified historic homes, municipal buildings and neighborhood parks awaiting the resident's activity. A network of sidewalks leads the traveler throughout the neighborhoods pulling them towards recreational assets that make up the very fabric of life in Arcadia- the beach, the marina, the Pleasant Valley Community Center. Kids and adults alike are enjoying activities such as playing in the parks, shooting hoops at the Community Center, preparing their boats for fishing or just enjoying the day. It is typical to see a group of moms pushing strollers, with their other kids in tow, lazily walking down the streets towards the beach on hot summer days. When the sun sets, members of the community of all ages make their way to a number of places throughout the Township to gaze at the ruby reds and sparkling blues of the sun setting on Lake Michigan.

Outside the village center, boaters, bird watchers, view seekers, star gazers, walkers, runners, cyclists and those just on a slow drive through the landscape move around the Township utilizing the resources liberally. The agricultural fabric of the Township offers bystanders that a rural atmosphere that Arcadians hold dear and are eager to support. Weekly, the civic groups post notices on a fixed sign on the busiest corner of the Township informing the residents of the next great community event- Arcadia Daze, 5Ks, bridge walks, movie night and other social events on the calendar.

Jurisdiction

The Arcadia Township Recreation Committee established the task of identifying and developing recreation goals for a broad recreation platform for Arcadia Township. While the recreation plan is community specific, the Arcadia Township Recreation Committee understands their role regionally and therefore prepared this plan within the regional context of the Lakes to Land Regional Initiative.



Extent of the Plan

The Committee analyzed recreational needs from multiple perspectives: the different age groups living within the Township, seasonal versus non-seasonal residents, recreation that requires and does not require facilities, recreation that occurs in a team or sport capacity versus individually enjoyed, and finally they analyzed typical and the not so typical recreational activities. The Township has historically worked on developing recreation capacity diligently implementing the last two recreation plans prepared in 1995 and 2004. Many of the strategies to achieve the goals of past plans have come to fruition. The primary focus of this recreation plan is on using recreation planning as a key component to a placemaking strategy by making improvements to existing parks and their facilities, program development and improving walkability.



Grebe Park

Lakes to Land Regional Initiative

The Lakes to Land Regional Initiative, which encompasses 15 communities within Benzie and Manistee County, is a regional initiative begun with the expressed purpose of preparing individual community master plans, including a recreational component, and an implementation strategy for collaborating among the partnering governmental jurisdictions, including the development and updating of local ordinances and cooperative agreements. Grants to fund the effort were awarded from the Michigan Department of Treasury's State Economic Vitality Incentive Program and the C.S. Mott Foundation.

Guiding the partnering communities through the process, the consulting firm Beckett and Raeder, Inc., facilitated 10 vision sessions during the course of the 2012 summer months to garnish public input throughout the region- one vision session per participating community who did not have a recently updated master plan. Arcadia Township conducted their vision session in June 2012. Once the visioning process concluded the communities that needed a new master plan began their work. The Arcadia Recreation Committee, upon reviewing their recreation plan, understood that they had an opportunity to build upon the success of the master plan visioning sessions and master planning efforts. In Arcadia the top priorities that resulted from the master planning vision session dealt with recreation.



Parks & Programming in Arcadia

Parks

The Township has five designated park areas: Veterans Memorial Park & Marina, Grebe Park, Pickert Park, Finch Park, Sunset Station & Arcadia Beach Natural Area. The Township has one piece of vacant land. Three of the parks are considered community parks (Veteran's Memorial Marina, Grebe Park, Sunset Station & Arcadia Natural Beach Area) and the other two are neighborhood parks (Pickert Park, Finch Park). The parks are all within a two-mile radius of each other and an easy walk to the urban center linking cultural, civic, commercial and residential uses. Combined, the parks provide playground equipment, picnic areas, tennis courts, shuffle courts, trail systems, Arcadia and Lake Michigan access points for swimming, boating and fishing, open space and general gathering places. Several of the parks have restroom facilities and other amenities, however not all are universally accessible. Some park improvements include a need for landscaping, trash receptacles, parking, lighting, bike racks, new playground equipment, structural repair and benches.

Programming

The Parks and Recreation Committee is the primary caretakers of the parks. The programming of events and parks related activities is done in partnership with community groups such as Arcadia Community Partners, the Lions Club, Garden Club, Pleasant Valley Community Center and other community groups. In fact, this relationship is very important to continued recreational activities. The Committee does not have any programmed events. However, the Pleasant Valley Community Center does sponsor community wide events, pick up baseball and basketball games, sponsors an adult volleyball league, a Ping-Pong club and organizes exercise classes. In addition, Arcadia has a partnership with the Grand Traverse Land Conservancy to utilize Arcadia Marsh and other areas, as an important provider of access points to water resources for boating, fishing, bird watching and viewing scenery. The partnership is essential to building recreation programming. The opportunity for organized activities utilizing the marsh resource is boundless (kayaking classes, fishing clinics, bird watching classes).

Recreation Opportunities in Arcadia

The community would prefer to group recreation into two categories: recreation that is group dependent, or Sport Recreation, and recreation that is individual in nature, or Individual Recreation.

Sports

The community classified the following recreational activities that are present in the Township as “Sport Recreation” meaning that they are conducted as a group or associated with other individuals: baseball, basketball indoors and outdoors, golf, shuffleboard, tennis, indoor volleyball. These types of recreational opportunities require facilities and equipment to enjoy the recreational activity. Equipment and facilities that the Township owns and operates to further Sport Recreation include tennis courts, basketball courts, a painted shuffleboard, boat launches, benches for viewing, playground equipment, restrooms and trash receptacles at key locations.

Individual

The community classified the following recreation activities that are present in the Township as “Individual Recreation” or those activities that may be conducted as a solo experience not dependent on other individuals (however, many of the activities are shared with other individuals but they are not dependent on the need for others or necessarily on associated equipment). Recreational opportunities that exist in the community that do not depend on the need for others to enjoy and participate in include walking the dog, driving tours of the community, viewing of the lakes, night sky and general rural scenery viewing, walking, hiking, running, cycling, kayaking/canoeing, fishing, ice skating, cross country skiing, picnics and snowmobiling, bird watching are part of this category.



Finch Park Tennis Courts

RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES IN ARCADIA

	Arcadia Marsh	Sunset Station	Finch Park	Grebe Park	Pickert Park	Veteran Marina	PVCC	Arcadia Dunes	Private/ Other
Sport Recreation									
Baseball									
Basketball -out							x		
Basketball - in							x		
Golf									x
Shuffleboard			x						
Soccer Football Field									
Swimming		x							
Tennis			x						x
Volleyball									
Individual Recreation									
Biking								x	Street
Bird watching	x							x	
Boating						x			X
Camping									x
Canoe/kayak	x			x		x			X
Driving Tour	Perimeter							x	
Dog run park									
Fishing				x					
Horse shoes			x						
Ice Skating									
Jog/Running									Street
Kite flying		x		x			x		
Pass and catch		x	x	x	x		x		
Hiking/Walking	x							x	Sidewalk
Picnic Pavilion			x	x					
Playground		x		x	x		x		
Roller Blading									
Skiing downhill									x
Skiing x cntry								x	Street
Snowmobiling									x
Snowshoeing								x	
Viewing/ Bench/swing		x		x	x	x			
Water viewing trails	x							x	
Woodland access trails								x	

Administrative Structure

Role of the Parks and Recreation Committee

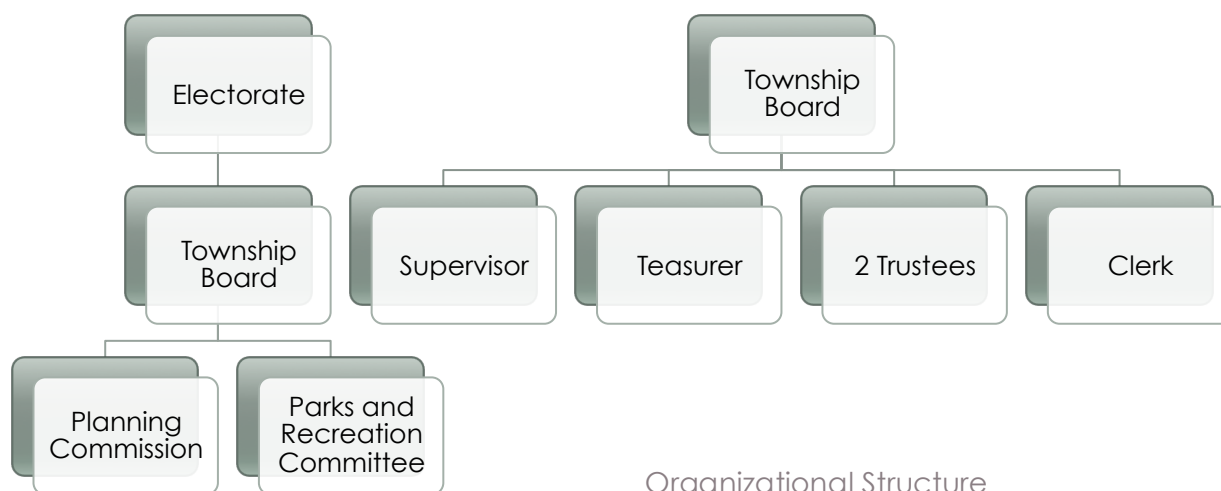
The Arcadia Township Parks and Recreation Committee, a committee of the Township Board, has two main roles:

- **Stewards** of the parks and recreation opportunities within the Township ensuring their continued public use by working to keep facilities safe, repairing and maintaining equipment, making improvements when needed and develop programming.
- **Advocate** for parks and recreation opportunities by listening to stakeholders and responding to them, creating and maintaining partnerships by openly communicating and seeking mutually beneficial relationships in order to implement goals, and by being the group that speaks for, and on behalf of, parks and recreation within the Township.

The Parks and Recreation Committee meet monthly. The Committee conducts safety checks regularly of the park facilities, ensures that the parks are kept clean, applies for grants to make improvements and diligently works to plan appropriately including implementing the last two recreation plans as well as taking the leadership role in the development of this current planning initiative.

Public Act 157 of 1905 Township Parks and Places for Recreation is the Michigan enabling legislation which provides for public recreation and parks within the Township of Arcadia. The Township Board is the official group responsible for parks and recreation according to PA 157. The Township Board appointed a Parks and Recreation Committee in 1990 with the expressed purpose of planning and facilitating recreation within the Township. Members of the Committee are appointed by the Township Board and serve as their advisors. One member of the Township Board is a member of the Committee. Arcadia Township is a general law township. Township Board members are elected and serve terms. The Planning Commission and the Parks and Recreation Committee comprise members appointed by the Township Board and serve established terms. It is the responsibility of the Township Board to adopt the Parks and Recreation Plan.

Enabling Act Upon Which Parks and Recreation Planning was established



Organizational Structure

Budget and Current Funding Sources

The line item budget for parks and recreation is on average \$4600.00. This budget allows for general maintenance of the parks which includes lawn care, simple repair of equipment, spring and fall clean up and trash removal.

The budget amount of \$4600.00 is a yearly appropriation by the Township Board and is used as needed.

RELATIONSHIP AND PARTNERSHIPS IN PROVIDING RECREATION WITH VOLUNTEERS, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, PUBLIC/PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS

Arcadia Township works to form partnerships with local, regional and statewide entities to further their goals. These partnerships enable the Township to pool resources and talents. The Township works with a dedicated base of volunteers, the school districts, local recreation associations such as the Manistee

"In keeping with their governance responsibilities, the Arcadia Township Board of Trustees and the Arcadia Township Planning Commission and other Township governmental entities will work with all community interests to establish and communicate visions, goals, strategies and plans for the community through an open process that encourages citizen participation and will seek or partner in seeking opportunities for public and private investment to attain the visions and goals for the community." Arcadia Partnership Agreement

Recreation Association, Pleasant Valley Community Center (PVCC), Alliance for Economic Success, the Lions Club and other local civic organizations, the Explore the Shores Program, and the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservatory. Arcadia Township cannot fund 100% of the projects that they are interested in implementing. The Township seeks out groups to partner and collaborate with on mutually beneficial endeavors. The Township has been working to develop a model for funding projects. The model for funding projects is developed on the uniqueness of each project based on the partnership arrangements, strengths and interests.

VOLUNTEERS

Arcadia Township employs no parks and recreation staff, instead relying on a dedicated base of volunteers. Volunteers make up the Committee, staff recreation events and provide in-kind services to the development of recreational facilities.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Arcadia is part of the Onekama School District but students also choose to attend the Elberta & Frankfort School District in Frankfort or the Bear Lake School District in Bear Lake. The relationship between the school districts and Arcadia is one of mutual respect and support for efforts. School age children have the opportunity to participate in school sponsored sports which offers organized teams for basketball, baseball, track, equestrian, alpine and Nordic skiing. Onekama School district also owns two pieces of property in the community on Norconk and 13 Mile Road. These pieces of property offer future recreational opportunities.

PUBLIC/PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS

The **Pleasant Valley Community Center (PVCC)** is an essential partner in providing recreation in the Township. The PVCC is located in the former elementary school that houses the Arcadia Library, a fully equipped exercise room, game room (ping pong, pool table, foosball), and gym where volleyball, pickleball and basketball pick up games occur. The PVCC board sponsors monthly Ping-Pong Club tournaments, pancake breakfasts, Saturday night programs (such as movies), computer classes and pickle ball. The possibilities for future uses of the PVCC may also include additional continuing educational training, meeting center for collaborative groups, trail system hub and interpretive center (including the primary location for parking for community events and recreational opportunities). The PVCC also plans on providing an important communication liaison for all recreation opportunities in the Township.

The **Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy (GTRLC)** own Arcadia Marsh. The Arcadia Marsh is an important recreational asset in the community as the GTRLC has plans to open the marsh to recreational activities such as kayaking, canoeing, bird watching, walking and fishing.

The **Manistee Recreation Association (MRA)**, a regional recreational non-profit located in Manistee approximately 30 minutes to the south, organizes and administers many recreational opportunities for adults and children. Team sports such as baseball, soccer, basketball, and T-ball are offered by the MRA. The MRA also provides for alpine skiing, tennis, fishing and other lessons to develop skills. Games for team sports are held in Manistee as well as nearby Onekama, which is 10 minutes south of Arcadia. All the programs the MRA offers are available to any Manistee County individual. The Manistee Swim Club, Manistee County Little League (baseball and softball) and North Coast Snow Sports Club (alpine skiing) are also partners for recreational opportunities for area youth.

ARCADIA TOWNSHIP Community Partners Agreement

The purpose of this “Community Partners Agreement” is to express the general roles and relationships involving Arcadia Township government and various business, community, nonprofit and civic organizations in Arcadia Township relative to the maintenance, development, restoration, and general enhancement of the Township to support the economic well-being and quality of life of the area. The entities are entering into this non-binding Agreement with the shared belief that their partnership will provide the most cost effective, efficient, and beneficial approach for the Arcadia Township and its residents, businesses and organizations to realize the goals and objectives for the community.

This is a voluntary, non-binding agreement that commits the above-described entities to partner in good faith based on their best good efforts as follows:

Arcadia Township

In keeping with their governance responsibilities, the Arcadia Township Board of Trustees and the Arcadia Township Planning Commission and other Township governmental entities will work with all community interests to establish and communicate visions, goals, strategies and plans for the community through an open process that encourages citizen participation and will seek or partner in seeking opportunities for public and private investment to attain the visions and goals for the community. At the outset of this Partnership Agreement, those visions and strategies will be updated and finalized through a process that will begin in January 2012 that will update the Township’s Master Plan and create an implementation strategy involving the Township as well as contiguous governmental units in Manistee and Benzie Counties.

Pleasant Valley Community Center (PVCC)

The PVCC, a nonprofit organization, will serve as a place for all interests to convene in a neutral environment to develop and implement strategies and plans consistent with the visions and goals for Arcadia Township. In this capacity, the PVCC will provide meeting space, internet access and space and organizational support for events, public hearings and meetings, training and education programs, volunteer projects and other initiatives in support of projects, activities and other developments that support quality of life and economic well-being of the area.

The PVCC shall work toward being a “hub” of information and resources for residents and visitors alike, a portal of sorts to support other organizations, events and opportunities involving the community. PVCC shall also provide support and convening space for other volunteer organizations and, as resources allow, become a volunteer coordination point for projects of large scale or of an ongoing nature that require volunteers from multiple organizations and from the general citizenry of the area.

Arcadia Lions Club, et.al

The Arcadia Lions Club, in conjunction with other community, civic, business and service organizations, will continue to serve as a hub for leadership, civic responsibility and volunteer support and for investment in high priority initiatives of the Township. Through its membership, the Lions Club will provide an essential and ongoing resource for volunteerism to accomplish good works that are consistent with the goals and objectives of the township.

Alliance for Economic Success

The Alliance for Economic Success, in their capacity as a 501 (c) (3) charitable nonprofit organization that is focused on assisting communities in enhancing their economic well-being and quality of life, will work with the partnering entities to identify, seek, and administer public and private funding to support the revitalization goals, strategies and/or the implementation of the goals and strategies and related plans and strategies. The AES will be responsible for seeing that administrative and management costs for grants are contained in grant requests, that matching in-kind or cash requirements are clearly identified and that the funding being sought is sufficient to accomplish the purpose of each grant request. Unless otherwise specified, the AES will not be compensated for researching or writing grants, provided, however, it is understood that AES will be compensated to reflect its cost for administering and managing grants that they secure on behalf of the participating entities, assuming that sufficient financial resources are included in grants that the AES pursues. The entities participating in this Agreement will communicate in good faith with each other and the citizens of the Township with regard to the visions, goals and actions. To this end, the parties agree to convene at least once annually in May to: build a collaborative work plan for each year that responds to the visions, goals and objectives of the Township and establishes specific roles, responsibilities and expectations for each of the parties; and to revisit the purpose, terms, roles and progress involving this Agreement.

Modification

This Agreement may be modified based upon the mutual agreement of the entities participating in the Agreement.

Termination

Any party may terminate their participation in this non-binding Agreement by notifying in writing 30 days before the effective date of termination to the other parties of their desire to terminate along with an explanation for the termination. If all entities agree, they may mutually work together to address or resolve issues involving a termination within a period of time defined by the entities.

Liabilities

None of the entities participating in this agreement will assume any responsibilities, liabilities, costs or expenses beyond the limited terms and purpose of this non-binding Partnership Agreement.

We, the undersigned commit our organization to partner within the limited terms and purpose of this non-binding Agreement.

Brad Hopwood, Chair
Arcadia Township Planning Commission

Date

Recreation Inventory



- ✓ **Sunset Station & Arcadia Natural Beach Area**
- ✓ **Grebe Park**
- ✓ **Pickert Park**
- ✓ **Finch Park**
- ✓ **Veteran Memorial Park & Marina**
- ✓ **Erdman Road Property**

METHODS This Inventory was conducted with on site visits, and information obtained in the vision and focus discussion sessions. Many discussions and analysis of the site were conducted to ascertain the issues and opportunities for each park. As the primary group responsible for maintenance of the parks, the Parks and Recreation Committee has kept an assessment of the maintenance issues of each park.

Skiing:

Crystal Mountain Resort, Thompsonville- downhill skiing, Big "M" cross country skiing-Manistee.

Golf:

Arcadia Bluffs (Arcadia), Chestnut Hills (Pleasanton Twp.), Champion Hill (Beulah), Pinecroft(Beulah), Crystal Mountain (Thompsonville), Frankfort Golf Club (Frankfort), Heathlands (Onkama), Manistee Country Club (Manistee), Manistee National (Manistee), County Highlands Golf Club (Bear Lake)

Snowmobile Trails:

Local trails connected to State wide network.

Horseback Riding:

Rockin' R (Bear Lake)

Campground's

Arcadia Campground (Arcadia), Kampvilla (Pleasanton Twp.), Crystal Lake Campground (Pleasanton),

Mountain Biking: Arcadia Dunes (Blaine Township), Betsie Valley Trail (Benzie County)

Regional
Private and
Semi/Public
Recreational
Opportunities

Four Season
Regional
Recreational
Opportunities

Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities

- 1977 DNR: Arcadia Township Michigan Park- Status-Withdrawn
- 1978 DNR: Arcadia Mooring & Launching Facilities- Status-Closed; Awarded \$75,000.00
- 1985 DNR: Arcadia Township Marina Expansion-Status-Closed; Awarded \$95,000.00
- 1997 DNR Fisheries: Grebe Park- Status-Closed; Awarded \$15,000.00-
- 1999 DNR: Arcadia South Beach-Status-Closed; Awarded \$834,759.00
- 2010 U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Grant-Sunset Station & Beach Area to support universal access-Closed; Awarded \$45,000.00
- 2012 Oleson Foundation to support universal access at the Beach Area; Awarded \$10,000.00 -
- 2012 Great Lakes Fisheries Trust Grant- Grebe Park to support fishing dock, universally accessible canoe/kayak launch and rest room facilities-Status-Open; Awarded \$48,000.00
- **2012 DNR Recreation Passport Grant for Finch Park to support refurbishing parking and improvements to tennis court-Closed; Awarded \$11,175.00**

A Post-Completion Self-Inspection is not required for the Recreation Passport Grant and all other project DNR grant status is considered "closed". Post Inspection reports are included.

RECREATION ASSET NAME

Veteran's Memorial Park & Marina

GENERAL DESCRIPTION & PRIMARY SERVICE

A community park that provides seasonal and transient dockage as well as point of access for boating and other water activities to Arcadia Lake and Lake Michigan via the channel. The marina provides fueling and over night facilities for users of the harbor. The harbor is a designated Safe Harbor of Refuge under the Michigan Harbor Program and serves local, regional and statewide boaters.

SUPPORT FACILITIES

- Fee based boat launch ramp
- Fuel pumps
- Two sets of restroom facilities: attached to the marina business office and another building that also provides laundry facilities for the exclusive use of transient and permanent slip renters.
- Lighting
- Gazebo with seating
- Bike rack
- Dumpster for marina renters
- Grill
- Dog litter bags available at dog stations
- American Disability Act (ADA) compliant pathway

ACCESSIBILITY EVALUATION

Paved parking and sidewalk connections are at grade and barrier free, one ADA compliant rest room facility.

CONCERNS

- No public fish cleaning facilities
- No trash receptacles for public use
- No access to ice fishing due to bubblers around docks
- Inadequate parking
- Mill Street dead end in need of repair and maintenance
- Grills in need of replacement due to age



Veterans Memorial Marina



Veteran Memorial Park

OPPORTUNITIES

- Additional public boat launch at Mill Street dead end.
- Public fishing off docks
- Ice fishing access point
- New grills
- Benches for viewing
- Clearly marked connections to the greater community of Arcadia
- Bury power lines for safety of small sail boat launching

RECREATION ASSET NAME

Grebe Park

GENERAL DESCRIPTION & PRIMARY SERVICE

A community park which provides a gathering area, open space, picnic areas, fishing dock, play equipment and point of access to Arcadia Lake and Lake Michigan via the channel.

SUPPORT FACILITIES

- Pathway circulation connecting to the greater Arcadia sidewalk system
- Year round barrier free accessible port-john
- Playground swing set
- Universally accessible pavilion with traditional picnic table and grill
- Bench swings for adults
- Electricity availability
- Accessible fishing pier
- Trash receptacles
- Water access via lake edge
- Open grassy area for toss/catch games
- Open space

ACCESSIBILITY EVALUATION

Paved parking and sidewalk connections are at grade and barrier free, one barrier free restroom facility, dock and pavilion is universally accessible.

CONCERNS

- No safe access point to Arcadia Lake for swimming
- No safe access point to Arcadia Lake for boating
- No safe access point to Arcadia Lake for ice fishing
- No lighting
- Lacks internal circulation
- No bike rack



OPPORTUNITIES

- Boat launch for small water crafts
- Universally accessible facilities for boating, fishing and restrooms
- Additional grills
- Circulation pathways connecting points of interests within the park
- Pathway connections to the greater community of Arcadia
- Lighting
- Bike rack
- Dog waste receptacles
- Launch point for ice fishing

Grebe Park and Veterans Memorial Park & Marina Site Design



Arcadia Township - Grebe Park
Park & Marina Design Plan

RECREATION ASSET NAME

Pickert Park

GENERAL DESCRIPTION & PRIMARY SERVICE

A neighborhood park with playground equipment for children age 2-6 nestled in the neighborhoods that make up the village. Also provides open space for the urban core. Service area is for local users.

SUPPORT FACILITIES

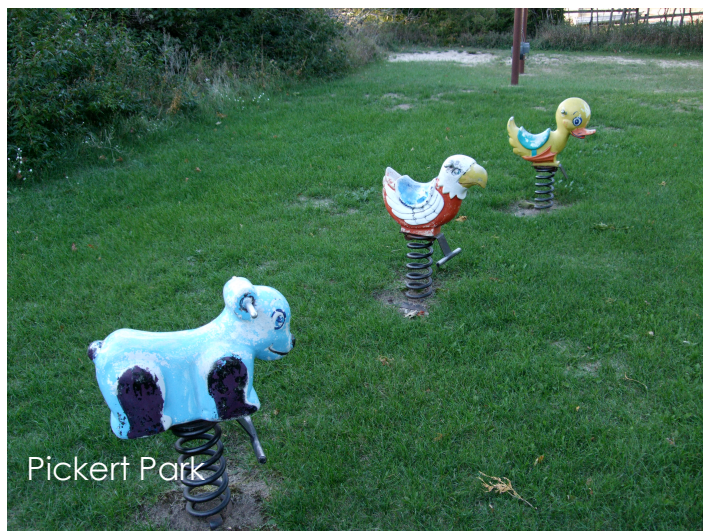
- A semi-circle pathway laces through the park providing connections with the street sidewalk system
- Playground equipment including a climbing structure with a slide and swing set
- Bench swing for adults
- Open space for toss and catch games
- Small roofed area for dramatic play
- Trash receptacle

ACCESSIBILITY EVALUATION

- No barrier free facilities or equipment
- Internal circulation is at grade and accessible to the connecting sidewalks.

CONCERNS

- No parking except on-street parking
- Landscaping overgrown and in need of trim and replacement
- No bike racks
- On corner of main business district road and quieter residential road but has no fencing to keep children from running into the road
- Paint on playground equipment is chipping
- Universally accessible bathroom facilities with diaper changing features
- Dog waste receptacles



OPPORTUNITIES

- Fence around park
- Fresh landscaping
- New playground structure and swings to include barrier free opportunities
- Repainting of existing landscaping
- Activity tables
- Picnic tables
- Dog waste receptacles
- Universally accessible bathroom
- Repair and expand pathways through park
- Benches

RECREATION ASSET NAME

Finch Park

GENERAL DESCRIPTION & PRIMARY SERVICE

A neighborhood park that provides a gathering place for events and picnics as well as a place to play tennis. Associated lawn also provides open space. Serves primarily local and some regional events especially during Arcadia Daze.

SUPPORT FACILITIES

- Tennis court
- Limited open grassy area
- Covered pavilion with many picnic tables
- Bathroom facilities
- Shuffle board court under pavilion
- Electricity available

ACCESSIBILITY EVALUATION

- No barrier free facilities or equipment
- Pavilion is at grade and accessible
- Parking at the tennis court is American Disability Act compliant- two stalls are provided
- Tennis court is barrier free

CONCERNS

- Pavilion bathroom facilities are not American Disability Act compliant and usually locked
- No lighting
- No trash receptacles
- Shuffle board in need of repainting
- Pavilion in need of repainting
- New signage of park
- Dog waste receptacle
- Benches and picnic tables in and around the tennis court
- Additional landscaping



OPPORTUNITIES

- Location of outdoor concert series
- Location for trail system signage and information
- Need barrier free restrooms
- Repaint shuffle board
- Develop new signage
- Dog waste receptacles
- Install benches and picnic tables
- Develop a landscape plan

RECREATION ASSET NAME

Sunset Station & Arcadia Natural Beach Area

GENERAL DESCRIPTION & PRIMARY SERVICE

A community park located directly on the shores of Lake Michigan providing access to the beach and water servicing local, regional and state wide users. Sunset Station is a platform at the road end providing stairs to the beach and seating area for viewing of the lake.

SUPPORT FACILITIES

- Playground equipment- swing sets
- Grill
- Paved parking on the street right of way with accessible stalls
- Platform for point of entry onto the beach.
- Public beach

ACCESSIBILITY EVALUATION

- Accessible parking stalls
- No barrier free access points to the beach
- Part of the Explore the Shores Initiative which seeks to provide barrier-free accessibility, educational opportunities and a connection to recreation and fishing in Manistee County.

CONCERNS/OPPORTUNITIES

- The site has been well studied and a site plan developed to fully develop the park.



Sunset Station

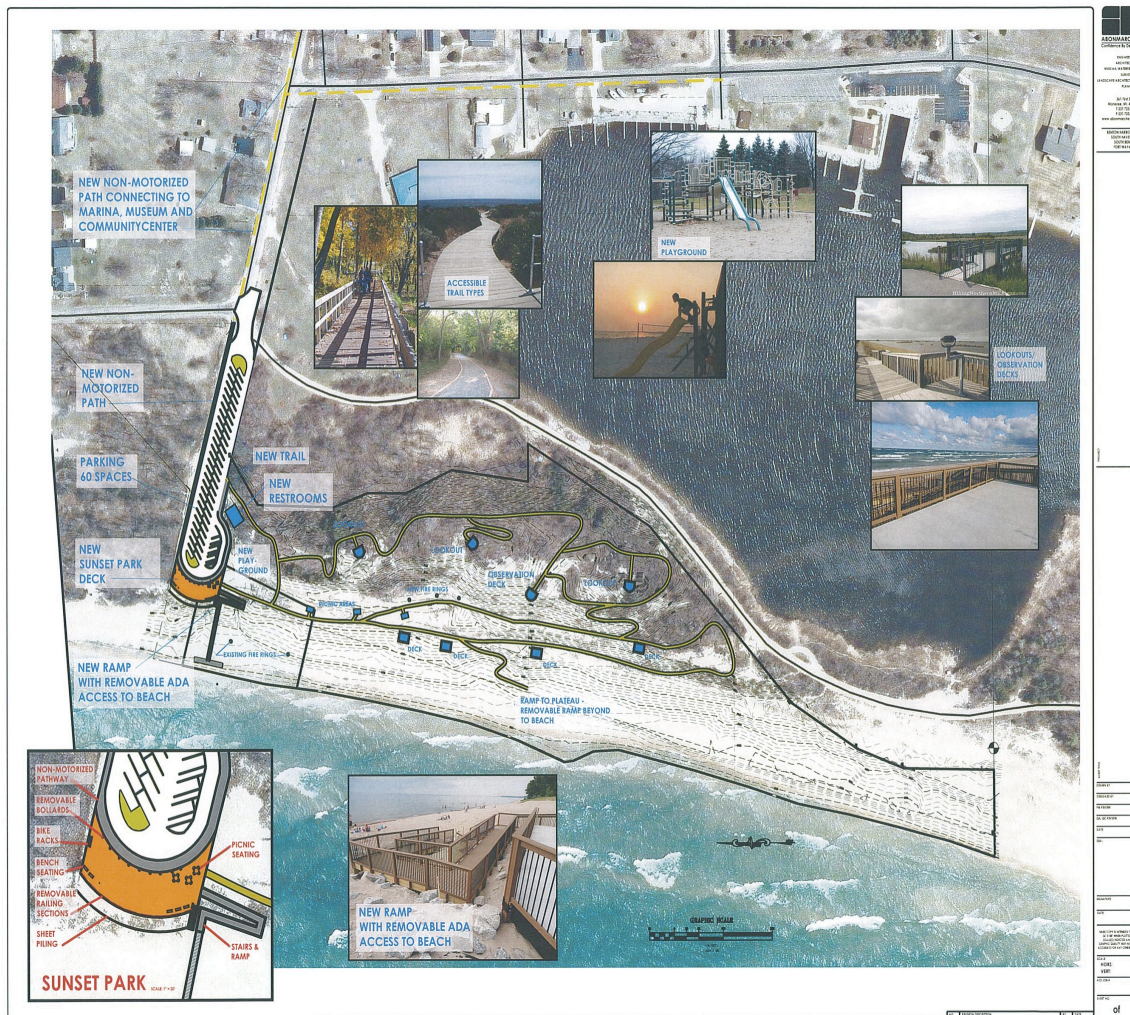


Sunset Station



Arcadia Beach Natural Area

Sunset Station & Arcadia Natural Beach Area Site Design



RECREATION ASSET NAME

Township Owned Property: Erdman Road

GENERAL DESCRIPTION & PRIMARY SERVICE

Erdman Road property is 20 acres, vacant with forest as the dominant land cover. It is locally used for running, walking, snow shoeing and cross country skiing despite not having any formal trails developed.

SUPPORT FACILITIES

No support facilities.

ACCESSIBILITY EVALUATION

No accessibility opportunities.

CONCERNS/ OPPORTUNITIES

Developed trail system for, and facilities to support, non-motorized uses.

RECREATION ASSET NAME

Public Road End: Schaef Road

GENERAL DESCRIPTION & PRIMARY SERVICE

At the termination of Schaef Road is Lake Michigan. Residents have long used the road end to access Lake Michigan and the beach.

SUPPORT FACILITIES

No support facilities.

ACCESSIBILITY EVALUATION

No accessibility opportunities.

CONCERNS/ OPPORTUNITIES

Develop the road end with stairs, trash receptacles, signage, and parking and include them in the trail system map.

RECREATION
ASSET NAMEOther Opportunities:
Onekama School District
Property on Norconk Road
and 13 Mile RoadGENERAL DESCRIPTION
& PRIMARY SERVICE

The Norconk Road property is 80 acres, vacant with forest as the dominant land cover. The 13 Mile Road property is 120 acres of planted pine trees. The property is used for running, walking, snow shoeing and cross country skiing despite not having any formal trails developed.

SUPPORT FACILITIES

No support facilities.

ACCESSIBILITY
EVALUATION

No accessibility opportunities.

CONCERNS/
OPPORTUNITIES

Possibly purchase the property or develop an agreement with Onekama School District to collaborate in developing regional recreational opportunities. Recreational opportunities include ideas such as a developed trail system for, and facilities to support, non-motorized uses. Snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, hiking, mountain biking and outdoor/environmental education are a few suggestions for utilization of the property.



At the conclusion of the Parks and Recreation Committee Focus Group Discussion residents stayed long after to talk about recreation in the Township.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING AND PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

The community utilized a systems approach to understanding recreational needs of the residents. In a systems approach method recreational needs are assessed individually with a constant and vigilant eye on the collective quality of the program as a whole. It is important to focus on how all the recreational

Planning Methods

components work together and influence each other. In addition, you must look to see how the recreation components relate to the socio-economic situation of the Township residents, as it is imperative to understanding the deficiencies and opportunities in a holistic manner. Tailoring the parks and recreation planning to the Arcadia community means that services provided will meet the demands of the diverse nature of the 639 residents living within the Township borders. For example, we know that the population of Arcadia is growing older and that youth are not projected to be the dominant population co-hort. Therefore, that means that recreation planning needs to focus on an older population looking to enjoy recreation from their perspective while also meeting the demands of the youth and recreation enthusiasts who visit Arcadia to gain an outdoor experience.

Description of the Methods Used to Solicit Public Input

Arcadia Township provided many opportunities for residents to express their recreational needs: a vision session, focus group discussion, public hearing and Recreation Committee workshops. Hundreds of residents participated in the planning process and were given many opportunities to provide input into the formation of the Plan and provide input about the Plan directly to Committee members.

***JUNE 2012 VISION SESSION-110**

PARTICIPANTS

***SEPTEMBER 2012**

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION-52

PARTICIPANTS

***NUMEROUS WORKSESSIONS**

***JANUARY 2013 PUBLIC HEARING**

Community Input

Description of the June 2012 Arcadia Township Visioning Session

A vision session was conducted to assist in the preparation of the larger Lakes to Land Regional Initiative, a collaborative regional planning effort that seeks to bring voice to the area while finding ways to collaborate. Because it is widely known that there are many seasonal residents, the vision session was held in the summer months to capture their input. Of the top five priorities discerned from the vision session four dealt directly with recreation development, which includes harbor maintenance, trail system development and emphasis on natural resources/environmental recreation as a tool for economic development and the larger agenda of

place-making. Residents sat at tables and proceeded through a series of structured questions and worksheets. Answers to questions asked were cataloged and tallies were used to determine the top 3 responses from each exercise. Multiple types of questions were asked that helped the participant begin to develop a vision for the community. The culmination of the exercise concluded in an overall voting session where participants of the entire assembly voted for their top 3 priorities. The top five collective priorities of the community were then determined from this voting session. The vision session was geared towards general planning issues. However, four out of the five top priorities that emerged from the vision session dealt with recreation. This result illustrates just how intricately intertwined recreation is to planning and development of the community as a whole.

TOP 5 PRIORITIES FROM THE JUNE 2012 VISION SESSION

Fully operational harbor with sufficient amenities to service multiple types of recreational uses.

Natural resources found within the community are protected, managed and enhanced.

An outstanding non-motorized transportation system that is interconnected and universally accessible.

Atmosphere that promotes and supports economic development activities

Infrastructure improvements along M-22 and other roadways that incorporates streetscape amenities, pedestrian safety and good circulation.

Public Hearing

Description of the methods used to notify citizens for plan review and comment and how they were used to modify the plan

A public hearing to discuss the Parks and Recreation Plan was held on January 3, 2013. The Plan had been available to the public for their review at the Public Library for 30 days prior to the public hearing. Two notices were published in the Manistee News Advocate advertising the Plans availability for public review and the date for the public hearing, notices were posted on the Township website and flyers hung on the Township Hall bulletin board and post office. During the public hearing a presentation of the Plan was made by the Park and Recreation Committee. The Township Board discussed the plan. The public was given an opportunity to make comment on the Plan. No comments were made that required altering the Plan however residents did voice support for the Plan and an appreciation for the Parks and Recreation Committees time and effort into the preparation of the Plan. The Arcadia Township Planning Commission also provided support of the Plan. A motion was made to accept the Parks and Recreation Committee recommendation to the Township Board to adopt the 2013 Arcadia Township Parks and Recreation Plan. The Township Board adopted the Plan.

Description of the September 2012 Focus Group Discussion

A wide range of residents participated in the discussion including:

- Retirees
- Non-retirees
- Parents of school age children
- Adults without children
- Student
- Representative of individuals with mobility concerns
- Civic Groups



On September 4, 2012 approximately 52 residents of Arcadia Township gathered to engage in an informal focused group discussion about recreational opportunities in the Township. The residents were notified of the focus group discussion through the use of emails and distribution of flyers at community gathering places (post office, library and local gas station) as well as distribution at Arcadia Daze (a well attended community summer festival). The results of the focus group discussion were presented to the community in a power point presentation developed by Committee members.

Participants were seated in a circle and asked to provide information in three forms: written entrance question, written exit question and verbal contribution to the group discussion. During the discussion portion of the focus group event a facilitator worked at engaging the public directly encouraging comments. The engagement between facilitator and residents was lively, unencumbered and produced a wealth of information.

INDEX CARD QUESTIONS: RESIDENTS WERE ASKED TO GIVE WRITTEN ANSWERS TO ENTRANCE AND EXIT QUESTIONS AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OPEN ENDED DISCUSSION

Entrance index card:

Write on an index card the answer to the question *"What were your three best recreational experiences in the Township of Arcadia."*

Exit index card:

Write on an index card the answer to the question *"What additional comments about recreational assets would you like share with the Recreation Committee."*

Group Discussion

Join in the open discussion to answer the question *"What recreational assets would you like to see developed and/or improved upon in Arcadia Township—or said in another way—What do you want to see happen in regards to recreation in Arcadia Township"*

RESULTS OF THE FOCUS GROUP EXIT AND ENTRANCE INDEX CARD QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION

ENTRANCE AND EXIT INDEX CARD QUESTIONNAIRE

What Are The Three Best Recreational Experiences In the Township Of Arcadia?

beach	birdwatching	sailing	dark sky viewing	golf
swimming	enjoying views	watching sunsets	Ice fishing	tennis
riding bikes	fishing	snowmobiling	basketball	
walking around Township	gardening	hiking	winter activities	
Fishing	Hunting	Local events	Exposure to nature	

What Do You Want To See Happen In Regards To Recreation In Arcadia Township?

Bike trail	Trails to all GTRLC and CS Mott Foundation land	Safe access to Lake	Fitness trail	Signage, maps, access to information
Walking trail	Informational signs	Business that rents canoes, kayaks, paddle boats	Better recreational access for seniors	Kayaking/Canoe launch

RESULTS OF THE FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION

Program Development	New Facilities Development	Existing Park Improvements	Trail System/ Connectivity/ Walkability
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Concerts at Finch Park -Driving tours- organized instructions with routes -Program guides to recreational activities available and occurring throughout the community -Integration of the campground to the beach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Adult porch swings and/or benches throughout the community -Water wagon for the garden club -Volley ball on the beach -Skeet shooting park -Community garden -Develop a PVCC Interpretive Center -Baseball/soccer fields with organized pick up games at the PVCC -Ice skating rink -Dog park -Indoor pool -Shuffle board at the beach -Basketball court west of M-22 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Grebe Park -Sunset Station -Picket Park -Finch Park -Storage box at beach marina for rent to store marina related items for users -Physical/cosmetic improvements to Finch Park -Signage for facilities -Better maintenance of beach facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Safe connectivity between all parks -Greenways park to aid in connectivity -Trail system with portion designated for walking -Cross Country/ Snow shoeing trails -Universally accessible trail at the beach -Extended trail system -Exercise amenities for trail system -Urban trail system -Signage for trail systems -Maintenance facilities for the trail systems (garbage cans, bathrooms) -Safe trail circulation system

THE BIG PICTURE

HARBOR NATURAL RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP WALKABILITY PLACEMAKING



Arcadia Marina

Harbor

Arcadia Township harbor is a vital resource. It serves multiple purposes to not just the residents of Arcadia but also the region and State. As a designated Harbor of Refuge by the State of Michigan to provide transient boaters with safe, high-quality public facilities using the latest, most appropriate designs and technology, the harbor plays an important role by providing safe, reliable points of security when the elements on Lake Michigan make boating unsafe. Regionally, and within Arcadia, residents also utilize the harbor for recreational uses such as boating, fishing, swimming, bird watching and biking. The harbor is also an important economic incubator as patrons of the harbor are likely to shop locally, eat at local restaurants and stay at local lodging establishments. Many activities associated with the harbor rely on the integrity of this resource. The integrity of the harbor can be measured by many factors which include the health of the Arcadia Watershed and the ability to enter and exit Arcadia Lake through the channel safely and un-encroached by the build up of sand. Arcadians have worked hard to maintain their harbor addressing a number of issues and undertaking planning efforts to build the harbor infrastructure and facilities. A number of recreational and economic development efforts have been undertaken and additional efforts are planned for the waterfront along Arcadia Lake that are directly influenced and dependent on a fully operational four-season harbor. These efforts, such as the improvements at Grebe Park, Veterans Memorial Park & Marina and Sunset Station & Arcadia Natural Beach Area are ongoing efforts to create another layer of opportunities for the residents of Arcadia. However, residents are faced with a number of issues that impede the consistent use of the harbor in all aspects that are sought. Additional work is needed to address the most fundamental aspect of the harbor operations: keeping the channel open for ingress and egress to Lake Michigan. Every year the channel fills up with sand making it too shallow for boats to pass. The community has to work strategically to secure funds and companies to dredge it. The Army Corps of Engineers has not been able to fulfill the duties of dredging. Without a clear and safe passage through the channel the harbor is rendered not functional as a safe harbor of refuge, cripples all other boating activity and substantially impacts the economic vitality of Arcadia Township.

Placemaking

Utilizing the Natural Assets: Place Making

Placemaking is at the heart of the economic development goal within Arcadia Township. Placemaking is defined in this context to mean developing the type of place people want to live that offers attractive cultural, social and natural resource amenities based on regional assets, provides professional and social infrastructure to support their endeavors and provides a lifestyle that suits their desires. Leveraging and building on community assets, diversifying its economic base in order to attract and retain talented, well educated workers and understanding its role in the region are all factors considered in the development of the Arcadia Township master plan and recreation goals. Specifically, recreation planning is a key ingredient to define Arcadia Township as a place that individuals seeking outdoor amenities and way of life want to visit and perhaps stay. Natural resources are the most significant asset the Township has to offer: its land, water, air. Harnessing the economic benefits of the outdoor attributes and directly linking them as the economic engine of the Township is key to the economic strategies developed. The agriculture community has always been important to economic prosperity for many folks in Arcadia and is in fact a deeply rooted value of the residents. This custom will continue into the future and will only be strengthened. Building on other natural resource opportunities is vital to the economic strategy.



Tourism, building a location that is attractive for new residents to reside, and retaining residency is central to the economic strategy. Money is made from visitors who stop in the Township to view and gaze at the breathtaking scenery from one of the many ridgelines of Lake Michigan and green (or the seasonally multi-colored) foliage of the tree stands, boating, cycling, ice fishing and access to Lake Michigan. While enjoying the outdoor amenities visitors may eat at the local restaurants, shop at the retail stores and stay at one of the local lodging establishments. Economic opportunities are centered on utilizing the natural resource assets of the community as recreation avenues and building upon them so that other sectors within the local economy benefit. Linking the economic activities and community assets in a well defined and developed trail system is essential to tie all the elements together into a cohesive whole.

In making the type of “place” where people want to continue to reside, are attracted to for residency or as a place to play will involve centering the strategies on developing and utilizing the natural resources and defining the physical space in which these activities occur. Recreation planning and programming is an integral component to the placemaking strategy.



What is Explore the Shores?

Explore the Shores is a network of sites designed to provide barrier-free accessibility, educational opportunities and a connection to recreation and fishing in Manistee County, where fresh water is in abundance. In its inception, the program was the result of Manistee County being chosen by Easter Seals for implementation of its Rural Solutions Project, funded in part by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Since then, it has grown into a collaborative effort of public and private organizations facilitated by the Manistee County Community Foundation and the Alliance for Economic Success that recognize the most vital resource Manistee County has to offer is its water.

Walkability

The desire for improved walkability, connectivity, safe and barrier free movement throughout the Township and beyond is of great importance to Arcadia Township residents. Developing a well-defined and constructed trail system is essential to increase the ability of the residents to utilize the natural and built environment. Enjoyment of the natural environment is a significant pastime for many Arcadians but ensuring access to the natural splendors requires avenues beyond the automobile and boating. Walking, biking and other forms of transportation require an infrastructure to support these activities. Well maintained sidewalks with sufficient curb cuts, road striping and a network of signage that navigates the user throughout a well-developed trail system are important tools to increasing pedestrian movement. However, developing the trail system route and determining the type of transportation modes is the first step to reaching the goal of walkability.



Arcadia Marina

Natural Resource Stewardship

Outdoor recreation is at the heart of Arcadia. In a Township with such an abundance of natural resources how they are managed, cared for and protected is critical to ensuring that future generations have the same opportunities to utilize these resources as past generations have had. In Arcadia, the utilization of the natural resources provide the economic, recreational and lifestyle that draws and keeps residents. The spectrum of uses of the natural resources varies from timber harvesting and natural gas extraction to bird watching, scenic and night sky viewing. Maintaining the environment to continue the very essence and way of life for residents is engrained in every effort undertaken to plan for the Township. This effort at natural resource stewardship is laced with the rationale that methods should be respectful of property rights. Currently there are efforts to direct attention to Arcadia Marsh and Sunset Station & Arcadia Natural Beach Area to mitigate past land use transgressions and to restore and enhance these resources. While in different phases of planning and development, these efforts are on going and require continued support. Many of these planning and redevelopment efforts are geared toward enhancing the recreational opportunities for the community but also as a method to develop nature-based tourism as the basis for the economic development strategy within the Township.

Arcadia Marsh: A Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy Project

Purpose is to restore a rare and vital Great Lakes Coastal Marsh from decline. Restorative measures are underway to restore the 155 acres to its original state. This resource provides an important recreational opportunity for Arcadia, the region and State.



PROPOSED NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION ROUTE



GOALS & OBJECTIVES

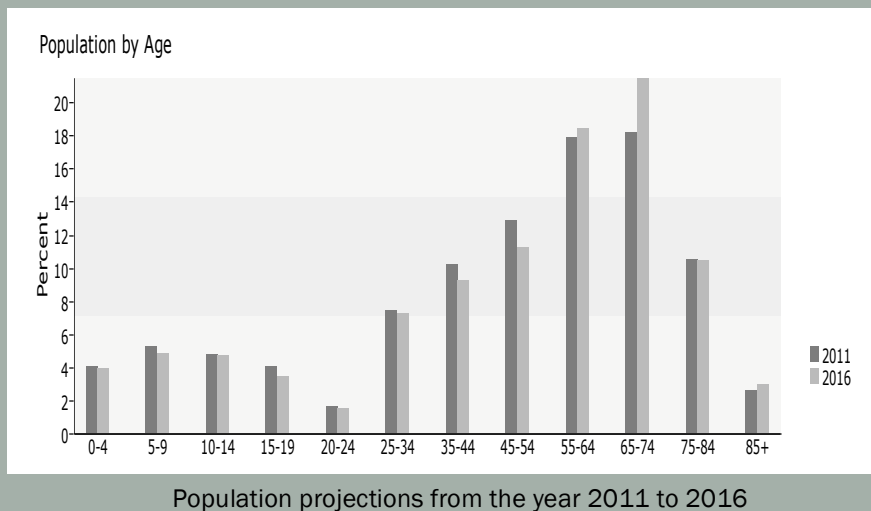
Description of the Social and Physical Characteristics of Arcadia

Six hundred and thirty nine (639) people reside in Arcadia Township according to the United States 2010 Census, with the population expected to increase 2.5% by the year 2016. Of the current population, 32% are over the age of 65, 50% are between 20 and 65 years old, and 18% are under the age of 20. Roughly 10% of the population comprises school age children. The greatest growth is seen in the 65-74 age group. Conversely, a decrease is expected within the school age group by 2016. With 5.1% of the population under the poverty level, 17.10% unemployment rate, and the per capita income at \$28,586.00 according to the U.S. Census, Arcadia is a community without a lot of disposable income. In addition, these statistics point to an aging population within Arcadia that is not being



Veteran Memorial Park

replaced at the same rate by a younger generation. However, there are school age children living in the Township accompanied by their parents who, combined, seek recreational activities. Seasonal users of Arcadia's recreational assets and programming are also a significant factor to consider in the development of this parks and recreation plan. Census data indicates that 42% of houses in the Township are for seasonal use, meaning that there are many individuals living part time in Arcadia. Most of these seasonal users live in Arcadia during the summer months and many have children or grandchildren who come to Arcadia to stay for the summer.



The demographic statistics provide the canvas to paint a recreation asset and program development platform that:

- provides for a wide age of users,
- occurs during all the seasons,
- is not based on a fee system,
- accessible to physically challenged individuals,
- is not reliant on a stream of income outside the fiscal means of the Township,
- utilizes existing park assets,
- utilizes collaborate arrangements with local and regional partners.

How the Physical and Natural Characteristics of the Township played a role in formulating the goals and objectives

Arcadia is home to spectacular topography, abundance of streams that lead to Arcadia Lake and Lake Michigan, vast open space and a wetland system. Because of the physical characteristics of the Township a large variety of recreational opportunities exist that utilize the land as the basis for the activity. Boating of all types such as kayaking, sailing, power, all occur on in the Arcadia Watershed and Lake Michigan. Because traffic and pedestrian conflicts are at a minimum, residents walk and/or bicycle throughout the community. Of course, plenty of individuals walk on the beach obtaining access through Sunset Station, the road end at Schaef Road or their own private yards. The physical characteristics are not limited to the natural characteristics of the Township.

The physical characteristics also include the built environment. Arcadia's urban core is lined with sidewalks, primary roads are paved, parking areas for Sunset Station & Arcadia Natural Beach Area and Finch Park have recently been improved to meet American Disability Act standards.

Deficiencies in the built environment of the Township include:

- the sidewalk network is in need of maintenance, repair and extension;
- inadequate walkable connections between neighborhoods exist specifically between the northern residential portion of the Township and the urban core;
- no markings exist on the road system for on-road bike and walking use;
- no clearly marked on-road street crossing marks to assist in pedestrian movement between the neighborhoods of the urban core and the PVCC;
- benches, swings and other streetscape deficiencies exist making the public realm of the community inhospitable and difficult for those with physical challenges to navigate for any real distance;
- no definable trail system exists linking the parks, lakes, land conservancy areas, trails and other civic uses.

It is the by understanding the deficiencies in the physical characteristics of the Township that help lead to the formation of goals and objectives.

How the Vision and Focus Group Results played a role in formulating the goals and objectives

The results of the focus discussion indicates that residents of Arcadia are looking to create a "place" by utilizing the natural and existing built characteristics of the Township and leveraging those assets to increase opportunities. Recreational opportunities expressed by the focus group participants include activities such as kayaking the Marsh, boating on Arcadia Lake and Lake Michigan, walking through the scenic rural landscape and urban core, star gazing, viewing the scenic rural character and lakes, and linking well maintained facilities together in a comprehensive and unified system of parks and open space. In order to do this, residents expressed that they want a definable trail system that runs throughout the community and possess streetscape amenities such as exercise stations, benches, trash receptacles and wayfinding signage. They also indicated a desire to keep a dark sky and utilize that dark sky by providing clearly marked areas for stargazing. Residents also said they wanted improvements to existing parks pavilions, restrooms and playground equipment ensure access to the water for boating, fishing and swimming. In addition, residents also want to make sure they know about the recreational assets and programming available. In order to provide good communication, residents would like to see program guides, web site development and signage.

In the development of the goals and objectives the expressions of the community were categorized into themes:

- Four new initiatives that deal with fishing, community aesthetics, local and regional group collaboration and partnerships;
- Development of recreation programming;
- Development of new park and recreational facilities;
- Improvement of existing park and recreational facilities;
- Improvement the community's walkability.

GOAL

FOUR NEW INITIATIVES

Arcadia Township has identified four new initiatives that allow fishing off municipal docks, improvement of the streetscape, further developing the role of the Pleasant Valley Community Center and the effort to seek collaborative opportunities with various partners.



OBJECTIVES

FISHING: Upon review by the Township attorney and at the discretion of the Harbor Master, fishing will be allowed to occur off the docks at the municipal marina.

COLLABORATIVE ROLE WITH THE PVCC FOR RECREATION: The Township will collaborate with the Pleasant Valley Community Center to achieve the objective of supporting the PVCC's role as catalyst for recreation initiatives, programming and to be a location for recreation scheduling and point of communication for residents regarding recreational opportunities (which includes the role of developing program guides for community wide recreational opportunities). This information will be available on the Township website.

STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS: The Parks and Recreation Committee, in partnership and support of the Arcadia Planning Commission, will seek out opportunities and support Township wide efforts to care for the aesthetics of the community through streetscape improvements such as:

- tree planning,
- landscaping,
- American with Disability Act compliant features in the physical makeup of the public realm such as curb cuts for walking and biking, color and stamped demarked lanes on public roads for biking and crossing areas on streets, such as the intersection of Lake Street and M-22, to allow movement between the urban core and the PVCC,
- install furniture, such as public benches and adult swings, strategically located along trail systems,
- improve and install wayfinding signage in keeping with the design elements of Explore the Shores Program that will direct residents throughout the community effectively leading them through the trail system.

REGIONAL AND INTER-COMMUNITY COLLABORATION: The Parks and Recreation Committee will seek out regional collaborative partners to identify opportunities for developing recreational opportunities that cross municipal boundaries such as regional trail systems, harbor dredging agreements, and program development. The Parks and Recreation Committee will also utilize the Arcadia Community Partners Agreement to support recreational opportunities.

GOAL

RECREATION PROGRAMMING

Arcadia Township will develop various recreational programs to further enhance promoting all types of recreation found within the community that includes all segments of society including seniors, youth and individuals with mobility issues.



OBJECTIVES

CONCERT SERIES: The Parks and Recreation Committee will develop a subcommittee made up of residents to develop a concert series that would be primarily hosted at Finch Park.

DRIVING TOUR “EXPLORE ARCADIA”: The Parks and Recreation Committee will develop a subcommittee to develop an organized, well communicated driving tour route of the Township titled “Explore Arcadia” that leads view seekers to clearly identified locations to view the scenic rural character, Arcadia Marsh, Lake Michigan, the night (dark) sky while also providing opportunities to connect to non-motorized trail systems.

PARKS AND RECREATION INFORMATION ON TOWNSHIP WEBSITE: The Parks and Recreation Committee will ensure that the Township improves the Township website to act as the single source of information regarding recreation related community events, recreational assets, recreation opportunities (such as walking and driving tour routes, concert series schedules) and scheduling of activities and will work with the PVCC to ensure the information is posted regularly.



Pleasant Valley Community Center

PVCC: Our Strategic Vision

By 2013, our vision is that the Pleasant Valley Community Center will be a bustling location with a diverse range of people using the building and arriving by bike, foot, bus or car. Programs and recreational opportunities will include guided and unguided activities. We will draw volunteers from a wide geographic location and from a range of backgrounds including seasonal residents.

Our grounds and facilities will be aesthetically pleasing and inviting with good lighting and equipment. We will be successful at fundraising with a volunteer team of fundraisers who will work aggressively on our behalf. We will have started an endowment and will be preparing to hire our first executive director.

GOAL

NEW FACILITIES

The Township will develop new park and recreational facilities within the Township that are tailored toward both organized and individual recreational opportunities, that are accessible by all users, and meet the needs of a wide variety of residents.



OBJECTIVES

CATALYST FOR OTHER GROUPS: Facilitate and assist community groups to seek opportunities to achieve their individual goals as they relate to this Recreation Plan and the Township Master Plan such as the garden clubs need for a water wagon.

ADULT PORCH SWINGS AND BENCHES: Place adult porch swings and benches throughout the urban center of the Township for individuals who are moving throughout the community on foot so they can rest and enjoy the views.

RINKS, FIELDS, GAMES AND GARDENS: Work with collaborative partners, such as the PVCC and the Arcadia Lions Club and Camp Arcadia, to develop the following new facilities at the PVCC or on other Township owned property such as: ice skating rink, baseball and soccer fields with organized pick up games, community garden.

INTERPRETIVE CENTER AND TRAIL SYSTEM HUB: Support and assist where possible the development of the PVCC as the Arcadia Township Interpretive Center and Hub for the trail system, Arcadia Marsh, Arcadia Natural Beach Area and any other natural area that can be used for environmental education purposes.

DOG FACILITIES AND PARK: Work to ensure that Arcadia Township is a “dog friendly community” by providing clearly mapped out places for “pick up stations” with bags for dog waste, trash receptacles and benches; as well as support the development of a dog park.

CAMPGROUND: The Parks and Recreation Committee will work with the community to develop the Arcadia Campground property on Arcadia Lake in keeping with this Recreation Plan.

RIBBON PARK: Explore the possibility of developing a ribbon park in the community to link key recreation assets and natural features in order to expand the goal of walkability. A ribbon park is a land area located next to an adjacent road network, of an extended area in length, of a predetermined width, but narrow in nature landscaped and used like a park while also linking open space and trail systems.

GREENWAYS PARK: The Parks and Recreation Committee will look to develop a Greenways Park system by working with the Planning Commission to review the Master Plan and update the Zoning Ordinance to provide for Greenway Park development. A Greenway Park is a corridor of protected open space that may be used for both recreation and conservation purposes but, as a defining characteristic, is used to link trail systems with each other as well as natural, cultural and historic features and sites. Greenways follow natural land and water resources protecting environmentally sensitive lands and wildlife but also providing people with access to outdoor recreation. It is another layer of opportunity to create walkability for the community.

GOAL

IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

The Township will work to improve existing park and recreational facilities within the Township so that they meet all safety standards, are designed to be used by all types of users, and are well maintained and relevant.



OBJECTIVES

GREBE PARK, SUNSET STATION & ARCADIA NATURAL BEACH AREA, VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK & MARINA: Continue to consult with other partners and Township entities in the development of Grebe Park, Sunset Station & Arcadia Natural Beach Area, and Veterans Memorial Park & Marina to ensure that those facilities meet the goals of this Recreation Plan.

PICKERT PARK: Improve the equipment at Pickert Park by replacing the play structure with a new play structure that is subject neutral, replacing the swing set with an updated swing set that includes an Americans with Disability Act compliant child seat, and utilizing existing physical features for creative play (such as refurbishing the old pavilion, converting the cement capped well head into a sand station, installing new benches and picnic table).

FINCH PARK: Improve facilities at Finch Park to repair the existing restrooms and replace the facilities with a vaulted toilet, paint the pavilion, re-mark the shuffleboard diagram, and inspect and replace as needed picnic tables, and develop a venue for community concerts.

SIGNAGE: Replace and provide unified designed signs for all parks in the Township.

LANDSCAPING: Seek out opportunities to improve the landscaping at all parks in the community, specifically Pickert Park and Finch Park, including developing a landscape plan for each park.

GOAL

WALKABILITY

Arcadia Township will be a walkable community in both the urban core and rural environment that provides a trail system that connects to regional trail systems thereby allowing users to move throughout the community and region in a non-motorized capacity.



OBJECTIVES

COMMUNITY TRAIL SYSTEM: The Parks and Recreation Committee will seek opportunities to further non-motorized trail system development within the community by developing a non-motorized trail system throughout the community that connects existing neighborhoods, parks, community and economic centers, and conservancy lands within the Township utilizing on-road connections, easements across private property and existing trails.

SNOW SHOE AND CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRAILS: The Township will develop a clearly marked and communicated snowshoe and cross country ski route; the route may coincide with the non-motorized trail system or be developed on Township owned property on Erdman Road, or in partnership with other partners such as the Onekama School District's property on Norconk Road and also on 13 Mile Road.

EXPLORE THE SHORES: The Parks and Recreation Committee will continue to support the Explore the Shores program that seeks to ensure universal accessibility to Lake Michigan beaches and other recreational opportunities in Arcadia and Manistee County.

REGIONAL TRAIL SYSTEM CONNECTIONS: The Township will develop a route, clearly marked on a map, that shows all connections to regional non-motorized trail systems as well as motorized trail systems. Where connections rely on the public road system, the Township will consider alternative routes utilizing easements (such as former railroad beds or through participating private residents) and will work to secure those routes.

FITNESS STATIONS: A portion of the trail system will include fitness stations strategically placed on a specified route within the urban core of the Township.

TRAIL FACILITIES: Facilities such as trash receptacles, signage, American Disability Act compliant bathrooms will be provided at specified locations throughout the urban core of the Township by taking advantage of existing facilities such as the Township Hall, Finch Park and Grebe Park.

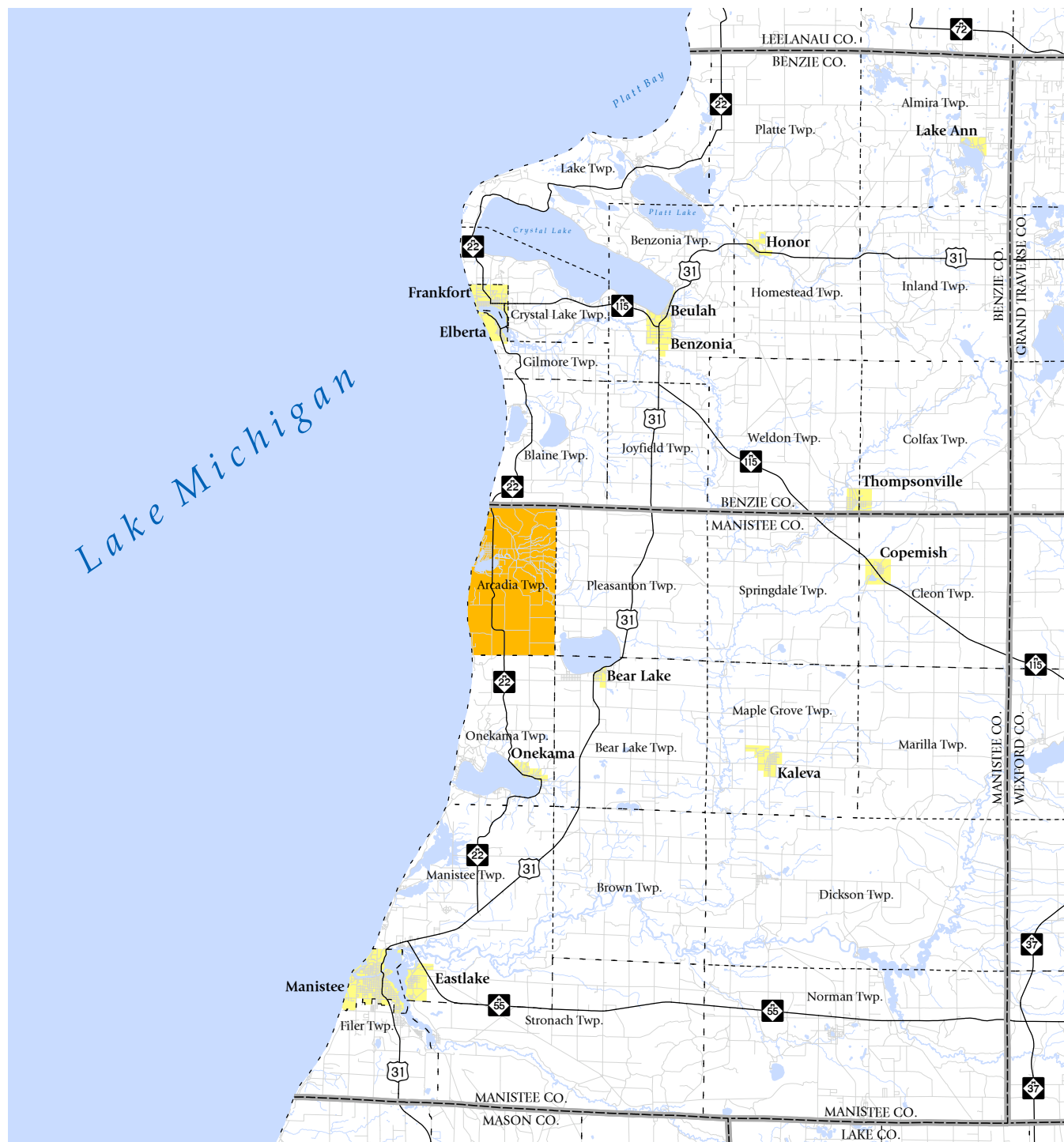
ACTION PLAN

Recreation Site or Program	Improvement	Responsible Organization (may seek collaborative partners)	Amount Estimated	Funding Source	Year
Veterans Memorial Marina & Park and Grebe Park	See Site Design Plan	Parks and Recreation Committee, and Planning Commission	\$160,000.00	GLFTF; Local Match	2012-2018
Pickert Park	Purchase new playground equipment- (play set, swings, small roofed area for play) one new trash receptacle, bike rack, barrier free play equipment, lighting, landscaping plan, facilities, fence	Parks and Recreation Committee	\$42,000.00	Home Depot; DNR Passport Grant; Local Match	2013-2018
Finch Park	Barrier Free restrooms- vault system, lighting, trash receptacles, bike racks, painting of pavilion, painting of shuffle board markings, landscaping plan.	Parks and Recreation Committee	TBD	Grants; Local Match	2013-2018
Sunset Station & Arcadia Beach Natural Area	See Site Design Plan	Parks and Recreation Committee, and Planning Commission	\$490,000.00	USDARDG; NRTF; GTRLC; Local Match; Oleson Foundation	2013-2018

ACTION PLAN

Recreation Site or Program	Improvement	Responsible Organization (may seek collaborative partners)	Amount Estimated	Funding Source	Year
Community Wide: Streetscape Improvements	Install benches at key locations of Lake Street and M-22, adult swings, trash receptacles, streetscape and landscape plan.	Parks and Recreation Committee, and Planning Commission	TBD	Grants; Local Match	2013-2018
Community Wide: Wayfinding	Commission a wayfinding plan locating signage throughout the community.	Parks and Recreation Committee, and Planning Commission	TBD	Community Parks and Recreation line item budget, volunteers; Local Match	2013-2018
Community Wide: Walkability Study	Walkability assessment and trail system development.	Parks and Recreation Committee, and Planning Commission	TBD	Volunteers, Community Parks and Recreation line item budget.	2013-2018
Community Wide: Programming	Brochures, website development, organization of pick up basketball and baseball games, trail system hub and interpretive center, driving tour development.	Volunteers, Parks and Recreation Committee, and Pleasant Valley Community Center	TBD	Volunteers, Grants, Local Match	2013-2018

Maps

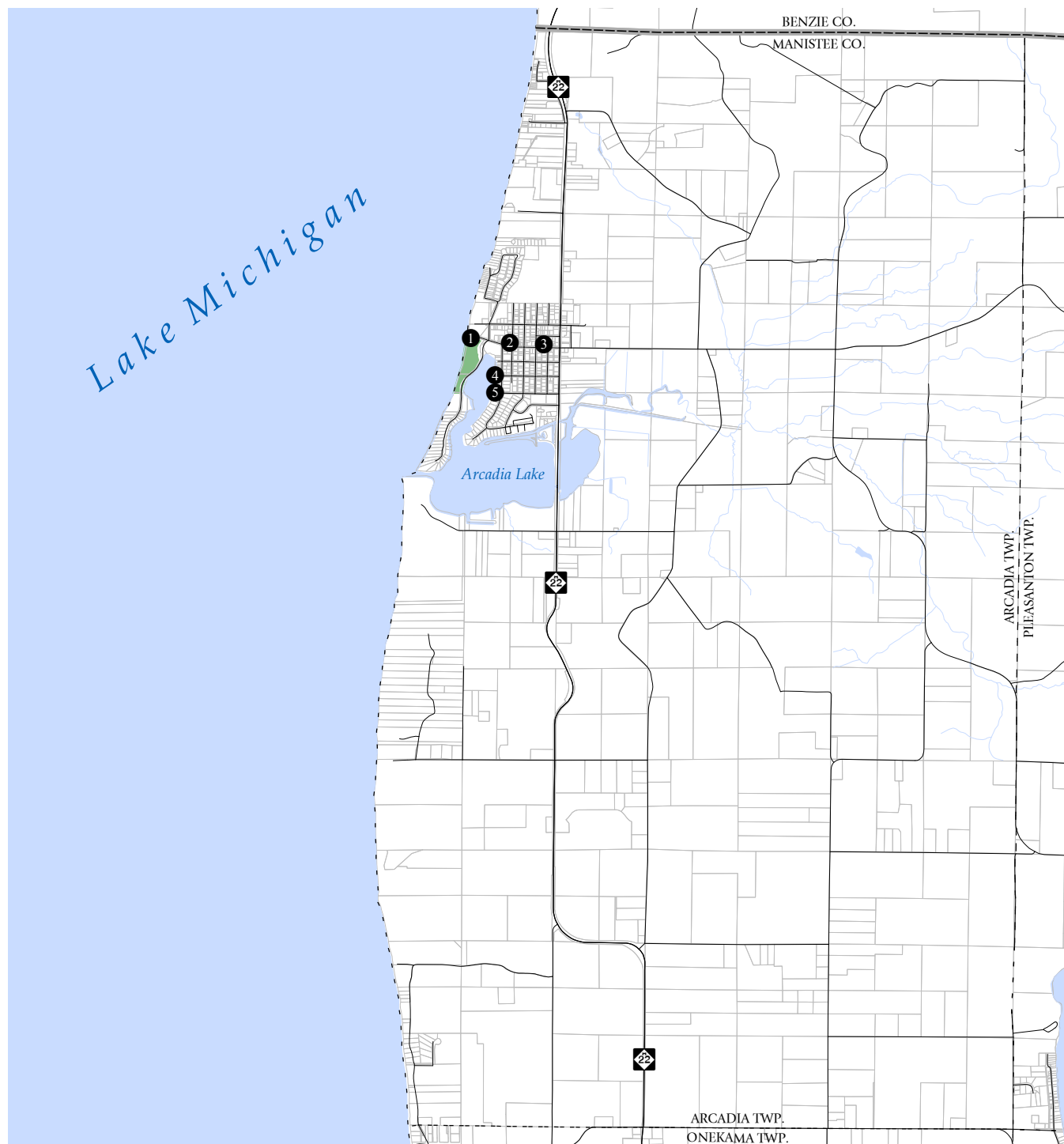


LAKES TO LAND

Arcadia Township Regional Location

Data Sources: State of Michigan Geographic Data Library

- Arcadia Township
- City or Village
- County Boundary
- Township Boundary
- Major Road
- Minor Road



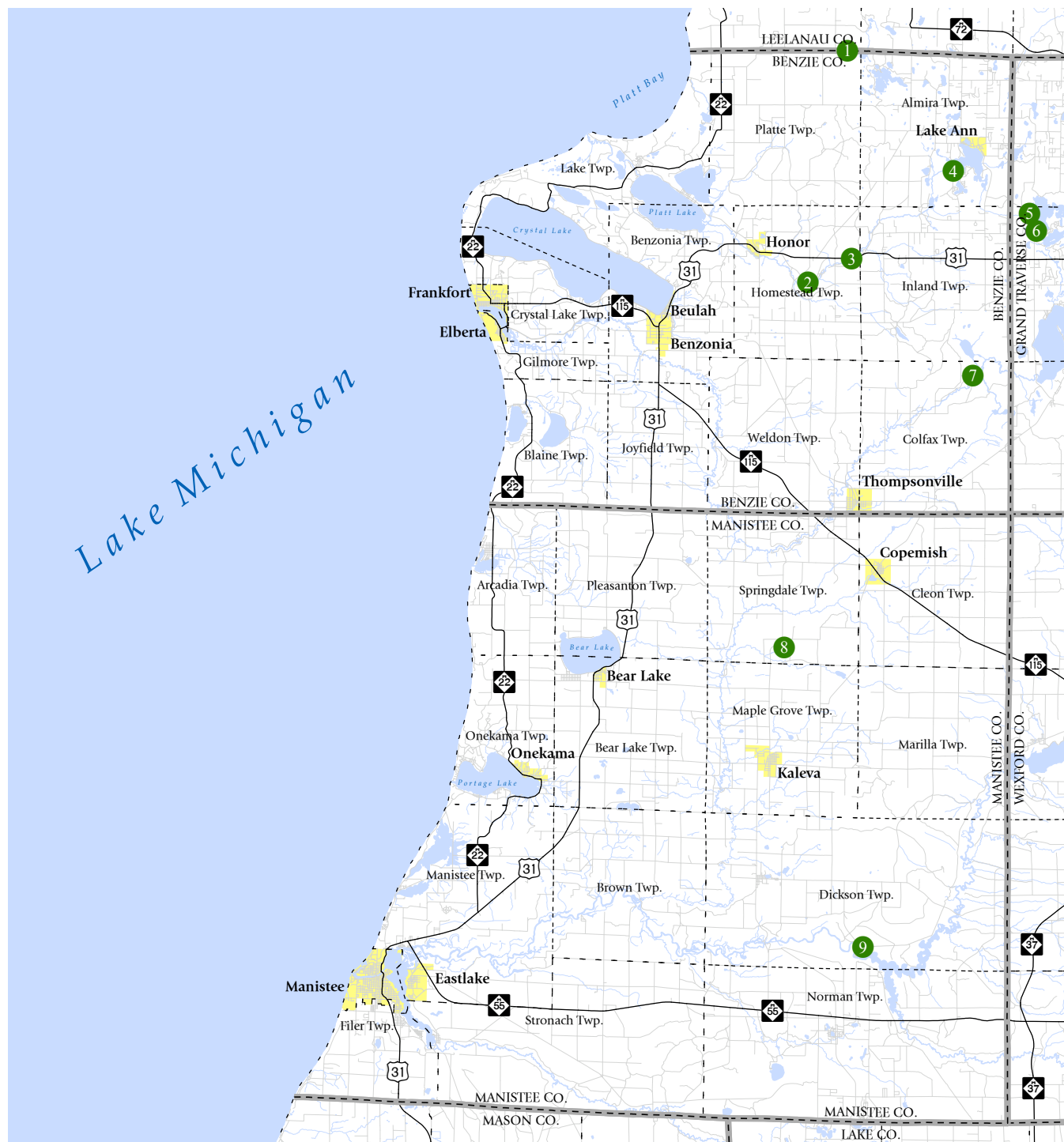
LAKES TO LAND

Arcadia Township Parks

Data Sources: State of Michigan Geographic Data Library, Benzie and Manistee County Equalization

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|  Arcadia Natural Beach Area |  Sunset Station Park |
|  Parcel Boundary |  Pickert Park |
|  County Boundary |  Finch Park |
|  Township Boundary |  Veterans Memorial Marina |
|  Road |  Grebe Park |





LAKES TO LAND

State Forest Campgrounds

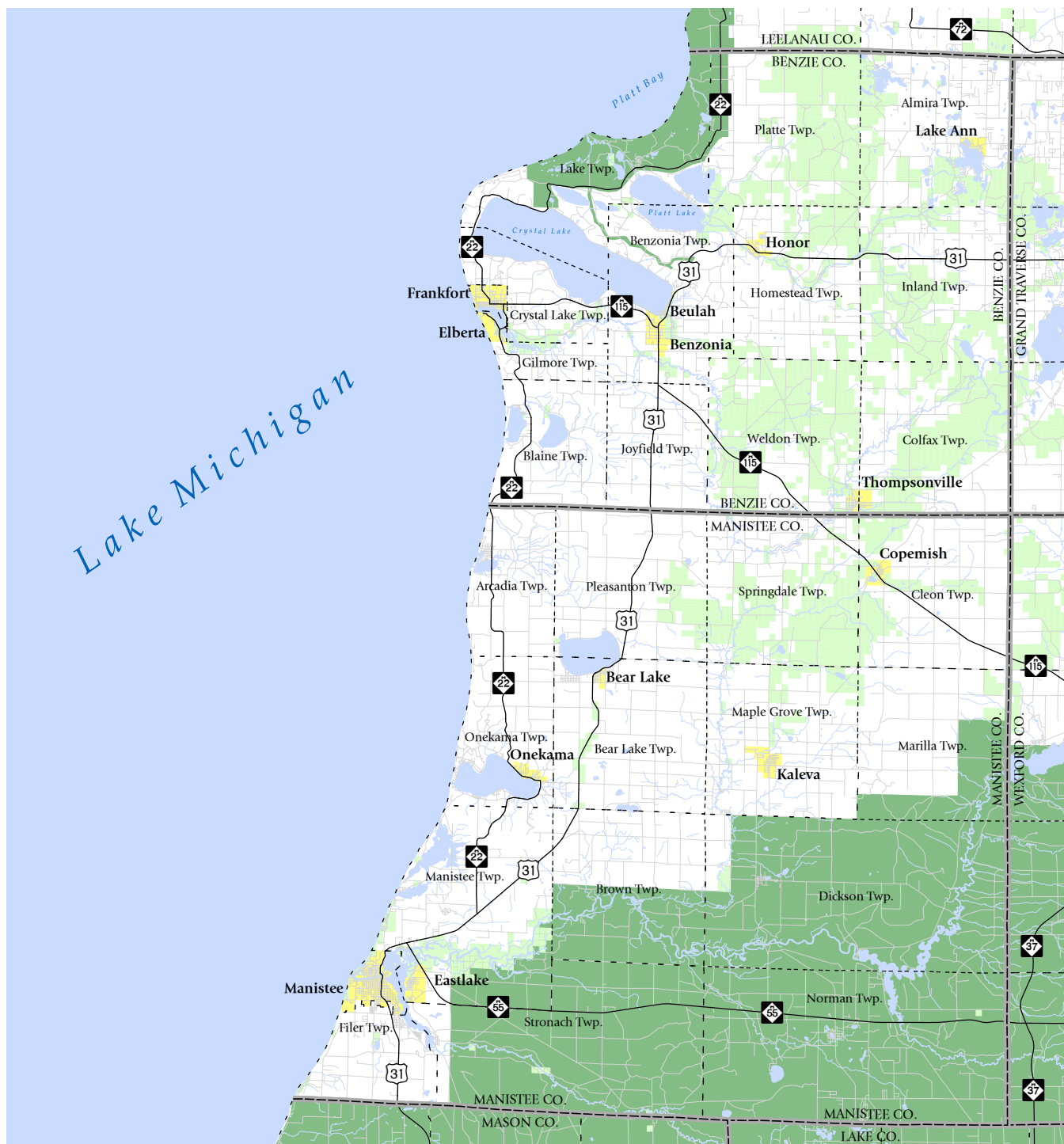
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- City or Village
- County Boundary
- Township Boundary
- Major Road
- Minor Road

State Forest Campground Sties:

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| ① Garey Lake Trail Camp | ⑥ Lake Dubonnet Campground |
| ② Platte River Campground | ⑦ Grass Lake Campground |
| ③ Veterans Memorial Campground | ⑧ Healy Lake Campground |
| ④ Lake Ann Campground | ⑨ Tippy Dam Rustic Campground |
| ⑤ Lake Dubonnet Trail Camp | |



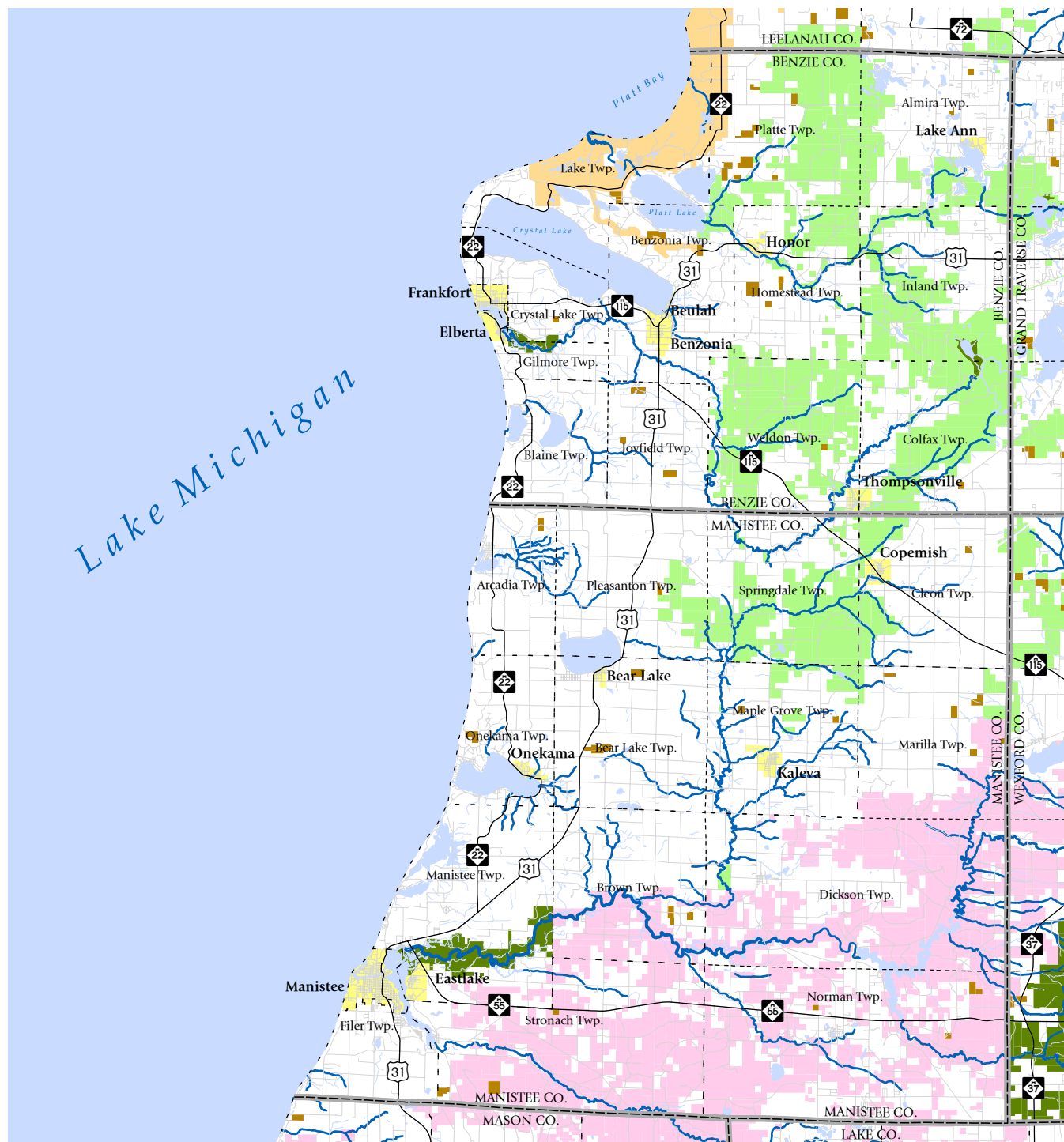


LAKES TO LAND

Federal and State Lands

Data Sources: State of Michigan Geographic Data Library

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| City or Village | Federal Owned Land |
| County Boundary | State Owned Land |
| Township Boundary | |
| Major Road | |
| Minor Road | |



LAKES TO LAND

Public Hunting Lands and Trout Streams

Data Sources: State of Michigan Geographic Data Library, MDNR

- City or Village
- Trout Stream
- County Boundary
- Township Boundary
- Major Road
- Minor Road

Open to Public Hunting:

- US Forest Service
- National Park Service
- Commercial Forest Act Lands
- State Forest Land
- State Wildlife/Game Areas





LAKES TO LAND

Recreational Trails

Data Sources: State of Michigan Geographic Data Library, MDOT, NWMCOG, GTRLC

- City or Village
- County Boundary
- Township Boundary
- Major Road
- Minor Road

Trail Type:

- GTRLC Trail
- Equestrian Trail
- Snowmobile Trail
- North Country Trail
- Non-Motorized Multi Use Trail

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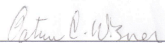
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Patrice C. Wisner
Clerk
Posted 12.18.2012, 1pm

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To: Patrice <clerk@arcadiatwpmi.org>

The Pioneer Group
115 N. Michigan
Big Rapids MI 49307
(231) 796-4831

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PO BOX 318
ARCADIA, MI 49613
(231)889-4463
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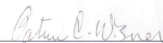
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Meeting Agenda for the Public Hearing

**Arcadia Township Board - Regular Meeting
January 3, 2013, 7:00pm
Arcadia Township Hall**

3422 Lake Street, Arcadia Michigan, 49613

AGENDA

- I. Call to order/Pledge
- II. Roll Call
- III. Public comments: Agenda Items
- IV. Approve/Amend Agenda
- V. Treasurer's Report

- VI. Approve minutes of past meetings

- VII. Correspondence:
- VIII. Committee & Department Reports
 - Marina/Harbor
 - Parks & Rec – Parks and Recreation Plan
 - Planning Commission – name new member
 - Fire Department
 - Grants
 - Cemetery
 - Historical

- IX. Old Business
 - Township Office repairs/improvements – email, router, phones, trees, restroom, garage door
 - Former Board Member Appreciation
 - Consumers Power Distribution Lines

- X. New Business:
 - Watershed Committee
 - On line QuickBooks
 - Library Storage Shed
 - Recycling Change
 - Bruce Brown Assessor
 - Arcadia Highlands

- XI. Public comment

- XII. Adjourn

Copy of the Minutes of the Public Meeting

**Arcadia Township
3422 Lake St. Arcadia, MI 49613
Public Hearing and Board Meeting Minutes - Draft
January 3, 2013, 7pm**

Public Hearing for Parks and Recreation Plan opened by Supervisor Doug Carter 7pm. No public comment. Public Hearing closed and Regular Board meeting called to order by Supervisor Doug Carter 7:03pm. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Roll Call: Supervisor Doug Carter, Treasurer Ken Messer, Trustee Greg Wisner, Trustee Mike Cederholm, Clerk Patrice Wisner.

Guests: 10

Public Comment:

Approve/Amend Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by G. Wisner, Messer, 2nd, AIF.

Treasurer's Report:

Past Meeting Minutes: Meeting filed as presented.

Correspondence:

Committee & Department Reports:

- Marina/Harbor – Jim Stoops/Chair – discussed dredging requirements and is seeking further bids for UST license/training/monitoring.
- **Parks & Rec – Arcadia Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Motion to accept a resolution to adopt the Arcadia Parks and Recreation Plan by Cederholm, G. Wisner 2nd, AIF. Parks and Rec meeting Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at the Pleasant Valley Community Center. Brad Hopwood applying for \$300K grant to repair Sunset Station, Handicap Ramp and toilets.**
- Fire Department – Fire Chief Wes Hull – reports 5 medical runs, 7 fire runs due to power lines down since last report. Total of 79 runs in 2012. One responder injured during emergency response. Proper paperwork filed with insurance reporting injury.
- Planning Commission – Motion to appoint Chip May to Planning Commission by G. Wisner, P. Wisner 2nd, AIF.
- Grants
- Cemetery
- Historical

Old Business:

- Township Office repairs/improvements – phone system discussed, quote pending for tree removal, new toilet seat installed, garage door repaired.
- Former board appreciation plaques ordered – presentation regular March meeting.
- Consumers Power Distribution lines – discussed need for public meeting in spring.

New Business:

- Watershed Committee - Brad Hopwood suggests committee needs to be formed. Sam Catanese has offered to chair the committee.
- On Line QuickBooks – motion to convert to QuickBooks on line by G. Wisner, P. Wisner 2nd, AIF.
- Library Storage Shed – Library has had a couple of years to move shed from township property but has not. Township will use as temporary storage.
- Recycling change – new contractor Area 31, weekly pick up.
- Bruce Brown named as Township Assessor for 2013.
- Arcadia Highlands – Tamara Buswinka and Patrice Wisner Clerk making contact with Arcadia Village LLC to remedy property.

Public Comment:

Motion to adjourn by G. Wisner, 2nd P. Wisner, AIF. Next regular meeting February 14, 2013, 7pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrice C. Wisner/Clerk

**Questions asked at Public Hearing &
Summary of Comments Received
from Public Review of Plan**

There were no questions asked at the Public Hearing. Comments made during the public review of the Plan consisted of one gentleman who commented that there is a great opportunity to develop a trail system that links the southwest portion of the Township to the Grand Traverse Land Conservancy Land to the north by using two track private roads. In addition, the gentleman suggested that in the summer months the children seeking recreational opportunities actually swells, as many grandchildren visit their grandparents in the summer and stay for extended periods of time. His point is that the demographic data did not actually reflect the true number of children in the Township.

**Copy of the Letter from the Parks and
Recreation Committee recommending
Township Board approval**

**Arcadia Township Parks and Recreation Committee
To the Arcadia Township Board in support of the adoption of the
Arcadia Township Parks and Recreation Plan**

WHEREAS, the Arcadia Township Parks and Recreation Committee, in support of the Arcadia Township Parks and Recreation Plan, recommends said plans adoption by the Arcadia Township Board, and

WHEREAS, the Arcadia Township Parks and Recreation Committee as a subcommittee of the Arcadia Township Board, has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five year period covering the years 2013-2018, and

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

WHEREAS, the Arcadia Township Parks and Recreation Committee is made up of representatives from the Arcadia Township Board and the community at large, and

WHEREAS, Arcadia Township Parks and Recreation Committee and Township Board began the process of developing a community recreation and natural resources plan accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, Residents of Arcadia 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 final draft plan for thirty (30) days, and

WHEREAS, a final public comment session was held on January 3, 2013 at the Arcadia Township Hall to provide an opportunity for all residents of the community to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the parks and recreation plan, and

WHEREAS, the Arcadia Township Board, with the help of the Arcadia Township Parks and Recreation Committee, has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for Arcadia Township, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Arcadia Township Parks and Recreation Committee hereby supports the adoption of the Arcadia Township Parks and Recreation Plan.

(Yeas: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0)

I, Mike Cederholm, Arcadia Township Board member and Parks and Recreation Committee member, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a letter of support for the adoption of the Parks and Recreation Plan by the Arcadia Township Parks and Recreation Committee.

Signature Mike Cederholm Date 1-23-2013
Mike Cederholm, Parks and Recreation Committee member

**Copy of the Resolution from the Planning Commission
supporting the Township Board's approval of the Plan**

**Arcadia Township Planning Commission
January 16, 2013
Resolution # PC13-02, Arcadia Township Parks and Recreation Plan**

WHEREAS, the Arcadia Township Planning Commission, in support of the Arcadia Township Parks and Recreation Plan, supports said plans adoption by the Arcadia Township Board, and

WHEREAS, the Arcadia Township Planning Commission recognizes the outstanding work done by the Arcadia Parks and Recreation Committee, working as a subcommittee of the Township Board, in preparing the Arcadia Township Parks and Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Arcadia Township Planning Commission, recognizes that the Parks and Recreation Plan is representative of and in keeping with the work being done to prepare the Arcadia Township Master Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Arcadia Township Parks and Recreation Committee, as a subcommittee of the Arcadia Township Board, has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five year period covering the years 2013-2018, and

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

WHEREAS, the Arcadia Township Parks and Recreation Committee includes representatives of and were appointed by the Arcadia Township Board, and

WHEREAS, Arcadia Township Parks and Recreation Committee and Township Board began the process of developing a community recreation and natural resources plan accordance with the most recent guidelines provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources as made available to local communities, and

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

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WHEREAS, the Arcadia Township Board, with the help of the Arcadia Township Parks and Recreation Committee, has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for Arcadia Township, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing and during a scheduled Township Board meeting, the Arcadia Township Board voted to adopt said parks and recreation plan based on the recommendation of the Arcadia Township Parks and Recreation Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Arcadia Township Planning Commission hereby supports the adoption and implementation of the Arcadia Township Parks and Recreation Plan.

(Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0)

I, Brad Hopwood, Arcadia Township Planning Commission Chair, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Arcadia Township Planning Commission at the Planning Commission Special Meeting thereof held on Jan. 16, 2013.

Signature Brad Hopwood Date 01/16/2013
Brad Hopwood, Arcadia Township Planning Commission Chair

**Copy of the Resolution from the Township Board adopting the
Plan**

#2013.112

**Resolution by the Arcadia Township Board
Adopting the
Arcadia Township Parks and Recreation Plan**

WHEREAS, the Arcadia Township Parks and Recreation Committee as a subcommittee of the Arcadia Township Board, has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five year period covering the years 2013-2018, and

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

WHEREAS, the Arcadia Township Parks and Recreation Committee is made up of representatives from the Arcadia Township Board, and

WHEREAS, Arcadia Township Parks and Recreation Committee and Township Board began the process of developing a community recreation and natural resources plan accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

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WHEREAS, the Arcadia Township Board, with the help of the Arcadia Township Parks and Recreation Committee, has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for Arcadia Township, and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing and during a scheduled Township Board meeting, the Arcadia Township Board voted to adopt said parks and recreation plan based on the recommendation of the Arcadia Township Parks and Recreation Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Arcadia Township Board hereby adopts the Arcadia Township Parks and Recreation Plan.

(Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0)

I, Patrice Wisner, Arcadia Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Arcadia Township Board at the Special Meeting thereof held on Jan. 3, 2013.

Signature Patrice C. Wisner Date 1.3.13
Patrice Wisner, Arcadia Township Clerk

**Copy of the notification of the adoption of an Arcadia Township
Parks and Recreation Plan to the Northwest Michigan Council of
Governments and Manistee County Planning Commission**

January 28, 2009

Rob Carson
Manistee County Planner
415 Third Street
Manistee, MI 49660

Dear Mr. Carson;

On January 3, 2013, Arcadia Township adopted the
Arcadia Township Parks and Recreation Plan.

On behalf of the Township, and in accord with
MDNR standards for Recreation planning, we are
hereby providing a copy of the resolution passed to
adopt the plan and a copy of the Plan to the
Manistee County Planning Department.

Please feel free to call me Patrice Wisner, Arcadia
Township Clerk, if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

Patrice Wisner
Arcadia Township Clerk

January 28, 2009

Mathias McCauley
Director of Regional Planning and Community
Development
Northwest Michigan Council of Governments
PO Box 506
Traverse City, MI 49685-0506

Dear Mr. McCauley;

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Patrice Wisner
Arcadia Township Clerk

APPENDIX A

Post Inspection Reports