

# 2014

## Parks and Recreation



Clare County

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Resolution #15-10 Adoption of the Recreation Plan for the Clare County Parks and Recreation  
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## Introduction

This plan has been developed for the County of Clare Parks and Recreation Division as a communication of available Clare County recreation and inventory of the parks as well as a vision to expand upon those valuable county assets. It is the intent of the Clare County Parks and Recreation Division to continue to provide valuable resources for county residents and tourists in addition to be available to partner with townships, cities and villages relative to local park initiatives.

The revision of the Clare County Parks and Recreation Master Plan began in January 2014 between the County Parks and Recreation Board and the County Community Development Division. This collaborative effort served a dual purpose conducive to the needs of Clare County. First, both divisions were able to expand upon the available services and knowledge base of each other in turn providing the county greater ability to reach more residents. Second, Clare County was able to see a cost savings of approximately \$10,000 by utilizing its own resources. The planning process was designed to include information from multiple sources using various means of data collection consistent with the master planning process.

In March, 2014, local municipalities and county stakeholders were informed of the parks and recreation plan update. A public meeting was published and held for public input in addition to a survey posted on the county website and mailed to county stakeholders. Information gathering continued and a draft plan was presented to the Parks and Recreation Board, and The Clare County Commissioners in December, 2014.



## Chapter 1: Community Description

### Location

Clare County, located in the central section of Michigan's Lower Peninsula. It has a land area of approximately 576 square miles and 371,700 acres. A natural watershed divide occurs as a hilly moraine running diagonally from the northeast to the southwest. The Muskegon River watershed and its tributaries drain the sandy Jack Pine plains of the northern and western portion of the county. These waters flow westerly to Lake Michigan. A smaller network of watersheds including two branches of the Cedar River and three branches of the Tobacco River drains the southern and eastern portion of the county. These waters flow east to Saginaw Bay and Lake Huron. Clare County is flush with lakes and trails for many recreation activities. Municipalities include the cities of Clare and Harrison and the Village of Farwell, Townships include Arthur, Franklin, Freeman, Frost, Garfield, Grant, Greenwood, Hamilton, Hatton, Hayes, Lincoln, Redding, Sheridan, Summerfield, Surrey and Winterfield.

The area is served by major transportation systems including Federal Highways 10 (running east/west) and 27 (running north/south). State highways 61 (east/west) and 115 (southeast/northwest) also provide major transportation thru ways in the county.

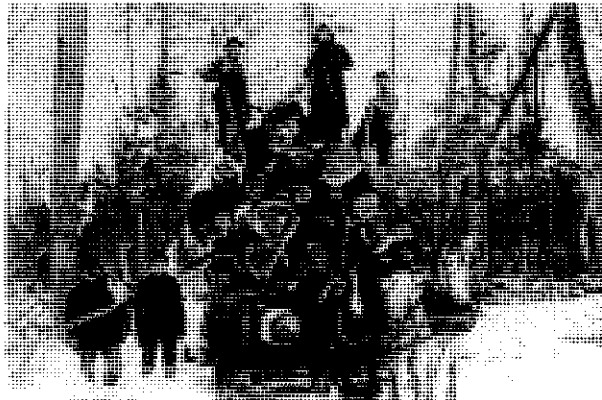
### CLARE COUNTY





## History

In 1843, an Irish surveyor named the County “Clare” after his native “County Clare” in Ireland. Clare County was established during the lumbering era, and home to the Lake George Railroad and Muskegon Railroad. Clare County saw great growth due to the success of the logging industry and the established railroads. The railroads served the rural communities in Clare County by the transporting of goods and supplies for increased settlers in addition to transporting passengers to and from the county.



## Self-Guided Historical Landmark Tour

**1. Jonesville** – Jonesville Road, half a mile north of Muskegon Road.

Currently known for its historical railroad bridge, this site was a railway roll-off for timber into the Muskegon River.



**2. Meredith** – M-18 in Franklin Township.

This site of intersecting railways developed into a town in the 1880's.

**3. Surrey House** – 125 East Beech, Harrison.

Originally named the 'Ohio Tavern' in 1879, this restaurant was the site of many deals made during the establishment of surrounding areas.

**4. Spike Horn** – Corner of East M-61 and Business 27, Harrison.

"Spikehorn" Meyer, renowned for bringing live bears to Michigan's capital when lobbying the State Senate, raised bears at this site.

**5. Campbell City** – 101 South Main Street, Temple.

Currently named Temple, this city was the site of early logging activity in the area.

**6. Gerrish Railroad** – Roadside Park on Old US 27 south of Mannsiding Road, between Clare and Harrison.

Named for Scott Gerrish, this site commemorates the first successful railroad in Michigan.

**7. Cornwell Ranch** – Cornwell Avenue south of Mannsiding Avenue in Arthur Township.

A key employer of the early era, this ranch had a major influence on the development of surrounding communities.

**8. Depression Era Art** – Doherty Hotel, Clare.

Painted by Jan McHugh in 1932.

**9. Work Progress Administration (WPA) Art** – Clare Post Office and Clare Middle School.

Under Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal Program murals were commissioned following the Great Depression. These are federally protected works of art.

**10. Dover** – At the intersection of Eberhart Road and Dover Road, Clare.

Originally named Crawfordville prior to 1880, the village of Dover was one of the first settlements in the area due to its rich agricultural potential. Dover is also the site of



Clare County Historical Museum and one room school house circa 1870.

**11. Farwell Historical Museum** – 221 Main Street, Farwell.

Village of Farwell was named after Sam Farwell, a man instrumental to railroad construction in the area and director of the Flint and Pere Marquette Railroad.

**12. Wilson State Park** – In the City of Harrison.

The park is located on the shores of Budd Lake. The Civilian Conservation Corp. constructed the main park building in 1939 along with a stone residence built using rock from Clare, Missaukee, and Gladwin counties. See map on pages 10 and 11 for Self Guided Historical Tour

## Demographics

The 2013 population of Clare County was 30,569; a -1.2% decrease since 2010, however an increase in the senior population of 60 and over from 17.8% in 2010 to 28% in 2014. Less than 3.2% of the population is represented by minority or ethnic groups. 50.1% of Clare County Residents are female and the average median age is 45.

Clare County has the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest rate of poverty for all people in poverty (27.9%) and the highest rate of poverty for children 0-17 (44.2%) according to the United States Department of Agriculture 2013 data.

2014 Unemployment data shows improvement in Michigan statewide unemployment at 7.2%, as well as improvement in unemployment in Clare County at 10.6%. This is a 2.3% decrease since 2011.

The estimated county median household income for 2014 is \$31,443 compared to estimated median household income in Michigan of \$48,471

Figure 1: Selected Demographics

	Clare County	Michigan
<b>Median Age</b>	45	35.5
<b>Median Income</b>	\$31,443	\$48,471
<b>Unemployment</b>	10.6%	7.2%
<b>Poverty (for all people)</b>	27.9%	17.6%
<b>Poverty (children 0-17)</b>	44.2%	25.2%
<b>Race (Caucasian)</b>	96.8%	80.1%

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Figure 2: Summary Health Outcomes &amp; Health Factors Rankings for the State of Michigan

2011

Health Outcomes	Rank	Health Factors	Rank
Health of County residence	82 out of 82	Factors that influence health of County residence	76 out of 82

Figure 3: Summary Health Outcomes &amp; Health Factors Rankings for the State of Michigan

2014

Health Outcomes	Rank	Health Factors	Rank
Health of County Residence	72 out of 82	Factors that influence health of County Residence	76 out of 82

University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute

### Summary and Implications

The health of a community depends on many different factors, including health care, education, jobs, a person's behavior and the environment. Improvement on health in a community with ample parks and recreation activities and space are more likely to exercise.

The high percentage of senior adults has implications for recreation planning in Clare County. In addition, growth projections for the population in the area will place an increasing pressure on the County to address the leisure needs of the group.

There are a significant number of citizens in Clare County who are economically disadvantaged. The high percentage of households and individuals below the poverty level, and low median household incomes need to be targeted when developing and marketing county recreational activities.



## Chapter 2: Organization and Administration

### County Organizational Structure

The County Board of Commissioners under authority of P.A. 261, as amended by Act 242 of 1966, has an eight (9) member Parks and Recreation Commission.

### Responsibilities of the Commission

The Commission will assume such authority as granted by the applicable section of the laws of the State of Michigan in the Michigan Compiled Laws, and no other authority.

### Members (9)

Chairman of the Clare County Road Commission (CCRC) or its designee (1)

Drain Commissioner (DC) (1)

Chairman of the Clare County Board of Commissioners (CCBC) or its designee (2)

Five members-at-large, appointed by the Clare County Board of Commissioners (5)

Figure: 4





**Figure 3: Clare County Parks and Recreation Budget**

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>12-13</b>	<b>13-14</b>	<b>14-15</b>
<b>Operations</b>	\$741	\$1,096	\$1,635
<b>Maintenance</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Capital</b>	\$0	\$0	\$1,920
<b>Improvements</b>			
<b>Recreation</b>	\$12,250	\$12,248	\$12,696
<b>Programming</b>			

Clare County Parks and Recreation is funded in part through the county general fund.

Clare County only recently acquired a park, Old 27 Roadside Park, in the fall of 2013. There has not been a need for dollars to expend on park maintenance prior. The Clare County Parks and Recreation Division relies solely on volunteers for beautification and the Clare County Road Commission for snow removal and summer mowing.

Clare County Parks and Recreation focuses on creating and maintaining partnership with community organizations to foster recreation and leisure opportunities in the county.

**The mission of Clare County Parks & Recreation is:**

1. To provide high quality public recreation facilities for all county residents and guests;
2. To promote physical and mental well-being;
3. To enhance to quality of life for all citizen groups; and
4. To protect and enhance the enjoyment of our unique environment

**Partnerships and Community Collaborations**

The Clare County Parks and Recreation Department has an excellent relationship with a number of partner organizations that are providers of recreation services and leisure opportunities to citizens of Clare County. These partnerships have benefited the community by marshalling the human and financial resources of citizens of Clare County to meet basic leisure service needs for the community with little or no organizational demands on county government. In exchange, the Park and Recreation Department and County Board of Commissioners have worked to assist these organizations in any way possible to further their mission in the community.

Friends of Clare County Parks and Recreation is a recently formed independent not-for-profit organization that supports the improvement of recreational areas throughout Clare County. Under the guidance of Clare County Parks and Recreation, membership in Friends has grown



drastically since its inception. This growth has allowed Friends to create a permanent Board of Directors from the member arena. Clare County Parks and Recreation acts in an advisory capacity.

Community interest in Friends of Clare County Parks and Recreation was created through its annual fundraiser “A Gateway Affair” Banquet held at Jay’s Sporting Goods. The dinner introduces new initiatives and development projects of Clare County Parks and Recreation.

All monies raised by Friends are used to benefit the maintenance, preservation, expansion and improvement of parks and recreation in Clare County and is given in the form of a grant to any government entity or organization to accomplish these efforts.

Additional community partners and organizations that have been instrumental in providing opportunities to citizens in Clare County include the Clare County Road Commission, County Townships, Fraternal Clubs, Village of Evart Parks and Recreation, Clare County Snowmobile Club, Friends of Pere Marquette Rail Trail, League of Michigan Bicyclist, and the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources Parks Division.

Like any community recreation program, the Clare County Parks and Recreation division relies on a wide range of volunteers to provide leadership and services upon implementing activities.

As in every county in Michigan, there are three school districts in Clare County. Each local school district provides a valuable resource of facilities and programs for local community recreation. Not only are the school districts a community partner with the Parks and Recreation Division of the county, they are also an integral part of the recreational inventory of Clare County.

### Chapter 3: Recreation Inventory

The park and recreation inventory consisted of on-site visits to all parks and recreation area in the county in addition to participating in recreation activities from October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014. Additionally, analysis of parks in Clare County and recreation resources in the county was conducted by reviewing previous planning documents of the county, cities, village and townships where available, as well as state-owned areas including camping and water access.







Farwell Village Schools include three schools and serve k-12 children in the Village and surrounding area.

Name	Available Facilities
Farwell Elementary	Playground, small gymnasium
Farwell Middle	Small gymnasium, walking route around the schools
Farwell High	Gymnasium, auditorium, baseball field, softball field, track, football field with bleachers

Figure 7: Farwell Village Schools



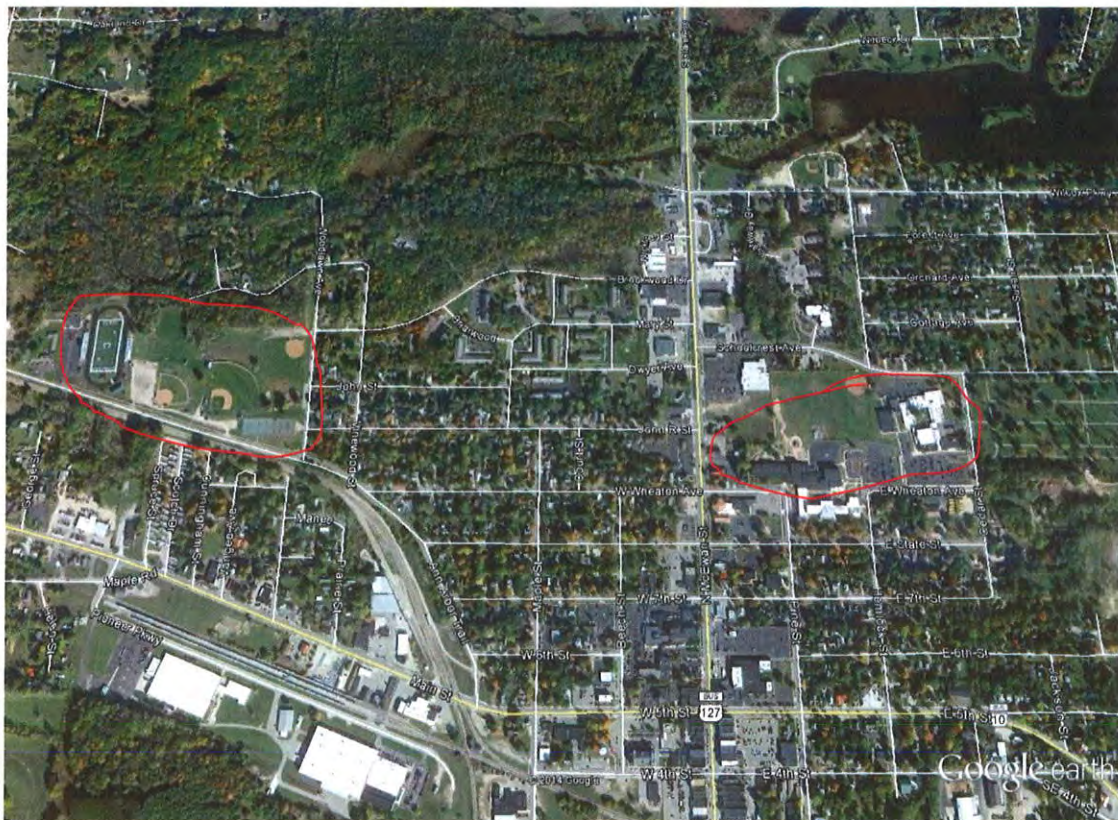
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Clare Public Schools operate a wide range of facilities for interscholastic sports and physical education. Clare Public Schools include three different schools and serve k-12 children in the City of Clare and surrounding area.

Name	Available Facilities
Clare Primary	Playground, gymnasium
Clare Middle School	Playground, gymnasium
Clare High School	Gymnasium Baseball, softball fields all ages, Athletic complex including football field, track, tennis courts, baseball fields, playground

Figure 8: Clare Public Schools



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Figure 9: Mid Michigan Community College Trail System



Mid Michigan Community College's Harrison Campus is nestled on 560 acres of wooded land. The College and various community groups have developed trails through the property for the public to enjoy. Trails are pedestrian only. No motorized vehicles or bicycles are permitted.

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Archery	Jay's Sporting Goods-Public w/Fee Harrison Sportsmen's Club
Rifle Range	Clare Rod and Gun (Private Club) Harrison Sportsmen's club Lake Rod & Gun Club (Private Club)
Golf	Devils Knob- 9 holes Eagle Glen- 18 holes Firefly Golf Links- 18 holes Snow Snake- 18 holes Tamaracks- 18 holes
Tennis Courts	Brookwood Athletic Complex Garfield Township Park Harrison City Park Lake of the Pines (Private) Farwell

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**Soccer**

Brookwood Athletic Complex- Clare Public Schools  
Harrison City Park  
Hayes Township Outdoor Park

**Baseball/Softball**

Brookwood Athletic Complex  
Clare Public Schools  
Dodge City  
Village of Farwell  
Farwell High School  
Garfield Township Park  
Harrison City Park  
Harrison Community Schools  
Hayes Township  
Shamrock Community Park  
Stamina Stadium Sports Park  
Summerfield Township

**Bowling**

Gateway Lanes (Clare)  
Snowbird Lanes (Harrison)

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**Swimming Pool**

Lake of the Pines Association (Private)  
Doherty Hotel- Public w/fee  
Econolodge –Public w/fee  
White Birch

**Picnic Area**

Bertha Lake Park  
Brookwood Clare  
Clare Memorial Park  
Village of Farwell Park  
Garfield Township Park  
Gerrish Railroad Roadside Park (Old 27)  
Harrison City Park  
Hayes Township Hall  
Maple Street Park  
Petit community Park  
Shamrock Community Park  
Shingle Lake Park  
Silver Lake Park

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## Playground/Play Area

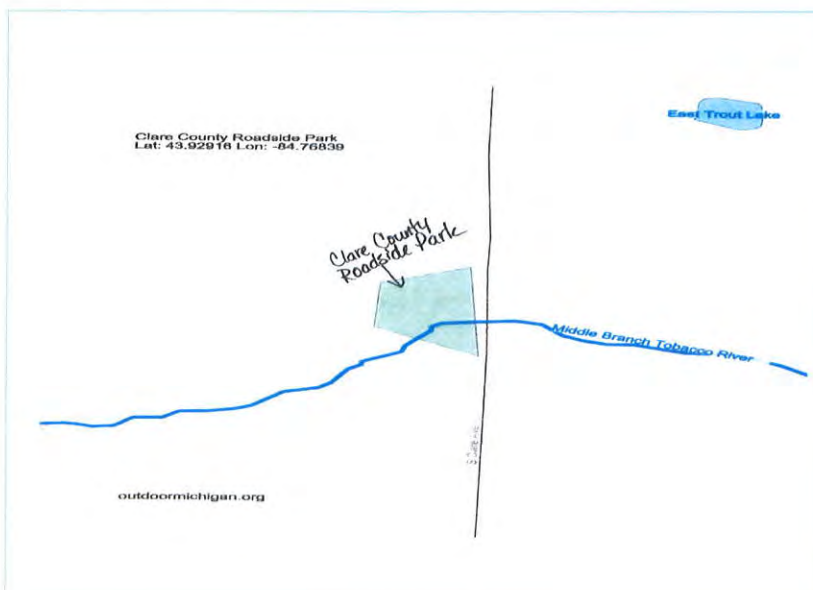
Wilson State Park  
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Bertha Lake Park  
Brookwood (imagination Gateway Playscape)  
Garfield Township Park  
Harrison City Park  
Hayes Township Hall  
Maple Street Park  
Petit Community Park  
Shamrock Park  
Shingle Lake Park  
Silver Lake Park  
Village of Farwell Park  
Wilson State Park

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Clare County attracts many hunters due to its tremendous number of small and large game species. There are over 56,000 acres of state land flush with whitetail deer, turkey, partridge, squirrel and quail. In addition to hunting, Clare County has over 3,900 acres of open water and over 330 miles of rivers and streams for fishing. Many individuals around the state make Clare County their fishing destination.

Figure 10: Clare County Roadside Park





February 8, 2016

Accessibility evaluation for Old 27 Historical Roadside Park, Clare County, MI

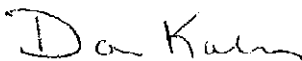
The Historical Old 27 Roadside Park in Clare County consists of approximately 5 acres of beautiful landscaped property along Old 27 between Clare and Harrison. This family oriented park is the perfect location for a family outing, picnic or quiet place to stop and relax on your journey throughout Central Michigan.

The Old 27 Historical Park has existed before the freeway system and was a popular watering hole for travelers going north or heading back home. People to this day enjoy the free flowing well and covered bridge stream that runs through the park. The park consists of four grills with picnic tables for family gatherings and has also been the sight of an occasional wedding.

The park, although has no restroom facilities, is well maintained and ADA approved walking path to the well and covered bridge. The Old 27 Historical Park would receive a 3 (most) in meeting the ADA standards of accessibility design in a given ranking, with 5 as the highest ranking.

A copy of the Old 27 Historical Roadside Park history with photos has been provided to show natural resources, public space and the recreation it provides to locals and visitors. Additional information on the park is available upon request.

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Don Kofander, Director Clare County Parks and Recreation



# History

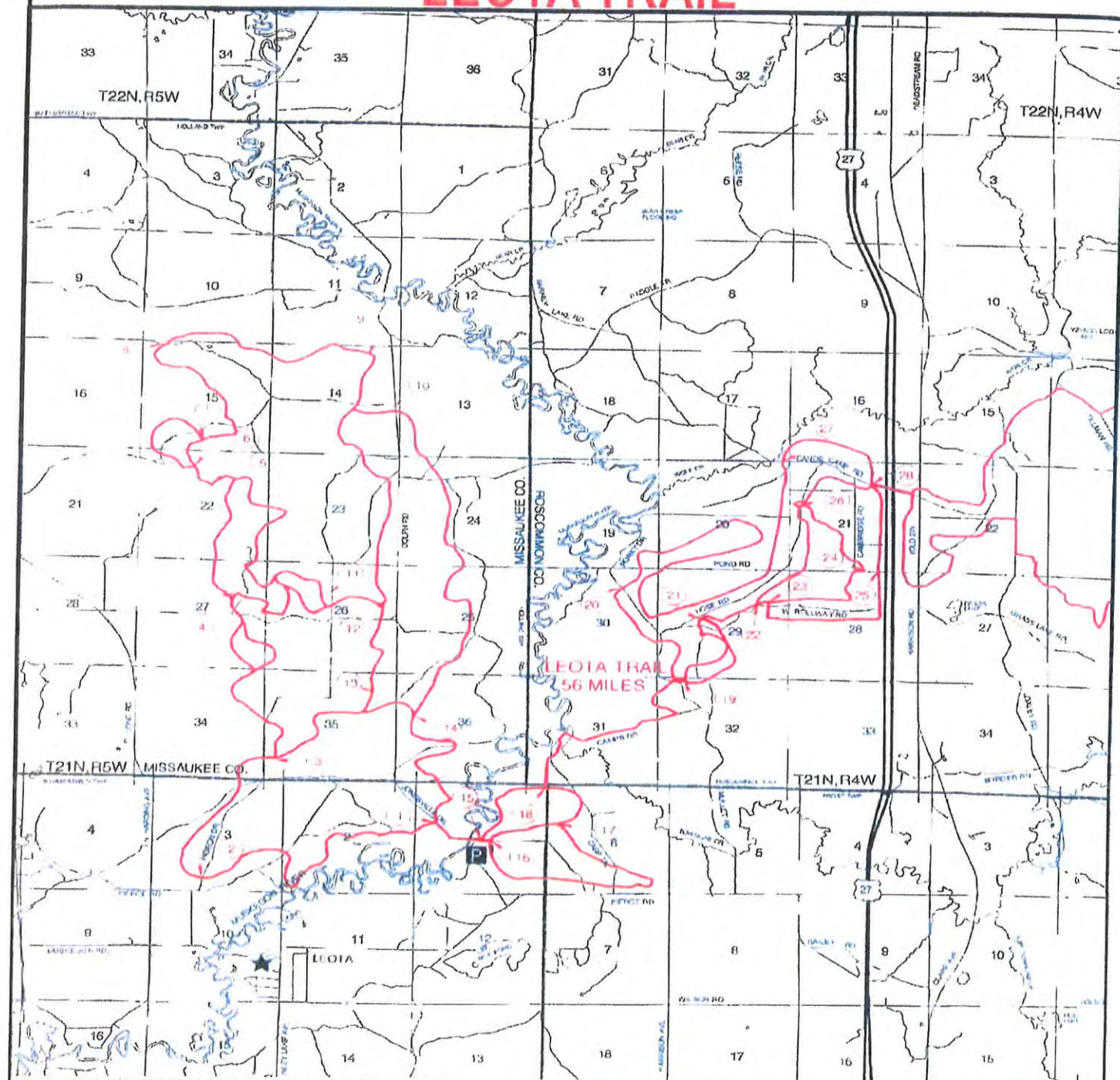
Clare County Road Commission Tourist Park  
 Section 27, Hutton Township, Clare County, Michigan  
 June, 2003

YEAR	EVENT
1936	Michigan Department of State Highways purchases land, 2.1 acres, by condemnation for \$63 from the William Park family. Property is purchased for a landscaping project and the development of a spring. US 27 construction is underway at this time. The highway commissioner is Murray Van Wagoner, after which the current transportation building is named. L 87/ P 397-398
1958	Michigan Historical Commission places marker recognizing logging railroads.
1961	Highway department deeds property to Clare County Road Commission for use as a roadside park. New freeway is open. Old 27 is turned over to county road commission. L 234 / P 142-143
1994	Begin contract mowing; also, using portable toilets. annual cost about \$3,500
1996	Park floods on May 17, around noon, as result of upstream activity removing beaver dams. Damages filed by CCRC amount to \$8,790. Volunteers clean up park on May 26.
1996	Clare and Harrison Chambers of Commerce each donate \$500 toward park improvements. Funds used to purchase charcoal grills.
1998	Master Gardner Project, through MSU Extension Service, Linda Strauch, student coordinator, beautifies park, working mostly on back slope west of driveway
1999	Flowing well stops, pipes found plugged. System cleaned, tested, and well placed back in service.
2000	Flowing well re-tests indicate contamination may be present. Well removed from service.
2001	New well placed in service, with hand pump. Well is 110' deep, and cost \$2,195. Received \$500 grant from Saginaw Bay Resource and Conservation Development District for park improvements. Funds were used to defray cost of well
2003	Road commission installs new guard posts around inside curve of driveway Annual operating costs are approximately \$5,000

contact information: Clare County Road Commission, 3900 East Mansfield Road, Harrison, MI 48626  
 Telephone: 989-539-2151 Facsimile: 989-539-7751 e-mail: [wnitcock@voyager.net](mailto:wnitcock@voyager.net)



## LEOTA TRAIL



## Clare County



Parks &amp; Recreation



ORV TRAIL-for ORV's less than 50" in width-off road motorcycles and/or ATV's (DNR License required)



ORV ROUTE-for ORV's of all sizes.  
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### LEGEND

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NUMBER

 PARKING

 CAMPGROUND

 GAS - FOOD



SCALE IN MILES

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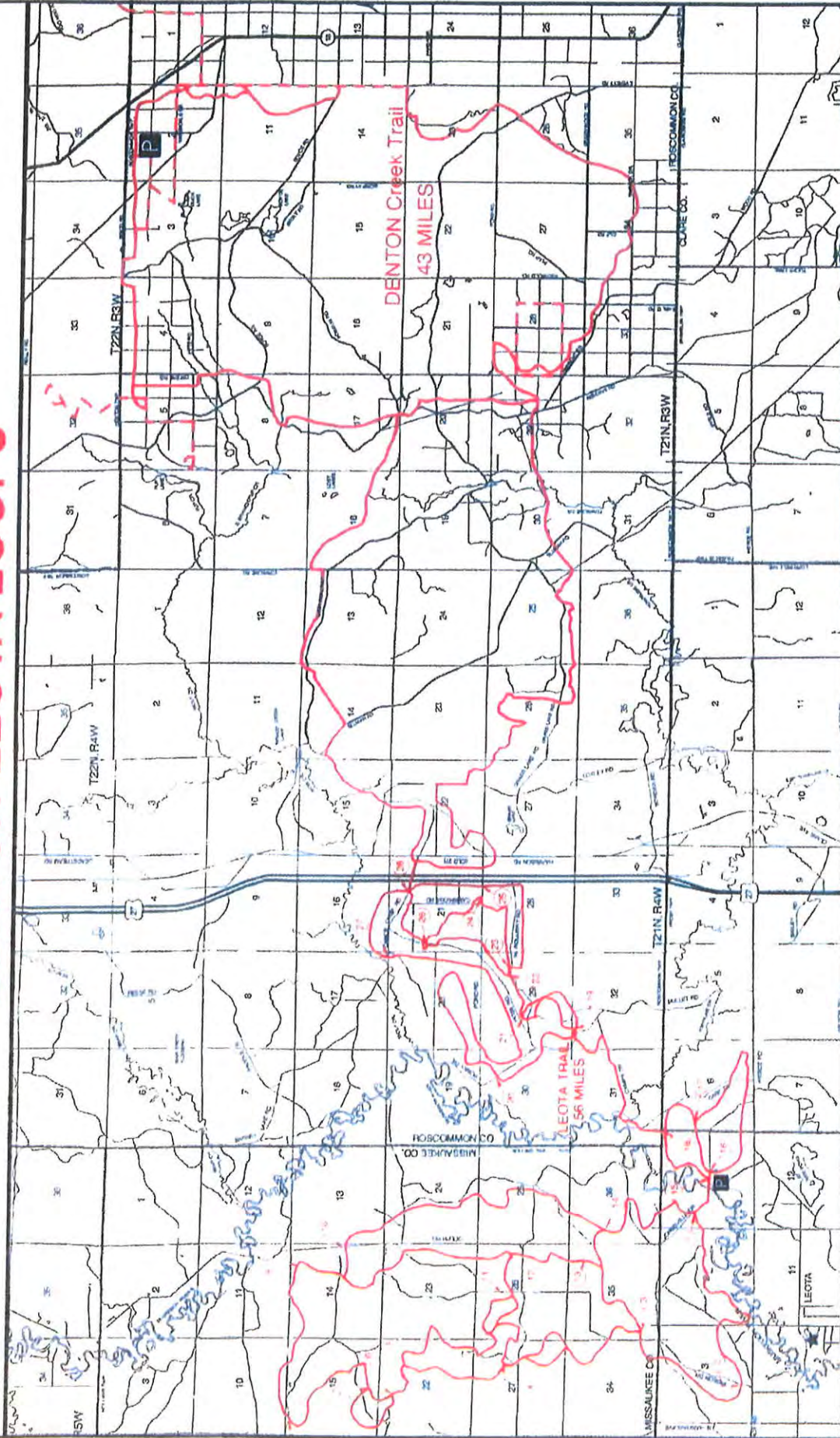


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# DENTON-LEOTA LOOPS



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CAMPGROUND



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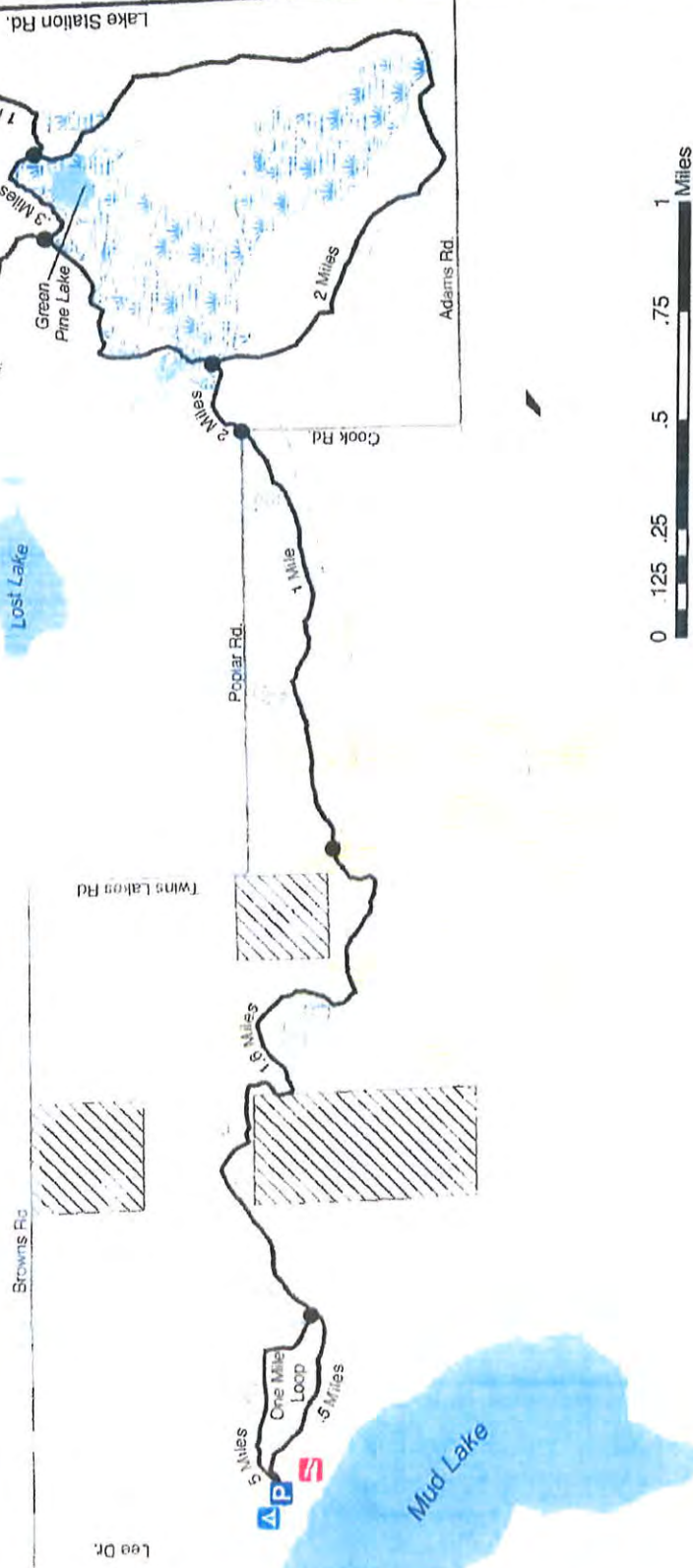
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# Green Pine Lake Pathway

Legend			
	Parking		Power Line
	Boat Launch		Two Tracks
	Camping with Restrooms		Hiking Path
			Gas Line
			Private Property
			DNR Property
			Bog
			Swamp

FOLLOW THE BLUE MARKINGS



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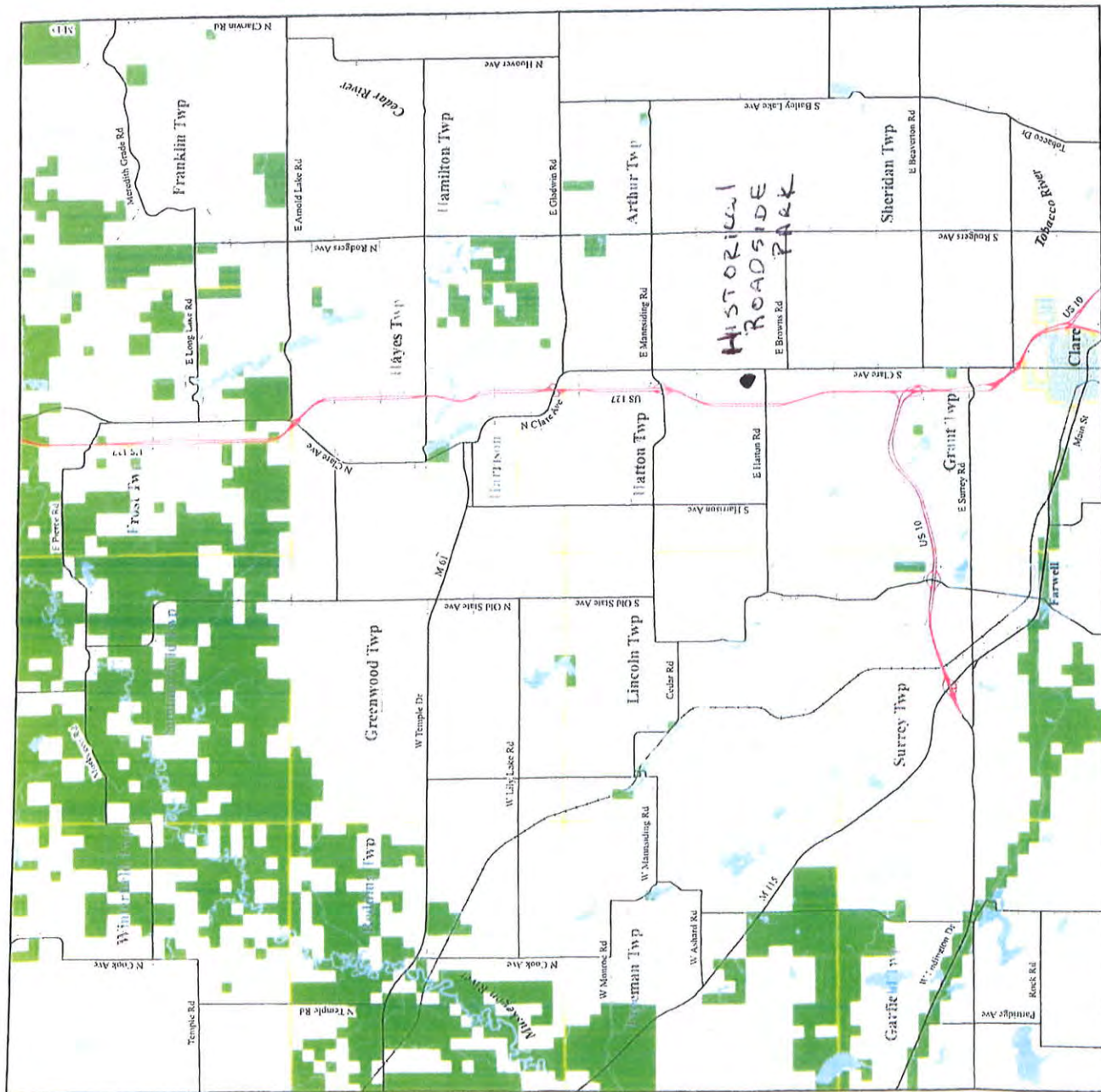


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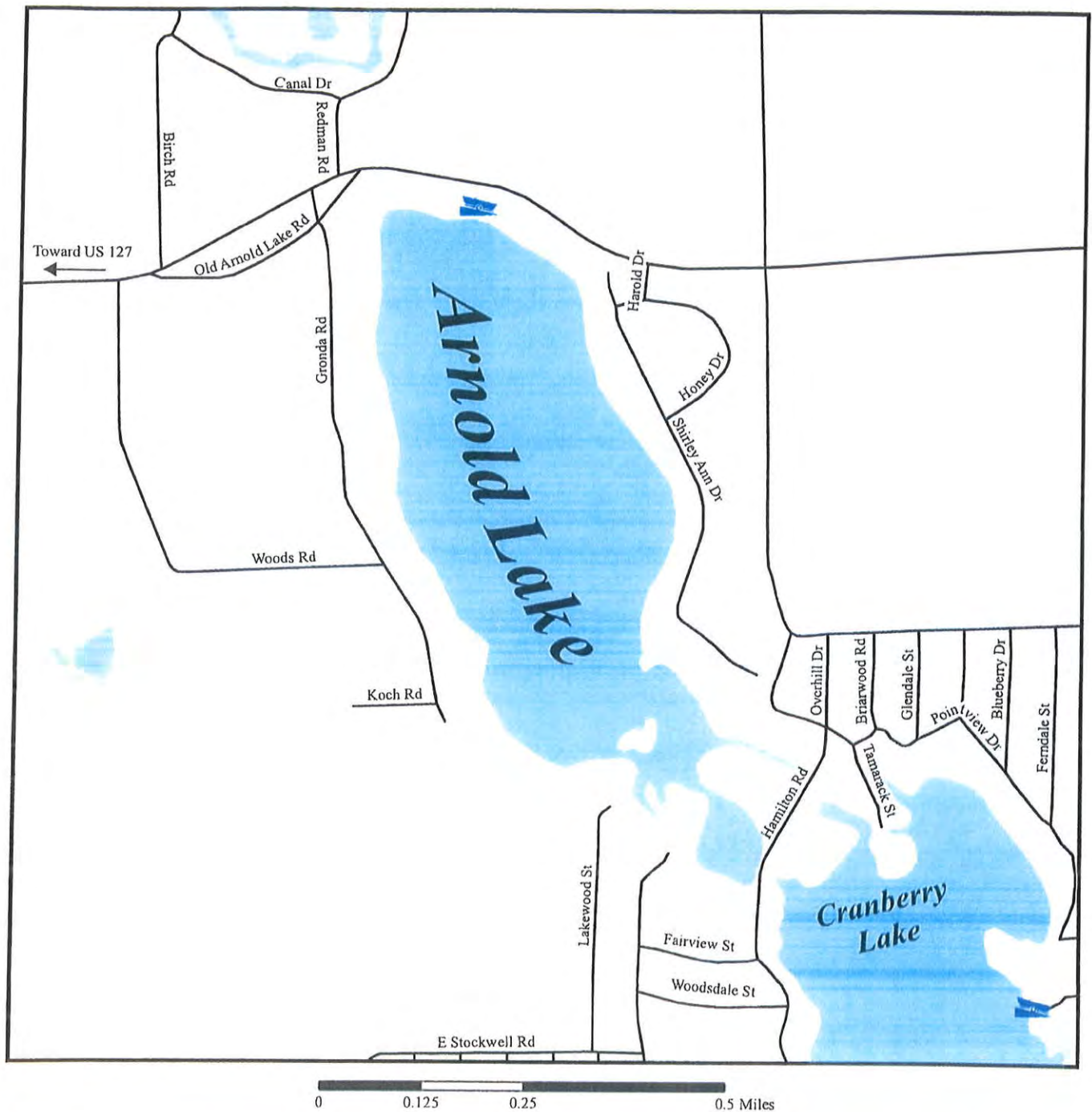
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- Minor Roads
- Townships



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## ARNOLD LAKE

**Size:** 118 Acres

**Boat Ramp:** Hard Surface - Limited Water Depth for Launch & Retrieval

**Parking:** 3 Trailer Spaces

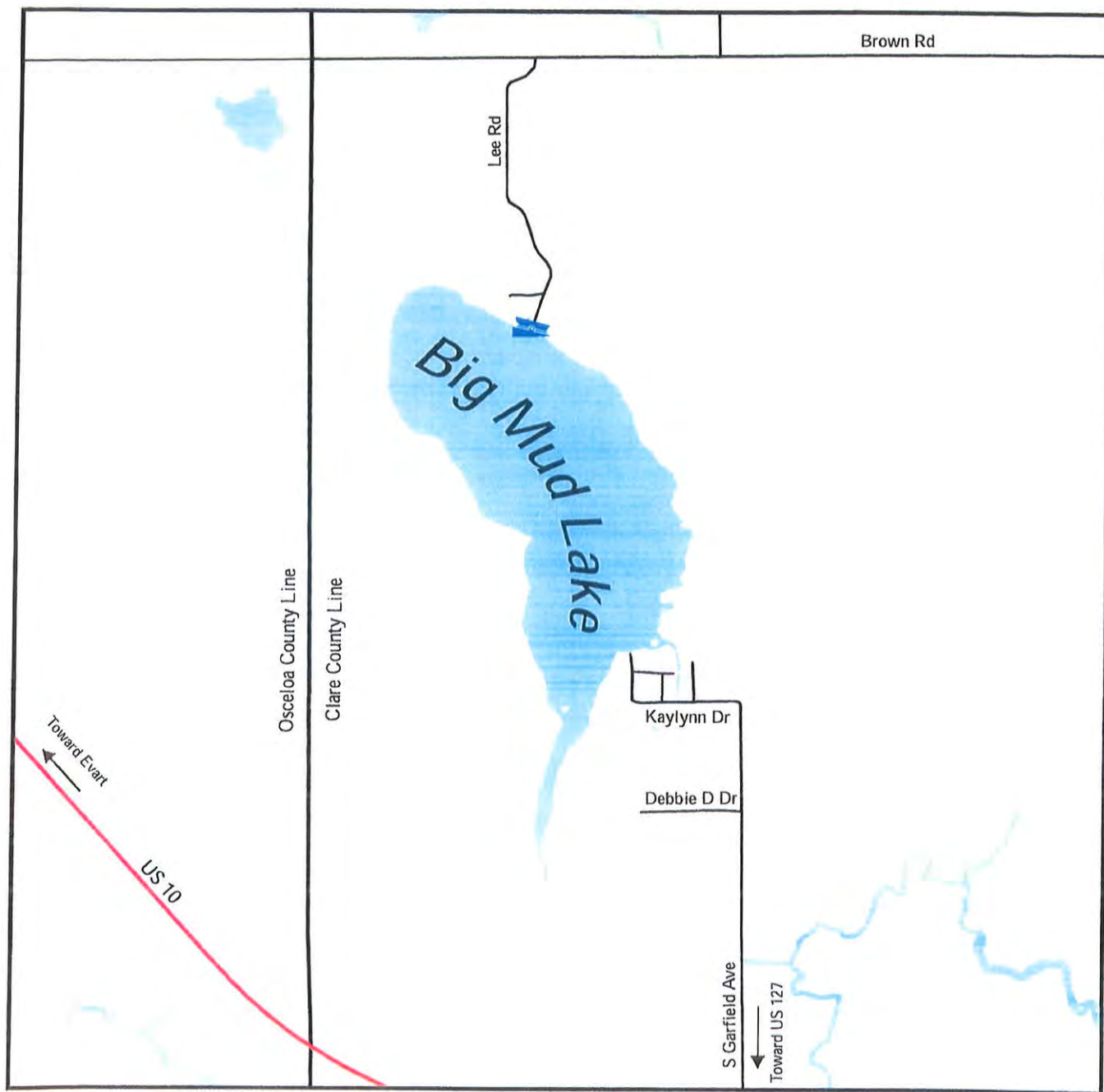
**Restrooms:** NO

**Trophy Fish:** June 2003 - Black Bullhead 14.00 inches & May 2005 - Rock Bass 11.63 inches

**Game Species:** Black Crappie, Bluegill, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Pumpkinseed, Rock Bass, Yellow Perch

**Stocking Information:**





0 0.125 0.25 0.5 Miles

## BIG MUD LAKE

Size: 230 Acres

Boat Ramp: Dirt: Suitable for Small Boats Only

Parking: 6 Trailer Spaces

Restrooms: Yes: Handicap Accessible

Trophy Fish:

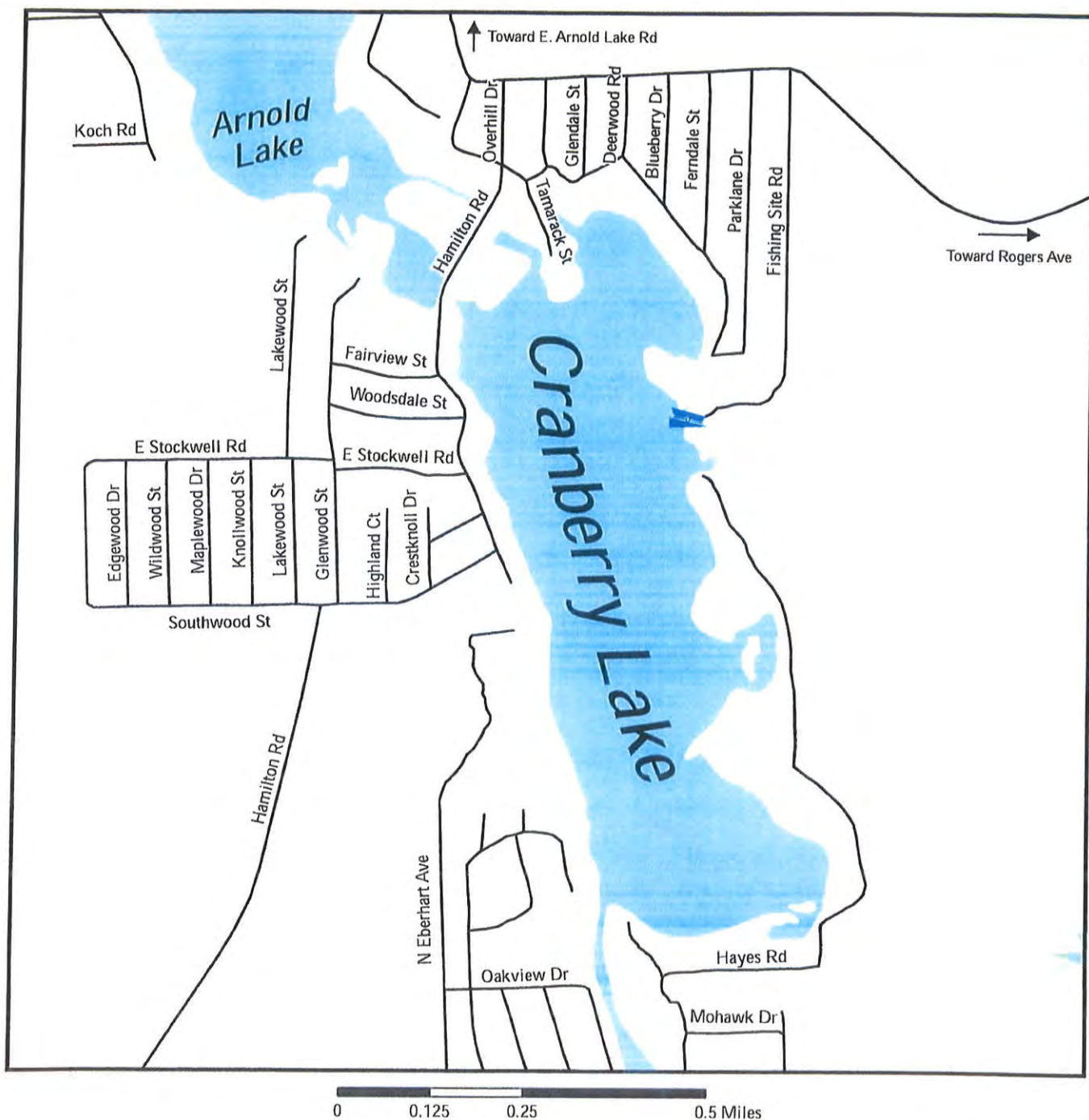
Game Species: Black Crappie, Bluegill, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike

Stocking Information:









## CRANBERRY LAKE

Size: 293 Acres

Boat Ramp: Hard Surface: Limited Water Depth for Launch & Retrieval

Parking: 7 Trailer Spaces

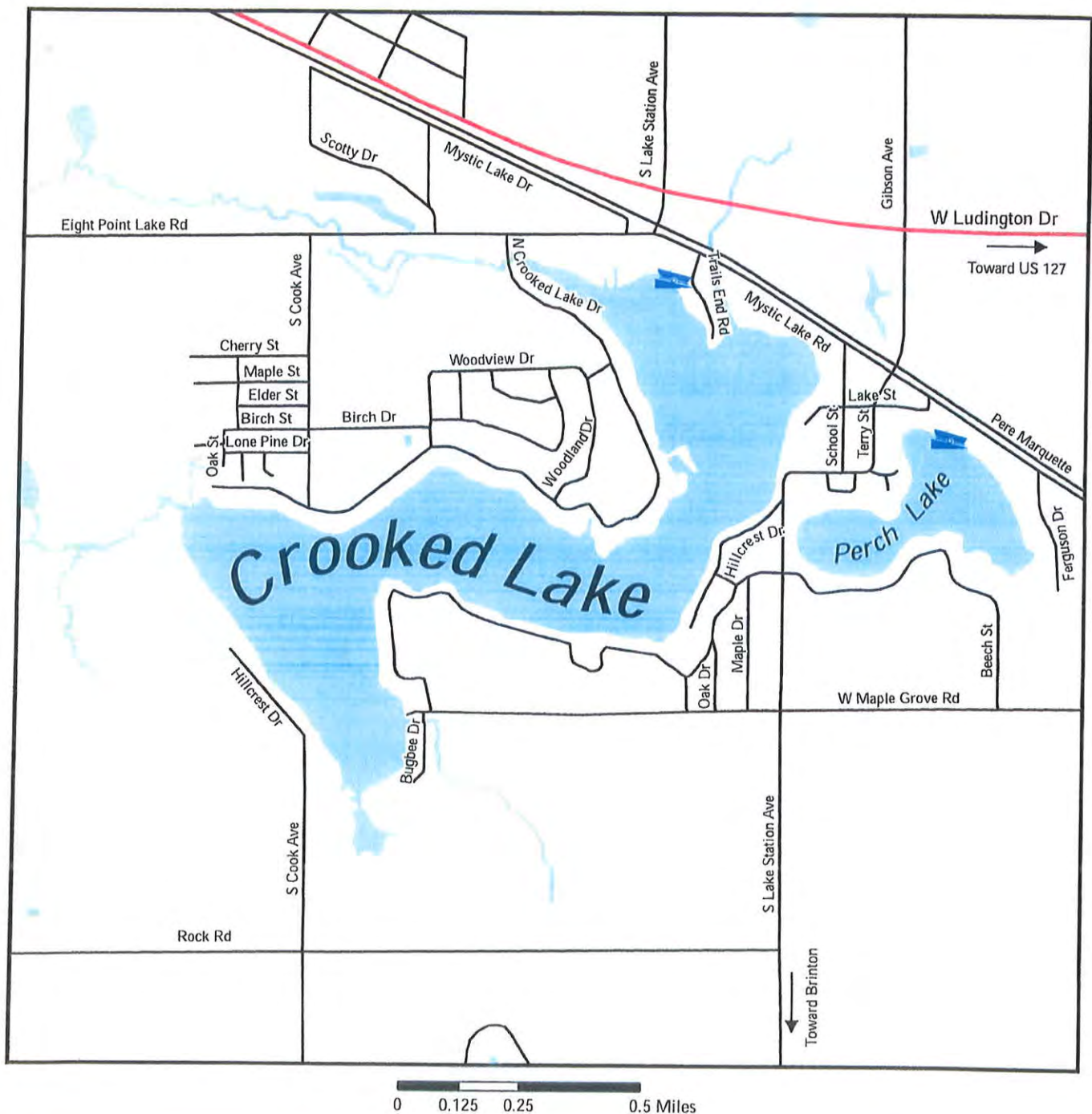
Restrooms: Yes: Handicap Accessible

Trophy Fish:

Game Species:

Stocking Information:





## CROOKED LAKE

Size: 264 Acres

Boat Ramp: Hard Surface: Limited Water Depth for Launch & Retrieval

Parking: 16 Trailer Spaces

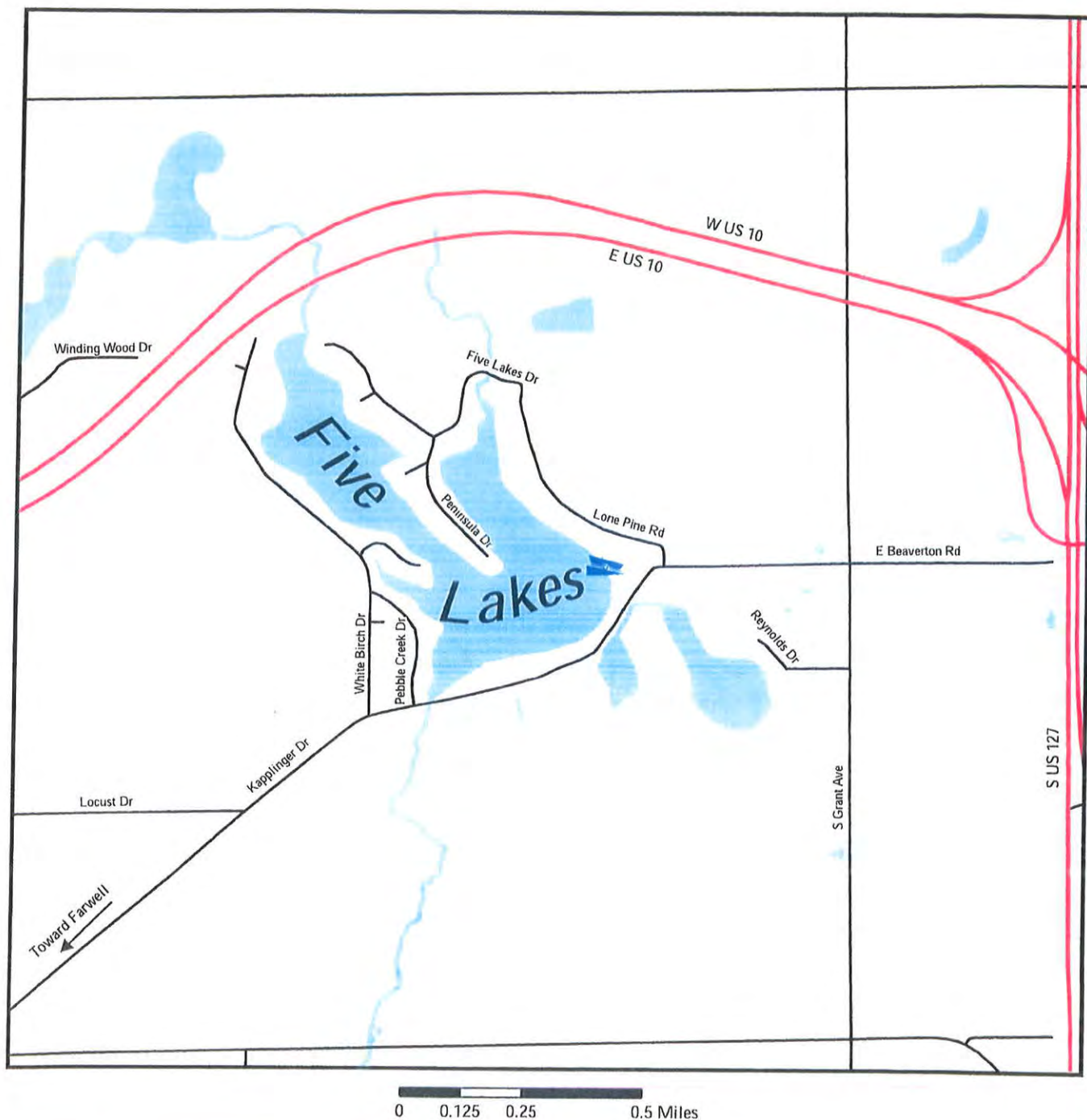
Restrooms: Yes

Trophy Fish: May 2005 - Pumpkinseed 10.013 inches / 1.0 lb

Game Species: Black Crappie, Bluegill, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike

Stocking Information:





## FIVE LAKES

Size: 142 Acres

Boat Ramp: Hard Surface: Limited Water Depth for Launch & Retrieval

Parking: 6 Trailer Spaces

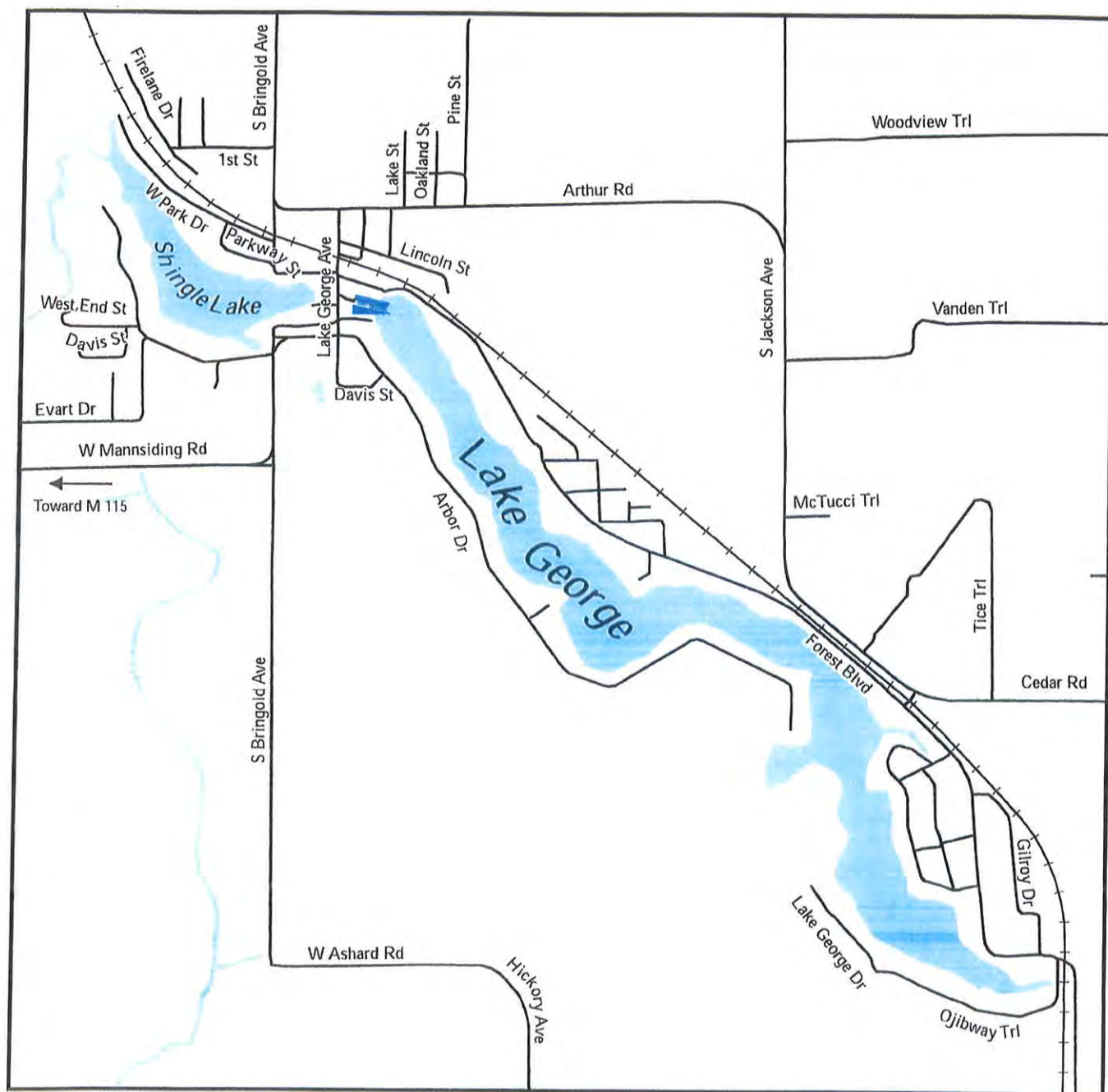
Restrooms: Yes: Handicap Accessible

Trophy Fish: August 2001 - Largemouth Bass 27.00 inches / 6.12 lbs &  
September 2005 - Black Crappie 16.00 inches

Game Species: Black Crappie, Bluegill, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike,  
Pumpkinseed, Yellow Perch

Stocking Information:





0 0.125 0.25 0.5 Miles

## LAKE GEORGE

Size: 143 Acres

Boat Ramp: Hard Surface: Limited Water Depth for Launch & Retrieval

Parking: 6 Trailer Spaces

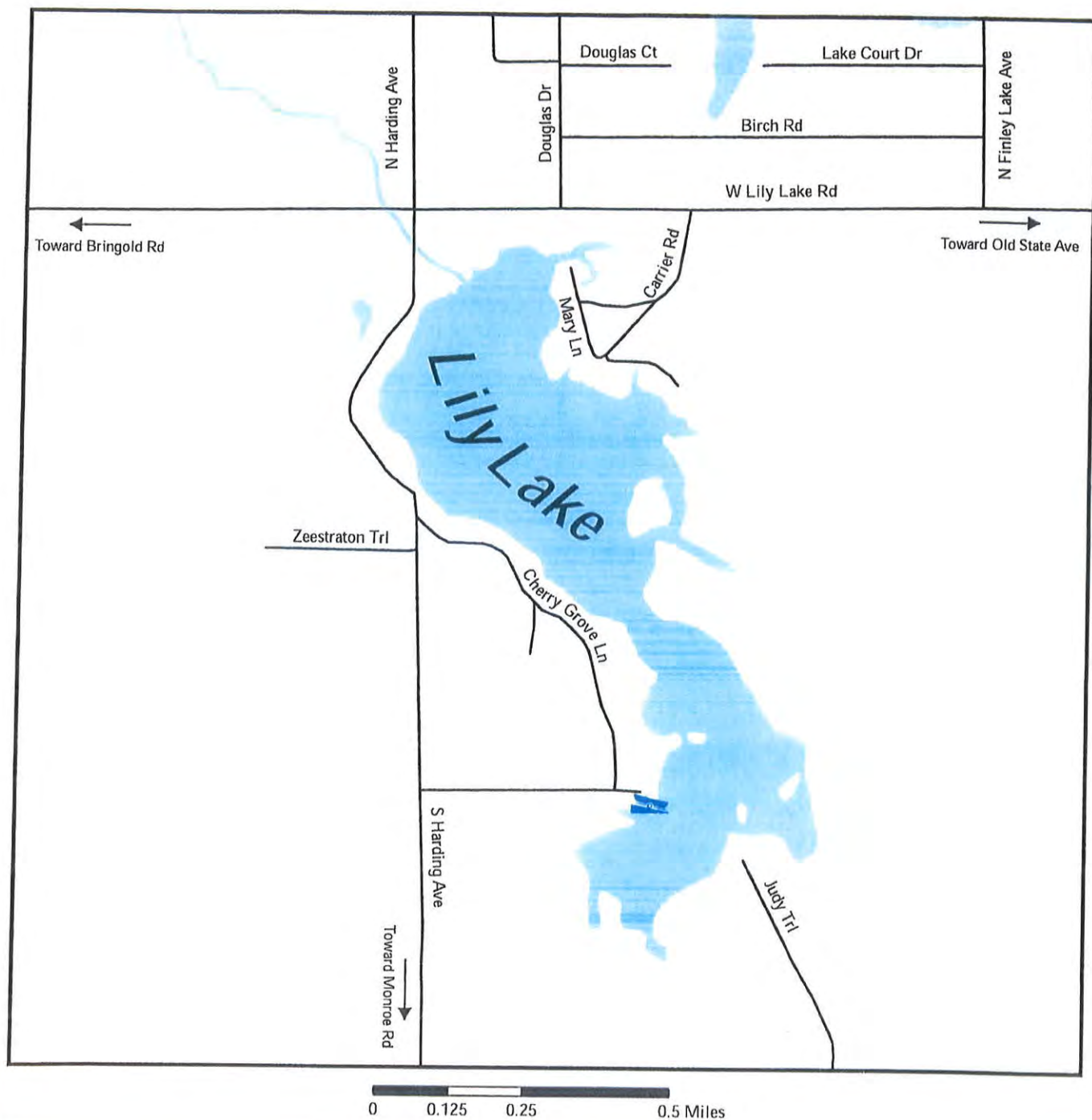
Restrooms: Yes

Trophy Fish: May 2005 - Black Crappie 14.50 inches

Game Species: Black Crappie, Bluegill, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike,  
Pumpkinseed, Rock Bass, Yellow Perch

Stocking Information:





## LILY LAKE

Size: 209 Acres

Boat Ramp: Hard Surface: Limited Water Depth for Launch & Retrieval

Parking: 8 Trailer Spaces

Restrooms: Yes: Handicap Accessible

Trophy Fish: May 2005 - Black Crappie 14.50 inches / 2.5 lbs

Game Species: Black Crappie, Bluegill, Bullhead, Green Sunfish, Largemouth Bass,  
Northern Pike, Pumpkinseed, Yellow Perch

Stocking Information:





## LITTLE LONG LAKE

Size: 43 Acres

Boat Ramp: Hard Surface: Limited Water Depth for Launch & Retrieval

Parking: 9 Trailer Spaces

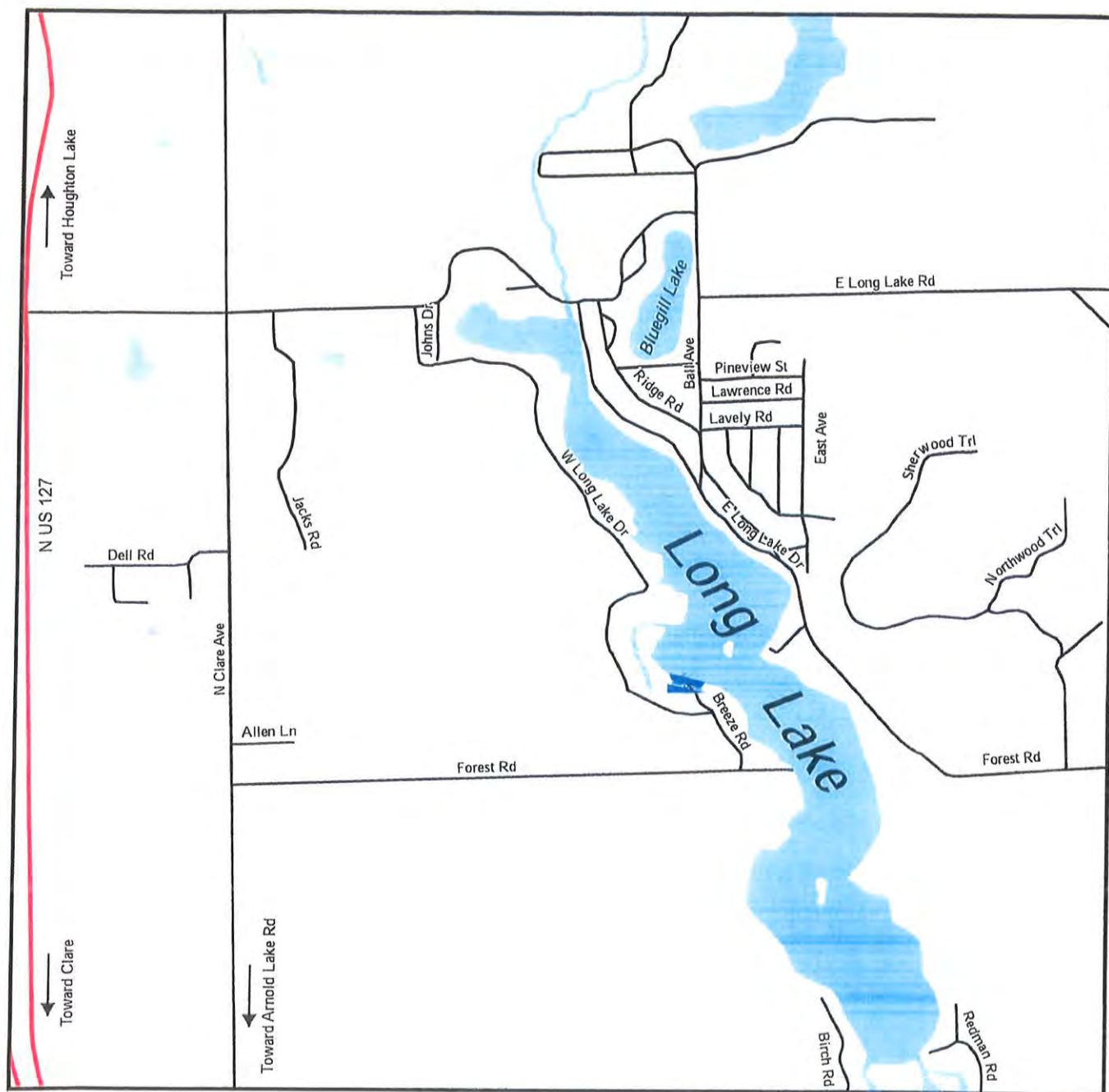
Restrooms: Yes: Handicap Accessible

Trophy Fish: July 2002 - Large Mouth Bass 22.00 inches

Game Species: Black Crappie, Bluegill, Brooke Trout, Brown Trout, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Pumpkinseed, Rock Bass

Stocking Information: Since the year 2000, Little Long Lake has been stocked with:  
4,900 Rainbow Trout, 4,605 Brown Trout, 2,500 Black Crappie





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## LONG LAKE

Size: 210 Acres

Boat Ramp: Hard Surface: Limited Water Depth for Launch & Retrieval

Parking: 14 Trailer Spaces

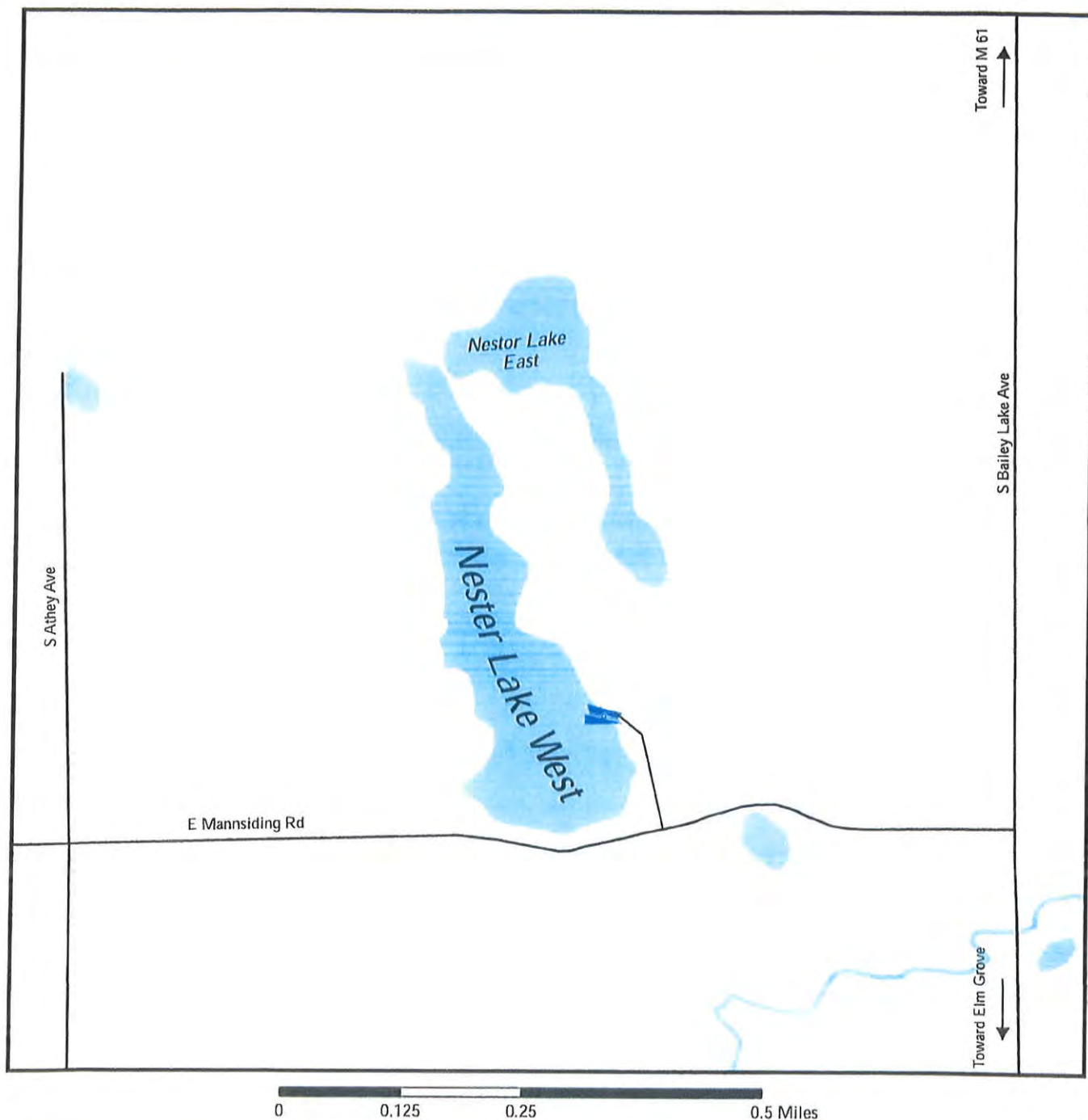
Restrooms: Yes: Handicap Accessible

Trophy Fish:

Game Species: Black Crappie, Bluegill, Bullhead, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Pumpkinseed

Stocking Information: Since the year 2000, Long Lake has been stocked with: 4,000 Bluegill





## NESTOR LAKE

Size: 15 Acres

Boat Ramp: Hard Surface: Limited Water Depth for Launch & Retrieval

Parking: 10 Trailer Spaces

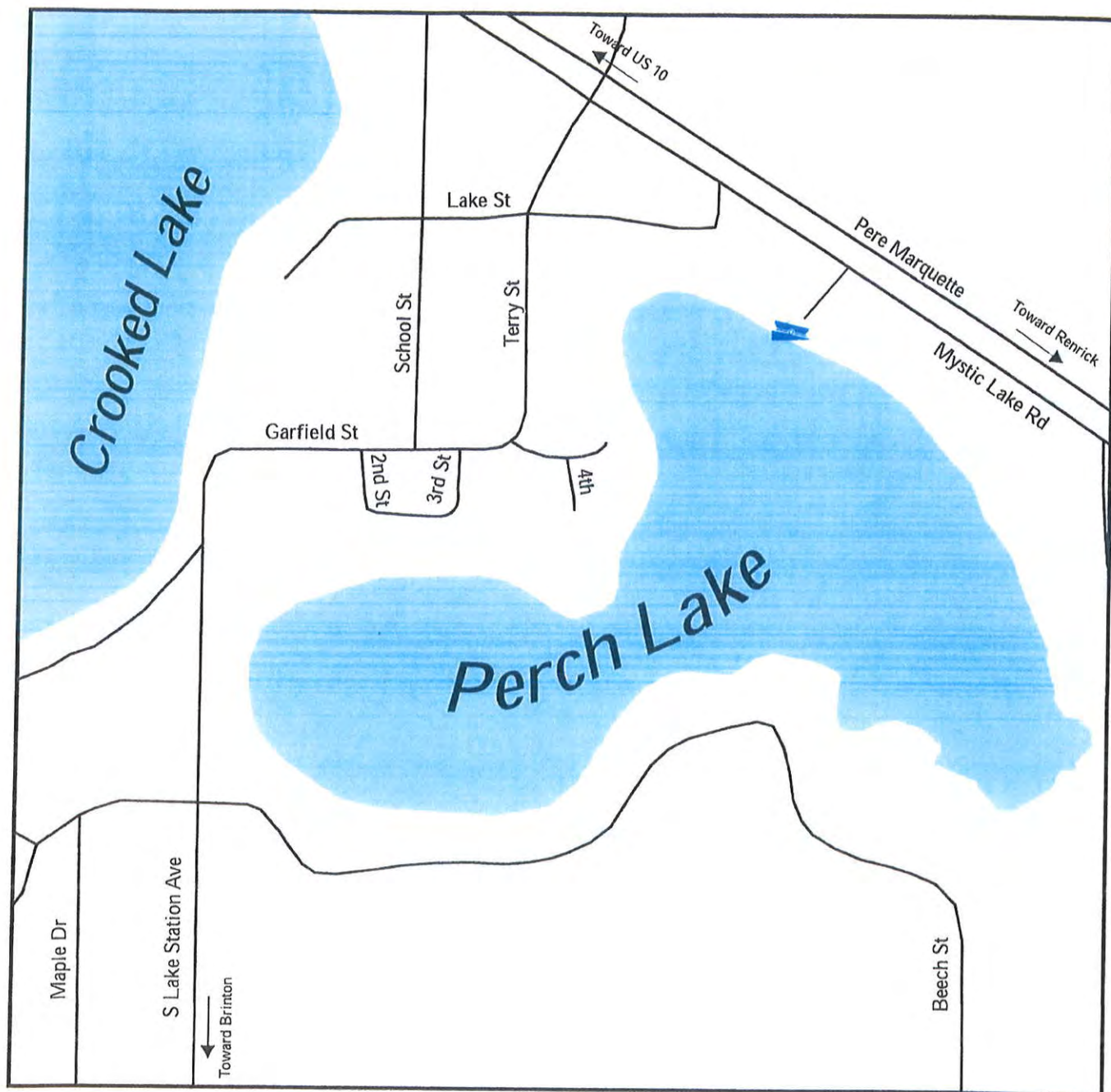
Restrooms: Yes

Trophy Fish: June 2001 - Largemouth Bass 22.00 inches

Game Species: Black Crappie, Bluegill, Largemouth Bass, Pumpkinseed

Stocking Information:





## PERCH LAKE

Size: 50 Acres

Boat Ramp: Gravel Ramp

Parking: 4 Trailer Spaces

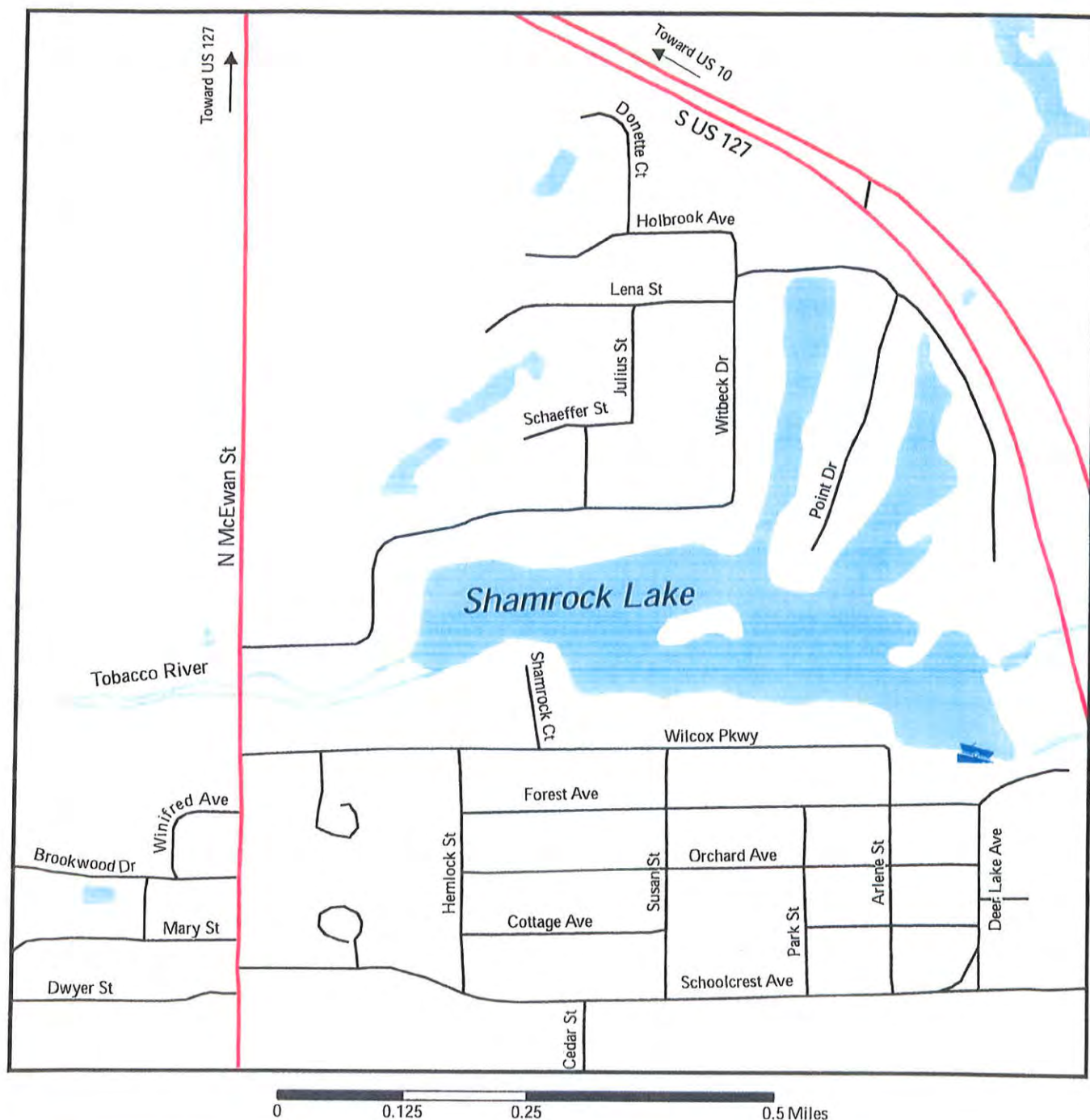
Restrooms: Yes

Trophy Fish:

Game Species: Black Crappie, Bluegill, Bullhead, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike,  
Pumpkinseed, Rock Bass

Stocking Information:





## SHAMROCK LAKE

Size: 62 Acres

Boat Ramp: Hard Surface: Limited Water Depth for Launch & Retrieval

Parking: 2 Trailer Spaces at End of Dead End Rd.

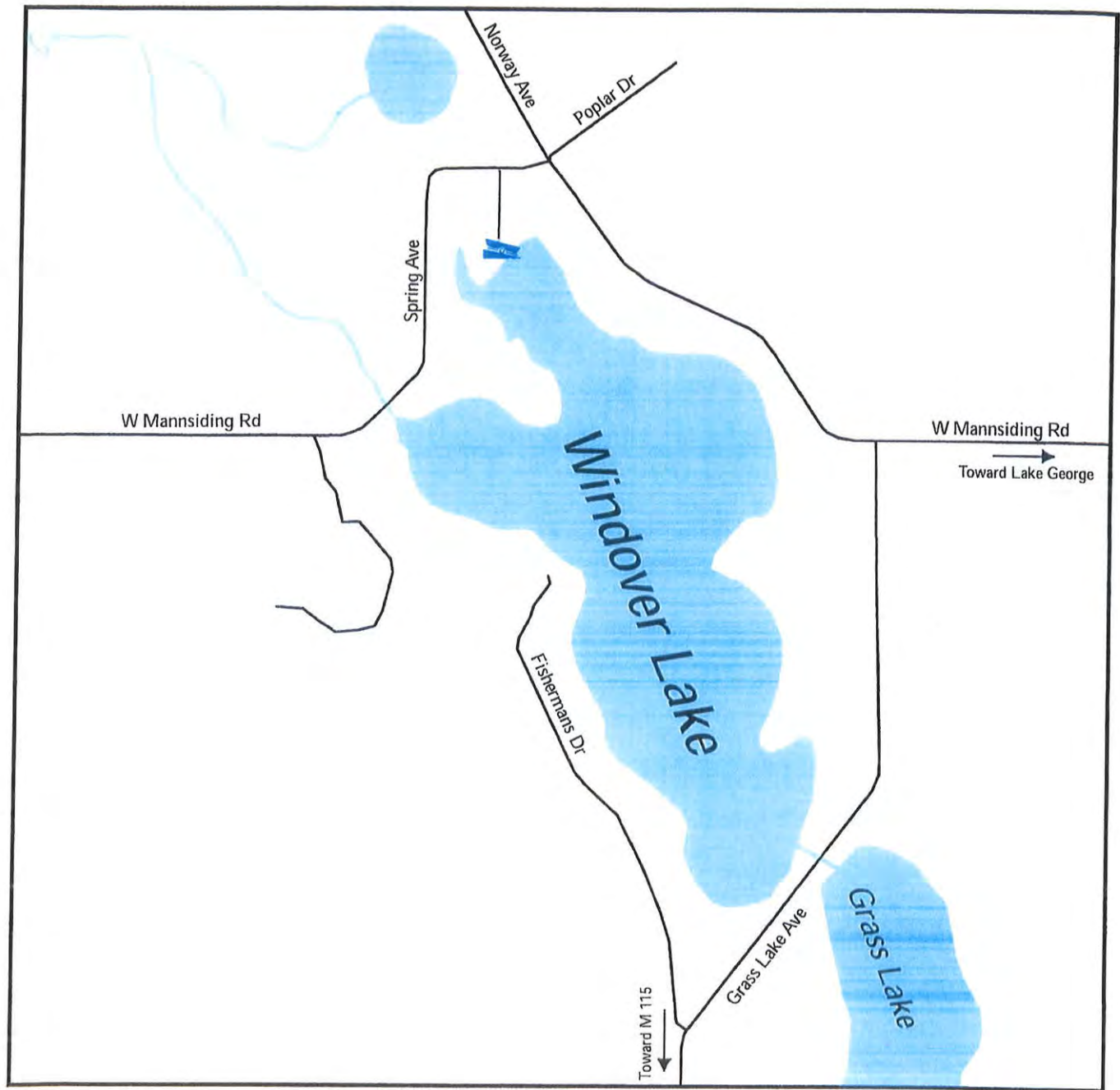
Restrooms: Yes: Handicap Accessible

Trophy Fish: May 2001 - Bluegill 10.38 inches / 1.09 lbs & May 2003 - Bluegill 11.5 inches / 1.06 lbs

Game Species: Bluegill, Green Sunfish, Northern Pike, Largemouth Bass

Stocking Information:





0 0.125 0.25 0.5 Miles

## WINDOVER LAKE

Size: 50 Acres

Boat Ramp: Hard Surface: Limited Water Depth for Launch & Retrieval

Parking: 6 Trailer Spaces

Restrooms: Yes: Handicap Accessible

Trophy Fish:

Game Species: Black Crappie, Bluegill, Bullhead, Green Sunfish, Largemouth Bass, Longear Sunfish, Northern Pike, Pumpkinseed, Sunfish, Rock Bass, Yellow Perch

Stocking Information:







## Boating Access Sites in Clare County

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Arnold Lake	MIDNR Managed Boating Access
Breeze Road	
Budd Lake	
Cranberry Lake	MIDNR Managed Boating Access
Crooked Lake	MIDNR Managed Boating Access
Eight Point Lake	
Farwell Mill Pond	
Five Lakes	MIDNR Managed Boating Access
Lake George	MIDNR Managed Boating Access
Lilly Lake	MIDNR Managed Boating Access
Little Long Lake	MIDNR Managed Boating Access
Long Lake	
Mud Lake SFCG, Tobacco River	MIDNR Managed Boating Access
Nestor Lake	MIDNR Managed Boating Access
Perch Lake	MIDNR Managed Boating Access
Pike Lake	
Shamrock Lake	
Shingle Lake	
Windover Lake	MIDNR Managed Boating Access
Clam River	MIDNR Managed Boating Access
Temple SFCG (Muskegon River)	MIDNR Managed Boating Access

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ORV	Designated Trail in Summerfield Township – 56 Miles
Snowmobile	Summerfield Township PereMarquette Rail Trail- Surrey and Garfield Townships only

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Cross Country/Downhill Skiing	Green Pine Pathway Pere Marquette Rail Trail Snowsnake Ski Lodge Stamina Stadium Sport Park- McIreland Nature Trail
Biking	Pere Marquette Rail Trail City of Harrison Biking Route Plan Hayes Township Biking Route

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**Community Center**

Clare Castle Senior Dining Center  
Harrison Senior Dining Center  
Lake D.A.V Senior Dining Center  
Lake George Senior Dining Center

**Public Beaches**

8-Point Lake  
Bertha Lake Park  
Budd Lake  
Crooked Lake  
Five Lakes (Grant Township)  
Shamrock Lake  
Shingle Lake Park  
Silver Lake Park  
Wilson State Park

**Campgrounds**

Big Mudd Lake State Campground  
(rustic)  
Clare County Fairgrounds  
Countryside  
Duggan  
Hidden Hill  
Petit Community Park  
River Valley  
Shady Oaks  
Withi  
Wilson State Park  
Lake George Campground  
State Forest Campground,  
Temple

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## Chapter IV: Description of Public Input and Planning Process

The Clare County Parks and Recreation used many different methods to gain public input to the planning process. The first was written communication to townships and municipalities requesting information regarding facilities, anticipated improvements and where the County should fit into providing recreational opportunities in Clare County.

The second avenue for public input was a public meeting held..... at the Clare County Courthouse where information gathered to date was reviewed and an opportunity to comment was given to the general public on what type of recreation activities the County should be involved with. This meeting was announced in local papers two weeks before the public hearing.

Third, in depth review of Parks and Recreation plans provided by Farwell, Clare, and Harrison were reviewed for information which could pertain to county-wide issues. In addition, the City of Harrison Bike plan was reviewed for potential future recreational activities. Finally, work completed and on-going through Recreation and Tourism Resources, the Department of Natural Resources, and Suggested Facility Development Standards and Recommended System for Local and Regional Recreational Open Space and Trail were researched in depth.

Fourth, public input was gathered by way of a survey which was mailed to various residents and county stakeholders in addition to web-site posting. A copy of the survey is attached as Appendix A, and survey results are attached as Appendix B.

Clare County Parks and Recreation is very limited in parks management and program development due to a limited budget; however has the ability to support, enhance and create community recreational opportunities and activities. Clare County Parks and Recreation has developed positive cooperative partnerships with surrounding communities and organizations to enhance open space and water recreational opportunities. Clare County Parks and Recreation has a proven service delivery system with a deep volunteer base.



## Clare County Parks and Recreation Survey

Dear Resident:

The Parks and Recreation Department of Clare County will be developing a Master Plan for the County of Clare. Your participation in the process is needed as a planning and decision making tool to guide future improvement of parks and development of activities for the next five years. Your participation in this survey is voluntary and your responses are confidential.

This survey can also be completed online. Please visit [www.clareco.net](http://www.clareco.net) and look for the link to Parks and Recreation Survey.

1. How many persons in the following age groups reside in your household?

Pre-school (under 5) ☐

Adults (20-40) ☐

Young Children (6-12) ☐

Adults (41-55) ☐

Teens (13-19) ☐

Adults (55+) ☐

2. Do you or any member of your household use one of the county parks listed below

Brookwood Athletic Complex ☐

Hayes Township Park ☐

Clare Memorial Park ☐

Wilson State Park ☐

Shamrock Park ☐

Village of Farwell Park ☐

Stamina Stadium Sport Park ☐

Shingle Lake Park ☐

Petit Park ☐

Harrison City Park ☐

Old 27 Road Side Park ☐

Do you or a member of your household participate in any of the following county recreation activities

Biking ☐

Picnic ☐

Rollerblading ☐

Snowmobiling ☐

Hiking ☐

Cross Country ☐

Tennis ☐

Skiing ☐

Basketball ☐

Photography ☐

Baseball ☐

Barbeque ☐

Wild Flower ☐

Bird Watching ☐

3. How do you get information relative to county recreation activities?

School Handouts ☐

County Web Page ☐

Posters and Flyers ☐

Word of Mouth ☐

Cable/Satellite TV ☐

Newspaper ☐

Other ☐



4. Do you receive information relative to county recreation activities? Yes ☐ No ☐

5. Do you feel there are adequate recreation activities for all groups of citizens in Clare County?

Yes ☐

No ☐

If Yes, which groups \_\_\_\_\_

If No, which groups \_\_\_\_\_

6. Statement Agreement/Disagreement

Please indicate your agreement/disagreement with each of the following statements.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Undecided
Clare County Parks are adequate to meet the needs of the population	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
There should be additional parks developed in Clare County	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clare County Parks are well marked and easily accessible	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clare County Parks provide a variety of space and activities for all age groups to enjoy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
County Parks are well maintained	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clare County Parks are well mapped specifying amenities available at each park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clare County Parks are safe to visit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Community Need

Need for new and additional County Recreation Activities and Recreation Facilities	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Undecided
Public Campgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Picnic areas and pavilions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Playgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Swimming Pool	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Public swimming accessible areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sport courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community event center/recreation facility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organized summer recreation for children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organized senior recreation activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 8. Recreation Programs

Please mark in the area provided the age group in your household who might have an interest in participating in each of the types of recreation activities listed below. If there is no interest in your household, please leave the area blank.

Outdoor Recreation	Children 5-12	Youth 13-19	Adults 20-55	Adults 55+
Camping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Canoeing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hiking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skiing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sledding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Social Recreation	Children 5-12	Youth 13-19	Adults 20-55	Adults 55+
Summer Day Camps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family Activity Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organized Trips	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organized Activities in Various Parts of the County	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Cultural Arts/ Activities	Children 5-12	Youth 13-19	Adults 20-55	Adults 55+
Theatre, drama	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arts/Crafts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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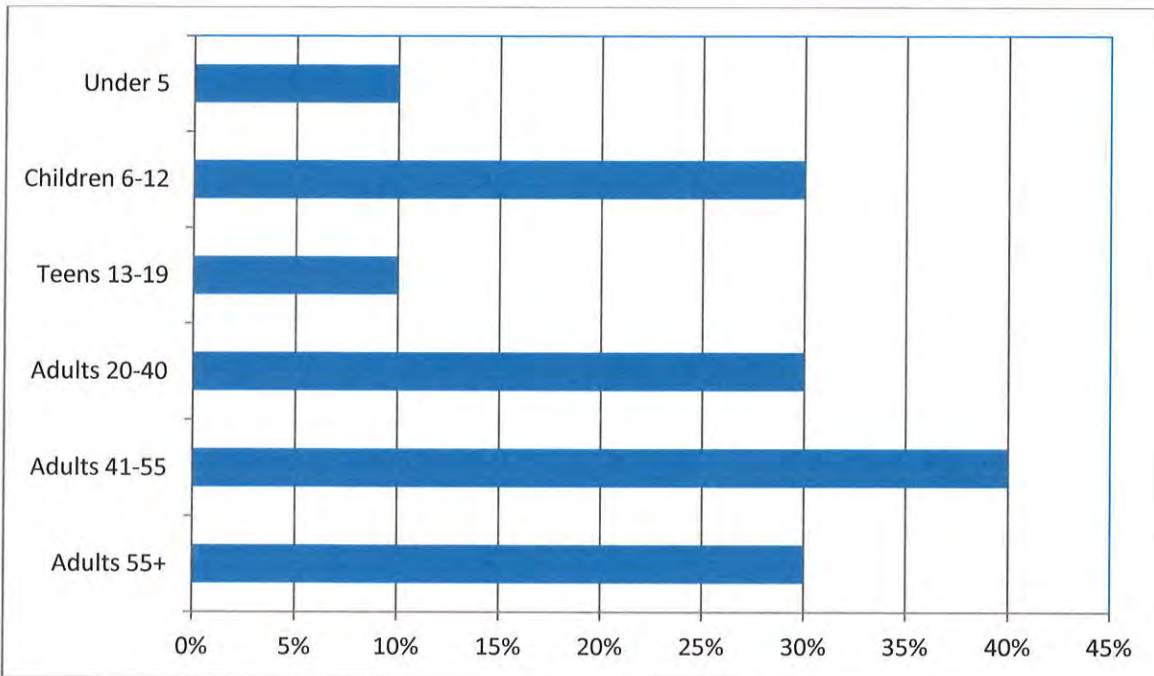
Sports/Athletics	Children 5-12	Youth 13-19	Adults 20-55	Adults 55+
Sports leagues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shooting sports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Health/Self Improvement	Children 5-12	Youth 13-19	Adults 20-55	Adults 55+
Instructional classes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nutrition education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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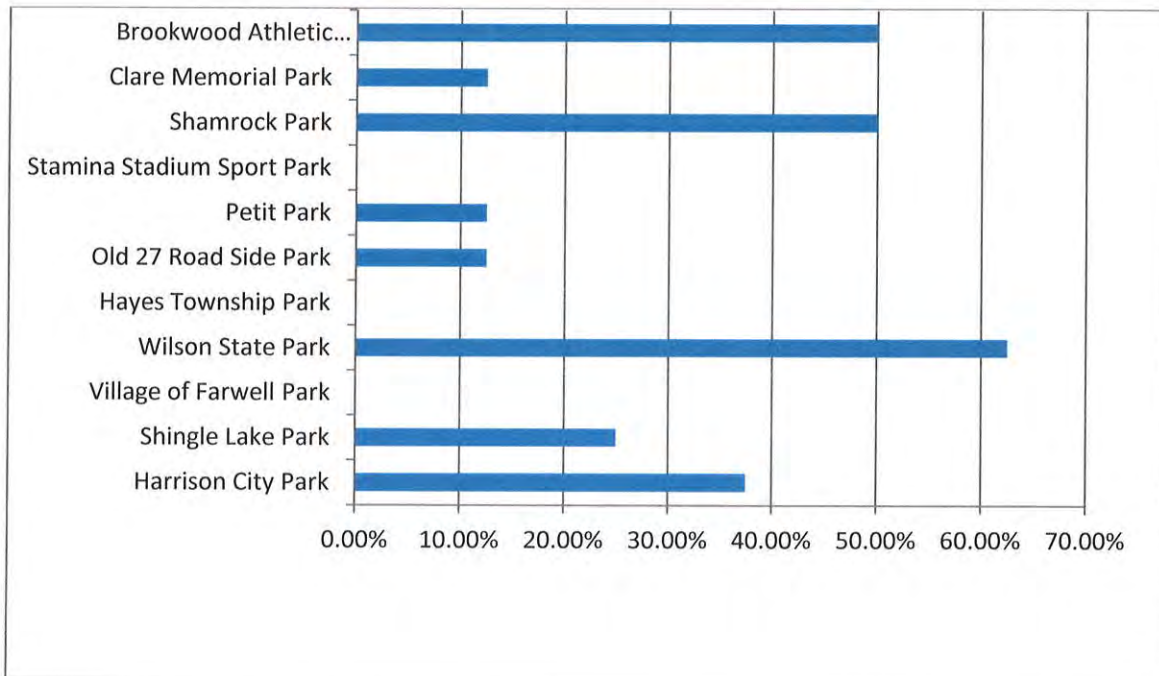
Thank you for your time and participation!



1. Which of the following age groups reside in your household?

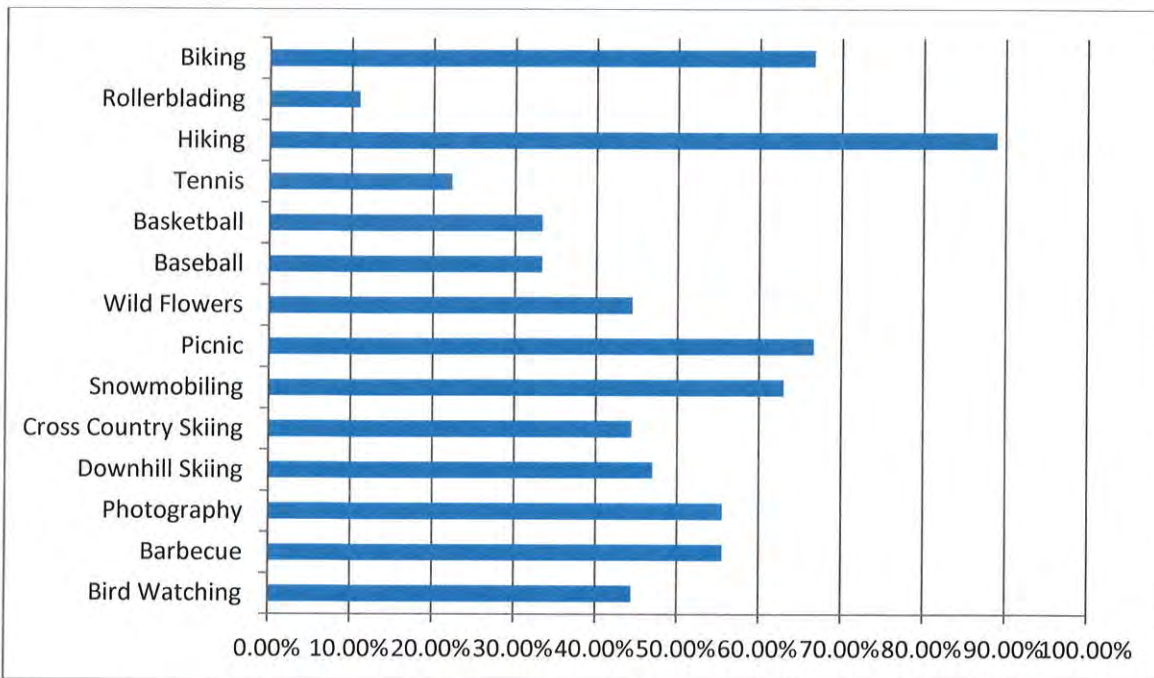


2. Do you or any member of your household use on of the county parks listed below

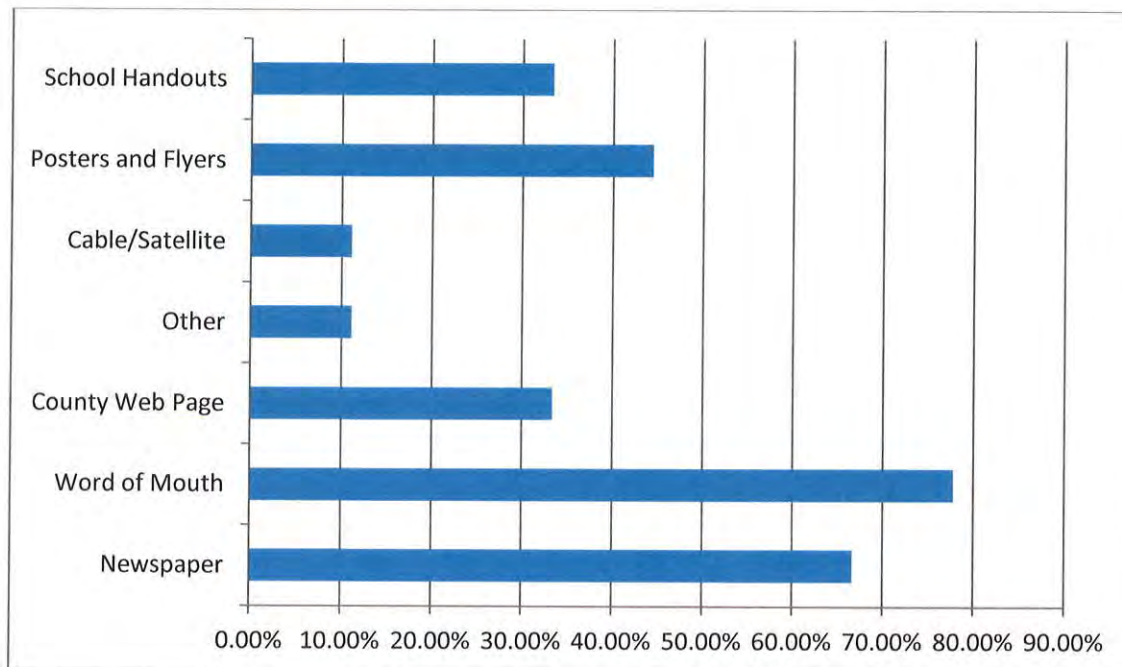




3. Do you or a member of your household participate in any of the following county recreation activities?

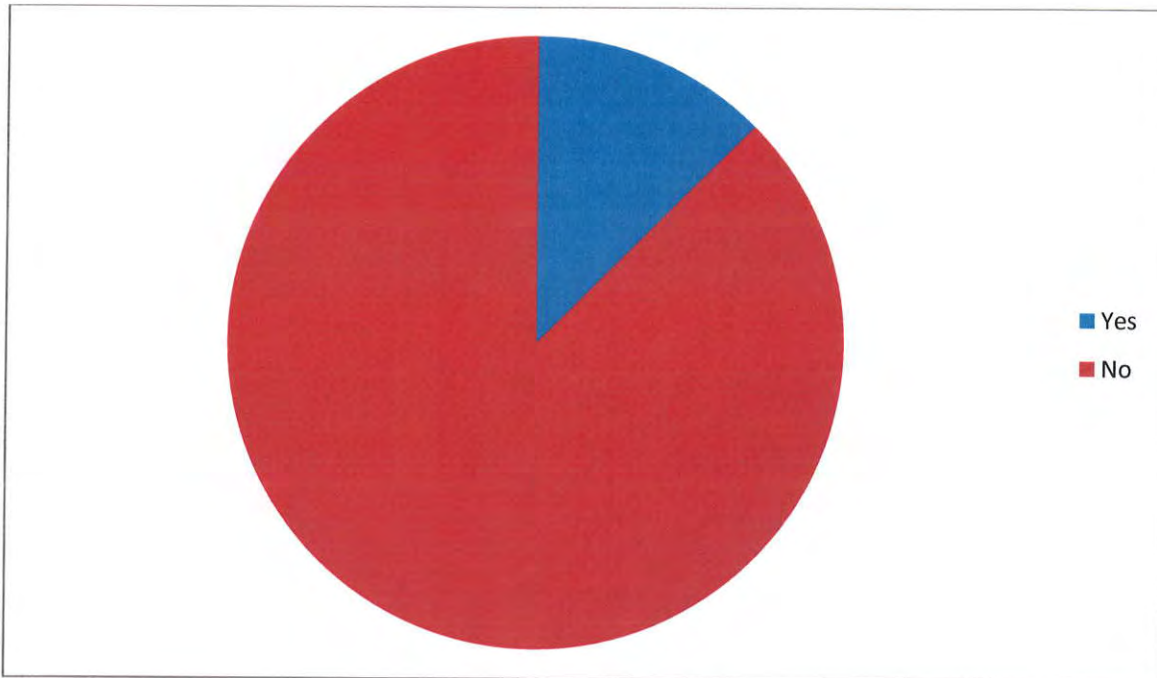


4. How do you get information relative to county recreation activities?

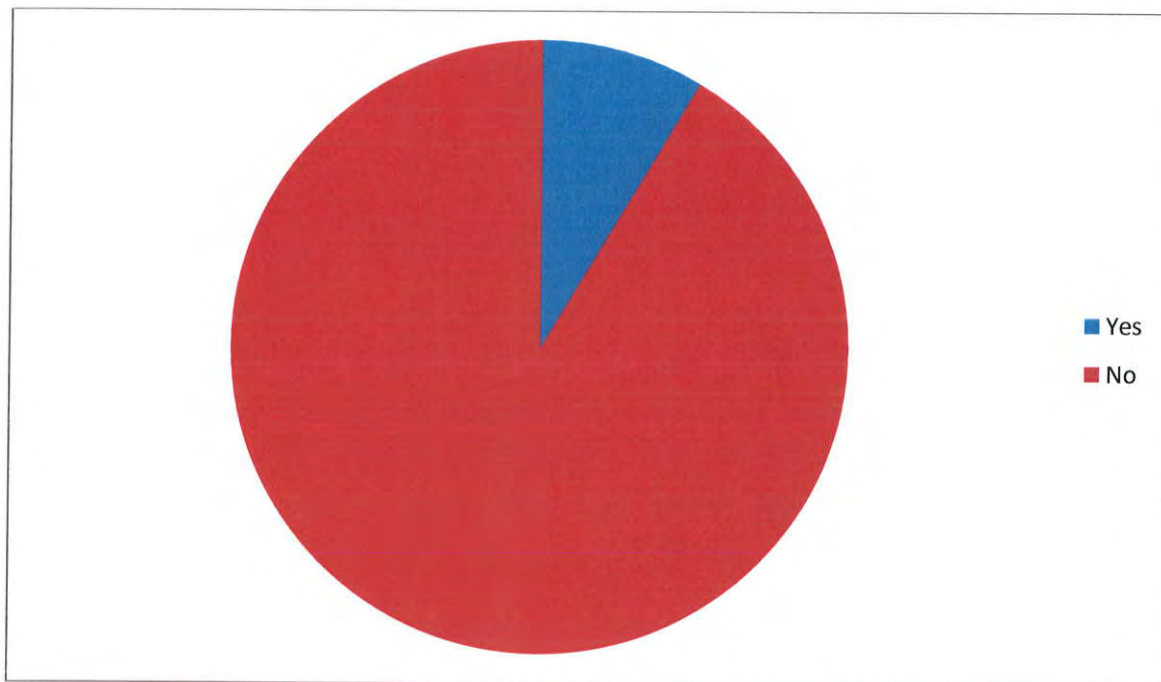




5. Do you receive information relative to county recreation activities?

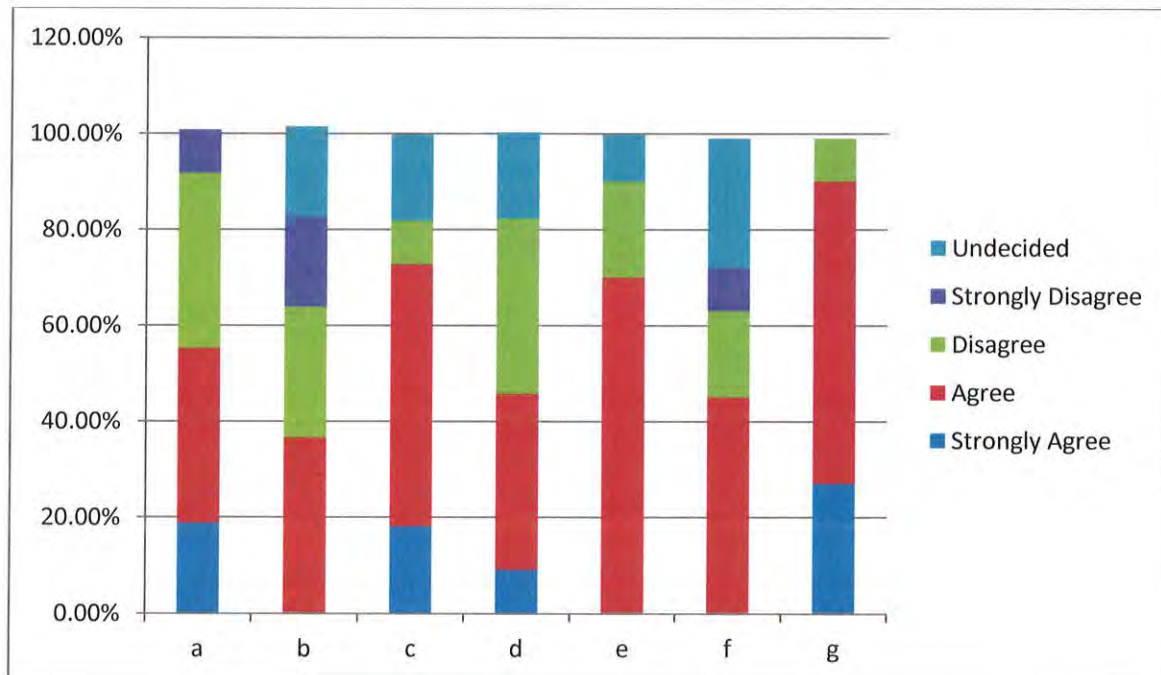


6. Do you feel there are adequate recreation activities for all groups of citizens in Clare County?





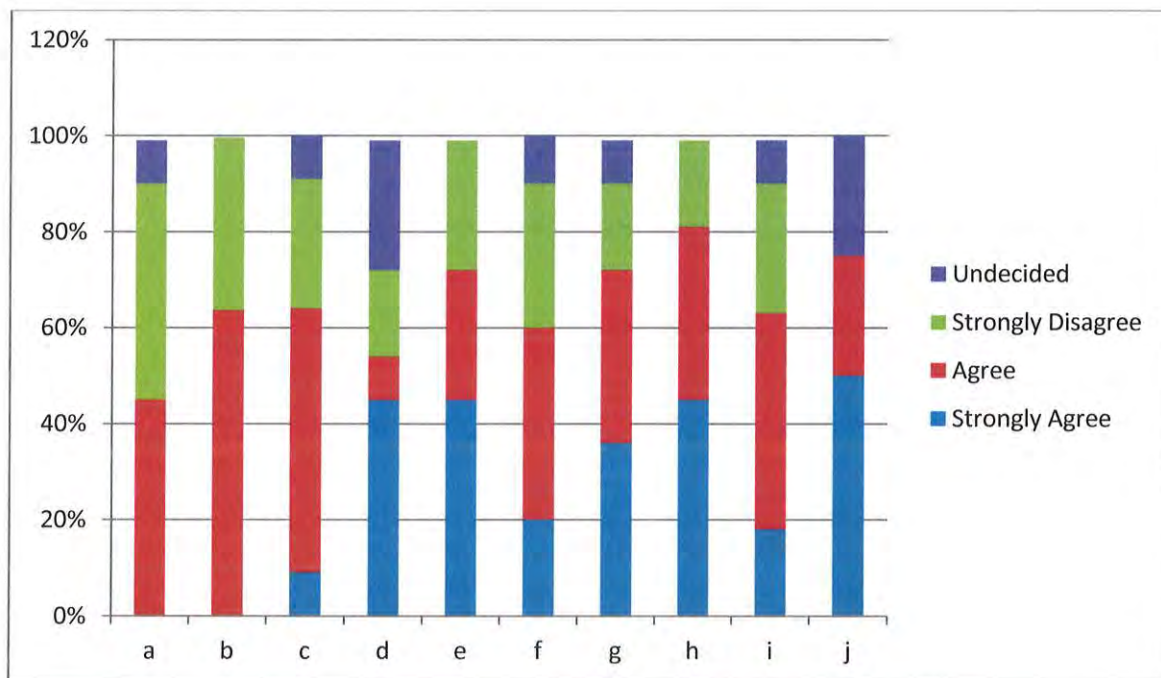
7. No response as to why Yes or No was answered in question 6.
8. Please indicate your agreement/disagreement with each of the following statements.
  - a. Clare County Parks are adequate to meet the needs of the population
  - b. There should be additional parks developed in Clare County
  - c. Clare County Parks are well marked and easily accessible
  - d. Clare County Parks provide a variety of space and activities for all age groups to enjoy
  - e. County Parks are well maintained
  - f. Clare County Parks are well mapped specifying amenities available at each park
  - g. Clare County Parks are safe to visit





9. Need for new and additional County Recreation Activities and Recreation Facilities

- a. Public Campgrounds
- b. Picnic Areas and pavilions
- c. Playgrounds
- d. Swimming Pools
- e. Public swimming accessible areas
- f. Sport Courts
- g. Community event center/recreation facility
- h. Organized summer recreation for children
- i. Organized senior recreation activities
- j. Other

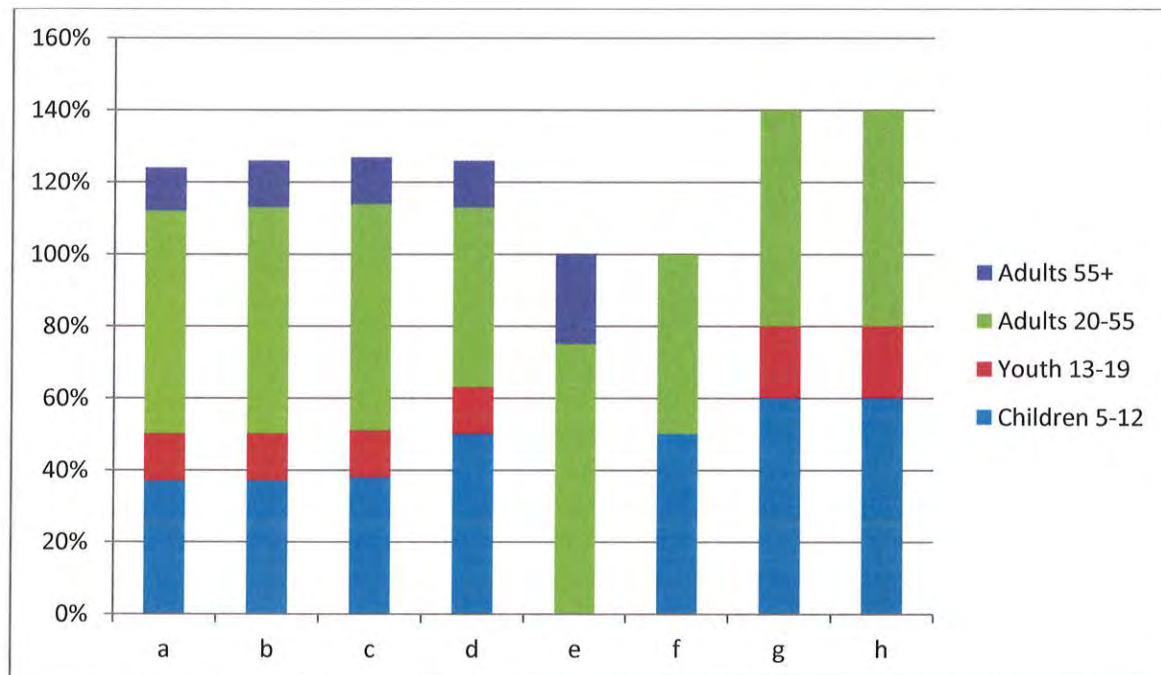


10. If other was indicated a response was requested. No responses received.



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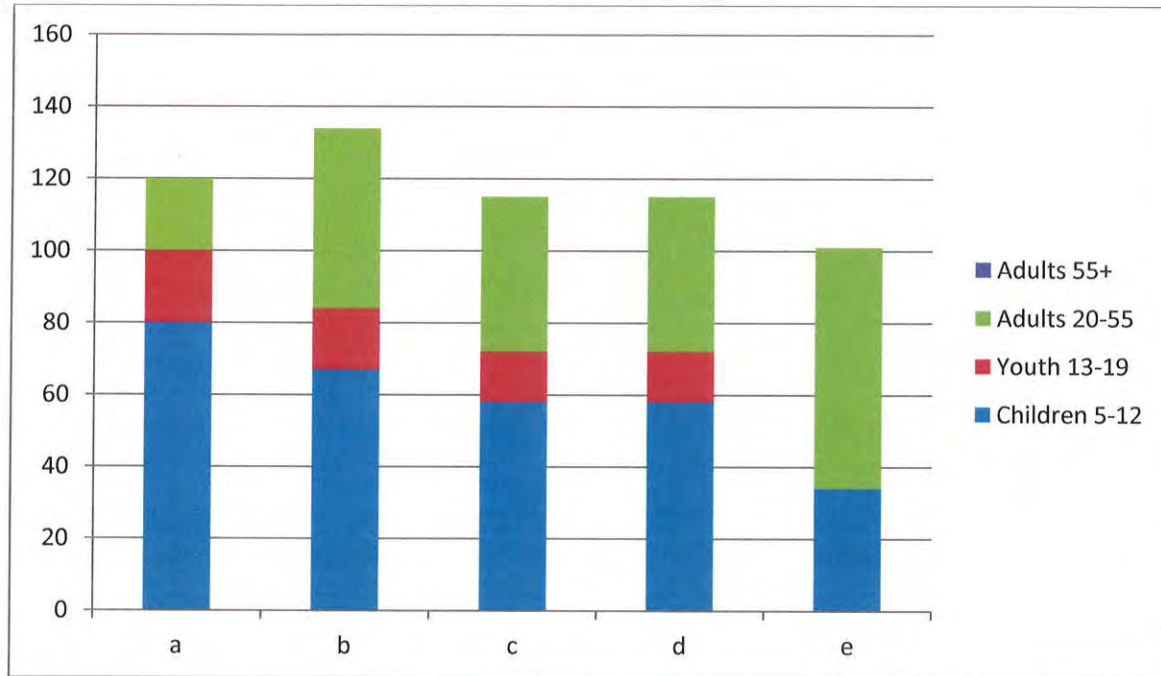
- a. Camping
- b. Canoeing
- c. Hiking
- d. Fishing
- e. Cross Country Skiing
- f. Downhill Skiing
- g. Sledding
- h. Other





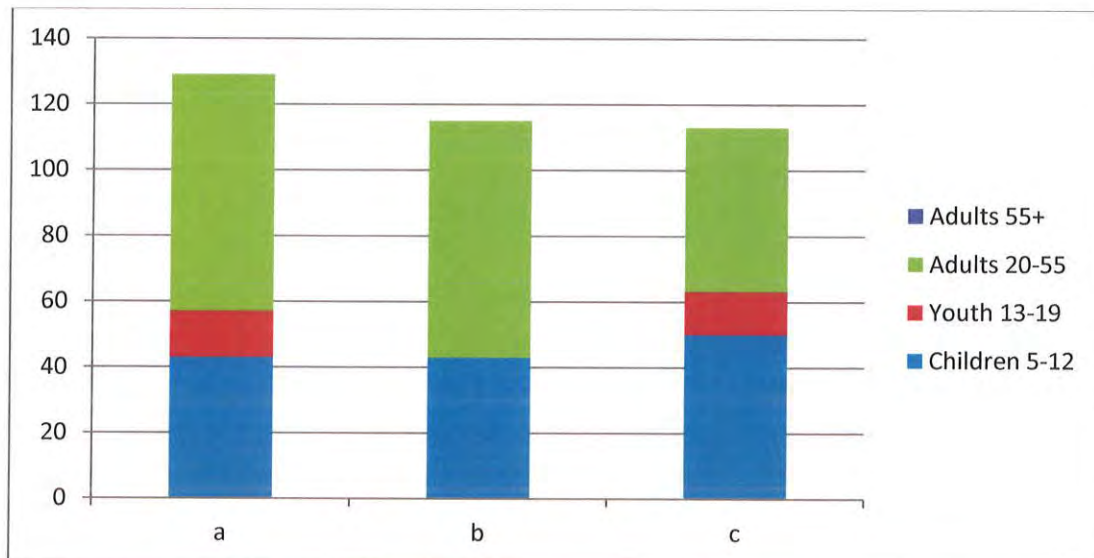
## 12. Social Recreation

- a. Summer Day Camps
- b. Family Activity Programs
- c. Organized Trips
- d. Social Events
- e. Organized Activities in Various Parts of the County



## 13. Cultural Arts/Activities

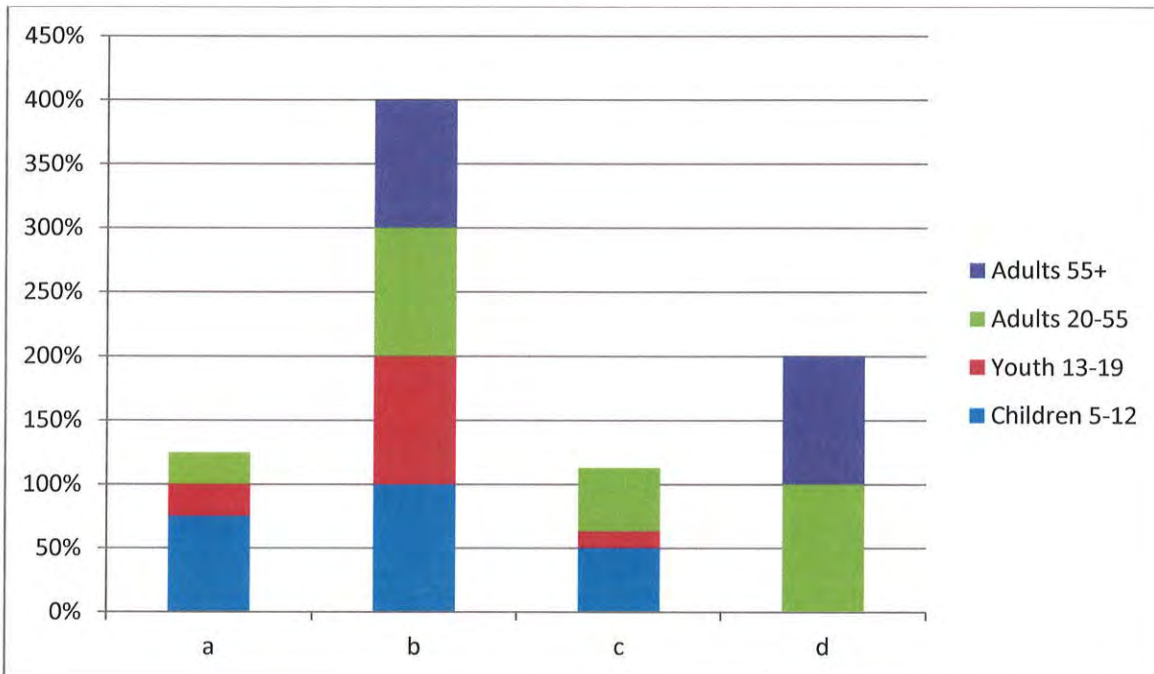
- a. Theater/Drama
- b. Arts/Crafts
- c. Music



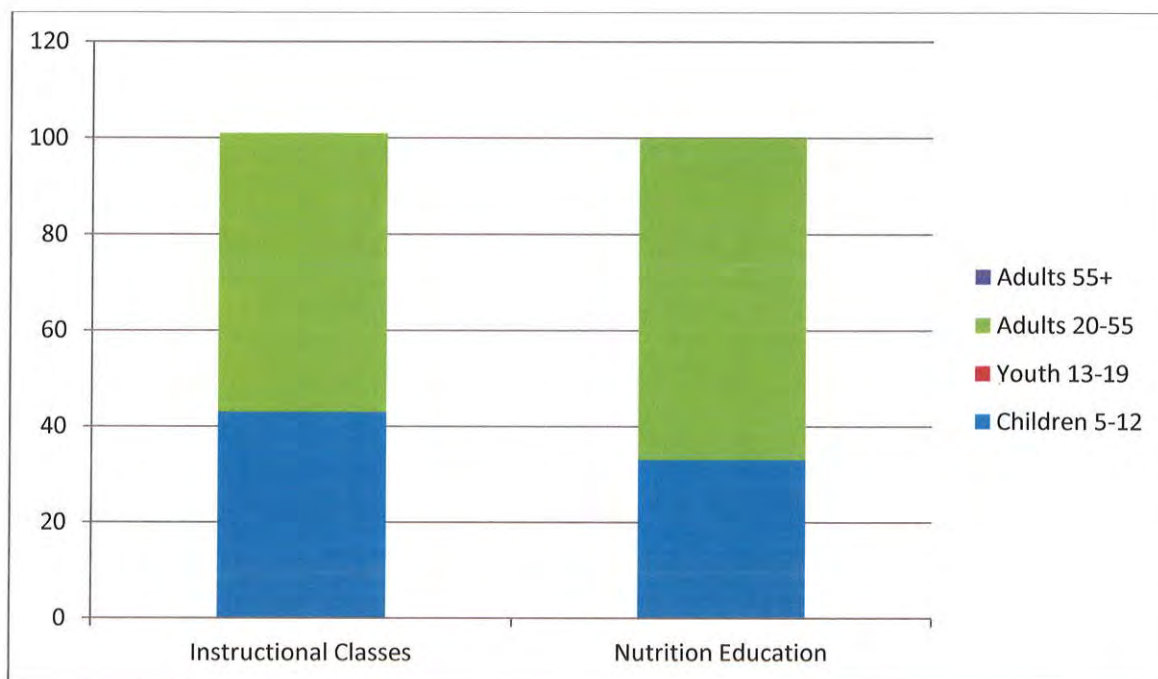


#### 14. Sports/Athletics

- a. Sports Leagues
- b. Shooting Sports
- c. Swimming
- d. Other (Golf)



#### 15. Health/Self Improvement





## Chapter V: Goals, Objectives and Action Plan:

Clare County citizens and those recreating within the county have expressed strong interest in recreational opportunities in Clare County. To address these interests, the Clare County Parks and Recreation Board will seek to work collaboratively and develop partnerships with various groups, organizations and units of government.

**Goal #1:** Develop cooperative recreational resources with the State of Michigan

**Action:** Maintain additional non-motorized trails by developing partnership with the State of Michigan to expand the Pere Marquette Rail Trail

**Action:** Work with the State of Michigan to maintain and improve recreational trails at Green Pine Pathway.

**Action:** Seek opportunities for enhancement and improvement to state owned properties, with particular interest toward those that provide access to lakes and rivers and camping.

**Goal #2:** Create and enhance cooperatively indoor/outdoor recreational activities capable of addressing the needs of seniors, youth and the general community.

**Action:** Offer support to local municipalities, schools, senior services and other service providers to create recreational opportunities.

**Action:** Provide access to organized recreation for residents within cities and villages as well as residents in rural areas within the county.

**Action:** Identify and disseminate new and existing recreational resources and programs to residents and visitors throughout the county.

**Goal #3:** Continue to update and distribute information relative to outdoor leisure and recreation events and activities.

**Action:** Establish and maintain community and media relationships with local governments, youth and adult volunteer organizations, service providers, schools, web master, newspaper, radio, television, local cable channels, list serves and brochures.

**Goal #4:** Offer new recreational, nature, environmental education activities in our community through public awareness programs resulting in “taking ownership” for their local environment and recognizing responsible use of natural resources.

**Action:** Develop an on-going awareness campaign.

**Action:** Maintaining and updating market resources such as trails and eco-tourism routes to residents and visitors.



**Goal #5:** To beautify various areas in the County in partnership with Clare County Master Gardeners and other organizations and agencies.

**Action:** Partnership with the Road Commission and Clare County Master Gardeners to develop and maintain a low maintenance garden at the Roadside Park

**Action:** Investigate other areas in the county for low maintenance gardens.

**Goal #6:** Assist in the creation and development of the Clare County Veterans Freedom Park.

**Action:** Seek to identify potential funding vehicles for the park development as well as work collaboratively to attain funding.

**Action:** Offer support to the Veterans Division in the creation of recreational opportunities located at The Veterans Freedom Park.

## Chapter VI: Annual Programs and Events:

Annual re occurring programs and events include:

**Wilderness Ride-** Pere Marquette Rail Trail in the spring

**Kids Ride-** In partnership with Lumberjack Days Festival in Farwell at the Pere Marquette Rail Trail

**Fall Color Ride-** Pere Marquette Rail Trail in the fall

**Tracks-N-Snow-** Snowshoe event every February in partnership with Jay's Sporting Goods and Snowsnake Ski and Golf

**Kids Fishing Day-** In partnership with the Harrison Chamber of Commerce, Jay's Sporting Goods, and MSU Extension

**Middle-O-Mit Triathlon-**Many contributors. Held at the Wilson State Park in Harrison

**Geo Caching-** Modern day scavenger hunt with GPS instruments

**Gateway Affair-** Fundraiser held at Jay's Sporting Goods

**Fall Fun Frenzy-** Halloween Party in partnership with the Harrison Lions Club.



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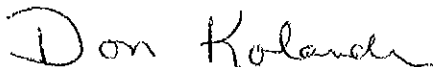
To Who It May Concern:

Clare County Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to provide for your use and information a copy of our Master Plan for Parks and Recreation 2015-2019. The Clare County Parks and Recreation Committee unanimously voted to approve this plan on March 31, 2015.

As you will see from our plan, the Clare county Parks and Recreation Department has come a long way since its existence in March 2002. Through the hard work and dedication of staff, committee members, volunteers, residents and the cooperation with other organizations and entities such as yourself, the quality of life for those in Clare County has greatly improved.

We look forward to continued communication and potential collaboration on project as we embark on the beginning of our next five years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Kolander". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Don Kolander, Director-Clare County Parks and Recreation  
(989) 539-2761, kolanderd@clareco.net



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## Clare County Parks & Rec Seeking Board Members

The Clare County Parks and Rec will be seeking board members at their next scheduled meeting.

During the next few months, Clare County Parks and Recreation will be working to update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Any county resident, business, organization, other interested in participating in the process, can complete an information gathering survey.

The parks and recreation survey will be available on the county website at [www.clare-](http://www.clare-)

[co.net](http://www.clare-co.net)

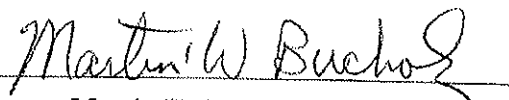
In addition the survey will be available at a public input meeting scheduled for 7/24 in the commissioners room in the Clare County Court House from 6pm to 7pm.

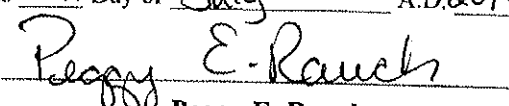
It is important to get as much feedback as possible so as to identify all recreational interests of Clare County citizens.

Surveys will also be available in the Parks and Recreation Department 225 W. Main St. Harrison, MI 48625.

Martin W. Bucholz, being first duly sworn, says that he is the (publisher) (printer) of The Clare County Cleaver, a newspaper published in the English language for the dissemination of local or transmitted news and intelligence of a general character and legal news, which is a duly qualified newspaper and that annexed hereto is a copy of a certain order taken from said newspaper, in which the order was published.

July 17, 2014

  
Martin W. Bucholz, Publisher

Subscribed and Sworn before me  
this 17th Day of July A.D. 2014  
  
Peggy E. Rauch

Notary Public, Clare County, Michigan

My Commission Expires: March 1, 2020

PEGGY E. RAUCH  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF CLARE  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAR. 1, 2020  
ACTING IN CLARE COUNTY



## Hayes Senior Center

By Sally Pletzer

Wow, July is half way over! It's been a busy few weeks. We went on a camping trip, which showed us we are getting too old for it. Then we offered Poppies this weekend in the Clare/Fairfield area for the American Legion. People are so generous in honoring our Veterans, and we all appreciate each person who donated. Thanks to the Clare Co. Cleaver for publishing the event. Now we need a vacation.

Some of our seniors have gone to mechanics in the area and asked for donations for our Bings. Many of our regular members gave again. New members who have joined our grateful gives are: S & R Diner, Heads of the Horse, Smoking Hot Tanning Salon, The new Bub's Party Store, Sunrise Convenience Store, Chicks, HiRollers Tobacco and Cigars. We thank ALL our members for their generosity. Our latest Bingo winners are: Margie Willes, Pat Spazio (2 Tickets for the Cario Villa show), Dorcin Indipolo, Larry Martin (Moose Dinner), DeEtte Curing (Save-a-Lot), Roy Boling, Marian Loubert (Save-a-Lot), Ziggy Hean, Edith Swadland (Gorham), Gale Ziegler (Monte's), Mary Pearson (Mauldin gas card) and Mary Martin (Moose Dinner). We've had some new members who have joined us recently.

Welcome to Jane Ray, Margie Payne and James Martin. Best wishes for people who remain not feeling well. Jackie Beling has been down and has had many tears done and Diane Melochio was hospitalized. Our prayers will go out to Maria Thomas and Arnold Tulus. On June 27th, at our 4th of July dinner, we were presented with 9 Lap Robes to raffle off by the same ladies from Clare's Castle. With a SO/50 drawing those were given away to some lucky winners and the proceeds went into our activity fund. We are planning a picnic in August, location not sure of, maybe at Hayes Township, park depending if we haven't moved to our new location. We are all excited to see the new facility soon. Come join us here for lunch and our activities, and you can join in our picnic. Details to follow.

Take note: The Senior Center will be closed on August 8th, due to the Bings being offered here. Don't forget to vote that day. On the 25th, we will have a couple guest singers from the "Country Express Band" at 11am. We will be celebrating an anniversary here too, Larry and Margie Martin will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on the 27th. WOW, that's great! Remember to drink plenty of fluids and don't get too much sun. Come visit us soon. May the dear Lord bless you and yours in the coming days.

## 2014 Clare County Fair Sponsors



Jay Kienhardt being presented with a 2014 Clare County Fair Sponsorship check from the Clare Area Kiwanis Club. We thank the Club for their repeated support of the kids each year.



Michelle Henry presenting a check to Carol Leary making Momma's Gills a 2014 Clare County Fair Sponsor. Thank you for your continued support!

## Clare County Parks & Rec Seeking Board Members

The Clare County Parks and Rec will be seeking board members at their next scheduled meeting.

During the next few months, Clare County Parks and Recreation will be working to update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Any county resident, business, organization, other interested in participating in the process, can complete an information gathering survey.

The parks and recreation survey will be available on the county website at [www.clare-county.net](http://www.clare-county.net)

In addition the survey will be available at a public input meeting scheduled for 7/24 in

### New Dawn Shelter Of Gladwin County

Gladwin Free Methodist Church will be hosting a benefit concert for New Dawn Shelter on July 20th at 6pm at the Gladwin County Fairgrounds Grounds. Local artists Lynn Morgan and 2nd Mile will be performing and a love offering will be taken for New Dawn Shelter. Admission is free.

the commissioners room in the Clare County Court House from 6pm to 7pm.

It is important to get as much feedback as possible so as to identify all recreational interests of Clare County citizens.

Surveys will also be available in the Parks and Recreation Department 225 W. Main St. Harrison, MI 48625.

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## Central Michigan District Health Department Raises Over \$3,600 For Community Health Improvement

Through the Together We Can 5K Trot and the 23rd Annual Women's Golf Scramble, CMDHD has raised over \$3,600 for health improvement in six central Michigan counties.

Central Michigan District Health Department (CMDHD) hosted two events in June to raise funds for community health improvement. The Together We Can 5K Trot was held on Saturday, June 7th during the Mt. Pleasant Summer Festival. The 23rd Annual Women's Golf Scramble was held on Saturday, June 21st at Pleasant Hills Golf Club. About 200 people participated in the two events, which raised over \$3,600. The funds will be distributed to each of the six counties served by CMDHD, which are Arenac, Clare, Gladwin, Isabella, Oshtemo, and Roscommon. These funds will be used by each county's Health Improvement Planning group to provide citizens with resources and opportunities to learn more about health and achieve a healthier lifestyle.

Together We Can is a community health improvement project that began in 2010 to improve the health of the more

than 190,000 residents in central Michigan. Together We Can focuses on issues such as access to health care, healthy eating, staying physically active, safety, substance abuse, maternal and infant health, and much more.

If you would like an opportunity to get involved in improving health in your community, consider joining Together We Can. Together We Can is a community project aimed at improving health status in the central Michigan counties of Arenac, Clare, Gladwin, Isabella, Oshtemo, and Roscommon. For more information LIKE Together We Can Health Improvement Council on Facebook, visit our website at [www.togetherwecan.org](http://www.togetherwecan.org) or email us at [TogetherWeCan@cmdhd.org](mailto:TogetherWeCan@cmdhd.org).

This article has been brought to you by Central Michigan District Health Department, which serves the counties of Arenac, Clare, Gladwin, Isabella, Oshtemo, and Roscommon. Visit our website at [www.cmdhd.org](http://www.cmdhd.org) and LIKE Central Michigan District Health Department on Facebook.



Carol Leary receiving a check from Dale and Carolyn Brookway from Snowman's Ski and Golf-Zip Line Tours, Rocks and Valleys. This makes them the newest Sponsor for the 2014 Clare County Fair!!! We thank you and the kids appreciate your support!

### Yes, You Can! Food Preservation Class

Learn the basics of canning food at home. Michigan State University Extension in Clare County is pleased to host this hands-on informative experience on Thursday, August 14, 2014 from 10:00am to 12 Noon. Class will be held in the 2nd Floor Nutrition Kitchen of the County Building in Harrison.

Join Lisa Treiber, Extension Educator, to learn what's new in the world of canning and sometimes on where to get the most current research based how-to information. Water Bath Canning and Pressure Canning methods will be demonstrated in this class.

Registration is required. To register, visit <http://events.ansu.edu/clar/Cler2014/> or call the Clare County MSU Extension office no later than August 12th! The cost is \$20.00 per person. Scholarships are available to those participants receiving SNAP/WIC Card or WIC benefits.

For more information or if you have any questions, please call MSU Extension-Clare County at (989) 539-7805, email us at [msuecl@msu.edu](mailto:msuecl@msu.edu) or stop by the Clare County Building, located at 225 West Main Street, Harrison, Tuesday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00pm and 1:00pm to 4:30 p.m.

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### NOTICE OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2014 COUNTY OF CLARE, STATE OF MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF CLARE COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN:  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 in said City/Townships, for the purpose of nominating candidates of the Republican and Democratic Parties for judicial offices.

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**  
U.S. Senator, Representative in Congress  
**LEGISLATIVE**  
State Senator, Representative in State Legislature  
**COUNTY**  
County Road Commissioner, County Commissioner  
**TOWNSHIP**  
Freeborn Twp. Supervisor, Piquette Twp. Treasurer, Hutton Twp. Clerk, Hayes Twp. Supervisor and Clerk, Redding Twp. Clerk and Treasurer  
**DELEGATES**  
Delegates to the County Convention of the Republican and Democratic Parties  
**WRITE IN**  
Candidates must file a declaration of intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, July 25, 2014.

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the following property is scheduled to be sold at public auction on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the County Courthouse, 225 W. Main Street, Harrison, MI 48625.  
#1401: A proposed residential lot to reduce the lot size and replace with a new community station there to include the bus system to help small businesses grow and create jobs.

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#1402: A proposed residential lot to reduce the lot size and replace with a new community station there to include the bus system to help small businesses grow and create jobs.

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#1403: A proposed residential lot to reduce the lot size and replace with a new community station there to include the bus system to help small businesses grow and create jobs.

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#1404: A proposed residential lot to reduce the lot size and replace with a new community station there to include the bus system to help small businesses grow and create jobs.

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#1405: A proposed residential lot to reduce the lot size and replace with a new community station there to include the bus system to help small businesses grow and create jobs.

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#1406: A proposed residential lot to reduce the lot size and replace with a new community station there to include the bus system to help small businesses grow and create jobs.

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#1407: A proposed residential lot to reduce the lot size and replace with a new community station there to include the bus system to help small businesses grow and create jobs.

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#1408: A proposed residential lot to reduce the lot size and replace with a new community station there to include the bus system to help small businesses grow and create jobs.

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#1409: A proposed residential lot to reduce the lot size and replace with a new community station there to include the bus system to help small businesses grow and create jobs.

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#1410: A proposed residential lot to reduce the lot size and replace with a new community station there to include the bus system to help small businesses grow and create jobs.

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### American Legion Post 404

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## Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet

Saturday, July 26th

11am - 3pm

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2014



CLARE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (CCP&RC)  
CLARE COUNTY COURTHOUSE HARRISON, MICHIGAN  
July 24, 2014

**Approved**

6:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm

A roll call of members revealed that Mark Haley, Dale Majewski, Lynn Grim, Don Kolander, Carl Parks, Dave Rowe, Jordan Lockmiller and Dawn Stafford, Administrative Assistant.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearing for the Master Plan open 6p.m. – 7p.m.

A motion was made by C. Parks and seconded by D. Rowe to approve the agenda with Public Hearing for the Master Plan included. **Motion approved**

Secretary's Report:

**Public Comment:**

None

**Reports& Correspondence**

Coordinators Report – Don Kolander

- Triathlon: 138 participants , 30 youths(free), sponsors were great, a few minor glitches
- Wilderness ride on Saturday, 28 riders
- Fall ride on September 20<sup>th</sup> ( same as wilderness ride)
- Gerry was a valuable asset to the community
- Need to fill vacancies, perhaps offering a scholarship for students in Parks programs will draw an individual
- Health improvement plan meeting at RESD, the only way to measure success.
- Big trail head for Pere Marquette
- Master Plan- surveys complete
- Booth for Fair, call Kay Brandt to ask about space
- Harrison Street Fair August 22-23
- Lumber Jack starts July 26-27

**Friends- None**

**Old Business- None**

**New Business:**

- The Road Commission has given the Road Side Park to the Historical Society.

**Public Comment- None**

**Public Hearing closed at 7:03p.m.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Next meeting: 6 p.m. on September 18, 2014 at the Clare County Courthouse

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Stafford, County Administrative Assistant

-Clare County



CLARE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (CCP&RC)  
CLARE COUNTY COURTHOUSE HARRISON, MICHIGAN  
February 19, 2015

**Unapproved**

6:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

A roll call of members revealed that Mark Haley, Don Kolander, Dave Rowe, Jordan Lockmiller, Carl Parks, Michelle Ambrozaitis, Samantha Pitchford and Dawn Stafford, Administrative Assistant.

Pledge of Allegiance

A motion was made by M. Ambrozaitis and seconded by M. Haley to approve the agenda. **Motion approved**

**Secretary's Report:** A motion was made by J. Lockmiller and seconded by M. Ambrozaitis to accept the December 16, 2014 meeting minutes. **Motion approved.**

**Financial Report:**

Motion by J Lockmiller and second by C. Parks to accept the Budgetary Status Report. **Motion approved.**

**Public Comment:**

None

**Reports& Correspondence**

Coordinators Report – Don Kolander

- April 25<sup>th</sup> Freedom run
- Friends working on new logo
- Snow shoe event at Snow Snake went well last weekend
- Triathlon is June 20<sup>th</sup>, sponsorship letters are out. Approx. 150
- MAC TV rep. will come up and promote
- Gateway is September 19<sup>th</sup> at 5-7 p.m., same day as Cash Bash
- Friends meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at Jay's

**Friends- NONE**

**Old Business-**

- Master Plan, add health facts. The public hearing is March 13<sup>th</sup> at 5-7 p.m.

**New Business:**

- Clare gap discussions have begun again.
- Jordan Lockmiller was nominated by M. Ambrozaitis as new Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carl Parks.  
J. Lockmiller was elected as new chair

**Public Comment- None**

D. Rowe moved to adjourn, M. Haley 2<sup>nd</sup> – Motion approved  
The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dawn Stafford, County Administrative Assistant  
-Clare County



Public Meeting Announcement

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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County of Clare Parks and Recreation Department  
989-539-7805

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SWORN, SAYS:

I am the composition manager of the Clare  
County Review, a newspaper printed and  
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Clare, State of Michigan. The annexed is  
a copy of a Legal Notice which was pub-  
lished in said newspaper 2 week(s) and  
publication was on Friday, 2/27,  
2015 and Friday, 3/6 2015.

Sherry E Landon

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Subscribed and sworn to before me the  
11th day of March A.D., 2015.

Richard Michael Wilcox

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Notary Public, Clare County, MI

My commisssion expires January 19, 2018



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County of Clare Parks and Recreation Department  
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Sherry E. Landon

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Subscribed and sworn to before me the  
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My commission expires January 19, 2018



CLARE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (CCP&RC)  
CLARE COUNTY COURTHOUSE HARRISON, MICHIGAN  
March 31, 2015 SPECIAL MEETING

**Unapproved**

6:00 PM

Meeting called to order by Don K. at 6:03pm

Roll call 6 member present plus one guest – (Quorum)

Pledge of Allegiance

Don Kolander read the resolution for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the years 2015 to 2020.

Don K. asked for public input, there was no comment.

Don K. called for a vote to approve the 2015-2020 Parks & Recreation Master Plan:

Yea: 6            Nay: None            Absent: 1            motion: carried

Motion to adjourn by Carl Parks and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle Ambrozaitis

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dave Rowe, Secretary Parks & Recreation Commission  
-Clare County



## Don Kolander

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**From:** Dawn Stafford  
**Sent:** Friday, February 26, 2016 8:03 AM  
**To:** Don Kolander  
**Subject:** agendas  
**Attachments:** Special Meeting 3.31.15.doc; minutes 2.19.15.doc

Don,

I have March 31<sup>st</sup> but not the 13<sup>th</sup>. I am pretty sure something happened that night and don't think there was a meeting. I have also attached the minutes for February. I believe the 13<sup>th</sup> was cancelled because something needed to be adjusted on the master plan and was postponed until the 31<sup>st</sup>.

Dawn Raupp  
Administrative Assistant  
Clare County Board of Commissioners  
225 W. Main St., P.O. Box 438  
Harrison, MI 48625  
989-539-2510



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**MINUTES OF THE CLARE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Harrison, Michigan 48625  
April 1, 2015

4/15/15 pm  
Unapproved Minutes  
Page One

Meeting was called to Order at 9:00 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Present:** Commissioner Donald David, Commissioner Jim Gelios, Commissioner Jack Kleinhardt, Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, Commissioner Dale Majewski, Commissioner Samantha Pitchford and Commissioner Leonard Strouse.

**Absent:** None

**Others Present, Signing In:** Mariene McGlashen

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, seconded by Commissioner Dale Majewski, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2015, Board Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, seconded by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, to approve the Closed Session Minutes of the March 18, 2015 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**AMENDMENT TO BOARD OF COMMISSIONER MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Samantha Pitchford, seconded by Commissioner Donald David, to amend the Board of Commissioner minutes of March 4, 2015 to correct the wage amount for the District Court Magistrate from \$58,363.68 to \$57,000.00. Motion carried.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT-NONE**

**COMMUNICATIONS LIST**

- Bay County Resolution #2015-55: A resolution urging state legislators to consider requiring vaccinations in all school children unless there is a legitimate medical waiver.
- Clare County Dispatch flier commemorating 9-1-1 telecommunications week on April 17, 2015.
- Crime Victims' Rights flier acknowledging April 19-25, 2015 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week.
- Region VII Area Agency on Aging Invitation to their Annual Meeting Thursday, May 7, 2015 at the Riverwalk in Gladwin. RSVP (800) 858-1637.

It was moved by Commissioner Donald David, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, to concur with Bay County and support their Resolution #2015-55 urging state legislators to consider requiring vaccinations for all school children unless there is a legitimate medical waiver. Motion carried.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Tom Krchmar, Redding Township Supervisor, appeared before the Board to discuss Equalization issues. He identified some issues that Redding Township has been having with the department and issuance of tax bills and he indicated that this has transpired for several years. This will be further addressed in a separate meeting. Mr. Krchmar also expressed his concern about the overall method of coming up with land appraisals.

Karen Willing, District Court Magistrate appeared once again before the Board to address her request for a wage increase. She presented her facts and stated that she believes that mistakes have been made and that she was deserving of a raise. She stated that she is being told to wait until budget time when others were provided a raise mid-budget year. She called for fairness.

**JUSTICE**

Undersheriff Miedzianowski appeared to discuss the Weighmaster Service Contract.

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Gelios, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Weighmaster Services between the City of Clare, County of Clare and the Clare County Sheriff Department to begin on April 1, 2015 for no more than 2 hours per week during this year's frost law season. Motion carried with one opposad being Commissioner Strouse.



**JUSTICE-CONTINUED**

It was moved by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, seconded by Commissioner Donald David, to approve the purchase of a FLIR thermal imager in the amount of \$5,692.80 with funds to be moved from contingency into the Sheriff's Department budget with contingency to be reimbursed upon receipt of grants funds from Region 6 Homeland Security this year and approve budget adjustment #15-81. Motion carried.

Undersheriff Miedzianowski discussed the equipment and the value it would add to the department. He responded to questions about the use of the equipment and the capabilities indicating that in most cases search warrants would be required. Further discussion followed relevant to state budget cuts and news that money originally earmarked for mandated service training would be cut (\$5,000.00 - \$10,000.00) while still requiring the training.

It was moved by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, seconded by Commissioner Dale Majewski, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Number MOU 15-18002 between the State of Michigan, Department of Human Services and Clare County to define the roles and responsibilities of the parties in providing financial support for the DHS sub-account county child care fund services in Clare County. Motion carried.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-NONE**

**PHYSICAL RESOURCES and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Don Kolander, Director of Clare County Parks & Recreation Department appeared before the Board to present the Clare County Parks and Recreation Master Plan to the Board and to publicly thank Lori Ware for her efforts and help.

It was moved by Commissioner Dale Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, to adopt Resolution #15-10 approving the Clare County Parks and Recreation Master Plan for 2015 – 2020 as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of Clare County. Motion carried.

Roll call vote revealed:

Yeas: (7) being Commissioners Majewski, Lipovsky, David, Pitchford, Gelios, Kleinhardt and Strouse

Nays: (0)

Absent: (0)

Resolution adopted.

Don Kolander then detailed up-coming events in the community that he is partnering with other group on. Events include:

- April 18, Paula Pirnstill Health Fair
- April 19, Northern Tradition
- May hiking and backpack day at Jay's Sporting Goods
- June 6, Harrison fishing derby partner with Harrison Chamber and Jay's Sporting Goods
- June 20, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Triathlon, partnering with several agencies including DNR
- July, (no date set), a free kid's fun day at Jays
- September 19, A Gateway Affair and Clare Chamber of Commerce who will be hosting a wine walk
- October 31, Halloween Party at Lions Building partnering with Lions Club
- October 31, Trunk and Treat at the City Park, partnering with Harrison Chamber & City of Harrison
- Kids bike run in Farwell to coincide with Lumberjack Days

There was a brief discussion regarding the airport lease agreements. Several felt that the ten-year lease request was too long. With several new members on the Airport Board, it was referred back to the Airport Board at this time for discussion and recommendation.

**REMONUMENTATION**

It was moved by Commissioner Jim Gelios, seconded by Commissioner Dale Majewski, to approve the 2015 Clare County Survey and Remonumentation Grant Agreement between the State of Michigan, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and Clare County in the amount of \$49,856.00. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Donald David, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, to approve the Contract Agreement between the Clare County Board of Commissioners and Lapham Associates for Remonumentation Services with cost not to exceed \$39,961.00 and Board Chair to sign. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky, to approve the request made by Paul Lapham and reappoint the same Remonumentation Peer Review Group members Larry L. Cavanagh, Jerry L. Jones and William B. Ruddell, indefinitely, with Board to be apprised if any changes are required. Motion carried.

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

It was moved by Commissioner Samantha Pitchford, seconded by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, to approve the Statutory Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2015 in the amount of \$133,819.04. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Leonard Strouse, seconded by Commissioner Dale Majewski, to approve Budget Adjustment #15-79 and #15-80 to correct shortfalls throughout several budgets in the amount of \$54,445.00 and \$3,120.00 respectively. Motion carried.



Harrison, Michigan 48625

April 1, 2015

**CLERK'S REPORT**

Clerk Pamela Mayfield reported that Bill Scott had been appointed to the Board of County Canvassers to fill the seat left vacant by Dave Prawdzik with term to expire October 31, 2015.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Jenny Beemer-Fritzinger reported that by mid-April all taxing authorities should have their delinquent settlement payout. In addition, the final tax deadline for the year has come and gone and foreclosures are down this year by eighteen properties. She also noted that she had received the money from the Tax Anticipation Note and reported that she and the County Clerk have been working with their respective computer companies to automate transfer of documents between offices and provide automated indexing and data entry eliminating the task for over 1200 documents.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

- Chairperson Kleinhardt reported that legislation has been introduced to raise the speed limit on rural interstate highways to 80 mph. At the same time, he just read an article that stated that the blow-out rate of tires on commercial trucks increases significantly at speeds greater than 65 mph. As a long-time traffic safety manager he stated that for years traffic fatalities have been declining but he indicated that roads with varying speed limits like this will cause the fatalities to go up.
- Vice-Chair Majewski reported that he invited the Redding Township Supervisor, Tom Krchmar, to attend the meeting after hearing several times that they had issues with the Equalization Department.
- Commissioner David indicated that he had a regular meeting conflict with Parks & Recreation and his Mental Health Meeting; one starts before the other ends. He suggested that this might be better assigned to another Board member.
- Commissioner Lipovsky reported that the Michigan Public Health Week Partnership awarded the 2015 Hometown Health Hero Award to Tom Pirnstill recognizing him as an individual who works tirelessly to maintain and improve the health of the local community.

Board Recessed at 11:10 a.m.

Board Reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-NONE**


**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

It was moved by Commissioner Dale Majewski, seconded by Commissioner Karen Lipovsky to accept the committee recommendations and award the HVAC project to Answer Heating and Cooling Inc., Freeland Michigan in an amount of \$110,130.00 and award the controls project to Control Net of Warren Michigan in an amount of \$164,800.00. Motion carried by a vote of 5 to 2 with the two opposed being Commissioner David and Commissioner Strouse.

Commissioner Donald David was opposed to the idea and provided handouts along with his well-researched case and testimonials from several individuals working in the field with the Tridium Building Maintenance System. He questioned "buying a Cadillac when a Ford would do." He was unable to persuade a majority and was outnumbered by other members who gave credit to the Building Committee for their hard work completed on the project.

**NEW BUSINESS-NONE**

Meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

  
Pamela Mayfield, Clerk  
Clare County Board of Commissioners

  
Jack Kleinhardt, Chairman  
Clare County Board of Commissioners





# CLARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## CLARE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION #15-10 ADOPTING RECREATION PLAN OF THE CLARE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

**WHEREAS**, the Parks and Recreation Commission of Clare County has undertaken a Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan 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 2015 and 2019, and

**WHEREAS**, according to the minute of the Clare County Parks and Recreation Commission of March 31<sup>st</sup>, did indicate that a public hearing was held and the public was provided an opportunity to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan and

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

**WHEREAS**, after the public meeting, the Parks and Recreation Commission of Clare County voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Clare County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Clare County Recreation Plan of the Parks and Recreation Commission as a guideline for improving recreation for the resident of Clare County.

STATE OF MICHIGAN	)	Yeas	7
	SS	Nays:	0
COUNTY OF CLARE	)	Abstain:	0

I, Pamela Mayfield, Clerk of said County of Clare and Clerk of the Circuit Court thereof, the same being a Court of Record, do hereby certify that the above Resolution #15-10 as adopted by the Clare County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting held on April 1, 2015 as appears of record in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Harrison, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2015.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela Mayfield".  
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Pamela Mayfield, County Clerk  
County of Clare





## COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST

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

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

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). To be eligible for grant consideration, plans must be submitted to the DNR prior to the grant application deadline with a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan.

### PLAN INFORMATION

Name of Plan: Master Plan for Clare County Parks and Recreation		
List the community names (including school districts) covered by the plan	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body
County of Clare	Clare	April, 2015
Clare Public Schools, Harrison Community Schools		
Farwell Schools		

### PLAN CONTENT

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

☒ **1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION**

☒ **2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE**

- ☒ Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)
- ☒ Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart
- ☒ Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation
- ☒ Programming
- ☒ Current Funding Sources
- ☒ Role of Volunteers
- ☒ Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations

**Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only**

Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of

- ☐ Participating Communities
- ☐ Articles of Incorporation

☒ **3. RECREATION INVENTORY**

- ☒ Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory
- ☒ Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities
- ☒ Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)
- ☒ Accessibility Assessment
- ☒ Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities

☐ **4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)**

☒ **5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS**



☒ **6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS**

☒ Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, Including a Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received

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

Date of the Notice February 27, 2015

Type of Notice Availability of Plan & Public Meeting

Plan Location County Courthouse

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) 33 days, 2/27/15--3/31/15

☒ Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)

Date of Notice 3/13/15 & 3/20/15

Name of Newspaper Clare County Review

Date of Meeting 3/31/15

☒ Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

☒ **7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

☒ **8. ACTION PROGRAM**

**PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION**

Plans **must** be adopted by the highest level *governing body* (i.e., city council, county commission, township board). If planning is the responsibility of a Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, Recreation Advisory Board or other local Board or Commission, the plan should **also** include a resolution from the Board or Commission recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body.

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

Items 1, 3 and 4 below are **required** and must be included in the plan.

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

- ☒ 1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: 4/1/15
- ☒ 2. Official resolution of the 3/31/15 Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: N/A No County Planning
- ☒ 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: 4/2/15

**OVERALL CERTIFICATION**

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

*I hereby certify that the recreation plan for*

CLARE COUNTY

(Local Unit of Government)

*above and as set forth by the DNR.*

*includes the required content, as indicated*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government      Date

This completed checklist must be signed and submitted with a locally adopted recreation plan to:

**GRANTS MANAGEMENT  
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL  
RESOURCES  
PO BOX 30425  
LANSING, MI 48909-7925**

**DNR USE ONLY - APPROVAL**

The recreation plan is approved by the DNR and the community (ies) covered by the plan, as listed on page 1 of this checklist is/are eligible to apply for recreation grants through

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grants Management      Date