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Kalkaska County Asking For Input on Recreation Plan

KALKASKA, MI— Kalkaska County is looking for public input to help update the county's Parks and Recreation Plan. The new Recreation Plan will review existing recreation facilities in the county, discuss community-identified recreation needs, and make recommendations for future recreation improvements and activities.

As part of the recreation planning process, the County Parks and Recreation Committee will seek input from Kalkaska County residents, property owners, and visitors on recreation needs and goals:

- A **survey** will be made available in November 2012. Surveys will be provided to all residents and property owners, and will be available for pickup at recreation facilities and other locations countywide. The survey will also be available online at www.kalkaskacounty.net.
- A **public forum** will be held in January 2013. The forum will provide an opportunity for the public to learn more about the recreation planning process, hear about survey results, and provide input on plan goals.
- **Township and Village input** is welcome and encouraged throughout the process. The Parks and Recreation Committee will reach out to local governments to provide information, obtain input, and coordinate activities.
- The public is invited and encouraged to attend **Parks and Recreation Committee meetings** to participate in the planning process. Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 8 a.m. in the meeting room on the second floor of the Kaliseum.

The plan will be developed to meet Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) requirements for recreation plans, which are required in order to be eligible for recreation grants through the MDNR. The updated Recreation Plan will allow the county and local units of government to apply for recreation grants.

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