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Public Input Session
Updating the Kalkaska County Recreation Plan
Tuesday, January 22, 2013, 6:30 p.m.
2nd Floor Meeting Room, Kaliseum

KALKASKA, MI— The Kalkaska County Parks and Recreation Committee invites all community members to attend a public input session to help with the updating of the county's Recreation Plan. This important community event will be held Tuesday, January 22, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Meeting Room of the Kaliseum in Kalkaska.

This community input session will include an overview of the county's recreation opportunities and the recreation plan process; informational maps of the county; a review of results from the Kalkaska County Recreation Questionnaire; and staging areas to update parks and recreational goals and to make suggestions for implementation actions.

The public is also 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.

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Input and suggestions from the public will be used in the development of the updated Kalkaska County Recreation Plan, which will review existing recreation facilities in the county, discuss community-identified recreation needs, and make recommendations for future recreation improvements and activities. 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.

Assistance in developing the plan is being provided by the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments, as part of a New Designs for Growth: Community Growth Grant award in support of The Grand Vision.

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