

Manistee County-Wide Park & Recreation Plan Update

Worksheet for Local Stakeholders

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.

Pleasanton Township

Item 1 - DNR-Funded Projects

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires all parks and recreation plans to list projects that it has funded. Please provide any and all updates or additional projects that have taken place since 2016.

Project #	Applicant	Title	Year	Amount	Status	Description

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:

Pleasanton Township, with a population of 817, is home to many recreational opportunities that take advantage of recreational sites and natural features within the community. Playground equipment, a ball diamond, and a picnic area exist at the Township Hall, three public access sites on Bear Lake, and the open space at the Township park on Lakeside Ave are all areas for recreation. Additionally, there is public access on Glovers Lake to the north in Township. The State of Michigan owns 2,164 acres of the township's land, and the Grand Traverse Regional Conservancy holds 1,428 acres of land for recreation and other conservation purposes which provide multi-user trails, wildlife viewing, and general enjoyment of nature. Recreational opportunities are plentiful. Part of the recreational experience in the Township includes the visual corridors where people can look over the vistas and view Bear Lake, state forest lands, and perhaps, if they are lucky, an occasional bald eagle. Pleasanton's most prominent trail connection is the west end of snowmobile Route 386 that follows Lumley Road east from US-31 toward Springdale Township. It joins the 213-mile-long Route 3 at the end of its 9-mile run, establishing connectivity among five counties stretching from Leelanau in the north to Newaygo in the south. The Arcadia Dunes Preserve biking and hiking trail grazes the northwest corner of the Township, and the preserve itself extends inland even further.

The open spaces of Pleasanton Township provide an aesthetic beauty which acts as the backdrop for recreational assets derived from the Northern shores of Bear Lake to the forested lands of the Pere Marquette State Forest to the east, and Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy land holdings in the north.

Access to Bear Lake at various public road ends, and Township owned properties provides for kayak and canoe access as well as areas for fishing and picnicking. The DNR Boat Launch along the northwestern shore of the lake is one of only two public launches on Bear Lake.

Snowmobile Trails and a trailhead adjacent to the Township Hall are the furthest west designated trail locations within Manistee County. These trails are important to the region, and can serve as sites for future trail connections to the communities of Arcadia, Bear Lake and Onekama.

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

- 13 Mile Rd Access-BE
- Snowmobile Trailhead
- Meyers Rd Access-BE
- Butwell Rd Access-BE
- Pleasanton Twp Hall
- Bear Lake Boat Launch

Secondary Sites

- Pleasanton Twp Park

- Bear Lake Access-BE
- Bear Lake Access-BE
- Bear Lake Access-BE
- Bear Lake Access-BE

Tertiary Sites

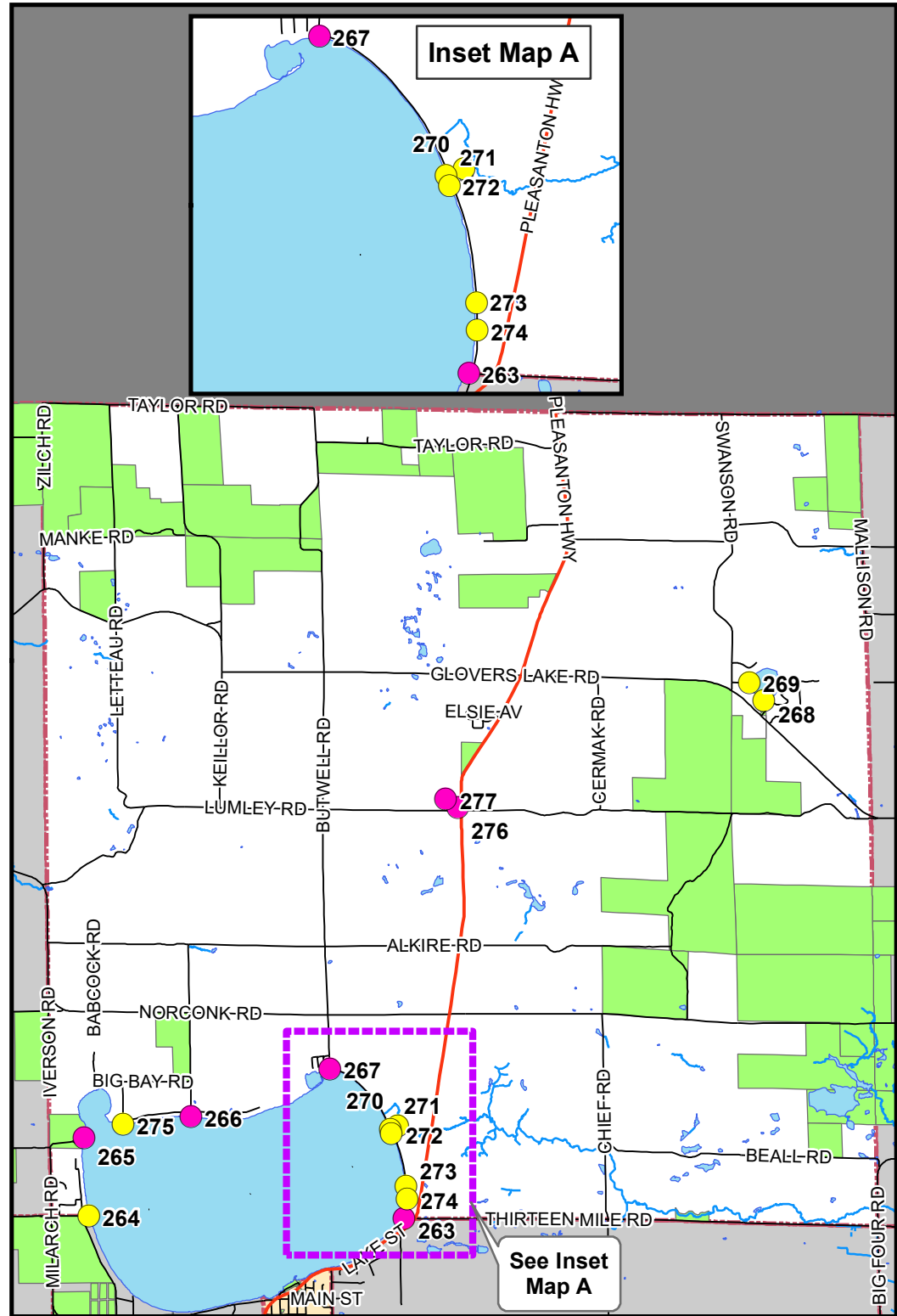
- 13 Mile Rd Access-BE
- Glovers Lake Boat Launch
- Glovers Lake Ln Access-GL
- Bear Lake Access-BE

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.

Legend

- Rec Sites
- Primary Site
- Highways
- Roads
- Hydrology
- Water Bodies
- Manistee County Public Lands
- Pleasanton Township
- City/Village Boundaries
- Neighboring Townships
- Neighboring Counties



See Inset Map A

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Administrative Structure - Pleasanton 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.

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Goals & Projects

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 multi-use trails that are connected to a County wide trail system

PROJECTS:

County-wide Trail System Collaboration:

- Continue to work collaboratively in developing the County wide trail system

Equestrian Trail:

- Work with the Conservancy to develop an equestrian trail system that allows for horseback riding, horse carts, and camping with horse trailer

Safe Crossing:

- Improve safety for trail users by developing safe crossing points on major road.

Snowmobile Trail:

- Ensure a well connected snowmobile trail throughout the Township.

Trail that encircles Bear Lake:

- Develop a trail that circles Bear Lake including mile markers to help measure distance.

2. Goal: Improve the use of Township parks.

PROJECTS:

Township Hall Park:

- Improve the park facilities at the Township Hall Park including updating the lighting at the sports field, develop an outdoor restroom, provide frost free drinking water, create a trail head with signage for snowmobile use and other multi-use trail users.

Lakeside Avenue Township Park:

- Develop restroom facilities at the Lakeside Avenue Township Park.

Lakeside Park:

- Install and improve playground equipment and picnic tables at Lakeside Park.

3. Goal: Create and improve access opportunities to Bear Lake.

PROJECTS:

Butwell Road End Land Acquisition:

- Purchase adjacent land to the Butwell Road access to Bear Lake in order to develop a new park area complete with restrooms and a picnic area.

All Access Points to Bear Lake:

- Install adult porch swings at all the access points to Bear Lake.