

Otsego County Community Recreation Plan
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SECTION 1

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

RECREATION PLAN JURISDICTION

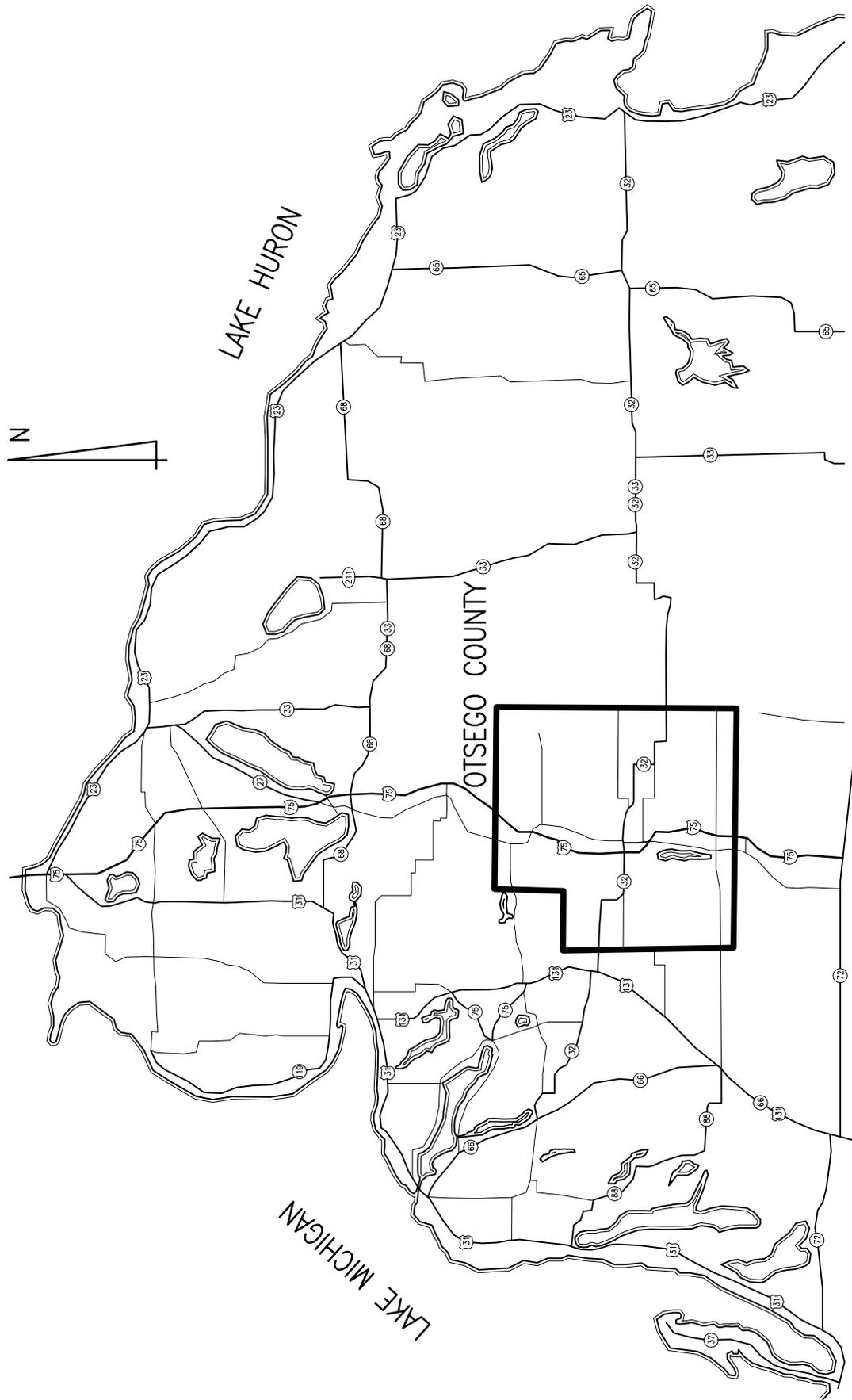
This recreation plan update is being prepared for the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission (OCPR) along with Elmira Township. The OCPR provides an abundance of the recreational activities in the area, and are proactive in their effort to provide a variety of quality community based recreational opportunities. This plan will focus on all recreational aspects of the Otsego County Community.

COMMUNITY LOCATION AND RECENT HISTORY

Otsego County is located in the center of the northern lower peninsula of Michigan on the 45th Parallel. The County includes the City of Gaylord, the Village of Vanderbilt and communities of Waters, Elmira and Johannesburg. A Regional Location Map of the Otsego County/Gaylord area is shown in Figure 1.1 on page 1-2 and a map showing the boundaries of Otsego County are shown in Figure 1.2 on page 1-3.

Otsego County has a population of 24,164 persons with several different ethnicities, religions and national origins. The County experienced a great deal of economic development with an expanded industrial and commercial base along with population growth during the 1990's and early 2000's. Since the mid-2000's, the County has experienced the closing of two major industrial plants in the area (Georgia Pacific and Kimball Electronics/Reptron). These closures also affected other associated companies. Despite the difficult local economy, the Otsego County Economic Alliance has lead the charge trying to stabilize the local economy by securing many project grants and trying to attract new businesses to the area. This is evident by reviewing the 2010 Census population, which reported that even with the recent state/national economic downturn, the County still experienced a growth of 3.7% during the period 2000-2010.

The Otsego County community continues to be a "Great Place to Live and Work." The area is community focused, has outstanding schools and there are endless amenities and outdoor recreational opportunities. The County has a lively arts community, with theater, music and the visual arts becoming increasingly abundant and vibrant. Churches of most denominations dot the City and the outlying County areas. The area has a sizable seasonal population, with many residents living here only in the summer months. The retiree population continues to rise and, while some retirees are part-time residents, many have made the County their permanent place of residence and are active in their churches, in community



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OTSEGO COUNTY, MICHIGAN

FIGURE 1.1
REGIONAL LOCATION MAP

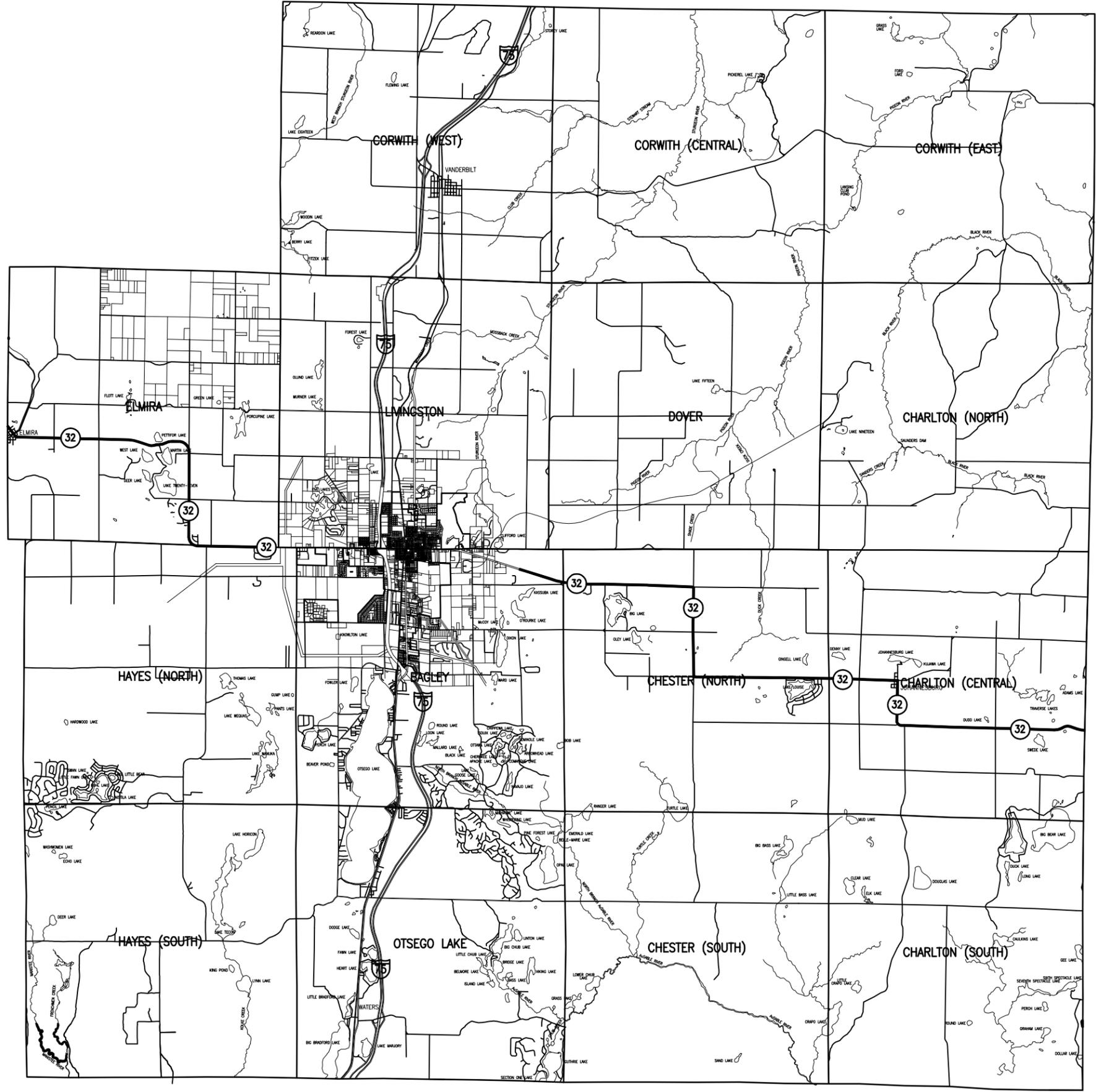


FIGURE 1.2
OTSEGO COUNTY MAP

service and charitable organizations. Further, there are academic and career training opportunities at the University Center at Gaylord (UC Gaylord). UC Gaylord has partnered with several Michigan Colleges and Universities to offer numerous certifications and degree programs. The Michigan Technical Education Center at Kirtland-Gaylord (MTEC) also provides vocational education and job training.

TRANSPORTATION

Roads

Interstate 75 bisects the County and provides convenient north-south access from more populated areas of southeastern Michigan and northern Ohio, and indirectly, southwestern Michigan and northern Indiana. This freeway has a profound impact on the economic livelihood of the County. The major east-west route serving the County is M-32. This route connects Gaylord with Alpena, the largest city in northeast Michigan, 72 miles away. To the west, M-32 indirectly provides access to Traverse City, Charlevoix and Petoskey.

Non-Motorized Transportation

The City of Gaylord has constructed several segments of bike paths within the City limits, including the pathway in Aspen Park. The State of Michigan improved the former Lake State Railroad line, now known as the North Central State Trail, between Gaylord and Mackinaw City with crushed limestone. The designated trailhead for the North Central State Trail is located along Fairview Road, just north of Downtown Gaylord. The view along this trail showcases some of the most beautiful landscapes and vistas in Northern Lower Michigan.

Bagley Township has considered a multipurpose non-motorized pathway along the Lake State Railroad, from the southern City Limits of Gaylord, south to Charles Brink Road. Otsego Lake Township has expressed interest in constructing a multipurpose non-motorized pathway along the Lake State Railroad from their north Township Line, south through Waters and continuing south to the Township Line for continuation in Crawford County. Otsego Lake Township is also interested in constructing a pathway from the Lake State Railroad, east along Old State Road to the east Township line and also from the Lake State Railroad, west along Mancelona Road to the west Township line. Otsego Lake Township has included these multipurpose non-motorized pathways in their Township Recreation Plan. The City of Gaylord, Livingston Township and Bagley Township have also considered a bike path on M-32 west to Glen Meadows Subdivision. While none of these potential projects has progressed into a design phase, it is certain these Otsego County communities will continue to pursue such non-motorized opportunities.

Air Transportation

The Gaylord Regional Airport is a General Utility Airport with a 6,578 foot by 150 foot asphalt primary runway and 4,200 foot by 75 foot asphalt secondary runway. The approaches include ILS, VOR and NDB. Jet fuel and aviation gasoline are available. The airport is attended five days a week from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Aircraft repair, maintenance and air charter service are available from North Country Aviation. Rental cars and local taxi service are also available at the airport.

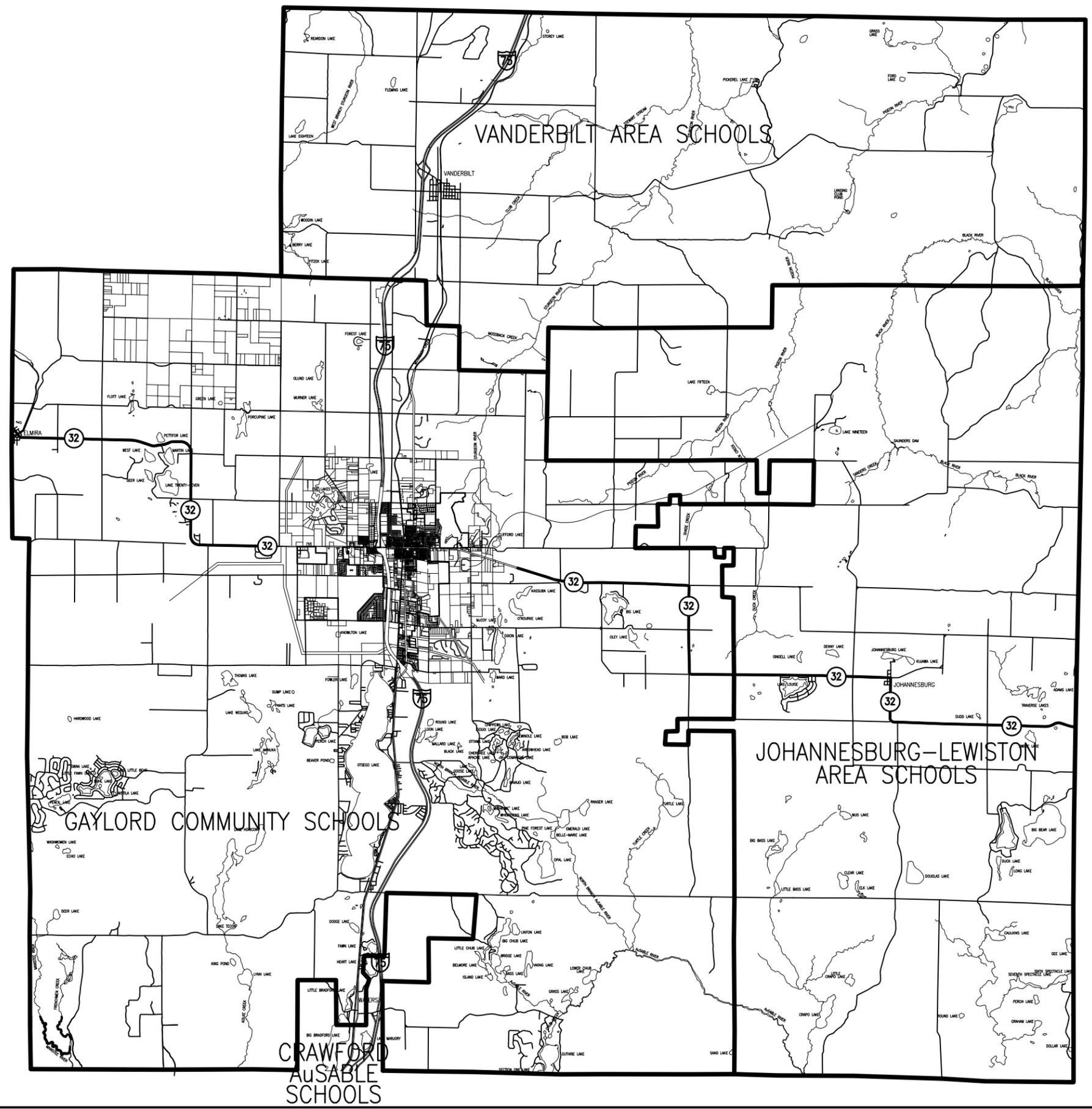
SCHOOL DISTRICTS

There are four public school districts located within Otsego County; Gaylord Community Schools, Johannesburg-Lewiston Schools, Vanderbilt Area Schools and a portion of Crawford AuSable Schools. The County also includes parochial schools and a strong home school program. Each of the districts own and operate a variety of recreational facilities including gymnasiums, football fields, baseball/softball fields, running tracks, soccer fields, tennis courts and playgrounds. Some of the parochial schools have recreational facilities as well. The School District Boundaries are shown in Figure 1.3 on page 1-6.

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

The OCPR offers park facilities and recreational programs to the entire community. Park facilities operated by the OCPR include the Otsego Lake County Park and Campground, the Pleasant View Park (Wah Wah Soo), the Dr. Robert S. Libke Memorial Fields, the Frank H. Wilkinson Roadside Park (Irontone Springs), the Community Center and the Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve. Other facilities owned by the County and operated as separate entities include the Sportsplex and the Energy Outlet. Facilities owned and operated by the City of Gaylord include Freel Memorial Park, George Dumas Memorial Park, Hale Park, Claude Shannon Park and Aspen Park. Facilities owned and operated by others include in part the Remi and Edna Schotte Memorial Township Park in Otsego Lake Township (Waters), Vanderbilt Memorial Park in Vanderbilt, Elmira Township Park in Elmira and the Otsego Conservation District Demonstration Garden and Conservation Forest near the J. Richard Yuill Alpine Center in Gaylord. The location of OCPR facilities are shown in Figure 1.4 on page 1-7 and will be further described in Section 3 of this Recreation Plan.

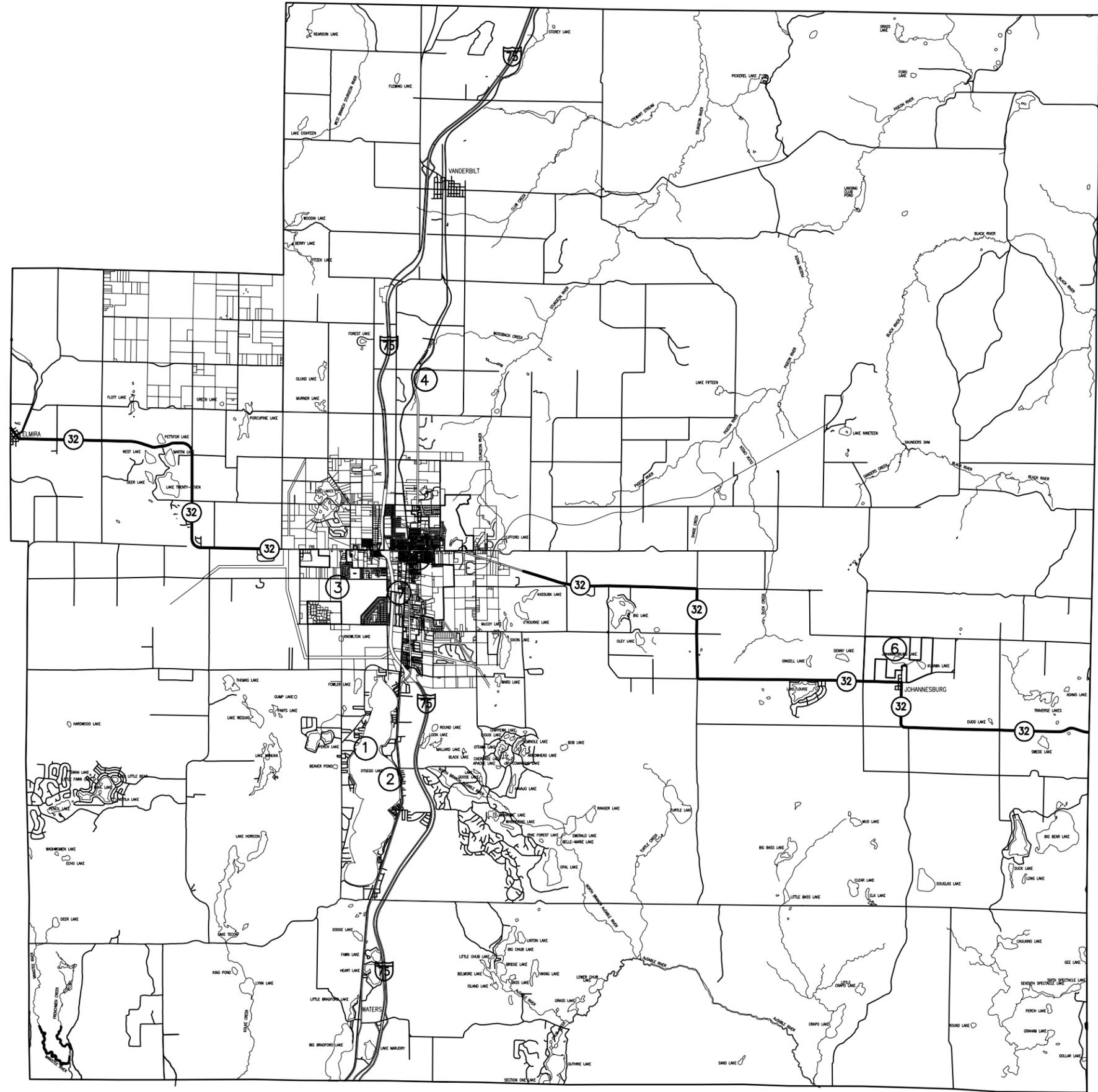
Recreational programs in the County include, but are not limited to, baseball, softball, basketball, football, soccer, hockey, figure skating, golf, swimming, skiing (downhill and cross County), tennis, volleyball, horseshoes and dance/aerobic/exercise classes. These programs will be further defined and described in Section 3 – Recreation Inventory.



OTSEGO COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

— DISTRICT BOUNDARY

FIGURE 1.3
SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES



OTSEGO COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
 LOCATION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

- ① -OTSEGO LAKE COUNTY PARK AND CAMPGROUND
- ② -PLEASANT VIEW PARK (WAH WAH SOO)
- ③ -DR. ROBERT S. LIBKE MEMORIAL FIELDS
- ④ -FRANK H. WILKINSON ROADSIDE PARK (IRONTONE SPRINGS)
- ⑤ -OTSEGO COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER
- ⑥ -LOUIS M. GROEN NATURE PRESERVE
- ⑦ -OTSEGO COUNTY SPORTSPLEX/ENERGY OUTLET

POPULATION STATISTICS

Otsego County Population history is as follows:

Table 1.1
Otsego County Population History

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population (persons)</u>	<u>Change from Previous</u>
1960	7,545	NA
1970	10,422	Increase of 2877 (+38.1%)
1980	14,993	Increase of 4571 (+43.9%)
1990	17,957	Increase of 2964 (+19.8%)
2000	23,301	Increase of 5344 (+29.8%)
2010	24,164	Increase of 863 (+3.7%)

*Population information taken from Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (www.nemcog.org).

Projections for Otsego County, based on the Otsego County Hazard Mitigation Plan (December, 2005-Northeast Michigan Council of Governments NEMCOG) noted an increase of 10-20% during the period of 2000-2010 and an increase of 7-30% during the period of 2010-2020. These percentages are an average of population projections completed by NEMCOG, the University of Michigan and the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget.

Table 1.2
2010 Population Statistics

<u>Township</u>	<u>Population (persons)</u>	<u>Change from 2000</u>
Bagley	5,886	Increase of 48 (+0.82%)
Charlton	1,354	Increase of 24 (+1.80%)
Chester	1,292	Increase of 27 (+2.13%)
Corwith	1,748	Increase of 29 (+1.69%)
Dover	561	Decrease of 53 (-8.63%)
Elmira	1,687	Increase of 89 (+5.57%)
Hayes	2,619	Increase of 234 (+9.81%)
Livingston	2,525	Increase of 186 (+7.95%)
Otsego Lake	2,847	Increase of 315 (+12.44%)
City of Gaylord	3,645	Decrease of 36 (-0.98%)

*Population information taken from the Otsego County Website (www.otsegocountymi.gov).

TOURISM

Tourism has a major impact on the Otsego County community, including boosts to the local economy and also an increased demand on recreational facilities. The County is a popular four-season vacation spot, attracting thousands to the area to enjoy golfing, swimming, boating, camping, skiing, snowmobiling, fishing, hunting and the opportunity to experience the quiet Northern Michigan life style that we all know. Many jobs in Otsego County are highly dependent on tourism.

RESOURCES

Natural

The most important of the natural resources in Otsego County in terms of providing a foundation for recreational activities are the abundance of trees, clean air, clean water and wild game. Each of these resources provides an important economic base for the County.

Mineral resources in the County also contribute to the local economy. It is estimated that 400 people are employed in the drilling, exploration and production of gas and oil. These mineral resources have also provided additional income to the property owners. In the latter part of the 1980s, Antrim gas wells made Otsego County the leading producer of natural gas well drilling.

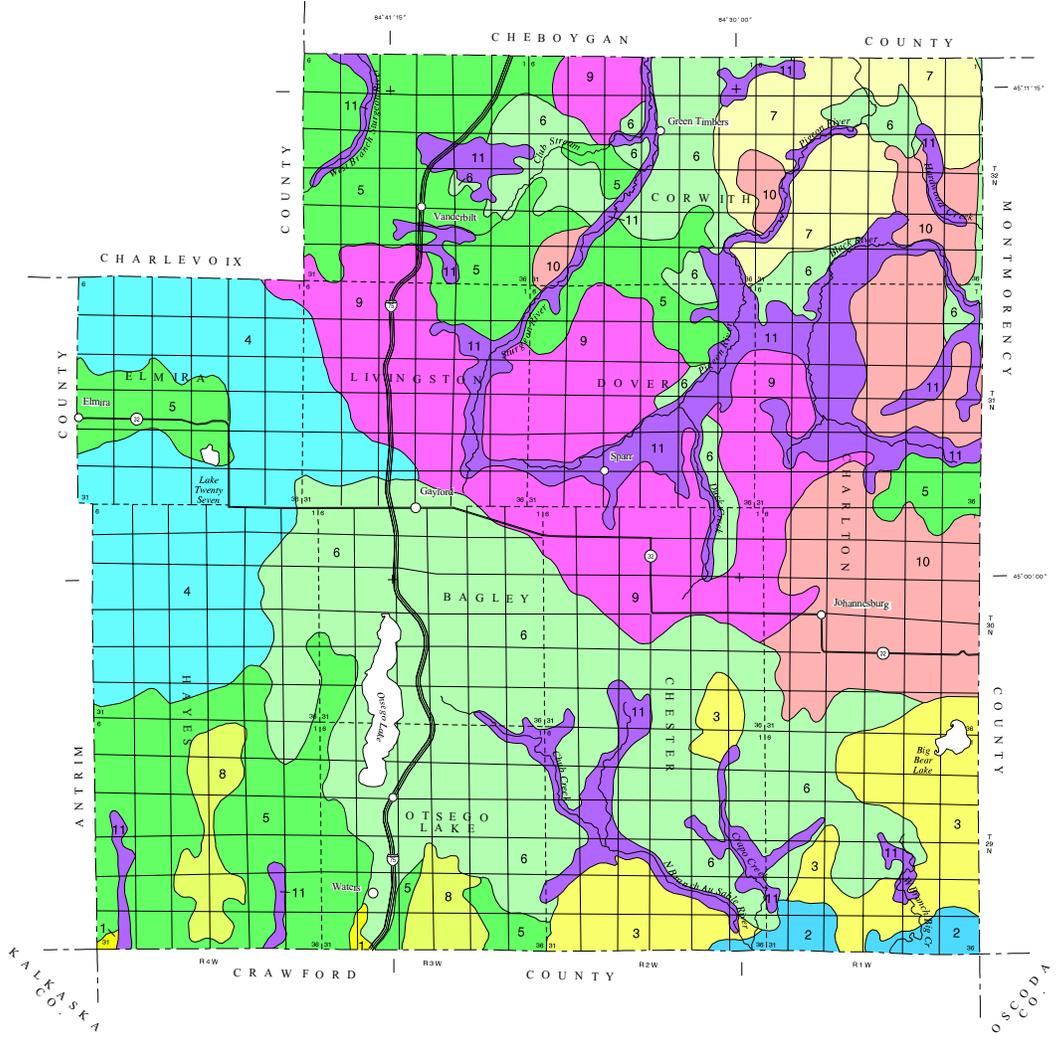
Water

Otsego County has some of the highest elevations in northern lower Michigan. Thus, it contains three watersheds; the Cheboygan watershed, which drains northerly, consists of the Sturgeon, Pigeon and Black Rivers; the AuSable watershed, which drains southeasterly, consists of the AuSable River; and the Manistee watershed, which drains southwesterly, consists of the Manistee River. The County has some 6,682 acres of surface water in the form of more than 370 lakes, and 140 miles of trout streams.

Ground water supplies are very productive in the predominant gravel and unconsolidated sands of the glacial drift. The ground water aquifers are recharged by precipitation which is readily absorbed by the permeable soils. Individual wells near the lakes and streams are usually quite shallow due to the high water table. Wells located on high moraines may have depths in excess of 250 feet. Wells of a six-inch diameter or more can yield from ten to five hundred gallons per minute.

Soils

Much of the County consists of excessively drained to well drained soils, making ground water contamination and soil erosion topics of concern. The general soils breakdown presented on the following pages of this section was obtained from information made available by the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture. The complete document entitled "Soil Survey of Otsego County, Michigan" can be found at www.soildatamart.nrcs.usda.gov then locate the Otsego County information using "Manuscripts/MO137/0/Otsego_MI.pdf." The documents at the end of this section entitled "General Soil Map" and "General Soils Units" provide general information of soil in the County with descriptions of all eleven soil conservation associations.



SOIL LEGEND*

- 1 Rubicon-Croswell Association
- 2 Grayling Association
- 3 Grayelm-Grayling Association
- 4 Islandlake-Blue Lake-Mancelona Association
- 5 Kalkaska-Elze Lake-Rubicon Association
- 6 Rubicon-Lindquist Association
- 7 Leelanau-Lindquist Association
- 8 Blue Lake-Felthausen-Kalkaska Association
- 9 Blue Lake-Mosback-Mancelona Association
- 10 Oshtemo-Elze Lake-Morganlake Association
- 11 Tawas-Lupton Association

*The units on this legend are described in the text under the heading "General Soil Map Units."

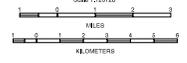
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18	17	16	15	14	13
19	20	21	22	23	24
30	29	28	27	26	25
31	32	33	34	35	36

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OTSEGO COUNTY

**GENERAL SOIL MAP
OTSEGO COUNTY, MICHIGAN**



Each area outlined on this map consists of more than one kind of soil. The map is meant for general planning rather than a basis for decisions on the use of specific tracts.

General Soil Map Units

The general soil map at the back of this publication shows broad areas that have a distinctive pattern of soils, relief, and drainage. Each association on the general soil map is a unique natural landscape. Typically, it consists of one or more major soils or miscellaneous areas and some minor soils or miscellaneous areas. It is named for the major soils or miscellaneous areas. The components of one association can occur in another but in a different pattern.

The general soil map can be used to compare the suitability of large areas for general land uses. Areas of suitable soils can be identified on the map. Likewise, areas where the soils are not suitable can be identified.

Because of its small scale, the map is not suitable for planning the management of a farm or field or for selecting a site for a road or building or other structure. The soils in any one association differ from place to place in slope, depth, drainage, and other characteristics that affect management.

1. Rubicon-Croswell Association

These nearly level to rolling, excessively drained and moderately well drained soils formed in sandy material mainly on outwash plains. The soils have very low natural fertility and a low water-holding capacity and are highly susceptible to ground-water contamination.

Setting

Landform: Outwash plains, outwash channels, and stream terraces

Slope range: 0 to 18 percent

Composition

Extent of the association:

Less than 1 percent of the county

Extent of the soils in the association:

Rubicon and similar soils—80 percent

Croswell and similar soils—15

Minor soils—5 percent

Soil Properties and Qualities

Rubicon

Drainage class: Excessively drained

Parent material: Sandy material

Texture of the surface layer: Sand

Slope: 0 to 18 percent

Croswell

Drainage class: Moderately well drained

Parent material: Sandy material

Texture of the surface layer: Sand

Slope: 0 to 6 percent

Minor Soils

- Au Gres soils, which are somewhat poorly drained and are on low flats and in depressions
- Leafriver soils, which are very poorly drained and are in depressions

Use and Management

Major use: Forestland

Management concerns on forestland: Rubicon and Croswell—equipment limitations, seedling mortality; Croswell—windthrow, plant competition

Minor use: Building site development

Management concerns on building sites: Slope in some areas, wetness in the Croswell soils

Management concerns on sites for septic tank absorption fields: Rapid permeability, slope in some areas, wetness in the Croswell soils

2. Grayling Association

These nearly level to rolling, excessively drained soils formed in sandy material mainly on outwash plains. The soils have very low natural fertility and a low water-holding capacity and are highly susceptible to ground-water contamination.

Setting

Landform: Outwash plains, low knolls, and ridges

Slope range: 0 to 18 percent

Composition

Extent of the association:

1 percent of the county

Extent of the soils in the association:

Grayling and similar soils—85 percent

Minor soils—15 percent

Soil Properties and Qualities

Grayling

Drainage class: Excessively drained

Parent material: Sandy material

Texture of the surface layer: Sand

Slope: 0 to 18 percent

Minor Soils

- Croswell soils, which are moderately well drained and are on the slightly lower flats, in concave areas, and on the border of depressions
- Au Gres soils, which are somewhat poorly drained and are on low flats and in depressions
- Deford soils, which are very poorly drained and are in depressions

Use and Management

Major uses: Forestland and wildlife habitat

Management concerns on forestland: Equipment limitations, seedling mortality

Minor use: Building site development

Management concern on building sites: Slope in some areas

Management concerns on sites for septic tank absorption fields: Rapid permeability, slope in some areas

3. Graycalm-Grayling Association

These nearly level to rolling, somewhat excessively and excessively drained soils formed in sandy material on outwash plains. The soils have very low natural fertility and a low water-holding capacity and are highly susceptible to ground-water contamination.

Setting

Landform: Outwash plains, some of which are pitted

Slope range: 0 to 18 percent

Composition

Extent of the association:

6 percent of the county

Extent of the soils in the association:

Graycalm—65 percent

Grayling—25 percent

Minor soils—10 percent

Soil Properties and Qualities

Graycalm

Drainage class: Somewhat excessively drained

Parent material: Sandy material

Texture of the surface layer: Sand

Slope: 0 to 18 percent

Grayling

Drainage class: Excessively drained

Parent material: Sandy material

Texture of the surface layer: Sand

Slope: 0 to 18 percent

Minor Soils

- Lindquist soils, which are somewhat excessively drained, are redder in the subsoil than the major soils, and are in landscape positions similar to those of the major soils
- Croswell soils, which are moderately well drained and are on the slightly lower flats, in concave areas, and on the border of depressions
- Au Gres soils, which are somewhat poorly drained and are on low flats and in depressions
- Deford soils, which are very poorly drained and are in depressions
- Dawson soils, which are very poorly drained and are in closed depressions
- The Udipsamments-Haplorthods-Glossudalfs complex, which is in the Camp Grayling impact area

Use and Management

Major use: Forestland

Management concerns on forestland: Equipment limitations, seedling mortality

Minor use: Building site development

Management concern on building sites: Slope in some areas

Management concerns on sites for septic tank absorption fields: Rapid permeability, slope in some areas

4. Islandlake-Blue Lake-Mancelona Association

These nearly level to very steep, somewhat excessively drained and well drained soils formed in sandy and gravelly material mainly on outwash plains. The soils have moderately low or low natural fertility and a low water-holding capacity and are moderately susceptible or highly susceptible to ground-water contamination.

Setting

Landform: Outwash plains, outwash channels, stream terraces, kame terraces, and kames
Slope range: 0 to 50 percent

Composition

Extent of the association:

11 percent of the county

Extent of the soils in the association:

Islandlake—32 percent

Blue Lake—25 percent

Mancelona—17 percent

Minor soils—26 percent

Soil Properties and Qualities

Islandlake

Drainage class: Somewhat excessively drained
Parent material: Sandy material
Texture of the surface layer: Loamy sand and sand
Slope: 0 to 18 percent

Blue Lake

Drainage class: Well drained
Parent material: Sandy material
Texture of the surface layer: Loamy sand
Slope: 0 to 50 percent

Mancelona

Drainage class: Somewhat excessively drained
Parent material: Sandy and gravelly material
Texture of the surface layer: Loamy sand
Slope: 0 to 50 percent

Minor Soils

- Kalkaska soils, which are somewhat excessively drained, do not have gravel in the substratum or lamellae in the subsoil, and are in landscape positions similar to those of the major soils
- Lindquist soils, which are somewhat excessively drained, have less development in the subsoil than the major soils, and are in landscape positions similar to those of the major soils
- East Lake soils, which are somewhat excessively drained, do not have lamellae in the substratum, and are in landscape positions similar to those of the major soils

Use and Management

Major use: Forestland

Management concerns on forestland: Equipment limitations, water erosion in some areas, seedling mortality

Minor uses: Cropland, pasture, and building site development

Management concerns on cropland: Droughtiness and soil blowing

Management concern on pasture: Droughtiness

Management concern on building sites: Slope in some areas

Management concerns on sites for septic tank absorption fields: Rapid permeability, slope in some areas

5. Kalkaska-Blue Lake-Rubicon Association

These nearly level to very steep, well drained to excessively drained soils formed in sandy material mainly on moraines and outwash plains (fig. 7). The soils have moderately low or low natural fertility and a low water-holding capacity and are moderately susceptible or highly susceptible to ground-water contamination.

Setting

Landform: Dissected remnant moraines, channeled uplands, stream terraces, and outwash channels
Slope range: 0 to 50 percent

Composition

Extent of the association:

18 percent of the county

Extent of the soils in the association:

Kalkaska—50 percent

Blue Lake—25 percent

Rubicon—10 percent

Minor soils—15 percent

Soil Properties and Qualities

Kalkaska

Drainage class: Somewhat excessively drained
Parent material: Sandy material
Texture of the surface layer: Sand
Slope: 8 to 50 percent

Blue Lake

Drainage class: Well drained
Parent material: Sandy material
Texture of the surface layer: Loamy sand
Slope: 0 to 50 percent

Rubicon

Drainage class: Excessively drained
Parent material: Sandy material

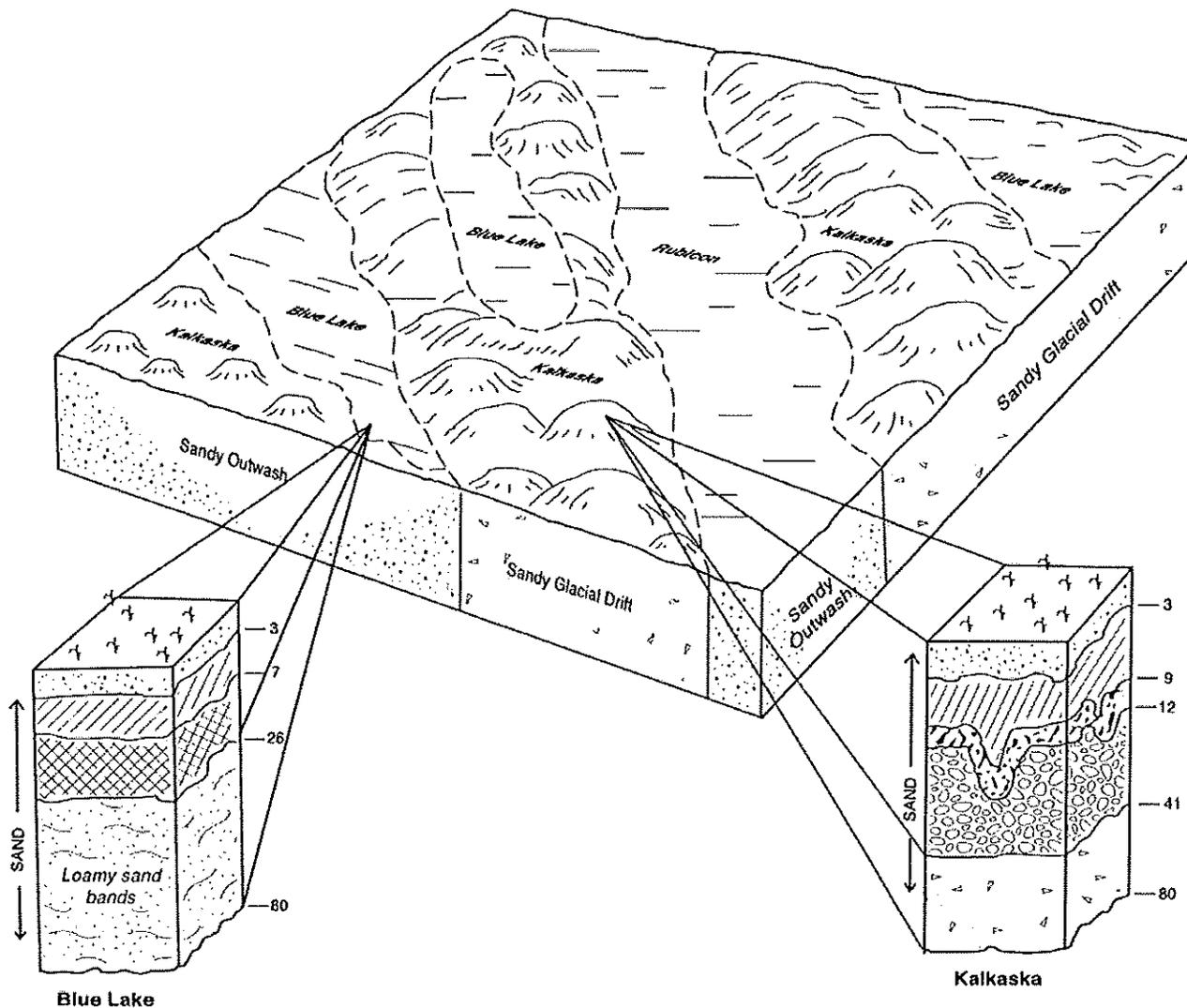


Figure 7.—Typical pattern of soils and parent material in the Kalkaska-Blue Lake-Rubicon association. Depth is indicated in inches.

Texture of the surface layer: Sand
Slope: 0 to 18 percent

Minor Soils

- Leelanau soils, which are well drained, have more development in the subsoil than the major soils, and are on moraines
- Lindquist soils, which are somewhat excessively drained, have less development in the subsoil than the major soils, and are in outwash channels
- Islandlake soils, which are somewhat excessively drained and are on outwash plains
- Crowell soils, which are moderately well drained and are on the slightly lower flats, in concave areas, and on the border of depressions

- Au Gres soils, which are somewhat poorly drained and are on low flats and in depressions

Use and Management

Major use: Forestland

Management concerns on forestland: Equipment limitations, water erosion on side slopes, seedling mortality

Minor uses: Pasture and building site development

Management concern on pasture: Droughtiness

Management concern on building sites: Slope in some areas

Management concerns on sites for septic tank absorption fields: Rapid permeability, slope in some areas

6. Rubicon-Lindquist Association

These nearly level to steep, excessively drained and somewhat excessively drained soils formed in sandy material mainly on moraines and outwash plains. The soils have low natural fertility and a low water-holding capacity and are highly susceptible to ground-water contamination.

Setting

Landform: Moraines, outwash channels, and outwash plains

Slope range: 0 to 35 percent

Composition

Extent of the association:

26 percent of the county

Extent of the soils in the association:

Rubicon—67 percent

Lindquist—28 percent

Minor soils—5 percent

Soil Properties and Qualities

Rubicon

Drainage class: Excessively drained

Parent material: Sandy material

Texture of the surface layer: Sand

Slope: 0 to 35 percent

Lindquist

Drainage class: Somewhat excessively drained

Parent material: Sandy material

Texture of the surface layer: Sand

Slope: 0 to 35 percent

Minor Soils

- Grayling soils, which are excessively drained, have less development in the subsoil than the major soils, and are on outwash plains
- East Lake soils, which are excessively drained, have more gravel in the subsoil than the major soils, and are on outwash plains
- Dawson and Loxley soils, which are organic and are in closed depressions
- Crosswell soils, which are moderately well drained and are adjacent to depressions on outwash plains
- Au Gres soils, which are somewhat poorly drained and are on terraces adjacent to drainageways and in shallow depressions
- Deford soils, which are very poorly drained and are in depressions
- Tawas soils, which are organic and are in depressions and drainageways

Use and Management

Major use: Forestland

Management concerns on forestland: Equipment limitations, water erosion in the steeper areas, seedling mortality

Minor use: Building site development

Management concern on building sites: Slope

Management concerns on sites for septic tank absorption fields: Rapid permeability, slope

7. Leelanau-Lindquist Association

These nearly level to very steep, well drained and somewhat excessively drained soils formed in sandy material mainly on moraines and outwash plains (fig. 8). The soils have moderately low or low natural fertility and a low water-holding capacity and are moderately susceptible or highly susceptible to ground-water contamination.

Setting

Landform: Channeled uplands, till plains, and outwash channels

Slope range: 0 to 50 percent

Composition

Extent of the association:

4 percent of the county

Extent of the soils in the association:

Leelanau—82 percent

Lindquist—8 percent

Minor soils—10 percent

Soil Properties and Qualities

Leelanau

Drainage class: Well drained

Parent material: Loamy sand

Texture of the surface layer: Loamy sand

Slope: 0 to 50 percent

Lindquist

Drainage class: Somewhat excessively drained

Parent material: Sandy material

Texture of the surface layer: Sand

Slope: 0 to 18 percent

Minor Soils

- Blue Lake soils, which are well drained and are in landscape positions similar to those of the major soils
- East Lake soils, which are somewhat excessively

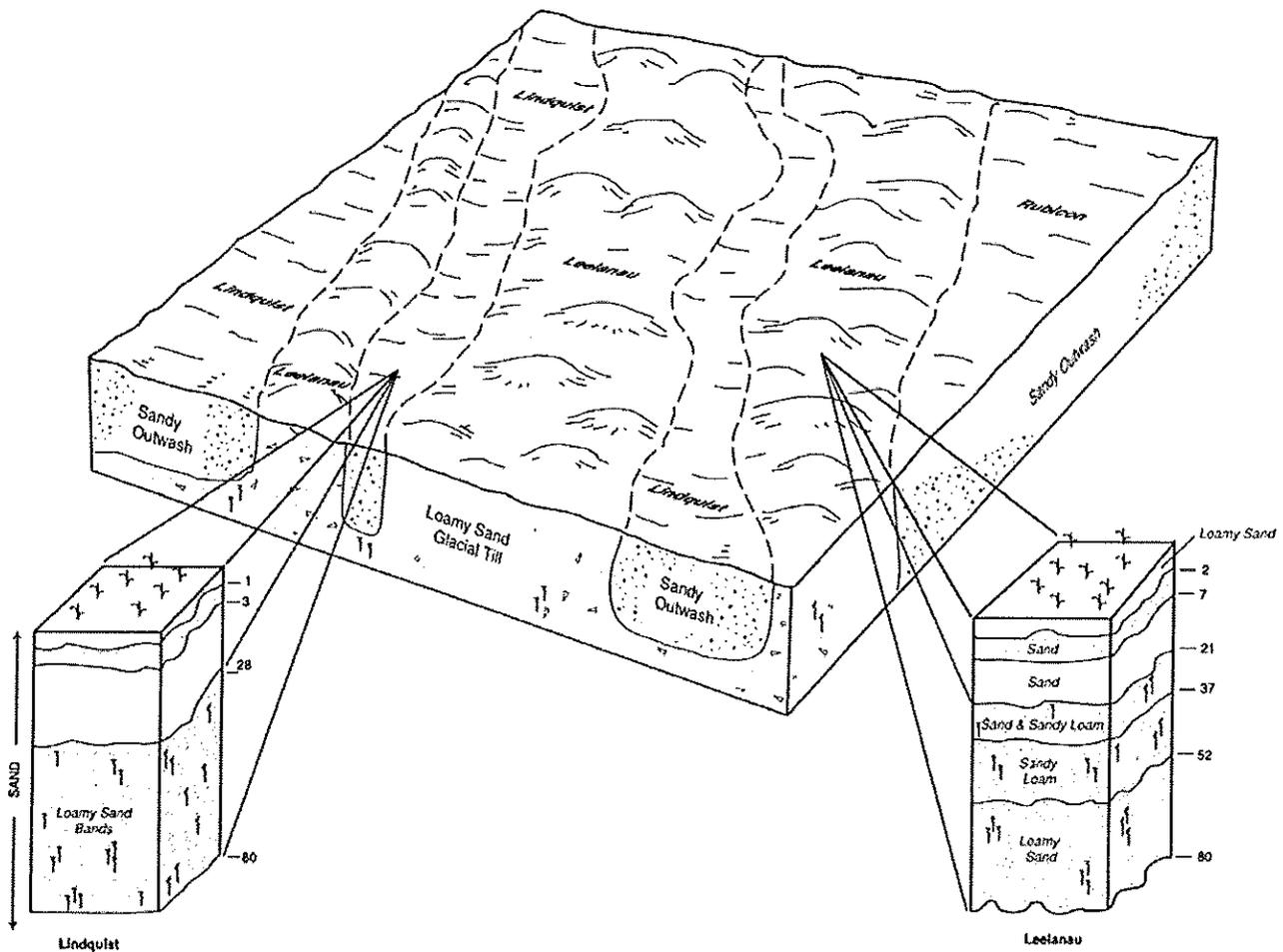


Figure 8.—Typical pattern of soils and parent material in the Leelanau-Lindquist association. Depth is indicated in inches.

drained, have more gravel in the substratum than the major soils, and are on kames

- Chinwhisker soils, which are moderately well drained and are on the slightly lower flats, in concave areas, and on the border of depressions
- Ausable soils, which are very poorly drained and are on flood plains
- Rubicon soils, which are excessively drained and are in landscape positions similar to those of the major soils

Use and Management

Major use: Forestland

Management concerns on forestland: Seedling mortality, water erosion

Minor use: Building site development

Management concern on building sites: Slope in some areas

Management concerns on sites for septic tank absorption fields: Rapid permeability, slope in some areas

8. Blue Lake-Feldhauser-Kalkaska Association

These nearly level to very steep, moderately well drained to somewhat excessively drained soils formed in sandy and loamy material mainly on remnant moraines. The soils have moderate or moderately low natural fertility and a moderate or low water-holding capacity and are moderately susceptible to ground-water contamination.

Setting

Landform: Dissected remnant moraines and summits

Slope range: 0 to 50 percent

Composition

Extent of the association:

2 percent of the county

Extent of the soils in the association:

Blue Lake—55 percent

Feldhauser and similar soils—25 percent

Kalkaska—18 percent

Minor soils—2 percent

Soil Properties and Qualities**Blue Lake**

Drainage class: Well drained

Parent material: Sandy material

Texture of the surface layer: Loamy sand

Slope: 0 to 50 percent

Feldhauser

Drainage class: Moderately well drained

Parent material: Loamy material underlain by sandy material

Texture of the surface layer: Fine sandy loam

Slope: 0 to 6 percent

Kalkaska

Drainage class: Somewhat excessively drained

Parent material: Sandy material

Texture of the surface layer: Sand

Slope: 8 to 50 percent

Minor Soils

- Hartwick soils, which are somewhat excessively drained, have gravel in the substratum, and are in outwash channels
- Lindquist soils, which are somewhat excessively drained, have less development in the subsoil than the major soils, and are in landscape positions similar to those of the major soils

Use and Management

Major use: Forestland

Management concerns on forestland: Equipment limitations, water erosion on side slopes, seedling mortality in some areas

Minor uses: Cropland, pasture, and building site development

Management concerns on cropland: Water erosion, tillage, compaction

Management concerns on pasture: Compaction, seasonal wetness on summits, droughtiness on side slopes

Management concerns on building sites: Wetness on summits, slope on side slopes

Management concerns on sites for septic tank absorption fields: Wetness on summits, rapid permeability, slope on side slopes

9. Blue Lake-Mossback-Mancelona Association

These nearly level to very steep, well drained and somewhat excessively drained soils formed in sandy and loamy material mainly on moraines. The soils have moderate or moderately low natural fertility and a moderate or low water-holding capacity and are moderately susceptible to ground-water contamination.

Setting

Landform: Terminal moraines, till plains, dissected moraines in the channeled uplands, kames, and stream terraces

Slope range: 0 to 70 percent

Composition

Extent of the association:

14 percent of the county

Extent of the soils in the association:

Blue Lake—35 percent

Mossback—30 percent

Mancelona—20 percent

Minor soils—15 percent

Soil Properties and Qualities**Blue Lake**

Drainage class: Well drained

Parent material: Sandy material

Texture of the surface layer: Loamy sand

Slope: 0 to 50 percent

Mossback

Drainage class: Well drained

Parent material: Sandy loam underlain by sandy material

Texture of the surface layer: Sandy loam

Slope: 0 to 35 percent

Mancelona

Drainage class: Somewhat excessively drained

Parent material: Sandy and gravelly material

Texture of the surface layer: Loamy sand
Slope: 0 to 70 percent

Minor Soils

- Lindquist soils, which are somewhat excessively drained, have less development in the subsoil than the major soils, and are in landscape positions similar to those of the major soils
- Morganlake soils, which are moderately well drained, have sandy material that is 20 to 40 inches deep over loamy material, and are in nearly level areas
- Menominee soils, which are well drained, have sandy material that is 20 to 40 inches deep over loamy material, and are in landscape positions similar to those of the major soils
- Bamfield soils, which are well drained, have more clay in the subsoil than the major soils, and are in landscape positions similar to those of the major soils
- Leafriver soils, which are very poorly drained, are organic in the upper part and sandy in the lower part, and are in depressions
- Gladwin soils, which are somewhat poorly drained and are in depressions

Use and Management

Major uses: Forestland and cropland

Management concerns on forestland: Equipment limitations, water erosion in the steeper areas

Management concerns on cropland: Droughtiness, water erosion

Minor uses: Pasture and building site development

Management concern on pasture: Overgrazing

Management concern on building sites: Slope in some areas

Management concern on sites for septic tank absorption fields: Slope in some areas

10. Ossineke-Blue Lake-Morganlake Association

These nearly level to very steep, moderately well drained and well drained soils formed in sandy and loamy material mainly on moraines. The soils have low to high natural fertility and a moderate or low water-holding capacity and are moderately susceptible or slightly susceptible to ground-water contamination.

Setting

Landform: Terminal moraines and till plains

Slope range: 0 to 50 percent

Composition

Extent of the association:

9 percent of the county

Extent of the soils in the association:

Ossineke—30 percent

Blue Lake—29 percent

Morganlake—25 percent

Minor soils—16 percent

Soil Properties and Qualities

Ossineke

Drainage class: Moderately well drained

Parent material: Loamy material underlain by sandy material

Texture of the surface layer: Fine sandy loam

Slope: 0 to 12 percent

Blue Lake

Drainage class: Well drained

Parent material: Sandy material

Texture of the surface layer: Loamy sand

Slope: 0 to 50 percent

Morganlake

Drainage class: Moderately well drained

Parent material: Loamy sand underlain by loamy material

Texture of the surface layer: Loamy sand

Slope: 0 to 12 percent

Minor Soils

- Mancelona soils, which are somewhat excessively drained, have more gravel in the substratum than the major soils, and are on kames and in outwash channels
- Bamfield and Menominee soils, which are well drained and are in the steeper areas
- Kent soils, which are moderately well drained, have more clay than the major soils, and are in landscape positions similar to those of the major soils
- Slade soils, which are somewhat poorly drained and are in shallow depressions
- Angelica soils, which are poorly drained and are in depressions
- Cathro soils, which are organic and are in depressions

Use and Management

Major uses: Forestland and cropland

Management concerns on forestland: Equipment limitations

Management concern on cropland: Water erosion

Minor uses: Pasture and building site development

Management concern on pasture: Overgrazing

Management concerns on building sites: Shrink-swell potential, frost action, wetness, slope in some areas

Management concerns on sites for septic tank

absorption fields: Moderately slow or slow permeability, wetness, slope in some areas

11. Tawas-Lupton Association

These nearly level, very poorly drained soils formed in muck or in muck over sandy material. They are mainly in depressions and drainageways. The soils have low natural fertility, have a high water-holding capacity in the organic layers and a low water-holding capacity in the sandy material, and are highly susceptible to ground-water contamination.

Setting

Landform: Drainageways, flood plains, and depressions on outwash plains, in outwash channels, and on moraines

Slope range: 0 to 2 percent

Composition

Extent of the association:

8 percent of the county

Extent of the soils in the association:

Tawas—53 percent

Lupton—32 percent

Minor soils—15 percent

Soil Properties and Qualities

Tawas

Drainage class: Very poorly drained

Parent material: Organic material that is 16 to 51 inches deep over sandy material

Texture of the surface layer: Muck

Slope: 0 to 2 percent

Lupton

Drainage class: Very poorly drained

Parent material: More than 51 inches of organic material

Texture of the surface layer: Muck

Slope: 0 to 2 percent

Minor Soils

- Croswell soils, which are moderately well drained, are sandy throughout, and are on islands, terraces, and outwash plains
- Au Gres soils, which are somewhat poorly drained, are sandy throughout, and are on islands and terraces
- Ausable and Bowstring soils, which have alternating layers of mineral and organic material and are on flood plains
- Histosols and Aquents, which are ponded and are in depressions and near areas of open water
- Kellogg soils, which are moderately well drained, have sandy material that is 20 to 40 inches deep over clayey material, and are on lake plains

Use and Management

Major uses: Forestland, recreational development, and wildlife habitat

Management concerns on forestland: Equipment limitations, windthrow, seedling mortality

SECTION 2

ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

This Section defines the organizational structure for the OCPR. A description of governmental structure, budgets and support for recreation are also discussed. An organizational chart for the OCPR is shown in Figure 2.1 on page 2-6. The process for approving the Otsego County Community Recreation Plan is Review and Recommendation by the OCPR and a Public Hearing and Adoption by the Otsego County Board of Commissioners.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AND STAFF

Otsego County established the OCPR under the authority of Public Act 261, as amended by Act 242, P.A. 1966. The Commission is currently comprised of:

- Chad Dutcher, Chairperson
- Dave Baragrey, Vice Chairperson
- Pete Awrey, Secretary
- Doug Johnson, Otsego Co. Board of Commissioner
- William Holewinski, Otsego Co. Road Commission/Drain Commission
- Randy Stults, Otsego Co. Planning Commission
- Butch Fleming
- Abe Cruz
- Tom Johnson
- Mike Tarbutton, Director
- Arnie Quay, Coordinator
- Keri Swantek, Monitor/Ranger

The Commission employs a full-time Parks and Recreation Director and also two full-time staffers; a Coordinator and a Monitor/Ranger. Additionally, seven to nine seasonal staffers are employed from May to September. The Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve will have a full-time Manager and several part-time employees (refer to the separate document Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve Master Plan for detailed information). Finally, the OCPR contracts with various service providers for such offerings as gymnastics coaching, aerobics instruction and parent and tot day programs. See the Recreation Inventory section for additional information and details on programming.

The OCPR is fortunate to receive a tremendous amount of volunteer support throughout the year. These volunteers help coordinate local biathlons, triathlons, annual summer festival activities and fireworks displays. Further, a high level of volunteer support allows the Bear Basketball program to continue each year. The Bear Basketball program is the Community Center's largest single recreational offering in terms of numbers of participants. Dozens of parents and students alike volunteer regularly to coach, referee, keep score and maintain statistics. Local businesses also support the program by providing equipment and uniforms.

COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The OCPR budget and operations are monitored by the County Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners is currently comprised of:

Paul Beachnau, Chairperson
Paul Liss, Vice Chairperson
Erma Backenstose
Clark Bates
Ken Borton
Bruce Brown
Doug Johnson
Lee Olsen
Rich Sumerix

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FUNCTIONS

The Commission serves in an operational capacity to the Otsego County Board of Commissioners. The functions of the OCPR include, but are not limited to the following;

PLANNING - to provide a systematic means of planning the location, acquisition, development, and maintenance of a system of parks, recreation and open space areas, facilities and activities within the County. Definite criteria for inclusion shall be adopted and revised periodically to keep pace with changing demands and habit use patterns.

ACQUISITION - to provide a program of acquisition of adjoining acreage or to acquire unique or strategic scenic, scientific or historical areas for the enjoyment of the residents of the County and their guests. Said areas shall be acquired in an organized, systematic manner so as to provide equal opportunity, access, and enjoyment for all.

DEVELOPMENT - to provide those activities and facilities commensurate with the needs of the people. All development should be carefully planned and be of a durable nature to minimize maintenance.

FUNDING - to explore and utilize every means of financing that is available to the Commission including Federal and State matching fund programs, general obligation bonds, general funds, user fees and charges, along with gifts and donations.

OPERATION - to provide the necessary personnel to operate the parks as effectively and efficiently as feasible. Adequate supervision should be provided to all areas to protect the facilities and to ensure equal opportunity for enjoyment by all users.

MAINTENANCE - to maintain all parks and facilities in a clean, neat, sanitary and orderly manner, to protect the public health, safety and enjoyment of its users.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION - to employ qualified and competent personnel to carry out the functions and operations described above for the County park system. To maintain and establish those procedures necessary for maintaining an accurate accounting of all funds utilized by the Commission.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION OPERATING BUDGET

The taxpayers of Otsego County originally approved a millage of 1/16 of a mill in 1990, to operate, improve and expand the Otsego Lake County Park. This millage continued thru December 31, 2010 when it was allowed to expire. These funds were also used to expand and make improvements at the Pleasant View Park (Wah Wah Soo), the Dr. Robert S. Libke Memorial Fields and the Frank H. Wilkinson Roadside Park (Irontone Springs). Park user fees provide additional operational funds.

The Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission currently operates on a voter-approved millage (3/16 of a mill) that will provide approximately \$218,516 annually. This 5-year millage was renewed by voters on August 3, 2010. Small user fees, interest and contributions provide additional revenue. All present and future facilities owned and operated by the OCPR can use this millage for operations.

In 1994, Otsego County voters approved a millage to establish and construct the Otsego County Sportsplex. The County owns the facility and its' recreational opportunities. There is an Operational Agreement between the County and the "Otsego County Sportsplex (Sportsplex)," a Michigan non-profit corporation, which allows the Sportsplex to operate and manage the facility. Since 1994, there have also been subsequent operating millage requests that have been approved by Otsego County voters as well.

The Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve operation and maintenance will be funded by a trust fund that has been established for the facility. There will be zero cost to the OCPR and the County for this facility.

For 2011, the budgeted revenue is \$478,319. Total expenses for the year is budgeted to be \$478,319. The breakdown for these figures appears below.

Income:	Property taxes (millage levy of 1/16 + 3/16)	\$298,169
	Interest	\$0
	User fees:	
	Community Center Services	\$21,200
	Campground User Fees	\$143,950
	Miscellaneous Revenue	\$15,000
	Total Revenue (2011)	<u>\$478,319</u>
Expenses:	Personnel (Including wages and benefits)	\$237,447
	Maintenance and Supplies	\$160,600
	Utilities and Advertising	\$73,800
	Miscellaneous Contingency	\$6,472
	Total Expenses (2011)	<u>\$478,319</u>

For 2012, the projected budget figures are as follows:

Income:	Property taxes (millage levy of 3/16 only)	\$218,516
	Interest	\$4,000
	User fees:	
	Community Center Services	\$29,700
	Campground User Fees	\$129,100
	Miscellaneous Revenue	\$15,000
	Total Projected Revenue (2012)	<u>\$396,316</u>
Expenses:	Personnel (Including wages and benefits)	\$219,109
	Maintenance and Supplies	\$106,272
	Utilities and Advertising	\$69,935
	Miscellaneous Capital Outlays	\$1,000
	Total Projected Expenses (2012)	<u>\$396,316</u>

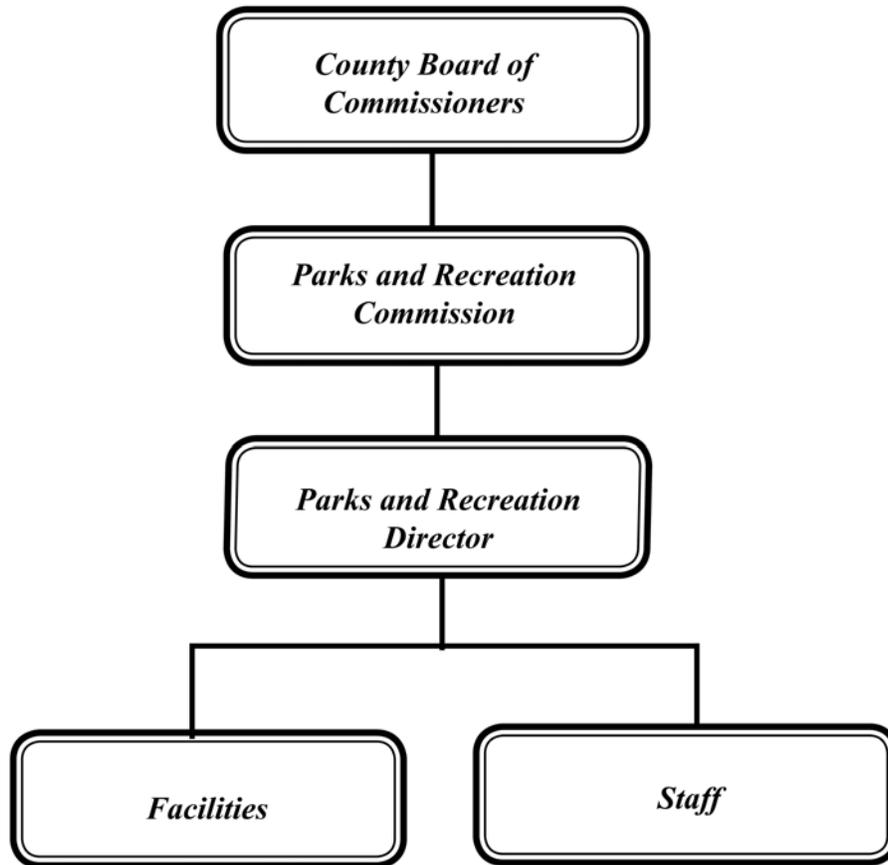
The annual budget is prepared by the Parks and Recreation Director, reviewed and approved by the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission, then sent to the Otsego County Board of Commissioners for adoption. The proposed budget for fiscal year 2012 indicates total revenue for the entire Parks and Recreation Department, from property tax millage levies, user fees, interest and

contributions to be \$396,316. Total expenses for the year are proposed to be \$396,316. The reduction in revenue from 2011 to 2012 is a result of the expiration of the 1/16 of a mill levy. This budget is administered and expended by the employed staff hired by the Commission. The organizational structure for the Parks and Recreation Commission is shown in Figure 2.1 on page 2-6.

RELATIONSHIP WITH COUNTY SCHOOLS REGARDING RECREATION

The OCPR is not officially associated with the local school systems or their recreational facilities. However, the OCPR Director works to maintain close relationships with all area schools, including public, parochial and private.

FIGURE 2.1
OTSEGO COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



SECTION 3

RECREATION INVENTORY

For this recreation plan, the inventory from the 2005 Plan was used as a starting point then reviewed and updated to include recent improvements to parks and facilities. Information for the 2005 Plan inventory was gleaned from state, city, village and township governments as well as from the local Chamber of Commerce, private businesses and other County departments. A recreational inventory of all OCPR parks and recreation facilities was conducted by C2AE during Summer, 2011. Staff visited each park property and updated the physical description and inventory of each facility, including playground equipment, buildings site furnishings, recreation fields and parking facilities. Facilities not owned by the OCPR were not all visited for the inventory. Information was provided by some site visits, operators of the facilities and from internet web sites.

Recreational activities are a key factor in establishing the character of Otsego County. State forest land accounts for over 90,000 acres within the County, or 27% of the total land surface. These lands are located primarily in the northeast and southeast sections of the County, along the southern border and west of Otsego Lake. However, each township in the County contains State Land. There are numerous State forest campgrounds, providing over 150 campsites, located within the County. Hiking, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, boating, canoeing, and fishing are other primary public uses of the County's State forest lands. The location of land owned by the State of Michigan is shown in Figure 3.5 on page 3-30.

The County's water resources also play an important role in area recreation activity. Public facilities on the lakes include the Otsego Lake State Park and the Otsego Lake County Park. The State Park is located along the southeast lake shore and includes over 152 campsites on 62 acres with easy access to Otsego Lake for boating and fishing. The County Park is located on 27 acres along the northwest lake shore. The County Park provides facilities for extensive day use, boating and camping. All 80 campsites have electricity and the campground includes shower facilities, a flush and fill station for camping vehicles and a septic field that was constructed in 1993.

Many other smaller lakes are located throughout the County, especially through the southern sections. These are used during the summer months for boating, skiing, or fishing. During the winter months, these lakes are used less intensely for skating, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling or ice-fishing.

In addition to the lakes, Otsego County has an extensive system of rivers and wetlands. The Sturgeon, Pigeon, Manistee and Black Rivers all originate in the central portion of the County, while the north and middle branches of the AuSable flow through the southern sections of the County. These rivers

offer many opportunities for fishing and canoeing. As with the County's lakes, property along these rivers is valuable for residential purposes.

Guidelines have been established to protect the County's water resources from misuse or over-development. The Otsego County Zoning Ordinance (Article 15) addresses lots near water. The intent of this Ordinance section is to attempt to prevent and control water pollution, to preserve shore land vegetative cover, to maintain the natural beauty of the County water resources. To further the maintenance of safe and healthy conditions of the shore lands of streams, rivers, lakes, and flowages of water within the County. The County also has the ability to protect water resources via the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Act, No. 347, Public Acts of 1972 and the rules promulgated there under.

OTSEGO COUNTY PARKS AND FACILITIES

Otsego County owns and operates the Otsego Lake County Park and Campground, Pleasant View Park (Wah Wah Soo), the Dr. Robert S. Libke Memorial Fields, the Frank H. Wilkinson Roadside Park (Irontone Springs), the Otsego County Community Center, the Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve and the Otsego County Sportsplex/Energy Outlet. A detailed recreation inventory is included for the OCPR Parks and Facilities. Additional Countywide recreational parks and facilities (not owned/operated by OCPR) are also included in this section but less detailed information is noted. The location of the OCPR facilities are shown in Figure 1.4 on page 1-7.

Otsego Lake County Park and Campground

This 27-acre campground and day use park provides public access to the west side of Otsego Lake. It is located off West Otsego Lake Drive, just five miles southwest of Gaylord. Features of the park include 80 modern wooded campsites, fire pits on all sites, paved roads, showers, a flush and fill station for camping vehicles, firewood, ice sales and ice cream sales, a pop machine, a 500 ft sand beach area, boat launch, two pavilions, outdoor basketball court, sand volleyball court, horseshoe pits, a playground, picnic areas, nature trails and wireless internet access. It primarily serves residents of the State of Michigan, although visitors from other states and other countries are becoming increasingly common. The park consists of 80 campsites with electrical hook-ups. A flush and fill station is available for campers, whether they stay at the park or not. Most of the park meets barrier-free accessibility guidelines (Accessibility Ranking = 3). Toilets and shower facilities are barrier-free, two campsites are dedicated barrier-free, the playground includes a barrier-free swing and there are also barrier-free picnic tables. Paved roads allow barrier-free access to all facilities except for the beach/swimming area. A Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Trust Fund Recreation Bond Grant was awarded in 1991 to add electricity and a septic system to the then 40-site park. Between 1992 and 2000 the park expanded from 40 to 60 sites and a shower facility was added through user fees and millage revenue. In

2001, the County was awarded a Michigan DNR Clean Michigan Initiative Grant to expand the number of campsites to 80 and to pave all roads. Most recently, in 2008 the County was awarded a Michigan State Waterways Commission Grant to dredge the channel, construct a new boat launch and dock, pave the parking lot and provide a new vault toilet. The park is open May through October.

Pleasant View Park (Wah Wah Soo)

This free day use 4 acre park provides public access to the east side of Otsego Lake. It is located on Old Highway 27, just five miles south of Gaylord. The park includes a buoyed swim area, a sandy beach, five picnic tables, one bench, two grills and barrier-free vault toilets at the parking area. It serves the County population as well as vacationers in the region. Steep steps drop from the parking area to the beach. Therefore, the only portion of the facility that meets accessibility guidelines are the barrier-free vault toilets (Accessibility Ranking = 2).

Dr. Robert S. Libke Memorial Fields

This free day use five acre facility includes three fenced softball fields, bleachers and a maintenance shed. The fields are located two miles west of Gaylord on Van Tyle Road, just west of the airport. The fields are mowed on a weekly basis. The fields are used for baseball/softball, flag football, soccer practice, golfers, frisbee, model airplane flying, school activities and many other uses in relation to its purpose as a general use green space area. This park generally serves County residents. It formally served residents from nearby counties who traveled to the fields for softball games. Regular softball games are no longer held at the field. Some of this facility meets accessibility guidelines as barrier-free parking is provided and special areas are designated for physically challenged attendees (Accessibility Ranking = 2).

Frank H. Wilkinson Roadside Park (Irontone Springs)

This free day use seven acre park is heavily wooded and offers nature trails, mown grass areas along a babbling brook. The park includes a pavilion, a barrier-free uni-sex vault toilet, nice picnic tables, four grills, a paved parking area and an artesian well. It is a peaceful roadside park located on Old Highway 27, just three miles north of Gaylord, that was first established and maintained by the Otsego County Road Commission. Recently, several weddings have taken place at the Park. It is also a favorite location for senior and prom pictures. The park's signature piece is the artesian well drinking fountain, the water from which has an iron-toned taste, hence the name of the park. Travelers from across the country are served by this park. Some of the park areas meet accessibility guidelines as the bridge over the brook is wide enough for wheelchair access, the pavilion is paved, barrier-free picnic tables are available and there also is a barrier-free vault toilet (Accessibility Ranking = 2).

Otsego County Community Center

This facility is located on a full city block near the center of Downtown Gaylord. It has both outdoor and indoor basketball courts, outdoor tennis courts, outdoor picnic tables, a small playground, horseshoe pits, indoor game rooms, meeting rooms and lounges. Through the variety of recreational programs offered at the center, it serves the entire County and residents of other counties as well who drive to Gaylord for the purpose of participating in one of the center's recreational programs. It particularly serves area youth, for weekdays from 3-5 pm (after school) is reserved for student use only. There is also a popular Parent-To-Tot Playgroup that is scheduled for during the regular school year. The facility is 100 percent barrier-free; all areas are fully accessible (Accessibility Ranking = 4).

Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve

The Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve (Preserve) at Echo Valley Ranch has just been established and the property transferred to the OCPR. The Preserve consists of nearly 800 acres of property located in Johannesburg, Michigan and is a significant natural feature located in Otsego County. The property contains Kujawa and Johannesburg Lakes, along with being the former home of both the Johannesburg Manufacturing Company as well as Echo Valley Ranch. The intent of the OCPR is to offer environmental/nature classes at the Preserve, along with hiking, mountain biking, cross country skiing, snowshoeing and horseback riding along the property's many trails. The nature preserve will serve residents of Otsego County and others from around the area.

Otsego County will soon begin preparing the Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve Master Plan. A visioning committee will be utilized when creating this master plan and will provide input on how to develop the facilities. This separate document will provide detailed planning and visioning information for the property as a public asset. A trust fund is established for the operation and maintenance of this facility. There will be zero cost to the OCPR and the County for this facility.

Otsego County Sportsplex/Energy Outlet

This facility is located off Gornick Avenue just minutes from Downtown Gaylord. As previously noted, the County owns the facility and its' recreational opportunities. There is an Operational Agreement between the County and the "Otsego County Sportsplex (Sportsplex)," a Michigan non-profit corporation, which allows the Sportsplex to operate and manage the facility. Pool activities include swimming lessons, water aerobics, water safety classes, lifeguard classes and a kayak club. Ice rink activities include learn to skate classes, hockey leagues and curling. Other activities offered at the Sportsplex include a Summer Day Camp, fitness classes (yoga, zumba and karate), pickle ball and ping pong. The Sportsplex facility also includes the Energy Outlet, which is an outdoor playground and fitness area. The facility primarily serves residents of Otsego County. However, users from all of northern lower

Michigan do use the ice rink and pool facilities. The facility is 100 percent barrier-free; all areas are fully accessible (Accessibility Ranking = 4).

**ADDITIONAL COUNTYWIDE RECREATIONAL PARKS AND FACILITIES
(NOT OWNED/OPERATED BY OCPR)**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Facilities Available</u>	<u>Ownership</u>
Wilderness Trails	Walking, hiking, biking, cross-country skiing; approximately 145 kilometers throughout the County (see Figure 3.1 on page 3-6).	State/Private
Snowmobile Trails	93 miles of signed, groomed snowmobile trails throughout and near Otsego County (see Figure 3.2 on page 3-7).	State/Leased by State
Gaylord Golf Mecca	An association of 21 golf courses throughout and near Otsego County (see Figure 3.3 on page 3-8).	Private

The location of the additional Countywide recreational parks and facilities are noted below. Many of these facilities are also shown in Figure 3.4 on page 3-9.

Bagley Township

Hutchins Little League Park

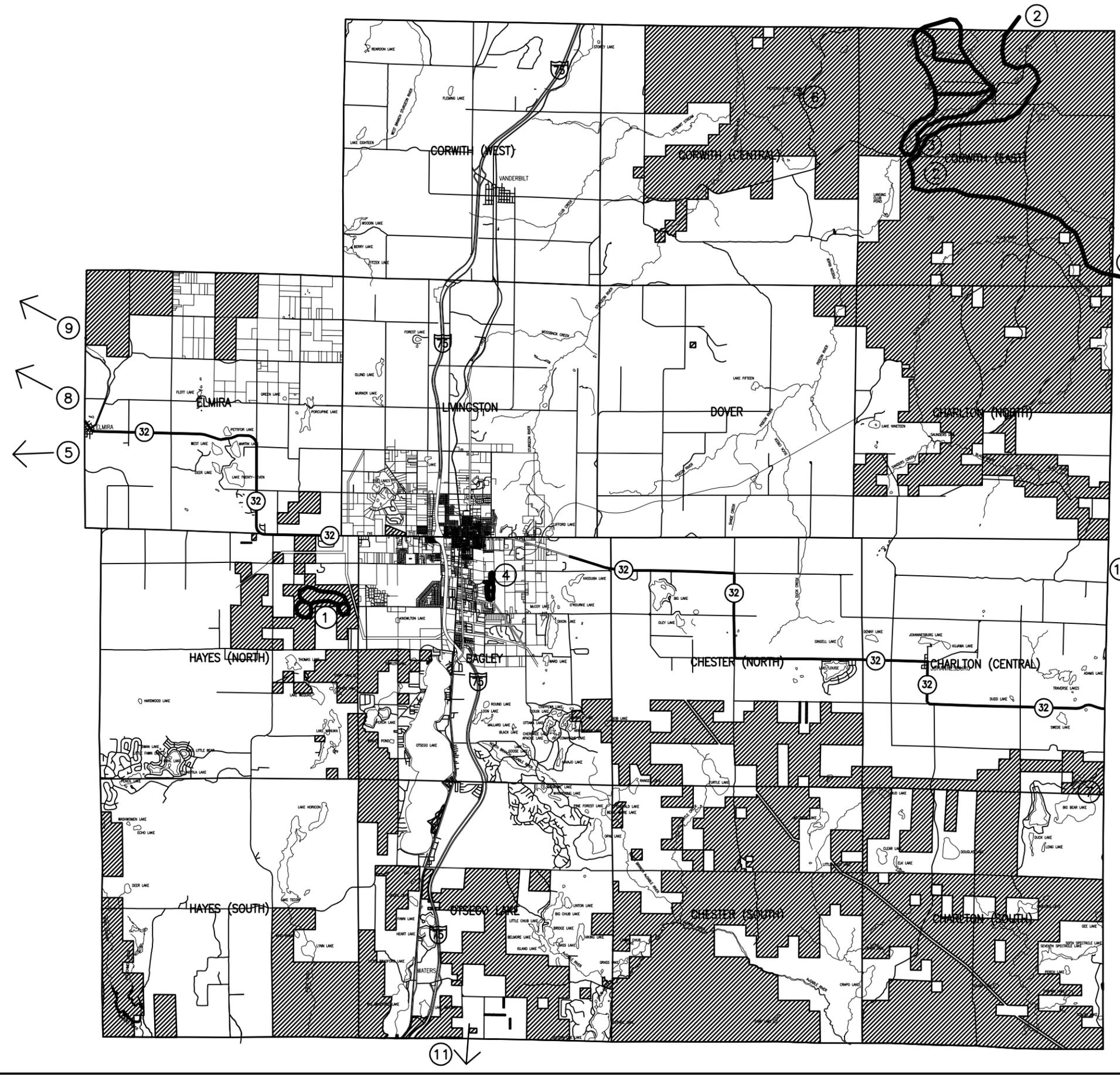
This park consists of seven little league ball fields that are owned and operated by the Gaylord Little League organization.

Dixon Lake Public Access Site

This site can be used for fishing and swimming. It also has a boat launch and vault toilets. The site is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

The Loon Golf Resort

This resort has an 18 hole golf course and accommodations. It is privately owned and operated.



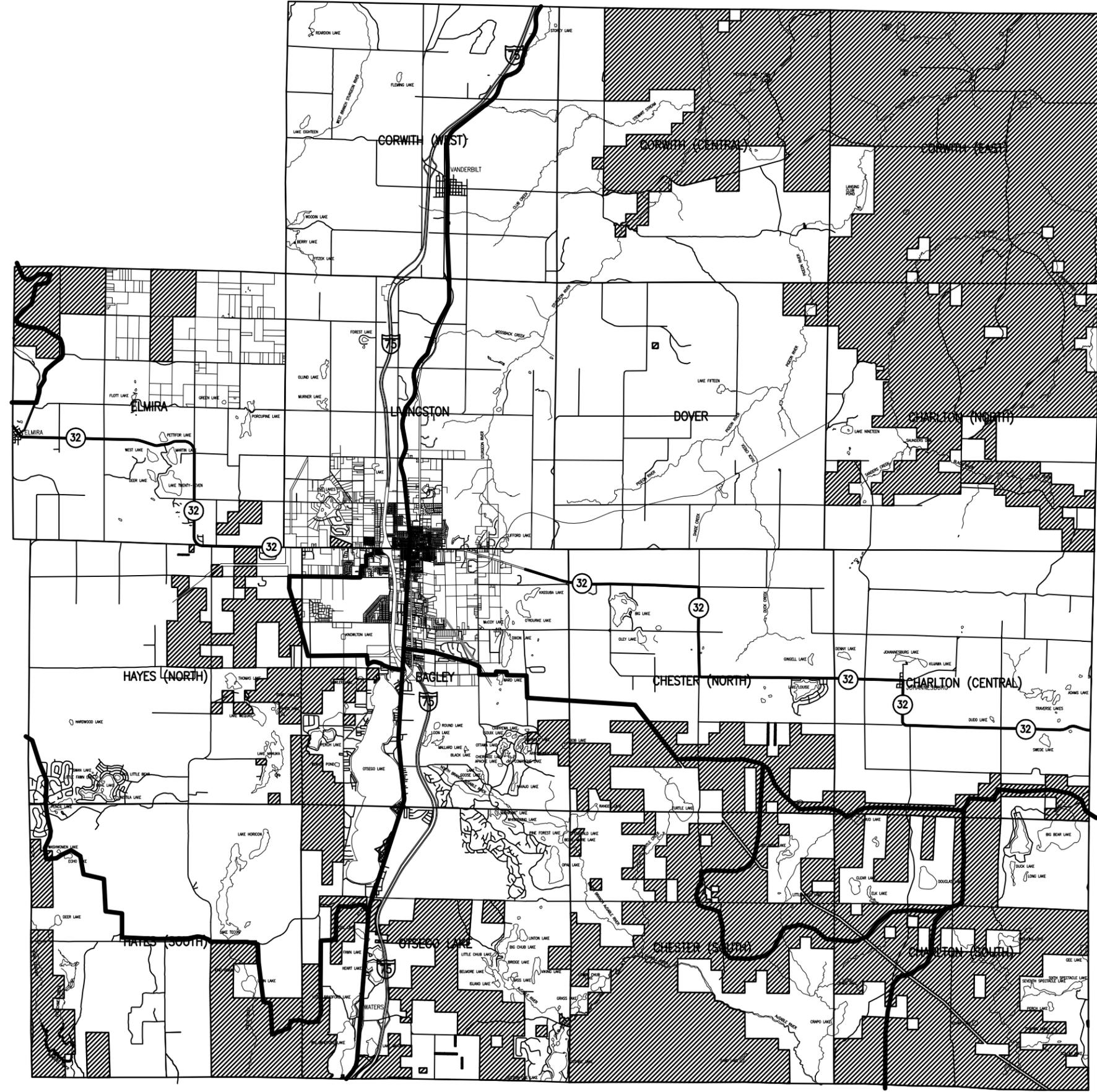
- ② THE HIGH COUNTRY PATHWAY IS A 70 MILE LOOP THAT STARTS EAST OF VANDERBILT ON STURGEON VALLEY ROAD, IN THE HEART OF THE PIGEON RIVER COUNTY STATE FOREST. THE PATHWAY EXTENDS EAST INTO MONTMORENCY COUNTY AND NORTH INTO PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY AND ALSO CHEBOYGAN COUNTY.
- ⑤ THE JORDAN VALLEY PATHWAY IS LOCATED 2 MILES WEST OF ELMIRA OFF US-131, 1/2 MILE SOUTH OF M-32, IN ANTRIM COUNTY.
- ⑧ THE WARNER CREEK PATHWAY IS LOCATED 15 MILES WEST OF GAYLORD ON M-32, 1-1/2 MILES WEST OF US-131, IN ANTRIM COUNTY.
- ⑨ THE SPRINGBROOK PATHWAY IS LOCATED 9 MILES NORTHEAST OF BOYNE FALLS, ON CHANDLER ROAD, IN CHARLEVOIX COUNTY.
- ⑩ THE BUTTLES ROAD PATHWAY IS LOCATED 4 MILES NORTH OF LEWISTON, ON BUTTLES ROAD, IN MONTMORENCY COUNTY.
- ⑪ THE FORBUSH CORNER PATHWAY IS LOCATED 3 MILES EAST OF FREDERIC, ON COUNTY ROAD 612, IN CRAWFORD COUNTY.

OTSEGO COUNTY
 WILDERNESS TRAILS

— WILDERNESS TRAIL

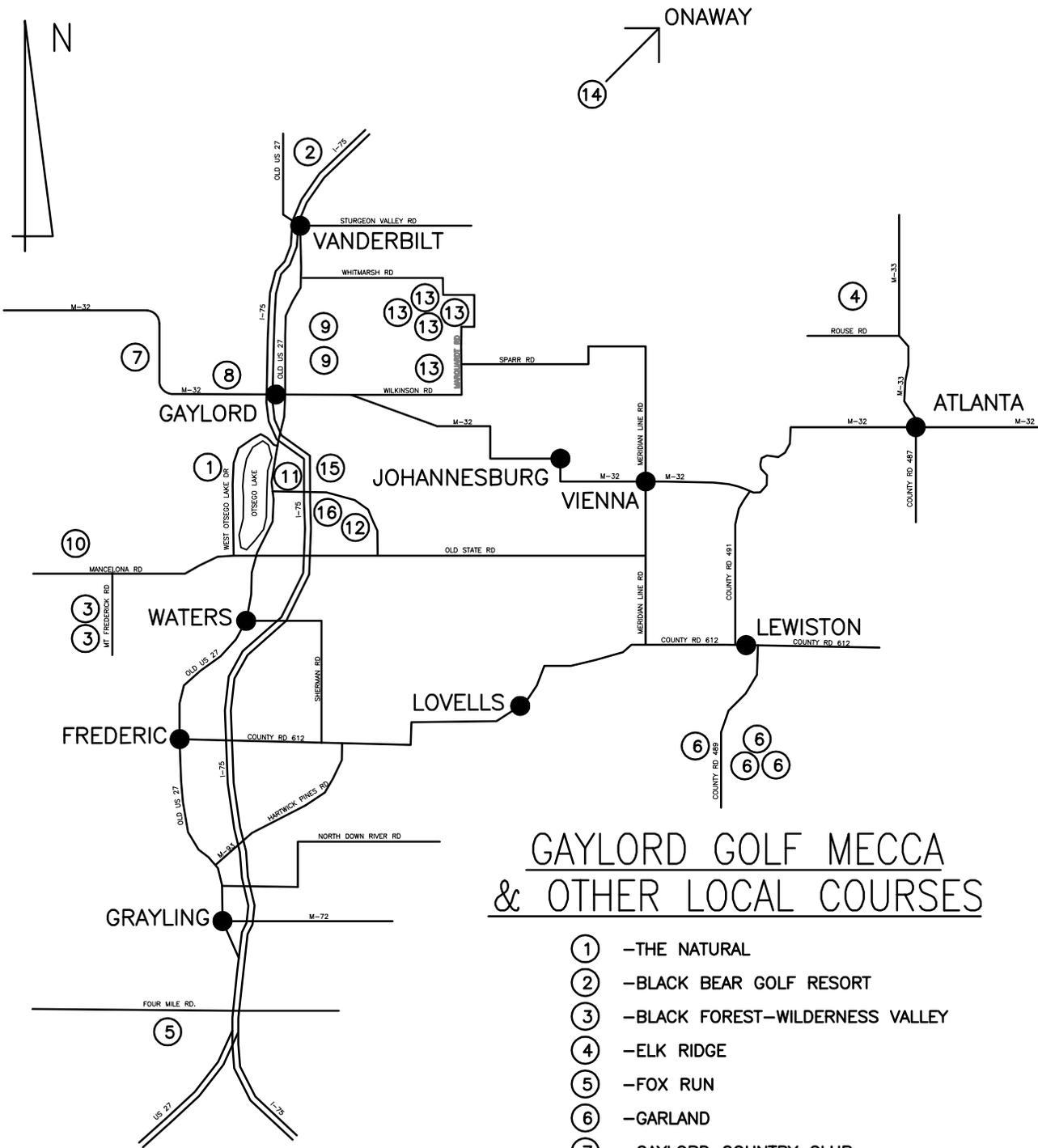
▨ LAND OWNED BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

- ① -PINE BARON PATHWAY
- ② -HIGH COUNTRY PATHWAY
- ③ -SHINGLE MILL PATHWAY
- ④ -ASPEN PARK PATHWAY
- ⑤ -JORDAN VALLEY PATHWAY
- ⑥ -PICKERAL LAKE PATHWAY
- ⑦ -BIG BEAR LAKE PATHWAY
- ⑧ -WARNER CREEK PATHWAY
- ⑨ -SPRING BROOK PATHWAY
- ⑩ -BUTTLES ROAD PATHWAY
- ⑪ -FORBUSH CORNER PATHWAY



OTSEGO COUNTY SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

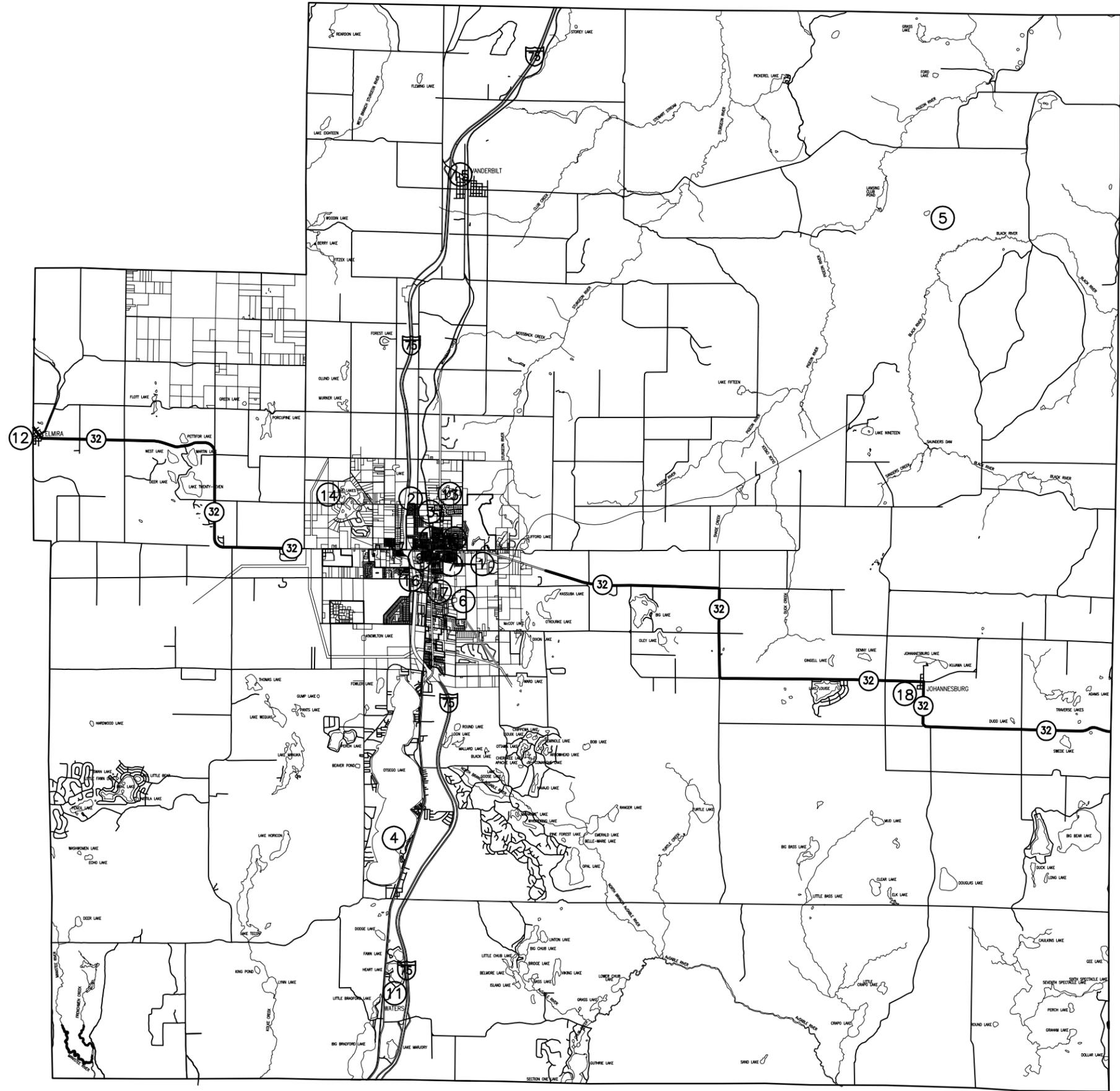
- SNOWMOBILE TRAIL
- ▨ LAND OWNED BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN



GAYLORD GOLF MECCA & OTHER LOCAL COURSES

- ① -THE NATURAL
- ② -BLACK BEAR GOLF RESORT
- ③ -BLACK FOREST-WILDERNESS VALLEY
- ④ -ELK RIDGE
- ⑤ -FOX RUN
- ⑥ -GARLAND
- ⑦ -GAYLORD COUNTRY CLUB
- ⑧ -GREEN TREES GOLF
- ⑨ -OTSEGO CLUB RESORT
- ⑩ -LAKES OF THE NORTH
- ⑪ -MARSH RIDGE RESORT
- ⑫ -MICHAYWE' THE PINES
- ⑬ -TREETOPS RESORT
- ⑭ -BLACK LAKE GOLF CLUB
- ⑮ -THE LOON GOLF RESORT
- ⑯ -THE LAKES COURSE

**FIGURE 3.3
 GAYLORD GOLF MECCA**



ADDITIONAL COUNTY WIDE RECREATIONAL PARKS AND FACILITIES

- ① -HUTCHINS LITTLE LEAGUE PARK
- ② -GAYLORD SOCCER COMPLEX
- ③ -OTSEGO COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS
- ④ -OTSEGO LAKE STATE PARK
- ⑤ -PIGEON RIVER COUNTY STATE FOREST
- ⑥ -ASPEN PARK
- ⑦ -GEORGE DOUMAS MEMORIAL PARK
- ⑧ -FREEL MEMORIAL PARK
- ⑨ -JOSEPH N. HALE MEMORIAL PARK
- ⑩ -CLAUDE SHANNON PARK
- ⑪ -REMI & EDNA SCHOTTE MEMORIAL TOWNSHIP PARK
- ⑫ -ELMIRA TOWNSHIP PARK
- ⑬ -ALTERNATIVE LANDSCAPING GARDEN
- ⑭ -FIVE LAKES NATURAL AREA
- ⑮ -VANDERBILT MEMORIAL PARK
- ⑯ -GAYLORD RAMP PARK
- ⑰ -ELK VIEW PARK
- ⑱ -CHARLTON TOWNSHIP PARK

FIGURE 3.4
ADDITIONAL COUNTY WIDE
RECREATIONAL PARKS AND FACILITIES

The Lakes Course

This golf course has an 18 hole golf course. It is privately owned and operated.

Marsh Ridge Golf Course and Resort

This resort has an 18 hole golf course and accommodations. It is privately owned and operated.

The Natural

This golf course has an 18 hole golf course and accommodations. It is privately owned and operated.

Michaywe' Association

This is a four-season recreation and residential community that features an 18 hole golf course and cross-country skiing & hiking trails. (Clubhouse, beach, tennis courts and pool for members only.) It is privately owned and operated.

Beaver Creek Resort

This resort includes a campground and cabin rentals with swimming, hiking, biking playground, mini golf and water slide. It is privately owned and operated.

KOA Campground

This facility includes a campground with swimming, playground, mini golf, horseshoes, shuffleboard, volleyball and biking. It is privately owned and operated.

Charlton Township

Charlton Township Park

This park includes a pavilion, slides, swings, a climbing structure, a basketball court and the Firemen's Field. It is owned and operated by Charlton Township.

Johannesburg- Lewiston High School

This school includes baseball/Softball field, football field, basketball court (gymnasium), track, tennis courts and playground. It is owned and operated by the Johannesburg-Lewiston School District.

Big Bear Lake State Forest Campground

This facility is a public access site for fishing and swimming. It also includes a campground with cottages, hiking/biking trails and ORV trails. The site is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

Big Bear Point State Forest Campground

This facility is a public access site for fishing and swimming. It also includes a campground with cottages and hiking/biking trails. The site is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

Johnsons Crossing Trail Camp

This facility is located in the Pigeon River State Forest and is a group area designed for use by equestrian campers riding the Shore to Shore Riding/Hiking Trail. Non-equestrian campers are also welcome. Fishing is located nearby on the Black River. The site is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

West Twin Lake Public Access Site

This site can be used for fishing and swimming. The site is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

Chester Township

Big Lake Public Access Site

This site can be used for fishing and swimming. It also has a boat launch and vault toilets. The site is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

Emerald Lake Public Access Site-

This site can be used for fishing and swimming. It also has a boat launch and vault toilets. The site is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

Big Bass Lake Public Access Site

This site can be used for fishing and swimming. It also has a boat launch and vault toilets. The site is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

Lower Chub Lake Public Access Site

This site can be used for fishing and swimming. The site is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

AuSable River Public Access

There is five miles of public access to the river that can be used for fishing. The area is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

Corwith Township

North Central State Trail

This trail is a multipurpose non-motorized pathway in the summer and a snowmobile trail in the winter. It is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

Sturgeon River Public Access

The access is located at Vanderbilt Road that provides public access to the river for fishing. The area is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

Pigeon River Public Access

The accesses are located at Vanderbilt Road and Sturgeon Valley Road that provide public access to the river for fishing. The area is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

Black River Public Access

The access is located near Black River Road that provides public access to the river for fishing. The area is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

Pickerel Lake State Forest Campground

This facility is a public access site for fishing and swimming. It also includes a campground, boat launch, vault toilets, picnic tables and hiking/biking trails. The site is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

Elk Hill Equestrian State Forest Campground

This facility is located in the Pigeon River State Forest and is a group area designed for use by equestrian campers riding the Shore to Shore Riding/Hiking Trail. Non-equestrian campers are also welcome. Fishing is located nearby on the Pigeon River. The site is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

Pigeon Bridge State Forest Campground

This facility is a public access site for trout fishing. It also includes a campground, picnic tables and hiking/biking trails. The site is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

Round Lake State Forest Campground

This facility is a public access site for swimming and fishing. It also includes a campground and hiking/biking trails. The site is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

Town Corner Campground

This facility is a campground and public fishing area. The site is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

Pigeon River County State Forest and Campground

This is a scenic and densely wooded area with numerous state campgrounds, lakes, rivers with public hunting and fishing areas. It also includes several miles of trails for biking, hiking, cross-county skiing and horseback riding. This State forest has the only elk herd east of the Mississippi River. The area is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

Black Bear Golf Resort

This resort has an 18 hole golf course. It is privately owned and operated.

Dover Township

Treetops Resort

This is a four-season ski and golf resort along with a residential community. It features downhill slopes which offer skiing and snowboarding; terrain park; cross-country trails; extreme tubing; snowmobiling; four 18 hole golf courses; one 9 hole golf course and hotel & lodge accommodations. It is privately owned and operated.

Elmira Township

Elmira Township Park

This free, day use, one acre facility is located in Elmira, approximately 10 miles west of Gaylord and just off of M-32. The park consists of a playground and basketball court and generally serves Township residents. It is owned and operated by Elmira Township. None of the facility meets accessibility guidelines (Accessibility Ranking = 1).

Elmira Montessori School

This school includes a gymnasium and playground that has been closed for the last several years. It is owned by Gaylord Community Schools.

Lake 27 Public Access Site

This site can be used for fishing and swimming. It also has a boat launch (car top boat and canoes only) and vault toilets. The site is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

Gaylord County Club

This club has an 18 hole golf course. It is privately owned and operated.

Green Trees Golf

This facility has an 18 hole golf course. It is privately owned and operated.

Lost Valley Bible Camp

This facility is a camp for children. It is privately owned and operated.

Camp Sancta Maria

This facility is a camp for children. It is privately owned and operated.

Flemming Farm

This facility is used for agriculture tourism. It is privately owned and operated.

Commercial Forest Reserve

This facility is a hunting habitat area. It is privately owned and operated.

Environmental Preservation Area

This facility has lake and wetland habitat. It is privately owned and operated.

Elmira Township has requested specifically to be included in the Otsego County Recreation Plan Update. The Township has completed the recreation inventory that is listed above and has included proposed projects in the Action Plan. The MDNR has indicated that the Township does not need a separate Recreation Plan.

Hayes Township

Gaylord Schools Plantation

This facility is 80 forested acres owned by the Gaylord School District used for forestry studies and hiking trails.

Pine Baron Pathway

The pathway is located in the Mackinaw State Forest, approximately three miles from Downtown Gaylord, this pathway provides hiking, mountain biking and cross-country skiing. Facilities include a parking lot and vault toilet. This pathway is jointly funded and operated by the DNR/Otsego County Parks and Rec/Gaylord Convention and Tourism Bureau/Hayes Township and users.

Lake Manuka Public Access Site

This site can be used for fishing and swimming. It also has a boat launch with limited water depth and vault toilets. The site is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

Manistee River Public Access

The access is located in the southwest part of the Township that provides public access to the river for fishing. The area is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

Wilderness Valley/Black Forest

This resort includes two 18 hole golf courses. It is privately owned and operated.

Livingston Township

Otsego County Animal Shelter

This facility is for pet recreation activities. It is owned and operated by Otsego County.

Alternative Landscaping Demonstration Garden and Conservation Forest

This facility is a three acre garden (Community garden, children's garden, wildflower plantings) and 16 acre timber stand used as a model conservation forest. The area also includes a small pond and nature trails for hiking, mountain biking, snowshoeing or cross-country skiing. It is owned by the Otsego County-County Conservation District.

Five Lakes Public Access Site

This site is used for fishing and swimming. It also has a boat launch, picnic area and is a Township Park. The site is owned and operated by Livingston Township.

Five Lakes Natural Area

This is a 20 acre facility with wildlife viewing, picnic tables and trails for hiking, mountain biking, snowshoeing or cross-country skiing. It is managed by the Otsego Conservation District and owned by Gaylord Community Schools.

Otsego Club Resort

This is a four-season ski and golf resort along with a residential community. It features downhill slopes which offer skiing and snowboarding; terrain park; cross-country trails; two 18 hole golf courses and hotel & lodge accommodations. It is privately owned and operated.

North Central State Trail

This trail is a multipurpose non-motorized pathway in the summer and a snowmobile trail in the winter. It is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

Otsego County Fair Grounds

This facility includes five exhibit barns, race track, horse barns, midway booth and grandstand. It is owned and operated by the County Fair Association.

Otsego Lake Township

Remi and Edna Schotte Memorial Township Park

This 24.8 acre park includes two pavilions, picnic tables, grills, a playground, hiking trails, nature trail, baseball diamond, basketball court, horseshoe pit, drinking fountain and one uni-sex vault toilet. It is owned and operated by Otsego Lake Township.

Otsego Lake State Park

This 62 acre park includes 156 campsites, 1000 ft sand beach area, boat launch and hiking trails. It is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

Heart Lake Public Access Site

This site is used for fishing and swimming. It also has a boat launch and vault toilets. The site is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

Big Bradford Lake Public Access Site

This site is used for fishing and swimming. It also has a boat launch and vault toilets. The site is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

Little Bradford Lake Public Access Site

This site is used for fishing and swimming. It is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

Big Chub Lake Public Access Site

This site is used for fishing and swimming. It is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

Lake Marjory Public Access Site

This site can be used for fishing and swimming. It also has a boat launch (car top boat and canoes only) and vault toilets. The site is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

Bridge Lake Public Access Site

This site is used for fishing and swimming. It is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

Opal Lake Public Access Site

This site can be used for fishing and swimming. It also has a boat launch (car top boat and canoes only) and vault toilets. The site is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

Guthrie Lake Public Access Site

This site is used for fishing and swimming. It is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

Section One Lake Public Access Site

This site can be used for fishing and swimming. It also has a boat launch and vault toilets. The site is owned and operated by the State of Michigan.

Otsego Lake Marina

The marina has docking and gas facilities. It is privately owned and operated.

Arbutus Beach

This is a private beach on Otsego Lake.

Michaywe' Association

This is a four-season recreation and residential community that features an 18 hole golf course and cross-country skiing & hiking trails. (Clubhouse, beach, tennis courts and pool for members only.) It is privately owned and operated.

Guthrie Lake Association

This is a private clubhouse and pool for association members only.

Otsego Lake Township has a Recreation Plan Chapter that is part of the Township Master Plan adopted in May 2006. The Township is currently updating their five-year Recreation Plan for the period 2012-2016. Additionally, the Township has also been included in previous County-wide recreational plans.

Village of Vanderbilt

Vanderbilt Memorial Park

This park includes a pavilion, two grills, benches, picnic tables, drinking fountain and portable restroom. It is owned and operated by Village of Vanderbilt.

Custer Park

This park includes a ball field. It is owned and operated by Village of Vanderbilt.

Kids Park

This park includes a playground, two benches, one picnic table, lighted basketball court, drinking fountain and portable restroom. It is owned and operated by Village of Vanderbilt.

Horsell Manor

This facility provides older adult housing and social interaction. It is owned and operated by Village of Vanderbilt.

Elkland Senior Center

This facility provides older adult bingo games, congregate meals and housing. It is owned and operated by Village of Vanderbilt.

Vanderbilt Schools

This school includes a baseball field, softball field, basketball court (gymnasium), hiking trails, forestry study area and picnic area. It is owned and operated by the Vanderbilt Area Schools.

City of Gaylord

George Doumas Memorial Park

This park includes a playground structure, a gazebo, benches, picnic tables, grills, a drinking fountain, paved walkways and restrooms. It is owned and operated by the City of Gaylord.

Freel Memorial Park

This park includes a playground structure, a gazebo, benches, picnic tables, grills, a drinking fountain, paved walkways and restrooms. It is owned and operated by the City of Gaylord.

Joseph N. Hale Memorial Park

This park includes a picnic area and pavilion. It is owned and operated by the City of Gaylord.

Gaylord Ramp Park

This park includes ramps for skateboards and BMX bikes. It is owned and operated by the City of Gaylord.

Claude Shannon Park

This pocket park provides access from Downtown shopping to a City parking lot. The Park includes benches and a drinking fountain. It is owned and operated by the City of Gaylord.

Elk View Park

This park provides viewing of the City Elk herd at the intersection of Elkview/Commerce Blvd and also at the end of Grandview Blvd. It is owned and operated by the City of Gaylord.

Aspen Park

This is a wooded 58.2 acre park that includes two tennis courts and lighted walking, biking and cross-country ski trails. It also includes a “single track” dirt mountain bike trail. It is owned and operated by the City of Gaylord.

Gaylord Soccer Complex

This complex consists of ten soccer fields for youth leagues and includes a pavilion. The complex is owned by the City of Gaylord and operated by the Alpine Youth Soccer Organization.

Pavilion On Court-

This is a multipurpose facility in Downtown used as a gathering place for many activities. It is owned by the City of Gaylord DDA.

Otsego County Fair Grounds

This facility includes five exhibit barns, race track, horse barns, midway booth and grandstand. It is owned and operated by the County Fair Association.

Alten Zimmer

This facility is an older adult meeting place with housing facilities. There are also social and recreational activities. It is owned and operated by the Otsego County Commission On Aging.

Gaylord High School

This school includes a gymnasium with three basketball courts, football field, track, baseball/softball fields, two football practice fields, two soccer practice fields and weightlifting area. It is owned and operated by Gaylord Community Schools.

Gaylord Middle School

This school includes a gymnasium, outdoor basketball courts, outdoor education classroom and ropes course. It is owned and operated by Gaylord Community Schools.

Gaylord Intermediate School

This school includes a gymnasium, football field, track, soccer field, baseball/softball fields, outdoor basketball courts and playground. It is owned and operated by Gaylord Community Schools.

South Maple Elementary School

This school includes a gymnasium and playground. It is owned and operated by Gaylord Community Schools.

North Ohio Elementary School

This school includes a gymnasium and playground. It is owned and operated by Gaylord Community Schools.

St. Mary Cathedral Schools

This school includes a gymnasium and multi-purpose room, baseball/softball fields, practice football field and playground. It is owned and operated by the Diocese of Gaylord.

Otsego Club Resort

This is a four-season ski and golf resort along with a residential community. It features downhill slopes which offer skiing and snowboarding terrain park, cross-country trails, two 18 hole golf courses and hotel & lodge accommodations. It is privately owned and operated.

Powerhouse Gym

This facility is membership only. It includes racquetball courts, weightlifting and fitness courses. It is privately owned and operated.

Nautilus Fitness Center

This facility is membership only. It includes weightlifting and fitness courses. It is privately owned and operated.

Snap Fitness

This facility is membership only. It includes weightlifting and fitness courses. It is privately owned and operated.

Gaylord Bowling Center

This facility offers bowling and horseshoes. It is privately owned and operated.

Bavarian Falls Park

This facility offers Adventure golf, Go-Carts and Crazy Cars. It is privately owned and operated.

Gaylord Discovery Center

This facility is located near Downtown Gaylord. It allows children to discover how the world works through play and exploration. The center is open to the public Monday thru Saturday. It is privately owned and operated.

SIGNIFICANT NATURAL FEATURES

Pigeon River State Forest

The Pigeon River State Forest is a significant natural feature located in Otsego, Cheboygan and Montmorency Counties. This land was called the “pine barrens east of Vanderbilt” by author Ernest Hemingway and “The Big Wild” by Michigan pioneer conservationist P.S. Lovejoy. This forest provides some 105,000 acres of public land that is the home of the only free ranging elk herd east of the Mississippi River. The State of Michigan began acquiring large pieces of land that would become the Pigeon River Forest in the 1910’s due to the abandonment of lumber mills and farms and also neglect in paying taxes. This forest allows users to experience northern Michigan in its most natural state. The area is filled with an abundance of wildlife, including elk, and is a great place for hunting, fishing and camping. There are over 10-miles of unmarked pathways for hiking, backpacking, mushroom hunting, mountain biking, horseback riding, cross county skiing or snowshoeing. The location of land owned by the State of Michigan is shown in Figure 3.5 on page 3-30.

Green Timbers is a 6,388 acre tract of land that was formally owned by the McLouth Steel Company and used as a hunting and fishing retreat for their employees. In 1982 the State of Michigan took over the property and it became part of the Pigeon River County State Forest. More than half of Green Timbers is covered with second growth forest of aspen, oak and other northern hardwoods along with both white and red pine. Two cabins remain today for public use, the Green Timbers Cabin and the Honeymoon Cabin. The Green Timbers area is closed to all motor vehicles, including snowmobiles.

OTSEGO LAKE AND ROAD END ACCESS LOCATIONS

Otsego Lake is the County’s largest lake (1972 acres) and is a very significant natural feature within the County. Otsego Lake is a valuable economic and recreation resource not only for Otsego County, but for the region as well. The lake is approximately five miles long, has an average width of 0.7 miles (max. width is 1 mile) and a maximum depth of 23 feet. It is used by many for boating, fishing and swimming. There are two official Public Access Sites for the lake, Otsego Lake State Park and Otsego Lake County Park. However, there are many other road end access locations that allow public access. Those locations are as follows:

<u>Road Name</u>	<u>Huron Pines Site Number</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Plat Name</u>
Kimbal	1	Bagley	28	Unplatted
Pinehurst	2	Bagley	29	Point Comfort Pleasure Resort
Michigan	3	Bagley	21	Point Sunset
Superior	4	Bagley	21	Point Sunset
Dakota	5	Bagley	21	Point Sunset
Idaho	6	Bagley	21	Point Sunset
Cypress	7	Bagley	21	Salling Beach
Stonewood	8	Bagley	21	Salling Beach
Lancewood	9	Bagley	21	Salling Beach
South Tall Tree Lane	10	Bagley	21	Tall Tree Acres
North Tall Tree Lane	11	Bagley	21	Tall Tree Acres
Lee	12	Bagley	21	Unplatted
Greentree Drive	13	Bagley	20	Otsego Lake View
Pinetum	14	Bagley	20	Otsego Lake View
Beach Komer	15	Bagley	20	Unplatted
Four Oaks	16	Bagley	20	Unplatted
Log Cabin Lane	17	Bagley	20	Unplatted
Tree Line Drive	18	Bagley	20	Unplatted
Stevens	19	Bagley	20	Unplatted
Acme	20	Bagley	20	Acme Park
Pontiac	21	Bagley	20	Acme Park
Fairgrove	22	Bagley	20	Unplatted
Redwood	23	Bagley	29	Idylwild
County Park Road	24	Bagley	29	Unplatted
Pioneer	25	Bagley	29	Hazel Banks
Elmwood	26	Bagley	32	Hazel Banks
Heritage	27	Bagley	32	Hazel Banks
Beechwood	28	Bagley	32	Idylwild
Bluewater	29	Bagley	32	Birchwood Banks
Birch Way	30	Bagley	32	Birchwood Banks
Corey Cove	31	Bagley	32	Unplatted
Channel Drive	32	Bagley	32	Unplatted
Ferndale	33	Bagley	32	Ridgeway
Park Ridge	34	Bagley	32	Ridgeway
Wm Brooks Drive	35	Otsego Lake	8	Unplatted
Beaver Dam Road	36	Otsego Lake	8	Unplatted
Olmstead	37	Otsego Lake	8	Unplatted
Compton Drive	38	Otsego Lake	8	Compton Beach
Sunset Drive	39	Otsego Lake	8	Compton Beach
Timber Point Drive	40	Otsego Lake	8	Unplatted
White Rock Lane	41	Otsego Lake	8	Unplatted
Lombard	42	Otsego Lake	8	Otsego Sands
State Park	43	Otsego Lake	8	Unplatted
Lakeview Avenue	44	Otsego Lake	4	Pine Beach
Gilbert	45	Otsego Lake	4	Pine Beach
Leighton	46	Otsego Lake	4	Pine Beach
Watts	47	Otsego Lake	4	Pine Beach

*Data taken from 2008 Huron Pines Otsego Lake Road End Survey (www.huronpines.org).

PAST RECREATION GRANTS AWARDED TO OTSEGO COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION (WITH STATUS)

Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Trust Fund Recreation Bond Grant No. BF-90-277 (awarded in 1991)

Otsego Lake County Park

The scope of this project added electricity to the 40-site campground and also a septic system.

The project was completed in 1992.

Clean Michigan Initiative Grant No. 00-026 (awarded in 2001)

Otsego Lake County Park

The scope of this project included expanding the number of campsites to 80 and to pave all roads.

The project was completed in 2002.

Waterways Commission Grant No. 69-069 (awarded in 2008)

Otsego Lake County Park

The scope of this project included dredging the channel, ramp construction, skid pier construction, parking lot paving, sidewalk construction and a new vault toilet.

The project was completed in 2011.

Elmira Township has never applied for or received a recreation grant.

RECREATION PROGRAMS OFFERED IN OTSEGO COUNTY

The following programs are offered on an annual basis by various groups within the community.

<u>PROGRAM NAME</u>	<u>PROGRAM SPONSOR</u>
Swimming Classes	Sportsplex/Red Cross
Hunter Safety	Sheriff's Dept. and Sportsmen Club
Boating and Snowmobile Safety Courses	Sheriff's Dept.
Adult/Community Education	Gaylord Community Schools
Older Adult Programs	Commission on Aging
Bowling Leagues	Gaylord Bowling Center
Square Dancing	Commission on Aging
Bingo	Elks Club, Eagles, Knights of Columbus and St. Mary Schools
Relay For Life	Local American Cancer Society Affiliate sponsors this annual event at the Otsego County Fairgrounds
Little League Baseball	Little League Organization
Little League Softball	Little League Organization
Johannesburg/Lewiston Little League	Little League Organization
Softball Camps	Gaylord High School
Volleyball Camps	Gaylord High School
Basketball Camps	Gaylord High School/Gaylord St. Mary High

Gaylord Gators Youth Swim Club
Youth Soccer
Youth Flag Football
Youth Tackle Football
Alpenfest Run
Mark Mellon Memorial Triathlon
Starker-Mann Biathlon
Alpenfest
Horse Programs
Cross-County Ski Lessons
Downhill Ski Lessons
Otsego Lake Fishing Contest
Sno-Cross Snowmobile Races
Model Airplane Program
4-H Programs
Youth Golf Program

Hockey Programs

Figure Skating
Indoor Walking/Swimming
July 4th Festival-Johannesburg
July 4th Fireworks-Gaylord
Thunder Over Waters
Alpenfrost

Treetops Amazing Race

Dance Lessons

Open Gym (mornings)
Open Gym (Sunday afternoons)

Gaylord Gator 501(c) Committee
Alpine Youth Soccer Organization
Youth Football Committee
Youth Football Committee
Tourism Bureau
St. Mary Athletic Association
Chamber of Commerce
Chamber of Commerce
4-H
Treetops/Otsego Club (both private lessons)
Treetops/Otsego Club (both private lessons)
Northland Sportsman's Club
Fairgrounds/Chamber of Commerce
Alpine Leisure Pilots Society
MSU Extension
Gaylord Area Junior Golf Association
(GAJUGA)
Otsego County Hockey Association (OCHA)
Gaylord Area Men's Hockey League (GAMHL)
Alpine Edge Skate Club
Sportsplex
Johannesburg Community
Otsego Lake Association and OCPR
Thunder Over Waters 501(c) Committee
New local winter festival that will include the Michigan State Police Polar Plunge in Otsego Lake and a visit by the Wertz Warriors
Michigan Special Olympics Snowmobile Endurance Ride
Annual event where teams compete in a challenging, fun-filled adventure that supports local schools
Dance Steps Studio
Just Dance
Gaylord High School
St. Mary High School

RECREATION PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Bear Basketball (youth leagues)
Step Aerobics
Pilates
Older Adult Aerobic Exercise
Basketball Fundamentals
Adult Basketball Leagues
Basketball Camps
Volleyball Leagues
Youth Sports Camps
Ping Pong
Foosball
Horseshoes
Two small meeting rooms

Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby
Cub Scouts
Brownies
Girl Scouts
Birthday Parties
Lock-Ins
Tennis (leagues and lessons)
Dances
Zumba
4-H Babysitting Classes
Volleyball (indoor and outdoor)
Gymnastics

RECREATION PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AT THE OTSEGO LAKE COUNTY PARK

PROGRAM NAME

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Free Spring Clean-Up Weekend

Campers rake the site they occupy in turn for free camping.

Memorial Day Weekend

Hayrides, candy bingo and a pancake breakfast for campers.

Sea Plane Splash-In (June)

Annual Event for sea planes. Special events include Parade of Planes, Take Off Contests, Spot Landing Contests and Bomb Drops.

Military Appreciation Week (June)

Active and former Military Personnel (County and Non-County Veterans) and their families are invited to camp for 5-nights at reduced rates. Special events include hayrides, candy bingo and a Flag Ceremony. Veterans are invited to wear their uniforms during the Flag Ceremony. A "Wall of Honor" is displayed at the Ranger Station.

Fireworks Over Otsego Lake

The OCPR coordinates with the Otsego Lake Association for the fireworks. Campers enjoy hayrides, music under the pavilion and the fireworks at dusk.

Mark Mellon Memorial Triathlon

An annual event that features an Olympic Triathlon, Sprint Triathlon and 5K run. The event starts and finishes at the County Park.

Radio Control Model Airplane Splash-In (August)

An annual event sponsored by the Alpine Leisure Pilots Society to bring visitors to the County Park.

Labor Day Weekend

Hayrides, candy bingo and a pancake breakfast for campers.

Halloween Weekend (September)

Hayrides, Pumpkin Scramble and Trick-or-Treating for campers.

Campground Closing Night

All campsites available at reduced rates.

RECREATION PROGRAMS HELD AT THE SPORTPLEX

Open Swim	Open Skating
GHS Swim Teams (boy's and girl's)	GHS Hockey
Gaylord Gators Swim Club	Youth and Adult Hockey Leagues
Learn to Swim Classes	Learn to Skate Classes
Water Aerobics	Figure Skating Program
Water Safety	Curling
Learn CPR and First Aid	Indoor Walking
Lifeguarding	Summer Day Camp
Kayak Club	Birthday Parties/Events
Drivers Education Program	Meeting Rooms
Dance Classes	Zumba Classes
Batting Cages	Yoga
Pickle Ball	Karate Classes
Jiu-Jitsu Classes	Ping Pong

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY RECREATION FACILITIES

The following facilities are owned by public or non-profit entities and available for recreational use.

Otsego County Commission on Aging (OCCOA)

The OCCOA offers a wide variety of social activities, educational programs and exercise programs for older adults. Primary goals of the exercise programs are disease prevention and fall reduction. Young At Heart Exercise Classes (gentle aerobics and light weights) are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at the Powerhouse Gym in Gaylord and Matter of Balance (MOB) classes (improving strength, flexibility and balance) are presented in eight week sessions throughout the year. A new "Chair-obics" class will be piloted in 2011-2012 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Powerhouse Gym. Many additional social/recreation activities take place during the year, and include Fishing Outings at Otsego Lake State Park and Baseball Outings to Comerica Park in Detroit.

The OCCOA also offers a congregate meal program (nutrition and nutrition education) at three different meal sites. OCCOA meals are offered at the OCCOA business location – Alten Zimmer, 120 Grandview Boulevard, the Elkland Senior Center – 7910 Arthur in Vanderbilt and in Johannesburg at the Charlton Township Hall. Home delivered meals are also distributed to frail older adults living throughout Otsego County. A full portrayal of OCCOA programs and services is available at www.OtsegoCountyCOA.org.

Gaylord Community Schools Outdoor Class Areas

Gaylord Community Schools have provided space for the Otsego Environmental Learning Site and the Gaylord Adventure Center. Both facilities are located adjacent to and behind of the Gaylord

Middle School and South Maple Elementary. The Otsego Environmental Learning Site includes a log cabin, an outdoor classroom area, a mixed hardwood forest, a pond and prairie grass. There are also two working windmills that add water and air to the pond. Visitors can observe the pond habitat and the prairie habitat anytime during daylight hours. The Gaylord Adventure Center is a high and low ropes course. This area is used for team building skills and also endurance. The Adventure Center can only be used when supervised by a Gaylord Community Schools instructor trained specifically for high and low ropes courses.

Otsego County Library

The Otsego County Library is a 9,280 sft facility located near Downtown Gaylord. The library is open Monday through Sunday. A public meeting room and internet access are both available. The County Library also has branches in Johannesburg and Vanderbilt. The Library Branches are open Monday thru Friday.

Otsego Conservation District (OCD)

The OCD is available to help landowners and citizens in Otsego County manage their resources wisely. OCD manages and operates the Alternative Landscaping Demonstration Garden and the Conservation Forest located on County property near the J. Richard Yuill Alpine Center. This 19-acre area includes a 3-acre community garden and 16 acres of forest and trails that is open for residents to explore at their convenience. The garden area was a former dumping site that was transformed into a new home for many native flowers, butterflies, wetland plants and wildlife. It educates people of all ages on the benefits that native plants provide for water quality and wildlife habitat. The garden is meant to inspire visitors to use similar landscaping on their own land, rather than planting high maintenance lawns that require watering, fertilizer or chemicals. This area also features a home compost demonstration site. The adjacent Conservation Forest provides a forest management demonstration, complete with educational signs, as well as a number of trails for the public to enjoy. The trails can be used for hiking, mountain biking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. The area is also used to facilitate workshops and other educational events that focus on natural resources and conservation, including; the Spring and Fall Tree Sales, Wild Writers for local students, As Your Garden Grows, Backyard Wildlife Habitat, 5th Grade Agriculture and Natural Resource Day, Forest and Wildlife Management, Michigan Water Stewardship Program, Michigan Tree Farm System, Native Plants Education and Invasive Species Education. Garden beds are rented out to community members each growing season. Nineteen raised beds allow those in wheelchairs to reach plants and soil. The entire Alternative Landscaping Demonstration Garden and the Conservation Forest facility, including the Otsego Conservation District's native plant greenhouse, are all barrier-free. The OCD also manages the Five Lakes Natural Area for Gaylord Community Schools. This

area provides the only public access of Five Lakes and includes 20 acres with wildlife viewing, picnic tables and trails for hiking, mountain biking, snowshoeing or cross-country skiing.

Alan L. Gornick Auditorium

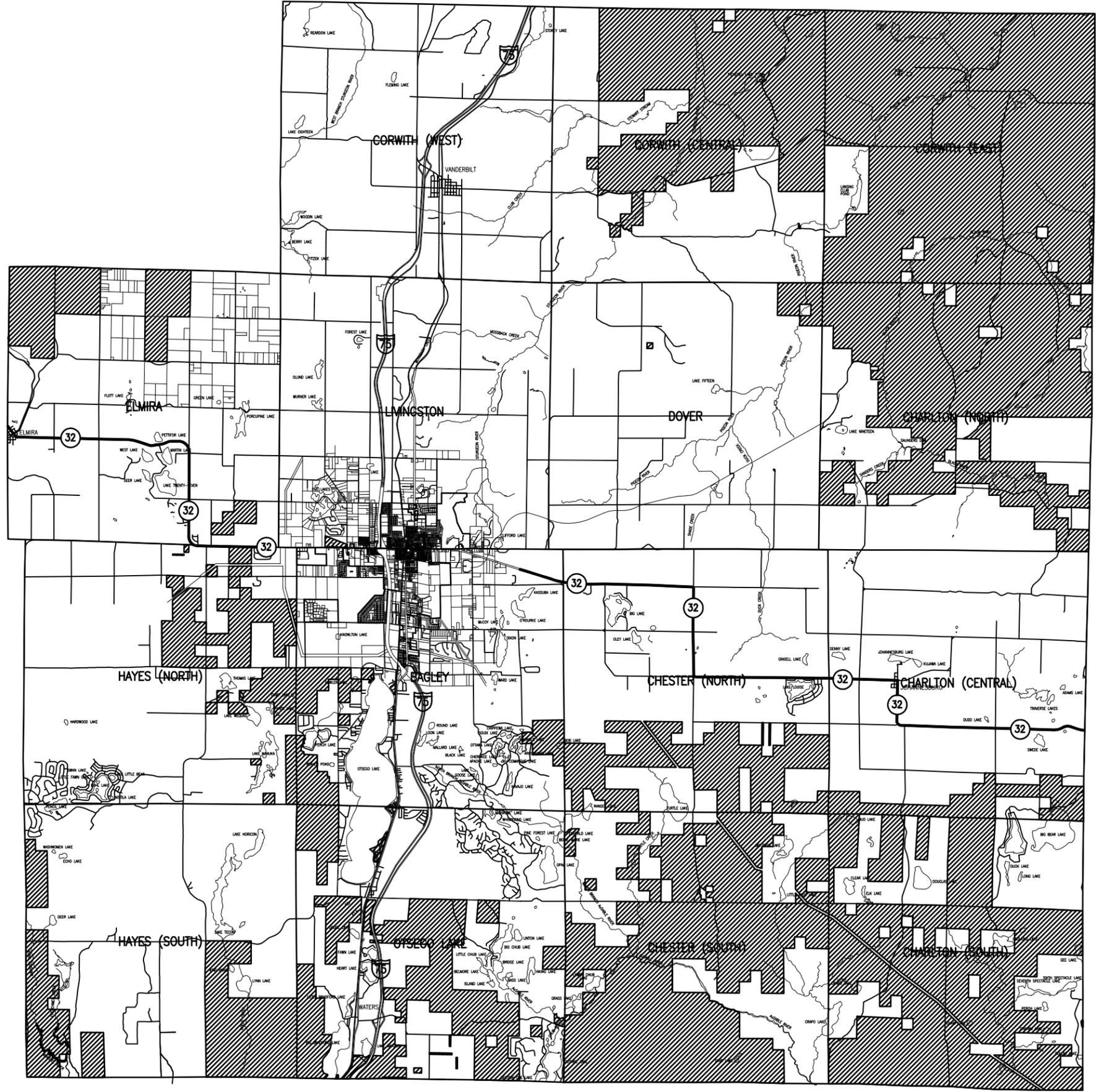
The Alan L. Gornick Auditorium is a 544 seat facility located at Gaylord High School. The auditorium hosts high school theater, community theater, band concerts and other miscellaneous events throughout the year.

Community Arts Center

The Community Arts Center is owned and operated by the Gaylord Area Council for the Arts. The center, located near the intersection of Main and Elm Streets within Downtown Gaylord, has various exhibits and holds various workshops and activities.

Otsego County Historical Museum

The Otsego County Historical Museum is owned by the Otsego County Historical Society and is located in Downtown Gaylord. The museum includes numerous items of historical significance to the County and the area.



 LAND OWNED BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

FIGURE 3.5
LAND OWNED BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

SECTION 4

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING AND
PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS**

PROJECT PRESS RELEASE AND INITIAL PUBLIC MEETING

In August, 2010, the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission entered into a contract with C2AE to prepare an updated 5-year Community Recreation Plan. The plan update will be for the period of 2012-2016 to coincide with a 5 year millage request that was approved by Otsego County voters in August, 2010. Elmira Township is also specifically included in this Otsego County Recreation Plan Update. A project press release was developed then printed on October 13, 2010 and October 20, 2010 in the Weekly Choice and on October 14, 2010 and October 21, 2010 in the Gaylord Times. The press release advertised that a Community Workshop was scheduled for October 25, 2010 to review the existing recreation goals, gather public input on potential changes to the existing goals, compile a list of current goals and prioritize the list of proposed improvements to the parks and recreation system in Otsego County. Copies of the published press releases are included at the end of this section.

In attendance at this first public meeting (Community Workshop) were representatives from the OCPR, including three Commission members and the Parks and Recreation Director, the Otsego County Sportsplex Executive Director, two members of the Vanderbilt Planning Commission, the Chester Township Supervisor, a representative of the Otsego County Planning Commission, a representative of the Otsego Lake Planning Commission, a representative of the Bear Basketball program and a representative of the Otsego Conservation District. There were not that many people in attendance. However, as seen above, the group was a good representation of the community at large. C2AE led the group through a review of the Goals/Action Program that were previously established in the 2005 Community Recreation Plan. Following the review, input was solicited regarding changes or modifications that they felt should be made to the 2005 goals.

Five main goals were established along with multiple objectives for each of the separate goals. This list will be the basis for the Goals and Objectives and Action Program sections outlined later in this document and also used during the development of the plan. Copies of the meeting agenda, meeting sign-in sheet and the goals/objectives are included at the end of this section. The list of the 2012-2016 Goals and Objectives are also listed in Section 5.

COMMUNITY ON-LINE SURVEY AND RESULTS

In addition to the Community Workshop, C2AE and the Parks and Recreation Commission developed an on-line anonymous survey for additional public input. A project press release announcing the survey was developed then printed on April 20, 2011 and April 27, 2011 in the Gaylord Herald Times. The press release provided information of how to complete the on-line anonymous survey.

Copies of the published press releases and the survey are included at the end of this section. Further, the local radio station, Eagle 101.5 regularly broadcasted a public service announcement during the same period announcing the survey and the OCPR Director was also interviewed live on the radio regarding the survey. The community survey was posted on the Otsego County website and available for access during the period of April 15, 2011 through May 2, 2011.

A total of ninety-eight survey responses were received. The usage summaries indicate a good representation of existing recreational facility users. The optional information on the survey respondent summaries also indicate that the responses came from a good representation of the community as a whole. Copies of the original survey results are on file at the Otsego County Parks & Recreation office. A summary of the survey results are as follows:

Usage

The following table indicates the usage of the County owned/operated facilities:

Facility	Uses in Last Year By Survey Respondents					
	0	1-4	5-10	11-15	16-20	>20
Otsego Lake County Park	34	39	15	2	1	4
Otsego Lake County Park Campground	57	24	10	1	1	2
Frank H. Wilkinson Roadside Park (Irontone)	61	30	3	0	1	0
Pleasant View Park (Wah Wah Soo)	57	21	14	1	1	1
Dr. Robert S. Libke Memorial Fields	86	5	3	1	0	0
Otsego County Community Center	41	22	14	9	2	7
Otsego County Sportsplex	22	16	19	6	3	29
Energy Outlet	46	14	17	4	3	10

The number of survey respondents that have used the following County facilities at least one time:

1. Otsego County Sportsplex (73)
2. Otsego Lake County Park (61)
3. Otsego County Community Center (54)
4. Energy Outlet (48)
5. Otsego Lake County Park Campground (38)
6. Pleasant View Park (Wah Wah Soo) (38)
7. Frank H. Wilkinson Roadside Park (Irontone Springs) (34)
8. Dr. Robert S. Libke Memorial Fields (9)

Satisfaction of Existing Facilities

Survey respondents indicated their level of satisfaction with the following County Facilities: Satisfaction was rated on a level of 1-5 with 1-Extremely Satisfied, 2-Satisfied, 3-Neutral, 4-Somewhat Dissatisfied, 5-Extremely Dissatisfied, 6-No Answer (not familiar with facility).

Otsego Lake County Park

1. Extremely Satisfied (23)
2. Satisfied (18)
3. Neutral (12)
4. Somewhat Dissatisfied (4)
5. Extremely Dissatisfied (6)
6. No Answer (5)

Otsego Lake County Park Campground

1. Extremely Satisfied (17)
2. Satisfied (12)
3. Neutral (5)
4. Somewhat Dissatisfied (4)
5. Extremely Dissatisfied (3)
6. No Answer (9)

Frank H. Wilkinson Roadside Park (Irontone Springs)

1. Extremely Satisfied (21)
2. Satisfied (7)
3. Neutral (7)
4. Somewhat Dissatisfied (2)
5. Extremely Dissatisfied (5)
6. No Answer (8)

Pleasant View Park (Wah Wah Soo)

1. Extremely Satisfied (13)
2. Satisfied (10)
3. Neutral (10)
4. Somewhat Dissatisfied (4)
5. Extremely Dissatisfied (2)
6. No Answer (8)

Dr. Robert S. Libke Memorial Fields

1. Extremely Satisfied (3)
2. Satisfied (3)
3. Neutral (3)
4. Somewhat Dissatisfied (2)
5. Extremely Dissatisfied (2)
6. No Answer (11)

Otsego County Community Center

1. Extremely Satisfied (20)
2. Satisfied (18)
3. Neutral (9)
4. Somewhat Dissatisfied (4)
5. Extremely Dissatisfied (3)
6. No Answer (6)

Otsego County Sportsplex

1. Extremely Satisfied (34)
2. Satisfied (18)
3. Neutral (10)
4. Somewhat Dissatisfied (6)
5. Extremely Dissatisfied (5)
6. No Answer (1)

Energy Outlet

1. Extremely Satisfied (27)
2. Satisfied (12)
3. Neutral (4)
4. Somewhat Dissatisfied (6)
5. Extremely Dissatisfied (2)
6. No Answer (6)

Other Recreational Facilities in Otsego County that are used by the survey respondents include:

- County Libraries-(68)
- Walking Trails-(65)
- Aspen Park-(62)
- County Fairgrounds-(56)
- Parks (City/Village/Township)-(50)
- Cross County Ski Trails-(39)
- Bowling Alley-(36)
- Existing Playgrounds-(35)
- Golf Courses-(31)
- Soccer Fields-(27)
- School Gymnasiums-(24)
- Baseball/Softball Fields-(19)
- Snowmobile Trails-(19)
- Tennis Courts-(18)
- Track/Field Facilities-(7)
- Skate Board Park-(6)
- Horseshoe Pits-(2)
- Bike Paths-(2)
- Pickleball Court-(1)
- Rails to Trails for Biking-(1)
- ORV Trails-(1)
- Dog Park Needed-(1)

Future Facilities

The recreational facilities that should be priorities for the County in the next five years are (in order):

1. Nature Trails
2. Expand Bicycle Pathways
3. Indoor All-Sport Community Center
4. Public Beach/Picnic Areas
5. Sledding Area (and other winter sports)

Future Activities (Programs)

The recreational activities (programs) that should be priorities for the County in the next five years are (in order):

1. Family Education Programs
2. Nature Walks
3. Bicycling
4. Environmental Education Programs
5. Adult Softball Leagues

Miscellaneous Information

What priority are recreational facilities and programs to you?

1. High (47)
2. Medium (36)
3. Low (10)
4. No Answer (1)

We need additional recreational facilities and programs?

1. Strongly Agree (37)
2. Somewhat Agree (31)
3. Neutral (12)
4. Somewhat Disagree (5)
5. Strongly Disagree (6)
6. No Answer (3)

We need to place a higher priority on parks and recreation.

1. Agree (63)
2. Disagree (11)
3. No Opinion (19)
4. No Answer (2)

We need to place a higher priority on recreational sports leagues.

1. Agree (31)
2. Disagree (24)
3. No Opinion (38)
4. No Answer (2)

There are enough parks to serve our population.

1. Agree (31)
2. Disagree (23)
3. No Opinion (38)
4. No Answer (3)

The existing County Facilities are kept clean and are adequately maintained.

1. Agree (70)
2. Disagree (9)
3. No Opinion (14)
4. No Answer (2)

I feel safe at existing County Parks and Facilities.

1. Agree (77)
2. Disagree (2)
3. No Opinion (14)
4. No Answer (2)

The programs and facilities are adequately supervised.

1. Agree (34)
2. Disagree (12)
3. No Opinion (47)
4. No Answer (2)

Please circle all items that limit you or family members from using the Otsego County Parks and Recreation facilities, programs, etc. as often as you would like.

- Lack of Knowledge of Facilities/Programs-(37)
- Cost-(26)
- Time of Day-(21)
- Quality of Programs-(16)
- Lack of Parking-(14)
- Distance of Travel-(11)
- Lack of Security of Belongings-(8)
- Lack of Supervision-(8)
- Cleanliness-(7)
- No Childcare-(4)

Optional Information on Survey Respondents

How old are you?

1. 18 years or younger (1)
2. 19-24 years (0)
3. 25-39 years (20)
4. 40-54 years (36)
5. 55-65 years (17)
6. Over 65 years (18)

Are you male or female?

1. Male (38)
2. Female (48)

How long have you lived in Otsego County?

1. Less than 1 year (0)
2. 1-5 years (7)
3. 6-10 years (14)
4. 11-15 years (15)
5. 16-20 years (7)
6. More than 20 years (48)

How do you find out about the different programs/activities/facilities/special events sponsored/operated by the Parks and Recreation Commission?

1. County web site (8)
2. Flyers through the schools (4)
3. Radio (12)
4. Newspapers (48)
5. Attend public meetings (1)
6. No answer (2)
7. Other (21)

Word of mouth (5)
Friends (3)
Web
Actively watch all of the above
Newspaper/radio/website/flyers
Found on my own
Most of the above
Library flyer
Call and ask for info
Church
Commission On Aging
Flyers at Sportsplex

The community on-line survey input was used as one piece of information for the development of the plan update. Special thanks go to the Weekly Choice Publications for setting up and administering the on-line survey. C2AE reviewed the survey results with the OCPR on May 9, 2011 prior to developing the 50% draft plan. The meeting sign-in sheet is included at the end of this section.

DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW OF 50% DRAFT PLAN

The Otsego County Community Recreation Plan 2012-2016 was developed for the OCPR and Elmira Township. It provides a comprehensive plan which encompasses the entire Otsego County community. There was at least one previous recreation plan developed by the OCPR for the community.

community. There was at least one previous recreation plan developed by the OCPR for the community. For this document, emphasis was placed on reviewing the 2005-2009 plan, then updating the text and assessment of needs for the community based on the “Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans” dated 02/05/09. The 50% Draft Recreation Plan was developed using input from the Community Workshop along with the Community on-line survey.

The 50% Draft Recreation Plan was then reviewed with the Parks and Recreation Director and one member of the OCPR. Their comments and revisions were incorporated into the plan prior to producing copies for review. Then the plan was submitted to the OCPR for review and comment.

C2AE presented the 50% Draft Recreation Plan at the September 12, 2011 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. At this meeting, C2AE provided a brief update on the status of plan development to the OCPR Commission, requested that the Commission members and the OCPR Director review the 50% Draft Plan and finally provide comments as necessary.

C2AE also transmitted the 50% Draft Recreation Plan to the Elmira Township Planning Commission Chairman via e-mail on September 20, 2011. The Chairman did not have any comments.

The reviews were completed as requested, with some great comments provided. The plan was then further developed to a 95% Draft Plan document.

PUBLIC REVIEW OF 95% DRAFT PLAN

A 95% Draft Recreation Plan was made available for public review and input during the period of October 1, 2011 to October 31, 2011. The plan was available at the Otsego County Administrator’s Office, the Otsego County Community Center, the Otsego County Library, the Otsego County Library-Johannesburg Branch Library, the Otsego County Library-Vanderbilt Branch Library, the Otsego County Sportsplex and also on the Otsego County web site. A public notice of this public review period and scheduled public hearing was advertised on September 28, 2011 in the Gaylord Herald Times. A copy of the published public notice is included at the end of this section.

ELMIRA TOWNSHIP PUBLIC REVIEW OF 95% DRAFT PLAN

As previously stated, Elmira Township has requested specifically to be included in the Otsego County Recreation Plan Update. The MDNR has indicated that the Township does not need a separate Recreation Plan. However, the Township must also solicit input from the Township residents. Public notice of this public review period and scheduled public hearing for the Township was posted on the Township website on October 27, 2011 and was advertised on November 16, 2011 in the Gaylord Herald

Times. A print out of the Township website with the notice posted and a copy of the public hearing announcement from the Gaylord Herald Times are included at the end of this section.

SECOND PUBLIC MEETING

A Public Hearing (second public meeting) was held on November 7, 2011 for the purpose of receiving public comment from interested persons on the Otsego County Community Recreation Plan 2012-2016. See the details above of when the notices were published. This public hearing gave a final opportunity to comment on the Plan and the Action Program. One dozen comments were received during the public review period and incorporated into the plan. Copies of the agenda, the comments received, sign-in sheet and minutes of the hearing are included at the end of this section.

ELMIRA TOWNSHIP PUBLIC MEETING

A Public Hearing was held on December 8, 2011 for the purpose of receiving public comment from interested persons in Elmira Township on the Otsego County Community Recreation Plan 2012-2016. See the previous page with details when the notices were published. This public hearing gave a final opportunity to comment on the Plan and the Action Program. Two comments were received during the public review period and one comment was received at the Public Hearing. All comments have been incorporated into the plan. Copies of the agenda, the comments received, sign-in sheet and minutes of the hearing are included at the end of this section.

PLAN ADOPTION

Following the Elmira Township Public Hearing, C2AE presented the final plan to the Elmira Township Board also on December 8, 2011 for their consideration and adoption. The Final Plan was adopted. A copy of the Elmira Township Board Resolution and the meeting notes that indicate adopting the resolution are included at the end of this section.

C2AE then presented the final plan to the OCPR Commission on December 12, 2011 for their consideration and adoption. The Final Plan was adopted. A copy of the OCPR Commission Resolution and the meeting notes that indicate adopting the resolution are included at the end of this section.

Lastly, C2AE presented the final plan to the Otsego County Board of Commissioners for their consideration and adoption. The final plan was approved by the Board of Commissioners at their regularly scheduled meeting held December 13, 2011. A copy of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners Resolution and the meeting notes that indicate adopting the resolution are included at the end of this section.

**OTSEGO COUNTY PARKS &
RECREATION COMMISSION
OTSEGO COUNTY COMMUNITY
RECREATION PLAN UPDATE
COMMUNITY WORKSHOP SCHEDULED**

The Otsego County Parks & Recreation Commission announces that a Community Workshop has been scheduled to gather input for the Otsego County Community Recreation Plan Update. The purpose of this Workshop will be to review the existing Otsego County Community Recreation Plan, review the existing goals, gather public input on potential changes to these goals, compile a list of current goals and prioritize the list of proposed improvements. Following the Community Workshop, a questionnaire will also be distributed throughout the Community in order to obtain additional input for the plan update.

Your presence is requested at this Community Workshop which will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 25, 2010 at the Otsego County Community Center.

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**OTSEGO COUNTY PARKS &
RECREATION COMMISSION**

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Your presence is requested at this Community Workshop which will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 25, 2010 at the Otsego County Community Center. *Herbie Dicks 2 weeks*



1. Introduction -- Sign In Sheet

To be eligible for certain MDNRE Grants, an approved recreation plan must be on file with the MDNRE and updated every 5 years. The Parks & Recreation Commission desires an update for the period of 2012-2016 to coincide with the 5 year millage request that was just approved in the August Primary Election.

2. Goals for this meeting

- a. Review the Existing Goals & Objectives/Action Program, what items have been completed and what goals are still important.
- b. Input on potential changes to previous goals & objectives.
- c. Compile list of current goals and objectives. Complete wish list and any specific park goals.
- d. Prioritize the list of proposed improvements (high/medium/low importance).

3. Review the Update Process

- a. Community Workshop/Community Survey.
- b. Complete 50% Draft Plan and submit to Parks & Recreation (PR) Staff.
- c. Meet with PR Staff to review 50% Draft and complete necessary revisions.
- d. Complete 95% Near Final Draft.
- e. Public Review of 95% Near Final Draft for min. 30 days. Plan will be available at Community Center and on the County Web Site.
- f. Meet with City Staff to review 95% Draft and Public Comments.
- g. Final Plan presented to PR or County Commissioners for Public Hearing & Resolution.
- h. Submit to MDNRE.

4. Goals for this meeting (see above)

5. Comments

2012-2016 Otsego County Goals and Objectives
Developed at the October 25, 2010 Community Workshop

Goal 1: To continue to offer a wide variety of recreational activities for all ages.

Objective 1A: Evaluate existing program offerings and maintain/enhance viable programs.

Objective 1B: Maintain community support and volunteers for youth activities.

Objective 1C: Maintain appropriate staffing levels and contracts with specialized vendors.

Goal 2: To improve existing recreational offerings and facilities for recreation. Coordinate recreation programs within the County and include County wide non-profit group information as well.

Objective 2A: Make user-friendly physical changes at the County Park and the Community Center.

Objective 2B: Review security and safety features at county facilities with appropriate county wide emergency services. Revise as necessary.

Objective 2C: Review existing facilities, make upgrades as desired.

Goal 3: To maintain county recreational facilities and equipment.

Objective 3A: Provide appropriate parking and access at all county recreational facilities.

Objective 3B: Assure continued public access to lakes and beach areas.

Objective 3C: Acquire new equipment and structures as necessary.

Goal 4: To establish new multi-faceted indoor recreational facilities.

Objective 4A: Respond to public demand for expanded indoor recreational facilities.

Objective 4B: Establish the capacity to hold multiple indoor events and activities simultaneously.

Goal 5: To establish new multi-faceted outdoor recreational facilities.

Objective 5A: Respond to public demand for expanded outdoor recreational facilities.

Objective 5B: Develop gifted properties and incorporate them into Otsego County recreational facilities.

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of such sale.

Dated: April 13, 2011

For more information, please call: (248) 593-1309 P.C.

Wednesday, April 20, 2011 • B-11

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Said premises are situated in Township of Bagley, Otsego County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 34, Navajo Reservation Subdivision, a part of Sections 26 and 35, Town 30 North, Range 3 West, Bagley Township, Otsego County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 12-15, Otsego County Records, except beginning North 68 East 352.72 feet of the distance North

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BIDS WANTED

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Otsego County Road Commission will receive sealed proposals in their Office at 669 West McCoy Road, P.O. Box 537, Gaylord, Michigan, 49734-0537 until 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4, 2011, for furnishing the following:

ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS

- ASPHALT EMULSION
- GRAVEL
- GRAVEL CRUSHING
- PAVEMENT MARKING
- SEAL COAT STONE

If mailed through the postal service, bids must arrive at the Gaylord Post Office Box by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, May 4, 2011. Mail to: Otsego County Road Commission PO Box 537 Gaylord, MI 49734-0537

If delivered, bids must arrive at the physical address of the Otsego County Road Commission by 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 (closed noon-12:30 for lunch): Otsego County Road Commission 669 West McCoy Road Gaylord, MI 49735

Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4, 2011. Further information and specifications may be obtained at the Road Commission office.

All proposals must be in sealed envelopes, plainly marked as to item bid upon and the name of the bidder. All unmarked bids will be rejected.

The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, to waive any irregularities in the bids and to award the bid in a manner deemed in the best interests of Otsego County

OTSEGO COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

John R. Deming, Chairman
William T. Holewinski, Jr., Vice Chairman
Robert M. Tholl, Member

meetings in March were approved as printed and the Treasurer's report was accepted as presented. Moved to bid out outside renovations for the township hall. Moved to hire a part-time summer employee for outside work. Heard reports from county commission, EMS, custodial and assessing. Paid General Fund bills presented in the amount of \$23,026.39 and Fire/EMS bills in the amount of \$6,142.26. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. Next regular meeting will be on Monday, May 9, 2011, at 7:00 pm.

Ivan H Maschke
Charlton Twp. Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICES

OTSEGO COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY

Please visit www.otsegoountymi.gov. Under "County News", on the left, click the link titled "2011 Recreation Facilities/Programs Survey"

**2011 Recreation Facilities/Programs Survey
Otsego County Community Recreation Plan**

Dear Community Member:

Otsego County is in the process of updating its five-year Community Recreation Plan. In order to help decide where the priorities should be over the next five years, the County is requesting community adults/students respond to this survey. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey form on-line by 3:00 pm Monday, May 2, 2011. You do not have to identify yourself. We request adults complete only (1) 2011 Recreation Facilities/Programs Survey per household. We also, request students complete only (1) 2011 Recreation Facilities/Programs Survey per household. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Tarbutton, Parks & Recreation Director, (989)732-6521. Thank you for your help and participation in this important project. There are 16 questions in this survey.

A note on privacy. This survey is anonymous. The record kept on your survey responses does not contain any identifying information about you unless a specific question in the survey has asked for this. If you have responded to a survey that used an identifying token to allow you to access the survey, you can rest assured that the identifying token is not kept with your responses. It is managed in a separate database, and will only be updated to indicate that you have (or haven't) completed this survey. There is no way of matching identification tokens with survey responses in this survey.

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**2011 RECREATION FACILITIES/PROGRAMS SURVEY
OTSEGO COUNTY COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN**

Dear Community Member:

Otsego County is in the process of updating its five-year Community Recreation Plan. In order to help decide where the priorities should be over the next five years, the County is requesting community adults/students respond to this survey. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey form on-line by 3:00 pm **Monday, May 2, 2011**. You do not have to identify yourself. We request adults complete only (1) 2011 Recreation Facilities/Programs Survey per household. We also request students complete only (1) 2011 Recreation Facilities/Programs Survey per household. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Tarbutton, Parks & Recreation Director (989) 732-6521. Thank you for your help and participation in this important project.

How many times have you used the following County Maintained Facilities in the last 12 months?

Rate your level of satisfaction with the following County Maintained Facilities?
(1-5, 1 being extremely satisfied and 5 being not satisfied). If you are not familiar with the facility, please respond with "No Answer."

_____	Otsego Lake County Park	_____
_____	Otsego Lake County Park Campground	_____
_____	Frank Wilkinson Park (Irontone Springs)	_____
_____	Wah Wah Soo	_____
_____	Libke Fields	_____
_____	Community Center	_____
_____	Sportsplex	_____
_____	Energy Outlet	_____

If you have not used one of the facilities above, please do not comment on your satisfaction.

In addition to the information noted above, what other Recreational Facilities do you or your family use in Otsego County?

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ___ County Fairgrounds | ___ Bowling Alley |
| ___ Golf Courses | ___ Soccer Fields |
| ___ Track/Field Facilities | ___ Parks (City/Village/Township) |
| ___ Walking Trails | ___ Aspen Park |
| ___ Horseshoe Pits | ___ Existing Playgrounds |
| ___ Tennis Courts | ___ School Gymnasiums |
| ___ Skate Board Park | ___ Snowmobile Trails |
| ___ County Libraries | ___ Cross County Ski Trails |
| ___ Baseball/Softball Fields | ___ Other(s): _____ |

What facilities should be the priorities of the County during the next five years?
 (list the **five** that you think are most important, 1 being your first choice and 5 being your fifth choice)

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Additional Baseball/Softball Fields | <input type="checkbox"/> | Additional Horseshoe Pits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Public Beach/Picnic Areas | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ice Skating Rink |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Additional Basketball Courts | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hiking/Cross County Ski Trails |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Nature Trails | <input type="checkbox"/> | Expanded Bicycle Pathways |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Natural Areas and Open Space | <input type="checkbox"/> | Indoor All Sport |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Playground Equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> | Community/Recreation Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Additional Soccer fields | <input type="checkbox"/> | Dog Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sledding Area (other winter sports) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Public Fishing Sites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | In-Line Skating/Hockey Rink Area | <input type="checkbox"/> | Public Boat Launch Areas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Disc Golf | <input type="checkbox"/> | Band Shell |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Golf Course | <input type="checkbox"/> | Meeting Rooms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Expand Skate Board Park | <input type="checkbox"/> | Develop Gifted Properties |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Jogging/Running Trails | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other: _____ |

What recreational activities (programs) should be the priorities of the County during the next five years?
 (list the **five** that you think are most important, 1 being your first choice and 5 being your fifth choice)

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|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Adult Softball Leagues | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other Exercise/Fitness Classes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Environmental Education Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> | Family Recreational Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Summer Basketball Leagues | <input type="checkbox"/> | Pre-Schooler Play Group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Adult Flag Football | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hiking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Martial Arts Classes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Curling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tennis Leagues | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bird Watching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Horseback Riding | <input type="checkbox"/> | Working Garden |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Golf | <input type="checkbox"/> | Orienteering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Bicycling | <input type="checkbox"/> | Dog Walking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Weightlifting | <input type="checkbox"/> | Adult Soccer Leagues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Racquetball | <input type="checkbox"/> | Volleyball Leagues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Running | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sand Volleyball Leagues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Dance/Aerobic Classes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Therapeutic programs for population with special needs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Yoga Classes | <input type="checkbox"/> | Cross County Skiing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Gymnastics | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Nature Walks | | |

What priority are recreational facilities & programs to you?

(circle one)

HIGH MEDIUM LOW

We need additional recreation facilities & programs?

(circle one)

STRONGLY AGREE
SOMEWHAT AGREE
NEUTRAL
SOMEWHAT DISAGREE
STRONGLY DISAGREE

What modifications do you and your family believe are needed to existing recreational facilities? _____

Please indicate whether you agree, disagree or have no opinion with the following statements.

Agree Disagree No opinion

___	___	___	We need to place a higher priority on parks and recreation.
___	___	___	We need to place a higher priority on recreation sports leagues.
___	___	___	There are enough parks to serve our population.
___	___	___	The existing County Facilities are kept clean and are adequately maintained.
___	___	___	I feel safe at existing County Parks & Facilities.
___	___	___	The programs & facilities are adequately supervised.

Please circle all items that limit you or family members from using the Otsego County Parks & Recreation facilities, programs, etc. as often as you would like:

Quality of Programs	Lack of Security of Belongings	Time of Day
Lack of Parking	No Childcare	Distance of Travel Cost
Lack of Knowledge of Facilities/Programs	Cleanliness	Lack of Supervision

Others: _____

Please use this space to write down any ideas, comments, questions or suggestions on ways to improve the Otsego County Parks & Recreation facilities, programs, etc. Thank you!

Optional questions: Please check the appropriate response.

How old are you?

18 years or younger 19-24 years 25-39 years 40-54 years
 55-65 years 65+

Are you... Female Male

How long have you lived in Otsego County?

Less than 1 year 1-5 years 6-10 years 11-15 years
 16-20 years More than 20 years

How do you find out about the different programs/activities/facilities/special events sponsored/operated by the Parks & Recreation Commission?

County website Flyers through the schools Radio Newspapers
 Attend Public Meetings Other source: _____

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
OTSEGO COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

Notice is hereby given that the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission will hold a public hearing on the Otsego County Community Recreational Plan 2012-2016 for the purpose of receiving public comments from interested persons. The hearing will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, November 7, 2011 at the following location: **Otsego County Community Center, 315 South Center Avenue, Gaylord, Michigan 49735.**

Copies of the draft Otsego County Community Recreational Plan 2012-2016 will be available for public inspection during regular business hours beginning on September 26, 2011 and continuing through October 31, 2011 at the following locations: the Otsego County Administrator's Office, 225 West Main Street, Suite 203, Gaylord, Michigan, the Otsego County Community Center, 315 South Center Avenue, Gaylord, Michigan, the Otsego County Library, 700 South Otsego Avenue, Gaylord, Michigan, the Otsego County Library-Johannesburg Branch Library, 10900 East M-32, Johannesburg, Michigan, the Otsego County Library-Vanderbilt Branch Library, 8170 Mill Street, Vanderbilt, Michigan, and the Otsego County Sportsplex, 1250 Gornick Avenue, Gaylord, Michigan. The draft will also be available for review on-line at www.otsegocountymi.gov. Written comments received through November 7, 2011, will be entered into the public hearing record and should be sent to Otsego County Parks & Recreation, Mr. Mike Tarbutton, Director, 315 South Center Avenue, Gaylord, Michigan 49735. This public review and comment period is required prior to the Otsego County Community Recreation Plan 2012-2016 being officially adopted.

2100 LEGAL NOTICES

number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738.

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. If you are currently in bankruptcy or have received a discharge in bankruptcy as to this obligation, this communication should be medium. If interested, please submit sealed bids to John L. Palmer, Superintendent, by October 5th, 3:00 p.m. For specific information regarding pizza bid, contact the Superintendent at 94 Donovan Street, Vanderbilt, MI 49795 or call (989)983-4121.

Vanderbilt Area School Board reserves the right to accept or reject or all bids.

2100 LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE OF MODIFICATION OPPORTUNITY

IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY IN BANKRUPTCY OR HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AS TO THIS OBLIGATION, THIS COMMUNICATION SHOULD BE MEDIUM. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE SUBMIT SEALED BIDS TO JOHN L. PALMER, SUPERINTENDENT, BY OCTOBER 5TH, 3:00 P.M. FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING PIZZA BID, CONTACT THE SUPERINTENDENT AT 94 DONOVAN STREET, VANDERBILT, MI 49795 OR CALL (989)983-4121.

2095 PUBLIC NOTICES

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Notice is hereby given that the amended, the public hearing of the Planning Commission at 10900 East M-32

2100 LEGAL NOTICES

The public hearing for proposed citizens to explore proposed Charlton Township guide for the physical goals and policies and preferred future. The date hereof is claimed to be June 18, 2007, and recorded on June 20, 2007 in Liber 1140 on Page 856, and assigned by said Mortgagee to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. aka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, L.P. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Otsego County records, Michigan, on the date hereof the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred and 77/100 Dollars including interest at the rate of 6.75% per annum. The mortgage there is now held by BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, L.P. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred and Thirty-two and 85/100 Dollars (\$101,532.85) including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Those unable to attend the public hearing should send their comments to the Township of Charlton, Michigan, 12, 2011.

Gaylord Herald Times

NEW TODAY
2006 CHEVY Avalanche in great shape, loaded, 80,500 miles. Hardwired, US 31 N. Permi- (231)881-0493

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on October 27, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Otsego County Court Facility, 225 W. Main Street, Gaylord, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Otsego County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage including interest, legal costs, attorney's fees and other charges.

0% Rebate on ALL POCO PURCHASES
In September



A new group of people every day are looking for a deal in the classifieds.
Find Super Savers in Classifieds!
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**OTSEGO COUNTY COMMUNITY
RECREATION PLAN UPDATE
PUBLIC HEARING
AGENDA**

November 7, 2011 7:00 pm

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1. Introduction – Sign In Sheet

2. Goal for this meeting

- a. Receive Public Comment on the Plan Update. The 95% Draft has been available for public review at multiple locations and on the County Web Site during the period of September 30, 2011 to October 31, 2011.

3. Remaining Items to Complete

- a. Elmira Township Public Hearing & Board Resolution December 8, 2011.
- b. Parks & Recreation Commission Resolution December 12, 2011.
- c. County Board of Commissioners Resolution December 13, 2011.
- d. Submit to MDNR by December 16, 2011.

4. Comments

- Cover Add Otsego County logo or the Parks and Recreation logo to the cover.
- Page 1-6 It makes reference to the item below but nothing is below.
- Page 2-1 The term "seasonal rangers" is used in the paragraph in the middle of the page. Are the people "rangers" or are they seasonal employee or seasonal staff? Also in this same paragraph it says they are employed from May to September "at the County Park." They are used at all Parks and Recreations parks and facilities so it is suggested that "at the County Park" be removed.
- Page 3-8 State Land is listed for hunting and outdoor activities in Dover but this is the only township that it is listed under. The other townships also have State Land that is used for hunting and outdoor activities. It needs to be listed for all townships that have it or none.
- Page 3-9 Under Wilderness Valley/Black Forest Resort it includes a restaurant. Other resorts that have a restaurant do not include restaurant in the list. Examples of this would be The Loon Golf Resort (page 3-5), Marsh Ridge Resort (page 3-5), Treetops Resort (page 3-7), and Otsego Club (page 3-10 & 3-13).
- Page 3-16 In the list for Sno-Cross Snowmobile Races, Fairgrounds needs the spelling corrected. Model Airplane Program is listed as unsponsored but I think there is a sponsor from Alpine Leisure Pilots Society? Are the Hockey Programs sponsor the Sportsplex or is there an organization that is the actual sponsor?
- Page 3-17 In the headings for Recreation Programs Sponsored by change "Sponsored by" to "available at".
- Page 3-20 In the first line correct the word "old" dumping site to "former" dumping site.
- Page 4-2 the paragraph "A total of (98) Responses were received" needs to be correct to reflect what is actually in the report it is not currently correct as written. Also "(98)" should be ninety-eight or 98 but not "(98)".
- Page 5-1 Add Objective 3D: Enhance current equipment and facilities as necessary.

Remove the pie charts from the plan.

Also, a park was left out adjacent
to the Charlton Twp Hall

**MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2011
OTSEGO COUNTY COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN UPDATE
OTSEGO COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER**

Kevin Makarewicz of C2AE called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding the updated recreation plan. All in attendance signed the Sign-In Sheet. See attached.

The 95% Draft has been available for public review at multiple locations and on the County Web Site during the period of September 30, 2011 to October 31, 2011.

Makarewicz called for comments.

Ten comments were received via e-mail and were entered into the record. These comments were reviewed by those in attendance.

Additional comments received during the meeting included removing the pie charts from the plan and also adding the Park adjacent to the Charlton Township Hall in the Recreation Inventory. C2AE shall call Matt Nowak to verify the name of the Park.

Makarewicz called for comments one more time.

No other comments were received.

Makarewicz reviewed the remaining items to complete the Plan Update:

- Include comments from this Public Hearing into the Plan.
- Elmira Township Public Hearing & Board Resolution December 8, 2011.
- Parks & Recreation Commission Resolution December 12, 2011.
- County Board of Commissioners Resolution December 13, 2011.
- Submit the Plan to the MDNR by December 16, 2011.

After the Plan is complete, C2AE will provide (3) color copies to Mike Tarbutton, provide a pdf of the document for posting on the County website and provide all electronic files as defined in the Proposal.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:21p.m.

Respectfully,



Mike Tarbutton, Acting Commission Secretary (appointed by Chair Dutcher)

WELCOME TO ELMIRA TOWNSHIP



Board of Review
Building Codes
Budgets
Cemetery
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Hall Rental
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Planning Commission
Planning/Zoning
Public Safety
Road Issues
Taxes & Assessing (information is free to taxpayers but you must "sign up" to access)

Notice of Public Hearing

NEW Community Recreation Plan Review



Elmira Township
2035 Mt. Jack Rd.
Elmira, Michigan 49730
(231) 546-3309



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Visit the [Otsego Community Connection](#) web site.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ELMIRA TOWNSHIP**

Notice is hereby given that Elmira Township will hold a public hearing on their inclusion in the Otsego County Community Recreational Plan 2012-2016 for the purpose of receiving public comments from interested persons. The hearing will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2011 at the following location: **Elmira Township Hall, 2035 Mt. Jack Rd., Elmira, Michigan 49730.**

Copies of the draft Otsego County Community Recreational Plan 2012-2016 will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, through November 30, 2011 at the Otsego County Library, 700 South Otsego Avenue, Gaylord, Michigan. The draft will also be available for review on-line at www.otsego.org/elmira Written comments received through December 5, 2011, will be entered into the public hearing record and should be sent to Elmira Township Supervisor, Ms. Diane Franckowiak, 2035 Mt. Jack Rd., Elmira, Michigan 49730. This public review and comment period is required prior to Elmira Township officially adopting the Otsego County Community Recreation Plan 2012-2016 which will allow the Township to submit grant applications on their own behalf.



**OTSEGO COUNTY COMMUNITY
RECREATION PLAN UPDATE
ELMIRA TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING
AGENDA
December 8, 2011 6:00 pm**

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1. Introduction – Sign In Sheet
2. Goal for this meeting
 - a. Receive Public Comment on the Plan Update as they relate specifically to Elmira Township. The 95% Draft has been available for public review at the Otsego County Library and on the Township Web Site during the period of October 31, 2011 to November 30, 2011.
 - b. Call for Comments
3. Remaining Items to Complete
 - a. Parks & Recreation Commission Resolution December 12, 2011.
 - b. County Board of Commissioners Resolution December 13, 2011.
 - c. Submit to MDNR by December 16, 2011.
4. Adjourn

Makarewicz, Kevin

From: duanejanet@centurytel.net
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2011 10:40 AM
To: Makarewicz, Kevin
Subject: Fwd: Elmira Township 2-Year Goals

----- Forwarded message from -----
Date: Sun, 30 Oct 2011 05:01:32 -0700 (PDT)
From: john arevalo
Reply-To: john arevalo
Subject: Elmira Township 2-Year Goals
To: Mary Campbell

Hi Mary,

These Elmira Townships short range goals for ETPC Recreation Plan the next two years:

1. Acquire Coan property for enlargement of existing Elmira Township Park;
2. Design and develop improvements within the Elmira Township Park including improved accessibility, parking, develop additional features, and create vegetative management plan.

Contact me as needed. Gloria Torello 989-705-3410

----- End forwarded message -----

Public Hearing Comment
① Are snowmobile Trails included in the Plan?
Yes

**MINUTES OF THE ELMIRA TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2011
OTSEGO COUNTY COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN UPDATE
ELMIRA TOWNSHIP HALL**

Kevin Makarewicz of C2AE called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding the updated recreation plan specific to Elmira Township. All in attendance signed the Sign-In Sheet. See attached.

In July, Elmira Township contacted the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission inquiring if the Township could specifically be included in the Otsego County Recreation Plan Update. The Parks and Recreation Commission agreed and C2AE verified the same with the MDNR. Including Elmira Township in the Otsego County Plan will allow the Township to submit Grant Applications for recreation projects on their own.

The 95% Draft has been available for public review at the Otsego County Library and on the Township Web Site during the period of October 31, 2011 to November 30, 2011. We are here this evening to receive public comment specific to Elmira Township.

Makarewicz called for comments.

Two comments were received via e-mail and were entered into the record. One of the meeting attendees asked if snowmobile trails have been included in the plan. C2AE responded that they were. The comments are attached to these minutes.

Makarewicz called for comments two more times.
No other comments were received.

Makarewicz reviewed the remaining items to complete the Plan Update:

- Parks & Recreation Commission Resolution December 12, 2011.
- County Board of Commissioners Resolution December 13, 2011.
- Submit the Plan to the MDNR by December 16, 2011.

The Township Board then passed a Resolution that stated "The Elmira Township Board does approve, agree to the goals and hereby adopt the Otsego County Community Recreation Plan 2012-2016 as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the Elmira Township community."

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:10p.m.

Respectfully,



Susan Schaedig, Township Clerk

**OTSEGO COUNTY COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN 2012-2016
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION
ELMIRA TOWNSHIP BOARD**

WHEREAS, the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission has undertaken the Otsego County Community Recreation Plan 2012-2016 which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2012 and 2016, and

WHEREAS, the Otsego Parks and Recreation Commission has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community and as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held November 7, 2011 at the Otsego County Community Center to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Otsego County Community Recreation Plan 2012-2016, and

WHEREAS, another public hearing was held December 8, 2011 at the Elmira Township Hall to provide an opportunity for citizens of Elmira Township to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Otsego County Community Recreation Plan 2012-2016.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Elmira Township Board does approve, agree to the goals and hereby adopt the Otsego County Community Recreation Plan 2012-2016 as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the Elmira Township community.

Motion by Diane Purgiel supported by Leonard Skop this 8th day of December, 2011.

(Yeas: Diane Frackowiak, Nays: None Absent: None)
Susan Schaedig, Diane Purgiel
Leonard Skop, Dale Holzschu

I, Susan Schaedig Township Clerk do hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Elmira Township Board at their regular meeting held on the 8th day of December, 2011.

**ELMIRA TOWNSHIP
OTSEGO COUNTY
DECEMBER 8, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Elmira Township board was held on December 8, 2011 at the Elmira Township hall commencing at 6:00 p.m. with Supervisor, Diane Franckowiak calling the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present were Supervisor Diane Franckowiak, Clerk Susan Schaedig, Treasurer Diane Purgiel, Trustee Leonard Skop and Trustee Dale Holzschu. Others present were Assessor, Debbie Dunham, Duane Hoffman, John Ernst, Paul Hartmann, Randy Stoltz, Kevin Makarewicz, Gloria Torello and John Arevalo.

A recess was called at 6:01 p.m.

Kevin Makarewicz of C2AE called the public hearing to order at 6:02 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding the updated recreation plan specific to Elmira Township.

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The 95% Draft has been available for public review at the Otsego County Library and on the Township Web Site during the period of October 31, 2011 to November 30, 2011.

Makarewicz called for comments:

Two comments were received via e-mail and were entered into the record. One of the meeting attendees asked if snowmobile trails have been included in the plan. C2AE responded that they were.

Makarewicz called for comments two more times and none was received.

Makarewicz reviewed the remaining items to complete the Plan Update:
Parks & Recreation Commission Resolution December 12, 2011.
County Board of Commissioners Resolution December 13, 2011.
Submit the Plan to the MDNR by December 16, 2011.

Diane Purgiel made a **motion** in the form of a resolution that the Elmira Township Board does approve, agree to the goals and hereby adopt the Otsego County Recreation Plan 2012-2016 as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the Elmira Township community. Seconded by Leonard Skop and carried unanimously.

AYES: Diane Franckowiak, Susan Schaedig, Diane Purgiel, Leonard Skop, Dale Holzschu

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:10 p.m..

Meeting called back to order at 6:10 p.m..

ASSESSOR'S REPORT:

Debbie reported that Ag is at 49.78% with no change, commercial at 52.4% with no sales. Residential is 51.86% which is about 3.75% - 4% decrease.

These figures are based on appraisal studies since there have been no sales.

There will be four or five changes at the December 13, 2011 Board of Revue.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

PC chairperson, Duane Hoffman reported that he had met with Warner Township asking for a resolution of support for improvements to the Elmira Township Park.

Duane also explained the Mixed Use Zoning in Elmira Township and invited the board to attend the meeting on January 24, 2012.

READING OF THE BILLS:

5093	Susan Schaedig, Clerk's wages	1,066.91
5094	Ron Geiger, Ordinance Officer, Liquor Inspector wages	239.51
5095	Paul Hartmann, PC	110.00
5096	Leonard Skop, Trustee wages	125.08
5097	John Middleton, PC	110.00
5098	James Theisen, PC	110.00
5099	Gloria Torello, PC	130.00
5100	Duane Hoffman, PC	110.00
5101	Diane Purgiel, Treasurer's wages	1,391.66
5102	Diane Franckowiak, Supervisor's wages	1,308.16
5103	Dale Holzschu, Trustee wages	125.08
5104	Calvin Thomas, hall cleaning	150.00
5105	Waste Management	74.62
5106	Diane Franckowiak, reimb assessing license,internet,phone	175.00

5107	Diane Purgiel, reimb mileage, phone, internet	121.84
5108	Ron Geiger, reimb mileage	33.15
5109	Gloria Torello, reimb use of computer 9 months	225.00
5110	D & D Assessing	1,700.00
5111	Great Lakes Energy	12.22
5112	Dunn's Business Solutions, wax for floors	86.09
5113	D & H Excavating, plowing	45.00
5114	Apex Software	215.00
5115	Family Heating & Cooling, tune up furnace, safety inspection	103.90
5116	Northern Michigan Review, Inc.	41.25
5117	M.C. Planning & Design	1,184.72

Leonard made a **motion** to pay the bills. Seconded by Dale and carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

CD's 107,398.04 95,000.00 65,444.47 64,425.27
 MBank Savings 15,103.26 5/3 Savings 117,740.05 Gen Fund 20,050.90
TOTAL 485,161.99

Tax Acct 2786 4,523.42, 2787 1,058.93 Northwestern
 Citizens Tax Savings 9017 61,352.09 Tax Checking 6086 5,000.00 **Total 71,934.44**

Diane reported that tax payments can now be made at Citizens Bank at no charge.

OLD BUSINESS:

Family Heating and Cooling has checked the boiler in the township hall and stated that it is operating at 50% efficiency. They are going to give an estimate for replacement. Sue will contact another contractor for a bid also.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sue made a **motion** to appoint Dale Holzschu as a township representative to the Elmira Township Planning Commission for one year. Seconded by Diane Franckowiak and carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the board, Diane P made a **motion** to adjourn. Seconded by Leonard and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m..


 Susan Schaedig, Clerk

**OTSEGO COUNTY COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN 2012-2016
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION
OTSEGO COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission has undertaken the Otsego County Community Recreation Plan 2012-2016 which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2012 and 2016, and

WHEREAS, the Otsego Parks and Recreation Commission has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community and as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held November 7, 2011 at the Otsego County Community Center to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Otsego County Community Recreation Plan 2012-2016, and

WHEREAS, another public hearing was held December 8, 2011 at the Elmira Township Hall to provide an opportunity for citizens of Elmira Township to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Otsego County Community Recreation Plan 2012-2016, and

WHEREAS, following the public hearing on December 8, 2011, the Elmira Township Board has voted to adopt said Otsego County Community Recreation Plan 2012-2016.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission does approve and hereby adopt the Otsego County Community Recreation Plan 2012-2016 as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the Otsego County community.

Motion by Baragrey, supported by Stults on this 12th day of December, 2011.

Yeas: Dutcher, Baragrey
Holewinski, D. Johnson
Stults, Fleming, Cruz

Nays: None

Absent: Awrey
T. Johnson

I, , Acting Commission Secretary (appointed by Chair Dutcher) do hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission at their regular meeting held on the 12th day of December, 2011.

These are the proposed minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission held on December 12th, 2011.

Call to order at 6:00pm.

Members Present: Randy Stults, Bill Holewinski, Chad Dutcher, Abe Cruz, Dave Baragrey, and Butch Fleming.

Members Absent: Pete Awrey and Tom Johnson

Others Present: Mike Tarbutton, John Burt, Otsego County Administrator, Kevin Makerwicz, C2AE, Keri Swantek.

Bills: Approved to go to finance for payment.

Budget: Mike mentioned that there was an increase in the insurance line item 751930100. He informed members that the type of operation influences the insurance costs.

New Business: Dutcher stated some of the titles of members have changed to President Dutcher, Vice-President Baragrey and Secretary Awrey.

Public Comment: Kevin Makerwicz from C2AE read the minutes from the November 7th meeting and gave an update on the resolution of the Community Recreation Plan for 2012-2016. Chairman Dutcher asked all members present for a motion to accept the resolution. Dutcher – yes, Baragrey – yes, Stults - yes, Holewinski – yes, Cruz - yes and Fleming – yes. Chairman Dutcher appoints Tarbutton to sign the public meeting minutes for the Otsego County Community Recreation Plan.

Groen Nature Preserve: John Burt and Mike Tarbutton gave the board members an update on the progress of the property.

Consent Agenda

Approval of previous proposed minutes by Stults, second by Cruz.

Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve Property Lease Agreement with Don Sklarczyk. Stults made a motion for some corrections to the agreement. Approval with corrections by Stults, second by Baragrey. All members yes.

Jason Mathias resignation: Cruz mentioned Scott Courtier. Dutcher asked Mike to speak with him.

Other Business.

Resolution to approve or (re)-establish Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission. Table to next month.

Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission Bylaws. Some members discussed the need to follow the Bylaws. Dutcher asked members to study sections 1 – 5 of the Bylaws and discuss it at the next meeting. Table to next month.

Quay's Job Description and Wage: Motion to approve by Stults, second by Fleming. All members yes.

Livingston Township Tax Notice lists the 3/16's of a mill-Community Center only.: Mike stated that this might be misleading to some residents. Baragrey asked Mike to contact Township supervisor to have it changed to Parks and Recreation.

Officer Election in January: President Dutcher informed board that December 2012 was going to be his last month as a board member. Mike discussed the possibility of appointing Swantek as recording secretary at meetings. Mike will talk with Awrey.

Community Center: Baragrey stated that Bear Basketball enrollment is down because of an increase in travel teams. Mike received a request to open earlier on Sunday's for Open Gym. All other programs are busy.

Irontone Springs: Work crew raked the park.

Wah Wah Soo: Closed, no problems.

County Park: Motion to keep fees the same for 2012 by Cruz, second by D. Johnson. All members yes

Meeting Schedule for 2012: Motion to approve schedule by Stults, second by D. Johnson.

Next meeting: Monday January 9th, 2012 at 6:00p.m. at the Community Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, held in Room 100 at the County Building, 225 W. Main St., Gaylord, Michigan on the 13th day of December, 2011 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: CLARK BATES, PAUL BEACHNAU, PAUL LISS, LEE OLSEN, ERMA BACKENSTOSE,

ABSENT: BRUCE BROWN.

RICHARD SUMERIX, DOUG JOHNSON, KEN BORTON.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner: _____.

OCR 11-36
OTSEGO COUNTY COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN 2012-2016
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

Otsego County Board of Commissioners
December 13, 2011

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WHEREAS, following the public hearing on December 8, 2011, the Elmira Township Board has voted to adopt said Otsego County Community Recreation Plan 2012-2016; and

WHEREAS, following the public hearings, the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission has also voted to adopt said Otsego County Community Recreation Plan 2012-2016; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners do approve and hereby adopt the Otsego County Community Recreation Plan 2012-2016 as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the Otsego County community.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

YES: UNANIMOUS.

NO: NONE.

ABSTAIN: NONE.

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

Paul M. Beachnau
Paul M. Beachnau, Chairman

Susan I. DeFeyter
Susan I. DeFeyter, County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF OTSEGO)

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the County of Otsego, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Otsego County Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting held on the 13th day of December, 2011, at which meeting a quorum was present and remained throughout and that an original thereof is on file in the records of the County. I further certify that the meeting was conducted, and public notice thereof was given, pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that the minutes of such meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required thereby.

Susan I. DeFeyter
Susan I. DeFeyter, County Clerk

DATED: 12/13/, 2011

December 13, 2011

The Regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Building at 225 West Main Street, Room 100. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Paul Beachnau. Invocation by Commissioner Clark Bates, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Ken Borton.

Roll call:

Present: Clark Bates, Paul Beachnau, Paul Liss, Lee Olsen, Erma Backenstose, Richard Sumerix, Doug Johnson, Ken Borton.

Excused: Bruce Brown.

Motion by Commissioner Clark Bates, to approve the regular minutes of November 22, 2011 with attachments were approved via unanimous consent.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to grant authority to the County Administrator to amend all budgets up to \$5,000 per line item, with subsequent approval by the Otsego County Board of Commissioners at their January board meeting. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the appointment of Nancy Ross to the Jury Commission with the term to expire on April 30, 2014. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the appointment of William Light to the Jury Commission with the term to expire on April 30, 2015. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the appointment of Charles Berlin to the Housing Committee with the term to expire on May 1, 2013. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Jason Mathias to the Parks and Recreation was removed from the consent agenda.

Motion to approve the reappointment of Chad Dutcher to the Parks and Recreation Commission with the term to expire on December 31, 2014. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the reappointment of Kenneth R. Arndt to the Otsego County Planning Commission with the term to expire on December 31, 2014. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the reappointment of Charles Klee to the Otsego County Planning Commission with the term to expire on December 31, 2014. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the reappointment of Michael Deerfield to the Airport Advisory Committee with the term to expire on December 31, 2014. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the reappointment of Steven Johnson to the Airport Advisory Committee with the term to expire on December 31, 2014. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the reappointment of Wally McCoy to the Airport Advisory Committee with the term to expire on December 31, 2014. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Airport Advisory Committee Bylaw update. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried. (see attached)

Motion to approve the reappointment of Paul Cafuk to the Veteran's Affairs with the term to expire on December 31, 2014. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the reappointment of Duane Hoffman to the Zoning Board of Appeals with the term to expire on December 31, 2014. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the reappointment of Kevin Sagasser to the Zoning Board of Appeals with the term to expire on December 31, 2014. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt, OCR 11-36 Adoption of Parks and Recreation Plan 2012-2016.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Clark Bates, Paul Beachnau, Paul Liss, Lee Olsen, Erma Backenstose, Richard Sumerix, Doug Johnson, Ken Borton.

Nays: None.

Excused: Bruce Brown

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Motion to adopt, OCR 11-37 Discharge of Mortgage of Robert Rolinski.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Clark Bates, Paul Beachnau, Paul Liss, Lee Olsen, Erma Backenstose, Richard Sumerix, Doug Johnson, Ken Borton.

Nays: None.

Excused: Bruce Brown

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Motion to approve FY 2011 Court Budget Amendments. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried. (see attached)

Motion to approve FY 2011 Retiree Health Care Budget Amendment. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried. (see attached)

Administrator's Report:

John Burt reported on the Animal Control building progress; Groen property; patrol vehicles.

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, to ratify the 2012-2013 Police Officers Association of Michigan Tentative Agreement. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Richard Sumerix, to ratify the 2012-2013 Teamsters State, County and Municipal Workers Local 214 Clerical Tentative agreement. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, to set the medical benefit plan (medical and Rx) non-union employee cost share at 15% for 2012, and adopting the hard cap formula overall for the County per Michigan Public Act 152 of 2011. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Department Head Report:

Suzy DeFeyter reported on the Clerk/ROD offices.

Melissa FitzGerald reported on the Animal shelter.

Motion by Commissioner Lee Olsen, to approve the updated Otsego County Fee schedule. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Lee Olsen, to approve the agreement with the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments for drafting of Hazard Mitigation Plans along with the associated budget amendment. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried. (see attached)

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, to approve the Medical Examiner Policy. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried. (see attached)

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, to approve the retitling of the Assistant County Park Manager/Lead Community Center Monitor position to 'Parks and Recreation Coordinator' with the pay to be set at a Pay Grade 5. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, to approve the Dave Dacy Airshow Agreement in the amount of \$26,125 with funding from the Airport Special Events Fund (fund 282). Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Elizabeth Haus reported on the Village of Vanderbilt, December 15th is the Christmas tree lighting.

Roberta Tholl reported on the Road Commission.

Correspondence:

Rachel Frisch reported on the November 2011 Financial reports.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Doug Johnson, to approve the November 29, 2011 Warrant in the amount of \$86,454.87 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Clark Bates, to approve the December 6, 2011 Warrant in the amount of \$37,306.50 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ken Borton, to approve the December 13, 2011 Warrant in the amount of \$379,453.94 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Doug Johnson, to adopt Resolution OCR 11-38 Opposition to HB 5125 and 5126.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Clark Bates, Paul Beachnau, Paul Liss, Lee Olsen, Erma Backenstose, Richard Sumerix, Doug Johnson, Ken Borton.

Nays: None.

Excused: Bruce Brown.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Clark Bates: City Council meeting.

Commissioner Doug Johnson: Michigan Northern Counties Association meeting.
Parks and Recreation meeting.

Commissioner Erma Backenstose: Otsego Lake Township.

Commissioner Ken Borton: MAC Board of Directors meeting.

Commissioner Lee Olsen: Groen Nature preserve.
Charlton Township meeting.

Commissioner Rich Sumerix: Consortium meeting.
Health Department meeting.

Commissioner Paul Liss: Transportation Committee meeting.
Evaluation Committee.
Alpine Haus
Bay Mills Casino
Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Chairman Paul Beachnau: Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Paul M. Beachnau, Chairman

Susan I. DeFeyter, Otsego County Clerk

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SECTION 5

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

LONG RANGE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

As a result of the public input meetings, community on-line survey, review of the 2005-2009 Community Recreation Plan and through the course of community group input to OCPR staff, the following goals (in bold) and objectives (regular font) have been established (in no specific order):

Goal 1. To continue to offer a wide variety of recreational activities for all ages.

Objective 1A: Evaluate existing program offerings and maintain/enhance viable programs.

Objective 1B: Maintain community support and volunteers for youth activities.

Objective 1C: Maintain appropriate staffing levels and contracts with specialized vendors.

Goal 2. To improve existing recreational offerings and facilities for recreation.

Coordinate recreation programs within the County and include County wide non-profit group information as well.

Objective 2A: Make user-friendly physical changes at the County Park and the Community Center.

Objective 2B: Review security and safety features at County facilities with appropriate County wide emergency services. Revise as necessary.

Objective 2C: Review existing facilities, make upgrades as desired.

Objective 2D: Review existing offerings, make improvements as desired.

Goal 3. To maintain County recreational facilities and equipment.

Objective 3A: Provide appropriate parking and access at all County recreational facilities.

Objective 3B: Assure continued public access to lakes and beach areas.

Objective 3C: Acquire new property, equipment and structures as necessary.

Objective 3D: Enhance current equipment and facilities as necessary.

Goal 4. To establish new multi-faceted indoor recreational facilities.

Objective 4A: Respond to public demand for expanded indoor recreational facilities.

Objective 4B: Establish the capacity to hold multiple indoor events and activities simultaneously.

Goal 5. To establish new multi-faceted outdoor recreational facilities.

Objective 5A: Respond to public demand for expanded outdoor recreational facilities.

Objective 5B: Develop gifted properties and incorporate them into Otsego County recreational facilities.

SECTION 6

ACTION PROGRAM

This section provides an overview of the proposed projects identified as a result of the public input meetings, the community on-line survey and community group input to the OCPR. These projects will implement the goals and objectives identified in the previous section. These projects will also help counter any perceived deficiencies in service that may arise over the next five years as well. It also includes preliminary information on how the County and other groups plan to implement or develop the projects over the next five years.

PROPOSED PROJECTS

Project - Alternative Demonstration Garden and Conservation Forest

Description Although the Demonstration Garden and Conservation Forest are well-used and enjoyed by Otsego County residents and visitors alike, an outdoor education center with restrooms and an indoor classroom would greatly add to the Garden and Forest area by making it more user-friendly and enabling educational programming to run year-round. A proposed project is to construct a 40 foot by 60 foot outdoor education center, complete with barrier-free restroom facilities and a heated indoor classroom directly adjacent to the Demonstration Garden.

Currently, there are no restrooms nearby; and workshops, hikes, and general use by the public are limited by this factor. Barrier-free restrooms in the center would be available around the clock, facilitating more expansive use of the garden and trails. Restroom facilities would also facilitate workshops and annual events such as the Otsego Conservation District's Conservation Day Camp which teaches Kindergarteners through 6th graders about natural resources. In addition, an indoor classroom and activity room would be available for workshops and outdoor programming forced to take refuge due to inclement weather. This indoor area would also allow the Garden and Forest to be used for programming year-round. With an indoor space to take breaks in, winter workshops such as animal track identification will be possible. In short, the outdoor education center will facilitate the growth of outdoor programming and accessible restrooms will be available to anyone enjoying the garden and trails.

Goals and Objectives met This project will expand the existing recreational opportunities for the community and respond to public demand for expanded indoor and outdoor recreational facilities (Objectives 2C, 4A and 5A).

Project - Complete necessary improvements at the Sportsplex

Description The Sportsplex is a popular recreation facility for County residents and beyond. A new Zamboni will be required within the next 5 years. The existing Zamboni is an original piece of equipment and is a critical component to maintaining good ice conditions for the facility. The existing boilers are out of date and inefficient. These should be replaced to save on operation costs for the facility. Further, the pool interior walls are original and should be recoated to maintain their integrity.

Goals and Objectives met These improvements will upgrade existing recreational facilities and will also provide new equipment that is required (Objectives 2C and 3C).

Project - Develop Non-Motorized Linkage Trails within Elmira Township

Description: Elmira Township would like to construct non-motorized trails within their Township that would link them to other points of interest outside the Township, such as the Jordan River Valley, the Gaylord Industrial Park, the North Central State Trail and also the Rail Trail south of the City of Gaylord. These trails would be used for mountain biking, horse back riding and hiking in the summer months and for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in the winter months. Under no circumstances would the trails be used by snowmobiles in the winter.

Goals and Objectives met: These improvements will respond to public demand for expanded outdoor recreational facilities (Objective 5A).

Project - Develop Non-Motorized Trails on State Land within Elmira Township

Description Elmira Township would like to construct non-motorized trails on State Land that is adjacent to Hallenius Road and Burdo Road. This State Land is located in Sections 35 and 36. These trails would be used for mountain biking, horse back riding and hiking in the summer months and for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in the winter months. Under no circumstances would the trails be used by snowmobiles in the winter. The Elmira Township Planning Commission has identified this as a top priority.

Goals and Objectives met These improvements will respond to public demand for expanded outdoor recreational facilities (Objective 5A).

Project - Land Acquisition for Recreational Purposes in Elmira Township

Description: Acquire land in Elmira Township to provide new/additional recreational opportunities to residents. Areas specifically identified include land adjacent to the existing

Elmira Township Park, land adjacent to the Lake Twenty-Seven Boat Launch and provide public access to Porcupine Lakes. The Township would like to expand the Elmira Township Park and acquiring an adjacent vacant parcel could make the Park a full Village Block in size. The existing Lake Twenty-Seven Boat Launch is gravel and has very steep grades. Acquiring additional lots adjacent to the Boat Launch would allow the area to be expanded and upgraded in the future. Parmater Road runs between the Porcupine Lakes. Cars park along the road to access the lake. The Township would like to determine if there is legal public access to Porcupine Lakes. If not, they would like to acquire land to provide and develop legal public access.

Goals and Objectives met: This land acquisition will expand the recreational opportunities for the community and respond to public demand for expanded outdoor recreational facilities (Objectives 3B and 5A).

Project – Make improvements to the Elmira Township Park

Description: Elmira Township would like to design and develop improvements within the Park, including improved accessibility, parking, develop additional features and create a vegetative management plan. These improvements will enhance recreational opportunities in the westerly portion of the County and draw more users to the facility.

Goals and Objectives met: This project will expand the recreational opportunities for the community and enhance the Park (Objectives 2C, 3C & 3D).

Project - Complete necessary improvements at the Otsego County Community Center

Description: The Community Center is a popular recreational facility for County residents and beyond. Proposed improvements will maintain and expand the various opportunities at this facility. Proposed projects include, but are not limited to a new roof for the facility, new carpeting throughout the inside of the facility, gym floor maintenance and refinishing, the installation of baseboard heat registers, computer upgrades, tennis court maintenance and improvements, purchase gymnastics equipment, new big screen TV's and associated equipment, new recreational games (including pool tables, ping pong tables and air hockey games) and landscaping improvements.

Goals and Objectives met: These improvements will make user-friendly changes and upgrades to this popular existing recreational facility (Objectives 2A, 2C, 3C and 4A).

Project - Develop the Former MDNR Property into a County Park

Description: The State of Michigan deeded the former MDNR Repair Facility property near Downtown Gaylord to Otsego County in 2005. The County would like to develop this vacant 9-acre parcel into a Park. An environmental site assessment has been completed and a conceptual site plan has been developed. Potential improvements may include statues, art, fountains, information kiosks and a splash park. Use areas could include topography changes with berms and landscaping, indigenous plants, a unique ice skating rink including the potential of synthetic ice to skate year-round; small scale sledding hills, picnic/sheltered areas, a community fire pit, benches and furniture. Structures may include a depot building along the existing railroad which could include restrooms, maintenance area, a welcome center, a concession stand or even a community center. A band shell could be placed in the northwest portion of the property which would direct sound to the south and be buffered so it would not disturb residential uses to the north. Parking could be placed at the north end with additional parking on the east side of the railroad tracks that could also be used as a trail head for the North Central State Trail in the future. The Park could also be connected to the Otsego County Library located just to the southeast. See the conceptual site plan at the end of this section.

Goals and Objectives met: This project will expand the recreational opportunities for the community and enhance its physical appearance. This facility will also respond to public demand for expanded outdoor recreational facilities (Objectives 5A).

Project - Complete necessary improvements at the Otsego Lake County Park and Campground.

Description The County Park and Campground is a popular recreational facility as noted previously in this document. Proposed improvements will maintain and expand the various opportunities at this facility. Proposed projects include, but are not limited to a new roof for the campground shower building, new maintenance equipment (including small lawn mowers, weed trimmers and leave blowers), new playground equipment and new electrical pedestals for the campground.

Goals and Objectives met These improvements will make changes and upgrades to this popular existing recreational facility (Objectives 2A, 2C and 3C).

Project - Enhance the Dr. Robert S. Libke Memorial Fields

Description These fields are located on a 5-acre facility, which, based on the on-line survey, receive very little use. The OCPR would like to install barrier-free vault restrooms and make other improvements to create public interest and increased use. There has been discussion on re-starting an adult softball league at the facility. Or making these fields more multi-purpose in nature.

Goals and Objectives met Improvements at this facility should create additional public interest and increased use of this facility (Objectives 1A, 2C, 3A, 3C and 5A).

Project - Add/enhance barrier-free access to all existing parks and recreation facilities

Description Encourage the development of balanced recreational opportunities for both active and passive participation, and for all levels of physical and mental abilities. Also, complete renovations (as appropriate) to existing facilities such that they can be enjoyed by persons of all physical abilities.

Goals and Objectives met This project would provide barrier-free access and use of existing and future community recreation facilities (Objectives 2C and 3A).

Project - Develop the Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve

Description The Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve (Preserve) at Echo Valley Ranch has just been established and the property transferred to the OCPR. The County will maintain the nearly 800 acres, preserve most of the area in its natural state and develop some into a Park to offer environmental/nature classes, along with hiking, mountain biking, cross country skiing, snowshoeing and horseback riding along the property's many trails. Otsego County will soon begin preparing the Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve Master Plan. A visioning committee will be utilized when creating this master plan and will input on how to develop the facilities. This separate document will provide detailed planning and visioning information for the property as a public asset. Once the Master Plan is established, the County will then begin to implement the objectives.

Goals and Objectives met This project will expand the recreational opportunities for the community and enhance its physical appearance. This facility will also respond to public demand for expanded outdoor recreational facilities (Objectives 5A).

SITE PROPOSAL



PROPOSED SITE PLAN
SCALE 1" = 60'-0"

▲ OPTIONS FOR USE AREAS

- TOPOGRAPHY
- NATIVE, INDIGENOUS PLANTS
- UNIQUE SKATING RINK
- PICNIC/BBQ AREAS
- SLEEPING HILL
- SPLASH PARKS
- WALKING PATHS
- ANIMAL-FRIENDLY AREAS
- FIRE PIT
- FURNITURE

● OPTIONS FOR NODES

- SPLASH PARKS
- STATUES
- FOUNTAINS
- INFORMATION KIOSKS

■ DEPOT COULD INCLUDE

- TOILETS
- TOURIST INFORMATION
- VENDING MACHINES
- MERCHANDISE
- COMMUNITY SPACE