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INTRODUCTION

The purposes of this Parks and Recreation Plan are to inventory existing recreational opportunities and facilities available to residents of Lenawee County, identify problems and future needs, and establish a plan which addresses identified problems and assures adequate recreation services and facilities in a programmed systematic manner for both the present and expected future population. The plan is intended to be a policy guide for Lenawee County officials in developing efficient recreational services and facilities.

This recreation plan evaluates the comprehensive recreational needs of the residents of Lenawee County for playgrounds, neighborhoods and community parks, and regional parks and prescribes a plan that accommodates and fulfills these needs.

The Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Commission is responsible for development of this plan with the assistance of the Region 2 Planning Commission staff acting as consultant to the Commission. The Commission assisted in the inventory of existing recreational facilities and programs and provided invaluable assistance in plan preparation and policy recommendations. The Commission consists of five members representing the County Board of Commissioners and the general public. Two commissioners are also members of the Lenawee County Planning Commission.

It is appropriate that the plan is periodically re-evaluated to ensure an up-to-date document that meets the needs and desires of Lenawee County. Recommended procedures for re-evaluation of the Plan shall be that the Parks and Recreation Commission re-evaluate the contents annually, particularly considering whether the goals and objectives are being met, and that the five-year short-range plan be kept current.

The 2010-2014 Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Plan was developed in accordance with the Guidelines for the *“Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans”* as revised by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in 2004.

COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

Lenawee County is located in southeastern Michigan south of the I-94 transportation corridor between Detroit and Chicago. Nearby urban areas include Toledo, Jackson, and Ann Arbor (see Map 1).

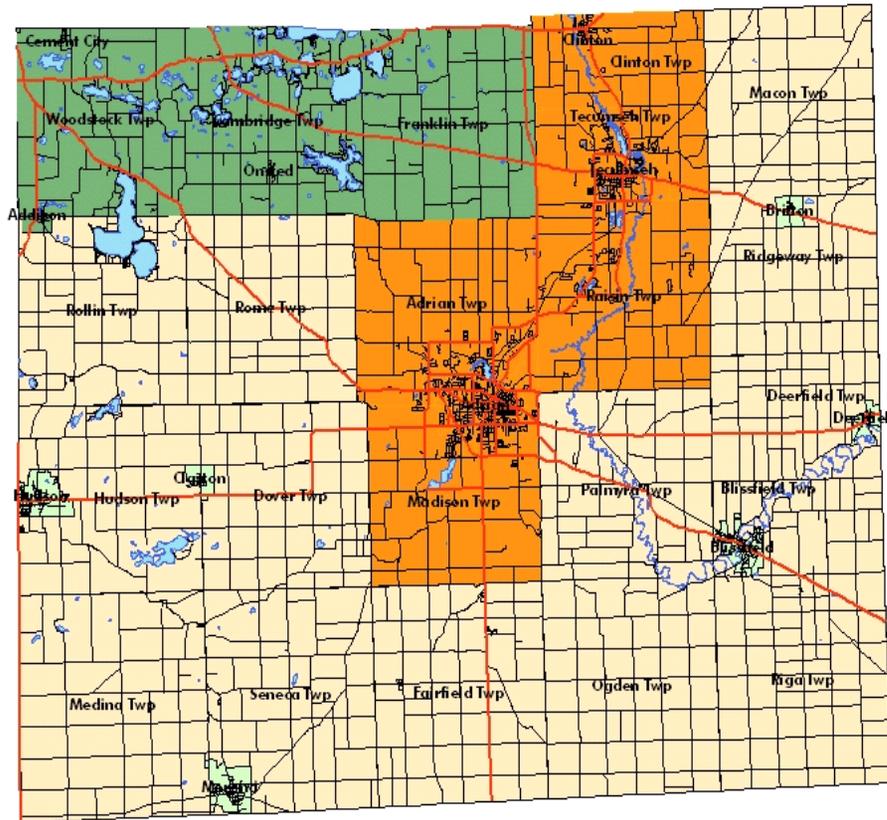
Lenawee County is characterized by an urban corridor extending from Adrian to the Village of Clinton. In addition to this urbanized area, there are 10 other cities and villages in the County (see Map 2). The urban corridor includes the cities of Adrian and Tecumseh, the Village of Clinton, and the townships of Clinton, Adrian, Raisin, Tecumseh and Madison. According to 2007 population estimates, the corridor accounted for 58,127 people, or 57% of County's population. The remaining incorporated rural cities and villages accounted for 11,743 people, or 12% of the county total. (More detailed information regarding the demographics of Lenawee County can be found in Appendix A).

Land Use

The most current source of data on land use is the Lenawee County Comprehensive Land Use Plan adopted in 2002. Existing land use data from the plan from 1998 indicate that of the 735 square miles in Lenawee County, 71 square miles are used for urban purposes such as residential, commercial, industrial, transportation and communications. The remaining 664 square miles were used for rural purposes such as agriculture, forest, water, wetlands, and barren lands. Though land use has changed considerably since 1998, Lenawee County remains primarily rural in nature. In some instances, the County has witnessed signs of urban sprawl as low-density residential development occurs in rural areas.

Over half of the population in Lenawee County is concentrated in the urban core. Because public sewer facilities are available in much of this area, the urban core contains some of Lenawee County's most intensive concentrations of residential, commercial and industrial land uses. The incorporated villages and cities outside of the urban corridor contain high-density residential, commercial and industrial uses but not at the intensities found within the urban core.

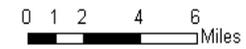
The US-12/Irish Hills area and the rural townships primarily contain agricultural and low-density residential land uses. However, there are small pockets of commercial and industrial use in these areas.



MAP 2 PLANNING REGIONS

Legend

- Urban Core Area
- US-12/Irish Hills Area
- Rural Cities and Villages
- Rural Townships



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Generally, future land use in Lenawee County is expected to retain the existing pattern of development. Most of the high-density residential, industrial and commercial development is likely to take place in the urban corridor and incorporated cities and villages. Low-density residential development is likely to take place in rural townships.

Topography

The topography of Lenawee County was determined by the movement of the continental glaciers. One element of topography is elevation which indicates the altitude of the land above sea level expressed in feet. When studying a relatively small area, such as Lenawee County, the actual measurements of elevation above sea level are not as important as the changes in these levels throughout the area. It is these changes in elevation that provide a feeling for the contour of the land as it rises and falls throughout the County.

The Thumb Upland, of which Lenawee County is a part, was formed as the glaciers moved south and retreated north across Michigan. This upland extends from the Ohio-Indiana line northeast to Huron County located at the tip of the Thumb of Michigan bordering Saginaw Bay and Lake Huron. Lenawee County lies at the southern portion of this upland and has elevations ranging from about 700 feet above sea level in the extreme southeastern corner of the County, to an elevation of slightly more than 1,200 feet in Woodstock Township. Elevations in the Irish Hills area of the County range from 1,000 feet to 1,200 feet above sea level.

Generally, the County is relatively flat to moderately hilly as a result of uneven deposition of glacial material. The portion of the County extending from Fairfield Township in a northeasterly direction to Macon Township, is a gently sloping or nearly level plain. The portion of the County extending diagonally from Medina and Seneca townships to Clinton and Tecumseh townships is composed of rolling hills, while the northwestern portion becomes heavily rolling with a number of lakes and peat swamps. The most rugged topography occurs in the townships of Woodstock, Cambridge, Franklin, Rollin and Rome. Prominent ridges also are located along the ancient beaches of the glacial lakes in the eastern area of the County.

Water Features

The largest watershed in Lenawee County is the River Raisin which drains eastward into Monroe County and Lake Erie and contains approximately 595 square miles or more than 78 percent of the County's area. The Bean Creek watershed which drains into Ohio contains approximately 135 square miles or about 18 percent of the County. A smaller area of about 24 square miles, approximately 3 percent of the County, mostly in Riga Township, drains in Monroe County and Ohio in manmade drainage ways and small creeks.

Surface water features can be classified in three major types in Lenawee County: 1) lakes, ponds, and reservoirs; 2) streams and rivers; and 3) wetlands. The 252 lakes and ponds cover a total area of 5,496 acres and were formed largely as a result of the

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depressions left during the glacial periods. These depressions were filled with groundwater to the level of the surrounding water table. Lakes and ponds are the major surface water reservoirs that either collect or release water to inlet and outlet streams. Streams and rivers are surface water features that are primarily responsible for drainage. Waters from precipitation, runoff, lake outlets, and the groundwater inflow drain through a series of small minor tributaries, streams and rivers that eventually lead to major rivers or the Great Lakes in this part of the County. Wetlands are similar to lakes and ponds in their formation and water source. They are also surface depressions, but because of their relative shallowness, they constitute a different type of environment from the lakes. Sources of water for wetlands include: flow from the water table, precipitation, inlet streams, and accumulation from poorly drained lands.

Water resources have important recreational values for fishing, boating, and swimming, as well as the intrinsic natural beauty they possess. Streams in Lenawee County have been rated by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources relative to the ability to navigate a stream by canoe. Factors which effect a canoe's navigational ability are stream width, depth, vegetation, and physical obstructions such as bridges, dams, rocks, or fences.

Streams in Lenawee County have been categorized as "readily canoeable", "canoeable with difficulty", and "non-canoeable". The length of the River Raisin from Tecumseh to Blissfield is designated by the DNR as readily canoeable, indicating that the River is at least 15 feet wide and is consistently deep throughout the year, being suitable for canoes as well as small motorized boats. Wolf Creek and the south branch of the River Raisin near Adrian are rated as canoeable with difficulty, indicating that dense vegetation plus seasonal variations in water volumes cause some difficulty in canoeing. The remaining streams in Lenawee County are designated as non-canoeable, due to their shallowness, narrowness, low water level or degree of physical obstructions.

Wildlife Habitats

Wildlife habitats are places where animal life naturally live with the necessary food and shelter they need to survive. These habitats can be extremely sensitive, especially for aquatic life, because of the delicate natural balances of food supplies and predators. The altering of any portion or element of the habitat can create severe consequences to all forms of life within the entire ecosystem.

Aquatic habitats are those wildlife environments within or primarily associated with water. The quality and quantity of fish life in lakes, streams, or marshes is determined by many factors including water temperature, velocity, and depth as well as the composition of the bottom material, the amount and types of aquatic vegetation, the availability of other food sources, and the quality of water including silt conditions, oxygen holding capacity, and chemical and mineral composition.

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The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has rated streams for their suitability as fish habitats. These categories include: 1) Top Quality Warmwater Mainstreams - these streams contain good self-sustaining populations of warmwater game fish including: bass, bluegill, and northern pike. Mainstreams are over 15 feet wide and include the River Raisin, part of Wolf Creek, Fitts Creek and Bean Creek; and 2) Second Quality Warmwater Mainstreams and Feeder Streams - these streams contain significant quantities of warmwater fish, but game fish populations are limited due to poor water quality, a limited food supply, and conditions causing inadequate natural reproduction, such as: pollution, currents, and poor stream bed quality. Slater Creek is designated as a second quality warmwater mainstream, with feeder streams scattered throughout the County.

Soils

The soils in Lenawee County are probably one of its most significant natural assets. Rich soils deposited by Lake Erie, as it receded, left some of the best farmland in the Midwest in the eastern and southern portions of the County. Although very little of the soils has the highest rating of Class I, 54% of the total land area of the County is Class II soil and 36% is Class III.

Roads

The road system within Lenawee County is anchored by three major highways - US-223, US-12 and US-127. US-223 bisects the County in the northwest-southeast direction, US-127 provides north-south access along the western portion of the County, and US-12 traverses the north part of the County in an east-west direction. State trunklines supplement these three major highways. There are a total of five state trunklines in the County: M-34, M-50, M-52, M-124 and M-156. M-34 and M-52 provide access to the urban center of Adrian. M-50 runs northwest-southeast, M-156 runs north-south between Morenci and Clayton, while only a small portion of M-124 extends into the County near Wamplers Lake. These major highways and State trunklines are further supplemented by a series of county arterial roads.

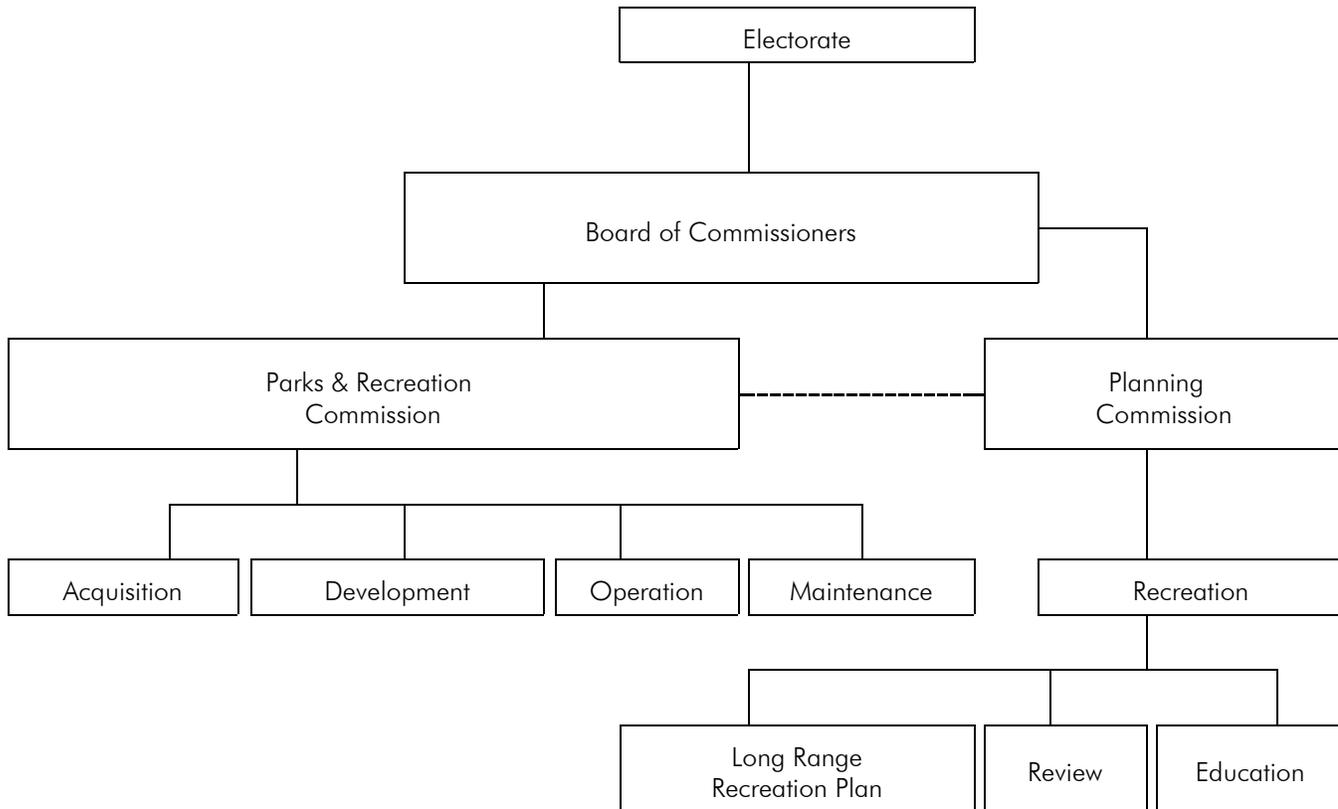
ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Legal Administrative Structure

Under the present system, as outlined in P.A. 156 of 1917, the Recreation and Playgrounds Act, the County Board of Commissioners created a Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Commission consisting of five members. This Commission is responsible for planning, development, preservation, administration, maintenance, and operation of park and recreation facilities. Thus, a commission whose sole responsibility is parks and recreation, can coordinate decisions and programs on a county level as well as make contractual arrangements with local units of government for the development and maintenance of park lands in the communities or neighborhoods.

The following table illustrates the administrative structure for county park development and recreation planning:

Table 1
Lenawee County Recreation
Proposed Functional Organization



The County Parks and Recreation Commission personnel structure consists of two full-time and two part time seasonal employees. The delivery system is supported by approximately 10 volunteers. Lenawee County does not have a full-time parks director. The parks and recreation program is under the supervision of the County Administrator. The Parks and Recreation Commission is made up of four members of the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners and one at-large member.

A successful recreation program usually relies on many sources of revenue. Presently, the Parks and Recreation Commission identifies several potential revenue sources. These include general tax dollars, grants, revenue sharing funds, donations, fundraisers, general funds, and charges as well as gifts from citizens. Annual parks revenues in Lenawee County for the period 2003-2007 averaged \$15,519 with expenditures averaging approximately \$16,700. Parks and recreation funds have been utilized primarily for maintenance and upkeep of the county's six park facilities. The largest expenditure categories are grounds upkeep and building repairs and maintenance.

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As an added source of parks and recreation revenue, the County has a long-term commitment in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). The CRP is administered by the U.S. Natural Resource Conservation Service and encourages the conversion of erodible lands to vegetative cover in order to reduce the risk of soil erosion, reduce sediment loading into streams, and establishment of wildlife habitat.

RECREATION INVENTORY

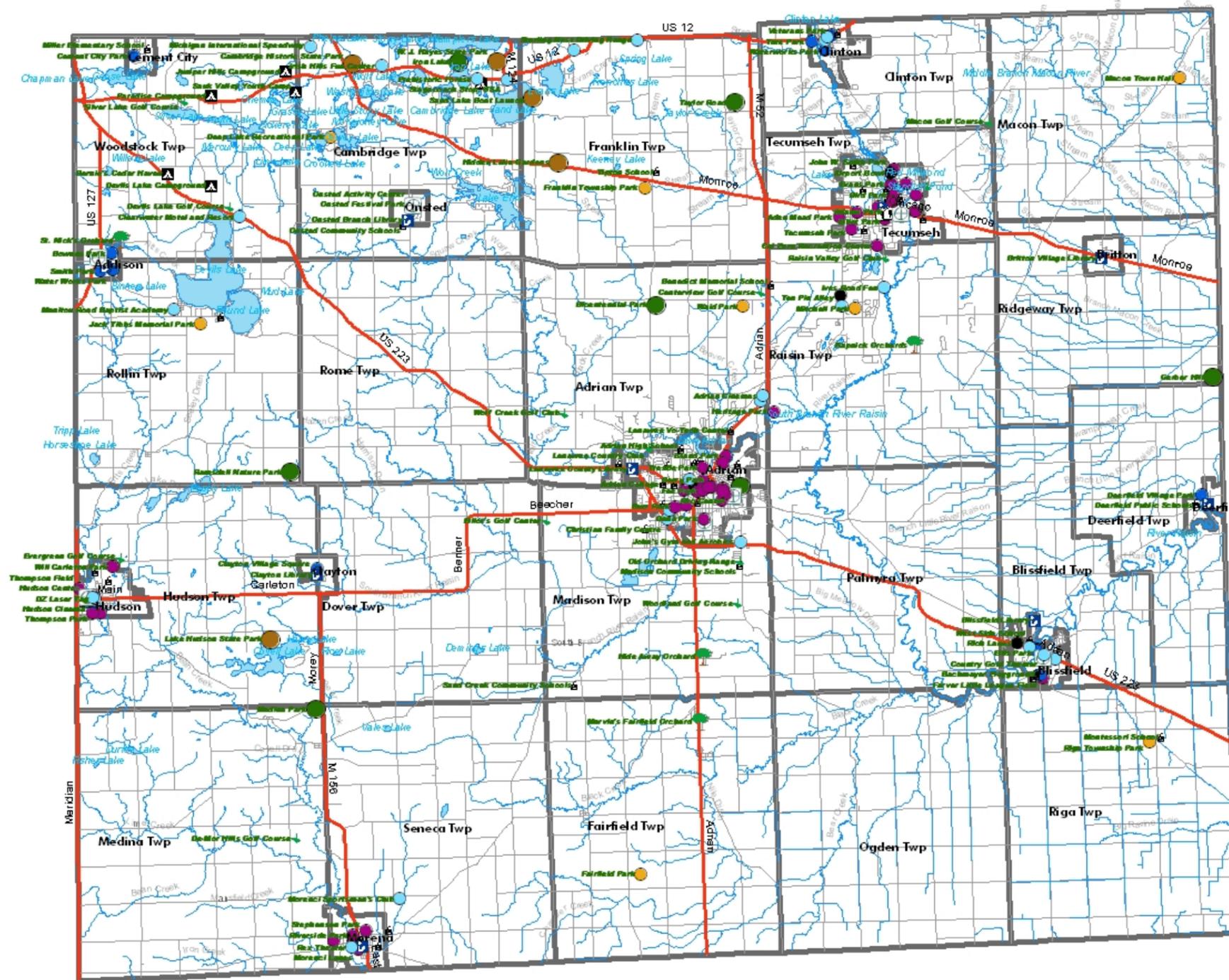
An inventory of the existing facilities in Lenawee County and its planning area is important in order to determine how the community stands in terms of the adequacy of recreation facilities provided. With existing facilities documented, a clearer view of the strengths and weaknesses of the present facilities becomes apparent, providing a foundation on which proper emphasis for improvements can be made.

The inventory of recreation facilities in Lenawee County is provided in Table 2 - Inventory of Existing Recreation Facilities in Lenawee County. Map 3 provides the location of the six county parks and three state parks that are present in Lenawee County. Maps 4 and 5 provide detailed location information on parks and recreation facilities in the cities of Adrian, Hudson, Morenci, and Tecumseh and the villages of Blissfield, Clinton, and Addison.

In terms of recreation land, the National Recreation Association recommends a minimum of 10 acres per 1,000 persons made up of playground and neighborhood parks, playfields and community parks, county parks, and large regional parks and preserves. This would mean, if strictly interpreted for Lenawee County, a minimum of approximately 1,000 acres of public parks and recreation lands. The County has unique circumstances which indicate an opportunity and a desire to achieve more than minimum because of low-density development character, large expanses of vacant land, and the uniqueness of water resources.

MAP 3

LENAWEE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES



Community Parks

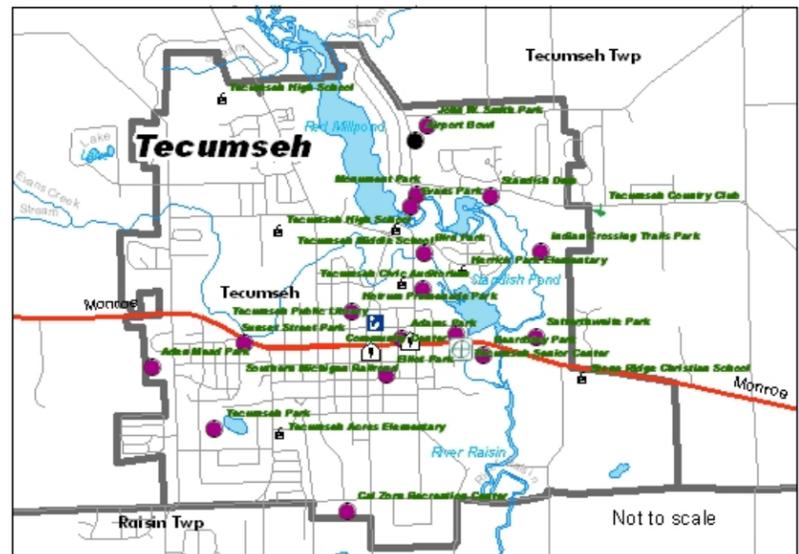
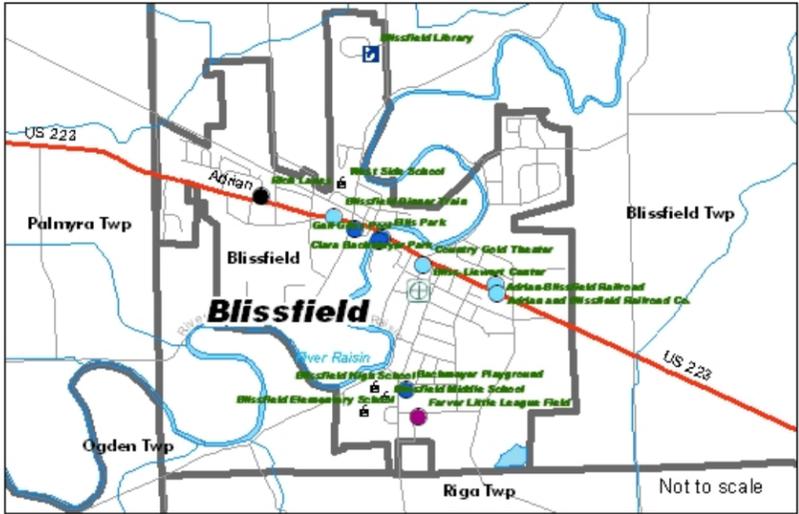
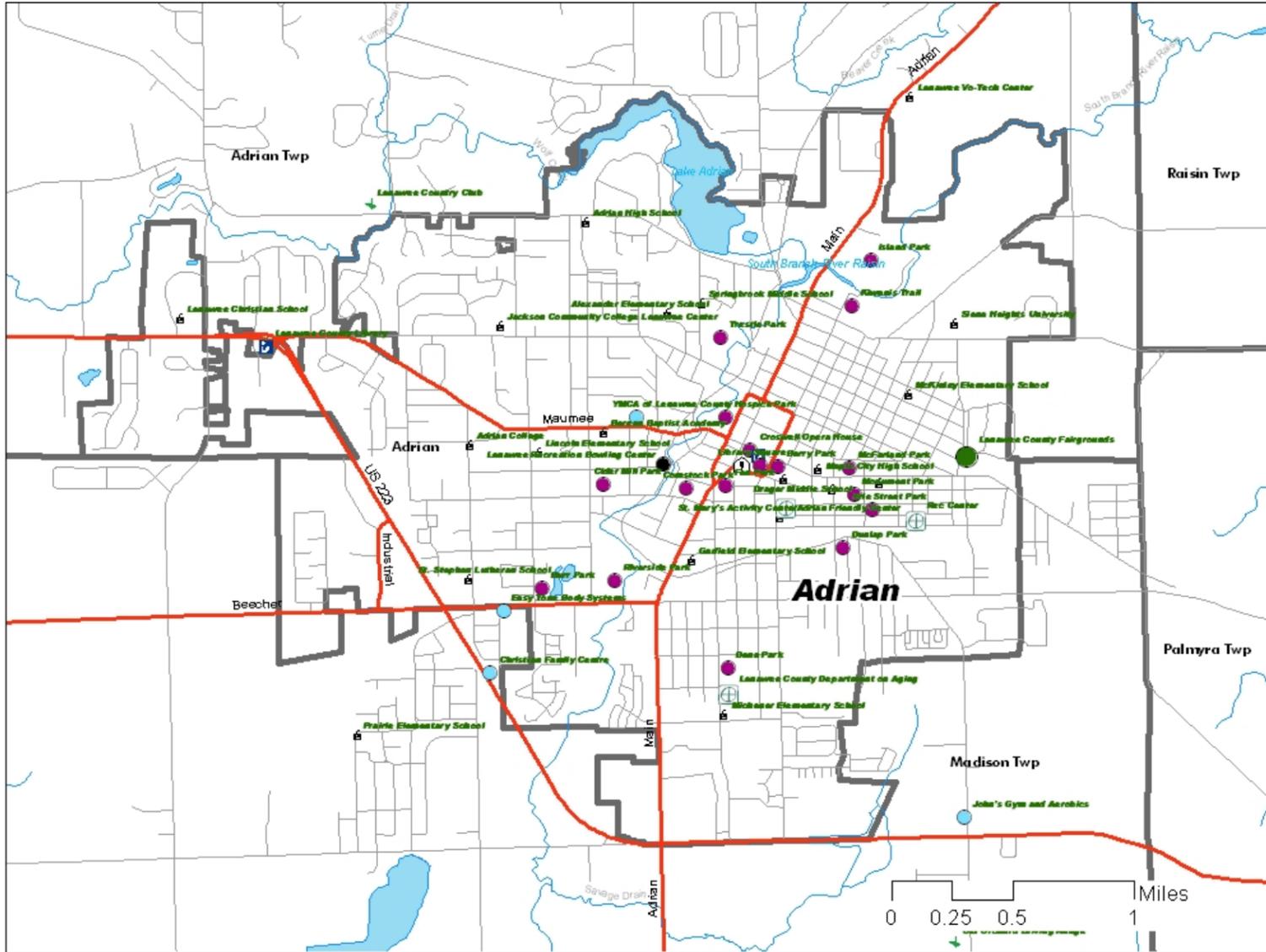
- County Parks
- State Parks
- City Parks
- Village Parks
- Township Parks

Recreation Facilities

- Museum
- School
- Bowling
- Campground
- Orchard
- Senior Center
- Library
- Golf Course
- Private (misc.)



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Map 4 **Parks and Recreation Facilities**
Adrian, Tecumseh, and Blissfield

Community Parks

- Village
- City

Recreation Facilities

- County
- ⊕ Senior Center
- 📖 Library
- ⚡ Golf Course
- ⚡ School
- 🏛️ Museum
- Bowling
- Private (misc.)



TABLE 2
INVENTORY OF EXISTING RECREATION FACILITIES
PARKS ADMINISTERED BY LENAWEE COUNTY
(INDICATED ON MAP 3)

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Service Area</u> | <u>Facilities</u> | <u>Accessibility Code</u> | <u>Acreage</u> | <u>MDNR Grant Funding</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|--|---------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Bicentennial Park | Lenawee County | Shelter areas with grills and tables, hand pump water and port-a-john, soccer field, volleyball, playground area, softball field, natural hiking trail | 2 | 78.0 | N |
| Medina Park | Lenawee County | Two picnic shelters with grills and tables, water, restrooms, tennis courts, softball field, fishing | 2 | 40.0 | N |
| Ramsdell Nature Park | Lenawee County | Shelter area with center fireplace, grills and tables, water, restroom, playground equipment | 2 | 180.0 | Y ¹ |
| Gerber Hill | Lenawee County | Picnic shelter with grills and tables, port-a-john, soccer field, baseball field, horseshoe pits, basketball, playground equipment | 2 | 31.0 | N |
| Iron Lake | Lenawee County | Boat launch, fishing | 2 | 1.0 | N |
| Taylor Road | Lenawee County | Undeveloped | 2 | 80.0 | N |

¹MDNR grant #TF86-178

**PARKS ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN
(INDICATED ON MAP 3)**

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Service Area</u> | <u>Facilities</u> | <u>Acreage</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|----------------|
| Cambridge Historic State Park | Lenawee County | Picnic area, visitor center | 181.0 |
| W. J. Hayes State Park | Lenawee/ Jackson counties | 185 camp sites, mini-cabins, picnic area, picnic shelter, playground, beach house, concessions/store, boat launch, interpretive program, swimming, fishing, watchable wildlife | 654.0 |
| Lake Hudson State Park | Lenawee County | 50 camp sites, picnic area, picnic shelter, boat launch, swimming, hunting, fishing, watchable wildlife. | 2700.0 |
| Sand Lake Boat Launch | Lenawee County | Public boat launch | |

**OTHER PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES LOCATED IN LENAWEE COUNTY
(INDICATED ON MAPS 3, 4, and 5)**

| Park Type | Park Name | Park Location | Facilities | Acreage (if available) |
|-----------|------------------|---------------|--|------------------------|
| City | Burr Park | Adrian | Bicycle, walking, benches, picnic shelters/grills, fishing | |
| City | Riverside Park | Adrian | 1 lighted baseball field, outdoor artificial ice rink, swimming pool, 2 fish ponds, 3 picnic shelters, 2 playgrounds, 2 basketball courts, 6 horseshoe courts, 3 sand volleyball courts | 51.6 |
| City | Comstock Park | Adrian | Picnic shelter, grills and benches, River Raisin access, river terraces (floral areas) | 3.1 |
| City | Island Park | Adrian | 1 softball field (lighted), 2 youth baseball fields, playground, 2 picnic shelters, concession stand building (currently not used), picnic tables/grills, 3 restrooms, sliding hill, fishing (River Raisin), hiking trails, disc golf, open space | 48.2 |
| City | Berry Park | Adrian | Formal garden, picnic tables, benches | 1.5 |
| City | Cider Mill Park | Adrian | Picnic tables, River Raisin access, open space | 0.4 |
| City | Dana Par | Adrian | Youth baseball field, play equipment | 1.4 |
| City | Dunlap Park | Adrian | Play equipment, open space (undeveloped), building - used for boxing club and summer playground | 2.0 |
| City | Erie Street Park | Adrian | Basketball courts, picnic table and grill, shelter, playground, open space | 1.0 |
| City | Fee Park | Adrian | Picnic tables, flower beds, open space | 2.5 |
| City | Heritage Park | Adrian | 4 softball fields, concession stand, restrooms, historic school and town hall, barber shop, farm house, buildings and barn, Stubnitz Environmental Education Center, pond, R.C. airplane strip, tractor pull area, dump station, compost restrooms, 2 picnic shelters, play equipment, open space, trails, nature walking/hiking, running, cross country skiing, 3 woodlot management plots, 150 acres undeveloped | 347.0 |
| City | Hospice Park | Adrian | Formal garden, benches | 1.0 |

| Park Type | Park Name | Park Location | Facilities | Acreage (if available) |
|-----------|----------------------------|---------------|---|------------------------|
| City | Kiwanis Trail | Adrian | Bicycle and walk path | 7.5 miles |
| City | Library Square | Adrian | Formal garden | 1.0 |
| City | McFarland Park | Adrian | | |
| City | Monument Park | Adrian | Historic Site (war memorials), picnic tables | 1.3 |
| City | Trestle Park | Adrian | 1 youth baseball field, restrooms, amphitheater, 2 picnic shelters, walking/bicycle trail | 20.0 |
| City | Piotter Center | Adrian | Senior citizen center, gym and locker room, cafeteria/kitchen, 6 classrooms | 1.7 |
| City | Memorial Park | Hudson | | |
| City | Thompson Park | Hudson | Playground area, athletic field, two picnic tables, parking lot | 2.5 |
| City | Community Center | Hudson | Recreation hall with kitchen facilities, parking lot | 0.8 |
| City | Thompson Field | Hudson | Football field, two lighted tennis courts, playground areas, little league field, athletic field, two parking areas | 17.3 |
| City | Bean Creek Linear Park | Hudson | Pedestrian and biking trail | |
| City | Will Carleton Park | Hudson | Softball field, little league field, 2 tennis courts, basketball court, 3 picnic shelters, 2 playground areas, athletic field, restroom facility, 2 parking lots, 50 picnic tables, 8 grills, nature area (undeveloped) | 22.3 |
| City | Wakefield Park | Morenci | 2 tennis courts, softball diamond, little league diamond, tee ball diamond, 3 shelter houses, concession stand, public rest room, playground equipment, horseshoe pit, volleyball, picnic tables, grills, war memorial with flower planter, basketball court, summer youth recreation program | 11.6 |
| City | Morenci Community Center | Morenci | | |
| City | Riverside Park | Morenci | Natural park, trail | 12.2 |
| City | Stephenson Park | Morenci | Playground equipment, little league field, latrine | 1.8 |
| City | Cal Zorn Recreation Center | Tecumseh | Shelter, picnic tables, benches, grills, swings, climbers, spring toys, slides, merry-go-round, basketball hoop, soccer fields, baseball | 15.0 |

| Park Type | Park Name | Park Location | Facilities | Acreage (if available) |
|-----------|-----------------------------|---------------|---|------------------------|
| | | | diamonds, water fountains, lavatories, parking areas | |
| City | Tecumseh Park | Tecumseh | Volleyball courts, basketball hoop, tennis courts, parking, beach, swimming pond, picnic tables, grills, play structure, slides, climbing stairs, tot swings, swings, slides, climbing stairs, horseshoe pit, sled hills, drinking fountain, concession stand, handball courts, inline skating area | 25.2 |
| City | Aden Mead Park | Tecumseh | | |
| City | John W. Smith Park | Tecumseh | | |
| City | Monument Park | Tecumseh | | |
| City | Evans Park | Tecumseh | Undeveloped historic site | 6.0 |
| City | Standish Dam | Tecumseh | Fishing, nature trails, parking | 2.0 |
| City | Indian Crossing Trails Park | Tecumseh | Nature preserve | 130.0 |
| City | Satterthwaite Park | Tecumseh | Tennis courts, slides, swings, shelters, grills, picnic tables, paved parking, fishing, boat launch, basketball court, community center, indoor horse shoe pits, senior center, lavatories, drinking fountains | 61.0 |
| City | Community Center | Tecumseh | | |
| City | Beardsley Park | Tecumseh | Undeveloped | 8.3 |
| City | Adams Park | Tecumseh | Water fountain, benches, drinking fountain, lavatory, parking | 1.0 |
| City | Bird Park | Tecumseh | Sled run, swings, slide, grills, benches, picnic tables | 23.7 |
| City | Hotrum Promenade Park | Tecumseh | Gazebo, benches | 1.4 |
| City | Elliot Park | Tecumseh | Scout cabin, benches, grills, slide, swings, climber, swinging gate, parking area | 1.4 |
| City | Sunset Street Park | Tecumseh | Maintained green | 1.0 |
| City | Tecumseh Civic Auditorium | Tecumseh | | |
| Village | Tate Park | Clinton | Pavilions, softball diamonds, concession stand, playground | 59.0 |

| Park Type | Park Name | Park Location | Facilities | Acreage (if available) |
|-----------|----------------------------|-----------------|---|------------------------|
| | | | equipment, soccer fields, Irene Stephens Memorial Gardens, canoe landing | |
| Village | Veterans Park | Clinton | | |
| Village | Waterworks Park | Clinton | Picnic tables, grills | |
| Village | Clara Bachmayer Park | Blissfield | Picnic tables, play equipment | 6.9 |
| Village | Gail Giles Pool | Blissfield | Swimming | |
| Village | Farver Little League Field | Blissfield | Baseball field | 4.7 |
| Village | Bachmayer Playground | Blissfield | Little League ballfield, play equipment, picnic tables | 4.4 |
| Village | Ellis Park | Blissfield | Swimming pool, baseball, tennis courts, volleyball courts, women's softball, picnic tables, play equipment | 17.6 |
| Village | Onsted Festival Park | Onsted | Swings, play equipment, six baseball diamonds, two picnic pavilions with electricity, rest room, soccer field, stage, benches, shuffleboard court | 20.0 |
| Village | Deerfield Village Park | Deerfield | Picnic shelter, grills/outlets, sand volleyball court, 1 tennis court, basketball court, playground equipment, restroom facility, paved parking | 1.0 |
| Village | Cement City Park | Cement City | Hand pump well, playground equipment, baseball diamond, picnic shelter, grills, basketball court | 1.0 |
| Village | Smith Park | Addison | Community park | 2.0 |
| Village | Bowens Park | Addison | Community park | 7.0 |
| Village | Water Works Park | Addison | Community park | 11.5 |
| Village | Clayton Village Square | Clayton | | |
| Township | Mitchell Park | Raisin Township | Soccer fields, ball diamonds, pavilions, merry-go-rounds, swing sets, slides, climber, playground equipment, tennis court | 35.0 |
| Township | Waid Park | Adrian Township | Picnic shelter | 0.3 |
| Township | Riga Township Park | Riga Township | Tennis court, two baseball/softball diamonds, volleyball court, | 5.0 |

| Park Type | Park Name | Park Location | Facilities | Acreage (if available) |
|-----------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--|------------------------|
| | | | basketball court, playground equipment | |
| Township | Fairfield Park | Fairfield Township | Basketball, swings, teeter totters | 1.0 |
| Township | Jack Tibbs Memorial Park | Rollin Township | Baseball diamond, playground equipment, picnic shelter, open spaces | 7.4 |
| Township | Franklin Township Park | Franklin Township | Tennis courts, basketball court | 1.0 |
| Township | Macon Town Hall | Macon Township | Playground equipment | 0.5 |
| Township | Deep Lake Recreational Park | Cambridge Township | | |
| School | Tecumseh High School | Tecumseh | Baseball diamonds, football/soccer fields, bathrooms, indoor pool, jogging track, parking | 26.0 |
| School | Tecumseh Acres Elementary | Tecumseh | Ballfields, swings, climber, ladder, play structure | 10.0 |
| School | Tecumseh Middle School | Tecumseh | Baseball diamonds, football/soccer fields, bathrooms, parking | |
| School | Herrick Park Elementary | Tecumseh | Swings, slides, basketball hoops, ballfields, wood climbers, parking | 10.1 |
| School | St. Elizabeth Catholic Church | Tecumseh | Slide, swings, merry-go-rounds, see-saws, basketball hoop | 1.0 |
| School | Blissfield High School | Blissfield | Football field, baseball field, soccer field, track, exercise course | 70.0 |
| School | Blissfield Middle School | Blissfield | (associated with high school complex) | 1.7 |
| School | West Side School | Blissfield | Playground equipment | 1.7 |
| School | Blissfield Elementary School | Blissfield | (associated with high school complex) | 2.0 |
| School | Clinton Community Schools | Clinton | Football field, track, 2 baseball fields, 1 softball field, practice football and softball field, practice soccer field, gym | |

| Park Type | Park Name | Park Location | Facilities | Acreage (if available) |
|-----------|------------------------------|-------------------|--|------------------------|
| School | Onsted Community Schools | Onsted | Two baseball diamonds, football field, track, gym, basketball court, soccer field | |
| School | Madison Community Schools | Madison Township | 2 baseball fields, football field, running track, soccer field, gym, play equipment, picnic shelter, 2 sand volleyball courts | 10.2 |
| School | Sand Creek Community Schools | Sand Creek | Baseball diamond, football field, softball diamond, soccer field, track, gym | |
| School | Montessori School | Riga Township | Playground equipment | |
| School | Tipton School | Franklin Township | Playground equipment | |
| School | Deerfield Public Schools | Deerfield | Softball diamonds, basketball, playground equipment, gym, football field, latrine | |
| School | Miller Elementary School | Cement City | Football field, baseball diamond, basketball court, gym, playground equipment | 5.0 |
| School | Morenci Elementary School | Morenci | Gym, basketball courts, playground | |
| School | Morenci High School | Morenci | Baseball field, soccer field, football field, track, weight room and exercise facilities (open to public) | |
| School | Morenci Middle School | Morenci | Gym, basketball courts | |
| School | Addison School District | Addison | Neighborhood playground, community playfield | |
| School | Sacred Heart School | Hudson | Playground area, parking lot, gym | |
| School | St. John's Lutheran School | Adrian | Gym, play equipment | |
| School | St. Mary's Activity Center | Adrian | | |
| School | St. Stephen Lutheran School | Adrian | 2 softball fields, play equipment | 5.6 |
| School | Adrian College | Adrian | Running track, 6 tennis courts, 2 softball fields, soccer field, gym, indoor multi-purpose facility, 2 theaters, ice arena, football field | 90.0 |

| Park Type | Park Name | Park Location | Facilities | Acreage (if available) |
|-----------|--|-----------------|---|------------------------|
| School | Siena Heights University | Adrian | 6 tennis courts, 1 baseball field, 2 soccer fields, indoor multi-purpose facility | 140.0 |
| School | Jackson Community College Lenawee Center | Adrian | | |
| School | Benedict Memorial School | Adrian Township | | |
| School | Berean Baptist Academy | Adrian | Play equipment | |
| School | Lenawee Christian School | Adrian | Picnic/park area, soccer field, baseball field, 2 softball fields, walking/running track, 4 tennis courts, 2 playgrounds, indoor pool, racquet courts, 2 gyms, bowling lanes, health/fitness club | 80.0 |
| School | Manitou Road Baptist Church and Academy | Rollin Township | Swing set | |
| School | Stone Ridge Christian School | Tecumseh | | |
| School | Adrian High School | Adrian | Football field, running track, 1 baseball field, 6 tennis courts | 50.6 |
| School | Maple City High School | Adrian | | |
| School | Drager Middle School | Adrian | Running track, play field | 5.0 |
| School | Springbrook Middle School | Adrian | | |
| School | Alexander Elementary School | Adrian | 1 baseball field, 1 softball field, 1 basketball court, play equipment | 4.0 |
| School | Comstock Elementary School | Adrian | Play equipment | 0.3 |
| School | Garfield Elementary School | Adrian | Basketball court, 1 softball field, play equipment | 1.4 |
| School | Lincoln Elementary School | Adrian | Basketball court, play equipment | 2.0 |
| School | McKinley Elementary | Adrian | Basketball court, play equipment | 7.8 |

| Park Type | Park Name | Park Location | Facilities | Acreage (if available) |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|---------------|---|------------------------|
| School | | | | |
| School | Michener Elementary School | Adrian | 1 softball field (lighted), 3 soccer fields, play equipment | 16.5 |
| School | Prairie Elementary School | Adrian | Play equipment | 7.4 |
| School | Lenawee Vo-Tech Center | Adrian | Conferences | |
| School | Hudson Middle School and High School | Hudson | Softball field, baseball field, | |
| School | Lincoln Elementary School | Adrian | Basketball court, play equipment | 2.0 |
| Library | Addison Public Library | Addison | | |
| Library | Adrian Public Library | Adrian | | |
| Library | Blissfield Library | Blissfield | | |
| Library | Britton Village Library | Britton | | |
| Library | Clayton Library | Clayton | | |
| Library | Clinton Township Library | Clinton | | |
| Library | Hudson Public Library | Hudson | | |
| Library | Lenawee County Library | Adrian | | |
| Library | Onsted Branch Library | Onsted | | |
| Library | Roberts Ingold Memorial Library | Deerfield | | |
| Library | Stair Public Library | Morenci | | |
| Library | Tecumseh Public Library | Tecumseh | | |
| Museum | Southern Michigan Railroad | Tecumseh | | |

| Park Type | Park Name | Park Location | Facilities | Acreage (if available) |
|-------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--|------------------------|
| Museum | Lenawee County Historical Museum | Adrian | Historical museum | |
| Museum | Hudson Museum | Hudson | Library, museum | |
| Museum | Tecumseh Area Museum | Tecumseh | Historical museum | |
| Golf Course | Devils Lake Golf Course | Woodstock Township | 18-hole golf course | |
| Golf Course | Silver Lake Golf Course | Woodstock Township | 9-hole golf course, driving range | |
| Golf Course | Evergreen Golf Course | Hudson | 9-hole golf course | |
| Golf Course | De-Mor Hills Golf Course | Medina Township | 18-hole golf course, driving range | |
| Golf Course | Woodlawn Golf Course | Madison Township | 18-hole golf course | |
| Golf Course | Old Orchard Driving Range | Madison Township | Golf driving range, baseball/softball indoor batting cages | |
| Golf Course | Wolf Creek Golf Course | Adrian Township | 18 holes, driving range | |
| Golf Course | Elliot's Golf Center | Madison Township | Driving range, putt putt golf | |
| Golf Course | Centerview Golf Course | Adrian Township | 18-hole golf course | |
| Golf Course | Tecumseh Country Club | Tecumseh | Golf | |
| Golf Course | Macon Golf Course | Macon Township | 18-hole golf course | |
| Golf Course | Raisin Valley Golf Club | Raisin Township | Golf | |
| Golf Course | Lenawee Country Club | Adrian Township | 18 hole golf course, driving range, 2 tennis courts, outdoor pool | |
| Campground | Devils Lake | Woodstock | 50 seasonal campsites, bathroom/shower facilities, sewer, boating, | |

| Park Type | Park Name | Park Location | Facilities | Acreage (if available) |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---|------------------------|
| | Campground | Township | electrical, water hookups | |
| Campground | Irish Hills Campground | Cambridge Township | Over 100 camp sites, pool, store, bathroom/shower facilities, electrical and water hookups, playground | |
| Campground | Juniper Hills Campground | Woodstock Township | Over 100 camp sites, swimming, store, bathroom/shower facilities, electrical and water hookups, playground | |
| Campground | Paradise Campground | Woodstock Township | 105 seasonal campsites, playground, recreation building, water and electric hookups, shower/restroom facilities | |
| Campground | Sauk Valley Youth Camp | Woodstock Township | Cabins, lake access, shower/electric facilities, fishing | |
| Campground | Bernie's Cedar Haven | Woodstock Township | Over 20 campsites, overnight camping, cabins, store, water and electric hookups | |
| Bowling | Morenci Lanes | Morenci | Bowling | |
| Bowling | Ten Pin Alley | Tecumseh | Bowling | |
| Bowling | Lenawee Recreation Bowling Center | Adrian | Bowling -24 lanes, pro shop | |
| Bowling | Hudson Bowling Lanes | Hudson | Ten bowling lanes | |
| Bowling | Addison Lanes | Addison | Bowling | |
| Bowling | Rich Lanes | Blissfield | Bowling | |
| Bowling | Airport Bowl | Tecumseh | Bowling | |
| Private (misc.) | Morenci Sportsman's Club | Morenci | Trap shooting, archery, rental hall | |
| Private (misc.) | Irish Hills Twin Towers | Cambridge Township | Observation towers, putt-putt golf, gift shop | |
| Private (misc.) | Michigan International Speedway | Cambridge Township | Automobile racing, camping, concessions | |
| Private (misc.) | Port-to-Port Adventure Golf | Franklin Township | Putt-putt golf, batting cages, arcade | |

| Park Type | Park Name | Park Location | Facilities | Acreage (if available) |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--|------------------------|
| Private (misc.) | Prehistoric Forest | Cambridge Township | Amusements | |
| Private (misc.) | Stagecoach Stop, USA | Cambridge Township | Amusements | |
| Private (misc.) | Irish Hills Fun Center | Cambridge Township | Amusements | |
| Private (misc.) | Ives Road Fen | Raisin Township | Natural area | |
| Private (misc.) | Manitou Road Baptist Academy | Rollin Township | Swing set | |
| Private (misc.) | Croswell Opera House | Adrian | Live theater, 1 historic structure, mini-park bench tables | 3.0 |
| Private (misc.) | Christian Family Centre | Adrian | Picnic/park area, soccer field, baseball field, two softball fields, walking/running track, four tennis courts, two playgrounds, indoor pool, racquet courts, two gyms, bowling lanes, health/fitness club | 80.0 |
| Private (misc.) | Easy Tone Body Systems | Adrian | Workout/aerobic equipment | |
| Private (misc.) | John's Gym and Aerobics | Madison Township | Workout/aerobic equipment | |
| Private (misc.) | Sunsations Tanning and Fitness Center | Raisin Township | Workout/aerobic equipment | |
| Private (misc.) | Rex Theater | Morenci | Movie theater | |
| Private (misc.) | Hudson Cinema | Hudson | Movie theater | |
| Private (misc.) | DZ Laser Tag | Hudson | Laser tag, indoor amusement | |
| Private (misc.) | Adrian and Blissfield Railroad Co. | Adrian | Railroad, amusement | |
| Private (misc.) | Blissfield Dinner Train | Blissfield | Railroad, amusement | |
| Private (misc.) | Southern Michigan Railroad | Clinton | Railroad, amusement | |
| Private (misc.) | Clearwater Motel and Resort | Woodstock Township | Resort | |

| Park Type | Park Name | Park Location | Facilities | Acreage (if available) |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|--|------------------------|
| Private (misc.) | Adrian Skatery | Adrian Township | Roller skating | |
| Private (misc.) | Adrian Cinemas | Adrian Township | 6 theaters | |
| Private (misc.) | Clinton Theater | Clinton | Movie theater | |
| Private (misc.) | Country Gold Theater | Blissfield | Theater | |
| Private (misc.) | Adrian-Blissfield Railroad | Blissfield | Railroad, amusement | |
| Private (misc.) | YMCA of Lenawee County | Adrian | 2 gyms, indoor pool, indoor track, handball courts, play equipment | 3.0 |
| County | Lenawee County Fairgrounds | Adrian | Exhibit Hall, race track grandstands, horse stalls, concession, restrooms, rental hall | 29.0 |
| State | Hidden Lake Gardens | Franklin Township | Arboretum, picnicking, hiking trails, scenic drives, educational classes | 671.5 |
| Orchard | Hide Away Orchard | Madison Township | Fruit production, processing | |
| Orchard | Kapnick Orchards | Raisin Township | Fruit production, processing | |
| Orchard | Marvin's Fairfield Orchard | Fairfield Township | Fruit production, processing | |
| Orchard | St. Nick's Orchard | Woodstock Township | Fruit production, processing | |
| Senior Center | Addison Senior Center | Addison | Senior citizen-oriented activities | |
| Senior Center | Adrian Friendly Center | Adrian | Senior citizen-oriented activities | |
| Senior Center | Bliss-Liewert Center | Blissfield | Senior citizen-oriented activities | |
| Senior Center | Hudson Center | Hudson | Senior citizen-oriented activities | |
| Senior Center | Lenawee County Department on Aging | Adrian | Senior citizen-oriented activities | |

| Park Type | Park Name | Park Location | Facilities | Acreage (if available) |
|---------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Senior Center | Onsted Activity Center | Onsted | Senior citizen-oriented activities | |
| Senior Center | Rec Center | Adrian | Senior citizen-oriented activities | |
| Senior Center | Tecumseh Senior Center | Tecumseh | Senior citizen-oriented activities | |

Source: Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Survey

PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

Public input was gathered by two methods - an internet parks and recreation survey and a public hearing. The results of these efforts are presented in this section. Overall, the amount of public input that was gathered was enhanced due to the Parks and Recreation Commission's public outreach effort.

Public Opinion Survey

The Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Commission conducted an online public opinion survey which was placed on the county web site. The survey covered a wide range of questions regarding county park usage, level of satisfaction with parks, needs for park facility improvements, suggestions for improvements, and general comments. Demographic information was also requested in order to ascertain the validity of the response and to cross-tabulate responses to demographic sector.

The survey was placed on the county web site (www.lenawee.mi.us) in November, 2008 for the purpose of providing an additional tool for gathering public opinion. A total of 100 responses were received.

The survey opened with a series of demographic questions. First, respondents were asked to indicate their age bracket. This was preferable to asking for the specific age of the respondents which is both too personal and beyond the needs of the survey. As it turned out, a 100% response was received to this question. The results are provided in the following table:

1. Please indicate your age:

| Age Bracket | Number of Responses | Percent of Total |
|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 0-18 | 6 | 6 |
| 18-25 | 7 | 7 |
| 26-35 | 28 | 28 |
| 36-45 | 18 | 18 |
| 46-55 | 20 | 20 |
| 56-65 | 20 | 20 |
| 66-75 | 1 | 1 |
| 75 and above | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 100 | 100 |

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2. What is the City, Village or Township that you live in?

While the leading response came from the City of Adrian as expected, other responses were not always in proportion to community population. For example, a larger response was received from Palmyra Township (2000 population of 2,366, or 2% of the county population) with 9% of the response whereas no response was received from several communities. The following table lists the leading responses by community:

| Community | Number of Responses | Percent of Total |
|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| City of Adrian | 29 | 29 |
| Palmyra Township | 9 | 9 |
| Adrian Charter Township | 8 | 8 |
| Raisin Charter Township | 6 | 6 |
| Blissfield Village | 5 | 5 |
| Madison Charter Township | 5 | 5 |
| Cambridge Township | 5 | 5 |
| Hudson Township | 4 | 4 |
| Tecumseh Township | 4 | 4 |
| Franklin Township | 3 | 3 |
| Rollin Township | 3 | 3 |
| Rome Township | 3 | 3 |
| City of Tecumseh | 2 | 2 |
| Deerfield Township | 2 | 2 |
| Dover Township | 2 | 2 |
| Clinton Village | 2 | 2 |
| City of Hudson | 1 | 1 |
| City of Morenci | 1 | 1 |
| Clinton Township | 1 | 1 |
| Macon Township | 1 | 1 |
| Ogden Township | 1 | 1 |
| Seneca Township | 1 | 1 |
| Clayton Village | 1 | 1 |

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| Community | Number of Responses | Percent of Total |
|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Addison Village | 1 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 100 | 100 |

No responses received from the following communities: The townships of Blissfield, Fairfield, Medina, Ridgeway, Woodstock, and the villages of Britton, Cement City, Deerfield and Onsted.

3. *How many adult family members have you?*

The results from this query are as follows:

| Number of Adult Family Members (over 18) | Number of Responses | Percentage of Total |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 16 | 16 |
| 2 | 70 | 70 |
| 3 | 9 | 9 |
| 4 | 3 | 3 |
| 5 | 2 | 2 |
| <i>Total</i> | 100 | 100 |

4. *How many non-adult family members have you?*

The results from this query are as follows:

| Number of Non-Adult Family Members (under 18) | Number of Responses | Percentage of Total |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| 0 | 43 | 43 |
| 1 | 21 | 21 |
| 2 | 25 | 25 |
| 3 | 4 | 4 |
| 4 | 3 | 3 |
| 5 | 2 | 2 |
| <i>Total</i> | 98 | 98 |

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Data on County Parks

Next, the survey asks a series of questions on the frequency of visits to county parks during the previous year.

5. *How many times did you visit Bicentennial Park during 2008?*

| Number of Park Visits | Number of Responses | Percentage of Total |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 0 | 68 | 69 |
| 1 | 11 | 11 |
| 2 | 7 | 7 |
| 3 | 3 | 3 |
| 4 | 1 | 1 |
| 5 | 6 | 6 |
| 6+ | 2 | 2 |
| <i>Total</i> | 98 | 99 |

6. *How many times did you visit Gerber Park during 2008?*

| Number of Park Visits | Number of Responses | Percentage of Total |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 0 | 84 | 87 |
| 1 | 5 | 5 |
| 2 | 4 | 4 |
| 3 | 2 | 2 |
| 4 | 1 | 1 |
| 5 | 1 | 1 |
| 6+ | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Total</i> | 97 | 100 |

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7. *How many times did you visit Iron Lake boat launch during 2008?*

| Number of Park Visits | Number of Responses | Percentage of Total |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 0 | 85 | 90 |
| 1 | 3 | 3 |
| 2 | 3 | 3 |
| 3 | 1 | 1 |
| 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 6+ | 2 | 2 |
| <i>Total</i> | 94 | 99 |

8. *How many times did you visit Medina Park during 2008?*

| Number of Park Visits | Number of Responses | Percentage of Total |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 0 | 84 | 86 |
| 1 | 5 | 5 |
| 2 | 3 | 3 |
| 3 | 3 | 3 |
| 4 | 2 | 2 |
| 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 6+ | 1 | 1 |
| <i>Total</i> | 98 | 100 |

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9. *How many times did you visit Ramsdell Nature Park during 2008?*

| Number of Park Visits | Number of Responses | Percentage of Total |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 0 | 71 | 74 |
| 1 | 5 | 5 |
| 2 | 3 | 3 |
| 3 | 1 | 1 |
| 4 | 3 | 3 |
| 5 | 5 | 5 |
| 6+ | 8 | 8 |
| <i>Total</i> | 96 | 99 |

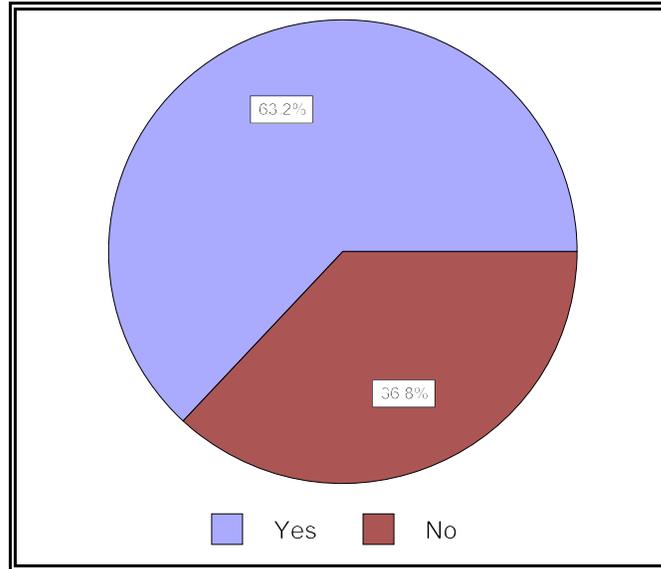
10. *How many times did you visit Taylor Road Park during 2008?*

| Number of Park Visits | Number of Responses | Percentage of Total |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 0 | 90 | 94 |
| 1 | 4 | 4 |
| 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 3 | 0 | 0 |
| 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | 1 | 1 |
| 6+ | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Total</i> | 96 | 100 |

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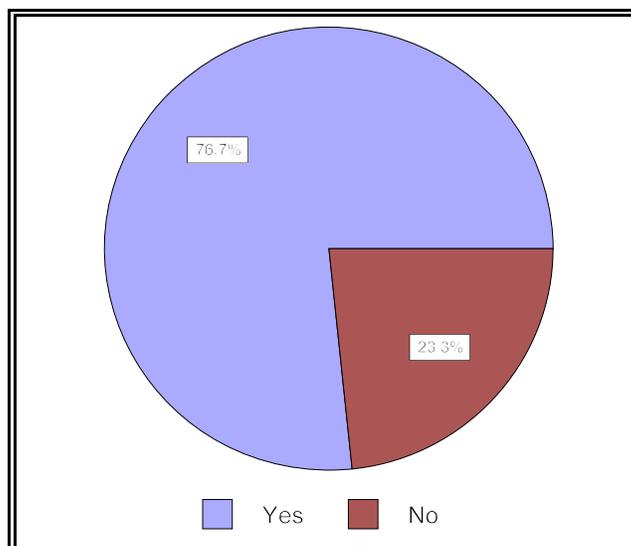
Questions 11 through 13 regard the level of enjoyment of and needed improvements to the county parks.

11. *If you have visited our parks during 2008: Did you like them the way they are?*



Though there were only 60 respondents to this question, the percentage of people who liked the parks the way they are were in the majority.

12. *Did the park need improvements?*



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A majority of respondents saw a need to make improvements to the parks. Sixty-three people responded to this question.

13. *If the park needs improvement, what do you suggest?*

| Improvement | Bicentennial Park | Gerber Park | Iron Lake Boat Launch | Medina Park | Ramsdell Nature Park | Taylor Road Park | Number of Responses |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Paved parking</i> | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 14 |
| <i>New playground equipment</i> | 10 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 25 |
| <i>New docks</i> | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 10 |
| <i>Shelter improvements</i> | 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 18 |
| <i>Trail improvements</i> | 7 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 25 |
| <i>Benches added</i> | 8 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 25 |
| <i>More picnic tables</i> | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 15 |

Survey results generally suggest the greatest need for new playground equipment, trail improvements, and benches. The highest individual response was the identified need for new playground equipment, benches, and trail improvements in Bicentennial Park. Other high-ranking needs include the need for new playground equipment in Gerber Park, and trail improvements and paved parking in Ramsdell Park.

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Question 14 asked for opinions on a number of proposed improvements to county parks. A number of park themes were explored.

14. *Our committee has discussed various possibilities to make our parks a “destination”. Please see the suggested items below and mark your top five you would like to see.*

| Proposed Park Themes Response | | |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Suggested Improvement | Response Count | Response Percentage |
| <i>A natural science lab park with instructional rooms where everyone can experience nature at its best.</i> | 28 | 29 |
| <i>A farm park that highlights our agricultural community with small livestock and possibly horse rides.</i> | 41 | 42 |
| <i>An RV campground with trails, fishing, tubing and kayaking, and possibly individual cabins.</i> | 41 | 42 |
| <i>A "winter wonderland" park with a sledding hill, ice skating, cross-country skiing, and hockey.</i> | 57 | 59 |
| <i>A dog park which includes a fenced-in area with training obstacles, benches, and compost station.</i> | 34 | 35 |
| <i>An adventure park with low impact ropes, climbing, bridges, and theme.</i> | 37 | 38 |
| <i>An improved boat launch.</i> | 9 | 9 |
| <i>A health park with various degrees of exercise stations and challenges.</i> | 37 | 38 |
| <i>A meeting location for conferences.</i> | 10 | 10 |
| <i>A game park that could include volleyball nets, frisbee golf, miniature golf, life size game boards, zero depth water park, etc.</i> | 40 | 41 |
| <i>An artists park with an outdoor theater and sculptures along a trail.</i> | 22 | 23 |

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Proposed Park Themes Response

| Suggested Improvement | Response Count | Response Percentage |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>A golf course for youth with shorter fairways.</i> | 10 | 10 |
| <i>Increasing the number and size of our current soccer fields.</i> | 3 | 3 |
| <i>Other</i> | 16 | 17 |

"Other" was an open-ended question with suggestions from respondents that included the following: "no dogs", "leave them as is" (4 responses), "improved trails for hiking, biking, cross-country skiing" (4 responses), "would like a dance pavilion similar to Wampers Lake in the 1950's", "ecology conservation displays in all parks", "activities for young children and swimming beaches", "ice and roller hockey", and "each park should have its own specialty".

15. What suggestions would you have to help fund these projects?

This open-ended question received a wide variety of responses. A majority of the 47 responses that were received called for private funding through sources such as donations, fundraisers, user fees, grants, estate funds, corporate sponsorships, "buy a brick", bake sales, and participation of various non-governmental agencies. A few respondents identified state and federal grants as potential sources of funds. Approximately 5 respondents suggested a millage for park funding.

16. Do you have any other questions or comments for the Lenawee County Parks Committee?

Many respondents suggested that the parks should be advertised better, and that they didn't know that some of the parks even existed; another suggested that all parks be funded evenly, requests for exercise areas and dog runs in parks, request for more parks and facilities in Adrian, more connections to the Kiwanis Trail, request for snow shoeing, cross-country skiing, and snowmobile trail.

17. Please enter you name and telephone number to be entered into a drawing for a \$50.00 gift certificate to Dunham's Sporting Goods.

Sixty-seven respondents provided their name, 62 gave their email address, and 56 provided their telephone number.

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Public Hearing

In accordance with Michigan Department of Natural Resources guidelines, a public hearing was held to gather additional public input for this plan. To advertise the public hearing, an advertisement was placed in the Adrian Daily Telegram and the public meeting was advertised in accordance with the Open Meetings Act (see Appendix D).

After the completion of the 30-day comment period, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing to solicit public input on January 28, 2010. After closing the public hearing, the plan was adopted by the Board (see Appendix C).

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Through a statement of long-range goals and objectives, the County's commitment to future recreation needs can be determined. By setting long-range goals and objectives, the County is taking a major step toward recreation planning.

To adequately state the objectives of recreation planning in contemporary living, it is necessary to think in broader terms than merely the provision of space for outdoor active sports or passive activities in natural surroundings. To develop a plan for viable recreational system within Lenawee County requires a new look at the concept of recreation.

The general goal of recreation is to provide the space, facilities, programs and opportunity for county residents to satisfy their recreational needs. The provision of recreation facilities should be accomplished through the interaction of various levels of local units of government and the private sector. Coordinated planning among these units is essential in assuring a system of adequate recreational facilities providing citizens of the County with diverse choice and maximizing the potential for utilization.

The formulation of goals is one of the more difficult tasks facing those who are charged with deciding upon some aspect of the future environment. A good portion of this difficulty has to do with the fact that most of us are not oriented to the future because of the press of day-to-day activities with which we all are confronted. This is not to say that we should necessarily be spending more of our time stargazing, rather, it is to say that we should not be afraid to set our sights on what may seem to be remote and then strive to achieve that goal.

After establishing goals, it is necessary to translate these goals into specific actions. In other words, what action is needed to achieve our expressed goals? To do this, it is necessary to develop other kinds of statements, which are called "objectives". To illustrate this concept, consider the following:

Goals involve such considerations as equal opportunity, full employment, an end to pollution, decent, safe and sanitary housing for every family, etc. There is seldom any serious disagreement with goals, although there may be some differences of opinion with regard to methods of achieving them.

Objectives can best be described as achievement approaches. They are somewhat more concrete and may be specific with regard to a particular locality. An example of an objective would be: "All local governments in Lenawee County should concentrate all of their available resources for recreation in projects which are aimed at tourists". There may be those that agree with this statement, but on the other hand there may be a substantial segment of the population which believes that the cities and townships should develop parks for local use and depend on the county, federal government and the private sector to meet

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the needs of the tourist. If this is indeed the case, then the above statement becomes an issue of the day which can only be resolved by the legislative machinery of local government.

The following list of goals and objectives are deemed appropriate for Lenawee County. They are based upon previous studies of the county, observation of the type of recreation projects which are being planned by other local units of government, analysis of inventory data, and the standards in this report.

Rationale

The Parks and Recreation Commission created the following goals and objectives for Lenawee County parks:

Goal 1: *Provide all residents of Lenawee County with park and recreation areas and activities that meet acceptable standards, thus providing wholesome and safe leisure time opportunities.*

Objectives: Maintain the physical quality of existing facilities and grounds through aggressive renovations and repair projects.

 Improve the environment of the River Raisin for recreation purposes.

Goal 2: *Increase park visitor usage and tourism at county park facilities.*

Objectives: Promote county park attractions and community festivals.

 Seek out opportunities for special events in County parks.

 Develop avenues and opportunities for joint or private sector operation of leisure time programs or facilities.

Goal 3: *Develop a greenways system as a means of preservation, and to provide a linkage of existing parks systems utilizing river front parks, parkways, scenic drives, boulevards, biking and hiking trails, and rivers and streams.*

Objectives: Develop the Irish Hills Lakes Greenway which traverses Deep, Dewey, Little Stone, Dotys, Washington, Mud, Marrs, Wolf, Allens, Meadow, Kellys, Killarney, and Iron lakes.

 Develop the Bean Creek Greenway which traverses Bean Creek, Mallory Lake, Devils Lake, and Round Lake.

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Develop the River Raisin Greenway which traverses the River Raisin, Wolf Creek, Black Creek (tributary of Wolf Creek), and South Branch River Raisin.

Develop the Black Creek Greenway which traverses Black Creek and Lake Hudson.

Goal 4: *Establish staging areas for a variety of programs that would be beneficial to the residents of all ages of the County.*

Objectives: Coordinate current programs that are presently being offered through the auspices of the school districts, various leagues, and municipal parks and recreation departments.

Develop facilities for additional activities, especially of long nature adaptable to leagues, for age levels not presently being served.

Develop staging areas for self improvement year-round program for all ages in nature study, physical fitness, outdoor individual sports, and enrichment programs.

Develop more facilities for children's leagues, i.e. soccer, football, tennis.

Develop more staging areas for senior citizens leagues, i.e. shuffleboard, horseshoes, and lawn bowling.

Goal 5: *Improve and expand administrative and personnel management in the area of the County's park and recreation delivery system.*

Objectives: Explore the potential for a full or part time park and recreation manager/director/curator.

Explore the potential for private sector involvement.

Develop policies for contracting with the private sector to deliver some recreation services traditionally performed by park department employees.

Develop cooperative recreation programs with local units of government and school districts.

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Involve area residents in the planning of proposed facilities and programs.

Goal 6: *Improve and expand financing management in the area of the sources of revenue and the way funds are spent.*

Objectives: Develop a mechanism for receiving and implementing estates, trust, donations, and memorials.

Develop a policy to establish and implement fees and charges.

Develop a "Gifts Catalog" that identifies ways that donations can help parks and recreation facilities in Lenawee County.

Develop strategies for cost cutting.

Develop a creative and unique acquisition process "scrounging".

Develop land conservation and preservation techniques.

Explore fund-raising methods.

Set up a long-range program for application for land and water grants.

Goal 7: *Improve and expand maintenance management in the areas of quantitative maintenance, qualitative maintenance, standards establishment, equipment availability, personnel, and scheduling.*

Objectives: Develop a "maintenance impact statement" which sets forth the dollar costs to the County Parks and Recreation Commission and taxpayers of operating and maintaining a proposed facility or programs.

Develop energy planning and management.

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Action Program and Capital Improvement Schedule

Action Program

Recreation Needs

Over the course of several meetings, the Parks and Recreation Commission identified the need for improvement to existing parks facilities and equipment and the need to add new facilities in the six parks operated by Lenawee County. The improvements are listed in Table 3.

Table 3
Lenawee County Park Improvements, 2010-2014

| County Park | Proposed Improvement |
|----------------------|--|
| Ramsdell Nature Park | -New storage building (32' by 32') |
| | -Establish a livery with building. |
| | -Playground equipment (toddler type) |
| | -Tall grass prairie restoration |
| | -Cross-country skiing facilities. |
| | -Farm museum to be located in existing building. |
| Iron Lake | -Cement launch (20'x30') |
| Gerber Hill | -Completion of parking lot |
| | -Toboggan run (designate area using signage) |
| | -Fishing pier |
| | -Playground equipment (south side of road) |
| | -Small shelter |
| | -Fencing and gate around 16 acres on the south side |
| | -Plant native grasses |
| | -Teaching area |
| Taylor Road | -Enhancement/driveway parking area |
| Medina Park | -Pave the entrance down the hill with spillways on the sides |

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| County Park | Proposed Improvement |
|-------------------|---|
| | -Convert swamp to pond |
| | -RV camping area |
| | -Replace tennis court with basketball court |
| | -Bridge and trails on the other side of the water (handicap accessible) |
| | -Playground equipment |
| Bicentennial Park | -Pave entrance |
| | -New refurbished gates |
| | -Parking lot |
| | -Bleachers for soccer fields |
| | -Playground equipment |
| | -Enhance trail |

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Capital Improvements Schedule

The 2010-2014 Capital Improvements Schedule is the result of the planning effort and goal-setting process used for this plan. The ability of the county to fund the projects affects all capital improvements. Table 4 provides a brief description of the project, the estimated costs and potential funding sources.

**Table 4
Lenawee County Parks and Recreation
Five-Year Capital Improvement Schedule
2010-2014**

| Project Description | Estimated Cost (\$) | Funding Sources |
|--|---------------------|--|
| <u>2010</u> | | |
| Ramsdell Nature Park: New playground equipment (toddler type) | 5,000 | |
| Ramsdell Nature Park: Farm museum (to be located within existing building) | 7,500 | |
| Gerber Hill: Construction of small shelter | 3,000 | |
| Gerber Hill: Designate toboggan run using signage | 2,000 | MDNR grants, county general fund, Lenawee County Conservation District, stimulus funding, local units of government, Lenawee Farm Bureau, work release program, Lenawee County Drain Commissioner, donations |
| Gerber Hill: Plant native grasses | 30,000 | |
| Gerber Hill: Establish and maintain teaching area | 20,000 | |
| Taylor Road: Enhancement/driveway and parking area | 15,000 | |
| Medina Park: Replace tennis court with basketball court | 3,000 | |
| Medina Park: Playground equipment | 5,000 | |

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| Project Description | Estimated Cost (\$) | Funding Sources |
|--|----------------------------|---|
| Medina Park: Pave entrance downhill with spillways on the sides | 15,000 | |
| Bicentennial Park: Pave entrance | 10,000 | |
| Bicentennial Park: New refurbished gates | 8,000 | |
| Bicentennial Park: Entrance trail | 6,000 | |
| <u>2011</u> | | |
| Ramsdell Nature Park: Farm museum (to be located within existing building) | 7,500 | MDNR grants, county general fund, Lenawee County Conservation District, stimulus funding, local units of government, Lenawee Farm Bureau, work release program, Lenawee County Drain Commissioner, donations |
| Iron Lake: Cement boat launch (20'x30') | 5,000 | |
| Gerber Hill: Establish and maintain teaching area | 20,000 | |
| Taylor Road: Enhancement/driveway and parking area | 15,000 | |
| <u>2012</u> | | |
| Ramsdell Nature Park: Farm museum (to be located within existing building) | 7,500 | MDNR grants, county general fund, Lenawee County Conservation District, stimulus funding, local units of government, Lenawee Farm Bureau, work release program, Lenawee County Drain Commissioner, donations |
| Ramsdell Nature Park: Establish a livery with building | 9,000 | |
| Gerber Hill: Fishing pier | 7,000 | |
| Gerber Hill: Establish and maintain teaching area | 20,000 | |
| Taylor Road: Enhancement/driveway and parking area | 15,000 | |
| Bicentennial Park: Construct bleachers for soccer fields | 6,000 | |

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| Project Description | Estimated Cost (\$) | Funding Sources |
|---|----------------------------|---|
| <u>2013</u> | | |
| Ramsdell Nature Park: Farm museum (to be located within existing building) | 7,500 | |
| Gerber Hill: Establish and maintain teaching area | 20,000 | MDNR grants, county general fund, Lenawee County Conservation District, stimulus funding, local units of government, Lenawee Farm Bureau, work release program, Lenawee County Drain Commissioner, donations |
| Gerber Hill: Completion of parking lot | 25,000 | |
| Gerber Hill: Playground equipment (south side of road) | 5,000 | |
| Medina Park: Make handicap accessible the bridge and trails on the other side of the water | 25,000 | |
| Bicentennial Park: Playground equipment | 5,000 | |
| <u>2014</u> | | |
| Ramsdell Nature Park: Farm museum (to be located within existing building) | 7,500 | |
| Ramsdell Nature Park: New storage building (32'x32') | 20,000 | MDNR grants, county general fund, Lenawee County Conservation District, stimulus funding, local units of government, Lenawee Farm Bureau, work release program, Lenawee County Drain Commissioner, donations |
| Gerber Hill: Establish and maintain teaching area | 20,000 | |
| Gerber Hill: Fencing and gate around 16-acre area on south side of park | 16,000 | |
| Medina Park: RV camping area | 50,000 | |
| Bicentennial Park: Parking lot | 20,000 | |

Appendix A

Population Summary

Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Plan, 2010-2014

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The demographic composition of the county population will have an effect upon its recreational needs. For example:

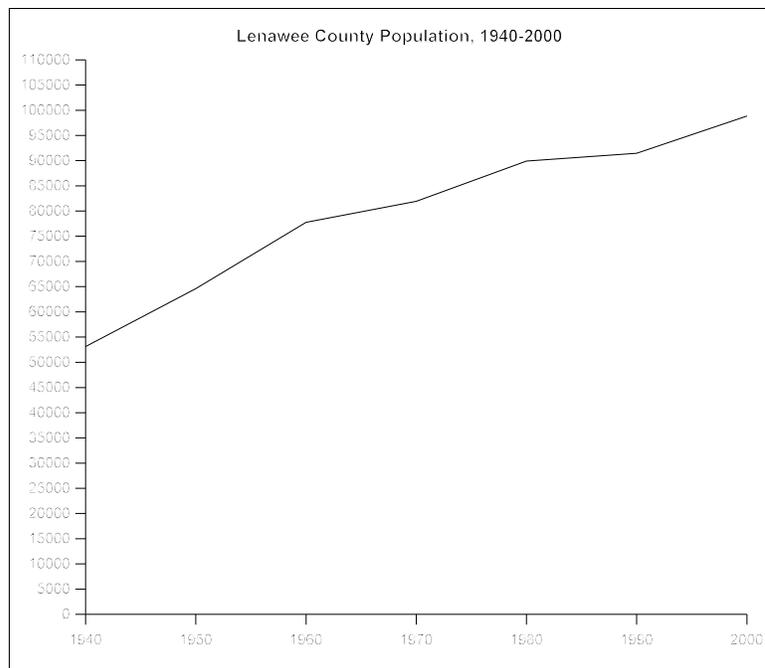
- ✗ **Population History & Projections** – establish the need for general recreational facilities (standards for which are based upon the size of the population).
- ✗ **The Age & Sex of the Population** – define the need for general recreational facilities balanced among various age groups and gender interests.
- ✗ **Household & Family Composition** – identify the need for general recreational facilities balanced between family-oriented and individual activities.
- ✗ **Racial & Ethnic Composition** – further refine the need for general recreational facilities balanced among the various interests of racial and ethnic groups.
- ✗ **Disabilities of Residents** – establish the need for special recreation facilities and disability accommodations to general recreation facilities.
- ✗ **Income** – illustrate the need for publicly-funded recreational facilities.

Population History & Projections

Lenawee County had a population of 98,890 in 2000 according to the U.S. Census Bureau. In general, the county population grew rapidly between 1940 and 1960 and grew at a slightly slower rate from 1960 to 2000, but a level of growth was consistently present. Census Bureau estimates that the population of the county increased to 101,243 by 2007 - an increase of 2,353 since 2000.

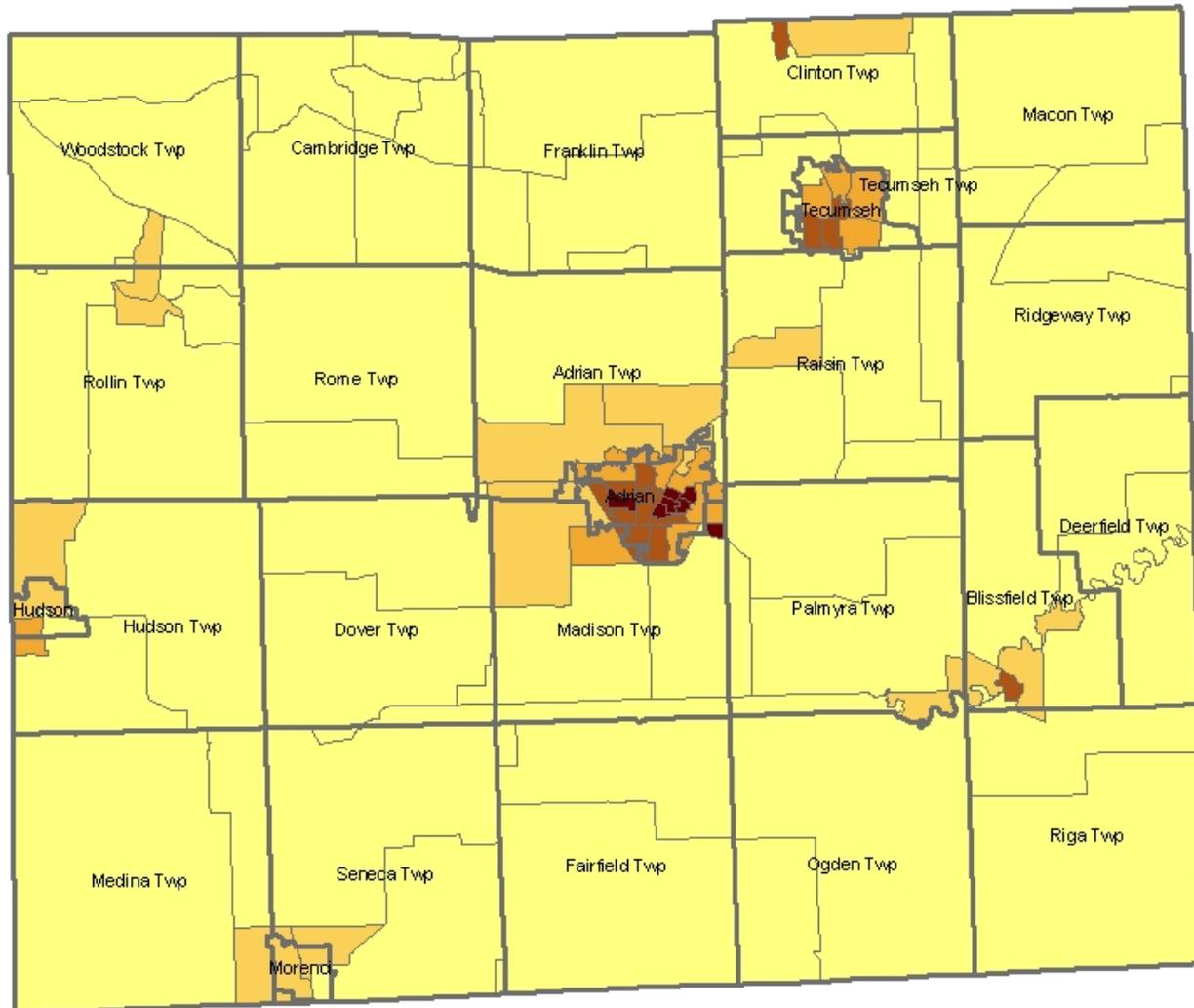
As shown on Map 6 on the following page, much of the population of Lenawee County is concentrated in the

urban core area from Adrian north to Clinton village. Other concentrations exist in the other cities and villages throughout the County.

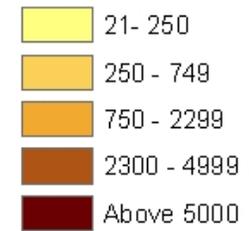


MAP 6

LENAWEE COUNTY POPULATION DENSITY



Density
(Pop./Square Mile)



0 1 2 4 6 Miles

Source: Census Block Group Data
U.S. Census 2000



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Population Projections

Population projections are valuable inputs in the planning process because they provide a basis for determining future parks and recreation needs. Population projections are difficult to forecast accurately because it is impossible to know all the possible events which could alter such projections. Factors such as changes in natural increase based on the number of births versus deaths; development of new housing; up-grading of infrastructure (roads, sewers, water lines, and other services); economic conditions; the location or relocation of businesses and industries make projecting population a difficult task.

Three techniques were used to project population in the county. The first technique involve the cohort-survival methods. This method is based on the progression of age groups through time as they are affected by migration patterns, death rates, and fertility factors for women of child-bearing ages. Linear regression involves the application of the latest percentage growth rates and allocating of that rate to future years. The constant-share method applies the percentage of the county's population to the state total population and applies that percentage state's projected population. This method takes advantage of the greater accuracy in projecting relatively large populations, but it adds the assumption that the county will maintain a constant share of the state population. Population projections are from the Lenawee County Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The following table provides the results of the three methods of population projection.

**Population Projections
Lenawee County, 2000-2020**

| Technique | 2000 | 2005 | 2010 | 2020 | Total Increase |
|-------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|
| Cohort-Survival | 98,890 | 102,309 | 104,640 | 108,452 | 9,562 |
| Linear Regression | 98,890 | 102,897 | 107,067 | 115,921 | 17,031 |
| Constant Share | 98,890 | 98,055 | 99,605 | 102,886 | 3,996 |

Source: Lenawee County Comprehensive Land Use Plan (2002)

From the projections presented above, it is possible to establish a "high" and "low" range for future growth in Lenawee County.

**Range of Population Projections
Lenawee County, 2010 and 2020**

| Range | Year | |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2010 | 2020 |
| High | 107,067 | 115,921 |
| Low | 99,605 | 102,886 |
| <i>Working Average</i> | <i>103,336</i> | <i>109,404</i> |

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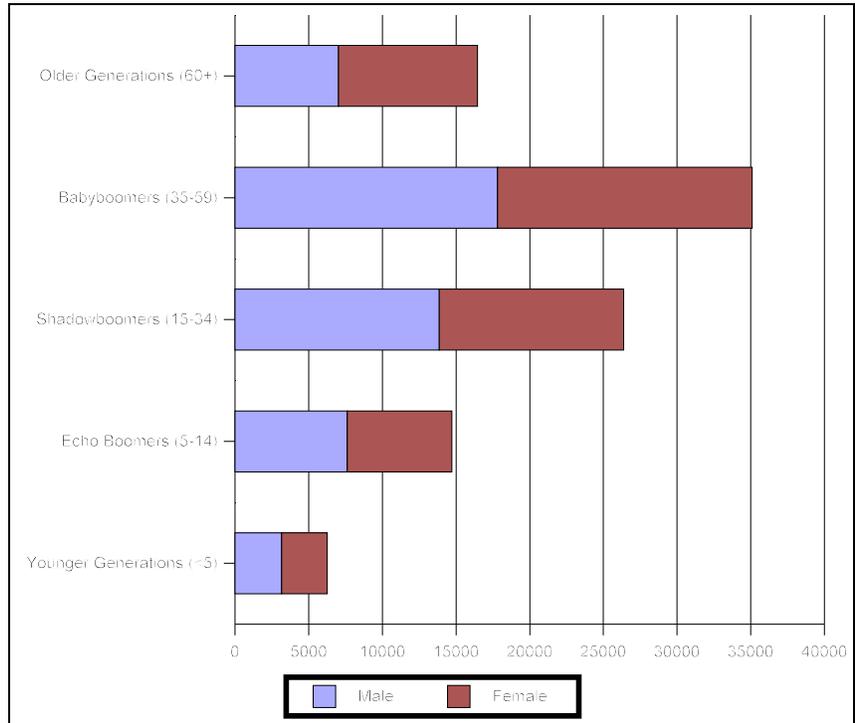
Age & Sex of the Population

The median age of all county residents was 36.4 years in 2000. However, the median age for women was 37.7 years while it was only 35.5 years for men. This difference can be explained by examining the generations that comprise the population of the county.

Baby boomers – people from 35 to 59 years of age in 2000 – accounted for 35% percent of the population of the county. Shadow boomers – people between 15 and 34 years of age in 2000 – accounted for over one-quarter (27%) of the population.

Older generations – people at least 60 years of age in 2000 – accounted for 17% of the population. Echo boomers – children between 5 and 15 years of age in 2000 – accounted for 15 percent of the population. Finally, the youngest generation – people less than 5 years of age in 2000 – accounted for 6% of the population.

The following table provides a more detailed breakdown of age.



Age of the Population

| | Male | Female | Total | | Male | Female | Total |
|----------------|-------|--------|-------|-------------------|-------|--------|-------|
| Total | 49464 | 49426 | 98890 | 65 to 69 years | 1531 | 1790 | 3321 |
| Under 5 years | 3167 | 3085 | 6252 | 70 to 74 years | 1392 | 1801 | 3193 |
| 5 to 9 years | 3722 | 3381 | 7103 | 75 to 79 years | 1079 | 1600 | 2679 |
| 10 to 14 years | 3893 | 3719 | 7612 | 80 to 84 years | 654 | 1173 | 1827 |
| 15 to 19 years | 4007 | 3685 | 7692 | 85 and above | 399 | 1104 | 1503 |
| 20 to 24 years | 3145 | 2848 | 5993 | | | | |
| 25 to 29 years | 3140 | 2868 | 6008 | 16 years and over | 37872 | 38493 | 76365 |
| 30 to 34 years | 3562 | 3116 | 6678 | 18 years and over | 36238 | 36994 | 73232 |
| 35 to 39 years | 3831 | 3698 | 7529 | 21 years and over | 33950 | 34844 | 68794 |
| 40 to 44 years | 4151 | 3937 | 8088 | 60 years and over | 7016 | 9437 | 16453 |
| 45 to 49 years | 3934 | 3773 | 7707 | 62 years and over | 6179 | 8620 | 14799 |
| 50 to 54 years | 3396 | 3264 | 6660 | 67 years and over | 4441 | 6748 | 11189 |
| 55 to 59 years | 2500 | 2615 | 5115 | 75 years and over | 2132 | 3877 | 6009 |
| 60 to 64 years | 1961 | 1969 | 3930 | | | | |

Source: 2000 US Census

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Household & Family Composition

There were 35,930 households in the county in 2000. Over one-half of households were comprised of one (23%) or two (35%) people and almost one-third of households were comprised of three (17%) or four (15%) people. Households with five or more people comprised about 11% of the total. Although the majority of households were comprised of families, nearly one-quarter (28%) were not. The average household size in 2000 was 2.61 and the average family size was 3.07.

Racial & Ethnic Composition

Race and ethnicity are not significant issues given that 95% of the population of the county was white in the year 2000 and each of the other racial groups comprised less than 3% of the population. A total of 7% of the population was of Hispanic origin.

Disability of Residents

Approximately 17% of county residents had at least one type of disability in 2000.

However, age is often a determining factor in the distribution of disability. As the adjacent table indicates, 44% residents of at least 65 years of age were disabled. In comparison, however, only 9.1% of children (ages from 5 to 20), and 17.6% of adults (ages 21 to 64) were disabled.

| Disabled Residents | |
|--|--------------|
| 5 to 20 years (% of total population) | 23.8% |
| No disability | 90.9% |
| With at least one type of disability: | 9.1% |
| 21 to 64 years (% of total population) | 54.5% |
| No disability | 75.1% |
| With a disability | 17.6% |
| 65 years and over (% of total population) | 12.1% |
| No disability | 55.9% |
| With at least one type of disability: | 44.1% |

Income

The median income for all county households in 2000 was \$45,739, somewhat greater than the median household income for the United States (\$41,944).² The median household incomes were slightly higher for families.

The per capita income for the county was \$20,186 in 2000, somewhat less than the per capita income for the entire United States (\$21,587).³ Individuals living under the poverty line in 2000 included 6.7% of county residents. Families below the poverty line made up 4.4% of the total.

² The median income means that ½ of the incomes were greater than \$49,276 and ½ were less than that amount.

³ Per capita income is the average income for all residents (i.e., the sum of all household incomes divided by the total population).

Appendix B

Resolution Recommending Plan Adoption by the
Lenawee County Parks Commission

Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Plan

**MINUTES OF THE LENAWEE COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION
MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 19, 2009**

Present were Park Commissioners KZ Bolton, Dan Bruggeman, Ralph Tillotson, Jim VanDoren, and Rob Hall, together with Jody Denske from the Maintenance Department, Rebecca Borton from the Administrator's Office, and Tim Anderson from Region II.

Upon motion made and supported,

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of the October 15, 2009 meeting be approved.

The Commission proceeded to review the monthly financial report, and upon motion made and supported,

RESOLVED, That the Financial Report be accepted as presented.

Tim Anderson from Region II presented additional planning documents and maps and a plan update. Thereafter, upon motion made and supported,

RESOLVED, That the Parks Commission release the 2010-2014 Parks Commission Recreation Plan for public comment on Thursday, January 28, 2010, at 7:10 P.M. in the Lenawee County Commission Chambers, and further that appropriate notice of that meeting be published forthwith.

Jody Denske reported that the survey had been completed at the Iron Lake property and that permanent stakes would be installed shortly hereafter.

Dan Bruggeman presented the first draft of a Lease agreement for the house at Ramsdell Park located at 1957 Glen Hill Highway and also the first draft of an Agreement between the Parks Commission and the Caretaker at Ramsdell Park. The Commission members agreed to review these documents in more detail and have the documents submitted to the county administrator's office for their input concerning recommended methods of payment.

The Parks Commission will further consider these documents at its next meeting currently scheduled for January 14, 2010, at 3:00 P.M.

There being no further business to come before the commission, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan R. Bruggeman, Secretary

Appendix C

Notice of Plan Adoption by the
Lenawee County Board of Commissioners

Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Plan

LENAWEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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John Tuckerman*

RES#2010-004

RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION

LENAWEE COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN, 2010-2014
LENAWEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Lenawee County has undertaken a Five-Year Parks and Recreation Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and programs, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2010 and 2014; and

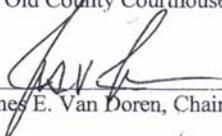
WHEREAS, a public comment session was held on January 28, 2010 at the Lenawee County Courthouse to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan; and

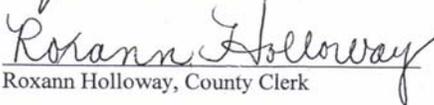
WHEREAS, Lenawee County has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community and to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, after the public meeting, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners voted to adopt said Parks and Recreation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the 2010-2014 Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of Lenawee County.

PASSED by roll call vote of the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on January 28, 2010 in the Old County Courthouse, Adrian, Michigan.


James E. Van Doren, Chair


Roxann Holloway, County Clerk

Appendix D

Notice of Plan Availability (Public Notice)

Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Plan

AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lenawee, Michigan shall hold a public hearing on January 28, 2010 at 7:10 p.m. local time in the Commission Chambers on the second floor of the County Court-house Building at 301 North Main Street in the City of Adrian, County of Lenawee, State of Michigan to hear public comment on the proposed "2010-2014 Parks and Recreation Plan". A copy of the proposed "2010-2014 Parks and Recreation Plan" is available for review, or purchase (\$12.50), in the County Administrator's Office, 301 North Main Street, Adrian, MI and in the County Clerk's Office, 425 North Main Street, Adrian, MI. It may also be found at www.lenawee.mi.us.

The Board of Commissioners of Lenawee County shall provide an opportunity for interested persons to be heard and shall receive and consider communications in writing and reference thereto. Lenawee County will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting / hearing upon seven (7) days notice to Lenawee County. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Lenawee County Administrator's Office by writing or calling: Cheryl L. Whipple, 301 N. Main Street, Adrian, MI 49221. (517)264-4508.
 1T December 21.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
 County of Lenawee
 City of Adrian

Vicki Sentle _____ being first duly sworn, says that she is the PRINCIPAL CLERK of The Daily Telegram a newspaper published in the English language for the dissemination of local or transmitted news and intelligence of a general character, which is a duly qualified newspaper, and that annexed here to is a copy of a certain order taken from said newspaper, in which the order was published on the

December 21, 2009

Paid _____ Amount Due \$65.30

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of December 21, 2009


 Jenny L. Ward
 Notary Public, Lenawee County, Michigan
 My Commission Expires: Sept. 12, 2014
 Acting in County of Lenawee

Appendix E

Minutes of Board of Commissioners Public Hearing

Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Plan

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2010

PRESENT: All nine commissioners present, the clerk was also present.

Comm. Bolton moved to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2010, meeting, Comm. Tuckerman seconded, Motion CARRIED.

Comm. Tillotson moved to approve the agenda with the addition of the Habitat for Humanity Resolution, Comm. Bolton seconded, Motion CARRIED.

Communications were read and placed on filed.

Chair Van Doren opened the Public Hearing for the Parks and Recreation Plan at 7:08 P.M. No Public comments were made. The Board of Commissioners held discussion regarding the plan.

Chair Van Doren closed the Public Hearing at 7:24 P.M.

Comm. Bolton moved to adopt the following resolution, Comm. MacKay seconded,

RES#2010-004

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the 2010-2014 Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of Lenawee County.

Motion CARRIED by the following Roll Call Vote: YEAS-(8) Comm. Bolton, Branch, Hall, MacKay, Stimpson, Tuckerman, Van Doren, Welch. NAYS-(1) Comm. Tillotson.

Comm. Tillotson moved to adopt the following resolution, Comm Tuckerman seconded,

PRO#2010-001

WHEREAS, under the law of the state of Michigan, Act No. 20 of 1943, as amended by PA 196 of 1997, THIS Board is required to provide, by resolution, an investment policy governing the prudent management of all public monies, including general fund, tax monies, special revenue funds, debt service funds, capital project funds,

Appendix F

Transmittal Letters to County
and Regional Planning Agencies

Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Plan



February 23, 2010

Mr. James Tipton, Chairman
Lenawee County Planning Commission
c/o Region 2 Planning Commission
120 W. Michigan Avenue
Jackson, Michigan 49201

Subject: **Lenawee County 2010-2014 Parks and Recreation Plan**

Dear Mr. Tipton:

Enclosed, please find a copy of the Lenawee County 2010-2014 Parks and Recreation Plan. The Plan calls for continuing park maintenance and the addition of new recreation opportunities for the residents of Lenawee County.

The Plan was adopted in accordance with the requirements of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space, and Greenway Plans*. These guidelines include provision of a copy of the completed plan to the Lenawee County Planning Commission.

If you have any questions about the Plan, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Timothy Anderson".

Timothy Anderson, AICP
Principal Planner

Region 2 Planning Commission



February 23, 2010

Mr. Steven Duke, Executive Director
Region 2 Planning Commission
120 W. Michigan Avenue
Jackson, Michigan 49201

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Timothy Anderson, AICP
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