

Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan Update

Worksheet for Local Stakeholder Groups

Instructions

Thank you for helping in this important effort to update the Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan. This worksheet and the subsequent discussion with Networks Northwest regarding the responses to each section will help to ensure that the county-wide plan accurately describes the direction the community is seeking to go.

Please read each section’s directions, review the information provided and detail updates that will go into the 2022-2026 plan. This worksheet should be completed by either an individual or group that is very knowledgeable about parks and recreation in your municipality.

Arcadia Township

Item 1 - DNR-Funded Projects

Below is a list of projects from the 2016-2020 county-wide plan that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources has funded. The DNR requires all parks and recreation plans to list projects that it has funded. Please review the table and provide any and all updates or additional projects that have taken place since 2016.

Project #	Applicant	Title	Year	Amount	Status	Description
26-01016	Arcadia Township	Arcadia Township Lake Michigan Park	1977	\$12,966.00	Withdrawn	Develop 1 ac Lake Michigan Park; includes restrooms, picnic shelter, parking area, landscaping
26-01010	Arcadia Township	Arcadia Mooring & Launching Facilities	1978	\$75,000.00	Closed	Develop piling, pier, launch ramp removal, new piles, piers and launch ramp, rip-rap, sidewalk, lighting, utilities, site improvement, landscaping
TF1027	Arcadia Township	Arcadia Township Marina Expansion	1985	\$95,000.00	Closed	Acquisition of .70 acres with 200 feet of Arcadia Lake frontage. The property is between the existing marina and Township park properties.
TF99-127	Arcadia Township	Arcadia South Beach	1999	\$834,759.00	Closed	Acquisition in fee simple of 10 acres for resource protection and public outdoor recreation. Site includes 1,369 feet of Lake MI shoreline.

RP11-425	Arcadia Township	Finch Park Improvements	2011	\$11,175.00	Closed	Development included renovation of parking lot and tennis courts.

Item 2 - Community Description

This community description was provided by a local official from your municipality during the previous park and recreation planning process. Please look over this description and make sure that it accurately answers the following questions:

- What is your community known for, both internally (to residents) and externally (to visitors)?
- What in your community are residents most proud of?
- What recreation opportunities are present in your community? (please mention parks, trails, water access, camping, etc.) – you do not need to note every recreation site in your municipality. A table will note each site in the final plan. Please provide a narrative that describes recreation generally in your community.

Description from previous plan:

Arcadia is a township with an abundance of natural resources, the way in which they are managed, cared for, and protected is critical to ensuring that future generations have the same opportunities to utilize those resources as have benefitted past generations. The natural resources provide both the economic and recreational growth opportunities that attract residents and visitors. The spectrum of uses ranges from agriculture to beach bathing, bird watching, boating, cycling, hiking, snow shoeing, ice fishing, access to Lake Michigan and night sky viewing.

Developing the type of place people want to live that offers attractive cultural, social and natural resource amenities based on regional assets, provides professional and social infrastructure to support their endeavors and provides a lifestyle that suits their desires. Leveraging and building on community assets, diversifying its economic base in order to attract and retain residents, and understanding its role in the region are all factors considered in the development of the Arcadia Township master plan and recreation goals. Specifically, recreation planning is a key ingredient to define Arcadia Township as a place that individuals seeking outdoor amenities and way of life want to visit and perhaps stay.

Economic growth opportunities are centered on utilizing the natural resource assets of the community as recreation avenues and building upon them so that other sectors within the local economy benefit. Linking the economic activities and community assets in a well defined and developed trail system is essential to tie all the elements together into a cohesive whole.

Arcadia Township provides varied recreational sites and opportunities to fit most anyone's need. A coastal recreation site in the form of the Arcadia Beach Natural Area provides for ease of access to Lake Michigan with Universal Accessibility and various site amenities such as restrooms, benches and signage. Further access to Lake Michigan may be found at various road ends located within the municipality.

Within the population center of the unincorporated Village of Arcadia is located community parks with playground equipment and courts for tennis and basketball. Access to Arcadia Lake at the Veterans

Memorial Park and Marina provides for the County's first Universally Accessible kayak launch, at this designated Explore the Shores Site.

The Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy has land holdings within the Arcadia Marsh, which provides opportunities for hiking, bird-watching and hunting. The Conservancy also has land holdings along the northern boundary of the Township which are crisscrossed with trails which can be accessed from trailheads located in Benzie County.

Localized trail systems on conservancy lands as well as the on-road facility along a portion of Glovers Lake Road provide localized trails which are available for future connections. Support for establishment of connections to Bear Lake, Pleasanton and Onekama Townships as well as to Benzie County should remain a focus.

Item 3 - Primary, Secondary & Tertiary Sites

In the 2016 park and recreation plan, local stakeholders worked with the planning team to categorize their recreation assets in terms of their importance to the community. These sites were designated primary, secondary or tertiary. Please review the list of sites shown below and confirm that these designations are correct or if one or more of these sites should be changed.

Primary Sites

- Grebe Park
- Pickert Park
- Arcadia Beach Natural Area
- Pleasant Valley Community Center
- Veterans Memorial Park & Marina
- Finch Park
- Arcadia Marsh Natural Area

Secondary Sites

- Mill St Water Access-AL
- Arcadia Twp Hall
- Chamberlain Rd South Pier Access

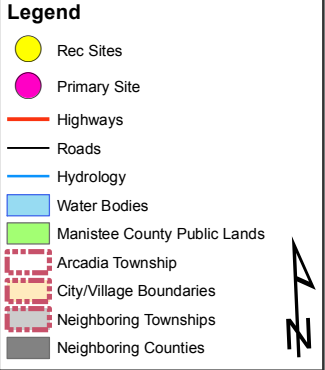
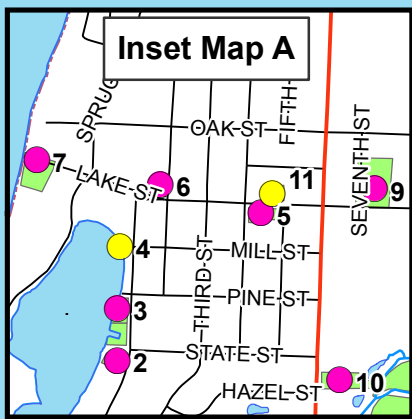
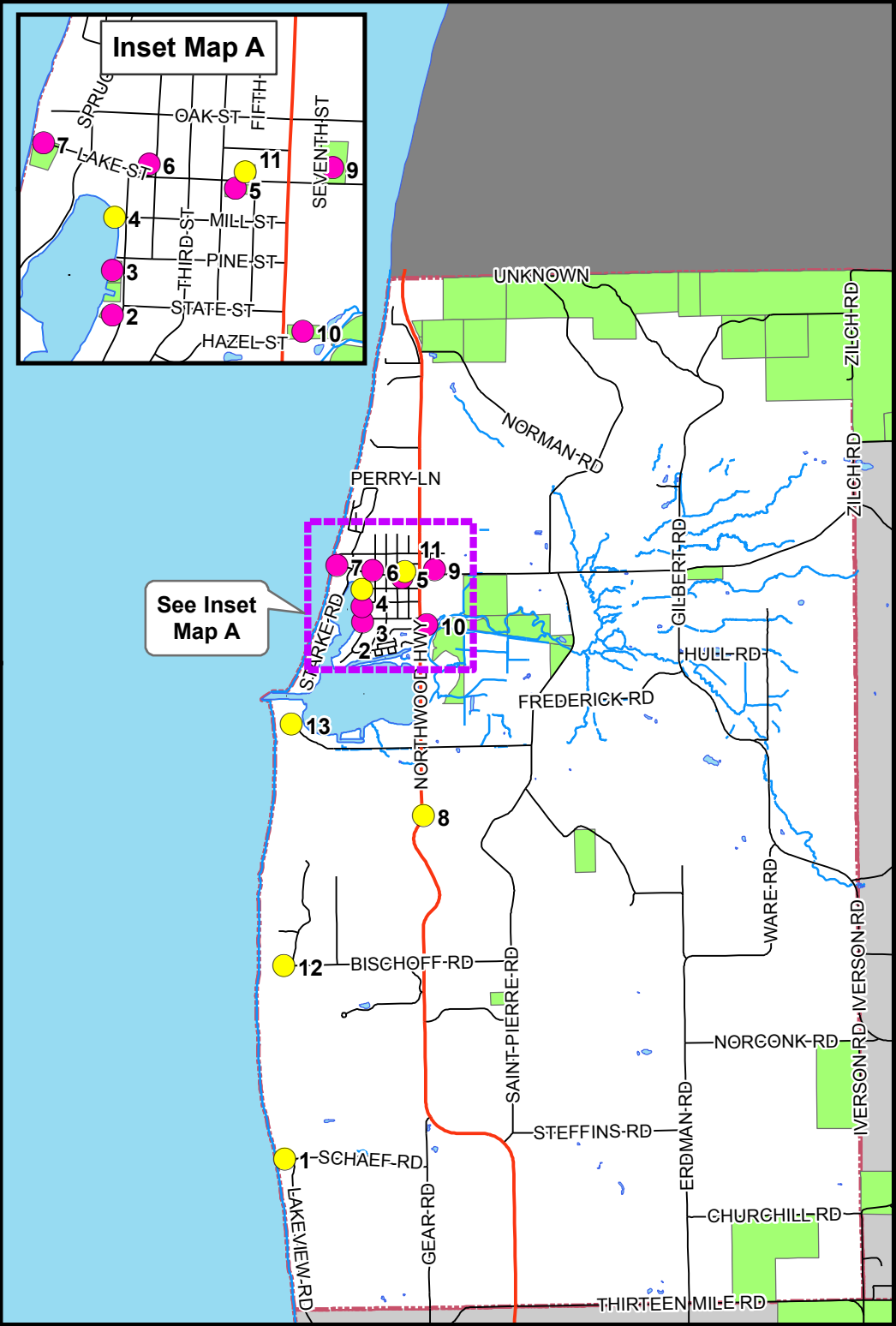
Tertiary Sites

- Schaeff Rd Access-MI
- M-22 Scenic Overlook
- Bischoff Rd Access-MI

Item 4 - Recreation Site Amenities

Please review the attached table of recreation sites in your municipality. This table displays all of the amenities at each site. If amenities have been added or taken away at a particular site, please note this change for the eventual discussion your stakeholder group will have with Networks Northwest.

Recreation Site Map ID #	Site Name	Ownership	Municipality Priority Ranking	County-wide Primary	Park Type	Fee Site	ADA Access (Low, Mod., High)	Explore the Shores Site	Lighting	Dark Sky Candidate	Parking Availability	Signage Directional	Signage Educational	Utilities/Hook-Ups (Camping)	Potable Water	Restrooms (Flush Toilets)	Outhouse (Pit Vault)	Portable Toilet	Garbage Receptacle	Picnic Table	Benches	Grill	Bike Rack	Emergency Phone	Water Access	Beach	Pier/Fishing Platform	Canoe/Kayak Access	Boat Launch	Boat Parking	Picnic Shelter	Pet Waste Disposal Station	Viewing Platform	Trailhead (Water, Land)	Trails (Off Pavement)	Bike Lane (Road Shoulder)	Playground Equipment	Tennis Court	Basketball Court
2	Grebe Park	ARC	1	•	CP	H	•	•		3		•			•	•			•	•	•	•		•		•		•	•	•	•					•			
6	Pickert Park	ARC	1	•	NP	L		•		1	•									•											•					•			
7	Arcadia Beach Natural Area	ARC	1	•	CP	L	•	•		3	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•						W	•		•			
9	Pleasant Valley Community Center	Plea.Valley	1	•	SU	H		•		3				•	•				•	•			•										W		•	•		•	
3	Veterans Memorial Park & Marina	ARC	1		CP	• M	•	•		3	•		•		•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•			W		•	•					
5	Finch Park	ARC	1		NP	M		•		2	•					•	•						•														•		
10	Arcadia Marsh Natural Area	Conservancy	1		NRA	L	•			2	•	•												•								L	•						
4	Mill St Water Access-AL	MCRC	2		RDSU	L				1														•			•	•											
11	Arcadia Twp Hall	ARC	2		SU	H		•		3	•			•	•	•		•																					
13	Chamberlain Rd South Pier Access	ARC	2		SU	L				• 1														•	•	•									•				
1	Schaef Rd Access-MI	MCRC	3		RDSU	L				• 1														•	•		•								•				
8	M-22 Scenic Overlook	State	3		SU	M				2																													
12	Bischoff Rd Access-MI	MCRC	3		RDSU	L				• 1														•	•										•				



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Administrative Structure – Arcadia Township

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requires park and recreation plans to describe the administrative structure of the jurisdiction submitting a plan to be on file with the state. The following language is directly from the DNR’s Guidelines for the Development of Community Parks and Recreation Plans:

“Planning for and providing park and recreation services and open space for a community requires staff (or volunteers) and funds to purchase recreation land and open spaces and to develop, operate, and maintain them. In this section, describe how the park and recreation functions are carried out in your community, and include descriptions of the following as they apply to your community:

- The park and recreation commission, committee, board of directors, or advisory board. Include the enabling act under which it was established (see Appendix A). For multi-jurisdictional plans, the working relationship among the participating communities and school districts.
- Your parks and recreation department, staff, or authority. Define who has the authority to commit funds for parks and recreation, accept grants and purchase land on behalf of the community.
- The current year and projected annual budgets for parks operation and maintenance, recreation programming, and capital improvements.
- The sources of funding for the park and recreation budget.
- The volunteers involved in park and recreation programs and what they do. Describe any partnerships you have formed with private organizations to maintain or operate any of your park or recreation programs.
- Relationships with school districts and other public agencies involved in recreation.
- For regional authorities, describe the relationship between the authority and the recreation departments of the participating communities. Provide the Articles of Incorporation for the authority.”

On the next page is a table with two rows of information. The first row shows the information for your jurisdiction as it appeared in the 2016-2020 county-wide plan. The second row is for you to fill in.

Municipality	Governing body responsible for rec. planning	Governing body authorized to commit funds	Budget	Sources of funds	Volunteers	Partnerships and/or collaborative agreements	Contributes to Manistee Recreation Association (MRA)	Contributes to Paine Aquatic Center	Contribute to Manistee County Baseball League
Arcadia Township	Planning Commission	Township Board	\$5,000	General Fund	8 volunteers who do maintenance, planting flowers, picking up garage, cleaning fire pits.	Encourages recreation programming by the Pleasant Valley Community Center	No	No	No

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Goals & Objectives

Prior to your community's discussion with Networks Northwest, please review the goals and projects from the previous plan. Please note any projects that have been completed or are no longer sought by the municipality. Also make note of any projects that members of the public are seeking to implement in the next 5-10 years (please note that any goals and projects listed in the draft plan will be reviewed during a public hearing at the end of the planning process).

1. Goal: Develop multiuse trails that are connected to a County wide trail system

PROJECTS:

Snowmobile Trails:

- Develop a snowmobile trail that is connected to the County wide system

Trail Facilities:

- Facilities such as trash receptacles, signage, ADA compliant bathrooms, and fitness stations, will be provided at specified locations throughout the Township and made available at existing facilities such as the PVCC, Finch Park and Grebe Park.
- Snow-Shoe and Cross-Country Ski Trails:
- Develop a clearly marked and communicated snowshoe and cross country ski route; the route may coincide with the non-motorized trail system but may also utilize Township owned property on Erdman Road and 13 Mile Road as well as, Onekama School District property on Norconk Road.

Trail Route:

- The trail route will connect existing neighborhoods, parks, community and economic centers, and conservancy lands within the Township utilizing on-road connections, easements across private property and existing trails. Including a trail through the GTRLC wetland.

2. Goal: Improve existing park and recreational facilities within the Township so that they meet all safety standards, are designed to be used by all types of users, and are well maintained and relevant.

PROJECTS:

Grebe Park, Sunset Station & Arcadia Natural Beach Area, Veterans Memorial Park and Marina:

- Implement the park improvement plans. (In Progress)

Pickert Park:

- Develop a site specific park plan including but not limited to improving landscaping, replacing play structure, replacing swing set that includes an ADA compliant child seat and reusing existing features in a new creative way.

Finch Park:

- Develop a site specific park plan including but not limited to improved landscaping, repairing restrooms, fix picnic tables, paint pickleball lines on tennis court and developing a venue for community concerts.

Signage Update:

- Replace and provide unified designed signs for all parks in the Township. Addition of PVCC Kiosk.

Dredging Spoils and Beach Nourishment:

- Work with the Army Corps of Engineers and the DEQ to secure dredging spoils from the Arcadia Lake Channel dredging to supplement beach sand at the Arcadia Beach Natural Area.

3. Goal: Develop new park and recreational facilities that are tailored toward both organized and individual recreational opportunities, that are accessible by all users, and meets the needs of a wide variety of residents.

PROJECTS:

Community Group Meeting:

- Facilitate meetings with community groups (ie Lions, PVCC, Arcadia Garden Club) to understand their individual goals as they relate to this recreation plan and the Township Master Plan in order to identify priorities that can be worked on collaboratively.

Adult Porch Swings and Benches:

- Place adult porch swings and benches throughout the Township for individuals who are moving throughout the community so that they can rest and enjoy the views.

Rinks, Fields, Games and Gardens:

- Develop the following new facilities at the PVCC or on Township owned property: ice skating rink, outdoor pickleball and community garden.

Interpretive Center and Trail System Hub:

- Develop an Interpretive Center and Trail Hub at the PVCC for the trail system, Arcadia marsh, Arcadia Natural Beach Area and any other natural area that can be used for environmental educational purposes.

Campground:

- Develop the Arcadia Campground property on Arcadia Lake in keeping with this Recreation Plan and the Master Plan

4. Goal: Develop Township policies that promote recreation.

PROJECTS:

Fishing off docks policy:

- Fishing to be allowed to occur off the docks at the municipal marina. Improve site at the M-22 Causeway.

Collaboration with the PVCC Policy:

- Formalize a collaborative partnership with the PVCC to recognize their role as catalyst for recreation initiatives, programming, and to be a location for recreation scheduling and point of communication for residents regarding recreational opportunities. Seek out and help to fund a part time staff member for programing throughout the township and at the PVCC.

Streetscape Improvement Policy:

- Initiate efforts to care for the aesthetics of the community through streetscape improvements such as tree planting, ADA compliance, way-finding. Discuss the Idea of traffic calming measures between Oak and State streets on M-22 corridor.

Regional Collaboration Policy:

- Seek out regional collaborative partners to identify opportunities for developing recreational opportunities that cross municipal boundaries such as trail systems, harbor dredging, and program development.

5. Goal: Create and improve recreational programming and opportunities.

PROJECTS:

Youth Programming:

- Improve the parks so that youth of all ages have more recreational opportunities

Promote the MRA:

- Increase MRA's presence by conducting a meeting with families in the community to educate them about the MRA and find out what their needs are in order to strengthen the MRA programming.

PVCC Programming Review and Community Collaboration:

- Evaluate, collaborate and improve recreational programming at the PVCC. May require a part time staff member.

Concert Series:

- Create a subcommittee made up of residents to develop a concert series that would be primarily hosted at Finch Park.

"Explore Arcadia" Driving Tour:

- Create a subcommittee to develop an organized, well communicated driving tour route of the Township titled "Explore Arcadia" that leads view seekers to clearly identified locations to view the scenic rural character, Arcadia marsh, Lake Michigan, the night (dark) sky while also providing opportunities to connect to non-motorized trail systems.

Parks and Recreation Website:

- Update the Township website and other social media so that it provides a single source of information regarding recreation related community events, recreational assets, recreational

opportunities, and scheduling of activities and also work with the PVCC to ensure the information is posted regularly. (visitarcadiami.com)