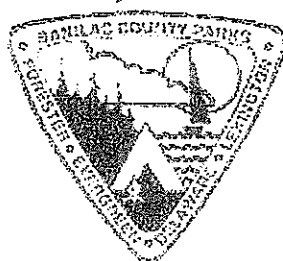


SANILAC COUNTY PARKS 5 YEAR RECREATION PLAN



2026-2030

· “If we could first know where we are, and wither we are tending,
we could then better judge what to do and how to do it.”

Abraham Lincoln
June 16, 1858

Sanilac County Parks Commission 5-Year Recreation Plan 2022-2026

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Community Description

This 5-Year Community Recreation Plan is being prepared for the Sanilac County Parks, Sanilac County, Michigan to consider not only the 4-park Sanilac County Park system, but to study ways to best implement other recreational and tourism opportunities with the environs of Sanilac County.

The plan will address past successes of the Sanilac County Parks as well as future goals and objectives of the park system which include increasing accessibility for all.

The park system includes four county parks which are Forester Park, Evergreen Park, Lexington Park and Delaware Park. Currently, all parks have overnight camping with the exception of day use only Delaware Park although plans call for the development of a campground at Delaware Park as well.

Forester Park has 68 acres and is located at 2820 N. Lakeshore Road, Carsonville, Michigan and may be reached by dialing (810) 622-8715. Located 6.5 miles north of Port Sanilac on M-25. Day use park and campground with 195 sites. Cabin rentals, showers, park store, handicapped accessible playground, nature trails, swimming beach. Handicapped accessible bathrooms and camping with sewer hookup.

Evergreen Park has 103 acres and is located at 4731 Van Dyke Road, Cass City, Michigan and may be reached by dialing (989) 872-6600. Located nine miles north of M-46 on M-53 on the Cass River. Day use park and campground with 173 sites. Cabin rentals, accessible canoe/kayak launch, accessible miniature golf course, handicapped accessible playgrounds, swimming pond. Handicapped accessible bathrooms and camping with sewer hookup.

Lexington Park has 27 acres and is located at 3885 S. Lakeshore Road (M-25) Lexington and may be reached by dialing (810) 359-7473. Located three miles north of Lexington on M-25. Day use park and campground with 45 sites, tennis court, beach, playground, accessible observation deck, restrooms, pavilions. Handicapped accessible camping with sewer hookup.

Delaware Park has 111 acres and is located at 6301 N. Lakeshore Road, (M-25) Palms, Michigan and may be reached by dialing (810) 622-8715. Located 14 miles north of Port Sanilac on M-25. Day use only park with picnic area, swimming beach, fishing, nature, hiking and equestrian trails.

The Sanilac County Parks Commission strives to provide modern camping and recreational facilities for the citizens of Sanilac County and visitors to our environs while also seeking regional recreational opportunities in cooperation with other agencies.

The success of the Sanilac County Parks Commission has not gone unnoticed as the Sanilac County Planning Commission in its 20-year study penned in 2004 stressed the importance of the Sanilac County Parks as it pertains to affording recreational opportunities and attracting tourism dollars to the county. The Master Plan also encourages the Sanilac County Parks Commission to continue to seek additional growth as it pertains to providing and maintaining camping and recreational facilities and related opportunities with Sanilac County and the area.

In addition, the 2024 Sanilac County Master Plan notes the need to preserve woodland, provide a visual boundary of high water, encourage greenbelt and vegetation areas and to preserve coastal property. It also seeks improved access for people of all abilities, the need to provide a quality outdoor experience, seeks health benefits established in such ways as walking along the nature trails and the need to enhance property by attracting more visitors to the area. In addition, SCORP objectives are met as natural resources are protected and visitors become stewards of the resources.

The 5-Year Recreation Plan, therefore, incorporates all aspects of recreation and how it pertains to the recreational desires of both county and non-county users of the system.

Sanilac County, itself, was formed on September 10, 1822 by the Michigan Territorial Legislature while the county government was fully organized on December 31, 1849. The county seat of Sanilac County is Sandusky.

Major transportation routes into Sanilac County include M-25 which connects the highway system

out of the Detroit metropolitan area to I-94 Port Huron then north to Sanilac County and M-53 which proceeds north through the entire "Thumb" area and along the west portion of Sanilac County. Sanilac County has 1,590 square miles with 963 square miles of land and 627 square miles of water along the Lake Huron shoreline. There are no inland lakes in Sanilac County.

The demographics of Sanilac County remain virtually unchanged from the last census report. In 2025, Sanilac County has a population of 40,140 people with a density of 45 per square mile. There are 21,833 housing units with some 2,855 being rentals; 92.4% of the population is White, 0.5% Native American, 0.5% Black and 3.9% Hispanic.

There are 21,833 housing units with 29.2% having children under the age of 18; 55.3 % were husband and wife families. The average household size is 2.48 and the average family size is 2.97. The population is spread out with 23.6% under the age of 18; 7.4% from 18-24; 21.8% from 25-44; 29.6% from 45-64 and 17.6% 65 or older. The median age is 45.3.

The median income for a household in the county is \$40,478. The per capita income for the county is \$19,671. About 10% of families and 13.98% of the population are below the poverty line.

Some 16.11% of Sanilac County residents have a bachelor's degree, 13.3% of residents have some college and 62.4 % graduated from high school. An estimated 99.4% of county residents are United States citizens.

Sanilac County is largely flat with rich soil and farming is the main industry. Some 456,877 acres are devoted to farming.

Crops accounted for \$421,000,000 of income while livestock raised another \$140,000,000. There are 1,315 farms in Sanilac County with an average size of 332 acres.

In the recent election, 72.2% of voters voted Republican while 26.6 % voted Democratic and 1.3% voted other.

Sanilac County Mental Health states that 16.2% of county residents suffer from some type of disability. In the Initiative Report, 75% of respondents listed relaxing outdoors as a priority, 74% listed walking/dog walking, 67% listed visiting parks and 64% listed sightseeing as priorities. Michigan ranks 16th with the highest rate of obesity while, in 2016, 25.5% of Michigan residents cited having no physical activity within the last 30 days.

Administrative Structure

Enabling Act establishing the Sanilac County Parks Commission

The Sanilac County Parks Commission was established on April 8, 1981 through 261 PA 1965 which provides statutory authority to the Sanilac County Board of Commissioners for the creation of a County Parks and Recreation Commission. The Commissioners established that the County Parks Board shall consist of 10 members including the Chairman of the County Road Commission, the Chairman of the County Planning Commission, the County Drain Commissioner and seven members to be appointed to the board consisting of at least one, but not more than three, members of the Sanilac County Board of Commissioners.

The original 90 PA 1913 as amended had imposed supervisory control and fiduciary responsibility for county parks upon a three member board whose members were identified as County Park Trustees. At that time, the County Board of Road Commissioners acted as County Park Trustees. They were relieved of their duties with the establishment of the April 8, 1981 act.

Roles of the Park Commission and committees

The Sanilac County Parks Commission meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the month and has the authority to pass any legislation including seeking grant applications, purchasing property, approving bills, recommending hiring and firing of staff and conducting any and all matters of business pertaining to the park system. However, final approval for park matters is gained with approval from the Sanilac County Board of Commissioners,

The Sanilac County Parks Commission has established four sub-committees to work on issues as an independent board passing their findings and recommendations back to the entire Parks Commission for approval.

The Advisory/Grant Committee meets on an irregular basis as assigned to do so by the Parks Commission. It's function is to seek available grant funding sources and match those sources up with potential park projects. It is also assigned to meet as an advisory board on issues of importance as they come up.

The Building and Grounds Committee meets as assigned to do so by the Parks Commission. It's function is to study any potential ideas and plans as they relate to such projects as additions, ground improvements, etc. and report it's findings back to the Parks Commission.

The Finance Committee meets on a monthly basis to review the Park Commission budget and to make recommendations for the purchase of any items that are not part of the normal park system expenses.

The Personnel Committee meets as requested by the Parks Commission to review any items or concerns on park personnel. It also meets every year to give an annual evaluation of park employee personnel.

Park Staff Description

The three major Sanilac County Parks of Forester, Evergreen and Lexington Parks, which include camping, all have a park manager who lives on site. The Forester Park manager is also responsible for the operations of day use Delaware Park.

Among the duties of a park manager are to supervise park personnel engaging in operating and maintaining the County Parks and to inspect the work in progress and/or completion to assure quality and quantity of work performed. They also prepare the work schedule and daily assignments for employees, perform various personnel management functions such as interviewing and recommending

the hiring of employees, performance evaluation and discharge of unsatisfactory employees. The park manager also performs reservations and assignment of location of camping, cabins and pavilions and patrols the park to assure all park rules are enforced. The park manager shall also balance and post daily receipts and transmit all funds monthly to the County Treasurer's Office. They are also responsible for activities and program development, seasonal employee training, summer programs for campers and surveying camper opinions. They shall also maintain and purchase all supplies, prepare the park budget along with the finance committee and present monthly reports to the Park Commission.

Each of the three parks with campgrounds also have a Parks Maintenance Supervisor.

Their duties include supervising park personnel engaged in operating and maintaining the county parks. They shall also patrol the parks to enforce all park rules and respond to a variety of complaints. This person shall also participate in maintenance activities such as mowing and trimming grass, raking leaves, clearing trees and brush, and maintaining buildings and equipment. They may register incoming campers and other park users. They may also collect fees, assign campsites, make reservations and enter information into the park computers. The Park Maintenance Supervisor shall also substitute for the Park Manager in their absence and must be able to perform lifting functions in accordance with the prescribed duties. The Park Maintenance Supervisor reports directly to the Park Manager.

Forester, Evergreen and Lexington parks also have a Parks Clerk. Under the supervision of the Park Manager, this position provides general clerical assistance to the department and assists the public by providing documents and information regarding the procedures of the department.

Essential duties of the Park Clerk include assisting the general public, providing information, taking reservations, assigning sites and collecting money. The Park Clerk also types reports, forms and correspondences, maintains files, forms mail and schedules and may serve in a back-up capacity during the absence of the Park Manager. The Park Clerk reports directly to the Park Manager.

The three parks also have a Parks Caretaker/Maintenance Worker who also reports directly to the Park Manager. Under the supervision of the Park Manager and/or Parks Maintenance Supervisor, this position is responsible for performing a wide variety of maintenance tasks as assigned.

Essential duties of this position include aiding in cleaning bathrooms, patrolling the park maintaining a noise level, picking up paper and debris in the park, mowing and grooming park lawns and assisting in recreation implementation.

At the discretion of the Park Manager, each park may also have one or more Park Host Campers. Under the supervision of a higher classified park employee, Host Campers perform a variety of manual labor in the maintenance tasks requiring a considerable effort. Workers perform unskilled to semi-skilled tasks to maintain grounds and facilities throughout the park. The number of Park Host Campers will be determined by the Sanilac County Park Board.

Typical duties include mowing and trimming grass and trimming branches. They should have the ability to lift heavy objects. The Host Camper might work with cleaning chemicals. They help keep the grounds free of litter and debris and empty waste containers. They may also assist the Park Manager or Maintenance Supervisor with office duties and perform light building maintenance. (See enclosed organizational chart).

Authority to commit funds, accept grants and purchase land

Sanilac County Park Commission has the authority to commit funds, accept grants and purchase land to assist in the development of the Sanilac County Parks. Final approval of major expenditures over \$2,000, however, comes from the Sanilac Board of Commissioners.

Annual and Projected Park Budgets

The current September, 2025 Sanilac County Park Budget is enclosed and shows revenues and

expenditures in the amount of \$1,874,469; up from \$1,156,851 in 2021.

From 2019 through 2021, the annual Sanilac County Park budget had increased by an average of 7%. However, it was felt that this increase was slightly proportionally high as it was influenced by an influx of people getting out of the city areas due to Covid 19 and spending time summering in the less populated areas of Sanilac County. Therefore, the Sanilac County Park Commission opted to project a general increase of its annual budgets and associated line item figures at a previous normal growth rate of 5%. The annual increase is also based on the fact that the Park Millage monies, generally, raise every year and that the Parks Commission hopes to add additional camping sites at Forester, Evergreen and Delaware parks within the timeline of this 5-Year Recreation Plan. In addition, camping usage, in general, appears to be on the upswing. The following chart represents this 5% projected annual increase over the period 2002-2026 and the actual budget figures for those years on the right.

Projected Sanilac County Park Budget 2022-2026

2022	$\$1,157,000 \times 0.05\% =$	\$1,215,000	(Actual budget was \$1,408,921) (22% INCREASE)
2023	$\$1,215,000 \times 0.05\% =$	\$1,276,000	(Actual budget was \$2,435,916) (74% INCREASE)
2024	$\$1,276,000 \times 0.05\% =$	\$1,340,000	(Actual budget was \$2,003,770) (22% DECREASE)
2025	$\$1,340,000 \times 0.05\% =$	\$1,407,000	(Amended budget is \$2,224,112) (11% INCREASE)
2026	$\$1,407,000 \times 0.05\% =$	\$1,477,000	

(Note #1: The 2000 budget was \$1,543,168 and the 2021 budget was \$1,156,851)

(Note #2: The 2023 budget was disproportionately higher due to a beginning balance of \$921,940 which is some \$700,000 above the normal beginning balance for the year.

Projected Sanilac County Park Budget 2026-2030

The previous Sanilac County Park budget for the past five year time period shows no defined pattern by percentage of increase but, generally, does show a substantial overall increase. The 2023 park budget was skewed with the influx of \$921,940 in the beginning balance causing a 74% increase in the budget and a subsequent 22% decrease in 2024 due to starting that year with a beginning balance of 201,000. We are basing budget projections as well as operation and maintenance costs over the 2026-2030 time frame at an increase of 7%, similar to that shown during the Covid years. Again, the 2025 budget is set at \$2,224,000.

2026	$\$2,224,000 \times 0.07\% =$	\$2,379,680
2027	$\$2,379,680 \times 0.07\% =$	\$2,546,257
2028	$\$2,546,257 \times 0.07\% =$	\$2,724,494
2029	$\$2,724,494 \times 0.07\% =$	\$2,915,208
2030	$\$2,915,208 \times 0.07\% =$	\$3,119,272

Projected Operation and Maintenance Costs for Sanilac County Parks

2022	$\$857,000 \times 0.05\% =$	\$900,000
2023	$\$900,000 \times 0.05\% =$	\$945,000
2024	$\$945,000 \times 0.05\% =$	\$992,000
2025	$\$992,000 \times 0.05\% =$	\$1,042,000 (Actual Operation and Maintenance costs are \$101,000)
2026	$\$1,042,000 \times 0.05\% =$	\$1,094,000

2026	$\$101,000 \times 0.07\% =$	\$108,070
2027	$\$108,070 \times 0.07\% =$	\$115,634
2028	$\$115,634 \times 0.07\% =$	\$123,728
2029	$\$123,728 \times 0.07\% =$	\$132,388

2030 $\$132,388 \times 0.07\% = \$141,655$

Projected Park Operation and Maintenance costs were derived from using the budget line item categories of Wages and Benefits, Office Supplies, Gas and Oil, Janitorial Supplies, Phone/Internet, Grounds Care, Utilities, Office Equipment/Repair and Miscellaneous Equipment.

Building Improvement Funds for Sanilac County Parks

2022 $\$117,000 \times 0.05\% = \$123,000$ (Actual Building Improvement funds were \$159,000)
2023 $\$123,000 \times 0.05\% = \$129,000$ (Actual Building Improvement funds were \$145,000)
2024 $\$129,000 \times 0.05\% = \$135,000$ (Actual Building Improvement funds were \$245,000)*
2025 $\$135,000 \times 0.05\% = \$142,000$ (Amended Building Improvement funds are \$147,000)
2026 $\$142,000 \times 0.05\% = \$149,000$

* (Note #1 Building Improvement funds were set at \$163,000 at Lexington Park in 2024 to redo the caretaker's residence).

Building Improvement Funds were tabulated using the specific line item for this category found in the Sanilac County Park Budget. The 2021 Sanilac County Park Budget showed Building Improvements in the amount of \$68,000 for Forester Park, \$18,000 for Evergreen Park, \$16,000 for Lexington Park and \$15,000 for Delaware Park.

By 2025, Building Improvement funds showed \$63,000 for Forester Park, \$51,000 for Lexington Park and \$33,000 for Evergreen Park. The 2025 Amended Sanilac County Park budget lists no Building Improvement funds for Delaware Park.

Recreation Programming Funds

Recreation Programming Funds are set aside for such programs as the Halloween Weekend events at Forester and Evergreen Park. They may also be used for such purposes as continuing education in Hunter Safety programming and promotion regarding the State's Free Fishing Weekend among other programs.

Funding was also used for the 2021 Nature Interpretive Trail which was developed at Evergreen Park in conjunction with the DNR Field Office in Cass City, Michigan. Funds regarding this project might be used to purchase and place wood chips along the trail and to purchase signage identifying native flora along the trail. Previously, funding for such programs came through the General Fund. The Sanilac County Parks Commission created a specific Recreational Programming line item budget of \$2,500 at its July 6, 2021 meeting.

In 2025, Recreational Programming costs are set at \$3,000 each for both Forester and Evergreen parks and \$1,000 for Lexington Park.

Current Funding Sources

In 2025, current funding sources for the Sanilac County Park Budget include a Beginning Balance of \$200,443 and an estimated \$367,000 to be raised through the annual Sanilac County Park Millage issue.

Other funding sources include an estimated \$770,000 raised through camping fees, cabin rentals and winter storage fees. Other more minor sources of funding include sales from pavilion rentals and wood sales. Still other funding sources are CD interest, and delinquent fees.

Roles of Volunteers and Organizations

Sanilac County Parks Commission has proudly accepted the assistance of volunteer workers on an

annual basis.

At Evergreen Park, the Marlette Sportsman's Association along with the Boys Scouts of America, Marlette Troop #328, have combined to present an annual Hunter Safety Education program. Evergreen Park is also the host site of an annual Craft Show put on by volunteers with proceeds to benefit Evergreen Park. Evergreen Park has also been assisted by the American Bikers Aiming Towards Education (ABATE) Region 7.

Both Evergreen Park and Forester Park also put on an annual Halloween Weekend which features such events as a haunted house, hay rides, site and costume judging, pumpkin rolls etc. for the campers and day use patrons at both parks. All this is run through the help of volunteers.

Lexington Park conducts its annual Clean-Up Weekend held the first weekend of every May with campers teaming together to help clean up Lexington Park. In addition, each Friday a couple volunteers come to clean up the Lexington Park beach area.

Relationship With School Districts and Other Public Agencies

While the Sanilac County Parks does not enjoy a specific relationship with county school districts, several school classes have called and visited the parks for a day use trip over the years. It is hoped that with the development of the Interpretive Nature Trail at Evergreen Park that this new feature can be used to help entice more school-age participation in the park system.

In 2019, the Sanilac County Park Commission commissioned the Blue Water Center For Independent Living to conduct a handicapped accessibility survey of all four parks and their amenities. Consisting of staff members and volunteers with varying disabilities, Team Access visited each site and presented their findings and recommendations to the Park Commission along with a list of sources to consider for future park improvements. The Blue Water Center For Independent Living has since been dissolved and incorporated into the Disability Network of Eastern Michigan. Rob Winn from the Disability Network of Eastern Michigan has helped with proposed accessibility designs for the Sanilac County Park system, specifically with Lexington Park. We are also partnering with the Sanilac County Health Department and their 'Talking is Teaching' program, the Thumb Land Conservancy and Bill Collins as well as Dale Wood from the Wheelin' Team #457 to further address accessibility concerns.

The following is a list of just some of the different groups that frequented Sanilac County Parks in 2025

FORESTER PARK

Free Masons – Marion #392 of Deckerville
Deckerville High School 50th reunion
Deckerville Michigan Community Choir
Boy Scouts
Girl Scouts
Deaf Community Group
Polish group Camp Bialowieza

EVERGREEN PARK

Cass City Public Schools Cross Country Meet featuring 17 teams
Cass City FFA Salmon Release at Cass River
Cass River Greenway group which also volunteered for the 'Rough Fish Derby' weekend
Outback Custom Meals – meat wagon which delivers meat to campers
Chilly Willy's – ice cream truck which goes throughout the park
Tom Lounsbury – outdoor enthusiast who writes outdoor stories and has a weekly radio show
Cass City Girl Scout Troop #50557

Nursing Students with a 5K Color Fun Run
ABATE Region 7 with monthly meetings

LEXINGTON PARK

District 24 (AA Group)

Lexington Boys of Summer (Band)

Great Start Collaborative with programs such as 'Talking is Teaching'

Sanilac County Mental Health annual picnic (Great Start for babies and pregnant mothers)

Buel Country Church

Omard Church

Cros-Lex Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts

Dalton Photography

Forever Young Photography

Marion's Studio Photography

Lexington Knitting Group

St. Clair County Sea Cadets

Of note, each of the three campgrounds host themed specialty weekends throughout the camping season. The events typically coincide at all three parks. For example, events at Forester Park include the annual June Kids Carnival, the annual July Arts and Crafts weekend, the annual Halloween weekend in September and the annual Chili Cookoff event in October.

The parks also host numerous family events through pavilion rentals including weddings, birthday parties, family reunions and even funerals.

Sanilac County Parks Commission Organizational Chart

Sanilac County
Board of Commissioners

Sanilac County
Parks Commission

Forester
/Delaware
Park Managers

Evergreen
Park Manager

Lexington
Park Manager

Parks
Maintenance
Supervisor

Parks
Maintenance
Supervisor

Parks
Maintenance
Supervisor

Parks
Clerk

Parks
Clerk

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Caretaker

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Host
Campers

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Campers

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Campers

09/11/2025		BUDGET REPORT FOR SANILAC COUNTY			
		Calculations as of 09/30/2025			
GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2025 ORIGINAL BUDGET	2025 AMENDED BUDGET	2025 ACTIVITY THRU 09/30/25	
ESTIMATED REVENUES					
Dept 751 - PARKS AND RECREATION					
508-751-400.001	BEGINNING BALANCE	200,443.73	200,443.73		
508-751-402.000	CURRENT PROPERTY TAX	339,076.00	366,645.79	366,645.79	
508-751-412.000	DELINQ REAL,PERS,BLDG LEASE LD	19,000.00	24,537.94	24,544.93	
508-751-425.000	OTHER PROPERTY TAX	900.00	1,061.22	1,061.22	
508-751-437.000	INDUST&COMMER FACILITIES TAX	400.00	400.00	81.06	
508-751-441.000	LOCAL COMMUNITY STABILIZATION AUTH	18,000.00	34,572.47	34,572.47	
508-751-445.000	INTEREST & PENALTY ON TAXES		2.88	3.63	
508-751-476.005	BUS LICENSE & PERMITS-PARKS	2,800.00	2,800.00		
508-751-617.001	CAMPING FEES-FORESTER		77,630.00	77,630.00	
508-751-617.002	CAMPING FEES-LEXINGTON	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,945.00	
508-751-617.003	CAMPING FEES-EVERGREEN	120,000.00	120,000.00	91,987.00	
508-751-617.004	CAMPING FEES-CABINS -FORESTER	28,000.00	28,000.00	28,075.00	
508-751-617.005	CAMPING FEES-CABINS-EVERGREEN	12,000.00	15,250.00	17,770.00	
508-751-617.006	CAMPING FEES-DAY USE-LEXINGTON	600.00	600.00	702.00	
508-751-617.007	CAMPING FEES-PAVILION-FORESTER	5,000.00	7,985.00	8,845.00	
508-751-617.008	CAMPING FEES-PAVILIONS-LEXINGTON	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,715.00	
508-751-617.009	CAMPING FEES-PAVILION-EVERGREEN	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,250.00	
508-751-617.011	CAMPING FEES-WOOD-FORESTER	3,000.00	3,280.00	3,845.00	
508-751-617.012	CAMPING FEES-WOOD-LEXINGTON	3,000.00	3,000.00	5,235.00	
508-751-617.013	CAMPING FEES-WOOD-EVERGREEN	5,500.00	10,586.00	12,971.00	
508-751-617.014	WINTER STORAGE FEES-EVERGREEN	2,500.00	3,332.00	4,164.00	
508-751-617.015	WINTER STORAGE FEES-FORESTER	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,450.00	

508-751-617.017	CAMPING FEES-CC LEXINGTON	100,000.00	100,000.00	119,692.00
508-751-617.018	CAMPING FEES-CC EVERGREEN	330,000.00	330,000.00	391,192.00
508-751-617.019	CAMPING FEES-CC FORESTER	340,000.00	340,000.00	366,574.88
508-751-665.003	INTEREST-C/D'S & INVESTMENT	30,000.00	30,000.00	24,352.26
508-751-672.000	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE		4,827.85	4,832.85
508-751-672.004	MISC REVENUE -FORESTER	1,500.00	2,662.06	
508-751-672.005	MISC REVENUE -LEXINGTON		1,000.00	1,100.00
508-751-672.006	MISC REVENUE -EVERGREEN	3,000.00	3,000.00	990.72
508-751-672.023	MISC.REVENUE-GRANT-EVERGREEN	300,000.00	497,002.52	(197,002.52)
508-751-672.026	MISC REV-KAYAK RENTALS		1,166.00	1,826.00
508-751-672.027	MISC REVENUE-MINI GOLF		2,756.00	3,246.00
508-751-672.028	MISC REV-MERCH FORESTER			3,422.06
508-751-672.029	MISC REV-MERCH EVERGREEN		499.00	1,637.00
508-751-672.030	MISC REV-MERCH LEXINGTON		1,322.00	3,097.00
508-751-672.033	MISC REV-ICE SALES EVERGREEN			128.00
508-751-676.002	REIMBURSEMENTS-FORESTER ELECTRICITY	750.00	750.00	375.00
Totals for dept 751 - PARKS AND RECREATION		1,874,469.73	2,224,112.46	1,412,956.35
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES		1,874,469.73	2,224,112.46	1,412,956.35
APPROPRIATIONS				
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508-751-702.007	WAGES-FTES-FORESTER PARK	106,033.35	106,033.35	71,643.08
508-751-702.010	WAGES-FTES-EVERGREEN	111,274.19	111,274.19	73,395.71
508-751-702.016	WAGES-FTES-FORESTER MANAGER	46,528.77	46,528.77	29,294.72
508-751-702.017	WAGES-FTES-LEXINGTON MANAGER	45,943.44	45,943.44	32,992.96
508-751-702.018	WAGES-FTES-EVERGREEN MANAGER	42,991.57	42,991.57	30,211.83
508-751-702.021	PARKS DIRECTOR	49,319.63	13,833.44	13,833.44
508-751-703.100	SALARIES-STIPEND	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
508-751-703.300	SALARIES-SICK PAY		1,387.20	1,387.20
508-751-703.400	SALARIES-VACATION PAY		4,393.49	4,393.49
508-751-707.005	TEMPORARY WAGES-FORESTER	65,000.00	65,000.00	33,087.32

508-751-707.006	TEMPORARY WAGES-LEXINGTON	34,000.00	34,000.00	19,950.05
508-751-707.007	TEMPORARY WAGES- EVERGREEN	22,000.00	22,000.00	25,141.10
508-751-709.000	FICA	27,025.28	27,690.18	26,838.48
508-751-712.000	CASH IN LIEU OF BENEFITS	3,700.00	3,700.00	2,481.72
508-751-713.000	OVERTIME	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,534.85
508-751-714.000	LONGEVITY	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
508-751-716.000	DEFERRED CONTRIBUTION	21,512.98	22,121.38	16,910.44
508-751-717.000	DEFINED BENEFIT/PENSION	6,298.85	6,298.85	7,286.43
508-751-717.001	DEFINED BENEFIT/PENSION-EMPLOYER CON	19,106.00	19,106.00	18,309.00
508-751-718.000	HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS	3,600.00	104,531.82	66,632.10
508-751-727.000	CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT	300.00	700.00	800.00
508-751-729.000	PER DIEMS	8,200.00	8,200.00	6,345.00
508-751-752.008	SUPPLIES-YARD-FORESTER	5,000.00	5,000.00	350.50
508-751-752.009	SUPPLIES-YARD-LEXINGTON	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,649.99
508-751-752.010	SUPPLIES-YARD- EVERGREEN	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,875.82
508-751-752.011	SUPPLIES-YARD-DELAWARE	1,000.00	1,000.00	
508-751-752.012	SUPPLIES-SHOP-FORESTER	1,200.00	1,200.00	300.58
508-751-752.013	SUPPLIES-SHOP-LEXINGTON	500.00	500.00	200.48
508-751-752.014	SUPPLIES-SHOP- EVERGREEN	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,122.99
508-751-757.000	OFFICE SUPPLIES	250.00	250.00	22.72
508-751-757.001	OFFICE SUPPLIES-FORESTER	500.00	500.00	93.76
508-751-757.002	OFFICE SUPPLIES-LEXINGTON	300.00	596.80	596.80
508-751-757.003	OFFICE SUPPLIES- EVERGREEN	500.00	500.00	615.94
508-751-759.000	GAS & OIL		60.00	60.00
508-751-759.001	GAS & OIL - FORESTER	2,500.00	2,500.00	976.74
508-751-759.002	GAS & OIL - LEXINGTON	1,500.00	1,500.00	928.89
508-751-759.003	GAS & OIL - EVERGREEN	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,839.30
508-751-767.000	CLOTHING	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,345.69
508-751-776.002	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES-FORESTER	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,612.00
508-751-776.003	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES-LEXINGTON	1,600.00	1,600.00	855.00
508-751-776.004	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES- EVERGREEN	3,200.00	3,200.00	1,952.11
508-751-801.000	CONTRACTUAL	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
508-751-805.000	LEGAL FEES	1,200.00	1,200.00	

508-751-816.000	COST ALLOCATION	28,000.00	28,000.00		
508-751-818.001	FIREWOOD-FORESTER	2,500.00	2,950.00		4,950.00
508-751-818.002	FIREWOOD-EVERGREEN	2,500.00	4,975.00		4,975.00
508-751-818.003	FIREWOOD-LEXINGTON	1,000.00	1,000.00		1,500.00
508-751-835.001	HEALTH SERVICES-PRE-EMPLOYMENT SCREE	400.00	550.00		595.00
508-751-836.005	OTHER WELFARE SVCS.-MOSQUITO ABATEME	3,500.00	3,500.00		
508-751-838.003	RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMING-FORESTER	3,000.00	3,000.00		2,409.40
508-751-838.005	RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMING-LEXINGTON	1,000.00	1,000.00		993.37
508-751-838.006	RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMING-EVERGREEN	3,000.00	3,000.00		1,313.65
508-751-844.000	LIFE INSURANCE	329.40	329.40		225.56
508-751-850.001	COMMUNICATIONS-TELEPHONE		451.49		498.44
508-751-850.003	COMMUNICATIONS-TELEPHONE-FORESTER	1,500.00	1,500.00		1,524.25
508-751-850.005	COMMUNICATIONS-TELEPHONE-LEXINGTON	800.00	800.00		829.16
508-751-850.006	COMMUNICATIONS-TELEPHONE-EVERGREEN	200.00	200.00		
508-751-851.000	POSTAGE	25.00	25.00		
508-751-852.002	MISC. COMMUNICATION-INTERNET-LEXINGT	600.00	600.00		595.00
508-751-852.003	MISC. COMMUNICATION-INTERNET-EVERGR	3,000.00	3,000.00		1,860.65
508-751-852.004	MISC. COMMUNICATION-INTERNET-FORESTE	2,500.00	2,500.00		635.00
508-751-861.000	TRANSPORTATION-MILEAGE REIMBURSEMEN	6,800.00	6,800.00		7,184.62
508-751-900.001	PRINTING-FORESTER	250.00	276.20		276.20
508-751-900.002	PRINTING-LEXINGTON	250.00	250.00		50.11
508-751-900.003	PRINTING-EVERGREEN	250.00	250.00		142.83
508-751-901.000	ADVERTISING	5,000.00	5,000.00		4,181.43
508-751-901.001	ADVERTISING-FORESTER	860.00	3,301.50		4,115.79
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508-751-901.003	ADVERTISING-EVERGREEN	860.00	860.00		827.00
508-751-915.000	MEMBERSHIPS	2,500.00	2,500.00		2,539.50
508-751-918.000	WATER-FORESTER	7,000.00	7,000.00		1,584.49
508-751-918.001	WATER-LEXINGTON	3,500.00	3,500.00		
508-751-925.002	GROUPS CARE - FORESTER	30,000.00	30,000.00		8,653.76
508-751-925.003	GROUPS CARE - LEXINGTON	20,000.00	20,000.00		6,092.72
508-751-925.005	GROUPS CARE - EVERGREEN	30,000.00	30,000.00		22,682.67
508-751-925.006	GROUPS CARE - DELAWARE	50,000.00	50,000.00		1,340.60

508-751-926.002	UTILITIES-FORESTER	56,000.00	56,000.00	60,635.01
508-751-926.004	UTILITIES-LEXINGTON	20,000.00	20,000.00	23,443.82
508-751-926.006	UTILITIES-EVERGREEN	53,000.00	53,000.00	32,648.09
508-751-931.003	EQUIPMENT REPAIRS-FORESTER	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,312.04
508-751-931.004	EQUIPMENT REPAIRS-LEXINGTON	1,200.00	1,200.00	2,183.19
508-751-931.005	EQUIPMENT REPAIRS-EVERGREEN	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,872.74
508-751-934.005	OTHER REPAIRS/MTCE-LAGOON-EVERGREEN	10,000.00	10,000.00	6,590.32
508-751-940.001	RENT-FORESTER	100.00	100.00	
508-751-940.002	RENT-LEXINGTON	100.00	100.00	
508-751-940.003	RENT-EVERGREEN	100.00	100.00	
508-751-941.000	CONTINGENCY	326,111.27	384,552.27	
508-751-955.004	MISC EXPENSE-GRANT PURCHASE LEXINGTON		2,876.35	2,876.35
508-751-955.005	MISC EXPENSE-GRANT PURCHASE EVERGRE	350,000.00	452,997.48	211,353.45
508-751-955.055	MISC EXP-MERCH FORESTER		506.00	1,905.75
508-751-955.057	MISC EXP-MERCH LEXINGTON		237.31	2,390.68
508-751-955.059	MISC EXP-ICE PURCHASES-EVERGREEN			1,194.75
508-751-964.000	REFUNDS AND REBATES	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,385.00
508-751-964.003	CAMPING FEES-REFUND EVERGREEN	350.00	350.00	
508-751-964.004	CAMPING FEES-REFUND FORESTER	350.00	350.00	
508-751-964.005	CAMPING FEES-REFUND LEXINGTON	350.00	350.00	
508-751-975.001	BLDG IMPROVE/ADDITIONS/MAINTEN-FORES	63,000.00	63,000.00	6,790.77
508-751-975.002	BLDG IMPROVE/ADDITIONS/MAINTEN-LEXING	25,000.00	51,144.82	52,749.82
508-751-975.003	BLDG IMPROVE/ADDITIONS/MAINTEN-EVERG	25,000.00	32,533.07	37,068.32
508-751-980.002	OFFICE EQUIPMENT-FORESTER	500.00	500.00	
508-751-980.003	OFFICE EQUIPMENT-LEXINGTON	500.00	500.00	(124.52)
508-751-980.004	OFFICE EQUIPMENT - EVERGREEN	500.00	500.00	59.99
508-751-981.000	VEHICLES		50,000.00	
508-751-986.006	MISC EQUIPMENT-FORESTER	20,000.00	20,000.00	13,105.94
508-751-986.007	MISC EQUIPMENT-LEXINGTON	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,650.49
508-751-986.008	MISC EQUIPMENT-EVERGREEN	18,000.00	9,000.00	6,827.00
508-751-993.003	CC FEES-FORESTER	3,500.00	15,306.34	19,016.51
508-751-993.004	CC FEES-LEXINGTON	3,500.00	5,993.33	8,593.00
508-751-993.005	CC FEES-EVERGREEN	3,500.00	19,856.42	24,499.13

508-751-996.001	TAX DOCKETS & TRIBUNAL REFUNDS	1,200.00	1,200.00	35.78
Totals for dept 751 - PARKS AND RECREATION		1,874,469.73	2,224,112.46	1,130,007.85
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		1,874,469.73	2,224,112.46	1,130,007.85
NET OF REVENUES/APPROPRIATIONS - FUND 508				282,948.50

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Recreation Inventory

Methods Use to Conduct Recreation Inventory List

The computation of area recreation inventory was achieved using available resources as well as park staff visitations. The available resources include the '2025 Official Visitor's Guide for the Sanilac County Area', the 2025 'Michigan's Official Thumb Area Vacation Guide', 'Michigan's Thumb Traveler 2025', the 'Weekender – 2025 Thumb Area Visitor and Recreation Guide' and 'Michigan's Thumbcoast 2025 Travel Guide'. A check of internet listings was also conducted to confirm these latest 2025 listings.

Other Sanilac County Recreation Inventory

As can be seen by the following inventory of recreational facilities in Sanilac County, there is a great variety of activities for citizens to participate in. Also, the facilities are spread throughout the county fairly equally which allows for greater accessibility to the people.

The inventory list, however, points out some deficiencies including a lack of additional camping sites and locations outside of the Sanilac County Park system. Also, there are few structured recreational programs in Sanilac County and the Sanilac County Parks could get more involved by trying some recreational programming on a trial basis.

Also, there is an apparent lack of winter recreational activities in the county. There is a great potential for creating year-round recreational opportunities for county residents and tourists as well as an opportunity to link with the area kayaking and canoeing organizations. In 2025, Sanilac County Evergreen Park established a canoe/kayak launch along the Cass River and linked with the Cass River Water Trail and the Cass River Greenway Conservancy.

There is also a need for additional recreational public access to Lake Huron as well as fishing and boating access. There is tremendous pressure on the boat launch facilities at Lexington and Port Sanilac harbors. There is a great need for another boat launch in the county. Either Forester Park or Delaware Park would serve as a 35 mile limit for a possible Harbor of Refuge.

Furthermore, there are limited handicapped accessible recreational opportunities in Sanilac County. This fact has been realized by the Sanilac County Parks Commission and initial steps have been taken to upgrade handicapped recreational facilities in the park system as part of a initial transition plan to ADA accessibility. Both Forester Park and Evergreen Park have created handicapped accessible playground features within the past 5-Year Recreation Plan with the assistance of grant funding.

The 2022, the Evergreen Park Accessible Playground and River Access Development grant addressed ADA access to the Cass River as well as an ADA miniature golf feature, more ADA playground equipment and two new accessible pavilions. The accessible miniature golf feature is believed to be the only one of its kind in the region.

Of note, Sanilac County Forester Park is the only park located along the M-25 corridor which includes a handicapped accessible playground structure. In 2021, a MDNR Trust Fund Grant application was submitted to complete Phase 2 of the Forester Park Accessible playground. This project has been successfully completed through the Forester Park Accessible Playground Renovation Project grant.

Among the items included in the Sanilac County Recreation Inventory are county, state, community and private parks, other overnight accommodations, boating and marine access, beaches, state game areas, trail areas and various local points of interest.

Inventory of Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities

The park system includes four county parks which are Forester Park, Evergreen Park, Lexington Park and Delaware Park. Currently, all parks have overnight camping with the exception of day use only Delaware Park although this 5-Year Recreation Plan calls for the development of a campground at Delaware Park as well with the addition of 10 new cabins as well as a manager's residence.

Forester Park has 68 acres and is located at 2820 N. Lakeshore Road, Carsonville, Michigan and may be reached by dialing (810) 622-8715. Located 6.5 miles north of Port Sanilac on M-25. Day use park and campground with 195 sites. Cabin rentals, showers, park store, handicapped accessible playground, nature trails, swimming beach, handicapped accessible bathrooms and camping with sewer hookup.

Evergreen Park has 103 acres and is located at 4731 Van Dyke Road, Cass City, Michigan and may be reached by dialing (989) 872-6600. Located nine miles north of M-46 on M-53 on the Cass River. Day use park and campground with 173 sites. Cabin rentals, handicapped accessible playground, ADA accessible miniature golf course, ADA canoe/kayak launch along the Cass River, swimming pond, fishing. Handicapped accessible bathrooms and camping with sewer hookup.

Lexington Park has 27 acres and is located at 3885 S. Lakeshore Road, (M-25) Lexington and may be reached by dialing (810) 359-7473. Located three miles north of Lexington on M-25. Day use park and campground with 45 sites, tennis court, beach, playground, ADA accessible observation deck, restrooms, pavilions. Handicapped accessible camping with sewer hookup.

Delaware Park has 111 acres and is located at 6301 N. Lakeshore Road, (M-25), Palms, Michigan and may be reached by dialing (810) 622-8715. Located 4 miles north of Port Sanilac on M-25. Day use only park with picnic area, swimming beach, fishing, nature trails, hiking and equestrian trails.

The parks primary service area is Sanilac County. However, Lexington Park has 90% of its users coming from the Metro Detroit area while Evergreen Park has approximately 50% of its users coming from the Greater Thumb area including Tuscola and Huron counties.

Park Equipment Maintenance Schedule

FORESTER PARK (Park equipment also used for Delaware Park)

Current inventory:

John Deere 4066M 2023 Tractor
John Deere Gator 2016 Model # TX 4x2
John Deere Gator 2021 Model # HPX615E
John Deere 2016 Z915B mower
John Deere 2022 Z960M mower
John Deere 2024 Z930M mower
Pull behind snow blower 2023

Proposed maintenance schedule action:

Replace John Deere 2016 Z915B mower in 2026

EVERGREEN PARK

Current inventory:

John Deere Gator Model HPX615
John Deere Gator PX
John Deere Z960M mower
John Deere Z915B mower
John Deere 4044M tractor

Proposed maintenance schedule action:
Replace John Deere Z915B mower in 2026

LEXINGTON PARK

Current inventory:

John Deere 4044M tractor. Year unknown, but it is very old as it was originally used at Forester Park (1804.6 hours as of 9-2-2025)

John Deere Gator TX 2016 (2438.7 hours as of 9-2-2025)

John Deere Model # 2930M 2022 mower (667.1 hours as of 9-2-2025)

Proposed maintenance schedule action:

Purchase a new smaller John Deere Garden Gator in 2026

Plans are to replace John Deere Model #2930M mower in 2027

Old tractor seems to be working well at the present time

Fall maintenance is performed by staff at each park annually and as needed

Location Maps

Enclosed are GIS maps and site development maps of Forester Park, Evergreen Park, Lexington Park and Delaware Park.

Recreation and Support Facilities

Forester Park is generally recognized as the "granddaddy" of the Sanilac County Parks. With 195 sites overlooking scenic Lake Huron, the campground has been a favorite of travelers for generations. Support facilities include:

A caretaker's residence with a 13'x24' handicapped accessible office and 21'x40' handicapped accessible store as well as a 24'x13' handicapped accessible arcade. In 2024, the caretaker's residence was remodeled with new windows, siding and a remodeled bathroom. New flooring was placed in the park store in 2025. A new bathroom was added to the park office in 2024.

A 30'x45' handicapped accessible bathroom/shower building

A 20'x35' handicapped accessible bathroom/shower building

A 42'x47' maintenance garage. A new bathroom was added to the park shop in 2023.

An open pavilion

An enclosed hexagon pavilion that was newly erected in 2021

A 15.5'x28' open pavilion located behind the store

Five log cabins 15'x20'. Cabin #1 is ADA accessible

Old 10'x14' storage building at bathhouse

Pump House 12'x14'

Dump station

Handicapped accessible sites, handicapped accessible sidewalk and boardwalk overlooking Lake Huron

Evergreen Park was established in 2003 with the assistance of a Clean Michigan Initiative Grant in the amount of \$521,000. Nestled along the Cass River, it provides ample opportunities for fishing as 23 species of fish are located here with river access with canoes and kayaks. Hunting opportunities are there as there are ample state game land areas nearby. Park features handicapped accessible bathroom/shower, camping, large day use area, large pond, ADA accessible cabins and playground, picnic and hiking. Evergreen Park has 173 camping sites.

Support facilities include:

Caretaker's house 28'x48'. The caretaker's residence was remodeled in 2024 with the addition of a two car attached garage along with new windows.

Park shed 30'x40'. A new 8'x8' shed was added next to the maintenance garage in 2025.

Park Office 20'x25'. The park office was resided in 2025

Bathroom/shower building 30'x45'

Accessible pavilion 30'x80' with 24'x24' stage

Three Accessible pavilions 20'x40'

ADA accessible canoe/kayak launch along the Cass River

Two handicapped accessible cabins with a total of 5 cabins

Additional picnic tables were purchased as part of a joint purchase with Forester and Lexington parks in 2024. Half of the 20 received at each park are ADA accessible.

Purchased 18 additional picnic tables in 2025 with half of them being ADA compliant.

Widened some of the walking trails to make them more ADA compliant in 2024.

Purchased two new bicycle racks in 025

Purchased six new Triton kayaks for use on the new ADA complaint kayak/canoe launch on the Cass River in 2025.

Lexington Park This community park has 27 acres and services the Greater Thumb area as well as

visitors from the Metro Detroit area. Probably the most scenic of all the Sanilac County parks, Lexington Park has long been a favorite destination to gain access to the north along M-25. Divided into two sections by a deep ravine, it is connected with a scenic wooden bridge. Park features 45 camping sites, picnic area, tennis court, swimming beach, playground and pavilion.

Support facilities include:

Caretaker's residence 20'x30' In 2024, the caretaker's residence was remodeled with two new bedrooms added on the first floor and a new roof. New siding was added to the caretakers' residence during the winter of 2024-2025.

Park Office 12'x20'

Playground

Bathroom/shower building 30'x40'

Park shed 24'x32' A new addition to the park shed in 2023 also included a new cement approach.

Large pavilion 20'x40'

Small pavilion 20'x30'

Tennis court

Delaware Park This community park has 111 acres. It currently services primarily Sanilac County and lower Huron County residents as this facility is day use only with no camp personnel or facilities on site.

A park of not only great size but great potential, Delaware Park has virtually sat idle for years due to the lack of potable water sources. A water source has now been established through the Delaware Township Water Project with water purchased from the Village of Harbor Beach. This site has long been looked at as a possible site for a marina and/or a Harbor of Refuge.

A Delaware Park Feasibility Committee was established in the spring of 2016 to help determine the future course and usage of the park facility. Preliminary plans called for a beach cleanup effort while camping might be added in the near future, probably through a phased project beginning with a limited number of sites. Preliminary cost for just an entrance to the park off M-25 is estimated at \$50,000. A 2024 study entitled 'Delaware Campground Cabin Based Camping' projects an initial investment of \$1,532,400 and would feature 10 rustic cabins. Of that, site clearing and roadway construction is proposed to be completed out of the park's General Fund in the winter of 2025-2026.

Of note, the Sanilac County Parks Commission has done an outstanding job in maintaining the quality of its support services throughout all four county parks and they are all in good working order.

Accessibility Assessment – References Used

The Sanilac County Parks Commission has long been aware of the need to make our facilities accessible for all. Their initial efforts to address accessibility began in July, 1995 when the Parks Commission established an Accessible Recreation Task Force.

This Task Force was composed of volunteers with various disabilities who were interested in assisting the Parks Commission in addressing the accessibility issue as well as park staff and Park

Advisor John Frazier.

This Task Force presented its findings to the Sanilac County Parks Commission at its July, 1995 meeting. The findings dealt with such issues as establishing handicapped camping sites at all parks, making the park offices accessible, purchasing accessible picnic tables, providing access to the Lake Huron beach etc.

Accessibility for the parks was further addressed in 2001 when Ms. Ellen Shippert completed an ADA Assessment Report on the parks.

Work on the accessibility issue was enhanced in 2015 when Advisor John Frazier attended the Michigan Recreation and Park Association Convention conducted at the Raddison Inn and Lansing Center. Among the seminars attended was "New ADA Standards: What is Being Proposed" by Mark Trieglaff. Trieglaff discussed the Outdoor Development Acres ADA Guidelines which essentially state that a minimum of 20% of park amenities need to be ADA compliant.

Based on that information, it was determined that Sanilac County Lexington Park needs a minimum of three accessible sites, Evergreen Park needs a minimum of seven ADA sites and Forester Park needs a minimum of eight ADA sites. Those sites have been established.

In the spring of 2016, Advisor Frazier and park managers along with the park's Building and Grounds Committee completed a study and recommended the following purchases which were made in the spring of 2016:

FORESTER PARK

65 handicapped accessible picnic tables

12 ADA accessible fire rings

Made the bathhouse located on the north side of the park accessible (Fall of 2015 at a cost of \$90,000.

Establish eight handicapped accessible sites at campground

Two phases of new ADA compliant playground equipment were established at Forester Park in 2021 and 2022.

EVERGREEN PARK

Purchase 48 handicapped accessible picnic tables

Purchase 12 ADA accessible fire pit rings

ADA water handle/faucet at large pavilion

Establish seven handicapped accessible sites at campground

Erect two handicapped accessible cabins at Evergreen Park (completed in fall 2015)

In 2025, established ADA canoe/kayak launch on Cass River. Added two new sections of ADA compliant playground equipment, established two new ADA pavilions. Established ADA miniature golf course.

LEXINGTON PARK

Purchase 15 handicapped accessible picnic tables

Purchase four handicapped accessible fire pit rings

Previously, the lack of handicapped accessible playground equipment was addressed as new handicapped accessible playground structures were obtained through grant funding from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Development grant sources for both Forester and Evergreen Park. In addition, a new \$90,000 handicapped accessible playground structure was purchased through park millage monies for Lexington Park in 2016.

Accessibility to the parks was further addressed in the summer of 2019 when the Sanilac County Parks Commission commissioned the Blue Water Center for Independent Living to complete an Accessibility Assessment of all four Sanilac County Parks. Team Access visited both Forester Park and Lexington Park on July 17, 2019 and Evergreen Park and Delaware Park on September 25, 2019. Their findings were prepared on October 9, 2019 and presented by Advisor Frazier to the Sanilac County Parks Commission at their November, 2019 meeting. The Team Access report is included in its entirety.

The Sanilac County Parks Commission obtained the name of this agency from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Since the Team Access report was presented, the Sanilac County Parks Commission has completed several recommendations from Team Access. The Disability Network of Eastern Michigan also addressed accessibility concepts in a 2024 report of current park facilities.

The Parks Commission also submitted a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant application in 2021 which competed Phase 2 of the Forester Park Handicapped Accessible Playground project. Furthermore, the Parks Commission received a 2022 Evergreen Park Accessible Playground and River Access Development grant which added several pieces of accessible playground equipment as well as affording an accessible pathway to the park's pond and adjoining playground area as well as ADA canoe/kayak access to the Cass River.

Site Comparison to 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design

Forester Park: Accessibility Grade 3 – Most facilities meet accessibility guidelines.

Evergreen Park: Accessibility Grade 3 – Most facilities meet accessibility guidelines.

Lexington Park: Accessibility Grade 2 – Some facilities meet accessibility guidelines. (The Sanilac County Park Commission hopes to upgrade its status in addressing accessibility needs with its 2025 submission of the Lexington Park Accessibility Plan grant application through the DNR Trust Fund).

Delaware Park: Accessibility Grade 1 – None of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines

Status Report on Grant Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities

The Sanilac County Parks Commission is pleased to say that all grant-assisted facilities are still open to the public. In addition, there are no conversions of land use at any of the four Sanilac County Parks. The Sanilac County Parks Commission plans to keep these facilities open in perpetuity.

The following is a summary of the grant-funded projects at Sanilac County Parks. Of note, all grants received from the state have been for either Sanilac County Forester Park, or Sanilac County Evergreen Park.

Project No. TF96-069 Forester Park Restroom/Shower Project. Project Year 1996. Grant Amount \$60,000. Status: Grant closed

Project No. CM00-033 Evergreen Park Campground Development. Project Year 2000. Grant Amount \$521,644. Status: Grant closed

Federal ID # 38-6004890 Forester Park Improvements (Michigan Coastal Management Grant) Project Year 2000. Grant Amount \$11,000. Status: Grant closed

Project No. TF08-012 Evergreen Park Addition. Project Year 2008. Grant Amount \$79,600. Status: Grant closed

Project No. TF11-057 Evergreen Park Development. Project Year 2011. Grant Amount \$300,000. Status: Grant closed

Project No. TF12-069 Forester Park Accessible Playground Project. Project Year 2012. Grant Amount \$19,000. Status: Grant closed

Project No. RP15-0019 Handicapped Accessible Playground Equipment Project (Evergreen Park) Project Year 2015. Grant Amount \$45,000. Status: Grant closed

Project No. TF21-0183 Forester Park Phase 2 Handicapped Accessible Playground. Project Year 2021. Grant amount \$80,200. Status: Grant closed

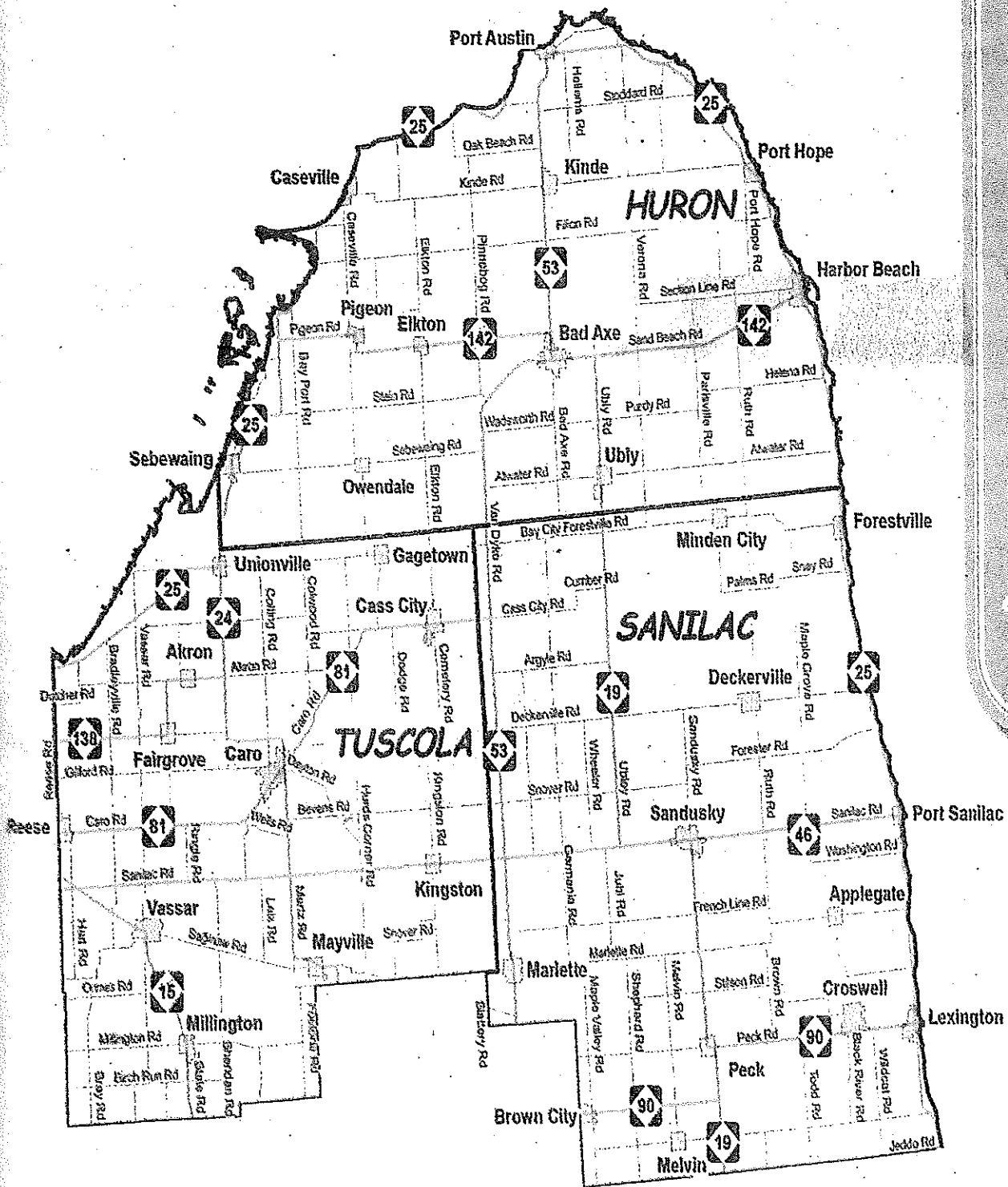
Project No. TF22-0179 Evergreen Park Accessible Playground and River Access Development. Project Year 2022. Grant amount \$300,000. Status: Closed

Project No. TF25- Lexington Park Accessibility Plan. Project Year 2026. Grant amount \$400,000. Status: Pending.

In total, the Sanilac County Parks Commission has received nearly \$1,500,000 in grant funding while essentially matching that amount with General Fund and millage monies to make improvements to the county park system.

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FORESTER PARK CABIN REVENUE

2023 \$ 37,666.00

2024 \$ 38,785.00

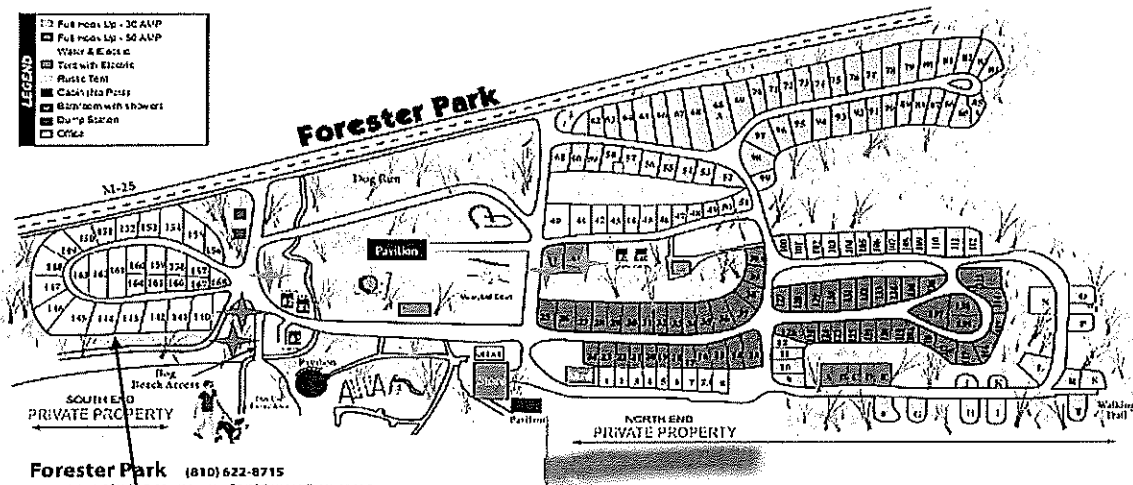
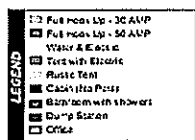
YTD 8/2025 \$ 28,825.00

Rented out 75-80% on weekends
and around 35% during the week.

5 YEAR PLAN

ADD 3 CABINS ON SITES U, V AND SOUTHEND NEAR

ADD 2 DLX CABINS ON SOUTHEAST SIDE OF PARK (WATER/ELECTRIC/SEWER)



Forester Park (810) 622-8715
2820 N. LAKE SHORE RD. (M-25) - CARLSONVILLE, MI 48419
Email: forestrv@hotmail.com
www.sanilacountyarks.com

Located 6 miles north of Port Sanilac on M-25 along the scenic Lake Huron shoreline, this 63 acre facility offers 150 camping sites, a handicapped accessible shower building, a park store, picnic pavilion, a swimming beach and nature trails.

Rev. 1/2024

Also, looking to upgrade sites 140-168 to full service (add sewer)



Evergreen Park Events

See Flyers for more information

May

Cinco De Mayo Weekend

5/2 - 5/4

Mother's Day Weekend

5/9 - 5/11

Memorial Day Weekend

5/23 - 5/25

June

Fishing Tournament

6/7

Father's Day Weekend

6/13 - 6/15

July

Independence Day Weekend

7/4 - 7/6

August

Labor Day Weekend

8/29 - 9/1

September

EverScream Weekends

September 9/12 - 9/14

September 9/19 - 9/21

COMING SOON

Putt-Putt Golf

2 New Pavilions

LEGEND

- 1-100 Campsites
- 101-150 Cabins
- 151-200 Paved Areas
- 201-250 Parking Areas
- 251-300 Other Areas

Brown's
Pizzeria & Subs
900-458-8212

Wild John's
Wild John's Bar & Grill
989-812-8944

Evergreen Park
(989) 872-6600
4731 VAN DYKE RD. (M-53) • CASS CITY, MI 48726
Email: green@evergreenpark.com
www.evergreenpark.com

Located 9 miles north of M-56 along M-53, Evergreen Park is a quiet and scenic getaway in the heart of Michigan's Thumb Area. It is adjacent to the Cass River and has manicured areas, fire camping and fairground-style facilities. Also, modern and thorough restrooms with 50 amp service. Evergreen Park features several themed scenarios, hiking and fishing.

Camping Rates

Type	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Seasonal
Rustic(No Utilities)	\$30	\$180	N/A	N/A
Water/Electric/Sewer (30amp)	\$45	\$270	\$810	\$2,800
Water/Electric/Sewer (50amp)	\$50	\$300	\$900	\$3,200
Cabins (Electric/Heat/AC)	\$90	\$540	N/A	N/A
Large Pavilion (20 Tables)	\$150	N/A	N/A	N/A
Small Pavilion (10 Tables)	\$75	N/A	N/A	N/A
Storage	\$2	\$10	\$35	\$200

5/25/2021

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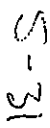


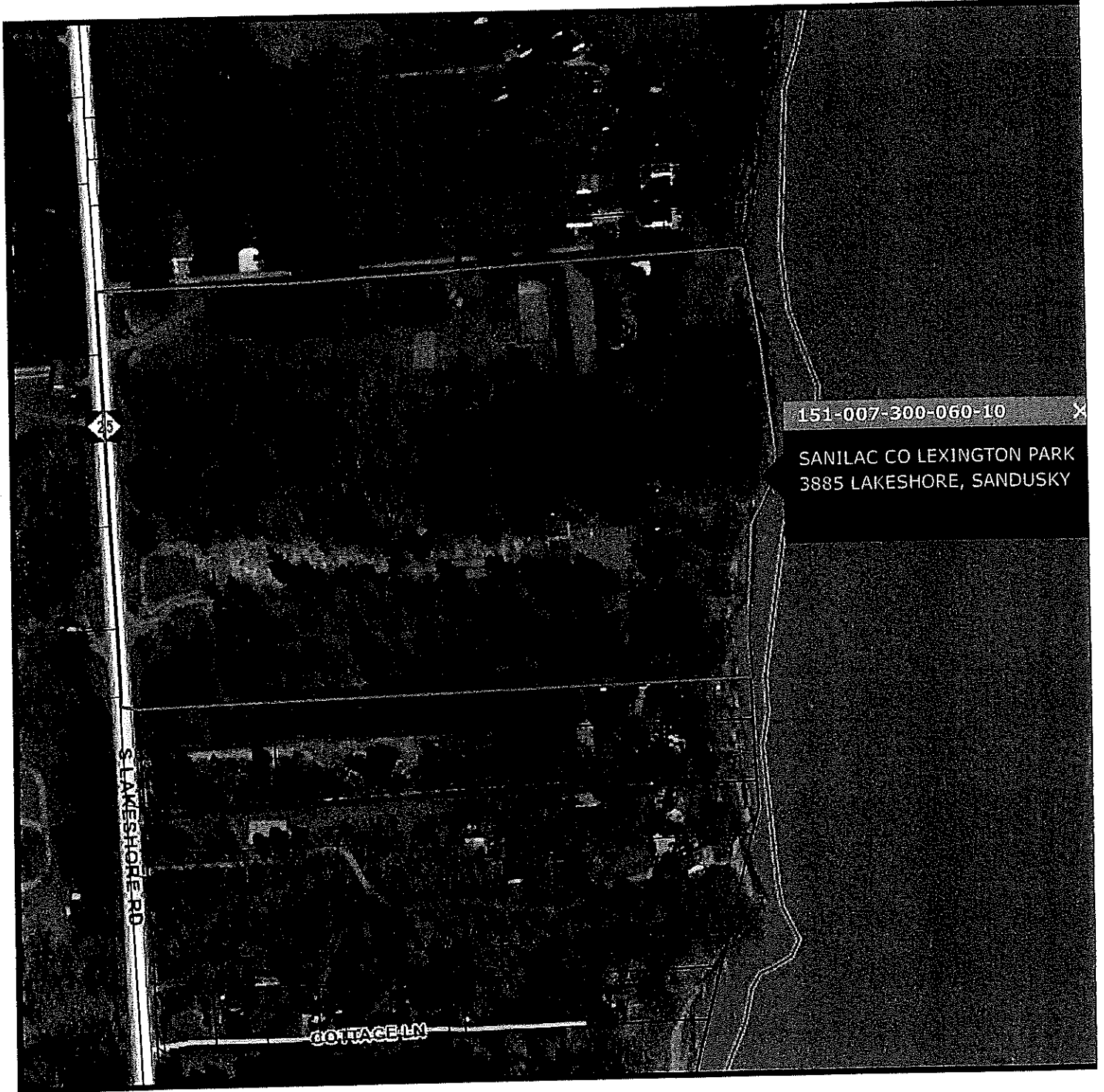
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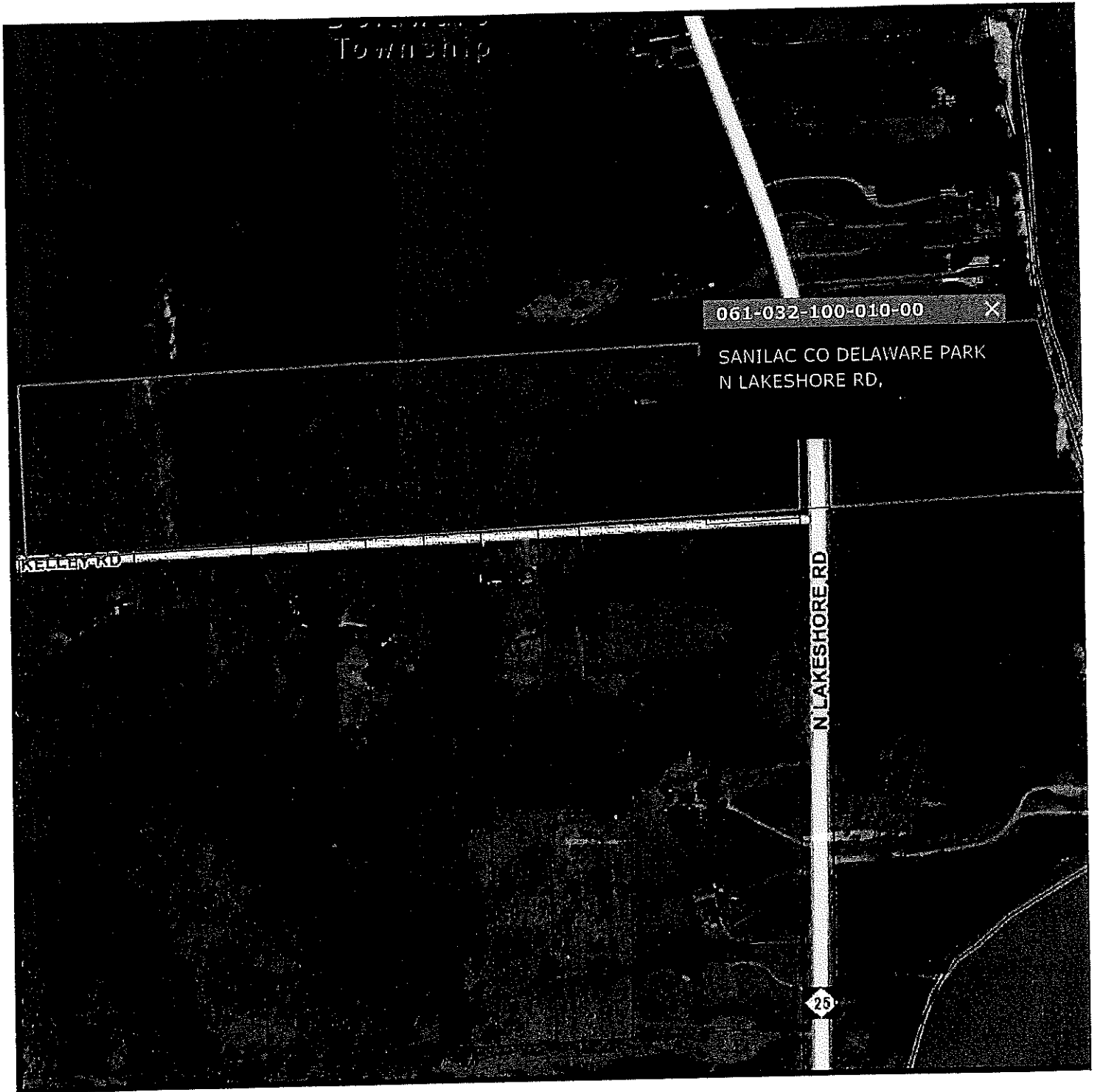
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Resident





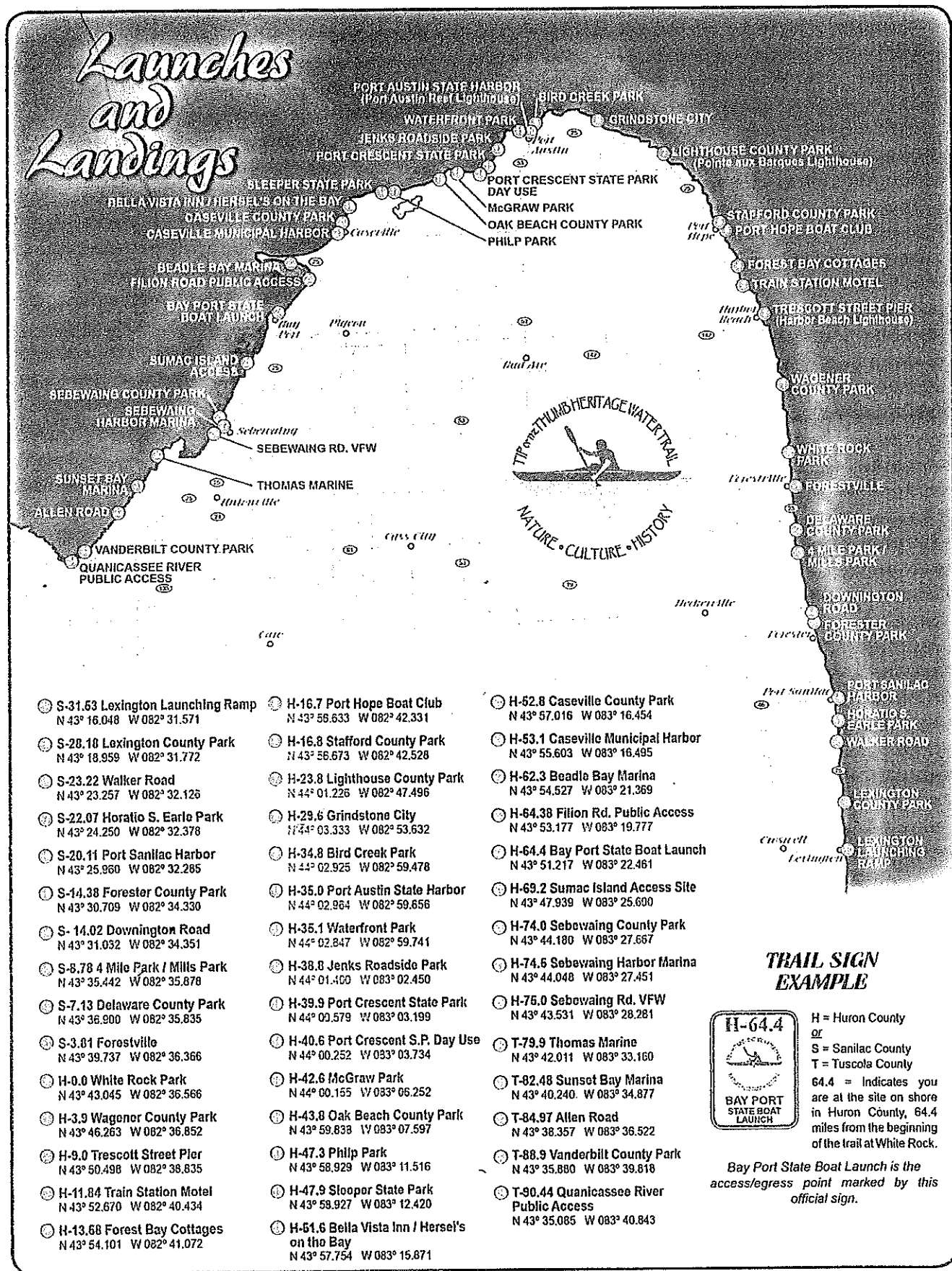


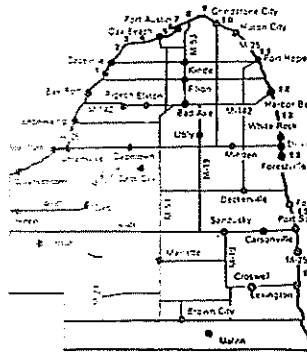
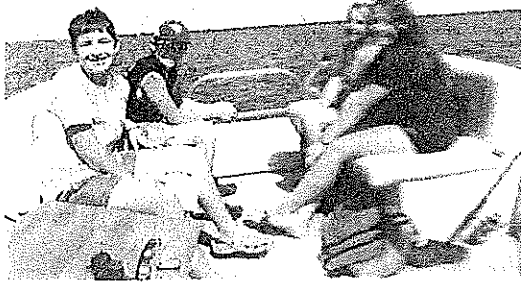
THUMB AREA PARKS & CAMPGROUNDS



STATE PARKS	COUNTY PARKS	PRIVATE TRAILER PARKS & CAMPGROUNDS	NO. OF SITES																
				SNOWMOBILE TRAILS	TENNIS/SKATING	HIKING TRAILS	FISHING	PLAYGROUND	PICNIC GROUNDS	BOAT LAUNCH	SWIM BEACH	PARK STORE	SANITATION	SHOWER	BATH HOUSE	PIT TOILETS	FLUSH TOILETS	RUNNING WATER	ELECTRICITY
ALBERT E. SLEEPER, 856-4411, (Recreational Passport Required) Open all year www.michigan.gov/sleeper M-25, Caseville, MI 48725			226		X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PORT CRESCENT, 738-8663, (Recreational Passport Required) Open all year www.michigan.gov/dnr M-25, Port Austin, MI 48467			137			X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
LAKEPORT STATE PARK, 810-327-6224, (Recreational Passport Required) 1 mile beach along the Lake Huron shoreline. www.michigan.gov/dnr Large, modern campground nearby, 7605 Lakeshore Rd., Lakeport, MI 48059			250			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SANILAC HISTORIC SITE, (Recreational Passport Required) 240 Acres Park, open for hiking. Fenced in Petrioglyp Rock, Special Permit Required, call 989-856-4411 www.michigan.gov/sanilacpetrioglyp						X													
JENKS PARK (Day Use) (Recreational Passport Required) M-25, 3 miles south of Port Austin																			
CASEVILLE COUNTY PARK, 856-2080, M-25, north limits of Caseville, MI 48725			214			X	X	X	X	X									
LIGHTHOUSE PARK, 428-4749, Lighthouse Road, 10 miles north of Port Hope			107			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MCGRAW COUNTY PARK (Day Use) M-25, Port Austin						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
OAK BEACH COUNTY PARK, 856-2344, M-25, 8 miles north of Caseville			55			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PHILPS COUNTY PARK, (Day Use) M-25, 6 miles north of Caseville						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
BIRD CREEK COUNTY PARK, 269-6404, (Day Use) M-25, in the heart of Port Austin						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
STAFFORD PARK, 428-4213, M-25, North St., Port Hope						X	X	X	X	X									
WAGENER PARK, 479-9131, Helena Road, Harbor Beach			73			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SANILAC COUNTY FORESTER, 2820 N. Lakeshore (M-25) Park, Carsonville, MI			96			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
DELEWARE PARK, 810-622-8715, 6301 N. Lakeshore Rd., (M-25), Deckerville, MI			144			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
LEXINGTON PARK (Day Use), 3885 S. Lakeshore (M-25), Lexington, MI			19			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
EVERGREEN PARK (Day Use), 4652 Van Dyke (M-53), Cass City, MI			147			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
GRAHAM MEMORIAL PARK, 810-679-3834, 160 Roach Rd., Crosswell, MI			20			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SEBEMING COUNTY PARK, 883-2033, 759 Union St., Sebewaling, MI			64			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
FORESTER PARK, 810-622-8715 2820 N. Lakeshore, Carsonville, MI 48419			190			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
HIAMATHA TRAILER PARK, 738-8476, 3184 Port Austin Road, Port Austin			6			X													
DUGGAN'S FAMILY CAMPGROUND, 738-5160, 2941 Port Austin Rd, Port Austin www.myspace.com/dugganscampground			306			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WHALENS GRINDSTONE SHORES, 738-7664, 3373 Ple. Aux Barques Rd., Port Austin			27			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
LAKE SHORE PINE, 738-8461, 3191 Port Austin Road, Port Austin			41			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
QUARRY FIELDS CAMPGROUND, 8850 Quarry Drive, Grindstone City			107			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
NORTH PARK, 479-9554, M-25, Harbor Beach, 3/4 mile north of blinker light, www.harborbeachmi.org			184			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
LEXINGTON RV RESORT, 810-359-5359, 7181 Lexington Blvd., Lexington, MI			210			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
BER-WA-GA-NA CAMPGROUNDS, 673-7125, 2801 Sanilac Rd., Vassar, MI			150			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
OFF SHORE MARINE, 479-6064, 5 Lyle St., Harbor Beach, MI			15			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
BEADLE BAY MARINE & CAMPGROUNDS, 4375 Lone Eagle Trl., Sandpoint, Caseville, MI			31+			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
LAKE HURON CAMPGROUND, 2333 N. Lakeshore Rd., Port Sanilac Cable/WIFI, www.lakehuroncampground.com			305			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
CAMPERS HAVEN FAMILY CAMPGROUND, 2326 S. Van Dyke Rd., Bad Axe 989-269-7989 www.campershavenonline.com			130			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
KRYSTAL LAKE CAMPGROUND, 5475 Washburn Rd., Vassar, MI www.krystallakecampground.com 989-943-0591			200			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
GALLUP PARK (Day Use) M-25 in the Village of Port Austin						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

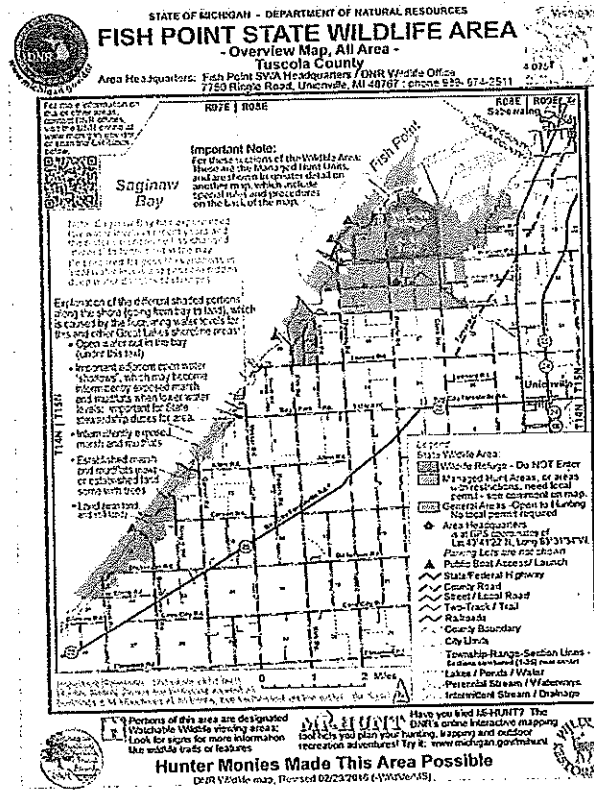
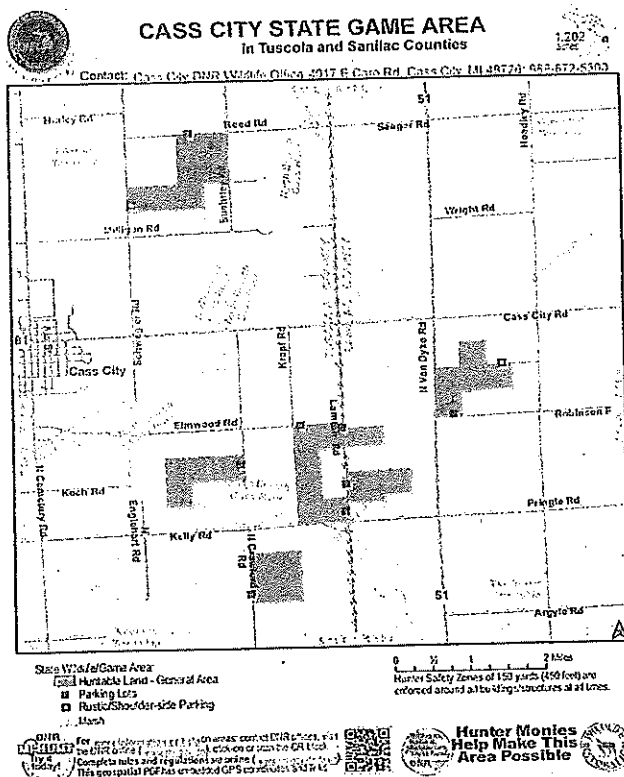
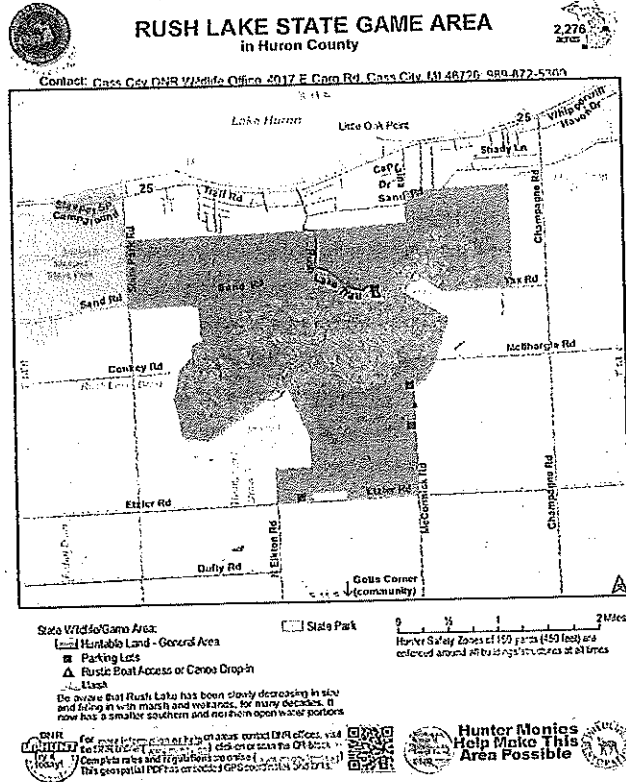
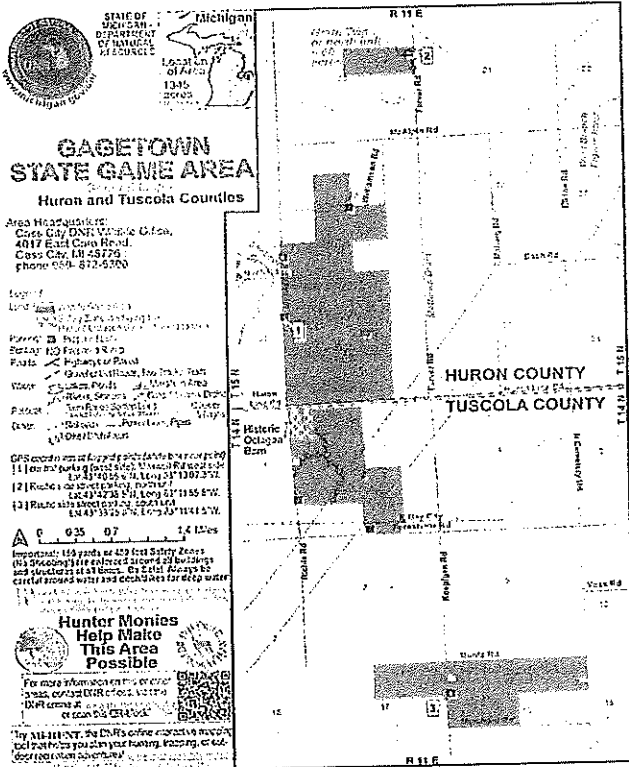
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NAME	FACILITIES	BEACH DESCRIPTION
1. Caseville Public Beach North end of Caseville	Beach, Bathhouse, Breakwall, Picnicking, Shelters, Running Water, Concessions	Large, very active public beach for bathing
2. Sleeper State Park Beach 5 miles northeast of Caseville on M-25	Beach, Bathhouse, Picnicking, Shelters, Hiking Trails, Running Water, RECREATION PASSPORT REQUIRED	Large, very active public beach for bathing
3. Philp County Park 5 miles northeast of Caseville on M-25	Small Beach, Picnicking, Pot Toilets	Small, secluded beach & roadside park
4. Thompson scenic Outlook 7 miles northeast of Caseville on M-25	Small Beach, Picnicking	Small, secluded beach & roadside park
5. Oak Beach County Park 8 miles southwest of Port Austin on M-25	Beach, Bathhouse, Picnicking, Shelter, Running Water	Moderately active public beach for bathing
6. McGraw County Park North end of Caseville, 7 miles SW of Pt Austin on M-25	Beach, Bathhouse, Picnicking, Shelter, Running Water	Moderately active public beach for bathing
7. Port Crescent State Park Beach 5 miles southwest of Port Austin on M-25	Beach, Bathhouse, Breakwall, Picnicking, Running Water, Shelter, RECREATION PASSPORT REQUIRED	Large, very active public beach for bathing
8. Jenks Park, 4 miles southwest of Port Austin Harbor in Port Austin	Beach, Pot Toilets, Picnicking, Hand Pump, Running Water	Moderately active public beach for bathing
9. Bird Creek County Park, just east of Port Austin Harbor in Port Austin	Beach, Breakwall, Shelter, Picnicking, Breakwall across harbor, Bathhouse, Running Water	Large, very active public beach for bathing
10. Eagle Bay Public Access, 2 miles east of Port Austin on Pte. Aux Barques Road	Small Beach, Pot Toilets, Picnicking	Small, secluded beach and fishing area
11. Lighthouse County Park North of Port Hope	Lighthouse, Bathhouse, Picnicking, Running Water, Shelter	No beach but secluded sunbathing in park
12. James H. Lincoln Memorial Park Trescott Street Pier Downtown Harbor Beach	Beach, Bathhouse, Shelter, Picnicking, grills, Playgrounds, Running Water, Breakwall across town at Harbor Beach Marina, Bike & Pedestrian Path, Hapsis & O'Brien Launch site (Tip of the Thumb Heritage Water Trail)	Moderately active public beach for bathing
13. Wagener County Park 6 miles south of Harbor Beach on M-25	Small Beach, Bathhouse, Shelter, Picnicking	Small secluded beach at east end of park
14. Delaware Park 14 miles north of Port Sanilac on M-25	Small Beach, Picnicking, Pot Toilets	Small secluded beach and roadside park
15. Forester Park 6 miles north of Port Sanilac on M-25	Beach, Picnicking, Hiking, Nature Trails, Bathhouse, Shelter, Running Water	Large, very active public beach for bathing
16. Lexington Park 3 miles north of Lexington on M-25	Tennis Courts, Beach, Picnicking	Moderately active public beach for bathing
17. Veterans Water Front Park Just west of the Port Austin Harbor	Beach, Pavilion, Picnicking, Running Water, Breakwall, Playset	Moderately active public beach for bathing

State Game Area Maps for the Thumb Area



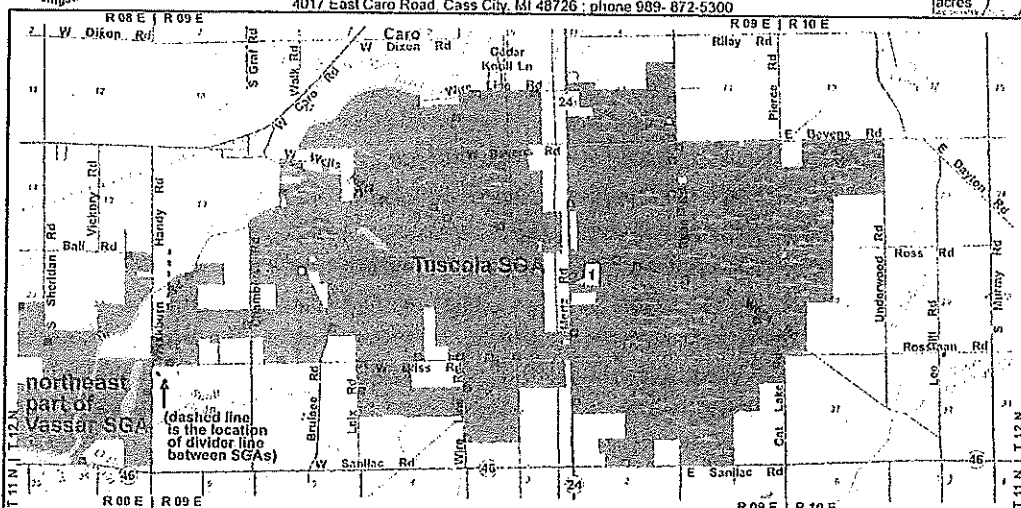
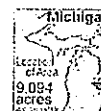


State Game Area Maps for the Thumb Area



STATE OF MICHIGAN - DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TUSCOLA STATE GAME AREA

General Map -
Tuscola County
Area headquarters: Cass City DNR Wildlife Office
4017 East Caro Road, Cass City, MI 48726 - phone 989-872-5300



- Legend:**
- State Land: Wildlife Game Area
 - Parking: Prepared Lots
 - Boating: Prepared Ramp
 - Roads: Highways, Paved Roads
 - Water: Lakes, Ponds
 - Political: Town Range Section Lines
 - Other: Railroads
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 - Rustic or Shoreside
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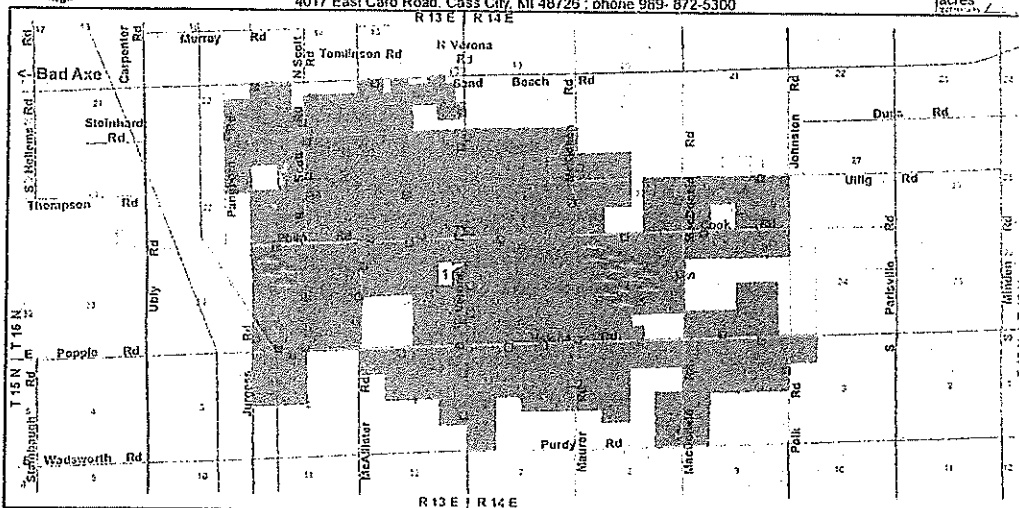
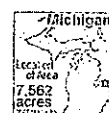
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STATE OF MICHIGAN - DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES VERONA STATE GAME AREA

General Map -
Huron County
Area headquarters: Cass City DNR Wildlife Office
4017 East Caro Road, Cass City, MI 48726 - phone 989-872-5300



- Legend:**
- State Land: Wildlife Game Area
 - Parking: Prepared Lots
 - Boating: Prepared Ramp
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Thumb Area

MOTELS & COTTAGES

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APPLEGATE																									
1	AMBER LANE G & C FAMILY VACATION RENTAL 2450 Lakeshore Rd. • 810-622-0642	S	x	x							x			x		x	x							x	
BAD AXE																									
38	AMERIWAY INN 898 N. Van Dyke • 989-269-3200	Y			x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x		x	x	x		x
65	HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS 55 Rapson Lane W. • 989-269-5293	Y			x		x	x	x	x	x			x	x		x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
47	THE FRANKLIN INN 160 E. Huron • 989-269-9951	Y			x		x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x
8	BAD AXE MOTEL 1595 S. Van Dyke Rd. • 989-975-2203 989-269-6997 • www.BadAxeMotel.com	Y	x		x		x				x			x		x	x				x	x	x	x	x
BAY PORT																									
4	BAY PORT INN 827 Promenade • 989-656-9911	Y			x	x				x		x	x	x	x	x					x	x	x		x
CASEVILLE																									
32	BELLA VISTA INN 6024 Pt. Austin Rd. • 989-856-2650	Y	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x			x	x	x	x		
6	CABINS OF CASEVILLE Pt. Austin Rd. • 989-561-2347	S	x	x		x			x	x	x			x			x	x						x	
7	CREWS LAKESIDE RESORT 4750 Pt. Austin Rd. • 989-856-2786	S	x	x		x			x								x							x	x
6	RAINBOW MOTEL 6850 Division • 989-856-3693	S		x	x	x	x		x	x				x			x							x	x
35	SUNSET BAY RESORT 6008 Pt. Austin Rd. • 989-856-2650	Y	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x			x	x	x	x		
20	DALES LAKE FRONT COTTAGES 4744 Pt. Austin Rd. • 989-874-5181	Y	x	x		x					x			x		x	x	x	x	x				x	

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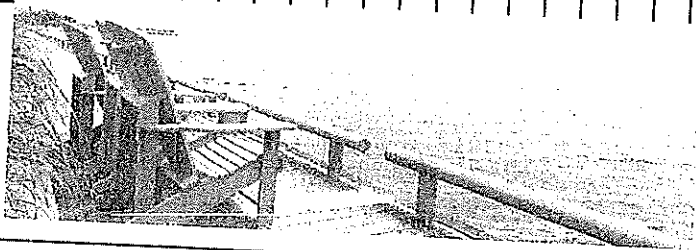
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CROSWELL																									
14	DEE JAY'S PLACE 5060 E. Peck Rd. • 810-858-0354	Y			X		X		X		X			X		X	X		X		X	X		X	X
GAGETOWN																									
14	GAGETOWN SHERWOOD ON THE HILL 6625 Third St. • 989-665-9971	S			X		X			X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X		X	X		X	
GRINDSTONE CITY																									
7	CAPTAIN MORGAN'S GRINDSTONE RESORT 3337 Ple. Aux Barques • 989-738-7665	S	X	X		X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X		X			X	X	X	X	X	X
10	WHALEN'S GRINDSTONE SHORES 3373 Ple. Aux Barques • 989-738-7664	S	X	X		X				X	X			X	X		X		X		X	X		X	
HARBOR BEACH																									
8	MOTEL HURON 1115 S. Lakeshore • 989-479-9162	S			X	X	X			X	X			X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	
	HARBOR BEACH COTTAGES Waterfront • 989-479-9707	Y									X								X	X	X	X	X	X	
12	HARBOR BEACH INN 722 Slate St. • 989-479-9424 www.hbimi.com	Y			X		X			X				X		X	X				X	X	X	X	X
LEXINGTON																									
33	BEACH COMBER RESORT 3599 S. Lakeshore (M-25) 810-359-8859	Y	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X						X							X	X
26	BRITANNIA BEACH HOUSES P.O. BOX 5 • 810-359-5772	S	X	X		X			X								X							X	
29	LAKEVIEW HILLS 6560 E. Peck (M-90) • 810-359-7333	Y			X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X
7	LAKEWINDS MOTEL GET-A-WAY 6997 S. Lakeshore (M-25) 810-359-5196	S	X		X		X		X		X						X				X	X	X	X	X

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Thumb Area MOTELS & COTTAGES

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LEXINGTON																									
8	LEX ON THE LAKE 5795 Main St. • 810-359-7910	S	x	x		x	x		x					x		x	x							x	x
11	LUSKY LAKEFRONT COTTAGES 8949 Lakeshore Dr. • 810-327-6889	S	x	x		x				x				x	x	x	x			x	x	x	x		
PORT AUSTIN																									
17	BEACHCOMBER 158 W. Spring • 989-738-8354	S	x		x	x	x	x		x	x			x	x		x		x		x	x			
15	BLUE SPRUCE 8527 Lake Street • 989-738-8650	S	x	x	x		x	x		x	x			x	x		x		x		x	x		x	
8	KREBS (krebsslane@gmail.com) 2966 Port Austin Rd. • 989-738-8548	S	x	x		x					x			x	x		x		x		x	x			
35	LAKESIDE MOTOR LODGE 8654 Lake St. • 989-738-5201	Y	x	x	x		x	x		x	x			x	x		x							x	x
29	LAKE VISTA MOTEL & COTTAGES 168 W. Spring • 989-738-8612	S	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x			x	x		x		x	x	x	x		x	x
11	LUCKY HORSESHOE 8527 Lake Street • 989-738-8650	S	x	x	x		x	x		x	x			x	x		x		x		x	x	x	x	x
11	PORT AUSTIN MOTEL 8761 Larned Road • 989-738-8729	Y	x		x	x	x				x			x	x		x		x		x	x			
18	SANDCASTLES ON THE BEACH 1368 Port Austin Rd. • 989-738-4200	S	x	x	x	x	x	x		x				x		x	x				x	x		x	x
17	SUN & SAND MOTEL 891 Port Austin Rd. • 989-738-7513	Y	x		x		x	x	x	x				x	x		x		x		x	x		x	
	SETTLED SHORES - Open yearly 3143 Shore Drive. • 989-550-1074	Y	x	x						x	x			x	x		x		x		x	x	x	x	x
9	4 SHORES COTTAGES 60 W. Spring St. Port Austin www.4shorescottages.com	S	x	x		x				x				x		x				x	x		x		
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HURON COUNTY

Bad Axe Public Library
200 S. Hanselman • Bad Axe
989.269.8538
Log On: Start Computer, will recognize the signal

Caseville County Park
6400 Port Austin Rd. • Caseville
989.856.2080
Log On: Open internet, at log in screen, enter first name, email address & zip code

Harbor Beach Area District Library
105 N. Huron Ave.
Harbor Beach
989.479.3417
Log On: Ask Librarian to turn service on

Harbor Beach Marina
1 Ritchie Drive • Harbor Beach
989.479.9707
Log On: Open internet, at log in screen, enter first name, email address & zip code

Harbor Beach Subway
315 State St. • Harbor Beach
989.479.0004
Log On: Ask for Details Inside

Lemon Tree Marketplace
6604 Main St. • Casville
989.856.8733
Log On: Ask for password at front counter

Port Austin State Dock
Bay St. • Port Austin
Log On: Open internet, at log in screen, enter first name, email address & zip code

The Green Clean Bean Espresso
124 E. Spring Street • Port Austin
989-738-0112
Log On: Password provided on receipt & upon request

Wilcox Park
650 Whitlam St. • Bad Axe
989.269.2630
Log On: Start Computer, will recognize the signal

Sleeper Public Library
2236 Main St. • Uby
989.658.8901
Log On: Ask Librarian for password

Pigeon District Library
7236 Nitz St. • Pigeon
989.453.2341
Log On: Drivers License required. Librarian will put in password

Port Austin Twp. Library
114 Railroad St. • Port Austin
989.738.7212
Log On: Ask Librarian for password

Port Hope Laundromat
4419 Main Street • Port Hope
989.551.3438
Log On: Get password inside

Sebewaing Twp Library
41 N. Center St. • Sebewaing
989.883.3520
Log On: Ask Librarian for password

TUSCOLA COUNTY

Caro Area District Library
840 W. Frank St. • Caro
989.673.4329
Log On: Start Computer, will recognize the signal

Rawson Memorial Library
6495 Pine St. • Cass City
989.872.2856
Log On: Start Computer, will recognize the signal

Bullard-Sanford Memorial Library
520 W. Huron St. • Vassar
989.823.2171
Log On: Click on Netgear

Reese Unity District Library
2025 Gates St. • Reese
989.868.4120
Log On: Start Computer, will recognize the signal

Mayville District Public Library
6090 Fulton St. • Mayville
989.843.3562
Log On: Start Computer, will recognize the signal

Columbia Twp Library
6456 Center St. • Unionville
989-674-2651
Log On: Start computer, will recognize the signal

Millington Abela District Library
8530 Depot St. • Millington
989.871.2003
Log On: Ask Librarian for password

Fairgrove District Library
1959 Main St. • Fairgrove
989-693-6050
Log On: Start computer, will recognize the signal

SANILAC COUNTY

Aitkin Memorial Library
111 N. Howard Ave. • Croswell
810-679-3627
Log On: Ask for details

Brown City Public Library
4207 N. Main St. • Brown City
810.346.2511
Log On: Ask Librarian for password

Deckerville Public Library
3542 N. Main St. • Deckerville
810.376.8015
Log On: Ask Librarian for password

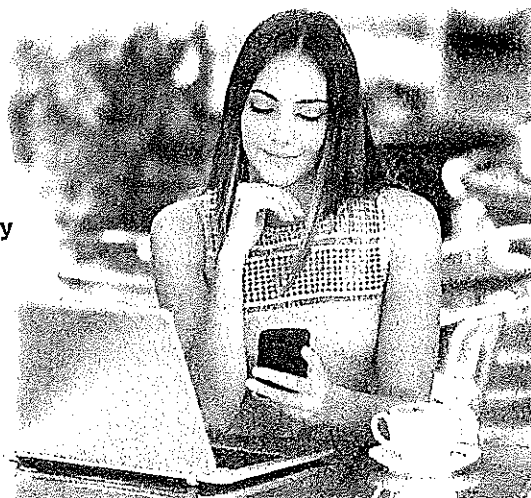
Elk Twp Library
29 E. Lapeer St. • Peck
810.378.5409
Log On: Ask Librarian for password

Lexington Moore Public Library
7239 Huron • Lexington
810.359.8267
Log On: Start computer, will recognize the signal

Marlette District Library
3116 Main • Marlette
989.635.2838
Log On: New-ask Librarian

Sandusky District Library
55 E. Sanilac Ave. • Sandusky
810.648.2644
Log On: Ask Librarian for password and login

Sanilac District Library
7130 Main St. • Port Sanilac
810.622.8623
Log On: Start computer, will recognize the signal



Description of the Planning Process

Planning Methods

The Sanilac County Parks Commission used a variety of planning methods in compiling its 2026-2030 5-Year Recreation Plan.

The basic method featured an Equity-Based Planning Process which focused on community engagement through patrons' comments and suggestions as found in various Sanilac County Park surveys which are available at the park offices as well as the park website. These park surveys are shared with all park personnel, including the Sanilac County Park Commission members, as they are submitted.

In 2026, the Park Commission plans to revitalize the park survey form by making the survey more specified for each specific park. For example, what types of activities might we include in the pond feature at Evergreen Park.

It also focused on equity and inclusion with an eye toward accessibility for all. Information on individuals with disabilities was obtained from Sanilac County Mental Health and a renewed focus on accessibility was gained through the Team Access visit by the Blue Water Center for Independent Living which detailed accessibility concepts at all four county parks. Those concepts have since been updated by personnel from the Disabilities Network of Eastern Michigan and the Wheelin' Team #457.

The study also focused on a Comparison to Park Metrics Planning Process as Sanilac County demographics were considered which shows that a large number of residents are at or below the poverty level. Thus, day use concepts which are free to the public such as accessible playground equipment have been featured while the Parks Commission in July, 2021 reconformed the swimming pond at Evergreen Park to make it more accessible and to change the slope of the pond creating more beach area and less drop off to the deep end. There is no entry fee at any of the Sanilac County parks.

Within the past five years, accessible playground structures have been added at Forester Park in Phase 1 and Phase 2 of a accessible playground project and at Evergreen Park in its recent Playground Development and River Access program which also included an ADA canoe/kayak launch and an accessible miniature golf structure.

A copy of current survey forms is included in this section. In addition, special groups such as the Thumb Area Happy Campers Group (Evergreen Park) were surveyed to obtain their input into the planning process.

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SANILAC COUNTY PARKS COMMUNITY SURVEY



The Sanilac County Parks Commission is seeking COMMUNITY INPUT as it develops an updated 5-Year Recreation Plans for the years 2021-2026 inclusive and beyond.

Please take a moment to fill out all or any portion of this survey. Every opinion and suggestions are important and will be taken into consideration as the Sanilac County Parks Commission develops the 5-Year Recreation Plan. Once adopted and approved, the 5-Year Plan will be submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources & Environment for possible grant applications and will remain on file for public viewing and input.

The Sanilac County Parks system currently consists of:

FORESTER PARK 2820 N. Lakeshore Deckerville, MI 48427 (810)622-8715
68 Acres featuring 190 Sites, Cabins, Bathhouses, Park Store, Swimming Beach, Pavilions and Playground
EVERGREEN PARK 4731 Van Dyke Cass City, MI (989) 872-6600
60 Acres featuring Camping, Pull Through Sites, Pond, Fishing, Pavilions and Playground
LEXINGTON PARK 3885 Lakeshore Rd Lexington, MI 48450 (810) 359-7473
27 Acres featuring 41 Sites, Bathhouse, Tennis Court, Basketball, Pavilions, Beach
DELAWARE PARK 6301 N. Lakeshore Rd. Deckerville, MI 48427
111 Acres featuring Day Use, Picnic Area, Fishing, Hiking & Nature Trails

Please feel free to use additional paper if needed to detail your answers to any of the questions in the Community Survey.

Have you used any of the Sanilac County Parks in the Past? Please Explain

No

How did you obtain information about Sanilac County Parks?

 Drove By/Park Signage Friends or Previous Campers
 Park Literature ☒ Park Website Newspaper/Radio
 Other, Please explain

What features of the Sanilac County Parks do you enjoy?

☒ Campsites Cabins Bathhouses Park Store
 Themed Weekends (Halloween) Movie Nights
 Other, Please explain

What new or additional features or facilities do you think would benefit the Sanilac County Parks?

More Restrooms / Dog beach

Description of the Public Input Process

Early Public Input

The Sanilac County Parks Commission is cognizant of the fact that the parks are the people's parks and have made considerable efforts to incorporate public opinion into its planning process in preparation for the development of the 2026-2030 5-Year Recreation Plan.

Much of the public input has been gleaned from responses from park surveys that the Park Commission has developed. These surveys are available both online on the county park website and at each of the park offices at Forester, Evergreen and Lexington parks. These surveys have been made available for over 17 years as survey results were also used to help compile the 5-Year Recreation Plan. A sample of the park surveys is included in this 5-Year Recreation Plan.

In addition, the park managers and staff make every attempt to solicit and compile patron opinions, complains and suggestions which may vary from such things as the friendliness of the staff to the condition and quantity of the support amenities themselves. Responses received, generally, tend to come from people frequenting the park system so the Park Commission extended its efforts to reach those with disabilities.

Also, the Sanilac County Park Commission meets monthly on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m with all these meetings posted as being open to the public. The agenda always includes a place for public opinion. The Park Commission also attempts to get out into the public eye as it meets at Evergreen Park in June, at Lexington Park in July and at Forester Park in August with the public invited to attend a potluck dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m with the meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m.

The Sanilac County Parks Commission has also solicited public input from various groups including the Thumb Area Happy Campers Group at Evergreen Park as well as soliciting professional advice regarding accessibility at all four county parks from the Blue Water Center for Independent Living through its Team Access program, the Disability Network of Eastern Michigan and the Wheelin' Team #457.

Through information obtained from Sanilac County Mental Health, the Park Commission has also identified that a large number of Sanilac County residents are at or below the poverty income levels.

Therefore, the Park Commission has stressed the importance of developing facilities which are free for use to the public such as improved restroom/shower buildings, accessible playground equipment, accessible pathways to the beach areas on Lake Huron, by purchasing many additional picnic tables, half of which are ADA compliant, and making the park offices and store at Forester Park accessible. Both Forester Park and Evergreen Park also now show free movies to the public on Saturday evenings while the pond area at Evergreen Park is also open to the public to enjoy at no charge. The stairway to the beach at Lexington Park has also recently been improved.

30-Day Public Review Period

The Sanilac County Parks Commission has made the draft plan of its proposed 5-Year Recreation Plan available for public viewing as it is available in hard form at the Sandusky Public Library, the Marlette District Library and available on line on the county website.

Notice of its availability was made through a Public Notice in the Sanilac County News, Sandusky, Michigan, and on public radio spots on WMIC Radio in Sandusky, Michigan. The date of posting of this public notice is September, 2025 and runs through October 31, 2025. The public notice also includes instructions for the public on how to submit comments on the plan via email, or by attending the Public Hearing to follow in November, 2025.

Goals and Objectives

Goal: Providing Recreational Opportunities for the Community

Over the years, the goals and objectives of the Sanilac County Park Commission have remained virtually unchanged. Previously, the Sanilac County Parks Commission established a stated goal of providing recreational facilities to meet the needs of the community and has created numerous objectives in an effort to obtain this goal.

The Parks Commission remains unwavering in its objective of establishing additional campsites while also improving the facilities and addressing accessibility to the Sanilac County Parks. Camp receipt records show that use of the Sanilac County Park system has increased every year during the past five year plan period. It is noted that past improvements to the parks and increased awareness of our facilities have contributed to this increase. Therefore, the Park Commission remains cognizant of the need to provide additional and improved sites and amenities to meet the ever-increasing user demand for said facilities.

Park receipts at Forester Park, Evergreen Park and Lexington Park reveal that the bulk of the camp users either originated from the confines of Sanilac County, or are travelers leaving the Metro Detroit area, generally for the weekend, to enjoy the great outdoors. At Evergreen Park located on M-53, several patrons also come from the adjoining Tuscola County area.

In either case, the Sanilac County Parks Commission realizes that establishing clean attractive and affordable camping and recreational opportunities remains a steadfast objective of the park system.

As the residents of Sanilac County as well as Metro Detroit reside in some of the poorest counties in Michigan, we are cognizant of the fact that many travelers do not have large sums of money to spend when they recreate. Furthermore, many of our camp users frequent the day use facilities where there is no charge to enter the park system and/or enjoy the beach and related facilities. From that research, the Park Commission ascertained that amenities such as accessible playground structures were also a priority.

In reviewing the number of available sites in neighboring campgrounds and hotels/lodges in the vicinity, as compared to travel/tourism figures for Sanilac County, it is easily determined that additional recreational sites are needed, especially during the peak summer travel months.

Indeed, campground figures from Sanilac County Park receipts also indicate that travelers can be turned away during the prime holiday weekends if they have not made reservations at the campgrounds. While the park's policy remains that several sites are left open for holiday travelers, those sites quickly fill up.

While maintaining those sites, the Sanilac County Parks Commission also wishes to strive to improve existing sites and expand upon the number of sites offered to the public. Several examples of this effort include a lengthy list of grant projects undertaken by the Sanilac County Parks Commission as well as countless other local efforts to improve the facilities.

The Sanilac County Parks Commission reached several of its stated objectives during the 5-Year Recreation Plan (2011-2016) period. They included relocating 42 sites at Evergreen Park from out of the flood plain area adjacent to the Cass River to the newly acquired higher ground. This assured that those sites can be used throughout the entire park season and the sites were also updated with full water, sewer and electric hookups. Other improvements include the Park Commission addressing the need for better accessibility, the reestablishment of camping at Lexington Park and the completed Phase 2 camping project at Evergreen Park.

Several stated objectives were also addressed during the recent 2021-2025 5-Year Recreation Plan. Among those were the completion of the Phase 2 ADA accessible playground project at Sanilac County Forester Park and the recently completed Evergreen Park Playground and River Access plan

which addressed several ADA compliance issues at Evergreen Park. In addition, the Sanilac County Park Commission has submitted a 2025 Lexington Park Accessibility Plan grant request through the DNR Trust Fund to address accessibility issues at that facility.

Goal: Reach Stated Goals and Objectives in our current 5-Year Recreation Plan

Several other park objectives were also obtained through the time period of the 2016-2021 5-Year Recreation Plan period.

At Forester Park, 128 sites were upgraded to full septic hookup sites in 2017, the park's electrical system was upgraded as well in 2017, the caretaker's house was remodeled in 2020-2021 and the new octagon pavilion was constructed in 2021 to replace the original pavilion which was demolished in a storm. In addition, the Sanilac County Parks Commission submitted a Michigan Department of Natural Resources grant application to complete Phase 2 of a handicapped accessible playground project at the park.

New improvements were also completed at Sanilac County Evergreen Park during this time period.

An ADA accessible playground project was completed in 2016 with the assistance of a MDNR Trust Fund grant and the project also included completing a handicapped accessible parking area.

The park staff added a new roof to the park's small pavilion in 2017 while 14 full hookup sites were added to the park in the southwest corner of the park in 2018. In 2019, the Parks Commission approved a plan to upgrade 11 sites with sewer facilities.

Lexington Park has also seen improvements made during that time period.

Those improvements include putting in septic service to 22 sites, purchasing an accessible playground structure, upgrading the electric service and adding water and electric to sites on the south side of the main entrance road. The main bathroom was also converted to become handicapped accessible. All improvements were paid for from the park's General Fund.

During the 2021-2025 time period, the Sanilac County Park Commission also addressed several issues throughout the system. Among those were extensive work on the caretaker's residences at Forester, Evergreen and Lexington parks.

Specifically, improvements at Forester Park included new siding, windows, gutters, a new upper deck and an updated bathroom at the caretaker's residence, new air conditioning and epoxy floors in the park store, updated hand faucets and lighting in the park bathrooms, new bathrooms in the office and main shed as well as the planting of several new trees.

At Lexington Park, the maintenance shed was also improved and an ADA accessible observation deck was added. The caretaker's house saw two new bedrooms added as well as a new roof.

Evergreen Park saw improvements such as the purchase of six new Triton kayaks for patrons use on the Cass River, the addition of the new ADA accessible canoe/kayak launch, a new ADA accessible miniature golf feature, two new ADA accessible pavilions and more ADA accessible playground equipment.

Goal: Obtaining Self-Sufficiency

While both expanding and maintaining the park facilities, the Sanilac County Parks Commission is also cognizant of the fact that it must retain its goal of becoming self-sufficient to assure that the park system will remain open in the future.

Originally, the park system was funded through a \$20,000 stipend from the county's General Fund along with the park and camp receipts. Currently, the Sanilac County Parks are funded through a series of 4-year park millages with the latest millage approved by county voters in 2022. This year, the income from that millage is estimated at \$367,000. That income in combined with park receipts to greatly enhance the park's revenue versus that of previous years. With the adoption of the park millage

by county voters, the Sanilac County Board of Commissioners no longer approves the \$20,000 stipend for park coffers. This new source of revenue has helped the park system to seek and obtain several grants as we now have matching fund sources for seeking additional park improvements. The Sanilac County Park system has received nearly \$1,500,000 through grant sources over the past years. While past park millage requests have been overwhelmingly approved by county voters, the Sanilac County Park Commission strives to use those funds towards maintaining and improving the park system so that, if the millage were ever to be declined, the Sanilac County Parks could remain open to the public through the use of park revenues.

Therefore, it remains a stated goal of the park system to develop all four parks to their fullest. The Sanilac County Parks Commission has looked at ways of determining the number of sites needed by the park simply to be able to keep these facilities open. Meanwhile, a Delaware Park Feasibility Committee was established in 2016 to explore the possibility of initiating a campground on site, originally on a limited basis. Currently, as there is no income derived from Delaware Park, it is remaining open at a cost deficit to the park system. In 2025, the Sanilac County Park Commission has devised a plan to establish 10 cabins on site along with a caretaker's residence. The total plan is set at around \$1,500,000. The Sanilac County Park Commission has voted to begin clearing and establishing a roadway to the proposed sites during the winter of 2025-2026. Monies for that portion of the project would come from the park's General Fund.

The Sanilac County Parks Commission, therefore, determined that the best way to promote additional income at Forester, Evergreen and Lexington parks is to improve and expand those facilities to better attract and entertain travelers while meeting their recreational needs. Additional sites would not only increase income for the park system, but offer additional recreational opportunities to Michigan travelers.

The Sanilac County Parks Commission has taken a look at possible areas where additional sites might be added, albeit on a limited basis.

Through past conversations with Michigan Department of Environmental Quality personnel, it is assumed that Forester Park might be able to add an additional 20 or more sites at the north end of the park using the available water, restroom and related services that are currently available. To accomplish this, the park would have to send its water meter readings taken over the course of the past years to determine the number of possible additional sites and submit those findings to the DEQ.

Evergreen Park, likewise, could add some 20 or more additional sites in the southernmost sector of the park although the current electrical system at the park would have to be evaluated and possibly upgraded to accomplish this objective. The 2026-2030 5-Year Recreation Plan addressed this project with the addition of 27 new sites, perhaps five of which would be additional cabin sites.

Lexington Park could also be upgraded to where all the sites are completely modern while there remains a great need to improve the current restroom/shower building to make it accessible to all. The 2025 Lexington Park Accessibility Plan grant request to the DNR Trust Fund addresses many of the current accessibility issues at Lexington Park.

While establishing a park system at Delaware Park was always just a dream since the Sanilac County Parks Commission purchased the property from the State of Michigan for the sum of \$1.00 several years ago due to the fact that no potable water system existed in the area, a water supply source is now available through the Village of Forestville. While camping could be established in a phased project basis, it is also realized that much of the costs might be absorbed in the initial setup of the park system. For example, the entrance to the park off of M-25 is estimated at \$50,000 alone. Hookup to this new water source is also estimated at \$50,000. Again, the Sanilac County Park Commission has devised a plan to erect 10 cabins and a caretaker's residence at Delaware Park beginning with excavation and roadwork in the winter of 2025-2026.

Goal: Accessibility for all

Another stated goal of the Sanilac County Parks Commission is to continue to address the issue of accessibility for all.

As noted the Sanilac County Parks Commission retained the services of the Blue Water Center for Independent Living to perform an accessibility study of it's 4-park system. Several improvements including accessible playgrounds, campsites and amenities have been addressed. In 2024, the Sanilac County Park Commission teamed with the Disability Network of Eastern Michigan to further address accessibility issues at the parks. This issue is addressed in several sections of the proposed 5-Year Recreation Plan.

Goal: Partnering with Other Agencies and Groups

Sanilac County Parks Commission has striven to partner with various groups and agencies whenever possible.

The Sanilac County Parks Commission enjoyed partnering with the Blue Water Center for Independent Living and its Team Access program. Since that time, the Park Commission has teamed with the Disability Network of Eastern Michigan as well as Wheelin' Team #457 to help address accessibility goals.

A complete list of groups, churches and agencies which have teamed with the Sanilac County parks in 2025 can be found elsewhere in this 5-Year Recreation Plan.

Goal: Awareness of Stated Michigan Department of Natural Resources Goals

Finally, the Sanilac County Parks Commission also wishes to meet the stated goals and objectives as outlined by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in its booklet "Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenways Plans" and having our 5-Year Recreation Plan approved and on file with the State of Michigan, which, in turn, will allow the Sanilac County Parks the authority to seek additional DNR and other funding grant sources in the future as a means to further develop the park system.

As always, the issue before the Sanilac County Parks Commission remains where to best utilize its limited resources to best improve the park system. With money sources tight and operating expenses ever on the increase, the Sanilac County Parks Commission must strive to make the best possible use of it's limited resources.

Action Program

The Sanilac County Parks Commission has laid out an ambitious plan of action as it strives to meet stated goals and objectives, the primary one of which is providing recreational opportunities for all.

Among the specific projects identified as priorities by the Sanilac County Parks Commission are the addition of additional camping sites at Delaware Park and Evergreen Park, the accessibility upgrade at Lexington Park and the need to stress improved accessibility throughout the system.

While the Parks Commission is not currently looking at any land acquisition projects, facility development is highlighted as our current priority.

As previously noted, the development of additional camping sites will help alleviate the stress on the current camping facilities as Forester, Evergreen and Lexington parks are oftentimes full, or nearly full to capacity, during the summer.

This further site development plan will also help assure that the Parks Commission meets its stated goal of being self-sufficient. Currently, both Forester Park and Evergreen Park's income from camping receipts would make those parks self-sufficient, with possibly a few cuts in staff. Lexington Park is run at around a break even budget while there is no income derived from Delaware Park. The Sanilac County Parks Commission is striving to assure self-sufficiency in the event that, for whatever reason, the park millage ballot is ever turned down by county voters. The addition of some 20 sites at Evergreen Park, some at Forester Park plus 10 new sites at Delaware Park would bring in additional income and improve availability. In addition, the Parks Commission hopes to establish two new cabin sites at Lexington Park where none currently exist. To add many additional sites at Lexington Park would require approval by the Lexington Township and Lexington Township Zoning boards.

The Sanilac County Parks Commission has also established the goal of accessibility for all who frequent our facilities.

The parks system has gone a long way in making this happen as most of the facilities at Forester Park and most of the facilities at Evergreen Park are handicapped accessible.

At Evergreen Park, the Parks Commission in 2025 completed an ambitious plan to spend nearly \$750,000 in a handicapped accessible package which includes accessible playground pieces in two sections of the park, an accessible pathway to the park pond and the addition of an accessible pavilions close to the pond area. This project also included an accessible boat launch for those wishing to access the Cass River as well as an ADA compliant miniature golf course which is the only such miniature golf course in the region.

At Lexington Park, the Park Commission in 2025 submitted its Lexington Park Accessibility Plan for potential grant funding through the DNR Trust Fund which calls for the replacement of the old pedestrian bridge connecting the north day use and south campground sectors of the park. The plan also calls for a new 1,100 foot ADA walking trail and observation deck, the conversion of old tennis courts into pickleball courts, and the establishment of two accessible cabins among other features.

In 2022 at Forester Park, the Park Commission successfully submitted a MDNR Trust Fund grant application for Phase 2 of its proposed handicapped accessible playground project. This included several new playground pieces to replace current pieces which were non-compliant, or that have already been removed for safety concerns, as well as adding handicapped accessible fire pits, picnic tables, and shade trees and connects the current playground area with the accessible features.

The Sanilac County Parks Commission's action plan is summarized in the Capital Improvement Plan for park development projects which includes the type of development, estimated costs, if known, and possible funding sources. Of note, this ambitious program would have the Sanilac County Parks Commission seeking grant funding in each year of the proposed 5-Year Recreation Plan.

Sanilac County Forester Park
2820 N. Lakeshore Drive Carsonville (810) 622-8715
Mgr. Jacob Nightingale sanilaccountyparks.com
2026-2030 Action Plan

2026

Add fill/gravel to alleviate easily flooded areas
Replace fence around manager's residence
Replace cabin floors
Sand and paint pavilion
Purchase shop tools (welder)/mower lift/hand tools
Add electric/air conditioner system for existing cabins
Update electrical system in problem areas (street lights)
Redo existing electrical system as currently only 60 of 200 total sites are 50 amp service.
Redo several current small sites combining two small sites into one larger site to accommodate larger units. Erect new sites in north sector of park to replace lost sites created by combining smaller sites.

2027

Replace/maintenance on exiting boardwalk
Resurface current basketball court.
Establish new pickelball court.
Develop ADA nature trail walk with bridge to trails. Identify tree and flower species, erect signage.
Redo existing electrical system as currently only 60 of 200 total sites are 50 amp service.
Establish a garden area using Michigan native plants to help attract locally endangered species.
Add gazebo near the old boat launch area.

2028

Add five new cabins as demand for cabins is high. Some to be ADA accessible and two to be larger units such as the ones proposed for Delaware Park.
Purchase viewing stations for wildlife/freighter viewing
Improve handicapped access to the beach and picnic areas

2029

Add sewer line to south end of park to service sites 140-163.
Establish a Harbor of Refuge/Marina

2030

Establish new ADA splash pad using recycled water.
Add WiFi system as it becomes available in the area.

Sanilac County Evergreen Park
4371 Van Dyke Road Cass City 989-872-6600
Mgr. Joe Ewald evergreen@sanilaccountyparks.com
2026-2030 Action Plan

2026

Establish decorative permanent trash cans bins around the park and close to pavilions.

Erect storage shed

Plant serenity/wildlife viewing garden using Michigan native plants (Bill Collins from the Thumb Area Conservancy is a good source of local plants. This is grant eligible, but would probably have to be included in a larger grant request). (Note: projects valued under \$50,000 do get special consideration).

Stone the storage shed area

2027

Identify plant species along nature trail and purchase signage. Add viewing areas along trail.

Add Wi-fi throughout the park as it becomes available

Extend the current playground parking area

Purchase water float toys for the pond

2028

Establish 27 more camping sites along the south road of the park. This project would include the addition of up to seven additional cabins. This project would include improved electrical as well as sewer, water and roads. This could include extending the pull-thru sites and additional back-in sites. (This is grant eligible)

Split the water/electrical on sites. Currently, sites 58-64 and 83-137 all have dual electrical pedestals and water so every other site has to run extra length hoses and cables. (Grant eligible)

Move or add more rustic sites to the cut outs at the bottom of the park hill (Grant eligible)

2029

Expand smaller sites to accommodate larger campers and parking in the outside row northern loop.

Feature additional activities for fall/winter park visitors such as cross country skiing and snowshoeing.

Purchase wheelchairs with wide tracks for access to the current beach area

Add a water fountain feature to the existing pond

Add a fenced in dog park with play equipment

2030

Erect a community building for year-round usage. This could be improved to become a Sanilac County information, museum/tourism/visitor center building. (This is grant eligible).

Add a disc golf course

Additional erosion control efforts along the banks of the Cass River

Add a bathhouse in the northern loop of the park. Again, this could be grant eligible depending on the size on the project.

Add laundry facilities

Establish an in-ground pool and/or splash pad

Add a net to the current pond to keep fish away from swimmers

Add a waterslide/zipline feature

Erect an enclosed area for store campers

Establish a fish cleaning station

Sanilac County Lexington Park
3885 Lakeshore Road Lexington 810-359-7473
Mgr. Cheri Titus sanilaclex@gmail.com
2026-2030 Action Plan

2026

Establish new back deck for residence at estimated cost of \$3,250.
Improve Bonfire internet/computer system and then send new program to both Evergreen and Forester parks.
Begin construction on Lexington Park Accessibility Plan
Sealing the gazebo deck
Redoing stairs to the beach on both the north and south sectors of the park
Repainting the garbage containers
Repainting the lines for the parking/stairs/tennis courts
Repainting the bathroom doors
Insert 23 new fire pits

2027

Upgrade electrical full hookup sites to 50 amp service (sites 1-21)
Complete construction on Lexington Park Accessibility Plan
Establish a bathhouse in the day use area. (A larger bathhouse similar to the one in the campground area would be grant eligible through the DNR Trust Fund)
Establish a serenity garden using Michigan native plants and flower. (Grant eligible)
If we did not receive the Lexington Park Accessibility Plan grant: (Depending on our score we may reapply for this grant. Since we received a site visitation in August, 2025 we are being considered for funding)
Begin construction to replace the old bridge connecting the north and south sectors of the park. (Grant eligible)
Establish ADA observation wildlife viewing deck overlooking Lake Huron on the north side of the park. (Grant eligible)

2028

Resurface concrete floors in both pavilions
Repave roadway from M-25 to office and parking lot
Establish ADA paved trail on the north side of the park. (Grant eligible)
Erect two ADA cabins on south side of the park overlooking Lake Huron.
Purchase viewing stations for wildlife/freighter viewing

2029

Replace chain link fencing in north, south and west boundaries of the park as fencing is at least 31 years old
Redo existing tennis courts into three new pickleball courts (Grant eligible)
Construction of new office on foundation with heat/air source
Erect a seawall

2030

Establish a new dog park in the north sector the of park. (Not grant eligible as a stand alone project)

Sanilac County Delaware Park
6462 N. Lakeshore Road Palms (810)-622-8715
Mgr. Jacob Nightingale sanilaccountyparks.com
2026-2030 Action Plan

2026

Erect new 850' x 20' dirt road with 60' culdisack to service proposed new cabins.
Estimated cost in 2025 is \$135,000. Monies to come from Park General Fund and Contingency.

2027

Erect 10 new cabins in the south end of the park.
(Cabins include water/sewer/electric with some ADA accessible)
Establish manager's residence
Estimated cost in 2025 for proposed 2027 project is \$1,532,000. Will seek grant funding for project assistance; probably a Michigan DNR Trust Fund grant

2028

Plant additional trees
Erect ADA grills for cabin sites
Purchase new playground equipment. Will seek grant funding assistance
Establish new basketball and/or pickleball court. Possibly combining with playground package in grant application.

2029

Erect new ADA observation deck/s similar to the ones at Lexington Park overlooking Lake Huron.
Erect new pavilion/s.
Establish new nature area with trails and signage identifying trees and flowers. Plant Michigan native flowers to help attract locally endangered species.
All of these 2029 objectives (and possibly the 2030 objective) could be combined into one grant application; probably through a DNR Trust Fund or Recreation Passport application.

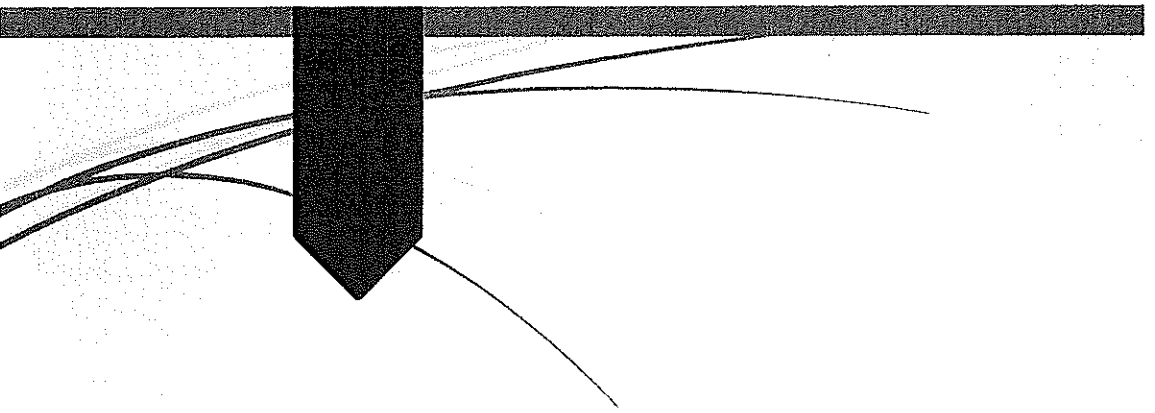
2030

Construct 10 additional cabins in loop locate on south side of park with electrical and water hookups.
Seek grant funding sources; probably DNR Trust Fund application.
Establish horse/walking trails and/or mountain bike trails
Establish a Harbor of Refuge/Marina

Delaware Campground

Cabin Based Camping

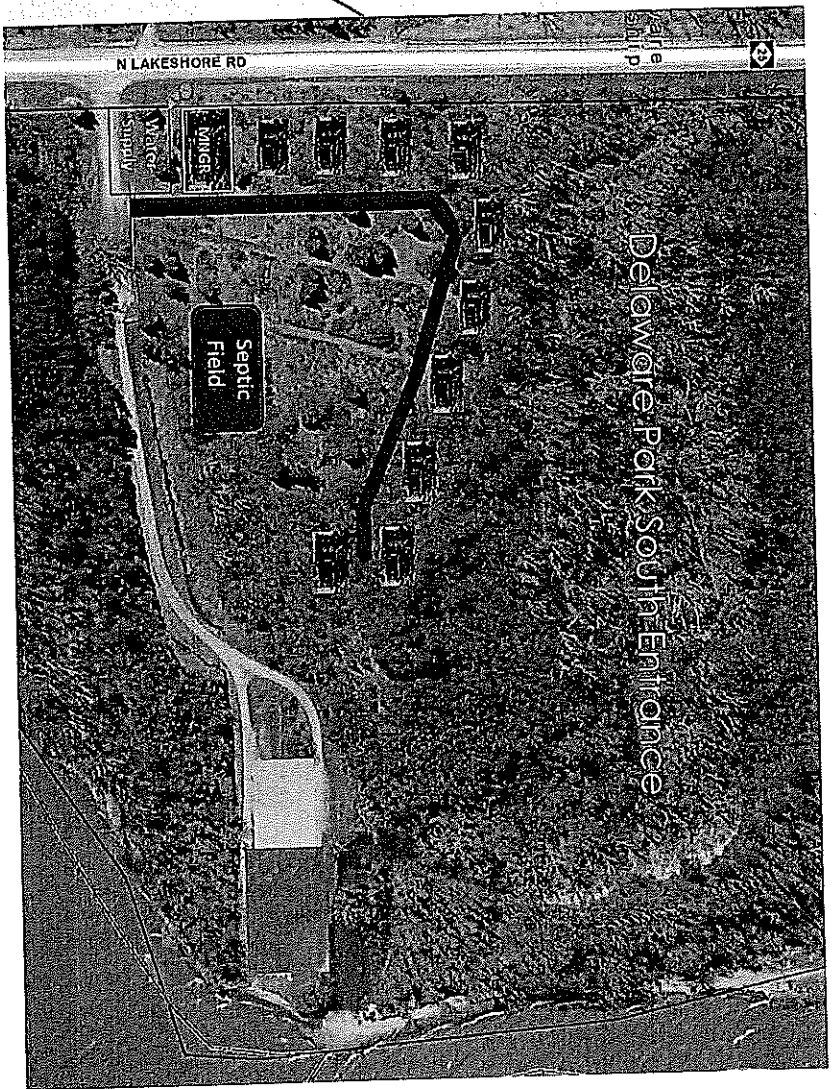
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Investigation of Cabin Based Camping

- In the past we have investigated several options for various types of Camping at Delaware.
- In each instance, either cost or return on investment, failed to meet good business practices.
- Jim Bowerman came up with a request to investigate using Cabins as a starting point.
- Cabins allow for higher rental rates which create a much higher revenue over a standard Campsite. Thus allowing for quicker return on investment.
- As determined in past investigations, the South end of the park requires the least amount of upfront investment.
- Based on this philosophy the following study was created.

Campground Design Proposal



NOTES:

- Cabin locations were picked based on their scenic benefits, along with future development in mind.
- The current property nature drainage was also considered (Dry Areas and Septic)
- A culvert would be required for Camping entrance.
- The Cabins used for this exercise were fully furnished with Water/Heat/Toilet/AC.
- A managers residence is included in the proposal and would double as a check in location.

Current Identified Investment Cost

Delaware Cabin Style Camping Proposal	
Item	(INVESTMENT) Amount
Preliminary Geotechnical Investigation	\$ (3,000.00)
Site Clearing and Erosion Control	\$ (18,000.00)
Roadways and Campsites pads	\$ (55,000.00)
Septic	\$ (160,000.00)
Rustic Cabins (10)	\$ (600,000.00)
Water Services (Amortization Potential)	\$ (50,000.00)
Water Main	\$ (80,000.00)
Site Electrical Power Distribution and Lighting	\$ (180,000.00)
Design and Engineering Services	\$ (13,000.00)
Permit Fees	\$ (11,000.00)
Park Manager Residence	\$ (65,000.00)
Park Manager Salary & Benefits	\$ (42,000.00)
Annual Electric Usage	\$ (17,500.00)
Water Bill / Usage	\$ (650.00)
Sub-Total Amount	
Contingency (20%)	
Project Total	

Cabins would include Water/Heat/Toilet
Potential for 5 Year Amortization

TBD Based on Job Responsibility and need

Estimated Park Revenues

Delaware Park Projected Revenue Stream

11/15/2024

REVISION: 8

Business Study - Estimated Revenue

# of Sites / Capacity	Type	Days Available Rent	Rental Fee	Annual Percentage	Annual Revenue
10	Cabins	234	\$ 225.00	90%	\$ 473,850.00
10	Cabins	234	\$ 225.00	80%	\$ 421,200.00
10	Cabins	234	\$ 225.00	70%	\$ 368,550.00
10	Cabins	234	\$ 225.00	60%	\$ 315,900.00

Misc. Info

234 Days annually for camping (Open for Hunting)

Nightly rental would vary depending on Cabin Features.

If Cabins were rented weekly for the entire summer park revenue would be reduced by approximately \$7000. (Reduced Weekly Rate)

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Projected Payback By % of Rental

Year 1 @ 90%	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	1st Quarter
Projected Project Cost	\$ 1,532,400.00	Projected Project Cost / Balance	\$ 1,058,550.00	Projected Project Cost / Balance
Park Revenue	\$ 473,850.00	Park Revenue	\$ 423,450.00	Park Revenue
	\$ 1,058,550.00		\$ 584,700.00	
Year 1 @ 80%	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	2nd Quarter
Projected Project Cost	\$ 1,532,400.00	Projected Project Cost / Balance	\$ 1,111,200.00	Projected Project Cost / Balance
Park Revenue	\$ 421,200.00	Park Revenue	\$ 368,550.00	Park Revenue
	\$ 1,111,200.00		\$ 690,000.00	
Year 1 @ 70%	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	3rd Quarter
Projected Project Cost	\$ 1,532,400.00	Projected Project Cost / Balance	\$ 1,153,850.00	Projected Project Cost / Balance
Park Revenue	\$ 368,550.00	Park Revenue	\$ 315,900.00	Park Revenue
	\$ 1,163,850.00		\$ 759,300.00	

Leave data as is until investment numbers are reviewed board.

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Additional Revenue Streams

Investment offsets and Potential for Additional Revenue

Item	Description	Offset/Revenues
1	Grants	TBD
2	Mountain Biking	Increased Traffic / Cabin Usage
3	Cross Country Skiing	Increased Traffic / Cabin Usage
4	Longer Rental Season	Increased Traffic / Cabin Usage
5	Hunting Blind Rental	Hunting Blind Rental (See Below)
		\$ 72,000.00



if it is not illegal to allow hunting on Park property could we put in 10 hunting blinds on remaining property.

10 Blinds @ \$2500 Per blind \$25,000 per year

A Premium per Cabin during hunting Season 4 weeks

Handicap access cabins and ETC.
10 Weekends 10 Cabins 470 \$ 47,000.00
Cabins are heated (See Below)

October 1, 2025

Post Completion Grant Inspection Reports
Grants Management
Michigan Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 30425
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7925

Dear Sirs,

Please be advised that the Sanilac County Parks Commission is preparing its new 5-Year Recreation Plan for the years 2022-2026.

Enclosed please find eight required Post Completion Self-Certification Reports for the eight grants that the Sanilac County Parks Commission has received over the years.

Of note, all park facilities are open to the public and the appropriate signage is in place for each respective grant program.

Should you need any further information, please feel free to contact me at P.O. Box 416, Marlette, Michigan 48453.

Thank you for your consideration,

John Frazier
Sanilac County Parks Advisor



Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Grants Management

**PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT
POST-COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT**

*This information required under authority of Part 19, PA 451 of 1994, as amended;
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GRANT TYPE: ☒ MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND ☐ CLEAN MICHIGAN INITIATIVE
(Please select one) ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Sanilac County Park Commission

PROJECT NUMBER: TF96-069

PROJECT TYPE: ADA Restroom / Shower

PROJECT TITLE: Forrester Park Restroom / Shower Project

PROJECT SCOPE: Replace restroom/shower facility near day use area of park

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee) <u>Sanilac County Park Commission</u>	Contact Person <u>Doug Sweet</u>	Title <u>Chairman</u>
Address <u>60 W. Sanilac Rom 114</u>	Telephone <u>810 705 2692</u>	
City, State, ZIP <u>Sandusky Michigan 48471</u>	Email <u>dsweet@sanilaccounty.net</u>	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

Updated facility while making it handicapped accessible

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

SITE QUALITY

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

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

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

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Cleaned and maintained each am and pm

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

Campground May 1 - October 31, Day use open year round

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

CERTIFICATION

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

Please print

Grantee Authorized Signature

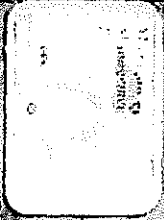
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Date

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GRANTEE: Sanilac County Parks Commission

PROJECT NUMBER: CM00-033

PROJECT TYPE: Campground Development

PROJECT TITLE: Evergreen Park Campground Development

PROJECT SCOPE: Construct new campground with 147 sites

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee) <u>Sanilac County Parks Commission</u>	Contact Person <u>Doug Sweet</u>	Title <u>Chairman</u>
Address <u>60 W. Sanilac Road 114</u>	Telephone <u>810 705 2692</u>	
City, State, ZIP <u>Sandusky Michigan 48471</u>	Email <u>dsweet@sanilacounty.net</u>	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Develop new 147 site campground

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

SITE QUALITY

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Daily maintenance in both am and pm

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

CERTIFICATION

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

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Grantee Authorized Signature

Date

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Witness Signature

Date

Send completed report to: POST COMPLETION GRANT INSPECTION REPORTS
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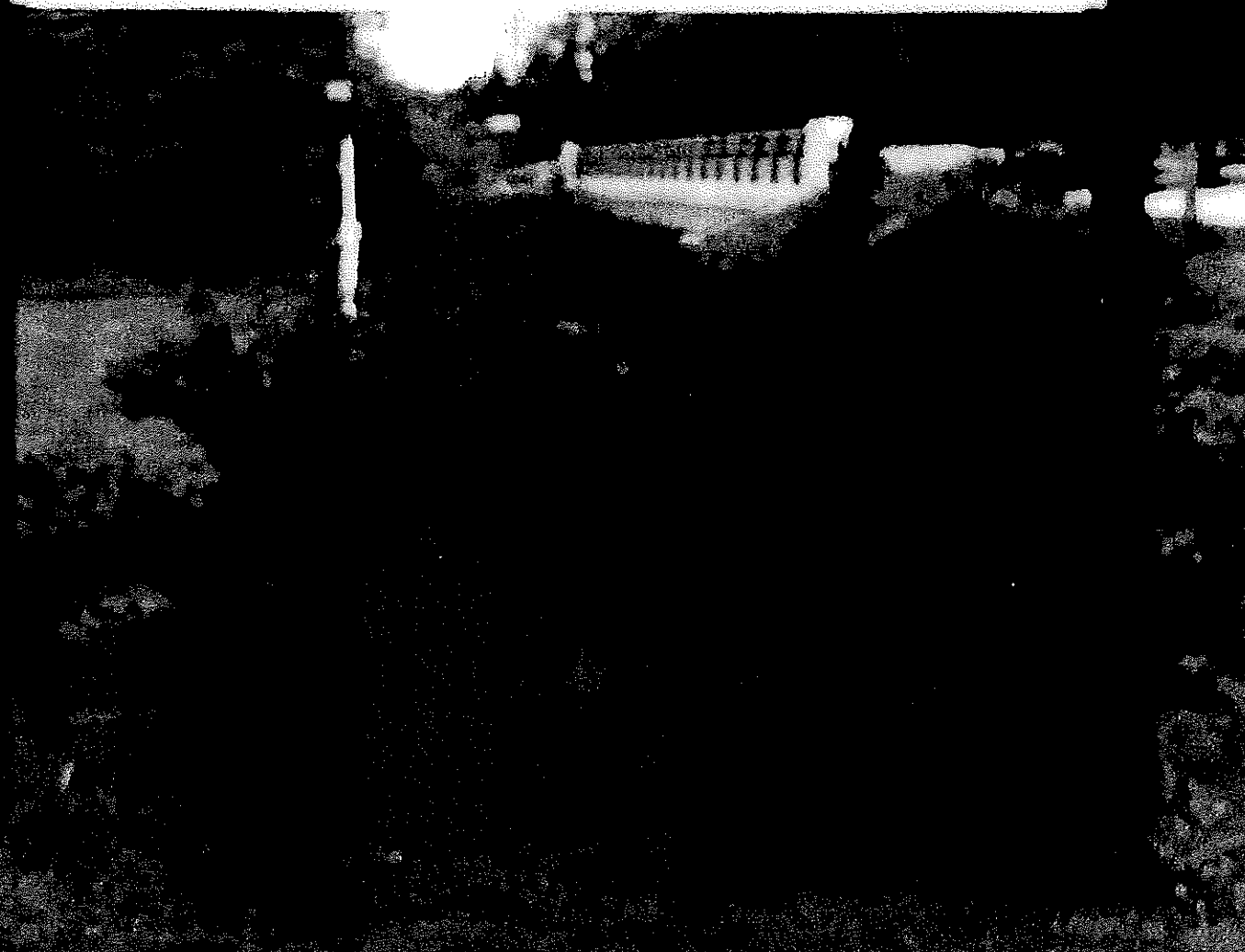
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(Please select one) ☐ LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ☐ RECREATION PASSPORT ☐ BOND FUND

GRANTEE: Sandusky County Parks Commission

PROJECT NUMBER: TF08 - 012 PROJECT TYPE: Land Acquisition

PROJECT TITLE: Evergreen Park Addition

PROJECT SCOPE: Acquire 26.5 acres of land contiguous to existing park

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee) <u>Sandusky County Parks Commission</u>	Contact Person <u>Doug Sweet</u>	Title <u>Chairman</u>
Address <u>60 W. Sandusky Room 114</u>	Telephone <u>810 705 2692</u>	
City, State, ZIP <u>Sandusky Michigan 48471</u>	Email <u>dsweet@sanduskycounty.net</u>	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

Acquire 26.5 acres contiguous to 86 acre Evergreen Park to
provide nature trails, pond area, viewing & relocation of 43 sites

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

SITE QUALITY

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

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

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

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Daily maintenance in both am and pm

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

Campground May 1 - October 31, open for day use year around

COMMENTS (ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED)

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CERTIFICATION

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

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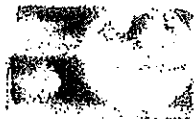
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GRANTEE: Sandusky County Parks Commission

PROJECT NUMBER: TF11-054 PROJECT TYPE: Park Development

PROJECT TITLE: Evergreen Park Development

PROJECT SCOPE: Develop 42 sites upgrading from rustic to modern

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee) <u>Sandusky County Parks Commission</u>	Contact Person <u>Doug Sweet</u>	Title <u>Chairman</u>
Address <u>60 W. Sandusky Park 114</u>	Telephone <u>810 705 2692</u>	
City, State, ZIP <u>Sandusky Michigan 48471</u>	Email <u>dsweet@sanduskycounty.net</u>	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Develop 42 rustic sites to modern sites
Establish pond, nature trails, roads

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Maintenance performed daily in am and pm

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☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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

Campground May 1 - October 31 ; open for day use year around

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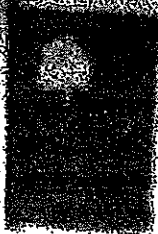
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GRANTEE: Sanilac County Parks Commission

PROJECT NUMBER: TF12-069 PROJECT TYPE: Accessible Playground

PROJECT TITLE: Forester Park Accessible Playground Project

PROJECT SCOPE: Erect handicapped accessible playground

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee) <u>Sanilac County Parks Commission</u>	Contact Person <u>Noah Sweet</u>	Title <u>Chairman</u>
Address <u>60 W. Sanilac Room 114</u>	Telephone <u>810 705 2692</u>	
City, State, ZIP <u>Sandusky Michigan 48471</u>	Email <u>nsweet@sanilacounty.net</u>	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Erect Phase 1 of handicapped playground

Replacing old metal non-compliant playground pieces

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

SITE QUALITY

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☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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☒ Yes ☐ No

Maintenance daily in am and pm

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Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

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

☒ Yes ☒ No

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

☒ Yes ☒ No

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

Campground May 1 - October 31, day use open all year

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GRANTEE: Sauclac County Parks Commission

PROJECT NUMBER: RP15-0019

PROJECT TYPE: Accessible Playground

PROJECT TITLE: Handicapped Accessible Playground Equipment Project

PROJECT SCOPE: Erect accessible playground equipment including safety surfacing

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee) <u>Sauclac County Parks Commission</u>	Contact Person <u>Nancy Sweet</u>	Title <u>Chairman</u>
Address <u>60 W. Sauclac Room 114</u>	Telephone	
City, State, ZIP <u>Sandusky Michigan 48471</u>	Email	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Provide accessible playground where none previously existed

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

SITE QUALITY

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☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Daily maintenance in both am and pm

GENERAL

Is a Program Recognition plaque permanently displayed at the site? If yes, please provide a photograph. (Not required for Bond Fund Grants)

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

Campground May 1 - October 31 ; open for day use all year

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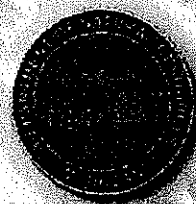
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GRANTEE: Sandusky County Park Commission

PROJECT NUMBER: TF21-0183 PROJECT TYPE: Accessible Playground

PROJECT TITLE: Handicapped Accessible Playground Project - Phase 2

PROJECT SCOPE: Provide accessible playground - connect to Phase 1

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee) <u>Sandusky County Park Commission</u>	Contact Person <u>Doug Sweet</u>	Title <u>Chairman</u>
Address <u>60 W. Sandusky Room 114</u>	Telephone	
City, State, ZIP <u>Sandusky Michigan 48471</u>	Email	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

Connected previous accessible playground with new ADA playground
ADA fine pits, walkways, rubberized surfacing, etc.

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

SITE QUALITY

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

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

POST COMPLETION SELF-CERTIFICATION REPORT - CONT'D

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Cleaned and maintained each am and pm

GENERAL

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☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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

Compounded May 1 to October 31 - day use all year

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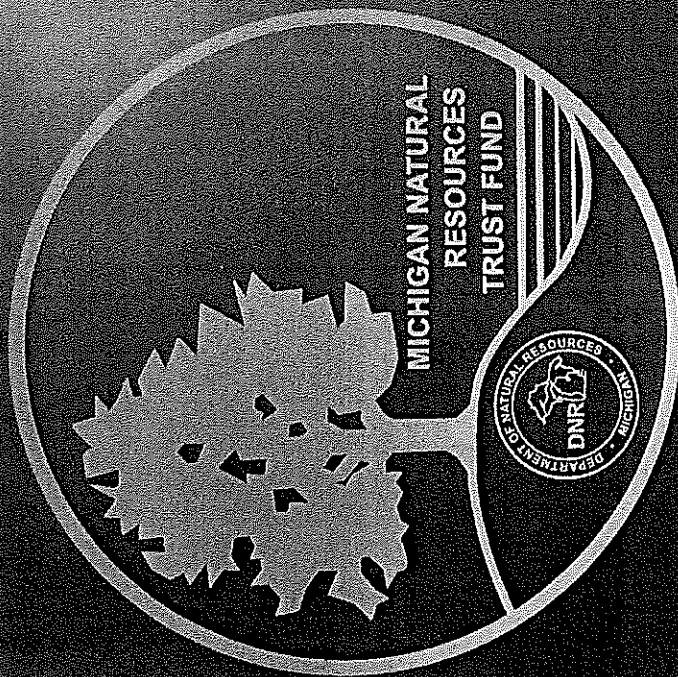
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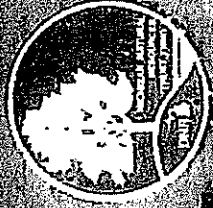
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GRANTEE: Sanilac County Park Commission

PROJECT NUMBER: TF22-0179

PROJECT TYPE: ADA features + river access

PROJECT TITLE: Evergreen Park Accessible Playground + River Access Development

PROJECT SCOPE: Two sections of ADA playground - ADA canoe/kayak, ADA pavilions

TO BE COMPLETED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY (GRANTEE)

Name of Agency (Grantee) <u>Sanilac County Park Commission</u>	Contact Person <u>Dorey Sweet</u>	Title <u>Chairman</u>
Address <u>60 W. Sanilac Room 114</u>	Telephone	
City, State, ZIP <u>Sanilac, Michigan 48471</u>	Email	

SITE DEVELOPMENT

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

If yes, please describe change(s).

☒ Yes ☐ No

Established 2 ADA playground sites, 2 ADA pavilions, new ADA canoe/kayak launch, new ADA miniature golf course

Has any portion of the project site been converted to a use other than outdoor recreation? If yes, please describe what portion and describe use. (This would include cell towers and any non-recreation buildings.) ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

SITE QUALITY

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

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☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Maintained on a daily basis

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November 1, 2025

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Dear Sirs,

Please be advised that the Sanilac County Parks Commission is submitting a 5-Year Recreation Plan to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. This submittal will be forwarded by late November or early December, 2025 following a resolution of adoption by the Sanilac County Board of Commissioners.

Respectfully,

John Frazier

Sanilac County Park Advisor

**NOTICE OF INTENT FOR RECREATION GRANT PROJECTS**

This information is requested by authority of Part 703, Act 451 of 1994, as amended, to be considered for a LWCF grant.

Name of Project <i>Sanilac County Parks 5-Year Recreation Plan</i>		Date <i>Sept 15-25</i>	County <i>Sanilac</i>
Identity of the applicant agency, organization, or individual: <i>Sanilac County Park Commission</i>			
Indicate below the representative of the applicant to contact for additional information regarding this Notice:			
Name <i>Doug Sweet</i>		Telephone Number (including area code)	E-mail Address
Address (Street/PO Box), City, State, ZIP Code			
Agency from which will be sought: ☒ Michigan Department of Natural Resources		Name of Program ☐ Land and Water Conservation Fund ☐ Natural Resources Trust Fund	
Estimated Federal Cost \$	Estimated State Cost \$	Estimated Other Cost \$	Total Cost \$ <i>0</i>
Estimated date by which time the applicant expects to formally file an application <i>December, 2025</i>			
Geographic location of the project to be assisted (Indicate specific location as well as city or county. Attach map if necessary) <i>Sanilac County Parks which consists of Forester Park, Lexington Park and Delaware Park on M-25 and Evergreen Park located on M-53 on the Cass River.</i>			
Brief description of the proposed project. This will help the clearinghouse identify agencies of state or local government having plans, programs, or projects that might be affected by the proposed project: <i>Sanilac County Parks 5-Year Recreation Plan</i>			
Type of project <i>5-Year Recreation Plan</i>		General size of scale project <i>Sanilac County</i>	
Purpose of project <i>To list our goals and objectives for the Sanilac County Parks for the next five years (2026-2030) and to meet the requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources</i>			
Beneficiaries (persons or institutions benefited) <i>Visitors to Forester Park, Evergreen Park, Lexington Park and Delaware Park in Sanilac County, Michigan</i>			
Indicate the relationship of this project to plans, programs, and other activities of your agency and other agencies (attach separate sheet if necessary): <i>This 5-Year Recreation Plan is compiled with the assistance of the Disability Network of Eastern Michigan, the Wheelin' Team #454 and various groups which frequent the parks.</i>			

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Supporting Documentation

Post Completion Self-Certification Reports

The Sanilac County Parks Commission has submitted nine Post Completion Self-Certification Reports through the MiGrants program. The grants are through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, the Recreation Passport Grant Program, the Clean Michigan Initiative Fund and a Coastal Management Program through the DEQ (not required). All grant assisted programs are up and running and open to the public. Photos of the appropriate signage are enclosed.

Early Input Before the Draft Plan is Written

As previously stated, the Sanilac County Parks Commission has made surveys available to the public both on its website and at the park offices at Forester, Evergreen and Lexington parks. A copy of those survey forms has been included in the 5-Year Recreation Plan.

Survey responses, generally, remain low in number and seem to reflect satisfaction with the current campground and day use facilities at the Sanilac County Parks. The information gleaned is helpful as the Parks Commission works to create future plans for the park system.

At Forester Park, 33 new surveys have been returned. Word of the park's plan extending the accessible playground facilities has apparently spread as 18 of those respondents spoke highly of the Phase 1 and Phase 2 Handicapped Playground programs. Twelve of those respondents suggested the development of additional camping sites. Most of the remaining comments were scattered with some adding that they enjoyed the movie night at the park, that the facilities are clean, and that the rates are low in comparison to other campgrounds.

At Evergreen Park, 27 surveys were filled out. Again, several comments reflected current improvements with 18 commending the park on its new accessibility program which included the canoe/kayak launch, pavilions, miniature golf and two playground structures. Fifteen respondents added that additional camping sites could be added. Three respondents favored an improved nature trail which the Park Commission has plans for improvements by identifying plants and flower species along the nature trail. Other suggestions included the need for some form of bathroom facility towards the north end of the park.

Lexington Park had 23 respondents with a 11 of them asking for greater accessibility to the beach and another 15 adding that a nature trail or walkway would be a nice feature. The Park Commission is currently upgrading the bridge connecting the two sections of Lexington Park for greater accessibility.

Notice of the Draft Plan for 30 Days of Public Comment

A notice of the draft plan for 30 days of public comment is included. The notice was placed in the legal section of the Sanilac County News along with an affidavit of publication. Said notice was also placed on the county website at www.sanilaccounty.net. Said notice also includes instructions of how the public can review and comment on the draft plan. A copy of the draft plan was also available for public access at both the Marlette District Library and the Sandusky City Library along with clerk certification and a photo of the posted notice.

Notice of the Public Hearing

A copy of the Public Hearing Notice is enclosed

Minutes from the Meeting to Pass a Resolution of Adoption

A copy of the minutes from the meeting to pass a Resolution of Adoption is enclosed

Transmittal Letters to the County and Regional Planning Agencies

A copy of the 5-Year Recreation Plan has been submitted to the Sanilac County Planning Commission. A letter of transmittal is enclosed.